COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 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 May 15, 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, Barbara Byrne indicated the following:

Present:	Mayor Sue Fitzpatrick, Chairman Cantalupo, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Sikorskas, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Wild (arrived at 7:32 pm), Mr. Montalvo
Also Present:	Mr. Hennessy Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Ms. Kronstedt, Mr. Killick, Mr. McNally
Public Present:	Alan Ryan, Colts Neck Fire # 2

5. **Discussion Items**:

   a. Liaison Report

   Mayor Fitzpatrick announced the Township has received a Monmouth County Grant of $250K, which will go towards indoor bathrooms at Five Point Park. The Mayor is very excited about this project. She thanked the Recreation Advisory group who worked very hard on the plans for Five Point Park. The Township Committee asked Administrator Capristo to move forward with an architect on the project. With an agreement with Earle, the Township is purchasing the 200-acre Overbrook Farm, pending a survey and appraisal. Ms. Sullivan asked if there are plans to develop the land. Mayor Fitzpatrick explained because of the Navy agreement it remains a working farm, people can sell their homes but the land use must remain the same. There cannot be development. Chairman Cantalupo noted this is good, in the event the base should close the land is protected. The Township has hired the same vendor who did the tennis courts at Cedar Drive Middle School to develop two tennis and four Pickleball courts at Laird Road. The courts will be lined for both sports. Mr. Wild asked when will the courts be completed. Mayor Fitzpatrick

replied they are planning for September. Mr. Hennessy asked Mayor Fitzpatrick about her office hours. Her office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am to 10:00 am in the new Townhall that will open May 22. Mr. O'Connor asked when will the Police move into the building. Mayor Fitzpatrick replied sometime in June.

6. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cantalupo called for comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the April 17, 2023 minutes. On a motion by Mr. O'Connor and seconded by Ms. Sullivan the minutes were approved.

7. Old Business

a. Stewards of the Park/Earth Day Week

Mr. Hennessy asked the committee if they felt the program is worthwhile and should move forward. Chairman Cantalupo noted Mr. McNally is very involved with the clean up at his assignment of Town Hall Park. He asked everyone if they had any difficulty contacting their counterparts for Earth Day clean up. Mr. Hennessy added Mr. McNally and the Environmental Committee cleaned up the Town Hall and found the same amount of garbage as pre during COVID. Mr. Sikorskas stated he found Schlesinger Preserve trash free. Ms. Sullivan reported Bucks Mill Park looks great. Nice to have the extra trash cans. The Polo field looks better too. Five Point Park looks good. Mayor Fitzpatrick noted people using the fields are being their own Stewards.

b. Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2023

- Memorial Park Ceremony – The new addition this year is Farm Tractors. Ms. Sullivan asked if there would be signs as to where they should park the horse trailers. Last year the Trial Riders had 12 horses march in the parade. Yes, there will be horse trailer parking signage replied Mr. Hennessy. Ms. Sullivan asked if Mr. Hennessy would remind the Police the horses would be exiting the ceremony via Heyers Mill Road. Even though the road is closed for the parade, they should be aware the horses would need to use the road to return to their trailers. Mr. Hennessy shared there will be two electric signs advertising the parade, one at Rt. 34 and Flock Road and the 2nd at Rt. 537 and Mercer Rd. Mr. Montalvo is all set with the ice cream truck. Children will be first served ice cream at the parade start and again at the Firehouse. Mr. Ryan will provide small water bottles with a cooler at Memorial Park during the ceremony. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated an Eagle Scout improved the cemetery area by

adding blue stone mulch and pavers. Chairs will be placed on the pavers with a few picnic tables being added for the event. Mr. Sikorskis added he saw Beckers Tree Services working at Memorial Park.

- Fire House Picnic - Mr. Ryan will have 1,000 hot dogs. Ms. Justine Buzzetta coordinated with the Lunch Break in Red Bank to pick up any left-over hot dogs. He will also provide assorted sodas, water and birch beer. Mr. Maguire will provide bags of chips for the picnic. Mr. Montalvo asked what time should the ice cream truck be at the firehouse. Mr. Hennessy replied between 11:45 am and noon. Mr. Ryan noted the CNFD will be closed, doors locked, but there will be parents with children waiting for the picnic, so water will be available outside the firehouse.

c. Summer Camp

- Ms. Byrne shared there are 125 Campers registered. We have received 13 new Counselor applications, 3 New CIT applications and 4 returning Counselor applications. Mr. Hennessy shared how rewarding it is to have new parents call the office asking about the camp because they have heard so many good things about the program. Followed by them registering their children for the first time. Many 6th graders, who have never gone to camp before, have registered this summer to be with their friends.

8. New Business

a. Sounds of Summer Concert Series, Most Thursdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm May 25 to September 14

Mr. Hennessy shared the poster of the Cultural Arts Committee concerts, sponsored by the Colts Neck Recreation Committee. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated the concerts will be held on the pondside of the old Town Hall

b. Colts Neck Community Band

Mr. Hennessy shared their concert last Thursday was spectacular. He shared a flyer indicating the next concert will be held on Friday, June 2 at Thompson Park. Mr. Sikorskis attended the Thursday concert and said they performed a wonderful medley of show tunes including Star Wars. It was a great concert.

c. Senior Citizen Club Report

Mr. Sikorskis passed around a copy of the club's Member Handbook. He also shared the club recently went to Buona Sera, Red Bank for lunch followed by at play at the Two River Theater.

d. Miscellaneous

- Chairman Cantalupo noted this is the best the Towns looked in years. Director of DPW, Lou Bader does a great job.

- Mr. Hennessy asked Chairman Cantalupo about our next meeting date of June 19, 2023. He replied, currently this committee has not been asked by the Township for assistance to plan new Township faclilities. The next event July 3 fireworks involves he CNBA, followed by 9/11 which involves the Township. Chairman Cantalupo asked Mayor Fitzpatrick to let the committee know if the Township would like this committee to be involved in planning 9/11 event. He continued by suggesting cancelling our June meeting and discuss the parade at our September 18 meeting. Chairman Cantalupo asked Ms. Byrne to send an email to committee members requesting their feedback on the Memorial Day Parade.

9. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairman Cantalupo called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Montalvo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Sincerely,

Barbara Byrne

Secretary