

**COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES: June 6, 2012**

Attendees: Jim Valenti, Frank Baker, Rich Rehm, Joe Mancino, Phil Maida, Ed Piotrowski, Paul Wild, Brian McNally

Committee Absent: Candice Burke, A.J. Garito, Leonor Lesta

Township Liaison Absent: Jarrett Engel

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 May 2, 2012.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

**Old Business**

Critique of Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and Firehouse – Mr. Hennessy expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and the Mayor on a phenomenal parade. He stated the parade went off well from his perspective. Mr. Baker commented Mayor Engel wanted the committee to know he thanks the committee and was very happy with the parade. Mayor Engel mentioned to Mr. Baker the upcoming work with Mr. Hennessy on a plan for infrastructure of the parks. Mr. Hennessy stated next Thursday he, Mayor Engel, Committee Orgo and Bob Bowden will be reviewing all of the projects for Township fields/parks, inclusive of the Sports Foundation's "wish list". This will be the first in a series of meetings. Ms. Sheehy, Sports Foundation Baseball Commissioner met with Mr. Garito regarding project costs this week. Mr. Hennessy stated the projects will be prioritized. He will also be applying for funding through Monmouth County Parks if applicable. He noted in 2011 all of the applicants received funding from the County for their parks. He welcomes committee members to join him on Thursday afternoon for the meeting. Mr. Valenti noted most will be unable to attend due to the time of the meeting.

Bike Decorating Contest – Mr. Maida stated only 9 children participated in the bike contest, which was a big drop from last year. Attendance was low along the parade route and gravesite ceremony. Mr. McNally commented at the start of the gravesite ceremony he went to the Firehouse to check on the face painters and found the Firehouse very crowded. Mr. Mancino was at the Firehouse and stated people were anxious for their refreshments. Mr. Maida commented one of the speakers took a bit too long. Mr. Valenti commented the parade started approximately 10 minutes late. Mr. Valenti stated there seemed to be some confusion at the start of the parade with the Chief of Police. Mr. Valenti made space between the Fire Truck for the Chief and kept the military waiting. The committee noted the Fire Department did not honor the message of no sirens. Mr. Hennessy sent a letter out to both Fire Department and First Aid no sirens or horns during the parade. It was suggested Mr. Hennessy attend an Executive Fire Council meeting next year to request no sirens for the parade. Mr. Maida commented there were 3 military Hummer vehicles this year, more than usual. Mr. Coppola a township resident had a part getting the vehicles. And his guys remained after the ceremony. Mr. Rehm commented it was nice to have Bud Wheeler again this year. There were 12 antique cars in attendance. Noting the length of the gravesite ceremony, Mr. Hennessy said there were more speakers than last year. It was suggested to shorten up the speeches next year. Mr. McNally asked how can we keep the crowd at the ceremony and not leave for the firehouse. Suggestions included advertising the time the food will be served, barricade the roadway leading to the firehouse.

### **New Business**

Summer Program Guide - Mr. Hennessy mailed the program guide today. The summer sports camps and our day camp information are all in the guide.

Summer Camp – Mr. Hennessy will implement a no pro-rating or trip return policy related to camp registration fees this year. The only exception will be if the child is attending a Recreation and Parks sponsored camp, only then will the registration fee be pro-rated. Staff - He added one assistant for each Art Supervisor at the camps this year. Mr. Valenti asked how many Supervisors are at each camp. Mr. Hennessy explained each camp as a Supervisor, Assistant Supervisor, Outdoor Activities Coordinator, Trip Coordinator and Craft Supervisor. Mr. Valenti commented plus all of the Counselors. Mr. Hennessy replied yes. All interviews are complete and letters were sent to those selected. Mr. Valenti asked what type of salary do these supervisors receive. Mr. Hennessy replied the Supervisors receive up to \$4,000 and the Coordinators up to \$1,600. Mr. Valenti asked if all of the Supervisors are Colts Neck residents. Mr. Hennessy replied there are some, one is from Holmdel. All have an affiliation with Colts Neck. Orientation and moving day for staff and counselors is scheduled for June 22.

Bucks Mill Activities for month of June - Relay for Life will be held this weekend, Lacrosse tournament will be held June 16 and June 17, and SLS Jets Polo Sports June 24. Mr. Maida asked if the pot holes on the driveway entering the park will be filled before the Fair. Mr. Hennessy stated Mr. Orgo will be donating fill for the pot holes before the Fair. Mr. Maida asked if there will be Polo activities during the Fair. Mr. Hennessy replied no.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Hennessy thanked Ms. Lesta for recording the May meeting minutes. New window blinds have been installed at the Recreation Center, the old blinds will be used for the basement windows. The Fishing Derby in July features Mr. Piotrowski performing a demo to the children. The Colts Neck Board of Education has two buses for Recreation to possible purchase for \$1 to be used during Summer Day Camp. Because July 4 is the first Wednesday in July, being a holiday, the committee voted to not have an alternate date for a July meeting and voted to suspend the August meeting. Mr. Baker asked if the Recreation Department is involved with the fireworks for the Fair. Mr. Maida explained noted the fireworks for both nights of the Fair are being donated. He continued by stating the fee will again be per head not per car.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Valenti adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Byrne