

Colts Neck Recreation Committee

Minutes – February 4, 2004

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2004

Present: Dr. Harold J. Nolan, Frank Baker, Dwight Wolf, Bruce Bennett, Philip Maida, Edward Piotrowski, Richard Rehm, Marianne Reagan

Absent: A. J. Garito, Arthur Goodwin, Leonor Lesta, Gina Santorio-Sontarp

Liaison

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Frank Baker at 8:07 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read and the minutes of the January 7th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the temporary Recreation operating budget we have spent \$10,818.74, leaving available \$31,888.76; and nothing has been spent or encumbered in the temporary Park & Playground Budget leaving available \$8,687.50.

Old Business: Dr. Nolan reported that the winter programs have been very successful with large registrations especially in the exercise programs. Only the cooking class was canceled due to lack of registrants. Also, we have not gotten much response to the ski trip. Dr. Nolan said we will probably not offer it next year. The arthritis lectures given by Dr. Tom Gustafson have about eight to ten people attending. Last week's talk was canceled due to the snow, but the second in the series is being held this evening.

No work has been done in the last few weeks at Five Point Park due to the extremely cold weather and snow. Dr. Nolan said we have been keeping in contact with Mrs. DeAngelis, who owns the adjoining land. She has been concerned about the cutting down of trees at the perimeter of her property.

Mr. Wolf reported that there has been no work done by the Boy Scouts on the canopy at Bucks Mill Park also because of the extreme weather conditions.

Dr. Nolan reported that he had a meeting with the Sports Foundation officials regarding the work that needs to be done on the fields this year and has sent a spring maintenance schedule along with their the recommendations to Ed Thompson, Director of Public Works. Fertilization and seeding will be a priority this year, since it did not get done in 2003, because we had to transfer funds from the park budget to the recreation operating budget. We have requested \$20,000 in capital funds for work on the Conover fields so that we will not have to use Park & Playground funds.

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We have issued most of the permits this week for use of the baseball/softball fields. Most of them are Colts Neck groups, but a few are outside groups so we are complying with Green Acre guidelines.

It was reported that the Hummer raffle for the Bucks Mill Meeting House may be extended, as the number of chances sold are below what they had anticipated. Dr. Nolan said that we have not heard yet whether we will receive any funds for this project from the Monmouth County Grant program.

At this time Mr. Baker went through the line of march from last year's Memorial Day Parade list and assignment for issued to committee members.

Comments: Mr. Hennessy proposed a date for the trails sub-committee for the third Wednesday of the month, i.e. February 18 at 7 p.m. It will tentatively be in the meeting room at Town Hall.

Mrs. Laufer, President of Senior Citizens Club reported that 104 members attended the meeting today. A representative from the Office on Aging presented a program on exercise. She also informed us that the seniors have computer classes on Tuesdays at Cedar Drive School and card parties on Thursdays at the library. Several trips are planned for the near future and a golf outing fund raiser is planned for July 19 to aid children whose parents are killed in the line of duty.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3rd.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy Houlihan
Secretary