

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

Excused: Commissioners Dave Hattenbrun, Reta Sorge.

Absent: Commissioner Frank Klepeis.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:** C. Joseph moved to approve the minutes from the October 2025 meeting. Seconded by L. Jerkowski. All in favor.

2. **Pool update:** D. Whitaker reported on research of the water leak. Pressure testing of the lines show them to be intact, indicating that the pool itself has a leak. Because the pool has already been winterized, further investigation has been delayed until Spring 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Tree planting:** D. Whitaker reports that 12 young deciduous trees have been planted on the edge of the Rec Center property near the ball field and fitness court. No one on the Town Staff knows who did this. The Environmental Commission has denied involvement, as do all of our Commission members. It appears to be a professional job. No action was advised at this time.

2. **Rec Center kitchen usage:** India Secreto, the Rec Center custodian, spoke about the frequent inadequate cleaning of the kitchen. Last weekend she needed to spend 6 hours scrubbing the oven, stovetop and sinks after a party. She also reported poor clean-up of the entire space after rentals. The group spoke at length about options. K. Carr summarized the discussion by making the following motion:

Changes made to the Application for Use should be

1. Increase the cleaning deposit from \$200 to \$300 for residents/\$500 to \$600 for non-residents.
2. Refunds of cleaning deposits pro-rated based on degree of disruption to the space, and this made clear at the time of rental.
3. Separate category for kitchen use eliminated, and the \$50/100 fee added to the Community Center Rental fee.

In addition, an extremely detailed departure checklist will be created in English and Spanish. This will be included in the rental agreement and posted prominently in the building.

The motion was seconded by K. Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

3. **Programming Fees:** K. Carr reported that the Town is under financial strain and the Town Board is encouraging programming to be financially self-sufficient. She presented a financial summary of our 2 ongoing classes. With a fee of \$2 for residents and \$5 for non-residents, Yoga averages 19 students with fee collection of \$58 per class, and Qi Gong averages 14.5 students and fee collection of \$41 per class. She suggested increasing fees for ongoing weekly classes to \$5/10. Though this will more than cover the current \$75 instructor fee, it will provide a buffer against poor weather or otherwise isolated poor attendance, and will offer a financial cushion to support the launch of new classes. K. Carr moved that these new fees be adopted

after January 1. Seconded by L. Jerkowski. All in favor. This will be presented to the Town Board for approval at their December meeting.

**Winter programming:** K. Carr reported that Supervisor Walsh has approved extending the contracts of the Yoga and QiGong instructors, which are due to expire on December 31, and will bring this to the Town Board in December. Game Nights will be held on January 30, February 27 and March 27. The first of 3 free Improv classes was held on November 10 with an enthusiastic turnout; as previously approved by this Commission, if community interest persists this will be proposed to the Town Board as an ongoing fee-based program.

K. Carr reported that she is in discussion with a Zumba teacher who has offered to hold a free demo class and hopefully progress to an ongoing paid position. She awaits paperwork, but moved to approve this arrangement if enough interest is generated at the demo class. Seconded by K. Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

K. Carr reported that she has been approached by a community member who would like to hold a regular drawing meet-up at the Rec Center. This would meet our goal of free programming options. She awaits paperwork, but moved to approve this arrangement with waiver of rental fees if the paperwork comes through. Seconded by Kieran Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. As per our tradition, there will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 21 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Carr, Chair