

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: March 1, 2006

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

Absent: Bruce Bennet, 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 February 1, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the 2006 Recreation temporary Operating Budget, as of February 28, 2006, \$26,510.12 was expended and \$1,781.32 is encumbered, which leaves an available balance of \$60,358.16. In the 2006 Park & Playground temporary Operating Budget, as of February 28, 2006, \$0 was expended; \$0 is encumbered, which leaves an available balance of \$10,530.

Old Business:

Winter Programs Update

Mr. Hennessy reported (until Dr. Nolan arrived) that the Winter programs were winding down and that the exercise programs have really evolved in the past five years. From Yogalates, to Mat Pilates classes have become very specialized. The Teen ski trip was a success with approximately 22 teens in attendance.

Five Point Park Dedication – Saturday, April 8, 2006

Dr. Nolan asked the committee to decide on a time for the dedication, he also added the local newspapers are asking for details of the event for their next publication. This will assist in ensure a good turn out of residents. All agreed on 11:00 a.m. Dr. Nolan suggested the dedication take place in the lower area. Mr. Hennessy suggested soccer teams attend in uniform to start the process of using the facility. Mr. Valenti will check on obtaining a framework for a balloon archway. Mr. Baker suggested the Mayor and Dr. Nolan participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event would include a flag bearer, speakers podium, and a singer for the National Anthem. A rain date of Sunday, April 9 at 2 PM was also established. Mr. Goodwin stated he will remind Mr. Sfayer to communicate to the committee the details of the ROTC event at the high school on April 1.

Mr. Valenti will contact the Sports Foundation to advise of the dedication details.

Park Maintenance

Spring Athletic Field Preparation

Baseball, soccer, lacrosse field preparation will begin shortly. Have bases, pitching rubbers and mounds at several parks will be replaced as well as liming soccer fields. Goals and net replacements will be completed this month. Several fields will be blocked to promote grass to grow, especially the fields that retain water. All fields will be fully seeded and fertilized this season. Lacrosse will start this weekend using the upper field and track field at Cedar Drive.

Athletic Field Permits

Dr. Nolan stated permits have been assigned to all fields Monday through Friday and weekends. As in the past, fields will be available for residents to use at Conover Road and Cedar Drive parks.

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General Maintenance

Dr. Nolan stated a person has been identified to fulfill a summer Foreman position for the parks department. The person will also manage summer workers. There are many small projects in the parks that need attention. The summer foreman will be a great asset to that effort.

Recreation Center

The shell of the building is up, PVC piping is completed, Sal Barbagallo and Dr. Nolan had discussed heating systems for the new Recreation Center. Currently, planning to have the building completed by June. Mr. Barbagallo is also working on the additional funding necessary to complete the building.

New Business

Spring Recreation Programs

Dr. Nolan explained the Spring programs will begin right after the Winter session has ended. The new brochure will be mailed out mid March, with classes beginning the first week of April. Below is a list of programs slated for Spring 2006

a. Spring Gymnastics	k. Men's Softball League
b. Yoga	l. Women's Softball League
c. Yogalaties	m. Colts Neck Community Band
d. Latco Latin Dance	n. Colts Neck Jazz Band
e. Kick Boxing	o. Fencing
f. Cardio Jam	p. Fit Ball
g. Mat Pilates	
h. Pilates on the Ball	
i. Adult Volleyball	
J Golf Instruction	

Special Events

Dr. Nolan reviewed the list below for Spring 2006

- a. Children's Easter Egg Hunt/Lunch with the Easter Bunny – 4/8
- b. Children's Easter Arts and Crafts – 4/15
- c. Colts Neck Classic Bicycle Race – 5/7
- d. Junior Olympic Track Meet – 5/20
- e. Memorial Day Parade – 5/29

Summer Day Camp

Dr. Nolan explained the tentative dates are June 26 – August 4. The dates are dependent on the school year calendar and availability. If there are no snow days the school district will end June 22, allowing for us to train and set up the schools for camp. If the school year goes beyond June 22, the date to start the day camp program will need to be revised.

Budget Updates

Monday night Dr. Nolan attended a budget review for Recreation and Parks. In terms of receiving what was requested recreation received nearly all of the requested funding, Parks obtained a bit more funding, given the addition of Five Point Park. A side note in terms of funding need, is the 5 year Master Plan which is now 7 years old. (which is used all the time, for example when Mayor Florek inquired about the

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history of the Sports Foundation, the information was found in the Master plan) There is need at this time to update the plan.

Memorial Day Parade 2006

The committee reviewed the 2006 Parade Assignments from the last meeting. Mrs. Laufer asked about using a bulk mailing to notify the Veteran's in town of the parade. Dr. Nolan stated that would be no problem, perhaps the notice can be completed from the recreation office too. Dr. Nolan is awaiting for a confirmation from the new Baptist Minister to ensure he'd be participating in the event. It was decided to keep the newly added Patriotic Pet Contest away from the parade line-up.

Per Mr. Baker's request from the last meeting, Jim Valenti had 2 new suggestions for the parade. One being to reach out to Earle for participation. Perhaps families for active military would enjoy the marching in the parade and honoring their family members who are in active duty. Dr. Nolan will obtain a contact for Mr. Valenti. The next idea is to involve the schools by engaging them in a float contest. Perhaps have projects created in school and bring to the parade. Mrs. Lesta commented all school requests would need to go before the Board of Education. Mr. Hennessy stated it's a good idea to start the conversation now, if it's a timing issue, perhaps next year the schools would be more involved in next year's parade.

Other Business

Mr. Hennessy reported no new township business.

Mr. Baker announced that Dr. Nolan is the recipient of the Michael Berman Award of Excellence for Recreation and Parks Administration in New Jersey. The Award is sponsored by the Awards Committee from the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association. A presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at a dinner in Atlantic City as part of the NJRPA's 31st Annual Conference and Exhibition. Candidates were chosen from the entire state of New Jersey, Dr. Nolan was selected as this year's winning recipient.

Mrs. Laufer stated to date there are 286 members in the Senior Citizens club and growing stronger. The first Senior Citizen guide book has been published. Upcoming events include a trip to the NJPAC for a show.

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne
Secretary