

# Town of Goshen

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, September 18, 2023

**Present:** Chairman, Nanci Howard; Sarah Leonard; Erin Reilly, Recreation Director; Sue Breakell, Angela Rossbach, Garret Harlow;

**Excused:** Patrick Lucas

**1 Call to order:** 7:06 p.m.

**2. Secretary's Report:** Monday, July 17, 2023. In a **motion** made by Sue Breakell, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of meeting Monday, July 17, 2023. Voted unanimous.

### **3. Financial Reports:**

**3a. Monthly Bills Report:** This itemized Report from Fiscal Office of bills paid to date for FY 23/24 was reviewed.

**3b.** The report for **Budget vs Actual**, reports for 2022-2023 and current reports for 2023-2024 to date were reviewed. Camp revenue for summer 2023 were 79.9% of projection. Total expense to date is 26.6% for year 2023-2024.

In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Sue Breakell, it was **voted** to accept the Monthly Bills Report and the Budget vs. Actual Report as presented. Voted unanimous.

### **4. Programming Report:**

**Kids Programs:** Region 6 Enrichment Program; Monday thru Thursdays; every week. Feelers going out for Soccer Coach; planning to have archery classes this fall; hope to set up a dance classes. Halloween Party in October. Nanci Howard suggested the "Goshen News" to advertise our Recreation Programs, reach out to our senior citizens to volunteer for teaching craft programs, etc. and getting other volunteers for programs.

The need for after-school programs/activities was discussed. Perhaps Craft classes on Saturdays; Plantings (bulbs,etc); knitting classes, pottery classes. Discussed the value and interest of Homework Club.

**Adult Programs:** The 3 Yoga programs are going well; EMT Classes coming October 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Funding coming from Hartford Healthcare. Adult Volley Ball; Men's Basketball – Monday or Tuesdays. Weekend Crafts for adults such as flower arranging, etc.

**60+ Programs:** Glebe House - Woodbury; San Roma for lunch; Railway Café in Winsted (new). "King Tut" is pre-sold out. Htfd. Convention Center -Thursday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Family & Community Programs:** The Concert Series programs have been a success; 35-40 people average attendance. The *Annual Tag Sale* took place last week; 19 addresses were offered to visit; 200 maps were given out to the public – Very successful.

The brunch on Saturday, September 16th with the Goshen Community Care group was great. Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> is the next date for these groups to join for brunch.

**Camp 2023:** This year resulted in really good numbers. Pre- K - 17 kids; K to 1<sup>st</sup> was full every week 22 kids; 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades 20 kids. Grades 5,6 -11 campers; extended A.M. 8:30 – 9- 7 campers; extended P.M. 3:00-4:00-13 campers

Many of our Camp Counselors are graduating college. We need to look at training counselors earlier; consider a higher rate of pay also. Consider the hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Will look at other camps in the area and garner comparison information.

Consideration will be given to increase camp fees for Goshen residents (\$180.) current \$120 and Out-of-Town residents \$200. (\$145.current). Will compare what programs are being offered at the other camps, etc. Raising fees will cover cost of “extras”. Pizza was funded in part by SMK fund this year. Special programs were provided by camper families and “free’ due to relationships with the community.

**Other: (2023-2024)**

Consider concerts every Mondays; Costs for sponsors of band concerts range between \$200 - \$750. A discussion ensued regarding placement of the bands, set up, seating, etc. Sponsors funded most concerts for this summer.

**Old Business:**

- a. Parking lines at Camp Coch: This job has been completed with great success by Cono and Erin. The lot looks great.

**New Business:**

- a. **Office space at Camp:** Erin proposed moving her office over to Camp. A short discussion ensued of what may be available in the main building at Camp Coch. This move would open the possibility of more daytime programs – render and open “community center” atmosphere.
- b. **Bus:** The current Goshen/Cornwall senior bus the town uses for medical appointments for our seniors is getting old. A new, smaller bus for this use is being considered by the Board of Selectmen. Erin, Recreation Director, is considering asking for the old bus to be used for Recreation Programs. This would open programs to other age groups for trips. Increased fees will help fund a higher pay and other activities that campers paid extra for.
- c. **Water Problem:** There is a water problem at Camp Coch. In July under normal testing, a coliform bacteria was found in the water. Bottled water is being delivered to the Camp in the interim. Continued testing is going on.

**Other Business to Come Before the Commission:**

Regular groups that use the fields:

- a. Soccer Club – once a week – regular groups that use the fields
- b. Frisbee Group (Thursday)
- c. Bocci Court – (tournaments)
- d. T-Ball – Tri-Town, unfortunately, has not kept up with the needed maintenance to the field. There was an agreement that they would maintain the infield after the regrading was done.

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**Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary