

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 2:04 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Tennis Court update
Attachments: 4th_option_Tennis_Court.jpg

As suggested by Edward Weiss (forwarded email) I vote that the new tennis courts be constructed in Windemere Park in the best location as deemed by the Parks Advisory Commission . When the existing courts were functional, the were frequently used to the point that you had to wait for a turn. They promote good health and community awareness while adding to property values in Ann Arbor.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Smiglewski

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Edward Weiss [REDACTED]
To: intart [REDACTED]
Cc: AKuras <AKuras@azgov.org>
Sent: Fri, Oct 12, 2012 12:37 pm
Subject: Tennis Court update

To all Homeowners,

On Monday, October 8th, 2012, The Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Department held their final meeting on the relocation of the Windemere Park tennis courts. After a good discussion, a fourth location for the tennis courts was put forward

and a majority consensus was reached at the meeting that this fourth location was a good alternative. Please see the attached drawing from Parks an Rec. Dept. The drawing shows the old (not usable site) and the 4th option. The Parks and Rec Dept. asked that we understand that the landscape drawn is only conceptual and that they well do everything in their power to make sure it is well landscaped.

Homeowners should email Amy Kuras at akuras@a2gov.org as to whether we should keep the tennis courts at Windemere Park. Your response should be sent by this Monday, October 15th, 2012. Your responses will be collected and passed on to the Parks Advisory Committee.

The Parks Advisory Commission will be discussing the project and making a recommendation as to the final location on Tuesday, Oct 16th at their meeting in the City Council Chambers. The meeting starts at 4 P.M. and there is time for public commentary at the beginning of the meeting.

Ed Weiss

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Charles Blackmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:26 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Cc: Chuck Blackmer; Ed Weiss
Subject: Windmere Tennis Court relocation

10/11/12

Good meeting Amy at Gallup Park re: above! I support the compromise
#4 as discussed.
chuck blackmer

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Chuck Blackmer
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Liza [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 5:32 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park

Dear Amy,

Thank you for this info. Regarding the new location, I prefer the location marked in the first two drawings. (The last picture showing "Court accessible from North and South" is not a good placement for the courts, in my opinion.)

Thank you for soliciting input.

- Liza

On Mon, Oct 8, 2012 at 10:56 AM, Kuras, Amy Beth <AKuras@a2gov.org> wrote:

Hi Liza – attached is the packet I sent out concerning the meeting. Thanks, Amy

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Three options for relocating the existing tennis courts

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Silver, Terry [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 12:45 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park Tennis courts

Importance: High

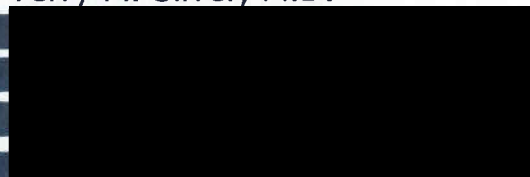
Dear Ms. Kuras,

While I hope to attend the meeting on Monday re: the tennis court issue, in the event that I can not make the meeting, my preference is for the tennis courts be relocated to the NORTH option, with the SOUTH option a distant second choice. By far and away the LEAST desirable location, from my perspective, would be the EAST option.

Thank you in advance for considering my opinion/recommendation.

Sincerely,

Terry M. Silver, M.D.



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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Carol J. Archer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 7:32 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Fwd: tennis courts at Windemere Park

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Carol J. Archer" [REDACTED]
Subject: tennis courts at Windemere Park
Date: October 3, 2012 7:30:22 PM EDT
To: akuras@a2gov.org

Hello,

Looking at the three proposed sites, I think the one which places the courts the farthest away from the playground is preferable. I guess that is the third drawing in the email. It looks like the baseball diamond is still plenty far away from the playground, for safety, and that there could possibly be room for picnic tables near the playground...between it and the sports field.

Thank you for asking us for our input!

Carol Archer
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Lineke Zuiderweg [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 12:29 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: windemere park tennis courts

Unfortunately I'm not able to go to the meeting this Monday.
I think it's great that the tennis courts are getting so much attention to be renewed.
If possible, please have the courts made as near as possible to the play ground. Tennis playing parents can keep an eye on their kids in the meantime.
Thank you for doing this for our neighborhood.

