

RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Don Patterson, Cate Corwin, Nanci Howard, Erin Hurlburt, Patricia Ives, Robert Valentine, First Selectman

Excused: Al Torizzo, Garret Harlow

Call to Order: 7:05 pm.

Secretary's Report:

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 regular meeting as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

The statement of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual – July through September 2016 was reviewed by the members. Finding no errors or omissions, A MOTION made by Erin Hurlburt, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to approve the report as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Programming Report:

Programs currently in progress:

Soccer, grades 1 – 3 going very well

Soccer, grades 4 – 6 going very well

Archery – Don Patterson reported it was a good experience for the; the program went very well. For lending assistance, a thank you goes out to Dustin and Jen Watkins.

Field Hockey – successful program

Dance & Tumbling – Under direction of Sherri Laigle; program going very well

HITT Fitness:

Upcoming Programs:

Seniors Road Trip to LaTavola in Waterbury was overseen by Debbie DiPietro.

Halloween Party – Friday, October 28th, Camp Coch – Patty Ives gave an update on volunteers, collecting candy/prizes, gathering volunteers to donate cider, lemonade, baked goods. Volunteers are needed to attend to the office activities, games, clean up.

Fitness Program – *HITT* (High Intensity Interval Training) Taught by certified fitness professional, Ann Barrante; 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. held at the Goshen Center School Gym. Sunday 10/16 and 10/23; Saturdays 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17.

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Old Business:

Bathrooms at Camp Coch – Garret Harlow and the Architect are reviewing final plans; to be followed soon by formal RFP.

New Business:

Updates on Search Committee for new Recreation Director - Ads have been posted in local newspapers, online, etc. The next Search Committee meeting will review applications.

Accounting policy with Board of Selectmen: Nanci Howard gave overview of how Recreation budgets and revenues were handled. First Selectman, Bob Valentine reported on the new voucher system that will replace some of the steps in the previous accounting system. The consensus was reached on the advantages of the new system.

Bob Valentine also gave notice of the invitation received from the Susan B. Anthony Project to the Counselors in Training who worked at Camp Coch this past summer, to attend their 28th Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to be held at Coe Park in Torrington. This vigil will recognize the supportive program facilitators, such as the CIT's and their involvement with students while at the Camp.

IN A MOTION made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to table "Appoint a Treasurer" until such time as a new Recreation Director is in place. Voted unanimous.

A brief discussion took place on the hours the current Interim Recreation Assistant will be asked to serve. Overall, her hours will be flexible as priorities are addressed. Erin Hurlburt and Nanci Howard will render assistance as needed.

In discussing ideas for new programs, it was decided to reach out to Goshen's teenagers for their input for programs suited and enjoyable to their age group. Adult volunteers are needed to assist in set-up, provide refreshments, etc.

- Open Mike Night
- Dance
- Movie Night
- Bunko (card games with teams)
- Christmas Dance
- Game Board Night
- Canoe Races

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Light for the backside of the Ice Skating Rink – a contractor will be contacted to put in a light for that side of the pond for the upcoming season. A used snowblower in good condition along with a shed to store it in is being sought to keep the ice rink clear of snow for use of the ice by the public.

The Warren Park and Recreation Commission want to collaborate on programs for road trips for the senior citizens. Northwest Transit District will be contacted for information on use of the new senior bus and other means of transportation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary