

WABANA

COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX Q&A

What does this project entail?

- Upgrading the hockey rink, playground areas, tennis court, relocating basketball hoops, adding two (2) Pickleball courts, kiddy ice rink and ADA-paved walkway to the pavilion.

Why is it necessary?

- The existing recreation area is rarely used because it is UNUSABLE and it has been unusable for quite some time! Decades ago, the Wabana community stepped up and built a wonderful facility that was utilized and appreciated by the entire community for many years. Today, it is once again time to circle the wagons in an effort to restore the recreational facilities and regenerate more outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations to come.

How will we accomplish this?

- We need your pledge before we apply for matching grants. We are working with Sarah Carling from CEDA (Community and Economic Development Associates) to pursue possible grants this project qualifies for. We are able to apply for larger grants due to the scope of the project.

When will it be built?

- Our target is to have shovels in the ground in fall of 2023. However, this is contingent upon receiving necessary donations from our community and various grants.

What is the total cost of the project?

- Approximately \$480,000.

Will this project raise my taxes?

- NO. This project will be primarily funded through private donations and matching grants that align with the goals of community improvements in townships.

How do we maintain these improvements for the future so we do not have to make significant investments in a year?

- The Township will budget a dollar amount each year for the anticipated costs in the future. We anticipate this will be between \$1,500 - \$2,000 per year. This would represent approximately 1% of the annual budget.

Will the funds I contribute be tax-deductible?

- Yes. Payments will be made to the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation with a memo note to direct the donation to the **Wabana Community Fund**. GRACF is a non-profit 501(c3) organization all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year in which your payment was made.

Will there be a "recognition board" for those wishing to have their contribution recognized?

- Yes. There will be a supporters recognition board on site to showcase donors at various levels of donations. Donors can elect to remain anonymous if preferred.

Do I donate now?

- We are asking people to "Pledge" (promise) an amount of money that they will be donating once the project begins. If you would like to donate now, please make your donation to the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation as described above.

If I have any further questions about the project and/or this campaign, who do I contact?

- You may contact Kim Oja at mrs.o@msn.com. Phone #: 218-327-2350

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We are requesting your support to improve the recreation facilities at the Wabana Community Center. We evaluated and identified areas of improvement and future needs. There has been little or no maintenance for over 26 years for the playground and tennis court and band aid-type fixes for over 40 years for the hockey rink. The recent survey supports the wants and needs of this project.

This project is projected to cost approximately \$480,000 and would include upgrading the hockey rink, adding a kiddy ice rink, upgrading the tennis court, playground areas, relocating the basketball hoops, and adding two (2) Pickleball courts.

We requested the help of Sarah Carling from CEDA (Community and Economic Development Associates). Sarah has worked with several townships (Bovey and Coverdale to name two) and helped them secure funds for their projects. She has been very encouraging and feels our projects are “very do-able”.

We have already been blessed to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation small communities’ development program, \$10,000 from Itasca County TED grant, and \$52,230 in donations & pledges so far. Moving forward, we have a very generous donor who is offering a \$10,000 gift if we can raise funds to match this donation by Dec, 15th! Every dollar turns into \$2. It's vital that citizens in Wabana Township donate to this worthy project. Also, check to see if you have an employer that matches donations from their employees.

Your donations will be tax deductible and this project will NOT increase your taxes. A pledge is a promise to donate when the project begins. If we are able to secure these grants, we project to have shovels in the ground fall 2023.

Thank you for your support. Future generations will be grateful for your support. Please return the enclosed form with your pledge by **December 15, 2022**.

Sincerely,

The Wabana Community Recreation Complex Committee

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PLEDGE FORM

YES! I want to help out and contribute to the Wabana Recreation Complex project!

I would like to:

Make a one-time donation today! Amount enclosed (*cash/check*): \$ _____

Please contact me. I would like to pay with credit card.

Pledge to donate later in the project! Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Sorry! I am unable to help out financially, but I support this project and will help spread the word with my friends and family!

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Check box if you want to be added to our mailing list!

ALL donations are much appreciated! Special recognition will be given for these Donor levels:

Platinum: \$10,000+

Gold: \$5,000-\$10,000

Silver: \$2,000-\$4,999

Bronze: \$1,000-\$1,999

Honorary: \$10-\$999

Signature _____

Date _____

*Please return this completed form by **December 15, 2022** in the envelope provided to:*

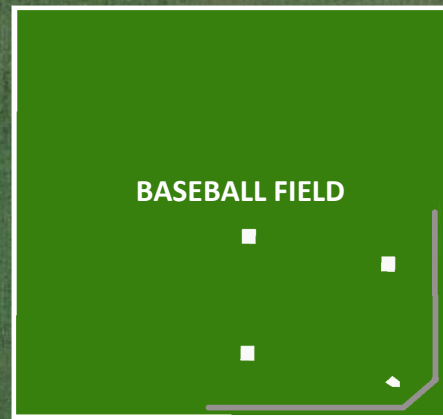
**Wabana Town Hall
Wabana Community Recreation Complex
PO Box 752
Grand Rapids MN 55744**

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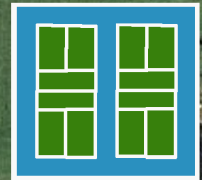
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FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

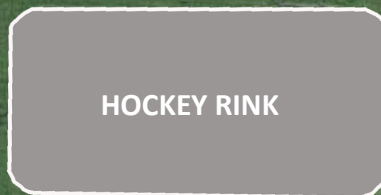


BASEBALL FIELD

PICKLEBALL
COURTS



SKATING
RINK



HOCKEY RINK



PLAYGROUND

WARMING
HUT



TOWN
HALL



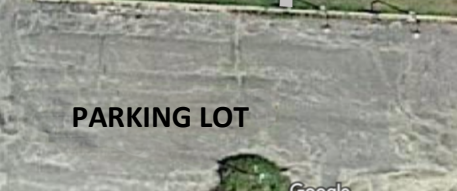
TENNIS
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GARAGE



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