

Hi Doug.

My name is Dirk Smith and I served on the "Prioritize Projects" work group for park planning and am also personally championing petanque courts for the park.

I just read though your document on preliminary cost estimates for all the non-building park projects. It looks like it was a lot of work and I commend you for doing all that research!

I'd like to clarify though that there is a big difference between bocce courts and what is needed for petanque and I know that many people often confuse the two. As you saw in the you-tube video that you cited, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vDKF8oicV8> \$), the person is actually an advocate for petanque courts because- in contrast to bocce, they do not require huge courts and are easy to maintain. Unless somebody else specifically requested bocce here, we should instead refer to the project as petanque (or "boules") courts. This will help avoid confusion.

[The High Cost of Bocce Courts vs. Natural Petanque Terrains](https://www.youtube.com)
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Bocce courts are expensive to build and maintain. Petanque employs natural low-cost, maintenance-free packed-dirt and crushed rock terrains. I take a few qui...

I would envision that 2-3 side-by-side petanque courts could be constructed for \$5-10,000, possibly much less if a community club steps up to support it (something I am willing to help organize). Moreover, maintenance is virtually not required and could be performed by a community petanque club.

It's a great activity because it is ecologically low impact and because it's an easy outdoor activity that is fun and can be played by people of any age.

If you have a chance to update the document, could you point out the difference between petanque and bocce or perhaps have them as separate items?

Thanks much,

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