

Agenda Summary July 10, 2024

Agenda Item No. B-2 Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Summary: The next phase of the Memorial Park project was put on hold to allow the Town and voters time to digest and understand the impacts of Act 127, the defeat of the school bond vote, and property appraisals. The next phase of Preliminary Design and Permitting is estimated at approximately \$350,000. There is no certainty that the Town will be positioned to advance the next phase in FY26 or that even if it is, that the project will get permitted. Even if the project is successfully permitted, it would still require voter approval of long-term debt to finance and could be 5-7 years or more until completed construction.

These things being said and understood, we are exploring ways to keep our existing infrastructure safe and operational. The tennis courts are in bad shape with cracks, soft spots, the fence is in disrepair, and the subsurface is inadequate. The Recreation Commission and staff have explored four potential approaches and desire to transition them to pickleball courts: 1. Asphalt overlay. 2. Attempt to move the new court construction forward behind the Parks building. 3. Sport Court surfacing. 4. Reconstruction of courts on the existing footprint and location with foundation and site preparation work to be done in-house through collaborative efforts of Public Works and Parks Departments and installation of asphalt, painting, fencing, and net posts to be bid out. None of these options are a mid to long term fix. They are intended to make pickle courts available within Memorial Park until a mid to long term solution can be implemented in accordance with the Memorial Park Master Plan.

Asphalt overlay is a method of placing 1" (compacted) or more of hot plant mix asphalt over an existing asphalt tennis court. The overlay system can be successfully done over a court that has minor faults; however, it may not prevent the reappearance of cracks from the slab beneath. Given the conditions of the subsurface, this may not be a viable approach even for the interim/short-term. An overlay would require removal and replacement of some of the fence. Deemed not viable solution due to subsurface conditions.

The second option could be to submit a FY26 Capital request for Preliminary Design and Permitting for the improved access, parking lot, and courts behind the Parks building from the conceptual Memorial Park plan submitted to the Selectboard and submitting a FY27 Capital request for construction if successful. The issues with this approach are there are no guarantees that permits, or funding will be successfully approved.

The Sport Court surfacing is a modular tile surface which features Lateral Forgiveness, absorbs shock and lessens impact and risk of injuries. They make a pickleball specific product which is the only modular tile surfacing endorsed by USA Pickleball and Professional Pickleball Association. It is installed over the existing courts and would require subsurface improvements and removal and replacement of some of the fence. In addition to the safety aspects of this surfacing, the other potential advantage is that the surface could potentially be repurposed if/when the courts are eventually replaced. Deemed not viable solution due to subsurface conditions.

The fourth approach which the Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Selectboard includes the following:

1. This fall with Highway and Park forces and some rented equipment:
 - a. Remove existing fencing and paving. Dispose fencing with steel recycler and haul paving to pit for future crushing.
 - b. Strip and stockpile gravel base materials (if they exist).
 - c. Remove suspected underlying original organic materials. If reusable, stockpile at Parks for mixing/composting for topsoil. If muck, dispose at pit.
 - d. Install non-woven geotextile and at least 12" - 1" crushed stone supplied from the pit. If more required, we may need to purchase supplemental material.
 - e. Re-install and/or supplement a 6" layer of compacted gravel base.
2. This winter, prepare final design and bid documents for paving, net and post installation, fencing and court surfacing.
3. Next spring, implement paving, fencing and court surfacing.
4. The Recreation Commission also voted unanimously to recommend to the Selectboard that if/when reconstruction of the courts takes place, that it be done so to include six dedicated pickleball courts.

However, since this vote, the Town has experienced substantial flooding, so the Town is not in a position to do the work in-house this year.

Doing the scope noted in-house, we could potentially accomplish for the \$175K. If we were to include all the above in a bid, we would likely need to supplement \$50-100K+/- in the current market and this could be another possibility. With this being said, if bid specifications are required, then it is not assured the Department of Public Works will be able to development them and oversee the project implementation.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: \$85,000.00 capital project was approved by voters to study the feasibility and update the Memorial Park Master Plan. The next phase of Preliminary Design and Permitting is estimated at \$350,000.00.

The previously approved capital project to replace courts in their existing footprint was \$175,000.00. The attached estimate includes asphalt paving, perimeter and interior fencing, installation of net posts and nets for six pickleball courts, painting of courts and game lines for total cost of \$140,000.00-\$145,000.00. The in-house work -removing the existing fence and courts would require additional cost for materials and equipment rentals.

Recommendation: Move to approve the plan to reallocate the money set aside for Memorial -Park Tennis Courts to be replaced with pickleball courts with any work to be advanced based on the availability of DPW/Highway Department as determined by the Town Manager in consultation with the Public Works Director.

Estimate

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Six PickleBall Courts

- a. Fine grade & pave entire area of two tennis courts in two lifts; 1-1/2" of 3/4" binder, and 1-1/2" of 3/8" hot plant mix.
- b. Supply and install approx.564 lin. ft. of chain link fencing. Fencing to have 3" galvanized terminal posts, 2 1/2" line posts, 1 5/8" top rail, and 1 3/4" x 9 gauge core black vinyl fabric. Fence to include bottom tension wire and two (2) walk gates.
- c. Supply and install six (6) new sets of Edwards net posts in new sleeved concrete footings, six (6) Edwards PickleBall nets.
- d. Total area to receive two (2) coats of **Premier Sports Coatings Resurfacer**. This will fill surface voids and act as a prime coat for the color system. Material manufactured by California Sports Surfaces.
- e. Total area to receive two (2) coats of **Premier Sports Coatings**, Colors to be Selected By Owner. Texture coat to contain the proper amount of sand to provide a tough wearing base. Top coat to contain proper amount of pigment to give a long lasting and attractive surface. Material manufactured by California Sports Surfaces.
- f. Apply six (6) sets of hand painted regulation, white PickleBall lines with **Premier Line** paint.

Estimated cost: \$140,000.00 - \$145,000.00

Note: Town is responsible for demo of existing courts and site prep work to have courts at grades.

Note: This is an estimate for budget purposes only. VTCS feels that these dollar figures represent an average cost for a project such as yours.

Jeff Zangla, Representative

REC COMMITTEE 6/5/2024 - DRAFT

The Stowe Parks and Recreation Committee Board met Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the Stowe Arena starting at 5:00pm

Members present: Ryan Thibeault, Julian Roscioli-Barren, Lyn Goldsmith, Bill Scudder, Matt Frazee, Brett Loomis, Deb Drinkwater Audience: Bob Davison, Michael Diender, Patti Cignoli, Ty Johnson

5:00pm called to order. Agenda Approved. April Meeting Minutes Approved. May Meeting Minutes Approved as Amended

SKATE CAMPS

Ty Johnson of Neon Wave on Mountain Road presented a proposal to incorporate Kids' Skate Camps to the Recreation Department youth program curriculum. The camp would be run out of the Neon Wave shop for kids roughly between the ages of 8-15. Kids would be taken to Talent Skate Park in Burlington or the Waterbury Skate Park at Hope Davey Park that is projected to open in ~6 months.

- Matt to discuss with Ty how to set up as subcontracted service
- Matt and Ty will discuss programming including waivers, insurance needs, costs of the program, and transportation
- Possibility of adding on as early as this summer as a Club program offered to the 120 kids enrolled in this summer's Rec camp; could be a Stand Alone program in the future

PICKLEBALL COURTS

At the directive of a motion passed during the May 16th RC meeting, Matt Frazee obtained proposals from VT Outdoor Services and VT Tennis and consulted with the Public Works Department to present 3 Options regarding whether and how to refurbish the courts in their existing location in Memorial Park:

- Option 1 (Done by VT Outdoor Services, VT Tennis, and Parks Staff)
 - Does not address subgrade and instead shims the surface, remove fencing, install an asphalt overlay, paint
 - Cost \$51K
 - Temporary solution that might not last even until Spring, but best case only a few years
 - Town responsible for removing two sections of fence and "rolling up" three sides of fence then replacing
 - Reflecting cracking is likely to occur due to poor subgrade
- Option 2 (Done by Public Works and Parks Staff)
 - Address and improve subgrade then add new gravel base; remove all materials including existing paving and fencing.

- Pave, paint, install fencing to be bid out over winter to be done in spring now that integrity of the surface is better managed and reflecting cracking is less likely
 - Town would solicit bids for paving, fencing and painting,
- Parks will rent equipment and materials, do physical work for site prep
- Cost estimated to be within the \$175K previously approved Capital Funds
 - Saves over estimated \$100K +/- to do the work in house based previous bids that totalled \$192K for just the paving and sitework prep, with fencing and painting not factored in as already over budget
- Option 3
 - Do nothing to address the condition of the existing Courts and recommend next phase long term plan for Memorial Park slated for ~2030

Motion to make recommendation to Selectboard to advance Option 2 - All In Favor

- Public Works in conjunction with Parks this fall to do do site foundation prep work in house
- Hold competitive bid process this winter to find contractors for paving, net post installation, fencing install and painting of surface that would occur next Spring

Stowe Pickleball Club (SPC) members in attendance were pleased with the timeline and appreciative of the Town staff who stepped up to make this possible.

Matt will continue to work with the SPC to keep them informed on the bid process, as well as final design elements including layout, fencing heights and location, paint colors, and fixed v. portable netting.

RECREATION PATH

- Matt and Lyn inventoried existing benches and tables along the Rec and Quiet Paths to identify locations to replace/repair
- Matt presented options for replacement benches and tables
 - Made of composite recycled plastic
 - No painting needed, will not rust,
 - ADA compliant models for appropriate locations
 - Table cost \$1146
 - Bench cost \$600-\$1000
 - Color choices are possible
 - Quiet Path should have its own color benches
 - Rec Path benches should be different but consistent color
- Matt will put together a template with pricing and process for prospective donors
 - Flexibility for donors to design something themselves for memorialized spaces
- Matt explained policy of donations
 - New donations are currently frozen due as the Town is at capacity and there is a waitlist of new donors

- Existing donors will have a chance to repair or replace but the Town does not maintain a database of donors so follow up is complicated

MOTION for a recommendation for Parks Dept to replace existing tables and benches and create packets with template information for purchase of benches and tables that will include warranty and life expectancy, and also allow for custom designs from the public as opportunities arise. PASSED

QUIET PATH - DOG WASTE SIGNAGE

- Lyn presented graphic for proposed signs
 - Dimension 12x18
- Lyn will draw up a map of proposed locations and specific language on the signs
- Matt advised signs must have the Town of Stowe logo
- Lyn and Matt identified locations for one or two new waste stations
- Park's Staff will install signs on posts once approved by SB
- Lyn will order signs once approved by SB

MOTION: recommendation to advance proposal for new signage with language and location map to the Selectboard. Lyn and Matt will get on the SB agenda as soon as possible. PASSED

QUIET PATH - DRAINAGE SWALES

- Matt and Lyn looked at the area
- Matt contacted State to find out about water testing
 - Expensive and unpredictable so not recommended
- PW/Parks/Highway Dept coordinating a fix to bring in stone overlay above the water line
- Cost \$500 for stone plus labor
- Matt to update Committee as work progresses

OTHER BUSINESS

- Bill Scudder inquired about whether there is a plan to remove the old Quiet Path bridge
 - Matt advised that removal will occur as soon as next week
- Parks is seeking volunteers for the Fourth of July festivities
 - Building a float with camp kids
 - Need volunteers at activities planned for the celebration
 - Contact Rec Office if you are interested

6:14p Meeting Adjourned

*******NEXT MEETING JULY 17, 2024 at 5:00p at Stowe Arena*******

