

MINUTES OF THE RACQUET SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 9, 2021

The 2nd meeting of the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee was held on 3/9/21.

ATTENDEES:

Rhett Parsons	Tim McMullen	Debbie Donahue
Terry Underkoffler	Araceli Popen	Karen Kaplan
Kathy Stone	Patsy Workman	
Camilla Rogers	Gail Keiling	
Bob O'Malley	Patty Felix	

Call To Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the 1/26/21 meeting were sent out to committee members in February.

Review of the Discussion of Completed Current and Planned Projects

- Acquisition of 911 Emergency Info/location signs in progress
- Speed bumps near playground, we were informed that because it is a county road, we can't install speed bumps. It was suggested that we may be able to apply for a variance on this and Debbie Donahue is going to look into this. It was also suggested that another option would be to use of Community Garden parking for playground parents as a safer alternative to hazardous street parking. This option would require signs indicating no parking on the side of the street.
- Parking lot light repair-in progress
- 3-4 motion lights/security cameras around tennis building-in progress
- 2 "Touchless" water fountains to be installed, one near front and one in back
- All 3 sports to have court cracks repaired this season.
- There will be an inspection of all Racquet Center courts at the end of every year so that cracks can be addressed in a timely manner.

- Tennis courts to be reconditioned and redressed in April
- Tennis courts 9 &10, which have been use for Pickle and tennis will be used exclusively for tennis with the new pickle courts construction.
- Pickleball courts and instructional tennis/pickle court construction on track with early summer as a target. Waiting for county to approve site plan.
- Awnings-Currently in research phase-instead of one permanent awning, each sport to get a canvas awning (please see pictures below)
- There will some attendants for all 3 sports for sign-in starting in April.
- Members of all sports **must** sign in at Tennis area for tracking.
- Longer range goal for sign-in is a swipe card.
- Comcast to install internet service in about 2 weeks and there will be a Guest Wi-Fi password that members will be able to access.

Reporting Structure

- Racquet Center contact person for official business is now Debbie Donahue, the OP Director of Parks and Recreation
- Tim and Terry ask that members who have comments / complaints or requests to speak with one of them and not the attendants on duty.

Racquet Center Growth Goals for 21/22:

- Tournaments for all 3 sports and instructional camps to increase membership and generate income are in the planning stage: So far, Net -Gen instruction for kids TBA and Level Up Pickleball camp in July are firmed up. Nike Pickleball Camp TBA, Platform tournaments TBA
- Racket Center looking to monetize by selling water bottles, athletic bags, and Dri-fit shirts
- Tennis Pro Greg Gunther and Linda Horst are credentialed, certified trainers and will be providing tennis and pickle instruction, respectively.

New Business

- Need for new Racquet Center signage on/near Manklin Creek Rd. Debbie Donahue is looking into this. Due to budgeting permanent signage may not occur in this budget year.
- Araceli Popen announces 4 Timeless Tennis Free Clinics: Thursdays April 8th and 15th @ 6:30 pm, and Fridays April 9th and 16th @ 1pm. In addition, please visit the new Timeless Tennis Facebook page **Timeless Tennis OP**.

The committee will meet on each 2nd Tuesday of the month, next meeting is 4/13/21

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kaplan
Secretary pro-tem

