

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee  
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Attendees: Jim Valenti, Frank Baker, Brian McNally, Phil Maida, Joe Mancino, Rich Rehm Paul Wild, Judy Laufer, Chris Adams

Excused Absence: A.J. Garito, Ed Piotrowski

Township Liaison Absent: Mayor Russell Macnow

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

The Sunshine Statement was read.

Chairman Valenti provided revisions to the minutes from June 4, 2014.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

**Old Business**

Summer in Review – Mr. Hennessy shared Box Racing for dogs will take place on Sundays from 8 am to 10 am at Bucks Mill Park. Other past events included Battle of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament, Cole Brother circus, and the Colts Neck Community Band concert at Thompson Park. Mr. Baker commented it was a great circus, do we know how many people attended. Mr. Hennessy did not know, but stated they will be returning in 2015, the Township did not keep track of attendance. Mr. Hennessy stated the Township Committee wants to continue having events in town. Mr. Baker asked how much money was made from the circus. Mr. Hennessy replied \$6K. The township also hosted summer camps and Women's International soccer at Bucks Mill. American Youth Football and Cheer held their season kick off at the upper field at Bucks Mill Park. Mr. Maida noted the parking lot damage from the circus vehicles still needs to be repaired.

**New Business**

Stewards of the Park – Mr. Hennessy reported the Lion is Club repaired the broken rails of the fence at Bucks Mill Park. He advised Mr. Maida that an Eagle Scout candidate will be enhancing Memorial Park on Heyers Mill Road. Mr. Rehm reported vandalism continues at Freer Preserve. He reported a broken fence and stated the area is in need of clean up. Mr. Hennessy explained the Department of Public Works is down to ten men, with the wind storm in July and many down trees they will likely not be available until Fall. Mr. Valenti asked Mr. Hennessy to ensure the two 9/11 Memorials, one at Township Hall and Laird Road be cleaned up and good flags be flown at both sites. Mr. McNally asked what the block building used for at Bucks Mil Park. Does the Sports Foundation still store equipment in the building. Mr. Hennessy said Public Works stores mowers etc., he stores seed and fertilizer. The building is well used. The cubby section of the building is still used for baseball equipment. Mr. Adams asked if there were any weedwackers the Sports Foundation could use in the building. Mr. Hennessy replied no but it would be worth the Sports Foundation to look at the equipment it has stored in the building.

Fall Brochure and Update – We will be offering Irish Step Dance for Children this Fall, also included is Santa's arrival. Mr. Valenti was told the costs for fitness classes have increased. Ms. Byrne explained summer classes take place for less weeks than Fall programs, which begin in September end in December, more weeks equal a slightly higher fee.

Field Maintenance – Mr. Hennessy stated fields have been lined by the Sports Foundation for soccer kick off on Saturday. An Eagle Scout will be expanding the trail from Schlesinger Preserve to Big Brook Preserve. Bucks Mill Baseball Fields # 2 and # 3 were refurbished, along with Laird Road # 2 baseball

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field. Fall Fertilizer for all fields is scheduled for September 22. CN Recreation is accepting proposals for an irrigation project at Five Point #1 baseball field. Colts Neck Sports Foundation shared the cost for Field # 2 50/70 and will share the cost for Laird Road # 1 60/90 irrigation. The proposed solution for the back fields at Laird Road will be to dig a ditch behind the green monster for water runoff.

Events – Mr. Hennessy shared upcoming Recreation events for Fall:

Art and Craft Harvest Festival – 9/27 & 9/28  
Whispering Pines Art Contest – 9/8 – 11/21  
CNSF Fall Baseball/Softball and Soccer  
Veteran's Day Ceremony – 11/11/14 Colts Neck High School  
Dog Lure Coursing and Box Racing at Bucks Mill

He also noted the recent Pet Fair was very successful, an agency from East Hampton, NY attended and found homes for 26 dogs and cats. Mr. Baker asked who ran the Pet Fair. Mickey Stoble of PCA organized the event with volunteers including the CN Lions Club and Fire Department. They have already booked Bucks Mill for May 16 and 17, 2015.

Senior Citizen's Report – Ms. Laufer reported 267 members in the club. Trips for Fall include Lancaster, PA to attend Sights and Sounds and a trip to Niagara Falls. They are seeking a President and Vice President. The club has a term limit these positions.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Valenti adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary