

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES: September 5, 2012**

Attendees: Frank Baker, Rich Rehm, Joe Mancino, Phil Maida, Paul Wild, Brian McNally, A.J. Garito

Committee Excused Absences: Jim Valenti, Candice Burke, Ed Piotrowski

Township Liaison Absent: Jarrett Engel

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Frank Baker at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from June 6, 2012.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Mr. Hennessy announced the resignation of Leonor Lesta. She has relocated to North Carolina. He asked the committee to contact him with any recommendations for her replacement.

**Old Business**

Stewards of the Park – Mr. Hennessy gave Mr. McNally a map of Obre Preserve. He asked if anyone had feedback from their park. Mr. Rehm commented the tree down in Freer Preserve. Mr. Hennessy will likely re-route the path in Freer Preserve.

Fishing Derby – This years Derby had a fair turnout, Mr. Hennessy stated. It was one of the hottest days this summer. Approximately 30 fish were caught by 1 participant. The coverage of the event in the local paper was very well done. Mr. Piotrowski gave a casting demonstration prior to the start of the fishing derby.

Summer Day Camp – The 2011 camp staff all returned this year. It was great to have consistency in camp management. The only additions to staff were two Art Assistants, one for each camp. One being a Counselor in Training the other was paid the Counselor rate.

Income Generation – We had more summer camp registrations than last year. Mr. Hennessy also instituted a no pro-rating policy all had to pay for the entire 7 weeks, unless the child was attending one of our sponsored sports camps. There was also no refunds for trips. He shared with the committee the lists of trips and said the children were kept busy! The end of camp talent show was held at the High School auditorium. In the past each camp held their own talent show. Combining the camps for one show was very successful. Mr. Maida asked if we make a profit on the trips. Mr. Hennessy explained about \$1.00 per each child. On no trip days, the camps had special events. He commended the very cleaver staff for creating these events.

Fall Program Guide – Mr. Hennessy shared the Fall Program Guide by noting there was not one empty space! Several new programs have been added for the Fall.

September Calendar of Events – The Arts and Craft Festival will be held September 29 and 30 Bucks Mill Park, Rockfest will host several local bands on September 15 at Bucks Mill Park, including Mr. Garito's "Two River Band". Mr. Mancino asked if the Township pays the bands, Mr. Hennessy replied no a resident is organizing the event. Whispering Pines Art Contest will begin receiving art work September 10.

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Fall lime and fertilizer application – Mr. Hennessy is preparing for the projects by purchasing supplies and setting up appropriate resources.

Misc.

Mr. Hennessy advised the committee he presented a wish list of park projects at the July 8 Township Committee Meeting. Items on the list were a collection from meetings Mayor Engle held the past 18 months with residents and the Sports Foundation. As a result of the park projects, a subcommittee has been formed including Mr. Hennessy, Township Administrator Robert Bowden, CFO John Antonides, Committeeman Fitzgerald and Mayor Engle. A bond is may be possible to assist in paying for park improvements. Mr. McNally asked who needs to approve these projects, Mr. Wild asked if the Township need to approve. Mr. Hennessy added with a plan in place, there will be more updates forthcoming.

Senior Citizen News – Ms. Laufer commented it has been a tough summer with the passing of members. Upcoming trips include Lancaster, PA and West Point, NY.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, 2012.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Byrne