

Question 13: Are there other measures the Board should consider regarding construction or use of pickleball, basketball or other sports courts?

* Play should last no more than 2 hours continuously per session (with a minimum 1-hour break between sessions)

* Owner(s) must be present and/or playing when their court is being used (not open play for anyone at any time)

* Players should be encouraged (required?) to use noise-dampening paddles and foam balls (equipment technology is changing rapidly to address the nuisance of noise)

Allow basketball hoops but not large courts. Allow shuffleboard. Do NOT allow pickleball at all. The noise and loss of value to all our properties are the main reasons. Loss of green vegetation to neighbors views as well.

An owner should join a club outside MBX to enjoy whatever sports they like or move to Sea Colony.

Could an agreement be reached with the tennis club to install Courts at their facility?

Don't forget cornhole. It's not just the sound the sport makes. It's the hootin' and holler in' that ensues when a score is made.

Drainage

I believe owners should be allowed to have sports courts on their property but I do think the times should be regulated and if not obeyed, substantial fees should apply. I also think that the location of the court as well as the installing of the court should have to meet basic standards approved by the board.

I do not play while I am in Middlesex as k don't know where to play. It is a fun sport - the fresh air is great as is the comraderie! It gives people something to do !

I don't believe people should have pickleball courts on their properties in Middlesex Beach. They are too noisy for a "quiet" community.A backyard or driveway basketball hoop is no problem.

I erroneously hit answers on the TIME questions. I believe there should be no time allowed.

I think the board should act on behalf of the community and hold members accountable to our MBA Restrictive Covenants: 7.10)

The following operations which have the potential for generating undue noise, odors, light or other offensive impacts are prohibited, including but not limited to: gas stations, or other automotive service/parts establishments (including tires, batteries, mufflers, etc); repair or parts facilities for mechanical/hvac/electrical/plumbing or similar; construction operations; manufacturing/fabricating/processing facilities; laundromats, including dry cleaners and commercial laundries; automobile sales or leasing, or other vehicles; entertainment facilities, including arcades; building materials, supplies, hardware stores; hotels/motels/bed & breakfast/multifamily dwellings; bars or taverns; any sexually related establishments and/or animal hospitals and/or animal boarding facilities.

The covenant above is specifically for commercial buildings, but why would we have two standards for noise? Pickleball is louder than all of the above prohibited noises.

I think the issue is pickleball- which can be noisy and annoying. I do NOT think basketball is a problem, so let's not try to make it a problem. Basketball is good for all ages, especially kids and not that noisy. Limiting basketball to maybe a 8 pm or 9 pm stop time is reasonable if it is truly a community concern (but again, I have no concern about basketball).

I think the use of any of these courts should be allowed with reasonable time restrictions banning use in the early morning or evening hours.

I think this is unnecessary over-regulation. Are we going to regulate horseshoes? Other outside activities? Entertaining on screen porches and decks? Outside patio and deck lighting? Bike riding? Lawn mowing on weekends? MBA has quiet hours already - the above should fall within the same guidelines.

I would hope that any construction of said courts would not be approved.

let people just use their property following the existing HOA rules. Stop trying to micromanage homeowners.

Lights... there is already so much light pollution near the beach, I would like to see some rules as to current lights as well as any that may be used for a sport court.

Low noise surfaces and equipment

Maybe require a fence that blocks sound and sight or pickleball courts?

My thoughts would be to have such activities still comply with the regular quiet hours in the community. Doesn't matter what noise is the source. Quiet hours are quiet hours.

I'd probably also draft rules that the homeowners use, at least for pickle ball, the more recent manufactured items that are more sound deadening. Such apparatus does now exist for paddles and balls.

I probably wouldn't go to the level of requiring sound deadening pads for the fences but is an option.

NA

No, focus should be on noise mitigation where practical and allowed hours

Not at this time. I do not believe our community has an issue requiring "Board Measures".

People come to Middlesex Beach to relax & for vacation - BUT we all relax differently. We already have "quiet hours" - and that's sufficient for our community. If a neighbor is bothered by noise from another neighbor at a particular time (whether from pickleball, a party, a tv or just neighbors being loud), THEY SHOULD TALK TO THEIR NEIGHBORS (or their neighbor's renters). The Board doesn't need to regulate this - it seems to be a "solution" where we don't have a true problem.

Pickleball courts should be banned in Middlesex

Please don't use this issue to divide the community any further. A hand full of vocal residents should not affect everybody else. Fun tends to be noisy like laughter, people engaging with their families, bouncing a ball and walking a dog. We have noise regulations already and perhaps it is just enough to enforce those.

Sea Colony limits outdoor pickleball play to 8-5:30 and requires security and court locks to enforce times as many do not willingly follow time guidelines.

Sports Courts should comply with both the setback regulations and lot coverage regulations. They should require a building permit. Use should not be allowed after sunset, which does not fit neatly into the questions about allowable times.

The approval of adjacent neighbors is very important as with swimming pools

Some background for the committee and the Board as an over 50 year family owner in Middlesex. Our family bought the lot at 20 Errett Road in 1966 and built in 1968/69 and we have been vacationing and enjoying Middlesex Beach since then.....

This is a complex issue with a lot of variables around the potential restriction of use, restriction of hours, what the court is being used for under these, age of who is using, number of people using and more. I will get into this later.

Please know that my wife and I were both Division 1 athletes, our 3 children were all Division 1 athletes and fitness, health, teams, the lessons learned on the field or court of play and for life are our foundation and near and dear to us. Doing for others, exercise, learning from losses, learning to lead and to follow and being active are all core values.

Our sport court was submitted on our plans to Sussex County and the Architectural Committee and it was reviewed and approved. Anyone could have seen this we assume. Everything was public and there was nothing hidden. We built a multi-use sport court and from Day One anyone who has spoken with us or asked us we about the court we have said it is for any and all in the community to enjoy. In fact, we are pleased to say that many have taken us up on this for themselves, their children and their grandchildren. Love it and hope more to come. That is the sharing and healthy activity we should all be known for not being negative and trying to limit or restrict people.

The community needs to get back to a place with less rules and restrictions regarding how property owners enjoy and use thier property.

The existing building restrictions on size and scope, materials on your property that usually are applied seem adequate. A time frame for play should be implemented.

The expert we retained informed us that our houses are too close together to mitigate the noise. Sports courts of all kind should be prohibited on Dune Road because the houses are SO CLOSE together. Pickleball courts should be prohibited altogether unless the sound is mitigated properly per the expert report by the homeowner with the cost to be borne exclusively by the homeowner.

The owner has a right to enjoy their property and should not be restricted from exercising their rights as property owners. Quiet hours ought to be reasonable and observed.

The same rules should apply to courts as apply to driveways. No non-porous surfaces allowed.

Thought that solid surfaces were not allowed per Middlesex rules as it is a water run off concern. We have seen some asphalt drives in the neighborhood and not sure if we are misinformed or somehow there are exceptions to the rule.

So all these sports courts are impervious surface and contribute to run off.

Time rules should be in season aligned with dogs on the beach.

We believe the MBA board should prohibit the constuction of new sports courts. The existing courts would be grandfathered in and must comply with established rules to include lighting.

What is consider a court. Drawing line on the driveways, vs paving and driveway is two big differences.

you have noise rules,do they need expanded or play and constuction rules need help.Rentals is where I would see the problem.Could they use the tennis courts at rear of pine side.Most MBA residents follow reasonable needs.

The board should not allow construction of pickleball courts on private lots or in MBA streets.