



Parks and Recreation

Income Tax Proposal Public Hearing

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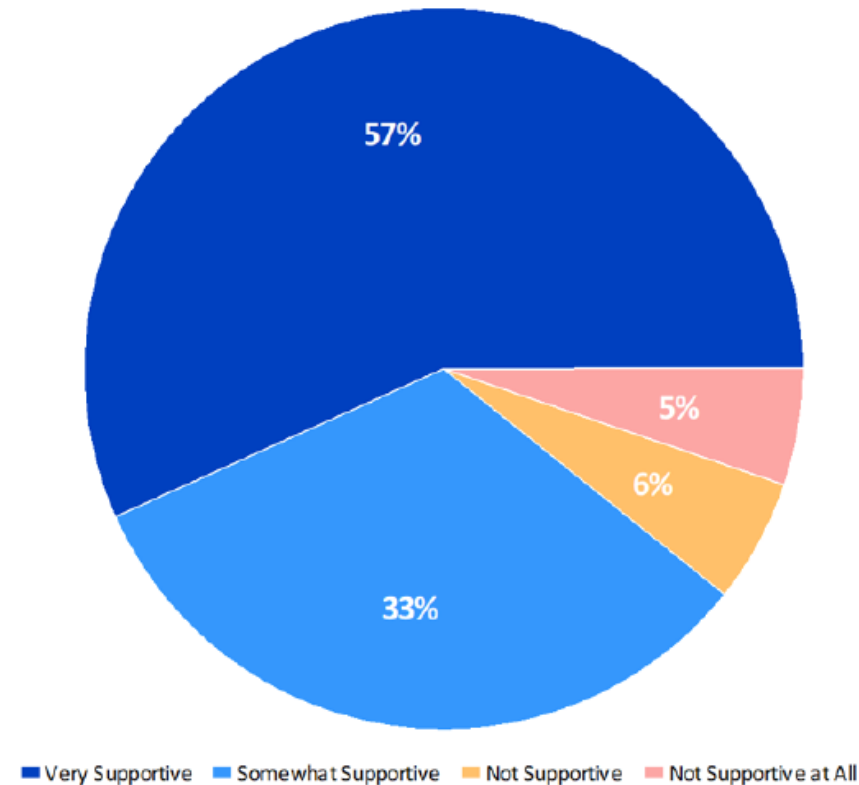
Parks and Recreation Levy

Proposed:

- ‘Renewal’ – or continuation - of the 0.15 percent parks and recreation tax that was approved in 2008.
- The dedicated money would not be a new tax, but a continuation of the current parks and recreation funding, with one change.
- Funds could go toward general parks and recreation uses, such as programs and upgrades, unlike the current 0.15 tax that can only pay down debt on recreation projects.

What We Heard

“If City officials were to consider continuing the existing levy at its present level to support parks, trails and recreation, how supportive would you be?”

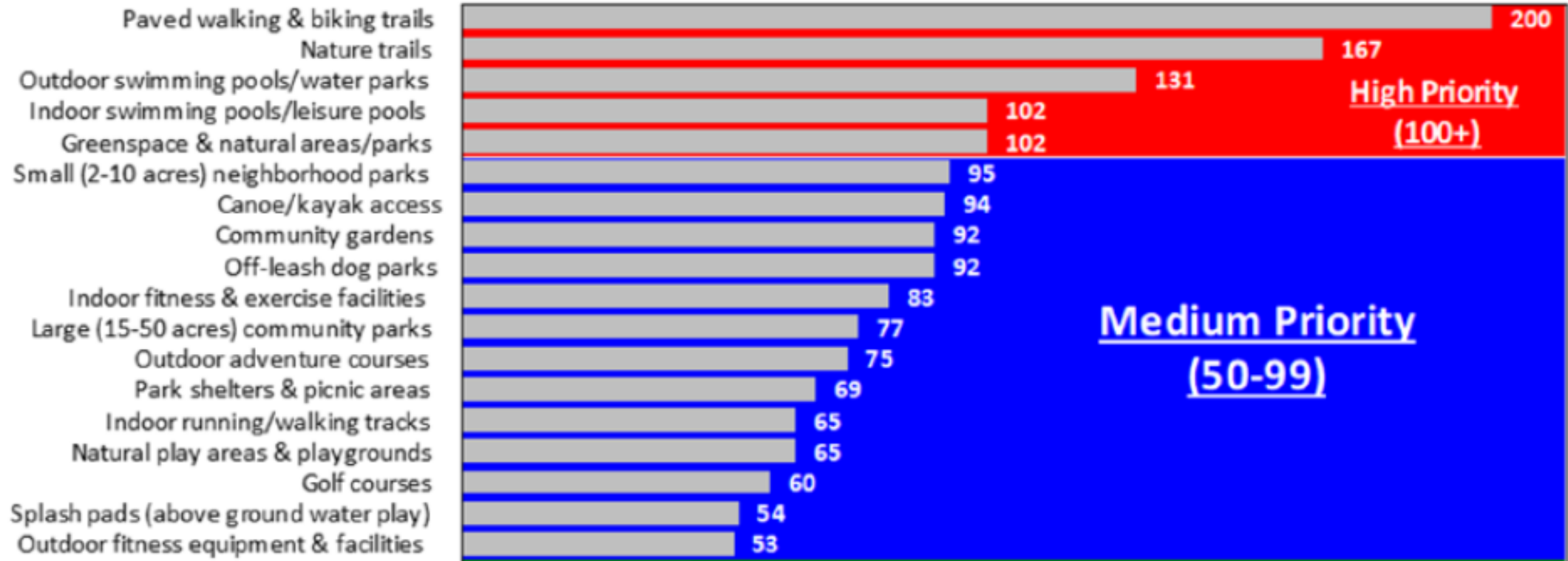


90 percent of respondents indicated they were either “very supportive” or “somewhat supportive”

- 2000 Recreation Master Plan resident feedback

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

High and Medium Priorities, based on Resident Ratings



Existing Park and Recreation Needs

Trails

- Trail miles increased by 83% since 2000
- Maintenance costs
- Gap closing and safety projects- \$4 million

Park Maintenance/capital backlog

- Renovating restrooms, athletic fields, playgrounds, trails and park amenities
- \$2.4 million in immediate needs

Athletic Fields

- Participation increases
- Increased variety of sports groups
- Field use at capacity and turf fatigue being seen

Parks Growth from 2000-2023

- Staffing- 9%
- Number of Parks- 58%
- Developed acres- 61%
- Trail Miles- 83%
- Urban forest more than doubled in size
- Added right of way mowing

Jack Florance Pool

- Majority of the structure is 48 years old
- Opening on a year-to-year basis

Recreation Staffing

- Existing programming increasing
- Programming to capped due to staff and space limitations.

Short Term Park and Recreation Needs

Trails

- Additional 7 miles of trails needed by 2025
- Develop greenways- Olentangy and Delaware Run corridors

Park Maintenance/capital funding

- Renovating restrooms, athletic fields, playgrounds, trails and park amenities
- \$4.9 million in the next 10 years
- Additional dog park, athletic courts and fields

Athletic Fields

- Additional field space for growing population and sports groups
- Tournament sites developed for economic benefits

Parks Staffing

- Add 4.2 FTE to maintain existing parks and short-term growth

Mingo Recreation Center

- Expand indoor space to meet community needs
- 11,000 square feet suggested by 2025

Recreation Staffing

- Expand existing programming- baseball, summer camp, basketball all at or approaching capacity
- Partnerships to increase programming capabilities

Long Term Park and Recreation Needs

Trails

- Expand river and stream buffers
- Develop downtown Olentangy River Corridor

Jack Florance Pool

- Upgrade facility- increased efficiency and new amenities for the public

Southeast Community Park

- Develop 30–40-acre park to meet the needs of the growing southeast side of the city
- Additional athletic fields and indoor recreation space

Mingo Recreation Center

- Upgrade facility to meet indoor recreation space needs.

Athletic Field complex

- Develop 20–30-acre park to meet the outdoor recreation needs of the community
- Expand field space to allow for growth of existing recreation programming

Oak Grove Cemetery

- Expand burials into existing cemetery lands to provide internment space for future needs
- Develop grounds as passive park area

Continuing the Parks and Recreation levy means:



Developing trails and greenways



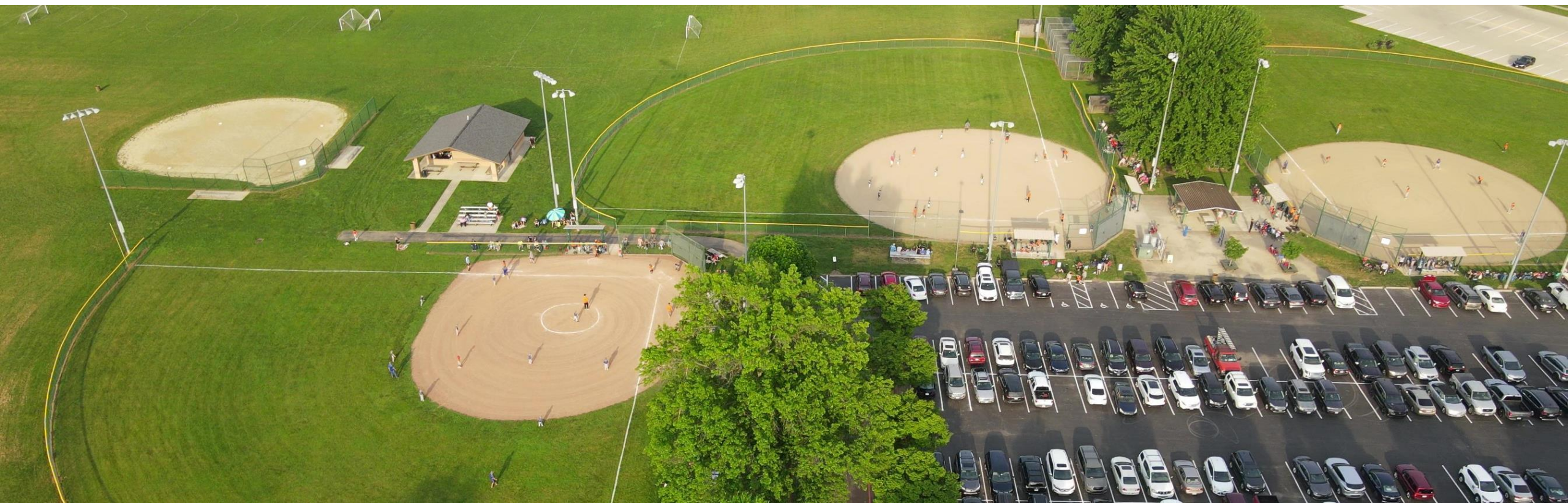
Keeping parks and trails clean, safe and open



New recreation facilities



New parkland and open space



Questions