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PLAN COMMISSION

Meeting Date: 07/18/2022

Case Number and Name:	PC 2022-15: Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Report Update
Petitioner's Name:	City of Shelbyville, Parks Board
Action Requested:	A formal recommendation to the Common Council on the Parks and Recreation Impact Fee Report

The concept behind a Park Impact Fee is that all new residential units in the City place an added burden on the existing Parks System, and to maintain the level of service the City currently offers, new homes should pay a fee that is equivalent to the burden they are placing on the Parks System so that it can expand accordingly. When a Park Impact Fee is adopted, the ordinance authorizing the fee is only in place for five-years, at which time the report must be revisited and a new ordinance adopted to keep the Park Impact Fee in place.

In early 2019, the City of Shelbyville prepared and adopted a Park Impact Fee to help fund future growth of the Parks Systems needed as a result of residential growth in the community. Through the structure of the Park Impact Fee, new housing units were charged a flat rate per new unit as the permits were issued for construction. At that time, the fee that was established was \$1,005.00 per new housing unit, with the fee increasing 3% each year to account for inflation. At the end of the current ordinance and report, the Park Impact Fee will be \$1,131.12. This initial report only looked at a limited number of park system facilities, thus limiting the types of facilities the collected fees could be used on for construction. The specific facilities incorporated in this first report were (1) Acres of Park Land, (2) Softball Diamonds, (3) Shelters, and (4) Trails.

Planning Staff, along with the City Attorney, and the Paks Department Staff have been working for several months to compile the data shown in this report in order to responsibly estimate the anticipated growth in the community along with the burden that will be placed on the existing Parks System. This report utilizes equations established in state law to determine an appropriate Park Impact Fee, based on the estimated growth and expected burden on the Parks System. This new report incorporates the following facilities: (1) Acres of Park Land, (2) Trails, (3) Neighborhood Playgrounds, (4) Community Playgrounds, (5) Park Restrooms, (6) Basketball Courts, and (7) Pickleball Courts. The fee being proposed in this new report is \$1,346.00 with an annual increase of 3% for the 5-year term of the ordinance.

Attached with this staff report, you will find the entire report for your review. We will spend time during the Plan Commission meeting presenting the process that was taken and explaining the figures in the document.

Staff Recommendation: Forward a Favorable Recommendation to Common Council