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Weekly Report – April 19, 2026

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Board of Trustees

Meetings – Tuesday April 14, 2026

Data Centers and Parks Millage were two topics of likely most interest to the general public. See those topics on pages 8 and 16, respectively.

I'll wait for the draft to come out and call them to your attention.

Watch video of parts of interest

I sent this email on 4/17/26

Subject: Video of Board of Trustees April 14, 2026 Meeting

Joseph Merucci
Township Manager (Appointed by Board)
Charter Township of Oakland

Karen Reilly
Clerk (Elected Position)
Charter Township of Oakland

Corrin Hearld
Deputy Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)
Charter Township of Oakland

Cc: Full Board

I am pleased to see that the video of this meeting [Board of Trustees - April 14, 2026](#) has been clearly divided into chapters corresponding to the parts of the agenda. This makes it much more likely that a resident will watch a segment of interest and be correctly informed about their elected Board members' and the public's statements.

Without such "Chapters" being delineated it is an onerous task to find a single segment of interest and most people, it is my belief, won't undertake that chore.

Thank you for making this happen as one tool for keeping our residents informed.

Bob Yager

Budget / Taxes

Finding Details about Township Taxes / Income / and Expenses

Township budgets for the last decade or more are seen at one of these paths

Departments/Treasurer/Financial Transparency or

Resources / Forms Applications and Permits (Which a budget report is neither of.)

Or use this link:

[Forms, Applications, & Permits – Oakland, Charter Township \(Oakland, MI\)](#)

Just Because You Vote for a Millage Does Not Mean the Township is Legally Required to Collect It.

If you vote to approve a millage, the Board each year has the option of collecting all you voted for or none at all or anything in between. So voting a millage increase for Parks for example ensures nothing about how much money they will receive.

However, the only example of this was in 2018. When authorized to collect 0.1663 mils for Trails, the Board opted to collect only 0.1000 mils by a 6/1 vote. I think I recall the reason, but 2018 videos are no longer available on the website, so I won't cite the reason unless I can prove it.

See supporting documents on the next two pages. The first is the customary annual letter from the Manager / Accounting and Finance Administrator that simplifies the multi-page L-4029 form from the county showing the maximums the Board may collect. The second is the Board minutes on this matter.

MEMO

DATE: September 11, 2018
TO: Oakland Township Board of Trustees
FROM: Dale Stuart / Julie J. DeClercq
RE: 2018 Millage rates

Per the 2018 County Form L-4029, the taxable value per the Township is \$1,370,955,470. That is a 5.3% increase from the previous year's value of \$1,301,509,910. In computing the suggested 2018 tax levy for your review – the 2017 tax levy was reduced by the Headlee Rollback factor of .9922 – this method is consistent with previous years. The expected revenue amounts to be generated are noted below:

	2017	2018	2018	
	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Headlee Rollback</u>	<u>Suggested Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Reveune</u>
Operating	0.5184	0.9922	0.5143	\$705,082.40
Fire	0.9616	0.9922	0.9540	\$1,307,891.52
Police	1.6968	0.9922	1.6835	\$2,308,003.53
Parks	0.7212	0.9922	0.7155	\$980,918.64
Land Acquisition	0.6649	0.9922	0.6597	\$904,419.32
Historic District	0.1123	0.9922	0.1114	\$152,724.44
Trail System	0.1677	0.9922	0.1663	\$227,989.89
OPC	0.2250	0.9922	0.2232	\$305,997.26
OPC Transportation	0.0864	0.9922	0.0857	\$117,490.88
Library	0.4779	0.9922	0.4741	\$649,969.99
Library2	0.1192	0.9922	0.1182	\$162,046.94
Total Millage Rate	5.7514		5.7059	\$7,822,534.82

Source: Click here: [455794119.pdf](#) 9/11/2018 BOT packet, page 60

6. Discussion and Setting of 2018 Millage Levy

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Mangiapane to approve the 2018 millage rates as listed on page 61 of the Board packet with the exception of the Trails Millage which would be levied at .1000.

The Board heard public comment from:
Michael Tyler – 340 Oak Arbor Dr.
John Markel – 245 Birch Hill Dr.

MOTION by Ferriolo, supported by Giannangeli to amend the motion to excise the Trail System millage out and deal with it as a separate vote so that the other millage's stand on the recommendation that the Township Manager has offered.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: Buxar, Langlois, Bailey, Reilly, Ferriolo, Giannangeli
Nays: Mangiapane

Motion carried 6/1.

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Mangiapane to approve the 2018 millage rates as listed on page 61 of the Board packet less the consideration of the Trails millage.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: Giannangeli, Ferriolo, Reilly, Bailey, Langlois, Mangiapane, Buxar
Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Langlois, supported by Reilly to levy the Safety Path and Trails millage on the December 2018 tax bill at .1000.

Vote on the motion: Ayes: Langlois, Bailey, Reilly, Giannangeli, Buxar, Mangiapane
Nays: Ferriolo

Motion carried 6/1.

Source: Click here: [458345669.pdf](#) BOT minutes 9/11/18, page 4

Data Centers

Meeting Tuesday 4/28, 7 PM – Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Change – Your Input Welcome – That’s the Purpose of a Public Hearing.

Board will have the first reading of the proposed ordinance in a public hearing on April 28 at 7 PM. The proposed ordinance changes were worked out by our Planning Commission with help from our Township Law Firm, The Kelly Firm, to put reasonable requirements on anyone proposing a data center.

Changes can be made. So if you think it should be changed, speak up for 3 minutes at this meeting. The ordinance changes are in Planning Commission 3/3/26 meeting packet here: [753231779.pdf](#) You can watch the full discussion of them in Planning Commission meeting 41 minute video here: [Planning Commission - March 3, 2026](#)

At the 4/14/26 Board of Trustees meeting, resident John Markel suggested that the ordinance should address what happens if a facility goes bankrupt and closes. What happens to all the batteries, etc.?

If you want a chance to discuss this or anything with Board of Trustees for up to 2 hours, you can talk to Trustees Campbell, Casadei and Langlois at their monthly “office hours”. This month the hours are to 2 to 4 PM on Monday 4/20/26.

To see the video of the Board 13 minute discussion and public comment on this matter go to “**Agenda 6-6**” here: [Board of Trustees - April 14, 2026](#)

Energy

Claims in Michigan Public Service Commission about DTE Improvement in Power Outage Duration are not Supported by Data. Therefore this email to MPSC.

(Email address, in case you want to complain to them - LARA-MPSC-commissioners@michigan.gov)

To:

LARA-MPSC Commissioners

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I'd appreciate a response on the two issues I raise below,

Issue #103 - I am unable to locate data to confirm these statements below in the MPSC 2025 Annual Report [2025 Annual Report](#) . All I have found deals with data excluding major event days. Am I missing something? Is there supporting data available?

See also my Issue #104 farther down the page.

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- **Reliability and Resilience.** We made significant progress in improving system reliability and resilience, including major infrastructure upgrades and initiatives to reduce outages, resulting in Michigan leading the country in reducing the length of power outages. In addition, continued efforts to ensure fair and timely outage credits for customers impacted by service interruptions ensure the penalties paid by utilities for poor performance go directly to the customers most impacted.

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- The MPSC's focus on reliability and resilience is leading to measurable results. No state has seen a greater improvement in reducing the duration of outages, and DTE Electric ranked in the top quartile of electric utilities across the nation in 2025 for a measurement of electricity restoration time during all weather conditions.

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- **Power outages.** The length of power outages in Michigan has decreased by more than 52 minutes since 2019 under normal conditions². While additional improvements are needed, Michigan leads all states in its baseline reliability improvement during that time period. In addition, in 2025, DTE Electric ranked in the top quartile of electric utilities in the nation for SAIDI³, which is a metric for restoration time, for all-weather, which includes storms and major event days.

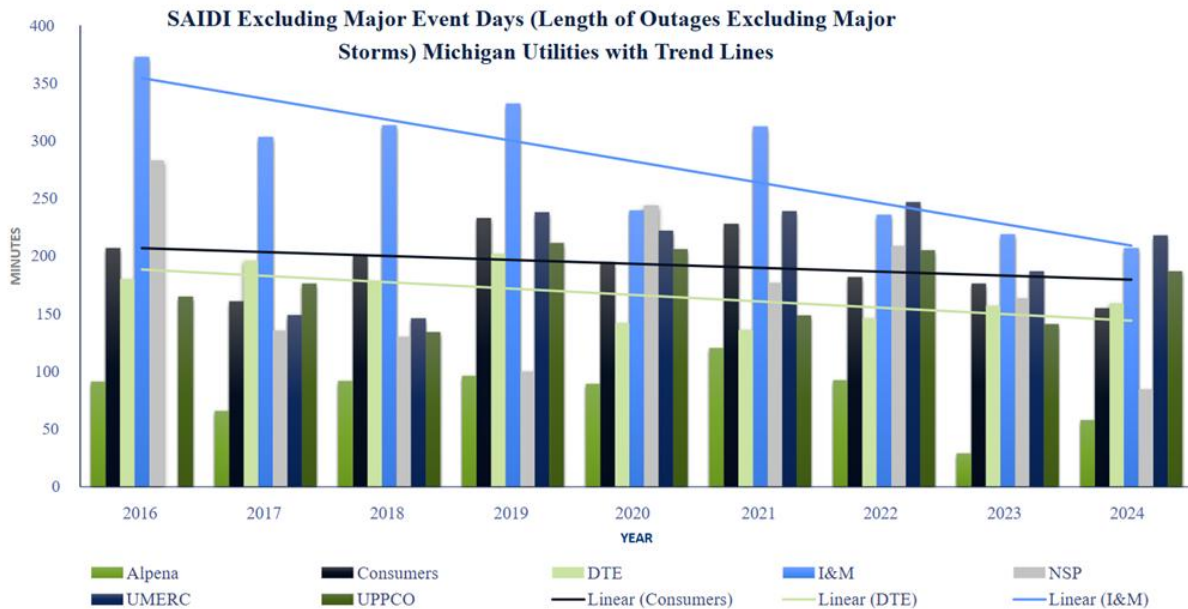
page 59 “Over the past several years, the Commission has made significant progress on these priorities, including leading the country in

improving electric reliability and reducing the duration of power outages,..."

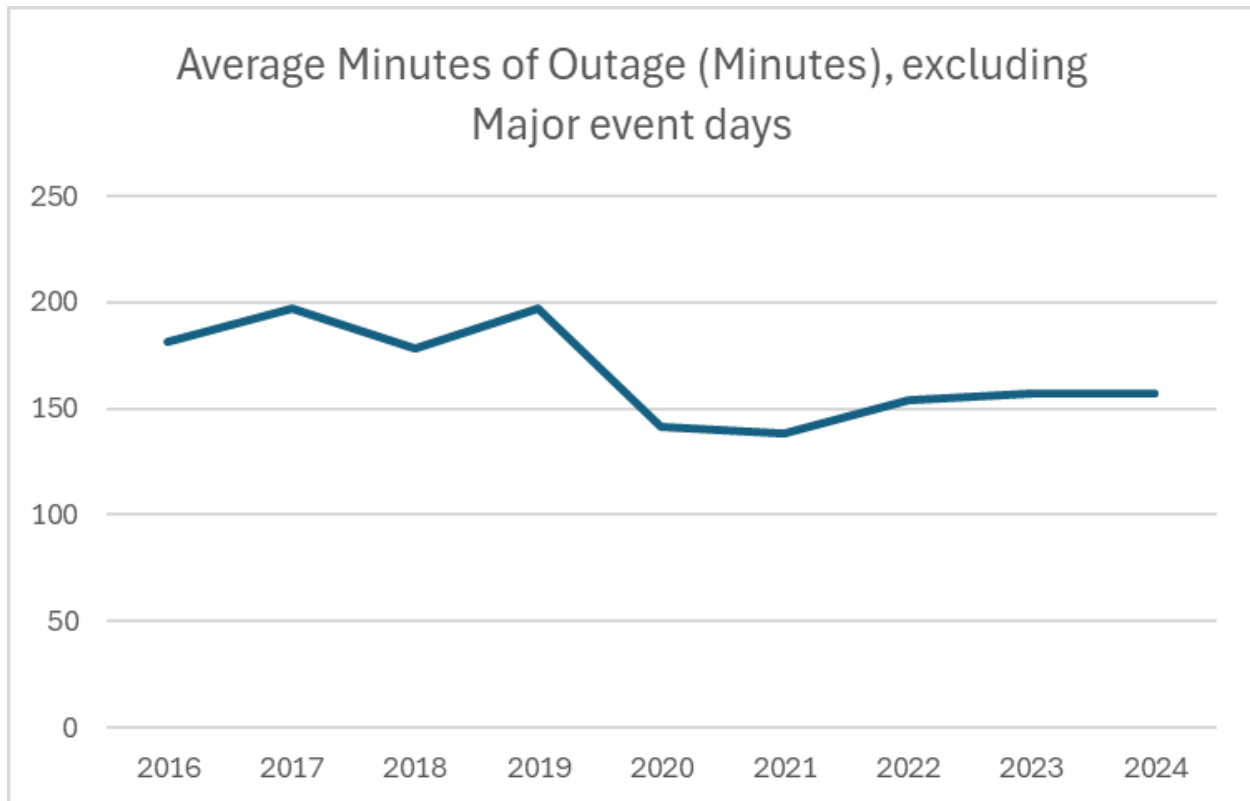
Issue #104 -

The only data that I can find is this chart at [MPSC's Focus on Reliability and Resilience](#). I strongly disagree with the DTE trendline shown.

Michigan's Average Length of Outages is Trending in the Right Direction



The chart above shows a steadily decreasing trend line for DTE. When you plot the DTE data alone on a separate graph (below), one sees no steady decrease. Something happening in 2019-2020, but not later. In fact, since 2019-2020 there has been a slight increase



I got a prompt response:

Hi, Mr. Yager.

To answer your questions:

1. **Michigan reduced the average number of outage minutes by nearly an hour – 52.6 minutes between 2019 and 2024.** That was a greater reduction than in any other state. The MPSC pulled this data from the [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#).
2. DTE Electric ranked in the top percentile in 2025, and that's based on year-end data provided to the MPSC by DTE but which may not have been published elsewhere yet. The same data will be used when national electric reliability statistics for 2025 are made public by the federal government.
3. Thanks for the note on the graphic.

Matt Helms

Public Information Officer

Michigan Public Service Commission

517-284-8300



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I haven't tried to slog through the federal data. His 3. Answer above is just an attempt to not respond. Someone could dog him on that issue.

I doubt that I will pursue this further, but I think if a number of those most affected became real “pains-in-the-unmentionable anatomy part” you might get some attention. My theory is the non-storm outages are caused by lousy maintenance that may vary from area to area, depending on work-crew competency (just my theory). I got onto this because a resident on Aintree (parallel to Sheldon) who works from home was frustrated and wondered if I had any info on non-storm outages.

Fire Department

Chief Paul Strelchuk cautions at the 4/14/26 Board Meeting -

- Don't drive through standing water. It creates a danger for you and for those who rescue you, (When your car stalls, is ruined, and you are in a “lake”.)

- Treat all downed wires as energized, even if no sparks are evident.

Opinion: We have no clue what risks our Fire Department encounters to help us. Talking to Chief Strelchuk, before the meeting - he has been to 5 fires started by active shooters. They can't just let it burn and do nothing.

Historic District Commission

4/15/26 Meeting

When minutes come out, we'll call your attention to them.

Parks, Recreation, Land Preservation

Calendar Link

Please be aware that Parks and Recreation has an events calendar on the Township website here: [Calendar](#)

2025 Parks Annual Report is Truly Amazing

I did not know we had such an amazing comprehensive annual report with many pictures and maps: <https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/oakland-township-parks-2025-year-in-review.pdf>

Here's just one example – plans for upgrades to blue Heron off Adams just south of Buell. All other planned park improvements underway at some stage are also shown like this in the Appendix.

- 4th Wednesday of month – Marsh View Park, 3100 East Clarkston Rd, Oakland, MI 48363
- 5th Wednesday of July – Draper Twin Lake Park, 1015 Inwood Rd, Oakland, MI 48363

If you'd like to receive eBird lists after each bird walk, send me your eBird/Merlin username. If you're not familiar with eBird, it's a great resource through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology that helps you track the birds you seen, learn about local birding hotspots, and discover what others have found. Check it out at ebird.org.

I attached a list of spring birding resources, so check it out to plan your spring migration birding!

I hope to see you at a bird walk soon!

Ben

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Parks and Recreation Millage Renewal – Expires this year - PRC asked for 0.7307 mils on August ballot; Board approved putting 0.6809 on the November ballot.

In 2025 we paid 0.6865 mils. It would likely be Headley reduced to 0.6809 this year.

See the 44-minute discussion with much public comment on the video here at **“Agenda 6-4”** : [Board of Trustees - April 14, 2026](#)

I'm not going to try to summarize this meeting in detail and get it wrong, but -

The overall view of the Board members who commented was that Parks will have all the money they need at the 0.6809 mils level due to anticipated continued expansion of the tax base and their current fund balance (savings in the bank) of about 1.5 years worth of money.

All public comments, and there were many, were in favor of the Parks proposal of 0.7307 (the ten-year millage passed in 2016). One 47-year resident proposed putting two millages on the ballot 0.6809 and 0.0498 and let the voters decide if they wanted both. 91 year-old former Township Clerk, Carolyn Phelps, a 70 + year resident of Collins Road, was impressive.

The law that allows for an elected Parks Commissions, Act 157 of 1905, [MCL - Act 157 of 1905 - Michigan Legislature](#) is unclear in many respects, on my opinion. The law seems to make the Parks Commission more than just an elected recommending body but less than autonomous. In my view the law lacks full clarity. Given that, hammering out a Township ordinance Clearly outlining our understanding of the relative authorities and responsibilities of our two Boards regarding parks would be appropriate and prevent time wasted on unneeded conflict, or worse, now and in the future.

Read the act to see what I am talking about.

I'm sure "The Record" newspaper will have an article in next week's issue that comes out on Wednesday April 21, 2026. Get one of the 10 free copies in our Township Hall lobby.

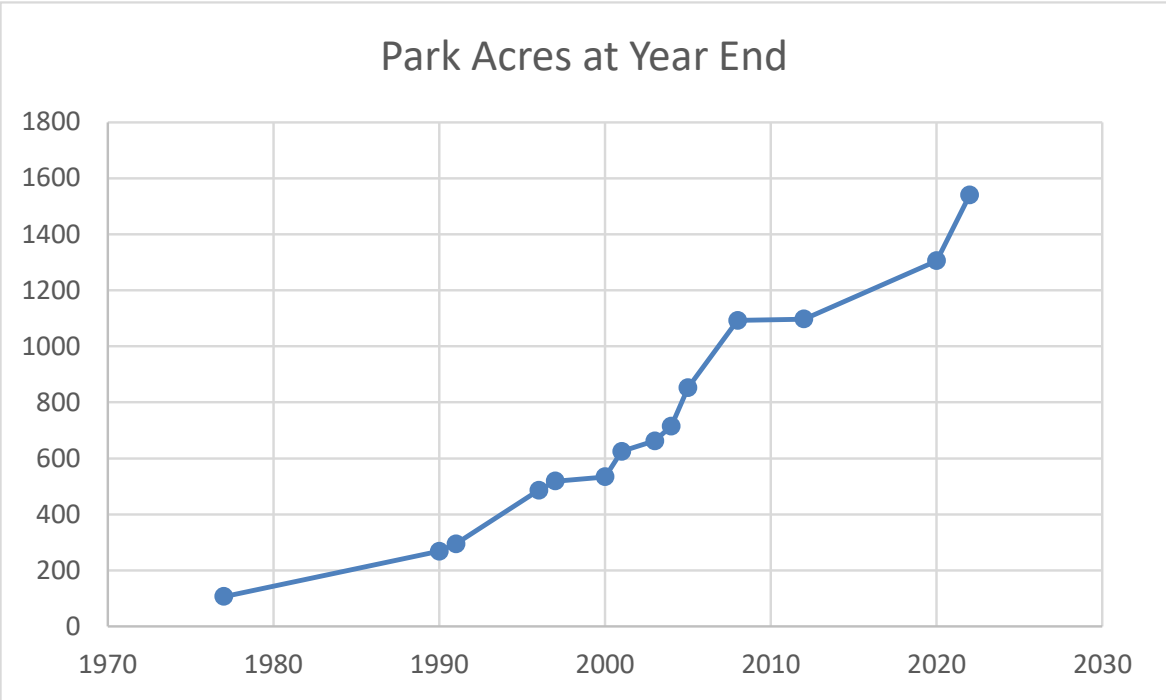
Some possibly useful Parks Fund 208 Information.

Here is a chart of what parkland we acquired over the past 49 years since our first park, Bear Creek Nature Park, in 1977, and where the money came from.

