



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK
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***Racquets Advisory Committee
Final Meeting Minutes***

Tuesday July 9, 2019

I. Call to order

The July 9, 2019 Racquets Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at Town Hall, Westport, CT in room 212D for the scheduled 20th meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (“RAC”).

II. Roll call

Committee Members Present: David Ayselrod, Chairman; Lloyd Clareman, Ward Doonan, David Kaplan, Joseph DiMiceli. (not present Tom Lowrie, Patti Brill)

Representing Westport Parks and Recreation (“WP&R”): Cyndi Palaia, Program Manager

III. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2019: minutes were approved

IV. Public comment – no public attendees present at meeting inception. See pickleball discussion.

V. Parks and Recreation Update:

- a) Pickleball at Compo opened on June 19th. July 3 fireworks and wind storm have removed tables and umbrellas but they will be returned. The clinics at Doubleday courts have been sold out.
- b) Tennis: Calcium Chloride will be added to courts this Saturday afternoon to help combat dryness. In addition, a watering schedule has been implemented and will be tracked in tennis office including instruction to shift change to keep on the program.

VI. Tennis Discussion

- a) Staples clean up went well.
- b) More discussion on court conditions to eliminate dryness and keep watering schedule consistent.

- c) Request to check to see if possible to start earlier in the day (before 8 am) if courts are ready and play is safe. Maintenance is not to be interrupted, but if possible some players have requested to start earlier than hard start at 8 am.

VII. Paddle Discussion

- a) WP&R is working to fix wiring and to replace wind screens that were damaged during wind storm
- b) Green Mountain will be coming back to work on heaters to get them working prior to fall season
- c) Lights timer needs to be adjusted after power outage due to wind storm
- d) Reminder to WP&R to get AED on location between paddle and tennis courts, with location reminder on paddle courts

VIII. Pickleball Discussion

- a) Open play going well, should grow. Kevin – instructor at Doubleday – is letting his students know about open play opportunity
- b) Jay Walshon brought up a desire to be able to help players self-rate for open play.
- c) Jay Walshon also expressed a desire to increase open play to more days of the week including the weekends. The committee felt it was best to see how the current play schedule progresses before recommending any changes
- d) The broom provided by WP&R is no longer at site – Cyndi will look into replacement. In addition, Cyndi mentioned that WP&R currently maintains the courts and blows off sand regularly.
- e) Discussion about promoting tournaments and other playing events. Committee encouraged these opportunities and gave their support. Cyndi remarked that there remains plenty of open court time currently and the fundamental principle was “just go play.”
- f) Request from Jay Walshon to add Doubleday courts to Chelsea online system. Cindi replied that WP&R is in touch with software provider to see if this is possible.
- g) WP&R is working with Oval Tennis to convert Doubleday court 3 to be painted for pickleball play and adding side nets to provide two more courts for pickleball play. The committee members supported this.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM