

Attendance: Frank Baker, John Cantalupo, Sue Fitzpatrick, Ronnie Sullivan, John Maguire, Brian McNally, Heather Tormey, Paul Wild, Phil Maida

Absent: Judy Laufer, Joe Mancino

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

Sunshine Statement

Approval of July 15th meeting minutes (corrected typo)

Township Liaison Present – Committeeman Bartolomeo

Liaison Report: Committeeman Bartolomeo reported the Township is very close to completing the details for COAH. Once the COAH commitment is complete, the committee will be able set a vision for the Town. Cohesion is a shared vision currently by the Township Committee.

This Saturday is Movie in the Park and Camp Out at Town Hall. There will be a bon fire and music prior to the movie at 8:00 pm. Come pitch a tent and enjoy. Ms. Sullivan noted to keep children away from the ponds on Saturday. Committeeman Bartolomeo added there will be many adults present along with police. He asked members to reach out via social media to get the word out about Saturdays event. Send a text to five friends and get the word out.

Old Business

Decision on Temporary Police Station – CN First Aid Squad

Committeeman Bartolomeo explained the police will temporarily move into the First Aid Building and First Aid offices will move into the lower level of the Library. It was too costly to renovate the block building at Bucks Mill for the temporary police department. The new police building will also have offices for the Finance Department, Municipal Clerk and the Administrator. Employees in the lower level of the current Town Hall will move upstairs. The lower level will be used for storage. There will be more growth in the Township and the Administration of the Town will grow too. The Township committee will have a public meeting once the above plans are solidified. Mr. Maida asked if the Recreation building on Heyers Mill was considered for the temporary police department. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated yes it was, but it lacked parking. All decisions made by the Township Committee are always in the best interest of the tax payers and the First Aid Building was a last-minute consideration.

Mr. Cantalupo asked what the block building will be used for now. Committeeman Bartolomeo added storage.

Identification of Long- and Short-Term Recreational Needs: Five Point park and Town Wide Assets

Mr. Cantalupo asked Chairman Bartolomeo what the plans are for the Community Center possible addition. He replied to add to the building is not feasible. The south and west side would encroach on water and the septic is on the east side.

Perhaps someday bathrooms for public use would be added to the Block Building. Mr. Cantalupo noted there are bathrooms in the Community Center, maybe the Town can create access for the public to use those bathrooms.

Newly Formed Sub-Committee on Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Cantalupo explained a few members were away on vacation and unavailable for the August date. October 9 the committee will meet and present their plan at the October 21 Recreation meeting. He reviewed his notes from meetings past to ensure all suggestions for each park and preserve were documented for discussion on October 9.

Trail Maps with mile markers at all parks, uploaded to Township website.

Addition of Pickle Ball Courts in one of the parks (P. Wild)

Laird Road (J. Mancino) – add fence around property.

Obre Road Preserve (H. Tormey)– additional parking.

Town Hall Park (F. Baker) – add playground (near site of previous shuffleboard courts), add lighted fountain to each pond, have a business sponsor the cost of the fountains.

Bucks Mill Park (R. Sullivan) – Replace road sign with a new sign with views (of Bucks Mill Park) from both directions, add logo to Community Center building, power wash the building, pave the driveway entrance (possible grant), add speed bumps/traffic calming.

Ms. Sullivan asked to review items from Mr. Hennessy's Fall 2019 projects list. Reviewed replacing the floating dock, power wash the building, complete upper fencing including a 20' gate and pedestrian access, consider replacing recently removed low fencing or having it remain natural. Consider corner fencing in a new parking lot opposite the Community Center, replace roof and side the block building.

Laird Road Light on flag possible solar lights, (Committeeman to speak to Mr. Bader DPW)

Five Point DeAngelis property has been purchased. The 6.5 acres will become a nice park for the future. Committeeman Bartolomeo. The Township Committee has agreed to make one of the structures into bathrooms. Clearing space for parking, possibly bleachers are the items being discussed at this time. The 6.5 acres will become a nice park for the future. Mr. Maguire asked about the stairs onto the artificial field. Committeeman Bartolomeo stated a contractor has been hired to install cement/asphalt stairs. He suggested the Sports Foundation create a brick garden fundraiser.

Community Center – Mr. Cantalupo noted new flooring, possible padding of the walls, new refrigerator in kitchen.

Freer Preserve (J. Maguire) – add a fence near drop off area, replenish hemlocks.

Committeeman Bartolomeo requested the committee to review each park/preserve and prioritize the list of suggestions/projects for the Township Committee.

After reviewing a list of Fall Projects from Mr. Hennessy, Mr. Wild asked if Public Works will be completing the list of projects. Mr. Hennessy said yes, after they pick up the brush.

Polo Sub Committee – Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Fitzpatrick are heading up this committee along with Julie Richards of the Colts Neck Trail Riders. Also participating are Dr. Bill Meyer, Lisa Singer, Dr. Rebecca Linke who is involved in Colts Neck Equine community and Robin Belluardo. The goal is to explore having a charity Polo match in the Fall of 2020. Discussion followed regarding the condition before and after a Polo match.

Upcoming Events

Events on the Calendar:

Wednesday Through Saturday, September 15 through 18 setup, Thursday/Friday/ Saturday Sale 19 -21 – Woman's Club Yard Sale 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Colts Neck Community Center
Saturday, September 21 / – CN Music/Movie/Campout/am Food Truck 8:00 pm to 8:00 am Town Hall
Sunday, September 22

Colts Neck Recreation Committee
Minutes – September 16, 2019

Saturday, October 26 – CN PTO/CNPD Trunk & Treat 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm BMP

Sunday, October 27 – Fall LAX Tournament 6:00 am to 5:00 pm BMP

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

Noted: Ms. Fitzpatrick will adjust the date of the Holiday Window Painting to occur before the Country Christmas.

Noted: Frosty's event – with the Department of Recreation and the PTO will occur on December 7.

Committeeman Bartolomeo asked the committee to share upcoming Township events. Text 5 or 10 friends and let them know what is happening.

Ms. Tormey will send event information to the PTO to add to their blast message.

With no other matters to discuss, Chairman Cantalupo adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Byrne
Secretary