

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Lis Jerkowski, Kieran Liggan-Casey, Frank Klepeis, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker; Town Board Liason Ernest Klepeis.

Excused: Commissioner Fre Atlas.

Absent: Commissioner Dave Hattenbrun.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Old meeting minutes:** K. Liggan-Casey moved to approve the minutes from the May 2021 meeting. Seconded by L. Jerkowski, All in favor. R. Sorge moved to approve the minutes from the May 2021 meeting. Seconded by K. Carr, All in favor.

2. **Public Art Repairs:** K. Carr reported that the artists who created the initial works are now involved. Pumba the Rhino will be repaired in September. The tile art mural will be evaluated in the upcoming weeks.

3. **Playground:** K. Carr reported that Matt McCluskey, Youth Director, was able to repair sharp edges on the platforms. He is researching a replacement playground.

4. **Baseball field net:** D. Whitaker reported that the replacement safety net for the Route 32 side of the field has arrived and will be installed soon by the Highway Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Rosendale RUNS:** L. Jerkowski reports that the Shawangunk Runners propose a simple in-person run on October 9. There will be no marathon, but simply the shorter Plains run. The Commission has no objection.,and is glad to have the live event back. Site Plan and Application for Use will be submitted.

2. **Winter Soccer:** Jed Tucker and Roberto Rodriguez of La Finca youth soccer program presented a request for use of the Pavilion for about 10 weeks from early January to mid-March for an outdoor soccer program. They had a successful program at Tongore Park in Marbletown last year, but hope to use our larger facility. They would install 4 foot high exterior plywood walls with netting above and flooring of artificial turf or tile. They anticipate their program would use the space for 12-14 hours a week, but it would be available to anyone in the community at other times without charge.. The Commission felt that this would be a positive asset to the community. It was requested that they submit to the Town a detailed plan, their 501c.3 documentation, a certificate of liability insurance and a completed Application for use.

3. **Fund raiser:** K. Carr reports that the a request has been made for use of the Rec Center parking lot for a Food Truck event as a fund-raiser by the Rosendale PBA to benefit a 2 year old child in Tilson with cancer. As this is a case of financial hardship, and a 501c.3 organization is hosting, this event is consistent with Commission policy. K. Carr proposed that it be approved. Seconded by F. Klepeis, All in favor. An event application and an application for use will be required.

4. **Updates on Policies:** K. Carr reports that Supervisor Walsh has asked for clarification on our policies on Rec Center use, not updated since 2017. The Policy for Use of Recreation Facilities

for Fee-Based events was discussed. K. Carr moved that wording be amended to read as follows: “A rental applicant which is an organization or business independently designated under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 as a charity or non-profit on the date/s of rental , and that serves or benefits the town and people of Rosendale, is exempt from the above policy but must utilize the profits made as a result of the rental to benefit the town and people of Rosendale.” Seconded by R. Sorge, All in favor. The Policy for Fee Waivers and Exceptions to Application for Use” was also discussed. K. Carr moved that no changes be made. Seconded by K. Lifgan Casey, All in Favor.

5. Pool 2021: D. Whitaker reports that lifeguard staffing is now adequate, and consequently pool capacity has been raised to 200 people, the pool is now open noon to 7:00 pm every day, and non-residents are now welcome. Things have been running well.

6. Picklefest Preliminary Site Plan: Supervisor Walsh has requested that the Rec Commission review the first draft of the Picklefest Site Plan before it goes to the Town Board. There was extensive discussion, and revisions /additions were advised which will be shared with the PickleFest committee. (See attached).

7. Recreation Wishlist: As there are some extra financial resources for the Town, The Commission was asked to provide Supervisor Walsh with a Wishlist. In order of priority, these are:

- Tennis and basketball court repairs
- New Playground
- Refurbish Linear park
- Resurface Pavilion floor and improve drainage
- Beautification

8. Senior Program: D. Whitaker reports that the Senior lunch program resumes in August. There will be one meeting weekly to start.

9. Building Use: D. Whitaker reports that she is receiving numerous requests for rental of the Rec Center building. After discussion it was agreed that this can begin with weekday meetings only with a maximum of 50 attendees, then increase gradually.

10. August meeting cancellation: As a majority of commissioners will be away on vacation next month, the August meeting is cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be September 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Carr, Chair