

# COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Rumsey Park Tennis Courts

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2007

PAYSON GOAL: New

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Summer 2007

SUBMITTED BY: Rick Manchester *RM*

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$ 0

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: \$130,000-\$165,000

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: \$130,000-\$165,000

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

Exhibit A—P&R Board Minutes

Exhibit B—Staff Memo 07-031

Exhibit C—Correspondence from citizens, P&R Board Members, and Town Council Members

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## POSSIBLE MOTION

I motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Director to advertise for bids and distribute specifications to qualified contractors to complete the reconstruction of the west two Rumsey courts and a resurfacing only of the two east Rumsey courts.

## SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

The request to renovate the Rumsey Park Tennis courts has been made by several tennis players, P&R Advisory Board Members, and town council members. The project has not made it through the town's current budget process, but could be included in the 2007/2008 budget for CIP projects.

The cost estimate is based on informal conversations with one tennis court construction specialist that we have used for other projects in the past. The bid specifications provide for the town to install the most cost effective, long lasting courts. Bid alternates include options such as post tension concrete or reinforced concrete, rubblize existing courts, or build on existing courts.

These four courts are the only tennis courts available for public use in the Town of Payson.

## PROS:

- The courts will receive a badly needed reconstruction and resurfacing limiting the town's risk
- The 2-court reconstruction will be a long term fix going from asphalt to concrete. The life expectancy of the concrete court is 20+ years and requires resurfacing every 3-5 years
- There will be savings in mobilization for court resurfacing by doing all four courts at the same time. A per court cost will be less by doing all four instead of just two.

## CONS:

- An ongoing town financial commitment is required to resurface the courts on a 3-5 year basis to prevent the courts from reaching this condition in the future. It can easily be planned for as an operating capital project in a comprehensive CIP program.

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# ***COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST***

**PUBLIC INPUT (if any):**

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings and letters/email from facility users.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):**

The P&R advisory board recommends complete reconstruction on the two East courts and a resurface on the two West courts. The minutes also reflect leaving the basketball hoops on the most westerly court.



**PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**March 21, 2007  
5:15 P.M.  
Green Valley Park Office**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Tenney called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. in the Green Valley Park Office of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Kadi Tenney, Chair; Bruce Wilson, Vice Chair; Members Ingram, Rutter and Sahn. Absent: Members Cannon and Huff.

Others Present: Rick Manchester, Parks & Recreation Director; Gaye Stidham, Deputy Town Clerk.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Approve February Minutes –**

Vice Chair Wilson moved, seconded by Member Rutter to approve the minutes as submitted from the February, 2007 meeting. Motion carried; 5-0

**2. Rumsey Playground Equipment—**

- a. Schematic Drawings: After discussion, Vice Chair Wilson moved, seconded by Member Rutter to approve the schematic drawings for the new play area and proceed to Town Council for action. Motion carried; 5-0
- b. Phasing Plan: After discussion, Vice Chair Wilson moved, seconded by Member Rutter to recommend installing as much equipment as possible starting with the elementary aged rock climbing area, then the preschool aged play equipment, and finally the teen rock climbing and ropes area. Motion carried; 5-0.
- c. Rocket: After discussion, Vice Chair Wilson moved, seconded by Member Rutter to limit the Town's risk and remove the rocket during the new playground installation process. Motion carried; 5-0.
- d. Play Equipment Near Skate Park: After discussion, Member Rutter moved, seconded by Chair Tenney, to make the necessary repairs to the play equipment and leave it until the master plan determines the equipment's future. Motion carried; 5-0.
- e. Play Equipment Near New Area: After discussion, Vice Chair Wilson moved, seconded by Member Rutter to remove the equipment and discard after a 90 day waiting period.

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3. **Tennis Courts**— the committee discussed the pros and cons of removing the basketball hoops from the tennis courts. Member Ingram moved to remove the basketball standards from the tennis courts at the time of resurfacing. The motion died for lack of a second. Member Rutter moved, seconded by Vice Chair Wilson to leave the hoops and resurface the tennis courts. The motion carried, 3-1-1, with Member Ingram dissenting and Chair Tenney abstaining.
4. **Rumsey West Parking**— Member Ingram moved, seconded by Member Rutter to recommend to Council and requesting Council Contingency Funds to fund an overflow parking area at Rumsey West. Motion carried; 5 – 0.
5. **Green Valley Park—Dance floor:** Member Rutter moved, seconded by Member Sahno to recommend approval of the dance floor at Green Valley Park to the Water Department, Sanitary District and the Town Council providing the funding is available from cement donations or other Town funding sources such as Town Contingency Funds. Motion carried; 5 – 0.
6. **Public Input—comment, complaints, etc.**  
There was committee discussion concerning complaints about parking on the boat ramp at the west end of the park interfering with boats. Mr. Manchester will investigate for the committee.
7. **Issues and/or Concerns:** There was no discussion.
8. **Director's Report:** All items had been previously covered in this meeting.
9. **Next Meeting**—April 18, 2007
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Approved Date

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Rick Manchester, Secretary

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MEMO—07-031

Date: March 14, 2007  
To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
From: Rick Manchester, Parks and Recreation Director  
Subject: Tennis Courts—Basketball Hoop  
CC: Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor

We have nearly completed the specifications for the Rumsey Park Tennis Court Rehabilitation. I have received several emails (7) from tennis players supporting the project.

The only controversy comes from the basketball court that is installed on the far west court. Some of the comments include

- Remove the basketball court due to additional and excessive wear and tear on the court surface.
- Leave it as is because it is used all of the time by kids.
- Remove the Tennis court and dedicate it to basketball only.
- Status quo and budget to resurface the courts more frequently.

Staff observations

1. According to several people the tennis courts were installed and intended to be temporary until new basketball courts were available. New courts have been installed near the pool and next to the sand volleyball courts. Unfortunately those courts are also heavily used.
2. The town will not likely budget accordingly to resurface the courts on a basis needed for the additional wear and tear. The tennis nets receive additional wear because kids sit on them while watching basketball.
3. There is also the problem of “wheeled” devices crossing the court. This problem will not be resolved either way without posting a guard/police or other staff to enforce the existing rules.

4. Combined uses causes trade offs in quality for each sport. Courts dedicated to tennis will be better tennis courts if they do not include basketball. There is a need for more basketball courts in the park system regardless of the two hoops on the tennis court. Rumsey Park is a high use high impact park and feeling the strain of not enough park space in town. Once again this will be addressed in the Park Master plan.

#### Board Action Options

Option 1—Leave the hoops

Option 2—Remove the hoops

Option 3—Remove the tennis court and commit that space to basketball

*Staff Recommendation—Leave the hoops with tennis being exclusive use in the morning and available (if not being used for tennis) after school and on weekends.*

*Director's recommendation—Commit to being excellent (not perfect but excellent). Provide the best tennis courts that we can and limit or eliminate any other uses including basketball. Develop additional tennis programs and activities that encourage tennis play on the courts. Seek other locations for basketball courts up to and including indoor activity center.*

*Ordinarily I am a strong advocate for multi use facilities. But in this case, the Town does not have any other public tennis courts available. There are several basketball court options throughout town including parks and school property. We should preserve and protect the tennis courts for tennis only.*

**Manchester, Rick**

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**From:** Daniel Hagen [daniel@hagenappraisal.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2007 9:26 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick  
**Subject:** Re: Well put !!!

Thanks for responding. I think it is good that the courts are to be rebuilt and/or resurfaced. I still do not think it is fair that the basketball hoops remain. Tennis is a sport that does not necessary include the same type of personalities or lack of respect for personal property as does the sport of basketball. I went for an hour with my 14 year old daughter on Saturday, just to play and teach her. While there, 14 young people showed up ( to play basketball ) with loud cars, loud music and we had to endure not only the noise, hearing the often use of the F word and of course inhale the lovely aroma of cigarette smoke wafting down our way (unfortunately the wind was blowing in our direction). While this may seem petty, I really don't think so. I believe I (and other tennis players) deserve something better than this. The basketball hoops really need to be gone !! This is the only thing that is truly acceptable. It is very unpleasant to play tennis with the noise and smoke from the basketball court and it really does not make sense to leave them in. Show me another tennis court in the valley or other town that allows for this type of multi-purpose use. Anyway, I sincerely hope that this issue can be re-discussed. Maybe the advisory board should try playing some tennis on the court next to the baseketball hoops one time while that court is in use. It is not an enjoyable experience and I have to admit I was rather bummed out on Saturday as I do not enjoy hearing the use of the F work and truly don't like my daughter hearing it more than necessary (at school). Sorry to go on, but that is my feeling on this issue.

Thanks for your time.

Daniel Hagen

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Manchester, Rick" <rmanchester@ci.payson.az.us>  
**To:** "Daniel Hagen" <daniel@hagenappraisal.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2007 5:04 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Well put !!!

Daniel,

Thanks for taking the time to comment on the tennis courts. As Rob may have told you already, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met last week and discussed the tennis courts at Rumsey Park.

From the meeting came a recommendation to rebuild two courts (I think they are the easterly courts if memory serves) and resurface the other two courts. Also in their recommendation is to keep the basketball hoops installed and use the most westerly court in a multi-purpose fashion.

We will be requesting that Town Council approve the recommendations and to fund the court construction. I don't know exactly when we will be presenting to council but most likely it will not be until the first meeting in May or later.

Thanks

Rick

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Daniel Hagen [mailto:daniel@hagenappraisal.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 24, 2007 9:04 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick

Subject: Well put !!!

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from mis-use and two of them cracked badly enough to possibly cause injury. I have played there many times where the music from the fourth court where kids are hanging out, is too much to handle while trying to enjoy a quiet game of tennis, and the language is quite foul as well. While I understand the need for a place for the kids, a tennis court is not the place, unless they are there for tennis only. These are the only public courts in town and there is a large number of persons whom do enjoy playing tennis on a weekly basis. Rob Ingram and I try to get over at least once or twice a week in

afternoons during work hours but lately go to Chaparral Pines instead because the courts there are (obviously) much more fun to play on. So, I am begging that something be done about the courts at Rumsey. This has been on-going for a number of years and it really is a pitiful sight to see skate boarders and kids mis-using the courts and fouling the surface so that the ones that wish to enjoy a game of tennis no longer have the desire to play on there.

I sincerely hope and trust that this is something you can consider and pursue with an attempt to restore the four tennis courts at Rumsey Park to an atmosphere conducive to playing tennis (only). There are numerous places to play basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, skateboard, etc., and these areas are kept nice and safe for anyone whom wishes to play that particular sport, to enjoy it. Please allow us old timers a chance to enjoy our sport at a safe and pleasant facility that is used only for tennis.

Sincerely, Daniel Hagen (Payson resident for 14 years and business owner in town).

----- Original Message -----

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To: "Andy Cailliau" <andycailiau@hotmail.com>; "Trevor & Shelli Creighton"

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<georgee@aspect1.net>; "Ed Evans" <edlevans@gmail.com>; "Amilcar Garcia"

<amilcargarciag@yahoo.com.mx>; "Dan & Jennifer Hagen"

<daniel@hagenappraisal.com>; "Dave & Marti Heinert"

<logcreek@gmail.com>;  
"Rob & Ginger Ingram" <ringram@npgcable.com>; "Victor & Gloria Joe"  
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"Kraig & Pam Jones" <kjones132@hotmail.com>; "Steve Lee"  
<mdstevelee@msn.com>; "Jim & Judie Lyon" <jim.lyon@cedarcrestone.com>;  
"Will  
& Sandi Pearson" <willpaz@earthlink.net>; "Dan Sweitzer"  
<dansweitzer@myway.com>; "Randy & Christy Wilcox"  
<rcwilcox@npgcable.com>  
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 2:09 AM  
Subject: Voice your concern re: Rumsey Tennis Courts

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**Manchester, Rick**

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**From:** Fruth, Tim External  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2007 10:32 AM  
**To:** Diane Jackson; Carpenter, Fred; Edwards, Bob External; Manchester, Rick  
**Subject:** RE: Fw: Tennis courts

Money needs to be set aside for the repair to acceptable standards out of the budget set aside for Parks. I would suggest getting this on the Parks and Rec Board Agenda and addressing this as a priority. We need to make sure that facilities already in place are in good condition before we look at adding new facilities.

Thanks for addressing this issue and lets work together to get the job done correctly.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Fw: Tennis courts  
**From:** "Diane Jackson" <tennis1@cybertrails.com>  
**Date:** Thu, March 08, 2007 9:08 am  
**To:** <rmanchester@ci.payson.az.us>  
**Cc:** <tfruth@ci.payson.az.us>

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Diane Jackson  
**To:** manchester@ci.paysonaz.us  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2007 4:37 PM  
**Subject:** Tennis courts

Hi Mr. Manchester,

I'm sure you are aware of the poor and dangerous condition of the four tennis courts in Rumsey Park. Bill Schwind made many false promises to the tennis group over the past few years regarding repair. The Town was well aware of the deterioration of the courts and after countless promises, which we later found out there was no basis for the promises as money was never in the budget for repair, nothing has been done. I hope you will be able to address this problem and instead of continually upgrading ball fields, which was just about all Bill Schwind could focus on, I hope the tennis courts will receive some funding for repair. There are many, many tennis players of all ages and abilities who use the courts and I think our town deserves something to be proud of, rather than the dangerous situation that we now have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Diane Jackson, Tennis Teaching Pro

## Manchester, Rick

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**Subject:** Tennis courts

Hi Mr. Manchester,

I'm sure you are aware of the poor and dangerous condition of the four tennis courts in Rumsey Park. Bill Schwind made many false promises to the tennis group over the past few years regarding repair. The Town was well aware of the deterioration of the courts and after countless promises, which we later found out there was no basis for the promises as money was never in the budget for repair, nothing has been done. I hope you will be able to address this problem and instead of continually upgrading ball fields, which was just about all Bill Schwind could focus on, I hope the tennis courts will receive some funding for repair. There are many, many tennis players of all ages and abilities who use the courts and I think our town deserves something to be proud of, rather than the dangerous situation that we now have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Diane Jackson, Tennis Teaching Pro

## Manchester, Rick

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**From:** dornbusch@cybertrails.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2007 10:19 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick  
**Cc:** 4eblair@npgcable.com  
**Subject:** tennis court

Rick Manchester

I have lived in Payson since October of 2004 and have been playing tennis at Rumsey Park, with various groups, at least two days a week, year around, weather permitting.

I would appreciate any help in getting the courts repaired. My own opinion is that they could be resurfaced in some manner and hopefully the job could be done so that we would not be without courts for a very long period.

I was present, playing with Stephanie Vogel, the councilman's wife, when she tripped on the court and broke her wrist, so it can be hazardous at some times.

Thank you.

Erich Dornbusch  
2121 N. Florence Road

## Manchester, Rick

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**From:** Robert S Ingram [rsingram@fs.fed.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2007 10:48 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick  
**Subject:** Re: Payson Parks And Recreation Program Evaluation

Rick...Just to let you know I received this. I was in Bend, Oregon for a week and therefore did not respond very quickly. Now Bend has some great parks along the Deschutes River! Nice town...anyway, I wanted you to know I contacted some of the tennis people and they said they would send in notes to you. I think one even went so far as to make up a form letter.

They do remember Bill Schwinds promise to remove the standards and so there will be some wanting that. The argument is the cost of the surfacing and the need to protect it, people sitting on the nets, the general inconsistency of the two sports occurring at the same time...etc...etc.

Some of the other tennis players I talked to, didnt have a problem keeping the standards, but did want the reconstruction and resurfacing....So...thats all I know about that....Seeya...R

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Kadi,  
You may receive this twice but better than not at all :).

Attached is the draft agenda for the February Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting. If there is anything that you would like me to add please let me know before Thursday, February 15.

All members,  
Typically, I contact the committee chair regarding monthly agenda items. It tends to keep

things less cumbersome in assembling the agenda. But If there is ever an item you would like for me to include on the agenda please let me know and I will add it.

Also, don't be afraid to call me if you need any information before a meeting, or if you just want to chat about the department. I am beginning to understand some of the operating issues anyway. My phone is 474-5242 ext 249, call anytime.

Please let me know with a quick reply if you receive this email,

I want to confirm that I recorded your email addresses correctly.

Thanks Rick[attachment "February 21.doc" deleted by Robert S Ingram/R3/USDAFS]

## Manchester, Rick

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**From:** Victor Joe [victorjoe33@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2007 2:10 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick  
**Subject:** Tennis Courts at Rumsey Park

February 21, 2007

To: Director of Parks and Recreation  
Town of Payson, Arizona

Dear Sir:

As a resident and citizen of the town of Payson, I have some concerns that have been put on hold for a number of years. As a tennis player I have been privileged to play and use the courts at Rumsey Park.

The last Parks and Recreation Director promised to maintain and resurface all four courts at least three years ago. The present condition of the courts are in all states of deterioration. If something is not done to preserve the condition of these courts, the ensuing costs will be enormous. One of the most contributing factors to the deterioration of these courts is the use of the courts for other activities viz. basketball. The basketball standards were only to be temporary until the new basketball court was built near the swimming pool. They were to be removed or moved to a different location where the surface of the court could sustain the wear and tear of the players jumping and sliding in a small area where the baskets were located. Tennis courts were not constructed for basketball play. The skin of the tennis courts consists of a thin veneer and can be damaged by constant pounding. Adding to all this is the number of skateboarders who are seen skating and screeching, scratching and scraping their boards across the surface making deep huge marks and cuts that damage the courts.

I have been to public tennis courts in the valley and none of them use their courts as a multi-function facility. Why? Because they have rules that protect the courts from activities other than tennis. They believe tennis courts were made for tennis. To use an analogy to illustrate this fact, what would happen if I decided to play golf on the nice green grass of the baseball field or soccer field? I could practice taking divots with my irons. Or what if I wanted to bring my canoe to the swimming pool? Or bring my shovel and bucket to build a sand castle at the volleyball court? If all the facilities at Rumsey Park are multi-functional, why is it that only the tennis courts are singled out as multi-functional?

These are important questions to address if one is to be fair in addressing the issue.

Many years ago, a grant was given by an organization that was to be used expressly for the improvement and maintenance of the tennis courts. Somehow these funds got diverted to other causes that were prioritized by the town fathers. What would the organization that gave the grant think if they found out that their gift was never used for its intended purpose?

The bottom line is this: I would like to see the town be fair to all the participants of the facilities.

The best way is to design a budget that will accommodate each sport and not compromise the integrity of that sport because of political and economic pressures. Anything worthwhile is costly but long-term planning can accomplish the best for each activity.

Please consider this letter and the concerns offered.

Sincerely,

Victor Joe  
(retired pastor, Community Presbyterian Church, Payson, AZ. for 30 years).

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## Manchester, Rick

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**From:** MICHAEL STEELMAN [mbs8816@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2007 10:39 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick  
**Subject:** tennis

Mr. Manchester:

Rob Ingram has mentioned to me that there is some thought of refinishing the tennis courts at Rumsey Field. I play tennis 2-3 times a weeks there with a group of other "old duffers" and we wholeheartedly support the project.

We have noticed the deterioration of the courts. The eastern courts are concrete, I understand, and they are holding up better that the western courts which I hear are asphalt. The western courts are in terrible shape. But the eastern courts are cracking, and chunks of concrete are beginning to come out.

I notice quite a few other people coming out to plan tennis as well. We would like to get more players if we could.

Please count this as my vote towards refinishing the courts.

Thx.

Mike Steelman  
Strawberry

## Manchester, Rick

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**From:** STEVEN LEE [mdstevelee@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2007 8:43 AM  
**To:** Manchester, Rick  
**Subject:** Payson Tennis Courts

Hi, this is Dr. Steven Lee, I've lived in Payson for the past 2 years and play tennis on a weekly basis.

I am writing this e-mail to encourage efforts in the improvement or in the resurfacing of our tennis courts at Rumsey Park.

My office number is 928-474-5259.

Thank you.

2/26/07

James Young

Tennis

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