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Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. – Pickleball Goal Reached – Group Looking to Future

(SUN PRAIRIE) — Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. (SPPF) is excited to announce that we have raised the funds as part of an agreement with the City of Sun Prairie to construct an expansion of the pickleball courts at Wyndham Hills Park. SPPF needed to raise \$60,000 in matching funds to allow for construction of the expansion. We are excited to announce that we not only raised the \$60,000 for the four court expansion, but as of today have raised \$76,000.

Representatives of SPPF and the Friends of Wyndham Hills Pickleball Community are working with the City Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to add other improvements beyond the construction of the four additional courts. These additional improvements hope to include a courtyard with picnic tables, benches, and shade structures to allow for gatherings during events. Other improvements that the City may also be able to add to the project are lighting and a solar charging station.

SPPF cannot express how thankful they are for the generous donations and support that has been received from the area businesses and pickleball community. Thank you to those who bought a t-shirts or an item on the on-line auction, made a monetary donations, or just helped spread the word about this community effort, we are deeply appreciative of your help and support.

The anticipated schedule for the expansion project is to complete plans and receive final City approval between now and December. Following approval, the City will bid the project, select a construction contractor, and construct the project. The current plan is to break ground in March and complete the project in late May or early June.

SPPF is continuing to take donations through November 30th to fund the additional work of the courtyard and other supporting improvements. Please go to the Sun Prairie Parks Friends for information on the different levels of donations.

SPPF was formed to support the City of Sun Prairie Park system through volunteering, financial contributions, advocacy, and collaboration in December 2020. SPPF also assists in the preservation and improvement of recreational opportunities, land, ecosystems, structures, and equipment within City of Sun Prairie parks. We support and care for our parks through assisting with park planning and development, capital project support, programming and events, fundraising, assisting with grant acquisition, and with the purchase of equipment and supplies for all parks in the City. To support our mission, SPPF has assisted the City of Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department with park maintenance and improvements.

Our next event is a community playground build in cooperation with the City scheduled for October 4th to help construct a new playground to make this project possible. Please sign up on SPPF website for a morning, afternoon or day shift for this project.

More information is available at www.parksfriends.org.

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