

From: Pierce, Steve
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Bilella, AnnaMarie
Subject: FW: Tennis courts at Wilton HS and Merwin Meadows Playground

Please see the email below for discussion at our P&R meeting?

From: Annette Kaye
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Pierce, Steve <Steve.Pierce@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: re: Tennis courts at Wilton HS and Merwin Meadows Playground

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Hi Steve,

Thanks for returning my call today.

Wilton is a wonderful community. We have lived here since 1985 where we raised our 2 sons. They attended K-12 in our schools.

I would appreciate if you can bring to the committee's attention my request to give priority to residents of Wilton for use of our town tennis courts at the High School (and at Middlebrook when redone). I voted for the renewal of the courts, and paid for that and continue to pay for its maintenance with my tax dollars, but find I do not have beneficial use.

We residents have to compete with out of town players to use our community's courts, and it limits our use significantly. This essentially forces me to pay to play elsewhere. Ours are great courts so attract a lot of players from other communities. I believe we should institute a system to prioritize and reserve court time for those who pay taxes to Wilton. Using an electronic system to access seems like it's a reasonable and viable plan.

I pay to play tennis at 4 Seasons because I don't want to show up at our town courts without a reservation and find they are full. I occasionally play as a guest at Long Shore in Westport where residents have use of their town courts and it is not open to others, except as a paid guest. It seems like in many, if not in all our neighboring communities, prioritize their residents for tennis. Wilton may be the only one where it is open access – no reservations and anyone can just queue up and wait.

I believe Wilton should first cater to its citizens so we don't find we are at a disadvantage for playing tennis on our own town's courts.

On another note, I would also like to address the possibility of building a new playground at Merwin Meadows. The current playground was established when my younger son Adam was in grade school. He is now a practicing physician; so it's time. I would like to bring my grandchildren to play at the park and find myself taking them to other communities. A more modern and newer playground would be beneficial to the Wilton community.

Thank you again for all you do for the town.

Best,

Annette

Annette Kaye