

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
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Attendees: Jim Valenti, Frank Baker, Leonor Lesta, Paul Wild, Phil Maida, Rich Rehm,
Candice Burke, Dwight Wolf,

Absent: Joe Mancino, A.J. Garito, Ed Piotrowski

Township Liaison Present: Ken Florek

Also in Attendance: Judy Laufer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jim Valenti at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee approved the minutes from April 1, 009

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Old Business

Mr. Hennessy began discussion by displaying the **Town Wide Clean Up** article in the Colts Neck Calendar. The item featured the department's April town wide cleanup effort. He continued by asking for feedback from the members on the event. Mr. Baker shared cleaning the Township Hall pond went well. Mr. Valenti stated Big Brook's stream needed to be cleaned up, Ms. Burke volunteered to assist Mr. Valenti in cleaning up the waterway. He also noted on the Marlboro side wooden bridges were in need of repair. Mr. Maida commented the tree was still down at the Memorial Cemetery on Heyers Mill Road.

Mr. Hennessy had over 1,000 eggs hidden for the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** with over 72 children in attendance. There were also five different craft projects made at the **Children's Easter Craft Program**. Our new programs, Pilates Fusion, Qi Gong, and Kickboxing are all successfully paying for themselves.

Ms. Burke commented on the parking situation at Bucks Mill, in that cars are parking at the farm fields. Why isn't the gate left open to provide easy access? Ms. Laufer commented it's a Township Ordinance to keep the gate closed. Ms. Burke suggested we add additional parking there. Mr. Hennessy reminded the committee that would cost additional monies. Mr. Baker asked if the holes created by wood chucks near the Blind Garden were repaired. Mr. Hennessy took that as an action item, as it may be a dangerous situation for visitors at the Blind Garden, who are unable to see the deep woodchuck holes.

New Business

Status report from Mr. Hennessy started with **Five Point Park** soccer fields being dressed and seeded with new grass coming up. These fields will be rested until Fall. The **Keifco water** reel has been ordered to provide irrigation at Five Point Park. Mr. Valenti asked the cost, Mr. Hennessy replied \$2,000 which is for piping only. He provided aerial photos of the fields and the plans for the piping installation. The **90' baseball** field has been sodded, due to weather conditions grading the field has not been possible. **Laird Road** septic has been installed in preparation of the Sports Foundation's clubhouse/snack shed. The **Tennis Courts** at Laird Rd. are in need of repair. Wide cracks have occurred from leaving the tennis nets up all year. Tension on the nets caused the cracks to open and water/ice etc. has deteriorated the pavement. The Township has approved the monies for repair. Mr. Hennessy is reviewing cost estimates for the project.

Freer Nature Preserve

Mr. Rehm explained of a vandalism incident at Freer Preserve, apparently the new signs were uprooted and thrown into the pond. Mr. Hennessy stated DPW will restore the signs by placing the footings into cement. Mr. Hennessy noted Rich Kelly as met with him for an Eagle Scout project at Freer Preserve.

Donated Computers

Mr. Hennessy will be distributing 10 donated computers to the Township.

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CNHS Principal's Advisory Team

Mr. Hennessy attended the first meeting of this team. The purpose is to have co-operation and collaboration between both the Township and High School. To that effort, the High School Track team will be involved at our Jr. Olympic Track Meet. These students will be track and field mentors for the children registered for the event.

Future Goals

The following are future programs Mr. Hennessy introduced: tumbling tots (for fall), indoor summer volleyball (held at the High School) and teen summer exercise program. Projects include: Boy Scouts, Schlesinger Preserve Bridge (target for August), and a Red Cross babysitting course. Ms. Burke asked what were the parameters for the Boy Scout projects. The Fair committee may have an opportunity. Ms. Laufer asked if it was too late to include the babysitting course in our summer programs. Mr. Hennessy said it may be not too late for summer.

Ms. Burke asked how the responses were for the Track and Field event. Reason being, there is a conflict with an event at the Primary School. Mr. Hennessy stated given the weather and rain fall this past week, the event may be postponed to our scheduled rain date of May 16.

Memorial Day Parade

Mr. Maida reported the Mr. Lay will not be able to be in the parade with his bagpipe. Mr. Hennessy suggested the high school band be moved to the beginning of the line. Mr. Hennessy explained he is working on having a representative from each war starting with World War II and current. These representatives will also serve as Grand Marshalls. Ms. Lesta suggested having someone hold a sign before each representative to introduce the war they represent. National Guard vehicles have been arranged to be included in the parade, along with the Merchant Marines carrying a large flag. Mr. Hennessy has been working with the VFW of Freehold and Jim Sfayer. He asked each member to be a steward assigned segments of the parade. All agreed this was good idea.

Mr. Baker noted if the high school band is in the front of the parade, there will be no music for the rest of the parade? Discussion continued regarding the line of march. It was agreed that a float representing world hunger from Cedar Drive School would not be appropriate for the parade. It was suggested this be done during Olde Town Colts Neck Day. The Primary School will post the parade information on their road sign, Ms. Burke said each school principal is responsible for the signs. The Primary school will be happy to post the information. Mr. Hennessy has confirmed with the high school that parade information will appear on their sign on Five Point Road. Mr. Florek asked Mr. Hennessy if he spoke to Captain Maynard? Mr. Hennessy replied, yes, Captain Maynard will be away and unable to attend the parade. The committee also agreed to wear the 2008 committee golf shirts and report to the parade at 10 am.

Ms. Burke will email a flyer for the bicycle contest to Barbara for distribution onto the schools web site.

Mr. Florek had no Township business to share.

Brief discussion regarding a trip to Broadway in the Fall to see the play The Wonderettes. And the possibility to offer a guided tour of Harlem, with a luncheon at Sylvania's Restaurant.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary