

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
Minutes – September 6, 2017**

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Attendees: Chris Adams, Frank Baker, Ronnie Sullivan, Rich Rehm, Judy Laufer, Joe Mancino, Paul Wild, Phil Maida, Brian McNally, John Rocco

Excused Absence: D.J. Ten Hoeve

Township Liaison Absent: Mr. Eastman

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

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes of June 7, 2017

Old Business

Summer in Review – A list of Summer activities was shared. Mr. Adams thanked both Thom and Barbara for their hard work.

Field House/Sports Complex: Location Functionality and Infrastructure - Mr. Adams attended a Township Committee meeting and shared his views on an idea for a Field House for sports to use in Colts Neck. This segwayed into a discussion within the Recreation Committee on identify long and short term recreational needs at Five Point Park and Town Wide long and short term Recreational needs.

New Business

Park Improvements

Monmouth County Matching Grant Program – Five Point Park Acquisition - Mr. Hennessy shared a map of Five Point Park and suggested if the Township could obtain a matching grant for the property in the middle of the park, it may utilized for a Field House location, increased parking, new exit road and picnic shelter.

Five Point Park Artificial Turf Field Update – Possible start this Fall and completion in the Spring. Discussion continued on permanent line markings for sports.

Fall fertilizer and lime application scheduled for first of December, aeration and seeding of upper Bucks Mill Park – Mr. Hennessy stated all seventy-five acres of playing fields will be fertilized the first week in November. There is money in the budget to purchase maintenance supplies for the sports fields.

Ms. Sullivan noted the safety hazard posts at Bucks Mill were replaced with similar ones painted yellow. Mr. Hennessy assured the committee this safety issue will be resolved before our October meeting.

Boy Scout Eagle Project completed Bucks Mill Park – Chase Garwood installed bird block on all the rafters at the pavilion and overhang on the Community Center to prevent nest building and roosting by our present tenants, the Starlings.

He also cleared the area around the two granite markers at Bucks Mill Park pond sites, created embankments with landscape ties to create a platform on which he installed a bench, at each location, overlooking the ponds.

Mr. Hennessy proposed improving, Bucks Mill Parking by 32 additional parking spaces. The new spaces will be added between field # 2 and # 3.

New Bridge at Big Brook Preserve at Hillsdale Road – Mr. Hennessy stated December will be the start of replacing the bridge. The project will take 6 months. Big Brook being very popular to many fossil hunters, the project should only impact access for two weeks.

AEDs donated by Sports Foundation in conjunction with Eagle Scout Project – One AED will be placed near Bucks Mill Park's playground, the other at the soccer field at upper Bucks Mill Park. Both will be installed with security cameras.

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Cedar Drive Park basketball court refurbishment – The costs to refurbish or to remove the courts are very close. Mr. Hennessy stated Erik Whalen, Sports Foundation Basketball Commissioner is contemplating replacing the backboards for the basketball courts. Mr. Whalen is planning a summer basketball league and is working with Mr. Hennessy towards the possibility of having the courts refurbished.

A list of the following upcoming events were reviewed.

1. Friday, October 13, PTO Movie Night
2. Saturday, October 28, PTO Trunk or Treat
3. Sunday, November 5, Colts Neck Community Band, Monmouth County Library Headquarters
4. Saturday, November 11, Veterans Day Ceremony
5. Thursday, November 16, Colts Neck Community Band, Colts Neck High School
6. Sunday, December 3, Tree Lighting

Senior Citizen Meeting – Ms. Laufer stated 100 members were in attendance today at their monthly luncheon at the Colts Neck Inn.

With no other issues to discuss, Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Our next meeting will be held October 4, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary