

City of Owosso

Parks and Recreation Commission

Voters have passed two millages for city parks. Below is a breakdown of how those funds were allocated:



Youth Sports

The baseball, softball, and soccer fields have benefited from the millage funds with the purchase of new scoreboards (3), new park map (1), and new exterior doors for outbuildings (2), new trees (7), & electric handryers (2). A longstanding drainage problem was corrected, a new gravel parking area was constructed and a concession building received a fresh coat of paint.



Splashpad

Feedback from residents during the 2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan process identified a need for a more vibrant splash pad. In response, Parks and Recreation millage funds were used to construct a new splash pad at Bentley Park.



Grand Avenue Park

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

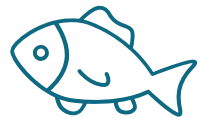


Bentley Park Pickleball

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 contractor has been hired to resurface the basketball courts this fall.

Collamer Park

Two new docks for Hopkins Lake were purchased. 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.



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 as match for a \$8,000 grant from the Curwood Festival for a new mural.



New Millage?

The November 2026 ballot will ask voters if the city shall levy another 0.5 mill (\$0.50 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.