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Attn: Ann Sheedy, Executive Director

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Subject: Partnership & Funding for North Park Platform Tennis Association

Further to our letter of April 20, 2010, North Park Platform Tennis Association (NPPTA) would like to clarify our request for funding of our courts by APTA. We refer to the above-mentioned letter to establish NPPTA's qualifications as an appropriate partner for APTA, according to your guidelines. We appreciate hearing and reading of all the good work the association and Growth Committee have done in furthering our great game. Our 120+ members of APTA would like to team with you to bring our existing courts up to standard as we continue to lead the way in growing the game in the Pittsburgh area.

Our original two courts have wooden superstructures over 40 years old. While our members love the "home court advantage" their necessarily looser screens provide, as opposed to all other WPPTA member clubs' aluminum structure courts, the wood has been bowing and rotting for some years. We have reached the point where we cannot continue tightening our newer screens, as the wood simply cannot support this any longer. We have located an old court, whose boards are unusable but whose aluminum structural pieces and screens would bring us up to current court standards and save us dropping back to three usable courts. As we have our traditional annual operating costs to pay, along with an \$8,000 installment on our recently constructed fourth court and further significant temporary repair costs for our snow-damaged hut, we are in need of extraordinary funding for this court rejuvenation.

Attached is the itemized estimate we would like to commit to for refurbishment of our old court. The figure of \$10,500 is net of our volunteer efforts in de-constructing the existing wood frame and screens. Furthermore, we have spent some \$1,500 in temporary repair to the other wooden court to get it back into operation from damage the same disastrous two-foot snowfall caused our hut, as mentioned above. We would alter our initial, April 20, 2010 request for APTA funding to the resultant sum of \$12,000 to keep our two original courts in operation. We believe the repaired court will take us some years into the future before a similar upgrade to aluminum will be required. We do not envision extraordinary costs would force us to seek outside funding at that time.

Sincerely,

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President, NPPTA