

Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - June 24, 2026 Sheridan Street Deli

1. Meeting called to order at 1:03

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

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- a. Matt motioned to approve with second by Jeff

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$15,480.76
- c. Income:
 - i. Drop In Fees: \$110.00
 - ii. Winter Fees: \$1295.60
 - iii. GoDaddy Deposit: \$.67
- d. Expenses:
 - i. Flags for new court boundaries: \$27.56
 - ii. Lucky Boy May: \$171.80
 - iii. GoDaddy Website renewal: \$203.88
 - iv. Iconic Images brochure: \$100.00
 - v. Border Lakes survey: \$1585.00
 - vi. EACCF, Blueberry Arts Festival: \$235.00
- e. Ending Balance: \$14,563.74

4. Old Business

A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:

- i. Semer Park:
 1. The City has cleared a good portion of the site and they have begun to bring in fill which is being staged on site. The road has been roughed in as has some parking area. The City has not committed to any timeline to complete the fill but has agreed to finish the fill, compact it, and grade to 1% for adequate drainage. The Board has concerns regarding quality control for the fill to ensure a proper base for the courts and will work with the City and selected vendor(s) to ensure we have a firm foundation. We are also receiving a quote from an engineer to provide oversight.
 2. The City has provided us a copy of their lease agreement template for us review. This is their standard lease agreement where they have agreed to lease the land for a nominal monthly fee and in

return the Association or club has agreed to develop the property and maintain it. This lease agreement has been used for hockey arena, baseball and softball fields, dog park and other such projects. The Board finalized our suggested changes to the language of the lease template addressing length of agreement, use of premises, liability, indemnification, and rules/regulations. Our intent was not to overcomplicate this process but to ensure our investment and the Ely PB Club interests are protected. This has been presented to the City of Ely along with our concerns regarding traffic flow and adequate parking spaces.

3. The Board discussed the Greenwood Township agreement where their club built the courts and sold them back to the Township. The Board unanimously voted 6-0 to not move forward with this type of agreement as it is not what the current City of Ely model is and we had concerns regarding giving up control of the courts. We reserve the right to reconsider this option once we get the quotes back for the liability insurance. Lindsay is working on this for us.
4. Bids have been received from six companies to build the courts. The Building and Planning committee are currently reviewing.

B. Planning & Building Committee Update:

1. The Team met with the City on site on May 22nd where the city shared with us the plan for fill, compacting, and grading. The Team voiced their concern regarding proper fill and compacting as well as lack of parking spaces. The Team consists of Harlan L., Don H., Denis M., Scott W., Roger M., and Jeff L.
2. The Team will meet again on June 26th to finalize recommended court layout and discuss vendor selection.

C. Fundraising Committee Update:

1. Nancy H is currently working on a \$30,000.00 grant from the IRRRB.
2. The Team has finalized a Campaign for Fundraising, secured a Vendor to create a brochure. They have secured the Ely PB Club a spot at the Tuesday Farmer's Market and the Blueberry Festival. Volunteers are being lined up .
3. The Team (Debbie C., Nancy H., Nancy M., Tracy M., Robin & Jim W. sent out an initial request for pledges from Club Members. We received a light response with only 24 of 85 active members responding. A second request will go out and hopefully generate a good response.

4. The full fundraising campaign will begin once the lease agreement is executed and until then pledges are encouraged.

D. College Fundraising Tournament:

1. Date has been set for Sunday, July 12th. All members are encouraged to sign up.

5. New Business

A. Parking at the High School

1. We have been asked to NOT park in the High School parking.

B. New Pickleball Player Class

1. Harlan is leading with the help of Ted and Mary. We have five new players signed up and will run for three Thursdays starting on June 25th.

C. Protecting the 501(c)3 Status:

1. The Board understands the importance of maintaining compliance to the requirements to retain as a 501(c)3 non profit. We also understand that this is even more critical as we begin to solicit donations, as fundraising progresses, and as we begin to apply for grants.
2. The Board voted 6-0 in favor of exploring outside council for consultation on compliance and also having an attorney represent us as we work with the City of Ely to execute a lease agreement.
3. Julie was going to follow up with a couple attorneys and set up a free consultation where the Board will determine fit and costs for moving forward.

D. New Member Committee Head:

1. The Board recognizes the importance of growing our Club membership as we look to the future of Ely PB with six courts. We will attempt to fill this position to lead our efforts to expand the club.

6. Next Meeting set for July 15th @ 1:00 p.m. c.s.t.

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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