

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
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Attendees: Chris Adams, Frank Baker, Phil Maida, Judy Laufer, Joe Mancino, Brian McNally, Ronnie Sullivan, D.J. TenHoeve

Excused Absence: Rich Rehm, Paul Wild, John Rocco

Township Liaison Present: Mr. Eastman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Adams at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from March 2, 2016.

Old Business

Stewards of the Park/Earth Week Assignments - Members received Earth Week Clean up assignments. Mr. Hennessy explained the Lions club will be cleaning up Bucks Mill Park prior to their Wine Tasting Event on May 7. Ms. Sullivan asked what is the process with the clean up in terms of contacting these groups. Mr. Hennessy stated he will take care of Cedar Drive Park. Her contact, Mr. Alvarez is the coach of the Cedar Drive Middle School baseball team. He will be meeting with Mr. Hennessy tomorrow. He will speak to Mr. Alvarez about the clean up. Mr. Adams suggested Mr. Hennessy review the background of the program for new members. Each Park Steward is assigned an organization in Town to clean their assigned park or preserve. The steward makes a phone call to set up a time and plans for cleaning up. Mr. Hennessy will supply bags, gloves and pickup sticks.

Ms. Sullivan noted the football field at Bucks Mill Park looks wonderful. The debris is cleaned up and the field looks maintained.

Easter Egg Hunt – Mr. Hennessy stated 80-100 participants hunted for the 1,000 eggs on March 19. And the women's auxiliary did a nice job supplying brunch and coffee.

Special Events

- Opening Day CNSF Baseball/Softball, Saturday April 9th
- Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – April 16th, 17th and April 30th, May 1st
- CNHS Powder Run 5K – May 14th
- Memorial Day Parade May 30th
- Maverick Lacrosse Tournament, June 4th
- Fishing Derby, Sunday, June 5th
- Battle of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament June 11th – 12th
- Summer Camp June 27th – August 5th

Memorial Day Parade – Mr. Hennessy has secured 3 antique fired equipment pieces. Ms. Sullivan mentioned the Wells Fargo Stage Coach was in the Freehold Parade in addition to Rumson, it is available. Mr. Hennessey will proceed to obtain the stagecoach for Colts Neck.

The Fishing Derby is moved to a Sunday and attendance is anticipated to increase. Mr. Hennessy explained on Saturdays, kids were coming in their sports uniforms to fish. On Sunday, without games and other activities, he hopes to have more participation. The Thompson family would like to contribute to BMP and Mr. Hennessy is going to discuss with them the replacement of the sharp metal posts at the upper field of BMP with new pillars which are to be capped. This is the same area the Trail Riders brought to the committee's attention in the Fall. Ms. Sullivan noted Mr. Hennessy may call upon the Trail Riders for a donation for either is project or another equine project.

Mr. Hennessy is thrilled with the camp staff again this year. They have been meeting and planning trips and other camp items during the past few months. The Supervisory staff is totally dedicated to the children having a great experience.

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Mr. Adams noted all travel soccer games will now be held at Five Point Park. The park will also host a food concession truck on Sundays. Mr. McNally asked if all games are held there, it must get crowded. Mr. Adams replied yes, and it is crowded, but it is great to see the activity and the children of all ages participating.

New Business

Spring Field Preparation - The above events were reviewed by Mr. Hennessy. Mr. Ten Hoeve shared # 1 field at Laird Road is a showplace, it being in very good condition. Cedar Drive and Five Point soccer fields are also in great shape. Mr. Hennessy noted the Sports Foundation spent not only money but time and effort to make these fields exceptional. They work very closely as a unit to accomplish these results. Mr. Ten Hoeve mentioned Tim Mariner and A.J. Garito have really helped to bring Five Point fields up to speed. By using his own equipment and 25 – 30 hours on working those fields, Mr. Mariner made a noticeable contribution.

Community Pass – Recreation Management Software – Mr. Hennessy stated with summer camp approaching, field request and a new software system coming, we have a lot going on in our office. Our Department will be implementing Community Pass, which will provide on line registration and payment for all of our programs and permit requests. Barbara and I will be attending a kick off meeting with Capture Point who provides the software. Also in attendance will be Ms. Capristo, Administrator and Mr. Antonides, CFO.

Senior Citizen Club – Ms. Laufer attended the monthly meeting/luncheon today at the colts Neck Inn. Dr. Panicali provided a short presentation on the importance of exercise. His wife, Lisa, a certified Zumba instructor, reinforced that sentiment and invited all to attend a free 45 minute trial class on Monday at 14 Heyers Mill Road.

Ms. Laufer noted the Club has 270 members and 100 plus attended today's meeting. She wanted to advise Seniors pay 80% of all trips, and town pays 20%.

Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Hennessy asked Mr. Adams to share status from the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Adams explained the committee had a meeting and familiarizing themselves with the towns' assets. They also compiled a wish list. The committee will be thinking "out of the box" for methods of funding. He noted Mr. Hennessy has been doing a great job with the parks. He asked Ms. Sullivan provide input on ways to use their park assets. In June the committee will provide a collective report and recommended benefits of assets to enhance. It was also noted there are many grant opportunities. Monmouth County Parks deadline for grants is September. The Sports Foundation had a "go fund me" site for softball. The effort raised \$7K in 72 hours. Centralizing field playing will be looked at, as well as other space in the Township that may be used for parks.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Adams, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary