

Present: Commissioners Fre Atlas, Kristina Carr, Dave Hattenbrun, Lisa Jerkowski, Frank Klepeis, Kieran Liggan-Casey, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Doreen Whitaker; Town Board Liason Ernest Klepeis; Rosendale Pool Manager Ashley Kraus.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Old Meeting Minutes: F. Atlas moved to approve the March 2021 meeting minutes. Seconded by F. Klepeis. All in favor.

2. Update on Rec Center Broadband: K. Carr reported that the FCC e-rate program has committed to cover 80% of the Rec Center gigabit service, which costs \$269 per month. Word on enhanced wifi equipment and installation is forthcoming.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Community Conversations Groups: K. Carr reported that the Rosendale Library is sponsoring a series of discussions groups in May to which members of the Rec Commission have been invited. She will forward invitations.

2. Pool repair estimate: D. Whitaker reported that a pool contractor recently made an inspection, with full written report to follow. His verbal report is that the pool is safe to open this season with some “band-aid” repairs, but will need more extensive repairs next year including sandblasting and repair of large cracks and reconstruction of a set of steps. This is similar to the assessment made by a different contractor pre-Covid. It is unclear if a warranty exists on the construction done only 5 years ago; this will be researched when the written report comes in.

3. Basketball court re-opening: D. Whitaker reports that the Ulster County Health Department (UCHD) has designated basketball as a higher-risk sport, and that use of public courts must be “structured”. Our courts are currently closed, with hoops closed off by plywood, but as fencing is not complete players have been using the courts anyway. E. Klepeis will check with Supervisor Walsh on what constitutes adequate structure and what the limits of liability are.

4. Pool opening 2021: D. Whitaker and A. Kraus presented the 3-page opening plan for the pool this summer. These are the salient points: UCHD requires a maximum of 100 bathers at any one time; this will be managed by the use of color-coded wristbands.. Pool use will at least initially be limited to town residents only. Usage fees are unchanged from previous years but because of the shortened 2021 season there will be no seasonal memberships offered. Social distancing and face mask use will be enforced by pool staff. There will be temperature checks with the purchase of wristbands at the former ticket booth with one designated entrance and a separate designated exit. Bathrooms will be limited to three people at a time, with closure of changing rooms. The pool will close for 15-30 minutes at mid-day to allow cleaning by the staff. The Commission asked that staff provide additional support to patrons with special needs, and thanked Doreen and Ashley for their hard work.

Additionally, Ashley reported on special uses: The Summer Camp will access the pool from 11am to noon, to maximize availability for the public in the afternoon. The Swim Team will practice from 8 to 11:30 am as they will be limited to 4 swimmers per lane, will use the outdoor accessible bathroom rather than have access to the bath house, and will have no meets.

Brookside School is not certain yet if they will request use of the pool, due to restricted transportation.

5. **Bath House mold:** D. Whitaker reported that an estimate has been requested to remediate mold on the floor of the bath house.

6. **Theatre request for use of Willow Kiln Park:** F. Atlas reported that the Rosendale Theatre hopes to use Willow Kiln park for its annual July 4 reading of the Declaration of Independence. D. Whitaker is working on a form to request that park. The Theater will have to submit a site plan, a guide to which is now available on the Town's website.

7. **Rec Center building use:** D. Whitaker reports that requests are coming in for rental of the Rec Center building for events. UCHD requires Covid monitoring even for small events. She will discuss feasibility with Supervisor Walsh.

There being no further business to discuss, K. Carr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

The next meeting will be on May 19 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair