

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee  
Minutes – July 1, 2009**

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Attendees: Frank Baker, Paul Wild, Phil Maida, Rich Rehm, Dwight Wolf, Joe Mancino

Absent: Jim Valenti, A.J. Garito, Ed Piotrowski, Leonor Lesta, Candice Burke

Township Liaison Absent: Ken Florek

Also in Attendance: Judy Laufer

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Frank Baker at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee approved the minutes from June 3, 2009

The Treasurer's Report was read.

**New Business**

Mr. Hennessy stated **256 campers** have enrolled in the **Summer Day Camps** at Cedar Drive and Conover Road to date with applications still being processed. Several younger applicants were hired to be Counselors in Training. Highlights of the trips planned at the camps were shared with the committee. Trips to surrounding County Parks were added to the trip calendars. Transportation will be provided to nearby trips with our **Recreation bus** which was donated by the Board of Education. Topics of these County Park trips include **lectures** on Indian, Seashore, Dinosaurs and Snakes conducted at both camps. Mr. Hennessy continued that the bus has been painted by community volunteers. Unfortunately, maintenance issues have been discovered to the bus that would be necessary to be completed prior to getting it inspected. However, these issues should be resolved prior to the start of camp. Mr. Baker asked if the numbers of enrolled children are close to last year's numbers. We do have some last minute registrants and the total enrolled would probably be over 300 which is approximately 10 registrants lower than last year. A new summer fitness program has been added, **Teen Zumba**, due to popular demand **Kickboxing** has been expanded to Fridays as well as Tuesdays. **July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration** will be Saturday, with Garden State Fireworks providing a show twice as large as last year for the same budget of 11K. Mr. Baker asked if that included ground displays, and Mr. Hennessy said yes there will be 10 ground displays. Mr. Hennessy read the ad that was sent to the Asbury Park Press related to the activities for July 4<sup>th</sup>. The **Fishing Derby** will be held on July 11 at a new location of Bucks Mill. Mr. Hennessy noted the ponds at Town Hall were weedy and there is more shade at Bucks Mill. Colts Neck has a **new Polo group** in town, the new group will be using the Polo field with top players from Argentina. Due to the rain in June, the repairs for **Tennis Courts at Laird Road** are scheduled for mid July. **Park/Preserve Stewards Report** – Mr. Baker mentioned the woodchuck holes are still at Township Hall Park's fitness trail area. He commented the fitness trail paths are in need of more gravel. He also commented the Blind Garden is in need of plants and fencing repair. He asked who is responsible for maintain the Blind Garden? Mr. Hennessy replied Public Works. He noted he has hired two additional summer employees who will be starting next week with Public Works; perhaps they would be assigned to spruce up the Blind Garden. Mr. Rehm reported more damage has been done to Freer Preserve, tree damage and vandalism to the fencing. He noticed the guards on the recycle and trash cans have been broken. No issues were reported from the other parks/preserve stewards. Colts Neck Sport Foundation approved irrigation for the in-field at Five Point Park's 90 foot field. Mr. Hennessy received a letter from Growing Concerns, the company who installed the piping at Five Point. Sprinkler heads were donated by Rainbird and piping by Storr Tractor to the project, and have charged the Township for installation only. Due to the rainy June, the Kifco unit has not been used for irrigation. Mr. Wolf noted the Boy Scouts will look into replacing the sign at Obre Preserve with a new one. **Mr. Florek** had nothing to report from the Township. **Open Discussion followed** – Mr. Hennessy stated there would be light towers at Cedar Drive, Bucks Mill Road and Forrest Drive will also be near the parking areas for July 4th. He has increased the size of the rental stage from Monmouth Parks, allowing both band members to be more comfortable in performing. He asked the Committee to use their preferred parking letters in their car windshields as parking permits. The parking professional parking company led by Mr. Gil Sanchez will be advised. Mr. Baker reminded the

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Committee normally there is no meeting in August, and poled the committee members. All agreed to reconvene on September 2. **Senior News** – Mrs. Laufer noted the Swing Band concert will be attended by the seniors on July 23 at Township Hall. Their trip to the Oak Tree Lodge was cancelled due to a rain storm. Some future trips include Gettysburg, PA, and dinner at Our House in Farmingdale.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary