COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm

1. Chairman Montalvo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Chairman Montalvo asked everyone to join him in the salute to the flag.

3. "The Notice Requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the News Transcript and the Asbury Park Press stating that a Regular Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Recreation Committee would be held on June 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm at 14 Heyers Mill Road. A copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk."

4. Roll Call by Secretary, Ms. Byrne indicated the following:

Present:	Chairman Montalvo, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Wild, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Sikorskas, Mr. Garito, Mr. McNally, Township Liaison Buzzetta
Also Present:	Mr. Marques, Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Kronstedt

Public Present: None

Committeeman Buzzetta read the Oath of Office with Mr. Garito, who was then sworn in as a reappointed member of the Recreation Committee.

5. **<u>Discussion Items</u>**

Township Liaison Buzzetta provided an update on Affordable Housing. The committee had a brief discussion related to property in the Township and the need for sewer and water availability. Township Liaison reminded the committee to contact him with any questions or concerns.

6. **<u>Approval of Minutes</u>**

Chairman Montalvo asked for comments to the May 19, 2025, meeting minutes. With no comments, Chairman Montalvo called on a motion to approve, Ms. Sullivan approved the motion, Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

7. **<u>Old Items</u>**

a. Memorial Day Parade
Mr. Marques shared the Memorial Day parade was a wonderful day. He thanked the committee for their support. He asked for any feedback. Mr. McNally said the Bicycle Contest went well. A few participants arrived after the judging took place. Mr. Sikorskas asked how we could get people at the gravesite to move closer to the podium, so they can hear the guest speakers. He mentioned this last year too. Mr. Montalvo suggested adding speakers towards the back of the ceremony. Mr. Sikorskas mentioned this also occurs at the Summer Concert Series at Town Hall. Mr. Marques stated that approximately 700 hot dogs were given out at the Fire House after the parade. He thanked all involved for setting up the post parade picnic. Mr. Wild asked how effective was the Shuttle Bus. He suggested next year locating the shuttle bus to a more visible place at Town Hall. The shuttle bus this year was not parked in the ideal location for people to see it. Mr. Marques stated there were not that many people taking the shuttle at the beginning of the parade. However, more people used the shuttle bus after the parade to return to Town Hall.

It was suggested to include the shuttle in the Line of March. Mr. McNally added he shuttled twelve people with his golf cart.

b. Farmhouse 5K
Mr. Marques stated 30+ families participated in the event. Refreshments included water and assorted fruit donated by Delicious Orchards.

c. Summer Camp
Mr. Marques stated we are two weeks away from the start of the camp at Cedar Drive Middle School, with 168 campers already registered. We will add to that total in the coming days and even after the start of camp. We have two new Supervisors joining the camp staff, both are teachers. We are looking forward to a good summer.

d. Senior Club Update
Mr. Sikorskas stated the club has 273 members. Their May meeting had ninety-four attendees. In July they have a boat cruise on the River Queen out of Manasquan with lunch on board. The club will have the whole boat to themselves. Their next trip will be to The Bell Theater at Bell Works in Holmdel for a movie and dinner.

e. Sounds of Summer Update
Mr. Marques stated we had a big kickoff for Sounds of Summer with 500+ attendees for Brian Kirk and the Jirks. Our next show is another good one, Vintage Jamm. The Alt, an 80's band, will be on June 26. Improvements from last year include finding a good spot with shade, four temporary poles with lights and a tarp over the stage. Mr. Garito requested the grass be cut before Thursday. All who attended the first concert agreed it was a great night.

f. Fishing Derby
Fifty plus children participated in the event despite the rain. Over one hundred fish were caught. Mr. Marques sent a big thank you to the Colts Neck Police Department for providing the bait, prizes, and water.

g. Tennis/Pickleball – no updates

h. Fields and Facilities Discussion
There are no action items. Mr. Montalvo asked if Public Works would view the fields for damage given all the rain we received. Five Point may have a drainage problem. Field 1 infield is covered at Laird Road, may need to repair divots. There will not be enough time for the fields to dry out. It will take time to monitor the water. 13U is to play on the 60/90 field at Bucks Mill. Two softball fields at Cedar drive can be used for practice.

8. <u>New Items</u>

a. Independence Day Celebration
The Colts Neck Business Association has all the vendors in place. Last year, many vendors accepted cash only. This year an ATM machine was added to the event. All donations received from parking cars will be collected by the Colts Neck Business Association to defer costs from the event. The Colts Neck Community Band will be playing at 8:00 pm. It should be a wonderful celebration.

b. Summer/Fall Events
Mr. Marques noted this year fifty-one sports teams will play at Bucks Mill Park. We have an Autism Fair sponsored by CNPTO at Bucks Mill on June 21. Saturdays we host Men's

softball and soccer. Upcoming Fall events include the Colts Neck Business Association sponsored Polo event on September 7. Trunk or Treat on October 25 at Bucks Mill. November 9, is the Mae Jubinsky Memorial Poker Ride, sponsored by the Colts Neck Trail Riders at Bucks Mill. Mr. Marques added the same organization has been hosting a Lacrosse event in October at Bucks Mill. Mr. Montalvo asked who runs the Lacrosse event. Mr. Marques added Tony Calandra has chosen Colts Neck for his Lacrosse "Battle at Monmouth" at Bucks Mill Park for 15 years. Children in grades K-12 participate. They create three fields on the Polo field, two in the outfield and one on the lower field at Cedar Drive. In addition to two soccer fields at Cedar Drive school near the tennis courts. They do not use the baseball or football fields. They do have vendors in attendance; they line the fields and have their own referees. Mr. Montalvo shared the Sports Foundation has completed Spring baseball, most of the other Athletic playoffs are also complete. It was a successful Flag football season. Lacrosse has completed its season. There is nothing big to report, all the sports went well. Mr. Marques asked how well did The Grind Coffee truck do at Five Point. Mr. Montalvo stated they did well, could have had more foot traffic. People do not linger and stay after, once their games are over. Ms. Sullivan added it is the same for the Trail Riders. Mr. Maguire asked if the ice cream truck has a designated space to park at Five Point. There is a lot of traffic at the park making it difficult for children to get to the ice cream truck. He suggested establishing a designated location for the ice cream truck each week.
Mr. Maguire suggested the area near the top of the bleachers. Mr. Montalvo agreed. Does the vendor need to obtain a permit. Discussion on whether it would be a seasonal or yearly permit. Discussion took place related to the number of games played at one time at Five Point Park. Mr. O'Connor asked if the game schedule is the same each week. Township Liaison Buzzetta asked how we can attract more participants to the Farmhouse 5K. A suggestion was made to move the 5K to Fall. Other suggestions were to involve the ROTC for more visibility, and have students volunteer for the event for community hours. The 3rd Sunday in May is not the best weekend. Many children have sporting activities that conflict with the 5K.

9. Comments from the Public

Chairman Montalvo called for a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to open the public portion; Ms. Sullivan seconded.

As there was no one present from the Public, Chairman Montalvo asked for a motion to close the public portion, Mr. O'Connor made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and Ms. Sullivan seconded.

10. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss Chairman Montalvo asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Chairman Montalvo adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,
Barbara Byrne, Secretary