COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm
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1. Chairman Cantalupo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

3. Chairman Cantalupo, read the following Sunshine Statement: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by notifying the Asbury Park Press and the Colts Neck Journal on December 29, 2022, stating that a meeting of the Recreation Committee would be held on November 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck, NJ 07722, Town Hall Annex. The notice requirements have been posted on the Township Bulletin Board, and a copy is on file in the office of the Recreation Committee.

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

Present:	Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick, Chairman Cantalupo, Mr. Montalvo, Mr. Sikorskas, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Kronstedt
Also Present:	Mr. Hennessy Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. Killick, Mr. Maguire, Mr. McNally and Mr. Wild
Public Present:	None

5. **Discussion Items**:

Mayor Fitzpatrick shared Joe Kleco Day was well attended. The kids followed Joe around the entire time he was at Five Point Park. It was a nice event. A Grand Opening was held on October 28 at Laird Road Park for the new Tennis/Pickleball courts. It was a beautiful day; four experienced Pickle Ball Coaches were present to share the fundamentals of Pickleball. Community Pass was available for those who wanted to obtain Membership/Court Reservations. The two neighbors in the back of the courts walked over and they loved the fact they would be able to walk so easily to access the courts.

Veteran's Day Ceremony was held in the new Courtroom. The Boy Scouts were in attendance, Col. Jim Sfayer was MC and did a wonderful job. Following the ceremony, everyone walked to the library for a luncheon provided by the Womans Club. The oldest Veteran in attendance was 96 years old and the youngest was 60 years old. It is a tradition that the youngest serves the oldest Veteran a piece of cake. Col. Sfayer cut the cake with his sword? Chairman Cantalupo asked about the

Five Point Bathroom project. Mayor Fitzpatrick shared the bathrooms are in the works, as we get closer to completion a Grand Opening will be held.

6. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cantalupo called for comments. Before approving the minutes, Ms. Sullivan requested an addition be made. After a discussion, Chairman Cantalupo asked Ms. Byrne to add the following under Review of Recreation and Park Fees: the committee discussed resident and non-resident fees for all programs and agreed to revisit the subject in January with the new Recreation and Parks Director at the January 2024 meeting.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

a. Colts Neck Country Holidays
b. Tree Lighting 4:30 pm at the new Town Hall (outside event) December 2 (rain date Sunday December 3)
   Mr. Hennessy will provide a 9' artificial tree for the lobby at 1 Veterans Way and will visit Town Hall to determine the best location for the tree. Santa's gazebo is no longer at Town Hall, it was decided to have Santa sit in the lobby of the new Town Hall. Mayor Fitzpatrick shared the Police Chief would like Recreation Committee members to direct participants in and out of the lobby. Ms. Kronstedt volunteered.
c. Frosty's Holiday Shop – Conover Road Primary School, Santa's Workshop, Saturday, December 2, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
   Frosty's Workshop includes 3 free crafts for children to create and give as gifts. This event is done in conjunction with PTO Santa's Workshop. New PTO members are very enthusiastic about the event.
d. Country Christmas at the Montrose School – Sunday, December 3, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
e. Letters to Santa – December 2 to December 21
   Mr. Hennessy reminded everyone at last month's meeting he shared the original Santa letterhead with matching envelopes children will receive when they mail a letter to Santa. Mailboxes will be located at Town Hall and Colts Neck Post Office.

Mr. Hennessy reviewed the program for Tree Lighting. Chairman Cantalupo will act as the Master of Ceremonies. Updates to the program will be emailed prior to the event.

Mayor Fitzpatrick shared only four businesses are interested in participating in the Window Painting contest. A few businesses expressed they were not interested in participating this year due to the time it takes to clean the windows. And weather was another factor. Suggestions were discussed for next year to have more participants. Mr. Sikorskas suggested having a professional window company clean the windows.

Ms. Kronstedt shared she played tennis on the new courts at Laird Road. Discussion regarding Community Pass and the process to purchase a yearly membership and reserving of courts at Laird Road. Mr. O'Connor noted the Board of Education decided not to monitor use of the Cedar Drive Courts.

f. Senior Citizen Report
Mr. Sikorskas shared upcoming trips and final 2023 lunch at the Molly Pitcher on December 18.

Comments from the Public – None

Ms. Kronstedt saw someone had set up a "scene" at one of the parks with a photographer who was charging $50/per photo. She suggested Recreation could do something similar. Mr. O'Connor noted his family takes their Christmas card photo at the Montrose School; Mr. Hennessy added many families also take Christmas card photos at the Tree Lighting with Santa Claus.

There is discussion to move the Montrose School to Town Hall.

Mr. Hennessy reported Recreation increased its revenue this year by increasing camp tuition and trip fees. Finding Counselors was the biggest challenge, he reached out to over 10,500 students in all the Regional Schools twice and came away with only 1 applicant. Mr. O' Connor noted the competition is the private camps where they make more money and accept tips.

Chairman Cantalupo asked Ms. Sullivan if the donkey will be at the tree lighting this year. She replied no, she would not be able to bring her horse either as it's too hard to see at night and cold.

9. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairman Cantalupo called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Montalvo seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Sincerely,

Barbara Byrne

Secretary