

Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
August 31, 2020

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

1 Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report:

In a **motion** made by Nanci Howard, seconded Erin Reilly, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the July 20 2020 meeting. Motion carried with Patrick Lucas abstaining.

3. Treasury Report: The Commissioners reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 7/2020 thru June 2021. Totals presented on this summary are 21.09%. The Commissioners reviewed a spreadsheet **Capital & Non-Recurring 2019-2020**. First Selectman Bob Valentine suggested the Commissioners review their Capital account and combine some items to attain a targeted goal. They discussed getting permission from Board of Finance to "combine/move" items on this list to be able to use money already set aside. In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Nanci Howard, it was voted to accept the Treasury report as presented. Voted unanimous.

4. Programming Report:

After School Programs:

After school activities are not allowed at this point in time. Students cannot ride on school buses that they do not go on in the morning and will be allowed to be dropped off at Camp Coch. Distribution of "Busy Bags" through the schools are being considered. These bags will be prepaid; homeschoolers can be delivered or picked up at Camp Coch. This program is for Goshen residents only. Archery can take place outdoors; Field Hockey can be done in small groups by grade.

Rec Sports Programs:

These programs can be combined with Warren and Morris. Soccer and Field Hockey afterschool can be done outdoors. These activities can take place at Camp Coch to comply with Sector rules.

General Rec Programs:

Yoga classes can take place using social distancing which is feasible at the Camp Coch Lodge. Exercise classes and some others can be accommodated at the Lodge.

Adult "Busy Bags" i.e., adult "paint night". Rec can provide paints, brushes, canvases, etc.

WMG (Wamogo, Morris & Goshen) Rec Events:

Drive-In Movies – The recent drive-in movie event was very successful. The next movie is "Jurassic Park", "Onward" at the end of September and "Hocus Pocus" coming in October. These events are co-sponsored with Union Savings Bank. The movies will feature a larger screen.

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Concerts: The last concert co-sponsored by the WMG Rec was Billy Joel Tribute Band: River of Dreams. Great turnout and donations were plentiful.

Special Events: (Alternatives)

Halloween Party: Drive-thru haunted set ups, costumes. Drive-by with “goody-bags” distributed at the end.

Fall Harvest Festival:

This can feature scavenger hunts and related crafts in a bag to be picked up or delivered.

Trail Scavenger Hunt:

These events are in *need of some volunteers* for a sub-committee to work with the Conservation Commission and the Goshen Land Trust. Working on coming up with ideas on what to put on the trails or ways to use geocaches for people to hike and walk the trails we have in Goshen. Please contact Colleen Kinkade if you are interested in serving on this subcommittee.

Old Business:

Camp Coch 2.0 Update:

Despite the restrictions with COVID-19, this summer’s camp went better than expected. There were no complaints, children were enthusiastic and happy with the programs that were allowed (under the “protocols”). There was an average of 47 campers per week. The last week of Camp with the Isias storm presented some challenges that were overcome. Commissioner Sarah Leonard donated a “port-a-potty”; out-houses were cleaned thoroughly in preparation for each group to still have their own bathrooms while power was out. Compliments were plentiful from the parents, which were appreciated. Commissioner Reilly stated that her daughter thoroughly enjoyed this year’s camp programs.

Town-Wide Tag Sale: (Rain or Shine)

Woodridge Lake participants will conduct their sale on the field at Camp Coch – not in the parking lot as in previous years. COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Sign-ups for participation are going well.

New Business:

Rentals and use of Lodge at Camp Coch for meetings of local groups

Director reached out to John Krukar regarding the Boy Scouts and agreed upon a “check list” while using the Camp Lodge. Wearing of masks, social distancing and other required COVID-19 protocols were reviewed. Sector Rules must be followed.

For other groups, a sign-in sheet will be available. A liability waiver may be a requirement along with a sign-in sheet to track/contact persons entering the premises.

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In a **motion** made by Erin Reilly, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

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