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**1. Have you visited any community recreation centers recently (i.e. Peter's Twp, Mt. Lebanon, Bethel Park)? If so, which one(s) did you visit? What impressed you?**

(a) Visited a Community Rec Center

Yes	No	No Answer
50	48	6

(b) Which one(s)?

Rec Center	# visited that center	# left blank=54
Peters Twp	19	
Hampton	2	
Mt. Lebanon	27	
Bethel Park	11	
Out of state Twp	4	
JCC	2	
Cranberry Twp	1	
Scott Twp	1	

(c) What impressed you?

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Twp	Comment	Number of Like Responses
Bethel Park	Size	3
Bethel Park	Good facilities	2
Bethel Park	Teen area	
Bethel Park	Lack of recreational facilities	
Brecksville, OH	multiuse of space; range of ages using facility; comb. Indoor/outdoor pool	
Cranberry	Water park is in the "black"	
Franklin, MA	Activities for the kids	2
Hampton	outdoor pool	2
Hampton	surprised at what little use the indoor facility was getting	
Hampton	the library	
Hampton	Community Center	
Hampton	Ball fields	
Mt. Lebanon	Outdoor Pool	7
Mt. Lebanon	Fact that they had one	3
Mt. Lebanon	Ice Rink	3
Mt. Lebanon	Central to everything	3
Mt. Lebanon	Fields	2
Mt. Lebanon	Near High School	2
Mt. Lebanon	Variety of services offered at no cost to comrn	2
Mt. Lebanon	Sense of community	2
Mt. Lebanon	Outdoor gathering area	
Mt. Lebanon	Skater Park	
Mt. Lebanon	Open Space	
Mt. Lebanon	Walk able	
Mt. Lebanon	Locker Rooms are terrible & dirty	
Mt. Lebanon	Ice Rink is a money loser	
Mt. Lebanon	Needs updated	
Mt. Lebanon	Outdoor Tennis	
Mt. Lebanon	Good facilities	
Peters Twp	Basketball Courts	2
Peters Twp	No fee	2
Peters Twp	well used	2
Peters Twp	Indoor walking track	2
Peters Twp	Meeting Rooms	2
Peters Twp	Fact that they had one	
Peters Twp	Skater Park	
Peters Twp	Very functional	
Peters Twp	Too minimal	
Peters Twp	Too big	
Peters Twp	Gym	
Scott Twp	Pool	

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**2. Do you participate in any activities/programs/organizations that could be used in the spaces outlined in the proposed facility? If so, which activities/programs/organizations?**

(a) Do you participate in any activities, etc that could be used in the proposed facility?

Yes	No	No Answer
61	22	20

(b) Which activities/programs/organizations? **# Left Blank**  
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Activity	Number of Like Responses
Swimming	29
Party Rooms	8
Club Activities (garden, country, book, welcome wagon)	7
Fitness training	28
Sports (baseball, basketball, soccer, racquetball, tennis, ice skating, skateboarding, field hockey, etc)	32
Scouts	2
Waling/Running	14
Professional activities	
Land Stewardship	
Yoga/Pilates	2
Classes/continuing education	4
Dance/gymnastics	4
Biking	3
Parent/Child Programs	
Meetings	4
Camps	

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**3. Do you consider health and fitness an important component of your daily/weekly routine?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
94	5	4

**Comments:**

Yes, but not in a public facility  
It should be- this may make it easier  
I would like to add this component  
Need to improve this area of my life- a recreation center offering this would be beneficial  
Yes- our rec center is a mess



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**5. Would having both seasonal and year round activities (the Community Recreation Center) together in adjacent facilities at Boyce Mayview Park be a benefit to you and your family?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
84	15	4

**Comments:**

Like the concept- location to our home could be a deterrent.

Yes, It would also make selling real estate much easier!

No- would rather have them central to community.

Yes, but not sure how much it would be utilized out of season as most families participate in "in season" recreational activities

Yes, especially a proper 6 lane pool that could be used to host meets, lessons, etc.



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**6. The proposed Community Recreation Center has an indoor aquatics area (year round) and a (seasonal) outdoor pool. Do you envision using either pool area for recreation, fitness or lounging?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
84	17	2

<b>Comments:</b>	<b>Number of Like Responses</b>
Would use an indoor pool	6
Would use an outdoor pool	4
Would use both pools	14
Montclair/High School has pool	3
As long as there are adult areas	
Need a 6 lane pool for competition/ more thar	3

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**7. The proposed Community Recreation Center has a 1/8th mile walking/jogging track with great views of the park. Would you consider using the track as part of your fitness program?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
89	13	1

**Comments:**

I would use the high school track or Gilfial Trail

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**8. A light food/drink concession area is being considered for the facility. Would this be of interest and what kind of offerings would you like?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
69	29	6

**Comments:**

**Number of Like Responses**

In-near pool area

Snack food 16

Juice & Smoothie Bar 8

Fast Food 2

Healthy Drinks- Gatorade, Water, etc 11

Health Food 12

Coffee 11

Sandwiches 11

Rice and Beans

Red Bull 2

Not necessary in the facility as with no competition there is no need. Leisure usage does not require concessions other than vending.

I would send my family over for dinner.

Check the café at the Akron General Health/Wellness Center in Fair Lawn, OH

Make it as good and nice as you can

An area at least at the level of the Morton concession stand

Inexpensive

Minimize food but have an area (with a view) for relaxing during/between workouts or events

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**9. A Tot Watch area for limited hours will be provided to allow parents/guardians an opportunity to take part in Center activities. Are you a parent/guardian whom this amenity could benefit?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
23	74	6

**Comments:**



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**11. There will be 2 large group exercise rooms included in the facility, as well as a sizable fitness area with more than 100 pieces of equipment available. What kinds of programming would you recommend be included in the schedule?**

No Answer  
43

Comments:	Number of Like Responses
individual classes	3
group classes	4
senior exercise	8
youth exercise	2
teen exercise	3
yoga/ pilates	20
aerobics	15
spinning	11
meditation	2
weights	11
various cardio	9
adult gym time	2
equipment training	2
sport lessons	3
physical therapy	2
health/ nutrition classes	3
karate/ tai chi	3
dance/ gymnastics	4
various skill levels	3
women only	

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**12. There will be 2 "birthday party" rooms connected to the indoor pool area. Is this of interest to you and your family?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
56	41	6

**Comments:**

I think there are enough birthday party options- these should only be included if they provide enough revenue to pay for themselves.

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**13. Are there any "community events" that you might think of that the facility would be of benefit to USC (i.e. after prom, parent/child programs)?**

**No Answer**  
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<b>Comments:</b>	<b>Number of Like Responses</b>
after prom	8
Parent/ Child programs	6
Movie Nights	4
Community Day	6
Educational Programs	3
Dances	2
Scouting	2
Wedding/ Baby Shower	2
Fundraisers	2
Meetings	3
Dinners/ Lunches	2
Teen nights/ school programs	6
lectures	2
musical programs	3
Go Skateboarding Day (June 21st)	2
Swim meets	2
Welcome to the Community party	
DARE Programs	
Craft Shows	
Summer Camp	
Cook outs	
Block Parties	
Senior Programs	

Currently, the community doesn't do much together as a "community". School activities can't or shouldn't bump out recreational use. How will this be incorporated? Needs should drive the construction.

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**14. We are designing the facility with sensitivity to "responsible" or "green" architecture. Do you think this is an important aspect of the design?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
84	8	6

**Comments:**

**Number of Like Responses**

Cost benefit analysis should be done with long term impacts weighted into the analysis.	
If economically reasonable and cost effective	6
I'd love to keep the trees around.	
It should keep and maintain heating and A/C costs down (long term)	2

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**15. We are planning a dedicated Senior/Teen Lounge for day use by the USC Seniors and after school use by teens. Would you use this space?**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
53	37	12

**Comments:**

USC utilizes the high school very nicely for after school teen use. I would hate to see transfer of services from the high school to the teen lounge when I feel very comfortable knowing my children are safe at the high school because there is always something going on with out USC kids.

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**16. Do you think a range of \$300 to \$600 for an annual family membership is a reasonable cost to belong to the facility?**

Yes	No	No Answer
53	6	5

**Comments:**

**Number of Like Responses**

Fee should be closer to \$300	23
Residents should pay as they use	4
There should be tiered plans and plans of various types	5
What is included in this plan?	4
It should be free	5
Annual membership should at least pay for annual operating cost + pay for a portion of the debt service.	
Perhaps reduce rates to low income residents.	
What would a single membership cost?	
I think this facility should be part of the community w/ no cost. \$300-600 is a lot of money for families & folks on fixed incomes- this does not allow for the "community" to all take part in this facility. I understand that costs need to be absorbed- the idea of a flat rate for everyone should be considered.	
Not sure you will get enough membership to have the cost be any higher. Most families currently belong to an existing health/ some kind of country club now.	
I don't support the use of tax dollars for O & M	
I thought this wasn't a club. I feel a fee for service. Paying for what you want to use it for. You may end up with more of a response. Remember, the YMCA is coming too.	
Set as a monthly fee	
You would need 3000 families to join just to cover operating costs, without debt service.	

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**17. Do you believe that the USC Community Center will ultimately benefit the property values in USC?**

Yes	No	No Answer
86	7	1

**Comments:**

Depends on how it affects taxes 2  
Unsure 5  
As long as members of the community can afford to participate  
In fact, if we don't move forward it could negatively impact property values!  
Do you have any data to support increase in values?  
Other than the schools we don't have much to offer newcomers.  
When families today are searching for a community to raise their children in, an available Comm. Center is a huge benefit. Many surrounding communities have nice facilities. We currently do not. The proposed center is outstanding and I think will be a strong draw to our community.  
If non-resident use is very limited.  
Do not allow external membership so you can't get the benefits of the center while getting the tax benefits somewhere else.  
Depends on how it is maintained throughout the years.

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#### 18. Are there other thoughts and considerations that we should be aware of in the designing of this facility?

##### Comments:

Appears as though the planning stage is fairly far along at this point. I'm curious to hear how you all perceive it going forward.

1. Size it for tomorrow not today's teens & seniors. 2. Non resident fees should be similar to your description but average resident tax plus 10 or 15% or more would be better. 3. What is the impact to Montclair & Woodland Hills pools & their memberships? 4. What access or what do you get for the base fee and what activities will require additional fees for usage? 5. Are the parking lots big enough to support rec centers & playing fields? 7. If you want it to be a "community" center participation should be targeted at over 50% or greater which then brings sizing into question.

I strongly support a facility. I am concerned about opening the facility to non-township members. If the cost to non-residents is only a couple of hundred dollars more for non-residents, then I don't think property values for many USC homes will be significantly enhanced, because the fees will be easily affordable to many people that would rather have new construction in Peters Township or South Fayette. New construction competition affects home sales of \$200,000 or more. I am also concerned about overcrowding of the facility which will decrease the use of township residents. Also, screening of population- teens in some communities may bring more neg. influences to our teens. Part of the reason many families live here is to help keep their children's peer group more sheltered. I would also like to see an expansion to the teen facilities. Ex. pool tables in teen area that would draw teens to the center.

I love the proposed facility- thank you for making USC a more enjoyable place to live for my family and me!

I have lived in a number of communities in 5 states and I miss having a town center. I believe the rec center will become a town center and make USC a stronger community. We don't have much space left and an aging housing stock. We need to give people a reason to move here. Thank you for the openness of this process!! Commissioners were elected to make this decision. I don't think it should go to a referendum.

No tax money should be used.

Build the best you can now! And keep an eye on the future to help it grow into the future. We need a music shell!

What is being done to take in consideration the surrounding wild life?

How will you be monitoring memberships? Will there be a way to pay per visit? Ex. Mt. Lebanon does not open its facilities to other communities but does allow outside communities to pay for the pool per visit. This may help to limit over crowdedness. What commercial zoning will be allowed? What security features will be put in place in such a big area in order to make it a safe place for our kids? How will you deal with over crowdedness? Perhaps monetary commitments should be solicited before beginning to build the recreation center.

We need this to be and remain a first class facility.

Hope there will be provisions for activities such as water aerobics, exercise classes, etc. available on a "pay-as-you-go" basis for residents who would not need a membership, for example, seniors or adults with no children.

We pay about \$300 for the Montclair pool. Assess a guest fee. No outsiders. Charge 100% of households to reduce fee. Go to it!

Non-resident membership should be limited.

The evaluation process has been thorough enough already- avoid the extra cost of the referendum and save the inflationary cost of delaying the start of construction. Approve the project now.

The state provided USC this part for protection not colonization or to provide work for building trades. Use as small a footprint as possible, preserve the trees! If necessary, design a 2-floor parking lot to preserve the "green"

Commissioners should vote their beliefs- no reason for a referendum. Go for it!

Maybe picnic pavilions around park area.

Add two tennis courts to the facility (preferably har-tru courts).

Encourage community college continuing education day & evening courses. Go for it!

A place for outdoor concerts.

Seek corporate funding/ sponsors

Need to consider 12-18 year olds thoughts, suggestions or they may not come. They need to feel welcome and comfortable. The rest of us need them.

We may have missed the boat by not including a competitive pool.

I feel that USC desperately needs this facility. No matter what happens it is obvious that the board has worked extremely hard. Thank you. Thank you for listening to the community, involving the community and actually caring about how the community feels. You conducted yourselves like professionals, and behaved like elected officials who truly care about the community. You have renewed my faith in this community.

Just do it!

Possibly common space for music lessons.

Would peer to see a much lower user fee \$50-\$100 range & more paid in taxes, since the taxes could be deducted from taxes.

No tax increase to build.

Keep it simple, spend few \$.

A community center is a nice thing but its not why people would move to USC. Only one way in to the center. Possible mine subsidence cost of shoring up underground. Steps to 2nd floor- elevator? If it's a community service, why not ala carte charges? Outdoor pool is a waste- can only use for 3 months. How was operating income derived? On the capital side is the increase ongoing or one time? Where is income from? memberships? Sell a brick!

I do not believe that it will be self-sustaining. I would like to see recent data from "mature" facilities for a better long term indicator.

Way too fancy. Pare back cost. Who pays for staffing & maintenance? Even though work has already begun @ the site, we need a referendum on the financing & cost! Will not pay fee to join/use!

Yearly maintenance costs.

If it can be built and maintained through user fees I would be in favor. If the cost associated with building or maintaining the facility will result in increased taxes I am not in favor. I believe this should be voted on by the taxpayers.

There should be a way to separate our fees/ taxes for those not using the facility (elderly or uninterested) I don't think this is a good idea.

I believe the final decision should be made by the commissioners who were elected to make such decisions & should not be left to referendum. Also believe that non-residents should bear a greater burden than the presentation suggested they would. Overcrowding the center would be worse than having no center at all.

I think there should be a focus on events for senior citizens in order to give that population a reason for wanting it. Arthritis classes, aqua aerobics class, etc. I also think the indoor pool should be more than 3 lanes.

I feel we need a competition 6 lane pool. The swimming pool at HS is inadequate to host swim meets & accommodate all kids who want to join swim club. They would use facility all year round. I think water slide, lazy river are too elaborate. I think people will grow tired of these things and they will not be used. There are amenities that have pools (Hampton) that can accommodate a competitive pool & leisure pool. I feel there is an interest to swim and our facilities are inadequate.

Fiscal responsibility- possible sliding scale.

What is the tax increase? Cost to nonresidents? What is the break-even in membership to run facility?

Outdoor swimming pool!!

1. Will seniors w/ certain insurance be able to get free memberships (like JCC "silver sneakers")? 2. Will the bball courts & pool be "over-programmed" so that there will be little "open" use of these? I hope not. 3. We need that outdoor pool!

There should be a skate park. Also there should be sidewalks developed so all USC residents can walk or bike to their community center safely.

A skate park!!!

A skate park!

It will be important to have programmed fitness activities for those who aren't familiar with various pieces of equipment or sports- eg. Swim class, using equipment opportunities for adult recreational volleyball, basketball, etc. Not highly competitive. Would love to see a couple racquetball/squash courts. Excellent presentation- very thorough! I had not decided- you have convinced me. Go forward- no referendum.

Less emphasis on property values- raising millage rate. I am against this. More emphasis on earned income- membership fees.

Indoor climbing structure/ gym for toddlers/ pre-school age kids for winter use. Outdoor covered areas for picnics- meeting with friends who are at the pool- Dad's to meet families for picnic after work. What happens to the existing facilities (Rec center, tennis courts, soccer fields) could the rec center fields, courts, be made into a small shopping plaza- restaurants to increase business in USC?

This type of facility can benefit everyone in the township to some degree or another and is long overdue.

Need separate rooms & facilities for seniors & teens.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have a facility that brings together people of all ages from our community. Thanks for all of your work & planning.

It should be well lit, well marked & easily accessible. Also handicapped accessible.

Trying to accomplish too much! Would like the pools/ competitive pool should be included. Ice skating?

The rec center would be a welcome addition to the community but not at the expense of an increase in taxes. If taxes must increase we should have voter approval.

My 10-year old attended REEC Science camp this summer- great! My family has hiked the trails.

I feel that both the indoor & outdoor pools are too elaborate. I feel that the Oxford Club in Monroeville has an excellent use of space and should be considered as an example of an athletic center that works very well for all age ranges and family types. My family has spent many evenings eating dinner @ the pool side grill with other family and friends.

Lap pool area is too small, should have at least 6 lanes.

I think there should be space dedicated to seniors and another space dedicated to youth. Youth programming should address all levels of child/youth- probably k-12. I don't think we need a referendum.

Seems very well thought out & beautiful. An asset for our community & for each of us.

As per the slides- the children should have slides, etc in the outdoor pool but let's please limit the "leisure" on the indoor pool. The children are in school and have many wonderful activities- the taxpayers need a facility where they can swim, do aqua yoga, aerobics, etc. during the winter months. Remember, 70% of our community does not have school-age children. I am concerned about the additional financial burdens to families may further hinder spending on education by our school board. Families move to USC for schools and at the moment, we still have excellent schools in spite of our school board.

This should initially at least be very expensive for non-residents. This should only change if current residents do not participate. It is for our community. Who will be managing the facility? Township staff? Has corporate or private sponsorship been considered for fundraising? Nowadays- all stadiums are named- can certain aspects like the pool name be sponsored? For \$\$ to reduce bonds?? I am glad to see a smaller scale project. I would rather have a premier smaller facility than a large one- the only thing I did not hear was the impact this would have on local businesses?

The township & schools have a severe shortage of lanes now for age group and high school swim programs. It should have at least 6 lanes for indoor competitive swimming practice, maybe more for outdoors. Also a diving well with deep end or scuba & 1 & 3 meter diving boards. You need only 1 gym but more pool space. Also the current channel should be eliminated & put in more lap lanes for active exercise.

What about an outdoor skate park? The Finley twp skate park is very nice- better than Peters Twp, but too far away to be useful for us.

Bring it in on cost and on time. No change orders, we can't afford another fire house debacle.

These are already in many communities nationwide. History show them to be valuable to residents for use and cost control is vital.

Facility & equipment maintenance.

Increase the areas for teen activities. Things for them to do while "hanging out". Bocce ball, horseshoes, ping pong, volleyball- The skate park idea from the teen is a great example that the teens need more than just a small room to be shared with senior citizens. Will they be allowed to use the fitness center under the age of 18??

Seems as though you have done a very thorough & thoughtful job on this. I am interested in learning more.

The design looks nice and the proposed activities would be popular with many families. However, I question using tax payer money to compete against several private and non-profit entities which offer many of the same recreational activities. If cost for nonresident memberships is the same as USC residents our property values will not increase. There will be no advantage to living in USC. Non-resident user fees should be greater than total USC resident costs. If membership income is too low than adjust down. Blended approach to pay for debt service looks best to me. EIT & Property tax. Full funding from EIT is NOT best approach. Is there statistical data showing com. recreational centers raise property values?

I would like to know operating costs and the rational use to justify the proposed design. Was it based on demographics of the community?

Yes- Rock climbing walls- obstacle course, mountain bike riding trails a& bike trains (non-mountain bike.) Personal training company renting space on-side. Rowing machines, rollerblading/ skate board park. Please increase the teen activities.

To reduce costs, eliminate items such as the lazy river & indoor slides.

It would be a huge mistake to go through the expense of putting in an aquatic center and not provide for the flexibility to allow for competitive swimming via a 25 m, 6 lane pool with seating for viewing. There are a total of 5 lanes for competitive swimming in the entire community. This is substandard for any community and painfully substandard for a community the size and stature of USC. It is my understanding that Fr. Couch Middle had a huge turnout for Recreational and Competitive Swimming (close to 100 children) Between the High School/ Middle School and Youth Rec Swim teams, we simply can't handle the volume of participants with only 5 lanes! (std is 6 for any pool) If you are putting in 3 lane 25 meter pool anyway, what was the additional cost to add 3 more lanes? and therefore make it more flexible for future use? Do not open it up to noncommunity members.

Is this facility really necessary given the proposed new YMCA facility in the South Hills?? I don't favor raising taxes to support the capital cost of this proposed facility or for the O & M

I feel put out a magazine- just like the rec center does no with a cost for each activity. Let the community know the calendar ahead of time and costs. We do have 6 kids- but we do have a budget. Also, \$300-600 isn't a lot for a large family like ours. What about setting up a quarterly payment plan for this annual fee? Maybe set out a flat fee for some things and then a fee for service for others. We welcome this facility and are VERY excited to join in programs with friends in the community and family time well spent. Thank you!

A facility of this magnitude with its associated high cost will result in a significant property tax increase. Therefore this project should be subject to a voter referendum. If the commissioners decide against a referendum, I will support a citizen's petition to require a ballot referendum as we did approx. 25 yrs ago on the community pool issue.

The success of similar recreation centers in Ohio linked to their state colleges.

Possible parking structure to limit exposure of automotive field which creates a commercial/ institution feel. Possible covered ped. Access from parking. Maximize the park like feel of the facility. ? Tennis? Racquet courts?

1. Operating costs are forever. 2. Preconstruction registration with first year's fee payable at that time will tell you the real interest.

The Wed Night presentation was excellent. Proceed at once. Use the income tax rather than millage. The assessment system is crazy.