

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

Excused: Commissioner Frank Klepeis.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** K. Liggan-Casey moved to approve the minutes from the November 2023 meeting. Seconded by D. Hattenbrun. All in favor.

2. **Playground:** K. Carr reported that plans are nearly complete for construction of the new playground this spring. This is a priority for the Supervisor; however, its expense may limit other new projects this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Bocce Court:** Several community members have expressed interest in a bocce court. R.Sorge pointed out that it is the third most popular sport in the world. It was felt that a bocce court would have wide appeal in the community, and is a relatively inexpensive addition to our facility. K.Carr moved that we approve installation a bocce court at the Rec Center. Seconded by R.Sorge All in favor. K. Carr pointed out that budgetary constraints may preclude this project for this year. We will submit specs and a budget to the Supervisor.

2. **Pickleball:** K. Carr reports that Supervisor Walsh has asked that we provide portable pickleball nets. Nets are about \$80. Secure storage was discussed. HD. Whitaker reports that the shed near the courts is full of other town equipment and is unavailable. It was agreed that a plastic chest large enough to accommodate two nets be chained to the courts, secured by a padlock with combination provided by the Rec office.

3. **Volleyball:** A grass volleyball court has been suggested by several community members. The field behind the ball field has available space. This would be an inexpensive addition to our facility. The field may be too irregular for safe play; the issue was tabled until the site can be inspected in the spring.

4. **Furnace replacement:** D. Whitaker reports that one of the 4 furnaces at the Rec Center has failed. It will be replaced tomorrow. Cost is \$20,000 necessitating budgetary cutbacks elsewhere.

5. **2023 Calendar:** D. Whitaker provided a list of all rentals at the Rec Center for the past year. Commissioners found it helpful to see the patterns of use of the facility.

6. **Update of Recreation Page on Town Website:** K.Carr presented proposed revision of the Rec page on the town website. Many suggestions were made and further revisions will be made.

7.Programming: In our continued effort to increase community programming at the Rec Center, former suggestions were reviewed.

*A.Sweeney and L.Jerkowski proposed a Family Game Night, tentatively scheduled for February 9. K. Carr moved to approve the event, seconded by K. Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

*K. Carr presented a proposal for a 3-part cooking series, “Deliciously Easy International Comfort Food”, taught by 2 volunteer chefs, tentatively scheduled to begin February 20. K. Carr moved to approve the proposal, seconded by R. Sorge,.All in favor.

*C. Joseph agreed to present a public talk on Permaculture, her area of professional expertise, on Sunday May 5 from 12-2 pm. She suggested a donation of \$5-20, with proceeds to be donated to the Recreation Center. K. Carr moved to approve, seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will be February 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair