

FINAL MINUTES

RACQUETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

1. Call to Order: 7:31 PM

This was the ninth regular meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (RAC), held in Room 102 at Town Hall, Westport, CT.

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

Calendar: Next meeting 10/10, Room 102

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the July 10, 2017, meeting were approved, with a footer correction.

3. Public Comment:

- A Westporter was present and said that Westport is behind neighboring towns in its support of Pickle Ball. We discussed what progress had been made to date and additional efforts. He will send an email to Cyndi.
- Another Westporter commented via email regarding the condition of courts at Compo Beach and Town Farm. Additional discussion focused on reservations/availability at the Pickle Ball courts at Compo Beach. She will be notified that improvements are scheduled.

4. Parks and Recreation Department Update

- Update on repairs to and availability of courts; general maintenance items
- Update on Chelsea (reservation) system: Same day cancellation/reservations now available, Pickle Ball can be added next year

5. Process for Regular Town Input

- Signs will be posted at all courts inviting the public to provide comments or recommendations and to ask questions. The RAC email addresses will be shown: WestportRacquetsCommittee@gmail.com

6. Platform Tennis Facility Plan & Fees

- Discussed a combination Handpass for all racquet sports. Will request updated Handpass data from Parks and Recreation.
- While no changes will be made while awaiting the Longshore site committee's recommendations, we can prepare a plan. Several preliminary Platform Tennis/Hut options were discussed.

7. Preparation of First Year Report

- It was suggested that a RAC first year report be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission. A draft will be prepared and reviewed at the next RAC meeting.

8. 2017 Focus/Priorities – Items for Next Agenda

- First Year Report
- Platform Tennis Facility Plan
- Updated Handpass Data and Combo Racquet Sports Handpasses
- Process for Regular Town Input

9. Meeting Adjourned: 9:01 PM

SRH: 10/23/2017 2:53 PM

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