

MINUTES

RACQUETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

1. Call to Order: 7:32 PM

This was the sixth regular meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (RAC), held in Room 309 at Town Hall, Westport, CT.

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

Calendar: Note that 3/14 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. Next meeting 5/9.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 13, 2017, meeting were approved.

3. Public Comment: None. No public present.

4. Discussion and Vote on converting one Doubleday tennis court to two pickle ball / multi-purpose courts.

- Discussed logistics on placement of two pickle ball courts
- Voted to line two (of four) tennis courts to also accommodate pickle ball. Vote: 6 In Favor; 1 Against.
- Note: Courts are already scheduled for some maintenance, including standard lining for tennis thus minimizing the incremental cost of the additional lining for pickle ball

5. Discussion on Advancing a Racquet-Sport-Specific Reservation System

- RAC members and RAC Survey feedback indicate significant interest in a reservation system with features designed specifically for Tennis, Platform and Pickle Ball
- RAC members will research platforms used by other racquet clubs for review and discussion at the next meeting

6. Discussion on Feasibility of Building a Tennis Backboard at Longshore

- Current budget climate cannot support \$22,000 cost to construct
- Should be considered in the context of Site Plan (committee formation underway)

7. 2017 Focus/Priorities – Items for Next Agenda

- Racquets Reservation System
- Parks & Recreation update on downstream impact of State of Connecticut budget cuts
- Two additional platform tennis courts and warming hut

8. Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM

SRH: 5/30/2017 3:46 PM

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