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Penfield voters say ‘YES’ to Purchase of Shadow Pines
~Results of Public Referendum held Tuesday, February 27~

PENFIELD, N.Y., FEBRUARY 28, 2018 – With close to 80 percent support, voters in the Town of Penfield have approved both propositions to finance the Town’s purchase of the former Shadow Pines Golf Club. Proposition No. 1 represents a Bond Resolution for financing for the purchase of 206 golf course acres for an estimated $3,390,000. Proposition No. 2 represents a Bond Resolution for financing for the purchase of six acres and the Clark House buildings for an estimated $260,000.

The unofficial vote results for Proposition No. 1 are 5,671 for and 1,308 against; and for Proposition No. 2, 5,641 for and 1,300 against.

In all, the acquisition cost is an estimated $3.65 million dollars for four parcels totaling 211.70 acres. The cost for the purchase to a homeowner with a property valued at $190,000 will be approximately $11.00 per year for 30 years.

Legal and financial matters will proceed with an estimated closing in April 2018. Residents should note that the property will not officially be owned by the Town until the closing, and therefore it is still considered private property and cannot be used by the public.

Once the sale is complete the Town will assess and maintain the structures and land immediately surrounding the Clark House. The golf course acreage will not be mowed and maintained; however, it will be made safe.

“On behalf of the Town Board, I would like to thank everyone who came out to vote on the two propositions involving the acquisition of the Shadow Pines property,” said Supervisor Tony LaFountain. “Voting is the primary way for citizens to participate in government, and by voting in this special election Penfield residents made their voices heard and registered their opinion on how they think the government should operate on this matter.”
The Town is acquiring the property with a designation of “general municipal” use, which allows the greatest flexibility for overall community and public uses. A final plan has not been decided. Initially, passive recreation (hiking, cross country skiing, open space) will be considered to be allowed on certain portions of the property until a final master plan is approved and reviewed with residents. Potential future land uses may include a combination of open space, passive and active recreational uses along with general municipal uses such as a community center, library, lodge, or other public facilities.

The Town Board will form a committee of residents to explore and make recommendations for future land uses. Defining future land use will also be a key responsibility of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Committee.

For more details and background information on The Shadows please go to the project page at http://www.penfield.org/index.php?pr=Golf_The_Shadows

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