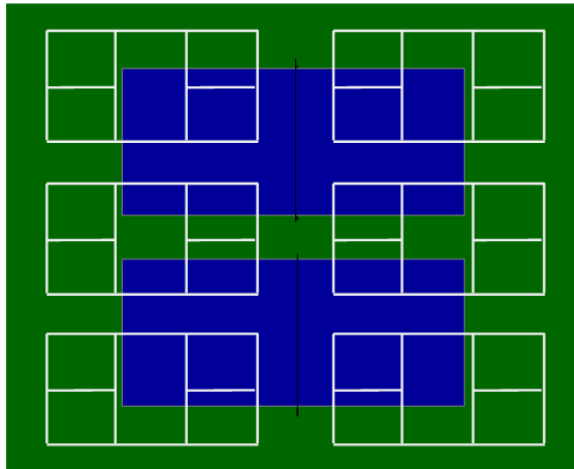


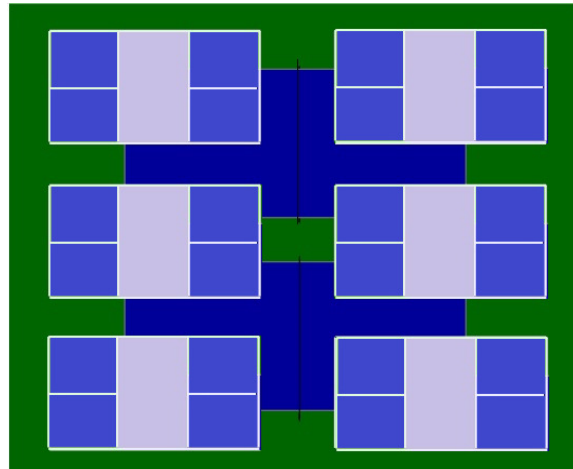
Proposal for the Upgrade of the Cummings Park Pickleball Courts Spring 2024

We are very excited to hear the good news that there is a good chance of the City receiving a Grant which will allow the Parks Department to build brand new post-tension concrete pickleball and tennis courts at Cummings Park. While we are waiting for these new courts, the Stamford Pickleball Club would like to propose a temporary upgrade of the pickleball courts using funds raised for this purpose, and volunteer labor.

The upgrade would include painting of the courts, based on the 6-court layout which was lined by the Club last October. The 6 court configuration has been very well received by the Stamford pickleball community, and the coloring of the court insides will make for a professional appearance as well as a better playing experience. Standard acrylic non-slip tennis court paint would be used, and cracks will be patched as where needed.



Current painted lines



Proposed new painting

Also, we would install permanent nets and posts, which would greatly facilitate play there, eliminating the need to assemble and break down portable nets for each session. The portable nets receive a lot of wear and tear from the constant unpacking/repacking. The permanent nets also provide a much better playing experience than the portable ones. The nets that we are proposing are the In Ground Pickleball Post and Net System from Dominator. These nets have been used extensively by Hinding Tennis Courts, and they have gotten very high marks because of their aluminum construction and inovative design.



We expect that the continued growth of the sport, accelerated by the opening of the Pickleball America facility here in Stamford, together with the attraction of the upgraded courts, will make necessary a system for controlling the usage of the courts. We would like to work with the City to implement a system that meets the needs of the community and fosters the growth of the sport. Given that the Club will have provided the funds and the work to build the courts, and that we collectively have a lot of experience in running pickleball programs, we appreciate the opportunity to help the City with this. Well run, well maintained pickleball courts will be a valuable commodity for the City.

As the weather is starting to get warm, many people in the community are anxious to start playing outside again and are asking when the new courts will be available. It would be great to move ahead with the upgrade as soon as possible, and let the people know what the new plan is. We would like to propose a completion date of April 30 for the upgrade described here.

Respectfully,

Stamford Pickleball Club Leadership Team

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