

Goshen Recreation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026

Attendance: Sarah Leonard, Kim Andrusia, Anne Craig, Nanci Howard, Susan Breakell & Erin Reilly, Recreation Director Excused: Lori Clinton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Report: *Sarah Leonard made a motion to accept the Secretary's report from the April 27, 2026 meeting minutes. Anne Craig seconded, no discussion, motion carried without issue.*

Financial Report: Budget v Actual report: Erin went over the presented numbers with Seth, First Selectman. Maintenance and beautification is getting done at Camp Coch! More sand was delivered at the beach. The T-Ball field is being worked on, public works is working on the track, docks will be going in this week, some trees need to be taken down by Sepples, some pea stone on the stairs is needed (walking down to the beach area), electricity to the pavilion may happen in the near future, the parking area is also being worked on near the beach, stone will be brought in to make it more usable. All great things are being done at Camp Coch!

Programming Report: ● Kids Programs: Planned half-day programs for the school year next year, Erin is working on that currently. Some ideas include foam parties, science truck, magicians, crafts, and animal programs. Once a month is the initial plan! Anne asked if the Goshen Garden Club would be interested in doing a camp/kids program for planting. This was discussed briefly.

Field hockey continues on Monday afternoons. T-ball starts on Thursday May 21st.

Children bikes in the parade, Sunday May 24th 2pm. 1:30pm come to the steps of the Library to decorate your bike!

Sarah spoke about Poppey's fishing derby and the Taco dinner that Erin executed at the beginning of the month. Both excellent programs!

- Adult programs: Crochet starting soon as a 5-week guided program. Monarchs and Mocktails, next Friday night, May 29th. Anne made mocktail flyers for the event. 15 people are currently signed up for that. Yoga is moving to the Parish Hall at the end of June; the sewing group will also move for June.

- 60+ Programs: Annual senior picnic Friday, June 5th at Camp Coch. Get-Togethers on Fridays will be hosted at the Library once camp starts.

- Family/community programs: Concerts upcoming on Thursdays, new program is beginning on Mondays, starting July 6th Strength and Stretch, DEEP boating course coming up, BUNCO, Farmer education workshops happening again. Camp Open House May 30th! All programs are up and listed on the Recreation website goshenct.myrec.com.

Erin will be touching base with Alyssa to try to work together in programming an upcoming event, to celebrate America's 250th. Erin also distributed flyers for concerts and the Town Topics to all members present.

Anne inquired about an outdoor movie. Kim loved the poster with the concert lineup on it. She suggested that we put a sandwich board (LARGE) at Camp Coch, the bank at the rotary, and other areas to draw business for our concerts.

Old Business: A – *Playground committee:* Sarah presented on the playground work that has been done since the last meeting. Two playgrounds were presented to the commission with rate proposals. These playgrounds are essentially ‘on sale’ and could be purchased at a discounted rate if the commission and department make a decision in a timely fashion. Erin discussed the location of the build. The first playground was the one that was favored.

NOTE AT 7:42PM, the internet went down at Town Hall, the internet connection was lost, and the zoom portion of the meeting was lost as well

Kim inquired on what the next step would be, if we’d like to purchase this because it is on sale. First, we’d go to Seth (First Selectman) and speak with him and potentially make a deposit on it. An RFP was discussed, moving forward, Erin will be working on the RFP and Sarah will set up a meeting with Seth. Sarah and Kim were both thanked for their work on the play ground committee.

B – *POCD:* No news on the POCD regarding the Recreation Department.

C – *Budget:* Erin stated that our budget is on track to pass for the next fiscal year.

D – *Summer Camp:* Erin discussed the campership numbers for this 2026 Summer Season. A large sign was discussed for advertising purposes. Erin’s brother will make up some large posters in the coming weeks. (Stick-it-graphics will be assisting.) The new camp events calendar was discussed amongst the group.

E - *Doors needing replacement:* Erin stated the doors are ordered and will be installed before camp begins.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Other business to come before the Commission: A short discussion ensued about the desire to put recreation first and the dinners/meals on the back burner for now. People have spoken at selectman meetings and have expressed their desire to keep the regular meals on-going, Erin stated that the ‘meals’ are her most attended program and that she can do more kids programs, but cannot promise that the children will attend/sign up. Nanci reiterated how important the recreation aspect

It was mentioned that a family discount is still something parents are looking for (for Camp Coch). Nanci said to send any families Erin’s way for financial assistance that will be discreet and confidential.

Adjournment at 8:25pm. Sarah Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susan Breakell seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Leonard