COLTS NECK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2026

1. Chairman Montalvo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

3. "The Notice Requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times on January 9, 2026, stating that a Regular Meeting of the Colts Neck Township Recreation Committee would be held on March 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm at 3 Veterans Way, Colts Neck. A copy is on file in the office of the Township Clerk."

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

Present:	Chairman Montalvo, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Sikorskas, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wild, and Township Liaison Mayor Viola
Also Present:	Mr. Marques, Director Recreation and Parks, Ms. Byrne, Administrative Assistant Recreation and Parks
Absent:	Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Garito, Ms. Kronstedt and Mr. McNally
Public Present:	Alan Ryan

5. **Discussion Items**

Mayor Viola stated the Superior Court denied the Townships application related to Fair Share Housing. The Township will comply with the ruling under protest. The Township will now need to plan and adopt zoning ordinances to allow for development at 68 Obre Road, Wellspring Farm and Dutch Lane by May 13. The Township Committee will introduce the 2026 budget at the next Township meeting. An Ad Hoc team for the indoor bathroom project at Five Point has been formed. It includes Sports Foundation Board President, Mr. Luthmann, Recreation Committee Chairman Montalvo, Township Committeeman Tobia, Township Engineer, Mr. Gerken P.E., Department of Public Works Director, Mr. Bader and Recreation Director, Mr. Marques.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Montalvo asked for comments to the February 17th, meeting minutes. With no comments, Chairman Montalvo asked for a motion to approve, Mr.

O'Connor made a motion to approve, and Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The February 17th meeting minutes were approved.

7. **Old Items**

   a. Stewards of the Park, Park Updates, Earth Day Clean ups
   Mr. Marques asked everyone to contact the office if they are planning a park/preserve Spring clean-up and he will arrange for supplies from the Department of Public Works. Mr. Marques asked Mr. Williams to be responsible for the Turf Field at Five Point. Please report any down trees etc. to Mr. Marques.

   b. Spring Kickoffs-Sports Foundation
   Last weekend soccer and flag football kicked off their season at Five Point Park. April 11th baseball will start at Laird Road. Mr. Williams noted we have 40 teams and 300+ children. We are keeping parents off the turf field during practice and games. We will be getting a new shed and batting cages at Laird Road. At Cedar Drive irrigation will be added to the new football field. American Youth Football is expanding, 11, 10 and 8U. Lacrosse will be starting. Mr. Marques added the High School announced a Spring Volleyball Clinic. Mr. Williams noted the Sports Foundation has a father/daughter dance coming up in June. The Sports Foundation may add a golf program and a track and field program. More information to come. Flag Football may have a one-day fundraiser in June. Also, in discussions there is a one-week summer sports camp. Mr. Williams, Mr. Marques, and Mr. Montalvo will discuss this topic at a later date.

   c. Monmouth/CN 250 Programing
   Mr. Marques stated the Township events started with George Washington's Birthday at The Colts Neck Inn. Also in attendance was his wife Martha and Joshua Huddy. While the event was postponed due to the blizzard, it was rescheduled with ninety-four attendees. Many attendees dressed in period costumes.

   d. Summer Camp
   On Friday camp registration began. We have 14 (K-3) and 13 (4-8) signed up for the full six weeks. 10 (K-3) for 1-5 weeks and 11 (4-8) for 1-5 weeks. Trips will be open on April 9. Anyone who knows of First Responders or Military who may be interested in sending their children to our camp, please contact our office. Mr. Maguire shared it is a great feature this year to be able to select individual weeks of camp. In the past, parents were required to register children for all 6 weeks of camp. He suggested having parents register children for at least a 4-week minimum. Mr. Marques explained the flex registration is a trial this year. We will adjust the camp registration parameters in the future if needed. Mr. Sikorskas asked what bus company the camp uses. Mr. Marques replied, Shamrock Bus Company and they are very dependable.

