

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES: June 7, 2006**

Attendees: Frank Baker, Dr. Harold Nolan, Dwight Wolf, Rich Rehm, Bruce Bennett, Art Goodwin, Jim Valenti, Leonor Lesta, Phil Maida

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

Township Liaison Present: Mr. Hennessy

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Frank Baker at 8:05 p.m.

**Spring Programs**

Dr. Nolan provided an update of the Spring Instructional programs, stating that all would be ending next week, with a week break before the Summer session begins.

The Men's and Women's Softball Leagues are underway with 14 teams.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Jr. Olympic Track meet had approximately 50-60 children participate this year. Letters were sent to the schools to promote the event. The Journal will have an article in their next issue.

Colts Neck Bike Classic Race was very successful with an increase in riders from NJ and surrounding states. It is also registered with the National Circuit. Dr. Nolan thanked the First Aid for their assistance in the event.

Mr. Hennessy noted many cyclists are now coming through Colts Neck, is the Recreation Department aware prior to these cyclists? Dr. Nolan explained we do grant permits for large charity events. However, many cyclists will meet at Thompson Park on their own for group rides; Rt. 34/Colts Neck streets are popular for groups to include in their bike routes. Mr. Wolf asked if the Police are contacted? Dr. Nolan replied, yes with large events they are involved, basically for the Colts Neck 10K Road race and the Bike Classic.

The Memorial Day Parade was a great success. Dr. Nolan thanked Mr. Goodwin for being the MC and Mr. Baker for suggesting the clergy at St. Mary's. Dr. Nolan mentioned the last minute guest was Miss Teen NJ who is a resident of Colts Neck. Mr. Baker suggested music with just a band for next year, as it seemed there was no music in the beginning of the parade.

**Summer Programs**

Dr. Nolan compared the brochure from 1981 having one page to 2006's brochure with numerous pages which is packed with activities. Ballroom Dance, Senior Fun Fit and a National Arthritis program are new additions to the programs. Sports Camps are also back this summer.

Fourth of July vendors are lined up, unfortunately the Swing Band was unable to participate this year. A suggestion was made for Patriotic music tapes be used during the event.

July 15 is the date for the 2006 Fishing Derby, July 12 the Swing Band will perform at 7:30 PM at Township Hall. Signs will be around Colts Neck advertising the event.

**Park Facilities**

Dr. Nolan reported six young men were hired for summer staff. With the addition of Five Point Park a full time staff member will be added in the fall. Bucks Mill ball fields have been spruced up. As agreed, to the Sports Foundation has been working on the back fields at Laird Road. Dr. Nolan stated the department is doing the best they can with the existing manpower to maintain all parks. He will be asking for additional funding in the budget for next year for an additional summer person.

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Mr. Goodwin noted the garbage sitting at the parks over the weekend, and birds/animals tearing up the bags resulting in garbage everywhere. Dr. Nolan explained 100 large garbage cans were purchased about 5 years ago. According to Mr. Thompson 50% of these cans have disappeared.

The Blind Garden is a major scout project which is being built behind the Library. The new flag pole and light project at Five Point Park is also near completion.

Baseball Renovations will begin the last week of July, with estimated completion for September 1, 2006. Two baseball fields at Cedar Dr. and one at Conover Road. (which has been agreed to with Mr. Parades of the Colts Neck Board of Education).

Dr. Nolan reported bids will begin for the Fit Trail at Township Park.

**New Business**

Mr. Hennessy asked about the date for the arboretum dedication and suggested to invite Alex Bernstein. The signs need to be replaced also, due to water issues.? Dr. Nolan will follow up.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne  
Secretary