



Public Hearing  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024  
6:00pm

1. Richard Raffaelli opened public hearing at 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance recited
3. Roll call: Becky Griffin – present, Cindy Rapes – present, Cathy Anderson – present, Scott Meyers – present, Richard Raffaelli – present.  
Twenty-four members of the public were present
4. Public comments and suggestions included: four lane raised walking track, ½ of the building designated for court sports, the other ½ of the building designated for turf sports. Weightlifting area or gym area. Commercial kitchen with a multi-purpose room attached. Indoor driving range and putting green, or a golf simulation area. Two-story rock-climbing wall. Indoor trike track. Archery range and practice area. Ice skating rink. Toddler play place, with climbing and tumbling area. Quiet space for older children and adults. Designated space for Senior activities and groups. Many residents would like to see a swimming pool, and many were also in support of raising taxes to help offset the cost of maintaining a pool.
5. Board comments and input included: Approximate annual pool operating expense is \$250,000. Taxes are unable to be raised without going to a memorandum and being placed on a ballot to be voted on by residents. Shelby Township is not looking to raise tax rates to offset these costs.  
Where will the revenue for maintenance and annual operating costs come from? This will be a pay to play facility, fees will be set for residence and non-residents.
6. Preliminary ideas: Elevated walking track, basketball courts, volleyball courts, pickleball courts, multi-use space, toddler play area similar to what is at the mall, changing rooms with lockers, restrooms, common space and an elevator accessing the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor walking track. Add Parking lot, where current overflow parking is.
7. Additional public comments: Arcade or movie room. Archery range and practice area. Ice skating rink. Sell annual memberships to area residents to help offset operating costs.
8. Additional board comments: Donation box on site. Shelby Township will be applying for additional grants to help support this project. What is current shortfall for this project? Help spread the word; Shelby Township needs to raise 1.2 million dollars for this project.
9. Meeting adjourned by Richard Raffaelli at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bethany Schultz,  
Recording Secretary