Rosendale Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1.**Prior meeting minutes**: L. Jerkowski moved to approve the minutes from the October 2023 meting. Seconded by D. Hattenbrun All in favor.

2. **Solar Array update**: A. Sweeney reported that our report on the solar power system was reviewed by the Town Board members, who decided to continue to monitor the system for now.

3. **Baseball field lighting**: K. Car reports that new poles and electric service have been installed.

4.**Marquee**: K.Carr reports that the final piece of the marquee was installed today. D. Whitaker will be trained on messaging soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.**Community classes:** K.Carr reports that two new classes, Line Dancing and Yoga, have begun and have been well-attended, primarily by Rosendale residents. Supervisor Walsh has agreed to free up access to the Rec Center to town-sponsored events on the first Sunday of each month. A Slo-Jam music group, which has outgrown its space at the Rosendale Library, will have access from 3:30 to 5 pm on those days. Other groups who can meet earlier on those days are welcome to apply for use.

2. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony: K. Carr reports that the first annual lighting of the new Rec Center tree will take place on Saturday, December 2, at 5:00. Cocoa and cookies will be served. Arrangements are being made at Town Hall.

3.**Spring 2024 Community Events**: A. Sweeney and L. Jerkowski committed to organizing a Family Game Night for Friday, January 27. The group brainstormed ideas for more events for Spring 2024, and will discuss further at the January meeting.

4. **Communication**: C. Joseph brought up for discussion difficulty in accessing a listing of Town events. The town website and Facebook page do list events but they are not in a central calendar. The group agreed that, though the new marquee will help in announcing Recreation happenings, there is a need for better, understandable communication of all town events. A. Sweeney will discuss this with the Town Board.

5.**Rec Calendar**: C. Joseph requested that at our next meeting we receive a listing of all Rec Center events for the last 6 months of 2023 to better understand our patterns of use. D. Whitaker will be asked to provide this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. As per our custom, there will be *no meeting in December*. The next meeting will be January 17, 2024 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair