

Highlights of a Survey of Likely Voters

## Survey Methodology

## Dates

Research Population

Total Interviews

Margin of Sampling Error

Contact Methods

Data Collection Modes

Languages

February 20-29, 2024
Likely November 2024 voters in the Pleasant Valley Recreation \& Park District 429
(Full Sample) $\pm 4.9 \%$ at the $95 \%$ Confidence Level (Half Sample) $\pm 6.9 \%$ at the $95 \%$ Confidence Level (Measure) $\pm 6.9 \%$ at the $95 \%$ Confidence Level


Telephone Calls
 Email Invitations

Text Invitations


Telephone Interviews


Online Interviews


## General

 Community Attitudes
## The majority of voters feel things in their area are going in the right direction.

Do you feel things in your area are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel that things are pretty seriously off on the wrong track?


# Local firefighters and local small business owners, are the most highly favored groups and organizations, with $50 \%$ or more viewing them as very favorable. 

(Ranked by Total Favorable)
$\square$ Very Fav. ■Smwt. Fav. ■Smwt. Unfav. ■ Very Unfav. $\quad$ Heard of/Don't Know/Never Heard of Local firefighters



Total Fav. Unfav.


## Only half perceive the District needs additional funding, with less than $2-\mathrm{in}-10$ saying there is a "great need."

Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District




## Initial Attitudes on Potential Ballot Measures

## Hypothetical Ballot Measures Tested in Survey

(As Approved by Legal Counsel)

## COMMUNITY HEALTH, RECREATION, SAFETY MEASURE.

To maintain clean, safe local parks, build/expand/maintain recreation center for children, families, seniors, the disabled, other residents; improve public health; maintain wildfire/disaster preparedness/response, shall Pleasant Valley Recreation \& Park District's measure (Resolution No. 788) be adopted authorizing $\$ 20,000,000$ in bonds, levying up to 5.5 ¢ per building square footage annually until ended by voters with $\$ 3,700,000$ annual revenue/initial appropriation limit, requiring public spending disclosure, all funds used locally?

## Nearly half of voters initially support a PVRPD parcel tax, with only 20\% saying they would definitely vote yes.



## Understandably, renters are slightly more supportive than homeowners of the parcel tax measure.

Initial PVRPD Parcel Tax Vote by Residence

$■$ Total Yes $\quad$ Total No $\quad$ Undecided


## Similarly, there is a strong relationship between perceptions of PVRPD's funding need and opinions on the measure.

Initial PVRPD Parcel Tax Vote by PVRPD Need for Funding
$■$ Total Yes $\quad$ Total No $\square$ Undecided



## Voter Budget Priorities

Top priorities for the measures include fiscal accountability; local use of funds; providing safe and healthy youth recreation programs; maintaining clean and safe parks, wildfire and disaster preparedness and response, neighborhood parks; and providing programs for at-risk youth.
(Ranked by Extremely/Very Important)
$\square$ Ext. Impt. $\quad$ Very Impt. $\square$ Smwt. Impt. $\square$ Not Too Impt. ■ Don't Know
Requiring public disclosure of all spending

$\square$
Ext./Very Impt.


## Continued

## (Ranked by Extremely/Very Important)

| $\square$ Ext. Impt. ■ Very Impt. | $\square$ Smwt. Impt. | $\square$ Not Too Imp | - Don't Know |  | Ext./Very Impt. |
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| Keeping program fees low | 31\% | 39\% | 21\% | 7\% | 70\% |
| Maintaining safe drinking water at neighborhood parks | 33\% | 36\% | 20\% | 10\% | 69\% |
| Offering nutritious meals for low-income seniors and children | 36\% | 30\% | 22\% | 11\% | 66\% |
| Repairing bathrooms at parks and recreation areas | 32\% | 31\% | 32\% |  | 63\% |
| Providing senior programs | 20\% | 43\% | 26\% | 11\% | 63\% |
| Requiring independent audits | 34\% | 27\% | 24\% | 9\% | 61\% |
| Providing social activities for seniors who would otherwise be isolated | 23\% | 38\% | 29\% | 7\% | 61\% |
| Requiring citizen's oversight | 32\% | 28\% | 20\% 9\% | 12\% | 60\% |

## Continued

## (Ranked by Extremely/Very Important)

| $\square$ Ext. Impt. ■ Very Impt. | - Smwt. | - Not | - Don't Know |  | Ext./Very |
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| Maintaining playing fields used for youth sports tournaments | 16\% | 42\% | 32\% | 8\% | 58\% |
| Making playground equipment safer | 23\% | 34\% | 28\% | 12\% | 57\% |
| ${ }^{\wedge}$ Improving public health | 28\% | 28\% | 27\% | 15\% | 56\% |
| Providing space for a community natural disaster emergency evacuation center | 26\% | 30\% | 23\% | 18\% | 56\% |
| Providing senior health screenings | 22\% | 33\% | 27\% | 13\% | 56\% |
| Improving disabled accessibility at parks and recreation centers | 21\% | 35\% | 20\% | 22\% | 56\% |
| Repairing deteriorating park buildings | 18\% | 38\% | 32\% | 9\% | 56\% |
| ${ }^{\wedge}$ Building, expanding and maintaining a recreation center for children, families, seniors, the disabled, and other residents | 22\% | 31\% | 25\% | 19\% | 53\% |

# Support for the PVRPD parcel tax increases after education, however, it remains below the two-thirds threshold for passage. 

(M.O.E. $= \pm 6.9 \%$ )

## PVRPD Parcel Tax

Initial Vote

Vote After Education




## After critical statements support for the measure declines greatly to 45\%.

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## General Views:

- A majority of voters feel that things in their area are heading in the right direction.
- Voters have favorable opinions of local firefighters, local small business owners and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District.


## Revenue Measures:

- At this time, PVRPD parcel tax measure does not appear to be viable for the November 2024 Election.


## Conclusions

## PVRPD Parcel Tax

- Support after both educational and critical statements is only $45 \%$, with around a quarter of voters saying they would definitely vote yes, far below the needed two-thirds threshold for passage.


## Conclusions; Continued

- Key priorities and themes to communicate include:
- Fiscal accountability (Public spending disclosure and all funds used locally)
- Providing safe and healthy youth recreation and sports programs
- Including programs for at-risk youth
- Maintaining clean and safe parks
- Emergency preparedness
- Including maintaining wildfire and disaster preparedness and response


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