

Goshen Recreation Commission

Regular MEETING MINUTES

Monday March 23rd 2026, 7pm

42 North Street Town Hall Conference Room

Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88223529071>

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

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

Secretary's Report: Special meeting minutes were set for approval from March 3rd, 2026. Sue Breakell made a motion to accept the secretary's report, Lori Clinton seconded, Nanci abstained for the vote. All were in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report: Erin reported that there was nothing amazing to report as of right now. Anne inquired about the Summer Camp Fees item line. No other questions. Sue made a motion; Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried without issue.

Programming Report: *Kids Programs:* A survey was sent out to Goshen Center School. 14 responses came back from the survey. Not a lot of interest in volunteerism but parents were willing to pay for programming. There was some interest in cooking and art programs. Erin will look into the month of May for art and cooking.

T Ball & Field Hockey, both potential programs at the end of April.

Nanci inquired about current children programming. Some recommendations were made regarding local artists and guided painting. Anne has someone who would like to volunteer for an art program.

Commission members, who are parents, commented on upcoming half days. Half day programs are something the commission has been discussing for potential program opportunities. Nanci spoke about trying to find some community members to help with future programs.

Adult programs: Yogas are doing great. The Thursday yoga classes are currently on pause due to a scheduling conflict.

60+ Programs: Senior bus trip, 10 seniors went to Wood n' Tap. It was well received although the food took too long. Seniors looking forward to the April 16th trip. Friday afternoons at Camp Coch, still going well, generally there are 7 seniors that attend.

Family/Community programs: Bunco, first Saturday of every month, is continuing. Community Grief Support group is coming up. This is a 6-week 'class' coming up.

April 18th and 19th, Clean up Goshen will be happening to celebrate Earth Day. April 25th is the SMK 5K run. Ruff pup K9 course still occurring.

Summer Camp and Challenger Sports Camp, both are open for registration!

Nanci made a recommendation for the Book Barn in Niantic, CT for the Seniors. This is an outdoor, indoor book sellers' market with gardens.

Old Business:

A – Playground Committee: Kim reported. Sarah reported. Hopefully in April both representatives will have more information to present to the commission.

B – POCD: Erin has not been contacted by the P&Z, she hopes the POCD is in progress without any issues.

C - Budget & D - Camp: Erin reported on her conversation with Lorianne Lucas, our representative from the board of finance. Erin answered all of her questions and provided the commission with the correspondence. Staffing was discussed, as it is a tough thing to judge ahead of time, especially because of the minimum wage requirements.

Camp discounts were discussed. Anne made a spreadsheet, which she shared with the group. Her findings included sibling discounts at different percentages, and then she calculated 25% off of the last week of a six-week camp session. (If a parent signs their child up for the full Summer).

Nanci suggested that we need to revamp our camp programming and re energizing it in some fashion! What can we do to bring more kids into camp? Erin discussed that she has not had a steady counselor staff, for the past 4 years, for various reasons. Nanci, Lori, inquired about staffing and possibly having creative parents come to be counselors, allowing their children to come to camp for free.

Erin said there will be two new programs for camp this year, a soccer instructor being one of them. Erin has inquired about magic shows, cup stacking, foam parties, DOT bicycle training, and the fire company. Erin is trying to make camp fun but control costs at the same time.

Anne inquired about alternating the ice cream truck and pizza every week, to offset costs for other events throughout the Summer.

Lori spoke to the commission about writing letters to the local banks for educational programs. Essentially obtaining grant money for better camp programming. 4H programs discussed. Pizza cost discussed. Kim inquired about Arethusa foundation. Nanci spoke about the potential of action wildlife, and the Goshen Library. Sharon Audubon was also discussed for potential programming.

Archery will be happening again this year at camp. 3rd – 5th graders. Lori spoke about musical instruments, possibly a drummer! Goshen players... maybe puppets. All these items were heavily talked about.

Kayaks, boating, all coming up for this Summer.

Sarah inquired again about the possibility for a discount for this season. Erin stated that it is not feasible for a for this year to implement this. A discussion ensued about the possible discounts. Anne and Nanci both discussed. A six-week discount will hope to be implemented for this Summer, for parents who are signing their children up for the full week of camp.

Nanci & Kim both spoke about the half day camp program, and its feasibility for the Summer of 2026. Kim asked of the registration is up for the half day program yet. Erin is going to situated that this week!

The parent handbook was presented to the commission. The commission was in favor of some improvements to the handbook before Summer 2026. Theme weeks for the camp need to be set up ahead of time. Calendar of events. Special events discussed.

E - Doors needing replacement: Erin discussed the doors and guard rail fencing. The double door by the ramp is \$2,000, and the other door (office) near the west wing is \$820. Clarification is needed on pricing, but Erin would like to do the double doors this fiscal year.

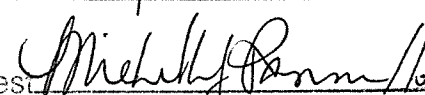
New Business:

A – Guardrail fencing at Camp: Erin is back to the drawing board on a company for the fencing. 8 X 8 in the ground, with 4 X 4 across. This fencing will match the look of what we have at camp. Both of these projects are being worked on at the moment, with meetings taking place with Garrett our public works director.

Adjournment: Kim Andrusia made the motion to adjourn; Sarah Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adjournment at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sarah Leonard 

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