

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
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Attendees: Frank Baker, Rich Rehm, Brian McNally, Ed Piotrowski, Phil Maida, Paul Wild, Leonor Lesta

Excused Absence: Jim Valenti, Candice Burke, A.J. Garito

Township Liaison Present: Jarrett Engel

Also in attendance: Mr. Eastman

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Frank Baker at 7:10 p.m.

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from May 4, 2011.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Old Business

Memorial Day Parade – Mr. Hennessy commended the committee and all of the volunteers for their time in planning and executing the parade. Mr. Piotrowski suggested the parents of the girl scouts be up front to assist him when they depart from the vehicle. Mr. Wild stated there were fewer children in the bicycle contest this year. It was mentioned there were no posters throughout town advertising the contest, maybe that is the reason the participation was lower than last year. Mr. Engel commented the parade was a lot of fun and he was amazed how the community comes together. He thought there seemed to be enough flags for the Township Committee to distribute. Mr. Baker ran out of flags, he was in the front of the parade and was concerned with people milling around on the roadway at the gravesite. There were no police there to clear the road of the crowd and allow the parade to arrive. Ms. Lesta suggested closing off Heyers Mill at Revolutionary Road. Mr. Maida added participants broke up and started milling into the road. Both Mr. Maida and Mr. Hennessy stated the Colts Neck High School band was better than ever. Mr. Hennessy mentioned the creation of the Veteran's Forum which should be building up with additional participants in time for next years parade. Mr. Maida needed two more veteran coins which were distributed to all Veterans at the ceremony. Mr. Valenti via email suggested Mr. Wheeler attend one of the committees meetings to review the history of the parade. This was Mr. Wheeler's last parade providing the musket salute. He plans to recruit a younger resident to take over this task. Mr. Hennessy asked the committee to provide suggestions on new ideas for the parade throughout the next months. A suggestion was mentioned to have the high school provide a float, maybe initiate a float contest. Mr. Engel suggested children who own horses ride them in the parade and have a horse decorating contest. Mr. Hennessy it was the first time in five years a military vehicle participate in the parade, this was thanks to Col. Sfayer. Mr. Mancino suggested Mr. Hennessy contact Kathy Poppe to identify what children in town have horses.

Summer Program Guide/Summer Day Camp

Mr. Baker asked how the signups for camp going. Mr. Hennessy registration has not started. Once Mr. Antonides sets up the credit card procedure, we can offer registration on-line. It will likely be in 2012.

Mr. Hennessy explained a new exercise class called Drums Alive® is being offered this summer. Colts Neck is the 2nd facility in Monmouth County to offer this class. He is adding four mirrors for the fitness room to enable all participants to track themselves in mirrors especially for the dance classes.

Mr. McNally asked what the procedure is to offer the summer camps. Mr. Hennessy explained he contacts Jeanette Bruno at Colts Neck High school to set up those sports camps. The camps are advertised in our program guide, and each camp provides a percentage of their registrations back to the Recreation and Parks department. Mr. Hennessy explained all trips for the day camp will be distributed well in advance of the start of camp. Trips include the Pirate Ship on Barnegat Bay, Beach, Blue Claws

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and more. Mr. Baker asked if the camp still has the overnight camping trip. Mr. Hennessy discontinued the overnight camping trip.

Summer Camp Staff/Counselor Interviews and Selection

Mr. Hennessy stated 70 interviews for Counselor positions will be done this month. Interviews take place between 3:45 and 6:15 June 15 and June 16. He hopes the registrations for camp is up from 2010. The number at Conover last year was a record breaker. Mr. Hennessy's concern is many local organizations have experienced lowered registrations. Pop Warner registrations went from 400 to less than 100 and that includes the cheerleaders. He has eliminated camp for 7th and 8th grades as the interest is not there, so unless there is a great demand there will not be camp for 7th and 8th grades. A question was added to the registration form asking if parents would like camp extended for a 7th week.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Maida asked if there will be a 10K race in the future. Mr. Engel replied it's not likely due to the budget. The police fee for their participation for crowd control is \$1,200.

Mr. Baker noted the July meeting will occur after the Fair dates of July 1-3, any news on the Fair. Mr. Hennessy stated the fireworks have switched over from being a Township event to a Fair event. Mr. Engel added as Township Liaison for the Fair, with the fireworks being handled by the Fair, they are allowed to seek sponsors, where the Township is not. The Fair committee is promoting the Fair, he suggested the committee promote the Fair to all of their friends. There will be inflatables, trailers with arcade games, and a video trailer for children. This year they will be charging admission per person rather by charging per car.

Field Rentals are going well, Mr. Hennessy stated. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will take place at Bucks Mill Park on June 11 and June 12 they are anticipating over 2,500 participants.

Mr. Engel showed the committee the plaque the Township received for their website. Monmouth University Polling Institute and the Master of Arts in Public Policy Program recognized Colts Neck Township for both the "Best Municipal Website" and the "Best Informative Website" in Monmouth County.

Mr. Engel also revived the Neighborhood Watch Program in his neighborhood and encouraged others to do the same. Mr. Mancino stated he also had a Neighborhood Watch in his neighborhood.

The committee agreed to not have a meeting in August.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary