



To: Board of Parks and Recreation
From: Mark Heintz, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: January 20, 2026
Subject: Cobblestones Park improvement discussion

In May of 2025, a few concepts were shared with you for ways to improve the existing tennis court area at Cobblestones Park. At that time, it was discussed to change the existing two tennis courts into either three or six pickleball courts and that additional funding would be required. Additional funding was included in the 2025 park bond issue for this project.

After some input from the community, there was a desire to not completely eliminate tennis courts from Cobblestones Park. Since then, we have worked with a court designer/contractor on a layout that would rebuild the court area in the same footprint of the existing two tennis courts. The new proposed design is a 4+1 layout which would offer 4 pickleball courts and 1 tennis court, all in a north-south layout (see next page design). The courts would be built via the post-tension style to last much longer than the current asphalt type.

The new proposed design allows for a greater recreational opportunity by continuing to offer a tennis option while adding a pickleball option for the community as well.

We have an estimate to complete this work at a cost of \$437,400. We currently have approx. \$400,000 available to use at Cobblestones Park for this project from the last two bond issues. If we were to award this in February, we would receive a discount of \$20,000, which would bring the cost of the project to \$417,400. This cost savings is being offered as the same company will be mobilized in Munster doing work on the School Town of Munster's new tennis courts at Community Park this spring. The difference will be available from the 2025 bond issue after vehicles and equipment are purchased as we have seen their initial pricing.

As previously discussed, a future second phase to Cobblestones Park, if needed, to increase parking by either adding 8 spaces to the west end of the park by removing the multi-purpose court or by adding 7 spaces along Treadway by expanding the current lot to the east would be considered in the future once use patterns are realized. If that additional need is determined to be necessary, that phase will have to be completed after future funding is secured.

Recommendation:

Approve of the 4 +1 design (4 pickleball and 1 tennis) for new courts at Cobblestones Park and for staff to bring a formal proposal for court construction to the Board at the next meeting for consideration.

