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Resolution Recommending Approval of Fiscal Year 27 Fee Adjustments for Parks & Recreation Services

Memorandum

Attached for your consideration and recommendation is a resolution authorizing fee adjustments for FY 27. Each year, in conjunction with the preparation of the budget, Parks & Recreation Services review fees to determine if the costs of the services are appropriate in relation to comparative data, while considering increases in operating costs.

For FY 27, Parks and Recreation Services is proposing the creation of fees for some new programming around activation in parks. Over the last few years, staff have worked to develop a diverse set of programs to utilize spaces outside our park facilities and attract additional users. These programs have been offered to the community at no charge as we have attempted to identify the right set of programs. Staff are not expecting to charge for every program, but having a set of approved fees are helpful if staff determine that a fee is necessary.

The attached proposed fee adjustments have a corresponding comparative data document. These documents compare our proposed fees to those charged in other communities for similar programs or services. The proposed fees, when compared to those charged by other communities, are competitive and typically more affordable than most. The proposed fees are an up to amount since many of these program could have differing costs to run. Staff will continue to evaluate fees and programs and in the future adjust as needed.

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. The scholarships provide for free or reduced fees for programs and admission.

Staff are recommending that PAC and Council approve these fee changes as part of the FY 27 budget process.

Body

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

Whereas, Staff have develop new programming designed to activate additional spaces and attract new users;

Whereas, These programs do not have approved fee due to the newness of the programming;

Whereas, The proposed fee increases are in line with what other communities charge for similar services; and

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

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

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