

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee  
Minutes – March 5, 2014**

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Attendees: Jim Valenti, Frank Baker, Judy Laufer, Rich Rehm, Brian McNally, Phil Maida, Joe Mancino

Excused Absence: A.J. Garito, Christopher Adams, Paul Wild, Ed Piotrowski

Township Liaison Present: Mayor Russell Macnow

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

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from February 5, 2014.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

**Old Business**

Stewards of the Park – Mr. Hennessy, while skiing at Bucks Mill, saw approximately 500 geese. Mr. Baker commented he never has seen so many geese as this winter. Ms. Laufer stated there are 8 dead deer per month found in the Township. Mr. Hennessy noted many turkey buzzards have been seen around the Recreation Building on Heyers Mill Road. He stated the attraction may be the Colts Neck Inn Restaurant dumpsters. Mr. Rehm reported continued vandalism at Schlesinger Preserve, including spray painting tree trunks.

2014 Budget Review – Saturday, at 10 am is the public forum to review the Recreation and Parks budgets. Ms. Laufer asked if Mr. Bowden is keeping the budget to a 2% cap. Mr. Hennessy noted, his budgets are starting higher than last year based on the inclusion of more revenue producing activities.

Asset Management – Community Center is booked solid except for a few hours per week. Winter weather prompted the Sports Foundation to hold a variety of practices inside the facility. It is nice to see the multi-use of the building. Field use – Mr. Hennessy stated organizations are using and providing payment for the fields include Red Bank Catholic Freshmen baseball, Battle Of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament, Colts Neck Mavericks Lacrosse, M&M Senior softball league, Cole Brothers Circus, Arts and Crafts Festival, Wildcat Soccer Tournament, and an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament. Colts Neck Sports Foundation is not using Field # 2 at Bucks Mill and already \$1,800 of revenue has been received through field use and fees. Field Maintenance – There will be a Spring and Fall fertilizing of 50 acres, Mr. Hennessy stated.

**New Business**

Earth Week is April 20 – 26, the committee has their park and preserve assignments. At the April meeting Mr. Hennessy will verify each Township group helping with the clean-up of parks and preserves. He has been contacted by Weichert Realty to provide support.

Special Events – Mr. Hennessy reviewed briefly the list below of events coming to the Township:

- Children's Easter Crafts, Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Program Guide, April 10 – June 27
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (raindate April 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Ultimate Frisbee, Saturday and Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Earth Day Week, April 20 – 26<sup>th</sup>

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Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Colts Neck Mavericks Lacrosse Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>

Wildcat Soccer Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Cole Brothers Circus, Sunday – Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>

Battle of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament, Saturday and Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Lions Club Bicycle Tour, Saturday and Sunday, June 21 – 22

Colts Neck Fair – Thursday – Sunday, July 10 - 13

Fishing Derby, Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Colts Neck Trail Riders Poker Ride and Rutgers Reunion, Saturday, July 12

Colts Neck Summer Camp June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>

Colts Neck High School Summer Camps

Volunteers – Mr. Hennessy will be meeting with the volunteer coordinator of St. Mary's church this week. They would like to become involved with the community. Ms. Laufer suggested Mr. Hennessy contact Jeff Noll from the Reformed Church. He is the youth coordinator.

Mr. Maida asked if we had anything to do with the Montrose School House as the fence was knocked down. Ms. Laufer replied, Ms. Burry is the contact not this committee. He continued by stating the Colts Neck Fair needs volunteers asap. The vendor who provides midway rides will be returning. There will be fireworks on Thursday night. Most of the work takes place before the start of the fair, if anyone knows of anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact Mr. Maida. Mr. Hennessy stated he'd mention this at the St. Mary's meeting. Mr. Laufer suggested he contact the ROTC for assistance with the Colts Neck fair.

Senior Citizens – Ms. Laufer stated the club met today approximately 80 in attendance at the Colts Neck Inn. February they are travelling to Hunterdon Hills Play House, then to the Two River Theater. A Caribbean cruise is scheduled for May. This trip will be paid for by individuals attending the cruise, not the Township.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Valenti adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary