

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee  
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Attendees: Frank Baker, Jim Valenti, Rich Rehm, Brian McNally, Ed Piotrowski, A.J. Garito, Phil Maida

Excused Absence: Candice Burke, Leonor Lesta, Joe Mancino, Paul Wild

Township Liaison Present: Jarrett Engel

Also in attendance: Mrs. Laufer and Mr. Orgo

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 April 6, 2011.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

**Old Business**

Five Point Park Highlights - Mr. Hennessy shared an aerial view of Five Point Park, pointing out the existing tot lot play area and storage shed used to protect the irrigation electronics. He pointed to the possible sight for the water reel shed. The shed will be built by Ken Davis as his Eagle Scout project, with materials donated by the Sports Foundation. Discussion continued to include the irrigation and trails located at Five Point Park. Mr. McNally asked who plays on the baseball field at the Five Point. Mr. Hennessy stated Mr. Pringle's baseball team from Cedar Drive Middle School, Sports Foundation teams as well as outside teams that pay a fee. Mr. Baker asked the size of the middle parcel of land (privately owned). Mr. Hennessy stated approximately 6 acres.

Earth Day/Stewardship – Mr. Hennessy reviewed the assignment list for cleanup and said everything went very well. Five Point will be completed this week by the cub scouts. Mr. Baker commented it seemed like Towns Hall had less litter than in past years. Mr. Hennessy noted his policy for permit holders being if any field or park area is littered the permit will be revoked.

Tour of Colts Neck May 1 – 500 cyclists participated in the bike race this year, Mr. Hennessy stated there were 400 pre-registered, with the great weather another 100 post registered. The event was very well run. Mr. Maida commented several residents were not properly notified of the event. Mr. Hennessy explained the event organizers left paper notifications on the flags of mailboxes. Due to the weather many notices were blown away. Also, the week prior to the race some residents were away and did not appreciate the notice remaining on their mailboxes. Many felt this was an advertisement that their home was vacant for potential robberies. The concern will be communicated to event organizers.

**Special Events**

Memorial Day, May 30, details to be discussed later in the meeting.

**Park Projects**

Field Permit Update – Many organizations have paid in full for their permits prior to using the fields for the season. Mr. McNally asked what amount of revenue is expected from permit fees. Mr. Hennessy stated 15K. We also have the first person who will be renting the Community Center in July for a fee of \$600.00. In town non-profit groups will continue to utilize parks and facilities for free.

Spring Field Preparation – Mr. Hennessy stated the fields will be seeded in the Fall.

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Laird Road Snack Shed – Irrigation will rely on the electricity at the Snack Shed. The rough plumbing has been completed with electricity being up and running in the next few weeks.

Library Garden - Master Gardners and students from the S.T.E.P. program will be weeding and planting donated plants at the Children's Garden on May 11.

Water Reel Shed – previously discussed under Five Point Park

Mr. Hennessy asked Mr. Rehm for an update on his daughter's project. Mr. Rehm explained his daughter volunteered to repair the sign at Town Hall depicting the walking trail. The sign was located at the beginning of the Trail on the northwest side of Township Park (close to the Police Station). Once she began, she realized the entire sign should be redone. Mr. Rehm suggested Mr. Hennessy inspect the stantions for the sign as they look to be in need of repair. Mr. Hennessy will inspect them prior to the new sign is installed.

### **Other**

Summer Day Camp will continue for 6 weeks. Mr. Hennessy stated a survey will be distributed to parents and staff asking if they'd like the camp extended a week or more in preparation of 2012.

On-Line payments – Mr. Hennessy explained its taking more time obtaining the credit card companies participation than anticipated. The functionality will not be ready for camp this year. The estimated on-line payment method should be ready this Fall.

2011 Recreation and Parks Budget Update – Mr. Hennessy asked input from Mr. Engel, that May 11 is the date for the budget to be finalized and Capital funds will be released on May 13. Mr. Engel confirmed those dates.

American Youth Football & Cheer – The football league will return to Dorbrook Park this year for their games. Plans are being discussed well in advance of their first August practice.

Big Brook Preserve – Mr. Hennessy shared two significant upcoming visitors to Big Brook Preserve, NY Paleontological Society and Rutgers Geology Museum. By keeping the cost at \$25.00 it continues to allow for all types of organizations to visit the Preserve.

Goose Technology - Mr. Hennessy presented both the laser tool and cap gun methods of goose control. Both he and Mr. Frank. (Health Inspector) have been using the laser tool. Mr. Piotrowski asked why we don't use the fish wire method similar to Mr. Orgo. Mr. Orgo shared this method and said it was very successful.

Memorial Day Parade Line Up was reviewed with minor revisions. Mr. Maida asked the First Aid Cadets be lined up ahead of the First Aid Squad. The number sequence had minor revisions, one being Mr. Maida's request, and eliminating a duplicate # 11. The gravesite ceremony also had minor revisions. Mr. Maida asked the amount of ribbons for the bike contest be increased. Mr. Hennessy said that has been done. It was agreed the Fire Engine sirens would be silenced at Prothero Road. Mr. Rehm asked if the antique car participants would receive an invitation to participate in the parade. Mr. Hennessy said yes, they will be contacted. He will also notify Pebble Creek regarding golf carts. Mr. McNally has confirmed his daughter and two other Colts Neck High School girls will provide face painting at the end of the parade. The face painting will be Community Services hours for the girls. Mr. Hennessy will reimburse them for supplies. Mr. Orgo commented about the First Aid being in parade and unable to break the parade line should an emergency occur. Mr. Maida explained each year their emergency procedures are in place. A rig is strategically ready in the event of an emergency. Mr. Engel suggested one of the golf carts have a supply of flags along the parade route, for distribution by the Township Committee. Mr. Hennessy asked Mrs. Laufer if she will send out a letter to all Veteran's in Colts Neck inviting them to the parade. After discussion, it was decided Mrs. Laufer would provide the address list to Mr. Hennessy. The Recreation Department will pay for the postage and complete the mailing.

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Mr. Hennessy advised the Committee to meet at 9:30 am at Township Hall on Memorial Day.

Senior Citizen News – Mrs. Laufer reported they had a Senior meeting and lunch at the Primary School today. They are having problems funding out of state trips. The new process to obtain funds includes the use of Purchase Orders, this process requires out of state vendors to obtain N.J. business certificates. Many vendors do not have and/or will not obtain the certificates.

Township Liaison – Mr. Engel attended a meeting regarding the Verizon Cell Tower, many people were in attendance and he took the opportunity to invite attendees to the parade.

Other – Mr. Garito advised the Sports Foundation has implemented a Capital Improvement Committee. Currently this committee is developing a three year plan for Township sports field improvements. He explained the Sports Foundation looks forward to working with the Township and Recreation Committee on these improvements. Mr. Valenti asked if there was any documentation of the projects to share with the Recreation committee. Mr. Garito stated they may plan to have a completed draft document in June, and may be ready to share the information at the July Recreation Meeting.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Valenti adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary