
Ad Hoc Tennis Committee Special Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2021 DRAFT

Call to order

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Tennis Committee was called to order online on Monday, June 14 at 6:16 pm by Fred Phelps, Chairman. Members in attendance included: Paul Zinewicz, Martha Healy, Fred Phelps, Cheryl Hancin Preston (ex-officio), Roy Wentworth and Erin Challinor.

Citizen Comments

No other members of the community were present online or attempting to enter the meeting.

Old Business

Minutes for meeting May 17 were reviewed. The sentence, “They are cheaper to build but require more maintenance including keeping them moist, sweeping the lines and equipment including a magnet to clean metals from the surface and a sweeper,” will be corrected. The words “and equipment including a magnet to clean metals from the surface and a sweeper” will be deleted. Minutes were accepted as corrected unanimously. (Phelps/Wentworth)

New Business

Fundraising.

The City of Norwich is in a shortfall due to state funding. They are meeting currently to determine cuts to the budget to keep taxes at the same rate. The recreation department has had their capital improvements funding removed. The committee had hoped that the capital improvement budget would assist with the tennis courts.

The Norwich Times article has been requested and will be written once the meeting of the City Council to determine the budget is complete this evening.

Erin submitted the information requesting that the tennis courts be considered in their community outreach funds to the individual at WW Backus Hospital last Thursday.

Angela Adams at the Chamber suggested a groundbreaking of sorts with the unveiling of our fundraising sign. At that time, they would also see the overgrown courts and the fact that the summer tennis camps for kids must be played at the rented Norwich Tech courts.

There is more interest in tennis as of late. The children’s summer tennis camp is overenrolled, and an extra instructor had to be hired.

Fred has been in touch with George the pro in Lyme. He will put us on the list of the Connecticut chapter of the Tennis Association and the New England Chapter of the Tennis Association.

Cheryl has been accepted to go to the next step in the proposal for the *USTA Grow the Game Grant*

Budget Update

Dime Bank has declined to contribute

There have been only three more donations since the last meeting

Action Items

Await the City Council's final budget.

Fred will contact Angela Adams for a possible ribbon cutting event. Martha will assist Fred if needed.

Fred will be in contact with the Norwich Times.

Next Meeting; August 9 at 6 pm on Zoom.

No meeting in July

Adjournment

6:41 pm Motion made and accepted
unanimously (Healy/Wentworth)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Healy
Secretary

Date of approval