



WILDWOOD

June 20, 2023

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: **Hardcourt Area in Town Center – Updates (Ward Eight)**

Council Members:

BACKGROUND >>> On June 12, 2023, the Planning and Parks Committee presented to City Council a schematic of how a larger set of pickle courts, with other facilities, might be accommodated as part of the planned mixed-use development that received zoning approval at this same meeting. This schematic indicated the design that was approved by the City for Community Park, i.e., four (4) pickleball courts and one (1) tennis court, which can be converted to two (2) half-court areas for basketball, could be accommodated on the parcel of ground that had been indicated for use by two (2) pickleball courts. However, the schematic did indicate impacts on the availability of parking and the stormwater management facility identified there as well. This design was presented to the property owner/developer before this June 12, 2023 meeting.

The City Council did discuss the matter at its Work Session on June 12, 2023 and sought answers to a number of questions. These questions focused on access for the public to the court areas, restrictions on use, costs to the City, and timing/next steps. Some of the City Council Members included as part of this discussion the preference of Community Park as the location for this hardcourt area. However, it is important to note that, regardless of location of the court area, the intent is to provide an active, multiple-use space that is available to residents for their enjoyment.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION >>> The Committee has reviewed the set of circumstances further and believes that, in order to address this set of questions that have been identified, the development of an engineered plan for this parcel of ground in Town Center Area is essential. With the engineered plan, the Committee acknowledged it will be better able to understand the relationship of the improvements to the site, the characteristics of the property and its availability for increased use, and how to accommodate the property owner/developer's needs and the City of Wildwood's goals at this location. Accordingly, the Committee acted unanimously at its June 2023 meeting to direct the Department to contact the firm that has prepared the plans for the mixed-use project and seek an understanding how might this larger court area be accommodated and utilize the City's park designer to assist in the specifics of pickleball courts and how best to create a safe and fun environment for users, while providing this much sought after recreation amenity to City residents. As part of this action, the

Committee noted that, once these discussions have occurred with the engineering/design firms and the Department, the proposal would then be reviewed by it for the consideration of its content and cost. This submittal would be intended to occur at the Committee's July or August meeting, so the work on the plan documents could begin still this summer.

CONTACT INFORMATION >>> If any City Council Member should have other questions or comments before tonight's meeting about this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. This item is on tonight's Work Session Agenda under 'For Information,' but can be discussed, if any City Council Members would request such. Thank you for your review of this information.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WILDWOOD

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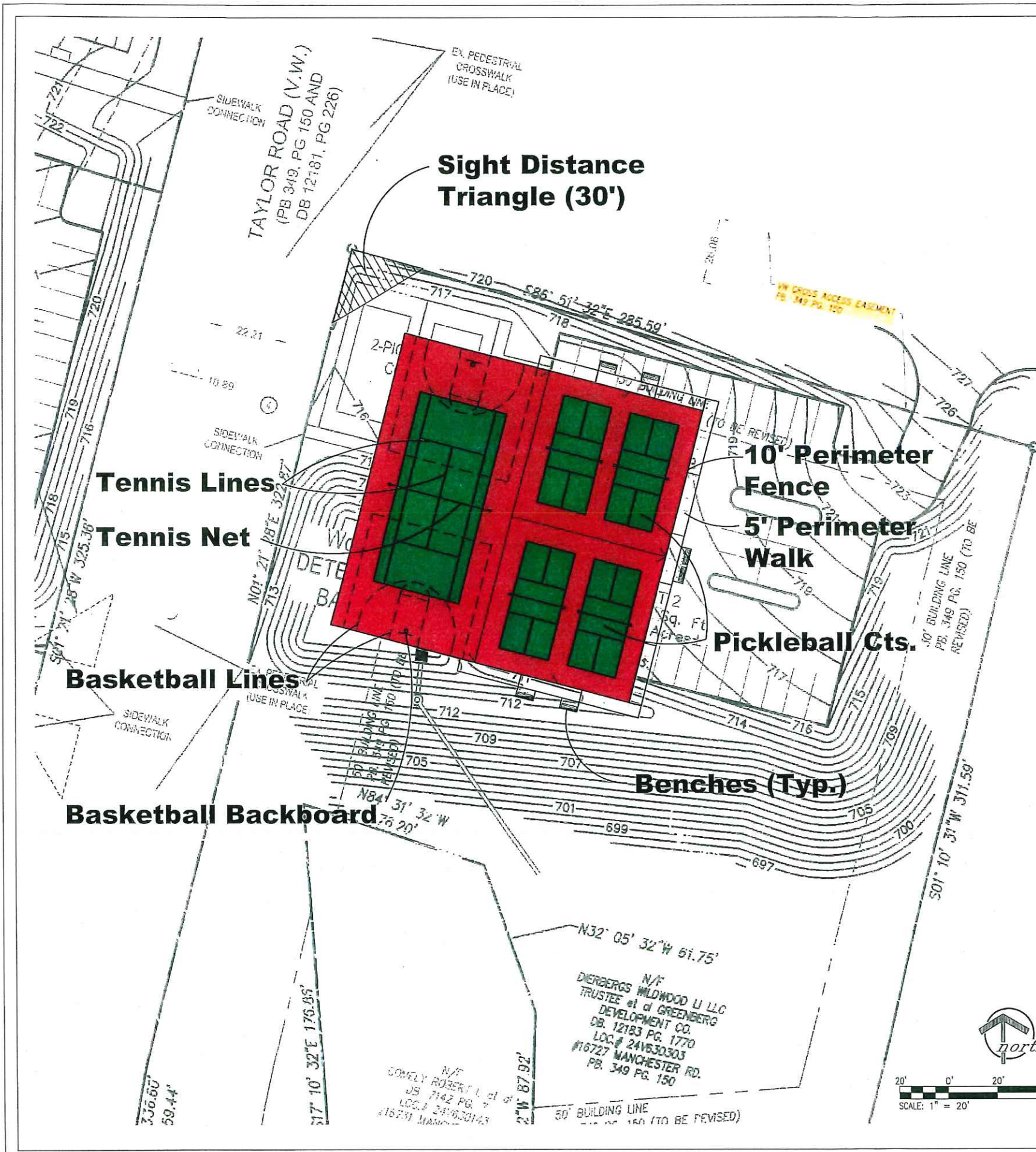
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TOWN CENTER Sports Courts CONCEPT PLAN

- (4) - PICKLEBALL CTS.
- (2) - HALF COURT BASKETBALL CTS.**
- (1) - TENNIS COURT**

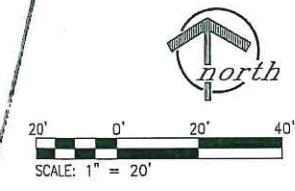
** COMBINED COURTS

Note: Courts should be held back from street curb line at least 50' to prevent wayward balls from interfering with vehicular traffic. In addition, enough greenspace should be provided between courts and public way to permit landscape/screening. Court Lights, if proposed, should be designed so as to minimize light spilling onto adjoining properties and/or public ways.



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