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Beech acres is... able to walk their dogs, enjoy the playground, and shoot hoops or skateboard. Park officials... property.

Its curb appeal comes at a price for homeowners. For Erica Hansen, a trip to the Anderson Township Recplex is more than just playtime.

"We get enjoyment but more so we get a lot of sanity by being able to use the Recplex and use up some of our energy there," said Erica.

The Anderson Township park district leases the building that houses the Recplex from Beech Acres parenting center. Now it wants to buy the facility and its surrounding 28 acres. Park officials envision a bigger and better Recplex with plenty of green space.

The improvements and green space will cost a lot of green: about \$23 million. The park district wants a 1 million, 20-year bond issue on the November ballot to fund the project. It would cost homeowners \$35 for every \$100 thousand of market value. According to a recent survey, more than 60 percent of Anderson residents support the plan.

The land is prime real estate with easy access for both sides of Anderson Township. Not everyone agrees on what should happen with the land if the levy passes. Others support a lower millage and the facility could shut down while renovations are underway.

Erica says, so long as the building and the land stay open to the public, it will be worth the wait. The Board of Park Commissioners will discuss the project at its meeting Tuesday night, May 12. It will take place at the Juliffs Park office on Clough Pike at 6:30.

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