



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 5, 2023**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to award engineering design services to Spalding DeDecker for design of four pickleball courts and expanded parking at Meadowbrook Commons in the amount of \$57,268.47.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services  
Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

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| <b>EXPENDITURE REQUIRED</b>   | <b>\$ 57,268.47</b>       |
| <b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>        | <b>\$ 78,000</b>          |
| <b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b> | <b>\$ 0</b>               |
| <b>LINE ITEM NUMBER</b>       | <b>574-000.00-977.110</b> |

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Pickleball has seen a surge in popularity in recent years, particularly among older adults. The City recently added pickleball courts to Wildlife Woods Park, which see frequent usage. In December 2022, PRCS submitted a grant application for \$250,000 to the Oakland County Senior Centers Grant Program for development of pickleball courts at Meadowbrook Commons Activity Center. In late January, PRCS was notified that upon recommendation of the Healthy Aging Oakland County Ad Hoc Committee, the grant application was approved in the amount of \$150,000. The grant will help fund the addition of four courts with nets and fencing, shade and benches, and connector pathways.

PRCS and KMG staff have met twice with a focus group of four Meadowbrook Commons residents, who have provided input on court design, programming, rules, and other items. Based on their feedback, the location of the courts is being moved to the northeast corner of the property (Meadowbrook and Cherry Hill Roads) due to concerns with sound and disruption of the natural area in the area originally planned by the gazebo. The group also discussed expanding the parking lot in front of the

Meadowbrook Activity Center as part of the project. An expansion will allow closer proximity parking to the center, which is frequently filled during classes and special events. Additionally, the PRCS commission was presented the project at their May 18 meeting and unanimously approved it for consideration by the City Council.

The proposed design will consist of four recreational level pickleball courts at the northeast end of the Meadowbrook Commons property. The courts will be fenced in and include benches, shade canopies, and walkways connecting to the parking areas. A concrete pad will be constructed on the north end of the courts for a portable restroom. Future plans may include the addition of a permanent restroom. There are no plans to provide lighting on the courts. Parking specific to the pickleball courts will be added along the east side of the access drive off Cherry Hill Road. The visitor lot at the entrance of the building will also be expanded.

The courts will be open to the entire Novi Community. PRCS plans to offer pickleball classes and programs at the courts to meet growing demand.

City engineering consultant, Spalding DeDecker prepared a scope of services for design of the pickleball courts and expanded parking. The attached design engineering services proposal outlines the detailed scope of services. The design fee for this project will be \$57,268.47 (9.5% of the estimated construction cost of \$602,826). Spalding DeDecker's engineering fees are based on the fixed fee schedule established in the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for Public Projects. Design of this project would begin following award.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to award engineering design services to Spalding DeDecker for design of four pickleball courts and expanded parking at Meadowbrook Commons in the amount of \$57,268.47.