

TO: Park Advisory Commission
FROM: Colin Smith, Manager, Parks and Recreation Services
DATE: February 28, 2017
SUBJECT: Leslie Park Pickleball Courts

Attached for your review and approval is a resolution supporting the construction of new Pickleball Courts at Leslie Park. The proposal includes the conversion of two of the three tennis courts to Pickleball, leaving one tennis court and a practice board.

Unlike many of the tennis courts in the park system, these court do not appear to be heavily used. No one attended the public meeting about the court conversion except for an advocate of Pickleball Courts. Eight residents answered a survey sent to nearly 943 residents living within ¼ mile of Leslie Park. The results were mixed, with a slight preference for no change to the existing layout. See the survey response and individual comments on the attached survey response sheet.

Currently, there are three tennis courts at Leslie Park. If two of the tennis courts remain, then two Pickleball courts can be constructed in the space remaining. If one tennis court remains, then 6 Pickleball courts can be constructed. (see attached diagrams)

Given the low response rate to the survey and lack of attendance at the public meeting, as well as the requests for Pickleball Courts from the community, PAC is being asked to weigh in on the proposal.

RESOLUTION TO CONVERT ___ TENNIS COURTS AT LESLIE PARK TO PICKLEBALL COURTS

Whereas, Leslie Park currently has three tennis courts that are in poor condition and don't appear to be heavily used,

Whereas, Requests for dedicated Pickleball courts were noted in the PROS Plan as well as at community meetings,

Whereas, No dedicated Pickleball courts exist in the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation system,

Resolved, that PAC recommends converting _____ tennis courts to Pickleball Courts at Leslie Park.