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Panel considers impact fees for new recreation needs

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Zionsville -- Zionsville's Plan Commission will be the next step for a proposal to implement impact fees to fund future park and recreation needs in Zionsville.

The Park and Recreation Board voted 5-0 last week to endorse a report that recommends an impact fee of \$1,054 for each residential building permit.

That report, prepared by Mishawaka landscape architecture and planning firm Lehman & Lehman, projected that Zionsville could see 200 to 300 building permits per year for the next 10 years.

The plan must be considered by the Plan Commission, which was expected to review it Monday night, and the Town Council, with the council having final say.

If the council adopts the suggested fee, the town could raise \$210,000 to more than \$300,000 per year based on building permit projections. That money could be used to fund projects caused by growth.