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Indoor tennis facility nears reality

   MURFREESBORO, Tenn. –Murfreesboro City Council approved a contract with Lose and Associates, Inc., for Architectural and Engineering Services needed to construct an proposed indoor tennis facility at Old Fort Park during its July 25 regular session.

   The new facility will be located at the park adjacent to the 16-court complex. The City will remove the existing Ag Center and construct an indoor tennis facility with eight courts and support facilities.

   The City will also develop a Master Plan for the park which will look at proposed and future development at the park site. Parking, site security, pedestrian and vehicular traffic routes will be studied along with possible other site improvements.

   The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the proposal for the indoor tennis facility at its July meeting. This project is being undertaken with significant financial help from MTSU.

   Murfreesboro Assistant City Manager, Jim Crumley, told the commission that Lose and Associates, Inc., submitted the successful proposal for $261,920, for architecture and site planning for the new facility of "at least eight indoor tennis courts."

   As part of Lose's consulting team, Sol Harris Day Architects from Akron, Ohio, has built a "significant number" of similar indoor tennis facilities and Jodie Adams, retired Director of the Springfield, Mo. Parks and Recreation Department and a former professional tennis player, will help in establishing the operations and flow of the facility.

   In addition to the tennis facility, an updating of the Old Fort Park master plan was added at a cost of $15,000. Lanny Goodwin, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the project is slated for completion in September of 2014.

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