



MEMORANDUM

To: City of Saint Anthony Village Parks & Environmental Commission
From: Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director
Date: September 13, 2021 Parks & Environmental Commission Meeting
Request: Options to Dedicate Silver Lane Tennis Courts to Pickleball Courts

BACKGROUND

Saint Anthony has experienced a growing interest in Pickleball, and the Parks & Environmental Commission has been presented with updates on the topic. At its previous regular meeting on June 7, 2021, the Commission asked staff to bring forward options for dedicating the Silver Lane courts currently configured for a single Tennis courts and shared with striping for two Pickleball courts with movable nets.

Since the previous meeting, a resident passed on concerns to a Commissioner on the condition of that court, noting that significant cracks have reformed in areas that have been previously repaired. Picture at right for reference.

This should also be taken into consideration for any recommended action to change the use or reconfiguration of the courts.



OVERVIEW

Given the request and the conditions of the courts, staff identified three options with cost estimates for repairs and possible transition to dedicated Pickleball at the Silver Lane site:

Option 1	Repair the cracks by filling them with a crack seal material and maintaining the court as is (shared tennis court and two pickleball courts)	\$1,500 - \$2,000
Option 2	Repair the cracks by filling them with a crack seal material and resurface to eliminate the tennis court lines (two or possibly four pickleball courts)	\$15,000 - \$20,000
Option 3	Fully reconstruct the court, painting only pickleball court lines, possibly adding overhead lighting, and adding to the playing surface area (four or possibly eight pickleball courts, if desired).	\$40,000 - \$90,000

RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation at this time is Option 1. This repairs the cracks to address safety concerns, and the courts will remain playable. It is important to note that the crack filling is a temporary solution and the repairs would not be expected to last beyond three to five years.

Staff recommends further discussion before Options 2 or 3 are considered, as Option 2 is also temporary and both may lead to usage outgrowing the original intent of the single court and the available parking. This would also allow for time for additional discussions on expansion of Pickleball courts in Saint Anthony and where the appropriate location would be, should that be pursued.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COMMISSION FEEDBACK

Below are the specific items for discussion and feedback for staff and/or the City Council:

- Does the Commission support Option 1 at this time and continuing discussions on the desired scope and location for Pickleball in the City?
- Does the Commission support another option at this time?

NEXT STEPS

1. If Options 1 is approved, staff will coordinate the work with internal staff and/or contractor to complete the work.
2. Staff will bring any other Parks & Environmental Commission recommendation to a future City Council meeting for consideration.