

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: EMMA MCCARTHY LEE PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS
RENOVATION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

BACKGROUND:

This project is to convert two of the four tennis courts at Emma McCarthy Lee Park, 3400 Ross Rd., into six pickleball courts. Pickleball has become a very popular sport in Ames and around the country. During the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) input session in 2019, a group of local pickleball players requested that the City provide more outdoor space for pickleball. As a result of this input, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that this project to convert existing tennis courts to pickleball courts be included in the Capital Improvements Plan, which ultimately was approved by the City Council in year two of the FY 2020 – 2025 CIP.

Plans and specifications were developed by Snyder & Associates, Ankeny, Iowa, and include crack repair, fence installation, resurfacing the entire tennis court and pickleball surface with corresponding boundary markings, and installation of posts and nets. The Engineer’s cost estimate is below which includes the base bid, engineering, and a four percent contingency.

<u>Engineer’s Estimate:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Base Bid	\$ 99,690
Posts and Nets (provided by owner)	\$ 4,650
Engineering & Construction Inspection	\$ 13,500
<u>Contingency (4% of base bid)</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Bid Project Estimate	\$121,840

There is \$100,000 in available funding for the project, which leaves a shortfall of \$21,840. Funds to cover the overage, if necessary, will come from the \$75,000 left over from the Homewood Golf Course Sidewalk Project which was completed earlier this summer.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve plans and specifications for the Emma McCarthy Lee Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts Renovation and set the bid due date for October 26 and November 8 as the date of hearing and award of contract.
2. Do not approve the plans and specifications at this time, delaying the project.
3. Refer back to staff.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America and players in Ames are currently utilizing tennis courts that have pickleball lines painted on the tennis courts. This project addresses a need in the community by providing designated regulation pickleball courts and nets while still providing two regulation tennis courts at Emma McCarthy Lee Park.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 as stated above.