

Plans for the Canal Fulton YMCA continue to move forward. City Council plans to donate seven acres of land along Erie Ave to the YMCA. Four of those seven acres were secured as park land through a \$200,000 donation to the City from Roland Lyndsay of Lyndsay Precast Concrete. This donation along with a \$1 million pledge from Don Schalmo provided the catalyst to begin moving the project ahead. The City also intends to contribute a total of \$45,000 towards water and sewer lines. This will be paid back through user fees for water and sewer services. No new taxes will be requested for this project.

The YMCA has two potential partners expressing an interest in working with the YMCA. The Canal Fulton Rotary Club and Northwest Stark Senior Citizens Commission are both looking to make the new facility their new home. Both the Rotary and Senior Commission would require a full service kitchen and additional meeting room space. This could be funded, in part, by the sale of their respective buildings that are owned by the Rotary and the City. The YMCA plans to apply for a grant through the State of Ohio to pay for this part of the project. Other partners being approached are in the medical and education fields.

Current plans for the Canal Fulton YMCA include a health and wellness center, gymnasium, indoor walking track, program spaces, youth game room, preschool play area, locker rooms, whirlpool, sauna and a low depth entry recreational style swimming pool.

The Canal Fulton YMCA Board has appointed a fundraising committee. They will pursue grants through the Stark Community Foundation and other sources. They will also be taking pledges from the community. For more information concerning the project or making a pledge please contact YMCA Board President Bill Stetler at 330-419-3033.

