

Town of Goshen

RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 23, 2023

Present: Chairman, Nancy Howard; Erin Reilly, Recreation Director; Angela Rossbach; Sue Breakell, Patrick Lucas, Sarah Leonard

Excused: Garret Harlow

1 Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Angela Rossbach, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Financial Report:

Camp Ground Maintenance and Camp Lodge Maintenance shows a somewhat higher percentage, at this time. However, this percentage will decrease going forward(as lawnmowing and other warm weather maintenance slows.) There will be an new monthly cost for (the new fiber optic service that was installed at a little over \$800 per (year). Wi-Fi is all set at the lodge for the November election process.

In a **motion** made by Susan Breakell, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Voted unanimous.

4. Program Reports:

KIDS PROGRAMS: **The kids Halloween Party** – (Friday October 27 from 6p-7:30p, games, prizes, and fun) “Jack-O-Lantern Lane” will be held Friday, October 27, 2023. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Drop-off for Jack-O-Lantern’s starting Wednesday, October 25th at Camp Coch. Winners will be announced Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Dance Classes: will be offered Thursday p.m. after school beginning November 2nd; to be held at the Goshen Center School.

Tea Party: after school,- once a month, 1.5 hrs., \$20.00 per person, tea and snacks will be available. This also will be held at the Goshen Center School.

Archery for Kids: have 6 kids signed up. There will be 4-week sessions.

Craft Program: to be held once a month. More info to follow.

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Basketball Program: Saturdays for K-5. (With Warren, Morris, and Litchfield at Wamogo or Litchfield High gyms. Registration opens November 19, program starts in January)

Ski Program at Mohawk Ski Lodge: Warren, Morris, Goshen, Litchfield. 6-week program-Tuesdays. Family package for adults and children.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Yoga: Wednesdays; Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays (traditional yoga in the evenings at Camp Coch) and, Fridays (traditional at 10:30).

Pickle Ball: This will be taken up again in the Spring. A Pickleball “league” is in the process of being formed (with Morris and Litchfield).

Adult Basketball: Mike Bates coach; (Tuesday nights at GCS) \$5.00 drop-in fee, (\$35 for 8 weeks, \$100 full season).

Volleyball: Mike Prause, Thursdays 5 p.m., December 7th though April 2024.

*EMT program has been postponed.

60 Plus Programs:

The visit to the King Tut display was a great success; full bus. (J. Foster Ice Cream and Villa LaPorta restaurant (Avon). Mattatuck Museum last Thursday – San Marinos for lunch. November - Boscove Shopping Mall (Meriden), Dave & Buster’s lunch; Meriden Mall area. Discussion came up about “Just for Lunch” type trips. Janice Connor: “Silver Sneakers” on Mondays, beginning November 13th – 9:30 a.m.

Family/Community Programs:

(Community Brunch)– great success 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

QPR training- Suicide Training, - November 4th, 10:30 a.m.

Have signed up two (2) bands for the 2024 season.

(TRIPS)Warren – Macy’s Day Parade (blow up parade balloons); (Rockettes all booked).

Cornwall would like to join in our Senior Bus programs. This item will be on our Agenda next month.

Plans for Summer Camp 2024 will also be considered: Salaries, programs, fees, costs, etc.

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Receiving requests for a clothing swap. (Looking at weekends in November)

In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Angela Rossbach, it was voted approve the programming report,

Voted unanimous.

Old Business:

A. Office:

Request has been made to relocate the Recreation Commission Office from the Town Hall over to Kobelynski Lodge at Camp Cochipianne. Looking into grants to alleviate the cost. Many programs can be held there, where the Recreation Commission office can also be located. (The Lodge could be used more as a Community/Senior Center to be open and accessible during the day for seniors, families, homeschool groups, and more)

In a **motion** made by Patrick Lucas, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to approve the Recreation Commission present this proposal to the Board of Selectmen. Voted unanimous.

B. Water (at Camp Coch):

The most recent testing of the well water was good. Instructions are in place as to the steps to take to keep the water clear/bacteria free.

New Business:

A. The track at Camp Coch receives high usage. Garret Harlow and the town crew make a concerted effort to apply regular clean-ups and restoration. Notwithstanding, the track receives usage wherein “patch-work” no longer is enough. Proper “drainage” needs to be installed, among other restorations to bring the track up to professional playing level. Mr. Harlow will investigate the overall work and costs to bring it to athletic level and submit it to the Board of Selectmen.

B. Yearly meetings: The 2023 year is nearly at an end and a new 2024 calendar of events needs to be submitted. A discussion was held upon viewing the “draft” of the new dates/schedules. Final dates will be submitted accordingly.

C. Camp Coch Rentals: (Erin has been reviewing contracts for other local facilities to improve the Agreement that is place for Camp Coch and Lodge rentals. There needs to be a signed contract and security deposit received

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by the Recreation Department before a date will be considered reserved. A clear statement about the no alcohol policy needs to be added in, maybe in multiple areas, to clearly explain that the Gather Guard insurance will state that alcohol is covered however it is not allowed at Camp)

8. Adjournment: In a motion made by Angela Rosbach, seconded by Susan Breakell, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige