Meeting Notes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - October 21, 2026

1. **Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.**
    a. Attendees: Matt O., Debbie C., Jeff L., Julie P., Doug S. Deb M. Guest: Cindy Otto
2. **Approval of February Meeting Minutes**
    a. Approved Debbie / Matt
3. **Treasurer's Report**
    a. Presented by Debbie
    b. Beginning Balance: $17,992.16
    c. Income:
        i. Drop In Fees: $135.00
    d. Expenses:
        i. Lucky Boy - Sept. $171.80
    e. Ending Balance: $17,955.36

4. **Old Business**

A. New Court Update - Semer's Park

i. Fill has almost been completed and the City has requested we hire an engineer to design courts and create a drainage plan. It was brought to the Building and Planning Committee's attention that some of the last fill that was brought in contained boulders the size of basketballs. This created some concern so we asked an engineer to take a look at the fill and give us his opinion. He met with Denis and Harold from the City on the site location and recommended that some of them be removed which Harold agreed to. Next step is to execute the User Agreement once the noise issue is resolved.

B. Building and Planning Committee Update:

I. The Committee recommends to the Board that we hire an engineer to oversee the design of the courts, drainage and grading plan, and be a resource to the Committee and contractor.

C. Fundraising Committee

I. The team is currently following up on the initial calls to local businesses.

5. **New Business:**

A. Neighbors to the New Court Noise Concerns

I. Cindy Otto was present to express concern over potential noise at the new

site. As a neighbor within 250 feet of the courts she is concerned about the noise level that will be generated playing pickleball. She mentioned that she feels strongly that noise reduction must be a priority during the planning phase of the new courts. She has had a conversation with City Planning and according to Cindy the response was that we will move forward with the project and if there are any issues we will deal with it then.

li. The Board expressed a sincere desire to be a good neighbor and appreciated her concerns. We also pointed out that we are a small club with a significant shortfall between current forecasted costs of the new courts vs revenue raised to date. If money were no issue we would gladly add cost to the project to prevent noise but currently our fundraising does not allow us to do so at this time. The Board discussed the issue and takes this very seriously. We feel it is the City's responsibility to resolve this issue and have decided to put a pause on the project until it is resolved. This includes holding off on hiring an Engineer. We will communicate with our attorney to gain his insight into this Issue and get guidance on recommended communication with the City. Once we receive his feedback we will respond to the City and update all members on current status and next steps.

B. Board and Officer Liability Insurance:

i. Liability Insurance has been purchased.

C. Vote on Hiring of an Engineer to Oversee the New Court Project:

i. Board voted **6-0** in favor of hiring an engineer to oversee the project once the "Noise issue" has been resolved. The cost for this engineer is $22,000.00

7. Next Meeting: November 18, 2026 1:00 p.m.

8. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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