

Huge Parks and Rec Tax increase of \$5 Million we cannot afford--when the Parks Department is shut down!

In 2019 the Washington Park's Tax rate, the millage was 0.7148. In 2020 the tax rate is ZERO¹. **Vote No on this .75 millage \$5 M Tax increase on August 4, 2020 election.**

1. Parks Department Surplus \$3,133,638²
2. Parks Department continues to have **\$1,697,198 of bank deposits that are uninsured and uncollateralized** and pays **\$5,000 in fees** for a PNC Bank Checking Account!
3. Even though Romeo schools got approximately \$2.9 M a year in new tax money from the March 10, 2020 election, the Parks Department continues to pay Romeo Schools Building rent of \$25,500 **plus we pay** Romeo High School (RHS) Football \$8,000, Basketball \$13,000, Cheerleaders \$2,000 Volleyball \$19,000, RHS Camps \$27,000 etc.
4. **Even though the RHS pool is closed** from March through August for construction, **we are paying \$56,600 operational costs, plus \$34,600 in Swimming Lessons and Programs** and Pool rent to Romeo Schools.
5. **Even though the gyms are all closed** due to government China Virus social distancing order **we are paying \$143,000 for no income test Public fitness Centers** which unfairly complete with Privately run Fitness Centers.
6. **Even though** Governor Whitmer has **banned most social gatherings, Parks still budgets \$150,300** on fencing, bowling, archery, summer camp etc. and **\$272,150 on picnics, softball, amusement parks**, gift certificates, **\$25,000 on day trips** and **\$160,00 on Extended Trips**³! With so little to do, the Parks Department gave a **17.5% pay raise for a Parks Employee!** And **12% of pay for retirement** when the national average is 3.5%⁴ *If you have a job!*

Let's force the Tax and Spend Washington Township politicians to come back to the voters this November 3, 2020 Presidential Election with a much lower tax rate, and long-overdue reforms. All tax increases should be held on elections when most people vote.



Parks and Rec 2019-2020 budget and 2019 audit posted on usataxfighters.org. When will the Parks Director provide the March 31, 2020 Parks Audit?

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² Audits, Budgets and other sourced documents on www.usataxfighters.org

³ The Betting Years: Casinos exploiting seniors? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6m_9XzZdhr0

⁴ <https://20somethingfinance.com/401k-match/>