
Ad Hoc Tennis Committee Special Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2021 DRAFT

Call to order

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Tennis Committee was called to order online on Monday, Oct. 18 at 6:01 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.

Citizens have called the Rec Dept. asking about where to play Pickleball in town.

Calls about the progress of new tennis courts has also been received in the department.

Old Business

Minutes for meeting June 14 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously. (Challinor/Healy)

Fred reached the contractor who repaired and painting the Stanton tennis courts last year. He is obtaining the materials for the court from him. However due to the weather we will be running out of time to accomplish this so it will most likely happen in the Spring.

New Business

A contractor came to gather info for a quote on the post tension concrete option for the tennis courts (old one was in the past for NFA and the City.) The quote was to be submitted by last Friday but has not arrived yet. It is expected by this Friday. Cheryl will share the bid with the committee members when it comes in. The city is exploring using a cooperative vending agreement.

Another 13 million dollars is coming to the city via the ARPA funds in May. Cheryl will propose the cost of a new ADA accessible parking lot by the tennis court that serves the ball fields, basketball courts and tennis courts and new LED lights at the tennis courts. A car was damaged recently when an area of the parking lot washed out. The Rec dept receives frequent complains as this lot is highly used during sporting events.

Individuals attempted to use nail polish to put permanent markings on the newly painted Stanton tennis court for pickleball. Fred has posted signed requesting that people only use chalk markings. Permanent pickle ball lines on the courts are being discussed to meet the demand and need in Norwich.

The proposed tennis courts at Armstrong include new fencing. Rails from the old fencing was discussed to be used at Stanton to repair the bottom fence line.

Fundraising.

USTA "Facility Grow the Game grant program has been discontinued this year due to lack of funds and impacts of COVID-19 to their organization.

The fundraising thermometer on the fence reaches only \$400,000 for the first phase. Having met that, a new thermometer needs to be posted. But we will determine how much to put as a goal after the bid for phase one.

Budget Update

Total in community donations is \$14,367.

Action Items

Fred and Cheryl- Email blast all about the progress of fundraising after bid comes through

Committee- Determine who has contacts at the casinos to ask about sponsorship of phase two or three since new sports betting has begun at the casino.

Committee- Anyone available to participate in Trunk or Treat Friday night at the rec. field and give out info about the courts?

Next Meeting; November 8 at 6 pm on Zoom

Adjournment at 6:34

Motion to adjourn unanimous
(Healy/Wentworth)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Healy
Secretary