



# Rochester Hills

## Agenda Report

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**Controlling Body:** Community Development & Viability / Financial Services / Public Safety Joint Committee

**Requester:**

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**File Name:** Parks Millage Recommendation

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Discussion of Parks Millage

**Notes:** Enactment: RES0211-2006

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**Indexes:** Millage, Parks

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**Sponsors:**

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**Attachments:** Referral Notice.pdf, Millage memo 061906.pdf

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### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Council Regular Meeting	06/07/2006	Referred by Resolution	Leisure Activities Committee			Pass
	<b>Notes:</b>		Aye: Duistermars, Holder, Hooper, Raschke and Rosen Nay: Ambrozaitis and Yalamanchi				
1	Leisure Activities Committee	06/19/2006	Recommended for Approval	City Council Regular Meeting			Pass
	<b>Notes:</b>	<i>Julie Jenuwine, Finance Director, provided estimated millage for the Parks noting the following:</i>					
		* <i>Estimated millage for Parks Operation including the E.E.C. and the Museum over a (10) ten year period approximately .85 mils.</i>					
		* <i>Currently Parks operation is supported by the General Fund and a millage would "free up" \$2.5 million General Fund monies to be used for other purposes.</i>					
		<i>Linda Raschke mentioned including Forestry and Pathways in the proposed Park Millage due to them all being interconnected.</i>					
		<i>Committee member inquired if a Parks Millage would include developing Nowicki Park.</i>					

Ms. Jenuwine stated that Nowicki Park Development was not part of the Capital Improvement Project that was adopted. She further stated that the CIP is for a six (6) year period and that the last four (4) years of a Parks Millage would provide an additional un-designated \$200,000 annually which could be used for Nowicki Park Development or anything.

Chairperson Ambrozaitis asked Committee for an approximate cost in developing Nowicki Park.

Mike Harnter, Parks & Forestry Director, explained that the Community has to decide what they want to see; swimming pool vs soccer field, paved parking lot vs gravel, irrigated or non etc. and that there are too many variables to make a cost approximation.

Mr. Yalamanchi expressed concern with an additional Parks Millage request when other community priorities have not been met. He also expressed concern about placing an added tax burden on the community during current economic conditions. He further stated that he would not support a Parks Millage.

Mr. Zendel expressed his concern with where the discussion was going and stated that between just local roads and police, Rochester Hills needs an additional four (4) mills. He further expressed his support of dedicated millages in lieu of a proposed one General Fund for everything.

Committee member mentioned that a General Fund for everything would allow the City to shift money when needed elsewhere.

Committee member mentioned that you can have dedicated millages going through a General Fund.

Aye: Ambrozaitis, Hilbert, Raschke and Yalamanchi  
Absent: Shane

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### **Text of Legislative File 2006-0438**

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Discussion of Parks Millage

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**Resolved** that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby refers the matter of a potential Parks Millage to the Leisure Activities Committee for its review.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Leisure Activities Committee, following its review of the issue, shall return a recommendation to City Council as to whether a Parks Millage should be sought via a ballot question.