

Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2020

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

EXCUSED: Nanci Howard, Erin Reilly

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

2. Secretary's Report:

In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting. Voted unanimous.

3. Treasury Report: The Commissioners reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2020 thru June 2021. Totals presented on this summary are 38.0% which is on target. Anticipated income is in pipeline. The sales of seasonal "activity bags" has been very successful. In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Garret Harlow, it was voted to accept the Treasury report as presented. Voted unanimous.

4. Programming Report:

November Thanksgiving Activity Bags: All of these bags were sold out in 1 day! Ceramics and other holiday activity items were much appreciated.

December Activity Bags: Contained a ceramic apple, gingerbread kits, other Christmas themed ceramics. 38 Gingerbread House bags @ \$15.00/bag were sold. Very successful.

Basketball Activity Bags: This bag contains activities related to basketball. Videos will be sent out during Christmas break for 4 weeks.

New Year's Activity Bags: This bag brings out great celebration. They contain balloons, crafts, party hats, noise makers, decorating activities. Nine out of 12 bags have already been sold.

January Activity Bags: Still gathering ideas for contents: snowmen starter kits, etc., are being considered.

Santa Drive Thru and Lights at Camp Coch:

Recreation Director, Colleen Kinkade and Earle Tyler, Maintenance, worked hard to put out a beautiful Christmas light display at Camp Coch. Blow-Up characters are in place, trees have lights on them and the railings on the fence are circled with lights. Sixty kids attended the Santa Drive-Thru. Goshen's fire truck carrying Santa came through with covered in lights. There was a special mailing box for children's letter to Santa.

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Ho-Ho Hotline: Held Wednesday, December 16, and Thursday, December 17, it again was very successful. The volunteers were great and the parents were very pleased.

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Patrick Lucas, it was **voted** to change Budget discussion to the agenda under **6. New Business, 6a. Budget**. Voted unanimous.

Summer Camp 2021 (Camp Coch): Director Kinkade participated in a discussion held at the meeting of the *Connecticut Recreation and Park Association* recently where members reported on how their camping programs fared last summer. Some did not open their camping program at all, others opened with limitations due to the pandemic. Presently Goshen is planning for the best of situations, with funding for same. Camping program will be discussed more at length in January. Hopefully "Plan A" with the best conditions as in a normal can be put together; if conditions remain unchanged concerning the pandemic, "Plan B" efforts will be carried out as it was in 2020. Attention must be paid to the increase in minimum wage as it pertains to CIT's, etc. Presently, camp plans remain "fluid".

Old Business: None

New Business:

Budget 2021:

Warren, Morris, Goshen (WMG) recreation departments will be putting together programs that will be successful in the coming year. All of us will be seeking out sponsors for the programs. (gold sponsors, silver sponsors, etc.) Signing up "big bands" will be one of the endeavors. Advertising will begin in March. Inasmuch as Drive-In Movies were so successful last year, it is hoped to continue this venue this year. Sunday evening concerts with local bands were also successful, and will continue.

Other: None

Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded by Patrick Lucas, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige

