PUBLIC COMMENT

Received

December 11, 2019
Dear Mayor, Trustees, etc.,

Today I was driving in my neighborhood and saw a sign about a proposed Pickleball Court. Then I come home and find out that there is a meeting on this proposal this coming Thursday. I am aghast.

First of all, this seems to be the typical thing I have found in the Village of Deerfield, the village I have lived in since 1981. Once again, there is a proposal that isn't publicized and before you know it will be fact. It seems to me that we should have some warning that thoughts of the destruction of the little nature we have left are on the docket.

I dislike the idea of the loss of the land and trees. That is one of the things that makes Deerspring the great place it is and I spend a lot of time there each summer with my grown kids and grandkids.

I don't like the idea because it will cause a wonderful residential area to change from what it is and I don't even know what Pickleball is.

I am totally against this abomination of an idea as is my wife.

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"Les idées ne sont pas faites pour être pensées, mais vécues."

_Ideas are made to be lived, not just thought._

_Malraux_

"Toutes choses sont dites déjà; mais comme personne n'écoute, il faut toujours recommencer."

_Everything that needs to be said has already been said. But, since no one was listening, everything must be said again._

_André Gide_
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12/9/2019

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Good afternoon. I have lived in the northeast quadrant of Deerfield for 29 years. My home is near the corner of Oxford and Margate. I walk down Margate and Manor very often. In fact, the last time I walked there the family of deer were grazing on the lawn by the sand volleyball court. I swim at Deerspring every summer. I am very upset to hear about these plans for a Pickleball court proposed for Deerspring.

Deerfield is already lacking green space. The east side of Deerfield in fact only has Deerspring. There are a couple of small children spaces but no parks.

Deerspring is already crowded and lacking green space. It has a large pool, a children's pool, a water park area, a playground, a volleyball sand court and tennis courts. How can you even imagine trying to add more cement and courts to that area??! At one point in the past, there was a proposal to add parking spaces and that was rejected due to lack of space too.

Why would you propose Pickleball?? Have you done a survey in Deerfield to support the interest in such a facility and sport? did you consult residents in that area?? A park planners, you surely must be aware of maintaining nature and green space. It is so important for our mental health. I was very upset when they constructed the huge cement area for skateboarders in Jewett Park. There is exactly the same space in Highland Park. Why does every suburb have to have the same facility?? Why can't we share. Our suburbs are so crowded with retail space and residential homes already.

I strongly oppose the building of pickleball courts in Deerspring. Protect the greenery in my neighborhood. Don't plunder Deerspring!

Thank you.

Joyce Gatto
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Additional Comments: I live near corner of Oxford and Margate. Please do not take away this green space from my neighborhood. It is too precious. The Park District must re-think this plan.

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To Village Park Management

RE: Pickleball Courts Proposed at Deerspring Pool

December 10, 2019

We respectfully request Village delay and reconsider the construction of four new pickleball courts in the proposed location within Deerspring Park so that the Village can make an informed decision based upon information it apparently has not yet received.

From a logical, common sense view, this project appears to be on an inappropriately, high-priority rush at year-end, even though it is not an emergency. All administrative work is expedited during a busy time of the year, excluding residents in the process as follows:

- Within only a few short weeks after the October 24th workshop meeting:
  - the Village quickly scheduled a Public Hearing to be held December 12, only 6 ½ weeks after that meeting;
  - the yellow sign was put up less than 4 weeks after the meeting, the day before Thanksgiving (per information given one resident by the Village);
  - only 16 calendar days after the sign was posted, the Public Hearing will be held;
  - during that same time frame, no notice or discussion whatsoever was given to residents, although it was agreed to be done at the October 24th meeting;
  - if residents wanted to comment before the public hearing, their comments had to be received by noon on Friday, December 6;
  - for the residents, December 6th is just days after learning of the planned massive reconstruction of a significant park and land mass in the neighborhood;
  - during the meeting, Mr. Nehila stated that the intention was to dig out shortly so that the courts would be in place by spring 2020 or about 3 to 4 months later;
  - in the minutes of the October 24th workshop meeting:

  Commissioner Goldston asked if they (Park District) have spoken to the neighbors of the park yet about these plans. Mr. Nehila replied that they have not yet spoken to the neighbors yet and plan to after the Prefiling Conference and before the certified letters for the Public Hearing are sent.

- yet no meeting or discussion with residents was ever made, although all the actions to implement the plan without such discussions continued forward;
- the logical questions are: What is the rush? And why?

Information the Village either does not have, or has not considered in the planning process.

1. DRAINAGE and FLOODING

- Plan drawings may have storm detention areas, but they appear to be without considering the impact of the entire area’s current flooding and drainage issues;
- Adding almost 10,000 sq ft (9,678) of impervious area to the north side of the park will generate a large amount of excess drainage water in actual heavy rains, of which we get at least three to four such storms each year (2 inches in 2 hours).
- There are no Village Storm sewer pipes from the corner of Margate and Beverly going east to past the park, to take away drainage from the park’s new courts.
Meadowbrook is an area well-known to flood its over-taxed, overland drainage flow. The south side of Meadowbrook is the north side of the park. Where the two areas meet on Margate/Manor roads, there are no Village street storm sewers.

2. GREEN SPACE:
   - The Village would eliminate the only public green space in the area.
   - This green space is a public use area, now enjoyed by residents all year long.

