



## Item No. 5a. Town of Atherton

### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – REGULAR AGENDA**

**TO:           PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**FROM:       STEVE TYLER – PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

**DATE:       APRIL 5, 2017**

**SUBJECT:   POSSIBLE DONATION TO PARK – CLAY TENNIS COURT**

#### **DISCUSSION**

On March 6, 2017, I was contacted by Michael Jessup from player Capital Tennis. Michael explained to me that he believed he had the funding to install a clay tennis court inside the current tennis facility. This would be accomplished by installing the surfacing materials directly over what is currently court #3.

Following this report are some rough drawings by John Saviano, who is a recognized leader in this industry performing clay court installations around the world. John's basic plan calls for removal of about 12" of fence from the bottom of the court, installing a header board in its place, and then filling the space with aggregates. An irrigation system will be installed to keep the court at the proper moisture level.

Of course a donation like this comes with other long term problems that need to be discussed at tonight's meeting which include the following:

- Who will be allowed to use this court?
- Who will perform/pay for the maintenance of this court?
- How much water is required to keep such a court at the preferred moisture level?
- How will this addition effect the current tennis contract?
- What type of new additions might be needed to the current contract to make this addition acceptable?
- Site preference – is the correct placement for this court?
- Safety concerns (could this type of court be dangerous to new users)?
- Town responsibilities – what would the park staff be required to do to make this court a reality?



