

TOWN OF GREENBURGH PROPOSITION – SPORTS/ RECREATION/BUBBLE

This is the actual proposition that will appear on the ballot

PROPOSITION

Shall a unanimously approved Town Board resolution authorizing the Town to enter into a lease with Game On 365 for the construction of a sports bubble and accessories to operate a private multi-purpose, year round sports facility with access for children, adults and seniors; working closely with both Town Departments of Parks & Recreation and Community Resources at the Theodore D. Young Community Center, when needed as space and schedules allow; to be located at 715 Dobbs Ferry Road, Town of Greenburgh; generating over a fifteen year period, a minimum of five million dollars in property taxes and revenue; providing for a one-time payment of up to one hundred twenty five thousand dollars for an environmental study and cleanup, be approved?

TOWN OF GREENBURGH SPORTS/RECREATION BUBBLE REFERENDUM

PROPOSITION ABSTRACT

The proposed Town lease with Game On 365, LLC is for the construction of a Recreation/Sports Bubble on the former Franks Nursery property located at 715 Dobbs Ferry Road in Greenburgh. The lease was unanimously approved by a Resolution of the Greenburgh Town Board on August 13, 2012 which authorized the Town to enter into a lease agreement with Game On 365, LLC for the construction of a sports dome and accessories to operate a private, multi-purpose, year round sports facility with access for children, adults and seniors. Game On 365, LLC plans to transform the property by building and operating a bubble facility to be known as The Westchester Field House. This facility will be designed to be a premier indoor sports facility, serve a diverse user group and include numerous sports fields. The proposed facility would provide members of the general public, including local residents, with four season access to world class training and instruction in multiple sport activities, while generating a minimum of five million dollars in property taxes and revenue over a fifteen year period and providing a one-time payment of up to one hundred twenty five thousand dollars for an environmental study and cleanup of the property. Currently the property generates zero revenue and requires taxpayers to absorb significant school taxes and special district (sewer/refuse) assessments. The Town obtained the property through foreclosure in 2011 and, pursuant to state law, has until 2014 to find a use for the property or sell it, or else the Town will be required to pay County and Town taxes in addition to school taxes and special district assessments. The property covers approximately 6.9 acres and is currently developed with one building (the former Franks Nursery grounds) and two paved parking lots. The property was undeveloped until 1967, when a portion of the property was filled in and a store and barn were built. The property was further developed in the 1970s to accommodate an approximately 50,000 square foot commercial building and parking lot. The Town advertised the property for lease nationally in 2011 and received three responses in response to advertisements and Requests for Proposals (RFPs), two of the responses were not responsive to the RFP and the third response was from Game On 365, LLC to lease the property for a Recreation/Sports Bubble.