

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks & Recreation Services Manager

DATE: April 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution Recommending Approval of Fiscal Year 2022/23 Fee Adjustments for Parks & Recreation Services

Attached for your consideration and recommendation is a resolution authorizing fee adjustments for FY 2022/23. 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.

Parks is proposing fee increases for boat rentals at Argo and Gallup Liveries, various swimming fees, weekend golf fees at Leslie Park Golf Course, stall rentals at the Farmers Market, rental room rates at the Senior Center and Gallup Livery, rental rates at Cobblestone Farm, ice skating lessons at Veterans Memorial Ice Arena, public skate admissions at Buhr and Veterans Memorial Ice Arenas, and rental fees of athletic fields.

The attached proposed fee document shares the date the proposed fees were last increased, and for many of them it has been several years. While the percentage rate increase is in some cases large, when it is considered over the length of time since the last fee increase most of them are less than 3% annually. For example, daily admission rates at the pools are proposed to move from \$5.00 to \$6.00, a 20% increase. However, this fee was last increased in 2011, so this amounts to roughly a 2% annual increase.

Comparative data is provided for all fee proposal increases and a review of the information shows the proposed fees to be in-line with what other communities are charging for similar services.

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 reduced or free program and admission fees.

Staff is recommending that Council approve these fee changes as part of the FY 2022/23 budget process.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 FEE
ADJUSTMENTS FOR PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES

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

Whereas, Fees for various programs and services have not been increased for numerous years;

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

Whereas, Scholarships that provide for reduced or free programs are available to income eligible Ann Arbor residents;

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.