

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, January 25, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Don Patterson, Erin Hurlburt, Cate Corwin, Nanci Howard, Donna Winn, Recreation Director, Robert P. Valentine, First Selectman, Joseph Doherty Sr. and Joseph Doherty, Jr. from Boy Scout Troop #35

**ABSENT:** Garret Harlow, Al Torizzo

Don Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was VOTED to amend the agenda to add a presentation by Joseph Doherty, Jr. from Boy Scout Troop #35. Voted unanimous.

Joseph Doherty Jr. reported on his project to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He outlined his plan to clear out the overgrown brush and plants that block the trails and other recreation spots at Camp Cochipianee, clean up the trails and identify those "nature" trails, have signage placed to designate the "nature trails" and point out historic sections. He estimates that this task will take 6 months of physical labor and a minimal amount of fresh materials for upgrading the trails, etc. It was suggested to Trooper Doherty add follow up maintenance of the Camp as part of the overall project. Perhaps plan "camp outs" by fellow Boy Scouts for the sole purpose of conducting maintenance/upkeep. Bob Valentine further suggested that Trooper Doherty contact the Goshen Land Trust and the Conservation Commission, and the high school's "Community Service" program for assistance in his project. Upon completion of the plan, Trooper Doherty will return to the Recreation Commission to present the completed plan for the Commission's endorsement.

IN A MOTION made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to move to New Business; Budget for 2016-2017. Voted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob Valentine reported that upon the recommendation and consent of Alan Walker, Chairman of the Board of Finance, a visit be made to each Town Department to render guidance to each in building their budget for 2016-2017. He suggested that each department begin with a "0" based budget plan; analyze carefully what is needed, the cost of the items and the justification for same. Each line item request should be accompanied by brief summary. Incoming anticipated revenue should be highlighted. The budget for the Recreation Department is due April 12, 2016 for submission.

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of December 21, 2015 as corrected. Motion carried with Nanci Howard abstaining. (Under Treasurer's Report it was Cate Corwin (not Don Patterson) who questioned the cost of the ramps).

IN A MOTION made by Don Patterson, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2016 Special Meeting as submitted. Motion carried with Nanci Howard abstaining.

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IN A MOTION made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 Special Meeting as submitted. Motion carried with Erin Hurlburt abstaining.

IN A MOTION made by Erin Hurlburt, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was VOTED to approve the report of the Treasury as presented. Voted unanimous.

Donna Winn reported invoices paid from Pratt Nature Center, Oliver Rubbish, True Value, Hunter Lawn Care, Scoreboard Enterprises. Income received from Yoga, Mohawk Ski Program, Goshen T-shirts and rentals.

**PROGRAMMING REPORT:**

*Mohawk Ski Program:* 18 participants; attendance is good, very enthusiastic.

*Winter Fun Day:* February 22nd, all the winter games and activities are set; Boy Scouts are encouraged to attend and help out.

*Dance Program:* Every Friday for 12 weeks; 11 participants; possibility to have second group of dancers for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

*Ongoing Programs:* Karate & Yoga – 15 participants, popular program

*Camp Coch Summer Program:* reorganized program, applications have been sent out; advertisements are on the internet and town website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Camp Coch Maintainer:* Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2016; discuss overall duties and responsibilities.

*Ice Skating:* going very well, many use the pond; discussed surface snow removal.

10% Contractors: a brief discussion was held, this items will be on next month's agenda for review.

**\*NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)**

*Teen Night:* to be held at Camp Coch, music with DJ; for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders; need volunteer chaperones.

*Christmas Tree Lighting 2016:* three (3) trees in front of Town Hall will be added to festivities; hot chocolate, etc.

*Spring Soccer:* Recreational: Don Patterson is looking for volunteers; 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grades; Donna Winn will investigate holding coaches clinic.

*Volleyball:* Begins Wednesday, January 27, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on launching an EMR Program. WINS for life clinics planned.

Presentation by Conn. State Police regarding basic safety policies i.e, crime watch in neighborhoods, home robberies.

Tennis Program: Garret Harlow to head start-up; kids tennis lessons.

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary