

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

Absent: Town Board Liasson Ashley Sweeney.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1.**Approval of prior meeting minutes:** F.Klepeis moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026 meeting. Seconded by L.Jerkowski. All in favor.

2.**Pool shade structure:** K. Carr reports that a private local group has formed to raise funds for the pool shade structure. They call themselves “The Shady Bunch” and will be working through the winter.

3.**Playground Update:** K. Carr reports that the Supervisor has decided to close the relationship with the playground equipment company, as they have been extremely difficult to work with. As soon as the awaited bay for the handicapped swing is delivered, the see saws will be returned for a credit. The plan is to search for one or two pieces of additional equipment in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.**Tree donation:** Community member Barbara Piombino has offered to donate and maintain two chestnut trees to be placed near the playground, an area that needs shade. She is working with Victoria’s Gardens on this. There is some concern about underground infrastructure in this area, and Terry Johnson knows the area well. K.Carr moved that pending approval of an appropriate site by Terry Johnson, planting of the trees be approved. Seconded by Joseph. All in favor.

2.**Pool 2026 Season Summary:** Ashley Kraus has submitted data from this year’s pool season. This was reviewed and compared with last year’s figures. It appears that pool usage was down this year, which Ashley attributes to the opening of Lake Sophia at Sojourner Truth State Park in Kingston. The season otherwise went well with no major issues.

3.**Zumba teacher:** L. Jerkowski has recruited a new Zumba teacher, Lisa Ricci, who is a Rosendale resident and is enthusiastic, experienced and highly certified. K. Carr shared a positive reference from her employer at MAC fitness as well as her list of credentials. K.Carr moved that we approve her to teach one class weekly and ask the Town Board to hire her. Seconded by D.Hattenbrun. All in favor.

4.**Programming for Fall:** K.Carr reported the exercise teacher we had been in conversation with decided not to pursue an arrangement with us. The *Swing Dance* instructor has agreed to return for 2 dates in September. The Watercolor series will return starting September 17 for 8 classes. *Yoga, Qi Gong* and *Improv* classes continue. The Rosendale Gardeners Facebook Group leader is no longer able to host their *Tailgate Garden Swap*, and the Commission agreed to take it over.

D. Hattenbrun will be the point person for the free event, schedule for October 18 from 10:00 til noon in the Rec Center Parking lot. R.Sorge and K.Liggan-Casey agreed to coordinate *Game Nights*, October 23 and November 20 from 6 to 8 pm. *Book Swap* will be scheduled when Ashley Sweeney is available. We are waiting to hear back from the library about another *Sound Bath* event.

5.Pumba: C. Joseph reported that Pumba has still not been repaired. K. Carr will reach out to the artist again.

6.Trees by holding tanks: C.Joseph reported that the trees by the pool holding tanks which were cut down last year have grown back, and she suggests that they be destroyed. D.Whitaker will request that the Buildings and Grounds staff do the job.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting will be September 16 at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Kristina Carr, Chair