COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 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 September 18, 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. Maguire, Mr. Sikorskas, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Kronstedt (arrived 7:15 pm), Mr. McNally, Mr. Wild.
Also Present:	Mr. Hennessy Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Montalvo, Mr. Killick
Public Present:	None

5. **Discussion Items**:

Mayor Fitzpatrick explained the Police Department is working on moving to the new building. Issues with security and the armor room are being worked out. The Township will need to receive approval from Monmouth County before occupying the new building. The Township purchased Overbrook Farm located off of Hockhockson Road which was part of Earle's property. The Navy supported the sale by putting $5 million towards the purchase price with Monmouth County adding funds. The Township was responsible for $700,000. By now you should have received a postcard regarding the referendum for open space in Colts Neck. It is very important to encourage others to vote on this referendum. In 2025 there will be another COAH housing, who knows what will happen. The more dedicated open space we have in town the better. Mr. McNally asked if the Mayor is concerned the referendum won't pass. She replied no, years ago yes. People should want to preserve the land for their children and grandchildren. Mr. Cantalupo noted last time the money was not bonded. This time the money is bonded, and it is stated you can only use the money for open space, nothing else. Mr. Sikorskas

suggested the Town should let the residents know what the prior Referendum was spent on as it may encourage residents to vote in favor of the upcoming Referendum. The Pickleball/Tennis courts are waiting for the pickleball lines to be applied. Community Pass will be used to sign up for a yearly membership before being able to reserve a tennis or pickleball courts. Ms. Kronstedt suggested installing cameras for security. Five Point Park will be getting a new building that will include a meeting room with access to a covered porch, indoor bathrooms accessible from outside and inside the building. Mayor Fitzpatrick is excited about this project. The bathrooms will be accessible from the inside and outside of the new building and the building will be available for children's birthday parties etc. The project will be going out to bid at the end of September. The CNBA Polo was held this past Sunday, and it was a great event. The Department of Public Works did a wonderful job grooming the field. Resident and former NY Jet, Joe Kleco was recently inducted into the Football Hall of Fame. The Mayor is planning to have "Joe Kleco Day" with a celebration after the Sports Foundation Flag Football Superbowl.

6. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cantalupo called for comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the May 15, 2023 minutes. On a motion by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McNally the minutes were approved.

7. Old Business

a. Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2023

- Chairman Cantalupo asked for comments, he noted it was a good day and nice ceremony. Ms. Sullivan noted what a great job First Aid did when a firecracker went off near the cemetery and a woman fell off her horse. Mayor Fitzpatrick added the Eagle Scout did a great job installing pavers at the gravesite for guests' chairs. Mr. Hennessy suggested adding other pavers to extend the dais capacity. Mayor Fitzpatrick expressed the importance of having the ceremony at the graveside and assumes incoming Mayor Rizzuto will continue the tradition.

8. New Business

a. Summer Camp Wrap Up
   1. Directed – It was a great 6 weeks with a doubling of campers enrolling in camp this year! Mr. Hennessy shared

the camp staff are all graduates of the camp and 80% of the Counselors attended the camp when they were younger.

2. This summer we offered a continuation of camp for two additional weeks by sponsoring a Multi Sports camp held at Bucks Mill Park, led by John Killick and CNHS Coach Art Collier. Children were engaged in sports including Olympic Games as well as playground games.

   We also sponsored an evening basketball clinic conducted by Steve Russell, CNHS' Basketball Coach. Jade Yelk, CNHS' Coach conducted a Field Hockey Camp.

   Next year our summer camp will be adding a fishing program thanks to a donation of fishing equipment by our PBA.

b. Community Center Fall Activities
   Mr. Hennessy shared a schedule of the activities being held at the Sports fields and inside Community Center. The town is very active!

c. New classes in the works at Studio 14
   We are looking for a replacement for our yoga instructor. Instructors will offer a variety of classes on the weekends to broaden our community outreach and gain new participants.

d. Senior Citizen Club Report
   Mr. Sikorskas shared the September newsletter. It was suggested to add Recreation committee members on the distribution list for future newsletters. To date there are 274 members. Before the October 4 meeting, Seniors will be able to receive their Flu shots. Several trips are planned, September, Lambertville Station for lunch followed by "Menopause the Musical" at the Bucks County Playhouse, October "Dracula a Comedy of Terror Dracula" Surflight Theater in Long Beach Island with lunch at Calloways, November to Lancaster, PA for "Escape to Margaritaville" at the Dutch Apple Theater. December will be a 2 day overnight trip to Lancaster for "The first Noel" at the American Theater, and "Miracle of Christmas" at Site and Sound Theater.

9. Comments from the Public – None

10. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairman Cantalupo called for a motion to adjourn. All said Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Sincerely,

Barbara Byrne

Secretary