Lineke Zuiderweg
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Spires, Mary (M. Catherine) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 7:23 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: FW: Windemere Park

From: Spires, Mary (M. Catherine)
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 6:05 PM
To: akuras@a2gov.org
Subject: Windemere Park

I live directly on Windemere Park.

Since the meetings regarding the park and the tennis courts occur while I am at work and I cannot attend. I am taking this opportunity to express my opinion regarding updating the park.

The tennis courts are unattractive and have not been well maintained. Even the fencing has been in poor repairs since I moved here almost 20 years ago. For example, there are gapping holes in the baseball back drop that have been there for several years.

The lack of maintenance and the tennis courts negatively impact the value of my real estate value. Additionally, they detract from the appearance of my home.

The tennis courts increase traffic in the neighborhood. I can't help but think that the increased traffic from outside the immediate neighborhood unfavorably impacts neighborhood safety.

I vote for NO TENNIS COURTS IN THE WINDEMERE PARK.

Thank you.

M.C. Spires

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Jeff Alson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 12:07 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Amy, thank you for keeping me posted. I intend to attend on October 8.

The West Park tennis courts are wonderful. All of the players I know have been thrilled by the quality of the work. Anything close to that at Windemere would be great.

One minor need at West is a trash barrel. A bigger question is whether to replace the park bench that there used to be on the sidewalk that borders the tennis courts. It did get used in the past, both by tennis players waiting to play, resting briefly between games, and by seniors from the next-door building who sometimes watch the tennis. But, I understand that it is a cost and maintenance issue.

See you on Oct. 8.

Jeff Alson

From: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
To: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
Sent: Mon, October 1, 2012 4:18:03 PM
Subject: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

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Amy Kuras, Landscape Architect
City of Ann Arbor
Parks and Recreation Services
(734) 794-6230 ext.42590
akuras@a2gov.org

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Edward Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 3:09 PM
To: Morag, Yoav
Cc: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere tennis courts

Yoav,

First, let me clarify that this is not an Earhardt Knowls Homeowners Association vote. We as homeowners will respond as individuals directly to the Parks and Rec Department on our wishes. My guess is that based on the final borings by CTI, Inc., the city's consultant, the existing site isn't an option per cost and soil feasibility. You may though, as a home owner, respond directly to the city on your feelings at the meeting October 8th.

Sincerely,
Ed Weiss

From: "Morag, Yoav" [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, October 2, 2012 12:10:00 PM
Subject: FW: Windemere tennis courts

Hello Ed,

Having read the recent E-mail from Amy Kuras, the option to preserve the court in the present location was not raised. That was not my understanding of our recent meeting. What do you think?

Thank you

Yoav Morag,

From: Edward Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 2:28 PM
To: Yoav and Michal Morag
Subject: Re: Windemere tennis courts

Yoav,

Thank you for your feedback. The option to not relocate the tennis courts will be part of the vote. However, I see no reason to put it to a vote before we have all options on the table.

Ed Weiss

From: Yoav and Michal Morag [REDACTED]
To: Edward Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, July 20, 2012 1:10:05 PM
Subject: Windemere tennis courts

Hello Edward,

I attended the meeting regarding Windemere park's tennis courts and was appalled by the idea of relocating the courts to a new site in the park. Currently, the park is extremely well planned and the partially

concealed tennis courts do not detract from the park's appeal. Before the association votes on a new location it should check how many people in our association are truly willing to sacrifice our beautiful green park for tennis courts.

In order to represent all the neighbors, the option of not relocating should be considered and voted for, prior to any decision on a relocation site. I think relocation with the resultant change in such a gem of a park is too high a "price" for tennis courts.

I oppose such a change.

Thank you,
Yoav Morag

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 8:30 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Hello, I, Sven Hahr, am a former head of the, 60 unit, home owner association. I can't make it to the Monday meeting, but I want do want to voice my thoughts. I'm against moving the tennis courts to the east side of the park. They should stay on the west side (or further west, or further north into the scrub grass). Thank you, Sven.
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Kuras, Amy Beth <AKuras@a2gov.org>
To: Kuras, Amy Beth <AKuras@a2gov.org>
Sent: Mon, Oct 1, 2012 4:17 pm
Subject: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Benn, Rita [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 7:47 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Update on Windemere Tennis Court

Dear Amy,

My husband was at the meeting you held a few weeks back about the tennis courts. I am NOT pleased about the potential "decision" to place the tennis courts practically in the backyard behind my house (3755 Charter Place) and the suggestion to move the walking path to accommodate any changes.. I do not think my neighbor (Duchennes) behind me on Wynstonne will be in favor of this location as well who was not present at the meeting.

