

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Dave Hattenbrun, Claudia Joseph, Lisa Jerkowski, Frank Klepeis, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker; Town Board Liaison Ashley Sweeney.  
Excused: Commissioner Kieran Liggan-Casey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** R.Sorge moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 21, 2024. Seconded by F.Klepeis. All in favor.

2. **Rec Center Marquee:** D. Whitaker reported that there has been a delay in setting up the electronic message board due to wiring problems, but they were rectified today. Staff will be trained next week, and messages should begin appearing after that.

3. **Rec Center calendar:** D. Whitaker presented the calendar of events at the Rec Center for February and March 2024. She reports that rentals are increasing.

4. **Playground Update:** K.Carr reports that there is still no word on the grant for the playground, nor for the possibility of including a bocce court in the plans. D.Whitaker reports that two old, huge pine trees which have been losing limbs for the past several years will be cut down in anticipation of playground construction.

5. **Webpage:** K.Carr presented the newest revision of the Rec Center page for the Town website, incorporating suggestions from the Supervisor. K. Carr moved to accept the document. Seconded by D. Hattenbrun. All in favor.

6. **Application for Use:** K. Carr presented the newest revision of the Application for Use. There was discussion regarding the rental of the entire Pavilion during the off-season, and if this should be permitted or if some tables be reserved for the public. There were 4 votes for allowing full rental in the off-season, with 2 votes for setting 2 tables out of the Pavilion for public use. K.Carr then moved to accept the newest revision as is. Seconded by Lisa. All in favor.

7. **Game Night:** A.Sweeney confirmed that the next Game Night has been scheduled for April 12. The only change from the last event is that the flyer will state “Bring a Snack to share”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Pool Update:** Pool Director Ashley Kraus presented an overview of the upcoming season. She reports that 9 lifeguards out of a roster of 15 are returning. The popular Kids Night Out, held in conjunction with the Youth Program, will have 2 events. There will be several flower planters placed throughout the Pool area. She presented the plan for Swim Lessons. K. Carr proposed that the fees for non-residents for a 2-week session of swim lessons be increased from \$70 to \$75. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor. After some discussion it was decided to keep the rest of the pool fees unchanged.

**2.Fund-raising:** K. Carr reported that her husband’s musical trio Shokoloko, a mix of African drumming with improvisational jazz, has agreed to perform a benefit concert for the Rec Center. The group was provided with a sample of their recordings, and several members were already familiar with the music. R. Sorge moved to approve the concert. Seconded by D. Hattenbrun. All in favor, with K.Carr abstaining. C. Joseph presented a draft flyer for her Permaculture talk in May, which will also be a fund-raiser for the Rec Center. K.Carr noted that a large dying shrub in front of the Rec Center was removed and other plantings are not doing well, and asked that the benefits be earmarked for landscaping and beautification of the Rec Center grounds.

**3.Programming:** C. Joseph reports that the Rosendale Gardeners would like to host a “Gardener’s Social” on Sunday June 1. The event would be free and open to the public. K. Carr moved to approve the event. Seconded by F. Klepeis. All in favor.

K. Carr reported that she was approached by a local musician suggesting weekly “Concerts in the Park” at the bandstand at Willow Kiln Park. The group liked the idea, but agreed that there was no funding for such a program this year. We will request such funding in the budget for 2025. In the meantime, members will research local amateur groups who might be willing to perform without pay this year.

K. Carr and D. Whitaker reported that the Yoga and Zumba classes have been very popular, with regular attendance of 15-20 people. The teachers’ contracts expire in May. K. Carr moved that the Rec Commission recommend that the contracts be renewed. D. Hattenbrun seconded. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be April 17 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair