



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27,
2021**

6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Dial-In Information:

Meeting ID:

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Meeting Link:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - September 22, 2021
3. Presentation
 - A. Plaque Request at Softball Complex - Jesse Armbruster
 - B. Pickleball Request - Barry Shaffer
4. Director's Report
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
 - A. Fleckenstein Bluffs Park Update
 - B. Viaduct Park Update
 - C. Hometown Hero Banner Program
7. New Business
 - A. Parkland Dedication Proposal
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: November 24, 2021
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Troy Temple.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Caron, Henry Schonebuam and Elsie Slinger. STAFF PRESENT:
Paul Peanasky, Parks & Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chad at 6:04 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Troy, seconded by Mike to approve minutes of May 26, 2021. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation: None.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Parks 2022 CIP: Paul reviewed two large CIP projects to be done in 2022 in the Parks and Recreation Department. One project will be replacing the roof on the Community Center in conjunction with the library at a total cost of \$1.4 million. Another large project will be replacing the playground equipment at Wapacuta Park.
 - b) Northern Link Trail: Plans are to complete the Northern Link trail going under the railroad track along 20th Street NW in 2023.
 - c) Climate Resilience Meeting: Paul stated City staff met with representatives from the MPCA, DNR and the Minnesota governor's office to discuss Faribault's climate resilience program. They reviewed programs the City of Faribault is implementing regarding climate resilience.
- 5) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Inclusive Playground: Paul will email the Board the pictures taken during the park tour. Paul spoke of the need for some public fundraising and for a public committee to build an inclusive playground. Board asked about bonding for an inclusive playground. Paul will discuss bonding for the playground with city staff.
 - b) Fleckenstein Bluffs Park (Old Public Works Site Park): Paul reported the footings for the building at Fleckenstein Bluffs Parks are being redesigned.
 - c) Viaduct Park: Sally reported the viaduct park plan currently includes a skating loop for ice skating or roller blading, native Faribault flower garden, band shell, exercise equipment, portable staging area and splash pad. It also includes lights on the viaduct bridge. Board discussed connecting the park to Virtues Park. Paul stated Council is considering moving the park to the south side of the bridge as the north side may be purchased by a developer. Council has not yet made a decision on the proposal. Board discussed keeping the park on the north side where there is a view of the river and develop the south side instead. The south side has power lines and view obstructions but is a larger area for development.
 - d) Prairie Park: Playground Option 1 was chosen as the playground for Prairie Park. It will be installed next summer. Paul stated the city will notify area residents of the

playground decision and notify them that white stakes are placed along the trail showing where trees will be planted in the park. Trees will be planted inside the trail because there is not enough room for a park mower between the trees and back yards if trees are planted outside the trail. There are stakes for forty trees to be planted but if homeowners do not wish for a tree between their back yard and the park, the stakes will be relocated.

10) New Business:

- a) Chad Barman: Chad Barman is the new Adult Program Coordinator and will be starting on Monday, September 27.
- b) Home Town Holiday, Christmas Trees & Winterfest: Paul stated these three events will be promoted together: Home Town Holiday, Christmas Trees in Central Park and Winterfest. The events will be held on Thursday, December 2, and Saturday, December 4. The Chamber may add another event on Friday, December 3.
- c) 2022 Heritage Days Update: Paul reported that Council is giving an additional amount of \$45,000 to Heritage Days 2022 to help promote the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Faribault.
- d) New Banner Program: Paul met with Virginia von Sluis who is proposing a banner program to recognize veterans past and present. People can purchase a personalized banner of their veteran which will be displayed in areas of the city. Virginia is working in cooperation with the Elks, the Chamber and the City. When the banners are taken down, they'll be given to the family or person who purchased the banner. Paul shared a mockup of the banner style. They will be hung next summer and scholarships will be available for purchase as well. Depending on how many banners are purchased, they may be hung seasonably and will be replaced as needed. Board is supportive of the banner program.

11) Other:

- a) Bell Field Backstop: Mike reported the Faribault Booster Club approved Charlie Lechtenberg's, request to purchase a new backstop for Bell Field.
- b) Wapacuta Basketball Court: Lola stated there has been a lot of use of the new basketball courts at Wapacuta Park.

12) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

13) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Mike to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant

Paul Peanasky

From: Barry Shaffer <barryeshaffer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Paul Peanasky; Tim Murray
Cc: Michael Richie
Subject: Re: pickleball conversation

Hi Paul and Tim -

As a follow-up to Mike Richie's email, I am contacting you two gentlemen to ask about next steps necessary to move forward with a community-based proposal to the City for an outdoor Pickleball (PB) quality venue. I have several years of experience playing Pickleball in Faribault, providing beginner clinics at the Faribault Community Center, and participating in PB tournaments throughout the state. I have seen the sport grow in popularity both in the nation and especially here in Faribault. State and national PB organizations have documented this remarkable expansion and PB growth data is readily available. Also, PB is being taught in our public schools and there seems to be an endless supply of new adult players coming to our current Faribault venues.

I and the many folks I play with are very interested in expanding the options for PB in Faribault and helping to create a unique, **quality** PB venue that has in my opinion three major goals:

1. Attract new and accommodate the many existing local Faribault PB players of all ages.
2. Provide a multi-court venue that brings large numbers of Faribault (and region) players together in one location for both open-play and same-level play.
3. Provide a venue for tournament play.

Initial, informal conversations with current Faribault PB players reveal that the Faribault PB community would desire a "quality" PB venue. That is, if we are talking about an outdoor venue, there should be at least 6 courts, preferably 8, have a wind barrier of trees or 10' fencing with fabric, have a surface designed for PB, and have ball barriers between courts. I could provide design examples from locations around MN, if/when needed.

I could elaborate on each of those goals and additional player thoughts, but for this inquiry email, the point is to **seek your guidance about next steps** for advocacy. What do you suggest is the next step that community members should take that will lead to a formal presentation to Faribault Parks and City decision-makers?

Thanks Mike for your advocacy, and thanks Paul and Tim for your consideration of this request.

Barry

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On Sat, Aug 14, 2021 at 11:29 AM Michael Richie <mrichie@richieeyeclinic.com> wrote:

Paul and Tim,

Thanks for taking some time to chat after our Viaduct Park meeting this past week about ideas for pickleball.

Barry, I am including you because your lovely wife and I decided you might make a good spokesperson for Faribault Pickleballers. My wife Mary, like you, wants more options for pickleball in Faribault, both indoors and out. Tim and Paul also have some ideas and agree that we can do more and would like to talk with you to discuss options and ideas.

As with many things in city government, some new ideas may be best handled by concerned citizens who can present a case that makes sense for the community and present a compelling argument for the City Council to consider. Not sure if this falls into that category but new projects and any change is always better received with some level of community involvement and leadership.

I will leave it to you all to converse, meet, or do whatever makes sense to move these from ideas to action.

Thanks,

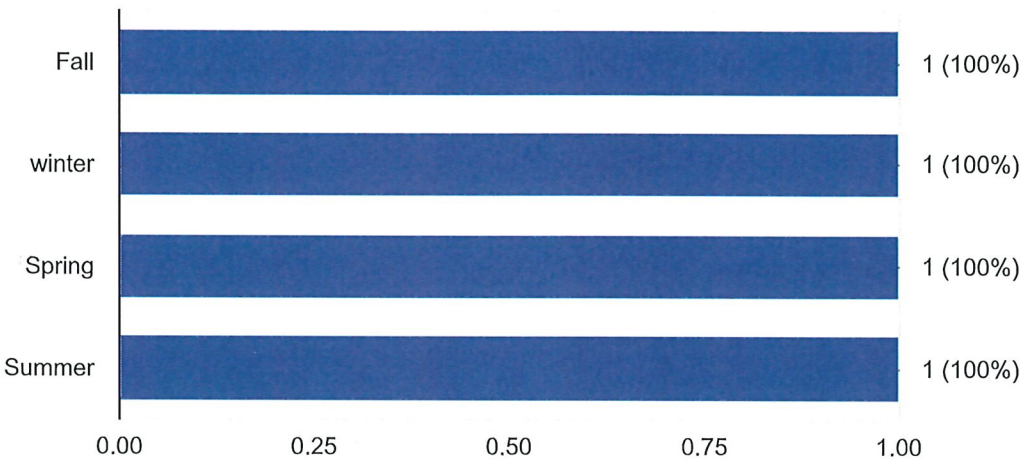
Mike Richie

Faribault Pickleball Player Survey

57 responses

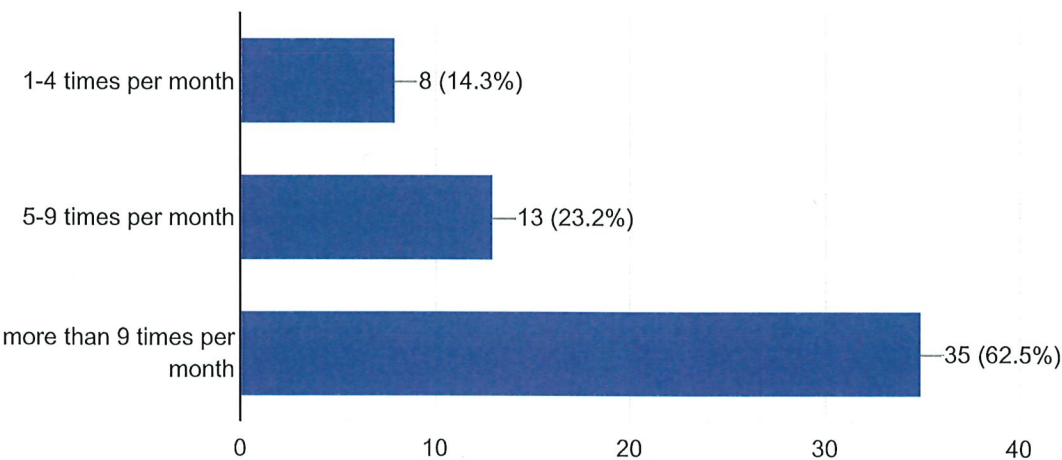
Which times of the year do you play Pickleball in Faribault? Check all that apply

1 response



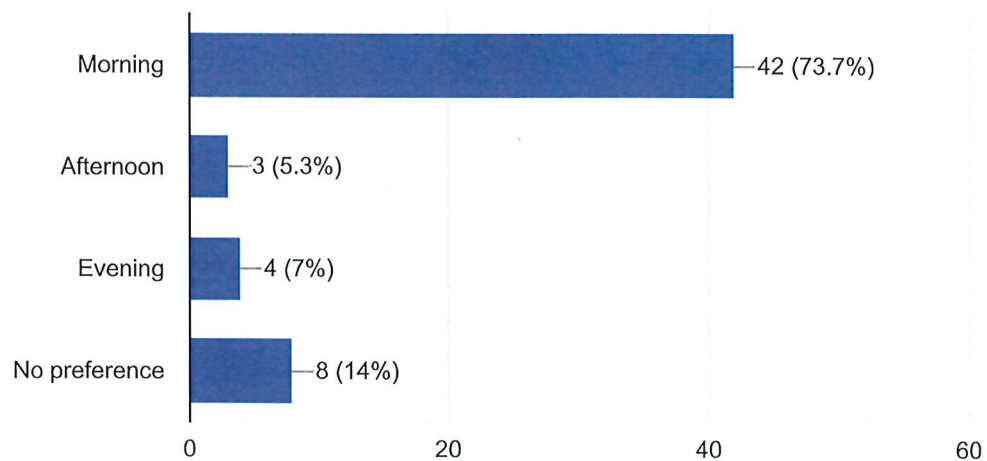
During the months you play Pickleball in Faribault, how often on average do you play per month?

56 responses



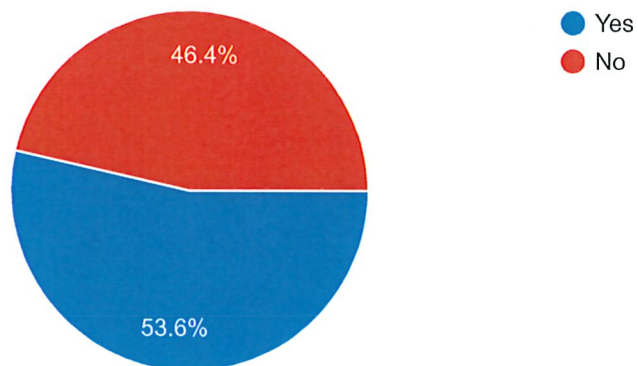
What time of the day do you prefer playing Pickleball?

57 responses



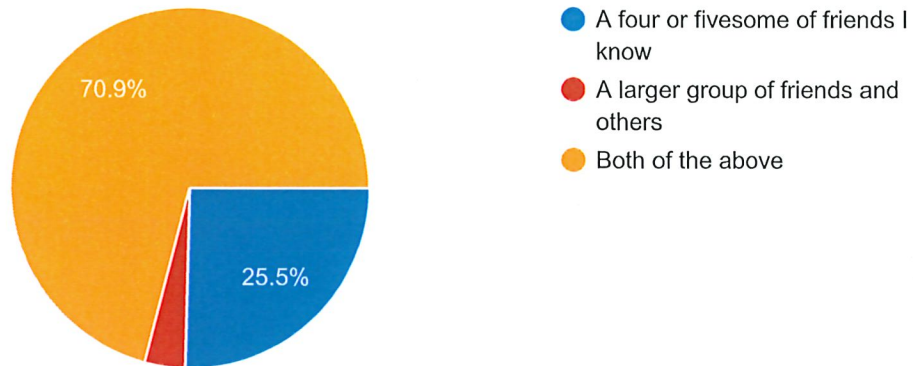
Do you play Pickleball in towns other than in Faribault?

56 responses



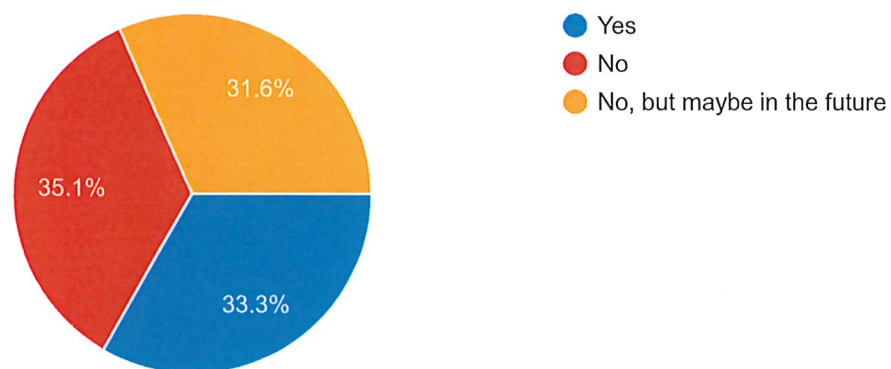
I like to play Pickleball with... (Check all that apply)

55 responses



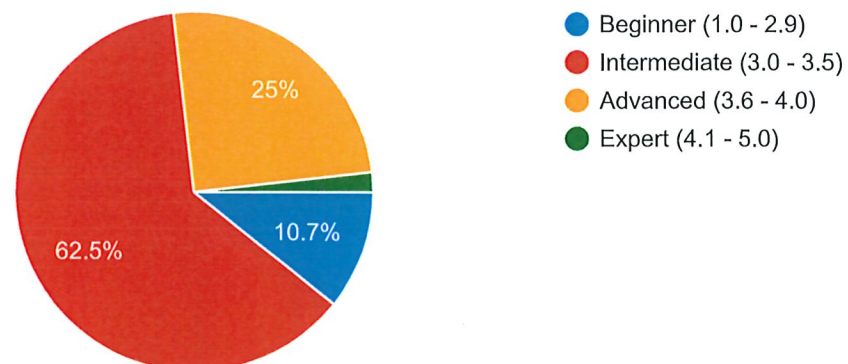
Do you ever play in Pickleball tournaments?

57 responses



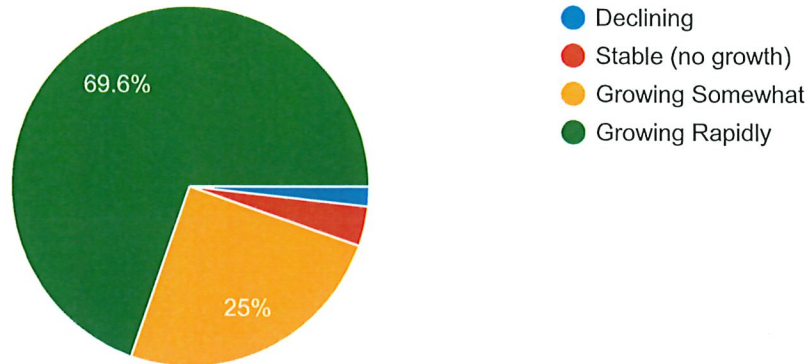
How would you rate your general Pickleball skill level?

56 responses



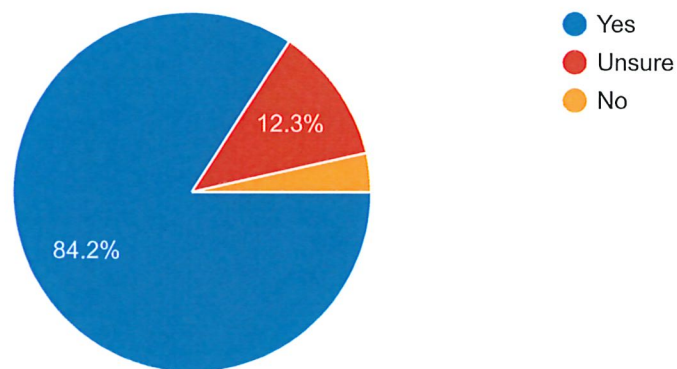
How would you describe Pickleball growth in Faribault?

56 responses



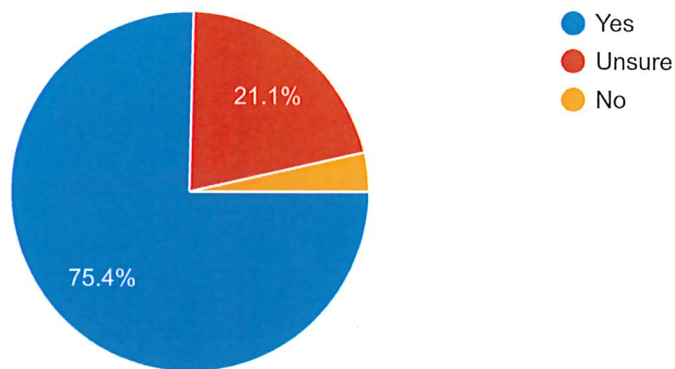
Do you feel there is a need for an outdoor Pickleball venue in Faribault that includes 6 or more courts?

57 responses



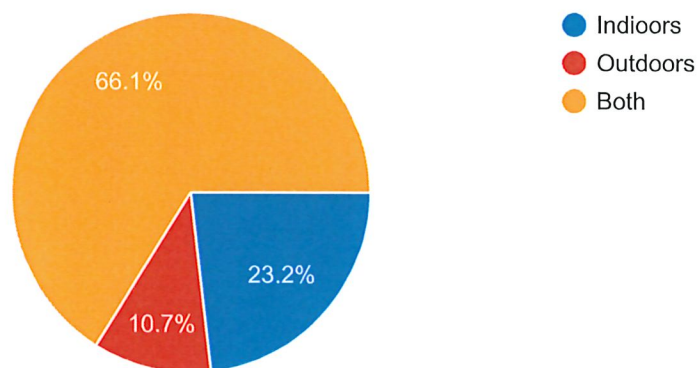
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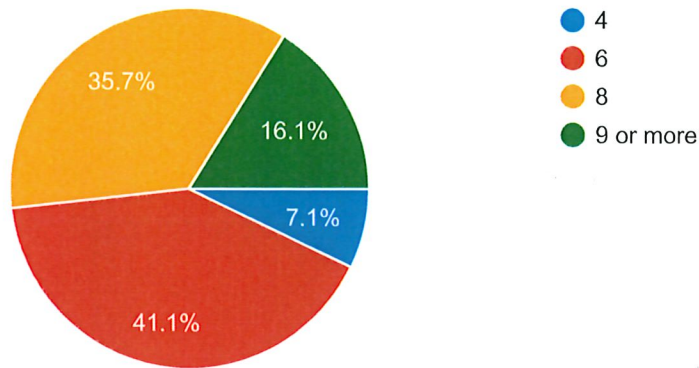
If Faribault offered a multi-court Pickleball venue, would you prefer that venue to be indoors or outdoors or both?

56 responses



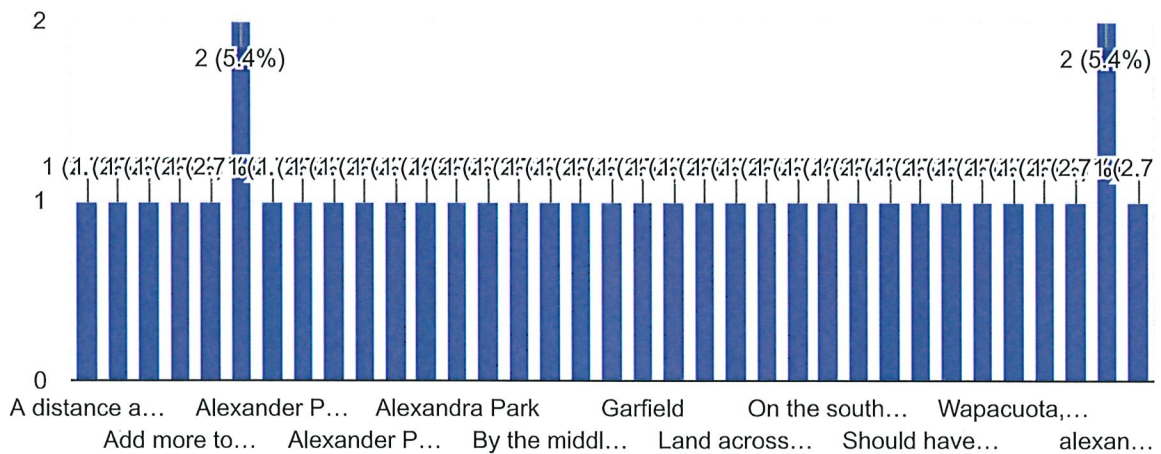
How many courts in one Faribault venue would you think is ideal?

56 responses



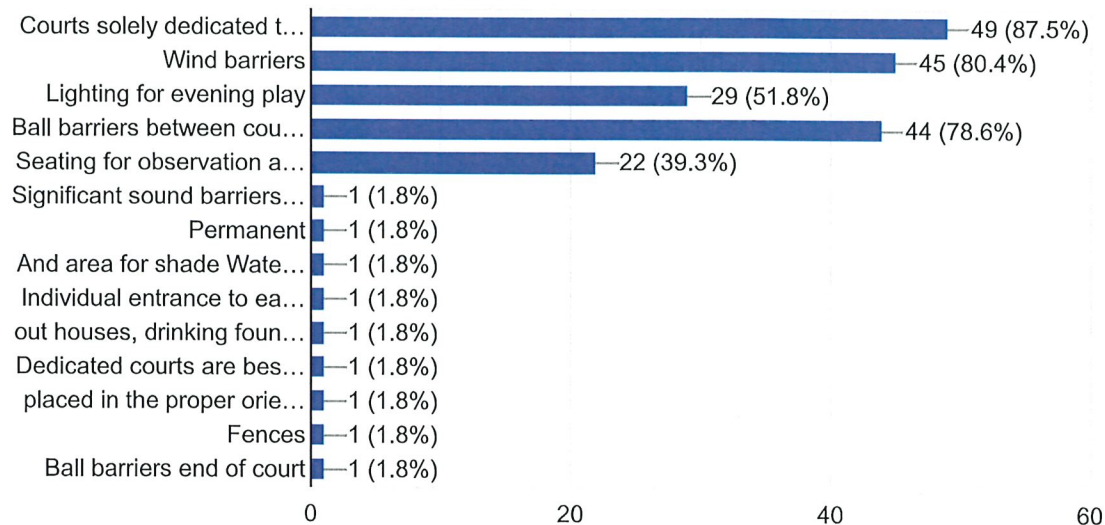
Do you have a suggestion as to where a new outdoor Faribault multi-court Pickleball venue should be built?

37 responses



Which of the following do you consider to be essential to a new outdoor Pickleball venue? (Check one or more.)

56 responses



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No responses yet for this question.

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