

## Youth, Parks, Recreation & Health Committee

### (Budget Hearing)

12-11-25

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Williams, McPherson, Cherry, Jones, Driscoll, Gadus, Morris, Sarantou

Joe Fausnaugh (Director): presented the department's organizational chart.

Commissioner Karen Rainey-Wolkins:

Parks and Rec initiatives for 2026 include:

Pontiac Preserve Grand Opening

Refine Programmatic Initiatives

Major Infrastructure Improvements

Nature Play

Parks in Your Pocket (via Bandwango App)

Programming through community partners will go through the "community impact department"

The 2026 Proposed schedule of FTE positions

Proposed Expenditures for the Department by Fund & Category were presented .

- approx. 1 Mil was shifted from Parks to Youth Services)
- REFERRAL (VW) How much was left in the youth services budget after the transfer?

Youth Services - priorities include:

Summer Youth Programming

Health and Well-being Workshops

Shoot This, Not That/ Youth behind the lens programs

M.O.N.S.E.

The potential of growing the partnership with TPS is definitely a part of moving forward in program planning (as per Director Whitman)

Councilwoman McPherson has concern over the 500K reduction that ultimately may impact Youth Services. Members would like to continue discussion over this point.

Youth Services (Stephanie Covington)

K-12 Initiatives

Launch Citywide Summer Internship Program

Park quest expansion

Youth Townhall Meetings

Proposed Expenditures by Fund & Category

Approx. 245K will be transferred from proceeds from the golf courses

REFERRAL (GS): please provide a breakdown by each golf course from a year ago, from what was budgeted to what was projected, and what the actual is.

Capital Projects for 2026 discussed.

Detwiler and Collins Golf courses will have additional CIP improvements done

5 parks getting new playgrounds (funded through CDBG)

St. Anthony's Church/Athletic Facility opening next October

Our Parks Department is a major contender for a major Governor's award.