

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, September 20, 2021**

Present: Don Patterson, Chairman; Sarah Leonard; Erin Reilly; Nanci Howard; Patrick Lucas, Katie Hennessy, Recreation Director  
Excused: Garret Harlow

**1 Call to order:** 7:05 p.m.

**2. Secretary's Report:** In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2021 as submitted. Motion carried with Patrick Lucas abstaining.

**3. Programming Report:**

**Senior Fitness** – Community Care & Hospice along with Director Hennessy reported that the registrations for the Senior Fitness program are overwhelming, the participants are very enthusiastic. September 13th through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. If the demand continues, more instructors will be hired.

**Archery** - the participants have sold out (14). Another very successful program.

**Goshen Fair Recreations/Goshen Fair Gauntlet Event:** A huge success (4 teams). Next year's Recreation events at the Fair will be expanded.

**4. Upcoming Events:**

**Town-Wide Tag Sale** – 34 registrations; 600 people participated; huge success. Improved maps will be done for next year.

**Town-Wide Picnic** – Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, We anticipate approximately 300 people attending. **All** Goshen residents are welcome.

**Shane M. Kinsella Annual Run** – Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>; beginning 11:00 a.m.

**Goshen Public Library Festival** – **FREE** Camp Coch, Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Spooky Story Hour, fun crafts, paint pumpkins, caramel apples. Come in costume. Family photos at photo booth.

**Recreation Halloween Party** –**FREE** - Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Camp Coch - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both Goshen elementary kids **AND** parents. Haunted House inside the lodge.

**Turkey Trot** – (Recreation Department is not a sponsor of this race). Former Dir. Colleen Kinkade will be available at this event.

**Bus Trips** – Trip to Cabela's Shopping Center, Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Winter trips will be published soon.

**5. Policy Handbook Review:** The "draft" copy of the Policy Handbook was distributed to the Commission members for review and discussion. Commissioner Sarah Leonard and Director Katie Hennessy provided the content and Town Clerk, Barbara Breor oversaw the legal protocols of contained therein. The opening hours at Camp Coch are from "sun-up" to "sundown".

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Background checks will be done for all Camp volunteers.  
Verification must be shown for use of medical marijuana.  
All Town of Goshen policies must be adhered to.

### 6. Old Business:

#### 5-YEAR PLAN- INITIAL PRIORITY VOTE:

The following facility improvement proposals have been selected as Goshen Park and Recreation priorities. By selecting priorities, Director Hennessy will be able to ***apply for appropriate grants*** in advantageous time-frames. The list below indicates the consensus of the Recreation Commissioners priorities:

1. Pavilion: Estimated cost: \$25,000.
2. Camp Cochipianne Grounds: a. side walk; b. drainage Estimated cost: \$10,550.00 (needs ADA compliance). PW Supervisor Garret Harlow has input for this project.
3. Purchase of kayaks & paddle boards: Estimated cost: \$4,000. w/training and insurance.
4. Playground: Approximate cost: \$100,000
5. Ice-Skating Rink: cost projections for maintenance are needed.
6. Kobylenski Lodge: estimate is needed.
  - a. Exterior siding restoration
  - b. Lodge windows and doors
7. Removal of unused outhouse facility (a liability): need estimate to remove.
8. In-ground public swimming pool: Estimated cost – \$1.2 million; extensive liability.

It is imperative that the Recreation Commissioners maintain a united front in moving forward on these Priority “Five-year Plans”; stick to the master plan.

### 7. Other Business:

The resignation of Commissioner Erin Reilly was submitted. Chairman Patterson, on behalf of the Recreation Commission, extended their thanks and appreciation for Ms. Reilly’s contribution to the Commission over her tenure.

Chairman Patterson reported on the six month employment review of Katie Hennessy, Recreation Director. The input from each Commissioner cited the success and ability to work together as a team. Other feedback has been good, she has been doing a good job putting forth great programs; the Commission has been very well organized.

### 8. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Erin Reilly, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary