

December 23, 2024

Supervisor Horr opened the special meeting at 5:00 pm for public discussion of the proposed pickle ball court at Frontage Road Park in the Town of North Dansville. This meeting was advertised in the Hornell Spectator for this meeting. Roll call was taken, and found Councilperson Infantino, Colella, Bacon, and Luce were present. Also present was Town Supervisor Gregory Horr.

Guests include: Ann Lafford, Rick Lafford, and Beth Allen.

Councilperson Bacon asked the members present from the Pickle Ball Association about the difference in the estimates they received. Initially the estimate was \$300,000.00, and then went down to roughly \$100,00.00. He wanted to know how they eliminated almost \$200,000.00. Ann Lafford stated that the numbers were a little bit different than that. She stated the numbers that were submitted to Livingston County included everything except putting the base in. They did not submit that to the County as they hope to negotiate with the Town for supplies and labor to complete the base. The original estimate was higher as the company that estimated the work put things in there that will not necessarily be needed.

Supervisor Horr did state that we may need to get right of way permission from NYSEG as he believes the right of way is within seventy-five feet of the tension wires. The goal of the association is to make the courts available for public use. Councilperson Colella asked who would be controlling the usage and rules of the court. The courts will be first come first served. There will be posted general rules to follow. There have been no issues at any other courts that they play on as far as respecting the rules.

The Town Board was waiting on advisement from the Town Attorney, to see if leasing the land and relinquishing all responsibility to the Pickle Ball Association. Ann Lafford stated that they were not interested in forming an LLC and leasing the land from the Town. Their intent was to apply for grant money and make it a public court owned by the town. The advantage to the Town to lease would be that they have no responsibility for injuries, or maintenance and future cost. A discussion between the board and the association about how to proceed took place. Upon completion of the discussion the following motions were made:

RESOLUTION 01-27-2025: ALLOWING THE PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION TO USE TOWN LAND FOR COMMUNITY RECREATION

Motion by: Councilperson Bacon
Second by: Councilperson Luce

WHEREAS, the Town of North Dansville recognizes the growing popularity of pickleball as a recreational activity among residents;

WHEREAS, the Town owns land at Frontage Road Park that is suitable for pickleball courts that is currently not utilized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Pickleball Association is granted permission to use the land at Frontage Road Park for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating pickleball courts.
2. The Town will not require the Pickleball Association to lease the land from the Town.

Roll Call Vote; AYES: Councilperson Bacon, Luce, Infantino, Supervisor Horr
NOES: Councilperson Colella MOTION CARRIED 4 to 1

RESOLUTION 01-28-2025: ALLOWING THE PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OBTAINING GRANT FUNDING TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROJECT

Motion by: Councilperson Bacon
Second by: Councilperson Luce

WHEREAS, the Town of North Dansville values partnerships with local organizations to enhance recreational opportunities for the community without incurring undue costs;

WHEREAS, the Town owns land at Frontage Road Park that is suitable for pickleball courts that is currently not utilized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of North Dansville will allow the Pickleball Association to move forward with applying for grants and securing funding for the project.

Roll Call Vote; AYES: Councilperson Infantino, Colella, Bacon, Luce, Supervisor Horr
NOES: NONE MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Tyler
Town Clerk