



March 4, 2021

Mrs. Linda Howell  
Laketown Township Supervisor  
Holland, MI 49423

SUBJECT: 2021 Laketown Township Annual Budget Meeting; Holland Community Aquatic Center update

Supervisor Howell,

Thank for the opportunity to provide a written update regarding the status of the Holland Area Community Swimming Pool Authority (HACSPA) or the Holland Community Aquatic Center.

Our HCAC was required to be closed for 6-weeks during 2020 as a result of COVID restrictions. The Ottawa County Health Department allowed us to reopen at less than 25% capacity for the remainder of the year. While ineligible for COVID Cares financial support, HCAC has maintained its fulltime staff and provided the community with fitness, wellness and aquatics capabilities. Virtual Aquatics Safety Lessons and in-person lessons have resumed. We continue to serve Holland Public, Holland Christian, Saugatuck, Vanderbilt, Black River and all other area schools and home-school programs. School and Club swim, dive, and masters programs continue to receive training space and both Hope College and Grand Valley State University are hosting events. The operation has been managed to breakeven throughout this pandemic while losing over \$750,000 in revenues.

We are pleased to advise HACSPA began it's bonded \$26.3M 2020 – 2022 renovation and expansion project in August of 2020 and is currently on schedule and within budget. The project will expand the existing aquatics and wellness center by more than 30% and allow simultaneous capabilities in; community wellness & fitness, aquatics safety, competitive and school partner aquatics, and a new therapy and rehabilitation zone.

Every Age, Every Family, Every Day!

Our Holland Community Aquatic Center Foundation has embarked on a +\$3.0M philanthropic campaign to add to the \$26.3 Public Bond. We are pleased to advise 2 of the 4 desired items have been funded and are being added to the project.

- a) 2nd Floor walking and rehabilitation track; HVAC controlled and 1/10 mile – approved and paid for!
- b) expanded community space lobby – approved and paid for!
- c) covered entrance/exit canopy & snowmelt – requesting philanthropic funding through

Aug 2022  
d) expanded fitness and multi-purpose room – requesting philanthropic funding through  
Aug 2022

HACSPA's (7) Member Board comprised of appointees from portions of; City of Holland, Holland Township, Park Township and Laketown Township have unanimously voted to expand the aquatic center's capabilities further with additional wellness, therapy and rehabilitation capabilities to better serve the expanding West Michigan Community.

The new Community Warm-water, fitness, universal change rooms and spa areas are set to open in January 2022 with an additional (5) lane multi-purpose competitive and wellness pool set to open in August of 2022. Completion will provide one the finest public community aquatics, fitness, wellness and rehabilitation centers in the United States.

HACSPA remains thankful to Laketown Township Precinct #1 for supporting HACSPA's operations and debt allowing residency fee status through the following:

HACSPA is thankful to Laketown Township Precinct #1 for providing the following tax dollars to us:

Operations	Debt
\$136,291	\$172,643
10.9%	10.4%

Finally, the Frost Research Center has estimated HACSPA provides in excess of \$6.0M annually in economic additional dollar revenues when the operation is running. The renovation and expansion project is projected to return in excess of \$10.0M annually in additional dollar revenues to West Michigan Area when completed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Huisingsh  
Executive Director  
Holland Area Community Swimming Pool Authority