

Attendance: Frank Baker, John Cantalupo, Judy Laufer, Sue Fitzpatrick, Ronnie Sullivan, John Maguire, Joe Mancino (arrived at 7:30 pm)

Absent: Heather Tormey, Brian McNally, Phil Maida, Paul Wild

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cantalupo at 7:00 pm

Beginning tonight, Chairman Cantalupo will be leading the committee in the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for first responders before the start of each meeting.

Sunshine Statement

Approval of September 16th meeting minutes (added addition under Polo Sub Committee)

Township Liaison Absent – Committeeman Bartolomeo

Also, in attendance, Chris Montalvo, President of the Colts Neck Sports Foundation

### **Old Business**

Report from Sub-Committee on Capital Improvements

Chairman Cantalupo met with the sub-committee on October 15, below are the highlights of that meeting.

The Recreation Committee compiled a list of park projects as Capital improvements throughout the Township. The Sub-Committee prioritized the projects below.

A report will be submitted to the Township Committee in November.

Grants and private donations may also provide funding for the following projects in order of priority.

### **Short Term Capital Projects**

#### Parks/Preserves

1. Publicizing trail maps/markings and geo mapping for the following parks Bucks Mill Park, Five Point Park and Town Hall.
2. Community Center – install non-slip flooring (unlined/not “sports minded”), convert bathrooms for outside access, implement indoor Pickleball in the evenings, install padding along walls (i.e. safety for children running with fire extinguishers and overhead tracking for overhead doors.)
3. Big Brook and Schlesinger Preserves – provide a bridge to connect the two Preserves
4. Add Pickleball court by converting existing tennis/basketball courts or add new courts for Pickleball.

#### Additional Playgrounds

1. Town Hall install a playground off the northeast Cedar Drive entrance
2. Five Point add a playground near the turf field
3. Bucks Mill Park replace existing playground (i.e. slide without side rails)

### **Long Term Capital Projects**

1. Bucks Mill Park - pave entrance from Bucks Mill Park to the Community Center
2. Create a parking area for horse trailers
3. Cedar Drive basketball and tennis courts (keep on list; determination on future CNBOE referendums)
4. Laird Road – add walking path around park
5. Big Brook Preserve – install traffic calming (i.e. speed bumps)

Ms. Laufer suggested removing the Cedar Drive tennis courts and using CN High School tennis courts. Mr. Montalvo agreed.

Mr. Hennessy noted he has received no complaints about the tennis courts being closed.

The block building at Bucks Mill will be painted and will receive a new roof. Ms. Sullivan asked if sports would be able to practice in the block building. The building is too narrow and unheated.

A new Pole Barn was added to Bucks Mill Park. Public Works will store field maintenance equipment in the building, decreasing time spent going back and forth to their building on Rt. 34.

Chairman Cantalupo asked for a motion to move forward with the Capital Improvement projects. All agreed.

Ms. Sullivan noted someone mowed around several soccer nets at Bucks Mill Park. Mr. Hennessy stated they are owned by a group who rents our fields. She would like to post on the kiosk NJLT activities. Ms. Sullivan reported a lacrosse event for November 3 at Bucks Mill. Mr. Hennessy stated there are no events permitted for November 3. Mr. Cantalupo asked if a listing of activities for the kiosk could be sent to Ms. Sullivan.

#### Report from Polo Sub-Committee

Mrs. Sullivan reported that the committee has contacted Tincum Polo Club to see if they would be willing to field two teams to participate in an exhibition polo match slated for September of 2020. Players (Dr. Linke, Lisa Singer and Robyn Belluardo), Tincum team manager Hesham El-Gharby, and turf management expert Dr. Bill wMeyer have visited the polo field and said that the field could be ready for the event. This would be done with little or no money from the Township. (2) Ms. Fitzpatrick has confirmed a vendor will provide seed and fertilizer for the field at cost. Absolute Landscaping will rake, aerate, fill and smooth the field. (3) Ms. Sullivan stated it is critical the field is not used until the September event. This process is all or nothing. Ms. Fitzpatrick will be making a presentation before the Township Committee on Wednesday, October 23.

Polo field discussion continued to ensure the field use will be limited. Mr. Hennessy stated a tournament has been confirmed for June of 2020. He will limit field use for the coming months in preparation of the Polo event. Chairman Cantalupo advised the Exhibition Polo match will occur, there will be compromises in terms of use going forward. It was suggested to move some age groups in the June tournament to Five Point to minimize the number of teams using the Polo field. Mr. Hennessy noted that a grass surface does not have to be in the best of condition for Polo. Case in point, the worlds fifth leading player competed with King Polo and it was a dust bowl.

Mr. Hennessy has budgeted monies for the seed and maintenance of Bucks Mill Park. Ms. Sullivan asked if Mr. Hennessy will be using a slit seeder to apply seed. Yes, a slit seeder will be used. Chairman Cantalupo suggested asking Monmouth County for assistance with the field maintenance.

#### New Business

##### Fall Projects/Recreation Department of Public Works

Mr. Hennessy reported fencing at upper Bucks Mill has been completed. The Block Building will be receiving a new roof and siding. The front of the Community Center has been power washed and the Township seal will be added to the current sign on the building this week.

Freer Preserve parking lot will be done today, by Public Works. They will be measuring and installing fencing along the sloped/drop off area.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 26 – CN PTO/CNPD Trunk & Treat 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm BMP  
Sunday, October 27 – Fall LAX Tournament 6:00 am to 5:00 pm BMP and Cedar Drive  
Monday, November 11 – CN Veterans Day 11:00 am Cedar Drive Middle School  
Saturday, December 7 – Colts Neck Country Christmas 3:15 pm Town Hall  
Saturday, January 4 – Colts Neck Annual Township Reorganization Meeting 4:00 pm Town Hall

Mr. Hennessy added there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> mailbox for Santa Letters located at the Library. This is in addition to the Township and Post Office.

Senior Citizen Club Report

Ms. Laufer stated the club has 270 members, 85 attended the October luncheon/meeting at the Colts Neck Inn. Upcoming trips include The Algonquin Theater, in Manasquan to see the play Mama Mia, a Paddle Boat trip along the Navesink River and their annual Holiday Lunch on December 18 at the Molly Pitcher Inn.

Mr. Mancino announced he is submitting his resignation from the committee, as he has relocated to Holmdel. He enjoyed the 14 years spent on the Recreation Committee. All applauded and thanked Mr. Mancino for his years on the committee.

With no other matters to discuss, Chairman Cantalupo adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Byrne  
Secretary