

Boardman Township Park District

TAX LEVY HISTORY

- **November 1947** - **Park District established**
- **November 1948** - **1 mill levy for 5 years**
- **November 1953** - **0.5 mill levy for 5 years –**
Park Board decided to renew the 1 mill levy as a 0.5 mill levy
- **November 1957** - **0.5 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 1963** - **0.5 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 1967** - **0.4 mill levy – renewed for 5 years**
the 0.5 mill levy was reduced to 0.4 mill because of increased property values
- **November 1972** - **0.4 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 1976** - **0.4 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **June 1980** - **0.6 mills new levy**
- **November 1980** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 5 years-**
the 0.4 mill was reduced to 0.3 mill because of increased property values
- **November 1983** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 10 years**
- **November 1983** - **0.6 mill levy renewed for 10 years**
- **May 1994** - **0.3 mill levy replaced for 5 years**
- **November 1995** - **0.6 mill levy renewed for 10 years**
- **November 1998** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 2003** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 2005** - **0.6 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 2008** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 2009** - **0.6 mil levy replaced for 5 years**
- **May 2014** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 2015** - **0.6 mill levy renewed for 5 years**
- **November 2019** - **0.3 mill levy renewed for 5 years**

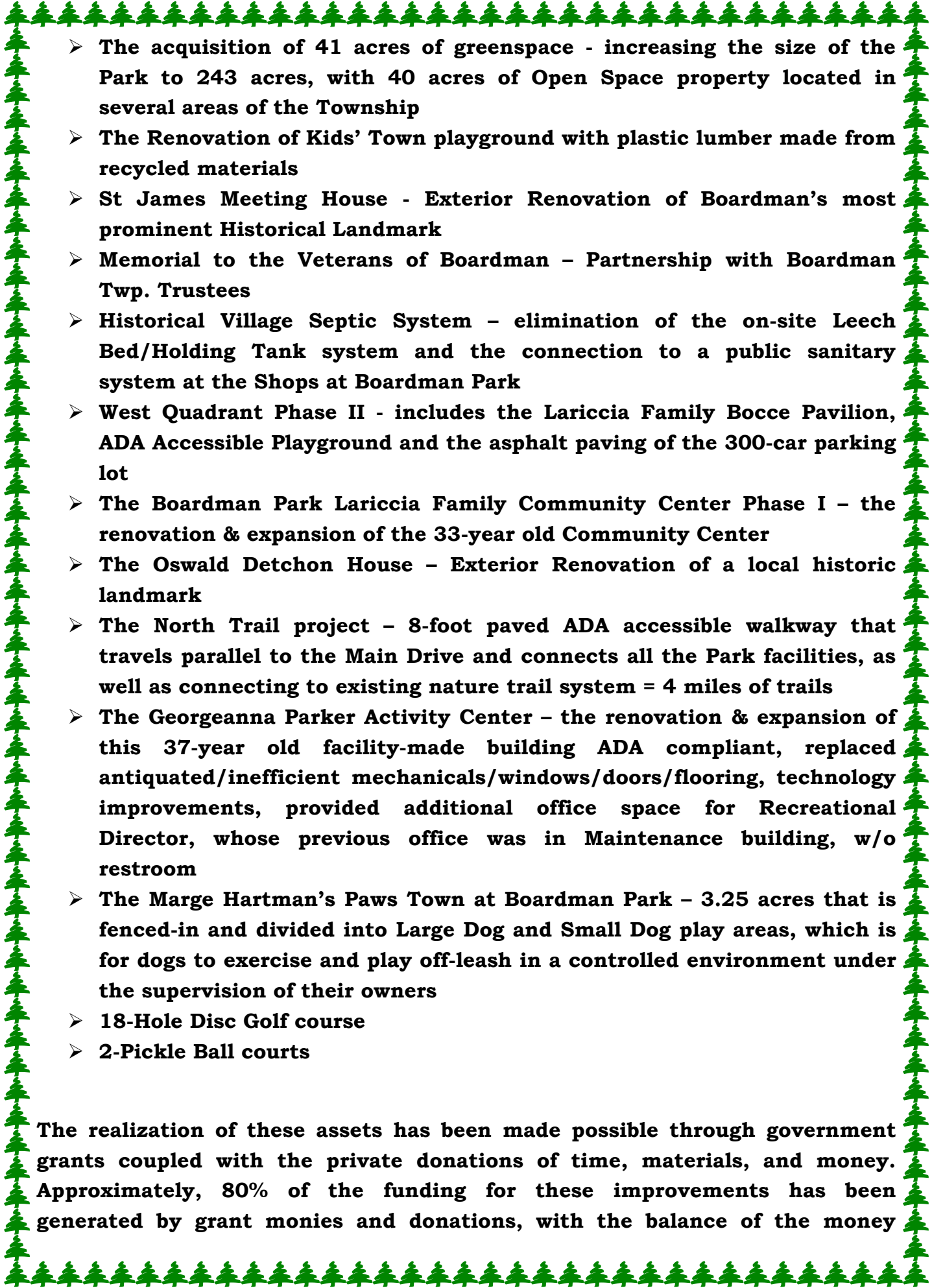
1948 - 2020 = **72 years** - The Park District started with a **1 mill** levy in 1948, and today, **72 years later**, the Park Board & its Staff continues to preserve, operate and improve the Green Oasis on the equivalent of a **1 mill** levy = two (2) voted levies (0.3 mill & 0.6 mill) and one (1) non-voted levy of 0.1 mill, with total effective rate of 0.8389 mill that generates approximately **\$878,868**, which represents **65%** of the Park's annual income. In order to provide this tax revenue, the owner of a **\$100,000** home contributes **\$30 per year**, or **9 cents per day** to support the Mission of the Park – *“To provide a diversity of recreational and educational opportunities in an environment that lends itself to pleasant family experiences, and to preserve areas of natural habitat.”*

In addition, while operating on a 1-mill levy, the size of the Park has more than tripled since 1947, where today the Park provides 60 acres for active recreational purposes and preserves 234 acres as greenspace and natural habitat. The Park is not only a sanctuary for numerous species of plants and animals, but also is a recreational haven for the Community it serves, a place where families gather to enjoy one of our community's greatest treasures – the Green Oasis.

Boardman Park is truly a community-built park and is definitely a treasure that we should all be proud of and cherish. Moreover, it has been the generosity of the Community that is responsible for making Boardman Park what it is today - a community park, located in the heart of Boardman.

Since 1992 and pursuant to its first Master Plan, the Community has benefited from the addition of numerous recreational assets; thereby, creating a unique and diverse footprint of facilities and programs. The primary funding source for each of these accomplishments has been private donations and government grants. The 23 projects below reflect over \$6 million invested in the Park.

- **Kids' Town Creative Playground – First Community-Built playground in the Mahoning Valley**
- **Tot's Town Playground – Built in memory of the Jonathan and Rebecca Giancola, by the staff & friends of John Burgan & the Giancola Family**
- **Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre – Built in Memory of William F. Maag, Jr. implementing the Community-Built concept**
- **Elton Beard Family Cabin – Built through the generosity of Elton Beard & ODNr NatureWorks Grant–One of the first grant awards in the Valley**
- **Kenneth Hofmaster Pavilion – Built in memory of Kenneth Hofmaster devoted Boardman Kiwanian**
- **Hike & Bike Trail**
- **Main Septic system - elimination of an antiquated on-site Leech Bed system and the connection to a public sanitary system at the Shops at Boardman Park**
- **West Quadrant Improvements Project - includes the Thomas C. Masters Pavilion w/restrooms, a 300-car lighted parking lot and landscaping,**
- **2-Sand Volleyball Courts – Eagle Scout project**
- **Practice Tennis Wall**

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- The acquisition of 41 acres of greenspace - increasing the size of the Park to 243 acres, with 40 acres of Open Space property located in several areas of the Township
 - The Renovation of Kids' Town playground with plastic lumber made from recycled materials
 - St James Meeting House - Exterior Renovation of Boardman's most prominent Historical Landmark
 - Memorial to the Veterans of Boardman - Partnership with Boardman Twp. Trustees
 - Historical Village Septic System - elimination of the on-site Leech Bed/Holding Tank system and the connection to a public sanitary system at the Shops at Boardman Park
 - West Quadrant Phase II - includes the Lariccia Family Bocce Pavilion, ADA Accessible Playground and the asphalt paving of the 300-car parking lot
 - The Boardman Park Lariccia Family Community Center Phase I - the renovation & expansion of the 33-year old Community Center
 - The Oswald Detchon House - Exterior Renovation of a local historic landmark
 - The North Trail project - 8-foot paved ADA accessible walkway that travels parallel to the Main Drive and connects all the Park facilities, as well as connecting to existing nature trail system = 4 miles of trails
 - The Georgeanna Parker Activity Center - the renovation & expansion of this 37-year old facility-made building ADA compliant, replaced antiquated/inefficient mechanicals/windows/doors/flooring, technology improvements, provided additional office space for Recreational Director, whose previous office was in Maintenance building, w/o restroom
 - The Marge Hartman's Paws Town at Boardman Park - 3.25 acres that is fenced-in and divided into Large Dog and Small Dog play areas, which is for dogs to exercise and play off-leash in a controlled environment under the supervision of their owners
 - 18-Hole Disc Golf course
 - 2-Pickle Ball courts

The realization of these assets has been made possible through government grants coupled with the private donations of time, materials, and money. Approximately, 80% of the funding for these improvements has been generated by grant monies and donations, with the balance of the money



coming from the Park's Budget. And because of the generosity of the Community, Boardman Park, the Green Oasis, has evolved into one of the most unique and popular recreational facilities in the Mahoning Valley. Annually, over 500,000, people enjoy the facilities and programs that the Park provides. Please understand that without the support of the Community and our success in securing the grants, all the Capital projects that have been made would not have been realized if solely dependent on the Park's limited budget

The Green Oasis is a place where families gather to enjoy a diversity of recreational and educational opportunities in an environment that lends itself to pleasant family experiences.

On behalf of the Park Board, the Staff, and the Community we so proudly serve, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the people and organizations who have contributed of their time, talents, and money in pursuit of the Park's mission...to provide a place where families gather to enjoy 243 acres of recreational greenspace in the heart of Boardman.

Since its beginnings, the Mission of the Park has been to provide the community with a diversity of recreational and educational opportunities, as well as to preserve areas of undisturbed natural habitat. The Board of Park Commissioners and its staff have never wavered from this mission. In addition, throughout the decades they have worked diligently to meet the recreational needs of the Township, while serving as prudent stewards of the tax dollars entrusted to them. Please be assured that they will continue to pursue this mission to ensure that the "Green Oasis" remains evergreen

Please follow link below to see the unique and diverse footprint of the **Green Oasis**

<http://www.boardmanpark.com/Portals/0/walking-trails-map.pdf>