

FINAL MINUTES

RACQUETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

1. Call to Order: 7:33 PM

This was the tenth regular meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (RAC), held in the Theatre 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.

Calendar: Next meeting 11/14, Room 212D

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the September 12, 2017, meeting were approved

3. Public Comment:

- Provided by Cyndi Palaia, based on emails from constituents, which were focused on additional capacity and indoor/winter options for Pickleball

4. Parks and Recreation Department Update

- Update on continued availability and maintenance of Longshore Tennis courts 6-9 through November; group lessons through 10/20
- Platform Tennis courts need minor maintenance
- Pickleball courts at Compo Beach have been repaired; clinics are scheduled through 10/20; two Tennis courts at Doubleday have been lined for Pickleball; Cyndi will scour school facilities' schedules for potential additional Pickleball time slots

5. First Year Report

- A draft report was reviewed. The final version will be distributed via gmail to the racquets distribution list, including the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission.

6. Platform Tennis Facility Plan & Fees

- A proposal for expansion to four Platform Tennis courts and a Warming Hut will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting, to include location and cost estimates, as well as supplementary funding options.
- Updated handpass fees and usage data were reviewed in the context of creating a combination Racquets Handpass; will present recommendations to Parks and Recreation Commission; discussed logistics for billing of guest fees.

7. Process for Regular Town Input

- Signs were reviewed and approved for posting at all courts inviting the public to provide comments or recommendations and ask questions. The RAC email address will be included: WestportRacquetsCommittee@gmail.com

8. 2017 Focus/Priorities – Items for Next Agenda

- Platform Tennis Facility Plan
- Updated Platform Tennis Budget/Expenses

9. Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 PM

SRH: 12/7/2017 2:45 PM

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