

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks & Recreation Services Manager

DATE: April 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Resolution Recommending Approval of Fiscal Year 2020/21 Fee Adjustments for Parks & Recreation Services

Attached for your consideration and approval is a resolution authorizing fee adjustments for FY 2020/21. Each year, in conjunction with the preparation of the budget, Parks & Recreation Services review fees to determine if the costs of the services rendered are either covered by the fees or are appropriate in relation to comparative data.

Fee increases are proposed for hourly ice rink rental at Buhr and Veterans Memorial Parks; day camps at Argo, Buhr, Fuller, and Gallup; golf camps at Huron Hills Golf Course; and drop-in hockey fees at Buhr Park.

Ice rink rental rates were last increased in 2011 and since that time utility costs along with staffing costs have increased annually. The fee increase proposed is a 12 to 15% increase, and rates are reasonable and competitive when compared to other area ice rink rental rates. Long term renters at Buhr and Veterans were informed of the proposed rate increases by letter. Day Camp fees are proposed to increase by 10 to 15%, and this will be their first increase since 2011. Comparative data shows the camps to still be affordable when compared to other area camp offerings. Lastly, Junior Golf Camps and drop-in hockey fees are also being adjusted to better reflect pricing at other area facilities. As a reminder, Parks & Recreation Services awards scholarships to income eligible Ann Arbor resident families. Scholarships are awarded based on need and there is not a limit on the number awarded.

Attached are the recommended fee change proposals and comparative fee data. Staff is recommending that Council approve these fee changes as part of the FY 2020/21 budget process.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 FEE
ADJUSTMENTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES

Whereas, All Service Units of the City review their fees each year as part of the budget process;

Whereas, Parks & Recreation Services review existing fees annually as part of the budget process; and

RESOLVED, That fees for Parks and Recreation Services be adjusted according to the attached schedules;

RESOLVED, That the attached fee schedules become effective according to the dates in the attached schedules; and

RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the proposed fees.