

# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item 1 May 6, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Approval to accept a donation from the Novi Parks Foundation in the amount of \$250,000 to assist with replacement of the Tim Pope Play Structure located at ITC Community Sports Park and to assist with the future installation of four pickleball courts and fencing at Wildlife Woods Park.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Novi Parks Foundation would like to assist the City of Novi with two upcoming park projects through a donation from the naming rights fund. The Parks Foundation Board of Directors has approved the following allocations:

1. \$150,000 to assist with replacement of the Tim Pope Play Structure (built in 1997) located at ITC Community Sports Park, off the 8 Mile entrance. The current structure has exceeded its useful life and does not meet the Americans with Disability (ADA) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) standards. The structure would be replaced with a new accessible structure and accessible safety surfacing. The Tim Pope Family, PRCS Grants Committee and PRCS Commission have all reviewed proposed concepts for the playground and recommended a design that replicates the existing structure with new materials and features.

PRCS submitted a Recreational Passport (RP) grant application in an attempt to secure \$150,000 of the total \$409,000 project cost but did not receive funding. Replacement of the structure is currently listed in the City's CIP Plan for FY 2019-20 for \$259,000. The Novi Parks Foundation donation would ensure the structure could be fully replaced. The project would be scheduled for late Fall 2019.

2. \$100,000 to assist with the future installation of four pickleball courts and fencing at Wildlife Woods Park. Pickleball is a sport growing in popularity, especially among the older adult population. Since 2009, there has been demand from residents to create pickleball opportunities in Novi. As the demand increases, creating dedicated pickleball courts would be preferred over markings on existing tennis courts. With the older adult population growing and multiple local pickleball groups contacting the department in search of courts to use, the courts are expected to be utilized immediately. It would also allow the department to create an additional revenue stream through programs and tournaments. According to the USA Pickleball

Association (USAPA), the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) 2015 Participant Report found almost 2.5 million people play pickleball in the United States.

PRCS has been seeking an appropriate location to install pickleball courts in Novi. With the planned addition of a new access drive from Wixom Road and parking lot located near the pavilion, Wildlife Woods is an ideal location for construction.

Allocation of funds from the Novi Parks Foundation Naming Rights account requires approval from the Novi City Council. Staff is recommending acceptance of the donation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to accept a donation from the Novi Parks Foundation in the amount of \$250,000 to assist with replacement of the Tim Pope Play Structure located at ITC Community Sports Park and to assist with the future installation of four pickleball courts and fencing at Wildlife Woods Park.

## Tim Pope Memorial Playground

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\*Custom products are shown as conceptual only. \*Custom product manufacturing time for this project will be approximately 6 weeks from the time of LSI order acceptance.



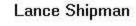


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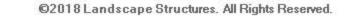




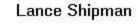


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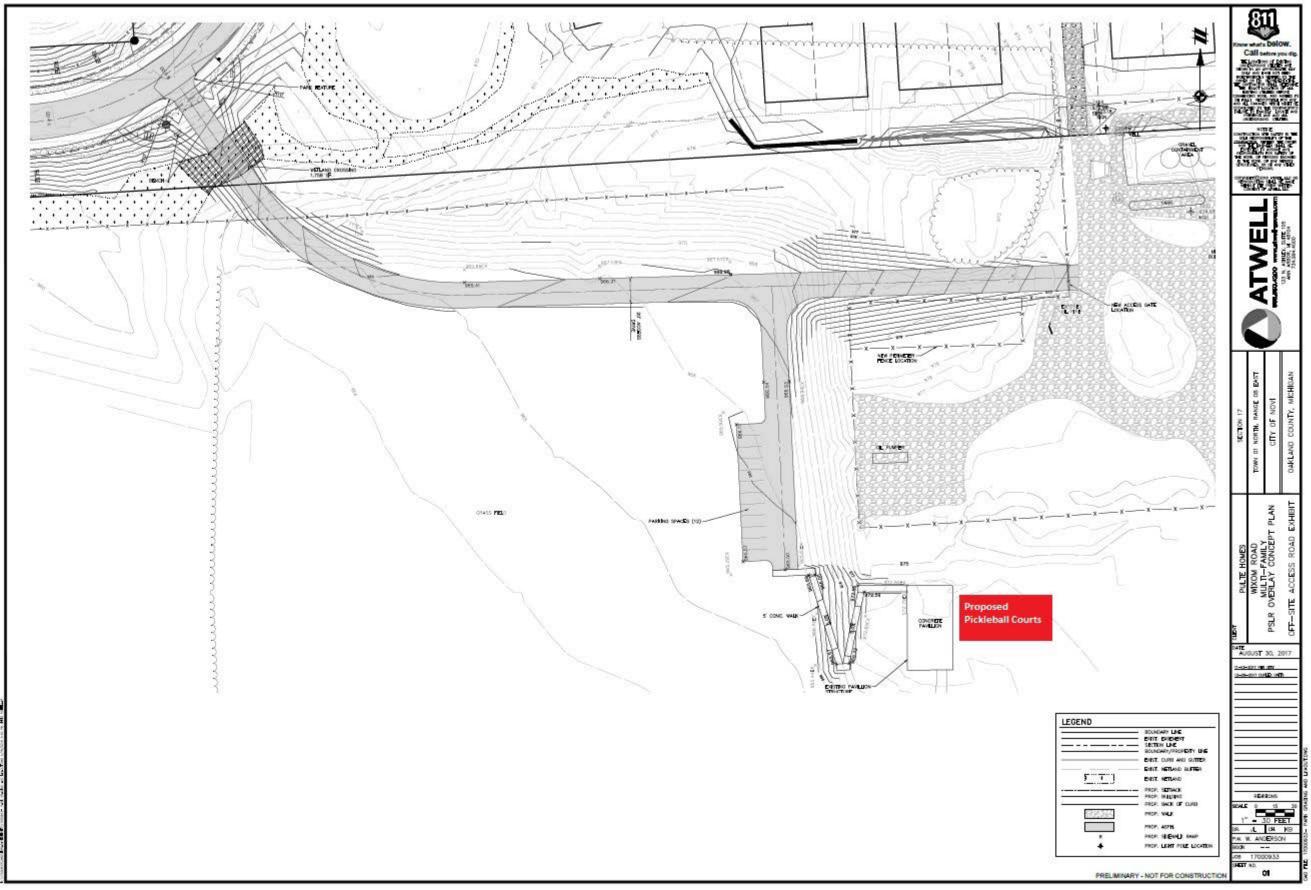












#### **Pickleball Court Examples**



