

## Indy Parks won't pursue Pike Soccer project

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Indy Parks is backing away from a proposed \$2 million indoor soccer/wellness facility across from Eagle Creek Park. The John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation and the Pike Youth Soccer Club had proposed the facility, with plans for a turf practice area, exercise equipment and fitness classes. The groups offered to raise money to pay for the building at the existing soccer complex southwest of 56th Street and Reed Road.

The soccer club issued a statement saying it "appreciates the input of its fellow neighbors and friends and understands the decision of . . . Joseph Wynns not to pursue, at this time, the proposal made by the Geisse Foundation to take the lead fundraising role in the development of a Community Wellness Center in the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex (at) Eagle Creek Park. The Pike Youth Soccer Club remains committed to the original plans, drafted in 2000, for the complex, which include a facility with restrooms, concessions, storage, meeting and training rooms," the statement said.

Pike Youth Soccer Club Executive Director Thomas Geisse said Thursday that there are no plans to propose the facility at another park complex, such as Northwestway Park.

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