



PARKS COMMITTEE • AGENDA

15th April 2015 (Wednesday) • 6:00 p.m.

Redmond Public Works • Transportation Conference Room
243 E. Antler

AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gary Parks
Chair

Richard Lance
Vice-Chair

James Cook
Member

Linda Nolte
Member

Paul Nolan
Member

Rena Meeks
Member

Rand Hill
Member

Luke Purkey
Youth Ex-Officio

Ginny McPherson
Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Items not on Agenda)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2015 Meeting

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

1. Discuss Options to Accommodate Pickleball
2. Consider Moving Meeting Start Time to 4:30 p.m.

UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS

- Dry Canyon Gateway Project
- Tree Board Update: Proposal of Tree Removal on
- Sustainable Cities Initiative – Potential Parks Projects
- Information on May meeting agenda items: Capital Improvement Lists, Parks Committee Work Plan, Budget Update
- Sam Johnson Playground
- Earth Day
- Parks Master Plan

STAFF UPDATES

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Next Scheduled Meeting May 20, 2015

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PARKS COMMITTEE • MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2015

Redmond Public Works, Transportation Conference Room
243 East Antler Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Parks Committee Members Present: Vice-Chair Gary Parks, James Cook, Rand Hill, Linda Nolte (excused: *Richard Lance, Paul Nolan*; absent: *Rena Meeks*)

Youth Ex Officio: Luke Purkey

City Staff: Bill Duerden, *Public Works Director*; Curt Petersen, *Manager of Parks, Facilities, and Cemetery*; Annie McVay, *Parks and Administration Division Manager*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Katie Hammer, *Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (RAPRD)*; Amber Humphreys, **Averil _____**, Barbara Detzel, Carolyn Houghton, Celie Bryant, Dick Anderson, Dick Bryant, Fred Effinger, Gary Chilcott, Janelle Schissel, Jim Barkema, Jim Ferguson, John Swires, Marcy Shea-Boren, Marian Anderson, Sharon Effinger, Wanda Barkema

Media: None

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting.

The three digits after a motion title show the number of Committee members voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Ms. McVay opened the regular meeting at 6 p.m. with a quorum of members (4 of 7) present.

All members and staff introduced themselves. Mr. Hill, a new member, summarized his background and reasons for serving on this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (3/0/1): Mr. Cook moved to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2015, meeting. Ms. Nolte seconded the motion which passed with Mr. Cook, Mr. Hill, and Ms. Nolte voting in favor and Mr. Parks abstaining due to his absence from the January 2015 meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Swearing In of New Committee Member
Councilor McPherson administered the oath of office to Mr. Hill and thanked him for his service.
2. Elect a Vice-Chair for 2015
Mr. Parks announced that Richard Lance resigned as Vice-Chair due to his other commitments.

Ms. Nolte nominated Mr. Parks to serve as Vice-Chair for 2015. Mr. Parks agreed to serve. Mr. Cook, Mr. Hill, Ms. Nolte, and Mr. Parks voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Parks for Vice-Chair during the rest of calendar year 2015.

3. Discussion of High School Tennis Court Requirements for Tournament Play
Ms. McVay summarized the background of this issue and the results of her research. The City's current priority is to accommodate Redmond's high school tennis teams on the eight courts now available. According to Paul Nolan, assistant principal at Redmond High School, dual striping school tennis courts would not disqualify them from being used for tournaments.
4. Discussion of Pickleball Opportunities in Redmond
Ms. McVay summarized concerns expressed by pickleball enthusiasts at the January 2015 meeting. The City wants to accommodate the growing sport of pickleball in Redmond and long-term goals are to dedicate courts to pickleball. However, current resources prevent doing so at this time, so staff are exploring the idea of mixed use on tennis courts operated by the City.
5. Discussion of Further Information Needed, Public Involvement Process, and Steps Moving Forward in Determining Pickleball Opportunities
Based on research through the National Parks and Recreation Association, Ms. McVay said everyone is trying to accommodate the rapidly growing sport of pickleball while dealing with limited resources, resulting in the need to share courts. Restriping tennis courts for dual use with pickleball is estimated to cost \$400-\$3,000. Both tennis and pickleball players have said dual striping is confusing. The Parks Committee is still gathering data about the community's interest in these two sports and will not make a decision tonight.

Vice-Chair Parks invited comments from the public.

Community members expressed concern about net adjustments (maintenance, repair), confusion caused by dual striping, scheduling priorities (tennis vs. pickleball, students vs. public), lack of restrooms, windy conditions, user priorities (youth vs. adult vs. families, organized vs. recreational, weekdays vs. weekends), need for indoor pickleball courts, fund-raising, coordinating pickleball and tennis tournaments to avoid conflicts, and the potential for dedicating Valley View courts to pickleball and Sam Johnson courts to tennis.

Ms. McVay reiterated that the City wants to accommodate as many users as possible with its limited resources. She could research grant opportunities if there was a coordinated fund-raising effort. Other municipalities indicate the best approach with limited resources is to dual-stripe courts. If the Parks Committee decides at its May meeting that restriping is the best option, the Parks Department could incorporate that into its full reconstruction of the Sam Johnson tennis courts in June 2015. Every effort would be made to use striping colors that would be nondistracting. She will present dual-striping diagrams at the next meeting. Additional comments, questions, and concerns can be e-mailed to her. She asked committee members to assist as ambassadors to this process.

Committee comments included key barriers to fuller support of pickleball (lack of funding), two communities competing for limited resources (cooperative fund-raising), direct/indirect cost analysis of single vs. dual-use approaches (construction, maintenance, net management, staffing), cost of windscreening at Valley View courts, full outreach (public involvement process), making Ridgeview tennis courts available for public use (short-term vs. long-term), building tennis and/or pickleball courts in other parks, and maintaining Redmond as a "1st choice" community. Following discussion, committee members agreed to continue this discussion at their next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF UPDATES

1. Arbor Week
Mr. Petersen said a flyer about Arbor Week activities (first week of April) will go out in the next couple of weeks. Ms. McVay said tree planting is scheduled to be done by Arbor Week.
2. Earth Day
Ms. McVay announced that on April 18 the Parks Department will host a clean-up event in the Dry Canyon, followed by refreshments for the volunteers. This is the first year the Parks Department will utilize the

Volunteer Connect website. Mr. Duerden reported a guest column in this morning's paper, urging people to help pick up litter along trails.

Committee concerns included the appearance of the Dry Canyon (relatively clean except for junk cars) and utilizing a contest approach ("king" and "queen" of trash) to recruit volunteers.

Mr. Purkey suggested recruiting volunteers from the 4-H community.

3. American Legion, Dry Canyon Gateway

Ms. McVay reported awarding the bid to the contractor that did the Homestead canal trail. Construction will start on March 5 and is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2015. Amenities will include a walkway to connect American Legion to the corner and a plaza with a stone bench. In prior discussions, the committee expressed interest in a readerboard. Due to budget concerns, no readerboard will be installed at this time, but electricity will be made available for the future. The Parks Department has received a lot of feedback from the community that it's long past time to upgrade this park. Mr. Petersen discussed the type of landscaping to be done.

4. Climbing Update

Ms. McVay said a climbing route is being developed for the underside of the Maple Avenue bridge. Staff are still working out details with the insurance company and don't foresee anything that will stall or cancel this project. The local climbing community was successful in raising the needed funds. Target date for the ribbon-cutting celebration is October 9, 2015, in conjunction with the Redmond Chamber of Commerce "Coffee Clatter."

5. General Spring Park Openings and Duties

Mr. Petersen said restrooms and other park facilities will be opened within the next month. Baseball and soccer are starting. The Community Development Department will host the annual Easter egg hunt at Sam Johnson Park on April 4. The ice rink will be dismantled for the season in the next couple of days. Parks staff are preparing to turn on the Centennial Park fountain and working with RAPRD which will manage the kiosk this year.

6. Tree Board

Mr. Duerden announced that Parks staff will be removing four trees on Black Butte Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets next week to resolve a safety issue with the sidewalk. New trees of a different species that is more appropriate to this setting will be planted. He explained how the new trees will be planted to encourage the tree roots to grow down rather than out. Due to the way the trees to be removed have been growing, transplanting them is not feasible.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES/COMMENTS

1. Multi-Generational Needs at Sam Johnson Park

Ms. Nolte said, based on comments she has received from seniors, better communication/outreach is needed about amenities/activities that will be available to seniors. Vice-Chair Parks asked what types of activities seniors wanted to see at Sam Johnson Park. Members discussed amenities that seniors would be interested in (chess, checkers, bocce ball).

Ms. McVay said the playground being constructed this spring will be geared to children and be fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-accessible. Other amenities will include a basketball court, tables, a shade structure, two ziplines, benches, and restrooms. Mr. Duerden noted that the playground construction was Phase 1. Additional fund-raising will be needed for further development of this park.

2. Overlap with RAPRD and the Radlands

Ms. Nolte asked about multi-agency cooperation and coordination for park operations and activities. Ms. Hammer replied that staff members from the City Parks Department, RAPRD, and Radlands

communicate frequently to avoid duplication of effort. The goal is to appear "seamless" to the community. Agencies forward public questions, concerns, and requests for services/programs they don't provide to the agencies that can best address the issues.

Following discussion, committee members requested annual presentations from RAPRD and the Redmond Parks Foundation.

Vice-Chair Parks reported that the Coffee Clatter held in conjunction with the Sam Johnson Park groundbreaking was a huge success.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 6 p.m.

Tentative agenda: continued discussion of tennis and pickleball opportunities and updates on the Dry Canyon Master Plan and Parks' Master Plan.

With no further business, Vice-Chair Parks adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Parks Committee and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

Paul Nolan
Chair

Annie McVay
Parks and Administration Division Manager



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STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 15, 2015
TO: Parks Committee
FROM: Annie McVay, Parks Division Manager
SUBJECT: Pickle Ball Options for City of Redmond

Addresses Council Goal:

Goal # 1 Provide or enhance current levels of operations in all facets of municipal service delivery.

Report in Brief:

Pickleball is a fast growing recreation activity by all age groups but particularly among aging populations. The Pickleball Community in the City of Redmond has grown in the past few years and the growth is expected to continue. There are currently limited opportunities to play pickleball in Redmond and there is a need to explore ways to accommodate this recreational activity.

Background:

Pickleball is a relatively new recreation activity that is gaining popularity and participation nationally. The Pickleball community in the City of Redmond has been growing in the past few years and has been communicating needs to the City Parks Division for over five years. The City first responded by dual striping the two tennis courts at Valley View in 2011 to serve pickleball users. As pickleball use continues to grow, these two courts are now inadequate to fulfill the demand for pickleball.

Discussion:

It is the goal of the City to provide a diverse, easily accessible park system that is responsive to the needs and desires of its citizens. Existing funding levels do not allow for the construction of dedicated pickleball courts at this time, so interim options are being considered to meet the need until permanent facilities can be included in the development program.

The City is using the following criteria to help filter decisions and objectively weigh options:

- Meet the needs of citizens and accommodate as many users as practical
- Not eliminating existing use and limit adverse impacts on existing uses
- Pursue options that are fiscally responsible and available through existing or identified sources.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact varies per alternative courses of action listed below.

Alternative Courses of Action:

The City is inviting additional suggestions and discussion but a few prominent ideas have emerged. The following alternative courses of action have been proposed and initially analyzed:

Conversion of the current tennis courts at Valley View to dedicated pickleball use. Depending on layout options, this area could support 6 – 8 dedicated pickleball courts. The cost of this conversion with complete resurfacing is approximately \$6,500 per court; options of only repainting are available at significantly lower cost but would result in a lower quality surface than currently exists on the courts.



