

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** C. Joseph moved to approve the minutes from the November 2024 meeting. Seconded by F. Klepeis. All in favor.

2. **Playground:** D. Whitaker announced that the new playground is currently being built and will be delivered on April 8, with construction performed by the company on April 9. The Buildings and Grounds Department must remove the old playground completely prior to delivery. This is planned for the upcoming week as there is no snow cover and the ground is cold enough to prevent damage from heavy equipment. Dorene will handle publicity. K. Liggan-Casey suggested that the public be reminded of the availability of the playground at Roundout Municipal Center.

3. **Landscaping Project:** K. Carr announced that the fund-raising concert in late November generated \$500, earmarked for landscaping. The Town is on a very tight budget and no funding will be available. The group discussed ways to keep the project affordable and how to manage ongoing maintenance. The possibility of designating a garden sub-committee or a committed community group was discussed. Further discussion was tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Rec Center Usage:** Calendars for recent and future months were reviewed. D. Whitaker reported that a recent party resulted in so much dirtying of the facility that the \$500 deposit was withheld. She has photos documenting the damage. She is particularly concerned that the fire exits were obstructed, despite explicit instructions on the Application for Use and signage in two languages on the doors themselves. She suggested that during certain large parties where alcohol is being served, someone from the Town visit the party to make certain that safety standards are being maintained and close the party down, if necessary.

K. Carr moved that the following protocol be instituted:

Dorene will alert the Recreation Commissioners by text of a risky party and ask for a volunteer to monitor the event. If after visiting the site the Commissioner thinks there is a danger of significant damage or a safety risk, Dorene will be called to attend as well. The Rosendale Police will be available for support.

Seconded by R. Sorge. All in favor.

2. **Programming:** K. Carr presented a schedule of programming for Spring 2025. This will be printed for distribution to Rec Center visitors and will hopefully be added to the Recreation page of the Town website. Programming is modest due to this year's Town budget constraints. She reported that Yoga and Qi Gong regularly have very large classes. The Town is now requiring a fee from Rosendale residents. D. Whitaker reports that next year Programming will have its own budget line. Careful records on attendance and revenue are being kept to help with budgeting for next year.

3. Commission membership: D. Hattenbrun's term expired on December 31 and he has applied for re-appointment to a second term. Re-appointment has been delayed, but is on the Town Board agenda for the February 5 meeting. F. Klepeis' term expires the end of this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be February 19 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair