

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

March 23, 2026

Members: Brian Ashton, Chair
Gary DeRemer, Vice Chair
Nikki Cebula, Rachel Loza, Marie Willis-Guarneri

Mr. Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. Ms. Willis-Guarneri was absent.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-11

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-11

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Site Technology Inc., for repairs to the Cuyahoga Falls High School Tennis Courts, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-11 to Council. Site Technology Inc. is the sole source purveyor of the Novacrylic Combination Color Surface System which is a proprietary application and Site Technology Inc. is the only authorized surface applicator in the area. The tennis courts will be used by the Cuyahoga Falls boys and girls tennis teams and, at all other times, available to the public.

The Parks and Recreation Board will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, without competitive bidding, with Site Technology Inc., for repairs to the Cuyahoga Falls High School tennis courts. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Recreation Levy Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Kline stated that this piece of legislation is to ask for Council's authorization to enter into a contract with a company Site Technology Inc., who has done hard surface areas within the park system to redo the tennis courts off of Thomas Court.

Mr. Ashton asked what they looked at before determining this company for pavement and also asked for a timeline. Ms. Kline responded that there are some tennis courts at other parks across the city, at Keyser Park, Kennedy Park and Valley Vista Park. When it became increasingly evident that the tennis courts were falling into disrepair, they got price estimates as to cost to rebuild and repair, as well as building a new suite of tennis courts in the city. For high school tennis or any tennis club, they need a minimum of six courts to run tournaments. The other locations only have a handful of tennis courts at each site so, they would have to add courts even if they were to build onto existing areas. In 2024, they sought out quotes for a few different locations. At Ross Park, in October of 2025, the cost was \$595,000. In the same timeframe of October of 2024, to build at Preston Park would have been \$580,000. At the time to rebuild the court at Thomas Court, the estimate came in at \$175,000. They are about \$20,000 over that two

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years later, and that includes other amenities. Those other sites would require fencing and potentially required lighting and parking upgrades. When they took a look at those numbers and the fact that the courts on Thomas Court are the most centrally located in the city, it made more sense to consider a rebuild. They have previously engaged in repairs and now are beyond the ability to repair. They do require to be milled off, redone and restriped.

Mr. Ashton stated that these tennis courts are for the general public; not just for the school and the tennis team. Ms. Kline stated that they are available for the public outside of reserved school hours, so no different than the playgrounds at the elementary schools. They have had a number of residents who have asked over the years about these particular courts because they are closest to their homes. It is where they like to play and it is the biggest suite of courts they have in the city outside of the Woodridge campus.

Mr. Ashton asked if they can alternate these to be potential pickleball courts in the summer in the future. Ms. Kline stated that it is always a possibility. The pickleball and tennis players do not like to share courts. It is certainly feasible, possible and likely that that could be something that could happen.

Mr. Ashton asked if there have been conferences at the school that they intend to use these courts for the tennis teams. Ms. Kline stated yes. Mr. Ashton asked if the schools own these courts at this time. Ms. Kline stated that they do.

Mr. Stams asked if the new high school has a suite of six tennis courts. Ms. Kline stated that the new high school has no tennis courts. Mr. Stams asked how much this project would cost. Ms. Kline stated that it is \$194,000 and change. Mr. Stams stated that it is much less than the \$500,000 for the other courts. Ms. Kline stated that those quotes are a year and a half old, so it would be more. Mr. Stams asked if there are no other suite of six courts that the kids could use. Ms. Kline stated that the only place is Woodridge.

Ms. Loza moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-11 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. DeRemer. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.