



OPERATION RECREATION 2020 LEVY: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is this levy about?

On May 2, 2017 Troy voters will be asked to support a limited term .25% income tax, which would increase Troy's rate from 1.75% to 2.0% for a maximum of 10 years. The proceeds of this levy would fund: various upgrades to Paul G. Duke Park, including a new 9-field baseball complex, 3 new large soccer fields, 2 additional entranceways, utilities, and lighting upgrades; upgrades to the William H Maier Senior Citizen Center; renovations to the Miami Shores Golf Course clubhouse and construction of a new driving range; and, a second ice rink facility adjacent to Hobart Arena.

2. Why are these projects important for Troy?

Within the seven-county Greater Dayton region, which includes Miami County, approximately 12,000 industrial jobs are currently vacant. Our businesses want to stay and grow in Troy but are seeing a severe shortage in qualified workers. By funding these projects, we will not only support the recreational needs of our children, adults and senior citizens in the Troy community but also attract new visitors, families, and workers to live, work and play in Troy. This increased activity and revenue will also increase the economic benefits for our restaurants, hotels, and retail stores.

3. What happens if the projects cost less than anticipated?

The proposed levy will be for a maximum of 10 years. We anticipate that all projects can be completed within budget but if we can complete the projects for less, City Council will cancel the levy before the 10 year deadline.

4. Why is this proposed as an income tax and not a property tax?

A property tax would affect all Troy property owners, including senior citizens and fixed income individuals. Outsiders who use our recreational facilities and programs would not pay towards these projects. An income tax increase, on the other hand, will not only apply to residents, but it will also apply to all workers and businesses in Troy, whether they are residents or not. So, non-Troy residents who would use our recreational facilities and programs will help pay for these projects. Retired Troy residents would not pay this income tax increase.

5. How much will this cost the average Troy working resident?

If a Troy resident works in another municipality that charges an income tax that is 2.0% or higher, that resident will pay NO additional tax. Based on the 2015 U. S. Census estimates, the median household income earned in Troy was \$45,222. Therefore, a .25% increase would cost the median household \$113.06 per year, or less than \$10 per month.



6. How will the maintenance of the new facilities be funded?

This levy will only pay for capital improvements. This levy will NOT pay for operating costs (staff, benefits, utility bills, etc.). Mayor Beamish and the City of Troy administration have planned to increase staffing levels as needed. Additionally, the City will partner with our local recreational organizations, who have agreed to assist with maintenance costs.

7. Why is a second sheet of ice needed when the city just completed renovations to Hobart Arena?

Improving Hobart Arena was long overdue and will make our historic venue much more competitive and attractive in the region. However, as a multi-purpose facility, too often we are limited in our ability to schedule events, programs, concerts, etc. because of the high demand for ice. When we do schedule non-ice events, we must remove the ice, which limits the practice time for our sports programs. Also, we cannot schedule large ice shows and competitions, which require two sheets of ice for practices and performances. This conflict limits our ability to sell tickets and raise revenues.

By adding an ice rink next to the Arena, we can move our current ice activities out of the Arena and schedule many more revenue-generating events. By having a dedicated ice rink facility, our hockey, curling and skating programs will not interfere with other programs. And, we can attract national and international ice rink events such as THEATRE ON ICE.

8. Where can I go to get more information?

The Operation Recreation 2020 Levy Committee is a volunteer group of dedicated Troy stakeholders. It is not a City-led effort but the City obviously has a vested interest in improving these facilities and completing these projects.

For more information, visit, call or write to:

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