

**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2026

**To:** Watertown Plan Commission

**From:** Ryan Schmidt

**RE:** Brandt-Quirck Park Pickleball Complex

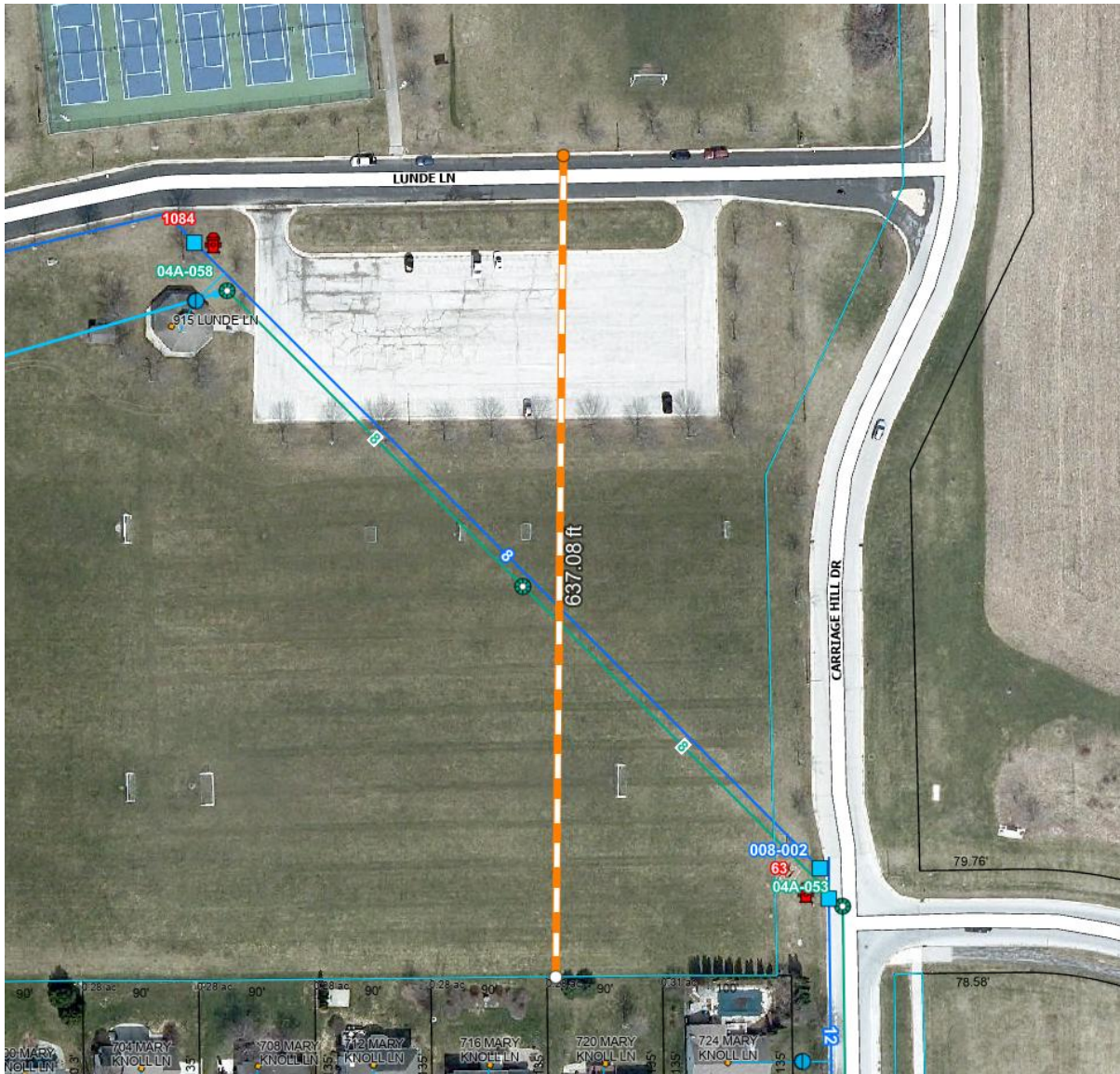
Watertown Active Living Initiative, a local grassroots organization, has been working with City of Watertown representatives for years regarding the fundraising for and construction of a pickleball complex within the City's Park System. After working with the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, it was determined that the best site for a future pickleball complex is at Brandt-Quirck Park to the east of the existing tennis complex.

This location was unanimously approved by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission. Brandt-Quirck Park is classified as a community park; it is large enough to house numerous recreational facilities. This location has existing parking and restrooms that can be utilized by pickleball facility users without the need to add additional supporting infrastructure. The site is flat and has been approved by City Engineers as suitable to build on; there are no utilities beneath grade and the soils are expected to be suitable to construct on. The addition of a pickleball complex to Brandt-Quirck Park will add another recreational asset to the City's Park System and will be the first pickleball-only courts within the City.

