



Public Input Meeting: 6-19-2024

Meeting called to order by Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll call: Cathy Anderson-present, Scott Meyers-present, Richard Raffaelli-present, Cindy Rapes-absent, Becky Griffin-absent. 46 members of the public were present.

Discussion regarding the New Era Elementary School Building and how best to utilize the structure built with taxpayer funds.

Proposals:

New Era School Renovation: no sports complex, reconfigure building to be used as a daycare and community space, without indoor sports complex. (7 votes for this option).

New Era School Renovation, incorporating a daycare, community space and the 20,000 square foot indoor sports complex. (19 votes for this option).

Two separate projects, New Era School Renovation to include daycare and community space. Build indoor sports complex at Shelby Township Community Park, have a 5-acre parcel available can be utilized. (17 votes for this option).

Two options presented, not by Shelby Township, tear down New Era Elementary School, and return the area to a green space. (Nobody was in favor of this proposal).

Another option, Shelby Township does not take leadership in New Era, build the sports complex at the Shelby Township Community Park. (2 people were in favor of this proposal).

Concerns and questions raised during the meeting.

Age of building, need for abatement, overall condition of the windows, roof, heating and electrical. Estimated repair costs are roughly \$150,000. Repair and remodel costs would be funded by grants, no millage increases to taxpayers. The road and parking lot would be repaired leading into the building grounds. The cost to demolish the building would be \$150,000 - \$175,000.

Long term sustainability of sports complex. If built in New Era, Shelby Township would provide work and funds to get up and running. Once established Shelby Township would turn over to New Era Village. If sports complex is

built at Shelby Township Community Park, Shelby Township would utilize funds from capital fund and from a .5% millage for parks and cemeteries.

Estimated annual energy costs would be around \$35,000. Community space and daycare area would have heat and central air. The indoor sports complex would have heating but would not be air conditioned. The sports complex would utilize large commercial grade fans to cool the building.

Discussion about track, green space and sledding hill on the back side of the old elementary school in New Era. Plans to keep these spaces and utilize them as they are.

If the building were sold to a third party or outside private group, can they do anything they want with the building? Yes, if bought by a third party the building could be utilized as they see fit.

Who makes the final decision on what happens to the old New Era Elementary School? Shelby Public Schools owns the building and would have the final decision on whether to tear down the building or sell it. The final decision on who the building is sold to would also fall to Shelby Public Schools.

In attendance were a few New Era Village Council Trustees along with the New Era Village Council President. All members of the New Era Village Council who were in attendance are in favor of Shelby Township working with the New Era Village Council to update and modify the old New Era Elementary School.