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The Chautauqua Multi-Use Organizing Committee, Inc. has been very active over the past 2 months. Based on the recommendations made by Dr. John Earshen and the Mattison Group in his Fundraising Study, a Partnership Exploration Committee (PEC) was formed to explore what groups might be interested in partnering to help build a new sports complex in Northern Chautauqua County.

The PEC members are President Don Horton, Vice-President Ned Divine, General Board Members Jim Enser and Mark Twichell, Advisory Board Member Ellen Luczkowiak, and community member JoAnn Niebel. Presentations were given to Fredonia State, Jamestown Community College. The YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County, the Chautauqua Tennis Club, Chautauqua Opportunities, and Erie2-Chautauqua Cattaraugus BOCES. The PEC also presented to the following local school districts: Dunkirk, Fredonia, Brocton, Cassadaga Valley, Forestville, Westfield, Silver Creek, Ripley, and Chautauqua Lake. In February, The Partnership Exploration Committee will make a presentation to the Chautauqua County Conference of Mayors at their monthly meeting in Mayville.

All of these meetings were very positive with each group displaying a level of interest and all contributed helpful ideas that our group can use to attain our goal. Our next step will be to appoint a facilitator to bring these groups together so that we can move forward with our plans.