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Hello everyone,

Our Long-Range Plan application, which has been in the works for two and a half years, was presented to the Village Council for approval on Tuesday night. This involved a conditional use approval (for the lights on 17 and 18) and



lighting for the rest of the Club (including any new construction) and site plan changes which included a new hard court (where temp pickleball courts are), a new hitting wall, parking lot reconfiguration, landscaping and 4 new pickleball courts (where the old rock house stood). There is also a second phase of the plan which would enable RP to enclose some open areas of the Clubhouse if we decide to do it (Phase 2).

Although the site plan changes were approved, RPTC is at least a year or two away from commencing construction on any element of the plan (except for the new lights) because it is required to first obtain building permits and otherwise comply with the permitting processes via the Village Planning Staff.

Several RPTC members/neighbors and other neighbors, who primarily lived on SW 69 Place, registered their objections to the pickleball courts as it relates to the distance between their homes and the new courts. Noise was the main issue with all objections. The unfortunate ramifications of the objections nearly cost the Club its ability to place lights on Courts 17 and 18 and the ability to change the rest of the Court lights to the state-of-the-art LED lights, fixtures for which we have already paid significant funds. These and other items such as the improvements to the parking lot, adding a marque Hard Court on the west side of the Clubhouse, adding a new wall etc., were all placed in jeopardy.

After the discussion, Royal Palm offered a condition for approval that would require the Club to seek approval from both the Village Planning Staff AND the Council before we could apply for a building permit for the pickleball courts. As Royal Palm is at least a year or two away from construction of any element of the plan (other than the lights), this would provide more time for pickleball noise mitigation studies. The pickleball courts would be the last item to be addressed in Phase 1. This means that there will probably be considerable time before the pickleball court building permit request, and hopefully there will be more research and study about this issue (both on a nationwide and local level). We will continue to work with the neighbors on this issue.

A special shout out to Alan Rosenthal, who has been an incredible asset during this long process. He assembled great legal, architectural, landscaping, engineering, and parking lot experts, who did a wonderful job working within the parameters of zoning and planning limitations.

On another subject, you may have noticed an alkaline water dispenser (yes, complete with electrolytes!) located between the restrooms. The Club has a sixty-day trial with the dispenser, and if we have enough positive feedback from the members, Stephanie will bring it to the board for approval of this new expenditure.

Hopefully, in the next few weeks, the new lights will arrive and will be slowly but surely installed on all the courts with the older lights, and new poles and lights will be installed on 17 and 18.

Finally, Stephanie is working on getting a couple of CPR classes for our staff. If any member wishes to take the class, the cost will be \$75. More information will follow. Rumor has it that Andy Herron is the dummy for the class. I don't know where that rumor originated.

Drink heavily during these hot days. And no, I do not mean alcohol!

Joan



Upcoming Events

Kids Match Day—September 23

Mixed Doubles Tournament — Saturday October 21

Division A - 8.0 & Above

Division B—7.5 & 7.0

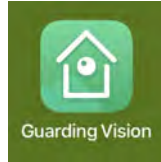
Division C—6.5 & Below

Sign up via: proshop@rptc.org



RAIN CAMERA

The new camera was approved! Below you will find the following information needed to be able to see the new rain camera. This new camera will allow members to see more of the clay courts to determine if they are playable or not



Download the new Guarding Vision app

Once the app is downloaded click “Add Local Device”
(a personal log in is not required unless you would like updates from the app)

Input the following information:

Adding Type: IP/Domain

Alias: Royal Palm Cameras (case sensitive)

Address: 96.85.238.22

Port: 37777

Username: Royal (case sensitive—make sure to use a capital “R”)

Password: RP12345! (cases sensitive—make sure the RP is capitalize)

Camera No. do not input anything, it will automatically update once it is saved

Click the Save button on the top right hand corner and then press live view! You will now have access to the Rain Camera



The screenshot shows the 'Device Information' screen in the Guarding Vision app. At the top, there is a green header with the time '12:07' and a back arrow. Below the header, the screen displays several fields with their respective values:

Adding Type	IP/Domain
Alias	Royal Palm Cameras
Address	96.85.238.22
Port	37777
User Name	Royal
Password	
Camera No.	16



PROS CORNER



PUT YOUR RACKET ON THE BALL

In tennis, there are so many intricacies to the sport from: technique, mindset, footwork, equipment, and so on that we lose track of one of the most important things in the sport which is simply to put your racket on the ball. Running for shots and simply not allowing your opponent to hit winners can change a match completely.

Most matches are one by the person who commits the fewest unforced errors, therefore simply put you could just work on consistency. However, it's not that simple. A big reason players make errors is due to the fact of fearing the opponent's defense and ability to run down shots.

Novak Djokovic, who is the best mover that the game has ever seen, forces opponents to commit more unforced errors than they ever would because of his court coverage. Once you feel that you have to squeeze that ball one inch from the line where you start second guessing where you want to hit because you know your opponent's there the unforced air creeps in and the match could slip away.

The habit of running down balls starts and practice any ball within your reach whether it's in or out it the player should practice running for. These habits will then transfer over to a match and having that sort of mindset that you can get any ball in the court will help you win the unforced error battle.

Next time you're out there lace those shoes tight and enjoy your workout. The more balls you run down the better chance you have of winning your match.

-Eric