

City of Owosso

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission received approximately \$250,000 from the 2018 Parks and Historic Sites millage. Below is a breakdown of how those funds were allocated.

Youth Sports

- The baseball fields received a new scoreboard, new park map and two new exterior doors for outbuildings. This work complimented the new dugouts built by the local baseball community, made possible by over \$30,000 in local fundraising efforts.
- At the softball fields a longstanding drainage problem was corrected along with a new gravel parking area being constructed. The concession building received a fresh coat of paint and new electric hand dryers.
- Seven new trees were planted at the soccer fields to help block wind on the fields, with a plan to plant more in upcoming years.



Grand Avenue Park

The city has allocated \$15,000 in millage funds, \$15,000 from the general fund and been awarded another \$15,000 from the State of Michigan NEP Grant Program to revitalize this park. The Commission plans to use the combined \$45,000 to build a playscape, benches and landscaping for the neighborhood and community to enjoy.



Curwood Castle Park and the Mitchell Amphitheater

A \$15,000 grant from Saginaw Bay WIN and millage funds were used to build a new boat launch. This project also included a new swing bench along the James Miner Trail. Millage funds were used to rebuild the amphitheater stairs and will match a \$8,000 grant from the Curwood Festival for a new mural. The Parks and Recreation Commission is working with a local artist to complete the project this summer.



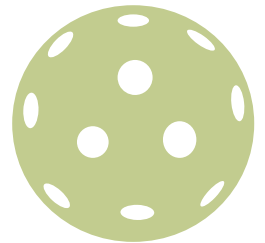
New Millage?

The August 2024 ballot will ask voters if the city shall levy another .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000) on taxable value of property located within the City of Owosso for two years for continued improvements to the city's park system. If approved, the millage will raise, in the first year, an estimated \$170,000 to maintain, improve and upgrade parks within the city of Owosso.

Collamer Park



Two new docks for Hopkins Lake were purchased, a fishing dock on the west side of the lake and another for launching boats on the east side of the lake. Funds were also used to purchase concrete cornhole boards, disc golf signage, new grills, picnic tables, and to install water for the dog park and community gardens. The Parks and Recreation leveraged millage funds with a \$13,000 donation from the Owosso Kiwanis Club to build a playground at Collamer Park.



Bentley Park

The Parks and Recreation Commission used millage funds to build the first outdoor pickleball courts in the city of Owosso. New picnic tables, grills and security cameras were also purchased. A local group of pickleball players have started hosting an annual tournament to raise funds for court improvements, raising \$7,700 in their first year.

