

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** R. Sorge moved to approve the minutes of the most recent meeting in May 2024. Seconded by L.Jerkowski. All in favor.

2. **Pavers for Willow Kiln Park:** C. Joseph reported that she has forwarded information about this to the Environmental Commission and asked if they would be willing to pursue such a project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Plastics Proclamation:** C. Joseph reported on a Town Board meeting that she attended by request as a member of the Recreation Commission. There is a statewide proposal for a 12-year plan to phase out certain plastics. Municipalities throughout the State have been asked to make a proclamation of support. This was discussed for informational purposes at the June 12 Town Board meeting. No action is required of the Recreation Commission.

2. Programming:

*K. Carr reported that the Elder Committee has a grant for a monthly Song Club led by Debbie Lan. This has been held at the Park Heights Senior Housing Center, but due to low attendance the Committee requests that the location be changed to the Community Center. K. Carr moved that monthly Song Club be approved at the Community Center. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

*K. Carr reported that our Line Dancing teacher, Goldie Goldberg, has recovered from surgery and is interested in resuming classes. She moved that weekly Line Dancing classes be approved, pending budgetary clearance from the Town Board. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

*A. Sweeney and L. Jerkowski agreed to resume coordination of Game Night. Next event is scheduled for October 18.

*K. Carr reports that the Town Board approved hiring of Thomas LaFera to teach classes at the Circuit Court. It will be free to Rosendale residents, with a \$2 fee for non-residents. D. Whitaker will coordinate scheduling with him.

3. **Bocce Court location:** K. Carr reports that it was suggested to her that the proposed Bocce Court be located at the site of the former horseshoe pit, near the tennis courts. Commission members felt that it was important that the bocce court be centrally located and therefore no change was made to the plan to locate near the new playground.

4. **Fallen tree:** D. Whitaker reported a lightning strike to a large tree on the hill near the Youth Center. The Youth Center was closed for several days for safety reasons, and the tree was removed at a cost of \$8500.

5. **Pickeball court:** Nets have been purchased but unfortunately they are not collapsible. There was a long discussion on how to secure them. The plan for now is to attach them to the fence with a lock and key. Key will be available at the Pool/concession stand with players leaving a

driver's license as a deposit. After the Pool closes on Labor Day a different plan will be required; this will be re-assessed based on the summer's experience. A combination lock with a weekly change in combination was suggested.

6.Pool Update: Pool manager, Ashley Kraus, addressed the group.

*152 season passes have been sold (98 to residents)

*164 swim lesson sessions have been sold

*There has been an exponential increase in demand since the abrupt closure of the Ulster County Pool. The New Paltz Town Pool continues to restrict non-resident access to those who purchase season passes. The difficult decision was made to limit our pool to Ulster County residents. Even so, on Sunday July 14 there were 490 visitors to the pool. Ulster County has provided us with 5 additional lifeguards for whom they are providing salary. This has been a big help to our staff and has allowed the pool capacity to be increased.

*Aquoga clases have begun and are very popular.

*There will be a Kids Night Out on August 1 and a Family Night out with a movie by the pool later in the summer.

*Adult morning lap swim has been increased to include Saturdays and Sundays, 11am to noon. R. Sorge, citing community request, asked that the weekday morning adult lap swim to be extended to 9 am after swim team season; Ms. Kraus agreed to this pending lifeguard availability and lack of conflict with swim lessons.

*There is a need for shade at the pool. All of the individual shade umbrellas purchased this spring have broken. There was a lengthy discussion about options. Rather than individual umbrellas, moving to a single large shade structure was recommended. These are pricey, in the \$15,000 range, and this will be requested for next year's budget. Members will research style options for the next meeting. Also, when Main Line, the pool construction company which installed the pool, returns to winterize the pool they will be asked to review the blueprints and recommend sites for placing posts that will not interfere with pipes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be on August 21 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair