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Dear CPCCommittee,

Northborough Youth Basketball Association (NYBA) strongly supports Allie Lane's renovation proposal for the Melican Middle School outdoor tennis and basketball courts. The basketball courts are badly damaged with large cracks, some over 4" wide, in the asphalt. This could lead to injuries. The current goals are poor quality and in disrepair. This is the only place in Northborough where there are four side-by-side courts, which is ideal for running outdoor youth camps or tournaments. We'd ask that the project consider using good quality adjustable goals, like the ones at Proctor. Younger kids should be playing on rims as low as 7 feet. And since Northborough Rec uses the courts for younger aged campers, it would be beneficial for their enjoyment and development. NYBA could also use these courts for summer skills clinics. In addition, we'd propose installing fencing around the basketball courts, like the tennis courts. It's helpful in containing the balls and kids. It also prevents cars and snowplows from being on the courts which will dramatically extend the life of the courts.

Redoing both Melican's tennis and basketball courts is long overdue. The Northborough Youth Basketball Association is a strong advocate for this project being funded.

Thank you,

Michael Koziol
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