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# Ad Hoc Tennis Committee Special Meeting Minutes

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May 17, 2021 DRAFT

## Call to order

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Tennis Committee was called to order online on Monday, May 17 at 6:04 pm by Fred Phelps, Chairman. Members in attendance included: Paul Zinewicz, Martha Healy, Fred Phelps, Cheryl Hancin Preston (ex-officio), Roy Wentworth and Erin Challinor.

## Citizen Comments

No other members of the community were present online or attempting to enter the meeting.

## Old Business

**Minutes** for meeting April 12 were reviewed and changes included: Paragraph 2 of fundraising “thank you notes” should read “Thank you notes,” “Hard True” (“Har Tru.”) was misspelled under fundraising and action items. Under fundraising the sentence reads “donations collected will go to the upkeep of the four courts in Norwich if this attempt does not reach its goal.” The sentence needs to include “as per the original guidelines.” Minutes were accepted as corrected unanimously. (Healy/Zinewicz)

## New Business

### Fundraising.

Fred appeared before the City Council this budget season and asked for more monies from Capital Improvements. His speech and the emails will be attached to the minutes.

The fundraising banner is up at the Depina field.

Norwich Times article has not been requested yet.

Fred continues to pen thank you notes to the donors.

Har Tru courts were discussed. They are made of green stone dust, a type of court that behaves as partly hard court and partly clay. It dries much faster than clay. They are cheaper to build but require more maintenance including keeping them moist, sweeping the lines and equipment including a magnet to clean metals from the surface and a sweeper. The rec. dept is 3 maintainers short so adding this responsibility will create challenges

USTA will provide grants but the full funding of the courts must be in hand first!

W.B. Mason site manager is not interested in donating. Would donate for a raffle if we decide to do that.

## **Budget Update**

We have raised \$13,763 thus far.

The City of Norwich is due to receive up to 30 million dollars in Covid relief rescue funds. Tennis courts could be a good use for some of these funds.

Erin has contacted two individuals at WW Backus Hospital requesting that the tennis courts be considered in their community outreach funds.

## **Action Items**

All will continue to contact others for funds and update the spreadsheet.

Cheryl will forward the 501 C3 paperwork to the members of the committee if they need it for their contacts.

Fred will contact the Norwich Bulletin for a story

Fred will forward the presentation to the City Council to Martha for inclusion in the minutes.

## **Next Meeting; June 14 at 6 pm on the internet**

June meeting will be on Zoom.

## **Adjournment**

6:41 pm Motion made and accepted  
unanimously (Healy/Zinewicz)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Healy  
Secretary

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Date of approval