

Waterville Estates Village District

Outdoor Courts

Fall Update - 2022

The Outdoor Court Committee started the year working through acquiring quotes and schedule for each phase of the basketball court rebuild, as well as planning with VT Recreational Surfacing and Fencing (VT Rec) for the construction phase of the racket court rebuild. Upgrade options were identified and presented by VT Rec, which were summarized and presented to the WEA Board of Directors and WEVD Commissioners. The Committee recommended the base upgrade for the upper court, but was not in favor of the other options due to budget concerns. The Directors and Commissioners each agreed to fund half of the additional cost of \$17,600 for the base upgrade of the upper court.

As part of the racket court rebuild project, cutting of the encroaching trees around the courts was evaluated. A walk-around with VT Rec was held, as well as a walk-around with Top Notch Tree Experts. After much deliberation, a summary recommendation was developed by the Committee and presented to the Board of Directors and Commissioners. Part of the recommendation was the removal of two large white pines located on Green Circle common land. A letter was sent by District Management to each owner requesting permission, which was denied. The Commissioners approved the Committee's tree clearing recommendation, but only on District land.

Construction started in August on the basketball court. Prior to the site work, District Management determined the retaining wall was failing and needed to be upgraded. The old court was removed, improved drainage and grading was completed and retaining wall built up. The racket courts were dismantled in mid-September followed by tree cutting and asphalt reclamation. During reclamation, VT Rec determined the lower court base was not up-to current standards and recommended the base upgrade. The recommendation was communicated to the WEA Directors and WEVD Commissioners for review, recommendation and funding. The Directors approved to appropriate \$17,600 of Capital Improvement Funds for the upgrade. Paving of the racket/multi-use courts and basketball half court was completed in October. The new fence posts, new net posts, and new basketball hoops were installed. The drainage systems around the courts were regraded and upgrades completed.

The basketball court and handicap parking area was targeted for completion fall of 2022, but is behind schedule. The handicap parking will be completed in spring of 2023 after the top coat is applied to the racket courts. The Mega-SLAM basketball system will be installed early spring, followed by court painting, walkway and landscaping around the new basketball half-court.

The racket/multi-use courts will be top-coated in the spring, followed by line painting, fencing, equipment installation and landscaping, with a grand-reopening targeted for the beginning of July.

The volleyball court upgrade was completed at a cost of \$1760, with 46 hours of volunteer work installing new net posts with pads, court edging, sand sifting and installation of a backstop. Funding was provided by WEA CIF.

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Construction slideshow: <https://youtu.be/ZPHWiOjRfAM>