

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
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Attendees: Brian McNally, Joe Mancino, Ronnie Sullivan, Paul Wild, Judy Laufer, Phil Maida

Excused Absence: Mike Tormey, John Cantalupo, Frank Baker, Rich Rehm

Township Liaison Present: Mayor Bartolomeo

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

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee approved the minutes from September 5, 2018. (Minutes were corrected per Ms. Sullivan's input)

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Ms. Sullivan questioned and provided a correction to the Treasurer's report. Ms. Byrne will provide revised report to the committee.

Ms. Laufer asked if the balance in the budget can be spent by years end. Mr. Hennessy stated he plans to spend the money, keeping in mind the Township may transfer funds for other projects.

Township Liaison Report: Mayor Bartolomeo reported the multipurpose field is near completion, with a ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively planned for November 3 at 4:00 pm. Mr. Hennessy will be organizing the guest list.

He hopes the DeAngelis property acquisition is completed by December 2018.

Two movie nights and two music in the park events took place at Town Hall. He'd like to see an expansion to these programs into 2019, maybe adding a Swing Band and adding additional movie nights. Also discussing an overnight camp out at the Town Core Center with a fire pit. The 5K will continue in 2019.

Thirty-five children from Earle were transferred to Township schools in September. Mr. McNally asked what is the impact to residents, now that the school referendum did not pass. Mayor Bartolomeo stated no tax increase. Mr. Adams asked what would have been the impact if it passed to this committee. Mr. Hennessy replied the bus route would have cut into field # 2 at Cedar.

For 2019, the Mayor commented on macro improvements to baseball fields at Laird and Five Point soccer. The Township looks to this committee for suggestions for funding. The Township is strapped for additional funding towards the multipurpose field. Mr. Maida asked if the all of the buildings would be knocked down at the DeAngelis property. Mayor Bartolomeo stated not all of the buildings. The Township is taking it a step at a time, plans to repurpose and reclaim throughout the Township. Cameras will be installed at Five Point Park, eventually tying into Monmouth County for overall security.

December 2 will be our tree lighting, two new 15" trees will be on either side of the Seasons Greetings sign in front of Town Hall. The tree lighting will continue in the back of the building.

Town Hall Improvements, include dead bushes were removed near the flagpole with mums. River rock was placed around the two trees on either side of the steps. Ms. Laufer asked when replacing the Police Station, will the Court House also be replaced. The Mayor stated yes.

Old Business

Field House/Sports Complex and Recreation Office: Location, Functionality and Infrastructure – Mr. Hennessy added, he will be meeting with the Sports Foundation tomorrow night. The propose of the meeting is to identify equipment needed for each sport for the multipurpose field and to discuss scheduling. A recreation facility is being considered as fields, community center are being maxed out in terms of sports use. Ms. Laufer asked why not use the school gyms. They too are maxed out.

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Ms. Sullivan questioned the new building to be built at Bucks Mill for a temporary police station. Mayor Bartolomeo stated it is all to be determined. A Township Engineer advised to refurbish the existing block building for the temporary police station rather than build a new building. Mr. Maida asked why not temporary trailers, wouldn't it be more cost effective. Mayor Bartolomeo stated not necessarily less expensive. There are no final decisions.

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 shared the map of the high school and Hominy Hill with the committee.

New Business

Stewards of the Park– Ms. Laufer attended the car even at Bucks Mill Park, commenting it was well attended. Mr. Adams stated Public Works is doing a great job maintaining Five Point Park.

Park Improvements

1. Monmouth County Matching Grant Program
 - A. 2017 \$250,000.00 Five Point Park Acquisition of DeAngelis Property
 - B. 2018 Phase II Town Hall Playground Application – Mayor Bartolomeo explained next year the Township will have the paperwork in on time for a Monmouth County Grant, to be spent toward a playground. Mr. Hennessy will be obtaining a price from a 2nd vendor.
2. Fertilizing scheduled for end of October.
3. Leveling of Upper Bucks Mill Park Soccer Field completed – Mr. Hennessy acknowledged Committeeman Orgo for his hard work in leveling the field. And thanked him for his contribution.

Advertising – Mr. McNally asked how are we going to get the word out about the biggest improvement to the Township, multipurpose field. Discussion about using a post card mailer to announce the November ceremony. The Mayor suggested a glossy post card for the tree lighting and multipurpose ceremony.

Events below were reviewed by Mr. Hennessy:

1. Open Date – Five Point Park Artificial Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
2. Friday, October 19 – Monmouth University Cross Country Meet – Bucks Mill Park
3. Saturday, October 27 – Trunk or Treat – Bucks Mill Park
4. Saturday, November 3 – Ribbon Cutting Five Point Park multipurpose field
5. Friday, November 11 – Veteran's Day Ceremony – Colts Neck Court House
6. Sunday, December 2 – Tree Lighting - Township Hall

Misc: Ms. Sullivan suggested the kiosk at Bucks Mill be painted, maybe an updated map included too. Also adding more garbage bins along the Immense property and additional dog bas dispensers. Mr. Hennessy stated the boy scouts meet at the Community Center on Wednesday nights, they may be able to paint the kiosk.

Mayor Bartolomeo asked for our November meeting, for each committee member bring suggestions on how to improve the parks in town. Mr. Adams will send a reminder to the committee, Mr. Wild asked if the reminder email could be sent earlier and not two days before the November meeting.

With no other matters to discuss, Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,