

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
Minutes– September 5, 2018**

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Attendees: Frank Baker, Brian McNally, Rich Rehm, Ronnie Sullivan, Joe Mancino, Paul Wild.

Excused Absence: Mike Tormey, John Cantalupo, Chris Adams, Judy Laufer, Phil Maida.

Township Liaison Absent: Mayor Bartolomeo

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Frank Baker at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from June 6, 2018. (Minutes were corrected per Ms. Sullivan's input)

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Old Business

Field House/Sports Complex and Recreation Office: Location, Functionality and Infrastructure – Mr. Hennessy shared Township plans to build a building at Bucks Mill Park. This building will serve as a temporary Police Headquarters, as the Township plans to replace the current police station with a new two-story building. Once the new police station is completed, the Recreation and Parks Department will move into the building at Bucks Mill. Mr. McNally asked what the cost is for the new police station. Mr. Hennessy did not know. Mr. Hennessy explained he saw an architect measuring the exterior of 14 Heyers Mill Road and asked him what was going on, and was told about the plans above. He also provided the architect with previous requirements which were prepared last year for a possible new Recreation and Parks building. Mr. Wild asked if a Field House at Five Point Park will still be built, as we discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Hennessy said there was a possibility.

Identification of Long- and Short-Term Recreational Needs: Five Point Park and Town Wide Assets – Mr. Hennessy continues to pursue the development of a trail along Hominy Hill Golf Course and Colts Neck High School, connecting the Colts Neck High School cross country track trail surrounding the school to the Monmouth County Parks trail that connects to Mathews Road. He also envisions Five Point Park becoming a true Sports Complex, complete with bathrooms, snack shed, shelters etc. The upcoming Colts Neck Sports Foundation fundraiser featuring guest speaker Jim Nance is the beginning of the organizations fundraising for such a Sports Complex. Mr. McNally commented the current Sports Foundation seems to be doing much more upgrading of sports programs than in the past. On September 10, the artificial turf field will begin to be installed. It will take approximately three weeks to completed. Mr. Hennessy asked the committee to contact him with input on how best to use the field and for ideas for a dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony. He will be meeting with Township Administrator Capristo on Friday to discuss use priorities of the new field.

Ms. Sullivan noted in a correction in the June meeting minutes, the Trail Riders "would like to be part of a group to clean up the greenways....". She also questioned the mention of Visionquest 1999-2005, as we did not discuss this specific document during the meeting. Mr. Hennessy replied we did mention Visionquest at the June meeting. Ms. Sullivan did obtain a copy of Visionquest and stated it has valuable statistics and other information about the Recreational desires of Township residents. Ms. Sullivan asked if copies of Visionquest could be given to the newest members of the committee. Mr. Hennessy will provide copies of Visionquest.

New Business

Summer in Review – Mr. Hennessy stated our Recreation Summer Camp enrollment increased by 15 %.

Stewards of the Park – Mr. Rehm will be donating hemlocks trees for planting at Freer Preserve. Boy Scout Troop 290 will be planting the trees.

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Park Improvements

Monmouth County matching Grant Program

1. A 2017 \$250,000.00 Five Point Park Acquisition of DeAngelis Property
2. 2018 Phase II Town Hall Playground Application - Mr. Hennessy advised the Township is planning to add a playground ground at Town Hall. The proposed playground location will be the old location of the shuffleboard court. The Township will be applying for a matching grant from Monmouth County Parks.

Five Point Park, Artificial Turf Field Update: Mr. Hennessy shared a map of the new artificial field with the committee. The field will accommodate baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football. Ms. Sullivan asked if only one sport can play at a time. Mr. Hennessy replied, soccer and baseball could play at the same time. Eventually a portable fence, portable mounds, goals and a screen for catching baseballs near parking lot will be added. Mr. Hennessy noted concern of parking and pedestrians crossing over from Colts Neck High School. Also needed before the opening are a list of rules and regulations for the field. There will be stands for spectators, as they will not be allowed on the field. American Youth Football and Cheer requires a portable address system and scoreboard, both will be in place at the new field. Mr. Wild asked if advertising signs will be permitted along the fencing. He added, lights may be next. It was suggested to have a semi-pro team play on the field for the opening ceremony. Mr. Hennessy would like every child from all sports to play on the field the first day, and become part of history. Colts Neck Teams would always be the priority, but if the schedule warranted, the field could be rented out. The fee would likely be \$100/game. Ms. Sullivan asked if Colts Neck High School would be using the field. Mr. Hennessy replied maybe for practices. The field is guaranteed for ten years.

A Fall lime application was applied on August 29, fertilizing is scheduled for the end of October.

Leveling and seeding of Upper Bucks Mill Park Soccer Field: Mr. Hennessy stated the huge pile of dirt has been leveled and the Township will be seeding the field next week.

Mr. Hennessy reviewed the upcoming events below:

1. Friday, September 7 – Music in the Park
2. Saturday, September 15 - Opening of Colts Neck Recreation Soccer
3. Thursday, September 13 thru Sunday, September 16 – Women’s Club Rummage Sale
4. Saturday, September 29 – New Jersey Concourse D 'Elegance
5. Open Date – Five Point Park Artificial Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
5. Sunday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day Ceremony – Colts Neck Court House

With no other matters to discuss, Vice Chairman Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary