

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY  
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects  
Division of Real Estate

**NO COST GROUND LEASE WITH CMSD FOR  
CITY'S JOHN F. KENNEDY RECREATION CENTER**

**Ordinance No:** 207-2021

**Legislative Purpose:** To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to enter into a no cost ground lease with Cleveland Metropolitan School District ("CMSD") for City's John F. Kennedy Recreation Center located at 17300 Harvard Avenue on CMSD's old John F. Kennedy High School campus.

**Project Summary:** In the late 1960s, the City of Cleveland and CMSD formed a Joint Recreation Council to explore the feasibility of co-locating schools and recreation centers for the mutual benefit of the community. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, three City recreation centers were constructed on CMSD property without the benefit of a lease to the City. These schools were Glenville Recreation Center at Glenville High School, Stella Walsh Recreation Center at South High School, and John F. Kennedy Recreation Center at John F. Kennedy High School.

Current bond requirements dictate that bond proceeds can only be spent on property owned by the City, or which the City is occupying under a long-term lease or easement. As such, in 2019 the City Council passed Ordinance No. 889-2019, authorizing the City to enter into ground leases with CMSD for Glenville and Stella Walsh Recreation Centers to allow for operation and maintenance of those facilities. Legislation is still needed to enter into a ground lease with CMSD for the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center.

The JFK Recreation Center was constructed by the City under the bleachers of the JFK High School Kidd Football Field, which is located behind the old JFK High School.

The JFK Recreation Center will be decommissioned when the new Ward 1 Recreation Center is completed. This ground lease is needed to expend bond funds on maintenance, operation, and eventually demolition of the recreation center.

**Permanent Parcel No:**

Portions of PPN 141-11-019 and 141-12-053

<b>Type of Transaction:</b>	Ground lease with ten (10) year term.
<b>Price</b>	No Cost to City
<b>Ward</b>	Ward 1, Councilman Jones
<b>Attachments</b>	Location Map



## City of Cleveland Memorandum

Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

Michael E. Cox, Director

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Date: February 26, 2021

To: Barbara Langhenry, Director  
Department of Law

From: Michael E. Cox, Director *mecc*  
Department of Public Works

Subject: Legislation for Ground Lease with Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
for the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center

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Thank you.

MEC/jdd/jjf

Encl.

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9/23/20

Situated in the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio and known as being part of Original Warrensville Township Lot Number 73 and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most southwesterly corner of Parcel "A" of the Lot Split Plat For Council For Economic Opportunities In Greater Cleveland as shown in Volume 276 of Maps, Page 62 of Cuyahoga County Records;

Thence along the Northwesterly prolongation of the Southerly line of said Parcel "A" N89° 50' 45"W about 385.00 feet to a point:

Thence Northeasterly parallel with the west line of said Parcel "A", N00°09'15"E about 110.00 feet to a point: /

Thence Southeasterly parallel with the first described line, S89° 50' 45"E passing through an angle point on the west line of said Parcel "A" located at about 255.00 feet and continuing along an interior line to an interior corner a total distance of 385.00 feet to a point;

Thence Southwesterly along the west line of said Parcel "A", S00°09'15"W about 110.00 feet to the Principle Place of Beginning containing within said bounds about 42,350 Sq. Ft..



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

**Location Map**

**JFK Recreation Center at 17300 Harvard Avenue**



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