

Sterling Heights Pickleball and Table Tennis Complex FAQ

Q. Where is the location?

A. The facility is at 35630 Van Dyke which is located in the mixed-use development on the northeast corner of Van Dyke at Fifteen Mile Rd.

Q. Why did the city choose this location?

A. The priorities for a location as established at the January 2025 Strategic Planning Session included finding a location away from the center of the city to spread out major recreational assets; finding a property that contained an existing building to further our sustainability efforts; and finding a building that was large enough to fit all of the components we said we would deliver in our educational materials. During our property searches, this was the best property in that it met all of the criteria. In addition, this location has the greatest access off main roads and bus routes while also coming in within the budgeted allocation.

Q. How much money was allocated to this project in the millage proposal that was approved by the residents last November?

A. The pro forma shared in educational materials included a \$10,000,000 allocation for this project.

Q. What was the purchase price of the facility?

A. The city of Sterling Heights purchased the property for \$2,500,000. This includes the 37,000 sf building, 247 dedicated parking spaces and approximately one acre of undeveloped greenspace at the north end of the property. In total, the area is 4.67 acres.

Q. How much will it cost to renovate the existing building?

A. The design build agreement approved by City Council on 9/2 is in the not to exceed amount of \$7,200,000.

Q. We have additional questions about the facility design? How can we share feedback?

A. The city is hosting an informational listening and feedback session from 4:30 – 6 pm on Tuesday, September 30 at the Community Center.

Q. How long will construction take?

A. The grand opening is tentatively planned for July 2026.

Q. Will there be a fee to use the facility?

A. Thanks to the residents approving the Pathway to Play and Preservation millage, drop-in play will be free for residents of Sterling Heights. The fee for non-residents and those without proper identification will be \$5 per person per day. Similar to other millage funded amenities like the Community Center, programs and events such as lessons, leagues, tournaments, and rentals will be assessed a fee including a discount for residents. {Internal only- Warren residents are required to pay the drop-in fee}.

Q. How many courts are included in the facility?

A. The facility will hold nine (9) pickleball courts and six (6) table tennis tables exceeding the stated eight (8) pickleball courts from the educational materials leading up to the election in November.

Q. What other features will be included in this facility?

A. In addition to the playing areas, other amenities available to the public will include a café/ vending area, locker rooms, a rentable meeting/ party room, meditation room, and a nursing mother room.

Q. Will there be pickleball and table tennis equipment available for check-out/ loan?

A. The facility will have a limited number of paddles available for use and will supply pickleballs and table tennis balls for general play and all programs facilitated by the department. Players are permitted to supply their own balls if they prefer a different product and if agreed upon by all players on the court during drop-in play.

Q. Weren't these courts supposed to be outdoor?

A. The Pathway to Play and Preservation Millage proposal included both outdoor pickleball courts with the park development at Red Run Park, as well as this dedicated indoor pickleball and table tennis facility.