

## **Glen Ellyn Park District to ask voters for money**

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Glen Ellyn Park District officials plan to ask voters for \$11.9 million in November.

If approved, the money would be used to renovate Main Street Recreation Center, add an indoor multipurpose facility at Ackerman Park and acquire additional land for possible future park district facilities.

The amount of money that will be given to each project has not yet been determined, Park District Executive Director Cory Atwell said, but officials anticipate the renovation of Main Street Recreation Center would cost about \$2 million.

Officials also said plans for the facility at Ackerman Park wouldn't be available for another couple months.

Atwell said renovating Main Street Recreation Center instead of demolishing and reconstructing it is a great alternative. He feels a lot better about the referendum proposal this time around.

"If it works and the community can put its arms around it, it will be a great asset," he said.

Vice President Sandra Minogue said she, too, feels more positive.

If residents approve the referendum request, the tax rate would remain equivalent to what it has been since the 1999 bonds were purchased, but the payoff date would be rolled over to 2017. The owner of a \$300,000 house would pay about \$70 to the district next year.

In March, the park district asked voters for \$12.5 million and said about \$7 million would go toward rebuilding Main Street Recreation Center, \$4 million would go toward land acquisition and the remainder would fund renovations at Lake Ellyn Boathouse and Ackerman Park.