

Report for the Leck Grant Board
January 4, 2018
Village of Deerfield

Pickleball Court installation, present and future training sessions, and league organization

November 2016: The Deerfield Village Board approves the concept of constructing a pickleball court for Village residents and others to use. They place \$10,000 in start-up capital under the control of the Parks Board.

December 2016: Estimates come in higher than anticipated. A single court will cost approximately \$21,000. The Parks Board concludes that we will try to secure funding for one court.

January 2017: An appeal goes out through the newspaper and individual letters to clubs and businesses for financial support. The Parks Board looks into grant sources and applies for a portion of the Deerfield Community Trust Fund.

February 2017: We receive a grant from the Community Trust Fund and a few from individuals and local businesses.

March 2017: The Parks Board approves three possible sites for the court. We begin making contacts of seniors, adults, teens, and children interested in learning the game.

April 2017: We write the Leck Grant proposal for helping fund training, equipment for the public to borrow, and for the Grand Opening luncheon for the community. Some organizations are waiting to see where the court will be located before they commit funds.

May 2017: The Parks Board finalizes its choice for the court site at the Deerfield Community Park and next to a disk golf course. The site offers room for future expansion, has rest rooms, parking, and other recreational options. We resubmit our Leck Grant to better match the criteria for acceptance. The decision will be forthcoming in June.

June 2017: The Parks Board receives the good news that the Leck Grant was awarded in the amount of \$2,465. More donations have come in as a result of the site choice. Bids are sent out to prospective companies for accomplishing the grading and excavation, the asphalt base, the final colored surfacing and lines, and the net system and bench installation.

July 2017: The grading, excavation, and gravel base has been completed. The vendors have been notified for their winning bids.

Late July 2017: The asphalt base of 8 inches is in place. It must "cure" for four weeks before any further work commences.

August 2017: The vendors contact us for the remaining jobs to be finished. The Bank of Deerfield awards the Parks Board with over \$1,000 for a beautiful player's and spectator's bench.

September 2017: The bench is ordered from a company in Colorado. The fencing company does its preliminary measurements and markings on the asphalt surface.

Late September 2017: The fencing and gate is installed. The Parks Board plans for an “Open House” ceremony and court opening. Letters and newspaper publicity are given to the public, businesses, clubs, and grant funders.

October 2017: The final colored surface and lines have been completed.

Late October 2017: The net system and the bench are permanently installed. October 29 is chosen as the opening date complete with luncheon and demonstration games. Approximately 70 people attend. They range in age from 8 to 86! Elite players, seniors, other adults, teens, and younger children participate in demonstration games. Groups of people express interest in having training sessions in the spring. Seniors, Men’s groups, Women’s groups, Teens, and Children’s groups will have selected times and days of the week to participate. The Leck Grant will allow this to occur for 2018 and beyond.

November 15: The park closes for the winter and will re-open in April. A league for advanced players is also planned for 2018.

The following list of persons includes those who have already received training and support and those highly interested in learning how to play when the court reopens in April. The training thus far has been at the outdoor tennis court and indoor courts in Deerfield, Fort Atkinson, and Janesville. We are excited and very grateful to have a facility meant just for pickleball in our own home community!

Seniors

Jim Orion, Jody Mack, Sue Hartwick, Stefan Gieryn, Steve Rogers, Don Hoeppner, Kay Falk, Jim Doll, Marge Doll, Carol Berman, Scott Irwin, Dave Wilkinson, Dennis Haberkorn, Joe Hanch, Barb Martin, Barry Witkowski, Annette Witkowski, Kaia Fry, Mary Lemke, Mary Gullickson, Gail Korb, and Bob Korb

Other Adults

Brad Gleason, Barb Meyer, Rory Meyer, Jim Albrecht, Wendy Albrecht, Fredricka Manning, Anne Aylin, John Doyle, Tom Bush, Pam Klein, Jesi Haak, Michelle Jensen, and Holly Slater

Teens and Children

Grace Albedyll, Isabel Arriola, Lilyanne Beam, Jaden Bethel, Lily Dunsirm, Lucas Elliot, Natalie Grob, Finley Karras, Addison Klein, Leah Lokken McKenna Michel, Rowan Milanowski, Arden Nickerson, Tyler Olson, Willem Reece, Sunny Rivers, Macy Schmitt, Dwayne Schwoerer, Spencer Sheets, Trenton Stauffacher, Audrey Witkowski, Emma Young, Moli Haak, Cora Bennett, Lydia Berryman, Riley Berryman, Mason Betthauser, Jack Christianson, Terrance Douglas, Jackson Drobac, Eli Key, Tommy Lees, Ben Sigurslid, Kitiara Stroede, Abigail Weiss, and Ruby Robinson

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Fry, Project chairperson, Village Board and Parks Board member