



Outdoor Courts Committee Report

March 2022

The Outdoor Courts Committee (OCC) has been meeting monthly and has held two special work sessions with the racket court contractor, VT Recreational Surfacing and Fencing (VT Rec).

On January 31, Stan Bujalski submitted his Committee resignation. Stan was an integral part of the OCC from its inception. His construction expertise was invaluable to our efforts. Fortunately, he has agreed to provide consulting input as we implement the project.

The first meeting with VT Rec provided insight into the project phases and timeline. The Committee requested to keep the existing courts usable for as long as possible in summer of 2022. The final finish is targeted for completion before July 4th.

Fall 2022 Site work - fence removal, tree removal & pruning, court surface reclamation, drainage repairs
Construction - regrading, paving base layer, fence posts and net posts
The asphalt must cure before final surfacing can be applied.
Spring 2022 Court Surfacing - finish coat, painting and striping (*incl. new basketball half-court*)
Finish - fencing and landscaping, installation of equipment

VT Rec also provided options for improvements to the initial RFP. The options the Committee is in favor of, in priority order, are:

Court base upgrade (\$17,600) - A stabilization mat and 6" of additional gravel should existing base be insufficient.

Pickleball courts divider fence (\$2,391) - A four foot high fence between pickleball courts to keep balls in respective court.

Lower court drainage (\$4997) - An in-ground drain at bottom of Community Center hill/lawn, in front of lower court battery.

The second meeting with VT Rec was a walk-around of both court batteries to review recommendations for tree clearing and drainage. Trees were tagged roughly 20' from the courts to indicate areas to be cleared, up to, but not including, the tagged tree. A site map was created to indicate location and distance of each tagged tree, lot line boundary pins and drainage channels.

The Committee will be presenting tree clearing recommendations to the WEVD Commissioners and to the WEA Board of Directors for community review. An abutter of the lower racket court is in opposition of tree clearing in practice.

A worksheet was created to itemize initial estimates, funding source amounts, project schedule of values, optional extras and over/under projections. The project has an estimated buffer of approximately 5% or \$16,500. The project needs to maintain funds for fluctuations in asphalt pricing, as per RFP, which was estimated to be in the \$2000-\$10,000 range. The Committee will present recommended optional extras to the WEVD Commissioners and the WEA Board of Directors for additional funding.

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