



Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Administration Division

DATE: September 9, 2026

TO: Commissioners Gilbertson, Hanson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Jeske

FROM: Executive Director Dave Leker and Finance Director Kathy Feist

SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District 2027 Budget

The enclosed 2027 budget as introduced at the July 16, 2026, board meeting has a total budget of \$29,154,000 for all funds. The total general fund budget is \$23,147,000. Total mills are estimated to be 32.36 mills for the 2027 budget.

The budget includes a 4.5% salary increase for full-time employees. The seasonal pay plan is adjusted to remain competitive with the job market. The budget does not add any new full-time employees for 2027.

The [Park District's 2027 budget](http://www.bisparks.org) was posted on its website (www.bisparks.org). No comments have been received since the budget was introduced in July.

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled to occur during the September 17, 2026, Park Board meeting that begins at 5:15pm. Upon conclusion of the public hearing and consideration of any final adjustments, staff recommends approval of the second reading of the budget resolution and mill levy. After approval of the budget resolution and the mill levy, not to exceed the 3% cap, staff recommends adoption of the 2027 budget.