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Dear David,

The Concord pickleball players have discussed and reviewed some options for pickleball courts at Beaver Meadow Park. The overwhelming consensus is that we would like to convert the three tennis courts into eight permanent pickleball courts. A sketch showing the preferred layout is attached.

This layout will allow for good separation between the courts while providing room for some benches on the courts. Permanent courts and nets are highly preferred as it makes for a better game. In addition, we want more than six courts as the sport of pickleball is growing. Here in Concord we have seen the number of players double in the past two years. On many weekday mornings, there are twenty or more players that show up. Some evening and weekend play also takes place. We feel that eight courts can be justified.

We are aware that this change will need to be reviewed by City Council and staff. Estimated costs have not been done yet. Many players have indicated a willingness to provide labor to accomplish the conversion. Many of the tasks to convert the tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts such as resurfacing and painting lines can be done by volunteers to reduce costs. Once estimated costs are determined, funding can be requested. We understand that this process to approve and fund may take a year or so but we feel that it will be worth while to get the best facilities for pickleball.

The plan to purchase portable nets for six pickleball courts on the tennis courts should be cancelled.

Looking forward to moving this project forward. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 603-715-1514 or by email at alexvogt1953@gmail.com

Regards,



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