**Park Board Pickleball Subcommittee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The meeting was called order at 6:00 p.m. with the following pickleball park board committee members John Callahan, Jim Hawk, Mary Prestemon, Scott Stream, and Dan Whitley present. Kirkwood Parks and Recreation staff members present were Kyle Henke and Brenton Ward.

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

1. **NO PRIOR MEETING MINUTES TO APPROVE**
2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Discussion About Short Term Pickleball Solutions – Jim Hawk mentioned that having more nets is not the current issue, but the need for more court space. Dan Whitley mentioned that Kirkwood Women’s Tennis Association, Vetta Sports, and the pickleball players all need to give up something in the short term.
   2. Discussion About Long Term Pickleball Solutions – Jim Hawk mentioned that the surface of the courts need to be a priority. If possible, make the pickleball courts the same surface as the bank of 8 tennis courts. Kyle discussed the option of the project including the 5th pickleball court that is already built. Brenton Ward commented that he would call Mcconnell & Associates to get a budget quote including the permanent pickleball court that is already in place. Mary Prestemon mentioned that the current usage system is too difficult to understand. We need to add an online reservation calendar, and discuss the future pricing structure. Dan Whitley mentioned that North Middle School was discussing a project including pickleball courts. Dan Whitley also mentioned that USTA offers grants for red ball tennis lessons that can be played on pickleball courts.
   3. Other Matters – Kyle instructed Brenton to setup multiple meeting times to discuss the proposed site of the pickleball courts.
4. **ADJOURNMENT** – Scott Stream adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.