



NOTICE AND AGENDA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

WILL BE HELD ON

July 14, 2020

6:00 PM

Location: Oswego Village Hall

A. MEETING INFORMATION

A.1 Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640, which went into effect on June 12, 2020, allows public bodies to conduct remote meetings under certain conditions. The Village of Oswego has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent and therefore the Village Board will meet electronically with the appropriate meeting information for public participation and attendance provided. Instructions on public access to this meeting are available through the link within the agenda.

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B. CALL TO ORDER

C. ROLL CALL

D. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON ANY REQUESTS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETING

E. PUBLIC FORUM

F. OLD BUSINESS

F.1

Provide Direction on the Design of the Entertainment Venue

[Amphitheater Update 7-14-20.docx](#)

[Comment Card Comments.docx](#)

G. NEW BUSINESS

H. CLOSED SESSION

- H.1 a. Pending and Probable Litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)]
- b. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]
- c. Collective Bargaining, Collective Negotiating Matters, Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]
- d. Sale, Lease, and/or Acquisition of Property [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) & (6)]
- e. Security Procedures and the Use of Personnel and Equipment to Respond to an Actual, Threatened, or a Reasonably Potential Danger to the Safety of Employees, Staff, the Public, or Public Property [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)]

I. ADJOURNMENT

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Date: _____
Time: _____
Place: _____
Initials: _____

Tina Touchette
Village Clerk



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June 25, 2020

Remote Meeting Attendance Instructions

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The Village of Oswego will hold its regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole and Village Board meetings on Tuesday, July 14th with elected officials, staff, and the public participating remotely in compliance with the State's requirements. The Committee of the Whole will begin at 6 p.m. with the Regular Village Board meeting beginning at 7 p.m. (or immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting). Village Hall will be open for the meeting; however, residents are strongly encouraged to watch or participate remotely due to there being a limit of fifty (50) persons gathering pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order. Here's how:

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- Join our meeting by phone call. Call (312) 626-6799 just prior to the meeting. When prompted, enter passcode **508 193 215** from your phone. You will hear the audio of the meeting through our webinar service.

To give a comment at the meetings, you have multiple options:

- Email your comment to publiccomment@oswegoil.org by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Your comment will be read aloud during the Public Forum portion of the Village Board meeting by a Village staff member. Please indicate, in the subject line of your email, what meeting body you would like your comments to be read aloud at. For example: "Public Comment for Village Board Meeting". The entire content of your written comments will be subject to public release. The Village of Oswego is under no obligation to redact any information.
- Give your comment live by phone. Email publiccomment@oswegoil.org or call 630-554-3259 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting and leave your name, address, phone number, and the topic on which you'd like to speak. Our staff will call you during the meeting and will put you on speakerphone so that you can give your comment live. Please be by your phone when the meeting begins at 7 p.m. We will let the line ring four times before moving onto the next speaker.

- You may also still give public comment in person. Residents are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate remotely, however, they may also attend the meeting in person. If attending, members of the public are required to stay six feet from any other person in the room and wear a face covering/mask.

As always, those giving public comment are asked to fill out the Public Participation form and abide by the Village's civility code, which is available on the Village's [website](#).

Get updates as they happen

Residents are also encouraged to follow the Village of Oswego on Facebook (@VillageofOswego) and Twitter (@OswegoIL60543) for up to the minute updates. You can also subscribe to Village of Oswego emails or text alerts by visiting <http://www.oswegoil.org/> and clicking on "E-mail Alerts".

For more information about public participation at meetings during the COVID-19 crisis, please contact me.

Thank you,
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AGENDA ITEM

MEETING TYPE: Committee of the Whole

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Entertainment Venue Design Direction

ACTION REQUESTED:

Provide Direction on the Design of the Entertainment Venue

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN:

Date of Action	Meeting Type	Action Taken
1/14/2020	Village Board	Passed Resolution 20-R-7 approving a contract with Schoppe Design
4/21/2020	Village Board	Passed Resolution 20-R-34 approving a contract with Williams Architects
6/9/2020	COW	Provided Comment on Various Aspects of the Project, Including Design

DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Di Santo, Village Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 21 Budget includes \$750,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan for the entertainment venue project.

BACKGROUND:

On October 1, 2019, the Village Board approved Resolution 19-R-72, approving an agreement to accept the donation of ~3 acres of property at Lot 7 in Oswego Junction Phase 2. The donation agreement requires the Village to develop “a venue for outdoor live performance and music entertainment and events to be enjoyed by the public” on the site within 3 years. Since that time, the Village entered into contracts with Schoppe Design for land planning, Threshold Acoustics for an acoustical study, and Williams Architects for architectural and engineering design. In addition, in the spring the Village conducted an online community survey to identify opinions on how the

entertainment venue should be used, conducted stakeholder interviews, hosted a public open house on July 1, received written and online comments about the building elevations and site design, and held a public hearing on July 9 with the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC).

The purpose of this agenda item is to finalize the architectural and site design prior to completion of construction documents and final engineering.

DISCUSSION:

The Village held a public open house on July 1 to present the design options publicly and ask for public input. Input was received from comment cards completed during the event or members of the public could complete the comment card online. A total of 145 comments were received, 95% of respondents self-report being from Oswego. Attached please find a summary of the comments, with further discussion below.

Architectural Design

During the June 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Village Board members favored designs 1, 2 and 5 out of the five presented architectural option for the stage. Designs 1 and 2 were very similar, so Williams Architects narrowed the options down to a new Option 1 (combination of original designs 1 and 2) and a new Option 2 (previous option 5) – see below.

Option 1 is more traditional and received overwhelming support from the open house survey (84.1%). This option also has a smaller roof/stage covering (30' x 40' x 27') and an open back area.

OPTION 1

PLAN VIEW OF STAGE

LEGEND:

- 1 RAISED STAGE: 40 FT. X 60 FT. PERFORMANCE AREA (INDICATED BY SCORED PATTERN)
- 2 RAMP: 5% SLOPE
- 3 STAIR
- 4 OUTLINE DEFINING AREA COVERED BY CANOPY
- 5 TALL BACK STAGE WALLS
- 6 SIDE AND CENTER BACK STAGE WALLS
- 7 UNCOVERED BACK STAGE AREA
- 8 WOOD-LOOK SOFFIT WITH LIGHTS
- 9 FUTURE CHANGING ROOMS (BUILDING PAD IS PART OF PHASE 1)

AREA OF PHASE 2 WORK []

PERSPECTIVE EVENING VIEW

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

ENTERTAINMENT VENUE OPEN HOUSE

JULY 1, 2020

Logos for **tda**, **WILLIAMS ARCHITECTS**, and **Oswego**



Option 2 is a more forward-looking design that received little public support (15.9%). This option has a larger roof/stage covering (60' x 40' x 40') and a completely enclosed back area. Staff will report to the Board any feedback received by the PZC during Tuesday night's discussion.

Action Required: Staff asks the Village Board to form a consensus on which Option to direct Williams Architects to move forward into the design development and construction drawings phase.

Site Design

During the previous COW the Village Board also discussed the configuration of the entrance plaza and support building. As such, the public was asked which option they preferred – maintaining the entrance plaza to the south or switching places with the support building and moving it to the north. Most respondents were neutral on this (51.2%), with the current south configuration (29.5%) edging out switching them (19.4%). Staff will report to the Board any feedback received by the PZC during Tuesday night's discussion.



Action Required: Staff asks the Village Board to form a consensus on which design orientation to direct Schoppe Design and Williams Architects to move forward into the design development and construction drawings phase.

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide direction on the design of the entertainment venue.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Comment Card Summary

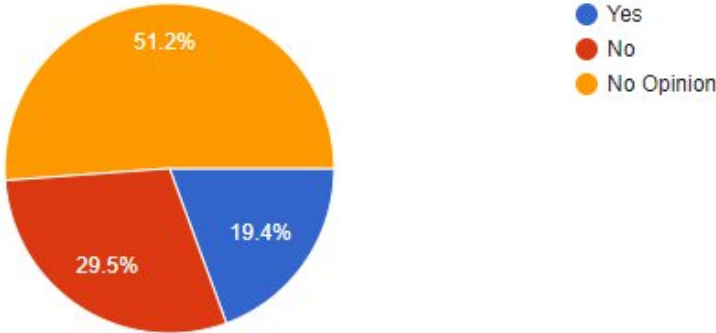
Entertainment Venue Open House Summary of Public Comment Card Responses

145 Respondents

- 138 self-identified as Oswego residents (95%)
- 4 self-identified as Montgomery residents
- 1 each self-identified as Midlothian, Munster, and Plainfield residents

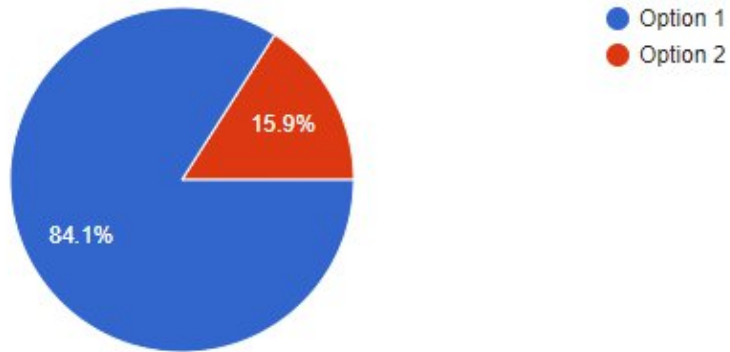
The image below is an enlargement of the site master plan that shows the proposed entry court south of the proposed support building. Do you think the proposed entry court and support building should be "flipped" so that the proposed entry court is north of the proposed support building?

129 responses



Which of the two bandshell options do you prefer?

132 responses



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- 9 FUTURE CHANGING ROOMS (BUILDING PAD IS PART OF PHASE 1)
- 10 AREA OF PHASE 2 WORK

VIEWING LAWN

SERVICE DRIVE

30' x 40' x 27' COVERED STAGE AREA

FUTURE BUILDING

PLAN VIEW OF STAGE

PERSPECTIVE EVENING VIEW

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

OPTION 2

LEGEND:

- 1 RAISED STAGE: 40 FT X 60 FT PERFORMANCE AREA (INDICATED BY SCORED PATTERN)
- 2 RAMP: 5% SLOPE
- 3 STAIR
- 4 OUTLINE DEFINING AREA COVERED BY CANOPY
- 5 BACK STAGE WALLS / CANOPY SUPPORT
- 6 WOOD-LOOK BACK STAGE WALL CONTINUOUS WITH CANOPY
- 7 COVERED BACK STAGE AREA
- 8 FUTURE CHANGING ROOMS (BUILDING PAD IS PART OF PHASE 1)
- 9 AREA OF PHASE 2 WORK

VIEWING LAWN

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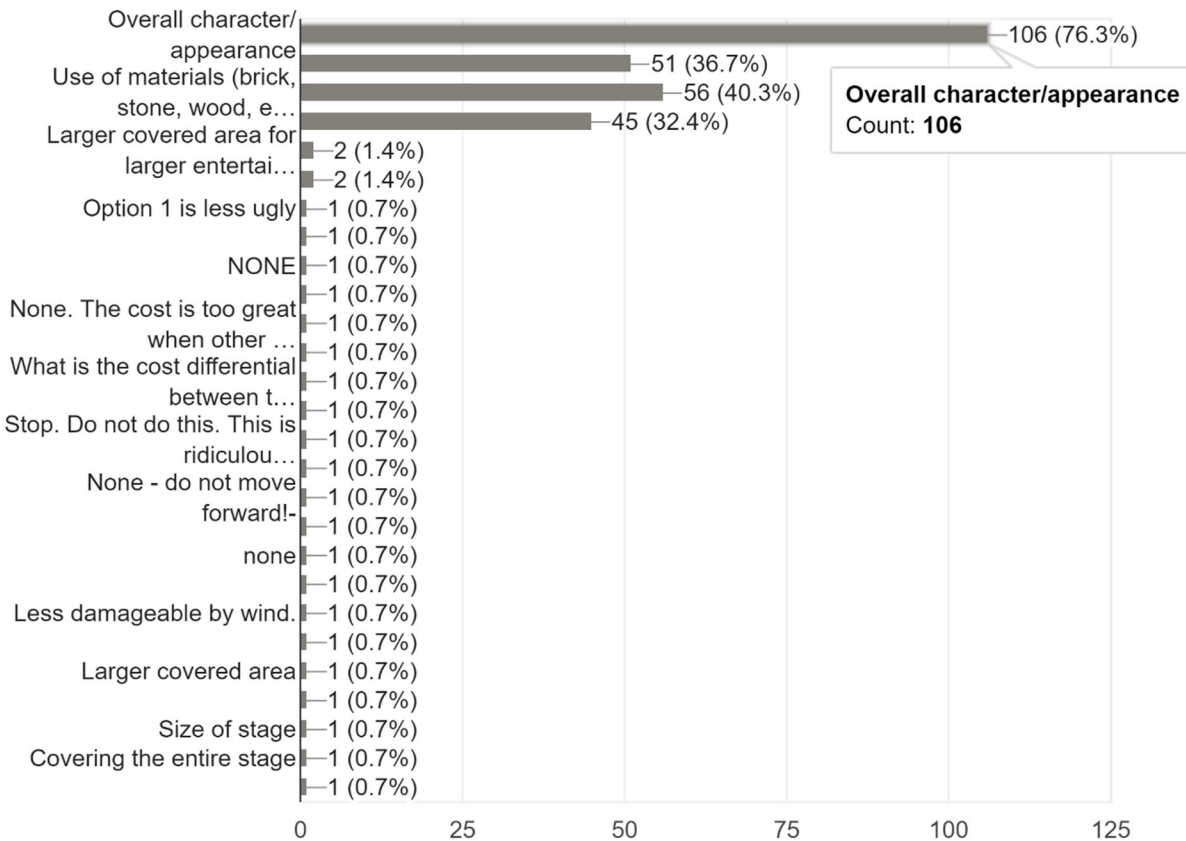
PLAN VIEW OF STAGE

PERSPECTIVE EVENING VIEW

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

What aspects of your preferred bandshell concept do you like the most? (Check all that apply)

139 responses



Entertainment Venue Additional Activities - On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being highest priority and 1 being lowest priority), how would you prioritize the following additional activities at the Entertainment Venue site? (*shown in averages*)

Drive-In Movies – 3.66

Christkindl Market – 3.54

Ice Skating Rink – 3.36

Pumpkin Patch – 2.76

Hayrides – 2.40

Easter Egg Hunt – 2.343

For "Other" Ideas, please see open-ended responses

Open-Ended Responses:

What aspects of the proposed Site Master Plan are most appealing to you?
Backdrop of stage to lake beyond, entry court idea
included stage
From an attendee's perspective, the visual placement of the structure in relation to the lawn/parking/street is appropriate and pleasing. From a performer's perspective, the fact that it faces northeast will prevent the sun from shining in the faces of the performers and equipment on stage during daytime hours.
None - when this issue 1st was announced, it was noted that this would not cost the Village anything. All work/products needed would be donated. How much money has already been spent on the architect drawing, sound study, purchase of mobile stage?
None
Added entertainment option
Not a thing - are you really doing this??? READ THE ROOM!
It isn't too close to any of the houses nearby
None
Playground
Location being closer to the railroad line is appealing. It being closer to the bridge is also good.
I like the location and the fact that additions can be phased in as funds allow
playground area for kids, ample parking - easy in/out
None
None
None - do not spend our tax dollars on additional frivolous infrastructure!
NONE
Acoustic study
None - this venue as a whole is unnecessary and has been pushed forward regardless of genuine interest or need from the community.
None
None. This is an absurd expenditure during a pandemic. You're out of your minds for considering it.
A playground
Looks great!
The location
The pond.
The stage, open lawn seating, concessions area/food court, location
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Grassy area and playground
Great location. Adds value to the community. Brings in others into our town to spend money!
None, waste of time and resources given larger climate And what's going on in the world. Our kids go to the daycare there and think this is a terrible location, regardless.
Having the amphitheater
I'm most interested in the noise level since I live in Gates Creek West. We can hear music when there are events in the park n ride area so I am concerned about that.
Lawn seating
Location
Exciting to have venue like this in our community.
Newness!
Restrooms and concessions
playground for kids while adults see concerts, the vast details for landscaping and the parking lot.
I believe that the community will use this venue in a variety of ways to host many types of events like of course music maybe car shows our movies or festivals of many forms. I'm am all for it.
None of it. It's amazing how the study ends the sound gradient conveniently ends at the end of the roadway on the east side of Orchard Rd.
None
none
A lot of green space, parking, covered stage, brem and sound barrier and room for growth.
Restrooms! They are a must!
absolutely nothing is appealing about this shitty assed project and its shitty assed location
The location in proximity to future commercial corridor along Orchard but not interfering with surrounding residential.
Although this is a nice amenity for our village, I do not feel that the village should be spending \$750,000 to construct an entertainment complex at this time. How much do subsequent phases cost?
The distance from my home.
Plainfield has an amplatheater and it normally gets a lot of use in the summer with concerts and outdoor movie nights in
The master plan is a great vision for our city and with all the other positive changes, many businesses well be helped as more people will be introduced to our great city.
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Everything sounds great
None of it. This is a terrible location for an entertainment area. the stage is immediately next to a daycare/school and the noise would carry through to several businesses nearby.
The large stage and open lawn seating area will be a great resource for the community. The abundant parking adjacent to the site allows for expansion and use of the site for larger types of events.
Certain events

Location, amount of green space, versatility of potential events
Having the amphitheater
Location
None in particular
The green space and family friendly areas
An opportunity for families and residents to see entertainment close to home.
Having parking right at the site and a nice setting for it.
The ability to have live music in Oswego
Really, none. For the money, people can go to Aurora.
Venue to bring people to Oswego
Easy access to the site from parking or drop off, secluded spot to localize any sound to surrounding homes and relaxed setting for events.
A place to have open air entertainment for Oswego residents.
Don't really have an opinion. It looks good and I like the idea of having bathroom facilities as opposed to outhouses on site.
Integration of natural landscape with hardscape. Excellent use of the space.
The location is good, as it is accessible from many directions and is a good use for that area of land.
I like the placement of the stage.
Not much. The plan design is fine, just don't see the point of the need of this in our community now.
Hopefully summer long music programs
None really
The ability to have live music in Oswego
Looks like a nice venue
Overall layout
The balance of the listening area.
Food court, area for kids to play
All of it
None
Large lawn area and support bldg
None

Food court and lawn space
Covered stage and lawn area
Local venue with multipurpose use facility
Having a music venue in town, BUT I think this is going to be terrible for traffic and potential train parking. I park in Aurora now (ATP) for Metra and it is AWFUL in the summer when concerts are at Rivers Edge. Orchard Road is bad enough today.
None
I love the large lawn.
The covered stage
Overall, the concept of a designated outdoor performance venue for the community. Specifically the green space and attention to sound and acoustics.
The idea of an outdoor venue option
None
The design is fabulous very appealing
The look and the layout looks good
Food court, area for kids to play
The venue it's self presents various entertainment options that have not been available to Oswego
None of it appeals. To put this right down by our homes is unbelievable.
Outdoor entertainment /live bands within an easy driving distance
NONE -- This whole project should be SCRAPPED.
Proximity to home and prospect of entertainment option
Anything to do in the village is progress, empty land is useless
It would be nice to have something on this side of town. Along with the train station. It works well in Aurora.
location
Playground area layout
Location is great. Please consider walkability and crosswalk needed at Heatherwood and Mill Rd

Do you have ideas for other community events/ideas not listed above?

DuPage Symphony Orchestra concerts

Concert series

It would be nice to have the facility available on non-priority hours to smaller businesses and community groups to use, such as dance studios, gymnastic facilities, martial arts schools, music schools, theater groups, etc.; perhaps facilitating showcase concerts to highlight various community groups would also be a great way to use this community venue.

Bring actual business to the city. Fill empty storefronts. This is a ridiculous waste of time and funds.

Concerts, plays, musicals

No

Farmers Market

PrairieFest

Prairie Fest concert venue

The area is too small. Alexander Lumber property should have been community use.

farmer's market, craft fairs

No. This is being pushed thru during a pandemic with very little opportunity for public feedback.

Performances paired with a Farmer's market

This is not needed at all.

Perhaps the program ideas should instead capitalize on the stage/entertainment setting? i.e. dance performances, theatre, music, cultural celebrations, etc? Why would the movies need to be drive in? (Can see the screen more clearly from the lawn.) Wouldn't the lawn be pitched and therefore not ideal for a sheet of ice?

The Village clearly has no idea what the intended purpose is for this venue. It appears to be a pork project for a single special interest.

Book readings for kids, park district activities (dances, Halloween party, classes)
Blues festival
Private events when nothing scheduled.
Concerts, community and children's theater, comedy shows, seasonal food/drink festivals (new or old,) community art walk/shows, community talent shows, pet adoption events
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Talent show
Octoberfest celebration, high end outdoor art show, group exercise programs. Take a look at that the Chautauqua Institute in New York does. They have lecture series etc... might give you some really good ideas. Community theatre!!!
Do not waste taxpayers dollars on this. Splashpad, rink? Yes. Band shell? No!!
Concerts
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS AN AWESOME DOG PARK! We want two side by side fenced in areas (large dog, small dog). We want there to be shaded areas mixed with open running areas and a splash pad within the fence. We would like a swimming area (like the Batavia Bark Park). There are a lot of homeowners wondering why we don't have our own dog park considering the land available to Oswego.
Concerts, wine, beer events
Craft fairs
graduations, college and military bands, local bands, vet celebration, NYE
Beer fest
No
No
Art Festivals, Music Festivals
no
Farmers market
don't build it in the middle of nowhere appealing, a shitty place still looks shitty. Pigs in a dress are still pigs in a dress

What happened to the original music concerts that were to be held there?
Concerts. Community theater. Farmers market. Craft show. Flea market.
No
Band/music competitions Beats & Eats
An Oswego marathon around the area with massage therapist and vendors.
An Oswego marathon around the area with massage therapist and vendors.
art show
Na
Live concerts, music festivals, craft festivals, antique/flea markets, farmer's markets, craft brew festivals, car shows, public speaking events, rallies, community band performances, large yoga events, folk music festivals, rock band concerts, community camp-outs, the start/finish staging area for adventure race events, triathelons, bike races, etc. Carnivals with amusement rides, a corn/fall harvest festival, seasonal festivals and events, conventions where booths can be set up, food festivals and events, etc etc! So many possibilities! Love it!
Wine tasting, craft fairs, fireworks, food truck tasting
Art shows, flea markets
Various Community & School Award Ceremonies
Concerts. Community theater. Farmers market. Craft show. Flea market.
Talent show. Silent disco. Live music. Bingo. Zoom option to watch all events or participate
No
Concerts, farmers markets, revenue generating activities to bring in new revenue for Oswego and engage business owners to increase the quality offerings in Oswego.

Hit music acts to draw crowd and \$\$\$.
Yes. Invest the money into other area of the community.
Trunk or treat, petting zoo, prairie fest-like events
Summer and early fall plays; 4th of July or other holiday concerts
Not currently
More entertainment options with live music like wine on fox, farmers markets, etc
Local School Groups, Local Musical talent, Puppet Show, Book Author Reading
it's a big outdoor party room good in 3 seasons of the year. Use it wisely.
Flea market, flower & garden fair, film festival, Comedy show, obstacle race, fundraiser events for our community non-profits, something for Halloween.
Business Expo. Job Fair Other community events
Community bands
None
Hit music acts to draw crowd and \$\$\$.
no
Village participation events such as Karaoke, Dance contests, food event taste of Oswego
Concerts, battle of the bands, theater
community theater, e.g., Shakespeare In The Park
No
1.DogPark w/dbl gate system for safe entry/exit. A small swim area for dogs would be awesome!
2.Community/Resident Talent Shows
Plant sale in the spring, farmers market, art festival, taste of Oswego, Craft fairs

Live music
Music festivals of various cultures.
International/Multicultural Festival with performances, food, activities; Art Festival
Music / Christmas event / food fair
The arts: Classical orchestra performances, plays, etc.
Concerts and musical events
Small functions for the city or schools. Band concerts for the high schools and middle school. With our strange times any outdoor venue can be used.
Concerts, battle of the bands, theater
Outdoor Street Danced
Not much left to say after ruining downtown Oswego,traffic wise,getting to our beautiful park and where are we to park? Won't be able to get to library with all the traffic.
Live music
DROP the whole project
Roller hockey. Food truck night with cruise nights.
Music
Live bands
Get lots of volunteers to sign up. Parking. HS graduation. Sidewalks/crosswalks at Heatherwood connect to train station.

Do you have any other comments or questions regarding the project?

No comments

I emailed Dan a few things

I personally am excited that such a venue will be available for our community, both as a source of arts and entertainment, and also as an affordable location for our various businesses and groups to perform.

1. As noted earlier, this project was originally presented as a no/low cost venue. Tens of thousands of dollars have already been spent at the cost of other Village budgets.
2. The parking area will not support the number of "expected" guests.
3. How will the Village recoup the costs for even maintaining this venue?

Stop wasting money on this. This should mean a lot coming from a musician and patron of the arts.

Not needed

1. I'm worried about noise levels in the neighboring subdivisions. In Gates Creek West we can hear the bands playing during Vet Fest and other concert events. Are the proposed decibel levels lower than what we've heard in the past? How will you enforce this?
2. What would be the end time for bands? Vet Fest went until close to 11pm most nights.
3. What is your proposal for overflow parking? There should be no parking on Mill Rd and I don't want people using Gates Creek West neighborhood to park in for the concerts.

My vote is No on every aspect of it. If some people want it, let them pay for it.

seems too expensive for what it is. not centrally located so that there is multiple roads to leave the venue...2200 people (with 4 people/ car) and you have 500+ cars trying to leave by going either north or south on orchard - and only one way in/out of the venue parking. sounds like a giant headache to me!

What about parking? Traffic control? Have you elicited ANY feedback from the adjacent neighborhoods regarding noise concerns? NO! I absolutely DO NOT support any aspects of this project. I think it is awful that you are spending our money like this during a pandemic.

I don't think we should spend any money on this now. Very bad timing! We should spend that money on downtown businesses that are struggling.

Do not spend our tax dollars on this frivolous project!!

What ideas are being pursued for lighting, sound, in-house recording/projection, streaming, etc.?

Money should be going to our schools and public works needs.

I don't think this is worth the cost. Yes, the grant (taxpayers \$\$\$) will pay for the build, but ongoing maintenance, insurance, lost tax revenue advertising, etc., can be spent in better ways. Or NOT spent! Give us taxpayers a break for once. Please.

Already verbally suggested to staff, but will record here: Consider a page on the website dedicated to project information. Highlight the timeline of planning milestones to-date and anticipated future timeline.

Include an FAQ section, progress “blog” and a method for community members to ask questions. Provide funding details, grant pursuits, and anticipated community benefits.

I'd prefer the village opt out of this project and use the money yo save our crumbling school district.

Simply because one is gifted property does not mean one needs to accept said gift. This expenditure is unnecessary, ill conceived, and wasteful for the community during these trying times.

I do not support the use of tax money for this project at this time.

Now is a really bad time to start this. The budget should be focused on pandemic relief and taking care of the people right now.

We noticed that there is a preschool/daycare directly behind where the bandshell is proposed to be located. How will the preschool be impacted? Will the location impact food/beverage restrictions?

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I'm
Wondering where the \$ is
Coming
From.

I am in full support as long as the tax payers eventually see some tax relief from this project (some day)

I am concerned about parking when there are popular events.

I would love to see a more natural feel at the venue. Trees, limestone, native to Illinois plants to give the venue a more chill atmosphere.

No

No

no let's get going. Maybe a retention pond with fountains and paddle boats.

It's a waste of taxpayers money and was a very poor decision for the board to approve this. The owners of Prohibition Bar should pay the fees for their events and not have forced the village into buying the property. More taxes the citizens of Oswego can't take or afford. You are forcing residents out!

No
This is an irresponsible use of money
Put this in a spot that is appealing, has parking and some where you would want to be. You would never go there on accident.
Considering Covid-19. I don't think we will be able to hold any large group gatherings in the future so this is all for nothing. Do not spend the money for this. None of us have any idea what lies ahead. I know for sure the budgeted income to Oswego has to be decimated due to the closing down of the tax revenue providing businesses. I am concerned about this lack of fiscal responsibility by our village. We cannot continue life as usual and indiscriminate spending for unnecessary luxuries. The activities listed above are all able to be held without the construction of a huge bandshell.
No
What about the train noise from passing trains? How will that be mitigated during performances?
I just think it's great to invest in the community
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bad timing with all the tax increases and COVID
This project should really be re thought out. It is a terrible location and 90 parking spots will not be enough spaces for the activities that you are thinking about hosting. People will start to take spots from the local businesses and even on the main road leading to the park and ride. This is a waste of money and land/space.
When will it be ready for use and enjoyment? I would like to receive updates on the project if that is something you are doing. Thank you.
Should have definite plan for village profitable festival for June, July, August to take advantage of outdoor space.
Restrooms a must; allow patrons to bring their own refreshments to concerts; offer bicycle racks for residents who could bike there (make bike path along Station Dr.?)

Think this would be great for our community
No
Although I am not apposed to this concept I don't believe this is the best use of village funds. Furthermore I believe that if this were to be built it would be detrimental to not have full restroom and concession facilities included. At this time I believe this should be developed and funded privately and not with public funds.
I wish this could somehow be incorporated into our downtown area.
How much additional in taxes will this cost each tax payer? Will the funding be dispersed from just Oswego or Kendall County tax payers as a whole? Ensure noise, safety and traffic is addressed so residents in the area would not be negatively impacted. In the future, perhaps survey residents first to determine the desire level prior to spending tax dollars on fees associated with a prospective project. Provide the survey results to determine if a bid is worth pursuing.
Great idea! Hope the people from the north east side will come.
This will be a waste if money. Please start making our Village nicer where it counts, like the downtown area.
Exciting possibilities for expanded community fun and activities.
Not currently
thanks for doing this survey
Build the road in and out big enough for box truck traffic.
Do we really need this? Would this really help build up the west side of Oswego? What if we ever get a Metra train, how does that affect the parking there? How much would this cost the village to maintain? Would the village ever make money from this?
Are the costs defined somewhere? Where is the money coming from?
Needs permanent washrooms, just just port--a-potties
Truly I really don't understand the need for this project at this time. Has local school band/choirs been consulted for this effort? Please make sure that happens.
How are you funding this once it's in full swing production? Do you plan on giving the residents an Entertainment tax?
no
If a train station is ever built at this area will a parking problem be created?

Nothing here is important during a recession. The village should not be spending any money or time on a venue or its plans when all government units are stressed from the virus and recession. This plan and money on this survey are so far from something that the village should be wasting money on and it shows the complete lack of judgement within the village government and elected leaders. We already have a astronomical tax burden as taxpayers from the village, all local taxing units and the state government.

Spend your time and our money on issues that are of concern, especially during a time that we all must social distance for a long period of time going forward, and this country is suffering from the worst pandemin results anywhere in the world along with record govenment deficiets.

Come on, use your brains for a change. This village has pathetically bad leadership, and has had for a long time.

Finally, this is for the use of city leaders and not for publication.

No

We feel it is VERY important to include symbols of American patriotism to site. Also, images of 'Oswego through the ages' would be lovely.

Poor use of money!!

I think this a wonderful addition to our community. Please make sure it is inclusive of those with any/all handicap issues, which I'm sure you have already done.
Thank you!

Cost to complete master plan

Great plans; appreciate the thoughtful designs and opportunity for feedback

Prefer this project to not go forward at this time. Revisit when economy and finances improve.

