

Community Pool White Paper Project

Warsaw's Water Wonder



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Proposal/Need:

Kosciusko County has several beautiful lakes, however, not everyone is able to enjoy the lakes due to health issues, not having the proper access, e-coli issue causing the lake to be closed or other possible reasons. The closest surrounding pools are in most of the surrounding counties, Whitley, Allen and Fulton. However, these pools do not meet the needs for our community. A community pool would benefit us as a community in more than just swimming. It would:

- Provide a great place for everyone from all ages around the community and surrounding communities to gather during the summer for a safe, fun and healthy recreational place
- Provide employment for high school/college kids in the summer
- Serve as the base for most summer activities in the community
- Support other summer programs such as the schools summer recreation, free lunch program and fundraisers
- Compliments other facilities in the area
- Teen parties, baseball and softball gatherings can be held at the pool
- Coordinate with the school board for swim team practices
- Church picnics
- High school senior parties and community service projects
- Incorporate Mayor Thallemer's idea to tie Warsaw and Winona Lake together
 - Putting the pool by one of the lakes could allow the use of the lake water to filter into the pool
- Fitness enjoyment for all ages –
 - Allow kids/teens to get outside more in the summer instead of staying inside playing video games and watching TV
 - Cooler temperature for Elderly to be able to be outside and enjoy the weather
 - Physical Therapy use
 - Mommy and Me classes

Community Interest:

The public input is a key component in trying to understand the demands, expectations and concerns for the Kosciusko County residents. Soliciting input is key from community members. Not only does this help provide input to our local needs, it can also help with local funding as well.

- Parks and Recreation website
- Kosciusko County website
- Ink Free News
 - See below for pie chart information solicited from a survey off Ink Free news in support of our KLA project
- Local residents/Co-workers and neighborhoods
 - Courtney Clark, Owner of On the Grow would love to have a community pool to do aquatic water aerobics. Highly recommended by her doctor due to Fibromyalgia. A YMCA membership is not in the budget due to being a single parent and the membership commitment. A community pool would enable her to use when she wants.

- Survey co-workers and local businesses
 - Rebecca Bazzoni, Executive Director of Joe’s Kids is very interested in the idea of a community pool for aquatics therapy. Currently they do not have someone staffed for this position but they have just expanded their facility and would be able to consider this option. The pool would have to be handicap accessible.
- Possible space in the Time Union newspaper to solicit the community to fill out a quick questionnaire online

Vision:

- Beach like entry (zero entry) creating a wading area (eliminates a kids pool), also for ease for handicap and elderly
- Water slide
- Lazy River (can also be used for water aerobics to walk against the current)
- Building with restrooms/showers, a small store with items such as sun lotion, towels, swim diapers, etc. and snack bar with an attached covered patio that is shaded with tables to use/rent

Projected Costs/Community Resources:

- Kosciusko County Foundation (Foundation Operating Fund)
- Go Fund Me Campaign
- Sponsorship levels (Gold, Silver and Bronze)
 - Gold – 1 available at \$1,200 and would be a welcome banner
 - Silver - \$600 for a fence banner
 - Bronze - \$400 for light post banner
- Salt water pool would save on chemical use and cut down costs

Bruce Lankenau, Maintenance Manager for the pool at the Warsaw YMCA provided the following information for 2016:

Warsaw YMCA Expenses 2016	
Categories	Actuals
Pool Test Chemicals	\$492.43
Pool Chemicals	\$14,995
Pool Repairs	\$1885.00
State Testing	\$40 weekly

Additional Information from Warsaw YMCA:

- Palin electronic tester (approx. \$1000.00) with taylor (approx. \$75.00) chemical testing as backup.
- Lose approximately 10,000 gallons a week due to evaporation and water dripping from swimmers.
- Gas bill is not figured separately so heating costs would be a guess.
- Pump motors use 13.9 A and 7.5A (3 phase) or 3. 6KW /Hour for an approx. electrical cost of \$0.60 / hr.

- Outdoor pool will have higher chemical costs as the sun “boils off “Chlorine faster than it would indoors. The same situation would apply to evaporation.
- Pools are 128,000 and 38,000 gallon capacities and used year around

Jorgenson YMCA in Fort Wayne

- Pool Cost including guard office, concession stand, pump room and 2 car garage for storage and maintenance shop = \$2,000,000
- \$500,000 of that was for the building
- Included in that was extensive ground/soil work as the ground did not test well for the pool
- Do not recall how much they raised from donations
- Raised \$750,000 from Parkview Physicians Group for lead/naming rights
- Received other large donations
- Plans were started in 2008 during the recession
- Several neighborhoods are within walking/biking distance to the Y or connected by a paved trail
- Confident this would be successful because over 10,000 families were close to the YMCA
- This is the 4th year the pool has been open
- More than 4,000 members have joined since the pool has opened
- No additional fundraising for operating support as the increase in members has supported the additional costs

Comparable Facilities:

County	# of Pools	Spend Per Year	Revenue per Year	Lifeguards
Tippecanoe	3	\$550,000 (Normal is \$427,000)		18-22
Notes: slides, a lazy river, concession stands and splash pads. Water park isn't enough, they have to keep adding attractions to keep the public coming back each year. You should add a new attraction every five to seven years. New fish slide was \$26,000.				
Allen (Memorial)	1		Less than \$500,000	5-9
Allen (Swinney)	1		\$500,000-1 mil	10-19
Allen (Northside)	1		\$1 – 2.5 million	20-49
Whitley	1		\$500,000-1 mil	10-19
Elkhart	1		\$1 – 2.5 million	20-49

Possible Location:

- YMCA
 - Steve Kuhn, Aquatics Director
 - The current pool was built to have an outdoor pool incorporated with it
- Stonehenge

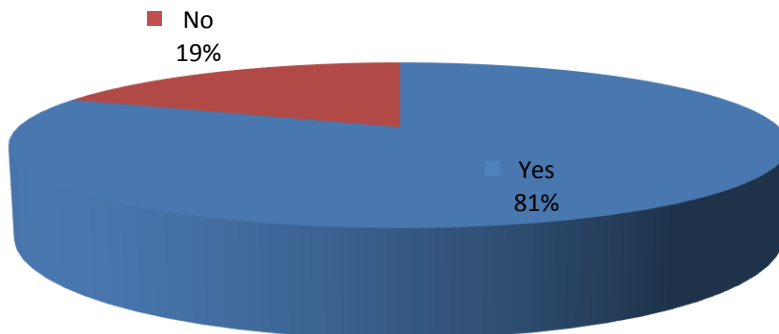
- Has a pool but cannot maintain it
- Mary Louise Miller
 - Boys Club Property (behind Stone Camp)
- Fairgrounds

Other Revenue/Opportunities:

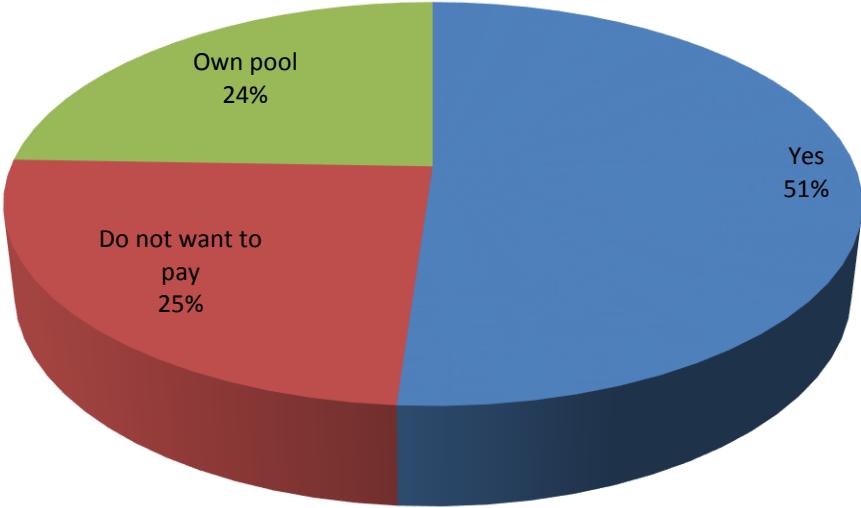
- Summer-Pass for swimming
- Swim lessons
- Physical Therapy
- Swim Team practices and meets
- Adult Water Aerobics
- Themed family fun nights
- Youth Triathlon (June/August) with 45min training session
- Rental for teen parties, baseball/softball gatherings, church picnics, family reunions, birthday parties, high school senior party, etc.
- Snack Bar
- Small store (sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, towels, shirts, shorts, etc.)
- Water Carnival

