

## COSMO-BETHEL TENNIS AND TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**IP Meeting Time/Date:** 6-7pm, September 18, 2014

**IP Meeting Location:** ARC, 1701 West Ash Street

**Number of Attendees:** 2

**Number of Completed Comment Forms:** 1 + 1 email

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### Comment Form

Please comment on what you like about the proposed development. Please be concise.  
*Like proposal as presented.*

What would you change about the proposed development? Please be concise.  
*Pave as much of the trail around the lake as possible with funding available.*

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### Comment by Email

Sep 22, 2014

Toney,

Thanks for taking the time last week to explain the ideas behind the lighting project at Bethel. After having a few days to digest the information, I totally understand the plans you laid out. Certainly, the community would benefit from and enjoy the concrete trail around the lake. The accessibility for people using assistive devices for mobility would also be greatly enhanced. My only reservation revolves around the fundraising effort by the tennis community. I was told they came out in force to support the tax initiative in the first place to the tune of \$150,000. It seems reasonable that money identified for tennis programming should remain for tennis. With the addition of 8 lighted courts now available at Hickman and 8 more at Battle, I doubt that anyone wanting to play tennis at night would be unable to do so somewhere in town though I agree that Bethel Park is the hub of the tennis playing community. I'd like to see those funds serve as a springboard toward an indoor tennis playing facility at some point. Perhaps in government, they "have to" be spent. If the lights are added, it seems proper that any residual money be put toward a future tennis project rather than diverted for general park use. Again, I love the idea of changing the gravel walkway to concrete but I'm less confident that it is proper to channel those funds away from tennis. That being said, I'm a novice on how the city funds their various projects. If this is the way business gets done, so be it.

Best wishes,