

**Survey Report on Tennis Court Resurfacing at the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center
St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC)**

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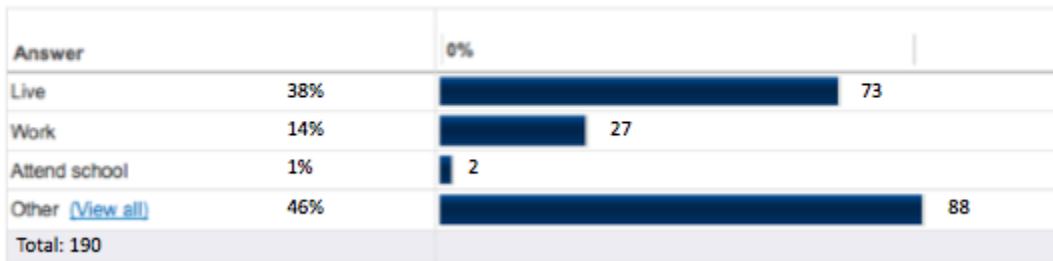
I. Executive Summary:

Joy of the People (JOTP), a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization that leases the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center from the City of St. Paul, proposed resurfacing the local tennis courts with a turf surface to support futsal training at the facility. JOTP met with SAPCC’s Land Use Committee and hosted two community meetings. After discussions with the City of St. Paul, SAPCC designed a survey to facilitate community engagement and opinion sharing from the neighborhood. This survey, open from June 20 through July 5, 2016 at 11:59 pm, received 168 responses.

Below, you will see a breakdown of responses from the survey. All questions with a red asterisk required an answer. Please note that if a respondent did not give any address location, their response was not counted.

II. Neighborhood Residents Break Down:

* Do you live, work, or go to school in St. Anthony Park/D12?



Note: There are more total responses on this question than total respondents because some people both live and work in the neighborhood, for instance.

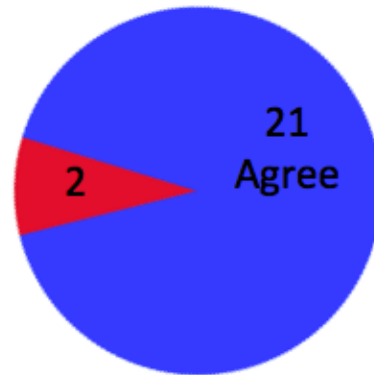
Of those who completed the survey 70 live in St. Anthony Park and submitted an address connected to their survey. Forty-seven of the respondents live in South St. Anthony Park and 23 live in North St. Anthony Park.

Residents largely responded positively to the question of whether or not Joy of the People should move forward with their proposal to resurface the tennis courts with a turf surface.



In **South St. Anthony Park**, 49% (23 people) of residents who responded on the survey agreed with the tennis courts resurfacing proposal; 23% (11 people) responded neutrally; and 28% (13 people) disagreed with the proposal.

In **North St. Anthony Park**, 23 residents responded. 91% (21 people) agreed with the resurfacing proposal while 9% of respondents (2 people) disagreed with the proposal. No respondents in North SAP responded neutrally.



(Note: Although some respondents live and also work or attend school in St. Anthony Park. Their votes were counted in the data analysis as residents and were not double or triple counted as employees or students in St. Anthony Park.)

III. Use of the Rec Center:

* Do you use the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center?

Answer	Percentage	Count
Yes	76%	127
No	13%	21
Other (View all)	12%	20
No Responses		
Total responses: 168		

Rec Center Users: Most respondents of the survey (76%) use the recreation center in South St. Anthony Park. Of those who answered “other,” three (3) respondents noted that they use the grounds, seven (7) noted that they or their children use the rec center for JOTP activities, and five (5) say that they have not used or do not use the rec center because JOTP occupies it.

The rec center gets a great deal of use by the survey respondents. The majority of the respondents who use the rec center use it at least twice a week (44%). In fact, 13 respondents used the “other” option to note that they use the rec center five or more times a week. The other

three options, weekly, monthly, and rarely followed with a near tie between the three at 15%, 14%, and 14%, respectively.

Tennis Court Users: The majority of people who use the tennis courts in the South St. Anthony Park rec center support the resurfacing of the courts. Out of the 77 respondents who say they use the tennis courts, 66 (86%) of them said they would be interested in trying a new turf surface. Nine (9) respondents (12%) said they would not be interested in seeing the resurfacing proposal move forward. Two (2) respondents did not have an opinion one way or the other.

Of those who play tennis at the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, the majority of them do not also use other local tennis courts like the ones at Desnoyer Park or Langford Park. Only 39% of South St. Anthony Park tennis court users also use other local courts, while 62% only use South St. Anthony Park.

IV. New Surface Proposal Support

* Would you be interested in trying a new tennis surface? Why or why not?

	Number of Responses
View Text Answers	168

Taking into consideration the responses from all of the respondents of the survey, running the gamut from JOTP students and parents to neighborhood residents to tennis players outside of the neighborhood, there appears to be support for the resurfacing proposal. The open-ended question “Would you be interested in trying a new tennis surface? Why or why not?” garnered the full 168 responses. Most of those responses agree with the proposal to resurface the tennis courts (82%), while several disagree (10%), and some remain neutral (8%).

See **Appendix A** for the responses on the survey. You can see the individual responses listed.

V. Community Considerations

While there is wide support for the tennis courts resurfacing proposal, this survey also raised concerns from many respondents, especially those respondents located closest to the park. Eighty-five people took the opportunity to fill in the question on other comments and concerns. Many of those responses applaud JOTP for the work they do in youth soccer, but some of them offered ideas to consider. You can see their individual responses in **Appendix B**.

What other comments or questions do you have?

	Number of Responses
View Text Answers	86

Respondents who offered criticisms or questions had responses that fell into one or more of a few categories:

JOTP Community Relations

Primarily, concerns from those abutting the park or other residents in South St. Anthony Park. Respondents commented that they wanted to see shared use of the space, greater hours and continued use by the public, and queried whether JOTP works to serve the neighborhood. The notion of “shared space” came up repeatedly as residents push to have joint ownership over this space. One respondent noted that JOTP uses the tennis courts for “extensive daytime hours” which may impact use. Several responses wondered about how JOTP can work to serve the immediate neighborhood in addition to serving their soccer-playing population.

Public vs. Private Status

Several respondents voiced issues with the privatization of a public space. Five survey responses explicitly call out the matter of a public park being used by a private organization. These respondents largely noted feeling unable to use the park space at this location.

Court-Specific Questions/Concerns

Comments here ranged from concerns that fewer people will choose to play on a grass turf court to how maintenance on the courts will work. One respondent wanted to know if there will be new tennis nets if the resurfacing proposal goes through. Residents wanted to know how the courts will be shared between JOTP and the public and the longevity of the proposed surface (especially in MN weather).

Status of Grounds

A few survey respondents noted issues with the grounds maintenance at the park, including the erection of a white plastic structure in one of the baseball fields.

VI. SAPCC Response and Next Steps

On July 12, SAPCC’s Equity Committee met to discuss the results of this community survey and the past roughly two months of community engagement. They wrote a motion to address the points brought out in the survey by neighborhood residents and other survey respondents. Members wanted to draft a motion that would reflect support for the tennis courts proposal with an emphasis on addressing neighborhood concerns, both on the part of JOTP and the City of St. Paul. The Equity Committee unanimously passed their motion and sent it along to the Board for consideration.

At the Board meeting the following Thursday, the Board accepted the Equity Committee’s resolution with a few minor adjustments. The motion passed by the Community Council reads:

Whereas, There appears to be a largely favorable consensus to resurface the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center tennis courts with a grass turf as proposed by Joy of the People from survey participants from both within and outside of the neighborhood,

Whereas, The survey and other community outreach has uncovered deep concerns about accountability, transparency, and communication in the relationship between Joy of the People and the neighborhood,

Whereas, We have concerns that the City of St. Paul has been negligent in their oversight and maintenance of the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center and grounds,

Resolved that, SAPCC evidence that the proposed surface is appropriate both for tennis playing and for Minnesota's weather and further recommends a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) as a prerequisite of City approval of the tennis court resurfacing to address the accountability and responsibilities of both the City of St. Paul and JOTP mediated by SAPCC to address the concerns of St. Anthony Park residents.

The three parties involved will work to find a common Community Benefits Agreement language that will address residents' concerns and build relationships not only between the three groups but with residents in the area as well. SAPCC is currently seeking input (July 2016) from community members on what they would like to see in a Community Benefits Agreement. If you have suggestions, please contact Cailin Rogers at cailin@sapcc.org.

Appendix A

Below are the survey responses for the question “Would you be interested in trying a new tennis surface?”

Yes
Yes. Better on my joints and knees.
I don't play tennis.
Yes. The tennis court can be dangerous to play regular soccer on at soccer camp. Recently a girl broke her wrist after tripping. It can also get very slippery after it has rained, even if it's mostly dry. If you trip it can really hurt just in general too. It would be interesting and cool to have the new surface to play soccer and soccer tennis on.
I think it would be great to try a new surface and I do not know of anywhere around here where I can do that - especially for free. There are tons of hard courts in the area that are in great condition and can be used. I think it would also be good for kids to learn on as it would be a safer surface for when they fall.
I'm extremely interested in the new tennis surface. Aging knees might very well be thankful, and if this could be a better multiuse facility, I'm all for it.
Sure
I guess if this is approved tennis turf and it works for soccer too that's fine. I'd try it. It seems a bit of a shame, though, since it's a nice court as it is.
yes, softer surfaces are easier on legs providing the bounce is true - I would also like to see wind screens around the edge of the tennis courts which also would provide a measure of privacy from the heavy nearby traffic. Lastly, middle net cords to provide a way of adjusting the net to proper height.
No, I don't think they perform well.
sure
yes
Maybe
It sounds novel. I'd like to at least try it. It's not something many people can say they have done.
Yes. Don't use current surface and maybe use new surface.
Yes. It sounds like the surface would be interesting. More importantly, it would accommodate both soccer and tennis players.

No, I don't play.

If I still played tennis, I'd be open to a new surface.

Yes. Better for knees

No

Yes, for the joy of other sports

I would be interested if it is installed because I have only played on hard court

Absolutely! Better on my legs to have a softer court!

if i were a tennis player, i would welcome the new surface.these turfs are used elsewhere. anything to improve the current surface is a good thing. Joy of the People continuing to improve that area is a good thing. Sharing is a good thing. Those are my views.

I'm curious about the tiger turf. It looks like a good product and trusted in the UK. I support this so it can still be used for Tennis and also help JOTP

Yes - easier on knees, playing on a different surface would be fun for my kids Frankly, I'd be more interested in playing soccer on this surface than tennis.

Sure.

Sure. As long as the surface performs well

Yes, I know technology has advanced in this area and new materials are supposed to be great. I also think that anything JOTP has researched is probably a good fit for everybody.

Yes

no. been playing tennis for years and don't want to have to learn a new surface.

No, I like the way it is.

yes, i have seen and heard about them. Sounds like a nice new feature for the neighborhood.

No. I don't play very often and don't care to learn a new surface.

Yes I would with a few reservations. A grass court would be a fun alternative and provide an attractive destination for many tennis players. However I worry about maintenance in the long run and access. If this is simply to provide a revenue source for JOTP and have limited to no value to the community I am not on board.

Yes.

Yes, a softer surface sounds interesting.

Sure.

No, I'm new to the game and would prefer to stick with one surface for now. Plus, the link you provided does not specify which of the surfaces it would be. I did not like the sample surface passed around at the JOTP mtg. with the community, because it seemed very thick and tall.

I think my children and grandchildren would be happy to try a new surface.

Yes

Sure

Yes, regular concrete courts are everywhere. This is a chance to play on a new surface and set this park a part from the rest.

No.

No, I don't play tennis.

Yes. Sound interesting and different.

I don't see a problem with it as long as it is safe to play on and won't cause injuries.

No.

Yes, because tennis is played on many different surfaces.

Yes, especially if it would allow for dual usage of the surface. In its current state it is hardly used.

Yes, it is better for joints in adults. I like the ability for the kids to play soccer on a smaller turf court.

I do not have a problem with the proposed surface, however, I am concerned that JOTP will monopolize the tennis courts in a similar fashion to how they have monopolized the baseball field within the park. There is a temporary soccer field permanently placed there prohibiting the neighborhood from being able to enjoy that amenity. I easily see JOTP treating the tennis courts the same way (taking down the tennis net and leaving soccer goals permanently up). I do not support the new surface if it results in further loss of park amenities. If JOTP is allowed to use additional park amenities, it should be on the condition that all of their supplies/temporary fencing/goals are removed immediately following their activities. Anonymous Yes, it is better for joints in adults. I like the ability for the kids to play soccer on a smaller turf court. Anonymous Not very interested. Majority of US courts are hard surface and though the experience would be unique, it would be specific to this court alone. Anonymous I'm not interested in trying a different surface- please keep existing surface- we believe the privatization of this public park is bad for the neighborhood- this may seem like a NIMBY stance and it is because our backyard borders the park but other neighbors spoke against this in the recent meeting/presentation- by changing the park's surfaces to a soccer-only venue disrupts and robs dog walkers, kite flyers, ball players, walkers, frisbee throwers, horseshoe flingers, sun worshipers, etc

Please leave the park in its current shape as a community park for all to enjoy and used

We recognize JOP has a 10 year lease but this shouldn't allow them to change the park's character and existing features

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Please DO NOT resurface the tennis courts or the grass in the park in general with soccer-only surfaces (yes, I know JOP will try to say that the tennis courts would still be usable with the new surface for tennis players- the quote from Ted was "with change comes new opportunities")

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Thanks

Appendix B

Answers to the question: "What other questions or comments do you have?"

Anything to support the continuing advancement and expansion of the beautiful sport of Soccer by Joy of the People!

Artificial grass surface is a big improvement over hard-court. Do it!

As a former competitive junior tennis player and long-time adult recreational player, I am strongly against the resurfacing of the courts. A grass (and simulated grass) court plays faster and balls don't bounce as high as they do on a hard court. Most recreational players that play a hard court game want to improve that game or at least maintain consistency and playing on such a drastically different surface not found elsewhere near here would actually interfere with that goal. Thus, I believe these players would seek tennis elsewhere. Further, it is a difficult surface for children to play on, and thus, could deter parents from playing on it with their children. I do appreciate what JOTP has done with its soccer programs; however, I feel that conversion of the courts' surface goes too far in taking away the functionality of the park and appears to me to be JOTP's attempt to turn this into a soccer facility rather than maintaining it as a city park where soccer programs are held.

As a resident of St Paul and previously of St Anthony park I have been excited to see the energy and excitement JOTP has brought to what used to be a rather run down feeling park and rec center. I love the partnership between the organization and the city to make it work for everyone and I fully support improvements to the facility like the tennis court resurface project. I have seen first hand the staff at JOTP go out of their way to be good inclusive and good neighbors to the local community.

as this is a public park we want the facilities to be available for baseball, basketball, floor hockey, exercise classes, children play area, and possibly a walking path around the field

At the meeting a couple of months ago where we discussed this issue, one JOTP person kept talking about how rarely people of the community used the tennis courts (mentioning that he'd always asked the people using the courts where they came from, and they were frequently U of M students). I would just like to point out that when the courts are used by JOTP for such extensive daytime hours, that makes it a bit hard for the courts to actually be used by the residents.

I do appreciate the efforts here to find an appropriate turf that works for tennis. I think it's really important to make sure that the courts are still appropriate and good tennis courts.

Explored involvement for my kids.

Great for the neighborhood!

great idea to resurface the courts. i am in favor.

How does the concentration on soccer affect the opportunity for other uses for those who live around the rec center in south St. Anthony Park? How can the center best serve its immediate community?

How much space does JOTP need? They have the whole park. Kids can play on dirt/ grass. No need for fancy surfaces if the purpose really is for kids to just play. Have to wonder about actual motives of JOTP.

How much space does this program need? They have the whole park and claim to be about kids being kids and playing. Why the need for fancy artificial surfaces?

I was initially very supportive of JOTP 's mission. However, I became more and more disappointed in the general appearance of the green space that was our park despite the ongoing "talk" at JOTP meetings about upkeep and landscape plans.

In addition to poor ground maintenance, We also have the added eyesore of the white plastic temporary/portable soccer field enclosure. It sat at the southern end of the park for 2+ years only to be moved to the northern end this year. It is typically used one day a week and sits on the one remaining softball diamond.

The projected plans to add even more plastic/artificial field/court use to the park is extremely disturbing. In light of past planning meetings it appears that what money is involved will always be utilized in the best interest of JOTP purposes - with little regard for shared space purposes. JOTP is effectively disregarding input that doesn't fit with their plan - despite earlier assurances of sharing the space.

I am concerned that the installation of the turf will gradually lead to the replacement of the tennis courts. I have seen the walled in soccer field replace the baseball diamond which I thought was disappointing. I have seen people use the baseball diamond in the past, but rarely if ever see the soccer field being used.

I am glad South St Anthony Park is getting some much attention and use. We are lucky to see a park being used as a park and having an entity like JOTP that is willing to bring money and effort into upkeep and use of the park. It was very underutilized before JOTP. I wholeheartedly support JOTPs efforts to increase the parks use around both soccer and tennis.

I am very positive about the proposal to resurface the courts to make them suitable for both soccer and tennis. I am also grateful to JOTP for the services they have offered to our community.

I believe in resurfacing the tennis courts as benefit for the compromise from JOTP to benefit the tennis players and the soccer players.

i believe making the full size soccer field safer for competitive play should be the priority.

I believe that the new tennis surface will likely dissuade players from using the courts. I am willing to be convinced otherwise by survey evidence.

I believe this is a good program; however, this is a public park, and I like to walk there, picnic there, and take children to the playground. None of these activities seem to have any priority anymore, and this is not in keeping with the role of a public park.

I would like to have a walking path around the park, areas for playing other games than soccer, a few trees for shade, benches. And, I would like to use the indoor center for walking during inclement weather.

Furthermore, the soccer fields are often left with trash on them, balls and nets hanging loosely, and other messes.

Please help balance the use of the park between neighbors and players.

I don't think JOTP should be allowed to alter a facility that is funded by taxpayers. I also think the City should end this lease relationship and return the park to the public.

I feel this is a thoughtful proposal with many upsides and no downsides. I support it completely.

I have not felt welcome at the playground anymore. I have lived next to So St Anthony playground for almost 30 years and am sad to say it is not very neighborhood friendly. We have been asked to leave the building, my kids skateboard and have been asked to leave, neighbors have tried to have pick up softball games and have been asked to leave.

I don't know many neighborhood kids who participate in the programs there.

Please don't cover the tennis courts to make them more conducive to soccer.

I like the project as long as the community has access.

I love JOTP and am happy to see it there for the development of youth soccer and for the opportunity it provides for me to keep myself in the game through adult free play times.

I love the group. My son does too.

I love this idea, and will frequent the courts for tennis more often if this surface is installed.

I really appreciate the chance to be surveyed!

I support this proposal strongly.

I think it's great if you're able to serve the needs of both the self interest of the neighborhood as well as the JOTP organization.

I think JOTP has been an incredible addition to the community and working to develop this site adds to the whole community. What they do goes beyond a particular activity like tennis or soccer, but builds community. It isn't easy to do that and impossible to measure its impact, but seeing it first hand-watching boys and girls from all kinds of backgrounds playing a sport TOGETHER, working to break down barriers and build up those who need it, is invaluable. Girls and boys play together. Games are based on participation and skill and traditional barriers and hierarchies are replaced by the joy of play. It is an amazing sight to see.

I think JOTP provides a great place for kids to learn and grow as people and soccer players. It provides a place after school where kids can be safe and play soccer as well as work on homework and make new friends. There are kids of all ages. I think the new surface would be an asset for the surrounding community. Something new and different that is not offered anywhere else.

I think that JOTP has made a real effort to use the space at St. Anthony Park. The kids enjoy playing on all the surfaces they have and having the tennis courts surfaced would provide a safer environment. Also having a turf space would make it open for multi use which in a community space as such get's more people to use it.

I think the court resurfacing should be seen as part of the larger elevation in value of the Center and the grounds in general. So much (active) good has come from JOTP's presence there and this is a continuation.

I think the JOTP plans for the court are spectacular.

I think the short turf is a great upgrade to this park, and will likely lead to increased usage. I like that the neighborhood is involved and values the park and its amenities.

I am also impressed with the communication and flexibility of both JOTP and the neighborhood in seeking an option that will benefit both parties.

I think this is a great project and JOTP has made a big effort to collect opinions and ideas from both their community and the surrounding St Anthony park community. I would very much like for this project to happen.

I would be proud to have such a viable and ground breaking program in our park.

I'm glad to see continued use of the space at ssa. Before jotp came in, it was under utilized and the fields were a mess - complete with broken beer bottles. With the growth of soccer nationwide and in St Paul with the coming stadium, we have the chance to create something special right here in our neighborhood with jotp. Putting multi use turf in the courts will enable multi use - safer soccer activity and still support tennis - while at the same time giving tennis players an opportunity to play on a different surface. Those that want the same surface as exists now can still access it at Langford and College Park - increasing use at those areas. My bias is that more use is more better, resulting in more city support for our community assets (i.e. Keeping Langford Rec center open and college park well maintained).

I'm not opposed to JOTP but I really resent that a park, for which I pay, is no longer available to me. I can no longer play soft ball, throw frisbees, walk my dog, picnic or just relax in a quiet green meadow b/c the grounds are always full of JOTP kids. They are over-used and very poorly maintained. The horse-shoe courts are gone. They don't maintain the lawn and have planted no trees, added no new walking paths, made no improvements to the grounds themselves. In fact, the grounds are in a deplorable condition. They spend all their money on programs and salaries, rather than spending even a bit of it on grounds maintenance/improvements. We moved into this neighborhood in part for the amenities provided, namely the park which abuts our property. It is no longer our park--even though we, in part, fund it with our taxes. It should be a SHARED resource, but is anything but that. I can't get on the tennis courts, I can't walk my dog, I can't play ball or anything b/c we don't have access

I've used the tennis courts in the park in the past, but no longer do so due to knee issues. I support keeping the courts!

Is there a problem with the current tennis courts? (Are they in need of resurfacing or in disrepair.)

is this change beneficial for the whole neighborhood or is it primarily going to benefit just JOTP? Those tennis courts are constantly in use whenever there isn't snow on the ground. I want to make sure that the neighbors in houses, apartments, lofts, town homes, and condos are still going to be able to use those courts and be pleased with it.

It seems like it would be a win/win for both tennis players and soccer players.

It seems that the process for making this change (upgrade, really) has been fair and open. Thank you.

It would be good to understand the suitability of Tigerturf's product for the extremes of the Minnesota climate before purchase decision was reached (demonstrated product performance for 5+ years in a similar climate would be best).

I understand that some artificial turf used for tennis might have some regular maintenance requirements (like sweeping/brushing, power washing) in order to get full life and performance from the surface. It would be good to understand these ongoing time / labor / financial commitments before purchase decision was reached.

Its very exciting to have a surface to play on that will be physically supportive for my students.

JotP are very good at what they do and make great neighbors

JOTP had an outstanding organization. We love their teaching methodology and their sense of community.

JOTP has created a wonderful community of children and parents brought together to play. They are great stewards of the grounds and bring life to the park

JOTP is a great addition to the Twin Cities community and provides services that are hard to duplicate. They are an invaluable community resource. I would love to see JOTP continue to grow and develop and support any effort on the part of the city to provide better facilities for the kids who participate in JOTP's programming.

JOTP is a great model for children's athletics!

JOTP is a great organization. Supporting them to improve facilities to continue to reach out to the community is a very worthwhile investment.

JOTP is a great place for all kids and they are doing a wonderful job.

JOTP is an excellent community partner please allow them to renovate the tennis courts. thank you.

JOTP is fantastic. The only of it's kind in the TC specializing in soccer, offering a safe place for kids of all colors, income brackets and skill levels to play year round FOR FREE.

I really don't understand the resistance to converting the courts to a softer, more forgiving surface with an proven track record? There are six identical "hard court" surfaces within a two mile radius of JOTP. Purists who must only play on that surface still have lot's of options within walking/biking distance. The new surface would be a novelty, the only surface of it's sort in the TC and could potentially attract new tennis players to the courts.

As an aside, an 11 y/o girl who is friends with my daughters broke her wrist in two places last week on the hard court surface. It's was a just a freak accident, they weren't even playing soccer. She just tripped over a smaller kid and stuck her hand out to break her fall. On a softer surface she likely would have been just fine.

JOTP should be the role model for kids sports: no try-outs, non competitive friendly play, fantastic youth development, kids drawn from diverse socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds, no pressure to join a traveling team, coaches believe in mission of helping kids.

Tennis courts will get more use by kids if they have a soft surface. Instead of 2 adults playing tennis, you'll see 10 kids playing soccer on the court.

Joy of the people is a great organization and I think their ideas for the tennis courts are great for everyone. When the neighborhood brought forth that they wanted the tennis courts to stay, JOTP looked for a solution that would be suitable.

Looking forward to using the tennis court area for long periods of the year with a new surface, and getting more use of it even when its wet out.

My concern is the exposure to plastics. Globally the proliferation of plastic is alarming. The product may be approved by the tennis federation. A bouncing ball is one thing. What's product do to an elbow or knee? Any health risks? And how long is the product good for befor it needs to be throw away and replaced?

New surfaces on the courts would be a great resource for JOTP and the community as a whole.

No comment.

Nobody plays tennis there

none

None

None, I support the renovation.

None. Our kids are too young. Will use in future.

Our participation in JOTP brings us to the neighborhood often. As a result, we have become members of Hampden Co-op, we shop at Sharrett's liquor store, we eat at Keys, etc.

Please give the neighborhood our park back. I and my neighbors didn't buy our houses next to a wonderful park to have it taking away from us and our children. this is a serious equity issue as we have many underserved populations within blocks of this wonderful green space that have been denied use of this space...they do not have the ability to drive to another park south of 94 or north of the rail road tracks nor is it safe for them to attempt to make the long trek as young children and families.

Raising 100k to invest in neighborhood children is a great accomplishment and even though it likely won't benefit the sports that our family participates in it is a much needed improvement and will enhance the excellent services that JOTP offers.

Resurface the courts. It works for all sports. And it is better for everyone.

Skills in summer and some skills in winter.

Thank you for helping JOTP seek neighbor and user input.

Thank you for involving the community in this change.

Thanks for being so thorough in your consensus building.

Thanks for seeking feedback.

Thanks You for asking! Will the tennis courts receive new nets?

The resurfacing of the tennis courts will be an attractive modification to the site and provide for increase utilization of the space both for tennis and soccer/futsal.

there are many surface options from Tiger Turf. have not heard which one is JOTP considering. the one shown at a recent community meeting looked to be too tall, I would want a shorter blade product chosen.

this is a very good thing to resurface...the courts very important for each generation and all generation of players for safety and good play

we DO NOT want JOP changes to the park/courts

I haven't used South St. Anthony Park as frequently for tennis because the park environment isn't as nice as others nearby. Courts seem to lack tree cover for shade, wind, and traffic cover.

Very supportive about the dual use of the tennis courts: soccer and tennis. The court would seem to draw new interest to the sport of tennis and reach new ages for tennis play. Differing surfaces creates creativity in athletes and better players overall.

JOTP leaders have been cognizant to create lifelong athletes who love play and fun. It is a healthy community and one that positively impacts the lives of children, youth and young adults. Players set expectations for each other in the areas of healthy exercise, personal growth, responsibility and academics. The academic stories heard from parents is further evidence on the achievements of players beyond the sport of soccer. It's a community of all races, religions, economic status, gender, and other diversity areas. We choose to attend JOTP for the diversity reason and have received much much more in return. Respect goes both ways and JOTP is a model for respecting others and other ways of play in sports.