

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

Excused: Commissioner Dave Hattenbrun.

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Prior meeting minutes:** L. Jerkowski moved to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2024 meeting. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.
2. **Rec Center usage:** D. Whitaker presented the schedule for the Rec Center and other Rec sites from September -December. The group was pleased by the increased use of the facilities.
3. **Pickleball net:** There has been a change in access to the pickleball net. The net remains assembled at all times and is chained to the tennis court fence with a combination lock. Players contact Doreen for the combination, and she reports that the system is working well.
4. **Fitness Court:** D. Whitaker reports that Tom LaFera's introductory classes continue, with 2-5 people attending per class. It is unclear how long the program will continue.
5. **Playground:** K. Carr reports that per Youth Director Matt McCloskey the playground is on track for construction this fall, pending engineering approval of the company's plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Programming:** K. Carr reports that the Town Board approved the following programs: Line Dancing at the RMC, beginning September 30: a 5-part series of classes in Simple Drawing, beginning October 3; a 6 part series of classes in Qi Gong, beginning October 24; and a 2-part series in holiday baking, beginning December 1. The group brainstormed other programming ideas for 2025, and suggested that dances be researched.
2. **Request for Rec Center use for Holistic Health Care:** K. Carr reported that we have been contacted by the Holistic Health Community with a request that they hold free monthly sessions of care free to the public at the Rec Center. They have been offering these sessions since 2012 at the Marbletown Community Center, but need a temporary home while that building undergoes renovations. There were concerns from the members of the Commission regarding medical liability and about use of the building for a purpose that is not definitively recreational. The matter was referred to the Town Supervisor and Board for their guidance.

3. **Willow Kiln Park Application for Use:** K. Carr reported that recently there was confusion about a request for use of Willow Kiln Park for a memorial service. The application on the website is vague. After a lengthy discussion, K. Carr made the following motion:

The Recreation Commission recommends that the existing "Application for Use: Rosendale's Willow Kiln Park" on the Recreation Documents section on the Town website be eliminated, and that the following message be posted on the Recreation Department website and at Willow Kiln Park:

Willow Kiln Park is a public park open to all. For any commercial activity, a publicly advertised event, or a large scale gathering, it is necessary to contact the Rosendale Town Clerk for an Event Application.

Seconded by L. Jerkowski. All in favor.
This will be forwarded to the Town Supervisor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be October 16 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Carr, Chair