

Town of Goshen

RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2022

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

Excused: Garret Harlow; Patrick Lucas

1 Call to order: 7:12 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: In a motion made by Angela Rossbach, seconded by Susan Breakell, it was voted to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022. Voted unanimous.

3. Financial Report: A review was made of the Profit & Loss vs. Actual: 7-2021 through April 2022. Although expenses were shown to be 83.4% total this amount is offset by program revenue and donations.

4. Old Business:

Shane M. Kinsella Race (April 30th): – was a great success. Approximately 150 participants were on sight, and good income for the SMK fund was had.

T-Ball (May 3 to June 7): Over capacity. Pre K to K 24 registrations. 1st grade – thru 2nd grade 10 registrations. Everyone is enthusiastic and having a great time.

Archery (May 4th to June 8th)

Poppy's Fishing Derby: (May 7th): Twenty-six (26) registered. A "thank you" goes out to First Selectman, Todd Carusillo for helping serve refreshment. A great, fun day for all who participated.

AARP Safety Driver Course: (May 9th): Despite change of venue, a good number of attendees. Good feedback, (but there were request for cushions on chairs).

Hip-Hop/gymnastic classes (session 2) May 2nd thru June 6th: Good participation. Successful.

***2nd Annual 60 yrs + Fishing Derby – May 14th:** info on the internet – a good program. Snacks –

5. New Business:

Camp Coch Annual Session: 6 weeks:

The “Waterfront Director” has been found; contract being sent out today.

Current registrations 65 campers at this date.

Health & Safety: The Camp Coch building is up to code. Smoke detectors are being replaced; Oven hood inspections and servicing is scheduled to be completed. K extinguishers in kitchen have been replaced.

Facility Maintenance: Docks will be in place Memorial Day weekend. Benthic Barriers are in process along with weed removal.

A “thank you” to our Facilities Manager, Earle Tyler for installing the auto-lock system on the bathroom building. Open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Capital Improvements:

Pavilion construction update: the underground water tables are still too high to pour concrete, the Bocce court is complete; Horseshoe court is in progress.

The new shed, which has been planned for a long time, will be ordered this week. A sheet showing those sheds available within the price range decided upon was distributed to the Commissioners. After careful review of the sizes (to be compatible with the equipment to be stored) and other requirements, it was decided upon a modest shed with bare minimum specifications.

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Angela Rossbach, it was **voted** to accept the 14’ x 24’ Cape Garage at a cost of \$14,302.00. Voted unanimous.

Public Requests and Feedback:

Installation of public Kayak Rack on Camp Coch beach property. A discussion ensued among the Commissioners. This request has been made by Ellen and Howard-Cooper, 83 Milton Road, Goshen, CT.

Camp Cochipianee yearly activities and peak kayaking seasons are simultaneous (June thru August). The Commissioners felt strongly that this is a conflict of interest. Camp Coch is in “lockdown” from June through August for the safety of our campers/personnel. This forbids members of the general public on site to pickup or use kayaks/personal property.

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Safety: The public is deterred from using Camp property throughout Camp season to prevent property damage, i.e., cigarette butts, glass in the sand, other refuse this is left on the beach. The public may use the beach on the weekends; we cannot have increased traffic to the area during camp time.

Space: Space is limited on the small beach, which is used for campers and camp beach equipment. Kayaks have been purchased for the campers this season. Having lack of space for these down at the beach, racks for our campers and procedures were created *to bring them down from the building each day.*

Administration costs: Develop/publicize contracts, waivers, rental rates; create and maintain waiting lists; phone calls, emails, reporting of stolen kayaks, and other properties. The Department does not have these numerous resources.

In a **motion** made by Susan Breakell, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was voted to deny the installation of a kayak rack due to the Camping requirements, public safety and safety for the camp children, insurance risks, vandalism and required clerical workload for this activity. Voted unanimous.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

Senior Picnic: A discussion was held on the activities concerning the popular Senior Picnic (June 8th). To include all Goshen seniors who wish to attend/participate, yet keep everyone involved "safe", it was decided that homemade dishes, as in the past, will be welcome. However, due to safety precautions (with COVID-19 showing somewhat of a resurgence) it was decided to have restaurants provided the larger main dishes. Some offerings may be single serving wrapped. This information will be out to the public as soon as possible.

Hip Hop Gymnastics Classes (session 2)

Memorial Day Parade (Biking)

Sew it Thursday (seniors)

Summer Soccer Camp

Camp Cochipianee 2022

Special Trip- Yankees vs. Red Sox

Camp Concerts

Public invited to all Recreation Commission meetings

Senior Bulletins (distribution of information for Seniors):

At the request of First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, Recreation Commission Chairman, Don Patterson has prepared an overview concerning Senior

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programming and Goshen Recreation Department. The Goshen Recreation Department uses approximately 50% of its programming budget that focus on our Senior community, i.e., exercise programs, bus trips to exciting locations throughout the state, restaurants, yoga classes, the 60 + senior fishing derby, a large attended Senior picnic; free music concerts, and much more. Camp Chocipianne's lodge is utilized by groups such as "Star Quilters" , "Sew it Thursdays" and other similar type activities. Other free events include a Holiday Party, Halloween Party, Winter Fun Day, etc.

Information on our programs and special events in many Goshen locations: in print, Online, outside organizations, *Town Topics*, which is mailed to every Goshen resident, town bulletin boards, Town Hall -1st floor; outdoor Community Board at Camp Coch; Goshen Business Circle Community Calendar, GP&R Facebook Page; Republican American Newspaper; Camp Coch indoor community board.

Outside organizations have schedules and bulletins for all of the Recreation Dept. bulletins and special events:

Goshen Community Care and Hospice (all programs/special events)

Goshen Business Circle (all programs/ special events)

Special Situations:

Senior Picnic (**prior to the senior picnic, each senior in the town of Goshen receives a personal phone call to inform them of this event**).

Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Angela Rossbach, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Lucille A. Paige,
Recording Secretary