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**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2022  
**PREPARED BY:** Ben Jaszewski, Parks and Planning Superintendent  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Pickleball Feasibility Report – Site Comparison and Recommendation

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

At their February 2019 meeting the Board approved the consultant services proposal from HKGI to complete a Feasibility Study for a pickleball complex.

At their November 2021 meeting the Board approved the consultant services proposal from HKGI to complete a community engagement and concept design process for the preferred site.

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**RECOMMENDED PARK BOARD ACTION:**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the feasibility report from HKGI and to direct staff to move forward with Community Engagement and Concept Design.

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**COMMENTS:**

At their February 2019 meeting the Board approved a feasibility study for a future pickleball complex. During that process staff and consultant team (HKGI) reviewed existing park locations throughout the park system. The 2019 Pickleball Feasibility Study included:

- Review of possible sites for the complex and develop evaluation criteria.
- Conduct site analysis and concept planning of possible sites.
- Gather stakeholder input (user groups)
- Define a preferred site

After reviewing the system plan and park inventory, staff and the consultant team identified six existing park locations within Maple Grove that fits general criteria; onsite parking, restroom facilities, and existing open space. Those six park sites were then evaluated in detail to determine the best possible fit. The six park sites were given a base score to find the best location for a 12 to 18 pickleball court complex. Evaluation criteria included:

- Effects on current park facilities and programming
- Residential buffer 155' minimum
- Site constraints (grading, trail realignment, etc)
- Parking
- Restroom facilities
- Community Access
- Construction constraints

Lakeview Knolls Park stood out as the preferred site based on this study (Attachment B). Lakeview Knolls Park has existing restroom facilities, easy access off of County Road 30, parking in close proximity, and open space near or around existing pickleball courts.

The consultant team estimates that building an additional 12 to 18 pickleball courts at Lakeview Knolls Park would be in the \$1.0 to \$2.0 million range dependent on the Park Board's direction and potential need for additional restroom facilities or parking based on the concept plan developed over the next few months.

At their December 2021 meeting the Board approved the 2022 Park Development Program Budget which included \$1.5 million for the design and development of a pickleball complex. Additional funding may be allocated as the concept plan is developed and would come from the Park Development Program.

Staff is recommending the Park Board approve the Pickleball Feasibility Report and direct staff to move forward with Community Engagement and Concept Design at the preferred location Lakeview Knolls Park. Funding for this project comes from the Park Development Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Pickleball Feasibility Report Summary

Attachment B – Pickleball Comparison Matrix