

# Park board OKs increased tax levy

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In a 7-0 vote, the Glenview Park District Board of Commissioners approved a 2.28 percent increase in the district's property tax levy.

The increase will bring in approximately \$17 million in tax revenue, according to a Glenview Park District news release. The funds will be allocated among the corporate, recreation, museum, retirement, special recreation and liability funds, it said.

The tax levy increase will bring in approximately \$370,000 in additional funding from the previous year, according to the news release.

Resident taxes will increase by \$17.10 per year for a home valued at \$500,000, according to the release.

In September, the board

initially approved a 4.45 percent property tax levy increase. Under the initial increase, taxes would have increased by \$33.37 annually for a home valued at \$500,000, officials said.

Commissioner Daniel Peterson voted against the initial tax levy because he said he would like to see the percentage come down a bit.

Peterson said Nov. 21 he voted in favor of the 2.28 percent increase because staff and the commissioners were able to decrease the amount since the initial tax levy was proposed.

Officials were able to decrease the tax levy by using operational funds and reserves to pay approximately \$704,000 in bonds, he said.

"The board feels very good that we were able to come down a little from the initial proposal while main-

taining park district services," Peterson said.

This is the first time in five years that the park district has requested a tax levy increase, according to the release. An increase in expenses for utilities, professional services and contractual services and freezes to state grants impacted district officials' decision to increase the tax levy, it said.

On Nov. 28, the park board was to be presented with a proposal to place a \$17 million referendum measure on the March ballot to pay for various construction projects, including renovating the current Glenview Ice Center.

If the proposed referendum were to pass, residents would pay \$35.69 a year on a \$500,000 home.

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