

**MINUTES OF THE RACQUET SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**August 11, 2021**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Rhett Parsons**  
**Araceli Popen**  
**Patty Felix**  
**Patsy Workman**

**Debbie Donahue**  
**Gail Keiling**  
**Karen Kaplan**  
**Cami Rogers**

**Terry Underkoffler**  
**Kathy Stone**  
**Bob O'Malley**  
**Susan Morris**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Rhett Parsons, Committee Chair.

**Minutes**

**Minutes of the 7/14/21 meeting were sent out to committee members and approved in July and then were posted on the Racquet Sports page of oceanpines.org**

**I. Review of the Discussion of Completed, Current and Planned Projects**

- a) Banner for Manklin Creek. Rd.- Debbie still working on it
- b) Touchless water refill stations- both installed and working/reverse osmosis filtration
- c) New Pickle courts-still waiting for permits
- d) Playground-split rail fences were repaired/replaced. Community is being advised to use adjacent Community Garden parking lot and "Playground Parking" signs are installed
- e) Platform snowboards are currently being refreshed
- f) Center maintenance issues are being addressed for each sport (wind screens, line painting, cracks repair, , and all work done by PW will be added to the scheduling and worked on as time allows
- g) Parking issues for big events still under consideration
- h) Manklin Creek Recreation Complex sign to be replaced
- i) Green Manklin Creek Recreation sign on Ocean Pkwy to be turned toward North Gate entrance
- j) Bob Grant now full time at RC for maintenance
- k) Meeting time change discussion to accommodate Rhett work schedule.

**II. Racquet Center Events and Sports Updates -full schedule attached**

**A. Tennis**

- 1) Points of Compass Doubles Tourney Aug. 14th
- 2) USTA Singles Tournament September 25th & 26th
- 3) New Facebook Page: Ocean Pines Tennis Club (OPTC)

- 4) Terry U. going for Platform Tennis pro certification

## **B. Pickleball**

- 1) Pink Ribbon Tournament Friday, Oct. 1st, 8-2 PM
- 2) Oktoberfest Tournament October 22-24

## **C. Platform**

- 1) Veterans"Benefit Tourney Sept. 25th for Jim Freeman
- 2) SPEC Tennis Kids Program 4 weeks in October
- 3) New Facebook page: OP Platform Tennis
- 4) Timeless Tennis Facebook page: Timeless Tennis OP

## **III. Budget/Attendance Update-Terry**

- 1) All 3 sports-membership and attendance is up
- 2) Pickle Camps and events are bringing players in
- 3) The Racquet Center met expectations for revenue for July

## **IV. Action Items**

**See attached List**

## Addendum

After the monthly meeting of the RCAC, John Viola requested the committee to make a recommendation on the conversion of tennis court number 9 to a multipurpose court. The following was sent to the representatives of each sport with the request that they share it with your members. This announcement was based on the recommendation of the RCAC and Tennis steering committee.

The follow is a message for *Racquet Center members from Terry Underkoffler*.

The number of people playing racquet sports has jumped significantly this year. We have a heavy demand for the ability to teach, learn and play Pickleball, Platform, Timeless / Spec Tennis and Tennis. We have also seen growth in Junior tennis on all surfaces. This is great news for all our sport. We have one of the top centers in the region and our facilities and quality of instruction in all sports are helping us acquired new members and a high number of guests.

This growth and activity have placed demands on our facility, particularly for our Pickleball. This demand requires us expand the multipurpose use of the hard tennis court number 9. The hard courts are important to the tennis community for winter play and on days when HarTur courts can't be used. This surface is also important for our top tennis players who want to have the challenge of the hard surface. In order to accommodate the needs of both sports it is vital that we share these resources. Therefore, in the coming days we will be relining the hard tennis courts to support multipurpose play. We have researched this, and the top recommendations are: Tennis, by USTA STANDARDS, must be lined in white. For Pickleball lines, it is highly recommended that their lines be a DARKER shade of the color of the court. In our case, our courts are Pacific blue. A darker blue will be used for lines. Please see the attached pictures.

Courts 9 and 10 will be available for both sports on a first come first serve basis. However, we do ask the Pickleball players use the lower dedicated courts first and only use the multipurpose courts if the lower courts are full or if you require lights. Note that most lessons are conducted on court 9 for tennis and court 10 for pickleball.

To continue to grow our sports and benefit the community of players, we must welcome the concept of sharing and encourage people to play all of our sports. Thank you for your support!

from Debbie Donahue 7/30/21

As requested, I have compiled a list of items that have been requested by Pickleball, Platform and Tennis

PICKLEBALL:

New Courts – In the works – At the State waiting for final approval

Lines repaired - Being handled now

Cracks repaired correctly - addressing this now

Lights on courts - working toward a solution and pricing on adding dual lights to #10 and the new courts

Miscellaneous landscaping – mowing, weeding – Set to be split between Public Works and Bob Routine maintenance

Water Fountains - Waiting for delivery of fountains – will be installed as soon as they arrive Installed

Wind Screen Replacements and repairs – Debbie ordering

PLATFORM:

Court Door repairs (1 realigned) Work order in to public works

Court Snow board placement and staining Work order in public works In the process

Crack repairs to courts in the fall

Water Source to wash debris from courts – Work order in public works

Rust on net poles cleaned - Work order in public Works

Landscaping

Flag pole for Military Garden \*\*\*\*\* Debbie ordering flag pole

Painted lines in Bike area Eddie having painter come while doing other projects in our area Finished

New bike rack for bike area in front of hut – Debbie will order another bike rack or move one to the area

New round tables to coincide with the rest of the center w/ umbrellas - Debbie

Stone area upgrade between courts - Work order in public works

Holes to the back of the courts – Eddie and Nobie to see what they are/get them filled in or covered Filled

Filled Fan Hung outside of the Hut – Work order in public works Not feasible due to roof overhang

## TENNIS

Swipe access for membership – Debbie working on with Howard should be soon

Bob Full time – to handle different responsibilities – Taking Place as of Monday July 19, 2021

Irrigation of courts monitored by Rainmaker and Terry

Additional Storage

Clubhouse Renovations/ Expansion/replacement - More discussion needed – Future Project

Windscreen repairs and maintenance – Debbie Ordering

Mowing and weeding – Set to have split between public works and Bob

OVERALL – Agreement on items for the Complex

Playground/Children safety – adding split rail fencing and signage to move cars to the Community Garden parking area Completed

Additional Restrooms – ALL 3 SPORTS AGREE – Future Project

Parking issues – ALL 3 SPORTS AGREE

2 New Awnings – Front and side of building - 2022

Replacing Manklin complex Sign at Entrance – Public works/ Josh Vickers - Getting Quotes

Playground Parking Signs – work order in public works

More Parking in Community Garden area – Eddie to look and see if we can put in more parking blocks

Green Manklin Recreation Complex sign on Parkway – turn toward North Gate Entrance – Eddie will move

Adding Advertising Banners to the South Gate – Eddie to contact the County for permission

(Cathell and Rt 589 and The grass area on the parkway left at intersection)

Ways to add parking to the gravel area – Temporary for events – spray paint the gravel  
Expanding the Blacktop to the split rail fence and line parking spaces diagonal to add more spaces –  
Eddie to contact the County to see if allowed

Please note all work done by public works will be added to the scheduling and worked on as time allows: Certain items will be inspected and repaired immediately.

Some items will be best done in the Fall.

All projects and repairs will be looked into, priced, and scheduled as budgeting and time allows.