

**Weston Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2020  
6:30pm-7:30pm  
Zoom Meeting  
Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/721311648>  
Meeting ID: 721-311-648  
Password: 615506  
Call in number: 646-558-8656**

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair  
Dr. David Kominz, Member  
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member  
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director  
Beth Ann Boles, R.S, Health Agent

Others: Paul Roberts, Cory Grimes, George Bebeco

I. **Wightman Tennis Center: Discussion of Outdoor Tennis**

Paul Roberts, a representative of Wightman Tennis, is looking for guidance from the Board in regards to allowing outdoor tennis courts to be open within Phase 1 of the opening plan provided by the State. Mr. Roberts provided the Board with the guidance and believed that his interpretation allows for tennis courts to open.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/parks-open-space-and-outdoor-education-best-practices-5-18-20/download>

Mr. Roberts points out in the highlighted areas that tennis is included in the Memo from MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, "Athletic Fields and Non-Contact Courts (Non-Organized/Permitted Use)"

*Athletic fields and athletic courts can be utilized only for non-contact sports, with no shared equipment, such as tennis and pickleball. No permits should be issued for group gatherings and users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games or tournaments. Athletic Fields Guidelines: • Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment, and clean and wipe down equipment. • When engaged in play, users should avoid touching other users' equipment in separate areas. • Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the field should wait outside the field of play until previous users have vacated the facility to ensure proper social distancing and prevent accidental contact of other users' equipment. • Users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments. Athletic Courts (Non-Contact) Guidelines: • Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment and clean and wipe down equipment, including racquets, balls, and water bottles. • Users waiting to utilize a court should wait outside the court's gates/fence until previous users have vacated the facility to ensure proper social distancing and prevent accidental contact of other users' equipment. • Users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments.*

Ms. Diotalevi and Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro both expressed that the guidance is unclear, vague and since it was just made available yesterday, there has not been enough time to review and ask specific questions. Ms. Diotalevi sent an email to the State earlier this

evening asking for the correct interpretation of the guidance to see if tennis is allowed or not. The confusion is in the wording. Is tennis allowed because it's a non-contact sport or is tennis not allowed because tennis balls are shared equipment?

Mr. Roberts does not think the guidance is confusing and believes tennis is included and able to open within Phase 1 as written. Dr. David Kominz agrees with Mr. Roberts that it is a non-contact sport and agrees to allow it.

The Board makes a recommendation to refer this to the Emergency Management Team whether or not they can go forward with Wightman's plan to open. Ms. Diotalevi will bring this to the meeting at 10am tomorrow for their input. Mr. Roberts respects her concerns and hopes to get clarification.

Dr. David Kominz made a motion to allow tennis courts to resume operation once the Weston Board of Health is in receipt of clarification of the guidance. Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro second the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

## II. **Director's Report – COVID-19 Update**

The update on the COVID-19 situation in Weston is currently 147 positive cases and 49 cases released. There have been 25 deaths. A reminder that Weston's numbers appear high since probable and suspect cases are included as they are treated the same as if they were positive.

Ms. Diotalevi informed the Board that she is working on a million dollar grant for the community. Information from town departments on the current budget and next year's budget will need to be gathered and incorporated for COVID-19 expenses. An example for BOH would be the nursing expenses. Ms. Diotalevi will discuss this further with the Town Manager and Dept Managers.

## III. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30PM (Zoom Meeting)

## IV. **Adjourn**