

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES; February 6, 2013**

Attendees: Jim Valenti, Frank Baker, Phil Maida, Judy Laufer, Joe Mancino, Paul Wild, Rich Rehm, Ed Piotrowski, A.J. Garito

Excused Absence: Candice Burke; Brian McNally

Township Liaison Excused Absence: Mike Fitzgerald

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

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

The Committee approved the minutes of January 9, 2013

Old Business

2013 Recreation and Parks Budget - Mr. Hennessy indicated that the preliminary budget will be distributed prior to the end of the meeting. He indicated that the Recreation and Parks budgets have not been reviewed by our Township Administrator or discussed with our Township Committee, but it is possible that such meetings would be held prior to our next meeting of March 6, In light of the potential budget meetings, he requested that any input relative to the budget be shared prior with him prior to our next scheduled meeting.

CNSF Recreational Facilities Enhancement Committee - Mr. Hennessy reported, the CNSF Recreational Facilities Enhancement Committee met with the CNSF Board of Directors at the CNSF regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, March 4. It was decided by the CNSF Board, that there will be a special meeting of the CNSF Board of Directors prior to their next regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, March 4 to discuss further their priorities relative to the potential bond for facilities enhancement. Specific facilities targeted for bonding will be discussed on their merits and that the consensus will be presented, by the CNSF Recreational Facilities Enhancement Committee, at our next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 6. Mr. Valenti provided extensive background to the Recreation Committee on the multiple facilities meetings on held to date. A.J. Garito provided insight into the past discussions of the CNSF Board of Directors and their agreement to pledge \$20,000 per year toward the cost of the bond. Joe Mancino discussed the complexities of bonding and Mr. Hennessy indicated that the Township's CFO, John Antonides, has been involved in the financial aspects of bonding since initial discussions were held.

Winter Programs - Mr. Hennessy indicated that our new programs have been well received and that winter activities are moving forward.

New Business

Stewards of the Park - Mr. Hennessy stated that a **FEMA representative** is inspecting the tree damage at Bucks Mill Park with possibility of funding a cleanup of this park as well as others identified in the Township. Concern was expressed on the number of leaning as well as downed trees. Joe Mancino mentioned the need to clean up trash and branches at Laird Road and a discussion ensued on the need to keep the Big Brook trails passable as the option of walking around an obstruction is limited.

Upcoming Events –

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 16
Children's Easter Crafts, Saturday March 23
Earth Day Week, April 21 – 22
Colts Neck Classic Bicycle Race, Sunday, May 5
Memorial Day Parade May 27
Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 8
Battle of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament June 14 – 15
Colts Neck Fair, Friday/Saturday, June 28 - 29
Summer Camp July 1 – August 9

Field Utilization

Polo Field - Mr. Hennessy indicated that The Performance Canine Association has been granted permits to conduct lure coursing and Coursing Ability Trials (CAT) at Bucks Mill Park Polo Field on a regular basis from March 16 - December 15 on a regular basis. Cedar Drive upper field is designated as their alternate or combination site. US Premier Soccer (USP Soccer) is also permitted at this location from March 9 until June 30 with an option to continue through November for soccer team instruction, practice, and summer camp. This organization is responsible for lining the fields and supplying goals.

This business model was adapted from the Battle of Monmouth Lacrosse Tournament which will hold their second annual tournament over Father's Day weekend, June 15 - 16.

Upper Cedar Drive field - This field will be used by The Performance Canine Association and Maverick Lacrosse.

Laird Road Park - Field # 2 (60/90) baseball field has been permitted to the Red Bank Catholic freshman baseball team for conducting practices March 11 to May 8 on designated days.

Bucks Mill Park - South Jersey Soccer will be conducting tryouts, practice and summer camp from June 17 to July 19.

The above mentioned organizations represent a projected income of just under \$15,000 in permit fees and revenue sharing for the period March - June 2013, with no displacement of Township organizations. In fact, all the aforementioned activities provide Colts Neck residents an opportunity to participate.

FRHSD - S.T.E.P. (Student Temporary Employment Program)

Mr. Hennessy shared the fact that we are participating in S.T.E.P. again, with a student assigned to the department to experience a working environment from the beginning of February until April 5, working two and one half hour each day at variety of assignments.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Valenti adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7 pm.