



Lives Built Here

PARKS DEPARTMENT 2026 MILLAGE REQUEST

The Village of Cass City is home to a beautiful 80+ acre parks system, including the landmark Helen Stevens Memorial Pool. Cass City Parks features many amenities. These amenities have been enhanced to include a splash pad, an 18-hole disc golf course, and dog park.

The Village of Cass City wants to continue to provide the same services to the community. The “Village” has not increased its millage in over 25 years. To continue to provide the same services to the community, a millage is being proposed for the Parks Department, *see ballot language below*.

The millage would provide dedicated funding for park safety, equipment replacement, recreational programs, maintenance, and facility upgrades. These capital improvements include playground equipment, repairs to the pool, reconstruction of the tennis/pickleball courts, and other facility maintenance.

Without the millage, the Village will have to consider a reduction in services and staffing, and deferring maintenance of the parks, equipment and facilities. The Helen Stevens Memorial Pool may close until funding is available for costly repairs.

Parks and recreation spaces contribute to community use, visitor activity, and quality of life. Village residents are encouraged to review the ballot proposal and consider the information available regarding the Parks system, the proposed millage, and future park and recreation needs.

Ballot Language:

Shall the Village of Cass City impose an increase of up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for six (6) years, 2027 through 2032 inclusive, for parks infrastructure, swimming pool, equipment replacement, and upgrades, which 1 mill increase will raise an estimated \$74,907.00 in the first year the millage is levied. As required by Michigan law, a small portion of the millage shall be captured by the Cass City Downtown Development Authority.

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