



**Town of Atherton  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes  
September 7th, 2022  
Regular Meeting  
Park & Rec  
6:30 PM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Meeting started at 6:33 pm

Committee Members: Noah Eisner, Alex Keh, Patricia Kubal, Frank Merrill,-absent, Julianna Robertson (Vice-Chair), Walt Robinson  
Councilmember Liaisons: Rick DeGolia

Staff: Sally Bentz-Dalton

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –July minutes – The minutes were tabled to consider revisions.**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS – Michael Jessup with Player Capital Tennis will give his annual update and check in**

**Michael reported during the summer usage was down. Brightview has been more responsive. Walt Robinson asked about more specific reports. He stated that when staff ask for the report, they send it in. The website is <https://sites.onlinecourtreservations.com>.**

**Noah Eisner said that the numbers are in the Park Going's On. Julie Robertson asked about any setbacks in the overlay courts. Michael said there haven't been any issues or cracking. Noah Eisner asked about numbers of Atherton vs. Non-Atherton residents using Player Capital services. Michael stated they don't keep track. He estimated that 60% are Atherton residents, 30% Menlo Park and 10% other. Noah Eisner asked to provide the Atherton resident numbers. Julie Robertson said there are three things that we want to know from residents versus non-residents that would be the key holders, a list of player capital lessons which Michael just estimated based on his knowledge. And then the overall court usage through the reservation system. What percentage is because we got a lot of that information we looked at. Alex Keh asked Michael for the total plus Atherton vs. Non-Atherton. Noah Eisner asked about the clay court. The problem is that there are areas that the water won't penetrate. Michael uses it for lessons mostly. The Committee has concerns about the clay court. Walt Robinson asked about the clay court being donated. Patricia Kubal asked how long ago it was donated. Michael estimated 2018. There is no agreement. Michael said he is using clay court for lessons 1/3 of the time in the afternoons. Michael is found that most people like the hard courts. He stated that Atherton residents get 8 days in advance and non-residents get 7 days in advance for reservations. However, it was found that Tennis reservation are 7 days in advance for residents and 5 for non-residents per the 2014 contract.**

Patricia Kubal asked if there is a limit to reserving. He stated the public can reserve 1 hour per day or 1 hour per key. Michael can reserve 4 courts and on Sunday 3 courts. Weekday mornings and after school hours are the busiest. He tries to release courts if they must cancel. Michael is there 7-8 hours a day. Per the 2014 contract Saturdays have 3 courts for key holders.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA-**

4a. Robert Barron to go over Park Financial Report Expenditure and Revenue Summary

**Robert Barron went over the financial report in more detail line item by line item.**

4b. Update on hard tennis courts 1 & 2 and clay court - **No update**

6b. Continued review and updates of possibility of adding pickleball courts to Holbrook Palmer Park and possible vote

**The Ad-Hoc Committee met with Bob Roeser for feedback. Bob Roeser said it would be fine to split time on the court. The preference is for times to be consistent. Julie Robertson said that is how it is on other courts, so would be consistent. Walt Robinson said asked about a contract with the key holders. There is no official contract when someone buys a key. Michael Jessup feels people won't be happy. The noise may be annoying. Alex Keh stated that the purpose of the trial is to understand the noise level and possible ways to mitigate it. Patricia Kubal brought up the sound level, decibels, and the nature of the sound. Patricia Kubal said she can take Taylor's place on the Ad-Hoc Committee. It is estimated to cost about \$40,000-\$50,000 to build a new pickleball court. \$10,000 to convert a court. Patricia Kubal said she would be happy to work on the sound portion. Julie Robertson bought two low noise paddles. She didn't notice a difference. The Ad-Hoc Committee is now Julie Robertson, Noah Eisner and Patricia Kubal.**

6c. Updates on the prioritized park projects and goals and possibility of setting new goals

**Alex Keh explained the Circulation project to the new members. Walt Robinson suggested that Brightview report twice a year. Have Brightview come back in December.**

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS- None**

**7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS**

7a. Foundation report: **Walt Robinson said when the Foundation met, they discussed pickleball and circulation plan. The Foundation wants to be kept up to speed on pickleball and circulation plan. No action was taken at the meeting. The Foundation wanted to make sure pickleball doesn't violate Michael's contract and be sensitive to tennis key holders.**

7b. Park goings on reports and Q&A: **Staff opened item to the Committee for questions and discussion**

7c. Park Events Report: **Staff opened item to the Committee for questions.**

7d. Individual Committee Member Comments:

**Patricia Kubal mentioned to have the ad-hoc committee look at a broader town initiative. Alex Keh wanted Circulation plan report at next meeting.**

**8. SET/CONFIRM NEXT MEETING AND TOPICS**

October 5th, 2022, Zoom and in person

**9. ADJOURN**

Next meeting is scheduled for: October 5th, 6:30 PM Hybrid

**Meeting ended at 7:42 pm with a motion by Kubal and 2nd by Eisner –5-0.**