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2022 Oakland County Parks and Recreation budget emphasizes facilities maintenance and services for residents

OAKLAND COUNTY –The Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) budget for fiscal year 2022 has been approved at \$34,197,675 by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The budget will focus on projects that maintain park sites such as roof and HVAC replacements, road paving and maintenance and golf course irrigation.

“One hundred percent of all funded projects are a reinvestment into existing facilities and natural areas,” OCPR Interim Executive Officer Sue Wells said. “These projects are necessities. Our visitors expect their 14 Oakland County Parks to be well maintained.”

FY2022 year projects include:

- Glen Oaks and White Lake Oaks golf courses irrigation upgrades
- Independence Oaks County Park road paving
- Red Oaks Waterpark metal roof replacements
- Parks administration HVAC replacement
- Pavement Maintenance Program
- Increase in Natural Resources Management

As part of OCPR’s commitment to voters, who approved a 10-year millage renewal and increase in 2020, the parks system will also continue providing free annual vehicle permits for designated individuals; increase outreach and recreation offerings; establish a granting program for trails and local park improvement projects; and offer assistance to the county’s 62 cities, villages and townships for natural resources management.

The 2022 budget was approved by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission at its Sept. 1 meeting and approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Sept. 29.

The parks system is funded by .35 mills to improve, operate and maintain parks, open space and water areas, trails and recreation activities. The cost to the owner of a home or business with a market value of \$200,000 (taxable value of \$100,000) is approximately \$35/year.

OCPR provides nearly 80 miles of trails, parks, campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, nature centers, a farmers market, an ORV park plus year-round programming and special events. The 14-park system is used by more than 2 million residents and visitors annually.

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