

Mayor Don Merkes
City of Menasha - City Hall
140 Main Street
Menasha, WI 54952



Dear Mayor Merkes,

I am a newer member of the Winnebago Platform Tennis Club – joining less than two years ago. I understand the property where the platform court is located is being sold and the zoning may change for that location.

I wanted to make an appeal to allow the club to stay in place. It is an asset to the broader community, offering a venue for exercise and social connection at a time of the year when those opportunities are few. As a physician and specifically a staff psychiatrist at the Winnebago Department of Human Services Country Mental Health Clinic in Neenah I am constantly encouraging patients, many of whom are your city residents, to exercise. The mental health and physical benefits of exercise are undeniable and the encouragement of opportunities for this by government increases the quality of life of our Fox Cities home.

I appreciate your consideration in this regard. It seems the lost property tax revenue for the relatively small square footage the club occupies is offset by the greater benefit it offers for the community similar to the City of Neenah forgoing the tax revenue for the YMCA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Zerrien M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Zerrien M.D.