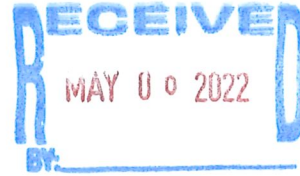


Marshall Area Youth Baseball Association  
Marshall, MN 56258

April 29, 2022



Marshall City Councilmembers  
City of Marshall  
344 West Main Street  
Marshall, MN 56258

Dear Marshall City Councilmembers:

Please accept this letter as support for an indoor recreation facility that was recently included in the city's adopted resolution to pursue sales tax authorization.

An indoor recreation facility would be beneficial to our community and surrounding areas such as: improving physical activity in children and youth; providing an active and needed venue for community members to utilize; supporting healthier families by providing greater access to a regional recreation facility and creation of a community that attracts families.

Our organization is comprised of 250 members that practice approximately 100 days a year. We have been challenged by available opportunities for our youth due to inadequate indoor space, especially indoor batting cages. This indoor facility would allow our program to continue the development of our players throughout the entire year.

The future of recreation is important to our Association, and we fully support this opportunity if it includes batting cages and/or indoor turf for fielding practice. Having the opportunity to provide hitting/fielding practice in the winter months will positively impact the MAYBA program.

The Marshall Area has proven that regional sports generate youth participation and fitness, spurs economic activity and is a regional amenity of regional significance.

On behalf of the Marshall Area Youth Baseball Organization, I would like to thank the City Council in considering an indoor recreation facility as a priority project for future funding and further support a feasibility study in order to further support the facility.

Sincerely,

MARC CRAIGMILE - PRESIDENT

Board of Directors – Marshall Area Youth Baseball Association