

**Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2020**

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

1 Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report:

In a **motion** made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Don Patterson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting. Motion carried with Sarah Leonard and Erin Reilly abstaining.

3. Treasury Report: In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Nanci Howard, the Commissioners **voted** to combine item 3. with item 5. Old Business, Operating and Capital Budgets. Voted unanimous.

4. Programming Report:

Easter Egg Hunt Kits: Sixty-six children have signed up for "egg hunts" at their homes. 20 eggs per child that includes one golden egg per kit; eggs contain candy and toys; in addition a \$5.00 gift certificate goes to each family donated from Silly Sprout.

Senior Kits: The regular Senior Social is on hold, however "Senior Kits" will be distributed to those who are homebound. The kits contain jigsaw puzzles, colored pencils, a craft kit to make stress balls, baked goods and snacks.

Moving forward – other plans are in place with an effort to "reach out" to residents during the pandemic: family kits, craft kits, etc. Tammy Valentine has a project to distribute **Senior Graduation Flags** for those families whose child is graduating high school this year. There was an anonymous donor who paid for all Wamogo Seniors to receive a flag. The flag can be displayed in their yard as a way of showing congratulations, in that high school graduation ceremonies may not be held.

There will be no T-Ball or Archery offered this spring.

Camp Coch Summer Camp and Teen Adventure Camp:

The Summer Camp program is still "in consideration" of sorts. Ideas are being floated: Camp Kits, modified camp, etc. Director Kinkade is among several Camp Directors who are researching ideas during this pandemic isolation. Chairman Patterson floated the idea of an **abbreviated** Camp Coch Summer Program; hire Camp staff on a tentative basis.

Teen Adventure Camp:

Dir. Kinkade stated that this program is 80% complete for this year besides some trips to Lake Compounce, etc.

However, she will look for more guidance in the coming weeks as to social gatherings, regulations.

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5. Operating and Capital Budgets:

Superintendent Chris Leone advised town officials that the BOE has decreased the Reg. 6 assessment from \$500,000 down to \$250,000. This aligns with First Selectman Valentine's request to Dept. Heads to hold back on *Capital Expenditures* within their budget requests. Bob feels very strongly on attempting to hold the mill rate for Goshen to 19.6. The Rec Commissioners discussed this proposal. They reached the decision to place funds in Capital Expenditures for only the playground and let the final decision come from the decision of the Board of Finance. A review of the Capital & Non-Recurring 2019-2020 report was done.

A discussion took place on funds to be expended on the water well at Camp Coch. It was decided to contact well water professionals as to the condition of the well and water to avoid any hazards.

6. New Business:

Lawn RFP for new fiscal year:

This covers edging at the track, spring cleaning, clean up at the archery range, clean up of the hiking trail. Garret Harlow reported that the old lawn mower at Public Worker Dept. has been returned to working order and may be used to undertake other tasks.

8. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Garret Harlow, seconded by Nanci Howard it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary