



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting 5/1/2019

Subject - Visitor - Wally Hamer - North Coast Pickleball Association

Synopsis -

As a member of the NCPA and longtime resident of Gearhart, Wally has prepared a brief presentation explaining the game, its benefits, and proposed alterations to Gearhart's two existing tennis courts in order to create space for pickleball enthusiasts without disruption to tennis players.

Recommendation: The pickleball is in the Council's court.

Legal Analysis: None

Financial Analysis: None

Respectfully Submitted,

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GEARHART COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL PROPOSAL

presented by: Wally Hamer, North Coast pickleball association representative and thirty year resident of Gearhart.

Pickleball is purported to be the fastest growing sport in America. This paddle sport is for all ages and skill levels. It combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong and can be played on a slightly modified tennis court. Many Gearhart and surrounding community residents as well as visitors to our area welcome the opportunity to play pickleball which enhances the diversity of recreation in this area.

This proposal lays out how with the existing tennis court facilities, the goal of playing pickleball could exist. Seeking and expanding recreation opportunities is always a positive for the wellness level of a community.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING TWO GEARHART TENNIS COURTS:

- * Existing tennis court nets will remain. One pickleball court per tennis court is possible. The simplest way to switch to pickleball is just to lower the tennis net to 34 inches in the center. A pickleball kit which includes a center strap can be used to bring the net down in the center. This strap can be easily removed after pickleball play so as to return to tennis height. (If players do not have access to straps, the players can simply just use the tennis height net and adjust their play).
- * Lines can be painted on the tennis court for pickleball dimensions. The color used would be a subdued color (a shade of green) that won't conflict with tennis court lines. All labor and materials will be paid for with donations without any cost to the City of Gearhart.
- * Redo sign attached to fencing to include regulation of play. The sign should include "These tennis courts are for tennis and pickleball play only:
 - No roller blading
 - No roller skating
 - No bikes
 - No skate boarding
 - No ball playing

Additional information to be posted: Tennis/Pickleball Courts Usage Guidelines:

- * Courts cannot be reserved for recreational play and are available on a first come basis for everyone, unless they are reserved for town sanctioned events.
- * Players are requested to observe court courtesies as well as good conduct on and around tennis courts.
- * Playing on courts without tennis shoes is not allowed. A tennis shoe is a rubber soled shoe.
- * Whenever there are players waiting, all players must vacate courts after playing for 1 hour. Winners will have no prior rights to remain on courts.
- * Players waiting to use courts must indicate in some clear way to those using the courts that they are waiting to use the court.
- * Alcoholic beverages or glass containers are prohibited on and around the Gearhart tennis courts.
- * Players assume all risks associated with play.

Camaraderie, exercise and social life are positive results by adding pickleball.