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Shawano Recreation Center 2025 Renovation FAQ

When will construction start?

The Common Council will be approving a construction contract at their April 9th meeting. We anticipate construction to begin this July.

What does the floor plan look like? Are there pickleball, racquetball and basketball courts?

A detailed schematic is included on page 3 of this document. The area in white (Phase 1) is what will be paid for by the Flexible Facilities Program Grant (FFP). The area shaded in blue (Phase 2) includes a gymnasium, aerobics studio, racquetball court, gathering area, and storage. Phase 2 is not currently included in the 2025 renovation/addition plans and has an estimated cost of \$3.5 million.

What changes will be made to the locker rooms?

The locker rooms will be completely renovated. While we will still have traditional men's and women's locker rooms, they will now include individual showers and changing stalls. Family style locker rooms with private showers and changing areas will also be included. All locker rooms will have new lockers, floors, and fixtures and will be fully ADA accessible.

Will the Recreation Center need to be closed?

Unfortunately, a temporary closure is necessary to ensure the safety of our users, employees, and construction crews. While we currently do not know the exact timeline of the construction process, it is anticipated that the closure will begin sometime mid-summer and will last for several months. More details on the temporary closure will be shared with the community as we learn more.

Will this affect our taxes and/or membership fees?

Phase 1 (\$4.25 million) is being funded by the FFP Grant through the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, that part of the construction will have no effect on local property taxes. Currently, we do not know if or how Phase 2 will be funded. The Common Council is discussing various options with the hope to obtain local sponsorships for portions of Phase 2. The rec center fee schedule is approved through the 2026 calendar year. There are no intentions of changing the current fees related to the use of the Recreation Center until that time. Fees for new programs or facility use will be addressed at that time.

Will there be any changes to the exercise room?

Upon completion of the project, the exercise room will be expanded in size and scope. Updated equipment and the possibility of expanded business hours will provide a general workout space for users of all abilities to be active.



FAQ's Continued...

Will there be any changes to the pool?

The pool area will receive a new floor and HVAC system providing a stable temperature and humidity-controlled environment.

Will the pool be open during construction?

Unfortunately, we are unable to keep any portions of the facility open during construction, including the pool. Not only is this for the safety of everyone, but closing the entire facility for the duration of the project will allow for a quicker timeline.

Do we really need the community spaces and classrooms? Why not just build the gymnasium?

This depends on who you ask. To some, the gymnasium would be of greater use. To others, the common space is of greater importance. The decision to pursue the computer lab, community room, and telehealth offices was dictated by the FFP grant requirements. The requirements of the grant are to provide access to high speed internet and to enable work, education, and telehealth capabilities. Therefore, the offices, computer lab, greatly improved internet speeds, and the community space are what qualified us for and helped to secure the grant. Had we focused on the gymnasium as a priority, we would not have received any funding for this project.

Will you be gathering members input?

This past summer we received over 1400 responses to a survey focused on the Shawano Recreation Center. We also received another 500 responses to a survey that was related to our Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan which included the Recreation Center as one of the projects. Less formally we have and will continue to take feedback at the front desk.

What happens to the memberships during the closure?

During the closure, all active memberships will be paused. When we are able to reopen, memberships will be reactivated with the same amount of days remaining that you had paid for previously.

Will you be having classes at a different pool?

We are exploring the possibility of hosting some of the swimming lessons and/or other classes at Smalley Park Beach during the summer. The only other pool in Shawano is at the High School, which is already heavily programmed.

What changes will be made to the parking lot?

The parking lot will increase in size to 47 stalls, two of which will be dedicated to those with mobility challenges. The parking lot will be significantly better lit than it is now.

How do you foresee these new spaces being used?

The Recreation Center will have significantly expanded services for all residents and visitors of our area. With the expanded classroom and community room space, we expect non-profits to use the center for meetings and students to meet for social or study purposes. There will also be opportunities for professionals passing through our community to be able to have temporary office space. We intend for this space to be full of friendly, peaceful, positive community-filled vibes providing a facility for people to engage in physical activity, mental stimulation, and social connection.



Below is the current floor plan for the renovation/addition (Phase 1). The area in white with red lines as walls are the areas included in the \$4.25 million FFP. The areas shaded in blue are considered Phase 2 and are not currently part of the construction plan. It has an estimated cost of an additional \$3.5 million dollars, with the Common Council currently discussing options for funding this phase, including the possibility of obtaining local sponsorships.