Once Watertown Active Living Initiative has completed their fundraising goals, the goal is to construct an eight-court pickleball complex. Watertown Active Living Initiative will select contractors approved by the City of Watertown to construct the pickleball complex. Upon completion of the complex, Watertown Active Living Initiative will donate the complex to the City of Watertown. The pickleball complex will have the following attributes:

- An ADA compliant walkway leading to the complex
- Two bays of four pickleball courts with a 10' wide commons area between the bays
  - The commons area will have limited amenities initially: seating, trash cans, etc.
- The courts will have a green and blue paint scheme to match that of the nearby tennis complex
- The courts will be surrounded by 6' tall black cyclone fencing with access gates to each court from the commons area. The fencing between the courts will be 4' tall
- Each Court will have permanent net posts installed by the selected contractor
- Donor recognition, that complies with City Policy, will be placed on each court via signage
  - There will be a larger sign in or near the commons area to recognize all project donors
- Lighting is planned for this project. Court lighting will be on a timer so that the complex will not produce lighting after City parks close per City Ordinance.
  - A maximum of four posts producing a maximum of 50 footcandles will be installed by a vetted contractor
  - Light poles will be installed with the following specifications
    - Structural code and wind speed = 2021 IBC, 110 mph, and exposure: C, Importance Factor 1.0

The complex will have a footprint of 138' x 140', or 19,320 square feet. The site will be excavated to allow for 8" of aggregate with appropriate grading. Once the base has been properly compacted, two 3.5" applications of hot mix asphalt pavement applied. The top layer will be 9.5mm of virgin asphalt. After the asphalt has had sufficient time to cure, coats of acrylic court surface will be applied with the green and blue coloring.

