

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: July 2, 2008

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

Absent: Rich Rehm, Dwight Wolf, A.J. Garito

Township Liaison Present: Tom Hennessey

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

The Committee approved the minutes from June 4, 2008.

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

Colts Neck Polo Presentation

Art Goodwin, Vince Cirullo, Gifford Baume presented the committee with the details from the Polo event this past Sunday. The field was cleared immediately after the first sign of lightning and the gates were closed. Chairman Valenti praises the Polo club for having a safety plan in place. The two men hit by the lightning are both doing well as are the horses which were knocked to the ground. The Polo representatives explained their safety procedures to the committee and commended the entire Township for working together on Sunday.

I. Summer Programs Update

Dr. Nolan stated our day camps opened this past Monday. Attendance is down a bit from last year, in discussion with surrounding towns he stated they also are seeing low turnouts in many of their programs. Dr. Nolan is attributing the economy as a possible reason for the low attendance at the day camps. Our Sports Camps are also experiencing an economic impact on low attendance this year. Instructional programs are underway for summer, our Jr. Golf and Adult Tennis are both full. This Friday is our Firework Program, Dr. Nolan stated he met with the Community Band and Public Works to ensure the set up is done correctly. A new state rule is limiting the use of outside generators, there will be one vendor using a generator this year. The Purple Martin area has been fenced off for the event. This will be Colts Neck's 32nd year for the July 4 Firework Program. As in past years. Dr. Nolan will be monitoring the weather for the event. Our Adult Volleyball program will start next Tuesday, July 8, the program was originally slated to start July 1. Our Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, July 12 from 10 am – noon. This year's Swing Band concert at Township Hall will be held on Thursday, July 24 at Township Hall.

II. Park Operations

Dr. Nolan advised the Recreation and Parks Building bids are out, with a deadline of this Friday. We expect to start the project within the next two weeks. Bids are out to vendors to resurface the Cedar Drive Tennis. We will be moving forward with resurfacing the tennis courts at Cedar Drive. Playground equipment selection for Laird Road will also be completed, Dr. Nolan will be ordering the equipment in the near future. Big Brook Bridge will be completed by the end of the year, Five Point soccer fields have a 2nd well in place. Dr. Nolan added he sent a memo to Township Administrator Bob Bowden suggesting the Township apply for Monmouth County Grant monies. If granted the funding, and if the Township matches the County funding we may see irrigation at Five Point next year. General park maintenance is underway, Dr. Nolan asked Ed Thompson, Director of Public Works to provide the name of the individual who will act as summer foreman for parks. Dr. Nolan has compiled a list of projects to be completed this summer.

III. New Business

The 30th annual 10K Road Race is scheduled for September 7, 2008. Dr. Nolan added Dr. Faistl has been sponsoring this event for the all 30 years along with Joe Danek, owner of Buy Rite. This event will be followed by the 16th Annual Whispering Pines Art Contest which begins in September and runs through October.

Other Business

Mr. Mancino advised the committee that Mr. Lutewitte asked him to again to discuss with the committee the plan to remove the karate equipment from the Karate program. And/or what is being done to conceal the equipment to make the room more attractive? Dr. Nolan said the instructor keeps the equipment in a designated section of the facility, and there is very little mess. The program is one of the most popular run by the Township.

Senior Update

Ms. Laufer provided an update on the Senior Citizen club, going strong with 271 members. She also asked about the trees along the Community Center where Grandma's Attic will be displaying their items at the Fair. Dr. Nolan spoke to Fire Marshall Zander and the trees are not a safety issue. He also spoke with Ed Thompson and Ken Olson of Public Works who also recommended the trees remain due to septic system and gas lines being near that site. A suggestion was made to bring in a light tower to provide lighting for the fair.

Other Issues

Mayor Hennessey discussed the Monmouth County Grant options, and in looking at the 15 year history, equipment or "irrigation" were items the County has not approved in terms of Grant monies. Therefore, the Township Committee's first priority would be land acquisition followed by Tennis Courts at Conover Road, then irrigation.

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The Committee agreed to resume meeting in September. Mr. Valenti reminded the committee prior to our September 3rd meeting those interested will meet at 7 pm at the Freer Preserve to view the sight.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 8:00 pm. at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary

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Memorial Day Items for 2009

1. Mr. Piotrowski – difficult to drop off the girl scouts from the float, there was no room to unload the girls; Mom's had to be there before each girl was let off the float.
2. The float behind Mr. Piotrowski did not know where to deliver the trailer. Dr. Nolan stated that trailer was supposed to be dropped at Bucks Mill's block building.
3. All agreed flags distributed prior to the parade start should continue.
4. Confusion with the Fire Chief in terms of the line up and use of sirens and line up?
5. Suggested someone stand at the next corner after the parade start with the lineup chart to ensure groups are in line accordingly. (i.e. clown behind the Veterans;)
6. Bike Contest – great turnout; description for next year “exclude scooters?” Mr. Wolf – no grades on awards; Ms. Burke school participation. Need to be flexibility with trophies.
8. Mr. Piotrowski – too many scooters etc. weaving in and out of parade vehicles. Difficult to see around antique vehicles.
9. Ms. Lesta suggested – laminate cards with parade details.
10. Mr. Wolf suggested a sign in sheet for each group.
11. Attendance was good, but not as well attended as committee hoped. Continue with advertising the parade.
12. Mayor Hennessy received excellent feedback from several residents in town for a great parade, and gave kudos to the Department of Recreation and Parks for sending out “thank you” notes promptly to parade participants.