

To: Board of Parks and Recreation

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Re: Cobblestones Park tennis courts area

We need to make improvements to the tennis court area at Cobblestones Park. With the growing popularity of pickleball, it was previously suggested to consider changing that area to exclusive pickleball courts as there are already several tennis courts in the park system and the popularity of pickleball courts has increased.

I met with the Town's engineer, SEH, to discuss this idea and we walked the site. They have sketched two initial concept options, shown on the following pages. Both options use the same footprint as the existing two tennis court area. The first option is a three-court option. The second option is a six-court option. All courts would be positioned in a north-south layout which is preferred by players.

The plan would be to remove all fencing and asphalt and replace as there are significant cracks in the existing tennis courts. The fencing would have a few openings instead of gates to avoid the issue of people using the courts for a pseudo dog park.

The concern that staff have is adding such a facility when there is likely not enough parking to handle the park visitors for pickleball, a new playground (getting installed in 2025), baseball, lacrosse or football practice and general park users. There are 26 existing parking spaces at the park.

Another option would be to shrink the footprint of the existing tennis courts and only add three pickleball courts on the south half of the existing tennis court area while giving back the north half of the existing tennis courts back to the greenspace of the park.

Staff is seeking your input before further design is contemplated. The development of these ideas may have to wait until 2026 to ensure adequate funding is available to complete any new design plan.



