

Meeting Minutes

Londonderry Pickleball Task Force

November 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Brian Samolyk at 7:00pm in the Sunnycrest Meeting Room at Town Hall. In attendance at the start of the meeting were: Brian Samolyk, Christine Adie, Mike Nader, Dan Malloy, Margo Spaziani, Steve Spaziani, Heather Burr Carey, and Kirsten Hildonen.

Sequence of Events:

Reviewed last meetings (September 18th) minutes. Steve Spaziani made a motion to accept the minutes, Christine Adie seconded, minutes were approved.

Note:

We began the meeting with a general discussion was on the lessons learned and the feedback we received from our participation in the Londonderry Senior Expo. The overall opinion of the Task Force was that we successfully conveyed our message, but that we needed to have better answers / recommendations to the questions we were asked about what we recommend for indoor courts now that the weather is getting colder.

Action Item: The Task force will research local options and share them at our next committee meeting.

Reviewed Sub-Committee Notes/Progress:

Mike Nader - continues to network with the various senior organizations within Londonderry – working primarily with Llona Arndt (Director of Senior Affairs) to determine the level of interest in Pickleball Programs. The goal is to make certain we communicate the vision of the pickleball program and how it meets availability for the senior demographic with Londonderry. Mike will continue to provide the Task Force with his findings and recommendations.

Steve & Margo: Spoke about their involvement with the View (Local Access TV Station). With Sherry Farrell as the Moderator, they discussed the results of the Senior Expo, the goals of the Task Force and provided a demonstration of short shots on a simulated court. Sherry recommended we schedule more sessions on the View to make sure we communicate to a wider audience

Brian and Dan: Discussed the goals and results of the RFQ process – we sent the document out to various vendors on September 18th - for all phases of the pickleball courts installation. All quotes were received on November 1st from 11 different vendors.

These vendors were broken down into these categories:

- 1) Site Prep / court foundation and parking lot paving
- 2) Court Surfacing / Painting and Nets
- 3) Court fencing
- 4) Court lighting

The results of these quotes will be tabulated and segmented into a "results and recommendations Presentation scheduled for December 4th at the next Town Council Meeting.

General Discussion

We spoke again of the logistics of setting up a Londonderry Pickleball Association. Discussions leaned towards having a paid membership to cover court maintenance.

Margo: Volunteered to find out from Ted Curtain (PB603) to get resources from him as far as which contractors he used.

Dawn: Made a good point about needing an engineering study before any GC could make a legitimate quote. Kirsten will talk to John Trottier, the town engineer, about how to proceed. Then we discussed and agreed that the RFQ will be worded as such to include the assumption that the land is ready to go.

Heather: Said there is no new information on Funding/Grants. Her advice is to ask for a set amount from the Covid Relief Funds, and apply for the grant for Land and Water Grant for next year

Kirsten: Reviewed information on Covid Relief Funds that are controlled by the Town Council and would talk to the Town Manager first, then present the plan to the Town Council who will then vote bringing it to the tax payers as a Warrant Article. Emphasized that if the Warrant Article is approved in March, we won't have access to the money until July 1st. Kirsten also gave us the update on the Town Council meeting schedule.

Conclusion of the meeting

Each member of the Task Force will attend the December 4th Town Hall meeting and provide feedback on the presentation.

Steve motioned to end the meeting at 8:20pm, Christine Seconded, meeting adjourned.