

TOWN OF GOSHEN
RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 25, 2021

Present: Don Patterson, Chairman; Sarah Leonard; Garret Harlow; Patrick Lucas; Erin Reilly; Nanci Howard; Collen Kinkade, Recreation Director

Others: First Selectman, Robert P. Valentine

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

2. Secretary's Report: In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Treasury Report: Director, Collen Kinkade reported that money is coming in to offset the costs. Purchases were items for the gift/holiday bags (of which sales were very successful), and a broom and a shovel for skating rink. Money for activity bags from MyRec also came in which went directly to the General Fund. In addition, T-shirts and hats really sold well.

Bob Valentine stated that in municipal accounting, revenue is shown in line items in the budget. There are no negative numbers in the accounting overall.

In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Erin Reilly, it was **voted** to approve the Treasury Report as submitted. Voted unanimous.

4. Programming Reports:

a. New Year's Eve Activity Bags: with hats, horns and holiday related items sold out.

b. January Bags: included "make your own" terrarium, snowman and ceramic cup.

c. February Bags: will celebrate Valentine's day, heart shaped ceramic box, a ceramic craft, activity book etc.

d. Poppy's Fishing Derby: Dan Kobylenski would like to be at this year's event in person. Participants will be required to wear masks, social distancing, etc. Inasmuch as there was no annual *Sportsman's Dinner*, Mr. Kobylenski may ask for donations from the Recreation Commission to purchase some number of fish.

e. T-Ball: With protocols from the State Dept. of Early Childhood, this program should be able to begin in late April, when the weather is warmer and the children are able to be outside comfortably.

5. Old Business:

Director Kinkade suggested that new Recreation Director review the breakdown of all line items in the budget. First Selectman Valentine suggested there will be no capital in current year, it may be prudent to look at the needs for the next year.

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(The estate of George Schuster is still being probated, but anticipated in construction of a planned Pavilion at Camp Coch.)

First Selectman Valentine reported that the Governor's Sector Rules now in place are scheduled to expire. However, in that vaccination distributions may go beyond the timelines for our summer camp program, changes in opening camp, etc. may have to be moved out to July. Director Kinkade opined that hired staff for camp may be subject to change, CIT's etc.

6. New Business:

Suggestion from a town resident regarding a dog run and kayak storage at Camp Coch.

A discussion ensued about these two suggestions wherein feasibility of each was considered. Liabilities must be on the top of the list for consideration, along with signage, vandalism of kayaks, dogs not under control of owner or leashes, i.e., state lease laws, etc. Commissioner Reilly voiced her opposition to these suggestions, as well as Commissioner Patrick Lucas.

7. Other:

Chairman Patterson reported on an invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Goshen Board of Selectmen to discuss the hiring of a new Recreation Director, the duties and responsibilities of that position. The responsibility of the actual hiring of a candidate lies with the Board of Selectmen. A special joint meeting was *temporarily* scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for this purpose. A **final/confirmed** date/time for this special meeting will be posted.

8. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Patrick Lucas, seconded by Erin Reilly, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige