

WALDEN RACQUET CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
01-07-2020

Present: Rob, Bill, Tim, Kathy, Karen

David Hartman stopped by and answered questions about our initial proposal to build four new tennis courts and turn courts 7 and 8 into six permanent pickleball courts. He informed us that the Board of Trustees is highly unlikely to approve building four more tennis courts. Tennis is already the largest expenditure for the Walden community, because of resurfacing, lights, and maintenance costs. The Board may be more inclined to fund pickleball courts because pickleball is a new amenity and the fastest growing sport in the country. Tim is going to further research our proposal giving us several different options with estimated costs. These options will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Tennis growth at Walden has been substantial in 2019. Participation has grown over 30%.

Pickleball balls (Penn) and paddles (Head) have been ordered.

The fan solution for increased ventilation on courts 9 and 10 is on the wish list. Rob is waiting for the 2020 budget from Alex.

As per the Board of Trustees request, outside membership for tennis and/or pickleball must be paid in full at the beginning of the year. Outside members must sign a contract and a waiver. No exceptions will be made.

The Board approved two sails to extend the covered area of the Racquet Center plaza.

A defibrillator is kept in the fitness center. A first aid kit is kept in the pro shop. Obviously these are only available during office hours.