

Burke Centre Pickleball Association (BCPA)

Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2022, 7:30-8:30 PM

Present Via Google Meet: Jon Weber, Interim President, Fred Rothe, Membership Chair, Mary Abney, Treasurer, and Ed Verchot, Secretary.

Interim President Jon Weber presided.

New Business:

1. **BCPA Leadership Change.** Effective 6 Sep 2022, John Vaught resigned as President via a global email to BCPA membership. For his final act he appointed Jon Weber to act as Interim until a replacement could be found. Acting by email, the Board unanimously accepted John Vaught's resignation. Also by email, the Board also unanimously approved Jon Weber to assume duties as both Interim President and Webmaster indefinitely or until such time as new elections can be completed. These minutes serve as official confirmation of these leadership changes.
2. **Board of Trustees Meeting Prep. (Jon and Mary)** Either Jon or Mary will prep to be at the meeting next Monday the 17th. After much discussion it was decided that whomever winds up being lead Mary (or Jon if he can make it) we will lead with the positive enhancement to the Burke Center Community by adding the amenity of Pickleball. Adopting the Pickleball Tennis task Force recommendation to covert the Landings (or an alternate set of courts) to Pickleball will result in 8 pickleball courts (4 lighted) and 15 Tennis courts as amenities for Burke Conservancy residents while retaining one lighted tennis court at the chosen recreation center. Questions we are aware of that need answers to the Board are as follows:
 1. Courts need to be clustered at one site versus clustered because Pickleball is a much more social sport than tennis. Tennis tends to have 2 or 4 players play for an hour or more. Pickleball has multiples of 4 players who play a 10-15 minute game and rotate the next group in as that games concludes. Recent activities of BCPA have had 4 to 8 pickleball courts in use (16-32 players actively playing at one time with 4 additional or more waiting to go on as games end). This requires clusters of 4 to 8 courts in one location. Distributing courts between clusters would not adequately support pickleball as it is currently played.
 2. Would parking be a problem or conflict with current activities. Most of the clusters have 20-40 parking spots. Only during swim team season

is there any overlap in requirements and that tends to be handled because most playing times can be scheduled to not conflict.

3. Why the Landings versus another cluster? Only three cluster are lighted and pickleball is played year round and thus needs lighted courts in the non summer seasons. Landings is the most isolated from housing and near a major road so any noise from the occasional play does not disturb nearby residents. Most other clusters are much closer to housing so evening play might be audible. The Landings pool is smaller and does not host many swim meets so possibility of parking conflicts is reduced. BCPA would be amenable to either the Landings, Woods, or Oaks if the board felt that one of them would be a better candidate for conversion.
4. What is the cost. (Cost analysis done by Jon using data from nearby court conversions is being forwarded to Mary A. It supports a plan to keep Court 1 as a lighted tennis court and convert courts 2,3 & 4 to be Pickleball courts 1 through 8. Courts 1-4 would be lighted for year round play. The analysis also includes cost for expanding lighting with additional poles and lights to cover Pickleball courts 5-8 if interest and usage continue to support this expenditure.
5. We do not have results for the survey yet.

3. Access to BCPA Equipment: The Board is concerned that many folks not members of BCPA are actively using BCPA equipment to play pickleball. Since this equipment (nets and balls) is purchased by dues paid by BCPA members, the board feels that those using it should be members of the BCPA except for the occasional drop in player. Consequently board decided to change the locks combination on the equipment boxes and limit subsequent distribution of combinations to Burke Conservancy BCPA member (because BCPA members cannot play on courts without a keyholder present) and a few trusted agents (Board Members) and to request combination holders to not pass on the combination to anyone not entitled to access the Burke Conservancy Courts and who is a BCPA member. Combinations will be changed regularly in future to limit inappropriate distribution of the combinations.

4. Membership Chairman Role: Time ran out but Jon and Fred are to discuss what appropriate duties can be and should be done by the Membership Chairman to assist in the orderly running of the BCPA.

5. Meeting ended after 1 hour at 8:30 PM as usual.

submitted: Ed Verchot, Secretary