



Municipal Taxing District for Seminole youth recreation facilities

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Do you support the proposed special taxing district to fund the operation and maintenance of County-owned youth sports facilities in unincorporated Seminole?

Summary Of Responses

As of December 12, 2023, 8:34 AM, this forum had:

Attendees:	474
Responses:	329
Hours of Public Comment:	16.5

Topic Start

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QUESTION 1

Please provide your full name

Answered	329
Skipped	0




QUESTION 2

Please provide your address

Answered	329
Skipped	0

QUESTION 3

Which of these statements describes you?

		%	Count
I am a resident of unincorporated Seminole inside the proposed district.		54.4%	179
I am a resident of the City of Seminole outside of the proposed district.		6.7%	22
I live outside of the Seminole area.		38.9%	128

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QUESTION 4

Do you or your children use one or more of the youth sports facilities (Cross Bayou, Seminole Jr. Warhawks and/or Seminole Youth Athletics Association)?



QUESTION 5

Do you volunteer or work at one of the youth sports facilities?



QUESTION 6

Do you support the proposed special taxing district that would fund the operation and maintenance of County-owned youth sports and recreation facilities in unincorporated Seminole?



QUESTION 7

We would like to understand the reason for your answer. Please briefly explain why you support or oppose the proposal, or why you are undecided.

Answered 261

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Skipped 68

QUESTION 8

Did you watch the video at pinellas.gov/seminolerec that explained the proposal?

		%	Count
Yes		73.5%	236
No		26.5%	85

QUESTION 9

If yes, please rate the amount of information in the video:

		%	Count
The video gave too much information.		1.7%	4
The video gave the right amount of information.		94.5%	225
The video did not give enough information.		3.8%	9

QUESTION 10

How helpful was the video in helping you form an opinion?

		%	Count
Very helpful		60.5%	141
Somewhat helpful		34.3%	80
Not very helpful		5.2%	12

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Survey Questions

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Please provide your address

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QUESTION 3

Which of these statements describes you?

- Yes
- No

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- I am a resident of the City of Seminole outside of the proposed district.
- I live outside of the Seminole area.

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- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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In Favor of MSTU

The youth sports facilities are in a very poor state of repair and in desperate need of renewal and maintenance. Our children deserve a safe place to play sports, something that our neighborhood does not currently offer.

Facilities in surrounding areas are far newer, better maintained, and offer players and families a safer

As a parent who's child has participated in youth sports since he was two at these fields, I feel it is important to improve these fields for future use and generations to come.

The fields are in major need of renovation to keep sports thriving in the area. We have to compete with the nicer fields in newer areas to keep the sports going. Also, like other fields in close proximity, where the city maintains

the fields, they are immaculate. This extra tax will ensure year's of beautiful fields and will keep parents and

Our complexes desperately need improvements. Gives our kids pride and need these for the long haul!

I've been to all of these fields and agree that they need to be fixed, then maintained. I've been considering

leaving PC youth sports for other locations that are better kept. This tax would be beneficial to the town and our

Sports are essential to building character and instilling teamwork within our youth. These fields will give our

children a safe space to develop skills that a computer or gaming system would not provide!

SYAA fields desperately need updating. My kids need safe places to play

Our children play on these fields. Parking is terrible and unsafe, the facilities are in need of remodeling.

The fields and facilities are in desperate need for repairs. This funding will bring a, hopefully a state of the art,

The community should be putting into the facilities their children play at. Other facilities around the large district receive funding from the city, our fields need to be nice so we keep kids local playing sports

We need better complexes in this area. Our organizations are the only ones that maintain their fields. We

compete against organizations at a disadvantage. We would live to host tournaments and bring in money to all

The current facilities are sub par and need replacing

My daughter has generalized anxiety. Since playing in Florida celtic Soccer, she has barely had panic attacks and has grown to love soccer. My children have goals to play at the club level. They would be lost without a place to

play sports and improving the fields would help my children have a better soccer experience.

I support the proposal because the more and better facilities we have it will keep the kids active, and stay out of

Recently attended soccer games at the SWJAA felids and was surprised at the different quality of fields. The first

field we played on was nice but the following week the field didn't have grass in areas. The following week

practice was cancelled due to standing water on the fields. The parking area would be safer with the proposed

I have volunteered/coached at Seminole Jr Warhawks for the last 14 years. First as my son progressed through

the rec, academy, and club soccer, and then as my daughter progressed through rec, academy, and now club

soccer. The soccer club provides a valuable opportunity for our children to grow and develop into productive

citizens. They learn teamwork, communication, work ethic, leadership. The continued success and growth of the

My flood insurance doubled, so why not spend a little more to help the kids have a nice place to play sports.

I believe it's important to support our youth and get them outside playing!

The kids need more fields as the teams are growing. This sport is growing at exponential rates and we need the

facilities that will support the growth. We also need to show how real this sport is to opposing teams as their

For the best future of our kids, be able to play sports and stay active.

Fields in pinellas county need to be able to compete with other counties.

These facilities help attract and retain families to this area for youth sports. Compared to other similar areas, these facilities are quite inferior and need to be improved.

1. These fields create a sense of belonging and inclusivity.
2. They develop social skills, teamwork, and discipline in a controlled environment.
3. Provide structured activities, mentoring, and positive role models.
4. Boosts tourism and spending at local businesses.

SJWAA fields are currently a hodgepodge. Like a bunch of patchwork. Parking can be somewhat difficult dangerous at SJWAA at times. Needs redrawn from scratch. Maybe put in a parking lot off to one side but I'm not sure. Youth sports are a critical component to raising productive, healthy children.

Our kids need a place to play sports! It should be a quality complex too!

The facilities need better maintenance and a small annual fee to help support fields we use is something I agree

Yes, because this gives kids an outlet for whatever is going on at home. The better the facilities the more will want to play and better themselves. It is all for the kids.

Look at newer facilities built by cities, huge, nice, bathrooms, lounge areas, cafes, preschools, summer camp indoor activities, stem camps. Grass areas with nice seating greens with nice fence...

because children should have a good recreational space to wake up.

Better facilities for the children's development.

Any improvement in the facilities is a no brainer for me. Both of my children have spent lots of time playing for Florida Celtic. My oldest son and I have spent many seasons volunteering for Florida Celtic. We love this club and we as a family are a huge part of this soccer community and we are in need of these improvements!

The soccer complex is a valuable resource for children's athletics that the kids desperately need. The complex is in poor shape and the parking lots and facilities are becoming dangerous due to their poor and aged condition.

I am always open to supporting opportunities for youth development and the facilities that go along with it

Although I do not live in Seminole, I coach, and my daughter plays, for a team that frequently plays at SJWAA.

These fields (like many in unincorporated Pinellas) are in rough shape (dirt, holes, no trees, bad nets, etc). The city fields we play at are always well maintained and enjoyable, and safe, to play on. The holes/ divots are the

These fields provide an amazing opportunity to the children in the Seminole area. Children who engage in sports show higher success in school, have high social function, and have better overall health. These facilities are more important than ever with the continued rise in electronic devices and the rise in child screen time.

These fields need renovation (SJWAA)

I am in support. Having a facility for children and families is important for our community. It brings them together and organized sports help kids socialize and improves health through activity. Keeps kids off of devices

Fields are not maintained due to lack of funds. St Pete, Largo, Madeira Beach, as well as all other city fields are maintained and kept nice by the city. Yet these fields are not because they are outside the city of Seminole until

I live in unincorporated Largo but my home is in the proposed tax district per this map, the wording is confusing to people. I think there needs to be clarification that this map included unincorporated Seminole and Largo.

Possibly a video or wording for this too, as you asked about other videos.

And I support yes because my son plays sports at all of these locations and will for quite some time. It is

We lived in incorporated Largo/Seminole for 10 years before moving to Belleair 3 years ago. We have been using the SJWAA fields since 2014/2015. We have loved having the fields and facility so close to our home and still use the fields to date. I would love to see the county provide a SAFER recreational space for our

kids/families. Right now, the space does not provide a safe environment for kids to walk/use restrooms without supervision. The proposed facility is very much needed. The parking and field space is not sufficient for the amount of people using it. The children and community benefit from having a place to exercise while working on team work.

Current fields are subpar in comparison to other cities in Pinellas County i.e. Madeira Beach and cities in Florida.

Our kids and grandkids deserve to play in better conditions. At a minimum, the parking lot at Warhawks should

I support the proposal because we would love to see our soccer complex get a makeover

I am a coach with the Celtic Soccer organization. I believe that at least for the SJWAA complex, which I went to as a kid, it is definitely due for a remodel. Would be great for current and future players, parents and coaches to I have been a board member at one/all of the fields for the past few years. The small tax incurred would greatly help allow board members to focus on items that would benefit the league instead of spending most of our These originations have been faithfully servicing the Seminole community out of these three facilities for over 50 years. This proposal would allow these youth sports programs to thrive and invest more of their volunteers time into their sports programs instead of dealing with mounting responsibilities to repair and maintain these aging facilities. This proposal would certainly be a great way to ensure quality youth sports programs continue for All 3 parks in dire need of renovations and need the financial support to run and maintain these fields. Having volunteered since retiring from the military I see first hand how this is needed for all the children in the area! Youth Sports not only help children develop athletic abilities but also helps provide a community in which children can learn morals, ethics and find a sense of belonging. Many families cannot afford to pay registration fees at the higher cost facilities and I do not believe that any child should be denied the opportunity to play based on income. In a world where kids are spending more and more time on electronic devices, it is imperative My children have grown up playing sports in these fields. Sports are important for children in many different ways both physically and mentally. My hope is that more children will be able to use these fields in the future. New fields are needed for the Seminole area youth.

Better and safer places for our children to grow and learn in sports

I work at the fields as a youth soccer coach. Many of the kids comment how the field conditions are impacting their abilities to play soccer. It's difficult to inspire the kids to want more when the facilities they play at aren't offering any inspiration. I want the best for these kids and newer facilities and upgrades would really elevate the Fields are currently poorly maintained by board members and funding is spent on frivolous costs We need to up our game. Seminole should be amazing and proud. We should have a well run sports complex This would help the community in so many ways! And the kids get to benefit by having some awesome fields instead of being in the streets done horrible stuff.

The shared resources from other municipalities helps integrate our community and allow for our children to broaden their interactions and deepen friendships.

Fields need updated and maintained after grant to rebuild. Kids need a nice place to play sports and get off the Much needed improvements for youth sports in area

Having grown up in Seminole, I know it has always been a family-oriented community with competitive extracurricular programs. Seminole has always had a great reputation throughout the Pinellas and Tampa Bay area! However, when teams from around the state travel to Seminole for youth athletics, our current facilities are rundown and clearly outdated. If we want to remain a pillar of the community and a desired destination for The facilities have been taken care of by coaches and volunteers. If Seminole would like to established themselves in the sporting world as a reputable facility ownership other than volunteers needs to be taken. I coach at these fields and they need funding to improve.

I support this initiative as I believe that sports is a great tool to keep our kids active and engage with the I believe in the positive impact of youth sports on our local youth. Investing funds into the facilities will enable all involved to impact even more youth athletes in a safe way. Additionally, funds supporting the expansion of the Seminole Jr Warhawks facility will create the premier soccer facility in Pinellas County which could drive even The fields need it. Soccer is massively growing in this country as you know.

Pinellas County youth need to have more options to participate in sports to develop the discipline, sportsmanship, and athletic skills to participate in sports. Youth need as many options and facilities to accomplish this as possible. These skills transfer into academic performance and better lifestyle choices as they No answer.

The fields are in desperate need of improvements

I support this initiative as it will benefit the children, community and local businesses of the local Seminole, large and unincorporated areas. Our children deserve a safe place to learn and play sports. Keeping children on the fields and off the streets or in front of screens will benefit the entire community. State of the art facilities will attract young families to Pinellas County and especially the local area. The new facilities will attract state-wide

The facilities are old and run down, they need to be updated and made safe for all our youth athletes. Improved facilities will encourage residents to participate in youth sports programs which I feel is so very Support. There needs to be improvements made to the youth sports facilities across Seminole.

The facilities are severely out dated as opposed to what we see in other counties and it puts our local youth and sports teams at a significant disadvantage. it's time to get into this century.

The growth and demands are increasing. This keeps kids in safe places.

I do not have a child of my own yet but I am in the "hurry up and wait" stage of the adoption process. I grew up playing team sports and loving every second of it so I hope that my child will want to do the same - starting with Beneficial to community. When younger my children availed themselves of programs at SYAA

I previously resided in Seminole and my children did use the facilities

This is long over due. We are behind other counties in funding youth sports programs for our kids. This was approved in the Eastlake area and has been a great success. Our kids need this as well as us adults. Please

I support this MSTU as it will benefit our children, the community at whole, and local businesses. Children need a safe place to play and learn baseball, softball, football, soccer, cheerleading and more. Communities are better served when children are on the fields instead of in front of screens or on the street. State-of-the-art sports facilities will also attract young families to the area which is necessary to continue growth. New facilities will also I fully support this. Our facilities are unsafe and out of date! This is a great for our children and community.

Sports, athletes, coaching and mentorship is priceless. This will provide the opportunity to enrich our children This will make our neighborhood a more desirable place to live.

The children, the future generations deserve to be able to have something nice and up to date! They deserve to have something good and the assets they need to play something they enjoy!

The fields needs help to ensure our youth have quality resources growing up.

Our kids need a place to play. Keep them occupied in sports.

Community sports programs provide an identity to the community. They provide a place where families of all creeds can come together in the spirit of competition and sport. This example that is set ensures our children Improvement to the fields and the facility are necessary for the viability of the sports programs

I think this is a great use of tax funds, so many kids come out to play these sports every year. So many parents put so much of their time and money into these sports also, I think fixing up these fields is great idea.

These facilities are in desperate need of maintenance and oversight to ensure they continue to be available to the children of Seminole. I have witnessed firsthand how the SYAA board operates and why they cannot keep the fields even slightly maintained. These facilities are in desperate need of oversight for the betterment of the It will help many kids in the area if the plan goes through

Our fields need help and this is a great outlet for our kids!

The facilities need updating for safety

Play improves the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and young people. Through play, children learn about the world and themselves. They also learn skills they need for study, work and relationships such as: confidence. The facilities in the past have not be kept up to date and are very discouraging Youth sports helps bring the community together. Investing in something like that seems like an appropriate

I have a strong belief in supporting the needs of youth, and good facilities are needed for solid youth programs. I have lived near Cross Bayou for 35 years and these important facilities are in great need of improvement.

They all need some renovation

My 2 children are members of Pinellas County Youth Baseball organization and use both sport facilities Cross Bayou & Seminole Jr. Warhawks. I feel that it is important to continue funding and maintaining these facilities. Some things are due for updates and the appropriate funding is crucial. This is our youth we're talking about My son loves playing there and would benefit from this happening as would all the kids

SUPPORT - Youth sports & recreation facilities are crucial to creating and maintaining a sense of community and generally increase a community's property value, both of which are important to Pinellas County and particularly all Seminole residents. Having grown up in Pinellas County, I had the opportunity to utilize youth sports & recreation at the subject facilities and my children currently enjoy these same facilities year-round. With such funding, it will be great to see Seminole and Pinellas County rise to the level of surrounding Cities and Counties. Youth sports & recreation are an integral part of shaping children into well-rounded, respectful and caring adults - Youth sports is an important component of childhood development. I have lived in the proposed MTU for 39 years and saw the subject fields when they were new, and now they need to be updated and maintained for Surrounding leagues/complexes are funding by local municipalities. These three locations are the only local facilities that use their own money from registration fees to keep them afloat. The maintenance needed to keep fields in excellent condition far exceeds what is raised from registrations which also go to fund uniforms, field maintenance on top of repairs at these large facilities. Our kids deserve a top notch facility that serves majority of the city of Seminole. Hard work sweat and tears have gone into maintaining these fields but with costs rising and more large scale repairs are being required it's not possible to continue with registration alone. City of To continue supporting team athletic activities for children

I am one of the Manager for a team and I think this will really help improve bringing kids into program and help All 3 of the listen fields and older and run down and definitely need an update.

My sons play every season and what a shame to not fund an already underfunded program that serves such a great community purpose. Sports teach character as well as keep kids out of trouble and it is something so many These are the only fields in an area full of youth athletes and they are in desperate need for renovation.

All complexes are in need of renovation and will bring families to the area

Makes sense for the success of youth sports in the city. Participation in youth sports leads to success in life and Sports are important for youth. They shape teamwork, integrity, hard work, confidence. We need neighborhood The maintenance and upkeep of the fields is necessary for the safety of our children.

Both of my children play soccer at SJWAA and my son plays baseball with PCYB. They love their time at the fields, but we understand they are in need of updating to keep the kids safe.

There are a lot of kids in this area that athletically could use more support. We compete against other organizations that are funded/supported by municipalities.

The facilities need to be maintained.

The importance of having these facilities is detrimental to the development of our youth sports programs. The updates and maintenance that is needed provide a great way for the youth to participate within the community. Having that said, it is a small amount to ask for the lasting positive results it will provide.

Currently these facilities are underfunded and have been for years. The cost of operating these facilities has been dependent on volunteer time of non-profit board members and registration fees of the different programs being run out of these facilities. This puts an undue financial burden on the players and families that use the recreational facilities and the very people these facilities were meant to serve, as well as the non-profit organizations running the different programs. These programs must fund the maintenance of these facilities in My child is a part of the SYAA field & I coach there. During practices my child- and her teammates - have had to deal with extremely poor conditions on this field. Cheer has no designated area on this field & the grounds are not safe for them. The ground is covered with ant hills & lots of sandspur bushes. Our bleachers & benches are

My children have played sports at all three locations and the fields are to the point where injuries are not only possible but likely. Also, parking for all the locations is problematic. There are limited spots and the layout is unsafe as children have to cross traffic to get to the different fields from the parking lots. These locations give the children something constructive to do. It also gives them a sense of community with Seminole which will provide several tangible and intangible benefits to the area in the future when these children grow up. This is a
The current state of the youth sports facilities is an atrocity. I am from here grew up playing sports in the county and moved to one of the highest unincorporated tax districts and am ambarrased when people see the condition of our facilities. This plan lacks details on immediate saftey repairs that the county should action tommorow!

The spaces need updated for the children

My son plays baseball at cross bayou. The facilities are in desperate need of updating.

Reduction in fees to support access for kids in sports is the best use of money. It supports family cohesion; teaches work ethic and discipline; and builds community.

It's needed to keep youth sports affordable and facilities up to standards across the area and other

The current fields are in dire need of renovation and upkeep.

There are a lot of children who are greatly benefitted by the sports programs available. The job of maintaining the fact lities is too great for a group of volunteers. It would be better managed by professionals thru the county. Because youth baseball and youth sports in general and a huge part of my family's lives. And by upgrading and maintaining these facilities- we can help ensure that future generations of youth players can enjoy the fields

I support it

Sports keeps kids out of trouble.

Unincorporated areas have less available programs that cities do.

This is a great organization that needs better facilities.

Our kids will benefit from this because, there will be funds to keep the facility going allowing kids from low

We need to provide facilities and activities for our youth.

1. All 3 three sporting complexes are in horrible shape!

2. Children need a healthy sporting outlet to grow and become team members who reflect much-needed collaboration in life and become productive citizens in the area where they live and attend school..and eventually work. It literally starts on the healthy and safe playground!

3. Sports and sporting complexes that are clean, safe, and well-run are reflective of a vibrant and attractive area for all residents - no matter if they have children who play sports or not. A well-rounded and inclusive active community has positive trickle-down effects to attract more people to Seminole County, including new businesses/residents that will invariably add to the county's tax base.

Supporting youth sports is important for a thriving community

My son plays baseball on these fields and they need renovation.

My son has been playing on these fields for years and still does. We want to make sure it continues to provide for him as well as upcoming kids in the future...even when my son has moved on. Having outdoor activities on maintained fields is so important for the physical and mental health of our kids today.

Youth sports and recreation facilities offer positive and safe programs for children

The facilities are dated, lighting is poor, fences are in disrepair, parking is inadequate

Fields and facilities are in general disrepair

Lighting is old and inadequate and therefore unsafe

Inadequate parking and bathrooms

This is extremely important to the future of sports in the Seminole area. The kids love their sports, staying active keeps them healthy and out of trouble, and provides positive role models.

Most municipalities keep up recreational facilities that youth sports operate out of, this lowers cost and ensures My kids have played baseball since they were 3 (they are now 10 & 13) and there are many beautiful facilities. Our fields are in major need of a rebuild, as this will bring in more players and open more opportunity for kids to The kids need quality fields for all sports. The current situation is not sustainable long term.

I support this because my son plays soccer in Seminole and think it's very important for the kids to have to best environment for their sports needs. In order to keep the kids actively interested and involved they need I have grandchildren that use these facilities

Rec sports is absolutely vital for young people.

Pinellas county is in desperate need of better recreational facilities. The facilities now are currently over 40 years There are nearly 900 children enrolled in Florida Celtic soccer. The facilities can use upgrades and expansion. The fields are used nearly 365 days out of the year and are filled with families and players on game days. Having the use of renovated and expanded facilities will not only contribute positively to the lives of children in Pinellas, but their families will benefit also. From these athletes come the parents and leaders of the future. Anything we All children in Pinellas County (not just in the cities) should have access to well maintained sports facilities.

Having a well maintained facility will encourage parents to have their children be involved in sports. Children that play sports are more likely to stay away from nicotine and other recreational drugs when they get older.

I have been very involved with the soccer club at SJW for many years, and know first hand how much time is required by unpaid volunteers. We have been fortunate that we have had very good leadership over the years, with many people making a lot of sacrifices. But I have always been concerned that this may not be sustainable.

This would bring so much to our city! We need this for the kids. We have so many professional athletes coming out of our area and it keeps kids busy and out of trouble. Please consider this to make Seminole sports

My family was very involved in sports through SYAA while my children were growing up.

My kids have played in the fields and they do need improvement.

For me, the reason is because the facility that we have currently or facilities are definitely average or below average, and would like to see our properties look like others that we play against that are impressive. A lot of the facilities are much nicer and more family friendly and that's what I want for our athletes. Nice fields nice Community sports helps engage children and provide a safe community to grow up in. Having facilities that are Sports facilities have not been updated in over 30 years.

My children are highly engaged in sports in the the area. These locations have been the go to for children in the area since I was a child. The associations involved have tried their best to keep up the areas but need My kids have played soccer at SJWAA and baseball at Cross Bayou and those facilities are in great need for This would be so good for all the children in the community. Children need something to do. These 3 complexes contain 3 sports for children to play in their own town. We can not rely on volunteers! We need this to pass so To invest in our Youth is always good.

Help Celtic Soccer

physical activity > device time

The sports facilities would add to the area and give the kids an updated place to play. Most of these sites are in need of a facelift. Additionally separating the sports out to specific complexes would allow us to consolidate the My son plays competitive soccer at the Walsingham complex and I volunteer there as well. The fields need lots My son plays soccer through Florida Celtic. While our home field is Palm Harbor, we enjoy his ability to play I grew up playing competitive soccer and where I lived we had a nice soccer complex. It is important to have nice fields for young kids wanting to develop their skillset and become good players.

Great for the community, and the well-being of children to grow and understand the concept of ethics and

There is a huge need for recreational facilities for our youth in this area. I fully support this.

It's a good idea.

My child loves these fields and they are amazing!

This is a very important facility where it promotes youth activities that are critical for their development and well

The number of children in the area is growing and we need the facilities to support the activities. Some of the fields are a hazard due to all the pitting on the fields, etc. The upgrades are expensive and are needed.

We need more recreational spaces for the kids.

To fund youth sports

It is very important to have good facilities for the sports and recreational training of the children of the

So many local kids use this field and it would add to the community.

The SJWAA field in particular is in very bad shape and running out of room. We need more recreation areas for

Youth sports are vital to the community and provide children with many opportunities. We must keep the availability of youth sports going for future generations.

I grew up coming to the same fields I take my kids to now and they are largely exactly the same. They really need updating. It's important for the community to support the kids that will someday run things.

Support as needed for kids in nearby area.

Greatly needed for this field.

The current fields are absolutely terrible. The playing surface for the kids is not only ugly to play on, it's

downright exposing the kids to way more injuries than they should be. All the fields are trip hazards, have insufficient irrigation and are an embarrassment to the community. For the tiny cost to the community, this

would be a HUGE improvement to the community. If this doesn't pass the Seminole county administrators

Youth sports is an important part of a child's development. While I don't use these facilities currently, we might in the future. The facilities are currently in shambles.

Youth sports are important to the development of our future citizens, and leaders.

Half the grass is dead on the soccer fields, the ground is very uneven, irrigation is spotty, fences are old and bad, baseball fields are not good and people pay a ton in taxes. This will significantly improve how our part of Pinellas

county attracts good families or gets bad families to leave who care about their kids. It is a very well thought out My children play soccer for Celtics and we play the teams Seminole Jr Warhawks field and play at our field.

Kids who participate in youth sports are known to have better mental health, better physical health, reduced risk of suicide/drug abuse/depression, higher academic achievement, better social skills, and lower rates of crime among many other benefits. All of those things make our community a better place.

My kid's been playing at these fields for over 10 years, and in that time has developed a wonderful sense of discipline, motivation, teamwork, pride in our community, and respect plus a core group of friendships that might last a lifetime. I credit a lot of that to season after season playing within these organizations and being mentored by the dedicated coaches, staff, and parents who make it all work. However these specific complexes are all in need of investment to increase safety (both for players on the field and everyone in the parking lots) and renovating them will show the kids who play there that their community cares about them, and they in turn will show pride in their community.

My kid will be far too old to ever play on these fields, but a society grows great when old men plant trees whose

The increase in children athletes has limited the field space for games and practices. With many teams sharing

We need to have more sport facility for our children

Our children need more room to play outdoors safely

This area and the surrounding area of Largo have grown rapidly these past few years hence why so many local schools have so many kids in each class and local private schools have wait lists. Many of the new residents have

families of elementary age kids, many whom participate in various sports. My family has 2 kids who regularly

have sports events (soccer) at the Seminole Facilities and I fully support funding for local kids to have a safe place

With a steadily increasing population, it is imperative that we take care of the areas that cultivate health and

well being in our youth. Creating and maintaining the recreational spaces that allow for the youth in our

Great place for my children to have activities

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The fields are very busy and are in great need to be upgraded to be comparable with others in the area. I would like to see a playground at the facility included in the plan as well and more seating options.

The fields need improvement and so do the facilities. The parking is a real mess and needs to be fixed.

I support. My child plays sports at these complexes.

The Seminole facilities are in need of new parking, upgrade fields, and concession facilities. We travel to other fields in the area and ours are embarrassing compared to other county youth facilities.

Our children play for the Florida Celtic team for recreational soccer. We want the facilities to be up to date and I support because it is a place for children to be amongst their peers in a safe environment.

It will benefit the future of my child's sports future

I don't want to pay more taxes, but I think kids should have access to sports fields and activities. I hope they manage the money well for all the improvements, I don't understand why it needs to cost so much.

Our children deserve places to play and grow.

Both my kids use the soccer fields. The fields could use an upgrade. I know the benefits of having a safe and well maintained place to play and get exercise. I fully support this.

The fields and parking need improving

Fields are in need of major update. Great opportunity to keep kids active.

Because the kids need good places to play.

I fully support the proposal. The future is our children. These fields are a crucial safe place for children to learn, grow, build friendships, and make memories. Sports teach dedication, teamwork, honor, and respect. Our children need exercise and these fields are the perfect place for them to find their love for a healthy life.

The SJWAA location have my daughter purpose and safe place to go. I see hundreds of children getting the same. The kids need a more safe stable and larger individualized complex. That's a safe even for these kids that get it is needed in the Community.

My children play sports in Seminole and one of my children attends school in Seminole.

I grew up with recreational sports and believe it is very important for the development of kids, teamwork, Youth sports is extremely important for the development of our children.

I think this facility would greatly benefit our children.

My children play sports at SJWAA. They have played at many other facilities across the state, and this facility NEEDS updating. The lack of care that the county has shown is appalling.

I think youth sports is important and I fully support the allocation of funds to keep them up and running.

The fields are in embarrassing disrepair and represent our community poorly to all visitors.

The kids and the community need a proper and care space to practice sports!

My children play soccer on these fields and this organization is very active in the community and needs our support. We live in The Bluffs in Largo near the Indian Rocks Rd / West Bay intersection. The near coast communities in Largo, like ours, have either Belleair or Seminole sports fields nearby (within 5 miles) as an option for practice and games. Seminole has the larger facilities that are able to accommodate the increasing population that is growing. These facilities are very helpful and beneficiary to youth and community.

It's an investment for generations to come.

I support this proposal because I believe this will not only be great for the community but most importantly provide proper facilities for the kids and young adults in the community.

Against MSTU

Citizens, more specifically, residents, need more tangible results with their tax dollars. Youth need access to healthy outlets. This is a worthy cause for taxation that will pay dividends in the future and build trust with all stakeholders. It will work to prove that local government can directly invest in future generations.

There was not enough information particularly related to what it means to bring the facilities "up to today's

My family has used the facilities at the SYAA for over 20 years and know first-hand that having these facilities in proper condition will draw more participation. How do we guarantee that the County won't decide, at some future date, to sell these properties to a developer? My main concern is maintaining the zoning as recreational. If these fields were open to the public to use at one's discretion to play with kids, grandkids, etc I might be open to supporting this. I have wanted to take my kids to an open field many times and there are slim to none open spaces to do so in this unincorporated area.

I believe that they are estimating 900,000 revenue from this proposed tax increase, yet the estimated annual I have been involved with the meetings with the county since February of 2023 as a representative of SYAA. During this time, what has been told by county officials of how the fields would operate and who would choose the organizations for the fields have changed multiple times. I have been recently told that all organizations that are spread throughout the complex can continue operating as is but in September was told by the same individual that once the MSTU is established then there was a probability that some organizations would be forced to leave. It feels like the county official is just saying what we want to hear to ensure there are no waves made at the commissioners meeting and I am concerned that once the measure is approved that the next step seems like a lot of money. I don't need another tax levy. Looks as if this ability to tax will go on in perpetuity. Others will be using these facilities without the tax burden. It's added another lever of bureaucratic oversight. We all pay enough in taxes! STOP with adding additional taxes on people.

The proposal is for the use of only Cross Bayou or Seminole Jr/youth rec. If we are trying to promote youth activity we should expand it allowing other youth agencies to use the fields.

Not wanting to pay money for years and years for space that I will never use that non-profits are in charge of. Cut the amount being put into the fields and put it towards annual cost. Don't make the residents have to pay. No more taxes.

I have enough taxes to pay.

Not paying more in taxes to bail out some random organization.

From the feedback I received at the open house, it seems like these fields would only be used by a few organizations and not readily available for other local children.

Also have concerns about who will be on the board. It should be individuals not affiliated with the fields.

The video stated the same organizations are going to be running these fields? They obviously didn't take care of it. I do not want any additional taxes.

Don't increase my taxes.

No. We voted the current commissioners into office because they listen to the community. We DO NOT want it. It is ridiculous that I would have to pay for those facilities.

Unincorporated Seminole should not have to pay taxes for these fields. If they are county owned the county should pay. Once the tax is implemented it will never go away. I don't want to pay for fields that my children will not be playing on 1 or 2 years from now and I don't think people who do not have kids playing on those fields should have to pay for them. If the registration fees need to be raised, that's fine. They can be offset by fundraising.

Would have been nice if you asked the community for their opinion before selecting the organizations that will be in charge. What about other sports and organizations in the community? This was very poor planning.

Why should people get taxed when we don't get any benefits out of it. It's a non-profit so the one that should pay is the ones that are using it and not the ones on a budget and with no kids. Why are we not taxing everyone. Why only unincorporated? Shouldn't be everyone? Why should unincorporated be the one to pay for it? How does this sound?

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Not under its current form.

Read all the way to the end

1. the SJWAA work would take away some undeveloped land with trees to grass;
2. baseball as a sport is in decline in the country , why built more baseball fields?
3. all of three fields , would be just made better , just for those sports , I don't see a multipurpose ?! Maybe be used as a flood plain when there are heavy rains/ sports fields??
4. all of those green fields require irrigation, fertilization, machinery, pesticides
Maybe those fields need to be more resilient,
5. The field are being used only by a tiny portion of the population's youth!
Maybe some other users should be allowed to use the facilities, adults, other sports;
6. use is not free !!! You have to pay a fee to belong to those clubs;

In conclusion:

IF the project was more inclusive for users (not just youth club members)

IF the project was more health conscious (no chemical, no irrigations from potable water)

IF there was some mitigation for buffering (lots of shade trees, natives plants)

IF we could use the facilities for free

Then I would be more open to the tax levy

This project is too limited , I don't want to pay taxes just for very few members of very few clubs.

This is not a tax that will improve the lives of many/everyone in the county (in opposition to taxes for roads/ beaches/parks/schools/firefighters = everyone can uses those for free

As an unincorporated resident we cannot currently used the above mentioned facilities unless we pay a fee so I do not want to pay for someone else to be able to use the facilities for free.

i do not want my taxes to increase any more I am on a fixed income

We are already being taxed like crazy and you recently added more tax for the fire district. Now this and then the next project comes up and we will get taxed again. The residents in the proposed areas are capable of paying for their youth sports and maintaining the facilities moving forward without the residents being taxed.

This plan works in east lake because everyone surrounds the fields is a resident and paying for it. You are asking for only a select group to pay taxes, but everyone gets to utilize. And the ones paying do not get free use. Senior community centers need to be advised of this plan. Many are not on social media. I would hope efforts are in

My uncle lives with the proposed district and families in his community have issues paying monthly fees. They are on a very tight budget and can not afford any additional taxes.

Tax dollars going to the organization, and not the city, risks the common issue of mis-handling of funds by the league organizations leadership. Significant over-taxation proposal for only unincorporated seminole for field

Taxes are already on the rise. The current economy is making it difficult for retired people living on a fixed

Instead of knocking down and rebuilding we should utilize the facilities as they are and make upgrades. As well as tend to football & Cheerleading with their own portion of the SYAA to use instead of multipurpose fields.

Do not agree with the proposed tax, will most likely become misappropriated