



THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

Hello and Happy Summer!

I hope everyone had a great time at our HomerFest this weekend. I want to thank all of the volunteers and staff who work tirelessly to bring such an exceptional community event to Homer Glen. It was great to catch up with so many of you at the Fest. It gave me the idea that I should bring back my Mayor's Blog. I thought for this issue, I should address some of the questions I've been getting about the proposed feasibility study for a sports complex in Homer Glen.

Is Homer Glen getting a sports complex?

I'm not sure! The Village has hired a consultant, Sports Facilities Advisory (SFA), LLC (www.SPORTADVISORY.com) to advise us if a sports complex is right for Homer Glen and our region. SFA has done hundreds of studies in communities across the country to determine what type of complex, if any, will fit in Homer Glen. SFA will do a market opportunity study, examine potential costs and recommend a plan, if appropriate for the area. This study is the first step in a long process. The study can be found [here](#).

Why did you select SFA as the project consultant team?

Because they are the best in the industry and Homer Glen expects and deserves the best. Here is some information and facts about SFA:

- Founded in 2003
- Experience planning, funding, developing and managing facilities
- Worked on over 2,000 projects
- Over \$10 Billion investment made in their projects
- Advise and participate in the largest network of sports tourism venues
- Massive reach and access to industry experts and information
- Recognized as the industry leader by ICMA, ASPEN, ACES, NASC, HBO, and NBC

Mayor Yukich's Blog



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Why would we even want a sports complex?

My goal as Mayor is to continue offering village services to our residents without having a local property tax. In order for us to do that, we need to spark economic development and bring in more sales tax revenue. A sports complex could bring many visitors to our village to eat at our restaurants, stay at future local hotels, and shop in our stores. The complex itself would also preserve open space and offer more recreational space for our own kids. Our local leagues would have use of professional quality sport facilities that currently are not available anywhere in the region.

How much is this study going to cost?

The Village is sharing the cost of the study with two local organizations that want to invest in a sports complex. The two investor groups include Mark Tomczak, a local resident and President of Chicagoland Sports Complex, LLC and Michel Goich, who represents investors who are interested in a Hockey and Volleyball component. These local private groups are paying for 50% of the feasibility study. The total cost of the study is \$35,000, not including travel reimbursements capped at \$2,500. The Village will pay \$17,500 and be the controlling partner of the contract with SFA; each of the two private groups will pay \$10,000 each.

When will we know more?

SFA should begin their work within the next week. I anticipate a draft report will be completed in about two months. When we receive the final report, the Village Board will then decide if we should move forward with a more detailed Phase II study. The report will be shared on the Village website and discussed at a Village Board meeting.

What about Heritage Park and other important Village priorities?

We will not forget about any of our parks, trails or drainage improvement projects. The Village's money is your money, and we will continue to be smart with it. The sports complex will not take anything away from other important projects and priorities.

If you have any other questions, please email me at mayoryukich@homerglenil.org. Please check back next month for another Mayor's Blog.

Mayor George Yukich

July is Plastic Free Month

Learn more about joining the Village's Plastic Free July movement [here](#).

Community and Nature in Harmony Awards

Nominate a person or group that is committed to preserving the environment in our community! Nominations are due July 15.

Visit [here](#) for more info.

Movie in the Park

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Heritage Park

Visit Homerglenil.org for more info!

2nd Annual Chalk-it-Up

August 3, 2019

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stonebridge Park

Free sidewalk chalk contest open to all ages. Registration required.

Register [here!](#)

