

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Addition to Facilities: Six Court Pickleball Complex

DATE: 6/11/21

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL FY22- \$87,075

() OTHER

REVENUES \$25,500

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: June 21st

PURPOSE: To provide Habersham County citizens a public Pickleball Complex that can be utilized by patrons of all ages, in and around Habersham County.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Habersham County Parks and Rec was introduced to Pickleball by Dave and Diane Shaggott in 2015. Being part-time residents of Florida, where the sport was already in full swing, they sought to bring an opportunity for activity and social interaction for seniors of the county, while maintaining their ability to participate in their beloved sport when at their residence in Habersham County. In the early days, there were no more than 5-10 people that participated. Fast forward to 2021, and the now established Habersham Pickleball Club has well over 130 members and struggling to handle the consistent interest of new participants because of lack of court space and available time. Players of all ages are in love with this sport.

Utilizing the three indoor courts, the Club juggles and shares with basketball, volleyball, and summer camps, all while being limited to play during the open hours of the Aquatic Center. With the added pickleball lines to 2 of the outdoor tennis courts, the problem with competition still exists with tennis play when it is a 'first come, first use' arrangement. First, you cannot be guaranteed a court to play on when you arrive. Secondly, having to use portable pickleball nets (to use on existing tennis courts), it is not visible for anyone to see Habersham offers pickleball. With approximately 200 additional players from the surrounding counties that also enjoy playing in Habersham County, avid pickleball players are constantly seeking alternate places to play and find quality games with easily assessable courts to play on. Without available courts, Habersham County is sending residents to other counties – (White, Rabun, Towns, Union, Hart, Hall – just to name a few - taking the revenue potential (gas, food, sales tax dollars, shopping) with them and losing the revenue of surrounding county players if they were able to play in our county.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- **Project Expenses:** Recommend construction of Pickleball Complex for FY22 at Parks and Recreation:
 - o Six (6) pickleball courts on asphalt base with acrylic surface, complex fencing at 10' in height, several entrance/exit gates and walkways ~ \$75,000
 - o Pickleball Post and Nets ~ \$2,325 www.pickleballcourtsupply.com
 - o Four (4) Court Benches ~ \$2,500 www.pickleballcourtsupply.com
 - o Six (6) Pickleball Court Scoreboards ~ \$750 www.pickleballcourtsupply.com
 - o One (1) Shade Structure and marquee signage ~ \$6,500
www.pickleballcourtsupply.com www.adventureplaysystems.com/
- **Location:** Recommended site is open space between tennis courts and baseball field. (See Attachment)
- **County Labor:** County equipment and labor will be used for grading of the site.
- **Example Project:** White County Pickleball complex. (See Attached)
Cost was \$75,000 for 6 courts with fencing and court equipment only. No lights. No new shade structures. County provided grading.
- **Revenues:** Estimated 100 members to purchase annual \$255 facility passes that would provide access to outdoor pickleball courts, indoor pickleball courts and pools.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation to fund \$87,075 to complete an addition to Habersham County Parks and Recreation facilities; a six court Pickleball complex.
- 2) Deny recommendation to fund \$87,075 to complete an addition to Habersham County Parks and Recreation facilities; a six court Pickleball complex.
- 3) Commission defined alternative

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

Approve recommendation to fund \$87,075 to complete an addition to Habersham County Parks and Recreation facilities; a six court Pickleball complex.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Kurt Cooper

Director: Kurt Cooper

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS:**

DATE: _____

County Manager



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Pickleball Recommended Site

SSI Pickleball

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

A Three Color Scheme Is Best

- One color for the Non-Volley Zone or “Kitchen”, one color for the back part of the court, and one color for the playing surface surrounding the court
- Three color combination is not an additional expense
- Preferred Colors shown below – Lines are 2” and White



Minimum 10' Around Perimeter of Each Court

- Extra distance between the gate and Court#1.
 - ✓ Players going in and out of this gate never bother the players on court by the gate
 - ✓ Allows for seating area