

## COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES JULY 7, 2004

**Present:** Dr. Harold J. Nolan, Frank Baker,, Richard Rehm, Leonor Lesta, Philip Maida, Marianne Reagan, Arthur Goodwin, Edward Piotrowski

**Absent:** A. J. Garito, Gina Santorio-Sontarp, Dwight Wolf , Bruce Bennett

#### **Liaison**

**Present:** Thomas E. Hennessy, Jr., Township Committee

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Frank Baker at 8:05 p.m. The Sunshine Statement was read and the minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the temporary Recreation operating budget we have spent \$71,341.69 \$53,818.89 is encumbered, leaving available \$49,669.42; in the Park & Playground Budget \$13,890.98 has been spent and 1,378.02 is encumbered leaving available \$16,381.00.

**Old Business:** Dr. Nolan reported that the Day Camps opened last Monday. To date we have 380 children registered. That is slightly less than last year. He said that the numbers peaked about two years ago when we had over 400 registered, but even the numbers at the schools are also down slightly. We have staffed the camps and planned trips and activities accordingly.

The instructional programs also began last week. The exercise programs are well attended, especially the new Latin Dance program which has about 20 participants. The Football Camp, which started last week has over eighty participants. The other camps, soccer, basketball, and baseball, start later this month and we are still taking registrations.

We have eight adults registered for tennis lessons which will begin tomorrow. The children's tennis lessons will begin the week after the Day Camp ends.

Both the Men's and Women's Softball Leagues are doing well. There has been almost no rain outs.

Dr. Nolan reported that the NJ International Track & Field Invitational Meet held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Colts Neck High School was a huge success. It is one of the best events of its type in the State and we will definitely co-sponsor it again next year.

The Fourth of July Firework was very successful. The show went off just as planned. Next year request will be made for more animated ground displays. The only flaw was an oversight that extra portable bathroom were not on site. However, we opened the Fair Office and moved one from another site in a pickup truck. Also, the traffic moved extremely well.

The Fishing Derby is scheduled for this Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Awards will be given out for the biggest, longest, heaviest fish, etc.

Next Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> we have scheduled the annual Summer Concert. It will feature the Joe Dalton Band. We are hoping to have it on the newly finished back porch of Town Hall, but will have to coordinate with the Township Committee, who has a meeting scheduled. We are planning to send flyers home with the Day Camp children to additionally advertise this event.

Dr. Nolan reported that maintenance at the parks is on schedule. Some benches were removed from the back of the Recreation Building and are being refinished. They will

be put in some of the other parks, such as Schlesinger, where residents have requested them.

We are still hoping to put in new fencing at Conover Road Park if there are funds available. Dr. Nolan said that he will be able to make that decision around September.

The Sports Foundation has put up batting cages and is constructing an equipment shed at Laird Road Park.

The new Five Point Park is about 85% completed. The drainage has been put in along with fencing, playground equipment, backstops, and the paving is being done. The trail still has to be laid out. We will not seed until mid September.

We were notified this week that we did not receive the grant from the National Soccer Foundation for irrigation. Dr. Nolan said we can reapply in the Fall to Monmouth County for a grant for irrigation instead of the building project at Bucks Mill Park which has not gone well.

**New Business:** Late summer/early fall events will be the 10K Road Race to be held on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Whispering Pines Art Contest during the month of October.

**Comments:** Mrs. Laufer reported on the Senior Citizens. Today they had a picnic at which 90 seniors participated. Last month they took a trip to Vermont. A benefit golf tournament is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>. Several other trips and events are planned for the upcoming months. To date they have 266 member.

Mr. Hennessy expressed concern over a trail that was wiped out between Deerpath Lane and Cedar Drive School. He also mentioned that we might reconsider having the Fall Festival again if funding was available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectively submitted,

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