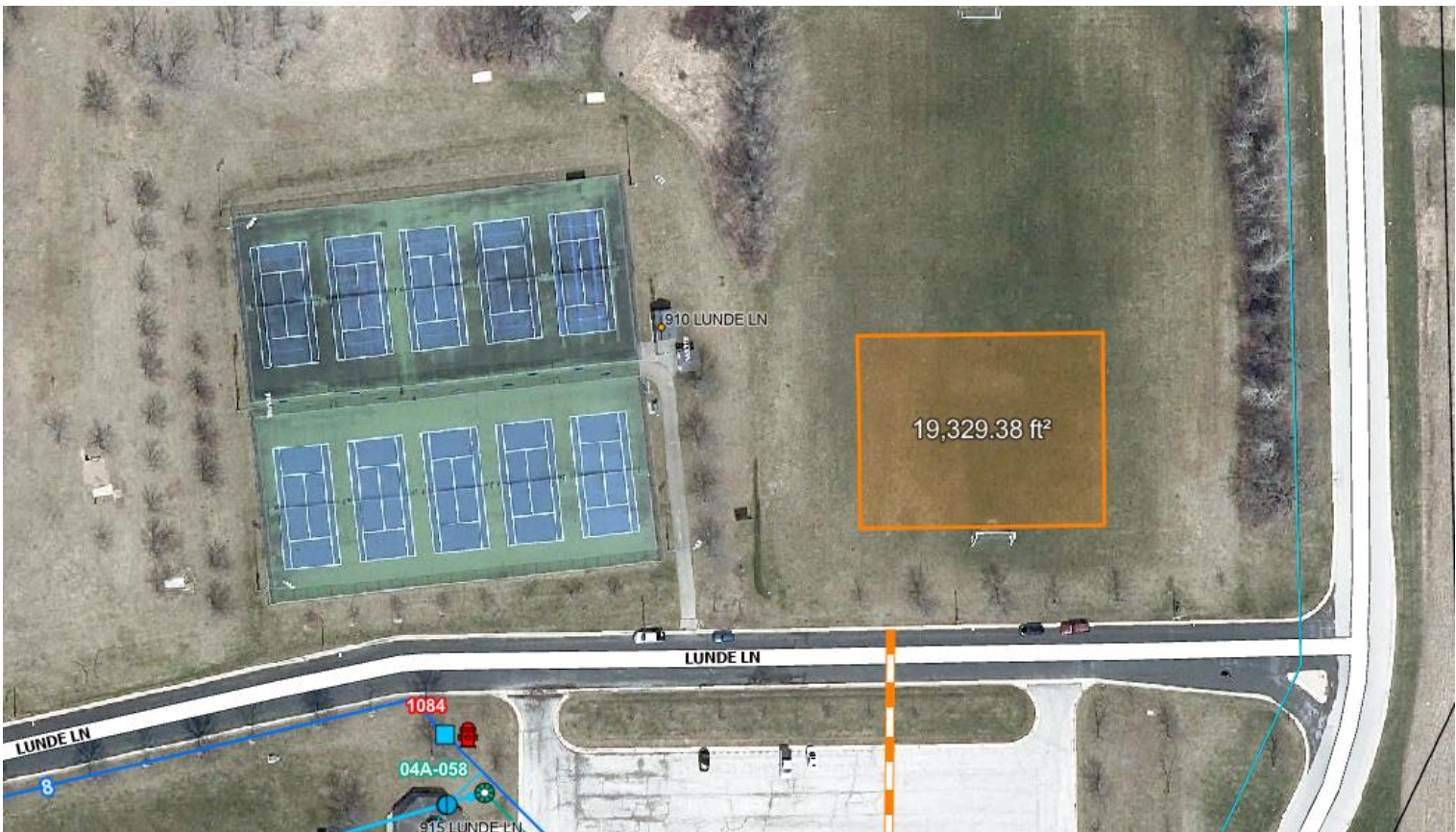


Because pickleball is a noise-producing sport, it is important to select a site that will not interfere with residents' quality of life. The site at Brandt-Quirck Park is over 637' away from the nearest resident's property, which is almost 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile.

With the approval of the Plan Commission, I am requesting a recommendation to the Watertown Common Council for final approvals of the future pickleball complex.

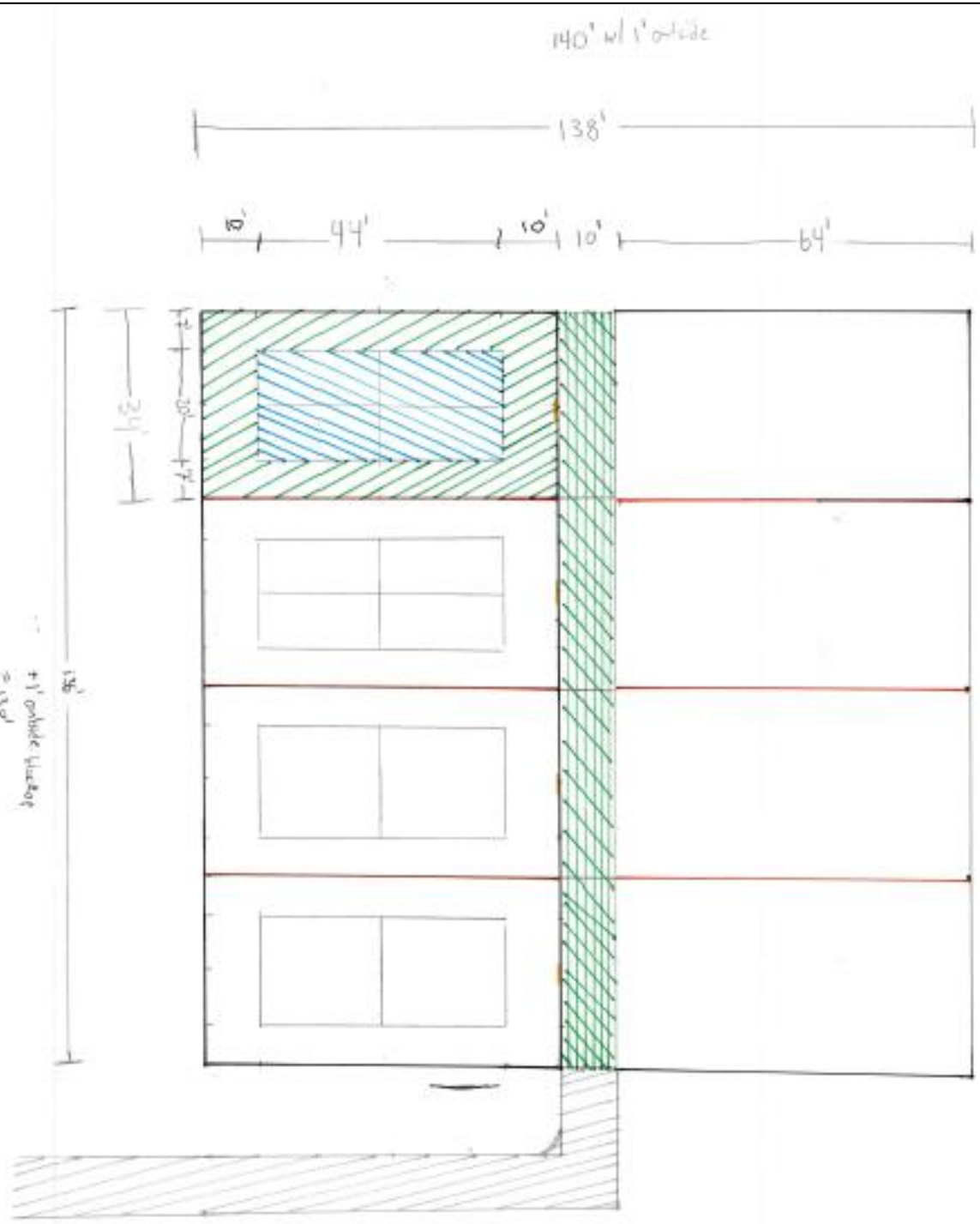
Respectfully,

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-  = 3' court access right
-  = access path, stairs, etc.
-  = Commons space
-  = Court surface
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-  = 6' x 8' perimeter fence
-  = 4' court fencing