

Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 2024

Present: Chairperson Nanci Howard, Vice Chair Sarah Leonard, Sue Breakell, Angela Rossbach via zoom and Recreation Director Erin Reilly. Excused: Garret Harlow and Patrick Lucas

Call to order: Called to order by Chairperson Nanci Howard at 7:07 pm.

Secretary's Report: In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was **voted** unanimously to approve the minutes of February 29, 2024.

Financial Report: Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Camp Custodian's Fee G/L 5201-22 is below budget due to an injured employees' absence. Erin Reilly will discuss with the first selectman Todd Carusillo about backfilling this position for the time being. In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was **voted** unanimously to accept the reports.

Program Reports:

Kids Programs:

Archery for grades 2-5 runs March 22 - April 12 in the basement of Kobylanski Lodge
April 23- May 28 T-ball for PreK through 3rd starts at GCS field. Still looking for volunteers to help coach.
Half day program on Wednesdays and Fridays have a lower attendance so far with 4 children registered for 3/20 and 2 children registered 3/22. Another is scheduled for April 3, 2024.
Saturday, March 23, Egg-fest. Toddlers to second grade at Kobylanski Lodge.

Adult Programs:

The evening basketball and volleyball are well attended.
Evening Yoga with Alyssa will meet on Monday nights at Kobylanski Lodge with 7 people registered.
Crystal Yoga to start a new class on Thursday nights at Kobylanski Lodge and a once a month sound bath (*a meditative practice involving the use of resonant music*).
Janice's Fitness Group meets on Mondays and is well attended with 10 people or more.

60+ Programs:

Thursday, March 20 trip to Accordion Connection in Canaan with lunch at Stateline pizza. Seats available.
Thursday, April 18, to Riverside Reptiles in Enfield and lunch at Acapulco's.
Thursday, May 16 a visit to the CT Trolley Museum in East Windsor.

Family/Community Programs:

Vision Board program on April 6 with Cheryl Martinelli.
Stained Glass with Sarah from Fragile Beauty on Friday March 29 from 6pm – 8:30 pm.
Paint night with Christine in Kobylanski Lodge on Friday 4/5.
The next brunch is April 15, 2024, at the GCC.
The next EMR class starts Tuesday 3/19, 6 people registered.
Sew It's Thursday group 10 am -12pm followed by lunch.
Indoor pickleball at GCS in the next week is being investigated.
Saturday, April 27 is the Annual Shane Kinsella Memorial run/walk at Camp Coch.

Other: None

Old Business:

Camp Coch Day Camp

To date 13 children have been registered from the town and out of town registration begins March 20. 3 counselors have been hired and CRT and Junior CRT are to be interviewed. The scarcity of lifeguards for the upcoming season is a concern. Erin Reilly will be in contact with the YMCA.

Office Relocation to Camp Cochipianee

Erin Reilly provided responses to the Board of Selectman during their meeting on March 5, 2024. Goshen is unusual in that the recreation programs are paid for or compensated by the activity fees or donations; therefore, the town does not incur most of the costs.


Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget discussion.

The Recreation budget will be reviewed on 3/19 by the Board of Selectman and 3/22 by the Board of Finance. Erin will check with Public Works, if Benthick Barrier can be used to reduce weeds by the kayak entry area. Erin spoke with Joyce Mowrey of Sustainable Goshen regarding the possibility of an ADA grant for building a boardwalk as part of the storybook trail. The baseball dugout needs repair or replacement. Erin Reilly will have the structural soundness of the current dugout evaluated. Erin Reilly will explore recommended actions for field maintenance and Tri-town collaboration.

New Business:

Request for Purchase (RFP) for lawn maintenance to go out for two years. The cost of hiring a company compared to doing the work with town personnel with a newly purchased Zero turn lawn mower was discussed. In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell; it was **voted** unanimously to increase the Expense G/L 0002-22 Campgrounds Maintenance account to \$15,000.

Adjournment In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was **voted** unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.



Lee M. Kennedy
Recreation Commission Clerk

Received March 20, 2024 @ 3:33 P.M.
Attest [Signature] Z. Bur
Goshen Town Clerk