

Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club
Special Board Meeting
August 23, 2023, 12:30 P.M.
Eau Claire City Hall

Present: Greg Helgeson, Bev Hilton, Sandy Johnson, Jeff Lorentz, Mike Mai, Judy Mirr, Linda Nicastro, and Stacy Sommers.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Greg Helgeson at 12:31 p.m.
2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club (CVPC) can support the proposed court expansion at Lake Hallie. Greg and Mike had a conference call with Club Member Bill Bethke, on Tuesday, August 22. Bill proposed the following as CVPC's role as it relates to the Lake Hallie court expansion:

The CVPC will:

- Adopt the facility.
- Set aside funds annually for resurfacing.
- Provide volunteers to put and take down windscreens and nets.
- Offer lessons for new players.
- Run tournaments.

Bill believes that \$7,500 would need to be set aside annually for future resealing/repainting/resurfacing. The six existing courts would need to be done in four to six years. The new courts wouldn't need to be resurfaced/repainted for several years.

It was decided that instead of "adopting" the facility that the CVPC form a partnership with the Village of Lake Hallie regarding the courts.

The court expansion in Lake Hallie would benefit the CVPC and local businesses in the Lake Hallie area. The courts would be a means to promote tourism in Lake Hallie which would benefit hotels, restaurants, and other businesses.

Mike brought up anticipated concerns Lake Hallie may have. It was suggested that a predetermined number of courts be available for open play except when tournaments are scheduled. The CVPC could be involved in tournaments that would be held at the expanded complex.

Mike distributed a spreadsheet of projected income and expenses of the CVPC. With the current membership at the current dues, the Club has a positive balance at the end of the fiscal year. This surplus could be used to maintain/repair courts.

The future of the courts at McDonough Park courts was discussed. The courts will still be an option for lessons and open play. It was suggested that the designation of McDonough Park be changed to a community park instead of a neighborhood park. If the designation is changed, funding from the City of Eau Claire may be available which could be used for court repairs/maintenance. Greg volunteered to check into having the park designation changed.

The document Linda created highlighting the support the CVPC could offer for the court expansion was reviewed. The list will be shared at the Lake Hallie Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission meeting on Monday, August 28. Stacy, Harry, and Judy will be attending, along with Greg. Mike was encouraged to be the Club's spokesperson. Forming a partnership between the CVPC and the Village of Lake Hallie will be encouraged. Prior to the meeting Bill will be made aware of the CVPC's role at it relates to the proposed court expansion

2. The next regular Board meeting has been changed to Wednesday, September 27, at 2:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:05. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Bev Hilton
Secretary