

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES MARCH 3, 2004

Present: Dr. Harold J. Nolan, Frank Baker, Dwight Wolf, Philip Maida, Edward Piotrowski, Richard Rehm, Arthur Goodwin, Leonor Lesta, Gina Santorio-Sontarp

Absent: A. J. Garito, Bruce Bennett, Marianne Reagan

Liaison

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Frank Baker at 8:12 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read and the minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the temporary Recreation operating budget we have spent \$13,122.97, \$3,505.48 is encumbered, leaving available \$26,0979.05; in the temporary Park & Playground Budget \$339.63 is encumbered leaving available \$8,347.87.

Mr. Doug McKenzie from the Sports Foundation was a guest at the meeting. He brought before the committee concerns for the softball fields at Cedar Drive School. Among them were improper size softball pitching plates for girls softball, need for dimple brake-away bases, absence of an on deck cage, need for new benches and a shed for field rakes. He would also like one field to be girl appropriated, with the other have a dual purpose. Dr. Nolan said that these requests fall into two categories – operational and capital improvements. Town Hall requests for general operations can certainly be met. Capital projects are dependant on funding from the Township Committee. Mr. McKenzie said the Sport Foundation would be willing to fund some of these improvements. After some discussion, the committee felt that we should be able to work with the Sports Foundation to meet these requests.

Old Business: Dr. Nolan reported that the winter programs are in mid session and all is going well.

The Spring Brochure will be going to the printer by next week and should be in the mail by the end of this month.

There was a Men's Softball League preliminary meeting last night and we should have ten to twelve teams.

We will have many special events in the coming months. Among them are the Easter Egg Hunt/Brunch with the Easter Bunny on April 3rd with a rain date of April 10th. The Children's Easter Arts & Crafts will be held on April 10th. The month of May begins with the Colts Neck Classic Bicycle Race on May 2nd, the Junior Olympic Track Meet on May 8th and ending with the Memorial Day Parade on the 31st.

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Dr. Nolan reported that he attended a budget hearing meeting last month. Although we will not be receiving everything we asked for, we should have sufficient funds to run all the proposed programs. Much of the money in the Park & Playground Budget will put into field maintenance. The Township Committee is still discussing the capital budget requests.

Work is again being done at Five Point Park now that the weather has improved; and spring maintenance in the parks is underway.

We will reschedule to trail sub-committee meeting that did not work out last month. Mr. Hennessy and Dr. Nolan will discuss their schedules with each other and the committee will be contacted.

Mr. Wolf reported that the Boy Scouts will be finishing the canopy this weekend at Bucks Mill Park.

New Business: Dr. Nolan announced that the dates for the Summer Day Camp this year will be June 28th to August 6th. The Sports Foundation will be sponsoring soccer camps and traveling camps; and we will also be sponsoring again football, basketball and soccer camps, that brings in an enormous revenue.

Mr. Baker again went over the line of march from last year's Memorial Day Parade and made sure that all the committee members knew their assignments.

Comments: Mrs. Laufer, President of the Colts Neck Senior Citizens Club gave an overview of all the activities of the club. She reported that as of today there are 250 members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7th.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy Houlihan
Secretary