



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF EAGLE RIVER PLANNING COMMISSION
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The City of Eagle River Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to seek input on a proposal by the Eagle River Pickleball Club to develop a 12 court pickleball complex, with permanent off street parking to the North in the old ice rink site. The proposed location for the project is the field behind City Hall at 525 E. Maple Street, Eagle River, identified as Parcel Number 221-463, legally described as: Sect. 28, T40N, R10E, LOTS 1-13 BLK 1 OF MCINTYRE ADDN & VAC PORTION OF SHERIDAN ST ADJ AT NORTH DESC 88-584A.

Additional infrastructure plans may be added to include future basketball and volleyball courts, corn hole lanes, pavilion, and designated parking areas within the field.

The public hearing will be held March 6, 2025, at 5 pm at City Hall, 525 E. Maple Street, Eagle River. Residents, business owners, and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend and provide feedback on the proposal.

Pros and Cons of the Proposed Pickleball Complex

The proposed pickleball complex offers several potential benefits to the community, including increased recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, potential economic benefits through increased tourism and local business activity, and the promotion of an active lifestyle. The courts could serve as a gathering space for community members and provide opportunities for tournaments and events.

However, the location in a single-family residential neighborhood raises concerns. Potential drawbacks include increased traffic and parking congestion, noise from frequent gameplay, and potential disruption to the quiet character of the neighborhood. Additionally, increased foot traffic and extended hours of use could impact nearby residents' privacy and quality of life. The field currently houses an existing playground that may be impacted, and it is also the location of snow storage for winter snow removal. The loss of this snow storage site may increase the response time for public works to clear the City after snowfall, effectively increasing the cost to taxpayers for winter snow removal. Furthermore, the development may limit access to City Hall parking, creating potential inconvenience for visitors and staff.

Proposed plans are available on the City website at <https://eagleriverwi.gov/city-government/current-year-meeting-agendas-minutes/> under the heading "2025 Public Hearing Notices", or can be viewed at City Hall during regular business hours.

The Planning Commission invites public comments to weigh these factors and determine the best course of action for the community. Comments can be made during the public hearing, or by mail to the City Administrator, PO. Box 1269, Eagle River, WI 54521; by phone (715) 479-8682 x227 or email rcginner@eagleriverwi.gov.