I understand that you had several folks present who indicated they did not want the courts in front of their homes on Windmere or close to the farthest end of the open space area where the parkpath abuts Wynstonne or Windmere.

Amongst all the good samples you collect, I think we will need to make a compromise and place the tennis courts in the middle of the open space so that it is EQUIDISTANT from all landowners' homes. We all want to preserve open space as much as possible and have the tennis courts to not interfere with the privacy and view of our homes.

Please add my email to your mailing list of notices on this issue and I am happy to talk with you further about this.

Rita
~Rita Benn, PhD

From: Stephen Lapedis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 11, 2012 3:10 PM
To: Benn, Rita
Subject: Fw: Update on Windemere Tennis Court

per your request

Stephen
"I think that I thought I heard you thinking"

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
To:
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 11:56 AM
Subject: Update on Windemere Tennis Court

Dear Windemere Park neighbors, next week (most likely Wednesday or Thursday morning) we will be digging some test pits in Windemere Park to determine if the soils are stable enough to build the tennis courts in the alternative location/s we discussed at the public meeting. We will do our best to restore the areas, but if there is any settling afterwards please let me know so that it can be corrected. After we have the soils information, I will send out maps with potential locations for discussion, and be in contact with the neighborhood to determine a final decision on location. I have also been in communication with Recreation and Education about their field use and size requirements, and should have no problem accommodating their use. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,
Amy

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Gitlin, Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 6:07 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: RE: Windemere Park Public Meeting Minutes

Amy,
Thank you for your attention and sensitivity to all of the different opinions and emotions that surround this issue (you can feel the neighborhood passion about these courts; as long as they aren't in anyones backyard of course?). I was getting frustrated with some of the comments; you handled it well (in my opinion).

Scott Gitlin

-----Original Message-----

From: Kuras, Amy Beth [<mailto:AKuras@a2gov.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 12:15 PM
Subject: Windemere Park Public Meeting Minutes

Attached please find the meeting minutes for the Windemere Park tennis court meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, Amy <<Public mtg Minutes 7-19-12.docx>>

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Scott D Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 8:27 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Amy,
thank you for this earlier note. I was ill and not able to attend the meeting at Gallup Park earlier this week. Were there additional materials presented at the meeting or any decisions made? My own perspective is that if the courts cannot be maintained at the current location, then finding an alternative location that preserves a maximum amount of contiguous green space in the park is the next best alternative (i.e., placing the courts along a border of the park, allowing for necessary set-backs). The park is a neighborhood park that works well as a low-profile, informally used park with lovely views (especially the open green space viewed looking westward from the walkway on the east side of the park, connecting Windemere and Wynnstone). Though I myself have enjoyed playing tennis with my kids at the park, tennis is a secondary use for the park, and the main use (in my years of observation) is walking, informal use of the green spaces, Rec&Ed soccer, etc. (for little kids) and a welcome patch of broad green grass amidst the houses. Any relocation of the tennis court should not disrupt these primary functions of the park.

Best regards,
Scott Campbell
[REDACTED]

Scott D Campbell
[REDACTED]

On Oct 1, 2012, at 4:17 PM, Kuras, Amy Beth wrote:

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 11:57 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

From: Ray Grzegorzcyk [REDACTED]

My apologies for not attending last night's meeting. I had intended to participate, but was unable to return in time from another meeting.

My comments would have addressed additional uses of the park space besides the tennis folks. This past week, for example, I observed almost daily use of the open spaces for soccer use, mostly by "pee-wee" players, and their parents. This kind of activity occurs fairly frequently, especially during the school year. I don't know if this is a highly organized team play, or more of a pick-up activity, but it seems to be a popular use of the area.

Therefore, I would ask, after movement of the tennis courts to any other location within the park, would there still be sufficient open play area for these kinds of activities? Additionally, have any plans been considered for future use of the current tennis court area?

Any of the three proposed areas for the new courts would probably suffice for the tennis folks. For best park use flexibility, I would probably favor your page 8 option, with the courts at the far end of the park. The remaining open space could be contiguous with the "old tennis courts", and with removal of the court surface and current existing earth berm, the enlarged open area would seem to provide the best flexibility for future park utilization.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
To: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
Subject: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting
Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2012 16:17:30 -0400

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Dan & Stacey Hamill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 11:15 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: RE: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Hi Amy,

Thank you for holding the meetings regarding the Windemere tennis courts and for giving the people in the neighborhood a say in how the problem is resolved. It would certainly have been much easier for you to make an executive decision and go with it.

I attended the meeting tonight. I would like to point out that the people in attendance were, for the most part, not the people who use the park the most. I don't think the vote of tennis players versus non-tennis players is an accurate gauge of the importance of the tennis courts to the neighborhood.

Since soccer was the only sport mentioned, I would also like to point out that Rec and Ed uses the field for other sports besides soccer. The field has been used for lacrosse, field hockey, and football practices. In the past, the soccer pitch has been moved around the field from season to season.

Since Windemere does not have a dirt baseball field, I don't think that losing the backstop would be a huge problem, not that it wouldn't be missed. The park isn't used for baseball games, only practices. Even then, most teams prefer to practice on a dirt field. Neighborhood kids and families do occasionally use the backstop. It would still be possible to have a baseball game without the backstop though.

Windemere Park is an asset to our neighborhood. It is a wonderful example of how a public space can be enjoyed by many.

Sincerely,

Stacey Hamill

From: Kuras, Amy Beth [<mailto:AKuras@a2gov.org>]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 4:18 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

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Kuras, Amy Beth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 1:16 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park tennis courts

Ms. Kuras,

I am a homeowner in the Windemere Park neighborhood (my house is located directly across the street from the park on Wynnstone Drive). I am writing to you with regard to the recent discussions about moving, removing, or replacing the tennis courts in the park.

First, my thanks to you and the other members of the committee for the extensive amount of work and discussion that you've done for this item. I've been overwhelmed by your efforts to seek feedback, listen to commentary, and provide mechanisms for people to weigh in. This has been my idea of how local government should work, and you deserve a lot of credit for your efforts (and for having the patience to deal with what I am sure have been a lot of "loud" opinions).

Second, I understand you have asked for feedback on the various proposals that have been discussed before the October 16 meeting. (Unfortunately, I cannot attend that meeting in person). Here are my thoughts, comments, and interests:

- First, I believe having a tennis court in the park is an important and worthwhile goal. I would strongly prefer that we have a tennis court in the park, rather than having none. When these discussions began, I was involved in a number of email conversations with neighbors, and it was my sense that the nearly unanimous opinion was that we wanted to keep the tennis court in some way.

- Second, I have no specific preference as to location. This week, I have seen two emails from neighbors (only two), expressing concern that moving the tennis courts from their current location would somehow reduce their property values. I have asked them for more information as to their reasons -- it seems like they might either (a) be worried that the courts would be moved closer to their specific houses (and maybe be the source of more noise?) or (b) they are opposed to tennis courts at all. These sentiments have been a surprise to me -- before this week, I had not heard a single person express anything other than a strong desire to have (well maintained) tennis courts in our neighborhood. I am concerned that people are putting their personal preferences as to location above their concerns for the park generally.

- Third, I do think it would be best, if possible, to locate the tennis courts in such a way that there is still room for a soccer field. The park is used quite often in the fall and spring for either soccer games or practices. It seems to me that it should be possible, perhaps with a little bit of moving trees or sidewalks, to relocate the tennis courts but leave room for a soccer field. I believe this would make sense for soccer leagues, and also just for neighborhood kids looking to organize a game of football, soccer, or whatever. I can't tell from the maps that I have seen whether certain of the proposed new locations would make a soccer field more likely.

Once again, my deepest thanks for the way in which you have run this process. If you require any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to ask.

Tim Pinto
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Lisa Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 11:42 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Great! You are on top of it:) I am excited about the new courts:)

Lisa

On Tue, Oct 2, 2012 at 11:40 AM, Kuras, Amy Beth <AKuras@a2gov.org> wrote:

Hi Lisa, Thanks for the input. I got in touch with Rec and Ed after the first public meeting, and we discussed the dimensions they need for the field play – all three options preserve the field space, (that what I was referring to in the email about continuing existing field recreation programs). Amy

From: Lisa Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Hi Amy! I know that that Windemere is used for Rec & Ed soccer practices. It would be good to consider how relocating the tennis courts will affect that.

