# Town council considers fee for new parkland

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Developers would pay more money per household to fund new parkland in Westfield under a proposal from the parks department.

Town council members are considering a fee of $930 per household to fund future parkland development. The current fee is $875 per rooftop.

Westfield officials would use impact fee dollars to pay for future park needs to serve new residents.

Park projects include adding an amphitheater, shelter and new playground equipment to Asa Bales Park, developing a new Armstrong Park with soccer fields and developing a new Osborne Park with a baseball diamond, said Curt Cooley, director of parks and recreation.

Cooley

The town has about 110 fewer acres than it needs to serve its residents, Cooley said. About 480 acres of parkland are needed, but the town only has about 370.

Westfield is also short on basketball courts, trails and volleyball courts, Cooley said.

The Westfield council will vote on whether to raise the fees during its meeting next month.

 **By the numbers:**

Proposed Westfield park impact fee: $930 per rooftop.
Noblesville park impact fees: $1,200 or $1,300 per rooftop.
Cicero proposed park impact fee: $920 per rooftop.
Carmel park impact fee: $1,100 per rooftop.

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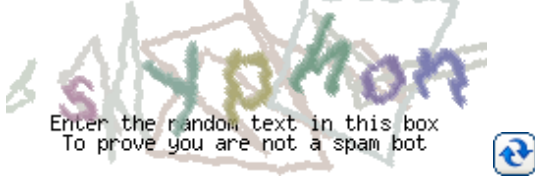
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