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Rensselaer County Democrats Believe in Miracle League

Troy—Ginny O'Brien, Minority Leader of the Rensselaer County Legislature, and her Democratic colleague Legislator Brian Zweig, spoke at a Public Hearing in East Greenbush to support the Town's recreational facility for the Miracle League.

The Miracle League facility, a specially constructed athletic field dedicated to programs for special needs children is being constructed on land within the East Greenbush Town Park. The facility will be a great resource, not only for East Greenbush, but for the entire Capital Region.

This program has grown within the community as the result of grassroots efforts by families who want to establish a place where their special needs children can enjoy the experience of participating in organized team sports. The facility in East Greenbush will be the first in the nation developed for use in four different sports. The legislators were impressed by the turnout and participation of citizens at this public hearing on one of the coldest nights of the year. More than a dozen people rose to speak in favor of the program being brought to fulfillment according to plans, with an opening scheduled for next spring.

In addition to East Greenbush residents, people from Feura Bush, Nassau, Latham, North Greenbush, Schenectady, and Slingerlands approached the podium to express thanks and support for the Town's leadership in developing this facility. Many remarks in support of the project indicate that Miracle League responds to a broad-based regional need.

The Legislators were particularly impressed by the volunteer initiative that has brought this program so close to fruition and pledged their help in adding any support possible through governmental participation.