

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES: February 1, 2006**

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

**Absent:** Phil Maida, 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 January 5 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer=s Report:** In the 2006 Recreation Temporary Operating Budget, as of January 31 2006, \$17,709.95 was expended and \$365.19 is encumbered, which leaves an available balance of \$70,574.45. In the 2006 Park & Playground Temporary Operating Budget, as of January 31, 2006, \$0 was expended, \$0 is encumbered, which leaves an available balance of \$10,530.

Jim Schatzle of the Colts Neck First Aid squad presented a demonstration of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Mr. Schatzle first stated that all liability has been removed from anyone operating the AED. He recommended the Recreation Administration Building be the first to install the equipment. Reason being, many exercise activities are held in that building on Heyers Mill Rd. He would also advise they be installed in all of our Township buildings and on Sport fields. Mr. Schatzle will also be presenting a demonstration to the Township Committee at their next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Instructional Programs**

Dr. Nolan reported all programs are underway, with good participation. We also have the Teen Ski Trip scheduled for February 11. To date, about 12 teens have signed up for the ski trip. Mrs. Lesta suggested to Dr. Nolan to contact the church youth groups for potential attendees for the ski trip.

The Asbury Park Press had a nice story of our Fitness programs, Dr. Nolan stated. The article prompted inquires about our activities.

**Park Updates:**

*Five Points Park* – Dr. Nolan advised of Col. Sfayer’s ROTC dedication at the high school for their fitness trail is on April 1, and 4,000 – 5, 000 spectators are expected by Col. Sfayer. Many military groups and bands from Washington, D. C. will be participating. After discussion and to avoid conflict on April 1, the committee agreed to consider changing the date from April 1 to Sunday, April 2, 2006 for Five Point park dedication. Mr. Hennessy will also communicate the new date to the Township Committee.

*Recreation Center* – Sal Barbagallo and Dr. Nolan had discussed heating systems for the new Recreation Center. Dr. Nolan mentioned a cost effective water pump system that would provide heat and air conditioning to the building. Mr. Barbagallo is also working on the additional funding necessary to complete the building.

*Spring Maintenance* – Work will begin on fields at the end of February/early March. The Sports Foundation annual meeting resulted in a decision to improve the pitching mounds and fencing. The lower field at Cedar Drive will be seeded and fertilized and protected until summer, Dr. Nolan reported.

*Fitness Grant* – Dr. Nolan has not received any official notification from the Monmouth County Parks system yet.

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**Memorial Day Parade 2006**

The committee reviewed the 2005 Parade Line up and incorporated assignments for 2006. Mr. Mancino suggested the parade be advertised in the Asbury Park Press. Many residents east of Rt. 34 are not aware of the parade. Dr. Nolan stated that we also advertise the event on our website, Spring brochure, flyer to all schools and a ¼ page ad in both the Colts Neck Calendar and Colts Neck Journal.

Mrs. Lesta suggested a Patriotic Pet contest be held this year. Mr. Baker advised the committee continue thinking of new ideas for the parade and they would be discussed again at March's meeting.

**Other Business**

Mr. Hennessy reported the results from a geese survey. Approximately 1,640 geese exist between Bucks Mill and Township Hall. A possible cause for the high number may be due to warmer temperatures in January, the geese are unsure whether or not to fly south and remain in the northeast.

Mrs. Laufer stated to date there are 289 members in the Senior Citizens club for 2006. January 25 was a trip to Atlantic City. Upcoming events include a trip to the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank along with Computer and Knitting classes.

Mr. Hennessy added the Colts Neck Community Band will be having a free concert on February 16 at 7:30 PM. at the high school. The concert will also include a performance by Rutgers Wind Ensemble.

Mr. Goodwin stated the Polo club donated approximately \$32,000 to a variety of youth groups over the past 12 years.

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne  
Secretary