

**Recreation & Parks  
October 30, 2023  
6:15p @ Community Center**

**Attendance: Matt Martin, Linda Rice Collins, Karin Ernst, Rosanna Ferrante, and Shelly Bedrossian. Appearances 10/18/23 Minutes approved all in favor**

**Topics**

- Duel-Purpose Court Expansion - slides presented
  - Commission Deliberation
    - 2,3,& 4 dual line and usage
- Schedule - 5 Seasons
  - 3&4 hold off until 4:00p to see reverbnation- Seaside School
  - 2. Continue with Court 2 being dual purpose. Add courts 3 &4 to be dual purpose
  - 3. Adopting #3 for 2-3 reservations per day for 13 courts on Saturday & Sunday
- Bob Seltzer - Shipyard District - Tennis player. Concerned about gaming the system. Tennis players don't use the system
- Buck Grader - Assisted in bring pickleball to Marblehead
- Tracy Ackerman - advocate for youth sports. MHS Tennis Coach. Against permanent lines for integrity of the game. Concerned for over usage and wear and tear of High School Courts
- Chris Furnier - abutter, noise issues, ball, music, and voices/shouting, asked for an expert in sound before adding, asking for sound barriers, quiet category equipment, maintenance budget?
- Erica Richards - Avid sport court, favor of dual purpose - active and social sport
- Cherly Patten - in favor of dual purpose courts, permanent lines
- Fran Mayo - abutter - in favor of experts for sound study
- David Patten - support of commissioners and sound study
- David Clarke - abutter, did a decibel study, would like an accurate decibel reader, asking for more data, dual lines confusion
- Jim Hefferan - abutter, how many courts does marblehead need? Sound concerns
- Suzanne Quigley - concerned about private tennis lessons - seaside . Tennis players make reservations
- Kathy Witherell - Seaside Nursery School, concerned about usage of portable nets
- Richard Whitehill - tennis player, what is the effect of pickleball on the abutters? Tennis is not a dwindling sport
- Billy Ackerman - MHS Tennis Player believes permanent lines would be a challenge to new tennis players
- Motion made to have Court #2 - permanently lined court, temp line court 3 & 4 and test until Oct 1, 2024. Second.
  - Discussion: Court lines, Court 2 permanent lines, temporary lines court 3 & 4 for testing. MOU with schools to adopt court policy, costs to paint or turn back courts. Would neighbors assist in funding the sound study? Temp line 3 & 4 after MIAA States.
  - Amendment - permanently lining court 2 for dual purpose. Seconded. Discussion - tennis coaches for data of learning/feedback for dual lines court 2. 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carries.
- Motion hours - adopt schedules except for courts 3&4. 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries
- **Park Update:**
  - Contract sent to light company
  - Bids due thursday for boilers
  - Fence Guards ordered - let marblehead pickleball know the cost
  - Gatchells lights - bulbs were out of stock
  - Willow trees planted
  - Tree warden for Seaside Nursery School
  - Tom McGovern - basketball court
  - Budget - due 11/13
  - Stramski-meeting with Walter Jacob's engineer on 11/1
  - Fountain Park - Rosanna and Engineering

**Recreation Update**

- New Session
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Staffing for building
- Posting job for gym attendant
- Friday Disc Golf

**Correspondence**

Kate Schmeckpeper - noise courts  
John Maguire - noise courts  
Patricia Moore- noise courts

**Next Meeting , TBD**

**Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM**