

**JOINT
VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TRUSTEES & TOWN OF GOSHEN COUNCIL
MEETING JUNE 19, 2019
Minutes**

A joint meeting of the Village of Goshen Trustees and Town of Goshen Council was held on the 19th day of June, 2019 starting at 7:00pm at Goshen Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Town Council Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John Van Der Molen	Councilmember

Village Trustees Present:	Michael Nuzzolese	Mayor
	Christopher Gurda	Trustee
	Daniel Henderson	Trustee
	Anthony Scotto	Trustee
	Peter Smith	Trustee

Also Present:	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk
	Geri Corey	Village Reporter/The Chronicle

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Town Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. DISCUSS PRIORITY FOR FUNDING OF PROPOSED JOINT RECREATION COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROJECTS.

A letter was submitted to the Village and Town Boards from Maria Canterino, Chairperson, Joint Recreation Committee. Supervisor Bloomfield read from the letter's introduction: *"According to the Town and Village of Goshen codes, the purpose of the Joint Recreation Commission is to provide recreation facilities and programs for the inhabitants of the Town, Village, and Goshen School District. Furthermore, Division 2, Sec. 2-79 of the Village Code declares, "The JRC shall be responsible for determining on an annual basis the need, if any, for capital projects." The code further specifies that "The JRC shall submit recommendations for capital projects to both the village and the town municipal boards no later than June 1 of each year."*

Councilperson & Town Liaison to JRC, Melissa Gallo explained those interested in a project/sport would appear before the JRC. The following recommendations are determined to be the most important for the Town and the Village collectively, in terms of the children and the project that would benefit everyone in the community. She continued reviewing the recommendations submitted in the letter.

IMMEDIATE GOALS:

Bathroom at Erie Street Park: Soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball, cheer-leading and other youth and adult athletic leagues such as basketball use the Erie Street Park three seasons of the year. Currently the JRC is obtaining estimates likely to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for constructing a unisex bathroom. Mayor Nuzzolese suggested that the Village DPW can provide the workforce to run water & sewer lines along with construction assistance. The Trustees are in agreement.

Skateboard Park: Letters have been received and many people have attended the JRC meetings suggesting that a skateboard park will have a positive impact to the community. Skateboarding has become a popular pastime for the children. The JRC decided that any new skateboarding facilities should be located at Bruen Park, because of its proximity to the Heritage Trail, and the amount of space available at Bruen Park for further development. The JRC has reached a consensus on a conceptual design for an approximately 50' X 100' concrete skate park. Some residents have offered to coordinate fundraising efforts to assist with the expense. Estimated costs would be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 at least. The Town Board agreed to take responsibility for constructing the park.

Expansion of the Pavilion at Myron Urbanski Memorial Park: Summer camp continues to be successful. By expanding the pavilion, more activities can be offered even when the weather doesn't cooperate. About 10 years ago the Town had plans drawn up for the expansion and at that time, the cost estimate was about \$15,000. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested to make it big enough so we don't have to do it again.

LONG TERM PLANNING

Community Center: This is on the JRC wish list. They looked into a rehab of the Salesian building. This is not cost effective or structurally feasible, and should be demolished. The site could be used for the location of a community building.

Supervisor Bloomfield suggested another use for the site could be a joint Town & Village municipal building. He believes consolidation would save money for the citizens and lend to achieving a grant.

Mayor Nuzzolese had the same idea. He suggested to look into a grant to demolish the Salesian building for shared services.

Trustee Smith suggested putting all the municipal *facilities* scattered throughout the Town and Village under one roof, to include both DPW's, Police Depts., GOVAC, Humane Society, etc. He believes there is grant money out there for combining facilities. Not to define as consolidation, but as shared *facilities*. Both Supervisor Bloomfield and Mayor Nuzzolese agreed to establish a committee to study the concept. Trustee Smith suggested to look into funding to add a smaller building by the large municipal building for a JRC community center.

Supervisor Bloomfield and Councilperson Gallo suggested the possibility of hiring a professional grant writer. Councilperson Newbold added that knowing our politicians can help get grant requests recognized.

Supervisor Bloomfield would like to explore the legalities involved classifying Salesian Park as a "passive park". If everyone is in agreement, we should change it to an "active park".

Athletic Fields: is one last item the JRC wrote, "*It is anticipated there is a need for additional athletic fields, but the current sharing of facilities with Goshen School District due to ongoing construction at the High School makes it difficult to give an accurate assessment of field usage at this time. Next year, when the High School facilities are in use, we will be in a better position to make a more specific recommendation regarding the need for more fields*". The committee is still reviewing the Pocket Park in Arcadia Hills and the Pickle Ball Court. The Town can take the lead on the Pocket Park. Our Attorney will opinion if there is a need for a public hearing. The Town has been looking for available lands for park use. No one really knows why Lyons Park has a locked gate. Rumor has it there is an issue with the trees, pavilion and ground safety. This should be looked into. Councilperson Newbold believes it has been closed to the public for many years. Councilperson Van Der Molen noted about five years ago the Lyons Club took down a lot of trees and cleaned the parking area. It is a forgotten park.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (A) The Village will address the bathroom at Erie Street Park.
- (B) The Town will address skateboarding at Bruen Park.
- (C) Both the Town & Village, using workforce account, can address the expansion of the pavilion at Myron Urbanski Memorial Park.
- (D) The Town will take the lead on the Pocket Park in Arcadia Hills.

FUTURE PLANNING:

To form a committee to address the "Passive Park" issue at Salesian Park and to look into demolishing the Salesian Building to create a Town & Village shared facilities municipal building.

CONCLUSION:

Councilperson & JRC liaison, Melissa Gallo will report to the JRC of this meeting. The JRC will work with the Town and the Village on their designated projects.

Councilperson Lyons made a motion to adjourn.
Motion was seconded by Councilperson Gallo – Motion Carried
Meeting Adjourned 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk