



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting 09/04/2019

Subject Old Business - Project Pickleball - Feedback / Clarification on Design

Synopsis: The Gearhart City Council met in August and discussed adding pickleball courts at the water treatment facility. City staff made an error and provided an older document to the council and citizens about a project to add lines to the existing tennis courts. Conversations during earlier council meetings and the August council meeting led the council to decide on a different design removing the east tennis court and replacing it with two pickleball courts authorizing up to \$10,000 in city funds. Some citizens did not attend the meeting as they were unaware the council was considering removing one of the tennis courts. If they had been aware in advance, they would have participated in the meeting and given feedback during the visitor's section.

Because of this disconnect, the city wants to make sure everyone has a chance to give feedback and wants to clarify options. This will allow the council to hear from all parties that are interested in this project and have not had a chance to give feedback.

Attachments; Three options:

- Option 1 - (Incorrectly included in last month's packet) Add pickleball lines to the existing tennis courts and have a temporary net lowering kits for multi-use.
- Option 2 (August Decision) - Remove the east tennis court and install two dedicated pickleball courts. Add fencing between the pickleball and tennis courts.
- Alternative Option (New) - Keep both tennis courts, and add lines for two pickleball courts to the east court with two rollaway pickleball nets creating a multi-use court.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends:

- 1) Listen to additional feedback and continue with the project as decided in August;
- 2) Make changes to the project based on visitor feedback and options presented;
- 3) Do nothing.

Financial Analysis:

The City has \$30k+ budgeted funds available in Parks and will have approximately \$40k STR tax revenue coming in from Clatsop County jail.

Local pickleball players have raised \$6700 for the project.

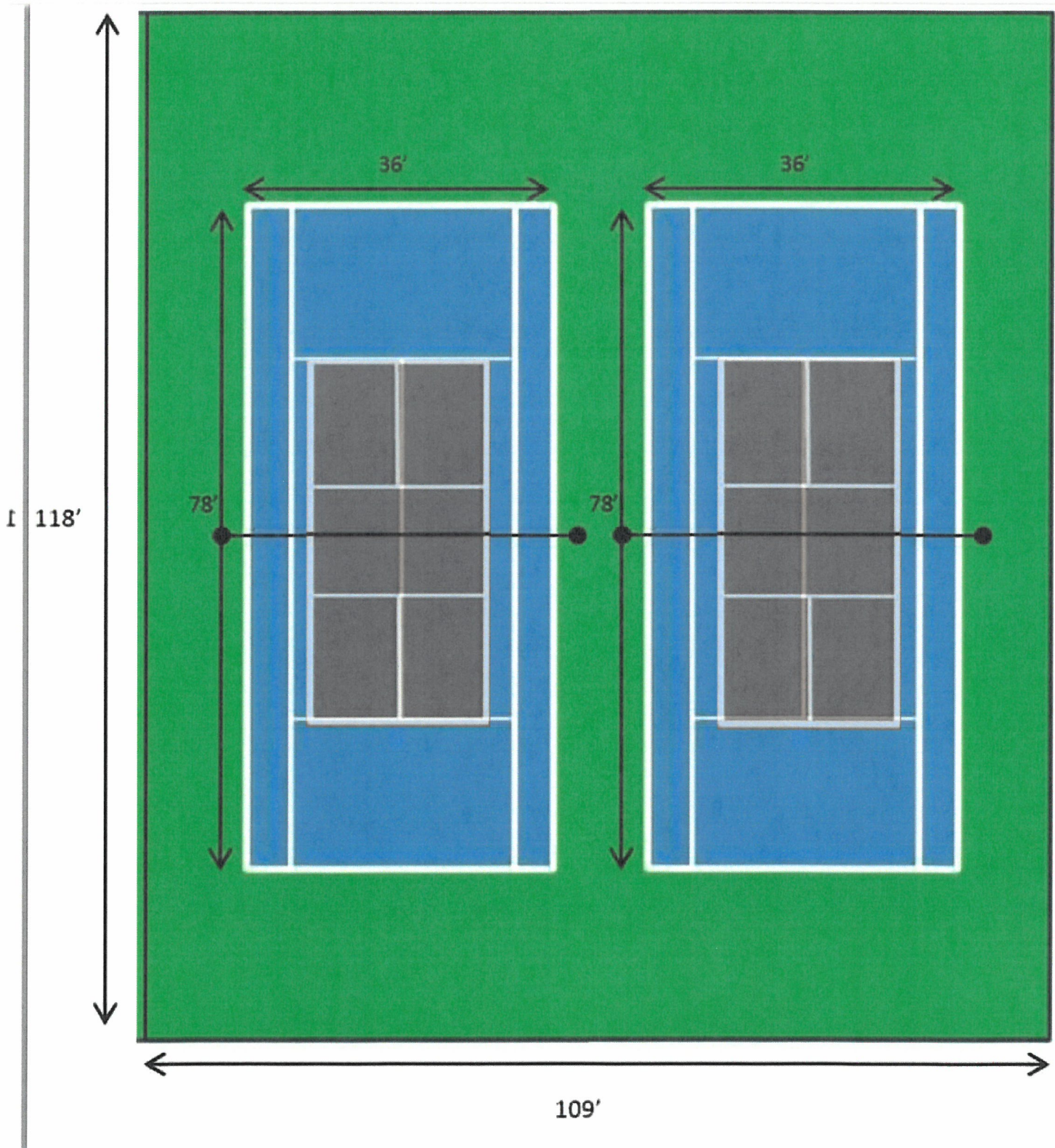
Respectfully Submitted,

Chad 

Option 1

- Option 1 - (Incorrectly included in last month's packet) Add pickleball lines to the existing tennis courts and have a temporary net lowering kits for multi-use.

Total Cost Estimate - \$2500



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:

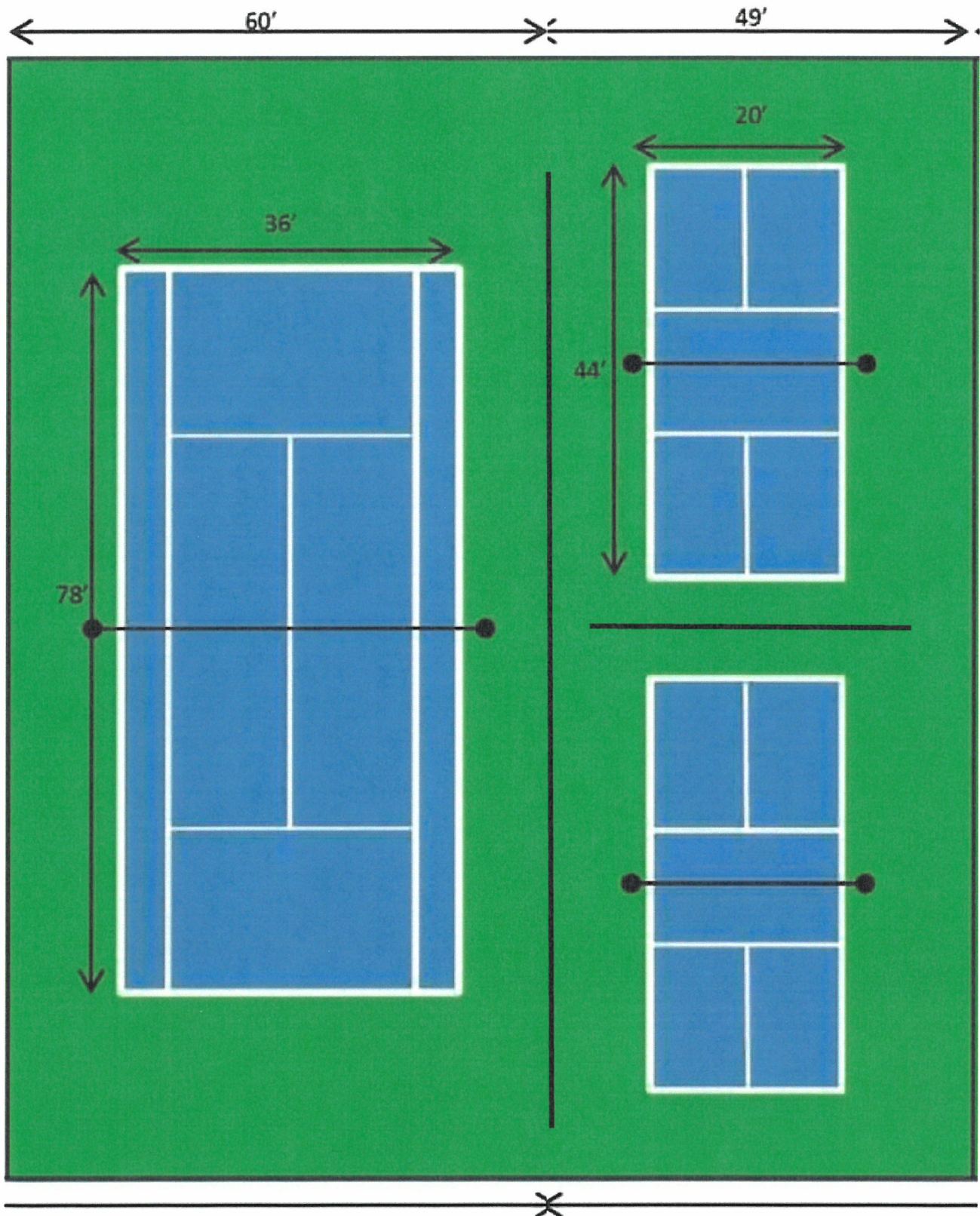
- * Courts cannot be reserved for recreational play and are available on a first come basis for everyone, unless they are reserved for town sanctioned events.
- * Players are requested to observe court courtesies as well as good conduct on and around tennis courts.
- * Playing on courts without tennis 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.

Option 2

Option 2 (August Decision) - Remove the east tennis court and install two dedicated pickleball courts.

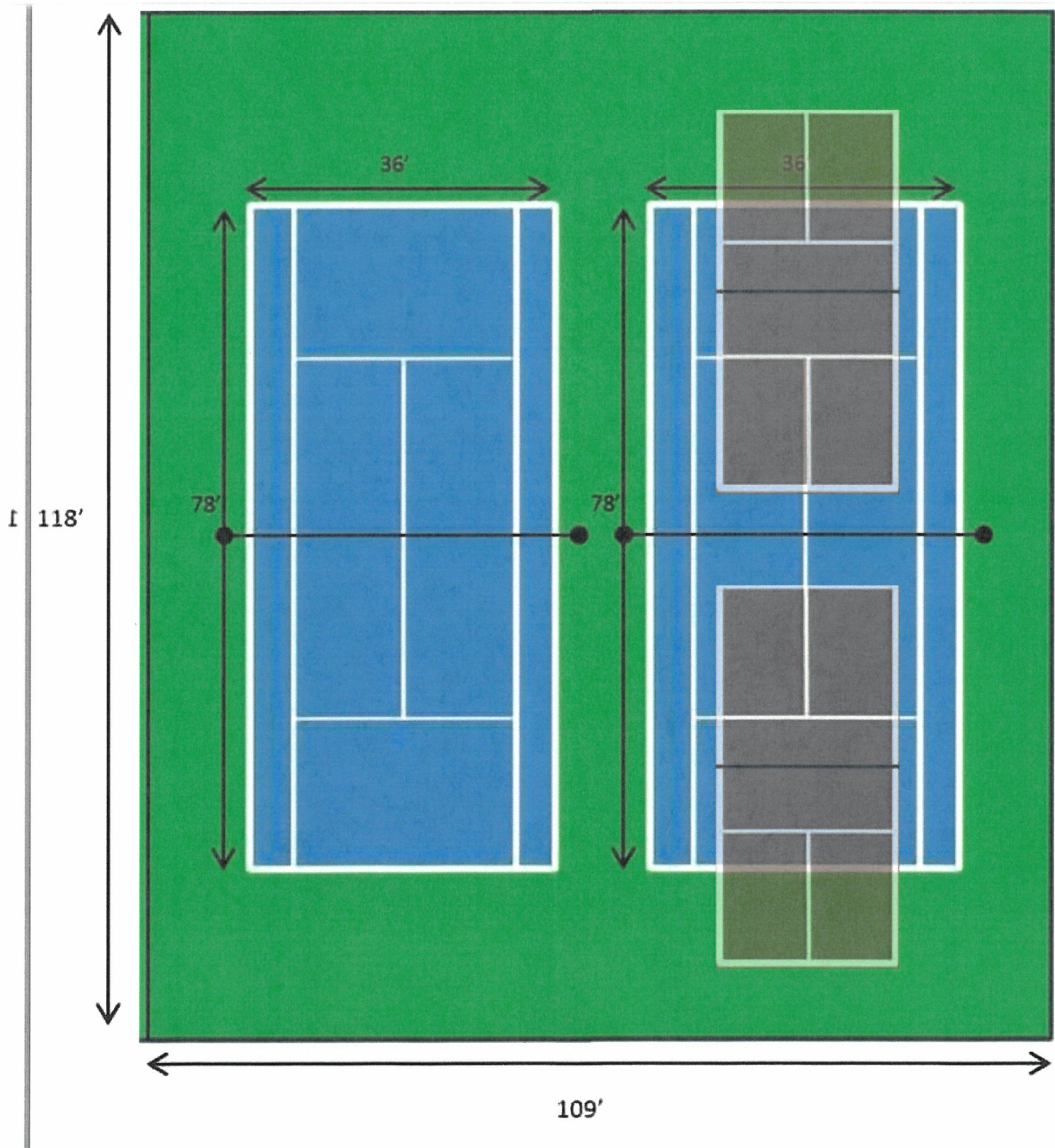
Total Cost Estimate - \$16,000 including optional fencing



Alternative Option (New)

Alternative Option (New) - Keep both tennis courts, and add lines for two pickleball courts to the east court with two rollaway pickleball nets creating a multi-use court.

Total Cost Estimate - \$2800



Deluxe PickleNet Portable Net

