

**Date:** July 2, 2024  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager  
**Subject:** Oakland County Parks and Recreation Grant – Rosie’s Park Pickleball Courts

Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPRC) has awarded the City of Madison Heights a Park Development grant for the creation of Pickleball Courts at Rosie’s Park. The proposed project aims to diversify recreational offerings to our community and promote health, wellness, and social engagement among residents of all ages.

According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), pickleball is currently the fastest-growing sport in the United States and internationally, with over 4.8 million players in the United States in 2023.

**Grant Details:**

- **Grant Source:** Oakland County Parks and Recreation
- **Grant Amount:** \$75,000
- **City Match:** \$276,000
- **Total Project Cost:** \$351,000

**Project Description:**

The development of Pickleball courts at Rosie's Park includes:

- Construction of multiple Pickleball courts to accommodate both casual and competitive play.
- Installation of court lighting to enable evening use.
- Landscaping to provide sound barriers and a pleasant environment for players and spectators.
- Estimated construction timeline would be September – November 2024.

**Financial Considerations:**

The grant from Oakland County Parks and Recreation covers \$75,000 of the project cost. The city's match of \$276,000 will come from the allocated parks and recreation budget. The FY 2025 budget includes funding to be used for this enhancement by combining \$75,000 for the refurbishment of this area in Rosie’s park, and \$200,000 remaining from the budgeted ballfield light project, which is now funded by a grant, \$1,000 from the \$50,000 special park project fund.

We are currently working with Frank Rewold and Sons to get a final cost on the contract of these courts as designed. However, the staff is committed to completing this within or under the \$351,000. Final approval of the construction project will require Council approval at a future Council meeting.

**Recommendation:**

Staff and I request the City Council's approval to accept the \$75,000 grant from Oakland County Parks and Recreation and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City.