



216 Aspen Avenue SE, PO Box 160, Menahga, MN 56464

02/25/25 Board Report

Winter Sports/Activities

- Congrats to the UNC Warriors wrestling team for advancing to State for the fourth straight year
- Girls basketball wrapped their season with a 22-4 record.

Community Education

Pickleball court report

Numerous informal meetings, telephone calls, discussions and planning strategies were utilized to obtain positive results. We have willingly worked hard to achieve successful results and feel that we have exhausted local resources. Despite our efforts, we have not obtained enough results. We have reached out to other local businesses, including Renneberg Hardwoods, Anderson Homes, Omega, and RDO.

Our initial plan involved a cooperative effort between the school, community, and city.

School: The Minnesota Department of Education's goal for Physical Education is to develop physically literate individuals who have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of physical activity. Pickleball is a skill taught in Menahga and meets this goal. Six pickleball courts would create a new classroom for our students!

Community: Pickleball provides an outlet for physical activity and exercise. It creates social interactions within the community. Pickleball is a low-impact sport suitable for individuals of all ages and fitness levels.

City: Families looking for neighborhoods to move to look at the amenities. It is not surprising, pickleball tops the list. Likewise, when planning family vacations, people look for fun things to do. Once again pickleball comes out on top. As visitors travel to Menahga to play quality courts, they will eat at our local restaurants, shop in our stores and support local businesses.

August 2023 – A small group of enthusiastic pickleball players met with Superintendent Jason Kjos to discuss the possibility of converting the tennis courts into pickleball courts. Soon after, the Menahga School Board voted to approve the action at no cost to the school.

October 2023 – Presentation to Menahga Civic and Commerce - no donation

October 2023 – Presentation to Menahga Lions - donated \$10,000

November 2023 – Presentation to Menahga VFW Post - \$2,000 donation

January 2024 – Phone conversation with Wolf Lake Wolf Pack Baseball - \$2,000 donation

July 2024 – Grant application to the Foundation for Rural Services (West Central Telephone) - not selected

July 2024 – An informational fundraiser event was set up at the Menahga Midsummer St. Urho Run - collected \$57.00

July 2024 – Grant application to Essentia Health - \$500 awarded

July 2024 - Grant application to MN Power - awarded \$500.

August 2024 – Presented again at Menahga Civic and Commerce meeting - \$2,000 donation

August 2024 – Informal speech to Jim Day - contribution of \$5,000 was received from the Day Foundation

August 2024 – Grant proposal to Operation Round Up (Todd Wadena Coop) - not selected

August 2024 – Letter was compiled to West Central asking for contributions - received \$2,500

August 2024 – Online grant application to KLN Enterprises - awarded \$1,000

August 2024 – Informative speech to the Park Rapids Star of the North (Marines) - \$500 donation

August 2024 – We conferred with Andrea Haverinen to create a pickleball website. Andrea contributed her time and \$5.53 to get our website up and running. menahgapickleball.com Through the website we received donations totaling & 694.44.

August 2024 – Attended meeting of American Legion Post 212 of Park Rapids - \$500 donation

September 2024 – Grant proposal to TEAM Foundation - not awarded

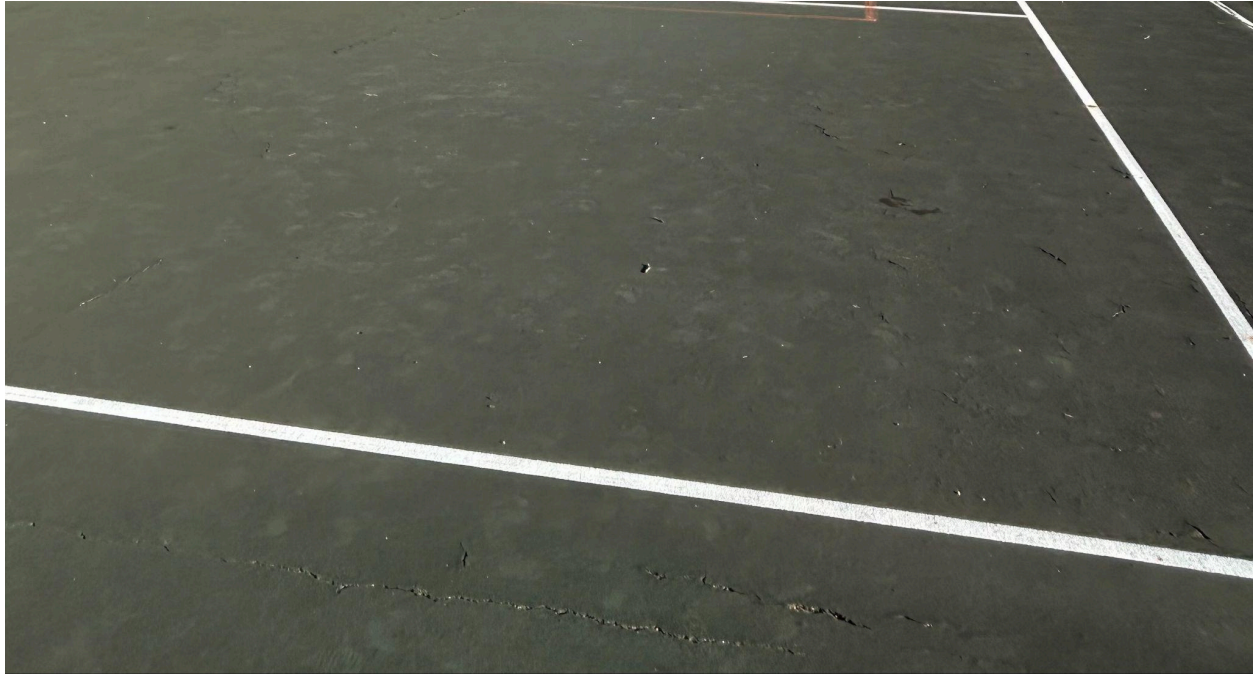
September 2024 - Gift from the Shane Keranen Foundation - \$1,500

September 2024 – Chris Lake, Jayne Warner, Michael Weerts, and Judy Maaninga collaborated to submit a grant to the MN Department of Human Services through the Age Friendly MN Community Grant. Many hours were spent diligently creating a proposal that we were proud of. However, in February 2025, we learned that they were unable to support us. There was a record number of applicants and award decisions were extremely competitive.

February 2025 - \$100 donation

Our fund balance at this time is \$31,000.22.





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