



CITY OF GEARHART

Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 3/1/2023

Subject - Old Business - Proposed Conditional Use - Pickleball / OPRD LGGP Grant Update

Synopsis: In February, Council looked at a draft of proposed Resolution #976, which would allow City staff to apply for a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for rehabilitation of the pickleball and tennis courts. This included repainting and resurfacing, upgrading nets, and containment netting. It could include the addition of another pickleball court, at the request of some community members. A project quote of roughly \$38,000 was provided, along with a draft design.

Sections 2.A.3 and 3.6 Policy No. 6 of the City's Parks Master Plan defined the area and its maintenance as the responsibility of the City. And section 7.C.3 outlined conflicting resident feedback between pickleball and tennis. Additionally, the "Top Priorities" within the plan forwarded to the City Council for action state: *Return tennis courts to exclusive use for tennis (2), additional pickleball courts (1)*.

The Council tabled action for further discussion. After individual discussions with the City Administrator, it's been discovered that changes to City parks, per zoning, need to go through the Conditional Use process with the Planning Commission.

Recommended Motion: Upon a simple motion from Council, staff can begin the Conditional Use process, which would include collecting feedback from the community on the design. Hearings would aid in the decision of an additional pickleball court, or leaving the courts as they are and refinishing as designed.

Legal Analysis: OPRD requests a resolution in order to apply. Once the process is complete and the design finalized, the City can revisit applying for grant funds next year between January 1 and May 1, 2024. The updated resolution would be brought back to Council in order to apply.

Financial Analysis: For 2023, there is \$6M in funding available statewide. The maximum award for a small grant is \$75k. There is a required 20% match for cities and districts under 5,000 population, and Counties under 30,000 population. Stats could change next year. The current quote for the full project will change based on inflation and the final design approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad