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Barron Electric Cooperative Helps Support Multi-Use Sports Complex

A group of dedicated pickleball players joined together to start planning a multi-use sports complex in Chetek. They felt the community could use recreational facilities for the general public, especially the youth. The future sports complex at Gotham Pioneer Park at City Park Drive includes six pickleball courts, two basketball courts, and one tennis court. Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$2,000 to the Chetek Sports Complex. Aaron Torud, Barron Electric General Manager, said, “We are proud to help fund a project that will help enhance the Chetek area.”

“With pickleball being the fastest growing sport in the country, we know the potential is unlimited. The new sports facility would allow us to grow the youth and adult programs and host tournaments for all to enjoy,” remarked Cathi Ellingson, from the Parks and Beach Fundraising Committee. For more information, visit cityofchetekwi.us/gotham-park-sports-facility/

Funds for Barron Electric’s donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed cashback credits of former members. The Federated Youth Foundation has specific requirements for which the funds can be used. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use funds from cashback credits to reduce rates. Barron Electric has served the rural area since 1936 and currently provides electricity to nearly 20,000 members.
