

Presidential ballot to include Anderson Parks levy

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Anderson Township voters will consider a 1.9 mill, 10-year operating levy for the Anderson Park District this fall.

During its May meeting, Anderson Township Board of Park Commissioners voted to place the issue before voters. If approved, the levy would generate \$2,298,855 annually for the parks and cost homeowners an estimated \$66.50 per \$100,000 of value, Financial Officer Brian Jordan said.

Anderson Township voters last approved a parks levy in 2008. It too was a 1.9-mill, 10-year operating levy. It's not scheduled to expire until 2018. It generates an estimated \$2.4 million a year for the parks.

"This is our operating levy and would replace the current 1.9 levy that is due to expire in 2018. If this levy is approved the 2008 levy will be rescinded," Jordan said.

Traditionally, the park district's levy goes to voters during a presidential election year which typically has the highest voter turnout, Executive Director Ken Kushner said in April. The park board has gone to voters early twice before, he said.

During the May meeting, the park board appointed its new officers. Rob Herking is board president and Tom Turchiano is the vice president. Other board members are: Angie Stocker, Colin Ramsey and Dominic Wolfer.

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