

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee  
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Attendees: Frank Baker, Phil Maida, Rich Rehm, Brian McNally, Paul Wild, Ed Piotrowski, Leonor Lesta

Excused Absence: A.J. Garito

Township Liaison Excused Absence: Mike Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Frank Baker, (Chairman, Jim Valenti arrived later and conducted the remainder of the meeting.) at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the June 2, 2010 meeting minutes; May 5, 2010 minutes approval will carry over to September meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read

**Old Business**

Publicity – Mr. Hennessy shared articles of the Memorial Day Parade, the Baker Family 5K, the Committee members attending the Polo Match, July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Horse Month celebration at the Library. He commented we are getting excellent news coverage of events.

**New Business**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Mr. Hennessy and the committee reviewed the event, commenting how wonderful the Colts Neck Swing Band and Colts Neck Community Band performed. Mr. Hennessy asked the Community Band to lengthen their program to ensure it would be dark enough to display the fireworks. Attendance was down compared to last year. Mr. Hennessy stated 720 cars attended providing income of \$3,610, with the parking company being paid \$1,950 and the fireworks costing \$10K. The parking attendants did comment that the \$5.00 fee seemed to prevent a rowdy crowd. Ralph Somma and Mr. Hennessy reviewed the lighting logistics on Saturday, two of the three lighting stations were donated by Pop Warner. As we provide storage for the lighting, we are able to utilize them. Ms. Burke did mention Colts Neck was the only town charging a fee for Fireworks according to the newspaper.

Summer Camp – Mr. Hennessy distributed the trip calendars from each camp and statistics of registrants from each camp. This year there are no 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending. These grades will likely be eliminated next year. Mr. Maida commented there are many 6<sup>th</sup> grade children enrolled at the camp, ask them if they plan on returning next year before eliminating those grades. Due to the high enrollment at Conover Road, Counselors were moved from Cedar Drive to accommodate Conover Road's enrollment. This year a Pirate Ship trip located in Brick was added to the calendar. Ms. Burke commented this trip "sold out" very quickly.

Fishing Derby, July 10 – A fishing clinic will be held at 9:30 prior to the 10:00 am start of the Derby. John Hyde owner of The Kids Fishing Shop will be conducting the clinic.

Freer Nature Preserve now has a lower path off Rt. 34 along the bank of the stream. This new path adds a lot to the Preserve. This was completed as an Eagle Scout Project.

Discussion related to the Fireworks – Mr. Baker asked if the Vendors did well. Mr. Hennessy spoke to the Vendors who seemed to think many stayed in their air conditioned homes and came to the park at 9 pm. Thus sales were down prior to the event.

Mr. Mancino had taken riding lessons from Cathy Poppe and stated the information and cost are inaccurate in our Spring brochure. Mr. Hennessy, stated she contacted him when the information did not appear in the

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Summer brochure (due to space issues with all of the summer programs) and mentioned nothing of the inaccuracies. He will contact her and revise information for the Fall brochure.

Mr. Baker stated as in the past the Committee does not have an August meeting. All concurred not to have an August meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Laufer reported sixty Seniors attended their picnic at the Oak Tree Lodge today, 10 cancelled at the last minute due to the heat. Membership is at 270.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary