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I would like to thank the Estero council members for your good efforts in your representation of our fine community. Please continue your good efforts and reject this over crowded apartment complex of 154 proposed units on the corner of Coconut and Three Oaks in the Brooks Community. Estero has enough land so there is no need to cram that many units in a small area that was not designed for this purpose. Just build us a park in the Brooks. We deserve one. Do the right thing and say NO to this poorly conceived apartment complex. Thank you. Jack Meeker

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Hello. My name is Ed Shinouskis and I am an Estero resident. I would like to speak today about Pickleball and why it should be an important element of the Village of Estero's Parks and Rec Master Plan.

Southwest Florida has become an epicenter for Pickleball in the US. While the Sports and Fitness Industry Association says that the number of overall racquet sports players is down, Pickelball's 7% growth rate more than makes up for the drop and it has become one of the five fastest-growing sports. Between 2014 and 2020, Pickleball participation rose from 2.4 million players to 3.4 million.

People play Pickleball for a variety of reasons, whether it is a replacement for a high impact sport like tennis, an activity to improve overall health, or a social activity to meet people with similar interests. Health benefits range from improved cardiovascular function, weight or diabetes control, increasing muscle strength and coordination, as well as improvement in mental health and

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My wife and I live in a gated community here in Estero that has 6 Pickleball courts for over 3000 homes. Court time, especially in season is at a premium as there are never enough courts. Surrounding communities also have the same problem, especially those with no courts.

When we moved to Estero, we knew very few people. Since we started playing 4 years ago, we have met hundreds of people and established dozens of lasting friendships. It is a very social game that lasts about 10 minutes and provides great opportunities to mix and meet new people.

Southwest Florida's climate and demographics make Estero a prime location for active adults who are currently or potential Pickleball players.

East Naples Park, with 62 courts and a new 3500 seat area, hosts the Pickleball US Open. Although cancelled due to Covid19 in 2020, there were over 2600 players registered between the ages of 12 and 94 from 47 states and 20 countries. Last year, we had an 85 year old gentleman from our community play in 80 and over division. He got beat by a 92 year old!

Pickleplex in Punta Gorda has 16 courts. Bonita Springs YMCA has 8 Pickleball courts. Some of the tennis courts have also been replaced by Pickleball courts at Fort Myers Racquet Club. While tennis is still played at the club, the Pickleball portion has since been rebranded as the Wild World of Pickleball.

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department in the park's system there are currently 56 pickleball courts, including 12 outdoor and six indoor courts at the Englewood Sports Complex.

When researching the growth in Pickleball and potential impact on property values, we found a Pulte study which surveyed potential buyers for their popular Del Webb communities and they found that the top two amenities active adults are interested are dog parks and Pickleball courts.

In leaving, I hope that the Village of Estero strongly considers the need and opportunities associated with providing such a service to its residents. With large Pickleball complexes north and south of Estero, there is a real opportunity to create a destination amenity that will help attract and retain residents.

Thank you for your time.

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