

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Claudia Joseph, Frank Klepeis, Kieran Liggan-Casey, Reta Sorge; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker.

Excused: Commissioner Lisa Jerkowski, Town Board Liaison Ashley Sweeney.

Absent: Commissioner Dave Hattenbrun.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: C. Joseph pointed out an error in the draft of minutes. In the section regarding Trees for Tribs, the Riparian Buffer is described as being “pruned” when in fact vine removal was performed. F. Klepeis moved to approve the minutes with correction, seconded by C. Joseph. All in favor.

2. Playground Update: F. Klepeis pointed out that he looked over the equipment and feels that in general good work was done on the installation. One piece of equipment should probably have been installed deeper and some parts are exposed; D. Whitaker will ensure that extra mulch is added there. D. Whitaker reported that the teeter-totter broke again and has been removed, and this will be substituted with an alternative by the company. One or two additional pieces of equipment will be added, not necessarily this year.

3. Landscape update: K. Carr reported that she and the Building and Grounds Department staff have revamped the small garden as one enters the main Rec building. There is a small plaque there commemorating deceased senior citizens. It will be easier to maintain in the future. The Town Board approved a bid from Victoria Gardens for landscaping the large area in front of the building; no date is set for that yet.

4. Programming Update: K. Carr reported that unfortunately the teacher of Gentle Yoga declined to renew her contract, and the search for a replacement has begun. Jesse Towey, teacher of Qi Gong, has been made an employee of the Town and there will be no contract issues. She would like to pursue another Art Class and a cooking class for the fall, and a possible dance series for the winter, and there was no objection. She will return to the Commission if and when specific programs have been devised.

5. Rec Center schedule: D. Whitaker distributed a calendar of upcoming Rec Center usage.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rec Center Kitchen repair: D. Whitaker reported that the grease trap in the kitchen recently overflowed, was found to be rusted out and was replaced, for a cost of nearly \$14,000.

2. Peace Pole: K. Carr reported that a community group would like to put the Peace Pole back in the playground. It was removed to accommodate the Pickle Fest years ago. The location, near a corner of the playground, was discussed. F. Klepeis pointed out that there are some underground electric lines in the vicinity. K. Carr moved that placement of the Peace Pole in this location be

approved, with the stipulation that the ground be hand dug for safety. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

3. Pool: D.Whitaker reported that there has been a robust sign-up for swim lessons, and approximately 75 season memberships have been sold so far. Aquoga classes will return this summer; fees have been increased. A Synchronized Swimming Program for Youth is being advertised, but there have been few enrollees. The teacher is considering opening the program to adults. The pool opened for weekends only on June 8, with a 7-days a week schedule to begin on June 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be July 16 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Carr, Chair