Thanks!

Lisa

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From: Joe Labuta [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2012 10:18 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Re: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting -my thoughts

Hello Amy,

Thanks so much for the documents. It looks like I won't be able to make the meeting tonight, so thought I write you with my thoughts.

I live at [REDACTED] which, looking at the aerial picture is the house at the very bottom right hand site. So I am diagonally across from the southwestern entrance to the park. As can be seen I am fairly close to the tennis courts as they are currently situated. The move itself will not make much difference to me, but looking at the proposals, I feel that the 3rd option at the other end of the park, makes the open space seem more spansive and open. The other two options appear to chop up the current open space a bit more.

But saying that I am sure others don't want the courts so close to their homes, which makes the option we all discussed back in July the most viable option. This is the 2nd picture. That is the one proposal with the least amount of houses around, and the ones over their are further away from the site as well, I think from an overall, fair and unbiased perspective, that would probably be the best solution.

My questions now are what will become of the space that currently houses the tennis courts? One of the drawings mentions the possibility of a back stop being located there. While a stray softball coming over my way would probably be rare, i was wondering if the houses across from that area could potentially have broken windows from balls being hit? To me, it doesn;t look very far from that spot to being across the street. Others have said soft ball hasn't ocured here in a long time, but not long after the meeting in July, I did see some kids playing softball out there. I would be concerned if lived across from this.

What other options could be for here? I was thinking why not just let go back to what it was naturally before? Some sort of marsh wetland area? If the courts do move to the northside of the park, that would mean taking out the 'rustic, natural' portion, correct? Maybe move it over tto the new space?

If that is to costly, to dig up the landfill, just make it grass for an extra area for kids to run around on across from the play area. But I suggest no back stop.

Thanks for you work on this matter. I assume you will be sending out minutes from the meeting? Please keep us informed.

If you have any question on my comments, please feel free to write back.

Joe Labuta
[REDACTED]

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Nina Wanczyk [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 8:35 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Tennis court at Windemere Park

Dear Ms Kuras,

I live on Windemere drive and I am writing to you concerning the options for relocating the tennis courts at Windemere Park. I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday but would be pleased if you forward my view to the Park Advisory Commission.

For various reasons including aesthetic, weather related and noise related, I would favor the first two options. The North and South positions on the park. I would be strongly against the third option which would see the courts relocating to the east of the field.

Thank-you.
Nina Wanczyk
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Tennis court documents from Yoav
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2012 19:36:29 -0400

Hello Nina,

Please email me that you have received the attachments.

Good night,
Yoav

From: Kuras, Amy Beth [<mailto:AKuras@a2gov.org>]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2012 4:18 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

Dear Windemere Park Neighbor: attached please find materials for review prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 8th at Gallup Park in the meeting room (3000 Fuller Road). This is being sent to people who attended the first public meeting, as well as to the neighborhood group representative to distribute to the neighborhood. Please feel free to forward this to whomever you think would be interested.

All three options preserve enough field space to continue existing field recreation programs.

Attachments include:

- Aerial photo of the park showing location of existing tennis courts
- Timeline of the court construction and attempts at repair
- Soil boring locations
- Portion of the report from the geotechnical engineer who performed the soil borings
- Resolution passed by the Park Advisory Commission
- Three options for relocating the existing tennis courts

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: David Wehe [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2012 9:02 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Fwd: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting
Attachments: windemere public meeting packet.pdf; ATT15150955.htm

Amy:

We won't be able to attend the meeting Monday evening because of other commitments. Option 1 doesn't seem viable with the backstop moved -- a well-hit hard ball could land in the tennis courts. I suspect that the backstop is rarely used, and wouldn't be missed much. Option 2 seems more reasonable, but the garbage cans are typically located along Windemere and the tennis players are among the least considerate with their trash.

Option 3 seems like the best choice for the overall neighborhood since it provides court access from the north and south, has room for parking along both roads, and is reasonably close to a trash bin. Although we are not tennis players, it has been entertaining to have the courts directly across from our home. We would miss having them as close to us.

On a separate note, please pass along our request for refurbishment of the kids play area. The weeds and lack of wood chips make this a dangerous eyesore, and are inconsistent with what one normally expects to find in the Ann Arbor Parks.

