

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

Absent: Commissioner Dave Hattenbrun.

Excused: Town Board Liaison Ashley Sweeney.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes: R. Sorge moved that we approved the minutes from the August 2025 meeting. Seconded by L.Jerkowski. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposal for Improv Workshops: Joseph Davis of Happenstancy Improv came to explore the possibility of beginning a regular Improv workshop at the Community Center. He is a Rosendale resident and SAG actor who has worked in Improv locally, and since 2021 has run a weekly Improv group at the New Paltz Community Center. He has taught a class at Marbletown Elementary School and recently began a group at Woodland Pond. His Instagram account has 2,000 followers. Two Commission members are familiar with his work and speak highly of it. He offers to hold monthly Improv workshops on a volunteer basis for 3 months and gauge community response. If they are successful, a more on-going, paid arrangement could be discussed. R. Sorge moved that we support Happenstancy's offer to host programming. Seconded by K. Liggan-Casey. All in favor. K.Carr will bring this proposal to the Town Supervisor.

2. Programming: K.Carr updated the group on our Fall schedule. The Tailgate Garden Swap was cancelled by the Rosendale Gardeners Group. Gentle Yoga resumed yesterday with a new teacher and was well-received, with 25 attendees. Watercolor Art Class was approved by the Town Board and will begin on October 9.

K.Carr suggested a program of Dance Sundays on the second Sunday of the month in early 2026. She has made some preliminary inquiries and requests Commission approval to go forward. C. Joseph moved to approve investigation of such a program. Seconded by R. Sorge. All in favor. K.Carr will report back to the group when further information is available.

3. Rec Center repairs: D.Whitaker reported that the kitchen oven was recently cleaned professionally. The IT department has made some suggestions on improving WiFi and Bluetooth access in the building, which she will present to the Supervisor.

4. Pool: D. Whitaker reported that the pool has been found to have a significant leak. Main Line Pool construction company will visit the site soon to determine the location of the leak and propose repair.

R. Sorge reported on negative community feedback regarding early closure of the pool. She suggested rather than close early for low attendance that we re-instate a former policy of reduced rates after 5 pm to boost attendance. We will discuss with Pool manager Ashley Kraus in the spring.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Carr, Chair