

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: December 3, 2008

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

Township Liaison Present: Tom Hennessy

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jim Valenti at 7:10 p.m.

The Committee approved the minutes from November 5, 2008.

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

Mr. Valenti advised we would be celebrating Dr. Nolan's retirement and last "official" meeting tonight with refreshments. We arranged for the meeting to be held at 7:00 pm for this reason.

Old Business

I. Fall Programs Update

All Instructional programs are winding down this month. Pilates classes are packed. Karate numbers are down, we'll work to promote the program more for the Winter session. Veteran's Day went very well. Dr. Nolan advised the committee the ceremony returned to Cedar Drive school with the 8th grade class in attendance. Mr. Rigby the new Principal was very excited about the event and working with our department. A new part of the ceremony added the introduction of each Veteran by an 8th grade student which we will continue in the future. Whispering Pines Art Contest did not have many entrants this year, but we did have adult and youth entries. This is the last year the contest will be sponsored by Whispering Pines. Dr. Nolan noted the new Director will need to decide to continue and/or obtain a new sponsor.

II. Holiday Festival Program

Dr. Nolan shared Channel 12 will be broadcasting live on Sunday. Our Tree Lighting will be live following the weather report at 5:01 pm on Sunday. The Navesink Brass will begin 3:30 pm, followed by the Colts Neck Dance Studio. There were 18 registrants for the Adult Holiday Craft Workshop on Tuesday. The Children's workshop will be held next Saturday, December 13. Letters to Santa program began on December 1 and will continue through the 19th. Dr. Nolan explained the 2 letters used, a standard letter and we also provide our own letters. Barbara added Ms. Burke will be assisting with this program. The Holiday Shopping Spree may be cancelled due to lack of interest. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10. Dr. Nolan will wait until Friday before making a decision.

New Business

I. 2009 Winter Recreation Programs

Dr. Nolan noted two new programs this Winter – Women's Basketball and Scholastic Fitness under the direction of Maryann Reagan.

II. The Winter brochure will be going to the printer within the next week.

III. Park Operations

Dr. Nolan stated the Recreation Building siding and window project is complete! Ms. Lesta suggested the hardwood floors also be refurbished along with the project. Dr. Nolan will obtain an estimated for this project before year's end. Playground equipment for Laird Road will be constructed by Whirl Construction within the next few weeks. Two new picnic tables will be installed by the Department of Public Works at the Freer Preserve. Part of an Eagle Scout Project will

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provide two new kiosks and a bike rack at Laird Road. Fall lime/fertilizer/seed will be completed on all fields. Dr. Nolan reported the Schlesinger Bridge replacement will likely need to be completed next year under the new Director.

New Business

I. 2009 Recreation and Park Budgets

In viewing the Recreation and Park budgets discussion between the committee and Dr. Nolan surrounding minor clarifications took place. There was nothing major from either budget document.

Mr. Valenti asked if the email mass distribution was included in the cost of line item from R2D2 in support of Computer maintenance. Dr. Nolan explained R2D2 provided a cost of this request, but at this time we will work with the Township website committee to complete this item. The Police Department will be introducing a reverse 911 system that may be used for mass mailings. A question regarding the cost of janitorial supplies was asked, Dr. Nolan explained the maintenance of our building as well as the Community Center comes under this budget. Public Works does the maintenance currently without charge to the users of the building.

II. Capital Budget Discussion

A three year Capital budget was presented to Committee members. This included funds for 50% of the costs of irrigation of four fields at Five Point Park, a new office copier, and Bucks Mill Park playground equipment. Discussion was held as to how the remaining 50% of irrigation costs would be funded, and who would be responsible for the maintenance of the system.

Other Items

Ms. Lesta shared a brochure for tinting the windows at 14 Heyers Mill Rd. She also is working to identify a Spring trip for a Broadway play in 2009.

Senior Citizens

Ms. Laufer stated Mr. Walch will become the new President in May 2009. 163 members attended the holiday luncheon at the Molly Pitcher Inn. The President position will be rotated between January and May. Currently there are 280 members. Ms. Laufer noted the budget monies for the club is used to supplement the cost of events and trips which include bus transportation for long distance traveling. Short distances trips they do utilize school busses.

It was decided by the committee, the time of the meetings would change to 7:00 pm beginning on January 7, 2009

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Byrne, Secretary