David and Donna Wehe
[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
To: "Kuras, Amy Beth" <AKuras@a2gov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2012 1:47 AM
Subject: Windemere Park Second Public Meeting

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Attachments include:

Aerial photo of the park showing location of existing tennis courts

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Roger Moon [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 12:47 PM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Cc: Denise Taylor-Moon
Subject: Windemere park Tennis Court Relocation

Amy,

Re: Tennis Court relocation Meeting on Monday October 8, 2012

I plan to attend Monday's meeting but thought it would be helpful to forward my questions in advance. I am a 20 year resident of the neighborhood and frequent visitor to Windemere Park; but not a tennis player.

Here are my questions.

-According to the link reference (below), properly designed and installed courts can be expected to last 18-20 yrs. The existing Windemere court met that requirement so why is moving it necessary, especially since the new locations will not necessarily offer a longer life expectancy?

- The stormwater runoff from a 12000 sq. foot court yields 7000 gals of water during a 1" rainfall. Are plans included to capture this and keep it out of the street storm sewers? I noticed the current court location has native prairie plants located on the NE side which has significantly reduced the "river" that flows down the sidewalk toward the street. Could a raingarden be added to enhance the runoff capture?

- The proposed locations show trees near the court perimeter which the American Society of Sports Builders strictly advises against - due to root intrusion and consequent foundation destabilization under the court surface. Can this plan be revised in the interest of court life expectancy?

- any court location should not allow rain runoff to flow or seep under the court surface. Can "CIP" berms or other runoff deterrents be included to prevent this?

Sincerely,
Roger A. Moon

http://www.globaltennisdesign.com/articles/rehab_asphalt_t-courts_p.htm

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: Edward Weiss [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 12:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kuras, Amy Beth
Subject: Tennis Court update
Attachments: 4th option Tennis Court.jpg

To all Homeowners,

On Monday, October 8th, 2012, The Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Department held their final meeting on the relocation of the Windemere Park tennis courts. After a good discussion, a fourth location for the tennis courts was put forward and a majority consensus was reached at the meeting that this fourth location was a good alternative. Please see the attached drawing from Parks and Rec. Dept. The drawing shows the old (not usable site) and the 4th option. The Parks and Rec Dept. asked that we understand that the landscape drawn is only conceptual and that they will do everything in their power to make sure it is well landscaped.

Homeowners should email Amy Kuras at akuras@a2gov.org as to whether we should keep the tennis courts at Windemere Park. Your response should be sent by this Monday, October 15th, 2012. Your responses will be collected and passed on to the Parks Advisory Committee.

The Parks Advisory Commission will be discussing the project and making a recommendation as to the final location on Tuesday, Oct 16th at their meeting in the City Council Chambers. The meeting starts at 4 P.M. and there is time for public commentary at the beginning of the meeting.

Ed Weiss

Kuras, Amy Beth

From: McCoy, Katie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Kuras, Amy Beth
Cc: Glen Jones
Subject: Re: FW: windemere tennis courts relocation

Amy,

I've copied Glenn Jones, our equipment manager. He's the one who lays out the fields. He's out of the office today but should be here tomorrow. He can let you know if he thinks he can put a field in the area by the walkway between Wynnstone and Windemere.

We have youth soccer and field hockey practices there in the fall and spring but we don't use it for games. As long as we can have a good size field there, it should be fine.

Except for one practice on Thursdays that runs through Nov. 8, our fall practices end on Oct. 26. When will the work begin?

We don't use Windemere for baseball/softball so I guess removing the backstop wouldn't be a problem. If it's in bad shape, it's probably best to get rid of it anyway.

Katie

On Tue, Oct 9, 2012 at 5:02 PM, Kuras, Amy Beth <AKuras@a2gov.org> wrote:

Now I know why!

From: Kuras, Amy Beth
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 4:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: windemere tennis courts relocation

Hi Katie, this bounced back earlier – trying again. Amy

From: Kuras, Amy Beth
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 9:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: windemere tennis courts relocation

Hi Katie, I held a second public meeting last night, and the location shown on the attached map is where the neighborhood would like the tennis courts. It appears you would still have enough space to run the field games,

but I want to make sure. Also, can you tell me if the backstop there is used at all for practices? It is in bad shape, and would now be in the way of the proposed court location, so neighbors were asking about what kind of use it gets. Thanks, Amy

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Katie McCoy

