



FEE RECOMMENDATION

FOR: 2026 Athletic Field and Court Fees

COST CENTERS: Ball Diamonds / P241
Other Athletic Facilities / R472
Soccer Fields / R474

FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE AND JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT:

Parks and Recreation operates many quality athletic fields and courts throughout the community. Fields require maintenance such as seeding, fertilizing, mowing, and lining.

The 2026 recommendation is:

Increase football, rugby, lacrosse, and soccer field fees \$.50 per hour.

Increase softball diamond fees \$1 per day.

Increase softball diamond Practice Permit fees to \$15/2 hours

Increase the Kreager Park lighted soccer field fee \$1 per hour

\$.75 of each football, lacrosse, rugby, and soccer field rental and \$2.50 of each softball field rental shall be deposited in a designated non-reverting capital fund.

PROJECTED RESULTS OUTCOME:

If use remains at the 2025 levels, then an anticipated revenue increase of approximately \$2,750.00 will be realized and help offset rising costs of maintenance.

FINANCIAL HISTORY:

Attached: 2026 Proposed Athletic Facility Fees
Fee History Summary with Athletic Field Use Guideline
Fee Comparison

Proposed Athletic Facility Fees

<u>Softball League / Games</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Practice Permits	\$10 / 2 hrs.	\$10/ 2 hrs.	\$10/ 2 hrs.	\$15/ 2 hrs.
Without Lights (1-5 hrs.) M-F	47.00	47.00	48.00	49.00
Without Lights (1-5 hrs.) Sun.	37.00	37.00	38.00	39.00
Without Lights (6+ hrs.) M-F	62.00	62.00	63.00	64.00
Without Lights (6+ hrs.) Sun.	52.00	52.00	53.00	54.00
Lighted Diamonds M-F	78.00	78.00	79.00	80.00
Lighted Diamonds Sun.	68.00	68.00	69.00	70.00
<u>Softball Tournaments</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Without Lights (1-5 hrs.) Sat.	91.00	92.00	93.00	94.00
Without Lights (1-5 hrs.) Sun.	46.00	47.00	48.00	49.00
Without Lights (6+ hrs.) Sat.	106.00	107.00	108.00	109.00
Without Lights (6+ hrs.) Sun.	61.00	62.00	63.00	64.00
Lighted Diamonds Sat.	123.00	124.00	125.00	126.00
Lighted Diamonds Sun.	77.00	78.00	79.00	80.00

NOTE

1. All fees are per diamond
2. Tournaments on weekends will require Saturday AM grooming which is included in the fee
3. Sunday tournament fees DO NOT include grooming / if groomed there will be a fee of \$45/dmd added to Saturday fee

Athletic Fields Including:

Football / Lacrosse	\$14 hr / Y	\$14.50 / Y	\$15.00 / Y	\$15.50 hr /Y
Rugby / Soccer	\$15 hr / A	\$15.50 / A	\$16.00 / A	\$16.50 hr /A
Kreager Lighted Soccer Fields	\$22 hr. Y / A	\$22 hr. Y / A	\$23 hr. Y / A	\$24/hr Y / A

Athletic Court Sports Including:

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Tennis Courts	youth	\$7 hr (1-4 cts.) \$11hr (all 8)	\$7 hr (1-4 cts.) \$11 hr (all 8)	\$8 hr (1-4 cts.) \$12 hr (all 8)	\$8 hr (1-4 cts.) \$12 hr (all 8)
	adult	\$8 hr / ct. \$7 hr / Y	\$8 hr / ct. \$7 hr / Y	\$9 hr / ct. \$8 hr / Y	\$9 hr / ct \$8 hr / Y
Volleyball Courts					
Basketball Courts		\$8 hr / A	\$8 hr / A	\$9 hr / A	\$9 hr / A
Futsal Courts		\$7 hr / Y	\$7 hr / Y	\$8 hr / Y	\$8 hr / Y
Pickleball Courts		\$8 hr / A	\$8 hr / A	\$9 hr / A	\$9 hr / A

NOTE

Volleyball, Basketball, Futsal and Pickleball Court fees are all the same Youth/Adult

\$.75 of each football, lacrosse, rugby and soccer field rentals and \$2.50 of each softball field rental shall be deposited in a designated non-reverting capital fund.

Other fees may be approved with written permission from the Deputy Director or Director.

2026 Athletic Field and Court Pricing Comparisons

Ball Diamonds

ASH Centre

Games \$75/hour softball/baseball

Practices \$50/hour softball/baseball

Indian Trails Park

\$40 per game baseball/kickball/softball

Columbia City Parks & Recreation- Morsch's Park

Practices \$20 (no grooming)

Games \$40/game, \$60/double-header, \$175/ full day (includes grooming between each game)

Soccer Fields

Concordia Theological Seminary

Games \$35/hour

Practices \$15/ hour

The Plex/Hefner Fields

\$40/hour

FEE RECOMMENDATION



FOR: 2026 Aquatics Fees

COST CENTERS: McMillen Pool / 121/428-R352
Northside Pool / 121/439/428-R357

FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE AND JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT:

Swimming pools continue to be a popular activity for both youth and their parents. Parks and Recreation operates two public swimming pools throughout the community.

McMillen Pool is located on the southeast side of Fort Wayne. McMillen Pool consists of three pools, including a kiddy pool with a water spray area, a large main pool with a water slide, and a dive tank with a diving board, drop slide, and rock-climbing wall. The Lifetime Sports Academy swim program (group swim lessons and open swim) is hosted at McMillen Pool.

