

WEVD Outdoor Courts

August 2nd Committee Meeting

Attendees

Community Center: David Rose, Dick Mayo, Dave Ketcham,

Remote via Zoom: David Spinney; Guests: Frank Marshall (WEA BOD), Patricia Fobert, Bruce Marks, Marissa Landrau-Pirazzi

Meeting Started at 7:09pm (*technical difficulties with audio speaker in Summit Lounge*)

Agenda

- **Public session with Green Circle owners regarding tree clearing request** - Dave Ketcham opened the meeting with an overview of the tree clearing objectives, recommendations for cutting and impacts to Green Circle common land. Bruce Marks interrupted with challenges to the overview. Dave K. asked Bruce Marks to hold his point until his turn. He then presented an overview of negative impacts to tennis courts from tree shade and tree litter from New England Sealcoating. Dave K. asked Patricia Fobert if she cared to speak. Patricia stated that it was not clear to her what was being cut and that she owns the undeveloped lot behind the court neighboring the Marks' property. She asked if we could do an on-site walk-around, Dave K. agreed to meet her next time she was in the Estates. Bruce Marks stated his objections to the overview. He stated that he had walked the site again with Mark O'Hara of the WEA Building Committee and Mark O'Hara was open to scaling back cutting. Dave Spinney gave an overview of the District's position and approval. Dave Spinney presented the idea the District would be open to provide future funding for replanting of trees. Frank Marshall presented WEA's position and how the preservation of the courts from damage or increased wear & tear needs to be the priority on behalf of the entire community. Marissa Landrau-Pirazzi stated she does not agree with the rebuilding of the outdoor courts nor the tree clearing recommendations.
- **Admin**
 - **June 28 meeting minutes** - Dave Ketcham motioned to accept; Dave Rose 2nd; unanimous approval
- **Basketball Court**
 - **Project Updates**
 - **Dirt Designs start** - The contractor is on-site. Dave K stated he and Dave Rose met with Dirt Designs lead, Ron Beard (GM), Steve Baert (DH), Shawn Pelchat (DH) to discuss project last Friday, and again on Monday.
 - **Court location and size** - Dave K stated while marking out the location of the court, handicap parking and walkway, it was determined the court needed to be reduced by 4 feet length & width in order to fit into the space, due to the addition of a new planned retaining wall that is being proposed to combat erosion and silt runoff issues. Dick Mayo expressed his concern and asked for the new dimensions, Dave K stated 46' x 46' and that the existing court is only 40' wide. Dick was ok, but concerned about the OOB court area and requested it be the full 3' under the basket...agreed.
 - **Handicap parking & walkway** - Ron Beard (GM), Dave Ketcham and Dave Rose staked out the Handicap Parking area for Dirt Designs to excavate as needed. Dave K stated Shawn Pelchat had provided ADA requirements. The new parking will host 1 van and 1 car spaces with required access area. The new layout will link the walkway directly

to the access space to avoid the patrons from having to go into the driveway to access the building.

- **R & D Paving** - Dave K stated he discussed with Steve Baert. Steve stated it will most likely be in September or October when the racket courts are being paved. Dave K. will check with Ron Beard to see if it can be paved with the dumpster driveway is paved.
- **Racket Courts**
 - **V Rec checkpoint meeting** - Dave K mentioned the idea of meeting with VT Rec for a checkpoint. All were in favor and were ok with a 4:00pm start.
 - **Buffer trees** - Dave Rose walked through is research on efforts to buy trees from a wholesaler...doesn't look likely and is looking for alternate providers. Dave K. mentioned a nursery in the Colebrook area that has tree bundles of varying sizes.
- **Volleyball Court**
 - **Refurbish completed & what's left to do** - Dave K stated the volleyball court refurbish is complete...the plan is to use the old posts and net for a backstop to prevent balls from going into the trees. Will attempt to complete over the weekend.
- **Open Topics**
 - none
- **Meeting Schedule**
 - **Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday August 30, 2022**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 pm Motioned by Dave Ketcham, 2nd by Dick Mayo, unanimous approval