If the Village has already decided that Deerfield residents must lose green space anyway to add pickleball courts, then look for a better location to lose it:

1. Build the pickleball courts on the southside of the park along Deerfield Road.
   - This area is not used by residents as a park or play area. It is unused public park space. No current amenity or publicly used space would be lost.
   - There are tennis courts and a golf course across the street. The new pickleball courts would be on a busy noisy street, reducing noise concerns of residents.
   - Clearing brush trees where necessary will also negatively affect green space, but it will be green space not being used or enjoyed by residents directly.
   - This solution will increase public use of available public land.
   - The volleyball sandy court amenity can remain in the park – no longer being lost and replaced by another amenity. A net gain to the Village.
   - Deerfield Road has Village storm sewers to which drainage pipes can be connected to reduce the flooding impact of the north side of the park location.
   - The current grassy area will remain for public enjoyment and not lost to public use.

2. Return the pickleball courts to Jewett park as originally planned, where noise concerns initially halted construction
   - The noise study later proved it was acceptable to build courts in Jewett.
   - Jewett Park is defined as the central part of our Village and is where many sport activities currently are played.
   - There are likely Village drainage systems already in place to which to connect.
   - Jewett is near the train station for quick access and visibility.

3. Replace the volleyball court in Mitchell with pickleball courts instead of the Deerspring one. (The least appealing option, but a possible one.)
   - Residents enjoying that amenity can play at Deerspring’s open volleyball court
   - Deerspring residents would go to Mitchell to enjoy Pickleball, while Mitchell area residents would go to Deerspring to enjoy Volleyball.
   - Drainage systems are in place on the street to which to connect.

4. Consider multiple locations putting 1 to 3 courts in each location instead of clustered in one location.
   - This could reduce the net loss of green space to the Village.
   - This would also spread the amenity to more areas of the Village for people to enjoy by walking to them.
For example:
- Put 2 courts in the south side part of Deerspring along Deerfield Road as discussed above. This will reduce the negative impact on trees and green space in that park and area.
- Put 2 to 3 courts in Jewett in the originally planned area
- Put 1 to 2 courts in Mitchell
- Put 1 to 2 courts in Brickyards.

Conclusion:
No matter where the location ultimately becomes, substantially more information is required for the Village to make a proper decision. This should not be rushed for Spring 2020, especially since tennis courts are already lined for pickleball and can be used in the interim.

Respectfully,
Mary Anne D’Onofrio
Joseph D’Onofrio
   Deerfield residents for 42 years
   Operating our Deerfield-based business for 33 years

cc: Dan Nakahara, Jeff Ryckaert, Jeff Nehila, Joe Cohen, Rich Patinkin, Greg Lapin, Gil Antokal, Jan Caron
Hello,

We live at 448 Margate Terrace and became aware of Pickleball courts planned to be installed in Deerspring pool area. Our family strongly opposes this! We need more green spaces and need to protect the environment. Also, as you may know, there is a deer family living in the area, and we believe that putting these courts will be detrimental to these animals as well. Attached is the signed petition against the placement of these courts.

Please feel free to contact us at 8475053010 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Asatryan Family
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Additional Comments:

*We need more green spaces!*

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Signature: [Signature]
Date: Dec 10, 2019

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Hello,
I live in the Village of Deerfield and oppose the Village of Deerfields' Park District proposal to install four pickle ball courts at Deerspring Park in the northwest corner along Manor Drive and Lion's Drive.

Why is there nothing posted on the Deerfield Park District website about this proposed change? Why hasn't the Park District invited neighbors to a meeting to discuss the neighbors' wishes? Why is this being done in the middle of the holiday season with no notice?

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The Park District has a responsibility to be good neighbors to its neighbors, good stewards for our land and resources, good stewards of their fiscal and budgetary obligations and to be morally and ethically above board in their dealing with the people of the community.

The Village Board should do its job and hold the park district to this high standard.

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Lisa Lopatin
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Lisa Lopatin
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Dear Mr. Nakahara:

Several weeks ago, we received a packet of information from the Deerfield Park District and the Village of Deerfield Plan Commission describing the intent to install pickleball courts at Deerspring Park which is a short distance from our property at 193 Ramsay Rd. We do understand that pickleball is a popular and growing sport and we support activities that encourage people to be active outdoors. We also appreciate that parks are resources for the community and will evolve over time. However, at this time, we cannot support construction of the pickleball courts for the following reason. Flooding is a serious issue in this area of Deerfield with both Manor Drive to the northeast of the proposed courts and Margate Terrace to the northwest going underwater too often. Currently, overland flood water from Margate comes into the Meadowbrook neighborhood and contributes to flooding of homes and properties. Flood water on Manor indicates that the storm sewers do not keep up with current storm runoff causing flood water backup into our neighborhood. Construction of the paved pickleball courts will increase the storm water runoff and the proposed detention areas will be insufficient at the worst times. In 2017 we worked extensively with the Deerfield Engineering Dept. to address flooding problems affecting our property and several nearby homes at significant personal and Village expense (Please contact Tyler Dickinson in the Deerfield Village Engineer for details.). The improvements from that work should not be undone as a result of poor planning. After the storm sewer infrastructure is improved, then it would be appropriate to consider construction of pickleball courts at Deerspring Park. Please forward these thoughts to the Plan Commission.

Regards,

Paul Wiedeman and Lynn Colletti
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Additional Comments: Deerspring is already a very crowded park, with multiple fenced areas and only a smidgeon of open, green area. Pls. don't ruin it with more concrete and fences.

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Liz Cohen 12/10/19

Signature Date

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