

Recreation Commission Remote Meeting  
May 15, 2023  
6 – 8 pm

Attending: Paul Cramer, Ansley Martin, Mark Wolfson, & Laurance Stuntz

Staff: Matt Chin, Chad Norton, Jenn Lawlor & Heidi Stapleton

Guests: Wendy Paul (Advisory), Kenna Julian, Dawn Greenberg, Chris Crowley & lee Duvall

Call to order

1. Call to order

2. Citizen Speak

- a. Kerry Sullivan/21 Leewood Rd: Alternative solutions/locations should be considered. An action plan needs to be in place. Include abutters of these court facilities to be on PFTF. Acoustic testing should not be part of the discussion. Courts should not be in high density neighborhoods, when recreation is superseded health of abutters.
- b. John Maccini/7 Highland Rd: Courts should be in hands of the School Committee. Courts are too close to abutters homes and should be closed. HMMH does not know how to measure pickleball noise. This is an intrusive noise, courts need to be moved.
- c. Chris Garris/11 Oak St: Please close and move pickleball courts.
- d. Allison & Jim Carroll/26 Pinetree Rd: We are woken up by noise. "Closing our windows" isn't an option. Noise is intrusive and puzzling this has not been resolved yet.
- e. Mike Cahill/7 Highland Rd: Testing is a waste of money. Solutions are immediate closure. Gross waste of tax payers dollars.
- f. Rob Mastroianni/Falmouth, MA: Similar situation as Falmouth, which is now in litigation, an injunction is in place for the courts and now on track for residents to win. Regarding sound testing, there is disagreement among experts regarding noise. Suggests reducing # of days, but allowing max reservations on those days.

3. HMMH Proposal

- a. Bob Finck – HMMH: HMMH withdrew its proposal.
- b. Recreation Commission discussion
  - i. Paul Cramer recommended to ask NRC to add pickleball court line to existing tennis courts at Hunnewell. Paint over existing lines and add new courts to the Sprague courts closer to the baseball fields.
  - ii. Ansley Martin stated the this is a Townwide issue and need to find relief through compromise. Maybe a middle of the road approach.
  - iii. Mark Wolfson stated the challenge will be enforcement.
  - iv. Laurance Stuntz stated that even if we move the courts it may or may not help. Suggests reduce court #s but not close courts and move start times to 8 am or 9 am, but reluctant to close at 6 pm
  - v. Paul Cramer asks to recuse himself from being the pint person for making the recommendation to School Committee, as he does want the appearance of impropriety during this process. Laurance Stuntz and Ansley Martin will work on the recommendation and present to School Committee.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Wolfson

Seconded by Laurance Stuntz

All commissioners in attendance voted Yes:

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