

Town of Goshen
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday May 13, 2024

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

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 Angela Rossbach, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024, Special meeting

Financial Report: Budget vs. Actual

Review of Profit & Loss Budget July 2023 – June 2024 Dated 5/13/24

G/L 5004-22 - Ice Skating Pond Maintenance remains over at \$125.00 compared to a budget of \$75.00.

G/L 0002-22 - Camp Ground Maintenance remains over, with no new additions.

G/L 5223-22 - Meeting and dues line item is holding steady.

G/L 5051-22 - Camp Supplies for July 2023-2024 is currently at 21.1% spent. Many supplies have not been ordered yet; the list have been received.

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 started with a volunteer coach, Naison Mastrocola and Aaron Lavoie for pre K with 6 children. The K-1 session is run by Erin Reilly and has 5 children. Torrington Saving bank sponsored it and all the children got T-shirts.

The Memorial Day Parade is upcoming.

The 32nd annual fishing derby was rescheduled to Saturday May 18 at the pond on East Street North, the same day as the seasoned angler derby for 60+. The children will fish from 8 am to 10 am and the seasoned anglers will fish from 10 am – 12 pm. Special thanks to Dan Kobylenski who is doing the fish and Calvin Nodine who is doing the food.

May 1 was a half day program with 3 children attending.

Adult Programs:

There are three yoga classes on going. Two are daytime and one Thursday nights at 6:30 - 7:30pm.

The paint night was canceled for last Friday, the next one will be held on the first Friday in June.

Stained glass class was held Friday May 10 with 5 participants. This will be repeated monthly.

Basketball will be extended until June 11.

Erin Reilly was asked about a Soccer program and there is an adult Soccer program looking to start for Camp Coch.

Crystal Yoga is doing her sound bath program under the pavilion on Saturday May 18 from 2pm-3pm. It is donation based.

60+ Programs:

On May 16 there will be a visit to the CT Trolley Museum in East Windsor with lunch at J&G restaurant.

Goshen Community Care is doing lunch only trips once a month

Erin Reilly received her public service license to drive her own trips.

The senior picnic needs telephone volunteers to make calls to invite people to the picnic.

Family/Community Programs:

The Shane Kinsella Run went well with 45 runners with only 4 no shows.

The Clean up weekend went well, and had people involved.

The concert last Monday with the Wool Hats String Band was partially sponsored by HTH Automatic Sprinkler. It was attended by about 25 people. Next Monday the Centerline Band will play and are looking for a sponsor. In collaboration with the GCC, on June 15th there will be a breakfast brunch at 10:00 to 11:30 at the Congregational Church. \$ 5 per person.

Old Business:

A. Camp Coch Day Camp

Camp planning is underway with a full staff. An office person was hired and will work part time and per diem. A sports person was hired two days ago.

Camp Salaries and wages were reviewed. Erin Reilly said they have a few more Jr CITs than anticipated which could decrease the salary and wages below the budgeted proposal.

The CITs were happy with this year's wages, and we had the most 16-17 year olds applying. Most are returning CITs or Jr CITs. All counselors are new except one, as are the people on the Waterfront. They could use one more lifeguard.

The third to fourth group is full every week. We are still getting a lot of out of town applications and a lot of SMK applications. SMK has paid a good amount for those applying.

Litchfield Health & Wellness will provide a scholarship amount to assist Litchfield residents who ask.

The Kindergarten is filling up.

Discussion on the increased SMK applications and the impact of the raised rates on residents. SMK was not able to fulfil all applications as requested and families are looking for alternatives to pay for camp. A possible second fundraiser in the fall to help SMK was mentioned. The SMK fund is used for many things besides camp such as the ski program, dance, and karate.

B. Budget projections Recreation Department 22

Camp salaries decreased to \$ 63,732.00.

A Telephone/Internet line item was added for fiber optic for the Lodge at \$ 80.00/month.

The Projected revenue for Camp is \$ 85,000.00

Recreation overall for programming and donations is \$ 13,000

Cono Gallo is still out of work for another month.

\$ 5000 in Capital Expense was removed from the Playground. Various playground equipment was discussed.

Tony Stepples looked at the large black locus tree, and determined that needs to come down, will cost about \$2600 and will be taken from the camp ground maintenance line item. Other large black locus trees will need to come down in the coming years.

C. Lawn Mowing and Trimming Letters

Knox Property Services from Goshen won the bid.

New Business:

A. TAHD certification. Torrington Area Health District – Erin Reilly is halfway through her Food Manager certificate for the food certification program. We should be able to do the August brunch at the lodge and we will be able to do cooking classes at camp. Erin Reilly was thanked for obtaining the certification!

B. Sponsor letters. Letters were sent out to obtain sponsors for concerts, camp, and the senior picnic. So far, the responses have been low. Erin Reilly will do more outreach.

C. FOI education –The FOI class was scheduled for June 17, the same date as the Recreation meeting. Therefore, the June Recreation meeting will be postponed.

Other:

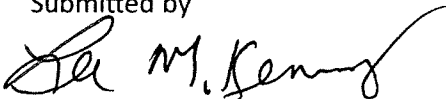
Angela Rossbach tendered her resignation from the Park and Recreation Commission effective as of May 13, 2024. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with the board. The board thanked her and wished her luck on her move.

Cono Gallo has been out of work since November 9th, 2023. Erin Reilly had one person express interest, however when told the position paid \$ 22.60 per hour, his response was a request for \$30.00/hr. This position is a subcontractor with a self-employment tax of 15%. This position requires light plumbing, ability to drive the tractor, mowing, chainsaw, and manual labor. It was noted that \$30.00/hr. after tax is \$25.00/hr. Todd Carusillo said he will advertise the position at \$22.60/hr. in the interim.

The board discussed that the replacement for Angela Rossbach will be needed for the next meeting in July. The selectman will appoint a board member. This issue will be brought up at the Board of Selectman's meeting on May 14, 2024.

Adjournment In a motion made by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by



Lee M. Kennedy

Recreation Commission Clerk

Received May 15, 2024 @ 1:51 P.M.
Attest [Signature]
Goshen Town Clerk

