



## BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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### **Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes 4/30/24 5:30 PM Township office.**

Attendees: Phil Preston, Dave Elwell, Shelly Sercombe, Phil Sczykutowicz (NW Schools)  
Dan Arntz.  
Missed: Jeff Kinney  
Interested parties: Kristina Edgar (AM 1), Teresa Donahee (BCT resident)

#### **Goal:**

**Prioritize Parnall options for submittal to the Board for May,**

#### **Action Decisions:**

#### **Committee discussions & actions**

The committee ranked the following for priority, with actions /explanations following.

Some Explanation:

Based upon meeting with **Jaguars Soccer club (Pete, Dave, Phil)** and the Organizations input, a key item needs to be considered / added. Improving Drainage on the soccer field to allow full use of the fields. Currently, significant parts of the field are not available for play due to water.

The Soccer Club (SC) **would like to have 6 fields**, three different sizes. Jack Ripstra will assist with a layout to scale to see how best to fit the fields onto the property. AND, current property is not completely usable due to water collecting for much of the season.

- **Board input to commit to have 6 fields is needed.**

With the above in mind, notes as follows:

#### 1. Walking path.

- a. Surface - small stone with pavement along Parnall. Agreed.
- b. Quote to be for both 8 feet and 10 feet in width.
- c. Quote with & without the cross trail, just before the soccer fields.
- d. **PATH WORK** along the west side of soccer fields to include **drainage for the fields. This may be delayed until fall. Significant portions of the field are not usable for significant parts of the year.**

2. Dog Run.

Put one in. 4 feet in height agreed upon.

*Location tbd, based upon layout of 6 soccer fields, pickleball, bathrooms,  
And pavilions.*

3. Pickleball courts.

a. Agreement to install 4 courts. Location is agreed upon.

Jack to develop RFP based upon specification from the Jackson PB club.

1. Checking with Jax parks & Rec for comparison

4. Bathrooms.

a. Water vs Vault will be researched for cost comparison, with decisions to follow.

-work is underway to evaluate cost / prepare specifications for RFP.

-specific location TBD.

5. Pavilion(s). two places?

a. Location options remain in discussion. **This and other layouts for facilities may be affected by further analysis of the Soccer fields.**

b. Size & facilities

c. Cost estimates & RFP

6. Sponsorships.

A Meeting with **Jaguars Soccer Club** was held with Phil, Pete & Dave with positive views. They are willing to participate with financial support. TBD.

We are Reaching out to the **Jackson Pickleball Club** for specifications and to determine possible support.

Ongoing communication with a **local financial institution** continues with naming rights offer to be determined.

Reported by Phil Preston