



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
6:30 PM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Introductions:**
 - **Scott Zielinski, Director of Public Services**
 - **Leah Blizinski, City Planner**
- IV. Approval of the minutes of: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 (*regular meeting*)**
- V. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- VI. Agenda Items-Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.**
 - 1. Nomination of 2023 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson**
- VII. Communications/Discussion Items**
 - 1. MI Spark Grants Application**
 - 2. Play Is Essential Grant Application (*verbal*)**
 - 3. Long Range Planning- Saturday, January 21, 2023, 8:30 AM Municipal Building**
 - 4. Article/E-mail Received**
 - a) 'It's Been Awkward.' Pickleball Is Pitting Neighbor Against Neighbor in Noise-Conscious Communities, November 30, 2022**
 - b) McHattie Park, South Lyon Swing, email received from John Rusche**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
- X. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda**
- XI. Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

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Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009*

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

The highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading throughout the nation at an alarming rate. As a result, the CDC is recommending that vaccinated and unvaccinated personnel wear a facemask indoors while in public if you live or work in a substantial or high transmission area. Oakland County is currently classified as a substantial transmission area. The City has reinstated mask requirements for all employees while indoors. The mask requirement also applies to all board and commission members as well as the public attending public meetings.

Should you have any statement regarding the above, you are invited
to attend the meeting in person or virtually through
ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/98191466679> **Meeting ID:** 981 9146 6679
You may also present your written statement to:
City of Birmingham, Parks and Recreation Board
851 South Eton, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 prior to the meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2022**

Heather Carmona, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at 851 South Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Carmona
Susan Collins
Pam Graham
Ross Kaplan
Anne Lipp
Ellie Noble
John Rusche

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

Zachary Miketa, Seaholm High School
Matthew Windsor, Seaholm High School

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATION:

Jana Ecker, Assistant City Manager
Melissa Fairbairn, Assistant City Manager
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator
Leslie Pielack, Museum Director

GUESTS:

Jack Burns, Bob Gibbs, Kyle Goulding,
Steve Sweeney and David Young

It was moved by Rusche, seconded by Collins, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, November 1, 2022, regular meeting as submitted.

Ayes,

Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham,
Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Ellie Noble, and
John Rusche

Nays,

None

Absent,

None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No Public Comments

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #1: Parks and Recreation Board Rules of Procedures

RC Folk periodically includes a copy of the Parks and Recreation Board Rules of Procedure in the meeting agenda packet.

Kaplan asked if guests should provide name and address before speaking.

Connie stated that guests should provide their name only prior to speaking.

It was moved by Graham, seconded by Lipp, to amend the Parks and Recreation Board Rules of Procedure to reflect the order of business on the Parks and Recreation Board Agenda which would move the Open To The Public for Items not On The Agenda after Approval of the minutes, as long as there are no presentations from outside sources.

Ayes, Heather Carmona, Susan Collins, Pam Graham, Ross Kaplan, Anne Lipp, Ellie Noble, and John Rusche

Nays, None

Absent, None

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2: Reminder: Nomination of 2023 Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson at the January 10, 2023 meeting

Carmona reminded everyone that nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be conducted next month.

ACM Ecker described the process to the Parks and Recreation Board.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3: Michigan Spark Grants

Carmona shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the memorandum from PM Laird as it relates to the Michigan Spark Grant.

Carmona introduced MD Pielack to answer questions on the Museum Park Improvements and Trail Improvements Concept Plan.

Graham asked why the landscape plan omitted sidewalks along Willits.

MD Pielack replied that new sidewalks are a complicated feature due to slope; however, this is a flexible, phased project that could address new sidewalks in future iterations.

Kaplan inquired about coordination between trail improvement concept phases and phase two for parking. It currently appears in both projects.

MD Pielack confirmed coordination with city departments and both design firms.

Carmona inquired if the crosswalk feature at Willits was in phase one or two and whether it is part of the transition zone or the pond zone.

MD Pielack confirmed the crosswalk is part of phase two and within the pond zone.

Graham, from the perspective of the trail improvement project, finds the cross walk location awkward.

MD Pielack acknowledged that the crosswalk location is problematic, but ultimately the designers felt this location was most complimentary with the barrier free parking and traffic safety standpoint.

ACM Ecker also noted that ADA has slope requirements for crosswalks and the Planning Department suggested funding was available for sustainability aspects within the concept plan.

ACM Fairbairn stated that she and PM Laird shared with the multimodal board the Trail Improvement Concept Plan, including sidewalk gaps and crosswalks. ACM Fairbairn said the concept plan was extremely well received.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #4: Funding Opportunities

Carmona reviewed the information contained in the Board Packet related to "Play is Essential" grant summary highlighting accessibility opportunities in particular.

RC Folk updated the Parks and Recreation Board that she and DPS administration met with Sarah Kupczyk and Mike Jacobs at Adams Park to gather accessibility feedback from Sarah.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

Carmona reviewed the 2023 State High Water Infrastructure Grant Program RFP. RC Folk stated that deadline has passed.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #5: Trail Improvements Concept Plan-Survey Report

Carmona reviewed the Engage Birmingham Trail Improvements Survey: 152 visitors to the site, 43 responded.

Carmona highlighted:

- Equal proportion of frequency of use responses: 35% Often >1 time per week, 33% Sometimes >1 time per month, 30% Occasionally 1 time per quarter year
- Top three most important items: sustainability features, connectivity & wayfinding, new pedestrian bridge to Linden Park
- Comments appear equally split between leave the trail natural and the trail needs to be more improved

ACM Ecker summarized next steps:

- The Parks and Recreation Board will gather all feedback from all channels (e.g., Engage Survey, Multimodal Board, Museum Board) and vote on what updates will be made to the concept plan
- The concept plan will be updated
- Parks and Recreation Board will review the updated concept plan and vote to recommend the proposal to go to the City Commission
- The board will communicate its endorsement of the concept as well as the amount of available bond money and request funding to create full design and construction drawings
- The city will hire someone to do the full design and construction drawings
- Concept out to bid to be built

Graham asked if the consultant is already funded to update the concept plan to include collected feedback.

ACM Ecker will investigate the contract and estimates the updated concept to be available in a couple of months.

Noble asked about the volume of survey respondents, and ACM Ecker acknowledged 43 respondents is a low number but not unprecedented.

Graham suggested gathering more citizen feedback before it is presented at the City Commission.

Rusche and Collins are concerned the survey may have been too narrowly titled.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #6: Pickleball Is Expanding. Tennis Is Mad, The New York Times Article, Oct. 21, 2022

Carmona shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the New York Times Article.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #7: Pickleball Sound Mitigation, Tennis & Pickleball Courts, Falmouth, MA, Article

Carmona shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the Falmouth Article.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #8: Communication from Bob Gibbs, November 10, 2022

Carmona introduced Bob Gibbs who provided comments for the 2040 plan.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lipp stated that the Adams Park ribbon cutting was a success.

Carmona thanked RC Folk for the programing, face painting and refreshments that really brought the event to life.

Carmona wondered if the information Rusche provided about a specific swing was compatible with Sarah Kupczyk's feedback.

Carmona also updated that PM Laird had received feedback regarding the musical instrument and that it needed to be tuned.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

NEW BUSINESS:

RC Folk stated that the Figure Skating Club of Birmingham (FSCB) will be putting on a holiday exhibition on December 11, at the Ice Sports Arena.

No Action was taken by the Parks and Recreation Board

Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm, at 851 South Eton.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: January 6, 2023

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: MI Spark Grants Application

As reported and discussed at the December 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the City at the time was in the process of applying for a grant through MI Spark Grants. As a reminder, at the November 28, 2022 City Commission meeting, a resolution was passed authorizing the submission of a MI Spark Grants application for \$1,000,000, and further resolving to make available a local match during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The application, now complete and submitted on time, is included in this agenda packet for your review.

Communication/Discussion Item #1

Applicant Information

1. All required fields are marked with an *.
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3. See the Grant Program handbook [here](#) for additional information.

Name of Applicant (Government Unit)*	Unique Entity Identifier Number*	Sigma Vendor Number*	SIGMA Address ID*
City of Birmingham	J32HKEJRJNJ8	CV0047835	012

Organization Type*

Local Unit of Government

Name of Authorized Representative*

Carrie Laird

Title*

Parks and Recreation Manager

Address*	City*	State*	ZIP*	County*
151 Martin Street	Birmingham	MI	48009	Oakland County

Telephone*	E-mail*
(248) 530-1714	claird@bhamgov.org

State House District*	State Senate District*	U.S. Congress District*
District 5	District 22	District 11

The following link contains District Maps - <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/mapping-process/final-maps>

Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters)*

Trail Improvements

Address of Site*	City, Village or Township of Site*	Zip*
359 Harmon Street	Birmingham	48009

County in which Site is located*

Oakland

What is/will be the applicant's type of ownership and control of the property?*

☒ Fee simple ownership. Please upload the deed and site control form which can be found in the handbook.

Deed and Site Control.pdf

Less than fee simple. Explain what rights the applicant has and what agency holds the underlying fee simple ownership.

Lease/Easement. Upload a copy of the lease/easement and site control form which can be found in the handbook.

Latitude/Longitude at park entrance*

42.550600

-83.217890

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Regional Partner

Project Category

Comments

Narrative Details - Part 1

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Park Name*

Trail Improvements

Is this an existing park?*

☒ Yes

No

If yes, please explain what features currently exist at the park?

At Booth Park, a woodchip and dirt trail begins and runs SW along the Rouge River, alongside the Birmingham Museum, and south to Linden Park. At the trail head in Booth Park there is also a children's playground, artificial turf hill and a portajohn.

If you are submitting multiple Spark applications, what is the priority for this application? (1=highest)*

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Proposal Description

What do you want to do?*

The City wishes to construct improvements that include a crushed stone trail running from Booth Park to Linden Park along the Rouge River. This will replace the existing woodchip and dirt trail making the trail accessible to all and providing connection to other city parks.

At Booth Park, proposed improvements include an accessible restroom building with open plaza area to provide space for a food truck/coffee carts, movable seating, park signage, as well as wall seating (at a transferrable height).

At all entrances to the trail, the City wishes to add trail entry identifiers including columns, seating, paver paths, and plaza.

The trail connection on Willits is proposed to remain on the existing sidewalk with confidence markers installed directing patrons to the crossing at the Birmingham Museum's proposed barrier free parking space with connections through the Museum property on permeable concrete paths, leading to a Rouge River overlook, seating areas, a boardwalk around the pond with a ramp, a Rouge River boardwalk with a ramp and boardwalk stairs.

From the Museum property, improvements are proposed on Maple Road to expand the existing walk to 8' to accommodate bikes and pedestrians.

There is also Plaza/Resting space proposed along Maple with a shade shelter, columns, a paver plaza, and waste receptacles on the south side of the Rouge River.

On the north side of the Rouge, the crushed stone trail is proposed to continue to an overlook deck.

The trail is proposed to be improved up to the existing pedestrian crossing on Maple across from Quarton Lake to Linden Park where there is another trail identifier, crushed stone trail, and a new footbridge proposed.

1. Public benefit and anticipated outcomes

1a. How was the community negatively impacted by COVID? How does this project address that? (Maximum of 10 Points)*

As with most communities, the City of Birmingham experienced a dramatic increase in use of outdoor facilities and parks during the pandemic as the public sought ways to recreate, safely engage with others, and experience the calming effect of nature. In Birmingham, that interest in outdoor activities has continued, and individuals, families, and seniors are seeking even more from our parks and outdoor facilities, and some segments of the population are in need of even more enhanced improvements to mitigate some of the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance:

Youth: Nationally and locally, the pandemic has had a significant impact on the mental health of young people. A survey and report conducted by the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC) of 3300 area students in late 2021 found that there was a considerable increase over previous years in students reporting feeling sad, hopeless, anxious, and stressed. Many reported turning to substance use during the pandemic. The BBCC brought their concerns of a rising mental health crisis among our youth to the Birmingham City Commission in April of 2022.

Seniors: COVID impacted our seniors dramatically. Loneliness, fear of infection, and lack of mobility have left their mark on this vulnerable population.

SEE ATTACHED FULL RESPONSE IN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

1b. How will this project contribute to strong healthy communities that promote health and safety? (Maximum of 8 Points)*

The City of Birmingham is committed to public services and well-being for our community, while the mission of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board is "to help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desire and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles." The Birmingham Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret Birmingham's story to enrich our community and enhance its character and sustainability, and its Strategic Plan emphasizes expanding public access to the natural and historical features of the grounds to accomplish this. This trail improvement project incorporates these objectives in several ways:

- It improves safe utilization of the trail system with improved confidence markers and signage, needed repairs and updating, trail connections, and path surface improvements

- The improvements in the plan are designed to meet the needs and challenges resulting from increased use of the trail system by families, seniors, and individuals, making it easier to access and exit sections of the trail safely in all seasons of the year. The design includes many options for shorter walks and experiences as well as longer and more vigorous hikes.

SEE ATTACHED FULL RESPONSE IN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1c. What kind of stakeholder and community input did you have? (Maximum of 4 Points)*

Parks and Recreation Master Plan update in 2018- input received during planning process.

Parks and Recreation Board meetings in preparation for the Parks and Recreation Bond prioritized projects.

Trail Improvement Survey on Engage Birmingham.

Birmingham Museum 2018 Landscape Plan Process.

<https://engage.bhamgov.org/admin/projects/trail-improvements> and Parks and Recreation Board agenda- Public Input session

While not a requirement for funding, is this project part of a community recreation or capital improvement plan?*

The trail system is located throughout the Community Recreation Plan. Specifically the Rouge River Trail Corridor Master Plan is discussed on page 22, The Linden park Trail page 32 and 33, Booth Park Trail page 36. Goal #3 page 77, Non Motorized Connectivity page 82, Action Plan page 85, 86 and Appendix.

Please provide examples of documented stakeholder and community input that you have (including Letters of Support).

Planning and Public Input Birmingham.pdf

November Agenda (1).pdf

1d. Certified Resolution from the highest governing body (Maximum of 2 Points):*

Resolution.pdf

2. Access to the Project Site

2a. Access to the Project Site: Based upon the geographic location of the proposed project, the DNR will determine what portion of the community's population will be within a half mile of the project site. (Maximum of 7 Points)

2b. How will the public reasonably access the project site. Select all that apply.* (Maximum of 7 Points)

☒ Vehicle

☒ Bus stop within 0.25 miles

☒ Sidewalk

Boat/Kayak

☒ Bike

☒ Trail

Dial-a-ride

2c. What programs and partnerships currently exist that bring people to your project and activate the space?* Example – Summer camp, farmers market, music in the park etc. (Maximum of 3 Points)

Monthly Summer Movie Nights at Booth Park, weekly May-Oct Farmers Market across the street from Booth Park.

Birmingham Museum events such as the annual community plant exchange. Art display along Rouge River trail and at Quarton Lake.

3. Financial and Social Considerations

Household income, park density, and health are all important attributes of a strong, healthy community and the basis for the social and financial scoring section. DNR will score this section based on statewide available data and the geographical location of the proposed project. (Maximum of 19 Points)

DNR Only

Narrative Details - Part 2

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4. Clarity of scope and ability to execute

4a. Provide your targeted dates for the following project milestones.* (Maximum of 10 Points)

	Target Completion Date	Description of Timeline
Public Input	11/1/2022	Public Survey on Engage Birmingham.. Public Input Started in 2018
Planning and Design	2/1/2023	2.1.2023 Planning and Design including Review Meetings at 30%, 60% and 90%. Construction Documents complete in June of 2023. Submit plans to DNR for review if required in July
Bidding (must be complete by 12/31/2024)	9/1/2023	Bidding. Awards 9.1.2023
Construction (must be complete by 10/31/2026)	10/1/2023	Begin Construction 10.1.2023. Complete 6.30.2024
Programming and activation	7/1/2023	Site open and ready for Restroom and Trail Use

Conceptual Site Development:*

Concept Development Plan Birmingham Trail Improvements SM.pdf

Do you have a Licensed Landscape Architect, Engineer, or Architect under contract or on staff for this project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the firm name and did you use a competitive selection process to retain them? MCSA Group submitted a proposal for the Master Plan of the Rouge River Trail in 2006. This is a continuation of their services. AEW is currently engaged on the Birmingham Museum.

Are construction plans and specifications available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please upload the plans and specifications.

20221206 Memo RE Museum-Parks Collab for Spark Grant.pdf

4b. Are Federal, State and/or Local permits required for the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

TYPE OF PERMIT	PERMITTING AGENCY	EFFORTS TAKEN TO OBTAIN PERMIT OR DETERMINING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	Permit Status
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Minor or Individual Permit	EGLE	Calls during Master Planning Process	Initial Consultation
Is there any evidence of contamination within the project area?*		Yes	☒ No
Select all the following project partners or support staff.			

Contact Name	Description
☒ Local Government Staff	Carrie Laird
☒ Local Government Staff	Leslie Pielack
Non-Profit Organization/Group	
☒ Community Foundation	Carol Mastroianni
☒ Community Foundation	Chris Braun
Regional Planning Agency	
Volunteer	
☒ Friends Group	Marty Logue
State or Federal Agency	
Land Conservancy	
Other	

5. Access to new opportunities for people of all abilities

5a. Please select what groups you have received feedback from and upload the associated support documentation.* (letters, plan review comments, testimonials, etc.) (Maximum of 5 Points)

No feedback received.

☒ Center for Independent Living	NEXT Parks and Rec letter 2022.docx
Center for Assisted Living	
☒ Local or regional Disability Network	Birmingham Trail Improvements- Concept Plan 10-19-2022 .pdf
Physical or Recreational Therapist	
Individual	
☒ Formal Group or Organization	BBCC Letter of support for Bham Parks and Rec Dec 2022 .pdf.pdf
☒ Other	20221206 Parks Rec Board-Museum MI Spark Grant.pdf
☒ Other	Friends MI Spark Grant 2022.pdf

5b. What specific features make your project unique and can clearly show that input from the above groups has been incorporated?*

(Maximum of 10 Points)

The project has been in front of many boards and commissions in Birmingham and all comments were thoughtfully incorporated into the final plan. The improvements include an accessible crushed stone trail running from Booth Park to Linden Park along the Rouge River. This will replace the existing woodchip trail.

At Booth Park, proposed improvements include an accessible 2 unisex stall restroom building based on input from families. The wall seating is at a transferable height.

Within the Museum Property there are more crushed stone trails, accessible overlooks, and an accessible boardwalk ramp based on input from seniors. On Maple the trail is on the existing walk proposed to be expanded to 8'.

On the north side of the Rouge, the crushed stone trail continues to an accessible overlook deck.

6. New Construction, Renovation and Future Maintenance

Please do not include mobilization, site work, etc. in the scope list.

Questions 6a1 and 6a2 - Maximum of 7 points.

6a1. Is new construction part of your project?*

☒ Yes

No

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List

Brief Description

Access Pathway 6' wide or more

Restroom/Bathhouse

Parking Paved with Accessible Spaces

Trail 8' wide or more

Utilities

Site Amenities (Benches, Picnic Tables, Trash Bins, Signage, etc.)

Crushed Stone Trail/ Permeable Concrete

Universal 2 Unisex Stall

At Museum

Bituminous Trail Along Maple

For Restroom Building

Signs, Movable Tables and Chairs, Trail Identifier

6a2. Is this renovation (replace with the same scope item) or redevelopment (change of use with similar footprint) part of your project?*

☒ Yes

No

If yes, please identify the major components of your construction project.

Scope List

Brief Description

Age of existing item in years?

Pedestrian Bridge

Replace Pedestrian Bridge at Linden Park

10-20 years

What mechanisms and resources are in place to maintain this investment? Please check all that apply.*

☒ General Fund support for Parks and Recreation

Mileage

Endowment Fund

Grants

Friends Group

☒ Dedicated Parks and Recreation Staffing

None of the above

Other

Based upon the existing mechanisms and resources, how long could you maintain this investment?*

Indefinitely

6b. Describe the selection of materials, the way the project is designed, and other features that make it sustainable.* (Maximum of 2 Points)

Crushed Stone is a pervious surface that is locally available. The restroom building is made in a controlled environment and set onsite reducing gas usage for multiple trades needed for a stick built building. Pedestrian bridge is CORTEN steel which has a 40 year lifespan. Permeable concrete at Birmingham Museum. Native gardens and the additon of trees to support wildlife and healthy environment. Consideration of reclaimed/salvaged/recycled products for shade shelter and other site amenities.

6c. What design features or considerations in your project reduces long term maintenance?* (Maximum of 2 Points)

The restroom building is all concrete which eliminates any long term maintenance and allows for easy cleanup. Chips and fines will last forever and need only minor touch ups annually. Bridge is pre-fabricated and requires no maintenance.

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Financial Details

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<u>Budget Categories</u>	<u>Need for project?*</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>
Pre-planning - Only includes conceptual designs, public input, public surveys and other meetings.	Yes	☒ No	\$
Administration - Internal activities necessary to support the oversight and implementation of the project. This category is capped at 5% of the Project Subtotal.	Yes	☒ No	\$
Project Permitting, Plan Designs and Oversight - This category is capped at 25% of the Project Subtotal.	☒ Yes	No	\$175,700
Construction	☒ Yes	No	\$2,101,100
Programming	Yes	☒ No	\$
Equipment - directly related to activities supporting the construction improvements of the project; maintenance equipment is not eligible.	Yes	☒ No	\$
Subtotal			\$2,276,800
This program does permit the use of funds to cover indirect costs. Do you want to include indirect costs in this project?*			
Yes	☒ No		
Budget Total			\$2,276,800
Grant amount requested*			\$1,000,000
Does this project have match?*	☒ Yes	No	
Total Match			\$
Total Project Cost			\$2,276,800
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)			\$1,255,300
NO ARPA FUNDS			
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)			\$
c) Federal or State Funds			\$
d) Cash Donations			\$21,500
You have entered a value for item d). Please list the individual sources and the amounts to be donated below.			
<u>SOURCE</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
* The Rosso Family Foundation			\$21,500
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
Total			\$21,500
*Is a letter of intent from each donor included with the application?			
☒ Yes	No		
e) Donated Labor and/or Materials			\$

Maintenance - Funding identified is based upon possible need to help support maintaining the project. Please note that the spark grant does not allow for ongoing maintenance, however the DNR may utilize this information to help align additional funding opportunities.

\$100,000

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Provide any additional information relevant to the project such as site photos, support letters, surveys, etc.

Document Upload:

Rosso Letter.pdf
1A AND 1B.pdf

Certification by Authorized Official

1. Click **Save** to save changes.
2. Only an Authorized Official may complete this page.

- ☒ By saving this page, I certify that I am a designated official for the applicant and that all statements on this application and the attachment hereto are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☒ I understand that if funded, all funds must be obligated into third party contract by December 31, 2024.
- ☒ I understand that if funded, this project will need to be fully expended and completed by October 31, 2026.

