COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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 April 17, 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. McNally, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Sikorskas, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Montalvo (arrived at 7:20 pm)
Also Present:	Mr. Hennessy Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. Wild, Ms. Kronstedt, Mr. Holden, Mr. Killick
Public Present:	Alan Ryan, Colts Neck Fire # 2

5. **Discussion Items**:

   a. Volunteer Handbooks and Receipt Acknowledgement

   Chairman Cantalupo explained Ms. Byrne will email the Handbooks and receipt acknowledgment forms tomorrow. Please email your signed receipt acknowledgements to her by April 21. All forms will then be submitted to Township Administrator Capristo.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Cantalupo called for comments. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes. On a motion by Ms. Sullivan and seconded by Mr. McNally the minutes were approved.

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7. Old Business

a. Stewards of the Park/Earth Day Week

Mr. Hennessy stated tomorrow at 6:30 pm Mr. McNally will lead his assigned group at Town Hall for clean up; the Environmental Commission will also be in attendance.

b. Memorial Day May 29, 2023

- Parade - Mr. Hennessy spoke to his contact who held a dress your pets event and advised not having a "strut your mutt" in the parade.
  He has secured one tractor to attend and represent "farmland" in Colts Neck. Mr. Montalvo confirmed the ice cream vendor. Mr. Ryan will be working with Mr. Hennessy regarding the hot dogs. He added the Birch Beer did not go that well. Last year there were more requests for water than Birch beer. And the firehouse floor did get sticky from spilt Birch Beer. Chairman Cantalupo suggested providing less Birch Beer and more water this year.
- Our Memorial Ceremony returns to Memorial Park this year. Eagle Scout Alex Besculides is improving the site.
- Bicycle Contest Poster has been distributed to the Colts Neck Schools backpack and PTO for posting on their website. Mr. Montalvo will post on the Sports Foundation website. Chairman Cantalupo asked Mr. O'Connor (member of the Board of Ed) to confirm the schools are aware of the contest.
- Summer Camp - Mr. Hennessy shared 107 registered campers, with registration continuing for two more months. Counselor in Training (CIT) applicants will make $7.23 with the idea they will return as Counselors the following year. Mr. O'Connor suggested involving students from Colts Neck High School ROTC. These students need to have 40 hours of Community service a quarter, hire them to be counselors.
- Events – Christmas House Decorating contest discussions of breaking the Town up in districts and having a judge for each district. It was suggested voting would take place via email.
- Senior Citizen Club Report - Mr. Sikorskas distributed the current club Newsletter, noting an upcoming trip; lunch at Buono Sera in Red Bank followed by a play at Two River Theater. Senior Citizen Club Vice President Alan Ryan noted the group is open to new trip ideas. The monthly luncheon is also attended by members of the CNPD.

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8. New Business

a. Liaison Report - Mayor Fitzpatrick announced she has chosen Major Penczak as Grand Marshall for the Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Fitzpatrick attended the Mayor's Legislative Day in Atlantic City on April 5. There was a rumor of Towns getting back their RCAS – returns, enabling towns to sell credits to another town. This is only a rumor. She signed a bi-partisan bill with other Mayors to get back their town's energy tax they have paid for the past 20 years. Along with the Mayor the Township Committee also attended Opening Day of baseball last Saturday. The event was postponed twice. The transition into the new building is slowly moving. The IT work to connect the two buildings is taking longer than anticipated. She hopes to have her office hours next week in the new building. She continued sharing the Colts Neck Cultural Committee is led by her husband, Jim, AJ Garito and Mary Ellen Griffin. They have musical events scheduled every Thursday evening starting on May 25 ending on September 14. Mayor Fitzpatrick plans to have a postcard of events sent to all residents. August 10 will be Colts Neck's Got Talent – residents are invited to sign up to perform. More details to follow on the Township website. Mayor Fitzpatrick noted the donated fountain in the pond outside Town Hall. The fountain also lights up and has a setting for color lighting. The fountain will help keep algae and mosquitos at a minimum. Mr. McNally asked if the pond water is hard water and will the pump clog. Mr. Hennessy added this model has a screen to prevent clogging. Mr. McNally noted he sees a lot of people fishing in the ponds at Town Hall. Ms. Sullivan suggested placing a big rock near the ponds for fishing. Children can sit on a rock and fish.

9. Public Comments - None

10. Adjournment

As there was no further business, Chairman Cantalupo called for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Sincerely,

Barbara Byrne
Secretary