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Chassell Township Recreational Millage Request on November Ballot

On Tuesday, November 6, residents of Chassell Township will vote on a millage levy to help fund recreation priorities set by township residents through a recreation survey completed in the summer of 2017. The .5 mills will be levied for a period of 5 years, after which the millage would sunset and would have to be voted upon again if the township would want to seek re-establishment. Total revenue in the first year of a recreation millage would produce approximately \$28,000. If passed, the millage would come into place at the same time the 2 mills levied for the Portage Lake District Library is expiring.

"Resident input gained through the recreation survey was a key factor in the unanimous approval of the millage proposal by both the Planning Commission and the Township Board," according to Township Supervisor David Mattson.

Revenue incurred from an approved recreation millage would fund projects identified in Chassell Township's new recreation plan, which spans from 2018 – 2023. The plan includes a focus on enhancing recreational trail systems (including a fitness trail and historic/natural trail), the development of new water trail access sites and a dog park. Other potential enhancements identified in the recreation plan include a marina feasibility study, campground feasibility study, mountain biking and snowshoe trails, and a skate board park.

"The availability of locally generated funding will put the township in an excellent position to leverage private and public funded grant opportunities, providing a substantial return on our tax dollars as we seek to implement these key recreation projects sought by our community", highlighted Township Planning Commission Chair Brian Waters.

The .5 mill levy will cost residents \$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable property for a period of 5 years. Taxable value is generally 1/2 the market value of your home, and the average taxable value of a home in Chassell Township is about \$40,000. Should the millage pass, residents would pay an average of \$20 annually to support the recreation millage.