

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of prior meeting minutes:** R. Sorge moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 2024. Seconded by Joseph. All in favor.

2. **Review of monthly calendar:** D. Whitaker presented the calendar of use for the Rec Center for January and February 2024 and answered all questions.

3. **Playground update:** K. Carr reported that construction of the new playground has been delayed while the Town Supervisor's office pursues a new grant option. If this grant is awarded, construction cannot begin until fall 2024.

4. **Update on building maintenance:** D. Whitaker reported on several recent costly repairs. In addition to installation of a new furnace, the kitchen's refrigerator required a new compressor, and a blocked pipe needed urgent replacement.

5. **Programming update:** K. Carr reported a very successful Game Night, and that the Cooking Series is off to a good start. In response to community feedback, A. Sweeney will try to organize another Game Night, tentative date April 12.

6. **Webpage revision:** K. Carr presented a new draft of the proposed changes to the Recreation Department page on the Town website. After review, a few additional changes were made. R. Sorge moved that this newest version be approved and forwarded to the Town Clerk. Seconded by F. Klepeis. All in favor.

7. **Seed Swap:** The Second Annual Rosendale Plant and Seed Swap has been proposed. It is a collaboration between the Environmental and Recreation Commissions, tentatively scheduled at the Recreation Center on Sunday April 7. It will be open to the public and free of charge. Claudia Joseph has agreed to represent the Recreation Commission. R. Sorge moved to approve the event. Seconded by K. Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

8. **Permaculture Gardening Group meeting:** K. Carr reports that the local Permaculture Gardening group is searching for a new home for their monthly meetings, and have requested use of the Recreation Center. The Commission had set a goal of supporting a gardening group in their attempts at new programming. This group does not charge dues, and its meetings are open to the public and free of charge. Supervisor Walsh has agreed to Town sponsorship of these meetings, with waiver of all fees. R. Sorge moved to approve the groups monthly meetings. Seconded by Frank Klepeis. All in favor, with C. Joseph abstaining as she is a group member.

9. Television donation: D. Whitaker reports that the Ukelele group which uses the facility every Wednesday has kindly arranged to donate a 75-inch smart TV to the Rec Center. This will be used by the group to share music, but will be available for public use. It will be particularly helpful during times when the Center is used as an emergency shelter. For safety, it will be mounted on a cart, which will be kept locked.

10. Marquee: D. Whitaker reports that the marquee lighting has been erratic and the messaging component has not been set up yet. She has been in touch with the contractor who must contact the company which manufactures the sign.

11. Pool 2024: D. Whitaker reports that planning for the upcoming season has begun. The town is finalizing the contract with the Swim Team, which is basically unchanged. Advertising for lifeguards and cashiers has already begun. All paperwork has been updated and is ready to go.

12. Application for Use: D. Whitaker asked for suggestions on changes to the Application for Use. There are many confusing or redundant sections, which are difficult for her to explain to the public. The Commission offered revisions to clarify and simplify the Application. Prices have been changed to double rates for non-residents. Dorene will make the suggested revisions and bring the document to the group next month for a second look.

13. Bocce Court: F. Klepeis presented preliminary designs and cost estimates for the suggested Bocce court. He used specifications for the Special Olympics court. The project will require significant funding. The group will research grants and will also ask the Supervisor if this can be included as part of the Playground grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be March 20 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair