

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

Washington Township government is proposing a .75 Millage Tax increase to support the Parks department.

Today, in 2020, The current Parks and Recreation Tax is ZERO.

In 2019 the Washington Park's Tax rate, the millage was 0.7148. In 2020 the tax rate is **ZERO**¹. **Vote No on this .75 millage \$5 M Tax increase on August 4, 2020 election.**

1. Parks Department **Surplus \$3,133,638**²
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 compete 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.

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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/>



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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