

Goshen Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

In attendance; Nanci Howard, Sarah Leonard, Sue Breakell, Lori Clinton, Anne Craig and Kim Andrusia,

Secretary's Report: The February 24, 2025 minutes were reviewed. In a motion by Lori Clinton and seconded by Sarah Leonard, it was voted to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The current Budget vs Actual report for the Recreation Department was presented and reviewed. Camp Lodge Maintenance budget was discussed. In a motion by Kim Andrusia and seconded by Sue Breakell, it was voted to receive the financial report. Motion carries.

Programming Report:

Kids programs – There is a ½ day mini art camp hosted by Carolyn of Brush and Pallet on W, Th, F this week for GCS students. They will take the bus from school to Camp Coch for the program. There are 12 children attending on the various days. There will be an Easter party on April 13 at Camp Coch. T-ball should be starting at the end of April, beginning of May, weather dependent. Naison Mastrocola and George Givens have already volunteered to help. Erin will fill any coach gap if needed.

Adult programs – The ongoing fitness programs are all going well and remain well attended: Monday with Janice, Wednesday and Friday with Crystal, Tuesday adult basketball and Thursday adult volleyball. Friday Get Together program is a slow starter but attended by a few regulars. CTPuppyYoga is running a puppy yoga class this Saturday at Camp. This is a 10% program.

60+ programs – Socials are going well and remain well attended. The lunch trip in March is to Mona Lisa in Wolcott. A trip to the State Capital has been suggested. Bill of AARP would like to run a class in May.

Family/community programs – The St. Patrick's Day Blarney Party went really well. There were about 30 in attendance and a handful of volunteers. Lots of positive feedback on the meal and program. Huge thank you to Pat and Sandi Reilly for putting in so much time and effort for this event. Cono Gallo, Sarah Leonard, Reed Leonard, Anne Craig, Hannah Craig, Barb Balnis, Brooke Hurlburt, and Kyleigh Tita also did a great job helping. The Community Brunch is scheduled for April 5. SMK Run is coming up April 26, sign-ups are open! There was an inquiry about running a DEEP Safe Boater program. Erin has been working with DEEP on this. There is also a Babysitting course scheduled for April 27.

Other – Looking forward, Clean up Goshen weekend is looking like May 2 & 3 will fit best in the calendar. Family game night is on the calendar for May 2nd. Bunco is on the calendar for May 31.

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Old Business:

A – Fob system – The fob system approved in October for Kobylenski Lodge has finally come in and will be installed next week sometime. It should take 2 days to finish the project.

New Business:

A – Torrington Water Company/Aquarian potential project – Johnathan Zeiner of TWC/Aquarian met with Erin to look at the former story book trail. They do volunteer projects in the town's they own property in to show support to the towns. They like to do environmental based projects so cleaning up the trail is a good fit. On the walk, hazard trees were pointed out and the general plan of how the project would go was discussed. Johnathan will get in touch about it this week. Kim noted that there may be opportunities to work with the USDA to get the invasive species of plants removed from the grounds. There may be programs and grants that Erin will look into.

B – Camp Coch projects – grounds and building – Sepple's Tree will be grinding stumps next week. These are stumps that are hazardous to the public. Other projects will be discussed in a meeting on Thursday with Bob Valentine and Carl Contidini from the Board of Finance when Erin meets with them. They want to talk about the track maintenance, playground, general building maintenance, and other projects that will need to be budgeted for in the future. It was also noted that more kitchen equipment, supplies are in need. If anyone has pots, pans, utensils, etc. they would like to donate, Erin is happy to take a look at what people have. With the TAHD certification, there is more ability to hold cooking programs. Erin is going to ask for volunteers to help with kids cooking programs in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Recreation Director
Clerk pro tem