Well how much impact will train noise be say when a softer piece of music is played and hoo hoo.
Don't place next to a noisy train corridor. Hello!

Would like to see the project halted for now. Revenues are going to be down, at the least for the near future so all spending should be curtailed until the budget can be determined.

The design concept number two is not my favorite design I prefer the softness of the curve on design one but I believe the concept number two provides more viewing space with less poles obstruction to the view.

<p>What will max attendance be for various events? What is ratio of people to parking spaces? Will (free) shuttles from strategic points in town be utilized? Will all events be open to public? Or will it be rented out for private events. Will events be free, for fee, or mixed. If fee, what ranges for various events?</p>
<p>Let's get going Oswego needs this it's a win win for the town</p>
<p>It's a great idea that will benefit the whole community</p>
<p>If you have money for a project like this, people like myself that have been asking for YEARS for a sound proof wall in our backyards along rt 34, would appreciate you considering helping us out first. Our subdivisions, like Heritage of Oswego, where i live deserve a wall like all the subdivisions along Douglas road have.</p>
<p>In this time of economic uncertainty, \$750,000 taxpayer money this year alone should NOT be budgeted and directed toward an expensive, foolhardy entertainment venue. The money would be better spent helping local businesses stay afloat during this pandemic or repairing streets or any one of a number of Village projects.</p>
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<p>The venue is too small to attract a headliner. Entertainment will be limited to local nobodies. People won't attend unless the concerts are free or low-cost, so the Village won't reap much income in ticket sales.</p>
<p>There will never be a Metra station, so it's ridiculous to maintain that people from other suburbs will take the train to Oswego for a concert. There wouldn't be night-time train service anyway.</p>
<p>There are 5 subdivisions within earshot. Noise from the venue will be unwelcome, as will the increased traffic.</p>
<p>This statement is baloney! "Sound levels are in accordance with Village ordinances, and do not interfere with surrounding residentially zoned properties either to the west of the site or across Orchard Road to the east." The Pine Ridge condos are only a few feet away from this venue.</p>
<p>Used to live one mile away from the the Tinley Park music center and it was noisy all the time. This is not the place for it in Oswego. Living in a 55+ community and we will be backed up with cars running through the neighborhood trying to get to Orchard. So between the noise and traffic, I vote NO for this.</p>
<p>Opening the topic to not just for music is a much better approach for our community.</p>
<p>Great idea for concerts/festivals not for hayrides, Easter egg hunts</p>
<p>Allow underground raceway between stage and FOH (cables). Utilize venue on weeknights for movies in the park. Support local sound companies</p>

Other Emailed Comments:

From:

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:31 PM

To: Dan Di Santo

Subject: Entertainment Venue Open House Comments

Hi, Dan --

I choose not to attend a public gathering, so here is my input regarding the entertainment venue:

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Those are my 2 cents. I realize that the board will move ahead with the venue project no matter what.

Take care,

Bobbi Burgstone

From: Brian LeClercq
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Dan Di Santo
Subject: Re: Amphitheater open house July 1

After looking at the plans for the entertainment venue, I think it is fantastic! It compliments the future Metra stop while respecting the neighborhood.

From: Paul Panicali
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Dan Di Santo
Subject: RE: Oswego Amphitheater Stakeholder Input

Dan

Your SPL calculations are WAY off if you are talking any kind of amplified show, excluding orchestra events. Minimum spl of a tribute show(for example) is 100db. Often pushing 120db spikes at about 30 meters. Just to give you a clue, when a drummer hits a snare(his main instrument) the actual hit makes between a 115 and 125 db at that point at 1 meter. Also the BASS on subs for shows tend to resonate more backwards off stage and to the sides

Next, reading through everything..how high is the stage? also, answering the questions on what stage to go with depends on where they hang points are for lighting and such. I can kinda see them in option 1 but option 2 doesn't look there is any. Option 1 looks like every other venue. Option 2 is unique. I like unique but option 1 is cool. Hard to decide all depends on hang points for functionality

If you need anything ...talk..email...just drop me a line.

Anything I can do to help Oswego!

-Paul Panicali

From: Bea Beasley
Sent: Friday, July 3, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Dan Di Santo
Subject: Entertainment Venue!

Morning,

Sorry I miss last nights meeting. But I don't think that with our location to Aurora this is a need for Oswego to have. Doesn't the Winery on the fox bring in entertainers? I know this is privately own. Is there a way to extend on that? Or how about a indoor lap pool done with screening back up because of pandimic. upscale if possible. Oswego needs more out this way for our teens and young adult. (been in area fourty six years.

Thanks

Bea Beasley