

TOWN OF GOSHEN

RECREATION COMMISSION

**Regular Meeting**

Monday, May 18, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Present: Don Patterson, Chr.; Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director; Tammy Randall, Asst. Recreation Director; Sarah Leonard; Garrett Harlow; Nanci Howard; Patrick Lucas; Erin Reilly, Lucille A. Paige

**Call to order:** 7:05 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** In a **motion** made by Sarah Leonard, seconded by Patrick Lucas, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**Treasury Report:** Director Kinkade discussed the Profit and Loss vs. Actual July 2019 through June 2020. Camp Ground Maintenance showed the start of mowing and clean up at Camp Coch; Camp Salaries has not been spent as it usually is since camp planning is slow right now. Overall, the income and expenses are correct to date. In a **motion** made by Patrick Lucas, seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was **voted** to approve the Treasury Report as submitted. Voted unanimous.

**Programming Reports:**

**Busy Bags:** The three towns, Warren, Morris & Goshen distributed 20 bags each. Things like Frisbees, wooden bird houses, puzzles, coloring books, silly putty, etc. were contained in each. To say they were welcomed and enjoyed, is an understatement. Another distribution will be made in the coming weeks.

**Trivia Night:** 30 families/homes signed up for this. It got a great response. Fun was had by all who played. Of the three towns, Warren, Morris and Goshen, we are proud that our town of Goshen won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of the series.

**Juke Box Bingo:** Another great success – we received phone calls expressing how much fun that was, and other positive feedback. Gift cards were rewarded. Another night of this game is being scheduled.

Director Kinkade will take new ideas and suggestions of fun things to do going forward.

**Senior Drive-through Picnic was discussed.** Each bag for distribution will contain salads, hot dogs/hamburgers and other picnic food items. To maintain “social distancing” as per Governor Lamont’s Executive Orders, the bags can be placed in the back seat of each car. The food bags can be eaten outdoors, perhaps down to the lake, but...**the bathroom facilities will be closed** (due to social distancing and sanitizing of the facilities.). The senior may choose to eat their food while staying in their cars, being parked in the parking lot to enjoy the “country” “woods” atmosphere.

**Roadside Cleanup:** This will take place on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet for participants through the Recreation Department. The cumulative pick up and resulting bags of waste can be left on the length of road they signed up for. Then Public Works will come and pick up the trash on those **designated streets/roads**.

**Summer Concerts:** Director Kinkade will be discussing these events with other towns as to if they are having them, how to set up, how to obey the social distancing requirements, seating, etc.

**Old Business:**

**Summer Camp Options**

A thorough and lengthy discussion took place taking into consideration all of the mandates coming from Beth Bye, Commissioner, Office of Early Childhood (OEC). Two declarations dated March 31, 2020 and April 23, 2020. Tied into these declarations were Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7Q and Memo #18. These memos in their entirety can be found on <http://crpa.com/resources/covid19>

Points of discussion were that children must have their temperatures taken upon arrival at the Camp; they must be under 100 degrees BEFORE stepping onto Camp grounds. If a child is found to be ill while at camp, a separate room must be made available. No more than 10 children per group, the Camp must demonstrate that separation of groups can be achieved with the activity both indoors and outdoors. Dedicated sections, face masks are required at all times for staff, 6ft. distancing at all times. The arrival of children must be staggered.

Camp may open on June 22<sup>nd</sup> or perhaps it may be better to open Jun 29<sup>th</sup> pending more loosening of the rules from OED and Governor Lamont's executive orders. It is recommended that 1 staff member per 10 children in each group. Swimming lessons require touchless methods, and facemasks. Perhaps parents can help their child with swimming. Bathroom use requires frequently touched (faucets, dispensers, etc.) to be sanitized after each use by groups of a number; these sanitizing tasks must be done following each groups' use.

Hand Sanitizers (containing alcohol) must be put in use at all arts/craft sessions, the crayons, paints, paper, etc. Again, all activities taking place at camp must observe the 6ft social distancing rule. Director Kinkade is attempting to receive permission to use the separate rooms adjacent to the GSC playground to accommodate a good depth and spaces for some activities as an alternative to Camp Coch.

Director Kinkade reported that enrollments continue to come in. Perhaps the end of June will bring more relaxed regulations. Camp groups will be quarantined if a child is reported sick within that group. It was suggested that the Director Kinkade and Asst. Director Randall sit down and decide what can be reasonably carried out with the least risk and report to the Board their findings. A (zoom) meeting was held with all the members of the CRPA to seek remedies to apply to the regulations – no decisions were forthcoming.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Rec. Commissioners the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June hoping to have more relaxed directives issued from the State. Town Topics is due out to the residents next week. An explanation of the current rules and regulations will be reported. Residents will be directed to get more information from the Recreation website.

In a **motion** made by Don Patterson, seconded Nanci Howard, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under New Business: Well at Camp Coch. Voted Unanimous.

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**Old Business:**

The Well at Camp Coch is required to have a *Level 2 Assessment*. A plumbing company in Bantam who is able to issue this certification will facilitate the paperwork (\$250. Fee) plus a fee for the testing. This will come under Camp Coch (lodge) maintenance.

**New Business:** None

**Other:** None

**Adjournment:**

In a motion made by Nanci Howard, seconded by Don Patterson, it was voted to adjourn the meeting 8:32 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary