

Goshen Recreation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 27 2026

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at **7:01 pm**.

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

Others: Lorianne Lucas, Seth Breakell, Alyssa Fabbri, Marianne Stilson (zoom)

Secretary's Report: March 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes were discussed. *Sarah Leonard made a motion to accept the secretary's report, Kim Andrusia seconded the motion. No discussion, all in favor. Motion carried.*

Nancy Howard made a motion to add Lorianne Lucas, present from the Board of Finance to the agenda. She also made a motion to move Seth Breakell & Alyssa Fabbri, First Selectman & assistant forward on the agenda. Kim Andrusia seconded the motion, motion carried. No discussion. Lorianne and Seth will start the meeting off, as they were both present in the room to discuss separate matters.

Lorainne Lucas: discussed the Camp Coch salaries and wages, what the current numbers are, and what the Board of Finance is concerned about. She simply wanted to make our board 'aware' of some things she noticed from our projected budgeting. (For next fiscal year - camp season of 2027) Lorianne does not want to be subsidizing out of town residents/campers. Nancy discussed that this current 'number' is simply a projection. Nancy wants to keep the 'ask' for salaries 'high' because every year, we are not 100% sure what the staff will look like. Camp was briefly discussed at this time. Erin just completed the first round of interviews for staff, this was also talked about and some questions ensued. Enrollment is down at camp; this was also talked about amongst the group.

Lorianne asked if we looked at trends, Nancy talked about the Woodridge lake camp. The six-week discount that was previously discussed, and is not happening this year, and will hopefully be implemented next summer.

Erin spoke briefly about how she plans to market camp this summer. The current prices for camp are \$235 a week for residential kids, \$295 for out-of-town residents.

The playground was discussed for a few minutes. Price points and what the recreation department is requesting for an amount.

First Selectman, Seth Breakell Collaboration Discussion, moved from New Business, Letter A: Seth presented some ideas for community events that the new town hire, who has been helping with the new community service department as well, Alyssa, and Seth came up with. They would like to celebrate the town in a kick-off party fashion sometime this Summer. Seth would like to have Alyssa work with the Recreation Department moving forward in a collaborative fashion. Some ideas were handed out by Seth, they included a summer parking lot party, summer Olympics, Movie night, Tennis tournaments, and a free throw competition.

All these events were heavily discussed with Seth, Alyssa, Erin and the recreation commission. Parking, price points, planning, insurance, budgeting the events, manpower, were all themes that were debated.

A better advertising plan was suggested moving forward for any and all town or recreation happenings.

Seth stated that he felt as if everything has been 'no' so far since Seth and Alyssa came into the meeting. He felt as though there was a lot of push back from the director and the recreation department and commission on new ideas and in general. Many questions were asked and deliberated at this juncture.

Seth stated that Alyssa's hours are flexible. It was decided that the month for the new 'event' would be July or August.

Erin suggested that her and Alyssa get together to plan the 'event' together, since this would be a new endeavor for Alyssa. This community event was something Alyssa and Seth envisioned in order to bring the town together.

Financial report: • *Budget v Actual Report:* Erin stated that herself and Seth had a conversation on some of the line items on the latest profit versus loss report. The budget was then discussed in depth as to where to find funds for the new events Seth and Alyssa proposed. The movie event rental 'person' will need to be booked sooner rather than later.

Nancy Howard made a motion to accept the financial report, Sue Breakell seconded the report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Programming Report: • *Kids Programs:* Field hockey started today (April 27th), 9 children were in attendance with 3 volunteer coaches. Kids in the kitchen, new cooking program, May 6th also a half day program. T-Ball trying to get organized with some kids & volunteers. Indoor soccer with collaboration with the town of Warren. Poppy's Fishing Derby, May 9th. New sponsor donating the fish this year. AJS is donating breakfast the supplies, Erin plans on cooking.

- *Adult programs:* Yogas have been continuing, someone approached Erin about a crochet program. Thursday sewing group continues. Bunco for beginners May 2nd.

- *60+ Programs:* AARP smart driver program coming up. Senior social continues every Tuesday.

- *Family/community programs:* April had 40 people at Erin's planned brunch. Grief support group at Camp Coch on Monday evenings. DEEP program with 24 people ran in April. Monarchs and Mocktails with Mary, upcoming program in May.

- *Other:* Programs are being shared with other towns which is helpful. (Cornwall and Litchfield)

A discussion ensued regarding Erin doing less 'meal' type community events, and more recreational programming. So, she is not stretched so incredibly thin with core recreational programming and Camp Coch.

The commission decided, to have the dinners / meals pushed to only once a month. Erin has decided that May will be the last one for now, after a lengthy discussion.

Nancy expressed that the commission should table this for now, meaning that in the future we can re-evaluate the meals and if they are valuable enough to continue within the community. Sarah suggested

that it is possible that Goshen Community Care could step up and provide more meals if there is an identifiable need.

Old Business: A – *Playground committee*: Sarah mentioned the Burke playground company, she asked the commission about having the representative (Colin), coming out to our next commission meeting. This was talked about. Sarah will schedule a walk through with Colin at Camp Coch to look at playground sites, she will also ask about an in-house grant, which Lori suggested. Playground books were handed out amongst the commission members as well. Seth will also have one in his office.

B – *POCD*: Erin has not been contacted about the POCD. The recreation proposal for the POCD has been changed it was stated; no one on the recreation commission was contacted regarding it.

C – *Budget*: Budget is competed for the next fiscal year.

D – *Summer Camp*: Erin is having a meet and greet and a 'parent' night for CIT and youth employees. Staff is hired, back ground checks will be completed soon.

E - *Doors needing replacement*: The double doors at Camp Coch have been damaged at the base. This weekend there was an issue opening the 'double doors'. Erin wants to replace the double door and the west wing left door. She passed out the proposed cost for these doors, they were reviewed by the commission members. This project is in the works.

F - *Guardrail fencing at Camp*: Next fiscal year projection for the guardrail fencing, this is hoping to take place in August. Price sheet was also shared with the commission on this project.

New Business:

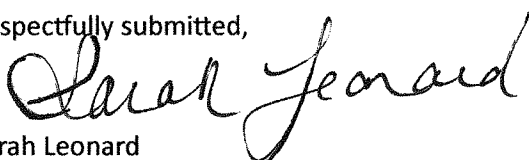
Other business to come before the Commission: On zoom, Marianne Stilson spoke briefly about the need for more traditional Recreational programming in town.

Adjournment:

Sarah made a motion to adjourn at 8:43pm, Lori Clinton second the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Sarah Leonard

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Attest Bamban L. Brien
Goshen Town Clerk