

## **Racquet Sports Advisory Committee Report**

### **YEARLY SUMMARY, PER RESOLUTION C-01, OCTOBER 31, 2023**

#### **I. Committee Members and Status of Term**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date appointed</u>	<u>On Term</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Cathryn Noble, Chair	7/27/2022	1	
Patricia Felix	2/20/2021	1	
Angela Hunter	3/18/2023	1	
Gail Keiling	2/20/2021	1	
Ron Kurtz	6/25/2022	1	
Christine Slattery	9/30/2023	1	
Kathy Stone	2/20/2021	1	

#### **II. Summary of Major Activities**

- Shade structure near Pickleball courts located at back left side \$8,000
- Sidewalk leading to new Shade structure \$4,650
- Sod and Swale cleanup \$2,300
- New Patio installed in the Platform/Spec Tennis area \$15,000
- Parking lot was sealed and lined \$5,700
- Tim Johnson was promoted to Director of Racquet Sports
- New Ice Machine \$4,700

#### **III. Problems**

- Ongoing cracks that to date have NOT been addressed by ATC. This was scheduled to be completed by September 2023, but was NOT done as of 10/31.
- SOD that was replaced needs filler between gaps. The one section was done very poorly and we are thankful no one twisted an ankle during our Oktoberfest tournament.
- No intercom system to alert players of lightning or any other emergencies.
- North Star calendar is NOT updated and players are NOT aware of activities in a timely manner.
- Court conditions should be posted daily. Webcam would be optimal for players to view conditions as well as play opportunities.
- A porta-potty to be placed in the back area in lieu of the currently used bushes/trees. **Please!**

- The current netting separating lower pickleball courts is very dangerous. This should be replaced with a fence as per the new pickleball courts. All fencing should have a protective topping as players will run into them during play.
- Members should have access to ball machines for all sports.
- Our old building is up for renewal. This is an issue already under board consideration, and the committee is hoping for an update from the GM.
- Continued issues with parking.
- Very sad that we have NO recycling cans anywhere.

#### IV. Items considered for the next OPA budget

- Filtered water for the lower pickleball & tennis courts
  - During the heat of the summer it's dangerous to NOT have access to water, especially for our senior players. Before 2020 water was supplied everyday! With strict COVID requirements we now need to update the water fountain that is outdated and rusted pipes with a filtered system.
- Industrial Court Drying machine.
  - With a no refund policy on our tournaments we need to do everything possible to ensure play. It's too much to put on our volunteers to hand dry 15 courts, not to mention the towels that needed to be washed/dried everyday!
  - Recommended product: VAPTR MINI ROLLER \$2,795
- More shade structures! The table umbrellas are very dangerous near the courts. They pull out and fly like when you're on the beach. Extremely dangerous! The need for shade at a racquet center is critical. A small thin shade structure with a bench, or room for a bench between tennis courts is urgent. Currently they have no shade in between games.



Cost: \$5,000

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- The concrete area near the new Pickleball courts could use a large one. Could we possibly have the gazebo returned for this area? If not, we'll need another shade structure built. Cost of recent Shade structure was \$4,650
- 4 tournament quality temporary nets for the multi purpose courts should be purchased. This will help us increase our tournament competitiveness. We no longer hold the title of the premier pickleball destination for the eastern shore. JOOLA Pro Pickleball Net – Portable Outdoor Pickleball Net System – Heavy Duty, Tournament Grade Net for Outdoor & Indoor Pickleball Courts – Regulation Height & Length – Wheels for Easy Mobility \$2,067

- Lighting for evening play!
- The committee has a request for a 2-sport combo membership option. Currently, there is only an option for 1 sport or 3 sports. Many players would like to have a discounted rate for a 2 sport option.

----- Current Options -----					----- Proposed additional options -----		
	Tennis	Paddle	Pickleball	COMBO-3 SPORTS	COMBO Tennis/Pickleball	COMBO Tennis/Paddle	COMBO Pickle/Paddle
Family	\$420.00	\$295.00	\$295.00	\$655.00	\$572.00	\$572.00	\$472.00
Individual	\$265.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$420.00	\$356.00	\$356.00	\$288.00
Junior	\$55.00		\$55.00				

#### V. Recommendations for Board action

Our last formal meeting with John Viola was at our October 2022 meeting...

“John Viola (GM) introduced the 3-5 year Strategic Plan outlining the improvements for the Racquet Center building, a possible paddle hut, additional restrooms, fencing, grounds, and various court resurfacings. There would be an annual performance review to include 1) assessment to determine replacement, 2) increase customer satisfaction and feedback, 3) repair and/or replace courts to enhance membership, 4) prepare the annual budget to focus on the Strategic Plan, 5) following budget approval, the GM and team will develop the project and send out RFP for bids and present to the Ocean Pines BOD.”

We recommend the Board ask Mr. Viola to attend one of our meetings at his earliest convenience with the latest/updated strategic plan concerning our Racquet Center.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathy Noble, RSAC Chair