Name of Park Property	Address	Year Acquired	Acreage	Cumulative Acreage	Parks Millage	Land Preservation Fund	MNRTF Grant	Donation	Acres at Year End	Year
Bear Creek Nature Park	740 West Snell	1977	107	107	\$305,000				107	1977
Blue Heron Environmental Area	3320 North Rochester Rd.	1990	78	185	\$765,000					
Charles Isley Park	1479 East Predmore Rd.	1990	83	268				\$452,223	268	1990
Blue Heron Environmental Area	3320 North Rochester Rd.	1991	27	295		\$255,000			295	1991
Cranberry Lake Park	388 West Predmore	1996	149	444	\$424,761					
Cranberry Lake Park	388 West Predmore	1996	42	486		\$119,805			486	1996
Blue Heron Environmental Area	3320 North Rochester Rd.	1997	33	519				\$167,483	519	1997
Gallagher Creek Park	2780 Silverbell	2000	15	534				\$58,900	534	2000
Marsh View Park	3100 East Clarkston Rd.	2001	67	601			\$1,962,116			
Marsh View Park	3100 East Clarkston Rd.	2001	16	617	\$470,908					
Marsh View Park	3100 East Clarkston Rd.	2001	8	625				\$183,131	625	2001
Paint Creek Cider Mill	Orion Rd.	2002		625				\$1,000,000		
Cranberry Lake Park	388 West Predmore	2003	21	646		\$225,000				
Paint Creek Junction Park	2210 Orion Rd.	2003	6	652	\$325,000					
Paint Creek Heritage Area - Wet Prairie	1150 Silverbell	2003	10	662		\$190,000			662	2003
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2004	0.65	663				\$51,020		
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2004	20	683			\$1,556,100			
Lost Lake Nature Park	846 Lost Lake Trail	2004	32	715		\$1,633,870			715	2004
Charles Isley Park	East Predmore	2005	37	752				\$201,593		
Draper Twin Lake Park	1181 Inwood	2005	54	806		\$1,475,000				
Draper Twin Lake Park	1181 Inwood	2005	46	852				\$1,000,000	852	2005
O,Connor Nature Park	89 Mead and Rochester (NE)	2008	10	862				\$100,000		
Paint Creek Heritage Area - Fen	Paint Creek Trail	2008	0.5	863		\$2,854				
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	Knob Creek Drive	2008	20	883		\$445,500				
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	Knob Creek Drive	2008	40	923			\$904,500			
Watershed Ridge Park	1720 West Buell	2008	156	1079		\$3,036,000				
Watershed Ridge Park	1720 West Buell	2008	14	1093				\$264,000	1093	2008
Marsh View Park - Western Addition	Clarkston Rd.	2012	5	1098	\$110,000				1098	2012
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park	Knob Creek Drive	2020	208	1306			\$2,216,400		1306	2020
Fox Nature Preserve	Predmore	2022	235	1541	?	?	\$3,081,000		1541	2022
Total					\$2,400,669	\$7,383,029	\$9,720,116	\$3,478,350		
					10%	32%	42%	15%		

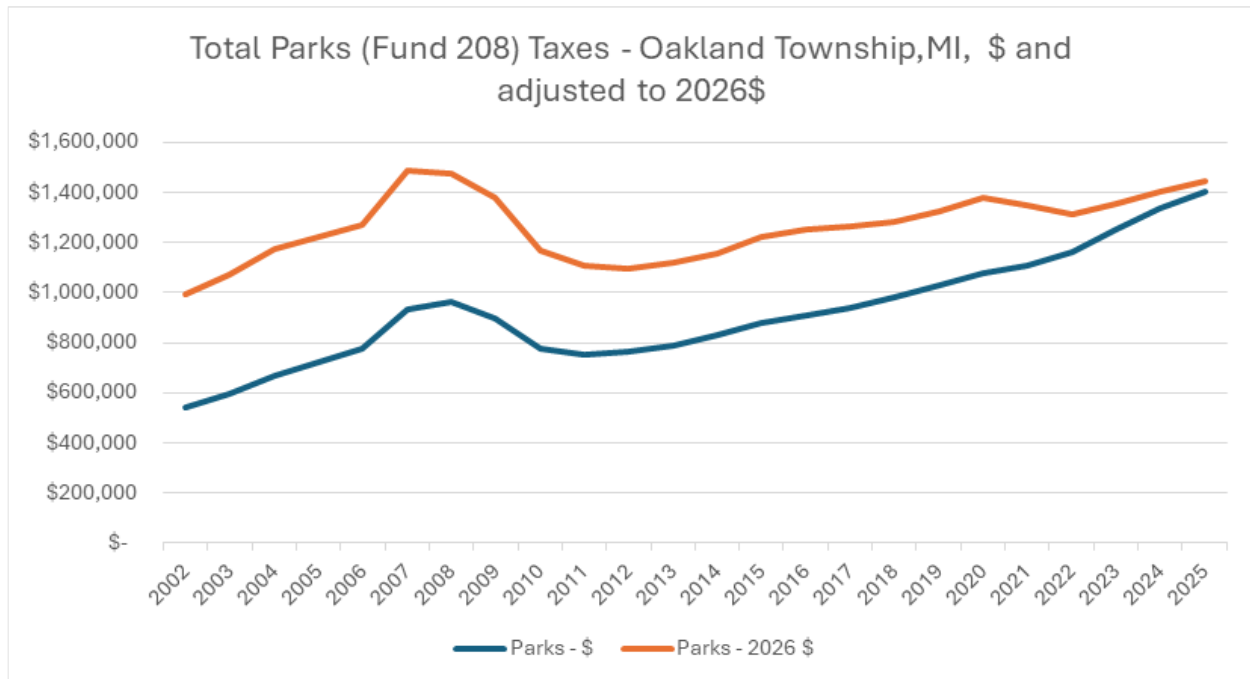
Source: Most of this data came from a comprehensive 10-page report prepared in July 2013, by former Township Manager, James Creech, at the request of the 2012-2016 Board of Trustees. (Clerk Reilly and Trustee Langlois were on that Board so they are likely very familiar with it). The entries for the 443 acres acquired since then (to total 1541 acres now), were added to my chart from available data in meeting packets, etc.

As this graph shows (made from above data) the Parks Commission and Director were actively acquiring park land.



More on next page.

Here is a chart showing how many total \$\$ of property tax went to Fund 208 for parks since we (Barbara and I) moved here in 2002. The blue line is tax collected. The orange line is converting those old dollars to 2026 dollars by considering inflation.

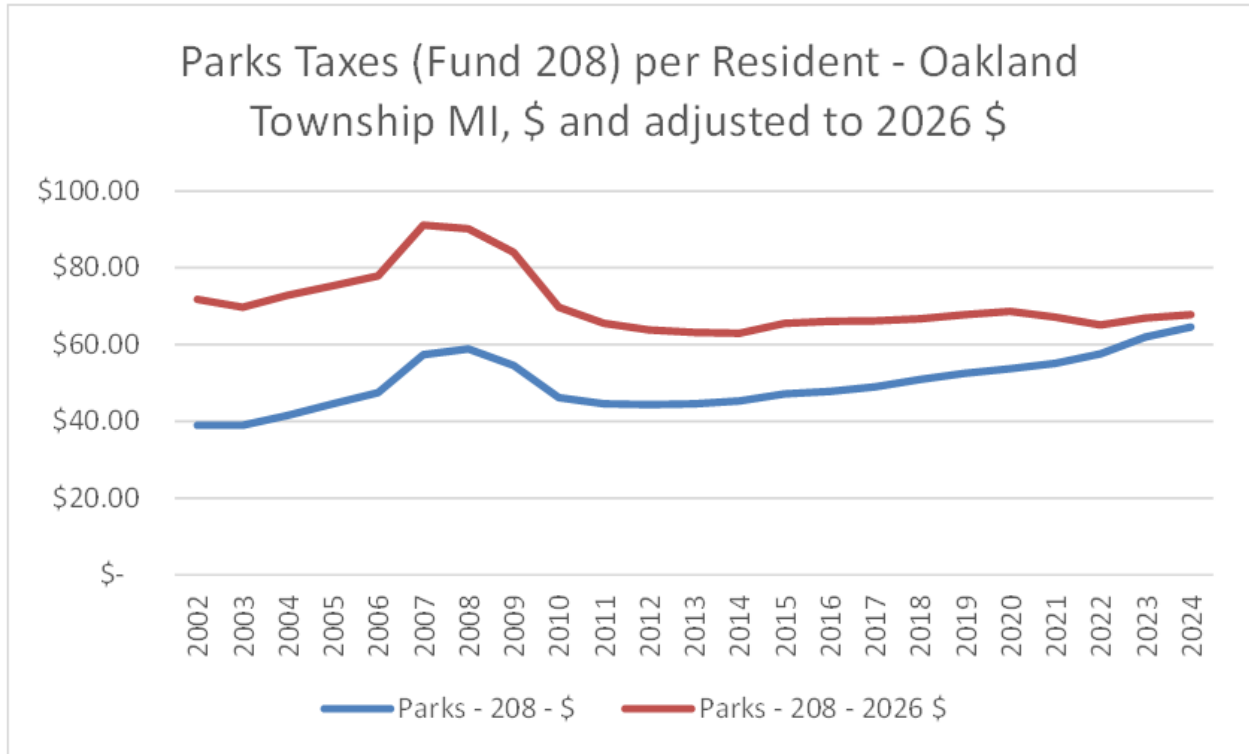


I got my inflation data from this source: [Calculate the Value of \\$1.00 in 2002. How much is it worth today?](#)

The tax dollars come from annual audited financial reports, which can be found back to 2013 on our Treasurer, John Giannaneli's webpage here [Forms, Applications, & Permits – Oakland, Charter Township \(Oakland, MI\)](#). Those before 2013 back 2004 can be found here: [Local Government Document Search Site](#). 2002 and 2003 - I found in old township records.

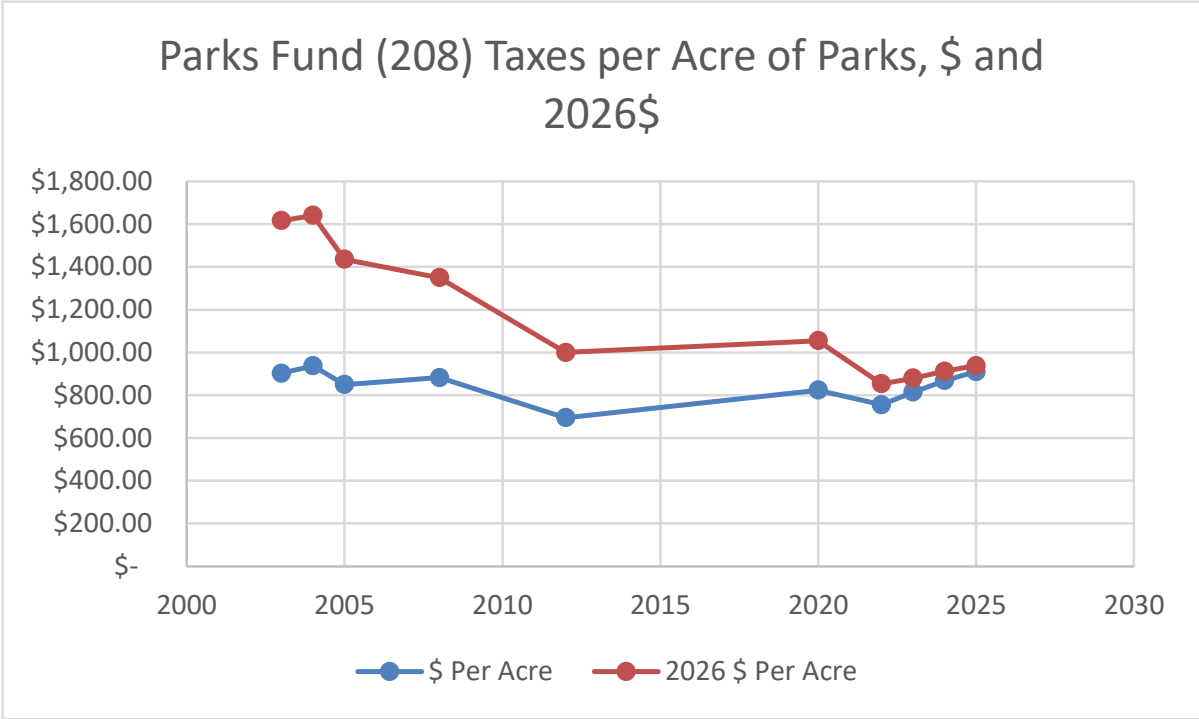
More on the next page.

I think tax dollars per resident is somewhat useful, albeit crude. I don't make the case that costs go up linearly with population, but I like to see the numbers, especially for comparison with similarly populated municipalities.



Population source data to 2023 from [Oakland charter Township, Michigan Population Dataset: Yearly Figures, Population Change, and Percent Change Analysis | Neilsberg](#) , For 2024, 2025 [U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: Oakland charter township, Oakland County, Michigan](#)

More on next page.



Police - Sheriff’s Department

Lieutenant Dooley brought his cute, small dog to the Board Meeting. He had it on a leash. Take a cue from that, all you dog owners.

Roads

Silverbell / Gallagher Paving – Board Decision Due by Mid May

The Road Commission provided a report on the April 12, 2026 public information meeting to our Township Manager, Joe Merucci. He had it posted on the Township website - [2026-04-10-Oakland-Township-Meeting-Summary.pdf](#). The report is 2 pages (copied below) and pages of written notes from the public.




Inter-Departmental Memorandum

Engineering Department - Design

DATE: April 10, 2026

TO: JOSEPH MERUCCI – OAKLAND TOWNSHIP MANAGER

FROM: Jeff O'Brien, PE; Design Engineer 

SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
GALLAGHER/SILVERBELL ROAD PAVING

A public information meeting was held on April 2, 2026, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Oakland Township offices to share scoping plans and anticipated impacts for the proposed paving of Silverbell Road and Gallagher Road in Oakland Township. The limits of proposed paving on Silverbell Road is from Crestone Way (west of Abby Drive) to approximately 1700' east of Gallagher Road and Gallagher Road from Silverbell Road to Cider Hill Drive.

Flyers (268) were mailed out to residents 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. The meeting was open house format with no formal presentation. Approximately 77 individuals signed in at the meeting and the meeting overall was well attended. To date, the RCOC received 5 written comments (attached) and some additional inquiries from the Township.

Generally speaking, while views were heard both against and for the paving project to proceed, the majority of conversations had been in support of the paving project. Some of the items discussed and concerns heard, were as follows (broken up by subject matter):

Environmental & Character Concerns

- A primary concern was potential tree removal and loss of the natural character of the road corridor.
- Residents were worried that paving could increase vehicle speeds.
- Trout Unlimited representatives attended the meeting – concerned with storm water treatment/runoff from the project (Paint Creek).

Safety & Operations

- Limited sight distance was noted by residents on the south side of Gallagher near Hidden Glen Circle when exiting driveways.
- Hills near the roadway low point on Silverbell (east of Gallagher) can become impassable in winter conditions and are sometimes closed.
- Several residents requested speed reduction measures and potential vehicle weight restrictions, citing concerns with larger vehicles navigating hills and curves.
- Discussion regarding the proposed geometry and intersection control at Gallagher/Silverbell intersection (Gallagher – stop only).

Pedestrian & Drainage Issues

- Residents cited a gap in the existing sidewalk on Gallagher, forcing pedestrians to walk along the roadway.
- The low point in the Gallagher sidewalk between Goodison Place and Hidden Glen was noted as collecting runoff and sediment.

Goodison Place Subdivision Impacts

- Residents expressed concerns about existing cut-through traffic and speeding within the subdivision.
- Drivers are using Crestone Way and Goodison Place Drive to bypass unpaved portions of Silverbell/Gallagher.
- Residents noted that fences are not allowed by the HOA; existing trees along Silverbell/Gallagher serve as informal barriers for children and pets.
- Previous efforts to close Goodison Place Drive at Gallagher were denied due to emergency access requirements.

Additional Requests

- Completion of sidewalk connection to Paint Creek Trail.
- Installation of roadway lighting.
- Continued community engagement as the project advances.
- Maintenance of existing storm structures at Gallagher Creek.

