

Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 15, 2024

Present: Chairperson Nanci Howard, Vice Chair Sarah Leonard, Sue Breakell, Patrick Lucas, and Recreation Director Erin Reilly. **Excused:** Garret Harlow, Kim Andrusia.

Other: Joyce Mowery of the Goshen Land Trust

Call to order: Called to order by Chairperson Nanci Howard at 7:06 pm.

Secretary's Report: In a motion made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting.

Patrick Lucas motioned to move the Joyce Mowery agenda item ahead of the Financial Report for this meeting. It was seconded by Sarah Leonard, the motion passed unanimously.

Joyce Mowery on Trail Grant. Joyce Mowery of the Goshen Land Trust reported on an award of \$89,744 from CT DEEP for two accessible trails, one near the John Ross Trail and the other a StoryWalk trail at Camp Cochipianee. The trails will be handicapped accessible and enriched, and appropriate for mixed aged families. There is three years to spend the money and complete the project.

Financial Report: Budget vs. Actual

Review of Profit & Loss Budget July 2024 – June 2025 Dated 7/15/24

The fiscal year July 2023-June 2024 year ended at 73.9% of Budget.

G/L 0002-22 - Camp Ground Maintenance remains over due to lack of a maintenance person requiring the hiring of outside contractors or use of the Public Work Department especially just before camp opened.

G/L 5211-22 - Office Supplies went up due to "My Rec" software at approximately \$4000 that was budgeted at \$3500. This will be investigated.

Capital Expenses for 2023-2024 fiscal year end was \$1851.39 spent. After camp is completed, the Air Conditioning unit, the Key Fob system, and playground will be a priority.

Sue Breakell made a motion to accept the budget report, seconded by Patrick Lucas, and the motion passed unanimously.

Program Reports:

Kids Programs:

T-Ball ended May 31 and went well. The Memorial Day Parade went well.

CAS Soccer Aug 5-9 open for sign up. This is run through Community Athletic Solutions with a link on the town Recreation Department website.

Adult Programs:

Yoga on Thursday nights was not well attended and is on hold.

Basketball will be extended until the end of August.

The adult Soccer program does not seem to have interest and won't be a recreation program.

Stained glass class on Friday had 5 people, who raved about it. It may be done every other month.

Paint night with Christine to be scheduled

60+ Programs:

In June, the group went to the Butler-McCook Museum in Hartford, the oldest standing house in Hartford.

A bus trip will be planned for August.

Family/Community Programs:

August 15 will be the next brunch. The June 15th breakfast brunch at the Congregational Church was the biggest one yet with over 50 people.

The last concert was not well attended with about 15 people.

Region 20 end of school Senior beach party went well.

7:42 pm Power outage in town and building, and the Town hall generator is not working. The meeting continues.

Old Business:

A. Camp Coch Day Camp

Camp is going very well, Rachel Molcyk Assistant director resigned two weeks before camp however Sara Krhla, office director, stepped up and is doing a great job. The camp is not at capacity but close, and there are still people signing up.

Volunteer presenters have been great. CT Human society will be coming in, and the EMS and the Police will be presenting.

The Ice cream truck is going well with donations from Torrington Saving Bank, Laplaca Oil and the American Legion Post 46 Goshen.

New Business:

- A. Independent Contractor status - Cono Gallo has been out of work since November 9th, 2023, and is expected to be clear to return to work by August 2024, and his contract expired in May. There is a continued and urgent need for a Maintenance Worker.

Sue Breakwell made a motion to recess the meeting while Patrick Lucas looks at the Town Hall generator due to the power outage. Seconded by Nanci Howard and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was recessed at 8:00 pm and reconvened at 8:09 pm

- B. Ride Volunteers. Discussion regarding Goshen Community Care providing rides.

Other Business: There will be future discussions with the Board of Selectmen about relocating the Recreation Office to Camp Coch.

Adjournment: In a motion made by Patrick Lucas, and seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by



Lee M. Kennedy

Recreation Commission Clerk

Received July 17, 2024 @ 3:38 P.M.
Attest Burba L. Burr
Goshen Town Clerk