COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm
TOWN HALL ANNEX

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 October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck, NJ 07722, Town Hall. 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, Mr. McNally, Mr. Wild
Also Present:	Mr. Hennessy Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. Killick, Ms. Kronstedt, John Maguire
Public Present:	None

5. **Discussion Items**:

   Mayor Fitzpatrick explained the Farmland/Open Space Ballot included an error. The rate was ok but the dollar amount per household was incorrect. If it passes it would be null and void. The Township will plan to resubmit the item in 2024. The Town has purchased Overbrook Farm property. The Navy assisted with $5 million, $3 million from Monmouth County, the Township paid $780K. Chairman Cantalupo asked if the Monmouth Conservatory provided any funding. Mayor Fitzpatrick noted, they did negotiate the deal for the 230 acres. Ms. Sullivan noted the Township paid approximately 8% of the purchase price.

   Tennis/Pickleball Courts will have a grand opening on Saturday, October 28, from Noon to 2:00 pm. Ms. Byrne advised Community Pass will be up and running on October 23 for membership fees, and court reservations. Residents who have obtained their Certification as Pickleball Instructors will be in attendance to demonstrate how the game of Pickleball is played.

The CNPD plan to move into the new building on Wednesday. There will be a grand opening scheduled in the coming weeks.

An Interfaith Service was held tonight at Town Hall in support of Israel. A representative from all faiths in Colts Neck were in attendance.

Mayor Fitzpatrick shared the Township received a $250K Grant form Monmouth County toward the indoor bathrooms at Five Point Park. Noted, the site will need a "well house" and septic. The Architect is close to completing the plans, the project is scheduled for 2024. The building is being designed similar to a "Red Barn" with overhead doors. Use will be for meetings and parties with a covered patio attached. Mr. Montalvo added the Sports Foundation is revising their original plans for a shed on the property, they will work with the Township to provide a shed that will match the vision the Township has for the new building.

6. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cantalupo called for comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 minutes. On a motion by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McNally the minutes were approved.

7. Old Business

a. Trunk or Treat – Bucks Mill Park 10/21 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- Mr. Hennessy shared there is a new group with the PTO and they are expanding their involvement in our community. It should be a great event.

b. Veterans Day – Cedar Drive Middle School 11/8 at 1:00 pm
Town Hall/Library 11/11 at 11:00 am

- Mr. Henessy explained the ceremony at Cedar Drive Middle School may include lunch, he is meeting with Principal Rigby tomorrow to determine if the refreshments will be lunch or coffee and pastries. Mayor Fitzpatrick added the 11/11 ceremony will be held at 1 Veterans Way in the new courthouse, followed by lunch at the library provided by the Woman's Club.

8. New Business

a. Review of Recreation and Park Fees
Mr. Hennessy explained the fees are the same as the past few years with the exception of athletic fields. This is the first fee increase since 2009. The increase was $5 for both irrigated and non-irrigated fields. Mr. O'Connor asked if the Turf Field at Five Point Parks gets charged differently. Discussion continued regarding Exempt groups. Also discussed, resident and non-resident fees for all programs. This discussion will be continued in January 2024 with the new Director of Recreation and Parks.

Chairman Cantalupo polled the committee and agreed with these fees. The committee will revisit this topic at our January 2024 meeting.

Chaiman Cantalupo asked for a motion to memorialize these fees. Mr. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Montalvo.

b. Pickleball/Tennis Courts Opening October 28 (discussed previously)
Brief discussion related to the following list of events
c. Colts Neck Country Holiday Celebration Saturday/Sunday December 2 and December 3
d. Frosty's Holiday Workshop & Vendors Fair – Conover Road Primary School, Santa's Workshop Saturday December 2, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
e. Tree Lighting 4:30 pm at Town Hall (outside event) Saturday, December 2 (Rain date Sunday)
f. Country Holiday at the Montrose School – Sunday, December 3 1:00 – 4:00 pm
g. Letters to Santa – December 2 to December 21
Mr. Hennessy shared the original letterhead and envelope children will receive from Santa. This project has been ongoing for decades.
h. Senior Citizen Club Report
Mr. Sikorskas shared upcoming trips with the committee.

Mayor Fitzpatrick reminded the committee of the Colts Neck Business Association Holiday event, Businesses volunteer to have their store front windows painted by CNHS students with a Holiday theme. Awards are presented upon completion of the competition at the tree lighting ceremony.

9. **Comments from the Public** – None

10. **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 8:10 pm.

Sincerely,

Barbara Byrne

Secretary