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AMARANTH PICKLEBALL PROPOSAL

Introductions

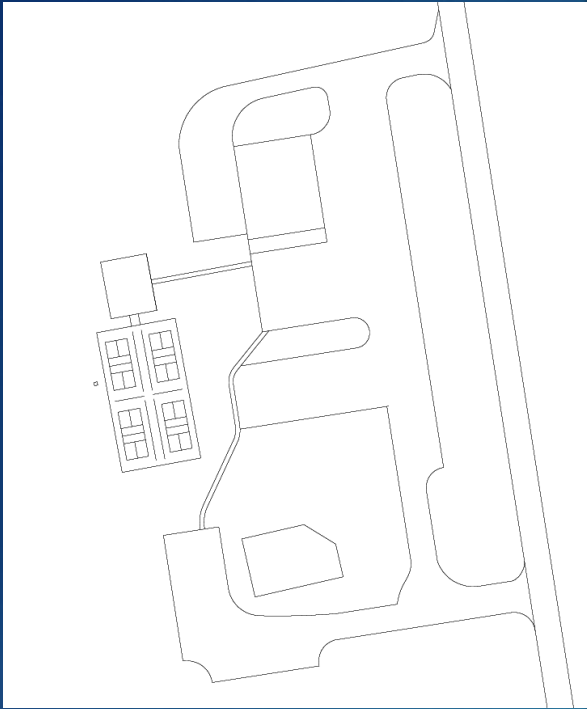
- ▶ Our committee is comprised of the following members:
 - ▶ Jack and Henriette Kottelenberg, Steve and Joanne Bowles, Alan Howe, Brad Metzger, Henry Sikkema
- ▶ The idea of pickleball courts in Amaranth originated through the work of the 2023 IPM committee which is well represented here as well. Funds raised through the IPM have been pledged to or already donated to various projects and charities in the community (Amaranth pickleball courts being one of them)
- ▶ Our goal is to be a motivated, self-driven committee, willing to provide the grunt work, vision, planning and expertise

What is Pickleball?

- ▶ Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. It is played with a perforated plastic ball and paddles on a court with a net. The game can be played indoors or outdoors and is suitable for players of all ages and skill levels.
- ▶ It is currently the fastest growing sport in North America, with approximately 20% of all adults being involved in the sport.



- ▶ Pickleball can be played together by people of all ages and skill levels.
- ▶ Low up front cost sport to get into



Site Evaluation

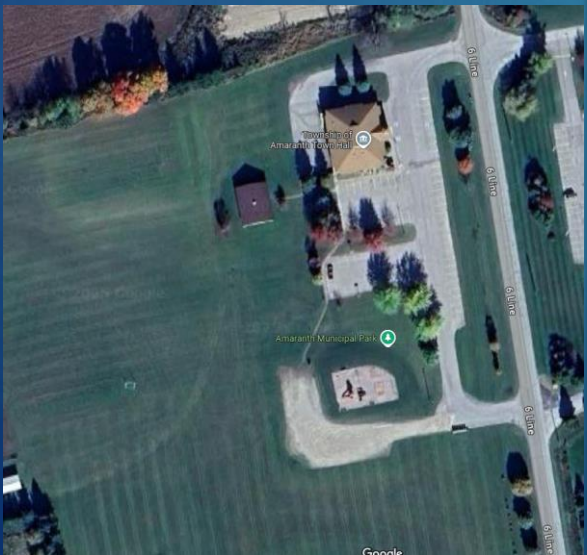
A site survey was conducted on May 5th to determine the feasibility of, and suitable location for up to a 4-court setup on the Amaranth Township Office property.

It was determined that the area south of the pavilion would be a suitable location that would cause minimal disruption to current grading and drainage. At the same time, other site elements could remain intact.

Site amenities including the covered pavilion, outdoor washrooms, parking and nearby power for lighting create an ideal space for these courts.

The rural setting of the property would negate any potential risk for noise complaints

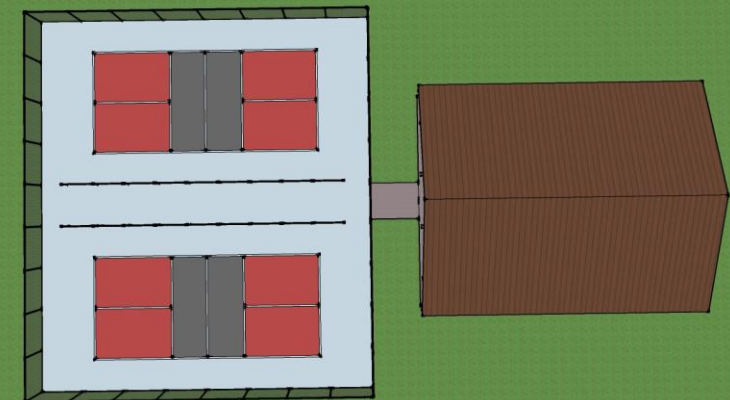
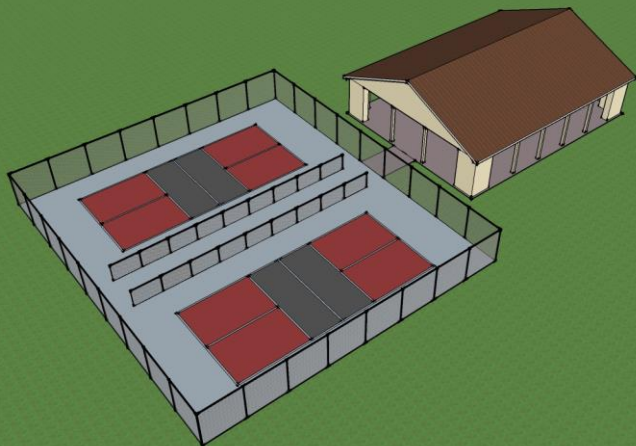
These courts would be of benefit to everyone in the community and surrounding area but also to nearby Laurel Woods School



Option A – Expandable Double Courts

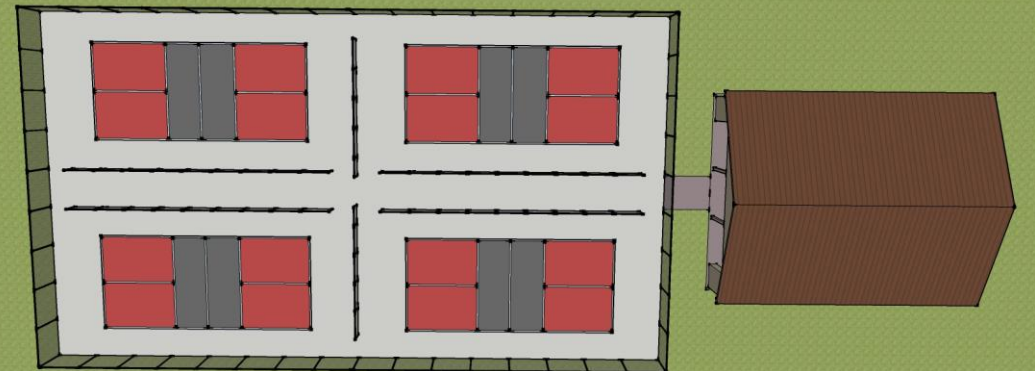
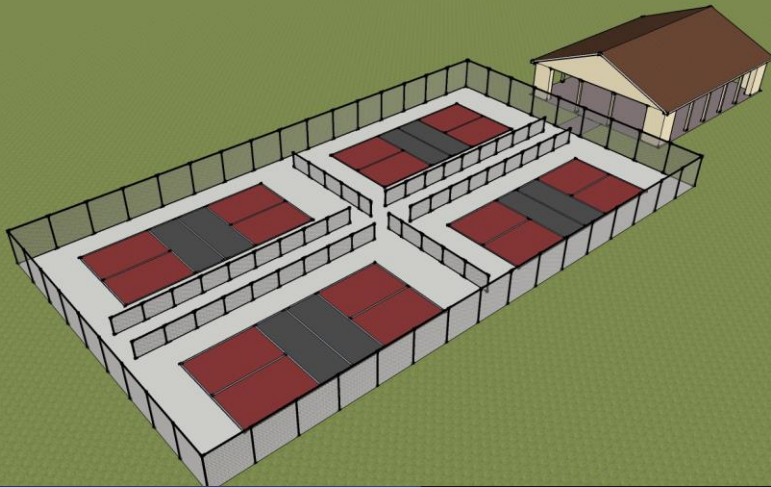
IPM Legacy Fund donated money for a double court; the committee is confident that we could build the courts with further support and funding from the township of Amaranth and from within the community (corporate donations)

While investigating this, we became aware of grants that could be pursued to support the building of 4 courts...



Renderings - Quad

Quad would allow for tournaments
Other courts in area are busy enough
Need for it in community – many on committee are members in other areas and they are always busy.
Quad courts provides much more flexibility, and potential income from court rentals and tournaments
Cost savings of not adding 2 courts later.



Budgeting

Cost	Double Court	Quad Court
Excavation/Drainage	\$8,000	\$12,000
Concrete Base (\$16)	\$74,000	\$145,000
Fencing Prim. (\$100)	\$27,500	\$40,000
Fencing Sec. (\$70)	\$4,000	\$19,000
Painted Court Lines/Nets	\$10,000	\$18,000
Lighting Prep, Misc	\$3,000	\$5,000
Cleanup/Landscape	\$12,000	\$18,000
Grand Total	\$138,500	\$257,000
Options:		
CushionX/Nets (\$12.50)	+ \$57,500	+ \$115,000

Alternate Construction Options

- ▶ Asphalt vs Concrete savings (longevity)
 - ▶ 2 vs 4
 - ▶ Painted vs CushionX
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- ▶ Options 1 could be paired down (+/-35%) if we decide to pursue local donations, municipal gravel, and volunteer help, without pursuing government grant funding

Funding/Grants

- ▶ Sports Canada Community Building Fund
- ▶ Trillium Grants
 - ▶ Timeline – 3 years
 - ▶ % of budget
 - ▶ Would require township representative
- ▶ International Plowing Match
- ▶ Corporate Donations



Closing

- ▶ Taxpayer burden should be minimal
 - ▶ Goal – get blessing on direction for committee to take
 - ▶ Other municipalities maintenance cost has been minimal
 - ▶ Courts in other communities have been well attended
 - ▶ SignupGenius app for managing use/rentals
 - ▶ Minimal municipal staff involvement required for ongoing operations
 - ▶ Court participants/clubs responsible for ensuring safe use of court
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- ▶ Our recommendation: pursue the grants and a quad court