

MINUTES OF THE RACQUET SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 10, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Rhett Parsons
Araceli Popen
Karen Kaplan
Patsy Workman
Maddison McLain

Bob O'Malley
Gail Keiling
Susan Morris
Debbie Donahue
Amy Peck

Call To Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the September meeting were sent out to committee members and approved in were posted on the Racquet Sports page of oceanpines.org. Note there was no meeting in October.

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

- a) Banner for the center is being hung on the frame at Cathell Rd and 589, alternating with the sign for the Famers Market.
- b) See attached list from Debbie for details of current projects.
- c) Introduction and welcoming of Maddison as the new center manager
- d) Debbie provided a general review of Maddison's responsibilities to handle the business aspects of running the center and working with the various sports to plan events and activities.
- e) Debbie also said that Terry would be focusing on the responsibilities of the center Pro. Terry will provide lessons and clinics for the various sports.
- f) Tim McMullen and Bob Grant will continue to maintain the facilities with a focus during the winter on maintaining the HarTur courts. Bod will remain assigned to the center on a full-time basis with occasional assistant public works task.
- g) Everyone was very complimentary about conditions of the facility. Thanks to Tim and Bob!

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

A. Tennis

- 1) New tennis steering committee leadership (Cami Rodgers)
- 2) New pickleball lines on court 9 are well received.
- 3) Public Works has been trained to repair hard surface courts and has started in court 10
- 4) Lines on court 10 will be completed once cracks are repaired (weather and temp permitting)

B. Pickleball

- 1) Oktoberfest Tournament held October 22-24 was a great success with a \$8.500 profit and 245 participates.
- 2) Parking was much better with the diagonal parking along the fence line and softball lot.

C. Platform

- 1) Veteran's lunch 11-11 I honor of Jim Freeman-
- 2) SPEC Tennis and Timeless Tennis tournaments held in Oct were very successful and both sports continue to grow.
- 3) Ocean Pines Timeless Tennis has been recognized as part of the Kent County Tennis Association and the Delaware District/USTA Middle State Section
- 4) Lessons continue Saturdays

III. Budget/Attendance Update- Debbie

- 1) Debbie and Maddison will have monthly updates for us going forward

IV. Action Items

- 1) Susan Morris asked if screens could be installed on the west side of platform fences to lessen the late afternoon soon and suggested having some tress planted to further reduce the sun issue for the long term. Debbie will look into this.
- 2) Debbie will provide a description of Maddison's roles and responsibilities.

Report from Debbie Donahue

PICKLEBALL:

New Courts – In the works – At the State waiting for final approval- **hoping for final sign off from the state and county by December. Once received OP will solicit new bids and update the budget requirements as needed.**

Lines repaired - **DONE**

Cracks repaired correctly - addressing this now - **DONE**

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

Miscellaneous landscaping – mowing, weeding – **Handled by Bob**

Routine maintenance - **Handled by Bob and Tim**

Water Fountains - **DONE**

Wind Screen Replacements and repairs – **Debbie ordering new ones as needed and PW will install back up screens when needed.**

Fan installed in the gazebo -**Fan purchased, will be installed in March**

PLATFORM:

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

Court Snow board placement and staining - **DONE**

Crack repairs to courts – **On list to be done once Clint works on Court #10**

Water Source to wash debris from courts – **Being looked into**

Rust on net poles cleaned - some **are completed, Debbie will check on the remaining ones**

Flagpole for Military Garden – **Debbie will purchase**

Painted lines in Bike area - **DONE**

New bike rack for bike area in front of hut – **Debbie needs to purchase**

New round tables to coincide with the rest of the center w/ umbrellas - **Inventoried and working on pricing to replace all roundtables, chairs and umbrellas for entire center**

Stone area upgrade between courts - **Debbie is checking into getting the stones spruced up**

Holes to the back of the courts – **DONE**

Fan Hung outside of the Hut – **NOT BEING DONE DUE TO POSITIONING**

TENNIS

Swipe access for membership – **WILL BE DONE IN THE SPRING**

Bob Full time – to handle different responsibilities – **Bob will continue to work here full time**

Irrigation of courts monitored by Rainmaker and Terry

Additional Storage – **Pending**

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

Windscreen repairs and maintenance – **Debbie Ordering**

OVERALL

Playground/Children safety - **DONE**

Additional Restrooms – ALL 3 SPORTS AGREE – **Future Project**

Parking issues – **Improves have been made**

Replacing Manklin complex Sign at Entrance – **it is on the list to be replaced to match the rest of the signs in OP.**

Playground Parking Signs – **Done**

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

Expanding the Blacktop to the split rail fence and line parking spaces diagonal to add more spaces – **Will probably not get the black top expansion but painting the line for larger events will work**

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.