

Dear Friends of Sun Prairie Pickleball,

As many of you know an anonymous and very generous donation of \$85,000 was made last fall for the construction of two new pickleball courts. The bidding was done for two courts, alternate #1 for 3 courts, and alternate #2 for 4 courts. Two courts would be attached to the east of the current courts. If a third court was added it would be attached on the north side of new court number one creating an L shape design. If there are four courts the courts would be stacked two and two. Bids were opened on Monday, June 4 by city officials. At the June 5th Public Works committee meeting, Adam Schleicher, Engineering department, presented the three dollar amounts for 2, 3, or 4 court construction. The \$85,000 donation will cover the construction cost for three new courts. Maureen Crombie, city council member, made the motion at Public Works Committee meeting to award the bid of 4 courts to Wolf Paving pending a budget amendment from City Council to cover the difference between the donation and the cost of the 4th court. This difference is about \$17,000. The motion passed 3 – 2. Voting yes were the three city council members of Maureen Crombie, Michael Jacobs and Al Guyant. Voting no were the two citizens on the committee. Having the three city council members voting yes is very positive. To pass at the city council meeting 6 yes votes will be needed. The City Council may take any action they wish including awarding the bid with 3 courts or 4 courts. The vote by the city council will be taken on Tuesday, June 19 for three or four courts. The meeting time is 7 p.m. at the downtown city hall in Sun Prairie. No matter what the outcome is we will have at least three new courts because of a generous donation. On the down side, the bid could have been awarded to a contractor on June 6 for three courts, but with the motion for 4 courts and a final vote by city council, the bid will be awarded on June 20.

Having three or four more courts will give us a beautiful pickleball facility. There will be less wait time for large groups. Different activities, such as city run lessons, leagues, organized play, and an open court available for walk ups, will be able to happen at the same time. These new courts will have wind screens on all sides. It is more cost effective to add the fourth court while the other three are being built.

YOU CAN HELP. On Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at the downtown city hall, Sun Prairie, the city council will vote yes or no on a budget amendment of approximately \$17,000 for construction of a fourth court. You can help by being present at this meeting. It is much more difficult for an alder to vote no in front of a full audience of people. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND.** Please spread the word to others.

A friend of Sun Prairie Pickleball fund has been established to help reduce the \$17,000 city cost. Any donation that is given to the city to reduce the cost of court four can only be looked upon as a positive gesture on the part of the players. Any amount will be helpful. Donations from individuals and businesses would be most welcomed. An anonymous \$1,000 donation has already been given. I hope other donations of any amount will follow. Please check with your place of employment for matching contributions. **All donations should be in the form of a check.**

ALL CHECKS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018. All checks will be turned over to Aaron Oppenheimer, City Administrator. Mr. Oppenheimer will present the checks to the city council at the meeting on Tuesday, June 19.

Make checks payable to City of Sun Prairie. On the memo line please put Sun Prairie pickleball court. Mail checks to Karen Jerg, 1178 Atcheson Avenue, Sun Prairie, WI. 53590 OR feel free to give the check to Karen.

Thank you for your support. This is a win-win for Sun Prairie area pickleball players. For sure we will have 3 new courts with windscreen.

See you at the meeting on June 19 at 7 p.m.

Karen Jerg.

