



Waterville Estates Village District

Outdoor Courts Committee Annual Report

The Outdoor Courts Committee (OCC) met 21 times in 2021. In January a community survey was sent out to determine interest in outdoor recreation courts. The survey provided valuable information and comments to help guide the Committee with a long term plan for our outdoor courts.

Two options were developed and shared with the community through public online sessions and handouts. The Committee recommended a two option approach with corresponding warrant articles for funding to the Commissioners. The options were endorsed by the Commissioners and the warrant articles presented at the WEVD annual meeting on April 24, 2021. The initial option, rebuild both racket court batteries and the basketball court, was approved by the voters.

The OCC proceeded to develop two Request for Proposals (RFP), one for racket courts and one for the basketball court. The RFP for racket court reconstruction was drafted, approved, and sent to four racket court contractors with a deadline of June 30th. The RFP deadline was extended to 7/30/2021 to provide additional time for the respondents to complete the RFP as the companies were completely under-staffed after re-opening. After a vetting process with Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing, the RFP was recommended to the Commissioners for acceptance, and approved at the August 21st meeting. The schedule of work is as follows:

2022 Site work - existing court demolition, tree removal & pruning, drainage repairs

Construction - regrading, paving base layer, fence posts and net posts

The asphalt base needs 6 months of curing before final surfacing can be applied.

2023 Court Surfacing - finish coat, painting and striping (*incl. new basketball half-court*)

Finish - fencing and landscaping, installation of equipment

An RFP was developed for the basketball court reconstruction which included drainage work and the handicap parking area. Four paving contractors were engaged with an RFP response date for July 9th. All contractors declined the work. It was determined that the drainage work associated with the RFP, along with installation of the basketball post, was not work the paving contractors wanted to take on. The OCC took a different approach and asked the interim General Manager, John Scruton, to investigate contractors who would be willing to take on the drainage and site work, then the paving contractors would be reengaged for the new asphalt surface. Dirt Designs by Johnson Bros. provided a bid for the drainage site work.

A community member informed the OCC that the existing volleyball court net system is not to regulation standards and the court sand is in need of a refresh. It was deemed that a regulation volleyball net system, which provided adjustments for both volleyball and badminton play, should be purchased and installed, as well as a sifting device. A net system and sifter was purchased, with funding from Waterville Estates Association Capital Improvement Funds, and is awaiting installation.

Thank you to our Committee volunteers; Stan Bujalski, Dick Mayo, Maureen Patti and OCC retiree, Madhu Challagulla. Bruce Marks filled Madhu's committee seat in the fall of 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Ketcham (Chair)