



Improvements to Flick Park- FAQs

Why was Flick Park chosen as the potential site for new pickleball courts?

Flick Park was identified most frequently by resident feedback as needing improvements. At 39 acres, Flick Park is the third largest of five community parks, is centrally located, and is one of the most utilized parks. The park has existing lighting, ample parking, bathrooms, and existing amenities. This park already has an active resident pickleball community playing at the site. The park also has the appropriate amenities for potential youth pickleball camps and youth and adult leagues that could be offered in the future.

Are there existing dedicated courts at Flick Park?

The Park District has been actively addressing the growth of pickleball within our community since 2012, when the existing tennis courts at Flick Park were lined to accommodate both pickleball and tennis. In 2020, the two south tennis courts were relined for dedicated pickleball play.

How would the noise of the new pickleball be addressed?

The Park District has had pickleball in Flick Park since 2012 and dedicated pickleball courts since 2020. We recognize that noise concerns some of our residents and park users. The Park District would address this issue by installing acoustical panels on the north, south and west sides of the pickleball fence. This would significantly reduce the sound traveling from the courts and would reduce the noise below Glenview’s reference noise standards. Overall, the noise character would be in-line with expected noises from a community park.

How would additional lighting from the courts impact Flick Park and its neighbors?

Lighting currently exists on the sand volleyball courts, multi-use sports field, and baseball field at Flick Park. The existing energy-efficient LED lights provide a directed light stream and eliminate any spillover within a few feet of the court’s edge. Any new lights would be similar energy-efficient LED lighting with technological improvements that have developed since the existing lights were installed.

How far away would the proposed pickleball courts be away from resident property lines?

The image to the right shows distances to the surrounding properties. The distance to the west residential property line from the west proposed pickleball fence line is approximately 200 feet, and the distance to the east property line from the east proposed pickleball fence line is 330 feet.



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Is there enough parking to support the additional pickleball courts?

Yes. A parking study by KLOA Inc. was conducted and included high traffic times due to AYSO soccer tournaments and pool visitors. The study showed a range between 24-250 of the 334 available parking spaces being occupied throughout the two days, with Saturday being the busiest day. The additional courts would have a peak parking demand between 23 to 32 vehicles, with a minimum of 84 available spaces based on peak traffic times.

How would this impact available green space in Flick Park?

The size of the proposed pickleball courts is about 0.5 acres – roughly the size of two tennis courts. The Park District would increase plantings, enhancing the park pathway for pedestrian use. A berm would be developed along the new volleyball courts, and staff would plant more trees within the park. Park District staff would continue working with residents on planting more bushes along the property lines.

How would stormwater issues be addressed?

Engineers would design the stormwater management for the added impervious surfacing to local and state regulations. The Park District also plans to provide stormwater enhancements in addition to the overall stormwater requirements for the pickleball courts. The Park District is exploring drainage improvements to be completed during the final design and engineering phases. These would include improvements such as field grading and drainage, field under drainage, and addressing issues along west side of the park. Run-off from improvement areas would be directed into stormwater management facilities within Flick Park. Overall, stormwater would be improved and the Park District would work with neighbors throughout this process.

Can you add pickleball lines to existing tennis courts?

Pickleball play is slightly different on the dual-use courts than on dedicated courts. Pickleball lines can be added to existing tennis courts to make them dual use for both tennis and pickleball. One limiting factor is the tennis net's height is higher than a pickleball net.

What would be the operating hours for Flick pickleball courts? Would the courts be monitored?

The current six courts at the site are not lighted and operate from dawn to dusk. The hours of operation for the new courts are still being considered. However, the operating hours would not exceed dawn to 10 p.m. The Park District would monitor the courts during busy seasons, which would include the summer months.

How would residents and non-residents gain access to pickleball courts?

The Park District would launch an app for reservations in spring 2023, providing priority access to Glenview residents and is considering instituting a charge for non-residents. Flick Park's location also provides an opportunity during peak use (summer months) for staff oversight in enforcing play rules and reservations.

Would any trees be removed?

No. Five trees would be transplanted in a new location within Flick Park. The two largest are 7" and 8" in diameter. These trees would be put on a management plan and monitored to remain healthy in their new location. Additional trees and plantings would also be included in the design.

Would the Flag Football fields be impacted?

No, the flag football field area would be adjusted and improved. The field layout would move to the south and drainage and field grading improvements would be part of this plan.

What would happen to the volleyball court and would ice skating still happen?

The volleyball court would be relocated to the west of the proposed location for the new pickleball courts, just north and west of the volleyball court's current location. Ice skating is here to stay for the winter seasons, and improvements to the perimeter of the volleyball court would also improve the Park District's ability to create and maintain ice within the space during winter.

Are the Flick Park improvements dependent on a state grant?

The Park District has applied for a state grant to offset some of the costs of the park improvements. The additional pickleball courts are no longer included in the state grant (OSLAD) to allow the Park District to provide priority access to residents, to charge non-residents higher fees for programming, and more flexibility in determining next steps for the planned pickleball courts.

Some neighbors to the park said they don't want pickleball. Why is the Park District not changing the plan?

The Park District is continuing to gather community input on the plans that have already been revised to address residents' concerns. Careful consideration will be given to how to best meet the needs of all Park District residents and neighbors of the park. The Park Board of Commissioners will ultimately approve the plan or ask for revisions at a future meeting. No action will be taken at the November 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

I'm a resident pickleball player. How would the new courts improve the player experience?

The new courts would meet the existing demand for pickleball in Glenview and provide opportunities for growth of the sport in our community. The new courts would provide ample opportunities for pickleball play, aided by a reservation app that would provide priority for Glenview residents.

Where are the funds for these improvements coming from and would my taxes go up because of this project?

Taxes would not be increased to fund this project. Funds accumulated through the Park District's Capital Development Fund and state grant funds would be used to pay for the park enhancements.

What other park improvements are being considered?

Other Flick Park improvements that are under consideration:

- Renovation of the 2–5-year-old playground with more inclusive equipment and pour-in-place rubber surfacing for improved accessibility
- Renovation of the ballfield with new infield and outfield
- Improved access to player and spectator areas from the existing path nearby
- New asphalt path creating a .25-mile connected loop utilizing existing paths while also providing accessible connections to the park's amenities
- Fitness stations on accessible synthetic turf along new asphalt path to create a "fitness circuit"
- Renovated basketball court
- Upgrades to the existing sled hill including new stairs to improve access and a new seating area at top of hill to increase non-winter usage
- Addition of new ADA parking spaces and signage with accessible connection to the park's pathway system
- Two rain gardens with native plantings and educational signage to improve existing drainage challenges

Does the Park District have any other dedicated pickleball courts or dual-lined courts?

The Park District converted one tennis court in Gallery Park this summer to be lined for pickleball. This area has four courts and will open for play in Spring 2023. The Park District has 11 dual-lined courts, as follows: Crowley Park (2); Flick Park (2); Indian Ridge Park (2); Richardson Park (2); and Rugen Park (3).

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