



June 25th 2016

To: President, Gene Webb
Members of the Timber Pines Board &
Mark Nordman, General Manager

Subject: Pickleball

We are saddened and dismayed by the Board's action to "put on hold" the decision to dedicate and improve for pickleball the courts at the Lodge location.

The Board will recall that the TP Pickleball Club (TPPBC) made thoughtful submissions in the spring 2016 during the budget process, detailing who we are, our membership strength, what our current and future needs are, and specifically the location we preferred. In particular we pointed out the merits of the Lodge location as an activity hub, rather than being isolated in a remote location.

We as a Club fail to understand the latest actions of the Board and the rationale behind it. We are further surprised that the recent actions of the Board in reference to criticisms, questions, linked pickleball to accusations of board manipulation.

We believe that the meaningful decision of the Board relating to pickleball (one which our members had embraced), was based on your review of our detailed public submissions which you may recall consisted of the following:

1. An Executive Summary of Picklball Survey Results March 2016
2. An Appendix to the Survey Results containing detailed comments from the survey participants (Member of the Club)
3. A cover letter from the PB Board (dated March 31 2016) outlining the thoughts & preferences of the Club as to the location and long term needs of pickleball.

Lastly we assume also that an earlier request for court improvements to the General Manager filed on March 4th, 2016 for interim improvements at the Lodge location was provided to the Board, in order for the Board to understand the urgency of needed improvements to pickleball facilities.

It is unfortunate that such submissions do not form part of the public record, as the Board could have referenced those in communicating the pickleball decision to the community. However the materials highlighted above, were posted on the PB Web Site since March 2016, in order to ensure that our members and potential members are fully apprised of the club's efforts with both the TP Board and Management.

That being said the TPPBC Board wishes to reiterate on the behalf of the 200 members plus of the club, that our clear preference is to be located at the Lodge courts site, based on previous submission to the Board.

We take no issue with the Board in its pursuit of new land acquisitions, but we find it unfortunate that the Board (contrary to submissions filed) chose to use pickleball as one platform to examine new land acquisitions. It seems that the community is better served if a focus of such land acquisitions was centered on needs for maintenance and storage activities, wherein existing prime lands within the current community could be repurposed for new or expanded amenities that are on land holdings that are centrally located and easily access by residents.

While we won't be presumptive about all the challenges you're faced with in dealing with new land acquisitions, we draw on two examples to illustrate the earlier point above. Both the



maintenance facility located on Timber Pines Boulevard and the resident storage facilities on Abeline Drive and Ocean Pines Blvd are on valuable land holdings. Relocation of the storage facilities to a new location may have two benefits. First it would create long term revenue against the cost of acquiring land. Secondly, should the new parcel be of adequate size it may allow an expanded storage capability for residents. The resident storage uses if in proximity with TP maintenance facilities would be a good use co-locate subject to of course clear separation barriers.

In summary the TPPB Club would request that the Board proceed immediately with the original budget decision to dedicate and improve the Lodge court location for pickleball.

We will be informing our members of this submission in view of the substantial effort they previously put forward to facilitate TP as a destination community for pickleball, and to reassure the members that the Club's earlier request is being expedited.

Signed; TPPBC Board of Directors

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