MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Facility Use Policy; Res. 98-52

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 17, 1998

ACTION AND VOTE:

B) Amend the Parks and Recreation Facility Use Policy that Would Add Policies Governing the Behavior of Tennis Players on County-Owned Tennis Courts (Continued from Policy on February 10, 1998)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held relative to the proposed amendments. Maurice Varney commented that the tennis entities have not had a chance to review the policy and he asked about use of the courts for tennis instruction. Mike Edwards advised that the policy being proposed is standard and was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Supervisor Balmain asked about the effect of the proposed policy relative to other uses that occur on the Coulterville tennis courts during special events. Mr. Varney thanked Joe Boland for his program, and he suggested that individuals as well as groups be added to the restrictions if Supervisor’s Parker recommendation for amendment to the proposed policy is accepted. (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 98-52 adopted amending the Use Policy as recommended, with a change to reflect that the tennis courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis to individual members of the general public, and that exclusive rights for teaching of tennis may be granted by the Board of Supervisors on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Further discussion was held relative to approval of teaching programs and continuation of the existing program by Joe Boland. Jeff Green, County Counsel, stated he feels these programs should come back to the Board on an annual basis for approval and that this policy would not affect an ongoing program at this time; however, any such program should be submitted to the Board as soon as possible for review and action. Rich Begley, PWD/Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, provided input relative to the status of the program taught by Joe Boland and he advised that the request he received for this spring can be submitted to the Commission for review and recommendation. Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Balmain requested that the new policy be forwarded to groups who use the facilities. Further discussion was held relative to allowing Joe Boland to begin his youth tennis program under existing conditions with an agreement to be brought back to the Board as soon as possible -- Board concurred. Further discussion was held concerning the policy and Jeff Green advised that the restriction to four days a year for use of facilities for profit should be clarified that this refers to fundraising activities. (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, previous motion was amended to amend the policy to include direction that the restriction to use
the facilities four times a year does not apply to approved use of the tennis courts as
specified/Ayes: Unanimous. Mr. Varney asked about the status of the on-going Play
Tennis America program. Rich Begley advised that there is no request pending for this
program.

cc: Rich Begley, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director
    Jeff Green, County Counsel
    Board of Supervisors Policy Book
    File
RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Amend the Parks and Recreation Facility Use Policy that would add policies governing the behavior of tennis players on County-owned tennis courts.

Attachment #1 is the current policy. Attachment #2 is the proposed policy. Tennis Court usage is described beginning on pages 1-3 and 2-3, respectively.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has regulated Parks and Recreation facilities and activities numerous times in the 40-year history of the department. On January 19, 1993 the Board passed a comprehensive Facility Use Policy. The action recommended above will be an amendment to that policy.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Board of Supervisors may modify the Facility Use Policy beyond recommendations received from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

2. The Board of Supervisors may leave status quo and not make any modifications. That action may have impact on tennis court users by leaving a state of confusion about when courts are used and by whom.

COSTS:

A. Budgeted current FY > $ __________
B. Total anticipated Costs > $ __________
C. Required additional funding > $ __________
D. Internal transfers > $ __________

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if Approved: $ __________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office

Date:

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

Deputy

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

1. Current policy
2. Proposed policy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment: __________________________

C.A.O. Initials: [Signature]
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CONDUCT OF PERSONS

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INDEMNITY

The County of Mariposa is not responsible for accidents, injury, illness, or loss of group or individual property. The permittee may be required to file evidence of adequate public liability and property damage insurance and shall name the County of Mariposa as additional insured. All special events, fund raisers and activities subject to Public Assembly Permit process will be required to file evidence of adequate public liability and property damage insurance and shall name the County of Mariposa as additional insured.

KEYS

Keys will be issued to permittee for designated area. A charge of $5.00 per lost key will be levied. All keys will be assigned out of the Parks and Recreation office.

VERBAL AGREEMENTS

No verbal agreements for use of facilities shall be made.

NORMAL OPERATING HOURS

Normal operating hours for reserving facilities including community halls, lighted picnic areas, outdoor theater, park tennis courts, athletic fields and any facility under County jurisdiction are as follows:

SUMMER SEASON FROM 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
WINTER SEASON FROM 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
(Mariposa County Code Section 12.16.090)

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

County of Mariposa equipment may be available for public use, but must be requested at the time of application for facility use. The permittee shall be responsible for the set-up and take-down of all County equipment.

STORAGE FACILITIES

Storage facilities are not available.

TICKET SALES AND ADMISSION CHARGES

Ticket sales and admission charges are allowed only if indicated on the application and approved. The Department must be made aware of all fund raising events. At no time will the parks be closed to the general public. County residents cannot be excluded from a special event or other activities where charged. Admission charges are voluntary donations.

SUPERVISION OF OCCUPANCIES

When an employee of the Department is on duty, he/she is responsible for the enforcement of the policies, rules, regulations, terms and conditions governing use of the facilities and shall have
complete authority over the facilities used and the activities therein. The employee has the
authority to terminate the permittee's use for failure to comply.

Department staff will respond to any condition where County facilities or equipment are not
functioning properly. Staff is not assigned to events or rentals unless the permittee pays for such
assignment. If a condition requiring call out results from the permittee's actions, charges will be
assessed at the discretion of the department.

USE OF KITCHEN FACILITIES

Use of kitchen facilities shall be subject to the County regulations relating to such use.

FURNISHING OF SUPPLIES

It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that supplies, such as toilet paper, trash bags, are
sufficient to support the permittee's activity.

SECTION VII - PAYMENT AND REFUNDS

PAYMENT

Applicant shall pay to the County all use fees and deposits prior to application approval.
Reservations shall not be made without the accompanying fee nor can they be made by the
telephone. For extended uses, payment may be made quarterly. Late payments may result in
cancellation of permit.

If, during the actual use of the facility by the permittee, additional fees are assessed by the County,
these fees must be paid within ten (10) days after the use or be deducted from deposit.

Deposits must be paid prior to permit approval.

REFUND

Permittee is requested to contact the Parks and Recreation office, (966-2498), as soon as possible
for any cancellation of a function to allow for use by others. Fees and deposit will be refunded.

Full refund of use fees and deposit shall be made where the County is required to cancel permit
for reasons stated in Section V.

Refund of deposits will be made by mail where no damage or loss has occurred, or when no extra
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SECTION VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. Permittee shall not disturb other activities that may occur at the facilities or premises.
   (Some facilities are multi-use such as fire stations)
2. Key will be returned to check-out place immediately after function, or if after closing time, first thing the next day unless otherwise instructed.

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4. Signs and bulletins shall NOT be removed.

5. A Hall-Use Report Card is to be completed by group.

6. OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING IN COUNTY PARKS IS PROHIBITED.

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8. Dogs must be on leashes when in or on County Park premises.

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E. Per the terms of this policy, requests for reservations for tennis tournaments, team practices, special events or group events with publicized invitations require an APPROVED FACILITY REQUEST FORM. At least one court shall, at all times, remain open for public play.

F. The County of Mariposa reserves the right to monitor, control and permit the teaching of tennis on County courts. Exclusive rights may be granted at the request of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Board of Supervisors may choose to hear appeals.

G. The County of Mariposa reserves the right to hold official County functions on said courts.

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Exits shall not be obstructed and exit signs shall not be covered. At no time shall group size exceed the facility occupancy load as established by the County and/or State Fire Marshal.

INDEMNITY

The County of Mariposa is not responsible for accidents, injury, illness, or loss of group or individual property. The permittee may be required to file evidence of adequate public liability and property damage insurance and shall name the County of Mariposa as additional insured. All special events, fund raisers and activities subject to Public Assemblage Permit process will be required to file evidence of adequate public liability and property damage insurance and shall name the County of Mariposa as additional insured.

KEYS

Keys will be issued to permittee for designated area. A charge of $5.00 per lost key will be levied. All keys will be assigned out of the Parks and Recreation office.

VERBAL AGREEMENTS

No verbal agreements for use of facilities shall be made.

NORMAL OPERATING HOURS

Normal operating hours for reserving facilities including community halls, lighted picnic areas, outdoor theater, park tennis courts, athletic fields and any facility under County jurisdiction are as follows:

SUMMER SEASON FROM 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
WINTER SEASON FROM 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
(Mariposa County Code Section 12.16.090)

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

County of Mariposa equipment may be available for public use, but must be requested at the time of application for facility use. The permittee shall be responsible for the set-up and take-down of all County equipment.
STORAGE FACILITIES

Storage facilities are not available.

TICKET SALES AND ADMISSION CHARGES

Ticket sales and admission charges are allowed only if indicated on the application and approved. The Department must be made aware of all fund raising events. At no time will the parks be closed to the general public. County residents cannot be excluded from a special event or other activities where charged. Admission charges are voluntary donations.

SUPERVISION OF OCCUPANCIES

When an employee of the Department is on duty, he/she is responsible for the enforcement of the policies, rules, regulations, terms and conditions governing use of the facilities and shall have complete authority over the facilities used and the activities therein. The employee has the authority to terminate the permittee's use for failure to comply.

Department staff will respond to any condition where County facilities or equipment are not functioning properly. Staff is not assigned to events or rentals unless the permittee pays for such assignment. If a condition requiring call out results from the permittee's actions, charges will be assessed at the discretion of the department.

USE OF KITCHEN FACILITIES

Use of kitchen facilities shall be subject to the County regulations relating to such use.

FURNISHING OF SUPPLIES

It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that supplies, such as toilet paper, trash bags, are sufficient to support the permittee's activity.

SECTION VII - PAYMENT AND REFUNDS

PAYMENT

Applicant shall pay to the County all use fees and deposits prior to application approval. Reservations shall not be made without the accompanying fee nor can they be made by the telephone. For extended uses, payment may be made quarterly. Late payments may result in cancellation of permit.

If, during the actual use of the facility by the permittee, additional fees are assessed by the County, these fees must be paid within ten (10) days after the use or be deducted from deposit.

Deposits must be paid prior to permit approval.
REFUND

Permittee is requested to contact the Parks and Recreation office, (966-2498), as soon as possible for any cancellation of a function to allow for use by others. Fees and deposit will be refunded.

Full refund of use fees and deposit shall be made where the County is required to cancel permit for reasons stated in Section V.

Refund of deposits will be made by mail where no damage or loss has occurred, or when no extra clean-up is required as a result of permittee's use of facilities. In the event of charges for damage or loss, the deposit will be forfeited and additional charges made to cover damages or loss.

SECTION VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. Permittee shall not disturb other activities that may occur at the facilities or premises. (Some facilities are multi-use such as fire stations).

2. Key will be returned to check-out place immediately after function, or if after closing time, first thing the next day unless otherwise instructed.

3. NOTHING shall be removed from any facilities or premises without prior approval.

4. Signs and bulletins shall NOT be removed.

5. A Hall-Use Report Card is to be completed by group.

6. OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING IN COUNTY PARKS IS PROHIBITED.

7. Unauthorized use and/or display of FIREARMS or other dangerous weapons is PROHIBITED.

8. Dogs must be on leashes when in or on County Park premises.

9. The County of Mariposa will not be held liable or responsible for accident and/or injury to persons or property, nor will said County be responsible for loss of theft of personal property or for any equipment or items left in or on County properties.