

**MINUTES OF THE RACQUET SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 13, 2021**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee was held on 3/9/21.

**ATTENDEES:**

Rhett Parsons	Debbie Donahue	Susan Morris
Terry Underkoffler	Araceli Popen	Karen Kaplan
Kathy Stone	Patsy Workman	Patty Felix

**Call To Order**

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

**Minutes**

Minutes of the 3/9//21 meeting were sent out to committee members in March and posted on the Racquet Sports page of oceanpines.org as well.

**Review of the Discussion of Completed Current and Planned Projects**

- Acquisition of 911 Emergency Info/location signs is in progress.
- Signage at 4-way on Manklin Creek Rd: Debbie D. is working on procuring a temporary signage banner, as permanent signage is a longer-range goal.
- Speed bumps near playground: Debbie Donahue is in the process of applying to the county for a variance for installation of speed bumps. A suggestion for in-street Children Playing signs is being considered.
- Parking lot light repair/replacement is in progress. Public works is awaiting some final material and will install as soon as these are available.
- 3-4 motion activated security cameras installation around tennis building is complete. The addition of motion activated lights will be considered if the new parking lot lights do not provide the required light around the building.
- 2 “touchless” water fountains to be installed, one near front and one on the side of the club house. These are on order and installation is pending.
- All Pickleball and Tennis hard courts will be repaired over the next 2 weeks. Terry has published an email outlining the closures and availability of courts for each sport.

- Placing brochures in hotel card racks is cost prohibitive but others options will be explored.
- Tennis will be reconditioned and redressed this week.
- Tennis courts 9 &10, which have been use for Pickle and tennis will be used exclusively for tennis with the new pickle courts construction.
- Pickle ball courts court construction is currently in the architectural design phase with Vista Design and will be submitted to the county for approval after completion.
- The design and engineering for the ADA/instructional combo-court is on hold until after the new Pickle Ball courts are completed. Terry will apply for corresponding USTA grants to offset construction costs of these ADA courts at the appropriate time.
- Canvas Awnings are still in the research phase-instead of one permanent awning, each sport will get a canvas awning. (Debbie, Terry)

### **Revisiting Racquet Center Growth Goals for 21/22:**

#### **PROMOTION**

- Tournaments TBA 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
- The Racket Center is now selling water bottles for \$10, and Dri-fit Racquet Center-logo shirts for \$12.50. The suggestion was made to get a mention in Julie Woulfe's pickle ball e-newsletter.
- **The Racquet Center Brochure** info will be updated and Timeless Tennis info will be added. Distribution to be made at OC Hotel desks, local real estate offices, and the Glen Riddle community. (Debbie) (Rhett)

- Araceli Popen announces that the first 2 Timeless Tennis Free Clinics attracted 30+ participants and that feedback was very positive. 2 more clinics are scheduled for Thursday 4/15, and Friday 4/16.

### **New Business**

- Susan Morris raised the issue of the need for an appropriate Platform Tennis warming hut, which is a necessary standard for this year-round sport. She also informed the committee that the “season” for Platform tennis is September-March, and that tournaments typically are scheduled during that timeframe.
- Expanding the Tennis Center building to 2 levels with platform and tennis overlooks was discussed briefly. This is considered a long-term vision and will be further discussed as revenue generation proves successful.
- Terry reiterated the need to get a Platform event on the calendar for the fall, so as to generate revenue for the OPA on behalf of the Racquet Center.
- Rhett is looking into the use of Meet-Up social gather site as a where to build awareness of our facility.

The committee will meet on each 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month; the next meeting is 5/11/21.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kaplan

Secretary pro-tem