Milwaukee County Parks, Recreation & Culture Embracing Financial Philosophy – Tax Levy and Fee Based Support Discussion

Services Supported by Tax Dollars community benefit

Long Range Planning and Park Master Planning

Development Review (review of county-wide development plans for impacts on natural, cultural and park resources)

Project Management for Capital Projects (scope, design, development, and construction phasing)

Land Acquisition, Conveyances, ROE Permits, Records, Surveying and Easements

General Grounds Maintenance Management of parks/general access to parkland (equipment, mowing, plowing, landscape and tree maintenance, trash pick-up, restrooms)

Hard Surface Maintenance (parking lots, driveways, parkways, walkways, multipurpose courts)

Amenities Maintenance (playgrounds, tennis/basketball courts, benches, statues, exercise stations)

Building Infrastructure Maintenance (electrical, water, trades, utilities, carpentry, maintenance and support facilities)

Natural, Cultural, Horticultural, and Land Resource Management & Stewardship Education (natural capital, facility and site service support, resource assessments, beaches, lagoons, wildlife management, invasive plant management)

Trail development, management and maintenance

Splash pads, wading pools, beaches
Summer concert series management

Safety & Security (Park Rangers)

General Agency Overhead (human capital, marketing, IT, fleet, risk, legal, Friends and Advocacy groups, CAPRA, agency administration, contracts, grants, financial management)

Fee Based Services individual benefit

Golf Courses (rounds, outings, programs, tournaments, and driving ranges)

McKinley Marina and Boat Launches (slip rentals, fuel, launch permits, facility and site service support)

Outdoor Aquatics Parks (Cool Waters, Schulz)

Boerner Botanical Gardens

Sports Complex

Wilson Ice Rink

Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (Domes)/Greenhouses

Facility & Equipment Services (dog exercise areas, disc golf, rooms, historic properties, skis, snowshoes, toboggan, building/pavilion rentals, athletic field permits, reservable picnic areas/shelters, rental halls, amphitheaters, courts)

Retail Sales at Centers, Golf Clubhouses, Domes, Boerner, and Wehr Nature Center (gifts, merchandise, retail, food)

Food & Beverage Concessions (catering, satellite locations, vending, contracts)

Park Use Permits/Business Activity Licenses

Classes & Programs (educational, leisure, instructional, specialty, leagues)

Camps (theme, nature, summer, spring, adventure, athletics, stewardship)

O'Donnell Park Parking Structure

Partial Fee-Based Services & Programs

Athletic fields (programs, events, maintenance)

Indoor & Outdoor pools

Wehr Nature Center & stewardship education

Community Recreation Centers (King, Kozy)