Northside Pool, located north of Downtown, consists of two swimming pools. The large main swimming pool includes a diving board and a rock-climbing wall. Northside Pool also has a zero-depth pool that includes a spray structure toy and two water slides. The Parks & Recreation Learn to Swim program is hosted at Northside Pool four days each week throughout the summer.

The financial goal for the Aquatics operation is to partially cover operational costs. These increases will help offset rising costs through daily admission fees.

We are simplifying pool daily admission fees for adults and children. Over time, differences in pricing have created confusion for families and placed an unnecessary administrative burden on staff. By establishing a single, consistent fee structure at each pool, we simplify the admission process.

Swimming pool maintenance costs continue to rise, including chemicals, water, and electricity. Paying competitive wages is also essential to attracting quality staff.

2026 Fee Recommendation:

See attached

PROJECTED RESULTS OUTCOME:

With the proposed fee updates, we anticipate a revenue increase of **\$12,000.00**

Attached:

- 2026 Proposed Aquatic Facility Fees
- Fee Comparison

		Current Rate (effective 2025)	Proposed Rate (effective 2026)
McMillen Pool			
Public Swim Admission Afternoon (ages 3 and up)		\$3.50	\$4.00
Public Swim Admission Afternoon (over 17)		\$4.00	\$4.00
Punch Pass (10 admissions)		\$27.00	\$30.00
Family Fridays (\$1.00 off regular afternoon admission)*		\$1.00 off	\$1.00 off
Public Swim Group Rate (\$.50 off regular afternoon admission)**		\$.50 off	\$.50 off
Season Pass-Child		\$35.00	\$50.00
Season Pass-Adult		\$45.00	\$50.00
Season Pass-Household (Up to 4 people)		\$80.00	\$90.00
Season Pass-Additional Family Member		\$20.00	\$25.00
Pool Rental-Less than 100 people		\$145.00	\$145.00
Pool Rental-101-250 People		\$200.00	\$200.00
Pool Rental-Over 250 people (for each additional 100)		\$40.00	\$40.00
Northside Pool			
Public Swim Admission Afternoon (ages 2-17)		\$5.00	\$6.00
Public Swim Admission Afternoon (over 17)		\$6.00	\$6.00
Public Swim Admission Evening (ages 2-17)		\$2.75	\$2.75
Public Swim Admission Evening (over 17)		\$3.25	\$3.25
Punch Pass (10 admissions)		\$40.00	\$50.00
Family Fridays (\$1.00 off regular afternoon admission)*		\$1.00 off	\$1.00 off
Public Swim Group Rate (\$.50 off regular afternoon admission)**		\$.50 off	\$.50 off
Learn to Swim (8 lessons)		\$40.00	\$40.00
Learn to Swim (Family Multiple Child Discount-Per Child)		\$5.00 off	n/a
Monday Morning Group Day Care Program Swim-Per Child		\$1.75	\$1.75
Youth with Disabilities Swim***		Free	Free
Adult Water Aerobics		\$2.00	\$2.00
Season Pass-Child		\$85.00	\$100.00
Season Pass-Adult		\$110.00	\$100.00
Season Pass-Household (Up to 4 people)		\$210.00	\$225.00
Season Pass-Additional Family Member		\$35.00	\$35.00
Pool Rental-Less than 100 people (Per hour)		\$190.00	\$190.00

Pool Rental-101-250 People (Per hour)		\$240.00	\$240.00
Pool Rental-Over 250 people (For each additional 100, per hour)		\$40.00	\$40.00
Pool Pavilion Rental Area-Per hour (Two-hour minimum)		\$25.00	\$25.00
Pool Pavilion Rental Area-Swim Admission Afternoon-Per Person		N/A	N/A
Pool Pavilion Rental Area-Swim Admission Evening-Per Person		N/A	N/A

\$5 per swim lesson registration is put into fund 439 (non-reverting operating) and 15% of pool rentals, pool shelter rentals and admission fees are put into fund 428 (non-reverting capital).

Other fees may be authorized with written permission of Deputy Director or Director

*Family Fridays: \$1.00 off regular afternoon admission for up to six family members. Family must include at least one adult swimmer (18 years & over).

**Public Swim Session Group Rate: \$0.50 off regular admission fees for groups of 25 or more. One week notice must be given by the group.

***Youth with disabilities swim is free and open to any children with disabilities or special needs and their families. Pre-registration is not required. A parent must accompany each child in the water.

Comparable Aquatic Facility Pricing		Current Rate
Jury Pool-New Haven		
Public Swim Admission Afternoon (ages 3-54)		\$6.00
Public Swim Admission Afternoon (55 & over)		\$5.00
Punch Pass (10 admissions)		\$55.00
Season Pass-Child		\$120.00
Season Pass-Adult		\$145.00
Season Pass-Household (Up to 3 people)		\$275.00
Season Pass-Additional Family Member		\$50.00
Pool Rental (Fri., Sat., Sun. evenings)		\$150/hour
Northwest Allen County Schools Natatorium		
Swim Lessons (Ages 3-5)- 6 Lessons		\$60.00
Swim Lessons (Ages 6-15)- 6 Lessons		\$65.00
Fort Wayne YMCA		
Swim Lessons (8 lessons)		\$67.50