

November 19, 2019 Petition to the Town Council to Fund Park Maintenance

The Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission is requesting the Town Council to appropriate additional funds for the maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities.

1. We request additional funds to specifically address the disrepair of tennis court facilities.

Chapel Hill has some excellent recreational facilities that are in disrepair. One example is the current condition of the playing surface of many of the tennis courts, and the courts at Cedar Falls Park in particular. The Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission believes that the Town of Chapel Hill has a goal and commitment to provide a strong contingent of facilities that are in good condition for its citizens. The tennis Courts at Cedar Falls are in such poor condition they may no longer provide a service to citizens and are potentially unsafe. There are surface cracks and other issues at the courts at Ephesus Park as well. We urge the Town Council and Town Manager to find funds and work with the Director of Parks and Recreation to implement these repairs. The Cedar Falls funding gap is approximately \$ 415K. The repairs at the Ephesus facility require approximately \$250K in funding.

2. We request an increase to the maintenance budget so that Parks and Recreation staff can keep up with ongoing repairs.

To our knowledge, the capital maintenance budget for FY2020 and FY2019 was only \$100,000 per year. The previous three years the funding was \$275,000 per year. The Commission knows the budget process will not begin until after the Town Council Retreat in January 31st of next year. Please consider this as our initial request to work closely with the Director of Parks and Recreation to ensure that there are sufficient funds to keep our Parks and Recreation Facilities not only usable and safe, but also put our Town's best foot forward.

Park facilities improve the quality of life for all citizens and are a great enhancement to neighborhoods and affordable living. Please appropriate additional funds towards Parks, Greenways, and Recreational facilities. We believe this additional appropriation of funds will benefit all demographic groups across Chapel Hill.

Cedar Falls Courts







Ephesus Courts





