

Town of Goshen

RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 28, 2022

Present: Chairman, Don Patterson; Katie Hennessy, Recreation Director; Nanci Howard; Angela Rossbach; Sue Breakell; Bridgett Michaud

Excused: Garret Harlow; Patrick Lucas

1 Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report:

In a **motion** made by Sue Breakell, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was **voted** to accept the minutes of January 24, 2022 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Old Business:

Valentine's Day Brunch: Very successful event. 38 participants. This may become an "annual" event.

Basketball: Very successful event. Over 100 participants. (Goshen, Warren, Litchfield, Morris)

Winter Fun day: this was done in collaboration with the Goshen Public Library.

4. New Business:

Camp Coch status: We have a good head start. Unfortunately for area children, Camp Moe has closed. However, many summer camps *across the country* have also closed due to loss of staff/life guards. The fewer camps are competing for staff (increased wages).

Camp Coch will be returning to the traditional camp rotations, activities will be more "sports" oriented rather than crafts. ZORB- large inflated balls that children can roll in on ground/land. Times for Pre-K children will be extended; some former restrictions will be lifted; programs will be geared toward team building. Cell phones with the campers will not be allowed this year. HOWEVER, there will be plenty of phones available on site.

Some discussion was given to drop off and pick up times; some parents work and it's difficult to be on time for pick-ups. More discussion will be given to this issue. \$120.00 per child for K-6, Goshen residents; \$145.00 per child outside of Goshen; Pre-K will be \$60.00 per session. This year's budget has been set. Any considerations for a request to the BOF for an increase in the "Recreation" budget will be for next year's budget only. Katie Hennessy will collect data for this proposal to the BOF.

Working Budget and Capital: Discussions were had for increased funding to the Rec Dept. Special events will be held for only 1-day; T- Ball will be 1-20 participants. It is hoped the community will come forward with donations, but due to the three year COVID-19 pandemic, many residents were hit hard financially and donations are expected to be at a bare minimum.

The Pavilion will be built in May. It is a simple construction building.(Dexter Kinsella has volunteered to do the foundation (with help from C.H.Nickerson). Bids will be going out for electrical along with roof bids.

***New Field Restoration:** This project is a priority, in that lack of proper drainage in *both* baseball field, archery range and behind the Kobylenski Lodge have been subjected to major damage- flooding and gross damage to the fields. When repaired, overseeding will be required to promote a healthy base. This project will be added to the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

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Working Budget Projections 2022-2023:

Increases are anticipated for:

Camp Ground Maintenance: \$1,800.

Camp Salaries & Wages: \$1,907.

Camp Waterfront Coverage: \$4,484.

Office Supplies: \$ 400.

Programming Expenses \$ 500.

Total: \$9,091

Kudos to our Goshen Boy Scouts! A Scout eager to earn his rank as Eagle Scout and other scouts have shown interest in doing the task of coating and line painting at Camp Coch.

Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Angela Rossbach, seconded by Sue Breakell, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary