

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Richard Begley

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes X No)

Deny request by Maurice Varney, dba We Teach Tennis Free Association, for reserved usage times on the Mariposa Park Tennis Courts for tennis lessons (see Attachment #1).

This recommendation is based on the following:

1. Mr. Varney's request would eliminate a majority of the desirable time available for general public tennis play.
2. Mr. Varney has been the subject of numerous violations of the County's Tennis Courts Use Policy and Board of Supervisors direction through his association with "Play Tennis America" and the Mariposa Tennis Club (see Attachment #2).
3. The County has authorized a very viable, continuing, affordable youth tennis instruction program through instructor Joe Boland.
4. Adult tennis instruction was previously authorized to Play Tennis America.

Mr. Varney's actions has caused staff, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Board to spend a significant amount of unproductive time to resolve.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On February 14, 1995 the Board approved the request by the Mariposa Tennis Club for organized use of the tennis courts subject to the club's Play Tennis America instruction program referral of youth (under age 18) to Joe Boland's instruction program (see Attachment #3).

On May 27, 1997 the Board considered the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to cancel the Mariposa Tennis Club's fall session due to repeated policy violations. The Board referred the issue back to the Commission and staff for resolution and possible policy revisions (see Attachment #4).

On July 5, 1997 the Mariposa Tennis Club withdrew the Board's approved 1997 tennis court reservations.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board should consider the following additional recommendations:

1. Adopt a new policy governing use of the tennis courts (refer to the next Board agenda item).
2. Direct staff to prepare a new formal agreement with Joe Boland for youth tennis instruction and return to the Board for approval.
3. Direct staff to advertise for qualified adult instruction at the tennis courts or, alternatively, negotiate with the Mariposa Tennis Club to continue the Play Tennis America program without Mr. Varney's involvement.
4. With regard to Mr. Varney's suggestion for construction of new tennis courts, staff does not feel it is warranted at this time. However, staff will again request funding in the FY 98/99 budget for a new lighting system.

2-17-98 For Action

MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA
ACTION FORM

AGENDA DATE: 02/10/98 F. Policy
AGENDA ITEM NO.:

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY> \$ _____
B. Total anticipated Costs> \$ _____
C. Required additional funding> \$ _____
D. Internal transfers> \$ _____

COSTS: () 4/5th Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues> \$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies> \$ _____
C. Source description: > _____

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
\$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
1. Letter dated 12/23/97 from Mr. Varney
2. List of infractions incurred by Mr. Varney
3. February 14, 1995 Minute Order
4. May 27, 1997 Minute Order

CLERK'S USE ONLY

Res. No.: 98-51 Ord. No.: _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

Approved Denied
 Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

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

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Deputy

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: *JA*