

# Tiger Koo's Martial Arts Academy looks to open on Route 47 in Huntley

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[HUNTLEY](#) – A martial arts academy is set to open in a vacant space on Route 47 in Huntley.

Tiger Koo's Martial Arts Academy, which has locations in [Algonquin](#) and Hoffman Estates, is asking for a special-use permit to operate at 9734 Route 47, Huntley.

At the Huntley Committee of the Whole meeting Thursday, trustees agreed to put the item on the consent agenda for the next Village Board meeting.

The academy teaches students ages 4 to 75 years old self-defense and martial arts training.

"I really love teaching kids," owner Jong Sub Koo said at Thursday's meeting.

Aside from teaching the physical aspects of earning a black belt, Koo, a seventh-degree black belt, said he also emphasizes principles such as respect and discipline.

"He expects his martial arts students to be leaders in the community, and not just have excellent behavior in the training facility," said Amy Ober, office manager at the Algonquin facility.

Tiger Koo's also focuses on staying involved in the community and giving back, Koo and Ober said. The academy participates in performances in local schools and parades, and has hosted fundraising events such as "Kick for the Cure" to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The 1,500-square-foot space in Huntley will include an open gym with specialized martial arts training mats and a small office space, village documents show. In addition to classes for all age levels, the facility also would host birthday parties, movie nights and other functions.

The facility would be open from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and closed Sunday.

Koo said he's aiming for a mid-February opening. For information, visit [www.tigerkoosma.com](http://www.tigerkoosma.com) or call [847-658-0099](tel:847-658-0099).

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