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Planners OK impact fees on developers

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CHESTERTON -- Plans to charge developers an impact fee to pay for new park land has passed the plan commission and will go before the Town Council on Monday.

Under the Chesterton Recreation Zone Improvement Plan, the town would charge \$1,171 for each new dwelling built in the city, meaning each condominium or apartment in a building would be charged, as would each house.

"It is for land and improvements. It is not for operations," plan commission member Mike Bannon said.

The money would pay for new land to make up what the study by Lehman & Lehman Inc. of Mishawaka identified as an almost 20-acre deficiency in park land.

By 2016, the city would need 81.34 more acres of park land, the landscape architectural and planning firm's 62-page document to the plan commission stated.

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