

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES: May 7, 2008**

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

Absent: Dwight Wolf, 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 April 2, 2008.

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

**Spring Programs**

Dr. Nolan reported the Spring Instructional programs are well attended and moving along. We've added a NIA class to our program and it's been so popular we've added a Saturday class. We finished up our Volleyball League with 4 teams and the program went very well. Men's Basketball on Thursday evening and Sundays also concluded and went very well. Our trip to Broadway was "sold out". Leonor did a great job securing the tickets at a great price which allowed for the overall cost of the trip to be very reasonable. Ms. Lesta also added because two Colts Neck residents were in the play; the group was asked to visit backstage. Ms. Laufer, asked it be noted that future trips include details of the theater such as stair cases etc. this would help senior citizens plan accordingly. Ms. Lesta received many questions, as to future trips to Broadway. Discussion resulted in possible a Fall trip. Last Sunday the Colts Neck Classic Bike Race went through town, Dr. Nolan mentioned Doug Mitchell is great to partner with for this event which goes back to 1993, the event was very well organized. This Friday our Men's softball team kicks off its 28<sup>th</sup> season with 6 teams participating, games are held at Earle. We have 12 teams participating in our Women's softball leagues. The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. Olympic Track and Field meet will take place on Saturday at the Colts Neck High School. Mr. Valenti asked if volunteers were needed to assist with the event. Dr. Nolan expressed appreciation and any event volunteers are always welcome.

**Park Projects**

General Field Maintenance – Dr. Nolan stated grading, liming, fertilization are being done to the fields via Public Works. Also, a new telephone pole at Five Point Park has been installed; Dr. Nolan is in the process of ensuring it is our telephone pole. Friday, Dr. Nolan, Mr. Hennessey and Mr. Thompson of Public Works along with members of the Sports Foundation toured the field conditions at Five Point Park. All agreed the irrigation issue is major need for keeping the fields maintained. Dr. Nolan will be resting (closing) a soccer field in order for the field to be maintained and grass to grow.

2007 – 2008 Capital Project Update – Dr. Nolan reported the resurfacing of the Tennis Courts at Cedar Drive is pending. There is discussion for the possibility of several projects by the Board of Education at Cedar Drive which may impact those tennis courts. Before spending the funds, Dr. Nolan is awaiting information for the Board of Education. We will be replacing the Laird Rd. playground equipment to meet National Standards. Our Recreation Administrative office project is outstanding, the contractor we contracted to perform the work as advised he cannot complete the project for the cost provided per his signed contract. Dr. Nolan explained we do have another contractor being considered to complete the project.

**Memorial Day Parade**

Mr. Baker reviewed the Line of March and Gravesite Service lists. Some changes were made to the Line of March. Updates include, Dr. Nolan finding a bag piper, as Aaron Lay has a conflict, the Girl Scouts will use the # 2 Orgo wagon, Ms. Laufer stated 1 wagon is fine for the Senior Citizen club. She asked about the status of the cards that will be sent to all Veteran's in town. Dr. Nolan will mail an invitation to the Veteran's using the mail labels provided by Ms. Laufer. The Golf carts for the parade will be deliver by Public Works Monday morning. Ms. Lesta stated there will not be sirens throughout the parade, just the fire engine lights.

Ms. Talarico the face painter will be providing temporary tattoos instead of face painting, this will allow less time per child and ensure everyone is accommodated.

The committee will wear their shirts as done in last year's parade.

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The bicycle contest trophies will be done by age group.

Discussion took place and resulted in possibly having the classic/antique vehicles park behind the Firehouse at the end of the parade for spectators to view.

Ms. Burke and Mr. Valenti will be passing out flags prior to the parade start and flags will also be provided at the gravesite for those spectators to hold who will not be along the parade route.

It was agreed the sign at the gravesite stating "landscape provided by boy scout troop" be removed. The sign is very outdated and no longer is applicable.

**Misc.**

Mr. Valenti asked the status of the Park Foreman position? Dr. Nolan explained he did meet with Bob Bowden and Ed Thompson to discuss the position, he had not heard back from Mr. Bowden regarding the Township Committee decision. Mr. Valenti asked Mr. Hennessey if he could provide any insight, Mr. Hennessey stated he did not have any new status, but did comment of the excellent documentation Dr. Nolan provided to Mr. Bowden substantiating the need for the position.

Ms. Laufer asked who planted the bushes and trees at the Community Center at Bucks Mill near the septic system? Those bushes impact the Fair in case of fire for roadway access. Dr. Nolan stated he spoke to Mr. Zander and because of the stone road, there is no secondary requirement for access to the building and/or Fair area.

Ms. Burke asked why there is a sign with a "realtor name" stating they maintain the Freer Preserve on the property? Dr. Nolan will investigate.

**Senior Update**

Ms. Laufer provided an update on the Senior Citizen club, the recent trip to the Dude Ranch in New York was very successful, May 14 they'll be attending a Bobby Vinton concert at the Arts Center in Holmdel. The club recently distributed two \$500 ROTC scholarships and two \$50.00 scholarships to Cedar Drive school.

Mr. Hennessey shared with the committee a map of a long rang plan to link neighborhoods in town to one another. He's also gotten the high school involved in discussions. For example, the high school would be interested in a safe area for the cross country team to practice without entering on major roadways.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 8:00 pm. at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary