

**Tennis Center Feasibility Study
Virtual Community Meeting on August 18, 2021
Questions and Answers**

Q: Pickleball too Please!!

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Q: Will there be dedicated pickleball courts?

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Q: Will the tennis courts be striped for pickle ball play in addition to tennis?

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Q: What are the timelines for the Tennis Center? Meaning when it will be ready assuming we get all approvals.

A: If the study shows that a tennis center could be supported in Flower Mound and the Town Council directs staff to move forward. At the earliest, the design would happen in FY21-22 and the construction would happen in FY22-23. A funding source would also have to be determined for the construction.

Q: There is a definitive need for dedicated Pickleball courts and hitting walls.

A: Pickleball is being considered as part of this study.

Q: If the Mayor said, “we’ve been talking about a tennis facility for 15 years” in 2017, and “it was listed as a priority by residents in the 2002 Master Plan”, why should anyone have confidence this will happen?

A: The Tennis Center Feasibility Study funding was approved by the Town Council and is the first step in determining if one will be built in Flower Mound.

Q: If the FM tennis/pickle ball center does not happen, will FM open the High School tennis courts for tennis/pickle ball league play? For clarification, open High school tennis courts to include all of LISD.

A: Unfortunately, this is not a Flower Mound decision. We are working with Lewisville ISD to determine if an open play agreement is a viable solution.

Q: Please consider the tennis center in an area close to places where people can eat at restaurants, patronize a bakery, coffee shop, bar, etc. that will give visitors a place to eat, drink, etc. and put more tax revenue back into Flower Mound to fund things like this! The ONLY location that fits this is Leonard and Helen Johns Park location.

A: Thank you for your feedback.

Q: Dedicated pickleball courts are needed

A: Pickleball is being considered as part of this study.

Q: I agree with XXXXXX that the Tennis courts should be easily accessible to local restaurants to facilitate support to businesses.

A: Thank you for your feedback.

Q: Any learning from Tennis Center of other towns e.g., tennis center for Coppell? How they are managing it and cost, benefits analysis etc.

A: This will be addressed during the course of the study.

Q: Please note that the Glenwick court does not have a regulation sized pickleball net. Even though there are pickleball lines, they are painted in a way that requires use of the tennis net, which is slightly higher than a pickleball net.

A: The Town was aware that the net would be slightly higher than a typical pickle ball net but wanted to provide the opportunity for residents to play on a Town owned court.

Q: What about indoor courts?

A: Indoor Courts will be a consideration of this project

Q: Lewisville High School Harmon is almost always empty. What will it take go get access to play there?

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option.

Q: So, there are just 2 fully publicly accessible Tennis courts in FM, right?

A: 2 locations. Glenwick Park (1) and Leonard & Helen Johns Community Park (4). Total of 5 courts as part of the public parks and recreation system.

Q: For the same amount of space there are at least 2 times as many pickleball participants

A: Pickleball is being considered as part of this study.

Q: The Hilton has not opened the courts since March 2019. This is due to the pandemic.

A: Thank you for sharing this information.

Q: Please consider indoor courts too. Needed for very hot months and for those few months during the cold months and bad weather (i.e., rain)

A: Indoor Courts will be a consideration of this project

Q: Wouldn't it cost more having multiple locations? Having one central tennis center location would bring money and support to local businesses as well.

A: This study is looking at the possible addition of a larger tennis center in one location.

Q: Poll was insufficient at measuring interest...only top 2 items to be chosen. Could you possibly change the poll to just let us prioritize which items are most important rather than just pick your top 2?

A: The poll is just to gather some initial feedback. The community wide survey will provide greater opportunity for folks to provide more thorough feedback.

Q: How many people are giving input to the poll questions?

A: There were approximately 100 individuals consistently responding to the poll questions

Q: For all the taxes we pay, I wonder why there is no general access to High School courts.

A: Unfortunately, this is not a Flower Mound decision. We are working with Lewisville ISD to determine if an open play agreement is a viable solution.

Q: Please ensure that you study the usage patterns of some of the local courts that include PB. I think you will find that the number of PB players exceed the tennis players using the courts.

A: Pickleball is being considered as part of this study.

Q: Are we planning to have membership model?

A: This will be determined during the course of project.

Q: Does the construction of a tennis/pickle ball center have to go to public vote? If so, by what margin to pass?

A: The funding mechanism will be determined by the Town Council and they could ask the residents to vote on a bond proposal.

Q: What are your main conclusions from the feedback of this meeting?

A: The Town will need to review the findings of the entire study to determine the final conclusion.

Q: What number of courts would be recommended to meet the need/potential growth? The 5 we currently have seemed to be incredibly low.

A: Once the feasibility study is completed, we will be able to give a more definitive answer.

Q: Do you need volunteers for anything?

A: Our volunteer opportunities are on the Town's website below. <https://www.flower-mound.com/748/Volunteer-Opportunities>

Q: It would be great to have a central location where decisions / information is stored or provided so that residents can keep up on the progress of this discussion.

A: All information regarding the study will be added to the Town's website under the Parks & Recreation main page. www.flower-mound.com/parks

Q: Just open Lewisville Harmon and FM high school and Marcus to all residents. Problem solved

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option.

Q: Where should we look for the written responses to the questions?

A: For those that registered for the community meeting, information will be sent directly to you via email.

Q: Why are the school courts locked and unavailable. This was not the case in the past

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option.

Q: The existing reservation system - having to email or call the CAC is not a user-friendly way to reserve courts. The town should consider placing reservation schedule online. Will echo what many others have said the high school courts should be open to the public as well - even if on a limited basis, e.g., weekends only.

A: Thank you for your comment on the current reservation system. Staff will continue to look into a more user-friendly reservation system.

Q: Just a comment that I don't think the tennis courts at DFW Hilton are currently open. I heard they are not planning on reopening.

A: Thank you for your feedback.

Q: Don't the courts at Leonard Johns flood often? It seems the frequency and related cost to repair (and inconvenience for users) is not conducive to utilizing this location for additional courts.

A: The four existing courts were built in the flood plain and can flood when there is a heavier than normal rain. The courts have flooded two times in the last 15 years. If a new center was to go in this park, flood elevations would be considered in the design.

Q: Any estimates or models for revenue for the town should take into account the loss today for all those to drive elsewhere to play, then dine afterward.

A: There is currently no model used by the Town or consultant to determine lost revenue associated with citizens playing and dining in other cities.

Q: We have LISD courts all over town that are not being utilized. Can we not make an agreement with the school board for public access? If not, then the Town of Flower Mound must move forward to provide the tennis and Pickleball facilities that our residents demand.

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option.

Q: I am in all favor of a central tennis center in FM; but my biggest concern is as a taxpayer why we are unable to use the high school tennis courts. I moved here from el paso and we had a similar situation there; but got the school board to allow public use of the high school courts. It's going to cost FM a lot of taxpayer money to build a tennis center when the high school courts are rarely used - just a question. Just so you know, I am not in objection to a tennis center like Southlake who has a very nice facility.

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option.

Q: Short term solution...make the school courts accessible. I never see them being utilized after school hours.

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option.

Q: Is this money already there in Parks and Rec?

A: A funding mechanism for the construction of this project has not been designated at this time. Funds are available to complete the design and construction documents.

Q: I play in multiple leagues traveling across DFW. Hurst, Mansfield, Keller, Coppell, and Southlake all have tennis /pickleball centers and yet Flower Mound doesn't have one. It's embarrassing. We have 5 public courts that do not have bathrooms, it's sad. Build it and we will come!

A: Thank you for your feedback.

Q: If the consideration is just "more outdoor court access", what about considering an arrangement with the schools to open the underutilized courts on certain days/times with a reservation system, then build an indoor tennis/pickleball facility (4 courts+ tennis, 2+ pickleball) that could be used year-round regardless of weather?

A: The Town is working with Lewisville ISD to determine if this is a viable option. The study will also determine if an indoor facility is feasible.

Q: I've played more tennis in the past year in each of these cities than I have in FM - Grapevine, Coppell, Mansfield, Rockwall, Southlake, McKinney, Plano, Dallas, Keller. How is it possible that Mansfield is more convenient than playing where I live?

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