



To: Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item #: VIII.C.

From: Ann Kattreh
Parks & Recreation Director

Action

Discussion

Date: August 18, 2015

Information

Subject: Proposed Pickleball Court Donation - Rosland Park

Action Requested:

Approve the concept of adding pickleball courts and related amenities at Rosland Park utilizing donor funding.

Information / Background:

Edina resident Bruce Mooty has approached the city to potentially donate funds to the City of Edina to construct pickleball courts adjacent to the tennis courts at Rosland Park. The proposed donation is in honor of his late father John Mooty, who passed away earlier this year. This location is recommended by Parks & Recreation administrative staff and Park Maintenance staff. The Park Board provided review and comment on this proposal at the July Park Board meeting. The board had some concerns about the distance from restroom facilities and lack of a dedicated parking lot, but otherwise members generally supported the project. The approved July Park Board minutes are attached.

Several sites were reviewed, including Lewis Park, Yorktown Park and Cornelia School Park. This site was chosen due to the size of parcel available, proximity to a tennis facility, distance from residential impact and on-street parking available. If approved, the donor is interested in funding the project for construction this fall. This project would include five pickleball courts. One or two shade structures and court lighting are also being considered. The site was explored for the potential of adding a restroom and picnic shelter facility similar to Wooddale Park, but the lack of proximity to sewer and water connections made this option not financially viable.

The initial survey was completed last week and Gopher State One Call locates were completed. Four or five courts could fit on this site. There is a large oak tree in this area, but the courts could be located so as to not impact this tree.

What is Pickleball?

Pickleball is a sport in which two, three, or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a whiffle ball over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball

was invented in the mid-1960s and has quickly become popular among adults as a fun game for players of all levels across the country.

Why is pickleball becoming so popular? Players say it's easy to learn and easy on the knees and elbows, making it a great alternative to tennis, which can lead to injuries in these sensitive areas. Because the pickleball court is shorter than a tennis court, there's less running involved. The rules are simple so the game is easy to learn and master in a short time. While pickleball has the strongest following among the senior demographic, part of the appeal is that it's really a multigenerational sport. Eight and nine year-olds can have fun playing with 80 year-olds. Kids are learning the game in school. The smaller court also creates a social atmosphere, and playing doubles and/or mixed doubles is promoted.

Pickleball can generate an adequate heart rate to provide cardio-respiratory conditioning. Yet, at the same time, it is less taxing on the joints and muscles. The small court space reduces the speed required to reach the ball and the weight of the racquet and the weight of the ball reduce the ballistic forces transferred to the wrist, elbow and shoulder. Those who may no longer be able to play tennis, racquetball or other team sports gravitate to pickleball because it is competitive, active and enjoyable. It also is a sport that appeals to those who have never or have had limited involvement in sports.

Pickleball was introduced to Edina in July of 2012. The tennis courts at Garden Park needed restriping and pickleball lines were included at that time. Two clinics were offered at Garden Park on the tennis courts with 40 participants in each clinic. An Edina resident volunteered to come to the courts on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9–11 a.m. to offer instruction and get players rotating. The city purchased four racquets and some wiffelballs and the group has been growing regularly. Two more clinics were offered in 2013. Today pickleball is played at Garden Park on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9–11 a.m. on the two courts. The level of play at our location is beginner to intermediate play.

Since 2012 the number of requests to the Parks & Recreation Department for information about both indoor and outdoor locations has increased. There are currently 25 – 30 players committed to playing weekly on the two courts at Garden Park. New players try the sport each week. If the Garden Park courts aren't being used by tennis players, they are available for pickleball, but the lack of dedicated pickleball courts definitely limits play in Edina.

Dedicated pickleball courts would provide significantly more available time and give a tremendous opportunity to introduce the game to more players. Currently advanced players go to Eden Prairie to play. This would provide an opportunity for more residents to play in Edina. Time would also be dedicated for youth play, lessons and clinics as well as promoting times and/or activities for intergenerational play. Tournaments with all skill levels, ladder leagues, and pickleball get-togethers would make this facility a great addition to the community.

Proposed Project Timeline

July – Park Board provides review and comment

July/August – Bolton and Menk are completing site evaluation and project designs

August – Nine Mile Creek Watershed District approval

August/September – Solicit quotes for construction and donor acceptance

August/September – City Council approval of project and donation

September/October/Spring 2015 – Construction

If this project is approved in concept by the City Council, staff would continue to work to secure approval and a permit from the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and solicit quotes for the project. If satisfactory results are achieved in permitting and pricing, the City Council will be asked to approve the donation in September 2015. Construction of the courts could begin this fall, but due to asphalt curing time and temperatures needed for paint, the painting and striping of the courts would not likely occur until the spring of 2016.

Project Cost Estimate

Preliminary pricing was obtained for several pickleball court combinations. A battery of five pickleball courts side by side would cost approximately \$140,000, not including engineering fees, project management or watershed district costs. Included in this price are site grading and prep, 2" of asphalt, color surface system, striping, nets, posts, fencing and gates. Mr. Mooty is also considering shade structures and court lighting. Proposals for these amenities are being prepared. Included in this packet is a photo of the new pickleball courts in St. Cloud showing an example of what a shade structure could look like. If lights are included, they would be the new Musco lights that have recently been installed at Braemar Field and Countryside Park. These lights are energy efficient and reduce the amount of light spill by at least 50%.

According to the Donation, Sponsorship and Advertising Policy that was approved by the City Council on Nov. 18, 2014, the donor would receive the following recognition:

\$100,000 or more (Platinum)

- Letter of appreciation from Mayor
- Donation listed in annual About Town Report
- Listed as platinum sponsor on publicly displayed donor board at City Hall or appropriate city facility
- Engraved plaque of appreciation presented by Mayor, City Manager or other city official at an appropriate event (ribbon cutting ceremony, facility or event opening or City Council meeting).

Public Sector Professionals has been hired to act as a project manager for this project due to the current workload in the Parks & Recreation Department and the interest of the donor in getting this project completed as quickly as possible.

Attachments:

Approved July 14, 2015 Park Board Minutes

Grading and Layout Plan

Kare11 Story on Pickleball from Maple Grove

Photos – Cavalry Hill Pickleball Courts in St. Cloud

Rosland Park Site Diagram

Public Sector Professionals Update

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EDINA PARK BOARD
HELD AT CITY HALL
JULY 14, 2015
7 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gieseke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Members Nelson, Jones, Jacobson, Greene, Gieseke, Cella, Strother, McCormick, and Good

Student Members present: Chowdhury, Colwell.

Absent: Member Segreto

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Member Good made a motion, seconded by Member Jacobson, approving the meeting agenda.

Ayes: Members Nelson, Jones, Jacobson, Greene, Gieseke, Cella, Strother, McCormick, and Good.
Motion approved.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Member Cella made a motion, seconded by Member Strother, approving the consent agenda as follows:

IV.A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Park Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Ayes: Members Nelson, Jones, Jacobson, Greene, Gieseke, Cella, Strother, McCormick, and Good.
Motion approved.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Kim Montgomery, 5300 Evanswood, commented on the Strategic Plan. She feels Edina falls behind national norms as far as having indoor recreational space. She is concerned about equity as far as locations of parks. She requested the community center recommendation stay in the final report. She feels the council should consider the resident's requests. A copy of her statement will be included in Park Board correspondence.

VI. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

VI.A. Proposed Pickleball Court Donation

Ms. Kattreh indicated the Park Board has been asked to review and comment on a potential donation of Pickleball courts and related amenities at Rosland Park. Edina resident Bruce Mooty has approached the city to donate funds to the City of Edina to construct pickleball courts adjacent to the tennis courts at Rosland Park. The proposed donation is in honor of his late father John Mooty, who passed away earlier this year. This location is recommended by Parks & Recreation Administrative staff and Park Maintenance staff. Several sites were reviewed, including Lewis Park, Yorktown Park and Cornelia School Park. This site was chosen due to the size of parcel available, proximity to a tennis facility, distance from residential impact and on-street parking available. If approved, the donor is interested in funding the project for construction this fall. This project would include four to six pickleball courts, one or two shade structures and potentially court lighting. There would also be benches and trash receptacles. The site was explored for the potential of adding a restroom and picnic shelter facility similar to Wooddale Park, but the lack of proximity to sewer and water connections made this option

not financially viable (over \$100,000). Ms. Kattreh noted four to six courts could fit on this site and pointed out there is a large oak tree in this area, but the courts could be located so as to not impact this tree.

Ms. Kattreh gave a brief Pickleball explanation. The proposed project timeline is as follows:

- July – Park Board provides review and comment
- July – Bolton and Menk are completing site evaluation and project designs
- August – Solicit quotes for construction and donor acceptance
- August/September – City Council approval
- August – Nine Mile Creek Watershed District Approval
- September/October – Construction

Ms. Kattreh indicated a battery of four Pickleball courts side by side would cost approximately \$70,000. A battery of four courts with two courts over two courts would cost approximately \$75,000. A battery of just two courts would cost approximately \$39,000. Included in this price are a 6” limestone base, 2” of asphalt, color surface system, striping, nets, posts, fencing and gates. Site preparation grading and watershed accommodations will be required at an additional cost. Mr. Mooty is also considering shade structures and court lighting.

According to the Donation, Sponsorship and Advertising Policy that was approved by the City Council on Nov. 18, 2014, the donor would receive one of the following recognitions, depending upon the total project cost:

- \$50,000 - \$99,000 (Gold)
- \$100,000 or more (Platinum)

Chair Gieseke asked if there would be benches to which Ms. Kattreh replied yes. Ms. Kattreh commented that the nearest restrooms would be just past the playground and added the Art Center could also be an option.

Chair Gieseke asked if the lights could also light the tennis courts. Ms. Kattreh stated they will get quotes on various lighting options.

Member Cella asked if the Pickleball courts at Garden Park would remain to which Ms. Kattreh replied yes and added they are well used. She also noted Pickleball is very popular in Edina and they may even need more courts in the future. Member Cella asked if Pickleball courts were in the plan for the future without this donor. Ms. Kattreh replied from a cost perspective there could be some funds in operational budgets to restripe.

Member Good stated it seems the courts are needed. Ms. Kattreh pointed out Pickleball has a multi-generational appeal and noted this could be programmed significantly in the Parks & Recreation Department. She added that ongoing maintenance of these new courts would come out of the parks maintenance department.

Member McCormick asked if courts are scheduled. Ms. Kattreh responded it would be a combination of scheduled and open courts as well as the parking lot would be available along with on-street parking.

Member Jones asked if Pickleball courts can be used for other sports. Ms. Kattreh stated they could be converted to tennis or basketball courts. The donation would cover 100% of the construction costs. Member Jones asked what the maintenance costs would be and Ms. Kattreh stated she did not know but could research estimates. Member Jones asked what the lifespan of the courts would be because her concern is when adding things to parks she would like to see the development of community

sports. She noted she has a concern on this location as it does not have restrooms or water and requested staff researches other areas.

Chair Gieseke stated the St. Cloud courts look very nice and asked if we would have wind screens like St. Cloud has around the courts. Ms. Kattreh replied that is something that would be included in the quotations and discuss with the donor.

Member McCormick noted the restrooms are a distance away and asked about porta-potties. Ms. Kattreh stated that will be discussed.

Member Jones stated the board is very appreciative of this type of donation as they are financing the construction 100% and it fits well within the Strategic Plan. The senior citizens have been requesting amenities and these courts will fit well for them. Ms. Kattreh added she will make sure budgets will include maintenance.

VI.B. Park Board Retreat – Tuesday, Aug. 11, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Centennial Lakes Park

Member McCormick informed the Park Board that Chair Gieseke and herself have been planning the Park Board retreat which will replace the regular Aug. 11 Park Board meeting. This retreat will take place at the Hughes Pavilion at Centennial Lakes Park. It is scheduled to run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and dinner will be provided. She added to dress casually because they will be playing bocce at the croquet and lawn games area at Centennial Lakes Park.

Member Strother asked if the pre-work needs to be completed prior to the retreat. Member McCormick stated the pre-work is for member preparation only and will not be collected.

The Members offered to be on the following groups:

- Group 1 – Jacobson, Nelson, Strother
- Group 2 – Jones, Good, Chowdhury
- Group 3 – Greene, Cella, Colwell

Chair Gieseke stated he would like a picture taken at the retreat.

VI.C. Proposed Land Exchange – 6629 West Shore Drive, Edina

Ms. Kattreh indicated the City Council has requested that the Park Board provide review and comment on a proposed land exchange between the City of Edina and Liz and Tony Burger, the property owners at 6629 West Shore Drive, Edina. The Planning Commission will also be reviewing this proposal at the July 22 Planning Commission meeting. Tony and Liz Burger were present at the meeting.

Ms. Kattreh explained the situation to the Park Board.

Ed Hayward, 6625 W. Shore Dr., indicated he is the neighbor to the north and stated they are not happy about the proposed public access running along the side of his property. It seems like a strange configuration for a land swap and he would rather see a variance. He added there is another access to the park that can be used. He pointed out he is not opposed to the concept of the land exchange.

Member Good asked Mr. Hayward if there is a lot of activity in the park behind the houses and Mr. Hayward stated there generally is not much activity except for the Fourth of July fireworks.

Member Jones asked if the access was not right on property line and moved onto the Burger property would that be better. Mr. Hayward stated that does not seem very feasible and noted mowing would be a concern and awkward.

Ms. Kattreh stated the Burgers do have the option of applying for a variance with the Planning Commission.

Member Good asked if there was an option of having the city sell a piece of land to the Burgers instead of a swap. Ms. Kattreh stated it has not been a popular option historically with the Park Board or with the City Council as they do not want to sell parkland.

Chair Gieseke stated in this case the city may benefit from selling some of the park land as it would be a win for the city.

Member Nelson asked if there is another area that could be considered in the swap. Ms. Kattreh stated this portion was brought to staff by the Burgers. She noted they could start over and look at all options again.

Mr. Burger indicated the surveyor came up with the line drawing and noted they wanted to keep the park continuous. He commented it is not a highly used park except for the Fourth of July.

Member Greene asked Mr. Burger if he would be interested in purchasing a piece of park land to which Mr. Burger replied he would. Member Greene suggested the discussion end right now and staff goes back to determine a fair selling price and have Mr. Burger come back with a revised plan.

Member Jones asked how many times a request has been made to purchase park land and Ms. Kattreh stated it's happened approximately four times in four years. Member Jones asked if a precedent would be set and Ms. Kattreh stated she has heard from council and the city does not have a strong interest in selling park property. Other neighbors may want the same thing; a little more park land to add to their property.

Member Strother suggested a variance may be more suitable to eliminate people walking very closely to the homes when entering the park.

Ms. Burger stated that piece of land is called a breezeway. It's not supposed to be a stopping place for people entering the park. Mr. Burger stated since he has lived there approximately six to seven people have walked through that area.

Member Jones asked if the property floods and Mr. Burger stated they have had some flooding in the garage; the park land does not flood. Member Jones asked if there is a path along the lake to which it was noted there is an open area off of 66th Street.

Mr. Burger informed the Park Board they mow and irrigate the area and that the city stops mowing at the Hayward's property line.

Member Jones asked if this would be an appropriate place for a nature path. Ms. Kattreh stated she is not aware that that option has ever been explored and added she does not want a misaligned lot line.

Member McCormick asked if Mr. Burger if he was ok with the repositioning of the play structure. Mr. Burger stated the play structure is already on park property and he would have no problem moving it.

Ms. Kattreh stated staff's recommendation was difficult due to precedence, gaining access for the city, and the way the property line is configured it is challenging. It is neither hurting the city nor providing a benefit. Ms. Kattreh pointed out she needs to report back to the Planning Commission and would like to get a consensus from the Park Board.

Member Nelson indicated she would prefer going with the variance.

Member Jones indicated she can appreciate the situation but does not want to set a precedent and is against selling park land. She does not agree with the proposed swap with creating a jagged lot line to the east and that connectivity to West Shore Drive would be her preference. She would like to refer to a guiding principle and if a variance is given a pathway should be created from Laguna Drive to 66th Street either by land swap or a variance.

Member Jacobson indicated this is a grey area whether it is a park or not because if it is truly parkland the residents should have access. She does not care for the land swap and would prefer a sale but she does not feel it is up to the Park Board to decide that. She would favor selling the land to the Burgers and create access from Laguna Drive. She added the variance process would serve well.

Member Greene indicated he is in favor of the variance.

Chair Gieseke indicated he is in favor of the variance and is not in favor of a land swap as there are many issues with it; the neighbors would not appreciate it and it would set a precedent. He noted a minimal land sale would be an option and would make the access at Laguna better.

Member Cella indicated this isn't really something the Park Board should approve. She is in favor of making all park land accessible to residents and stated this is more a Planning Commission matter to decide if a variance is to be granted.

Member Strother indicated she has concerns with a variance and is concerned this park with a lake is not accessible to residents. She does not think a variance would benefit the city. She stated she does not know the history of swaps and/or sales in the past but if the money from the sale could be used to improve access she would be in favor of that.

Member McCormick indicated this is a unique situation and does not make a lot of sense. She feels the Burgers should determine how much park land would be needed to make their plan a reality and have the city look at a possible sale. She would be in favor of a variance or make the swap without the jagged lines.

Member Good indicated if the Burgers have an interest in pursuing a variance they should do so and it is not the expertise of the Park Board. He would not be in favor of the swap as it is proposed. He would be in favor of a sale.

Student Member Colwell indicated Student Member Asef and himself would be in favor of selling the park land. He believes a trail could be put in without infringing on the homeowner's property and that a partial swap might be possible.

Student Member Chowdhury indicated he does not see what the park land would be used for in the future and does not think a precedent would be set.

Chair Gieseke stated he likes the idea of a much smaller land swap because it is less obtrusive with compensation for the city.

VII. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Member Jones stated she would like to comment on what is going on with Grandview. She indicated the latest round of proposals have a fairly large community area bringing the senior center and art center facilities at Grandview. The city will work on the design of that building. She commented after

creating the Strategic Plan she is concerned about how that space is going to be used so that it fits with the Strategic Plan which includes the senior center and the art center. She is concerned about what is edited out of the Strategic Plan. The City Council will be deciding something on this in August. Ms. Kattreh stated at the June 17, 2015 City Council meeting a presentation was made on the Strategic Plan; however, the council did not have sufficient time to review the plan in detail and is concerned about the length of the document. She stated the document will be reviewed by the council and they will notify her when they are ready to provide feedback.

Member Good stated that is his understanding. The Park Board is a recommending group rather than an approving board on items such as Grandview. He also noted the executive summary for the Strategic Plan should be on the website rather than the 400 page document.

Member Nelson stated an important thing to consider is the maintenance of the existing parks and structures.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Kattreh provided the following staff updates:

- The Braemar Driving Range and Par Three groundbreaking was held today; the project should be completed by the end of September.
- The backyard construction at Braemar Arena should be done this week.
- The Edina Soccer Club has invited the Park Board to their event on Friday.
- The Pamela Park building is up.

Member Good asked about a new sign for Braemar Golf Course. Ms. Kattreh stated the sign has been ordered and requires six weeks for production.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gieseke made a motion, seconded by Member Greene, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Members Nelson, Jones, Jacobson, Greene, Gieseke, Cella, Strother, McCormick, and Good.
Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

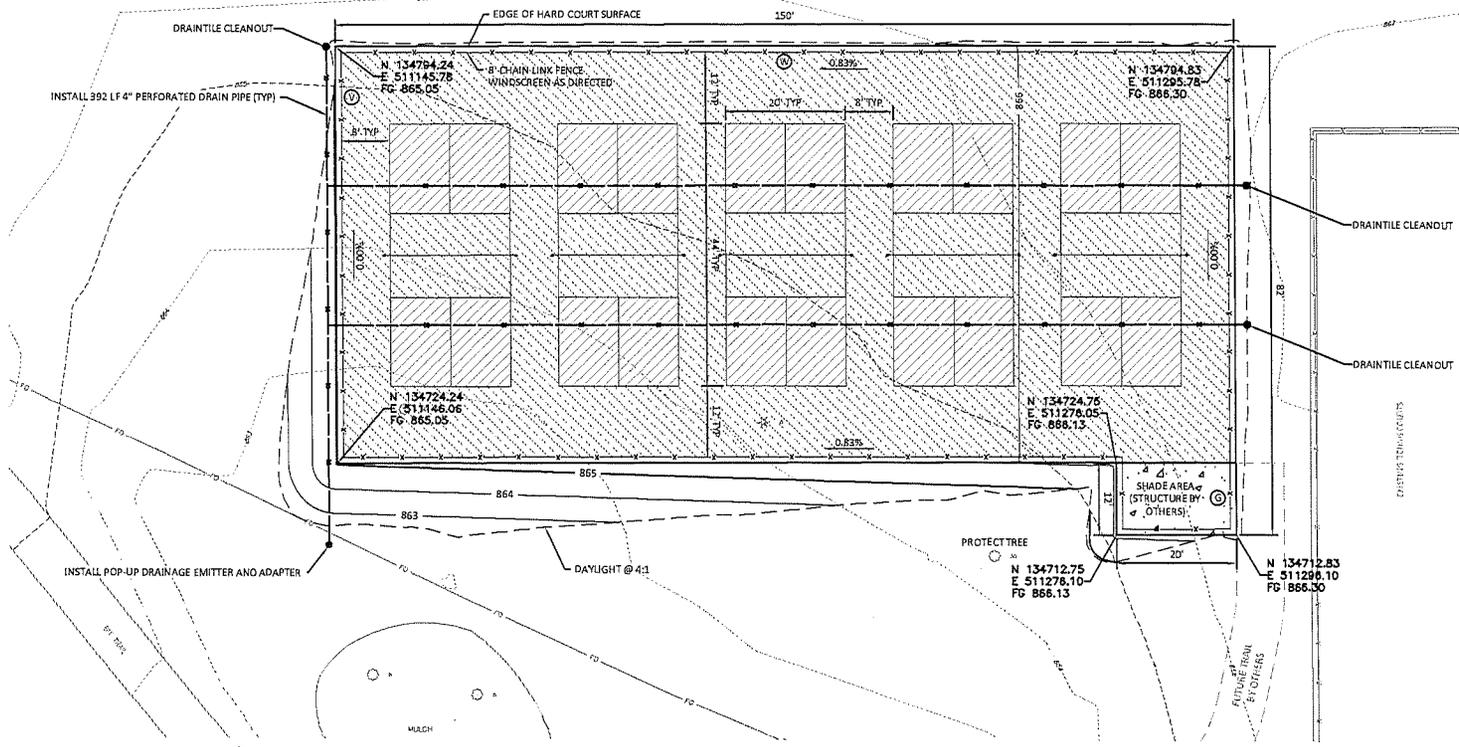
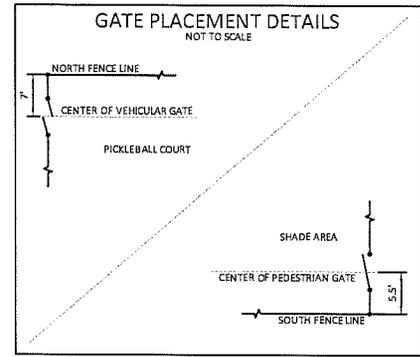
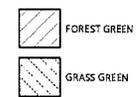
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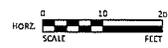
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June 24, 2015

MAPLE GROVE, Minn. – The oddly named sport of "Pickleball" has become America's and Minnesota's newest passion. The activity appeals to people of all ages.

The sport began 50 years ago near Seattle, Washington. Three men are credited with creating the sport to combat the boredom of their children. A story is that the dog of one of them kept chasing the ball. Since the dog's name was "Pickle", Pickleball was born.

"The pickleball has a little bit slower play to it," said Patty Anderson, Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Administrative Supervisor. "I think that is what is the interest of the seniors, but we also are seeing, throughout the Park and Recreation industry, that this is a sport that all levels are getting interested in, children and adults."

