

MINUTES OF THE RACQUET SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 9, 2021

The 4th meeting of the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee was held on 6/9/21.

ATTENDEES:

Rhett Parsons
Araceli Popen
Patty Felix

Susan Morris
Gail Keiling
Karen Kaplan

Debbie Donahue
Kathy Stone

Call To Order

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

Minutes

Minutes of the 5/12/21 meeting were sent out to committee members and approved in May and then were posted on the Racquet Sports page of oceanpines.org as well.

Review of the Discussion of Completed Current and Planned Projects

Unfinished Business

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| I. | 1. Update on issues from last meeting | <u>Updates</u> |
| | a) 911 Signs | Have been installed around racquet center |
| | b) Banner for Manklin Road - Debbie | Location/type revisited. Deb D. still working on it |
| | c) Meet Up Group – Rhett \$15 per month | Rhett will follow up with Deb D. |
| | d) Web-site daily rate update – | Look for updates on Monday (Deb D.) |
| | e) Water /Hydration until touchless dispensers | Not yet delivered |
| | f) Repainting of Pickleball courts | Pushed to fall |
| II. | Project update – Rhett | |
| | a) Update Vista Progress/new Pickleball Courts | No updates. Still waiting for county permits. |
| | b) Shade Covers | Not yet delivered |
| | c) Water Coolers (July) | Not yet delivered |
| | d) Scanner for Registration | On HOLD due to technical difficulties |
| | e) WiFi update – Terry | No update from Terry |
| | Events Schedule (attachment) | Current Events |
| | f) Center Events and Tennis – Terry / Rhett | Tennis round Robin 9 AM and dedication of bench
for Paul Rusko this Saturday 6/12 at 11 AM |
| | g) Platform – Susan / Karen | Free Platform clinics 6/16 & 23rd 7-8 PM |
| | Karen expressed thanks to the OP Promo Dep't. & Deb D. for their support in advertising the clinics. | |

- h) Pickleball – Patty Big pickle tourn. 6/12 & 13th 8 am start
 PARKING during the event- 200+ players are entered- Rhett suggested available parking near Johnny’s pizza. Debbie D. said we would have to get permission and there is not enough time for that. Kathy Stone suggested head-in parking on both sides near the playground. Patty said that in the past there have been people helping with parking at this event and she assumes there will be for this one also. Patty will discuss w/ Darryl and Paul.
- i) Timeless and Spec – Cel Free SPEC Tennis clinics June 9th & 10th 7-8 PM
New TT/Platform memberships -17 since April TT Clinics

III. Budget update – Rhett

- a) YTD revenue Info not available today

IV. New business

- a) Brochure Distribution – volunteers needed, West OC, Berlin, Ocean City (divided based on number of volunteers) Volunteers please contact Rhett.
- b) Emergency Food - Patty stated that there should be snacks readily available in case a member experiences low blood sugar during play in the heat.
 Rhett said he would provide some and that they would be available from the desk attendants and in the Tennis clubhouse.
- c) Ice cream bars, etc. are now available in the tennis clubhouse.. Players must ask Desk Attendants-they will get it from the freezer for players.
- d) Terry requests that if outdoor tables and chairs are moved by members, that they please move them back after use.
- e) Karen brought up that on the OP.org website landing page, that there are drop down links for “Aquatics” and “Golf”, but not for the Racquet Center. She stated that there is no drop down link on the Parks and Recreation page either. This was checked and confirmed by Rhett and Debbie during the meeting. Debbie stated that she will follow up on this with Josh.
- f) Some people have been parking in the HANDICAPPED space without a permit.
 It was advised that each sport should notify their respective members. (Karen, Bob, Terry)
- g) It was noted that communication to and from each sport should take place before major decisions that affect the complex are put into action (i.e. configuration of future parking, etc.) (This is also a SWOT item)
- h) SWOT (see attached)
- i) Open Discussion

V. Wrap up / Action Items

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status

Debbie			Signs/banner for Manklin Creek Rd., registration scanner, parking near playground, install Racquet Center links in 2 places on OP website, update of RC info on website
Rhett			Cereal bars or the like for emergencies, Vista update, coordinate distribution of brochure cards
Terry			Budget, shade covers, water stations, wifi, update center events, Note to members: handicapped parking, move tables & chairs back, emergency snacks available
Bob			Note to members: handicapped parking, move tables & chairs back, emergency snacks available.
Karen			Note to members: handicapped parking, move tables & chairs back, emergency snacks available.

SEE Next Page BELOW FOR EXPLANATION OF S.W.O.T. and how Racquet Center input is being collected for the strategic planning of the long-term future success of the Ocean Pines Community.

S.W.O.T

“How will we make sure that OP is a vibrant community in the next 50 years?” Ocean Pines is conducting a strategic planning project and part of this is an analysis of the strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats of each area of the community. A survey will be developed and sent to all homeowners, but we have a separate voice as leaders in the community. The committees were asked to identify these in the context of their areas. In the executive meeting last week, I discussed what I felt was relevant to the Racquet center based on our general discussions as a group. I would like to know your top 2-3 items in each of the SWOT categories for the Racquet center. Below are the specific inputs I received from the committee in advance of this meeting. We will discuss these and add more as required.

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Multiple Sports, 5 and counting	<u>Parking</u>	Fitness Center	Weather
Har-Tru Courts	Restrooms	New clubhouse and hut	Privatization
Teaching	Updating of Racket Center	Indoor / Covered Courts	Parking
Volunteers	Updating / expansion of platform hut	Advertising in local paper and national magazine	Lack of security patrols
USTA events	Age of Har-Tur courts	Attract vacationers	community members lack of awareness of the center and its potential
Support from OPA	Inconsistent look of the facility	Bleachers on far side of pickleball courts	