

# Pickleball Special Board Meeting

October 26, 2017, 10 AM

## Board Members Present:

President Craig Fraser, Vice President Ron Slagle, Secretary Peggy Holt, Treasurer Jay Messick, Tournament Director Gary Janikula, Training Cal Messien, Publicity Mike Gardner, Social Barb Peach, Membership Karyl Freeman.

## Quorum:

Quorum established. 33 members in attendance.

## Old Business:

President Craig Fraser explained the purpose of the special meeting, and he reviewed that the Board of Directors candidates will be attending on November 3 at our membership meeting. He also reminded us that the Pickleball Club cannot endorse any candidate, but as voters we should know enough about each. In addition, Craig reviewed that at the November 2 meeting we need to have a quorum of our members in order for the membership to vote on the agenda items

Craig then turned the meeting over to our Vice President, Ron to act as Chairperson to give an overview of the first agenda item: "Requesting partial funding for Acoustifence." It is believed that Pickleball Club's participation in the funding would improve chances for the rest of the funding to be supported by the Properties and the Finance committees and then the Association Board of Directors. It was explained that the Association has continued to express concerns about additional pickleball courts due to both the parking problem and the noise complaints by some neighbors. At this point, the Association is planning to handle the parking situation, and it is believed that we need to show good faith in addressing the noise factor. (**Parking:** The Association is planning to add between 33 and 37 additional parking spaces at a cost of \$70-80,000.)

At this point Ron turned the meeting back to Craig to give a detailed history of the pending issues:

#1. **Partial Funding of Acoustifence:** Craig reviewed the following: On **July 13, 2015** the first formal appeal was made for additional pickleball courts. This was presented to the Board of

Directors by Marty. It involved the recommendation to convert tennis court 5 into 4 pickleball courts. This was rejected by the Association Board. Since that date there has been no additional action by the pickleball board in regards to requesting more courts. At the July meeting, it was identified that there were 2 major obstacles to seeking more courts in addition to resistance by the Tennis Association:

### **1. Parking and 2. Perception of noise.**

**August 3, 2017 Pickleball Meeting:** The Board passed a motion to fund and complete a **Noise Abatement** study in an effort to demonstrate our desire to be responsible stewards and good neighbors.

The **Noise Study** has been completed and indicated that we are well within acceptable levels of DBs. Pickleball Noise does not create a public nuisance and is technically legal. However, it is clear that the issue is more about the perception of the noise annoyance than the actual noise level. The recommendation is that Acoustifence be installed on only 1 side of each set of courts: 1-3 on the street side and 4-6 on the path side. Fencing only 1 side of each court would both cut noise and mitigate the increased heat factor of enclosing all sides the courts

The question is **why** should we **consider funding Acoustifence?**

1. The study indicated that installing **Acoustifence** could **cut the sound** that still exists up to 50%.
2. The fencing would also provide a **safety barrier**. The current windscreen would be taken down, and the installed Acoustifence would provide a softer barrier in potential collisions and would, therefore, be safer.
3. The installation of the Acoustifence would **demonstrate** to the Board of Directors that we are willing to “put some skin in the game” and that **we are willing** to address the noise factor.

Our proposed share of the funds would be \$3,500 out of an anticipated \$10,000 + total. Regarding the concern that a financial contribution to our facility would set a dangerous precedent for our club, we were reminded that our club has previously contributed \$7,000 towards constructing courts.

There was a lively discussion about the actual fencing characteristics, the potential heat associated with areas enclosed by acoustifence, the supplier, and an idea put forward by DJ that we consider putting a monetary threshold on club expenditures that can be passed by the Board without membership approval.

Mike Gardner moved and Gary J. seconded a **motion** that we **table the vote** on the funding for the Acoustifence **until the November 2nd Membership Meeting**. this motion passed 7-1.

#2. The second agenda item was then addressed: Advertising on the pickleball courts to raise money for either offsetting Acoustifence or setting a fund for future courts construction.

Discussion included the following issues:

- \* The aesthetic impact of ads on the court fences.
- \* The potential for distraction while playing
- \* Until we have an actual use for the money in the present (courts for example) there is no imminent need for raising money through advertising.

There was a motion made by Mike and seconded by Jay to adjourn at 11:27

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