

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager  
**Date:** August 5, 2024  
**Subject:** Proposal for Construction of Pickleball Courts at Rosie's Park

## **Introduction**

This report outlines the proposal for constructing pickleball courts at Rosie's Park with a total project cost of \$379,004. The original budget for this project was \$351,000. The Southeast Michigan Pickleball Association (SMPA) has generously granted Madison Heights \$12,000 to cover the additional costs and ensure the project's completion and staff will request that the Madison Heights Community Foundation fund the tree plantings of \$16,500 to provide environmental benefits as well as court noise and wind reduction. This will be considered at their meeting to be held on Monday, August 12.

At the July 8th City Council meeting, the city council approved the acceptance of a grant from Oakland County Parks and Recreation for \$75,000 toward this project.

## **Construction Details**

Frank Rewold and Sons will manage the construction based on engineering drawings provided by NF Engineers. Frank Rewold and Sons have a proven track record of completing projects throughout the City with high satisfaction, meeting both timelines and budgets. We will utilize the Oakland County Annual Construction Management contract for all services and rates. This amount does include a 5% contingency that will be utilized in the case of unexpected conditions, and the acceptance of the alternatives to remove arborvitae screening from the contract, change the 10 feet perimeter fence to 7 feet, remove the mid-rails from 7 feet fence as they are not required.

## **Partnership with SMPA**

As stated above the SMPA will grant the City of Madison Heights \$12,000 toward the construction of eight courts in Madison Heights. Prior to the bids being received we were in conversations with SMPA leadership regarding programming to ensure the courts are utilized to the fullest and to expand the sport. Therefore upon completion of the courts, it is our intention to enter into an agreement with SMPA to manage programming and ensure the courts are effectively utilized and maintained. Key highlights of this agreement being negotiated include:

1. Financial Support:
  - a. \$12,000 to subsidize the design and construction of the courts and cover the budget gap.
  - b. Provide windscreens, paddle racks, and recommended rules and signage to the City.
  - c. Commitment to split resurfacing costs 50/50 when needed (5-7 years, up to a maximum of \$70,543 total cost based on current estimates and projected inflation).

2. Programming:
  - a. Program for approximately 20% of "available" court time annually (April 21 - September 30; 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. court hours) with fees from programming split with City 30% /SMPA 70%.
    - i. Six leagues per session, two sessions per season (spring & summer), each session lasting 2.5 hours.
    - ii. Two (3-day) tournament-style events
    - iii. Eight (3-hour) mixer-style events.
    - iv. Three (6-hour) mini-tournament-style events.
    - v. Two introductory pickleball sessions through the MH Active Adult Center when the courts first open.
3. City's Contributions:
  - a. Provide SMPA access to a secure storage facility for maintenance equipment (brooms, rollers, court drying drag mats, etc.).
  - b. Provide access to electricity for blowers to maintain court surface integrity.
  - c. Provide access to a live video feed of the courts (if available) for safety and scheduling purposes.
  - d. Usual and customary maintenance of the area related to and surrounding the courts (fencing, lawn & path maintenance, etc.).

## **Conclusion**

The construction of pickleball courts at Rosie's Park represents a valuable addition to our community, promoting physical activity and social interaction among a multigeneration of residents. With the financial and programming support from SMPA, and Oakland County Parks and Recreation this project is both feasible and sustainable.

We respectfully request the City Council to approve the construction agreement with Frank Rewold and Sons under the Oakland County Annual Contracting contract for the construction of pickleball courts at Rosies' Park for an amount not to exceed \$379,004.