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BTPD plans to buy failing Hidden Cove Sportsplex without your permission – You Can Stop Them!

Posted by [kankakeegazette.com staff](#) | [News & Opinion](#) June 9, 2012, 3:58 a.m.

Bourbonnais Township Park District plans to spend 3.1 million dollars of your money to buy the failed recreation facility, Hidden Cove Sportsplex.

Because of the Tax Cap law, they can't raise taxes without your permission. So Bourbonnais Park District Executive Director Hollice Clark and the BTPD Board will do an 'end-around' play and borrow the money by issuing alternative revenue bonds for which no permission is required.

To add insult to injury, they have pointed out that your tax RATE will not increase. They imply it won't cost you anything.

It will cost you. What they don't tell you is that you will be paying that 3.1 million dollars plus interest out of your taxes.

It's a simple accounting trick used by car dealers for years. You have all heard salesmen say: "*Don't worry if your old car isn't paid off yet – we'll just put it on the new car loan and extend your current payments!*"

Essentially, BTPD will extend out for twenty years the loans they already have. Sure, your payments won't go up – you'll just be paying longer.

The failing Hidden Cove Sportsplex isn't free – it's 2.4 million dollars plus .7 million dollars for unspecified "other park upgrades" (Daily Journal May 26) – that BTPD plans to buy without getting your permission to spend your taxes.

You can stop them cold – all you need do is gather 2000 signatures on petitions requiring that BTPD has to put this purchase to a referendum vote on November 6.

Make sure you sign the petition when someone brings it around. And you can volunteer to help collect signatures even if you live outside the BTPD area.

[Referendum Petition | Instructions.](#)

If the project has merit, why not let the voters decide? Failure to put projects like this in front of the voters raises suspicions as to the project's legitimacy. [Continue reading »](#)

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Hidden Cove Sportsplex, Bourbonnais, IL (KankakeeGazette.com images 2012)

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Why is the City of Kankakee's contract with Allied so high compared to Bourbonnais, Bradley and other towns in Illinois? Or is it?*

At the Kankakee City Council Meeting November, 1, 2010, Mr. Richard Simms, Superintendent of Environmental Services Utility, explained that what the City was paying ABC Disposal, Inc. in their 2010 contract works out to a monthly per-household rate of around \$17.00.

He went on to say that the new January 1, 2011 Allied Waste contract "is about \$200,000.00 less per year for year number one."** He then talks about how the rest of our solid waste payment is going somewhere else.

Officials may not be using this extra money for their personal legal fees or for gambling parties on a Mississippi riverboat. But a garbage bill should be a garbage bill not a fund to go somewhere else, perhaps to cover errors or hidden problems.[continue reading »](#)

CVS Refuses To Sell Texas Man Emergency Contraception

by [Marie Diamond](#) on Jan 6, 2012 at 7:45 p.m.

A Texas man has enlisted the ACLU to help him sue CVS/Pharmacy for gender discrimination after a pharmacist refused to sell him emergency contraception.

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Wait, so how much is my electric bill?

 **Michael Sewall, New Lenox Patch**
Decreased rates and increased taxes had some readers' heads spinning.

Starting this month, utility tax increases approved by the village [of New Lenox] go into effect, and they're expected to add about \$70 in annual costs for the average resident.

But didn't we just get lower electricity rates? [Continue reading »](#)

Let the voters decide how to spend their own tax dollars!

The Bourbonnais Township Park District is currently at the maximum debt level allowed under the Tax Cap Law.

They have now come up with a creative financing plan to borrow an additional \$3.1 million dollars to buy Hidden Cove and park upgrades. This will keep maximum taxation on property owners for years to come.

This is on top of the millions spent for the Lumber Yard Baseball field, Recreation Station, Skyline Road swamp land, \$800,000 Iowa Barn and other facilities.

This is a continuation of the Park District's long history to obligate property owners to never-ending debt levels. BTPD shows no regard for the economic pains business owners and residents have experienced over the last five years.

The original formation of the BTPD was to preserve the Perry Farm, not empire building!

Illinois law gives registered voters in the district the right to sign a petition to put this kind of additional borrowing on the ballot in the form of a **binding** referendum.

The park district includes the Villages of Bourbonnais, Bradley and rural Bourbonnais Township.

We need your help to get 2000 signatures of registered voters by Wednesday June 20.

You can go to the following businesses to sign a copy of the petition:

-- Larimer & O'Connor 729 W. Broadway, Bradley, 815-932-7493;

--Alexander Equipment Rental, 1511 Commerce Dr. Bourbonnais, 815-933-2122 and

--RR&J Rentals, 422 N. Kennedy Dr., Bradley, 815-939-0500.

To help collect signatures, download and print copies of the [Referendum Petition](#) and the [Instructions](#). Make as many blank copies as you want.

Deadline to collect petitions from circulators is Wednesday June 20. Call 815-933-9696 or email dwb70@aol.com when you are done collecting signatures. We will present all the petitions.

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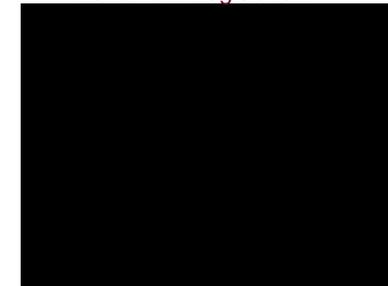
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by ABC Action News

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