

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: April 2, 2008

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

Absent: Joe Mancino, Phil Maida, A.J. Garito

Township Liaison Present: Tom Hennessy

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

The Committee approved the minutes from March 5, 2008.

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

Spring Programs

Dr. Nolan reported most of our Winter programs are complete. Our Spring programs will be starting up in the next few weeks. Our Ballroom Dance program is doing very well, our Broadway trip is almost sold out. The Easter Egg Hunt went well, good weather prevailed followed by the Brunch with the Easter Bunny. The Easter Craft program did not have a huge turnout, but the children did enjoy the program. Upcoming events, are the Classic Bicycle Race on May 4, our Jr. Olympic Track Meet will be on May 10. Flyers will be going to the schools for that event. Our new "School of Rock" program is sold out for 2 sessions.

Park Projects

General Field Maintenance – Dr. Nolan stated softball and baseball fields are being prepared for Spring use. Cutting the lip of the field at Bucks Mill is rescheduled for August. Additional clay and special preparation was done to Cedar Drive fields, as the middle school is opening their season. April 12 is the Baseball opening day for the Sports Foundation at Laird Road. We're about to purchase 7K for seed and fertilizer for all of the fields. New stone will also be added to all parks. Ms. Burke asked about the two wells that were recently drilled at Five Point Park. Dr. Nolan explained the wells will be used for irrigation via a portable system (rolled out) for the immediate time. The Township is planning to apply for a County Grant and is discussing several potential projects. One being irrigation, others are open space at Conover, and maybe projects at Cedar Drive. No decisions have been made yet. Laird Road is complete with new bleachers, backstops and benches, Upgrades at Cedar Drive fields are also completed. Dr. Nolan noted the Sports Foundation paid approximately 30% of the cost for the upgrades at the fields. 2008 Capital projects – Dr. Nolan stated the following projects have been approved: resurfacing the tennis courts at Cedar Dr, Recreation and Park Building upgrades, and the upgrade of playground equipment at Laird Rd. to meet National Standards. Also in the works, an Eagle Scout project o build a kiosk at Five Point Park and replacing the bridge at Big Brook (Schlesinger). Ms. Burke asked about the new tennis courts replaced by the Primary School? Dr. Nolan stated the two tennis courts and their location is still pending.

Memorial Day Parade

Mr. Baker reviewed the Line of March and Gravesite Service lists. Some changes were made to the Line of March to include a Grand Marshall. Mayor Hennessy invited Admiral Paul Gaffney, President, Monmouth University to be the parade's Grand Marshall, he has accepted, and minor adjustments were made to the Line of March. Dr. Nolan will be sending special invitations to all Veterans for the parade. Ms. Laufer provided labels for the mailing.

Ms. Burke ordered the banner and had a sample for the committee to view, the banner advertising the parade will be hung 2 weeks prior. And an ad will be submitted to the Colts Neck Calendar.

Senior Update

Ms. Laufer provided an update on the Senior Citizen club, on April 12 they will be visiting the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan for a show, in May 37 club members will be travelling to a Dude Ranch in NY. She also shared copies of her club's Directory with the committee.

Mr. Valenti shared with the committee the Sports Foundation is reviewing their Travelling Sports programs. In terms of details of the programs and working with parents who have expressed concerns.

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Mayor Hennessey shared an observation of a group using a field at Bucks Mill. Apparently an adult soccer league played on the field after a rain storm, leading to the field being dug up. Dr. Nolan explained no one has permits right now on the soccer field at Bucks Mill.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 8:00 pm. at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary