
Ad Hoc Tennis Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022, DRAFT

Call to order

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Tennis Committee was called to order online on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:59 pm by Fred Phelps, Chairman. Members in attendance included: Martha Healy, Erin Challinor and Cheryl Hancin Preston (ex-officio). Roy Wentworth arrived late.

Citizen Comments

Tara Booker was present online.

Old Business

Minutes for the meeting on February 7 were unanimously approved as written (Challinor, Healy)

New Business

Budget Update

Total in community donations remains at \$19,367.

Other business Fred attempted to obtain quotes from other firms. One never returned his calls. The others quote is no longer good. We are now looking into using a cooperative purchasing agreement to construct the courts. The Gordian Design and Construction Inc. who has completed 40 U S Open courts in post tension concrete in 2016 put in a quote of \$462,601.65

The courts will have a 20-year warranty. Geotech fabric will be used to cover the structural fill. It will be a 5 inch slab. For the fence. there will be a rail at the top and bottom of the 9-gauge fence with three doors, 2 in front and a large one in the back to allow for staff to enter and exit as needed. The fences and posts have already been removed by DPW. The bid is good for 90 days

A motion was made to accept the bid of Gordian Design and Construction Inc. It passed unanimously (Healy/Challinor)

After our approval, the project will go to Purchasing and Finance for final review. It is hoped that the start of construction will be late summer to early fall.

With the current funds of \$100,000 from City Council, \$350,000 from American Rescue Funds, and \$19,367.00 from fundraising it totals \$469,367. With the extra funds, we would like to patch the Stanton Courts and paint pickleball lines.

The tennis committee has been renewed as the Covid 19 virus interrupted its work and two years were not enough to accomplish the goal. All current members have voiced that they will continue. Cheryl will

look into the process to renew. The recreation advisory board approved the appointment of Mr. Fratoni. The city council needs to give final approval.

Cheryl has requested American Rescue Fund monies for Phase II and III. The parking lot, sidewalk and converting the lights to LED.

It was questioned as to if that is in the charge for this committee to raise money and advocate for the parking lot as it is used for the baseball fields, track/soccer fields and students from Norwich Technical School, not just the tennis courts.

Action Items

Cheryl will have Mr. Fratoni's appointment to the committee added to the council agenda.

Next Meeting: May 9 6pm on Zoom

Adjournment at 6:47
Motion to adjourn unanimous
(Wentworth/Healy)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Healy
Secretary