

Goshen Recreation Commission

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Nanci Howard at 6:04pm.

Attendance: Kim Andrusia, Sue Breakell, Nanci Howard, Sarah Leonard, Anne Craig, Lori Clinton, and Recreation Director Erin Reilly.

Secretary's Report: October 20, 2025 minutes were discussed and reviewed. *Sue Breakell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 20th 2025 as well as the amended minutes from September 15th 2025; Anne Craig seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried without incident.*

Financial Report: *Budget v Actual report:* The financial report was received as of Monday the 17th, so it was 'hot off the press'. Erin Reilly stated that financially, we are where we should be for this time of year. A brief discussion ensued regarding the budget and our current camp climate. *Anne Craig made a motion to accept the financial report, Kim Andrusia seconded. No discussion, motion carried.*

Programming Report: *Kids Programs:* Soccer has just completed for the season. K-5 Basketball skills begins in January, Mohawk Ski program also starting in January. Gingerbread house making program is Dec 18th. Adults and Seniors 2-4pm at Camp Coch, kids and families 430pm-630pm.

Dec 13th Holiday Brunch with Santa visit. 9:30am-11am. Hoho hotline Dec. 18th and 19th. Craft program with PTO, for tree lighting event taking place December 1st.

- *Adult Programs:* Senior Bus trip Dec 22nd. Shopping and Lunch in Bristol CT. Yoga program starting in January; evening restorative yoga on Thursday, starting on January 8th at 6:30pm.

- *Family/Community Programs:* Saturday dinner, 11/22/25, Fall Feast. 4pm-6:30pm dinner. 22 people signed up as of today. \$9 for residents, \$11 out of towners.

Kim inquired about the cooking class idea; it was suggested that this could possibly happen after the holidays.

Old Business: *A – Playground committee:* Kim made a phone call to the company 'little tykes', she will be introduced to the representative and get us (the board) a meeting to discuss playground elements in the near future.

B – POCD discussion: Sarah reported, the P & Z board stated that the recreation element that was rewritten wouldn't be discussed until the November 18th meeting. Sarah will attend and report back to the board with details.

C – 2026 meeting calendar: The only revision for our (Recreation Commission) scheduled meeting dates which were previously discussed, is for the day of the annual town meeting in Nov. 2026. *A motion was made by Kim Andrusia to change the time for the said Nov 16th 2026 Recreation Commission meeting, from 7pm to 6pm. Lori Clinton second. All were in favor, motion carried.*

D – Budget discussion: Erin presented her preliminary budget drafts to the board. Erin let everyone know that minimum wage will be increasing, so there will be a wage increase again next Summer for camp

staff. The assistant director may not be coming back next Summer for as many hours (as she has in previous years). Erin would have a counselor assist in the office, for times when she needed extra help. A board discussion focusing primarily on camp ensued at this time. Highlights included;

Erin is trying to incorporate the school age kids to be dropped off by bus at the camp for a ½ day program. (During the Summer when the region 20 programs are coinciding with camp hours.)

A sibling discount is also a future possibility. Hopefully our overall attendance numbers will increase with the added options and offerings. An idea to revamp the camp themed open house was talked about, to give a better opportunity for the community to see camp. Swim lessons were brought up. Many kids choose not to swim in the water, and play in the sand instead.

We should offer all that we can as a camp program as we move forward into the future. Parent feedback was shared; a child of a board member enjoyed the program and the kayaks especially throughout their time in attendance. Color wars, future theme days, all discussed. Erin talked about how she tried to switch it up in the afternoons at camp this past Summer. Implementing 'MY time XL'

Erin stated she had a harder time getting organizations and guests to come in. (In comparison to the Summer of 2024) The camp discussion ended at this time.

It was stated next, that the budget is due for the Board of Finance in January. We (recreation department) did not exceed our budget by any facet last year, did not go over on any line item.

Capital and non-recurring discussed next; The track repair (at Camp Coch), is something Erin would like to put some effort into. Lori offered to look into grants for track repair specifically. The track is used by so many in our community, this was highlighted with stories by the board.

Erin applied for a grant for a special program, working with TAHD (Torrington Area Health District) to work to get us back to the heart saving community that we once were. 30 people need to be certified in CPR, AED use, a first aid. Erin would like to try to train the community, not just the fire company officials. Courses that cover these skills take one full day or a Saturday and Sunday 1/2 days.

Suggestions for the Capital Budget were as follows; bringing the playground line item amount up to \$15,000. Also, the Track maintenance line item up to \$3,000. These items will be further discussed next month.

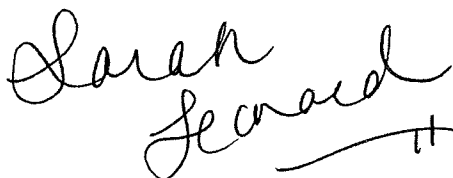
In the next meeting, December 2025, Erin will get the budget close to set, and the board can do the final review.

Lastly, it was mentioned that the lawn mowing RFP is being worked on and the bids will go out soon, so the Camp Coch grounds maintenance line item may increase.

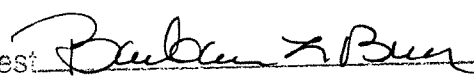
Adjournment: Lori Clinton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue Breakell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjournment at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Leonard



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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk