

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2004

Present: Dr. Harold J. Nolan, Frank Baker, Leonor Lesta, Dwight Wolf, Bruce Bennett, Philip Maida, Edward Piotrowski, Gina Sontarp

Absent: A. J. Garito, Arthur Goodwin, Richard Rehm, Marianne Reagan

Liaison

Present: Thomas E. Hennessy, Jr., Township Committee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Frank Baker at 8:05 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read and the minutes of the December 3rd meeting were approved.

Mr. Baker introduced the new member of the committee, Gina Sontarp. Marianne Reagan was also appointed to the committee, but was unable to attend this evening.

Treasurer's Report: In the Recreation operating budget \$175,502.38 has been disbursed, \$3,865.70 has been encumbered, leaving available \$2,461.92 and in the Park & Playground budget \$22,668.97 has been disbursed, \$96.40 is encumbered, leaving available \$1,984.63.

Old Business: Dr. Nolan reported that the three Holiday programs, (Tree Lighting, concert and Williamsburg Christmas) held on December 7th blended very well and proceeded flawlessly. However, because of the snow storm there was not a large turnout of residents. Dr. Nolan thanked Mrs. Lesta and Mr. Wolf for their help with preparing and serving the hot chocolate and Mr. Maida for his technical services. The scheduled date for the 2004 Concert and Tree light is December 5, 2004.

Both the Adult and Children's Craft programs went well and had large turnouts. Mrs. Houlihan reported that over ninety Santa Claus letters were sent out.

The Winter program brochures were mailed out last week and the registrations are beginning to come in. Many of the programs are repeats of last year with several additions and deletions. We are not running the Ballet & Tap or the Ballroom Dance and have added Communications Skills and Arthritis Health Talks provided free of charge to us by Dr. Tom Gustovson. Many of the programs run for eight weeks but some of them run right up until the Easter break.

The ground breaking ceremony at Five Point Park was held on Friday, December 19th. The target date for completion is May 15th. Mr. Hennessy asked Dr. Nolan if the trail had been established. Dr. Nolan replied that he thought that it had not. He also questioned the maximum edge of cutting trees along the Maida property (buffer) as they are growing at an angle; and where the boundary is near Route 18. Dr. Nolan said he will speak to the engineer regarding these questions.

Mr. Wolf reported that the Eagle Scouts have taken a break for the holidays on their project of building the overhang for the grader at Bucks Mill Park, but would resume this weekend weather permitting.

Dr. Nolan reported that a grant has been submitted to the county for additional funds for the construction of the Bucks Mill Meeting House and that there are preliminary plans. Sale of the chances on the Hummer to fund this project have been selling very well and it will be raffled off on February 14th.

New Business: Discussion and election was held to determine a Vice Chairman for the Committee. Mrs. Lesta nominated Mr. Piotrowski. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Maida and was approved by all. Mr. Baker reviewed the responsibilities of this position.

Dr. Nolan asked the Committee to start thinking about the Memorial Day Parade, as May comes very quickly. The Committee should give thought to any new ideas for this year. Mrs. Lesta suggested that we should contract for the face painters that we had for Heritage Day, as they were excellent, but should limit their time to only five minutes per child.

Dr. Nolan said that the 2004 budgets with modified recommendations were sent to the Township Administrator. He also reported that he has prepared the capital requests. This year he is submitting eight items over a three year period. In 2004 we are requesting funds for sprinkler system at ball fields, field restoration at Conover Road and playground equipment at Bucks Mill Park. In 2005 we are requesting replacement of the fitness trail at Town Hall, maintenance vehicle and groomer and the aeravator with roller and seeder, and in 2006 a skateboard ramp complex and prefabricated biological restrooms for Laird Road Park.

Comments: Mr. Hennessy said he would like to form a sub-committee to set up trails and asked Mrs. Sontarp if she would like to participate.

Mrs. Laufer reported that 84 Seniors went on the trip to Lily Langtree last month, 150 went to a luncheon at the Mill and today there were 93 Seniors at a meeting at which the Cedar Drive Band provided the entertainment.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy Houlihan
Secretary