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MAPPING THE FUTURE OF MINOT PARK DISTRICT

Mapping the Future is a campaign by the Minot Park District aimed at informing the community about an upcoming vote on a proposal to implement a 1/2 cent sales tax while reducing property taxes by 40% for the Park District's general fund. The proposal includes capping the Park District's general fund mills at 26 (down from 38) with a guarantee lasting 20 years. Revenue from the 1/2 cent sales tax would fund operating costs for existing facilities such as the Jack Hoeven Baseball Complex, Auditorium, Corbett Field, Scheels Complex, Optimist Soccer Complex, MAYSA Arena, and Roosevelt Park Zoo, as well as the bond payment for the proposed fieldhouse.

PROPERTY TAX 40% REDUCTION

The Minot Park District's plan proposes a ballot measure that will include the addition of a 1/2 cent sales tax with a reduction of property tax by 40% on the Park District's general fund. The proposal includes a property tax assessment cap on the Minot Park District general fund mills from 38 mills to 26 mills with a twenty-year guarantee. The addition of a 1/2 cent sales tax will cover the operating costs of current facilities such as Jack Hoeven Baseball Complex, Auditorium, Corbett Field, Scheels Complex, Optimist Soccer Complex, MAYSA Arena, Roosevelt Park Zoo as well as a bond payment for the proposed fieldhouse.

THE FIELD HOUSE CONCEPT

The Minot Park District conducted an indoor facility study in 2022. The study included user group surveys, community surveys as well as multiple public forums asking what the community needs and wants are for their future. The top 5 included 1. Turf, 2. Aquatics, 3. Play, 4. Courts, 5. Ice.

The proposed fieldhouse concept includes 30,000 sq ft of turf space, a suspended walking track to accommodate all ages and abilities, meeting rooms, and storage space. Currently, it is proposed as a stand-alone building on the MAYSA property. The future goal would include a concourse to connect the current MAYSA Arena to the new fieldhouse.

WHY BUILD IT NOW?

The Minot Park District's mission is to enhance the quality of life and recreational opportunities for the residents of Minot and visitors to the area. This proposal is for a reduction in property tax as well as the addition of a new fieldhouse and is in response to repeated requests for a year-round indoor facility that can be enjoyed by all ages and abilities with varied interest. This concept was also brought forward to address the ongoing concerns in regard to property tax.

WHERE WILL IT BE LOCATED?

The fieldhouse will be located on the MAYSA property as a stand-alone building. The future goal would be to construct a concourse to connect the current MAYSA Arena to the turf facility.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THIS INITIATIVE?

a. Property Tax Relief

The property tax relief will benefit all property owners that currently pay property tax in Minot. It will be a 40% reduction of property tax from the Park District's general fund. This would result in \$168.75 savings on a \$250,000.00 home.

B. Fieldhouse

The fieldhouse was designed to provide leisure time and recreational opportunities for all members of the public. The fieldhouse will be programmed for young children, school-aged kids, families, athletic teams and seniors. There will be allotted times that the fieldhouse is free of charge to the public as well as opportunities to rent the facility for practices, training and gatherings of all kinds.

C. Maintenance

The Minot Park District currently maintains 24 parks and facilities with over 1,000 acres of public property. The Park District strives to maintain these properties to the highest standards. The addition of the 1/2 cent sales tax and the opportunity to grow economic impact to our community will allow a portion of those dollars to go directly back into the Park District facilities for maintenance and renovations.

HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED?

The Minot Park District is currently funded through property taxes. Based off the 2024 budget a \$250,000.00 home would be assessed at \$549.90 from the Park District. With the proposed 1/2 cent sales tax the Minot Park Districts goal would be to lower the district general fund mills that would result in that same \$250,000.00 home being assessed at \$381.15 with a total savings of \$168.75. That homeowner would have to purchase \$33,750 in taxable sales to cancel out their savings in property tax. It is important to note that most basic living necessities are sales tax exempt, including food and food products (groceries); prescription drugs; automobiles; commercial fertilizers; livestock and poultry feed; gasoline and medical equipment. A complete list of sales tax exempt items can be found by scanning the qr code.



WHAT IF THE VOTE IS NOT SUCCESSFUL?

If the vote is unsuccessful then nothing will change. The Minot Park District will continue to be funded through property taxes and the voters will have decided they do not want the District to construct a fieldhouse. The Minot Park District would be focused on maintaining its current facilities with limited funding for new facilities. It is important to note if the vote is successful, the ballot language was written to ensure the cap from 38 mills to 26 mills would only have the ability to revert back by a vote of the people.

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WHEN IS THE VOTE?

The public vote will be held Tuesday, June 3rd. Early voting as well as absentee ballots will be available. Please stay tuned in to www.minotparks.com as dates, times and locations become available.

