

# MINUTES

## **Recreation Committee**

January 20, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

City Hall Annex and virtually via Zoom Conferencing

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:** *The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Ted Fischer followed by rollcall. **Present:** Ted Fischer, Barbara Tatarchuk, Tom Alferes, Anita Alferes, Richard Pflueger. **Also Present:** City Administrator Dave Turner (virtual), City Clerk Silvia Gransee, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino.  
Public Attendance: 19*
2. **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED/ELECTED OFFICIALS:** *City Clerk Gransee administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Tatarchuk and Tom Alferes. Cindy Catto was not in attendance.*
3. **INTRODUCTION of GUESTS:** *All guests introduced themselves to the Committee.*
4. **MINUTES:** *The minutes from the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Recreation Committee meeting were accepted as written.*
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** *Citizen comments were made on Tennis, Pickleball, and the location of courts.*
6. **CHAIR UPDATE:** *Ted Fischer gave a financial update, thoughts on non-resident Pickleball players and the negative impact on the City's courts.*
7. **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:** *Ted Fischer asked for agenda item f. to be moved to the beginning of the discussion and approval items. There were no objections.*
  - a. *(f) Discussion of additional guidelines and signage related to trial period for Court Rotation Guidelines approved at last meeting.*

*Ted Fischer asked for input from Committee members on thoughts about a rotation schedule. Tom Alferes gave his thoughts on the schedule and amount of people. Richard Pflueger agreed with Ted Fischer that too many people are attending the rotation schedule and gave his experience on playing on the court.*

*Ted Fischer asked for audience input. Residents gave their thoughts on Pickleball hours, resident requirements, challenge courts, additional courts and state funding, the potential for fees, the potential for a club or memberships, lights, use of basketball courts for Pickleball on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the potential of noise for residents.*

*Ted Fischer proposed to modify the Pickleball guidelines and gave the details on the modifications and suggested rule of procedures. Discussion continued with input by guests and Committee members.*

**MOTION:** Motion made by Barbara Tatarchuk, seconded by Richard Pflueger, to accept the modifications to the Pickleball Court Rotation Guidelines according to Ted Fischer's suggestions.

**DISCUSSION:** City Clerk Gransee asked for Ted Fischer to provide the modification of guidelines to her. (Modifications are attached to these minutes).

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

**b. Update of Re-lining temporary Pickleball lines to create 4 courts on East Tennis Court:** Barbara Tatarchuk stated that they are willing for a trial but asked for the yellow lines to be removed. Barbara Tatarchuk gave further thoughts on a different color of tape and suggested blue tape for a pickleball color. Ted Fischer asked if there was any further discussion from the Committee or guests which there was none. Ted Fischer asked for a motion to proceed with the removal of the temporary lines and re-lining the two existing temporary Pickleball courts with blue tape.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Barbara Tatarchuk, seconded by Tom Alferes, to remove the yellow temporary lines and replace the present green lines with blue.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Ted Fischer confirmed needing five rolls.

**c. Consider adding scope to McCourt contract and quote to repair East Tennis Court and Pickleball Court cracks and divots:** Barbara Tatarchuk gave thoughts on the possibility of new tennis courts at a different location and stated questions that would need answers. Ted Fischer stated that these are good talking points to be picked up at next meeting in addition to funding questions, memberships, and charging a fee.

Ted Fischer addressed the agenda item and explained the current need for repairs. Ted Fischer suggested the possibility for an additional quote by McCourt to add to the current quote. City Administrator Dave Turner explained the current monies in the reserve. Further discussion on cost efficiency followed. City Administrator Turner explained the grant cycle process to the Committee and time requirements. The City Administrator further compared the fundraising for the dog park in the previous year and gave anticipated costs for a court.

**d. Recognition of Carman Slusher's generous loan of Rotation Paddle Holder for this winter season:** Ted Fischer recognized Carman Slusher for his loan to the Committee. A guest explained how it was built and recommended the purchase of a quality paddle holder.

**e. Discussion/Approval of purchase of 20 paddle organizer** Ted Fischer presented the suggestion of purchasing the paddle organizer and asked for a motion to purchase. A brief discussion on the size of the paddle holders followed. Ted Fischer asked for a motion to purchase pending the verification of materials.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Richard Pflueger, seconded by Barbara Tatarchuk, to purchase the paddle organizer pending the verification of material.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Ted Fischer confirmed that he will send the request to purchase to City Administrator Turner after confirmation of material.

**f. Review Workshop results for Center Pathway Options:** Richard Pflueger explained the different options that were presented at the workshop and gave the different pricing on each. The Committee discussed the different options, benefits, and disadvantages. Ted Fischer addressed the question on funding and options presented and asked for suggestions from the committee. The Committee continued discussing the topic.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Richard Pflueger, seconded by Barbara Tatarchuk, to recommend the purchase of fencing according to option A in the height of four feet, mirroring the fencing on the opposite Tennis court side, and to use the proceeds from last year's Pickleball fundraiser as well as this years.

**DISCUSSION:** City Clerk Gransee reminded the Committee that the City Commission has to approve the purchase. The Committee had a brief discussion on the size of the opening.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

**h. Rehabilitation and relocation of rotational exercise equipment and old temporary net supports:** Ted Fischer reported on the agenda topic and asked Public Works Department Head Guarino on the status of the rotational exercise equipment. Public Works Department Head Guarino informed that the structural integrity of the equipment is gone due to Hurricane damage. Ted Fischer asked if the temporary nets can be sold. City Administrator Dave Turner explained that the nets have to go onto the Govdeals website for bid. The City Administrator explained the purpose and process of the government website. Discussion followed on usage of the nets for the old Pickleball courts.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Ted Fischer, seconded by Anita Alferes, to surplus the temporary nets and put them out for bid.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

**i. Bocce/Horseshoes/Shuffleboard:** Frank Tremblay gave updates on the courts and complimented on the new dock box.

**j. Golf:** Cindy Catto updated on the Golf Course and reported that everything looks great.

**8. NEXT MEETING:** The Committee discussed the Committee when to hold the next Recreation Committee meeting. City Administrator Turner reminded of Sunshine Law in discussions of possible locations for courts. City Administrator Turner gave thoughts on possible locations, sharing of Condominium Tennis courts, and funding. Further discussion followed on the process of building a court, charging a fee for court use, the possibility of forming a club and what authority a club would have. The Committee discussed the possibility of touring other Pickleball courts. City Administrator Turner explained the protocol that would have to be followed for touring different facilities.

The Committee continued deciding on the next meeting date. The requirement of three bids for the fencing was clarified.

*Additional discussion followed on the court capacity for the Pickleball courts and the previous motion on the modification of guidelines, as well as the possibility of playing on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street court and possible legal ramifications, and the display of rules at the courts.*

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** *The meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Silvia Gransee  
City Clerk*

**ADOPTED:** *March 3, 2023  
Silvia Gransee  
City Clerk*