

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

Excused: Commissioner Reta Sorge.

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

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: L. Jerkowski moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting. Seconded by C. Joseph. All in favor.

2. Playground Update: D. Whitaker reported that the playground is nearly complete. A few details remain and once the playground company's inspector signs off, it can open to the public.

3. Review of Rec Center Rentals: D. Whitaker presented schedules for 3 months and reports that rentals are almost back to pre-Covid levels.

4. Landscaping: K. Carr reported that fund-raising for landscaping the front of the Rec Center has accumulated \$1,000 and Supervisor Walsh has offered to have the town match that. There has been little response to calls for volunteer labor, however. The two local nurseries who gave estimates earlier have been asked to submit revised estimates within the new budget of \$2,000, to include their labor. Hopefully the Town Board will approve the project in early May and planting can then proceed.

Additionally, D. Whitaker presented plans for a revision of the gardens at Veterans Park. Last week the town Board approved the project presented by the Women's Club to be done as a donation from Natureview Design Group, a local landscaping company, pending approval by the American Legion. The project includes new plantings as well as ongoing weeding, mulching and maintenance of the garden. There was no objection from any Commission members. However, F. Klepeis pointed out that the DOT will be revising the entire intersection in the near future and it is unclear if Veterans' Park will be affected. A. Sweeney will bring this to the Town Board.

5. Programming: K. Carr reported that Song Club, approved by the Town Board on April 2, has been cancelled as the instructor refused to sign the new contract, which was recently revised.

6. Pool 2025: D. Whitaker reported that all cashier positions have been filled and lifeguard application are still being accepted. New applicants will be interviewed shortly. Some pool repair is needed, but this can be done by the Town Buildings and Grounds Department. Early morning adult lap swim and Aquoga classes will continue. A new Artistic Swimming group for ages 10-15 is being negotiated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be May 21 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair