

Shared Athletic Complex Feasibility

Ken-Ton UFSD and Town of Tonawanda
September 25, 2018 Joint Meeting





Purpose

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- The purpose of this presentation is to provide the public with information to consider the possibility of Town of Tonawanda and Ken-Ton UFSD collaborative ice rink project.
- Inter-municipal projects are rare, but have increasingly been encouraged by Albany





Background

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- 2018-2019 NYS Budget enacted; has language to extend County-Wide Shared Service Initiative Panels
- Multiple meetings throughout the summer
- Other shared services discussed
- Town approached District about ice possibility



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 students benefit from such a facility?
 - General population
 - Special needs population (adaptive PE)
 - Student athletes
 - Social/emotional
- Considerations for space:
 - Ice rink
 - Turf
 - Additional classroom space: Social, emotional, physical wellness
 - Track



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



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?
 - Town/District contribution
 - State Aid
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Financial Considerations

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



Project Cost Example - Full State Aid

Project Cost	\$8,000,000
State Aid @ 76%	-\$6,080,000
Potential Local Contribution	\$1,920,000

Project Cost Example - 50% State Aid

Project Cost	\$8,000,000
State Aid @ 50%	-\$4,000,000
Potential Local Contribution	\$4,000,000

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
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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
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Location: Brighton

Pros:

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

Cons:

- Town would lose pool






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Proposed Timeline

KTUFSD 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





Proposed Project:
Town of Tonawanda
Supervisor, Joe Emminger

Next Steps

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- Continue financial feasibility study with State Ed
- Ken-Ton Board would decide whether or not to proceed



Discussion/Questions