

Goshen Recreation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 2025

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

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

Secretary's Report: The July 21, 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed by the commission. A correction was noted on the wording at the top of the minutes from MEETING AGENDA to MEETING MINUTES. Kim made a motion for the change this at the top of the minutes, Sarah seconded, the motion carried without discussion.

Financial report:

- Budget v Actual report: Erin gave a short explanation regarding the budget. Anne made a motion to accept the financial report, Kim seconded, motion carried.

Programming Report:

- *Kids Programs:* Field hockey program mentioned, all participants are getting a ball and mouth guard, this is an after-school program. Short discussion ensued; kids will be dropped off for the program. All Region 20 schools were asked to participate. 12 girls right now total.

Soccer program for K-2nd grade starting this week, 7 kids signed up currently for that program.

1/2-day baking program discussed, will look into other possibilities for time frames in the future with Mrs. Krukar. Nanci suggested some recipes, 3-5th graders were suggested for this program.

- *Adult programs & 60+ programs:* Erin noted that the senior socials have been well attended, the senior lunch at the Parish Hall was also well attended last month. Erin has attended all the senior programs hosted by Goshen Community Care over the last two months. Erin has started again the senior 'get togethers' Fridays. A lunch bus trip is scheduled for Thursday Sept 18th, with the senior population. Currently 8 people are signed up for that program.

Bunco and evening yoga with Alyssa – these are two programs coming up. Erin is hoping for some more sign ups!

The DEEP boating safety course was successful; Anne Craig was present to collect money. This was an 8-hour course.

A stained-glass class for the future was inquired about.

- *Family/community programs:* Erin finished up the Summer concert series in August and September. It was reported that we had good turnouts this summer for the concerts! The concert day changed to Thursday, and advertising helped.

- *Other:* First aid and AED CPR training in the works. Goshen is a heart safe community, so Erin is trying to get the community back involved and re-trained!

Old Business:

A – Summer Camp – wrap up: Erin reported; Overall, great year. Good staff, and a lot of new staff. Next year would be streamlined a bit, Erin hopes for more campers. Erin crunched some numbers and we are in the red, but only a \$1480 loss. We had a lot of staff take days off, which ended up helping the financials in the long run.

Sarah made some suggestions for Camp Coch next year: To write up a policy and have a plan for the Region 20 summer school ½ day situation, to survey both employees and camper parents on what they liked about camp and what could be improved upon, and an idea for a future sibling discount for parents. Discussion ensued on pricing and future pricing opportunities. Nanci expressed that this camp is not a money maker, and something special to provide for the community. Kayaking and paddle boarding did take place this year, as well as archery. The Arts and Crafts counselor and covering junior counselors did a lot of different crafts throughout the summer. Anne commented on how great the junior CIT program was, and how much her daughter got out of the experiences. Nanci said that these are all good suggestions, but we all have to be very conscious on pricing and attempt to make it less of a (financial) struggle for people. SMK fund helps, Litchfield Health and Wellness resource fund assists and another fund was also used this year as a resource for families who need financial assistance.

B – Playground committee: Kim and Sarah reported on this; the playground committee met earlier today and made some suggestions. Ideas were to replace the slide and fix the swings and possibly adding an additional small piece for the children to play on. Nanci discussed a beautiful playground in Cornwall. She described what they have. The playground committee asked to have a representative come in from the little tykes commercial company, and they could give us some ideas for future plans.

Fundraising was mentioned during the playground discussion. Donations would need to state 'recreation, playground' fund.

C – Maintenance: The town has hired a maintenance individual for Camp Coch. Stripping and waxing the floor at Camp Coch is occurring currently, with an outside company coming in to complete the work.

D – SMK fundraiser: October 4th 2025 Comedy Show at the fairgrounds in the A building. 50 tickets were sold so far! The cost is \$30 ahead of time online or \$40 at the door. Erin asked the commission members to get some door prizes for the event. Suggestions were to ask Sunset meadow, Thorn-crest Farm, Ace Hardware. Erin would like some help moving tables prior to the event, in the A building. Sarah will help the week before with tables, so can Lori on Monday or Tuesday of that week.

E – POCD discussion: A short discussion ensued regarding the changes that are to be made to the upcoming POCD. Nanci, Sarah both commented on the process and steps to take moving forward.

New Business:

A – Fence at Camp Cochipianee: Erin wants the old split rail fence taken down, and replaced with a new fence along the stone at Camp Coch. She spoke with a fencing company, and they had some suggestions. The type of fencing Erin is interested in is a 'wooden guardrail'. Erin is looking to stop a car within the parking lot area during the summer camp season. Erin spoke on a situation where a car went in to the ditch across the street from Camp Coch one evening during a summer concert program. The wooden guardrail would be more expensive than a split rail fence. Anne asked if this is something that needs to

come out of solely the recreation budget, or can it come out of another budget within the town of Goshen's budget? Nanci stated that it would have to come out of the Camp Coch maintenance line item of our recreation budget. Erin also stated that she is looking to protect the camp on a number of different levels, including working with the state police in the future to prepare for a variety of disasters.

Erin would like this project to be done before next year. A capital budget review will be done before the next meeting. Nanci asked where the electrical / lighting is at this moment for the pavilion. A discussion ensued regarding camp safety and cars in the lot.

B – Air Conditioning at Camp update: Erin put out a request for L&L mechanical for the air conditioning quote. This summer it was bearable with the two window units. For the future, mini splits would possibly be installed in the west wing.

C – Sports equipment exchange area at Camp Coch: Erin spoke about creating a possible storage area below the deck at Camp Coch for an area set aside for the sports exchange equipment. Discussion ensued regarding this. Some commission members were concerned about mice outside, and storing the equipment under the deck at Camp Coch. Nanci talked about building some shelves upstairs at town hall to get it all more organized. Library is open on the weekend, hence providing access to the sports exchange equipment.

A motion was made to add 'additional programming discussion' under new business. Kim made a motion; Anne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Additional programming added under New Business.

Additional Programming: Discussion ensued about some new programs that were not mentioned earlier.

PTO has asked Goshen Recreation to assist with a craft at their Christmas Tree Lighting event on December 1st.

A new Free Community Dinner will be hosted at the Parish Hall at the Church of Christ for families of Goshen. This is a new program hosted by Goshen Community Care. Wednesday October 22nd.

Erin discussed the October 17th Spookfest at the Kobylanski Lodge. The normal Halloween party has been changed because of the early voting. Two of the commission members were unhappy that the early voting was occurring at Camp Coch and disrupting our normal programming. A trunk or treat is happening at the fairgrounds; recreation is collaborating in this endeavor with Mr. Dan Belmonte. This is on October 31st. Last year there were 25 trunks for the trunk or treat event.

Town wide tag sale this weekend, Saturday Sept. 20th, 9-2pm! Around 20 people have signed up for the tag sale. Maps will be available coming up this week on Thursday.

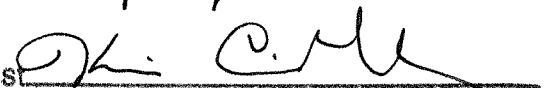
Adjournment: Sarah made a motion for adjournment, Anne seconded. Motion carried without discussion. Adjournment at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Leonard



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ASst. Goshen Town Clerk