

Coeur d'Alene City Council draft minutes 3.6.15

DONATION FROM THE CDA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF TWO TENNIS COURTS AT NORTHSHIRE PARK AND APPROVE BUDGET AUTHORITY TO STAFF FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS

STAFF REPORT: Parks Superintendent Bill Greenwood explained that the court at McEuen Park is lined for pickleball over the tennis ball courts lines to allow for both uses. Due to the popularity of pickleball, he intended to seek additional locations for more courts within next fiscal year's budget. The Pickleball Association has asked for stand-alone locations for courts at Northshire Park and has requested to expedite the installation prior to next fiscal year. Mr. Greenwood would like to use funds from the Parks Capital Improvement line item this fiscal year rather than next fiscal year to resurface the courts. He clarified that the parks funds combined with the \$10,000 donation from the Pickleball Association would be sufficient to complete the project. Ken Haydon, representing the Pickleball association said that pickleball is currently the fastest growing sport. They would appreciate the opportunity to partner on this project with their donation of \$10,000 to aid in the cost of painting the courts. Mr. Haydon explained that pickleball is a sport for all ages, and is inexpensive as it requires a paddle and a plastic ball. The Association identified Northshire Park as the tennis courts were already in need of repair. Additionally, the Association is working to bring a National event to Coeur d'Alene the last weekend in August.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Edinger asked what the additional costs would be. Mr. Greenwood stated that he estimated \$30,000 to resurface the courts, which was going to be included in the proposed fiscal year 2015/2016 budget.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Gookin to approve the donation from the Coeur d'Alene Pickleball Association for the conversion of two tennis courts at Northshire Park and approve budget authority for staff to incur additional costs. **Motion Carried.**