

**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - December 12, 2025**  
**Sheridan Street Deli**

**1. Meeting called to order at 12:04**

- a. Attendees: Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Doug S., Nancy H.Julie P.

**2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Nancy

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$15,980.14
- c. Income:
  - i. Drop In Fees: \$10.00

- d. Expenses:
  - i. Amazon - Balls: \$59.46
  - ii. Walmart - Paper Products: \$8.92
  - iii. USPS - P.O.Box: \$106.00

e. Ending Balance: \$15,815.76

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Semer Park:
  - 1. We received the initial drawing of the proposed Courts from Nathan @ Outdoor Sports Systems and forwarded to City Planner.
  - 2. Due to weather and holiday vacations there has been no progress in clearing trees for survey. The hope is that this can be completed in early January.
  - 3. Fundraising committee was going to send out an initial survey to Club Members to determine approximate internal revenue commitment.

**B. Planning & Building Committee Update:**

- 1. No update until project is approved by City

**C. Fundraising Committee Update:**

- 1. A survey was going to be sent out to all Club Members to determine approximate available internal revenue commitment.

**D. College Food Drive:**

- 1. Deb to lead and communicate to club.

**E. 501.C Status and Guideline Review**

1. Julie has done some initial research on this but more work to be done and she will report to Board during the January meeting.

**5. New Business**

**A. College Scholarships:**

- i. The Board agreed to provide a \$500.00 Scholarship.

**6. Next Meeting set for January 21st @ 12:00 p.m. c.s.t.**

**7. Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.**

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**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - November 19, 2025**  
**Sheridan Street Deli**

**1. Meeting called to order at 11:05**

- a. Attendees: Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Doug S., Nancy H.Julie P.

**2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Nancy

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$13,586.31
- c. Income:
  - i. Drop In Fees: \$10.00
  - ii. ISD696 Summer Fees: \$2589.82
- d. Expenses:
  - i. Lucky Boy \$161.06
  - ii. Zups Donuts & Cider for Steve S Party
- e. Ending Balance: \$15,980.14

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Semer Park:
  - 1. Matt, Don, & Roger met with City Officials and Nathan from Outdoor Sports Solutions to view the Semer's Park Property. Nathan had agreed to visit the site to help us with a more detailed drawing which is required by Park & Rec before they will vote on approving the project. It was determined at the meeting that there is a water main under the proposed site which is a major concern. The team then walked the upper level park property which is currently undeveloped. It was determined that this site would in many ways be a better location for the six pickleball courts especially since the Public Works department said they could clear the land and prepare the site for building courts and parking.
  - 2. Next steps include some clearing of trees by the Public Works to allow for a topographical survey to be completed. The estimated cost of the survey would be \$3500.00 and the expectation of the city would be for the club to pay for it giving they will be going thru the expense of clearing the land. The EPBC Board unanimously approved the expense but has asked the City to work with the surveyor, explain the nature of the project to assist with lowering

the costs of the survey. We are now waiting for the Public Works Dept to begin clearing the land for preparation of a survey. Weather permitting...they will try to get that done in the next few weeks.

3. A Building Committee and a Fundraising Committee has been established and ready to begin work once the project has been approved by the city.

**B. Winter Play at the College:**

1. Hours have been set for the winter.
2. Matt to try to get expanded play during the holiday season.

**C. Court Closure**

1. Doug presided over the court closure and inventory which was Completed on October 27th.

**5. New Business**

**A. Review of 501.C Status and Guidelines**

- i. The Board agreed that a review of our 501.C status and a better understanding of guidelines to protect this status was important given the scope of the new pickleball courts.
- ii. Julie agreed to do some initial research and also reach out to Linzy and Kuhn Law Firm as additional resources and will report back to the Board during our December meeting.

**B. Google Groups:**

- i. Debbie to contact the nine new members on the list to confirm legitimacy and Matt will contact Community Ed for an updated list to confirm active members.

**C. Food Drive for the College**

- i. Debbie to send out an email with timing and details

**D. Christmas Party**

- i. Christmas Party set for December 3rd

**6. Next Meeting set for December 17th @ 12:00 c.s.t.**

**7. Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm**

**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - October 22, 2025**  
**Sheridan Street Deli**

**1. Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.**

- a. Attendees: Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Doug S., Nancy H.

**2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Doug

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie

- b. Beginning Balance: \$13,411.71

- c. Income:

- i. Drop In Fees: \$21.00

- ii. Dave Donation: \$500.00

- d. Expenses:

- i. Lucky Boy \$161.06

- ii. Matt O. Scholarship dinner: \$30.00

- iii. Insula Gift Card (Davis) : \$103.84

- iv. Chamber Bucks (Duane): \$51.50

- e. Ending Balance: \$13,586.31

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Semer Park:

- 1. Jeff presented to the Park & Rec Board and overall the proposal to build six courts at Semers Park was well received. .
  - 2. The Park & Rec Board has requested a more detailed drawing in order to approve and send to City Council for approval.
  - 3. We have had discussions with Outdoor Sports Solutions to visit the site and assist us with a detailed drawing. A tentative meeting is set up for the first week of November.
  - 4. Jeff to finalize members of the Building and Planning Committee and hold a first meeting in November.
  - 5. Deb to finalize members of the Fundraising Committee and hold the first meeting in November.

**B. Winter Play at the College:**

- 1. College set Club winter play on Tuesday / Thursday from 0800 - 1030. Matt will work with Continuing Education to try to expand days and hours.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Need Additional Indoor Balls:**

- i. Debbie to review old receipts and gather contact information so we can order new balls.

### **B. Guest Sign In Sheets:**

- i. Matt to determine where the sheets are and arrange to have additional copies available in the gym.

### **C. High School Court Closure / Equipment Inventory**

- i. Doug to take the lead on inventory and the date was set for Monday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m.

### **D. Pull Tabs as an Additional Source of Income:**

- i. Initial conversation was had regarding the possibility of taking on Pull Tabs as a source of income for the club as there may be an opportunity as one of the current providers in the area may no longer be doing them.
- ii. This would require a significant investment in time but has potential to generate a significant monthly income stream.
- iii. The board decided to table the opportunity and monitor news in Ely and revisit if we can confirm one of the current providers has left a void in the Ely area.
- iv. Steve Schon is moving out of the area and his last day of play is coming up soon. The Board received requests from a number of members to hold a goodbye party for Steve. He was one of the early members of the club and a PB friend that will be missed. Debbie was going to contact him and find out when his last day of play will be and coordinate a farewell event.

## **6. Next Meeting set for November 19, 2025 @ 1:00 c.s.t.**

## **7. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.**

**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - September 23, 2025**  
**Sheridan Street Deli**

**1. Meeting called to order at 10:06 a.m.**

- a. Attendees: Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Doug S., Nancy H.

**2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Matt

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie

- b. Beginning Balance: \$13,704.50

- c. Income:

- i. Drop In Fees: \$67.00

- d. Expenses:

- i. Lucky Boy \$161.06

- ii. Tracy McDonald: \$30.00 treats

- iii. Jeff LeMaster: \$159.61 Misc

- iv. Zups \$9.12

- e. Ending Balance: \$13,411.71

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Semer Park:

- 1. Jeff to present scope of project / proposal for new courts at Semer Park to the Park & Rec Board on Oct 10.

- 2. Board discussed various committees which will need to be formed to support the project once approval is received. These included fund raising, legal, building / planning, and membership.

**B. Winter Play at the College:**

- 1. Matt to work with Michelle to secure a face to face meeting with new Community Ed contact to expedite resolution of winter play.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. New President of EPBC:**

- i. Matt O. stepped forward and accepted the new President position.
- ii. Board pledged support and voted unanimously to approve.

### **B. Future meeting date / times:**

- i. Board will typically meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 c.s.t.

### **C. Christmas Party:**

- i. Deb suggested using the Christmas party as also an opportunity to raise funds via a 50/50 raffle. The Board will consider and vote next meeting.

**6. Next Meeting set for October 22, 2025 @ 1:00 c.s.t.**

**7. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.**

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**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - September 3, 2025**  
**White Iron Beach Resort**

**1. Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm**

- a. Attendees: Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Michelle H, Nancy H.

**2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Matt

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie

- b. Beginning Balance: \$9983.21

- c. Income:

- i. Drop In Fees: \$612.00

- ii. Zups Fundraiser: \$1003.00

- iii. Ely Education: \$4459.87

- d. Expenses:

- i. Lucky Boy \$483.18

- ii. VCC Foundation: \$1220.00

- iii. Equipment: \$147.02

- iv. Website Domain & Hosting: \$274.10

- v. Misc: \$483.18

- e. Ending Balance: \$13,704.50

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Semer Park:

- 1. Jeff presented to membership the Board's recommended plan which includes six fenced in courts on the current overflow parking at Semers Park and next steps.

- 2. Karla motioned for a vote with Roger seconded. The vote was 32-1 in favor of moving forward with construction at Semer Park.

- 3. A fundraising committee will be needed once the city has approved our project. Karla and Debbie agreed to co-chair. Nancy H, Nancy M, & Doug S. all agreed to serve on the committee.

- 4. Jeff to write up a scope of work / proposal to present to the Park & Rec Board on October 10.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. New Board Members**

- I. Julie Pavelich and Doug Scheibe volunteered to serve on the Board
- ii Members voted unanimously to approve these two new Board Members
- iii Membership thanked Michelle and Craig for their service on the Board.

### **B. Adaptive Pickleball**

- I. Nancy H. made a suggestion that the third paddle box be used for those not playing at their full capacity due to health, injury, or current ability. Those players would rotate along with the other two boxes.
- I. Roger made a motion to approve which was seconded by Dennis B.

### **C. Notice of Approved Etiquette**

- I. A notice was given to all EPC members that appropriate behavior on the pickleball courts and school property is expected . Furthermore, there are cameras on the school property that will pick up any misbehaviors that will reflect badly on the club.

### **D. Member Appreciation:**

- I. The board agreed to present a \$50.00 gift card to Duane for providing the many, many boxes of painters tape that he has been able to procure from his contacts at 3M to line the courts at the college.
- ii. The board agreed to present a \$100 gift card to Sandy and Kerry Davies for the use of their resort for Christmas parties and this year's annual meeting.

## **6. Next Meeting set for September 23, 2025 @ 10:00**

## **7. Meeting adjourned at 3.08 p.m.**

**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - August 12,2025**  
**Whiteside Park**

**1. Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm**

- a. Attendees: Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook

**2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Craig

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie

- b. Beginning Balance: \$12,771.18

- c. Income:

- i. Drop In Fees: \$113.00

- ii. Zups Fundraiser: \$1003.00

- d. Expenses:

- i. Lucky Boy June: \$161.06

- ii. Ely Echo (copies): \$8.05

- iii. Dave Gunderson (balls): \$87.50

- iv. GoDaddy: \$23.88

- e. Ending Balance: \$13,606.69

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Semer Park:

- 1. After no response from the Mayor's Office, Jeff was referred to Scott Kochendorfer (City of Ely Planning and Zoning) and a meeting was scheduled for August 5th. At the meeting it was determined that the park property adjacent to the Water Plant was not suitable for development but Scott suggested we look at an alternate site which is currently overflow parking. After reviewing a CAD drawing it was determined that there appears to be room for six courts. A follow up on site meeting was held on August 13th to walk the property and it was determined that more than likely small shrubs and trees would have to be removed to allow for both courts and parking.

- ii. Fall Lake Township

- 1. No new information.

iii. Studio North:

1. There is interest from Nicole to move forward with courts but she wants a commitment from EPBC before she spends any money and time in structuring an agreement. More than likely she would structure a lease and the costs would at least cover the annual property taxes.

**B. Annual Meeting:**

- I. Board discussed the fact that very few club members have signed up to attend
- ii. Given the meeting was scheduled for Labor Day weekend we decided to change the date to September 3rd with the hopes of full club attendance.
- III. Board will prepare a brief presentation to present to members regarding court expansion options and take a member vote at the conclusion of the mtg.
- IV. Deb to send out notice of change.

**C. Corn Fundraiser**

- I We spent a bit of time discussing why there was a lack of interest surrounding this fundraiser.
- II. Feedback was shared that perhaps it was too close to the Zups fundraiser, too much going on in town at the time, and the price of corn was too high.
- The consensus was that all of these factors played a part in this but perhaps the biggest factor was the uncertainty of the purpose of the fundraiser.
- III. The Board pledged to do a better job of communicating the purpose for future future fundraisers.

**5. New Business**

**A. Winter Play at the College**

- I. We still have not received firm confirmation that we will be able to play at the college and if so, what the hours will be. Michelle sent an email to Mr. Carey (new contact for Ely Community Ed) but has not yet received a response. She will follow up with a 2nd email. Firming up this commitment is a priority for the Board.

- 6. Next Meeting: Annual Meeting on September 3rd 1:00 - 3:00 @ Whiteside Park**
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.**

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**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - July 16,2025**  
**Whiteside Park**

**1. Meeting called to order at 1:21 pm**

- a. Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Nancy Hernesmaa

**2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie motioned to approve with second by Nancy.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$12,855.35
- c. Income:
  - i. Drop In Fees: \$104.00
  - ii. ISD Beginner Classes: \$139.78

- d. Expenses:
  - i. Lucky Boy June: \$161.06
  - ii. Walmart Gift Card C.H.: \$106.89
  - iii. Susan Laine- Retirement Cake C.H.: \$60.00

- e. Ending Balance: \$12,771.18

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

i. Semer Park:

- 1. It was brought to the Board's attention that there may be land available in Semer's Park where the park meets the Water Treatment Center property. Michelle and Jeff viewed the area and there does appear to be adequate room for additional courts. This would seem to be a good fit for the club, the city, and the people of Ely if it could work. We have emailed the Mayor with hope of securing a timely meeting to confirm the land could be used for pickleball courts and to gauge the interest of the city in partnering with the Club. Given the lack of response by the city regarding the use of the outdoor hockey rink we are not overly optimistic but will be persistent in getting a response and hopefully a meeting.

ii. Fall Lake Township

- 1. No new information.

iii. Studio North:

1. Michelle, Craig, and Jeff met with Nicole who is the owner of Studio North and along with a member of the State of MN agency responsible for assisting communities for recreation and commerce assistance. We were encouraged to get quotes for six outdoor courts as well as a building that could contain 2-3 courts for indoor play with 3 outdoor courts. We are working on securing these quotes by early August and presenting our options and recommendations to the Club during the Annual Meeting on August 29.
2. Studio North is extremely interested in partnering with the Ely PB Club to develop this property for PB Play.

**B. Burger / Brat Fundraiser at Zups**

- I. Set for Friday, July 18th.

**C. Corn Fundraiser**

- I. Sell corn by the dozen through pre-orders
- II. Date was set for Aug 1 & 2 where we will setup a stand at Ely Liquor
- III. We are going to encourage club members to pre-order asap.
- IV. Order will be placed to Jim by last week of July.
- V. Huge thank you to Jim for his generous donation to take the time to pick up the corn and donate the cost of gas to the club!

**D. Patching of Current Courts**

- I. Craig to coordinate and gather volunteers to assist but we need a stretch of dry weather to complete this project..

**E. Youth Pickleball Clinic**

- I. We will not be holding a youth clinic this summer.

**5. New Business**

**A. Team Reach App**

- I. Board approved adopting the Team Reach App to be used for scheduling and communication for club events.
- II. All members are encouraged to sign up and use the app as all future events

will be communicated through the app.

**B. Ely PB Club Annual Meeting:**

- I. Scheduled for August 29th @ Whiteside Park

**C. Potential New Board Members:**

- I. No commitments yet for the two needed Board Members

**6. Next Meeting: August 12th at 1:15 in the park**

**8. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.**

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**Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - June 18, 2025**  
**Whiteside Park**

**1. Meeting called to order at 12:33 pm**

- a. Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Nancy Hernesmaa

**2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- a. Nancy motioned to approve with second by Debbie.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$11,763.80
- c. Income:
  - i. Drop In Fees: \$150.00
  - ii. ISD Winter 24/25: \$1352.83
- d. Expenses:
  - i. Lucky Boy May: \$161.06
  - ii. GoDaddy Domain: \$46.34
  - iii. GoDaddy Website: \$203.88
- e. Ending Balance: \$12,855.35

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Ely Park & Rec Outdoor Hockey Rink:
  - 1. No update as no responses to numerous calls and email.
- ii. Fall Lake Township:
  - 1. Township Committee has approved moving forward on a feasibility study for a Community Center which could provide indoor play in the future. As stated in a previous report, this remains a long term possibility for indoor play.
- iii. Studio North:
  - 1. Michelle, Craig, and Jeff met with Nicole who is the owner of Studio North Fitness and Dance Center in Ely. There is mutual interest in developing some arrangement/partnership that would allow the Ely PB Club to build courts on their south property.
  - 2. All Board Members have seen the property and confirmed the size of the parcel would accommodate six courts with parking.
  - 3. Nicole has stated she is not open to selling the south parcel but suggested that we look at a potential long term lease agreement.

4. A follow up meeting has been set for June 26th to discuss a lease agreement and confirm that the conditional use permit would be viable for the construction of Pickleball Courts.
5. Once the Ely PB Board understands the details and costs of a potential lease agreement and if we are in agreement to consider moving forward we will schedule an informal meeting so we can present details and solicit feedback from Club Members.

## **B. Burger / Brat Fundraiser at Zups**

- I. Set for Friday, July 18th.
- II. Staffing / volunteers are being projected as follows:
  1. Great response for volunteers from the club and is much appreciated. MH to distribute tentative staffing plan.
  2. Zups has pre-order forms which could potentially be passed out to local businesses where we would fill the order and deliver on the 18th. Generated discussion regarding minimum orders and delivery costs.
  3. Michelle, Nancy, and Deb to work on signage to promote the fundraiser.

## **C. Corn Fundraiser**

- I. Sell corn by the dozen through pre-orders
- II. It was mentioned that we should have a clipboard order form circulating at our July fundraiser. Debbie Cook to follow up with advertisement and order form.
- III. Michelle to get with Jim to discuss availability of corn.

## **D. Patching of Current Courts**

- I. Craig to coordinate and gather volunteers to assist.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. Retirement for Chris Hartman**

- I. Scheduled for Friday, June 27th
- II. Mary and Michelle to present cake and gift certificate..
- III. Replacement for Chris is Jeff Carey effective June 30th.

### **B. Ely PB Club Annual Meeting:**

- I. Scheduled for August 29th @ Whiteside Park

**6. Next Meeting: July 16th at 1:15 in the park**

**8. Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.**

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**Meeting Notes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - May 21, 2025**  
**Whiteside Park**

**1. Meeting called to order at 12:35 pm**

- a. Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook

**2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

- a. Debbie Cook motioned to approve with second by Craig.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$11,765.46
- c. Income:
  - i. Drop In Fees: \$45.00
- d. Expenses:
  - i. Tape: \$24.01
  - ii. Balls: \$22.65
  - iii. TTL Expenses: \$46.66
- e. Ending Balance: \$11,763.80

**4. Old Business**

**A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Ely Park & Rec Outdoor Hockey Rink:
  - 1. Craig provided all the information that the Park & Rec Department had requested including material list and estimated cost. He has followed up twice requesting feedback and potential next steps but his phone call and email have yet to be responded to.
  - 2. Craig to follow up while trying to add some urgency to receive a response.
- ii. Fall Lake Township
  - 1. No update: Township will be applying for grants and as such this potential project has turned into a long term project

**B. Burger / Brat Fundraiser at Zups**

- i. Set for Friday, July 18th.
- ii. Staffing / volunteers are being projected as follows:

1. 2 people at the grill, 4 in the trailer, at least 2 outside plus potential delivery people?
2. Zups has pre-order forms which could potentially be passed out to local businesses where we would fill the order and deliver on the 18th. Generated discussion regarding minimum orders and delivery costs.

#### **C. Corn Fundraiser**

- i. Sell corn by the dozen through pre-orders
- ii. It was mentioned that we should have a clipboard order form circulating at our July fundraiser. Debbie Cook to follow up with advertisement and order form.

### **5. New Business**

#### **A. Summer Registration:**

- i. Open for registration now and needs to be completed.
- ii. Reminder went out on May 17th.

#### **B. Beginner Pickleball Classes:**

- i. Adult classes to be offered on selected dates during the first two weeks of June
- ii. To be run thru Community Ed
- iii. Michelle and Matt to instruct
- iv. Children's lessons are being reviewed to see about feasibility of Summer '25

#### **C. Condition of Courts at High School**

- i. All courts are showing the wear of the winter but it was determined that court 3 will need repairs prior to play.
- ii. Craig to lead a group of volunteers to patch and paint court 3 but will require a string of warmer weather.

#### **D. Recycling Pickleballs**

- i. Michelle to contact Lifetime Fitness and other clubs to see who they use to recycle?

#### **E. Chris Hartmant is retiring**

- i. Given our longstanding relationship with Chris it was decided to provide her A cake and \$100.00 Gift Certificate
- ii. Michelle will leverage relationship with Chris to arrange an introduction Meeting to meet her successor.

**6. Other:**

**A. Summer Play Schedule**

- I. We are coming into peak season and it was already somewhat evident by the large number of people who were waiting to play on Monday.
- II. Many options were discussed to try to ease court pressure to ensure all Members have the ability to play with minimal waiting times. Options including dividing court times 100% to skill level on M-W-F, Encouraging group play on T-R to take some pressure off M-W-F. Various others were discussed but it was decided to table this discussion until next week.
- III. Board will review the viability of ice arena for indoor play in June.

**7. Next Meeting: June 18th at 12:30 in the park**

- I. Short play-oriented meeting to be held next week to finalize summer schedule

**8. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm**

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## **Meeting Notes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - April 23**

### **1. Meeting called to order at 1:31 pm**

- a. Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook, Nancy H.

### **2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes**

- a. Approved via email

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$10,003.21
- c. Income:
  - i. Drop In Fees: \$90.00
  - ii. Summer Play 2024: \$2967.26
- d. Expenses:
  - i. New Checks: \$27.15
  - ii. Vermillion Foundation: \$1220.00
  - iii. KJ's Tru Value (tape): \$12.86
- e. Ending Balance: \$11,800.46

### **4. Old Business**

#### **A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:**

- i. Ely Park & Rec Outdoor Hockey Rink:
  - 1. City received our simple Letter of Intent and responded to a few of our questions most of which were general procedure questions with the understanding that if we were to move ahead and partner with the city there would be a more comprehensive and detailed list of questions and concerns that would need to be answered and addressed. The city has decided to purchase new boards for the hockey rink and has interest in a new concrete surface. At this time the city does not have funds allocated to cover this project. There is interest in partnering with EPB Club for this project with the understanding that if it moves forward the EPB Club would have a contribution to the costs of the concrete and in return we would gain certain time slots for exclusive club play. The city has requested an estimated list of material and estimated costs to complete the five courts. Craig is going to lead the effort to gain this information and present it to the Park & Rec team. Next steps would include a more formal discussion if the City wishes to move this project forward. Once discussions and negotiations are completed the EPB Board would determine the viability of the project and if it meets the criteria to ensure best interests of the Ely PB Club and future play...we would bring it to the members for a vote. Note....this potential project is in the very early stages and

much work is ahead of us (both Ely PB Board and Ely Park & Rec) before we get to the point where we can call this a viable project much less before a member vote. We would like to acknowledge the work that Craig has put into this to date.

- ii. Conversion of Tennis Courts at College
  - 1. This opportunity has been tabled in lieu of the Park & Rec opportunity.
- iii. Fall Lake Township
  - 1. No update
- iv. Meeting with Fall Lake Township regarding:
  - 1. Developing outdoor pickleball courts on Township land - Craig attended a meeting and there seems to be interest in moving forward. We should know more about the viability of this option following the next Township Meeting.

#### **B. White Board Check Presented College for Scholarships**

- I. Check will be presented today for two equal scholarships of \$555.00
- ii. Photo to be taken and submitted to the Echo

#### **C. Burger / Brat Fundraiser and Zups**

- I. Set for July 18th with 10:15 am. Setup and 2:00 pm finish
- ii. Michelle to send an email to all club members advising them of the project specifics and requesting assistance.

#### **D. Corn Fundraiser:**

- I. Working to pre-sell as many orders as we can.
- ii. Deb is attempting to get an email list from other non profits

### **5. New Business:**

#### **A. Beginner Adult Pickleball Classes:**

- I. Michelle, Matt, and Jeff to conduct classes.
- ii. Frequency and dates unknown at this time but will dependant upon interest.

#### **B. Beginner Children Pickleball Classes:**

- I. Mary Mills to lead this with Jeff assisting.
- ii. To be run thru Community Ed
- iii. Dates and time tbd

**C. Condition of Courts at High School**

- I. All courts are showing the wear of the winter but it was determined that court 3 Will need repairs prior to play.
- II. Craig to lead a group of volunteers to patch and paint court 3.

**D. Spring Session:**

- I. Begins on April 25, 2025
- II. All members need to register
- III. No fees for Spring Session

**E. Summer Session:**

- I. Starts once school is out for summer
- II. All members need to register
- III. Fees will remain the same at \$45.00 per player

**6. Other:**

**A. Summer Play Schedule**

- I. Request that all Board Members be prepare to discuss summer play schedule at next Board meeting.
- II. Encourage all members to communicate their feedback to Board Members prior to April meeting.
- III. One member has suggested ladder play or round robin play on Tuesday and/or Thursday.

**7. Next Meeting: May 21st at 12:30 in the park**

**8. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.**

<b>To</b>	meahedin@gmail.com	Person	Person
<b>Cc</b>	Jeff LeMaster		
<b>Bcc</b>	Person		
<b>Subject</b>	September Meeting Notes Draft		

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The only thing that I didn't add was a reference to Nancy H. requesting help and me taking over that role if Monday morning meetings can be rescheduled.

I got a bit wordy....make changes as you see fit and forward to Harlan when finalized.  
Thanks  
Jeff

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## **Meeting notes from Ely Pickleball Board - February 17, 2025**

### **1. Meeting called to order @ 2:55 pm**

Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook

### **2. Approval of January 2025 Minutes**

Motion by Craig to approve September minutes which was seconded by Debbie

### **3. Treasurer Report - Annual Report February 2025**

Beginning Balance: \$9983.21

Expenses: \$0.00

Income: \$20.00

Ending Balance: \$10,003.21

Motion by Michelle to approve Treasurer Report and seconded by Matt

### **4. Old Business**

#### **A. Facility/Land Search Committee (FLSC) Update**

- i. Ely City Ice Rink: Craig provided an update referencing the meeting that he had with Scott (new Park & Rec Director). The city is moving forward to purchasing new boards for the outdoor hockey rink and has an interest in partnering with EPBC to cement the rink and build 5 courts which could be used for club and town pickleball. They have asked the EPBC for a letter of intent within the next 48 hours. EPB Board has many questions and concerns that must be answered and resolved to our satisfaction before we would consider bringing this initiative before the members for a vote. After much discussion it was agreed upon that it was in our best interest to present a non-binding letter which states our intent to learn more about this project and to potentially partner with the city in the future. Michelle drafted the letter and it was presented on Feb 18th.
- ii. Fall Lake Township: Craig provided an update and noted that FL Township did not receive a grant for their indoor recreation center. There are followup meetings scheduled to review next steps. At this time there is really no good place to put outdoor courts and uncertain of interest. .
- iii. VCC Tennis Courts: No new action heree....given the viable option listed above the Ely PB Board has tabled any further action.

- B. White Board check is finalized and ready for presentation in April.

### **5. New Business:**

- a. Tabled until next meeting which is scheduled for March 23, 2025

### **6. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm**

Meeting notes from Ely Pickleball Board - January 8, 2025

**1. Meeting called to order @ 10:30**

Attendees: Michelle Hedin, Craig Seydel, Jeff LeMaster, Matt Oberhelman, Debbie Cook

**2. Approval of NOVEMBER 8, 2025 Minutes**

Motion by Craig to approve September minutes which was seconded by Debbie

**3. Treasurer Report - Annual Report January - December 2024**

Beginning Balance: \$11,005.84

Expenses: \$4323.79

Income: \$3301.16

Ending Balance: \$9983.21

Motion by Michelle to approve Treasurer Report and seconded by Matt

**4. Old Business**

A. Facility/Land Search Committee (FLSC) Update

- i. Ely City Ice Rink: No change here as very little discussion has taken place over the Holiday Season. Craig to make contact within the next two weeks and provide an update at next EPB Board Meeting.
- ii. Fall Lake Township: No change here as very little discussion has taken place over the Holiday Season. Township meeting scheduled in January which Craig will attend and advise any further developments during next EPB Meeting.
- iii. VCC Tennis Courts: No new action here....given the two viable options listed above the Ely PB Board has tabled any further action.

B. White Board check is finalized and ready for presentation in April.

**5. New Business:**

a. Communication issues negatively impacting EPB Club Winter Play

- i. Lack of timely communication from the College Athletic Department has resulted in some loss of playing time as well as frustration by members.
  1. Craig to contact Facilities Manager in an attempt to improve communication and gain insight into how this can be improved.
  2. Efforts will be made to develop a personal relationship with the Athletic Department with the hope of improving communication and expanding play time.

b. Winter Registration:

- i. Michelle just received this list and will review to ensure current members who are playing are current with dues.

c. Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2024

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:34

