

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Dave Hattrenbrun, 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. **January meeting minutes:** L. Jerkowski moved to approve the minutes from the January 2023 meeting. Seconded by F. Klepeis. All in favor.

2. **Winter outdoor soccer:** K. Carr reported that La Finca regrettfully does not have the volunteer support at present to install the outdoor soccer facility in the Pavilion. She will reach out to them in the fall.

3. **Community Series:** K. Carr reported a good turnout for the first installment of the Community Series last week, a talk on Home Composting. The next talk will be “Energy Spring Cleaning” on February 25, followed by a Plant Swap on March 11.

4. **Ball field lights:** D. Whitaker reports that at least one leaning light pole and all the lights need replacement at the ball field. We are awaiting electrician availability, and it hoped to do the entire project at once. The Commission encourages this to be done in time for spring baseball season.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **New Town Board Liaison:** The commission welcomed Ashley Sweeney, our new Town Board Liaison.

2. **CPR/Narcan Training:** K. Carr reported that Officer Pat Carroll from the Sheriff’s Department will present a community CPR training along with Narcan Training on Thursday March 23. Attendance will be limited to 100 people, free and open to the public.

3. **Senior Program:** D. Whitaker reported that the Ulster County Council on the Aging will hold a “Bingo-cize” class twice weekly at the Rec Center from April to June.

4. **Warming Center:** D. Whitaker reported that the Rec Center was opened as a Warming Center during the frigid temperatures in late January. It was staffed by her and by Matt McCloskey of the Youth Center. One person stayed the night, transported by law enforcement. Unfortunately, this person did not bring her medicines or her home oxygen, and had a brief episode of difficulty breathing. It was strongly advised that persons be advised and/or screened before coming to the Center.

4. **Community Center Sign:** K. Carr shared feedback from two local sign companies regarding upgrading the Route 32 sign to a digital marquee. Since requesting quotes, it’s been discovered that the sign is leaning and will now need full replacement. Updated quotes will be requested. In

addition, C. Joseph has done some research and has a contact with a national company which she will forward to K.Carr so a quote can be obtained from them as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be March 15 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Kristina Carr,
Chair