Carrie Laird
Authorized Official

12/16/2022 8:40:25 AM
Date

1a. As with most communities, the City of Birmingham experienced a dramatic increase in use of outdoor facilities and parks during the pandemic as the public sought ways to recreate, safely engage with others, and experience the calming effect of nature. In Birmingham, that interest in outdoor activities has continued, and individuals, families, and seniors are seeking even more from our parks and outdoor facilities, and some segments of the population are in need of even more enhanced improvements to mitigate some of the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance:

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- Seniors: COVID impacted our seniors dramatically. Loneliness, fear of infection, and lack of mobility have left their mark on this vulnerable population. The City of Birmingham has worked closely with our local senior center to help address the increased isolation and stress experienced by our older citizens, and is seeking additional ways to improve their quality of life and health.
- Students and Families: COVID-era restrictions on gatherings and closing of public educational and cultural institutions limited the kinds of activities students and families could participate in, or forced them to virtual-only experience. The lack of direct and in-person educational opportunities has increased the interest in personal engagement and in local cultural sites, including historical sites and landmarks. The City of Birmingham recognizes that our local cultural, historical, and natural resources should be as accessible as possible to the widest audience.
- Universal Access: During the pandemic, the use of physical space and need for outdoor accommodations became more apparent. The special needs of those who need barrier-free access created challenges in many cases, and highlighted the need for universal access not just for those with mobility issues, but the advantages of providing better and healthier opportunities for all. Our outdoor resources and parks can offer more if the principles of comfortable, safe, and enjoyable experiences can be made more available.

We have learned much from the pandemic, and its impact has underscored what we already understood, but made it more imperative than ever: our public needs safe, enjoyable access to outdoor resources to remain healthy and socially connected. This trail improvement project will provide a safe, fun, and inviting opportunity for recreation for young people, seniors, individuals, and families along the entire Rouge Trail system and the adjacent Birmingham Museum site, with the following highlights:

- A plaza entrance at Booth Park will provide a magnet for social interaction with an accessible gathering space at a location that provides a public restroom

and connects the trail system with many downtown amenities, such as the weekly Farmer's Market.

- Families, seniors, and young people will be able to better connect their trail experience with a visit to the Birmingham Museum's two historic buildings, or to Quarton Lake picnic areas and trails, stopping at accessible viewing areas with varying landscape features while safely traversing throughout the trail system.
 - Trail entry points and entrance plazas with shaded seating will provide easy and attractive places to access the trails and overlooks to breathtaking views at several points.
 - New boardwalk access to the historic pond and wetlands area off Willits Street at the Birmingham Museum site will open up educational and interpretive areas with rain garden and native plantings.
- Enhanced multi-modal access to various points in the trail system with confidence markers and other wayfinding guidance increases opportunities for safe pedestrian and recreational access for all ages.
- 1b.
The City of Birmingham is committed to public services and well-being for our community, while the mission of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board is "to help other organizations and agencies to plan and share family activities in helping to prevent the desire and need to use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, by providing recreational programs for all ages, and to encourage recreational life styles." The Birmingham Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret Birmingham's story to enrich our community and enhance its character and sustainability, and its Strategic Plan emphasizes expanding public access to the natural and historical features of the grounds to accomplish this. This trail improvement project incorporates these objectives in several ways:
 - It improves safe utilization of the trail system with improved confidence markers and signage, needed repairs and updating, trail connections, and path surface improvements
 - The improvements in the plan are designed to meet the needs and challenges resulting from increased use of the trail system by families, seniors, and individuals, making it easier to access and exit sections of the trail safely in all seasons of the year. The design includes many options for shorter walks and experiences as well as longer and more vigorous hikes.
 - Attractive and inviting seating, boardwalks, and overlooks offer additional appeal to draw visitors and offer opportunities for restful experiences and engaging with water features and the natural environment, both of which support mental and physical health
 - Social well-being is promoted through the accessible gathering places in the project, which are well-suited to visitors of all ages. Booth Park in particular will include improvements that are especially appealing to young people and supportive of healthy recreational activities and social connections
 - Trail connections to the Birmingham Museum offer opportunities for cultural and educational enrichment and greater accessibility to the unique historic

landscape and historic buildings. Rain garden and native plants near the pond can serve interpretive and educational objectives for sustainable gardens and adaptations, encouraging increased engagement with the outdoors and overall community health and well-being

- In general, an engaged public is one that takes responsibility for the natural world around them. It is hoped that the trail improvements in this project will help the community become closer to the incredible environmental diversity of the Rouge River corridor and its importance, and thus even more committed to maintaining its ecosystem health and well-being, contributing to the health and well-being of the public as a whole.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
FROM THE MICHIGAN SPARK GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham supports the submission of an application titled, "Trail Improvements" to the Spark Grants Program for improvements to the Rouge River Trail Corridor including trail entry identifiers, accessible connections and viewing areas, connectivity improvements including confidence markers and wayfinding signage, a new pedestrian bridge and Booth Park entry area including a restroom along the Birmingham Rouge River trail system, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Birmingham has funded the concept plan and has budgeted for these trail improvements in its Capital Improvement Plan, has received private donations, and proposes to use parks and recreation bond funding to provide a local match,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Birmingham hereby authorizes the submission of a Spark Grants application for \$1,000,000.00, and further resolves to make available a local match during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

AYES: 6 - Longe, McLain, Host, Baller, Boutros, Schaefer

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: Haig

MOTION APPROVED.

I, Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk, of the City of Birmingham, HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Birmingham City Commission at their regular meeting held on November 28, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., with a quorum present.



Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk

Dated: 11/28/22



Together We Can... Keep Our Youth Safe & Substance Free

December 15, 2022

RE: MI Spark Grants for the trail improvements project

To Whom it May Concern,

The City of Birmingham's Parks and Recreation Department plays a vital role in the work our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization does to prevent youth focused substance abuse prevention, health and wellness. It is on numerous occasions that we utilize the City's outdoor spaces for events, meetings and outings.

An integral part of our prevention work is with high school teens from our 10 public, private and parochial schools who volunteer on our Youth Action Board (YAB). This group meets year-round, several times a month, to ensure all we do is youth infused; lending their voices and experiences to represent their peers on a variety of topics important to teens today. The YAB also serves as a support group for teens where they can safely and confidently share their struggles with one another and support each other in healthy, thoughtful ways.

We are very excited about the trail improvement plans as it will enhance our ability to utilize the outdoor spaces. Being in beautiful, accessible, safe, and usable outdoor areas is even more important in today's world as a result of the pandemic and the youth mental health crisis that is prevailing in all communities.

Studies have proven the healing effects of being outdoors in nature and for this very reason, along with the decline in our teens' mental health, our organization makes a concerted effort to be outdoors whenever possible.

Following is just some of the responses from our YAB teens when asked about the planned improvements:

"Teens would benefit from these updates because it will encourage them to go outside more and enjoy nature. Having access to an outdoor space can help teens to relax and de-stress."

"Teens will have that much more of a reason to go outside and spend time off screens. This will also improve safety for the surrounding people and areas."

"It will give us more areas to explore and hang out/study in when the weather is nice. It sounds really nice and I think the scenery might be the best part."

"This will be beneficial to teens because it will give them more spaces to hang out outside. It is important for teens to get fresh air and have a space they can relax after long days of school and weekends with loads of homework."

Needless to say, we whole-heartedly support the City's improvement plan and look forward to it!

Sincerely,

Carol Mastroianni, Executive Director



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December 2nd, 2022

Dear Michigan Natural Resources Selection Committee,

On behalf of Birmingham Next, please accept this letter of support for Birmingham's Trail Improvements application through the Michigan Spark Grant. As the director of the area's 50 plus community center, I am very aware of the need for safe, accessible pathways for all our residents. As our population continues to age, this need is even more necessary, and will help our senior residents stay active. An improved trail system would be a welcome addition to our city's landscape, allowing all residents to enjoy amenities that are currently difficult to navigate.

The project consisting of Trail Improvements to the Rouge River Corridor, New Restroom and Plaza Space at Booth Park and Improvements to the Birmingham Museum Trails and Accessible Parking. These improvements will provide a wide range of recreational options for residents of all generations. These recreational assets will be a benefit to our residents not only for passive use, but also with the City's programs and special events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cris Braun

Executive Director – Next





December 12, 2022

Carrie Laird, Parks Manager
City of Birmingham, Department of Parks and Recreation
151 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Ms. Laird,

The mission of the Friends of the Birmingham Museum (a.k.a., the Birmingham Historical Society) is to provide support for the museum's programs, activities, and operation in its work to preserve and interpret Birmingham's history. Part of that history is incorporated in the four acres of grounds around the museum acquired by the City of Birmingham in 1970 as a historic park for the use and enjoyment of the public. The 1926 Allen House and 1822 Hunter House help demonstrate our important history to students, seniors, and the general community, and the physical landscape of the park includes historic and natural features that are part of our unique story.

To that end, we have worked with the City of Birmingham's Museum Board to create a Landscape Master Plan and support its implementation with fundraising activities and community events. We are especially excited to see the Pond Zone improvements, as they will help improve the visibility and barrier-free access to the museum's grounds, which include historically important natural springs and one of the earliest private swimming pools in America, built in 1926 by the Harry Allen family. But more than that, the plan to create rain gardens and reintroduce native trees and plants around the pond offer opportunities to educate students and families about the importance of these natural and historic plants to keep our pond healthy and sustainable into the future.

Unfortunately, some of the most interesting parts of the museum grounds are currently difficult to access due to the steepness of the landscape and the lack of pathways at the pond and to the Rouge Trail. As the museum grounds are adjacent to the trail, we think it makes good sense to help connect the two sites for the benefit and use of the public. We wholeheartedly support the Michigan Spark grant application by the City of Birmingham's Parks and Recreation Department for Rouge Trail improvements and enhanced access between the trail system and the museum site. The City has knowledgeable staff and has demonstrated excellence in their past park improvement projects. We look forward to possible funding from the Spark grant to bring these natural and historic resources closer to our community.

Kindest regards,

Marty Logue, Treasurer
Friends of the Birmingham Museum

The Friends of the Birmingham Museum is a 501c3 non-profit organization (Tax ID# 38-6111227).

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December 14, 2022

Ms. Connie Folk
Recreation Coordinator
City of Birmingham
23000 East Lincoln
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dear Connie,

We are pleased to be able to support your request to use the unused monies originally granted in November 2010 for the current City of Birmingham Trail Improvement Project.

If you have any other assistance, please contact me at 248-647-7077.

Thank you for all the hard work that you and the city do to keep us a vital, vibrant community.

Very Truly yours,

John H. Rosso
Trustee
Rosso Family Foundation

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'It's Been Awkward.' Pickleball Is Pitting Neighbor Against Neighbor in Noise-Conscious Communities.

Local homeowners associations are serving up bans on the sport, despite its growing popularity

By *E.B. Solomont* [Follow](#)

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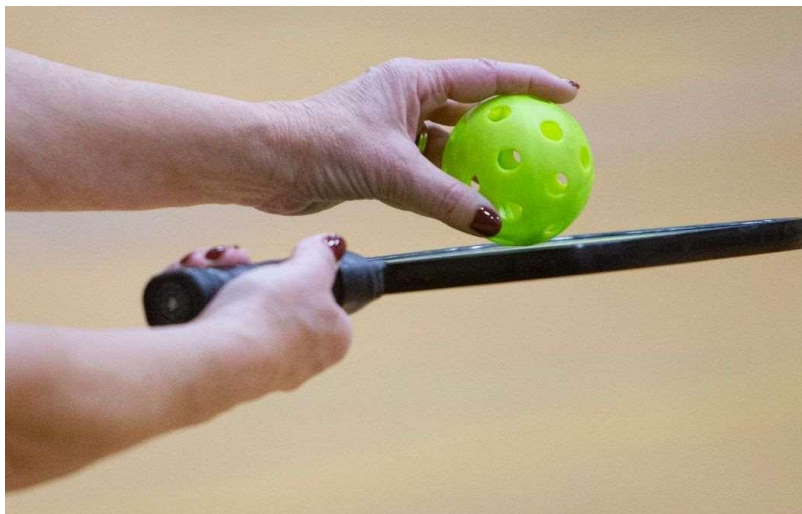
It was fun and games at first. But when pickleballers took over the tennis court at River Canyon Estates in Bend, Ore., for hours on end, bringing boom boxes, hurling profanities and letting dogs run loose—not to mention the constant *pok-pok-pok* of balls hitting paddles—the neighbors said enough is enough.

Fearing a lawsuit, the board of the homeowners association enlisted a professional mediator. It commissioned a sound study and considered ways to reduce pickleball noise—to no avail. In February, the board banned pickleball from the community's tennis court.

"We had to make a really tough decision," said David Finkel, a former HOA president at River Canyon. "But the bottom line is, you can't believe the noise pickleball makes. The people who are pickleball advocates just choose to believe it's not that friggin' noisy."

A mashup of tennis, ping pong and badminton, pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the U.S., with legions of fans and a growing list of celebrity backers, including NFL quarterback Tom Brady and basketball superstar LeBron James. It has also become a lightning rod for controversy within some residential communities, where exuberant shouting, competition for court time and the telltale sound of players whacking Wiffle-like balls with paddles has pit neighbors against each other, leading to name-calling and yelling, even lawsuits.

Photos: See the Athletes, Investors and Companies Clamoring for a Piece of Professional Pickleball



Pickleball dates to the 1960s, but its popularity skyrocketed during Covid as more people discovered the easy-to-learn sport, which is often played outdoors. There were about 4.8 million players in the U.S. in 2021, up 39% from 2019, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. Residential communities rushed to build courts or to retrofit tennis courts to accommodate the influx of players. (Four pickleball courts can fit on a single tennis court by adding lines and nets.)

“Tennis was the rage, now it’s pickleball,” said Robert Ducharme, an attorney in New Hampshire who advises condominium and HOA boards. He said more communities are adding pickleball to keep residents engaged.

Pickleball evangelists say the sport is a fun way for players of all ages to exercise safely, socialize and get their competitive juices flowing. Some call it addictive, and pickleball rivalries have been known to escalate on and off the court.



Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers, Fla., added six pickleball courts far from residences to appease some homeowners.

ZAK BENNETT FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (3)

At Cinco Ranch, a master-planned community in Katy, Texas, where homes cost \$350,000 to more than \$1 million, tennis and pickleball players have faced off over court time and etiquette. Things came to a head recently over plans to paint pickleball lines on an existing tennis court. A group of tennis players argued in a petition that pickleball causes overcrowding, especially during tournament-style games, leading to excessive wear-and-tear on the courts. “Families [playing tennis] don’t like to play beside these large groups,” while competitive players “cannot focus with pickle balls coming on and off their court constantly,” the petition said.

Lilah Poltz, 41, a pickleball player at Cinco Ranch who advocated for the court re-striping, said it has all become “quite political.” At a recent HOA board meeting, Ms. Poltz, who works in marketing, said about 10 people came to oppose pickleball, including one woman who kept referring to pickleball players as “pests.”

“It’s been awkward. And it’s been uncomfortable because these are your neighbors. You want to get along,” Ms. Poltz said.

There are about 10,600 registered pickleball venues in the U.S., including more than 1,000 new venues added in 2021 and more than 900 added in 2020, according to USA Pickleball, the sport’s governing body. Many residential communities are leaning into the sport, and courts are seen as a valuable asset.

The portion of for-sale listings that mention pickleball rose 86% in October 2022 from October 2021, according to Zillow.

At River Canyon Estates, where homes sold for nearly \$400,000 to about \$1.4 million over the past two years, the tipping point in the pickleball brouhaha came last year, when a group of pickleball players proposed re-striping a single tennis court to create four pickleball courts. Adrian Bennett III, who sold a townhouse facing the court last year for \$599,000, said large groups of pickleball players converged on the once-sleepy court, some bringing thermoses he suspected weren’t filled with water.

“Things got pretty much out of control,” said Mr. Bennett, 81, who added that he didn’t sell his home because of the noise, although he certainly wasn’t a fan of it. “It was rather obnoxious to have them playing there.”

A study commissioned by the HOA found the sound level from the pickleball court topped 65 decibels at several nearby homes. By comparison, a normal conversation is about 60 decibels and a hairdryer is roughly 90 decibels. Tennis hits are typically about 14 decibels lower than pickleball and make a lower-pitch sound, said Bob Unetich, a referee who has a consulting business focused on noise mitigation. Pickleball’s higher-pitch sound is more annoying to the human ear, he added.

Part of the problem was that several homes were within 65 feet of the court, said Terry Smith, another former HOA president who lives a few houses down from the court and said he could hear pickleball “quite easily” upstairs in his home. To be effective, a sound barrier around the

court would have to be 16 to 20 feet high, he said. Even then, he added, the board could be sued—and would likely lose.

In Naples, Fla., earlier this year, residents sued the homeowners association at Village Walk, an 850-home community where prices range from \$535,000 to about \$900,000, over expenses tied to three new pickleball courts. In the suit, plaintiff Meredith Carr alleged the HOA spent more than \$100,000 in restricted reserve funds for new recreational facilities—including the courts—without residents' approval.



Meredith Carr sued the Village Walk HOA over expenses tied to the courts.

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Ms. Carr is part of a group of mostly anonymous residents called VW Stop Spending, which opposed an HOA fee increase last year and has published blog posts critical of the HOA board's leadership. "It's not that I'm against pickleball by any means, it's the principle," said Ms. Carr, 53, who owns a two-bedroom villa at Village Walk. "The president thinks she's above the law."

Diane Green-Kelly, the HOA board president, rebutted the characterization. The HOA fee increase was in line with inflation, she said, and that money went toward operating expenses. (Money for the courts, she added, came from another fund.) Also, the board held several town hall meetings about pickleball. Based on resident feedback, it conducted a sound study and installed Acoustiblok panels to minimize noise. Ms. Green-Kelly said the courts have been full, and she hasn't received any noise complaints.



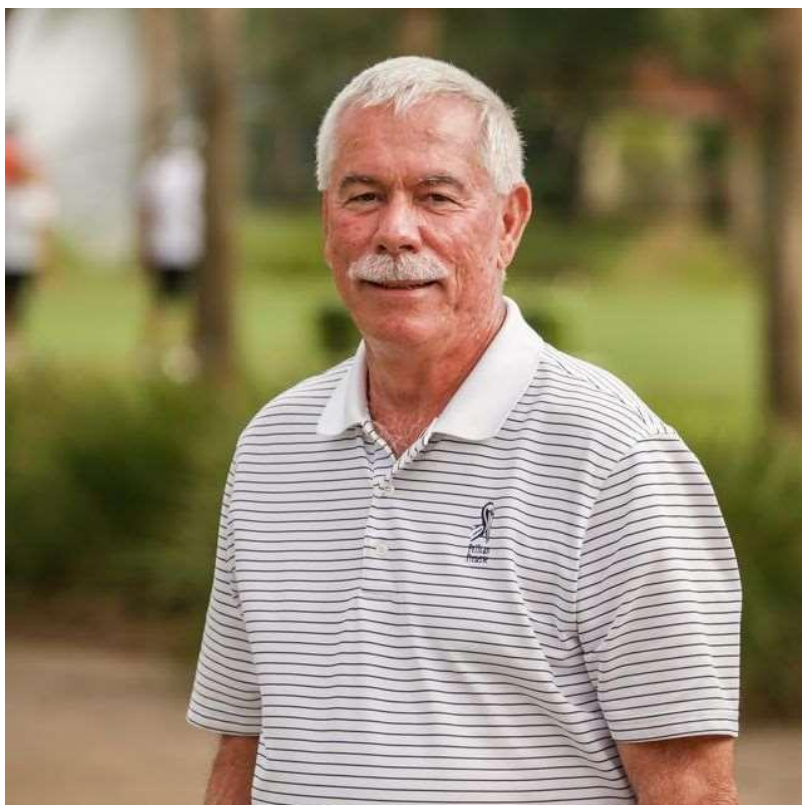
Diane Green-Kelly, Village Walk's HOA president, said adding pickleball was important to keep the community relevant.
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"I can't tell you it just rolls off my back. They're very personal about it," Ms. Green-Kelly, a trial lawyer by trade, said of the criticism. "We've had to just learn to try to ignore it." She said the courts are valuable to the community as a whole. Without them, she added, "we might be dying on the vine because we weren't keeping up with what people wanted."

Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers, Fla., walked the same fine line last year as it tried to meet pickleball demand while satisfying residents concerned about the noise. The 2,500-home community had six pickleball courts that were constantly packed, said Frank Robers, president of the HOA board. A proposed location of six additional courts, however, was rejected by homeowners.

Romeo and Susan DeMarco, who paid \$407,000 for their four-bedroom home in 2019, were among those objecting. Their house, which is adjacent to a nature preserve, is about 400 feet from the proposed courts. "We kind of thought of it as a dripping faucet," said Mr. DeMarco, 75, of pickleball's constant noise.

After several impassioned discussions, he said, the board ultimately identified another location. Mr. Robers said the HOA spent about \$100,000 to relocate a softball field and build the new pickleball courts in its place. "At the end of the day, honestly, we decided for the good of the community and these residents," he said. "It was worth doing."



Frank Robers is president of the Pelican Preserve HOA, which negotiated a new location for some planned Pelican Preserve pickleball courts.

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Roy Seaverson, 65, a retired dentist who lives at Sun City Grand in Surprise, Ariz., said he and his wife, Julie Seaverson, 64, did their research before buying a \$735,000 house close to their community's pickleball courts in 2014. He said they walked around the neighborhood to gauge the sound level, which they deemed a nonissue. Mr. Seaverson, who plays pickleball five or six times a week, said the house is on a golf course, and although the couple was drawn to the home for its views, the proximity to pickleball is a bonus.

"We definitely talk about how we feel fortunate being close enough that you can walk down and you're right there," he said.

Troy Konz, 62, president of Sun City Grand's pickleball club, said the sport is a top draw for the 9,800-home community, which has 11 tennis courts and 22 pickleball courts that are packed from about 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pickleball club has nearly 1,800 members, up from around 900 in 2016, said Mr. Konz, a former high-school athlete who called pickleball easy to play, great exercise and incredibly social.

Mr. Konz said Sun City Grand has refined its noise-mitigation efforts over the years, including regular sound studies and wind screens. It allows only certain paddles to be used on its

courts. And he admitted that for years, the community's pickleball and tennis clubs clashed over court time. Only recently did they make peace with each other, he said.

"We got together and said, enough is enough, why are we fighting?" Mr. Konz said. They also have united over a common enemy: a faction of homeowners who would like to see the tennis court converted for basketball.

Appeared in the December 2, 2022, print edition as 'Pickleball Is Pitting Neighbor Against Neighbor'.

Fwd: McHattie Park Accessible Playground Equipment

1 message

arrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 6:49 AM

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Subject: McHattie Park Accessible Playground Equipment
To: Carrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>, <Jecker@bhamgov.org>, <Heather@nonprofitspot.com>

Hello,
A friend visited McHattie Park in South Lyon MI and sent me the attached photo of an accessible swing. Interesting to think about when we begin the next parks phase of capital improvement bond planning.

Best regards,

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