

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: September 5, 2007

Attendees: Dr. Harold Nolan, Frank Baker, Bruce Bennett, Richard Rehm, A.J. Garito, Joe Mancino, Ed Piotrowski,

Jim Valenti, Leonor Lesta, Dwight Wolf

Absent: Candice Burke, Philip Maida

Township Liaison Absent: Tom Hennessy

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

The Committee approved the minutes from July 11, 2007.

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

The Pop Warner Presentation will be postponed per Jim Valenti. The Colts Neck Sports Foundation are scheduled for our October meeting, Pop Warner will be rescheduled to November.

Summer Programs

Day Camp enrollment was approximately 20% less than last year Dr. Nolan stated. There were no major problems at either Cedar Drive or Conover Road camps. Mr. Bennett asked what is the cost of the camp? Dr. Nolan explained the cost was \$290 and was increased this year to \$315. We contribute about \$110,000 in revenue from all of our programs and \$11,000 from the Craft Fair which all goes into the general fund of the Township. The Sports Camps were all profitable, which we co-sponsor by providing the facilities, marketing and insurance. The Jr. Golf program capped out, the fitness programs were all well attended, and Youth Tennis has decreased a bit due to the Sports Foundations' programs. The Community Band Youth Program this summer was also co-sponsored by our department and was very successful. We had a great turnout for the summer concert featuring Jim Day's Swing Band.

Fall Programs

The 29th Annual 10K Run is scheduled for September 9, as for the past 29 years Dr. Faistel is the major sponsor along with Delicious Orchards, and Buy Rite. Our Instructional Programs are set to begin, along with a Fall Craft Workshop, Golf for Women, Intro to Scrap Booking and Zumba all new programs. Dr. Nolan noted both men and women are signing up for many of the fitness classes. We are also adding a sound system to the room which will be state of the art for all programs. The Community Band is having a Fall concert, the date is not available yet, but Dr. Nolan stated it will be posted on our website. In addition we are also partnering with the United Soccer Academy for a soccer camp and late fall with a Lacrosse Camp with Jeff Rosenberg. Lou Picolla contacted the department and will be co-sponsoring a Winter basketball clinic.

Special Events

October 1 starts our Whispering Pines Art Contest which runs through November. Our Halloween Costume Party for children is free and is scheduled for October 28, and our Veteran's Day Ceremony scheduled for November 11.

Park Maintenance/Management Update

We've been receiving bids for replacing windows, siding, and new entry door to our Administration Building. Once we receive all of the bids, work will begin in the coming weeks. Laird Road Baseball front baseball fields fencing will be removed and the old dugouts will be replaced with benches. Dr. Nolan met with George Corsi and other members of the Sports Foundation. They're suggesting a septic system to Laird Road, replacing the concession building, and adding bathrooms. In addition, to a pavilion with picnic tables etc. Our staff would perform some of the work necessary. Dr. Nolan will be meeting with Ed Thompson of Public Works to discuss the project. Big Brook Preserve will be getting a pre-fab bridge from the Schlesinger funds.

Fall Soccer preparation is underway, Dr. Nolan will contact Bill Meyers, a soil expert for recommendations to Five Point Park fields. Mr. Bennett stated a sprinkler system is necessary for those fields. Dr. Nolan stated our Department of Public Works is really a great job and working many projects, they just completed breaking down the Fair, now they're preparing for fields for soccer, and preparing for our 10K on Sunday.

Senior News

Ms. Laufer reported 292 members in the Seniors club. The bus trip to see Jersey Boys will be limited to Members and "helpers" of the club as the demand as exceeded the number of tickets purchased. The Health Department will offer free Flu shots again this year. A concert featuring Jim Day's Swing Band is scheduled for Fall.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
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Barbara Byrne, Secretary