



Community Center FAQs

Was the Park District responsible for page numbering and binding filed petitions?

- “The Park District’s sole obligation under 10 ILCS 5/10-8 was to forward the original petition and the original objection by registered mail to the County Clerk” stated by Paul Chadwick, Fearer, Nye & Chadwick.

Will the Community Center question be on the ballot on April 2nd?

- The Park District encourages every registered voter to VOTE on April 2nd; please come to informational meetings and get the answers to your questions prior to voting.

Why does Rochelle need a Community Center?

- The latest study during a Comprehensive Master Plan by Design Perspectives and Strategic Management Alliance states that “until all fitness and wellness activities are located at a facility, the Delphi committee feels that programming offered in Rochelle will not be successful. A community center that provides a wide range of indoor programming and community activities has been missing from Rochelle for many years and needs to be addressed immediately”

What will the Rochelle Community Center be?

- It will provide a central location, a *HUB*, for our citizens and visitors to enjoy high quality fitness, education, arts and culture, recreation and social opportunities. It will serve as year-round central gathering places for community members of all ages and interests.

Who would operate the Community Center?

- The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District is supportive of other municipalities and local organizations, but have no plans to include any such group in ownership.

Will there be tenants or partnerships?

- The Park District is moving forward with this process as “sole owners”, however we have been reaching out to local schools, organizations, clubs sports leagues and centers discussing their needs. In the first stages of this process, it is important to understand what is desired so that we can attend to as many needs as possible.

How will the building be funded?

- The Park District will use tax dollars for the building of the facility, but the operational costs will be funded by membership and programming/event revenue.



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If I live outside of the city limits can I vote for the Park District referendum?

- Everyone that lives inside the boundaries of the FRPD can vote. The FRPD includes all of Flagg Township and a small part of Dement Township. If you have a question please call the office.

Where would the Park District build a Community Center?

- We are building on our property, Helms South which was the home of RTHS, centrally located in town and easily accessible to the community. Having the Park District located on that property would tie the two park properties together, providing a location for both indoor and outdoor recreation.

What are the projected Fitness Center Membership Fees?

- There are many variables that go into the structure of fees, such as the size of the facility as well as the amenities. It is too early to determine the membership fee structure, however from past reports on our area as well as our vision of the facility the District will be looking at \$15-\$65/month depending on whether it is all inclusive or a la carte.

The plans don't include activity, why not?

- Rochelle is in need of many amenities to help better serve the community. As a way to be fiscally responsible, the Park District has set a budget for this project and has done research to determine the best 'bang for our buck.' Everything cannot be included, but it is designed with as much open space as possible to provide more flexible options for programming.

Will there be an Indoor Pool?

- There is a want for an indoor pool by many Rochelle citizens. To best fit our programming needs, 2 pools to be kept at different temperatures are ideal. 1 lap pool for competitive activity and open swim/rentals as well as 1 recreational pool to be used for swim lessons, therapy, lower intensity programming, and open swim/rentals.

Is the size of the lap pool enough for a swim team competition?

- We've worked with recommendations from other aquatic facilities as well as USA Swimming guidelines to ensure the pool is an adequate size for our needs of competition.

Why did the board approve 2 financing options and will this go to a "binding" referendum?

- Alternate Revenue Bonds and General Obligation Bonds are the most cost-effective financing options available at this time and by approving both avenues the District can continue the project in a timely manner while reducing expenses.
- When using the term 'binding referendum' people often refer to the project as whole – so if it's binding and voted down there would be no project, but in reality, 'binding' only refers to the financing option not that project.



What will be included within the Rochelle Community Center?

- Indoor turf
 - approximately 200'x185'
 - designed as 2 soccer fields or 1 little league size baseball field
 - soccer, baseball and batting cages, football, gymnastics, track/field, golf, croquet, frisbee, cornhole, events, rentals, etc.
- Multi-purpose flooring
 - approximately 120'x185'
 - 4 basketball and 4 volleyball courts
 - volleyball, basketball, pickleball, wrestling, tennis, dances, skating, special events and exhibits, rentals, etc.
- Walking Track Area
 - approximately 12' wide around 60,000ft² fieldhouse; approximately 6 laps for 1 mile
- Indoor Aquatic Center
 - approximately 9,300ft²
 - Lap pool
 - 4 lane 25 yard
 - aerobics, swim team, competitive training/programs, rentals, open swim, etc.
 - Recreation pool
 - approximately 35' x 35'
 - swim lessons, fitness classes, water walking, therapy, rentals, open swim, etc.
 - Locker rooms
 - approximately 1,000ft²
- 24/7 Fitness Center
 - approximately 7,000ft²
 - cardio and resistance machines, free weights, etc.
- Classrooms
 - wood flooring approximately 1,700ft²
 - aerobics, cycling, dance, etc.
- Multi-purpose rooms
 - approximately 2,500ft²
 - programs, rentals, events, meetings, etc.
 - sink, countertops, storage
- Park District Administrative Offices
- Concession/Kitchen Space
 - approximately 500ft²
- Locker rooms
 - approximately 1,000ft²
- Men's & Women's bathrooms
- Lobby/Circulatory Space
 - approximately 4,000ft²
 - socializing, meetings, concession lounge, sports affiliate usage space, etc
- Outdoor Space
 - Patio & Playground



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What about seniors with fixed incomes?

- With senior exemptions the tax increase would be approximately \$10/year less than non-senior home owners.
- SilverSneakers is a program encouraging older adults to participate in physical activities that will help them to maintain greater control of their health. It sponsors activities and social events designed to keep seniors healthy while encouraging social interaction. SilverSneakers partners with more than 60 Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement insurance plans to provide unlimited access to more than 14,000 fitness locations nationwide at no cost to the participant. The Rochelle Park District will be working to certify the facility as a SilverSneaker location. SilverSneakers isn't the only healthcare program available, AARP Supplemental program or Renew Active. The Renew Active program is the most similar to Silver Sneakers as it is 100% free for those with this program to register for membership.