

# Anderson Park Board considers levy for 2016

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The Anderson Township Board of Park Commissioners is considering placing a levy on the November presidential ballot.

During its April 12 meeting, board members agreed to ask the Hamilton County auditor to certify a 1.9-mill, 10-year operating levy, the first of several steps required before a money issue can be placed before voters.

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

If the park board places the levy on the 2016 ballot, it will appear as a request for new money. The ballot language will also state that the park board will resend the previous levy if the new one is approved by voters, Park Board President Nadine Gelter said.

The park board has gone to voters early twice before, Kushner said. The board expects to have information back from the county auditor for consideration and discussion at its May meeting.

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