



City of East Grand Rapids



East Grand Rapids Public School
District

2021 Parks Improvement Millage

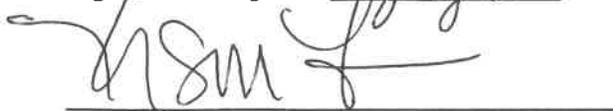
Joint Resolution

- Whereas, The East Grand Rapids Public Schools (District) and the City of East Grand Rapids (City) have a long-term partnership to provide recreational facilities and services for the residents of East Grand Rapids as documented in a Joint Facilities Agreement (Agreement), and
- Whereas, In 2020 the City adopted a Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) after significant community input, and
- Whereas, The City is sponsoring a debt millage request in November 2021 to undertake several of the proposed improvements identified in its 2020 Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and
- Whereas, The District and City, through the Agreement, have agreed in the past to equally share the costs of any maintenance and capital improvements of facilities identified in the Agreement, and
- Whereas, The District will simultaneously seek a Recreation millage which effectively renews and restores the Headlee rollback of the District's existing Recreation millage initially passed in 2004 plus an additional 0.1 mills, and
- Whereas, There are five playgrounds identified in the Master Plan to be replaced due to being at the end of their life cycle, four of which are located on District property, and
- Whereas, The City has committed to fund the full replacement costs of all five playgrounds from the bond proceeds, if the debt millage is approved by the voters, and
- Whereas, The placement of City-funded playground equipment on District property will require an addendum to the current Agreement to satisfy requirements under the Municipal Finance Act regarding the construction of such structures on land not owned by the City, and
- Whereas, The District and City have agreed in concept to this proposal and would like to codify the terms of a future agreement if the debt millage is approved.

Now therefore it is resolved:

1. The City affirms it will bear all costs for design, purchase, and installation of new playground facilities at Breton Downs, Wealthy and Lakeside Elementary Schools, the Woodcliff Administration Building, and Manhattan Recreation Area.
2. The District acknowledges the City has permission to place City-owned equipment on property owned by the District at Breton Downs, Wealthy and Lakeside Elementary Schools and at the Woodcliff Administration Building.
3. The City will seek input and final approval of the playground structures from the District before acquisition and installation.
4. The new playground structures on District property will be confined to the footprint of the current structures unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the parties.
5. In the event outside groups, such as a parent teacher organization, wish to provide additional equipment beyond the approved project scope, the District will coordinate their donation.
6. The City and District agree that once the new equipment is installed, all terms and obligations for maintenance and operations contained in the current Agreement will remain in place.
7. The City and District will develop a formal agreement codifying the terms of this resolution which will be approved by their respective boards.
8. The District and City will continue to fund a playground reserve fund at levels as agreed by the parties.
9. In the event the debt millage is not approved, this resolution shall be non-binding and all terms and conditions of the current will remain in place.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the East Grand Rapids City Commission at their regular meeting held July 6, 2021.



Katie Favale, Mayor



Shea Charles, City Manager

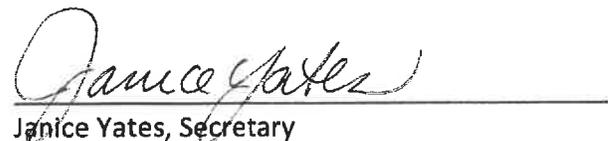


Karen Brower, City Clerk

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the East Grand Rapids Public Schools Board of Education at their regular meeting held June 14, 2021.



Mike Reid, President



Janice Yates, Secretary



Dr. Heidi Kattula, Superintendent