

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 21, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Don Patterson (Chairman), Patrick Lucas, Erin Reilly, Garret Harlow, Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director. Also, present Ryan Chmielewski, from Weston & Sampson Design; Ned Bixler, Russell Hurley, Pat Reilly members of Goshen Board of Finance.

**Excused:** Nanci Howard; Sarah Leonard

**1 CALL TO ORDER:** Don Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Erin Reilly, it was **voted** to take up New Business: *Master Plan for Camp Coch*, at this time of the meeting. Voted unanimous.

Mr. Chmielewski, Senior Project Manager, opened his slide presentation on what *Weston and Sampson* does, the type of landscaping they offer for providing recreational space and infrastructure construction. They offer creating a *Master Plan* for spaces. The Recreation Commission is looking for the possibility to have a *Master Plan* for capital expenditures for the future of Camp Cochipianee. *Weston and Sampson* would do “community outreach” to garner feedback regarding what the townspeople would like to see for the future of Camp Coch. In the past, Director Kinkade has tried doing a “recreation survey” with very few responses. Having a company like *Weston and Sampson* do the survey, would generate more responses. A *Master Plan* would be beneficial for not only Camp Coch, but other Goshen spaces that are owned by either the town, the school, or Goshen Land Trust. Notwithstanding, the recreation department can reach out to the Goshen Land Trust and devise fund raising activities with the intent of attracting families with young children and utilize the newly created Economic Development Committee for attracting new businesses to town.

**2. Secretary’s Report:**

In a **motion** made by Garret Harlow, seconded by Erin Reilly, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried with Patrick Lucas abstaining.

**3. Treasury Report:**

The Commissioners reviewed budget expenditures to date and highlighted some areas of the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. Camp Ground Maintenance had expenses for eradicating nests of hornets, the inside of the lodge was painted. Program Income from 9/16/19 to 10/21/2019 (Archery, Soccer, Town-Wide Tag Sale, Yoga) totaled \$1,290.00.

In a **motion** made by Erin Reilly, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was **voted** to approve the Treasury report as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**4. Programming Report:**

**Senior Bus Trips:** A trip to the Pequot Museum is coming up; a trip to the Christmas Tree Shoppe is planned for November.

**Yoga with Zeal Wellness:** Classes with Rebecca Kawolski will be starting in November.

**Halloween Party:** Scheduled for Friday, October 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Camp Coch. Volunteers are needed .

**Fall Festival:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A day for family fun, scavenger hunt, hayrides, pumpkin painting, some local vendors.

**Before and After-School Programs:** 11 families are in need of *Before & After-School programs* but the Recreation Commissioners feel it doesn't go along with mission for the Recreation Department, and therefore will not be pursuing this endeavor.

**Soccer K-2 Program:** Warren, Morris and Goshen Rec. Department working together; 22 players signed up. The last one is on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Basketball K-2 Program:** Planned for Saturday mornings, hopefully at WAMOGO.

#### 5. Old Business:

**Trees at Camp Coch:** Two crews took down dead trees. Where stump grinding will take place, some stone walls will need to be repaired in the future.

**Sponsor a Tree idea:** Native trees will be planted to replace some to provide shade. It was thought that perhaps for a small fee, some residents would like to "dedicate" a tree, with a small plaque.

**Playground at Camp Coch:** One presentation for playground equipment was given at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Recreation meeting. Director Kinkade has reached out to *Creative Recreation*, from Hartford, to give a presentation also. p

**Skating Rink snow removal:** The most practical idea to remove snow from the rink is to make the skating area smaller. Several bids have been acquired to contract snow removal by machine, but the cost is very high.

#### 6. New Business: Master Plan for Camp Coch (see page 1)

In a **motion** made by Garret Harlow, seconded by Don Patterson, it was **voted** to look into garnering partnership the with the Goshen Land Trust and the Economic Development Committee for creating a Master Plan for recreation spaces. Voted unanimously.

**Line Striping for Camp Coch parking lot:** The parking lot has been crack-sealed. Prices for line painting will be garnered.

#### Meeting Dates for Recreation Commission for 2020:

**2020**

#### **7:00 p.m. – Conference Room**

Monday, January 13, 2020

Monday, February 10, 2020

Monday, March 16, 2020

Monday, April 20, 2020

Monday, May 18, 2020

Monday, June 15, 2020

Monday, July 20, 2020

Monday, August 17, 2020

Monday, September 21, 2020

Monday, October 19, 2020

Monday, November 16, 2020

Monday, December 21, 2020

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**Elections at the Annual Town Meeting:** Two members of the Recreation Commission will be running for re-election at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019: Don Patterson and Nanci Howard.

**7. Other:**

Bids for the repair of the track at Camp Coch will be going out to contractors (3). Announcements will be forthcoming.

**8. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary