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“Creating Community Through People, Parks, and Programs”

Parks & Recreation Commission Memorandum

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Barry Bernstein, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: 10/4/2012
Subject: Tennis Court Lighting

Commission Action Requested:

Guidance

Background Information:

I have received an email from a citizen inquiring about our tennis court lighting. He asked why the tennis court lighting is always on every time he drives by during the day. I have enclosed information for your review regarding how the tennis court lighting currently functions.

Financial Impact:

None

Staff Recommendations:

I indicated to this resident that I am presently investigating options to possibly modify the lighting system.

Parks & Recreation Committee of Council Discussion:

Next meeting is Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 a.m.

Attachments:

Information on Tennis Court Lighting

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Tennis Court Lighting

Operation:

- Tennis Court lights are operated on a timer system
- Timer is energized generally between 5:00-10:30 P.M.
- To activate the lights, a user presses a button on one of the north east tennis light poles.
- To turn off the lights once turned on, a person would need to press the off button located on the same pole as the on button.
- Once light are turned off, they cannot be turned back on until the light fixtures cool off (approximately) a half hour.

Issues:

- Lights may be turned on when there may still be daylight
- Once players leave the court, and they activated the lights, lights will still remain on unless the users turn off lights until 10:30 P.M. when timer is set to de-energize the lights.
- If players wish to play and lights were recently turned off, lights may not activate until fixtures cool off. If this situation does occur, I have received calls from tennis court users that the tennis court lights do not work.

Alternatives:

- Replace all lights around tennis court that can be turned on and off without the lighting fixtures cooling off.
- Place a timer system that would automatically shut off lights after a set amount of time (example, 20 minutes). Current lights would not be able to turn on before cooling off.
- Coin operated system to turn tennis courts on and the lights would remain on until 10:30 P.M.
- Keep current system in place with sign explaining operation of lights
- Do not have the lights available for play?

Considerations:

- Cost to replace the lighting around tennis courts
- Cost to modify current system with alternative timing system
- I have not received any complaints regarding light spill
- I have received inquiries if lights are not operational
- I have received very few comments regarding tennis court lighting being on while still daylight.
- We may receive comments if lights are not available and convenient?

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