

**Colts Neck Recreation Committee
Minutes – June 2, 2010**

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Attendees: Jim Valenti, Phil Maida, Rich Rehm, Brian McNally, Paul Wild, Joe Mancino (arrived late), Ed Piotrowski, A.J. Garito

Absent: Frank Baker, Leonor Lesta

Township Liaison Present (arrived late): Mike Fitzgerald

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Byrne, (Chairman, Jim Valenti was late) at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunshine Statement was read.

The Committee did not approve the May 5, 2010 meeting minutes; will carry over to June meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read

Old Business

Mr. Hennessy stated the Recreation and Parks Department was recognized for their support and contribution to Freehold Regional High School's S.T.E.P. program at a meeting of the Freehold Regional Board of Education. The diversity of our program added a new dimension to their program. A recent completed project is the Children's Garden at the Library.

Colt Neck Gallop was a great success! Participation in the 10K was 52. Over 74 participated in the 5K and 40 plus children in the dashes. Mr. Hennessy stated both the Colts Neck Sports Foundation and Colts Neck Pop Warner made approximately \$4,000 in sponsorship monies. For 2011 planning on moving the 10K over to Bucks Mill Park and combine with the 5K. Mr. Wild complimented Mr. Hennessy on a great job coordinating all of the events. Mr. McNally also commented the event went very well. Mr. Maida asked if attendees decreased at this year's 10K opposed to having the event in the Fall. Mr. Hennessy noted participation for the 10K run has been decreasing year after year and the distance of 10K is not as popular as a 5K. We'll see what 2011 brings in terms of 10K participation.

Approximately 400 attended the Community Band Concert on May 27. Going forward Mr. Hennessy reminded the committee the concerts will no long be free, but with a fee of \$2.50. He also attended the Community Band's Chamber music concert in Middletown this past weekend.

Memorial Day Parade went well. Ms. Burke commented the lack of fire truck sirens made the parade too quiet others supported the plan. Perhaps next year the cut off for the sirens would be extended past Prothero Road. Ms. Burke said maybe obtaining a radio/speaker system with music would be helpful in filling in the parade. Mr. Rehm noted next year to have adults surrounding the tractors to ensure children on bikes don't weave in and out. It is very difficult to see from side to side. Mr. Hennessy stated Jim Sfayer will provide a military Hummer for next year's parade. The number of Veteran's was approximately sixty. Great turnout! All thanked Judy for providing the committee with shirts.

New Business

Mr. Hennessy distributed paper copies of the Summer Program Guide, noted the partnership with Colts Neck High School and the numerous sports camps we sponsor. We do receive a percentage from all of the registrations. He called attention to the article in the Colts Neck Journal on Vincent Accetola creating our new website. He spent 78 volunteer hours to develop the site.

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July 4 – Garden State Fireworks will again provide the entertainment. Country Club parking will be collecting the \$5.00 parking fee. Ms. Burke thanked Mr. Hennessy for promoting the Colts Neck Fair in the Summer Program Guide.

Summer Camp Counselor Interviews will take place next week. Camp begins June 28 and will run until August 6.

Fishing Derby will be held July 10. John Hyde “Kids Fishing Shop” will run a free clinic a half hour prior to the Derby start.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained the budget exercise have been very difficult. The groundwork completed for the budget will lend the Township to be in a better position. Township Administrators did not receive salary increases, this year. Department of Public Works did lay off one employee, as did the Police Department.

Ms. Burke reminded the Committee we are attending a Polo match on June 13.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Byrne, Secretary