

## FINAL MINUTES

### RACQUETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WESTPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

#### 1. Call to Order: 7:30 PM

This was the eleventh regular meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (RAC), held in the (first floor) Green Room at Town Hall, Westport, CT.

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

**Calendar:** Next meeting 1/9/2018 Room 212D

#### 2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 10, 2017, meeting were approved

#### 3. Public Comment:

- One Westport citizen was present to speak in support of additional capacity and indoor/winter options for Pickleball.
- Verbal input from others not present reflected on a generally successful Tennis season, including excellent fall play conditions.
- Emails sent to the Committee's gmail address were reviewed and will receive responses.

#### 4. Parks and Recreation Department Update

- Update on continued availability and maintenance of Longshore Tennis courts 6-9 through November.
- Platform Tennis heaters are not working properly and will be fixed.
- Black lines at Doubleday Pickleball courts are not clearly visible on green surface.
- An additional indoor Pickleball time slot has been identified: Wednesdays, 4-6PM, 11/15-3/28; last season's Sunday 12:45-2:45 time slot will also be available January-March (except when schools are closed).

#### 5. General

- The Committee's First Year Report was sent in October via gmail to the racquets distribution list (>500), as well as the Parks and Recreation Department and Commission.
- The Committee's memberships are staggered one- and two-year terms. Some members have completed their terms.

#### 6. Platform Tennis Facility Plan & Updated Budget/Expenses

- A proposal for expansion to four Platform Tennis courts and a Warming Hut (and surrounding deck) was presented for discussion. It included location and cost estimates, as well as handpass fee increases and supplementary funding options. The Committee voted unanimously that the proposal be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its December meeting.
- A combination Racquets Handpass will also be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission

#### 7. Items for Next Agenda

- Next steps for Platform Tennis Facility Plan
- Implementation plan for Combination Racquets Handpass

#### 8. Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 PM

SRH: 2/15/2018 3:12 PM

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