COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19, 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 May 19, 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:	Mayor Buss-Trochia, Chairman Montalvo, Mr. O'Connor (arrived 7:35), Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Wild, Mr. Maguire, Ms. Kronstedt, Mr. Sikorskas
Also Present:	Mr. Marques, Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. Garito, Mr. McNally, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Township Liaison Buzzetta

Public Present: None

5. **Discussion Items**:

6. Oath of Office for Reappointed Committee Members
This item has been moved to the June meeting.

7. **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Montalvo asked for comments to the April 21, 2025, meeting minutes. With no comments, Chairman Montalvo called on a motion to approve, Ms. Sullivan approved the motion, Mr. Sikorskas seconded the motion.

8. **Old Items**

a. Memorial Day Parade
Mr. Marques stated we are about a week away from the Memorial Day Parade. The Chief of Police will be heading the parade, followed by Santa on his motorcycle. The line of march includes Jr. ROTC, First Aid, Firehouses 1 and 2, Earle Fire, Antique cars (if anyone knows of someone with an antique car, have them contact our office), Grand Marshal will be Tom Foley, Lt. Col. Jim Sfayer as Master of Ceremonies, Colts Neck High School marching band, Township Committee and Mayor, Women's Club, John Luckenbill brass band, Colts Neck Business Association, Bicycle Contest participants, Boy and Girl Scouts, Colts Neck Sports Foundation, and any other added groups. The Colts Neck Trail Riders will be at the end of the parade. Ms. Sullivan clarified there will be less horses this year, 4 or 5 horses will participate in the parade. The horses will turn onto Revolutionary Road before the end of the parade. At the cemetery, the Colts Neck Police will raise the flag, and the National Anthem will be sung; Mr. Marques will get confirmation from the high school. Laying of the wreath by the police and Fire. Colts Neck High School will play taps at the end, followed by Meredith Geneve singing God Bless America, and a Patriotic piece by Colts Neck High School. There may be another Benediction. It was suggested to have horses at the beginning of the parade next year. The portable bathroom will be delivered on Friday. Mr. Montalvo will have the ice cream truck arrive at 10:30 am at Town Hall. He will contact Mr. Ryan as to where the ice

cream truck should park at the Firehouse. Bicycle contestants must be present by 9:30 am. Judging for the Bicycle Contest will start at 10:00 am.

b. Farmhouse 5K
Mr. Marques stated 30+ families participated in the event. It was a fun event; he also met several new residents who were attending their first Colts Neck event. Refreshments included water and assorted fruit donated by Delicious Orchards.

c. Pickleball/Tennis Spring Update
Open Play pickleball continues Sundays, from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. On the first Sunday eight participants attended and is picking up each Sunday. It is free for all levels to meet and form new pickleball groups.

d. Summer Camp Update
Mr. Marques shared 155 children have registered for camp. On Tuesday, applicants will be interviewed for Counselor positions. This year Colts Neck Schools did not use their snow days; therefore, the schools will end 3 days earlier than planned. We received several inquiries from parents asking if camp will start a week earlier. Unfortunately, our staff will not be available prior to our camp date of June 30. We may have a possible Multi Sports Camp that week, however, nothing has been confirmed.

e. Senior Club Update
Mr. Sikorskas stated the club has 269 members. Their monthly meetings have been well attended. A group just returned from a trip to the Cape May Zoo, followed by lunch at the Lobster House. A trip to the Surflight Theater for a show and dinner is next. Coming in September is a trip to tour the Intrepid Museum in New York City followed by lunch at the Chart House in Weehawken. October's trip will be to The Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania.

f. Sounds of Summer Update
The series will kick off on June 5, with Brian Kirk and the Jirks at Town Hall. Advertisements were sent to Two River Times, the Patch, and several other local magazines. There will be posters and flyers coming too. The Sound of Summer Series will be held every Thursday at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, except for July 3. Mr. Marques will follow up with Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Garito and share any updates.

g. Fishing Derby
Our annual Father's Day Fishing Derby will be on June 15. The Colts Neck Police Department will provide bait and prizes. Mr. Marques noted we have a great partnership with the police. We judge for the longest fish, heaviest, and most unique, which last year was a turtle.

9. <u>New Items</u>

a. Independence Day Celebration
The Colts Neck Business Association sponsors this event at Bucks Mill Park. The Colts Neck Community Band will be playing at 8:00 pm. It should be a wonderful celebration.

b. Field/Facilities Usage and Updates
Mr. Montalvo stated the Colts Neck Sports Foundation number of participants is up this year. Approximately 380 children are playing on the turf field at Five Point, including soccer and travel soccer. Baseball and softball use Cedar Drive, Laird Road, and Bucks Mill. Mr. Marques stated the pavilion at Bucks Mill held 150 for a Law program barbecue. A local Mensa group had a picnic at Bucks Mill. And June 8 is the big LAX tournament at Bucks Mill Park. Men's Soccer on Sundays, Soccer Shots for children and multi-sports Camps use

Bucks Mill facilities. Also, a bridal shower at the pavilion, a medical group wanted to have a kick ball game, our Woman's club has their annual summer barbecue at Bucks Mill. Mr. Marques stated our fields are being utilized. The Monmouth County Grant is coming due on July 10. Potential projects discussed at Five Point, changing the Block Building to a sports workout area. Mr. Marques stated we did not get the Grant associated with Jake's Law for the Five Point inclusive playground. There were twenty other communities who did apply for the Grant. Mayor Torchia-Buss asked what the total cost was for the playground. Mr. Marques stated $580,000. We would be responsible for $180,000. Mr. O'Connor asked if we would need to close the current playground. Mr. Marques said no, our insurance advised that both the Five Point playground and the playground at Bucks Mill are acceptable. Both do have a life expectancy and will need to be removed at that time. Mayor Torchia Buss asked if the committee discussed a tier approach for Five Point Park. It was discussed to look at a basic start of the overall project and add to it each year. Mr. O'Connor noted all sports would benefit from having a building, indoor bathrooms accessible from outside and inside at Five Point. Mr. Montalvo noted adding offices for the Recreation Department at Five Point. Ms. Sullivan asked how many children there are in the school system. Mr. O'Connor replied 1,000 in grades K-8. Mayor Torchia-Buss suggested this committee should look at Long Range Planning for this project. Mr. O'Conner added there are many questions, what size well and septic, where to position the bathrooms. The big question does the Township want to fund it. You need sidewalks etc. We need a survey for the community. Mr. Maguire added that Sports are a big business. When families are looking to relocate, that is something they consider. If we have good facilities families would want to live here rather than go to a surrounding town. Discussion continued about funding, Mayor Torchia-Buss suggested Monmouth County Grants or money from the State. Mr. Montalvo stated the Block Building at Bucks Mill could be renovated to a gym. We could rent it out and bring in revenue to be used for maintenance of the Turf field. Bucks Mill Green Acres only for Recreation Use. Ms. Sullivan asked why not take the money from the Town surplus and build the bathrooms. Mayor Torchia-Buss the Township is using some of that money to pay down the debt. We now pay as we go. Mr. Montalvo stated it is difficult to get commitment to a project, without having funding for the project. Mayor Torchia-Buss suggested Recreation needs to explore ways to generate revenue. She suggested creating a plan and identifying the residents' point of view for facility projects.

10. 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; Mr. Maguire 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. Kronstedt seconded.

11. 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 8:25 pm.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,
Barbara Byrne, Secretary