

# **SOUTH HAVEN PICKLEBALL CLUB MINUTES—OCTOBER 6, 2023**

TIME: 2:30 P.M.

LOCATION: MIKE SAWYER'S HOME

PRESENT: Mike Sawyer, President  
Jim Slattery, Vice-President  
Mike Marcus, Treasurer  
Rosemary Fitzner, At Large  
Jim Robinson, At Large  
Tricia Hudson; At Large

Absent: Nancy Hillegonds, Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:30 p.m.—Mike Sawyer, President

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Unanimous approval with addition regarding Discretionary Funds

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (July 27, 2023): Reading waived and unanimous approval

## **REPORTS:**

A. PRESIDENT: No specific report

B. Treasurer: Mike Marcus  
Financials for August, 2023 attached  
August saw negative net income due to expenses such as processing fees, magnetic signage, new supply of pickle balls, racks—

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT AS OF AUGUST, 2023: \$3,750  
97 Members

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Jim Slattery; Tricia Hudson, second—Unanimous approval

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Banner approved for parade and magnetic signs

B. A smaller banner has been ordered and will be attached to inside nets so everyone understands nets and balls are provided by club

C. Next year we will have signage at HS identifying Club play and that nets are provided courtesy of SHPC—will include website information

D. Jim Slattery—Offered some "shade sails"—that could shade bleachers IF school will allow during the summer

Mike to contact Athletic Director for permission for next summer

Mike to make drawing of dimensions so High School Athletic Director has schematic—  
Mike to do research on costs for permanent sun shades and explore cost sharing with school

E. Jim Robinson: Lost and Found Items; the pile of unclaimed goods growing; Suggested unclaimed items taken to Goodwill after a period of time

F. Property Acquisitions/New Court Location: Jim Robinson; Nancy Hillemonds; Mike Sawyer  
Initial meeting with the South Haven Visitors Bureau; They suggested we meet with Scott Reinart to show him our vision for the Pump Park and solicit any suggestions/recommendations he had for how to make a presentation to the City due to his involvement with the disc golf course out on 14th Avenue

Jim explained research and discussions with DNR about process for repurposing the BMX (pump park)

One of Scott's suggestions Shara initiate effort to move PB courts from the master plan on 14th avenue to repurposing the Pump Park—

He went to meet with Shara board— —grant was for BMX park 20 years with approximately 16 years remaining on the life of the grant— —SHARA stated with that restriction there could be no additional public monies awarded toward its re-purposing/construction; once repurposed (if approved by City and MDNR) costs for construction would have to be privately raised

Ross Stein (SHARA) indicated there may be some agreement to move PB courts up on the 14th street priority list—-with grant applications due in April 2024; if awarded money would be distributed 2025—-Maximum grant award would be \$300,000 — matching funds would have to be raised for construction

Mary Hosely has also requested meeting—that is currently being scheduled

Get list of additional possible sites from Jim Robinson—-

The property north of Country House Furniture may be available at some future date—-Senior Center looking to purchase that property

The topic of permanent pickleball courts will be an ongoing discussion and high priority

Mike Marcus—-there may be some effort to change recreation ordinance to expand activity to 100 feet from lot line—-(ie to limit the construction of private courts on residential property)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Not in by-laws that members of Board have to be residents of the City of SH. No interest in changing that provision

B. Discretionary Funds: Motion to implement a \$500 limit by any Board member for Club supplies/activities; Rosemary Fitzer; Mike Marcus, second spending by Board members—-  
Unanimous approval

C. Tournaments:

\$10 entry fee; Saturday, November 4 (entry fee will cover prizes and refreshments)

Mixed doubles; four teams; 6 players per team; 12 men and 12 women  
On-line registration through website  
Random draw for teams

Must be a member—SHPC

D. Outdoor PB storage locker

A request has been made to AD to leave storage locker at tennis courts—  
Will probably repaint the locker in the spring

E. Holiday Party

Rosemary Fitzer—to be the committee chair; will work with Senior Center in choosing a date  
that works—notice will be sent out—

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Comments and Announcements:

None

Adjournment: Motion: Tricia Hudson; Rosemary Fitzer, second—Approved

Adjourn: 3:30 pm