



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
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## ***Racquets Advisory Committee Final Meeting Minutes***

Tuesday September 10, 2019

### **I. Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm at Town Hall, Westport, CT in room 212D for the scheduled 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Racquets Advisory Committee (“RAC”).

### **II. Roll call**

Committee Members Present: David Acselrod, Chairman; Lloyd Clareman, Ward Doonan, Patti Brill, Tom Lowrie, Joseph DiMiceli. (not present David Kaplan)  
Representing Westport Parks and Recreation (“WP&R”): Cyndi Palaia, Program Manager

### **III. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2019:** minutes were approved

### **IV. Public comment** – several public attendees presented their views regarding potential upgrades to the pickleball facilities, chiefly the creating of new gate and picnic table area at the Compo courts. However, those upgrades would require changes to the skateboard area, which has thus far not been represented in the discussion, precluding any progress.

### **V. Parks and Recreation Update:**

- a) Pickleball at Compo continues. Court 3 at Doubleday has been lined for pickleball.
- b) Tennis: Reservations will be limited to several morning and evening hours, with open, unreserved play during mid-day. After Columbus Day no reservations will be taken at all. There are cracks on the Town Center court that are expected to be repaired. If that project become a complete resurfacing, which does not appear to be the case, the Committee will have more to say about the recommended surface.
- c) Paddle: Green Mountain will be performing repairs and standard annual maintenance to screens, snow boards and heaters. An electrician will be coming to examine one of the heaters. Repairs to the wind screens are also expected.
- d) RAC asked for a financial update at next meeting as input to fee discussion, which will be an agenda item at next meeting

## **VI. Tennis Discussion**

- a) The courts are in excellent condition and play is up across all facilities, largely thanks to the fine efforts of their new head maintenance professional Jose.
- b) Windscreens will be kept up as long as possible this year.
- c) No further progress has been made on the lighting project; Dave Kaplan will be asked to follow up.

## **VII. Paddle Discussion**

- a) Ward Doonan raised the idea of a bundled pass for all three sports; that discussion was deferred to a future meeting.
- b) No other developments/issues beyond those specified in the Parks & Rec update.

## **VIII. Pickleball Discussion**

- a) The lining of Court 3 at Doubleday has been completed. There are now 4 pickleball courts at Doubleday.
- b) During school hours, Westport has 2 Pickleball courts (located at Compo) available to the public as the Doubleday courts are not accessible while school is in session. There is a desire for more open play time for the public at peak times, as the clinics are taking up a great deal of the morning court time. It is currently unclear how that will be accomplished as the clinics are popular and are also a source of revenue.
- c) Efforts to make improvements at Compo have been stymied in part by the uncertainties surrounding the skating park constituency – there is a fairly active program there.
- d) Pickleball players would like more courts but the combination of the skate park future direction, along with the uncertainties surrounding Coleytown Middle School remediation project have made further inroads difficult for the time being.
- e) With respect to available court time, some want more “open play” times, while others want the ability to make reservations. The schedule should be reevaluated based on day light hours and usage considerations

## **IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM**