COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Recreation and Parks Department
14 Heyers Mill Road

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

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

3. Vice Chairman Montalvo read the following Sunshine Statement: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the Asbury Park Press and the Colts Neck Journal stating that a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Recreation Committee would be held on April 15, 2024, 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:	Township Liaison Viola, Vice Chairman Montalvo, Mr. Sikorskas, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Kronstedt, Mr. Maguire, Mr. McNally, Mr. Wild, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Garito
Also Present:	Mr. Marques, Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Chairman Cantalupo and Ms. Sullivan
Public Present:	Mr. Alan Ryan, Secretary CNFD # 2

5. **Discussion Items**:

Committeeman Viola stated the Township is in good shape financially. The big item for 2025 is the next round of Affordable Housing. The committee is getting up to speed with the new Affordable Housing Legislation. He shared the May 29 Township meeting will be moved to May 22 at the Primary School. This meeting will include a Town Hall meeting and an Affordable Housing Presentation. The meeting will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions of the Township Committee, Township Planner, Tim Anfuso, and DAC (Department of Community Affairs) professionals. The governing body is scheduled to submit their housing obligation by January 31, 2025. Committeeman Viola added 2025 should be a very busy year.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chairman Montalvo called for comments. Hearing none, Vice Chairman Montalvo called for a motion to approve the March 18, 2024 minutes. On a motion by Mr. McNally, Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded. Vice Chairman Montalvo stated meeting minutes are approved.

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7. Old Business

a. Memorial Day Parade
- The parade route will remain the same per Mr. Marques.
- The ceremony will be held at the Cemetery on Heyers Mill Road.
- Mr. Marques contacted past parade participants to confirm their participation this year. He has also contacted Pebble Creek Golf Course and confirmed use of the golf carts. We will need a Master of Ceremonies from Mayor Rizzuto.
- After a brief discussion, the bicycle contest committee decided the judging would begin at 10:00 am. The contest poster will be shared with the PTO and Township website.
- Mr. Ryan is set with the hot dogs. He asked if there will be a face painter, if so, he will need to confirm a location for the person. The refrigerator at the firehouse is shared with their caterer, he will need to know if anything needs to be refrigerated. Mr. Marques shared the new poster with the QR Code to be on display at the parade for residents to sign up for the township Notification System. Two additional posters are at Town Hall for use at meetings/events.

b. Pickleball/Tennis

Both sports are underway at Laird Road. Mr. Marques added the courts are numbered, also with Community Pass a new feature has been added for the public to view availability for all Township facilities. Residents can click Laird Rd. and view current reservations. He will be working with a new Ambassador with USA Pickleball to provide clinics soon.

c. Summer Camp

Mr. Marques stated registration is going well. Great news, we have secured a wing at Cedar Drive Middle Schools for 5 weeks of camp. The areas include the gym, library, music room and 4/5 classrooms. Mr. Marques continued, the first week of camp will be held at the Community Center at Bucks Mill Park. Ms. Kronstedt suggested postponing the first week of camp. Mr. Marques explained we have already accepted registrations with payments. We hope to have nice weather for the first week of camp. We may decide to add a tent if necessary. As of today, 120 children are registered for camp and we hope to have more in the coming weeks. Mr. Marques noted he has received eighteen new applications for Counselor positions.

d. Spring/Earth Day/Stewards of the Parks

Mr. Marques noted everyone has their assigned Park/Preserve and associated group contact information. If anyone needs garbage bags, gloves etc. feel free to contact our office.

e. Opening Day of Baseball/Softball

Opening day was April 6 and it was a little chilly. Mr. Marques noted Buster, Mascot of the Lakewood Blue Claws was in attendance. Softball Coach Brooke Maslow, Softball NJ Hall of Fame member was surprised when she received a special award. Vice Chairman Montalvo shared having the children coached by a "Hall of Famer" is a big deal. Overall, it was a great event. Vice Chairman Montalvo added Flag Football is also underway and recently the Sports Foundation had three hundred attendees attend their Father/Daughter dance.

f. Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Mr. Fitzpatrick explained Thursday night concerts are in the planning stages. Mr. Marques clarified the bands will not be required to submit Insurance Certificates. Mr. Fitzpatrick shared they originally planned for thirteen concerts. They have nine bands booked. The budget for thirteen bands is $7K. Ten performances cost $5,650. There will be nice variety of music. He shared they will use the same poster graphics as 2023 with updated listing of bands for 2024 . The lead singer of the well-known Grateful Dead cover band, Dark Star Orchestra lives in town and is scheduled to perform in August. Publicity articles will be submitted to local magazines every month to promote the Sounds of Summer Concert Series. Mr. O'Connor suggested updating the Township website too. Mr. Fitzpatrick also stated that unlike last year there will be no rain dates. Ms. Kronstedt suggested adding a food truck on Thursdays. Mr. Fitzpatrick added as the Cultural Committee builds up the event, a Food Truck may be added in the future. Mr. Marques stated this would be explored for future concerts.

g. Capital Asset Memo

Mr. Marques noted many projects have been completed and others are well on their way to completion. The job of the Ad Hoc committee may be to create new projects. Mr. O'Connor stated Cedar Drive basketball and tennis court project is complete and can be removed from the list.
Mr. Marques noted it may be time to add five year, ten year projects to reflect how the Township should look in the future.

h. Field Use and Fee Committee,

Mr. Marques will check with everyone for their ability and set up a meeting. He receives field requests on a daily basis, same for the Community Center.

8. New Business

a. Senior Update

Mr. Sikorskas shared a copy of the new Senior Club Handbook. The book is forty-seven pages and includes a list of members, addresses, and contact

information. Also included is a list of Club officers and Committees. The book is distributed to all club members.

b. Farmhouse 5K
The event returns on Sunday May 19. It will be advertised as a fun run, there will be no time clock or race numbers. The course will take attendees around the paved path at Town Hall. Mr. Marques added he is looking into donations of fruit and water for the event.

c. Fishing Derby
The Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Father's Day, Sunday June 16 at Bucks Mill Park. The Colts Neck Police Benevolent Association will provide the bait again this year. Attendees are asked to bring fishing rods. The PBA Volunteers play a big part in making the event a success. Mr. Marques confirmed there will be no additional fish added to the pond for the event.

9. Comments from the Public – None

10. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Vice Chairman Montalvo called for a motion to adjourn. Committeeman Viola made a motion to adjourn; Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Montalvo adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Sincerely,
Barbara Byrne
Secretary