

**Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting**  
**September 21, 2021**  
**7:30p @ Marblehead Community Center**

**Attendance:**

Chip Osborne, Derek Norcorss , Linda Rice Collins, Karin Ernst and Matt Martin

**New Business**

- Hiring: Lisa Smith-Recreation Assistant
- Village - no dogs w/by law sign - Peter to add sign.

**Topics/Appearance:**

**Seaside Tennis Courts Discussion**

- **Public Comment**
  - Richard Whitehill -Tennis Community
    - Suggestions for all courts to have same lights
    - Does not want courts taken away from tennis
  - Tom Pederson - Pickleball/Tennis
    - Does not want courts taken away from tennis
    - Recommends taking court 1 due to loud noise
    - Recommends a 12 ft high fence due to safety
  - Cheryl Patten - Pickleball
    - Statistics about courts
  - Peter Cuffe - Neighbor/abutter
    - Noise concern if courts 5 & 6
  - David Clark - Neighbor/abutter
    - Noise level if 5 & 6
    - Large echo if 3 & 4
    - Suggests 1 & 2
  - Terry Tauro - Tennis Story
  - Wendy Ferman - Pickleball
    - Demographics - multi/cross generational
  - Leonard Gershun - Pickleball
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  - John Maquire - Neighbor/Abutter
    - Pickleball - court observer
    - Concerns about noise- suggests courts 1 & 2
  - Buck Grader - Pickleball
    - Would like to add 4 more courts
    - Which courts?
    - Concerns about timing due to fundraising
  - Chip Osborne
    - Suzanne Quigley - written communication
    - Jayson Score - written communication
  - Recreation - courts 1 & 2
  - Commission discussion
    - Matt Martin spoke to Tennis Coaches - open to 1 court not 2 courts for conversion
    - Karin Ernst - which court?
    - Linda Rice Collins - has an email from coaches needing 5 courts, email states agreement that there will be no pickleball during games and practices.
    - Chip Osborne - understands responsibility to demand but respect to the operations of the department
  - Derek Norcross - made a motion to accept the conversion of 1 court at Seaside Park from tennis to pickleball. Safety of children will be at the forefront. Second by Karin Ernst

- Chip Osborne - any conversion - access for rec programming, funds from pickleball community (joint venture), scheduling will go through Rec & Park,
  - Matt Martin - amend motion for conversion to happen on court 3. Seconded by Karin Ernst
  - Vote to take court 3 - 4 in favor, 1 abstention
  - Chip Osborne - Amend to work with Pickleball Community to discuss contributory funding
  - Matt Martin - Motion made to have the Pickleball Community contributory funds to the conversion. Vote 4 in favor, 1 abstention
  - Vote on Motion, 4 in favor, 1 abstention
- Seaside Park Infield - Motion made Sports Turf for labor and infield mix. All approved
  - Cost for materials to be purchased by department ~6,200
  - Cost for labor - ~6085
- Scope of Work for Recreation & Parks Website
  - Will be updated - to include outsourced photography
  - Include Fort Sewall
  - Motion made To have Peter put out scope of work for a bid spec - all in favor

#### **Correspondence**

- Breast Friends- approved
- Dollars for Scholars- approved
- Eastern Yacht Club - Jack Attridge
- Allan Fern - Red Pond Concerns

Meeting adjourned at 9:45p

- Next Meeting Oct 5 @ 7:30p