

Minutes from Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting - July 23, 2026

Whiteside Park

1. Meeting called to order at 2:05

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

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- a. Debbie motioned with Nancy as a second

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Presented by Debbie
- b. Beginning Balance: \$14,563.79
- c. Income:
 - i. Donations: \$984.90
 - ii. Drop In: \$265.00
 - iii. GoDaddy Deposit: \$.67
 - iv. Parade Prize Money: \$300.00
- d. Expenses:
 - i. Cash and fee for Farmers Market: \$100.00
 - ii. Lucky Boy May: \$171.80
 - iii. Jody Tower, Ads: \$65.00
 - iv. Haron Lundstrom: New Player Lessons
 - v. Nancy Magnine, AED pads: \$77.10

- e. Ending Balance: \$15,620.46

4. Old Business

A. Facility/Land Search Committee Update:

- i. Semer Park:
 - 1. We have expressed our concerns regarding traffic flow and parking as the current layout does not meet our parking requirements of 30 spaces. The City has agreed to contact their engineer to review the topographical map and provide a rough diagram of where the parking could go..
 - 2. The City is reviewing our proposed language changes to the Lease Agreement. These changes were presented to the Park & Rec Board and were approved with proposed modifications. We will schedule a meeting to finalize in upcoming weeks.

B. Planning & Building Committee Update:

1. The Committee has paused bidding and design pending resolution of the parking issue and lease agreement.

C. Fundraising Committee Update:

1. Nancy H is currently working on a \$30,000.00 grant from the IRRRB and must be submitted prior to August 17th
2. The Team has placed ads in the Ely Echo and secured booths at the Tuesday Farmer's Market.
2. 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 was sent out from Matt with still a light response. Currently there is only \$40k pledged by a minority of members.
3. The full fundraising campaign will begin once the lease agreement is executed and parking issues are resolved, until then pledges are encouraged.

D. College Fundraising Tournament:

1. Date has been set for Thursday, August 6th. All members are encouraged to attend.

5. New Business

A. New Member Committee

1. Ted Schlosser has been offered and accepted the position of leading a New Member committee. The Board recognizes the need to grow our membership and will meet with Ted at the next Board Meeting to listed to his plan, provide guidance and resources/support.

B. Electing New Board Members

1. Jeff asked the Board for feedback on whether they would support him serving another term due to the on going new court project and his interest in seeing this to conclusion. The Board unanimously supported this and he will make a decision in the next couple weeks.
2. We have sent several communications to the club asking for members to step forward and serve on the Board.

C. Protecting the 501(c)3 Status:

1. Matt, Debbie, Nancy, and Jeff met with local attorney Ray at Defenbaugh Law Firm to see if an attorney relationship would be a good fit with the club. The meeting went very well and Ray will provide legal advise on assisting us in protecting our 501.c.3 status as well as helping us work thru the lease agreement with the City.
2. The Board voted 6-0 to move forward with this relationship as we realize we will be responsible for a significant amount of grant and donated money and we need to be aware of our responsibilities / recording requirements to ensure we protect our 501.c.3 status.

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.

E. TImel Change for Level Play

1. Board agreed to 10:30 time change to switch to level play on Mon-Wed-Fri. This was discussed during last session Board but the website was not changed to reflect this. Primary reason for this is to try to spread out play and reduce congestion and wait times.

6. Next Meeting will be the Annual Meeting on August 28th, at 1:00 Semer's Park

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

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