Lower costs repainting options are available in the current budget but resurfacing would require outside sources for immediate implementation. The Pickleball Community has expressed this is not an ideal location for their sport and this option would eliminate tennis use.

Dual Striping of Tennis Courts at Sam Johnson: This option consists of dual striping 2- 4 of the 8 tennis courts for multiple use. Depending on layout options this could provide 2-8 pickleball courts. This option is covered in the budgeted cost of the proposed Sam Johnson Tennis Court Reconstruction Project planned for summer 2015. This option supports the most users but shared use is not favored by either sport. This option would increase use of the Sam Johnson courts, it is unclear if the increased use would be problematic or increase conflict. Observed use rates of the courts indicate the increased use may not overburden the courts. The City is considering ways to minimize conflict in advance if required (honoring the high school tennis tournaments, using low profile colors for striping, separate nets to not alter tennis net tension).

Construction of Dedicated Pickleball Courts in the Canyon or Other Location: This option represents an ideal solution but is not realistic for several years with current City funding levels and maintenance backlog. The City does not support this option as a response to the immediate situation given the timeframe when there are available options to address the pickleball demand in the short term.

No Action: the City feels the demand for pickleball is valid and there are feasible opportunities to provide more pickleball use and does not support this alternative.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Public comment received.

Exhibit B: Responses from the National Parks and Recreation (NRPA) list-serv. The City requested information from the NRPA membership on how they have handled accommodating pickleball increase with limited budget and potential issues with sharing tennis courts.



Exhibit A

I wanted to thank those in the last Parks mtg for helping Pickle Ball & Tennis enthusiasts have a chance to be heard. I wanted to reiterate the idea of considering converting the 2 tennis courts on the hill to 4-6 pickle ball courts, given that we now have tennis courts at Sam Johnson & Ridgeview for the general public to play tennis. Resurfacing, striping, and putting pickle ball net posts on the existing surface appears to be an economical solution. It would also avoid the logistical nightmare of sharing the two sports on the same court space.

Todd Neville
Local Tennis Coach & player

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Redmond's pickleball community appreciates that the Parks Committee and city staff recognize the need for dedicated pickleball courts in family-friendly, wind-sheltered Sam Johnson Park.

Until funds are available for the community to enjoy separate, dedicated courts there, pickleball players are requesting the permanent conversion of two Sam Johnson Park tennis courts into four pickleball courts. Redmond has 18 public tennis courts, and with the resurfacing of the Sam Johnson Park courts in June, this is an ideal time to consider the conversion.

Wind and facility challenges at Valley View are significant for pickleball play, and costly to mitigate. Sharing the public's Sam Johnson Park facility, in a spirit of cooperation and fairness, presents a manageable, least-cost solution to meeting the current needs of Redmond's pickleball and tennis programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Ann Steele  
Redmond USAPA Ambassador

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Ms. Mcvay,

I was given your email from Heather Richards who suggested I contact you prior to the meeting tonight to voice my concerns regarding eliminating tennis courts to use for pickle ball. I have played tennis myself for 25 years and now have a daughter playing in high school. We as a community are blessed with access to amazing courts year round in the canyon. These courts are used not only by the public but high school for team sports, PE, etc. Please do not take away any of these courts. Maybe some asphalt courts can be put into place. These, the ones near cascade view estates and ridgeview are the only public courts in town. Can't pickle ball be placed elsewhere. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andie Green

TO: Whom It May Concern
FR: Tennis Community of Redmond
RE: KEEP TENNIS LINES ONLY
DA: 3-4-12

To Whom It May Concern,

The following persons are part of the Tennis Community in Redmond. We urge those with decision-making power to keep the TENNIS LINES ONLY and NOT ADD PICKLEBALL LINES to the existing Sam Johnson Tennis Courts.

1. Pickleball lines will create unsightly confusion to our OSAA sanctioned tennis practices and matches. Adding such lines will also prevent future revenue building opportunities for Redmond such as district and summer tournaments.
2. There are (8) Pickleball courts already lined at The Heights (2 outdoor) and at Eagle Crest (2 indoor at Ridge Sports Center) (4 outdoor at Lakeside Sports Center).
3. Options may include creating Pickleball-only courts at Sam Johnson Park or near the Aquatic Center.

