

MINUTES

RACQUETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Monday, February 13, 2017

1. Call to Order: 7:37 PM

This was the fifth regular meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (RAC), held in Room 201 at Town Hall, Westport, CT.

- Committee Members: David Acselrod, Chairperson; Sarah Hock, Secretary; Ward Doonan, Patricia Gabal, Tom Lowrie, Nadine Tanen.
- Representing Westport Parks & Recreation (WP&R): Cyndi Palaia, Program Manager
- Absent: Joe DiMiceli, Tom Lowrie

Calendar: Date for the next meeting is 3/14.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 9, 2017, meeting were approved.

3. Public Comment: None. No public present.

4. Update on Maintenance Items and Fees (Cyndi Palaia)

- Logistics of maintenance of Har-Tru courts, including 9-month contract for trained person, blocking time for watering
- WP&R supported most but not all of RAC's proposed fee changes; no habit of indexing
- Discussed required registration fees of guest pros providing clinics or private instruction

5. Review of User Survey Responses

- Survey results were presented in summary form; complete results were emailed to RAC and WP&R, including a summary of comments
- Survey focused on reservation system; handpasses; Tennis, Pickle Ball, and Platform Tennis facilities, including use and condition, as well as potential future development; program offerings, including clinics and other instruction; socials. Where appropriate, response options were grouped by age.
- Majority of feedback was positive and indicated interest in increasing use of facilities and programs

6. 2017 Focus/Priorities – Items for Next Agenda

- Doubleday Courts - Discussion and Vote re converting 1 Tennis court to 2 Pickleball courts
- Discussion on advancing racquet-sport specific reservation system; two additional platform tennis courts, warming hut and tennis backboard

7. Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 PM