

Cricket wicket -

Harris Township Park @Elm Road

By Kenneth E. (Ken) Lindsay, Harris Township Trustee

First played in England in the 16th century, the sport of cricket has arrived in Granger.

A few years ago, a small number of enthusiasts from a neighboring subdivision started pick-up games on the baseball diamond of Harris Township Park at Elm Road. The sport does have a “batter,” a ball, and fielders, but there are differences in terminology and how the game is played.

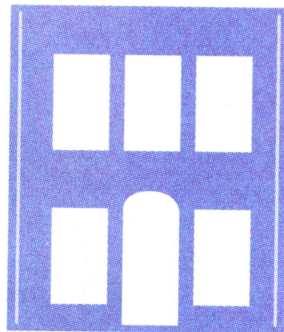
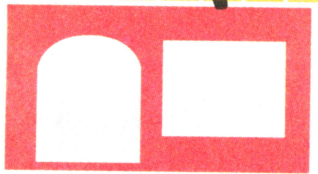
As word spread, more players joined the recreational fun. To meet the need while keeping the baseball diamond accessible for baseball and softball, Harris Township installed a pitch, or infield

strip, in the lesser-used northeast section of the park.

As a service to the community, the cricket players — who formed a club — are hosting free Introduction to Cricket sessions on the last Thursday evening of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. starting in May. Come learn about the wicket, stumps, bowling and dismissal. Equipment will be provided; dress in athletic clothes and shoes. Harris Township Trustee Ken Lindsay hopes the class introduces residents to cricket in the same way as the four pickleball courts (installed in 2015) and Introduction to Pickleball classes introduced that fast-growing sport.

Contact the club (grangercricketclub@gmail.com) for additional information about cricket. Contact the Michiana Pickleball club (<http://michianapickleballclub.org>) for information about pickleball.

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