Maple Grove converted two tennis courts into six pickleball courts and is adding 4 more in late summer. Other courts are up and working in Woodbury, Plymouth, Roseville, New Brighton, Bloomington, Apple Valley, Richfield and Burnsville. St. Cloud just opened six courts of their own.

The sport is played with a solid racquet (paddle) and a whiffle ball. There is a net, a couple of inches lower than a tennis net, that divides the court into two sides. It has been compared to ping-pong and involves the strategy and skill of the net play in tennis. The action is close and relatively fast.

All serves are underhand and the ball must be struck with the racquet below the waist. The formal rules of the game are set by the United States Pickleball Association (USAPA).

The appeal of the sport is that it is an accessible activity and very social.

"Oh, it is phenomenal," said Mike Kline, Plymouth resident. "I know we have met at least 120 people in the three years, we have played. I mean that is by name. Where else do you get that kind of social life with something other than you know holidays or parties or something like that or work."

Kline played racquet ball when younger. His wife, Jean, who is retired, never played tennis, but did play ping-pong in her youth.

"I started playing cards at a senior center and not very active and then I saw a flyer for pickleball and I was curious," said Jean Kline. "I just came and tried it and fell in love with it."

"I think the hook is that you can get somewhat proficient right away," said Mike Kline. "In other words, It is not like tennis where you will hit the ball way out of bounds every time."

Kline said he has played with people in their 80s and with teenagers. " Around the holidays when they're home from college, or when their parents bring them in, MEA week or something like that, they are all over the place," grinned Kline. "They humiliate us and they leave."

The enthusiasm of the players is contagious. They were anxious to praise the fun of the sport.

"I love pickleball because it is a great way to meet people, get a lot of exercise, and be competitive," said Rosemary Mueller. " And you can play men against women."

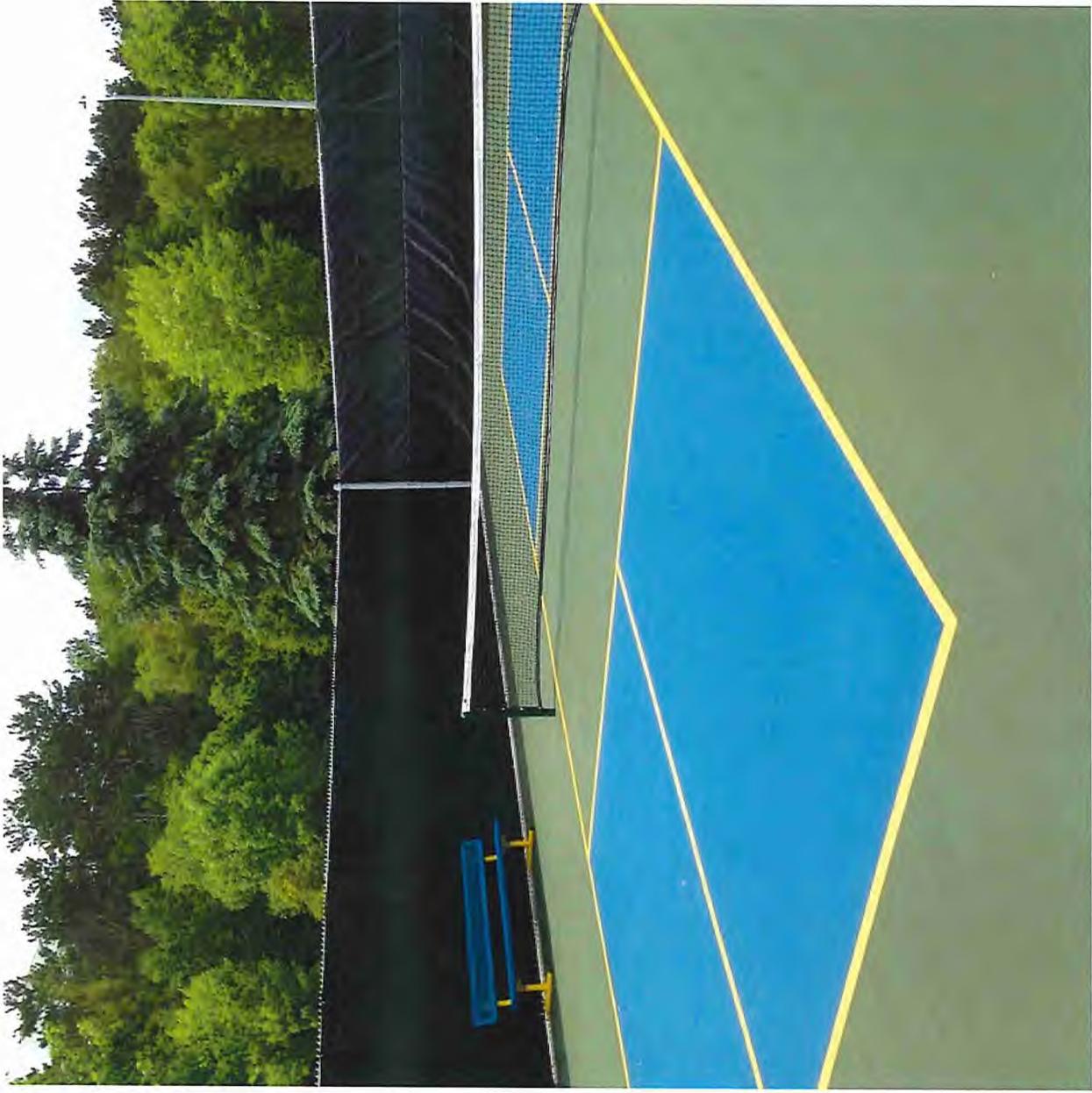
The sport has no age or gender barriers. It is regarded as the fastest growing sport in North America.

