

# Eagle River Pickleball Association



*Ad-hoc Committee On New Courts*

## Existing Courts Versus New Courts: Existing

- We are outgrowing the old courts – approximately 300 members and growing! Wait times during Open Play can be up to 25 minutes.
- Fences on the existing courts are only 7' from base lines – dangerous.
- Parking and traffic issues: The vehicle parking west of the courts is too close to the playground – unsafe. The alley is also used by pedestrians to access the playground and the park, oftentimes as cars are backing out creating unsafe conditions. One way traffic going wrong way - several close calls and complaints).
- Overhanging tree and root issues (much pine needle/leaf debris, sap, and bird droppings on courts from above.
- Overhead power lines above the south courts interfere with player lobs.
- The area behind the base lines of the north courts slopes too steeply toward the fence – feels like you're playing in a hole.
- The base beneath the courts is unstable causing cracks and repeated future maintenance issues.
- Competition with events at Riverview Park.



## Existing Courts Versus New Courts: New

- The proposed new courts will conform to USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) standards, the governing body of pickleball in the United States. The courts can be sanctioned by the USAPA for official pickleball tournaments and events.
- The additional space between the base lines and the fences of the proposed new courts (as compared to the existing courts) will provide a much safer and more enjoyable experience for players. Fences installed between the courts will also help prevent balls from rolling on to adjacent courts, increasing safety and enjoyment for the players.
- The added number of courts (twelve vs. six) will accommodate our future membership needs and the growing popularity of the sport.
- The new site provides adequate space for safer parking and traffic conditions for vehicles and pedestrians.
- Generous shade and seating accommodations are planned for the 12-16' wide viewing area between the courts.
- No power lines or overhanging trees to deal with means reduced court maintenance.
- Additional outdoor activities/games can be added to the site by the city at a later date, benefitting the entire community.
- The centralized location will bring more people to downtown businesses, increasing the revenue stream for the city.
- The site of the existing pickleball courts could be repurposed to expand the playground, add basketball courts, etc.

# Eagle River Community Park



N. Third St.

E. Sheridan St.

N. Silver Lake Road

Graphic Scale



(IN FEET)  
1 inch = 30 ft