Respectfully,

1. 
2. Rebecca Develter
3. Maionny Hanson
4. Yaneli Brambila
5. Muriela Gonzalez
6. Jess Tolecio
7. 
8. Makenna Jeffrey
9. Nicole Hakola
10. Ashlee Green

11. Ben Zhang
12. Iris Garcia
13. Maye Bardi
14. Kali Davis
15. Jessica Bunt
16. Tanner Gilchrist
17. T. Smith
18. Dillen Hart
19. Brennan Bianchi
20. Tamione Dunnigan.
21. Ryan Focchi
22. Marion Nonato
23. Benny Saito
24. Jeff
25. Ebin Maddox
26. Kyle RPP
27. Carlos Jereyer
28. Conner Lennie
29. Daniel Hidalgo
30. Steve Rautz Paulos
31. By [unclear]

Exhibit B

Responses from the National Parks and Recreation (NRPA) list-serv. The City requested information from the NRPA membership on how they have handled accommodating pickleball increase with limited budget and potential issues with sharing tennis courts.

Annie,

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William Nelson
Executive Director
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(309) 732-7275

Good morning,

We have two tennis courts that we recently constructed in 2012. About 3/4 of the way through construction we were asked to also stripe them for pickleball so they could be joint use.

After going back and forth on some logistics regarding net height, posts, etc., we simply decided to add the striping for the pickleball lines only and let the courts be a joint use. Picklball nets for official/tournament play are about 2-3 inches shorter than a regulation tennis court net and we weren't willing at the time to allow players to adjust our nets. Most of our pickleball play is recreational at this time and we've had no issues. These are also the only two public tennis courts here in Pinehurst so that was the main reason we didn't want to alter net heights and run into issues there.

Cost wise, striping lines for pickleball is minimal and runs about \$400-\$600 per court just for lines from a good court resurfacing company. We also purchased equipment that is available for users to check out and use if they don't have their own.

I hope this helps a little bit and if you have any additional questions, please feel free to let me know.

Thank you,

Mark Wagner
Director
Pinehurst Parks & Recreation Department
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(910) 295-2817 x1271

Hey Annie,

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Dan Wilson, CPRP

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This is brand new for us. We only have four tennis courts and one basketball court. First we painted one pickleball court on our basketball court. We had a net that we locked to the fence with a combination lock and they used it when they needed to and put it back. The group quickly outgrew the one court and we have recently just painted four pickleball courts on one of our tennis courts. We are able to leave the tennis net up all the time. The pickle players still have to use portable nets that we keep locked in a storage box. Our tennis courts are red/green with white lines. For \$1800 we painted the pickleball stripes with blue lines. We dedicated two time slots exclusively for pickleball play. Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Our courts all the other times are just first come first serve. Our tennis players are not excited to have to share their already limited courts. We just tell them it's our job to provide as many park amenities to as many people as possible with our limited resources. We are a small park. Hope that helps. Will know more in a month since our four new courts are just starting up this Wednesday.

Rachel Murdoch CPRP
Parks and Recreation Manager
City of Sedona
Sedona AZ
(928) 203-5011

Please include me in this discussion. We plan on looking at this soon. Thank you for your assistance.

Teresa Reyburn
City of Santa Maria Recreation & Parks
Santa Maria CA
(805) 925-0951

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We do not have a large contingent of pickleball players but it seems to be gaining.
Best of Luck

Michael Kading CPRP
Director
Town of Menasha Parks and Recreation
Neenah WI

(920) 720-7108

We repurposed a seldomly used roller hockey rink and adjacent concrete practice pad a few years back to include eight pickleball courts. Total cost of the conversion was \$15,000 for striping, nets and 4' chain link fencing to keep balls from crossing onto other courts. These courts are in constant use during the winter months and demand is growing to provide additional courts in other areas of the county where retirees are concentrated.

Bob Hamilton
Director of Park Planning and Development
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department
Lake Worth FL
(561) 966-6651

In Pierre South Dakota we were in the same situation about 2 years ago. I convened a meeting of both the Pickle Ball players, a very large and growing group of players, and the local Tennis Association. We sat down and agreed that the courts are very much public multi-use courts. We agreed to have a company, and we chose Renner Sports Surfacing, out of Denver, Colorado, quote and eventually they were hired to resurface, restripe and add pickle ball lines on one set of courts and quick start tennis lines on 2 other sets of courts. This was not easy as I found tennis traditionalist were not ready to accept pickleball but in the end it worked out and we are accomodating both end users. It can work but I suggest you invite a rep of your local tennis association, and a rep of the pickle ball players to the table...we had some great cost sharing in the expense too.

Tom Farnsworth
Director Parks and Recreation
City of Pierre
Pierre SD
605-773-2527

Hi,

The popularity of Pickleball here has been growing significantly over the past few years. We have an outdoor ice rink with asphalt surface that generally sits idle in the summer. It is situated next to an indoor community ice rink. We purchased some inverted marking spray paint and with the help of pickleball club members lined out 5 courts. They club uses temporary nets which seem to work fine. The newer nets/frames appear fairly stout. Somewhat surprisingly after two seasons, no nets have walked off. Very low cost for the department and great use of underutilized assets.

Steve Taylor CPSI
Parks Project Coordinator
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Fairbanks AK
(907) 459-1070

We have added Pickle Ball lines to two basketball courts, which have less use than our more active courts. We are making available portable nets. These courts are right outside our Community Senior Center.

Catherine Bradley
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We had an existing fenced in cement slab 110' by 100' and we built three dedicated courts for the pickleball group. I was overwhelmed by the amount of play we have. The cement slab was used for roller hockey (we had limited use) and ice rink in the winter.

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We have over 130 outdoor tennis courts. Over the past few years we have been adding either pickleball or youth tennis striping to most of our tennis courts as we re-surface them. Each type of court striping is in a different color; white for standard tennis, yellow for youth tennis, tan for pickleball. We do not have pickleball and youth striping on the same court as we feel that would be too many lines.

Adding another line set costs around \$300-\$400 with a resurfacing. Our local USTA has grants available for youth striping, but there are no grants we have found to add pickleball.

A pickleball net is not much different than a tennis net. You just need a strap in the center to pull it down a bit. We don't provide this, players may bring it though.

All of our outdoor courts are first come first served. We look at where there has been demand in the neighborhood for pickleball (primarily based on requests at recreation centers) or where we have youth tennis programs for youth striping. So far we have 4 courts striped for pickleball, but it is definitely growing here so we will be adding more.

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We are renovating a total of 14 tennis courts this year, with 7 of those tennis courts having pickleball lines painted on them in red (for a total of 8 pickleball courts - we currently only have 2). One court will have pickleball lines on both sides of the tennis net, but the other six courts will have the pickleball lines centered on the tennis court so that pickleball players can use the tennis net instead of having to bring their own (but still offering this option at one site). A tennis net is 36" high in the center and a pickleball net is 34" - from a recreational standpoint we think this is fine.

We're using red since our USTA 10 & Under lines are blue. We will have some courts with both the pickleball lines and USTA 10 & Under lines, so we're running the risk of having them look like a gym floor, but we think it'll be fine and are excited to see how it plays out. I'd be happy to share the striping concepts if anyone is interested.

I think we, as an industry, are moving closer to providing permanent pickleball courts but our District is not there quite yet. There is a Park District in a neighboring town that did convert a couple tennis courts into permanent pickleball courts and they said they've been generally well received.

Michael Piszynski
Project Manager
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In the Town of Greenwich, CT we have had a lot of interest and growth in the sport of Pickleball in the past year and a half. We initially started outdoor Pickleball by providing players with use of our two, platform tennis courts over the summer months. They use the existing net and washable chalk to put lines down. With the increase in players (we've almost tripled since starting Pickleball), we wanted to find another location. Plans were already in place to resurface two of our outdoor tennis courts at Christiano Park. Prior to the resurfacing, we requested to add Pickleball lines. Instead of creating 4 Pickleball courts (on two tennis courts), we added lines (in a different color from the tennis lines) for Pickleball using the existing tennis net. It is very possible and easy to create 4 Pickleball courts over 2 tennis courts, but we didn't have the ability to store and set up portable Pickleball nets. Our pickle players really enjoy the outdoor courts and all they need to bring is their paddle, some balls, and themselves! Our tennis courts are green with white lines. We painted the Pickleball lines red. We felt it was important to make sure on a multi-court to have very distinguished lines for tennis players and Pickleball players. It has been a great solution to the demand for Pickleball and we hope to make more multi-lined courts in the future. We also provide indoor Pickleball during the winter months. Please feel free to contact me at ptroiano@greenwichct.org if you'd like more information on our court configurations and programming throughout the year for Pickleball.

Patricia Troiano, Recreation Supervisor, Greenwich, CT

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Annie,

We recently painted some Pickleball lines on 4 tennis courts which allowed us to have 2 Pickleball courts per one tennis court. (extended the lines a bit) Total of 8 Pickleball courts (4 at one park and 4 at another) The cost was around \$1,800. We designated specific times and days that Pickleball play is permitted. The other times are open for tennis play-multi-use courts.

We partnered with a local Pickleball Club-they get designated court time at no cost and provide free instruction to local residents regarding Pickleball. We purchased 4 portable nets, paddles and balls, the club provided 4 portable nets, paddles, balls, and storage boxes at each park. The club also tracks attendance for us. Since July-Jan, we have seen over 3,000 participants. We also co-sponsor one tournament a year with the club.

The partnership and play seem to be going well so far. I can send you some pictures of what the courts look like if you want to take a look. Good luck!

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Our courts are also red and green, with white tennis lines. About a month ago we painted 4 of our 8 courts with light blue Pickleball lines, putting two Pickleball courts per tennis court. Our tennis courts are heavily used and we are finding many of our tennis players are intrigued by the new sport. We had only two complaints about the lines and for the most part the tennis players are fine with the double use. Our courts, when not in use for department programs/classes, are available first-come, first-serve at this point, but that may change in the next year or so.

In the last few weeks we have run 3 free clinics to gauge demand and increase awareness for Pickleball in our area. The clinics were at capacity with long waiting lists. We are also running Pickleball enrichment classes to help people learn the sport. They are also full with a waiting list.

We purchased 4 Pickleball Starter Sets(portable nets and paddles) that we will be renting out for \$3 an hour. We don't feel we can just leave the portable nets out, as they will surely "walk away". We aren't renting the balls, but have them for purchase at our cost. This is a new program for us and it is still too early to know the true popularity. If peaking interest stays at the pace it is at, we should have an actual Pickleball League this Fall.

Kathie Leavitt
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Here in Maple Grove we have been experiencing the trend of growth in Pickleball also. Regarding our outdoor courts: Last year we did a total resurface of a 2 tennis court area, and created 6 permanent Pickleball courts. In another park we have put 4 Pickleball courts in a 2 tennis court area. (One court on each side of the net) We have a lock box that stores the 4 nets. Any player that wants access to the box can get a key. We have operated like this for two seasons (entering our third) and have no issues with equipment being lost or abused. We are in the process of building another 4 permanent lighted Pickleball courts in our new Central Park. We also have a number of parks that get a court painted in, using the tennis net as we resurface our tennis courts. This allows for local "family play" We have found that Pickleball is a social sport, so players tend to want as many courts in one location as can be provided. Our Pickleball lines are yellow on all courts with multiple lines.

Our players organize a ladder league that some participate in, but the majority of play is done just as free/social play. We set play dates/times and players come, self manage, fill the courts and have a great time. Questions regarding our program can be directed to Kris at 763-494-6514

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