



PRESS RELEASE

North Park Tennis Courts to be Renovated and Become Pickle Ball Courts

Mayor Spesia and the Board of Trustees participated in an extensive community effort to identify and address the needs of the community. One of the top needs identified by this effort was pickle ball courts. The Coal City High School recently unveiled its new tennis courts and the North Park was due for its own renovation as well. It is hoped the provision of pickle ball courts at North Park will eliminate the deterioration of the playing surface at the high school and provide newly renovated spaces in which local residents can enjoy pickle ball. Since tennis will be available, the village will renovate North Park for pickle ball.

CJ Lauterbur, the Board's Trustee tasked with tending to parks and recreation activities recently attended the Coaler DRIVE Parks & Recreation Action Committee Meeting following the recent Parks Board meeting discussed the upcoming changes, "Everyone will be able to see some changes at North Park very soon! Public Works will be removing a portion of the fencing and the existing floor tiles will be pulled up to make way for the new playing surface. This will be an immediate impact of meeting the needs expressed by our residents." This solution was assisted due to the cooperation of the local Coal City Tennis Association, a non-profit association, which pledged annual pickle ball tournament revenues to assist with the rehabilitation of the courts.

While the area located at the southwest corner of North Street & N. Broadway is currently in disrepair, it will make way for the new pickle ball court after D Construction resurfaces the playing surface and Public Works provides a few layers of the newly treated top coats to bring regulation pickle ball courts to Coal City. This improvement is one of a few projects yet to take place this season for Coal City. This park will also receive a new basketball playing surface and additional pickle ball courts will be poured on the north side of the newly established Meadow Estates Park prior to the expiration of the fall as well.

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