e. Recreation Facilities
Mr. Marques stated as Mayor Viola mentioned, the Ad Hoc committee will meet to discuss the bathroom project at Five Point Park. Currently, we have baseball, soccer, and softball practices in the Community Center. The Boy Scouts moved their Pinewood Derby to 14 Heyers Mill. Ms. Sullivan asked if the move was because of the size of the group. Mr. Marques replied they decided they did not need such a large space for this event. The Boy Scouts will continue to have their monthly meetings at the Community Center. Mr. Maguire asked if there would be a lit-up crosswalk between the High School and Five Point Park. Mayor Viola shared it is his understanding that at the end of the project a marked crosswalk will be added.

f. Sounds of Summer Update
Mr. Marques stated a calendar is coming soon. We are hoping for twelve bands, the maximum being thirteen, with potential rainouts, it is likely only ten bands. July 2nd is the only Thursday we are skipping a concert, as it is too close to July 4th.

g. Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 28, at 9:30 am at Fire House #1 with a rain date for April 4. Mr. Marques noted donuts from Delicious Orchards and coffee will be available benefitting the Woman's Fire Auxiliary.

h. Memorial Day Parade
Mr. Marques stated he is working on the one-mile fun run prior to the parade. Motts Artillery agreed to march in the parade with a cannon and musket, the ice cream truck will be participating in the parade. Mr. Ryan added the Firehouse will be ready to celebrate the 250 anniversary as it is a special year. He will partner with the committee to prepare for Memorial Day. Mr. Montalvo asked if the parade details have been finalized. It seems like every year we change something up or try something new. Mayor Viola stated our parade is special, it is a true Americana parade and suggested not to change the template. We can discuss the parade in more detail at the next meeting. Ms. Sullivan expressed concern for the horses related to the cannon/musket noise. Mr. Marques added the cannon will only go off once and it will be closer to the front of the parade away from the horses.

8. **New Items**

a. Senior Club Update
Mr. Sikorskas handed out copies of the March Newsletter. He shared he attended a trip to No Limits Café in Middletown that hires adults with disabilities. Members also went to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for "The Sunshine Boys" and lunch. In April members have the opportunity to visit the

BAPS Swaminarayon Akshardham Hindu Temple in Robbinsville. It is the largest Hindu temple outside of India. A trip in May is scheduled to The Tropicana in Atlantic City for “Celebrating Celine” tribute show.

b. Monmouth County Municipal Park Improvement Grant Ideas
Mr. Marques stated this grant application is due on July 9. The total is up to $500K, it can be used for a focus on new building or partner with a non-profit. You can have one project with multiple facets. An example would be adding flooring to the Community Center and new lighting. If we move forward with the application, it will need to be presented to the Township Committee at the June 24 meeting. Mr. Sikorskas suggested extending the path at Five Point Park. There is room with the recently acquired property. Mayor Viola reminded everyone there are many clean up issues with the newly acquired property. He suggested a “long term strategy” plan for the property.

c. NJRPA Conference
Mr. Marques attended this conference in Atlantic City, during the blizzard weekend. He arrived on Sunday. Attendance was light due to the weather. He participated in an Aging and Inclusivity workshop. Attendees were asked to wear mittens, headphones and limited vision and attempt to sign a waiver, demonstrating how difficult it is for aging adults. He also attended a workshop related to hiring Camp Counselors. Noting this job could be the first job for many teens. Mr. Marques stated Colts Neck Recreation won an Award for “Sounds of Summer” poster. Please stop by his office to view the award. Another Colts Neck Award winner was the Lions Club. Justin Lotano was in attendance to accept the award. The Lions Club, in conjunction with Monmouth County Parks, provided a Braille Trail at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center. Colts Neck was well represented at this Conference.

10. Comments from the Public

Mr. Montalvo asked for a motion to open the public portion of the meeting. Mr. O’Connor made a motion, Ms. Sullivan seconded. Mr. Ryan left the meeting at 7:25 pm and there was no one else present from the Public.
Mr. Montalvo asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting; Mr. Maguire made a motion and Ms. Sullivan seconded.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Montalvo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. O’Connor made a motion and Mayor Viola seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on April 20, at 7:00 pm; at the Annex Building, 3 Veteran Way.