

TO: Parks & Recreation Board
FROM: Chris Deal, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT: Pickle Ball Courts in Grover Park
DATE: March 29, 2023

Recently, I received a call from Barry and Diane Whitworth, representing **“The Blaine Whitworth Go Big or Go Home Foundation”**, regarding a potential donation to add 2 or 3 Pickle Balls Courts in Grover Park. After looking at the possible locations, the 2 Tennis Courts next to the Skate Park, in Grover Park, was determined to be the best location. There is adequate parking, easy access, and this still leaves 6 tennis courts in Grover Park.

Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports nationwide. Our current Pickle Ball leagues in the gym sell out most of the time. This project at Grover Park would include removing the existing Tennis Court Poles, patching some of the asphalt, adding new Pickle Ball Poles and nets and re-painting the entire surface.

If approved, the project will be taken to the Board of “The Blaine Whitworth Foundation”, for final approval for this project. Barry Whitworth has indicated that their Board has approved up to \$10,000 towards an annual project such as this. In staff research of the cost for poles, nets and paint, this project could be completed in house, or a combination of “in house and contract service”, for this project.

Therefore, staff, Buildings & Grounds Chair and the Administrative Committee is recommending that the Parks & Recreation Board approve converting the 2 Tennis Courts by the Skate Park, at Grover Park, to 2 to 3 Pickle Ball Courts, with the understanding that the project would be funded through a donation from “The Blaine Whitworth Foundation.”