



ITEM REPORT
PARKS AND TRAILS COMMISSION

Agenda Date: 8/22/2022
Agenda Section: Other Business

TO: Baxter Parks and Trails Commission

FROM: Josh Doty, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Pickleball Improvements at Loren Thompson Park

Background and Request

The City of Baxter is requesting that the Parks and Trails Commission review and recommend the attached Pickleball Improvements at Loren Thompson Park. The Parks Maintenance staff is resurfacing the Loren Thompson court surface this year. City staff has worked with advocates for Pickleball to stripe four pickleball courts within the overall surface. Two courts would be shared with the tennis court and the other two courts would be adjacent to the full court basketball court. There is an opportunity to provide two permanent pickleball nets adjacent to the basketball court so that pickleball is available to anyone in the community with the investment of paddles and balls. The two pickleball courts in the tennis court area would require players to bring their own nets. Lastly, staff is also recommending approval of a fence to be constructed between the basketball court and the two pickleball courts that would have the permanent nets (if approved). This would prevent balls from traveling between the different courts.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Parks and Trails Commission review and recommend the Pickleball Improvements at Loren Thompson Park to be paid out of the City's Park dedication account.

Attachment

Pickleball Play Surface Plans, Net Plans and Bids