

WvE Outdoor Courts

December Committee Meeting

Agenda

Intros: Maureen, Stan, Dick, Dave

Jodine was unable to attend due to last minute conflict

Committee Objectives

* Includes all outdoor courts (tennis, pickleball, basketball, volleyball)

* The Court Committee currently consists of 3 resident owners, 1 non-resident owner and 1 WEVD Commissioner

* Objectives/tasks of this committee will be:

1. identify community interest and objectives
 1. # of racket courts of each type (tennis & pickleball)
 2. multi-purpose court options (tennis/pickleball, racket/basketball)
 3. address other court requests/ideas (ie: 4 square)
2. research options for repairs and maintenance (including fence, trees & drainage)
3. assist general manager with proposals, bids/RFQs, work oversight & equipment oversight
4. request funding from WEVD and WEA
5. identify volunteer opportunities (cleaning, landscaping, monitoring for repair/maintenance, running events)
6. event planning (intro to pickle ball, open play hours, etc)

Current Condition

The group discussed how all playing surfaces (racquet & basketball courts) are in bad shape and in need of serious repair.

The **basketball court** is in the worst condition. Part of the court is plowed during the winter for ADA access to the lower floor of the Community Center. Vermont Tennis stated that winter plowing causes damage to finished surfaces and accelerates freeze/thaw damage. Other challenges with this area is the lack of space to plow snow due to the confines of the building, fence and retaining wall. There is excessive icing from roof melt. It was stated by the GM in prior discussion, that a portion of this area would be needed if the fitness room was to ever be expanded in the future.

The **upper racquet courts (#1 & 2)** are in terrible condition. They contain 1 tennis court and 2 pickleball courts. There are numerous cracks throughout the playing surface, some as wide as 10 inches. Many of the cracks cause different heights in the playing surface. After efforts in November to fill cracks, it was stated that the repairs will not be sufficient. The fencing has some tree damage. The drainage ditch around the court is in need of improvements, water runoff was seen flowing onto lower courts. Minor trenching was done for temporary repair.

The **lower racquet courts (#3 & 4)** are in poor condition. The surface is delaminating or “volcanoe-ing” and has some cracks which were repaired by VT Tennis fall of 2019. These cracks have reappeared as hairline cracks.

It’s been stated by a few tennis players, they haven’t played recently because of the poor surface condition, but would play at WvE again if the courts were rebuilt.

Strategies

Community survey It was decided to develop a survey to better understand WvE community needs, wants and cost tolerance regarding outdoor courts. Considerations will be: # of tennis courts, # of pickleball courts, full vs half basketball court, multi-use shared courts. The general preference is for dedicated use courts, but number of users and cost tolerance will be considerations. An amenity survey was done a couple years ago which included court usage. It will be reviewed as a starting point. Dick will be on point to develop a survey, please send suggestions for questions.

Three repair options We will develop three options for court repairs to present to the WEVD Commissioners, WEA Directors and WvE owners. A) turnkey solution replacing all components by a recreation facilities contractor; B) subcontractor based solution replacing court surface only where WvE is the general contractor and C) general maintenance solution resurfacing the existing court surface.

Option A was initiated over the summer. We have three quotes from two companies. A follow up request will be sent for another quote where both sets of courts are completed at same time. Dave is on point. Stan is on point for option B. Option C has been in motion, but contacted contractors have not responded.

Maureen will help facilitate official WEVD requests for quotes.

Funding Funding recommendations will be provided for each of the prepared solutions. Options will include: piece meal completion via annual warrant articles, big bang via municipal bond, CIF and general maintenance expense.

Future Meetings

Frequency Monthly

Day & time Tuesday early evening was determined to be best compromise.

Next meeting will be 1st week of January.

Method Zoom conference call. WEVD now has a commercial Zoom account. Dave will work with Judy to set it up. WvE community will be included.