Check out this story on kare11.com: <http://www.kare11.com/story/life/2015/06/24/pickleball-anderson-mueller-kline-maple-grove/29235913/>

Cavalry Hill Pickleball Courts
St. Cloud, MN







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DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Microsoft, USDA FSA

X = Proposed location



August 11, 2015

TO: Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks Director
FROM: Matt Hylan, President
RE: Pickleball Court Update

The Rosland Park Pickleball Court Project has been moving along at a very well this summer. Currently, I have been coordinating quotes for the construction of the new courts. Regular communication has been occurring with the donor to ensure satisfaction with the quality of this project.

Site Layout

Attached is a sketch which maximizes the number of pickleball courts in the space identified. This plan has been submitted to the donor and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to have both of their approvals to proceed forward on this project. As you can see, this layout allows for the least impact to the established trees in this area of Rosland Park. Consideration was given to keep the most established trees in place. Bolton & Menk, project engineer, calculated the "drip-line" of the oak tree to keep work, including grading, out of that area.

Watershed Application

Application to the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District was completed on July 15 for appropriate approvals needed for this project. Discussions continue to occur between Bolton & Menk and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to ensure this meets their strict requirements due to the projects proximity to Lake Cornelia. The pickleball courts add approximately 10,000 square feet of impervious surface, 5,000 sf more than allowed by the watershed district without taking into account stormwater management. At the advisement of the watershed district's engineer, Bolton & Menk is looking into the option of dedicating adjacent park land that would remain pervious surface (no development) into the future to eliminate the need for a storm water retention basin. The challenge with this is the existing soils within the park, the normal water level of Lake Cornelia and the available park land. We hope to have a resolution before the City dedicating land for no future development to meet the watershed district's requirements in the near future.

Construction Timeline

Pending approvals from both the City Council and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, this project is anticipated to begin construction in September. The majority of the Construction can be finished this fall, however the type of painted surface for pickleball courts requires several days and nights with temperatures staying above 50 degrees. In addition, once the asphalt has been placed on the courts, it needs to “cure” for 30 days before painting can occur. Therefore, a spring 2016 painted surface will occur with an open house/dedication to be scheduled once a definitive completion date has been established.

Final Issues

The only two issues that may negatively impact the timing or completion of this project are: the approval of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District, the receipt of final quotes that are in line, or better, than the current estimates for construction.

As always, please contact me with any additional questions.