

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES: January 5, 2006**

**Present:** Dr. Harold J. Nolan, Frank Baker, Edward Piotrowski, Richard Rehm, Dwight Wolf, Leonor Lesta, Philip Maida, Arthur Goodwin, Bruce Bennett, Joe Mancino, Jim Valenti.

**Absent:** A.J. Garito

**Liaison**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Frank Baker at 8:05 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read and the minutes of the December 7 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer=s Report:** In the 2005 Recreation Operating Budget, as of December 31 2005, \$215,986.53 was expended and \$1,640.00 is encumbered, which leaves an available balance of \$18,153.47. In the 2005 Park & Playground Operating Budget, as of December 31, 2005, \$44,800.55 was expended, \$0 is encumbered, which leaves an available balance of \$699.45.

**Old Business:**

**Holiday Festival Programs**

*The Tree Lighting, Holiday concert and Williamsburg Christmas* all went well Dr. Nolan reported. He thanked Ms. Lesta and Mr. Wolf for providing the refreshments. The Navesink Brass, dancers and scouts made it a nice day with a good turnout. And the Colts Neck Journal had a nice article about the event.

Dr. Nolan stated 20 adults attended the Holiday Craft workshop and approximately 50 children participated in the children's Holiday Craft workshop.

*Letters to Santa* program received approximately 150 letters from children, including several from surrounding towns.

**2006 Winter Programs**

Dr. Nolan reported the Winter programs are about to kick off, currently we have 27 programs. New programs include Intro to Crochet and Cardio Jam in the afternoon - which was a request from some local teachers, Glide and Sculpt, Cardio Interval, Kick Boxing and Nia. Many different types of exercise classes are being offered from requests and results of our survey. He also reminded the committee these programs are for adults 18 and over.

**Park Updates:**

*Five Points Park* – Dr. Nolan advised dedication is slated for April. Mr. Goodwin added Jim Sfayer is planning a dedication for a track at the high school in April and we should check his date to avoid a conflict. Dr. Nolan asked the committee to bring ideas for the dedication to our February meeting

*Bucks Mill/Recreation Center* – The shell of the building is up and looks good. It should be completed in a few weeks. Sal Barbagallo is in discussions on how to fund the next phase of the construction.

Dr. Nolan stated we are exploring the possibility to add extended parking at Bucks Mill. With all of the activities, if feasible additional parking would be a benefit.

*Baseball Fields* – The one field at Conover Rd. and one at Cedar Dr. will be improved and financed from the Sports Foundation. A financial meeting to approve the cost is pending via the Sports Foundation.

*Dedication of Town's Arboretum at Town Hall* – Dr. Nolan reminded the committee to decide on the details for this event. The Asbury Park Press has inquired about the date of this dedication. Invitations will also be extended to the Shade Tree and Environment committees.

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**New Business:**

Mr Piotrowski was appointed Deputy Chairperson.

Dr. Nolan asked the members to start thinking of the 2006 Memorial Day Parade, and provide ideas at next month's meeting.

The Capital budget for 2006 was reviewed by Dr. Nolan and the committee. He commented, it's a good three year plan for the committee in terms of sharing project information with the Township Committee. The Recreation Committee intends to endorse the plan.

**Other Business**

Mr. Hennessy read the resolution that passed recognizing the Sports Foundation is now affiliated with the Recreation and Parks department and should be treated as such. Jim Valenti stated this was being worked the past few years and it's a positive step for both the Sports Foundation and Recreation and Parks.

Mr. Hennessy mentioned the Parks for Profit Ordinance was passed by the Township Committee.

He went on to add the Federal Government has begun a program to eradicate domestic geese. The town has also started a program.

Ms. Laufer reported two of her Senior Citizen club members have passed away. She has over 200 members in the club.

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne  
Secretary