

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.

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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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