

## Boyer Valley Disc Golf Club

### Concrete Tee Pad Request For 8/6/15 Meeting:

-- Forrest Omland

#### Our Request:

We are asking for permission to install one concrete tee pad on the Avalanche disc golf course for evaluation.

#### Details:

Our recommended size is 6'x10' and our recommended location is hole #9 which is very close to the access road. Materials and labor would be covered by the club unless the city would like to chip in. Our alternate locations would be holes #1 or #6.

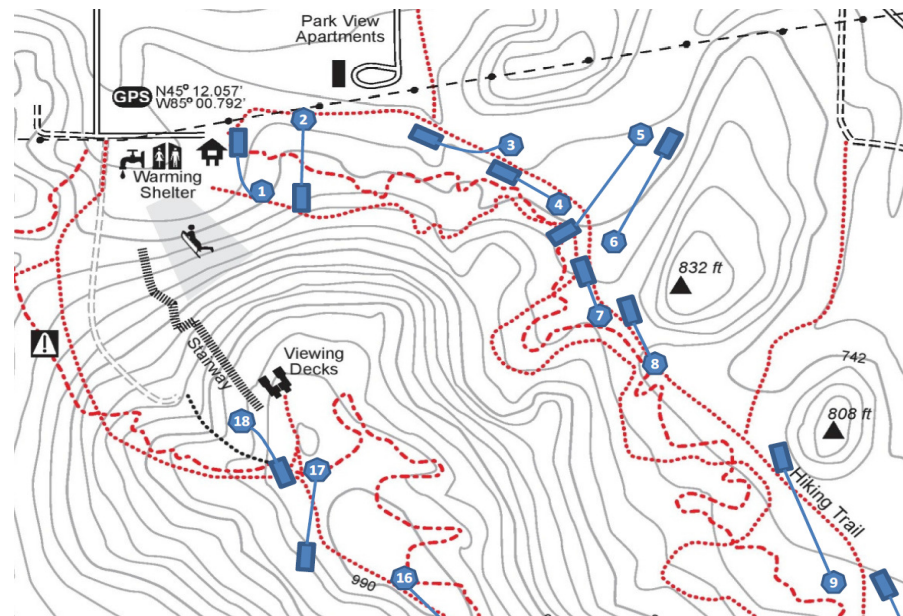
If approval was granted we would complete the work before our next tournament on October 10th and gather input between now and next spring. If feedback was positive we would request doing a total of 9 concrete tee pads (1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 14) in 2016. Otherwise we could just bust it up and remove it and continue with our other tee pad improvements such as baseball diamond dust (crusher fines) and/or carpet.

#### Supporting Info:

Most course designers and players consider concrete to be the best available tee pad material option due to cost, durability, safety, and other attributes. You can make them any size. With a nice broom finish they provide great traction even when wet and they stay level, allowing for much safer play in all seasons. "Runner up" materials are concrete pavers, baseball diamond dust, and carpet, but these materials aren't as durable and they require much more maintenance to keep them flat. Drawbacks with concrete tee pads include being more difficult to install on hilly terrain, but that can be overcome with proper planning and equipment. They are also harder on players' footwear and bodies over time, but this is much better in most players' opinions than injuries such as rolled ankles from worn down or washed out dirt tee pads.

All of the surrounding disc golf courses including East Jordan, Charlevoix, Petoskey, and Harbor Springs have concrete tee pads. Nearly all of the 109 player comments on [www.discgolfscene.com](http://www.discgolfscene.com) that mention tee pads at Avalanche are in favor of concrete. We have lots of resources available that could help us make our tee pads the very best.

Although they are very durable, nothing is permanent, so they could always be removed, just not relocated. In our opinion the Avalanche disc golf course isn't finished until all of the dirt tee pads have been upgraded, and we feel strongly that concrete is the best solution for at least 9 of the holes listed above. The remaining holes could be reviewed as needed. Thank you very much for your consideration.



EXAMPLE CONCRETE TEE PAD AT MT. MCSAUBA DISC GOLF COURSE IN CHARLEVOIX