Survey was conducted among 90 random community members

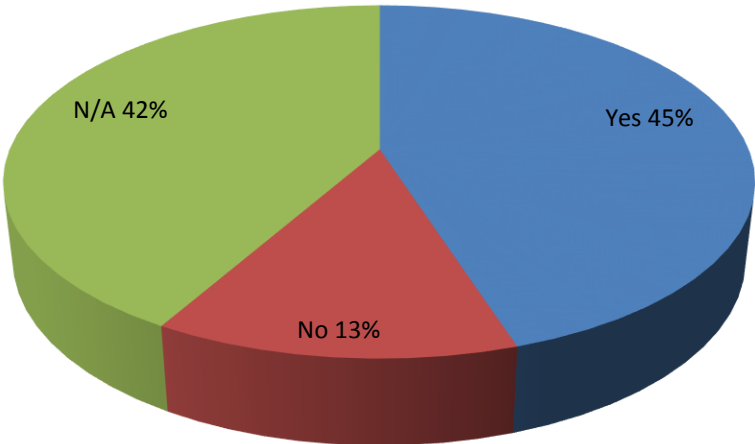
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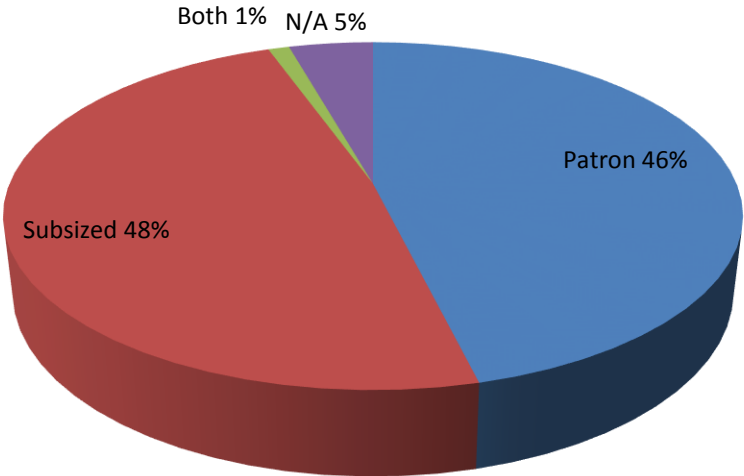
Use of a Community Pool:



Attractive Resource to move here:



How Kosciusko can financially sustain



(Munster Community Pool in Munster, IN)



Add wave pool around the outside and make the end wider for swimming laps (see below)





Conclusion:

Why a community pool when we have so many beautiful lakes in our area?

- Recreational value could attract new community members
- Add to overall property values
- A source for employment for area teens to check in, lifeguard, teach swimming lessons, sell concessions, etc.
- Great social outlet and brings families together in the community
- Could offer many aquatic programs such as water safety, water aerobics and other fitness and therapeutic activities for children, adults and seniors.
- Could be rented and utilized for swim meets, parties and events

Contacts/References:

- Steven Kuhn -Aquatics Director, Warsaw YMCA
- Carlisle Community Pool
<https://www.carlislepa.org/departments/parks-recreation/facilities-parks/carlisle-community-pool/>
- Lauren Prater – Ink Free News
- Courtney Clark – Owner of On The Grown
- Rebecca Bazzoni – Executive Director of Joe’s Kids
- Liz Fazetti – Jorgenson YMCA, Fort Wayne
- Scott Helmcamp – Jorgenson YMCA, Fort Wayne
- Chris Davis – Superintendent of Parks and Recreation City of Nappanee
- Munster Community Pool
- Bruce Lankenau - Maintenance Manager for the pool at the Warsaw YMCA