

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Lisa Jerkowski, Dave Hattenbrun, Claudia Joseph, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker; Town Board Liaison Ashley Sweeney.

Excused: Commissioners Frank Klepeis, Kieran Liggan-Casey.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** L.Jerkowski moved to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting. Seconded by R. Sorge. All in favor.

2. **Tree cutting:** D. Whitaker announced that the 2 large pine trees near the playground have been removed. One had significant trunk rot.

3. **Playground:** D. Whitaker announced that the Town has received a grant to replace the playground. Equipment has been chosen but must be approved by the Liability Insurance company. Town crews will dismantle the existing playground equipment prior to construction, all of which will take place after the summer season.

4. **Programming:** C. Joseph reported that the Rosendale Gardeners event scheduled for June 2 has been changed to a tailgate garden swap from 10 am – noon. As there is an event in the Pavilion that day, a section of the parking lot will be marked off for the gardeners.

5. **Pool Fees:** A.Sweeney reported that the Town Board has approved the 2024 fee schedule for the Pool.

6. **Rec Center water fountain:** R. Sorge reported that she has had minimal response from other departments to her suggestion that the large drinking fountain at the Rec Center building be replaced by a bottle filling station. D. Whitaker mentioned that the budget is getting tight as the Pool computer required replacement. The Buildings and Grounds crew has been asked to repair the existing fountain.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Proposed Aquatics Class:** Rosendale resident Amy Summers spoke to propose that she teach a class at the Pool. She has created a program, Aquoga, which is a blend of water-based fitness and yoga. She has taught this at the Kingston YMCA and Moriello Pool for over a decade, and the programs have been very successful. She trained at the Kripalu Yoga Institute in Lenox, Massachusetts and is certified by the International Fitness Association. She offers to teach one class weekly, to adults age 18 and over, with class size limited to 25. It was pointed out by the group that scheduling is very tight. K.Carr moved that the class be approved, pending submission of certifications from Ms. Summers and establishment of an acceptable time by Ashley Kraus, Pool Manager. Seconded by D. Hattenbrun. All in favor. Any contract would require approval by the Town Board.

2.Pavers for Willow Kiln parking lot: C. Joseph brought up for discussion the possibility to transition to permeable paving stones to replace asphalt in the lower parking lot at Willow Kiln Park, which is owned by the town. Pavers can restore up to 70% of rain water into groundwater, and have a role in management of flooding events. Tilda's Kitchen in Kingston has such a parking lot. She has found of grant for such a project. There are unanswered questions, including cost, longevity, and durability in a commercial space especially with plowing. Members were encouraged to research further, and this will be discussed next month.

3.Fitness Court instruction: K.Carr reported that Supervisor Walsh reports that she has gotten feedback from community members that they need instruction in use of the Fitness Court, more personalized than the information posted on the Court. The Court has been under-utilized. It's been difficult to find an instructor willing to teach, but a local personal trainer has tentatively agreed. K. Carr moved that Tom LaFera be hired to give class instruction in use of the Fitness Court. Seconded by R. Sorge. Any contract will require Town Board approval.

4.Pool Update: D.Whitaker reported on the opening of the Pool. This has been delayed due to poor weather; a crack in the pool can be managed by Town Crews but 4 days of dry weather are required. There is a new company managing water for the town, and they will be trained and the pump house hooked up with the assistance of Terry Johnson in the near future. Staff training is ongoing. Lifeguards have begun pressure washing the buildings and Pool and preparing the Pool House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be June 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair