

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES: June 4, 2008

Attendees: Dr. Nolan, Jim Valenti, Leonor Lesta, Candice Burke, Joe Mancino, Phil Maida, Rich Rehm, Ed Piotrowski, Dwight Wolf

Absent: Frank Baker, A.J. Garito

Township Liaison Present: Tom Hennessy

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

The Committee approved the minutes from May 7, 2008.

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

Colts Neck Classic Bicycle Race

Event organizer, Doug Mitchell expressed a thank you for the township's participation in the Classic Bicycle Race. The event has been running for fifteen years in Colts Neck. The organization also provides donations to the Colts Neck First Aid and Recreation and Parks. The race is on the National Calendar, and bicycle participants enjoy the competitive rural route.

Instructional Programs

Spring programs are coming to an end, women's softball league is running smoothly as well as the men's softball program. A good turn out was displayed for the 30th Annual Jr. Olympic Track Meet. The 44th Memorial Day Parade was a success, with 33 groups only 2 did not show for parade day – the Cheerleaders and the Earle Color Guard both were contacted via letter and telephone. Overall it was a great day.

Summer Program Update

Dr. Nolan stated our brochure this year is loaded with programs, events, sports camps. Counselors have been hired for the day camp. Most all of previous years supervisors have returned, including several who are certified teachers. Our Sports Camp list has expanded, it works out well as we partner with many coaches, most have their own registration process and we receive a percentage of their fees. It works well for both parties. Instructional Programs for summer, some will begin mid June others the end of June, we are continuing the "School of Rock" in conjunction with the Colts Neck Custom Shop. Our 30th Annual Fishing Derby will be held on July 12. Our 4th of July Fireworks will be held on July 4, with a concert by both our Colts Neck Swing Band and Community Band. Our summer concert will feature the Swing Band on July 24th at Township Hall.

Park Maintenance & Operations

General Field Maintenance – Dr. Nolan stated cutting and liming the fields are in process. He also sent a memo to Ed Thompson asking who the temporary Park Foreman will be, and will be meeting with the individual in the near future. Ms. Burke asked if this was a new position we've discussed? Dr. Nolan stated the permanent position is in limbo until a decision is reached, but that Public Works will assign an individual to act as the summer Park Foreman. The first project is to repair the fence at the Freer Preserve, in addition to a dozen other projects. Five Point Park telephone pole – the 2nd well was dug last week, currently Dr. Nolan needs to obtain a "DR" number from JCP&L for electricity to be hooked up at the pole. Eagle Scout Project will begin next week at Five Point – a kiosk similar to Bucks Mill will be constructed. In October Fred Hyer's Eagle Project will include two smaller kiosks at Laird Road Park

Capital Projects for 2008

Dr. Nolan advised the Recreation and Parks Building is still on the list for completion, a new contractor recently received his NJ Certification to do business in NJ which is required for any municipal projects. Dr. Nolan will need to re-quote the project due to the time frame of the previous quotes. We will be moving forward with resurfacing the tennis courts at Cedar Drive. Playground equipment for Laird Road will also be completed, Dr. Nolan will be ordering the equipment prior to July 1st to avoid additional costs. He was advised that there will be fuel cost increases on all orders after July 1.

Senior Update

Ms. Laufer provided an update on the Senior Citizen club, going strong with 266 members. They recently had their last meeting until October.

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Other Issues

Mayor Hennessy introduced a concern in conjunction with Ms. Laufer. The shrubbery on the east side of the Community Center is creating an issue for Grandma's Attic which is sponsored by the Seniors during the fair. Lighting is used along that side of the building and the shrubbery is blocking access for trucks to provide lighting. She asked what group is doing planting at the location? The shrubbery was not there last August for the fair. Dr. Nolan stated it is likely the Shade Tree Committee planting at the site; he will look into moving the plants to allow access.

Mr. Lutkewitte asked to address a concern regarding the Community Center. He passed out photographs taken of the karate equipment which is displayed in the building and explained a potential liability. The previous evening a meeting was held at the building and luckily no one fell over the equipment which remains in one corner of the building. Dr. Nolan explained the Community Center is a multi-purpose facility. Mr. Lutewitte stated the building was all cleaned up nicely for the wine tasting event. A suggestion was made to rope off the area and provide signage around the karate equipment. Chairman Valenti asked Dr. Nolan if he had the resources to check the facility and/or for maintenance? The committee agreed another situation in which a full time Park Foreman would be beneficial.

Mr. Valenti introduced an idea to the committee for field trips prior to the monthly meetings to Township facilities/parks with Dr. Nolan. This opportunity would provide insight on each facility to the members.

Mr. Mancino will speak to the Polo Club for interest in joining our July 2 meeting.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 8:00 pm. at Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary

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Memorial Day Items for 2009

1. Mr. Piotrowski – difficult to drop off the girl scouts from the float, there was no room to unload the girls; Mom's had to be there before each girl was let off the float.
2. The float behind Mr. Piotrowski did not know where to deliver the trailer. Dr. Nolan stated that trailer was supposed to be dropped at Bucks Mill's block building.
3. All agreed flags distributed prior to the parade start should continue.
4. Confusion with the Fire Chief in terms of the line up and use of sirens and line up?
5. Suggested someone stand at the next corner after the parade start with the lineup chart to ensure groups are in line accordingly. (i.e. clown behind the Veterans;)
6. Bike Contest – great turnout; description for next year “exclude scooters?” Mr. Wolf – no grades on awards; Ms. Burke school participation. Need to be flexibility with trophies.
8. Mr. Piotrowski – too many scooters etc. weaving in and out of parade vehicles. Difficult to see around antique vehicles.
9. Ms. Lesta suggested – laminate cards with parade details.
10. Mr. Wolf suggested a sign in sheet for each group.
11. Attendance was good, but not as well attended as committee hoped. Continue with advertising the parade.
12. Mayor Hennessy received excellent feedback from several residents in town for a great parade, and gave kudos to the Department of Recreation and Parks for sending out “thank you” notes promptly to parade participants.