



## Legislation Text

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### **Title:**

**Public Hearing - Naming of Pickleball Courts at Clarks Creek Community Park to "John Stevens Pickleball Center"**

### **Summary**

#### **ACTION:**

- 1. Open Public Hearing on the request to name the pickleball courts at Clarks Creek Community Park to "John Stevens Pickleball Center"**
- 2. Close the public hearing and approve the naming as recommended, "John Stevens Pickleball Center"**

**Staff Contact:** W. Lee Jones - Director of Park and Recreation

**Presentation:** No

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

This application to name the pickleball courts at Clarks Creek Community Park to "John Stevens Pickleball Center" was submitted by Bill and Kathy Cooper, along with Rich Cho, Gillian Stevens, Peter Popovich and Rodney Allman.

John Stevens was a stalwart of North Carolina pickleball. A great ambassador for the sport, he worked to spread the word of pickleball to communities throughout North Carolina and was involved in conducting exhibitions to teach and showcase pickleball to people of all ages. John also spearheaded the effort to have Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation include pickleball lines on the tennis courts at Tuckaseegee Park in 2016. These outdoor pickleball courts were the first of its kind in the Charlotte area and are used regularly by players of all skill levels. He was also instrumental in persuading Park and Recreation to build the eight dedicated pickleball courts at the new Clarks Creek Community Park; the first of its kind in the greater Charlotte area. The naming application shares much more of John's involvement with the game of pickleball and highlights the many positions held in various organizations as well as his many awards and honors.

This naming has been endorsed by the North Park Region Advisory Council and by the Park and Recreation Commission.

**PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**  
N/A

**POLICY IMPACT:**  
N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
N/A