

Goshen Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

In attendance; Nanci Howard, Sarah Leonard, Sue Breakell, and via Zoom were Lori Clinton, and Anne Craig

Excused: Kim Andrusia,

Secretary's Report: The March 17 regular and March 24, 2025 special minutes were reviewed. In a motion by Sarah Leonard and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was voted to accept the March 17 minutes as presented. In a motion by Sue Breakell and seconded by Anne Craig it was voted to accept the March 24 minutes with the correction of wad to was in the second paragraph on page 2. Motions carry.

Financial Report: The current Budget vs Actual report for the Recreation Department was presented and reviewed. Bob Valentine of the Board of Finance checked in with Erin to see where the budget is projected to be at the end of the FY. Most line items are at or below the 75% that is expected at this time of year. In a motion by Sue Breakell and seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was voted to receive the financial report. Motion carries.

Programming Report:

Kids programs – Tball begins May 6 with Coaches Naison, Aaron, George and Erin at Camp Coch. Mrs. Martinelli is coaching a 3 week fun field hockey program after school at GCS. Kid's Fun Run at the SMK race on Saturday, April 26, will start at 10:15am. Poppy's 33rd annual fishing derby is Saturday, May 10 at 9:30am. Memorial Day parade biking is Sunday, May 25th at 1:30p to decorate, 2p parade step off. Tot time on Wednesdays was well attended but has slowed with the nice weather. The Babysitting class has been canceled.

Adult programs – The ongoing fitness programs are all going well and remain well attended: Wednesday and Friday with Crystal, Tuesday adult basketball and Thursday adult volleyball. . CTPuppyYoga is running a puppy yoga class Sunday, May 18 at Camp. This is a 10% program.

60+ programs – Socials are going well and remain well attended. Friday Get Together program is regularly attended by 6-8 folks. Bill of AARP is presenting a Smart Driver class May 6. Sew it's Thursdays continues to be a well-attended program. The Seasoned Angler's fishing derby is Saturday, May 10 at 8am.

Family/community programs – Brunch was very well attended on April 5 with almost 50 people, need to work on getting people to RSVP. The Eggstravaganza went well with about 15 children and wonderful volunteers helping and a visit from the bunny! The annual SMK run is this Saturday, rain or shine. Family game night is planned for Friday, May 2 at Camp Coch from 6p-8p. Clean up Goshen is May 3&4 in collaboration with RAT committee.

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Other – There will be an in-person Camp Coch Summer Day Camp registration/form drop off day on Saturday, May 17.

Old Business:

A – Fob system – Installed and working. Still working out some kinks and learning the software but so far it is going well. Working with Yucatech on getting access to system no matter where the laptop is.

B – Camp Coch projects – grounds and building – Motion sensors have been installed in the main lodge, hallway, bathrooms and west wing in an effort to prevent lights being left on when no one is in the building. There were several stumps ground by Sepple's Tree that improved the grounds. Garret of DPW will look at the ball field to see what needs to be done to prep it for the upcoming T/base/softball season. Torrington Water Company/Aquarian will be at Camp to do the trail clean up project April 22. Joyce Mowry and Billy Colby met at Camp to review the grant project, Story Walk ®, to discuss a time line and what Billy needs to get the engineering going.

New Business:

A – Summer Camp – Interviews are going well. Sara and I have been getting together a couple times a week and getting camp staffing and programing organized. Looking for low cost and free presenters. Looking for Counselors for Arts & Crafts, Sports, and My Time. Erin will talk to the Library to see if they can continue the “Book Mobile” at Camp. Scholarship may be available through United Way of Torrington. More information to follow.

B – Playground Committee – Erin mentioned the idea of forming a playground committee within the Recreation Commission, a 2- or 3-member committee, to begin work on a playground plan, ideas, starting point, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Recreation Director
Clerk pro tem