

Colts Neck Recreation Committee Minutes – April 4, 2018

COLTS NECK RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES: April 4, 2018

Attendees: Brian McNally, Phil Maida, Judy Laufer, Mike Tormey, John Cantalupo, Chris Adams, Joe Mancino, Ronnie Sullivan

Excused Absence: Frank Baker, Rich Rehm, Paul Wild

Township Liaison Present: Mayor Bartolomeo

The meeting was called to order by Brian McNally at 7:00 p.m. (Chairman Adams arrived 7:25 pm)

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from February 7, 2018.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Liaison Report – Mayor Bartolomeo stated the 2018 budget would be adopted next week, with an increase in funding going to DPW. The Township and residents had good communications during the winter storms.

The Mayor encouraged the committee to utilize the on-line system to report potholes, etc. to the Township. All residents must honor the rules within the Township. If you see someone putting out brush after the pick-up date, please report it. A citation will be given along with a Code Enforcement Information Package.

Mayor Bartolomeo praised Mr. Hennessy for his idea of sending a postcard to all residents with a list of yearly events. He noted, the method may change to a flyer, this is the first pass at the communication. He also noted some events were not included. Ms. Sullivan thought the postcard was a great idea. She suggested posting the events on the Recreation website. Ms. Byrne noted it is posted on the Township website and will be added to the Recreation website tomorrow. Ms. Sullivan added Bucks Mill Park is not listed on the Recreation website. Ms. Byrne explained the park was accidentally omitted from the site and will be added.

Mayor Bartolomeo welcomes all ideas going forward. He may have another postcard mailing this year. The Mayor assured the committee that as long as he is the committee liaison there will be funding for a postcard mailing. Mr. Mancino added communication between residents and the Township has been the best ever. Mayor Bartolomeo noted the postcard was a Recreation driven item and should be promoted by the committee.

Old Business

Easter Egg Hunt – Mr. Hennessy stated there was great participation, the Ladies Auxiliary did a nice job providing refreshments. He mentioned quite a few attendees only knew of this event from the postcard that was mailed.

Earth Week Assignments Mr. Hennessy reviewed the Earth Day assignments. Mr. Tormey and Mr. Cantalupo will alternate between Obre Preserve and Big Brook Preserve.

Special Events 2018 Mr. Adams asked about the registration for the 5K. Mayor Bartolomeo explained it is a local event with no registration. Participants can show up, it will be 3 loops around the path at Town Hall. A clock will be provided to time the runners. He will be receiving donations from Delicious Orchards, PNC and Chase Banks, Glen Dalakian, and the Lions Club. He hopes to have t-shirts for all runners.

Mr. Adams advised Mr. Hennessy the Colts Neck Business Association will not be able to use the light towers for July 3. They had borrowed the light towers in the past without repairing broken items as per their agreement with the Sports Foundation. Mayor Bartolomeo will speak to Director Bader of DPW on the matter, as his department has the responsibility of storing the light towers. He will also create a protocol for future use of these light towers.

New Business

Spring Field Preparation With the expectation of poor weather this Friday and Saturday, Mr. Hennessy advised the Sports Foundation fields may not be playable at Laird Road for opening day of baseball. Additional loads of infield

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mix will be delivered on Friday, which needs time to compress. Mr. Adams asked Mr. Hennessy to check the field at Five Point, to determine if the field should be closed. The wall at Laird Road field # 4 has been modified. The football field has been recently seeded and sodded and will remain closed.

Some fields have been lined without the knowledge of Mr. Hennessy. Field # 1 goal should be moved over near the Illmensee property. The Community Church, and three Men's Softball Leagues will be using BMP # 1 softball field. Mr. Adams asked where Lacrosse will have their tournaments. Mr. Hennessy only knows of one tournament, the Battle of Monmouth this Spring. Mr. Cantalupo asked if the dirt from Five Point that was placed on the field at upper Bucks Mill will be leveled. Mr. Hennessy stated yes.

Ninety percent of the ground work has been completed in preparation for the artificial turf field to be installed at Five Point. The artificial turf ad hoc committee will be presenting their recommendation for a vendor next week at the Township Committee meeting. Mr. Hennessy noted it is a great committee. Mr. Cantalupo added the project should be completed, and field ready for play in the June or July.

With all of the field improvements, Mr. Hennessy will be raising field rental fees by twenty percent. A suggestion was made to purchase tarps to protect the fields in bad weather. Mr. Hennessy stated that weighted tarps are expensive and will be included in next years budget.

Mr. Hennessy will be at Colts Neck High School next week to recruit potential summer employees for Summer Camp and Public Works.

Memorial Day Parade The committee is in search for a bagpiper for the parade. Mr. Maniaci has contacted Mr. Maida related to the Colts Neck High School marching band's participation. Brandywine Assisted Living will be providing a decorated van with several residents, to drive in the parade procession. Mr. Hennessy contacted Jon Stewart's attorney last year to ask for his participation to promote their new sanctuary farm in town. He did not receive an answer. Mr. Mancino suggested writing directly to Jon Stewart. Mayor Bartolomeo will contact Jon Stewart for the parade.

Senior Citizen Club Report The Club has 269 members, today 150 attended the meeting at the Colts Neck Inn. Freeholder Burry was in attendance to present a Proclamation to Sam Citco who turns 100 years old this week. Members will be going to the Paper Mill Playhouse tomorrow, followed by a trip to Valley Forge, PA and the Surfflight Theater.

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Adams, adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary