

Tennis Friends of Oak Hills Park Meeting - May 19, 2024 - Oak Hills Tennis Draft Minutes

Attendees: Rich Dellinger, Jim Hollyday, Denise Brown, David McGoldrick, Terrill McGoldrick, Chris Hulse, Michaela Hewett, Ami Maynard, Jack Packo, Roy Anderson

USTA Grants: Chris reviewed the over winter project that he and Denise worked on. He outlined the months of work identifying the personality of Oak Hills tennis community and the involvement of the staff and volunteers who have helped make the facility an active viable community with tennis offerings to all ages and skill groups. They were able to successfully catalog the activities and were rewarded with a sizable matching grant for site enhancement. Their work and commitment is to be appreciated by all.

Update from OHPA: Discussion re: supporting Odeen's restaurant. Jim reports that they are getting good reviews and are fully staffed. Jim also reports that the management is developing a marketing strategy for the tennis community. Rich reports that the Odeen's beverage cart came by on Saturday to the drop in, but because of the unexpected timing those attending the drop in did not expect the offerings available. Rich points out that if you support them they will in turn support the tennis endeavors.

Treasurer's Report: Denise reports that the supporters received a generous \$10,000 donation recently and the money will be used to help pay for the apron and walkways. Denise reports that the balance is currently \$52,223.90. \$24,000 will be used to complete the apron and walkways. Balance will be \$28,223.90. Further money will be spent late October to match the USTA donation for new fencing for courts 1-6. \$4,473.90 will be used for Art's plaque and miscellaneous. Denise will research if we are able to invest money in a CD or other financial tool to increase use of money on hand.

Patio Extensions and Fence Update: Jim reports that water piping recently burst at the facility and Oak Hills Authority is paying to fix the problems. Work will be completed by June 7. Jack suggested while the worksite is open to install an electrical outlet. Jim will check with an electrician. Fencing is expected to be worked on in late October - early November.

Drop in Update: Jim reports turnout of 14 players 5/18 and 17 players 5/19.

Arts Dedication Plaque: Discussion re: plaque for Art Goldblatt style and placement - David presented graphic design of plaque and reports contact with Crown Trophy. They gave one estimate for work, and David has asked for another quote for size change two weeks ago, but he has not heard back from them. Denise has quotes from a company in California. David will contact Clark's Trophy in Stamford (recommended by Roy Anderson) to get another quote. Rich suggests a Labor Day dedication to avoid any time conflicts with Kings Highway schedule.

Other fundraising and social events: Michaela will coordinate the July Wimbledon event. She suggests a possible partnership with Odeen's for catering. Jim will check with Odeen's re: their interest and possible pricing. Ami will organize a women's tournament fundraiser for early fall fashioned after a successful event 2 years ago. Ami proposed the idea of a pin as a gift idea with the Oak Hills logo. Chris suggested the idea of a Norwalk Championship for fundraising.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for June 15 @ 12:15 at the tennis center if weather permits. Meeting will move to Odeen's if inclement weather. Potential Agenda Items: Reports on to-dos from May 19 meeting; Fundraising ideas and plans for Wimbledon; Watering system-cost analysis; Plaque estimate-cost and timing; Garbage container.