

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES; June 5, 2013

Attendees: Jim Valenti, Frank Baker, Phil Maida, Judy Laufer, Brian McNally, Rich Rehm, Paul Wild

Absent: Brian McNally, Joe Mancino, Ed Piotrowski, A.J. Garito, Candice Burke

Township Liaison Absent: Mike Fitzgerald

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

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

The Committee approved the minutes of May 1, 2013.

Old Business

Critique of Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and Firehouse – Mr. Maida stated the Line of March was a bit out of order. Mr. Hennessy suggested a few of the judges from the bicycle contest may be needed as parade marshals next year to ensure the line of march. He added the parade did start on time this year. Mr. Maida asked where were the antique cars, they usually line up on the corner for Heyers Mill towards the First Aid building. Mr. Hennessy put the cars in front of the First Aid building. He explained during the am he had placed wooden horses at Deep Woods Rd to allow Mr. Piotrowski to swing the girl scout trailer around, when he arrived later a porsche and a motorcycle both parked in front of the horses. Next year he will obtain no parking signs from the police department. Mr. Baker and Mr. Rehm commented the parade moved nicely down Heyers Mill Road. Mr. Valenti noted a bit of a “log jam” with Colts Neck Fire Department #2, but cleared up shortly after. Mr. Maida noted an emergency call came through, causing the trucks to exit the parade. Mr. Valenti commented the crowd was very light this year along the parade route, however, the crowd was larger at the gravesite. Mr. Baker asked about the crowds waiting for free hot dogs. Mr. Hennessy indicated toward the end of the gravesite ceremony, Mr. Galinski signaled the fire department to open the doors for the hot dogs. Mr. Maida added some of the bicycle contest participants arrived after the start time of 10 am and the contest was already over. Mr. Hennessy asked Mrs. Rao, who is an art teacher at Conover Road Elementary School and also Supervisor at the Summer Day Camp at the same school, to incorporate into her art curriculum next year and bicycle decorating. This effort may be helpful in creating more interest in next years contest. Mr. Rehm received feedback from a horseback rider, cars were throwing candy to the children along the parade route. The children came running out to grab the candy and spooked the horses. Ms. Laufer noted there were many cars throwing candy and beads. It was noted for next year to keep the cars throwing candy towards the back of the parade. Overall all commented it was a nice parade. Ms. Laufer added Mr. Sullivan’s miniature donkey was a cute addition to the parade. Mr. Hennessy asked if anyone heard any complaints about the sirens, no one received any complaints.

Summer Program Guide – One of Mr. Hennessy’s goals was to replace the parks and preserves use map with programs. This program guide fulfilled his goal, with an increase of summer sports camps, specifically partnering more with Colts Neck High School coaches. Mr. Baker asked if sign ups were done on line this year. Mr. Hennessey said no, we may have about 20% less signups for the first week of June than last year because parents cannot sign up on line. He added camp signups will likely decrease as there is a decrease in school age children. Ms. Laufer noted during their Senior Citizen meeting at the Primary School there were 75 children in the Kindergarten class.

Summer Camp – Mr. Hennessy stated 100% of the camp staff will return this year. Counselor Interviews and selection is complete, letters went out today for those being hired at the camp. Orientation and moving day will be Friday, June 28. Col. Sfayer and the Colts Neck Police Department will be assisting Mr. Hennessey with a Safety Manual for Camp this year. All supervisory staff that are not teachers will be

undergoing a background check. Mr. Valenti asked how many adults. Mr. Hennessy stated 8 adults are in supervisory roles and 4 would be undergoing background checks. Mr. Valenti asked how would the background checks be proven and what is the extent of the background checks. Mr. Hennessy was not sure but would advise the committee. Mr. Valenti asked if they would be fingerprinted. Mr. Hennessy stated no. Mr. Valenti explained the Colts Neck Sports Foundation used a company called "Kidsafe" and after the completion of the background checks a report was sent to the Sports Foundation. Mr. Valenti expressed the importance of having a written record of these background checks. Mr. Maida stated the Chief of Police assisted First Aid. Mr. Valenti noted a company separate for the local police provides the report with Kidsafe.

Field Maintenance – Mr. Hennessy stated fertilizer was applied to the inner portion of all baseball fields this week. Irrigation at Five Point Park soccer fields is complete with testing tomorrow.

Bucks Mill Activities for month of June – The annual Fishing Derby is Saturday, June 8. The new date is advertised on our website. Mr. Valenti asked if the event is rain or shine. Mr. Hennessy advised it is rain or shine and has 2 canopy/tents in case of rain. Battle of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament will be held June 15 and June 16 at Bucks Park.

Senior News – Ms. Laufer stated it was a rough month for the Senior Citizen Club due to a few members who passed away. There are about 250 members as of this month. In June members will be travelling to Cape May, the summer trips include Washington DC, Doolans in Spring Lake and two nights in Boston. She added the trips are never "repeats" due to the planning of Mr. Walsh, Club President. Ms. Laufer stated the trips are always interesting with excellent restaurants.

The committee agreed to not hold the July 3 and August 7 meetings.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Valenti adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne
Secretary