Other Questions

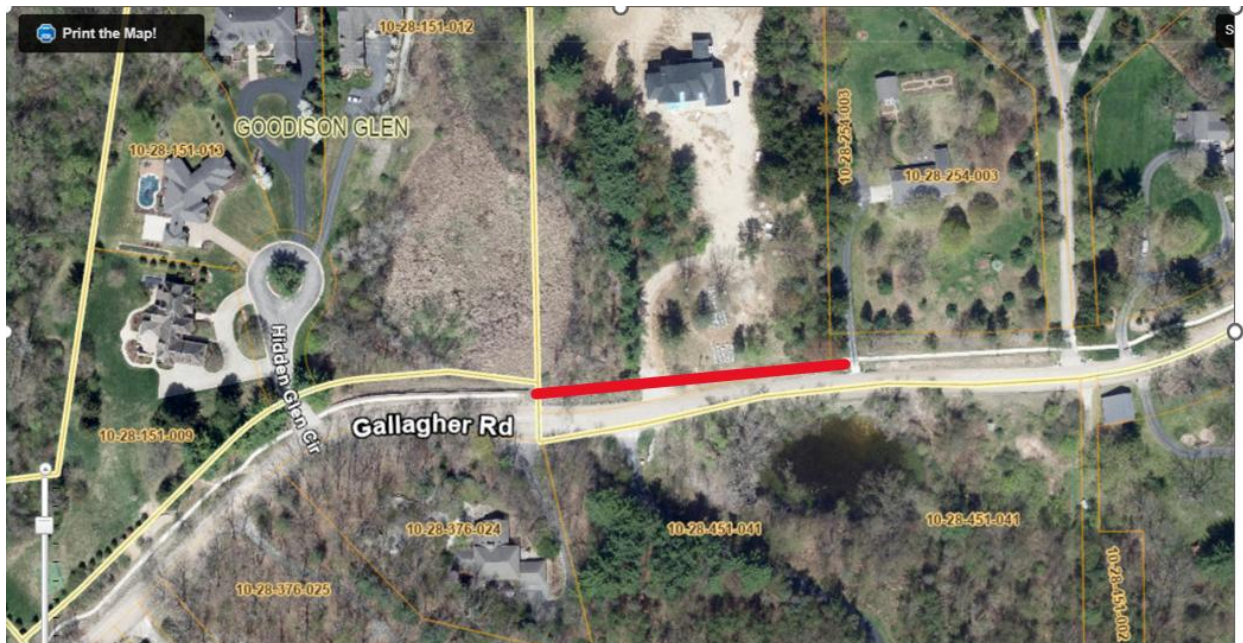
- Why was Gallagher/Silverbell roads selected vs paving the entirety of Silverbell Road to Orion Road?
 - *The scoping/paving study limits was completed in coordination and cooperation with Township leadership to gain a better understanding of what a paving project along this corridor would entail.*
- Will the paving of Silverbell/Gallagher create any issues at Orion Road/Gallagher Road?
 - *Currently, Gallagher is stop controlled at Orion Road. The intersection would be monitored upon completion of paving and additional traffic controls would be implemented as warranted.*
- How would traffic volumes change upon completion of paving?
 - *This is highly subjective based on the corridor, but based on the area road network, we would estimate an approximate 50% increase of current volumes upon paving.*
- Will there be any weight/vehicle restrictions upon completion of paving?
 - *Since this is a public road, no vehicle size/weight restrictions would be anticipated.*
- What design features are required to be incorporated into a gravel road paving design from a safety and/or funding perspective?
 - *From a standards perspective, the RCOC (as well as other governing agencies such as MDOT/FHWA) rely on "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets" (AASHTO-2018) and "Roadside Design Guide" (AASHTO- 2011) amongst others. These standards provide guidance and recommendations on horizontal and vertical curvature, lane/shoulder widths and treatment of the roadside amongst a host of other items from a safety/operational/driver expectation perspective.*
- What are the next steps and/or what other approvals are needed?
 - *For the project to move forward into a design phase, the RCOC requires a resolution of support and commitment to fund the township's share of the project from the Township by mid-May 2026.*

Completing Gallagher Road Sidewalk is in the Works

One thing I saw in comments to the Road Commission is that people were generally unaware of the Safety Path and Trails Committee plans to complete the missing sidewalk section along Gallagher.

The story is that the previous private property owner would not grant the easement needed and the Township Board since 2013 has never invoked their powers of eminent domain to acquire any needed right-of-way for safety paths or sidewalks.

The new owner granted the needed easement and the Township was in preparation to have that section completed with some grant money. Then the possible paving project came along and some of the existing sidewalk may need to be relocated to accommodate moving Gallagher road a little west (up to 40 feet). So paving that section before the road paving project would be premature. The red line below is missing segment of sidewalk along Gallagher - [Property Gateway v. 7.4](#)



Looking at the paving plans for Gallagher on sheets 9,11,13 at the link below; this part is on 11 and 13. I am not clear on exactly where the road will be, and engineers at the previous 3/9/26 Board meeting said even these drawings are preliminary.

From the original 3/9/26 RCOC report presented to the Board [2026-03-9-Oakland-Twp-Board-Packet-1.pdf](#)

The north-south section of Gallagher is proposed to shift up to 22 feet west of the existing road centerline to avoid impacts to the homes along the east side of the road. East of Goodison Place Drive, Gallagher Road is proposed to shift up to 40 feet north of the existing road centerline in order to soften and realign the curvature through this area.

Township Communications

Be sure to sign up for these Township email notices at this link: [Township of Oakland, Michigan](#)

Township Website – Let’s Improve it with Orion’s Help

I’m hoping that residents will support (or maybe insist on) an effort to improve the user-friendliness of our website. I suggest that our Board talk to Orion Township to learn their secret to a website where things are easy to find. Check it out and see if you agree at this link: [Orion Twp, MI](#) Orion’s Chief of Staff Samantha Timko says they are quite willing to discuss this. Their consultant is Revize who we used to use from 2013-2024. Orion also seems to possibly have more internal training. In my opinion our website has become much less user friendly, less organized and less disciplined [Oakland, Charter Township \(Oakland, MI\)](#)