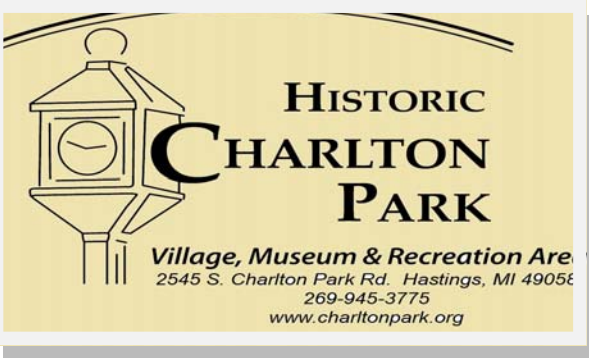


# Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation Area



## Historic Charlton Park Millage

**VOTE TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016**

### Mission Statement:

The Mission of Historic Charlton Park is to provide educational and recreational opportunities, through the collection, preservation and demonstration of early rural Michigan life, artifacts and buildings, and the management of natural and recreational areas.

- The Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation Millage will be used for the purpose of maintaining and operating Historic Charlton Park. It will also be used to provide educational programming for children, preservation and protection of historic artifacts & collections, allow for outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, and to improve trails and playgrounds.
- If approved, the 0.3750 Millage for Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation will cost the owner of \$100,000 dollar home (taxable value \$50,000) \$18.75 a year (\$1.56 per month).



- 80 years as a Barry County Park (1936—2016)
- First Millage passed by the Voters in 1986
- It is listed on the State Historic Landmark Registry
- 300 acres (1.5 miles water frontage)
  - 60 Acres of National Wetland Inventory
- 32 Structures (12 historic buildings)
- 3 Miles of Roads
- 3 Miles of Trail
- 6 Water Wells
- 17 Special Events (2015)
- Over 30,000 Visitors Annually
- Over 4,000 School Children Annually

### Guiding Documents & Plans

- Barry County Strategic Plan 2014
- Historic Charlton Park Strategic Plan 2014
- Barry County Parks & Recreation Plan 2014
- Architectural Assessment 2013
- Forestry Management Plan 2009
- Museum Assessment Plan 2008
- Public Survey Sheets & Forums 2013 & 2015

### Oversight & Regulatory Agencies

- Historic Charlton Park Board (13 Members, Citizens-at-Large from Barry County)
- Barry County Board of Commissioners
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Barry—Eaton District Health Department
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- National Park Service (NAGPRA, LWCF)
- MIOSHA



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## A Few Accomplishments since 2010

- New roof and exterior painting of the Sixberry House
- Plaster repair & interior painting Carlton center church
- Strategic & Master Plan Development
- New roof & interior plaster repair and painting Hastings Mutual building
- New roof & exterior painting Sixberry Carriage House
- Museum 1st floor renovation for exhibit space
- Hosted our first ever traveling exhibits
- Trail map development & signage (grant)
- Main street clock restoration (grant)



## Future Goals and Objectives

- New roofs and painting as necessary (Church, Upjohn House, Cabin)
- Sewer and Septic System improvements
- Fire Protection
- Playground Improvements
- Universal Access/Handicap Access Compliance
- Road and Trail Improvements
- Safety improvements throughout the facility
- Pest control system for buildings and artifact collections
- Matching grant dollars

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### BALLOT PROPOSAL

#### BARRY COUNTY

#### MILLAGE PROPOSITION

#### NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK VILLAGE, MUSEUM AND RECREATION AREA

Shall the limitation on general ad valorem taxes that may be assessed against all taxable real and personal property in Barry County, Michigan be increased as provided by Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, by 0.3750 mill (\$0.3750 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2017 through 2026, both inclusive, to provide funding for operation and maintenance of Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum and Recreation Area, subject to reduction as provided by law?

The purpose of this levy is to provide funding for operation and maintenance of Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum and Recreation Area, and related recreation facilities and programs including, but not limited to, educational programs, preservation of historic artifacts, conserving of historic structures, and maintaining recreational resources, trails, and park safety.

If approved, it is estimated that the levy of 0.3750 mill will provide revenue of \$767,476 in the first calendar year of the levy of which \$755,298 will be disbursed to Barry County for the operation and maintenance of Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum and Recreation Area. It is estimated that \$12,178 will be disbursed among the City of Hastings DDA and LDFA, and Village of Middleville DDA. The estimated \$12,178 is levied within a predefined area in the City of Hastings and Village of Middleville only.

Yes

No

### How can I figure out how much I will pay per year if the Charlton Park Millage is approved?

Divide the taxable value of your home by 1000, then multiply that number by 0.375. The taxable value of your home may be different than its selling price. You can find the taxable value of your home by looking at your current tax bill.

Market Value \$100,000 = Taxable Value \$50,000

$\$50,000 \text{ (taxable value)} \div 1,000 \times 0.3750 = \$18.75$

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