

Parks and Recreation  
Monthly- 7-12-17

No quorum was satisfied, however, several people came to speak about the tennis courts, so Chair Jim Edwards, Commissioner Price, Mayor Belangia, Manager Miller discussed tennis courts with Carol Small, Cheryl McFadden, and an unnamed gentleman who left midway through the discussions.

Manager Miller described the progress of the renovation of the courts. Currently, the pole sleeves have been re-set, the court washed, caulked and partially painted. The delays experienced were a combination of things including weather (to set and cure poles), weather (painting), other town priorities, Croaker Festival.

While the paint is drying, crew is installing new water fountain, in order to be on site and prevent use of the court with wet paint.

New net will not be installed until pickleball lines are painted and dry.

New net, new strap, and strap to adjust net for pickleball are in Town Hall.

Original issue was the net was too low because of pulling on poles toward center. No contractor would touch to repair, so Town crew did research in order to make repairs in house. Old cement removed. Inordinate amount of cement put in to insure poles would not move again.

Poles allowed to cure double recommended time.

Caulking is done, painting happening in stages as weather allows.

Carol raises question about shed. We had installed shed in the 2014-15 year and nobody ever came to get a key for use. Over time, the shed was vandalized and has since been removed. Another could be installed once court is available. (See below)

(Sent photos dated 6-19-17 to Carol and Cheryl. Also noted from Minutes of Parks and Rec October 4, 2015:

**a. Tennis Court –**

- Dubiel will follow up with the tennis group to inform them we plan on painting the lines for two pickle ball courts on the current tennis court. They will be done in a different color which will not interfere with the tennis court lines.
- Tennis court shed damaged: it appears there was some vandalism to the tennis shed. The upper left hinge has been pulled apart. Need to have public works assess this and repair.
- Tennis Net – requesting Diane Miller get quotes on professional repairing the damage poles supporting the tennis net. We need the poles to be upright and free of any support attachments to the ground. Sandy Winfrey said he would be happy to discuss this repair with Diane should she need any advice.

Also, November 11, 2015:

**b. Tennis Court –**

- Dubiel followed up with Carol Small and the feedback from her was it was not a concern regarding the pickle ball. The tennis group has made other arrangements to play at other courts. Next Step: Commissioner Venturi and Winfrey will measure the tennis court to see if we can place two courts utilizing both sides of the court, or if there is not room we will mark it for one court utilizing the current net and get back to the committee at the December meeting. If two courts are able to fit, we will reach out to the pickle ball players to hold a fund raiser to raise money to purchase the nets.

Tennis Net – Magnuson will follow up with Town Manager to see if estimates has been secured regarding the repair of the poles supporting the tennis net. Also, we need to find out who has the key to the tennis shed.

Carol asks about financials- financials produced from last two fiscal years noting all expenses. Account is effectively drained with these last repairs.

Discussion:

Camera/ signage to be installed to detour skakeboarders or bikes on the court.

Bathroom...cost would have to be worked up...and of course has to be ADA. accessible.

The town is currently installing a water fountain at the courts.

The court is difficult to clean. The last time the town Maintenance did it, it took several days and the workers became ill from the fumes. The problem is pine pitch on the court. Trees perhaps should be trimmed as the pine needles and debris destroy the court. The town has to have the "Tree Doc", Bob Miller, make that determination because the canopy of the trees would be compromised for the park.

\$10,000 Grant available to teach kids to play tennis offered by one of us tennis players. Volunteer group will look into the particulars.

