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Do Grayslake Residents Want an Indoor Sports Dome?

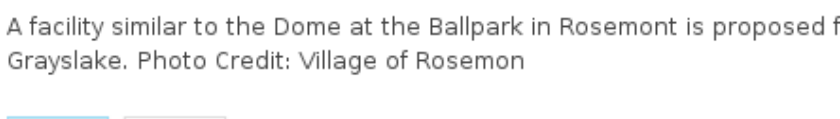
The Belcher brothers are proposing a \$4.3 million indoor sports dome near the College of Lake County. Patch wants to know how Grayslake residents feel.

Posted by [Angela Sykora](#) (Editor) , June 14, 2013 at 11:02 AM

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A facility similar to the Dome at the Ballpark in Rosemont is proposed for Grayslake. Photo Credit: Village of Rosemont



Grayslake trustees recently heard a preliminary proposal from brothers Kevin and Gregory Belcher to bring a 180,000 square-foot indoor sports dome to the village, on the south side of Washington Street.

The **Power Alleys Sports Dome** would be used for youth baseball and adult softball, among other sports, and include a full-service restaurant and bar, a training facility and a pro shop, reported the *Chicago Tribune*.

Village Manager Mike Ellis told the *Daily Herald* the air-supported dome would be located on 10 acres of land near the College of Lake County where the Glunz family received permission to build a winery, which is no longer in the works.

The proposal has yet to come before the Zoning Board, but Grayslake village trustees were interested enough to request a concept review during the June 4 committee-of-the-whole meeting, according to the *Tribune*.

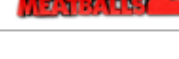
The Village of Rosemont has a 140,000 square-foot air-supported sports dome with a ceiling height of 75-feet called the **Dome at the Ballpark**.

While **Grayslake village** officials appear receptive to the idea of having a similar facility, Patch wants to know what residents think of the proposal.

Tell Us: Do you think an indoor sports dome would be a good addition to Grayslake? Why or why not?

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Nate June 14, 2013 at 09:21 PM
Ugh... I'm as big of fan of physical fitness & promoting activity as you'll find, but the idea of a 180,000 sq foot 75 foot tall bubble right on Washington street does not appeal to me. A bit too much of an eye sore for what it provides. Just seems wrong to put up a structure like this right across the street from Rollins Savanna which is a great asset to the community promoting the outdoor environment and the natural land. At that location I'd rather see an extension of Mill Creek park and outdoor facilities - seems it would blend with the surroundings a bit more naturally.
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My Self June 14, 2013 at 10:57 PM
I would love and use sports dome especially if it had an indoor pool. Which is what Grayslake is sorely lacking.
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Fran June 14, 2013 at 11:50 PM
Will Grayslake give these people a tax break where the bills fall on local businesses and then the homeowners of the village? The village keeps trying to plant flowers in soil that is tainted. Nothing grows in this town. You've sprayed too much business killer. Wake up...brick and mortar business are bad in Grayslake. businesses are leaving for a reason.
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Steve Sarich June 15, 2013 at 08:53 AM
The Glunz Family's original plans for a winery, restaurant and banquet facility on Washington Street would have been an enhancement to the image of Grayslake. I don't object to the sports dome but I wish it would be located in an area not so "in your face," as the Washington Street location. Washington Street is a major east/west artery in the Village and this large white "balloon" will be a major, unsightly distraction. Is there not land available near the new FedEx Ground facility on Rte. 83 or on Alleghany Road near or at Alleghany Park. If the Sportsdome also has a full service restaurant, liquor license included, obviously with a sports theme will that not detract from Emil's on Center Street which has done very well in attracting sports minded patrons and leagues to their doors since they opened. I'm not opposed to the dome per se...just the location. It would be nice to know the full financial details and the impact on the rest of the Village and if there are any tax breaks involved.
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Tom bennett June 15, 2013 at 08:59 AM
I also think a huge bubble right on washington would be a bit unsightly. Personally I always hoped we would get a more permanent fitness center in Grayslake. Maybe not as massive as the Libertyville complex but also not a big ugly balloon. Lets not rush this one through
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Samantha June 15, 2013 at 09:19 AM
Love the idea of a sports dome. DON'T like the look of a sports dome. Something more architecturally appealing is what would be needed and appreciated.
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SMH June 15, 2013 at 12:06 PM
Unsightly! is an understatement. I agree with comments posted which indicate a more permanent, more attractive structure is required for this site. Why is the Glunz family not pursuing their banquet center / winery that would have been a DELIGHTFUL plan! I am disappointed ! It would have been a wonderful addition to Grayslake - unlike this BAD BUBBLE !
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Bob Miaples June 15, 2013 at 03:45 PM
Good plan Grayslake, complain about your taxes and shun any new business that can help alleviate your high tax bill. I also enjoy people who want to put restrictions on them to be more appealing. Ask yourself do you think the location of Grayslake offers them so much that they'll spend millions more on it's looks or will they just relocate a few miles away in a community that is more business friendly like Round Lake or Gurnee. So many businesses have walked away because Grayslake is known to be difficult to work with. Seriously you should hang on to any business that wants to locate there tightly because the high taxes and congested roadways certainly aren't a big draw.
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Jim Marshall June 15, 2013 at 05:32 PM
The marketing plan to baseball and adult softball is too limited. This type of facility is not big enough for baseball past the 14U level unless it's for individual and small group work outs. So, no girls travel softball? That's too bad. The Grayslake Pride is a good program that fights for space every winter. Maybe the Belcher boys can figure out away to allow girls softball to get some dome time? I don't have a issue with the concept, but not if it comes with any "tax gifts". The properties tax bill is currently up to date so I don't see why the village has to offer a tax break just to land the first offer that comes along. For those who are concerned with the "big white bubble" look, these domes do not have to be white. The material can be made in a green, light blue...something other than white. Planting trees along the Washington Street is a must. But I wonder what the view from the Townhomes would be like? Also, the Village needs to take into consideration how many baseball/softball facilities have popped up in and around Lake County over the last 10-years. I know the plan has a different make up to it, but how many adult softball leagues are playing games in January and February? Will CLC be able to bring in some JC teams to play? Will the owners bring in HS teams to play or college teams like they do at the Rosemont Dome?
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Jim Marshall June 15, 2013 at 05:41 PM
The Village really needs to look into the Libertyville Sports Complex, not as model to follow, but as a study in what not to do with an indoor sports facility. The floor is terrible. The acoustics are terrible. Whenever I go there, I leave with such a headache I want to vomit.
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Keith June 15, 2013 at 05:55 PM
The Libertyville sports complex has been a major drain on the village's resources. What we don't want is taxpayer dollars supporting a business concept. Therefore a dome may be the affordable construction concept to make the business model work. Right now if the land is zoned agricultural the dollars to the village are almost nothing.
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Charles June 15, 2013 at 06:31 PM
How about "No". There are way too many other things Grayslake needs instead of some lame sports complex. What are these people thinking?
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joulevideo June 15, 2013 at 10:34 PM
What Nate said. Please, no eyesore!
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HM June 19, 2013 at 11:12 AM
We have enough eyesores in our town - this is the last thing we need. Why not build this in a more suitable location - near the FedEx building, perhaps. Washington Street is not the place for such an ugly facility that will look worse over the years.
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Rachael Rezek June 19, 2013 at 06:02 PM
Where on Washington St? Is this adjacent to the CLC campus?
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