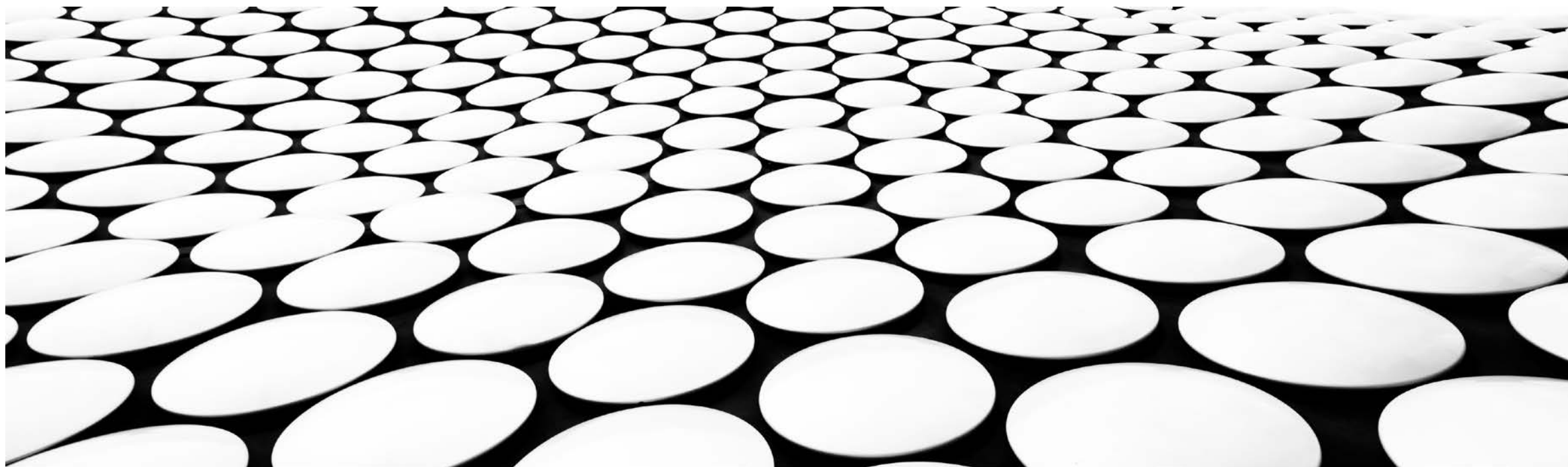

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL FACILITY COMMITTEE HUDSON PARK BOARD UPDATE

9/21/2020



COMMUNITY SURVEY DEMONSTRATED A NEED FOR A PREMIER TENNIS & PICKLE BALL FACILITY IN HUDSON.

- Tennis/pickleball ranked among top four for residents' unmet needs
- Nearly 40% of residents were dissatisfied with current tennis/pickle ball facilities (20% somewhat dissatisfied/18% very dissatisfied)
- Pickleball is one of America's fastest growing sports (30% growth from 2015-2018). A racquet sports facility is an investment for all Hudson citizens - including seniors



Barlow Farm Park	Oak Grove	Colony Park
<p>Popular park with ample parking, tennis facility would be highly visible</p> <p>Large tract of land with water source</p> <p>Not in a residential area, lighted courts not a concern</p>	<p>“Diamond in the rough,” presented intriguing usage for currently underused asset</p> <p>Tree cover would create maintenance issues</p> <p>Safety concerns due to isolated location</p> <p>Limited parking at completed facility; would limit Haunted House parking</p>	<p>Preferred location for Dog Park</p>

WE EVALUATED THREE POTENTIAL LOCATIONS.

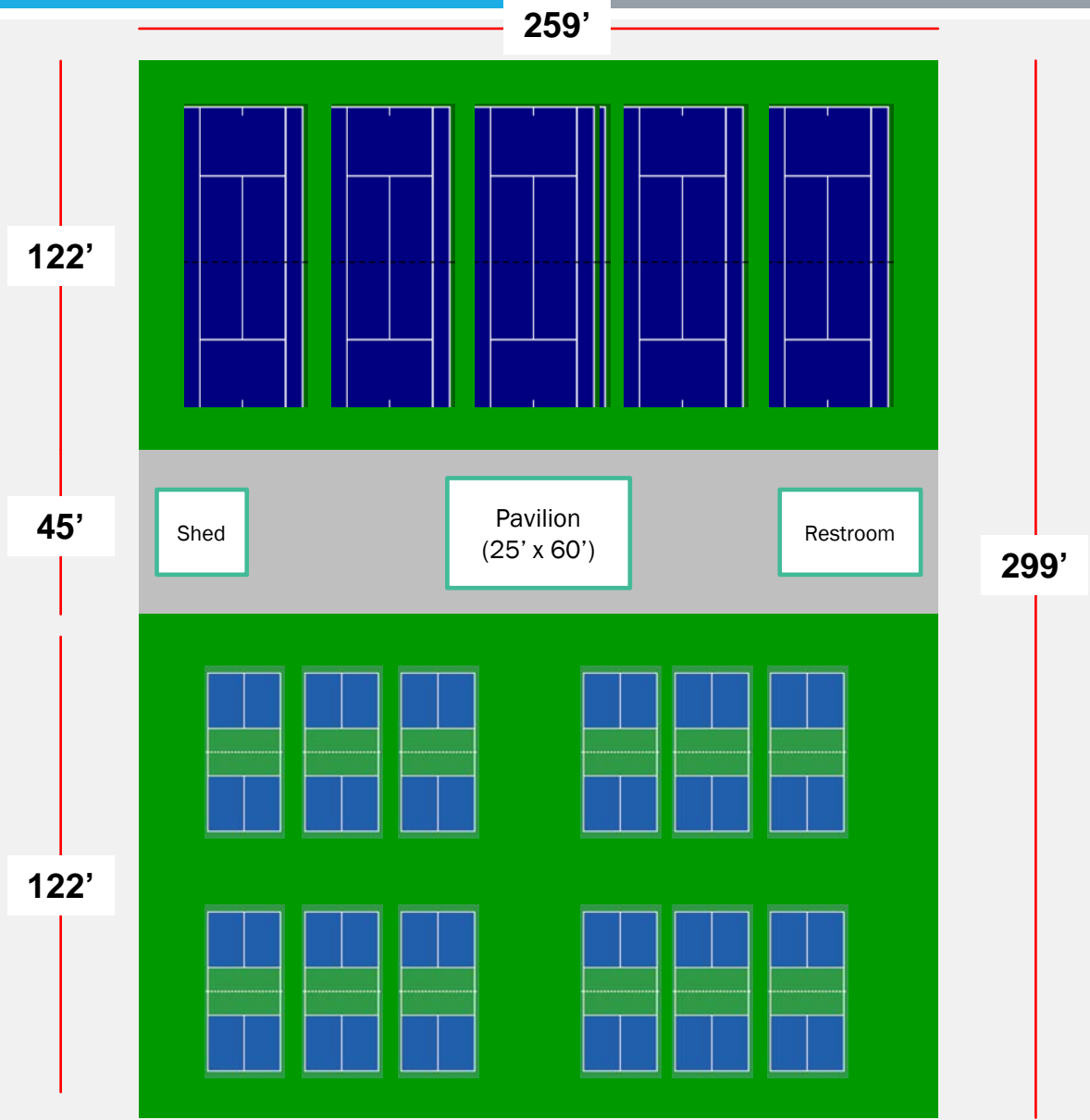
BARLOW FARM PARK - LOCATION

- Ample parking on existing gravel pad
- Former community gardens; water source available for fountain/restrooms
- No residential properties nearby; lighted courts not an issue



PROPOSED RACQUET SPORTS FACILITY

- Hudson would have the best public outdoor racquet sports facility in the region
- 5 tennis courts to support Middle School team and tournaments
- 12 dedicated pickle ball courts would be a destination facility in the region
- Equipped with a pavilion, tables, restrooms, and storage
- All courts lighted for play in the evening
- A backboard for tennis training
- Bleachers for spectators



EXAMPLES FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES

- Mentor and Twinsburg have newer dedicated pickle ball courts
- Lakeside Ohio has 10 tennis courts and 8 dedicated pickle ball courts
- Many examples in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida of combo facilities

Mentor Pickleball



Twinsburg Pickleball



Williams Tennis Campus, Lakeside Marblehead



FORMED COMMITTEE AND EVALUATED OPTIONS

- Meeting Attendees: Hugo Sandberg, John Ginther, Gunner Puhl, Trent Wash, Shelley Frew, Barb Earnhardt, Sue and Roger L'Hommedieu, Skylar Sutton
- Subcommittee Meetings: Held three meetings July-September
- Questions posed: What's the right facility? Should it include dedicated pickle ball? How many courts?
- Looked at other community facilities (Mentor, Twinsburg, and facilities in Florida) and gleaned input from the committee
- Popularity of pickle ball suggests we should have at least 6-12 courts and desire to have the flexibility to host tournaments and support Middle School tennis suggests at least 5 tennis courts
- Engaged SiteTech to draw up site plan for Barlow Park



NEXT STEPS

- Share recommendations with Park Board – hopefully gain consensus and add to Priority Plan
- Prepare formal recommendation for Council
- Work with Trent and City Manager to put out for competitive bids
- Select design partner and construct facility