

WvE Outdoor Courts

January 26 Committee Meeting

Attendees

Dick Mayo, Maureen Patti, Stan Bujalski, Dave Ketcham

Agenda:

Survey

* review current response summary

The survey response data was reviewed via Google Forms Responses Summary page. Of the 508 original invites sent, there are: 301 non-responses, 243 responses of which contain 22 duplicates and 14 invalid (not invited). Survey comments were briefly scrolled through. Dave will send extract to OCC members.

* status update

* resend of invites

The survey was resent to 377 non-responders on Monday 1/25 @ 2:05pm

* publishing of survey link via FaceBook

Unfortunately, a link to the survey was posted to the Friends of Waterville Estates Facebook Group, which can be utilized by members who are not WvE homeowners the intended target of the survey. These responses will be cross referenced with the initial invite list and removed.

* plans to remove duplicates & non-invitees

Duplicates & non-invites will be removed manually. The pie charts on The Responses Summary page will be used if the adjusted percentages don't change.

* discussion on outdated and new owner emails in original invite distribution

The Outdoor Court Committee cannot be responsible for outdated homeowner contact information, i.e. email address.

Option 2 - sub-contracted (rebuild court pad, repair fence)

* discussion with paving contractor for ball park estimate - Stan

Stan provided an overview of his meeting with Bryant Paving on Monday 1/25. They walked through remove/repack/repave of the racket courts and basketball court. Bryant Paving will provide estimates for each project. They confirmed the low area near handicap parking is a drainage basin...good news! Bryant Paving also recommended using a tennis installation contractor to do the entire job due to the required specs of the asphalt, install of net posts and precision required to build tennis courts. They have done court paving as a subcontractor for tennis contractors in the past. They believe the tennis contractor is critical to insure all phases of the asphalt install are perfect.

* discussion with Vermont Tennis - Dave

Dave talked with Jeff at Vermont Tennis regarding the combined rebuild estimate. Jeff is awaiting an adjusted estimate from GMI Paving. Jeff was asked to provide

an additional estimate to apply the court surface to a new asphalt pad. He will provide it along with combined rebuild estimate.

* next steps

The Bryant Paving and VT Tennis court surface estimates will provide a good baseline of what the value/cost of the tennis contractors expertise and oversight, minus the new fence. We still need an estimate from a fencing contractor to determine. We also need an estimate to repair existing fence after construction of new court pad. It was suggested to reach out to the GM (Corey) to see if he has a fencing contractor in his 'rolladex', Dave will take point.

There was a long discussion about what Bryant Paving stated about tennis court building and the need of a tennis contractor for oversight. Who in WvE has the experience and time to oversee each phase of the project if we (WvE) were to be the GC. How and who would install the net posts? We'd need another estimate from court contractor. The committee came to an agreement we are not qualified to oversee such a project and the tennis court contractor needs to be the GC.

WEVD Annual Meeting

* update on date of - Maureen

Maureen stated the annual meeting will be pushed out into April. What is the new warrant article submission due date? For financial articles, 02/27.

* funding strategy, warrant article

The group discussed an approach for funding for 2021. Different strategies were discussed on how to present warrant article(s) to achieve different court renovation options (ie 1 court rebuild, 1 court & basketball rebuild, 2 court rebuild etc). Until the survey is complete and estimates accumulated, we won't have a recommendation, but need to be ready for the annual meeting. Dave will reach out to Madhu to determine possible CIF commitments for 2021.

Open discussion

* USTA grant

Paul Brazenor suggested, via FaceBook, that grants from USTA are available to rebuild tennis courts. Dave was in correspondence with Paul who provided links and contact information. Paul is a member of USTA-RI Board of Directors. Dave reviewed the website. The objective of the grants are to preserve courts and encourage the sport of tennis in the community. USTA will most likely require organized leagues and instruction for youth. Brief discussion on how this could be achieved. Approx 55% of survey responders stated they would volunteer to assist with court activities. We would need persons to commit to organizing and running leagues. More information on requirements and timeline is needed.

Next meeting

* February 9 @ 7:00pm via Zoom

* The WEA calendar contains the next 4 meetings.