

# Shared Athletic Complex Feasibility

Ken-Ton UFSD and Town of Tonawanda





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- The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board with information to consider the possibility of collaborating with the Town on constructing a multi-use facility
- Inter-municipal projects are rare, but have increasingly been encouraged by Albany



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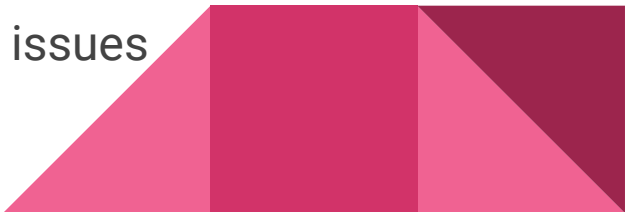
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- 2018-2019 NYS Budget enacted; has language to extend County-Wide Shared Service Initiative Panels
- July 2018:
  - Informational meeting held by County Executive
  - President O'Malley chosen as delegate
  - First meeting with Town Supervisor to gauge interest
- August 3rd, 2018:
  - Second meeting with Town included B&G, YPR (Youth, Parks & Recreation), Athletics, and Town Board members
  - Group to begin collecting potential cost saving ideas



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- August 11th, 2018: Asked by the Town to consider collaborating on multi-use facility
  - August 14th, 2018: Discussed by our Board in public session; Board agreed to hear more information
  - August 28th, 2018:
    - 3rd meeting with Town (Highway Department rep added)
    - Information provided by Athletics and YPR
    - Discussion of ways to save: Recycling, water wheel, sharing of grant writer (for facility project if it happens), coaching clinics, Kids Club at Jefferson
  - September 6: Town/District meeting to discuss legal issues
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# Proposed Project

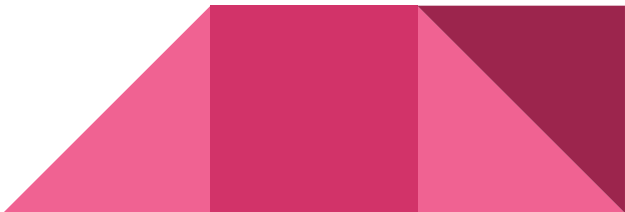
# Town's Ice Rink Pursuit

- Proposed facility is/was 42,000 to 46,000 sq. ft.
- Cost: \$7,500,000 to \$8,000,000
- Season projected hours: 212 at both Lincoln (60%) and Brighton (40%)
  - In-House hockey and rec skating: Another 17 hours per week between both facilities





# Proposed Project Considerations

- How would our students benefit from such a facility?
    - General population
    - Special needs population (adaptive PE)
    - Student athletes
  - Considerations for space:
    - Ice rink
    - Turf
    - Additional classroom space: Social, emotional, physical wellness
    - Track
  - Are there any potential uses beyond athletics/recreation?
  - Where would this facility be located?
  - Do we have enough space on District property?
  - How will this affect green space?
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# Proposed Project Considerations

- How much will this project cost?
  - Structural cost
  - Personnel
  - Equipment
  - Ongoing maintenance
- How will this impact our next capital project?
  - Separate proposition from building project would be preferred
- What is the proposed timeline?



# Proposed Project Considerations

- What are the legal implications?
- Shared Service Agreement:
  - Benefit to Town residents
  - Town has been pursuing its own multi-use facility
  - What is the Town's expected usage?
- Critical issues for Ken-ton UFSD:
  - Location of facility (greenspace concerns)
  - Availability of State Aid
  - Town's financial contribution
  - Management and usage of the facility



# Proposed Project: Town's Voice

Town Supervisor, Joe Emminger



# Student Impact

# Student Impact: General Population

- Proposed addition of ice skating to PE curriculum
  - Improvement to physical education curriculum
- Expansion of recreational skating time/school rec nights
- Indoor Track
- Fitness/conditioning
- Community Education
- Pathway to health sciences
  - Athletic training
  - Physical therapy



# Student Impact: Special Education

- Mentorship opportunities for student mentors
  - SABAH
  - Gliding Stars
  - Adaptive PE
- Sled Hockey



# Student Impact: Athletes

- 3 Hockey teams
  - Boys KW & KE
    - Home games: Various throughout WNY
  - Girls combined with Grand Island
    - Home games currently at Lincoln
  - 15 weeks, 8 hours/wk
- 12 Soccer teams
  - Fitness/conditioning
  - Workouts
- 4 Indoor Track teams
- Batting cages





# Student Impact: Social/Emotional

- Space for group work (offshoot from schools or Family Support Center)
- Student yoga/meditation
  - Mental health/wellness strategy
- Community service projects
- Character building
  - Ice skating



# Locations

# Location: Shared Service Meeting

- Many locations were discussed
- Determination: Not enough space on District property
  - Land alienation
  - Long-term lease/buy property
  - Bonding considerations



# Location: Lincoln Park

## **Pros:**

- Close to Franklin/Parker
- Adjacent to existing facility
- Space for construction
- Close to Bike Trail



# Location: Lincoln Park

## Cons:

- Neighborhood location: Increased traffic, parking, noise
- Low visibility
- No direct accessibility from highway





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# Location: Aquatic Center Green Space

## **Pros:**

- Close to Hoover
- Adjacent to Aquatic Center facility
- Accessible from highway
- Visible location
- Existing parking lot at Aquatic Center



# Location: Aquatic Center Green Space

## **Cons:**

- Loss of green space
- Relocation of recreational space (basketball courts, tennis courts would need to be moved)
- Limited space for facility
- Would require parkland alienation process







# Location: Brighton

## **Pros:**

- Not tightly situated in residential area
- High visibility
- Direct accessibility from highway
- Adjacent to existing facility
- Space for construction



# Location: Brighton

## Cons:

- Town would lose pool







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# Size Considerations

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We need Town's plan, Brett/Tim's input....on overall size of facility





# Financial Considerations

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- Maximum Cost Allowance
- Building Aid Units (BAU)
- Overall scope of 2019 referendum
- Local tax impact
- **Building Aid - 76%**







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# Proposed Timeline

# Capital Project Proposed Timeline

- Target referendum date: December 2019
- Planning to start in the coming weeks
  - Building Condition Survey
- Town's need: End of 2018

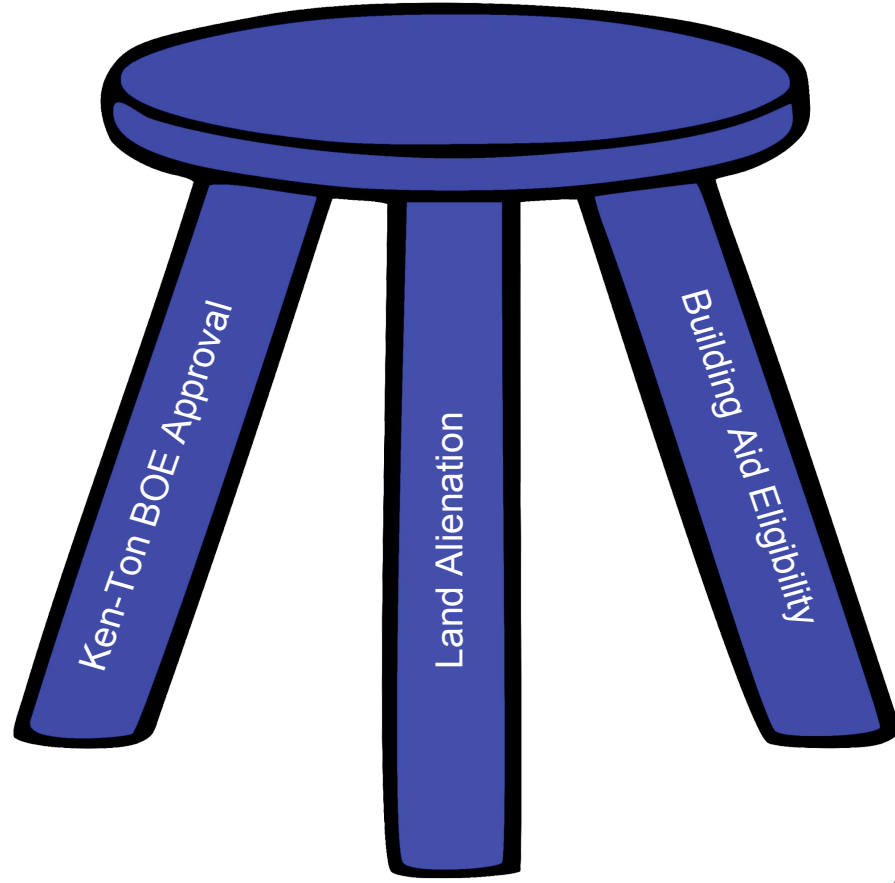


# Next Steps

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- Possible community forum co-hosted with Town to hear from stakeholders
- Continue financial feasibility study with State Ed
- Board would decide whether or not to proceed





# Discussion/Questions