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Lafayette Parks Foundation recipient of \$75,000 gift from IU Health for new McCaw Park pickleball complex

LAFAYETTE, IN – July 9, 2025 – Lafayette City Clerk Cindy Murray announced Tuesday that the Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc. has received a \$75,000 gift from IU Health for the new pickleball complex at McCaw Park. The announcement was a part of the dedication ceremony for Phase Two of McCaw Park Improvements.

“We are very grateful to IU Health for their support of the Parks Department,” said Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman. “This gift helps us expand upon a tremendously popular amenity for our community. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, and we certainly see that here locally too! We are thrilled to be able to offer our residents such a beautiful complex.”

Phase One of the McCaw Park masterplan, completed in April of 2024, included a new restroom building, expanded parking, and the new McPaw Dog Park. Phase Two of the project includes 14 additional pickleball courts -for a total of 26 courts, a new basketball half court, additional baseball field improvements, and a new paved trail around the perimeter of the park with connectivity to the existing trail system.

“At IU Health, we believe health starts in the places we live, move and gather. These courts are an investment in the future of Greater Lafayette—a future where everyone has access to spaces that support well-being,” said Art Vasquez, President of Indiana University Health, West Region.

About Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc.

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation serves to support the Lafayette Parks Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, Crosser Sports Complex, and the Columbian Park Carousel.

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