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PROPOSED PARKS AND REC MILLAGE RENEWAL GOES TO VOTERS

Township Board Places Slight Reduction in Parks Tax on August 2 Ballot

Macomb Township, Mich., – Macomb Township residents will have the opportunity to continue funding for the parks across the township while lowering taxes as a new Parks and Recreation millage will be on the ballot in August.

At the April 20, 2022 meeting, the Board of Trustees proved their commitment to giving residents the best value by doing more with less. The board approved a proposal that would slightly lower the tax while committing to additional park improvements.

In 1996, voters approved a parks and recreation tax at 1mil, which was subsequently renewed in 2000. In the 22 years since it was last approved, the millage has been reduced annually and is now .7625mil. The millage that will be on the August 2 ballot would reduce it to .75mil.

While revenue from the parks millage will decrease by around \$56,000, the township will actually be investing more into the parks. As the township pays off existing bond debts, it will free up an additional \$600,000 per year that will be dedicated to parks and recreation.

“Our goal has always been to give our residents the best value and we are proving this with our plans for the parks and recreation millage,” said Macomb Township Supervisor Frank Viviano. “If renewed, this millage would allow us to continue to provide beautiful parks while lowering the burden on our community.”

In the continued effort to give residents the best possible parks, the township will be opening a brand-new park in 2023 while also upgrading facilities at Waldenburg and Macomb Corners parks.

“I’m pleased we found a way to expand high quality parks and recreation services while, at the same time, lowering the tax burden on residents,” said Macomb Township Treasurer Leon Drolet. “While the proposed tax cut isn’t a big tax cut, it shows a commitment by this township to do more with less. Frankly, citizens desperately need something in their lives to cost a little less right now.”

The pandemic showed us just how important it is to have outdoor parks and trails available to our community.

“it’s great to see that this Board continues to give the residents a voice on how their tax dollars are spent,” said Macomb Township Clerk Kristi Pozzi. “I hope the residents will join me in supporting this request.”

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