

**Amberley Village Council – Public Buildings & Parks Committee via Zoom
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2020**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Ed Hattenbach (committee), Ray Warren (committee), Scot Lahrmer, Bill Doering

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting on October 16, 2019, were accepted as submitted.

Tennis Courts/Fence

The April 9 storm knocked down two pine trees alongside the tennis courts on the municipal building grounds. They toppled the fence and landed on the courts. An insurance claim was filed, an adjuster visited, and the village is eligible for a total payment of \$37,600, of which \$8,000 would be held back pending documentation by the village of improvement to the asset. The bulk of the insurance award is allocated to the courts themselves, though the obvious damage was done to the fence.

Scot Lahrmer explained that the courts were already in less than ideal condition and shared photos of specific cracked areas. In particular, Court 2 (second from Ridge Rd) has a significant crack that makes it pretty much unplayable.

Staff obtained estimates for total fence replacement which ranged from approx. \$25,000 to \$32,000. To repair the damaged section of fence would cost \$2,000. Additionally, staff consulted with Ewers & Sons, who previously repaired and re-coated the courts in 2016, and obtained estimates on court improvement. To repeat the 2016 work would cost \$16,000 to \$18,000 (cost in 2016 was \$17,000). To fully re-surface, including digging out damaged areas and adding asphalt, would cost \$65,000.

In discussion, there was consensus that it does not make sense to use the insurance money on a full fence replacement when the courts are deteriorating and that the committee wished to use the insurance payment in such a way as to obtain the full amount including the additional \$8,000. It was also noted that the remaining pine trees are not in the best health, so perhaps tree removal could be part of the approach to improving the courts. While the trees provide welcome shade, they also drop needles that need constant sweeping and the shade prevents the courts from drying fully which creates slippery conditions.

Ed Hattenbach moved to recommend that Council authorize the Village Manager to contract to have the fence section repaired (including possibly with shade cloth) and the courts repaired/re-coated at a total cost of approximately \$20,000, and to pursue with the insurance company whether tree removal would be considered asset improvement. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Peg Conway, Committee Chair