

Park Levy withdrawn from the November 3, 2015 ballot

The Board of Park Commissioners made the decision at the October 13, 2015 park board meeting to withdraw the park district's levy from the November 3, 2015 ballot.

Due to the timing of this action, voters still saw Issue 18 on the ballot; however, the park district will not collect taxes for this issue.

Initially, the purpose of the 0.7 mill, 15-year capital levy was to generate \$12.86 million to:

- Purchase the Beech Acres Parenting Center's 36 acres and the RecPlex;
- Renovate the RecPlex;
- Prepare the property as parkland for the lifetime of the community.

Since the spring of 2015, the purpose for purchasing the property evolved to include a combination of possible community concepts: a renovated or new public recreation center and a new Anderson High School; new development at the current Anderson High School site.

The various concepts being explored have resulted in confusion regarding the purpose of the park district's levy. Additionally, the Township Trustees announced on October 1, 2015, they will buy the Beech Acres property and RecPlex for the community and serve as the placeholder until the concepts can be further explored. If the end result is not a school, the Township is on record as saying it would be parkland. Accordingly, the park board has withdrawn the park district's levy from the ballot.

We are grateful to Beech Acres Parenting Center for their long-standing partnership and for the opportunity to have had a chance to acquire their property for the community. We look forward to working through the process with the Forest Hills School District and Anderson Township government towards the betterment of the community.

If you have questions for the park district, please contact [Ken Kushner](#) at 513.388.2492.