

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: February 7, 2007

Attendees: Dr. Harold Nolan, Frank Baker, Ed Piotrowski, Leonor Lesta, Bruce Bennett, Rich Rehm, Candice Burke, Dwight Wolf, Jim Valenti, Joe Mancino.

Absent: Philip Maida, A.J. Garito

Township Liaison Present: Tom Hennessy

Attendee: Judy Laufer, President, Senior Citizens Club

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jim Valenti at 8:00 p.m.

The Committee approved the minutes from January 3, 2007.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and attached to the agenda for each committee member per their request.

General

Chairman Valenti introduced the new committee member Candice Burke to the members. All welcomed her to the committee.

Frank Baker was then nominated as Vice Chair of the committee by Chairman Valenti, and seconded by Dwight Wolff. All agreed on the nomination.

Dr. Nolan presented a plaque for Mr. Baker's 24 years as Chair of the committee. And recognized him for all of his hard work, noting the work which resulted in the Township being recognized on the National level.

Update of Winter Programs

Instructional Programs – Dr. Nolan stated programs are in mid session with good attendance. One program was cancelled, Computer for Tots. This was new program being introduced, however only one registrant enrolled. The cancellation of the program was at no cost to the department .

February 10 is the annual Teen Ski Trip to Mountain Creek, approximately 20 teens are enrolled for the trip.

Dr. Nolan shared a flyer for a skateboard instructor's workshop being held at the community center in conjunction with the town's skate for a cause club. He explained the workshop will demonstrate how a skateboard is constructed, 2 representatives from the RoarRockit skateboard company of Canada will be conducting the workshop. Flyers have been mailed to the local school districts, NJRPA, and surf/skate shops in the surrounding towns. The Colts Neck Inn and Dunkin Donuts are both sponsors of this event.

Park Operations

Dr. Nolan announced the new community center as officially been awarded a certificate of occupancy. The building is up and running. Boy Scouts and our karate program are currently utilizing the facility.

Spring Maintenance

Colts Neck Sports Foundation met with Dr. Nolan and reviewed field permits for 2007. Dr. Nolan is also in the process of finalizing other baseball/softball leagues' permit requests.

Cedar Dr. and Conover Road fields will be regraded in the Spring. The 90 foot diamond at Bucks Mill will be re-cut. Billy Cromer is all set to complete that work. The Colts Neck Sports Foundation will be

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completing the bleacher projects.

Dr. Nolan stated the replacement of the backstops at Laird Road are top priority, using funds from the Capitol Budget after the Township Committee grants approval.

2007 Memorial Day Parade

Mr. Baker reviewed the 2006 line of march and assignments were made for each task. Chairman Valenti will speak to the Sports Foundation regarding their involvement in the parade. Mr. Baker also asked the Committee to advise of any new ideas for the parade.

It was suggested that an ad be placed in the local newspapers asking residents to participate in the parade with their antique cars.

Ms. Laufer suggested the Barbershop Quartet being asked to return. Dr. Nolan will contact the group for their availability. Chairman Valenti would like to see the schools more involved in the parade. He will speak to Dr. Fitzpatrick the Superintendent. Dr. Nolan suggested he speak to the Cedar Drive Principal too. Mr. Bennett stated a wagon would be provided for a float for the school. In passed years, the school did provide a float for the parade. Ms. Burke suggested speaking to the PTO as well about involvement.

Senior Citizen Club - Ms. Laufer stated many trips and activities are planned for in the coming months.

Mr. Hennessey mentioned the concern of the schools charging the department for use of their facilities. Dr. Nolan explained a bill has been received for using the schools from 2005 – 2006. This was passed to the Township Administrator for resolution by the Township Committee. Dr. Nolan stated when he spoke to Mr. Parades the Board of Education Business Administrator, the possible charge for use would begin in 2006 not 2005. The issue is being worked via the Township Committee.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Byrne, Secretary