

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Dave Hattenbrun, Frank Klepeis, Kieran Liggan-Casey, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker; Town Board Liason Ernest Klepeis.

Excused: Commissioner Lisa Jerkowski.

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

**OLD BUSINESS :**

**1.Prior meeting minutes:** R. Sorge moved to approve the minutes from the July 2022 meeting. Seconded by K. Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

**2.Fitness court:** D. Whitaker reports that work has begun. The concrete base is due to be poured this week and will require 28 days to cure. After that, the structure will be constructed, estimated to take about a week. The company is planning a Grand Opening when work is complete.

**3.Solar panels at Rec Center:** It was decided at last month's meeting that our system is probably near the end of its life and a full re-assessment is needed. R. Sorge reports that she is researching a solar company which seems appropriate. K. Carr will reach out to her solar company and ask if Ulster County has any resources. We hope to get a preliminary assessment this year and plan for expenditures for next year, either with budgetary funding or a grant.

**4. Basketball/tennis courts:** D. Whitaker reported that the Town Board has approved the engineer's plans and Requests for Proposals are being sent out this week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.Community development program:** K. Carr made the group aware of a grass-roots group organizing in Rosendale which is getting funding from the Orton Foundation for fostering community conversations about our town. It is not a town/government program though the group has communicated with the Town Board.

**2.Pool 2022:** Ashley Kraus, Pool Manager, presented a summary of the season so far. Income as of last weekend was \$44,000. The public seems content in general. There have been large numbers of non-residents using the pool, which has been overwhelming when the Ulster County Pool is closed. Area pools are charging much higher rates than our pool, and we should consider this when reviewing our rates for next season. A Kids Night Out, sponsored jointly by the Pool and the Youth Program, is scheduled for August 11. If this is successful it will be considered as a regular event for next season. A high demand for swim lessons has not been met due to scheduling constraints. The commission feels that water safety including swim lessons is part of our mission and increasing lessons for next season is essential.

The commission went into executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Because of a lack of quorum for August's meeting due to scheduled vacations, the August meeting is CANCELLED. The next meeting will be September 21, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair