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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

DATE: 7/26/2021

RE: Action Item: Request to accept a grant from Mary Beth Nienhaus in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction a pickleball complex at Telulah Park.

Mary Beth Nienhaus has generously offered to donate the funding to build a pickleball complex at Telulah Park. Ms. Nienhaus is a resident of Appleton and a long term advocate for physical education. During 2021, the Capital Improvement Plan included funding to design this pickleball complex, but no monies were allocated for the actual construction. Mary Beth has offered to pay up to \$500,000 towards the construction over a 5-year period. Construction of the pickleball complex would occur in 2022.

The pickleball complex would officially be named the “*Mary Beth Neinhaus Pickleball Complex*” for the life of the existing courts. The naming rights would terminate at such a time the courts would need replacement or twenty (20) years, whichever comes first.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in our area and also is the most requested amenities over the last five years. Appleton currently has no official pickleball courts and this will be a great addition to our parks and programming.

It was our department’s hope that we would able to build this complex in 2023, but with numerous priorities for funding it looked likely that this would be deferred. This donation allows our original plans to be completed and requires no tax payer funding.

The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department requests your support to approve this grant. Our department would be honored to name this pickleball complex after Mary Beth Neinhaus for her support of the community.

Please contact me at 832-5572 or at [dean.gazza@appleton.org](mailto:dean.gazza@appleton.org) with any questions.