



MEETING AGENDA

MEETING TITLE: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

DATE & TIME: **Monday June 7, 2021 at 7:00PM**

LOCATION: *Pursuant to Executive Order 20-16, this meeting will be conducted electronically and will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofSherwood>*

ATTENDEES

Parks & Recreation Board

Eric Kneifel, Chair
John Clifford, Vice Chair
Brian Amer
Joy Kuczer
Steve Munsterman
Brian Carideo
Donovan Cutsforth
Rodney Lyster
Manny Sanchez

Council Liaison

Russell Griffin, City Councilor

City Staff

Kristen Switzer, Interim Assistant City Manager
Kelsey Beilstein, Events & Arts Program Coordinator
Jason Waters, P.E., Civil Engineer
Harry Banister, Operation Supervisor

Guest

Scott Pierce, Executive Director, Sherwood Regional Family YMCA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Kneifel)
2. Adjustments to the Agenda (Kneifel)
3. Approval of Minutes (Kneifel)
4. Citizen Comment (Kneifel)
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5. Pickle Ball at Snyder Park (Kneifel)
6. Cedar Creek Trail Update (Waters)
7. Introduction of Executive Director, Sherwood Regional Family YMCA
8. Parks Maintenance Update (Banister)
9. Council Updates (Griffin)
10. Other
10. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings: August 2, 2021



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Parks & Recreation Board

MEETING MINUTES

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| MEETING TITLE | Sherwood Parks & Recreation Board |
| DATE & TIME | 6.07.2021 7:00 PM |
| LOCATION | Microsoft Teams/Live on YouTube |
| FACILITATOR | Eric Kneifel |
| NOTES TAKEN BY | Kelsey Beilstein |

ATTENDEES

| Parks & Recreation Board | | Council Liaison | |
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| X | Eric Kneifel, Chair | X | Russell Griffin, City Councilor |
| - | John Clifford, Vice Chair | | |
| X | Brian Amer | | |
| X | Steve Munsterman | X | Kristen Switzer, Community Services Director |
| X | Joy Kuczer | X | Kelsey Beilstein, Program Coordinator |
| X | Brian Carideo | - | Harry Banister, Operation Supervisor |
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MEETING NOTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Kneifel)
 - 7:00pm
2. Adjustments to the Agenda (Kneifel)
 - None
3. Approval of Minutes (Kneifel)

Kneifel moved and Sanchez seconded that the May minutes be approved. All in favor; motion passed.

4. Citizen Comment (Kneifel)
 - Jim Harvey (Exhibit A)
5. Pickleball at Snyder Park (Kneifel)

Kneifel confirmed that the Board received and reviewed the pickleball feedback that was requested by the Board at the May meeting (Exhibit B).

- It was asked what the current designated pickleball times are. Switzer stated that the designated pickleball times are Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Monday evenings.
- It was asked if there are designated times on the weekend. Switzer stated that there are not designated times; weekends are first come first serve.
- It was asked if the City could line basketball courts for pickleball. Kneifel stated that could be an option, but at this time it sounds like they are just requesting an additional designated evening time.

- It was asked if there should be a task force to meet with the pickleball players and tennis player to take a different approach and really figure out their needs. Switzer stated that options are limited because the City only has two courts that are not reservable currently. The City could make them reservable, but then people would need to pay to play. Currently we have a private group using designated times to play on the courts, but not paying for them, and that could be seen as taking time away from others that may be coming up to play at their leisure. Switzer added its not that a task force is not a good idea, but there are limited solutions besides changing the structure in which the courts operate and charging people to use them. We also need to keep in mind the actual number of people we are hearing from, and how many of them are residents. It was added that it is important to remember and refer to the projects in the Parks Master Plan, that was just adopted.
- It was asked how pickleball could be added to the list of possible projects for the Parks Board. Switzer stated that a task force could look into possible locations, costs, and what would it take to bring in designated pickleball courts as a first step of getting additional pickleball courts on the project list.
- It was stated that pickleball was not brought up in the Parks Master Plan except on page 79 in reference to the size of a pickleball court.
- It was asked if space at the Field House could be used for pickleball. Switzer stated that the Field House's turf surface would not be ideal for pickleball play. Switzer added that pickleball had previously been played indoors at the Sherwood YMCA.
- It was suggested to add another evening time (Wednesday) while the Parks Board explores other long term solutions.
- It was suggested to look at painting pickleball lines at alternative places, such as school district courts, church parking lots, and the Stella Olsen parking lot.
- It was asked if an hour-long limit could be added to the court rules. Switzer indicated that it could be added as a suggested courtesy.
- Amer, Carideo, and Cutsforth volunteered to participate in a pickleball task force.
- It was suggested to approach the School District and the YMCA for possible solutions.

Kneifel moved and Carideo seconded to temporarily add Wednesday evenings as designated pickleball play at the Snyder courts. All in favor; motion passed.

6. Cedar Creek Trail Update (Waters)

Waters provided the following Cedar Creek Trail updates:

- A biologist came out to clear the SW Alexander Way portion of the project.
- The contractor is focusing on the SW Alexander Way portion of the project and the crosswalk across Highway 99W. Their goal is to complete these portions by the first day of school.
- The Stella Olsen lower parking lot will be used as a construction staging area.
- It was asked if the Parks Board could do a walking tour of the trail. Waters stated that a walking tour could be organized if there is interest. It was suggested to do the walking tour in place of a July meeting. Waters and Switzer will coordinate a walking tour and email details to the Parks Board.

7. Introduction of Executive Director, Sherwood Region Family YMCA (Switzer)

Switzer introduced Scott Pierce, the new Executive Director for the Sherwood YMCA.

- Pierce will be attending meetings on a regular basis to share YMCA updates and answer any questions the Board may have.
- Pierce came from Beaverton Hoop. He moved to Portland 15 years ago and started a career at the YMCA 13 years ago.
- Pierce started as the interim Executive Director in December and officially took over the position in March.
- It was asked what hours the YMCA is currently open. Piece started that the YMCA is currently open Monday through Friday 6am until 8pm, Saturday 8am

until 2pm, and closed on Sunday. Piece added the following:

- There has been an uptick in membership for the first time since the start of the pandemic.
- There will be more youth programs offered this year than ever before.
- Child watch services will be starting up again soon.
- The pool is having very high use at this time and the High School team is using the pool in off hours.
- It was asked what the masking rules are. Piece explained that if members show their vaccination card, they are allowed to have masks off, but they are still required for everyone participating in youth programs.

8. Parks Maintenance Update (Banister)

Banister is currently out on vacation and will bring an update to the next meeting.

9. Council Updates (Griffin)

Griffin provided the following Council updates:

- Council has been focused on the budget, which was recommended by the Budget Committee after two meetings. Griffin added that department heads have been doing a great job with that they have and spending wisely.
- There is a new URA being formed as the previous URA comes to an end.
- Sherwood Broadband continues to explain.
- The new City Manager search continues. The application period will close on June 14.
- There is a substantial amount of upcoming road construction.

10. Other

- Switzer, Griffin, and the Parks Board thanked Kneifel for serving on the Parks Board and wished him well in his new adventures.

11. Adjourn

- 8:01pm

From: Jim Harvey <JD.harvey@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 4:33 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Lance Gilgan <GilganL@SherwoodOregon.gov>; Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: Public Comment for Parks Board Meeting June 7, 2021

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-16, citizen comments must be submitted in writing to CityRecorder@Sherwoodoregon.gov. To be included in the record for this meeting, the email must clearly state that it is intended as a citizen comment for this meeting and must be received at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time.

This is a citizen comment for the meeting on June 7, 2021 relating to designation for Pickleball courts at Snyder Park, or any other public space that may be so designated.

Hi Lance,

My name is Jim Harvey and I am a resident of Sherwood at 29464 SW Heater Rd. Linda Lamb asked residents of Sherwood to reach out to you on some questions there may be on using Snyder Park racquet courts for pickleball.

I guess first a few basic facts to establish (from Racquet Warrior dot com).

1. Pickleball is the fastest growing racquet sport in the US, with an increase of over 650% in the last decade.
2. Pickleball is not just for the senior circuit; more individuals under 40 when starting a racquet sport now start with pickleball than tennis.
3. Playing 2 hours of pickleball is equivalent exercise to walking 4 miles.

From my own experience, I've played pickleball for almost 4 years now. It is an athletic activity that puts players of all ages and gender on a pretty even level since it doesn't require speed, bulk or strength. It is also very much a friendly sport, with recognition of opponent's skill, shots and talents. Although there is a skill rating system, the Sherwood Club does not segregate players by skill level, we encourage players of all levels to play together and learn more as they play.

Before the state and county lockdowns on inside contact and activity, many players played on indoor courts – that and Oregon's winter and spring weather. We've since learned to adapt to conditions where we play... myself and others have played at Snyder with gusty winds, puddles to clear off the courts and near freezing temperatures. Weather notwithstanding, it's always enjoyable to play at Snyder with the territorial views from the courts, and even spotting distant mountains on especially clear days.

In the Portland metro area, most municipalities have at least one if not more set of pickleball courts, most of which share facilities with tennis courts, since the tennis courts were established first prior to the meteoric rise of pickleball. Some have even created dedicated pickleball courts in their parks, or other open spaces by simply applying the court lines on an existing surface. In addition, pickleball players are not limited by city boundaries as to where they choose to play. I for one have played on courts in Tualatin and Wilsonville with no restrictions imposed or 'passport' required. It wouldn't surprise me that as new city parks are planned that pickleball would have greater priority of funding and of use than tennis would.

It would be great to have the city of Sherwood formally recognize what we who play pickleball regularly have experienced, being that having more dedicated times available enables more players to play and do so more frequently. At Snyder when we are sharing court time with two tennis players on one court and we have 20 or so pickleball players waiting for a game, it seems like priorities aren't aligned with the interests of the citizens of the city and the changing nature of outdoor recreational sports.

Thank you kindly for consideration of this request.

Jim Harvey

From: Lawrence O'Keefe <okeefelp@gmail.com>
Date: May 25, 2021 at 9:13:27 PM PDT
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: RE: Pickleball Court time

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Lawrence O'Keefe and I have lived in Sherwood for 15 years now. I am a soon to be retired firefighter in the area and would like to offer my opinions on the game of pickleball in our city.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation and it is not a game for just "old people." Our fire stations in the area use this game as a great cardio workout in addition to strength and flexibility conditioning.

I believe Sherwood needs a dedicated pickleball court (ideally a covered area that can be played in all types of weather). I am part of a large group of players that currently play at Snyder Park. I am respectfully requesting Parks and Recreation of Sherwood to provide new rules or changes for the use of tennis courts and basketball courts located in our City's parks.

- 1: Dedicated pickleball court times at Snyder Park tennis courts or conversion of at least one tennis court to a permanent pickleball court. (There are plenty of other tennis courts available elsewhere in the city and no other pickleball courts).
- 2: As an alternative, I'd like to request that the city permit painting of the basketball courts at Snyder Park and Woodhaven Park for pickleball courts. This would be a cheap way to support more pickleball games in our city without spending the money on a permanent net. People could bring their own net (badminton would work too) and play on lined courts and the City's only cost would be the paint and labor.
- 3: My final request is quite simple: Whatever game is being played, whether it's tennis, pickleball, basketball, badminton or marbles, I think we need a sign on each area stating something like, "Once there is someone waiting to use this court, please limit your court time to one hour and share the court with all residents."

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lawrence O'Keefe

17744 SW Fitch Dr.

Sherwood, OR 97140

From: Leora Osborne <leoraosborne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:48 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Sherwood Pickleball at Snyder Park

Hello Lance,

Thank you for your time. My husband Richard and I became happy residents of Sherwood on April 15, 2000, so just passed the 21 year mark! And we both love Pickleball.

I, Leora, am 24 years post a catastrophic stroke that occurred 5 weeks before my 34th birthday; I just turned 69!; it initially left me 100% paralyzed on my left side, not even able to blink that eye. Through rehab and determination, I regained a good portion of mobility! While I am, by no means, proficient at Pickleball, I have a pretty wicked serve and love it and the camaraderie very much. A new lease on life, for me and many others! More than one of our members have severely ill, bedridden spouses; and when they can grab a couple of hours away from caregiving demands; Pickleball is a sanity break of exercise, gorgeous views, fresh air and camaraderie; that helps the player and his spouse!

These are an amazing group of community members giving their best for a fun and delightful game; no remote control senility for this group!

Please help anyway you can; and thank you for the progress already made; you are more appreciated than you can imagine.

Thank you and Best Regards,
Leora and Richard Osborne
30525 NE Canter LN
Sherwood, OR 97140

From: Fran Bade-Kort <badekort@yahoo.com>
Date: May 19, 2021 at 6:15:32 PM PDT
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: Pickleball in Sherwood
Reply-To: Fran Bade-Kort <badekort@yahoo.com>

Good morning -

I am a Sherwood resident, 25+years - and am a member of the Sherwood pickleball club. We currently play up at Snyder park. I would like to submit my request based on the growing number of players in our club and limited availability to play.

- 1) Because we are sharing the tennis court at Snyder with Tennis players I believe that we should have designated play times and play time limits. I believe that the limit on the court should be 1 hour when people are waiting.
- 2) I often walk by the courts both mid week late morning and evening and I rarely see tennis players utilizing the courts. Based on our 100+ members it would be awesome if we could have 3 designated court times in the evening and 2 or 3 designated times in the morning.

I am sure you are aware that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation and can be enjoyed literally by anyone, any age. Many local communities are making efforts to utilize current resources to meet the needs of local pickleball clubs. I believe that due to the popularity of the sport that one of our local communities will eventually build a designated pickleball court - not retrofit a tennis court. Communities such as Bend have both indoor and outdoor designated pickleball courts and it is a big draw for people moving into those communities. It would be awesome if Sherwood is the community that steps up to meet this growing need, both now and in the future.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Fran Bade

From: Ron Rissmiller <ronrissmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:28 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Snyder Park Pickleball Group

Linda Lamb and I have been communicating to each other regarding the use of Snyder Park for pickleball and the interest from the Sherwood board to know how many players live in Sherwood. I wanted to let you know that while my wife and I do not live in Sherwood, we do frequent the city for other reasons. One of them is shopping at the following; Home Depot (my wife is sure this is my second home), Safeway, Target, Walmart, Stark Street Lawn and Garden, Domino's Pizza, and Kohl's Department Store. We also use the following services: USPS, OnPoint C/U, and DMV.

So while we don't pay taxes directly to Sherwood, we do support the city through shopping and other services. I hope you will consider this as you make a decision regarding the use of Snyder Park for additional pickleball courts. Thanks for what you have done so far. We enjoy the opportunity to play there and the convenience to shop for goods and services either before or after our play.

Sincerely,

Ron Rissmiller

From: renee niebergall <spudrn2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 10:39 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Pickle Ball Courts in Sherwood

Hello Parks Board,
My name is Renee Niebergall and my husband and I have lived in Sherwood 24 years. We are part of the Sherwood Pickle Ball Club and I would like to encourage your support for more designated times

available for the pickle ball club to play. As you can imagine, the tennis courts are busy and it is difficult to get times in to play pickleball in the evenings.

I am both a tennis player and a pickleball player. I am so thankful to have the courts to play up at Snyder, but have you considered installing full time, designated, pickle courts in Sherwood in the flat lands that are more protected from the wind? Pickleball is growing tremendously and what a wonderful way to support families to get outside and be active. I have seen full time designated courts in several of our neighboring cities. (Could we consider the flat land east of Pinehurst park?)

I have heard some people suggest adding pickle lines to the courts at The Ridges or Hawks View, but as a tennis player, it makes it more confusing and difficult to play with all the extra lines. With the pickleball interest being so strong would you consider how the city could place full time Pickleball courts in Sherwood? How could the pickleball club be of help?

Thank you once again for your support of the Sherwood Pickleball Club and for growing our pickleball community.

Sincerely,
Renee Niebergall

From: Harry Chase <harrychase@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 4:21 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Sherwood Pickleball

I'm writing to testify before the board regarding Pickleball court times. Although I am a resident of Tualatin, I enjoy the Snyder Park Pickleball courts 2x each week when open. When I play I often shop near the courts. As do many other visitors.

I usually spend \$8 for coffee and often \$20- \$50 for gas, food, coffee, groceries, etc. We're tourists in a way, we support local merchants even though we don't sleep there. I've shopped or dined in Old Town several times, Kohls, McDonald's, Safeway, Home Depot, The Trees restaurant, Sharis, DMV, Dollar Store, McMenamins, Burgerville, Starks Lawn and Garden, party store, Les Schwab, Wal-Mart, Big Burger, a local print shop and others. All ... On my way to or from Pickleball and NONE of which I would done in Sherwood but for Pickleball! Please don't overlook the fact that out of towners contribute to the wellbeing of the Sherwood economy as well a it's citizens.

It should also be noted that the club furnishes all equipment, balls, nets, brooms, etc. and to my knowledge have worked to coordinate and communicate with the Park Bureau staff. Our volunteers keep expenses down. In addition: for \$10 PER YEAR!, the activity is within reach of all economic levels. When compared to other activities Pickleball is an unbeatable value - think about the cost of a movie, athletic club membership, personal trainer, attending a play, Pickleball is a participation winner for all ages.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States with participation growing at about 13% monthly. The game was designed by a life-long tennis player who found as he aged that his friends wouldn't or couldn't play tennis anymore. He structured the rules and court size to appeal to all age groups from my new friend who played in her housecoat at the Sherwood Y to younger more active persons. It's great exercise and a positive opportunity to meet and socialize with others.

I hope you will encourage and support this activity as it grows in popularity with all age groups across the world. Also, keep in mind that visitors to your city contribute to the economic and physical health of our community.

From: Annette Gardiner <annettegardiner@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 2:22 PM

To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>

Subject: Sherwood Pickleball

City of Sherwood and Park & Rec Board,

I have been part of the Sherwood Pickleball club for the last year. I first started playing pickleball two years ago with a group in our church basement, but once Covid hit, the church had to close and we were not able to play there anymore due to restrictions. We searched for a new place to play outside. We found the Sherwood Pickleball group and were so happy to have somewhere safe and fun to play. As you must be aware, Snyder Park is the ONLY place to play pickleball in Sherwood. There are MANY parks and schools with tennis courts, but only one park with pickleball courts.

I understand that there has been some conflict with the court usage between pickleball and tennis. While I completely understand that the courts are first come, first served, you must understand that pickleball players literally have no other option if the courts are being used for tennis. Tennis players have so many more places they could choose to go if the courts at Snyder Park are in use.

The simplest solution to this conflict is to create designated times for both tennis and pickleball and post those times at the court. Right now, we only have one evening time for pickleball during the week and two morning times. Morning times are not very useful to most of us as we work during the day. If pickleball could have 2 weeknight times and one weekend time, tennis could also have 2 weeknight times and a weekend time. This would be the most equitable solution for everyone. As an example, Tualatin Community Park has FIVE designated pickleball times for their courts ([see the city's schedule for court usage here](#)). If the parks department and city are unwilling to provide scheduled times, then I would argue that you must provide alternate locations for people in your city to play pickleball. Only providing one location and then telling people they can't have a designated time at that location is unreasonable.

There is a reason why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in our country. It's fun, it's outdoors and safe during Covid and it's great for your city and citizens to have this kind of enthusiasm for a sport. Please help us and support us in this because if pickleball thrives, it benefits your city overall.

Thank you for your help in coming to a fair resolution to this.

Annette Gardiner

From: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:19 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Snyder Park pickle ball for Mtg of June 7th

To the City of Sherwood Park & Rec board: My name is Linda Lamb and I run the Snyder PICKLE BALL CLUB. I belonged to the YMCA in Sherwood and used to play pickle ball there in the winter. Back about 5 years ago a group got together and wanted to have a place in Sherwood to play outdoors so they approached the Park Board. We started with about 30 members that were retired folks mainly. We had the dues at \$20 at that time and then continued until the winter of 2019 to have about 40 members. We only were given Monday nights and Tues. and Thurs. mornings as "designated" pickle ball times at Snyder from the beginning. Then Covid hit and with no indoor places to play any sport people started to take up pickle ball. Over the past year our club has grown to 100. 50 of these people live in Sherwood. The rest live in Newberg and Tigard. I myself live in Newberg. Remember when we started the Sherwood club, there were NO places to play in Newberg and very few places (outside) to play elsewhere. Now our club is made up of a lot of working people that want to play in the evenings and on the weekend. Our dues is now \$10 each for the season.

Now you might be thinking only 50% of the club is from Sherwood, but remember all these "out of towners" that come to play pickle ball do business in the stores and shop in town!

Now we are playing on Wed. and Thurs. nights, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. We realize it is first come first serve, but with sometimes 24 people showing up to play there may be two people playing tennis so we 24 have to wait to use our 2 courts until the tennis is over then we can play on our 4 courts. So to make a long story short we are asking for one or two more "designated" times for pickle ball. Say Wed night and or Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon?

Also, can there please be a posted time limit on the courts if people are waiting for the courts? A lot of the city parks have an hour limit so this may help everyone with this rather tenuous situation at Snyder Park.

Lastly, I know you have no control over the tennis courts at the schools in Sherwood, but these are the ONLY 4 PB court in town and there are at least 25 tennis courts around which are available during the summers and evenings for everyone to play on. We have considered approaching the school board about getting some of the courts lined for Pb, but at this point we have no plans to do so. The ideal outcome would be for the Sherwood P&R to build a Pb facility! Like the skate board park that was built at the YMCA! Thank You for your time. Linda Lamb

From: Mike Muralt <mike@muralt.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 7:48 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: Pickleball at Snyder park

I am one of the lucky people who play pickleball at Snyder Park. Being able to safely get together during this pandemic and have fun playing pickleball has been wonderful for my mental and physical health. The sunset views from that location are amazing!

I am not a Sherwood resident, but all my grandparents (Muralt's and Schlichting's) came to Sherwood in the early 1900's where they raised families and helped build the city. Old timers will remember the famous Muralt Meat Market. I live and work close by, so I spend money at the stores and restaurants, still supporting Sherwood businesses.

The people in the group are very kind, and we share the courts with others wanting to use them. Since pickleball has become popular with younger people it would be nice if we could have additional weekly time where the preference is given to people playing pickleball. 1 tennis court typically is used by 2-4 people, while that same space with 2 pickleball courts works well with 10-12 people. Much more efficient use of the city's resources.

Thanks for supporting Pickleball!

Mike Muralt

From: frontier <k_janssen@frontier.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:42 AM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: pickleball

We would like to have another night (Wednesday) designated for pickleball. We have around 20-30 people who work during the day and love to get out and play at night, which is the only time they have. I have noticed that some times when we arrive at 5 pm, there are 2 or 4 people playing tennis. I know it is first come, first served. Sometimes there are 20-25 of us waiting for the tennis players to finish. Sometimes they are there for over an hour. I don't think we are asking for too much for an extra night. When you think of only 4 people using the courts, when there could have been 20-25 people using the court. Also, there are other places for tennis players to go, but we have this only place to play.

If we were given Wed. night, it would solve the problem of tennis and pickleball players showing up and no being

able to play. We have noticed once or twice when we are playing that someone will show up to play tennis and then they notice the sign and go and play somewhere else.

Is it possible for Sherwood to build a permanent pickleball place? There are some other cities that provide this for the pickleball players. It was awesome that the city provided a place for the skate boarders to play and it would be great for a place for only pickleball. This is a great activity for all ages and it keeps growing. We had to work hard to get this started. When we started to play a few years ago, we had a hard time getting this set up (buying a storage box, chains, keys and equipment. We also had to pay to have the lines taped on. Thanks for painting the lines.)

Thanks for anything you can do to help us.

From: Laura Roach <usroaches2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 10:04 AM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Sherwood Pickeball

Greetings..

Regarding Sherwood Pickelball Courts..

First, please accept my thanks for providing such a beautiful park and access to courts; Sherwood should be very proud of such beautiful parks. Pickelball is a growing sport providing opportunities for an extended age range, a variety of cultures and a wide range of economic status.

Personally, I appreciate the opportunity to join your town residents as I am not in the Sherwood town limits. I live on Parrett Mtn. and I shop extensively in the area and have a Sherwood phone number. On an almost daily basis I am visiting the businesses in and outside of the town limits..and generally after playing on Sherwood courts.

I also play Pickleball on other courts in the area and have had nothing but gracious receptions in Newberg, Tigard, Gladstone, Tualatin, Canby, and of course, Sherwood. I have never been asked if I was a resident of anyone's town as a qualification for playing. I am generally able to sign up through Playtime Scheduler...and have contributed financially to each group as funds are needed for balls etc.

In thinking about the current request for additional designated times, it seems like a reasonable request. The times I have been on the courts, tennis players have been few and far between but treated with respect...and the employed people are mostly available during evenings and weekends.

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From: Lawrence O'Keefe <okeefelp@gmail.com>
Date: May 25, 2021 at 9:13:27 PM PDT
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: RE: Pickleball Court time

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Lawrence O'Keefe and I have lived in Sherwood for 15 years now. I am a soon to be retired firefighter in the area and would like to offer my opinions on the game of pickleball in our city.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation and it is not a game for just "old people." Our fire stations in the area use this game as a great cardio workout in addition to strength and flexibility conditioning.

I believe Sherwood needs a dedicated pickleball court (ideally a covered area that can be played in all types of weather). I am part of a large group of players that currently play at Snyder Park. I am respectfully requesting Parks and Recreation of Sherwood to provide new rules or changes for the use of tennis courts and basketball courts located in our City's parks.

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- 3: My final request is quite simple: Whatever game is being played, whether it's tennis, pickleball, basketball, badminton or marbles, I think we need a sign on each area stating something like, "Once there is someone waiting to use this court, please limit your court time to one hour and share the court with all residents."

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lawrence O'Keefe

17744 SW Fitch Dr.

Sherwood, OR 97140

From: Leora Osborne <leoraosborne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:48 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Sherwood Pickleball at Snyder Park

Hello Lance,

Thank you for your time. My husband Richard and I became happy residents of Sherwood on April 15, 2000, so just passed the 21 year mark! And we both love Pickleball.

I, Leora, am 24 years post a catastrophic stroke that occurred 5 weeks before my 34th birthday; I just turned 69!; it initially left me 100% paralyzed on my left side, not even able to blink that eye. Through rehab and determination, I regained a good portion of mobility! While I am, by no means, proficient at Pickleball, I have a pretty wicked serve and love it and the camaraderie very much. A new lease on life, for me and many others! More than one of our members have severely ill, bedridden spouses; and when they can grab a couple of hours away from caregiving demands; Pickleball is a sanity break of exercise, gorgeous views, fresh air and camaraderie; that helps the player and his spouse!

These are an amazing group of community members giving their best for a fun and delightful game; no remote control senility for this group!

Please help anyway you can; and thank you for the progress already made; you are more appreciated than you can imagine.

Thank you and Best Regards,
Leora and Richard Osborne
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From: Fran Bade-Kort <badekort@yahoo.com>
Date: May 19, 2021 at 6:15:32 PM PDT
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: Pickleball in Sherwood
Reply-To: Fran Bade-Kort <badekort@yahoo.com>

Good morning -

I am a Sherwood resident, 25+years - and am a member of the Sherwood pickleball club. We currently play up at Snyder park. I would like to submit my request based on the growing number of players in our club and limited availability to play.

- 1) Because we are sharing the tennis court at Snyder with Tennis players I believe that we should have designated play times and play time limits. I believe that the limit on the court should be 1 hour when people are waiting.
- 2) I often walk by the courts both mid week late morning and evening and I rarely see tennis players utilizing the courts. Based on our 100+ members it would be awesome if we could have 3 designated court times in the evening and 2 or 3 designated times in the morning.

I am sure you are aware that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation and can be enjoyed literally by anyone, any age. Many local communities are making efforts to utilize current resources to meet the needs of local pickleball clubs. I believe that due to the popularity of the sport that one of our local communities will eventually build a designated pickleball court - not retrofit a tennis court. Communities such as Bend have both indoor and outdoor designated pickleball courts and it is a big draw for people moving into those communities. It would be awesome if Sherwood is the community that steps up to meet this growing need, both now and in the future.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Fran Bade

From: Ron Rissmiller <ronrissmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:28 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Snyder Park Pickleball Group

Linda Lamb and I have been communicating to each other regarding the use of Snyder Park for pickleball and the interest from the Sherwood board to know how many players live in Sherwood. I wanted to let you know that while my wife and I do not live in Sherwood, we do frequent the city for other reasons. One of them is shopping at the following; Home Depot (my wife is sure this is my second home), Safeway, Target, Walmart, Stark Street Lawn and Garden, Domino's Pizza, and Kohl's Department Store. We also use the following services: USPS, OnPoint C/U, and DMV.

So while we don't pay taxes directly to Sherwood, we do support the city through shopping and other services. I hope you will consider this as you make a decision regarding the use of Snyder Park for additional pickleball courts. Thanks for what you have done so far. We enjoy the opportunity to play there and the convenience to shop for goods and services either before or after our play.

Sincerely,

Ron Rissmiller

From: renee niebergall <spudrn2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 10:39 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Pickle Ball Courts in Sherwood

Hello Parks Board,
My name is Renee Niebergall and my husband and I have lived in Sherwood 24 years. We are part of the Sherwood Pickle Ball Club and I would like to encourage your support for more designated times

available for the pickle ball club to play. As you can imagine, the tennis courts are busy and it is difficult to get times in to play pickleball in the evenings.

I am both a tennis player and a pickleball player. I am so thankful to have the courts to play up at Snyder, but have you considered installing full time, designated, pickle courts in Sherwood in the flat lands that are more protected from the wind? Pickleball is growing tremendously and what a wonderful way to support families to get outside and be active. I have seen full time designated courts in several of our neighboring cities. (Could we consider the flat land east of Pinehurst park?)

I have heard some people suggest adding pickle lines to the courts at The Ridges or Hawks View, but as a tennis player, it makes it more confusing and difficult to play with all the extra lines. With the pickleball interest being so strong would you consider how the city could place full time Pickleball courts in Sherwood? How could the pickleball club be of help?

Thank you once again for your support of the Sherwood Pickleball Club and for growing our pickleball community.

Sincerely,
Renee Niebergall

From: Harry Chase <harrychase@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 4:21 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Sherwood Pickleball

I'm writing to testify before the board regarding Pickleball court times. Although I am a resident of Tualatin, I enjoy the Snyder Park Pickleball courts 2x each week when open. When I play I often shop near the courts. As do many other visitors.

I usually spend \$8 for coffee and often \$20- \$50 for gas, food, coffee, groceries, etc. We're tourists in a way, we support local merchants even though we don't sleep there. I've shopped or dined in Old Town several times, Kohls, McDonald's, Safeway, Home Depot, The Trees restaurant, Sharis, DMV, Dollar Store, McMenamins, Burgerville, Starks Lawn and Garden, party store, Les Schwab, Wal-Mart, Big Burger, a local print shop and others. All ... On my way to or from Pickleball and NONE of which I would done in Sherwood but for Pickleball! Please don't overlook the fact that out of towners contribute to the wellbeing of the Sherwood economy as well a it's citizens.

It should also be noted that the club furnishes all equipment, balls, nets, brooms, etc. and to my knowledge have worked to coordinate and communicate with the Park Bureau staff. Our volunteers keep expenses down. In addition: for \$10 PER YEAR!, the activity is within reach of all economic levels. When compared to other activities Pickleball is an unbeatable value - think about the cost of a movie, athletic club membership, personal trainer, attending a play, Pickleball is a participation winner for all ages.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States with participation growing at about 13% monthly. The game was designed by a life-long tennis player who found as he aged that his friends wouldn't or couldn't play tennis anymore. He structured the rules and court size to appeal to all age groups from my new friend who played in her housecoat at the Sherwood Y to younger more active persons. It's great exercise and a positive opportunity to meet and socialize with others.

I hope you will encourage and support this activity as it grows in popularity with all age groups across the world. Also, keep in mind that visitors to your city contribute to the economic and physical health of our community.

From: Annette Gardiner <annettegardiner@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 2:22 PM

To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>

Subject: Sherwood Pickleball

City of Sherwood and Park & Rec Board,

I have been part of the Sherwood Pickleball club for the last year. I first started playing pickleball two years ago with a group in our church basement, but once Covid hit, the church had to close and we were not able to play there anymore due to restrictions. We searched for a new place to play outside. We found the Sherwood Pickleball group and were so happy to have somewhere safe and fun to play. As you must be aware, Snyder Park is the ONLY place to play pickleball in Sherwood. There are MANY parks and schools with tennis courts, but only one park with pickleball courts.

I understand that there has been some conflict with the court usage between pickleball and tennis. While I completely understand that the courts are first come, first served, you must understand that pickleball players literally have no other option if the courts are being used for tennis. Tennis players have so many more places they could choose to go if the courts at Snyder Park are in use.

The simplest solution to this conflict is to create designated times for both tennis and pickleball and post those times at the court. Right now, we only have one evening time for pickleball during the week and two morning times. Morning times are not very useful to most of us as we work during the day. If pickleball could have 2 weeknight times and one weekend time, tennis could also have 2 weeknight times and a weekend time. This would be the most equitable solution for everyone. As an example, Tualatin Community Park has FIVE designated pickleball times for their courts ([see the city's schedule for court usage here](#)). If the parks department and city are unwilling to provide scheduled times, then I would argue that you must provide alternate locations for people in your city to play pickleball. Only providing one location and then telling people they can't have a designated time at that location is unreasonable.

There is a reason why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in our country. It's fun, it's outdoors and safe during Covid and it's great for your city and citizens to have this kind of enthusiasm for a sport. Please help us and support us in this because if pickleball thrives, it benefits your city overall.

Thank you for your help in coming to a fair resolution to this.

Annette Gardiner

From: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 1:19 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Snyder Park pickle ball for Mtg of June 7th

To the City of Sherwood Park & Rec board: My name is Linda Lamb and I run the Snyder PICKLE BALL CLUB. I belonged to the YMCA in Sherwood and used to play pickle ball there in the winter. Back about 5 years ago a group got together and wanted to have a place in Sherwood to play outdoors so they approached the Park Board. We started with about 30 members that were retired folks mainly. We had the dues at \$20 at that time and then continued until the winter of 2019 to have about 40 members. We only were given Monday nights and Tues. and Thurs. mornings as "designated" pickle ball times at Snyder from the beginning. Then Covid hit and with no indoor places to play any sport people started to take up pickle ball. Over the past year our club has grown to 100. 50 of these people live in Sherwood. The rest live in Newberg and Tigard. I myself live in Newberg. Remember when we started the Sherwood club, there were NO places to play in Newberg and very few places (outside) to play elsewhere. Now our club is made up of a lot of working people that want to play in the evenings and on the weekend. Our dues is now \$10 each for the season.

Now you might be thinking only 50% of the club is from Sherwood, but remember all these "out of towners" that come to play pickle ball do business in the stores and shop in town!

Now we are playing on Wed. and Thurs. nights, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. We realize it is first come first serve, but with sometimes 24 people showing up to play there may be two people playing tennis so we 24 have to wait to use our 2 courts until the tennis is over then we can play on our 4 courts. So to make a long story short we are asking for one or two more "designated" times for pickle ball. Say Wed night and or Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon?

Also, can there please be a posted time limit on the courts if people are waiting for the courts? A lot of the city parks have an hour limit so this may help everyone with this rather tenuous situation at Snyder Park.

Lastly, I know you have no control over the tennis courts at the schools in Sherwood, but these are the ONLY 4 PB court in town and there are at least 25 tennis courts around which are available during the summers and evenings for everyone to play on. We have considered approaching the school board about getting some of the courts lined for Pb, but at this point we have no plans to do so. The ideal outcome would be for the Sherwood P&R to build a Pb facility! Like the skate board park that was built at the YMCA! Thank You for your time. Linda Lamb

From: Mike Muralt <mike@muralt.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 7:48 PM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Cc: Linda Lamb <lindalamb@teleport.com>
Subject: Pickleball at Snyder park

I am one of the lucky people who play pickleball at Snyder Park. Being able to safely get together during this pandemic and have fun playing pickleball has been wonderful for my mental and physical health. The sunset views from that location are amazing!

I am not a Sherwood resident, but all my grandparents (Muralt's and Schlichting's) came to Sherwood in the early 1900's where they raised families and helped build the city. Old timers will remember the famous Muralt Meat Market. I live and work close by, so I spend money at the stores and restaurants, still supporting Sherwood businesses.

The people in the group are very kind, and we share the courts with others wanting to use them. Since pickleball has become popular with younger people it would be nice if we could have additional weekly time where the preference is given to people playing pickleball. 1 tennis court typically is used by 2-4 people, while that same space with 2 pickleball courts works well with 10-12 people. Much more efficient use of the city's resources.

Thanks for supporting Pickleball!

Mike Muralt

From: frontier <k_janssen@frontier.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:42 AM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: pickleball

We would like to have another night (Wednesday) designated for pickleball. We have around 20-30 people who work during the day and love to get out and play at night, which is the only time they have. I have noticed that some times when we arrive at 5 pm, there are 2 or 4 people playing tennis. I know it is first come, first served. Sometimes there are 20-25 of us waiting for the tennis players to finish. Sometimes they are there for over an hour. I don't think we are asking for too much for an extra night. When you think of only 4 people using the courts, when there could have been 20-25 people using the court. Also, there are other places for tennis players to go, but we have this only place to play.

If we were given Wed. night, it would solve the problem of tennis and pickleball players showing up and no being

able to play. We have noticed once or twice when we are playing that someone will show up to play tennis and then they notice the sign and go and play somewhere else.

Is it possible for Sherwood to build a permanent pickleball place? There are some other cities that provide this for the pickleball players. It was awesome that the city provided a place for the skate boarders to play and it would be great for a place for only pickleball. This is a great activity for all ages and it keeps growing. We had to work hard to get this started. When we started to play a few years ago, we had a hard time getting this set up (buying a storage box, chains, keys and equipment. We also had to pay to have the lines taped on. Thanks for painting the lines.)

Thanks for anything you can do to help us.

From: Laura Roach <usroaches2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 10:04 AM
To: CityRecorder <cityrecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov>
Subject: Sherwood Pickeball

Greetings..

Regarding Sherwood Pickelball Courts..

First, please accept my thanks for providing such a beautiful park and access to courts; Sherwood should be very proud of such beautiful parks. Pickelball is a growing sport providing opportunities for an extended age range, a variety of cultures and a wide range of economic status.

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Subject: Public Comment for Parks Board Meeting June 7, 2021

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This is a citizen comment for the meeting on June 7, 2021 relating to designation for Pickleball courts at Snyder Park, or any other public space that may be so designated.

Hi Lance,

My name is Jim Harvey and I am a resident of Sherwood at 29464 SW Heater Rd. Linda Lamb asked residents of Sherwood to reach out to you on some questions there may be on using Snyder Park racquet courts for pickleball.

I guess first a few basic facts to establish (from Racquet Warrior dot com).

1. Pickleball is the fastest growing racquet sport in the US, with an increase of over 650% in the last decade.
2. Pickleball is not just for the senior circuit; more individuals under 40 when starting a racquet sport now start with pickleball than tennis.
3. Playing 2 hours of pickleball is equivalent exercise to walking 4 miles.

From my own experience, I've played pickleball for almost 4 years now. It is an athletic activity that puts players of all ages and gender on a pretty even level since it doesn't require speed, bulk or strength. It is also very much a friendly sport, with recognition of opponent's skill, shots and talents. Although there is a skill rating system, the Sherwood Club does not segregate players by skill level, we encourage players of all levels to play together and learn more as they play.

Before the state and county lockdowns on inside contact and activity, many players played on indoor courts – that and Oregon's winter and spring weather. We've since learned to adapt to conditions where we play... myself and others have played at Snyder with gusty winds, puddles to clear off the courts and near freezing temperatures. Weather notwithstanding, it's always enjoyable to play at Snyder with the territorial views from the courts, and even spotting distant mountains on especially clear days.

In the Portland metro area, most municipalities have at least one if not more set of pickleball courts, most of which share facilities with tennis courts, since the tennis courts were established first prior to the meteoric rise of pickleball. Some have even created dedicated pickleball courts in their parks, or other open spaces by simply applying the court lines on an existing surface. In addition, pickleball players are not limited by city boundaries as to where they choose to play. I for one have played on courts in Tualatin and Wilsonville with no restrictions imposed or 'passport' required. It wouldn't surprise me that as new city parks are planned that pickleball would have greater priority of funding and of use than tennis would.

It would be great to have the city of Sherwood formally recognize what we who play pickleball regularly have experienced, being that having more dedicated times available enables more players to play and do so more frequently. At Snyder when we are sharing court time with two tennis players on one court and we have 20 or so pickleball players waiting for a game, it seems like priorities aren't aligned with the interests of the citizens of the city and the changing nature of outdoor recreational sports.

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