

Marshall Field Parking Safety

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SAFETY CONCERNS

EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

When multiple activities are occurring at the same time the emergency vehicle access lanes are compromised because of a lack of controlled parking spaces. People park illegally blocking the Emergency Lanes.

LACK OF LIGHTING

The gravel parking lots east of the tennis courts and west of the pickleball facility do not have lighting. This is a personal safety issue as well as physical safety issue.

POTHOLES

The gravel parking lot west of the pickleball facility is used daily year round. The potholes fill with water and then freeze creating a slipping hazard.



SECONDARY CONCERNS

PARKING CONGESTION

The increased lack of parking and subsequent congestion, has meant the North Okanagan Youth Soccer Association can no longer provide their traditional (25+ years) June wind-ups to the children, which included a Mini Jamboree for the 1,000+ players aged 4 to 10 years and a Vernon Cup for the 500+ players aged 11 to 18 years. NOYSA has been advocating for 15+ years to have the western most parking lot paved to clearly define parking

DUST ON TENNIS COURTS

The gravel parking lots create dust on the tennis courts making the tennis courts slippery. The Vernon Tennis Association needs to spend valuable court time blowing the tennis courts off to prevent members from slipping. Public players are at risk of slipping anytime they step on the courts if they have not been cleaned.



Parking lot at night.
Photos: August 28, 2024





Parking lot potholes.
Photo: August 27, 2024



SOLUTIONS

EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS AND SECONDARY CONCERNS

Pave the three existing gravel parking lots to provide clear parking areas. Expand the parking lot near pickleball to the east to provide two additional rows of parking, approximately 35 parking additional stalls.

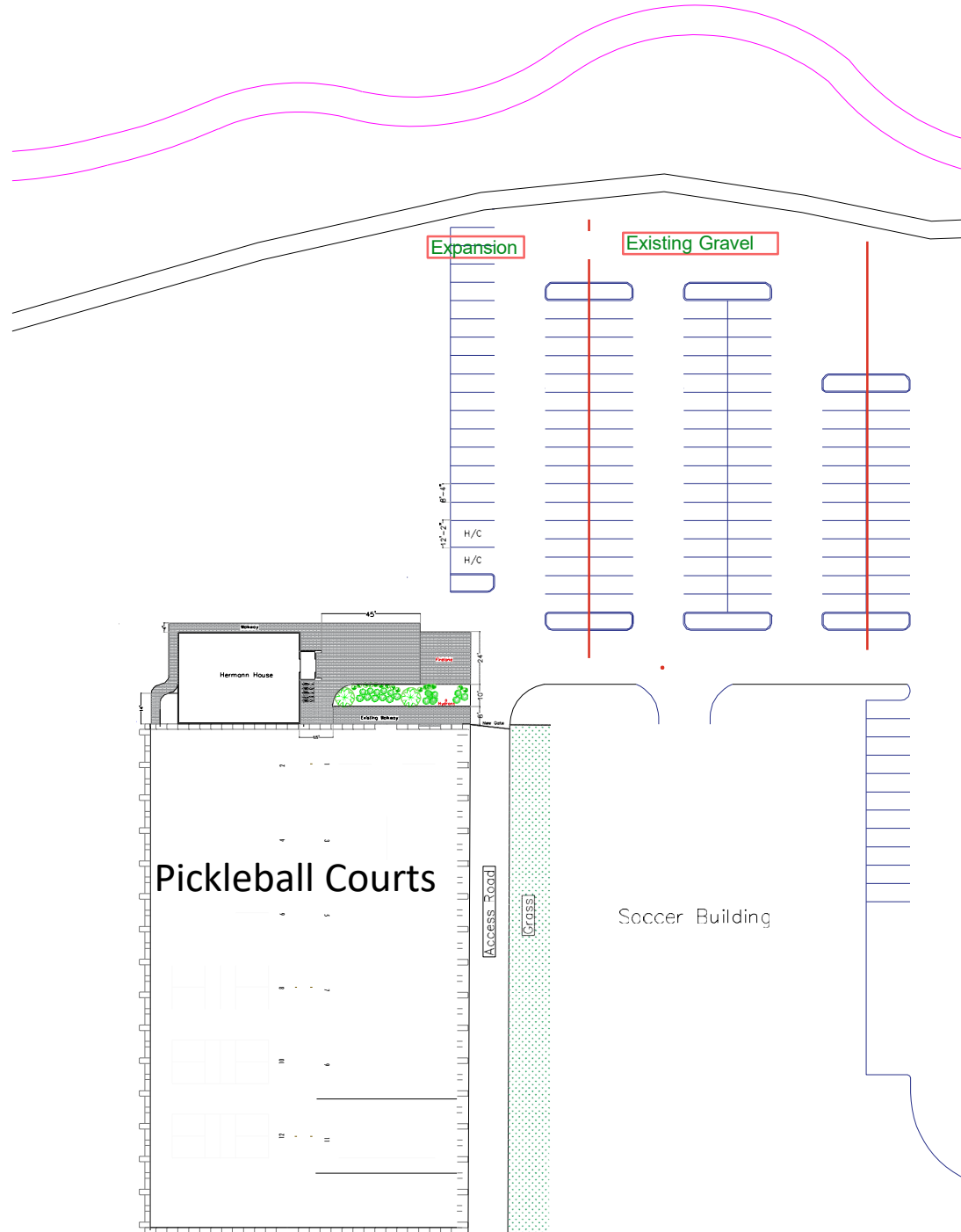
LACK OF LIGHTING

Provide parking lot lighting throughout the gravel parking lots east of tennis and west of pickleball.

POTHOLES

Pave the existing gravel parking lot west of the pickleball facility to ensure site grading allows for drainage.





How can the City help maximize the enjoyment and usage of this joint world class facility?

1. Fund and expedite the Marshall Field parking lot expansion and improvement.
2. Recognize the value of this improvement is for all park users.

