



Parks and Trails Initial Interest Survey

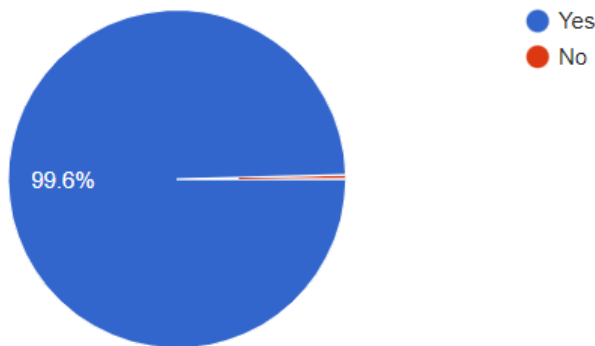
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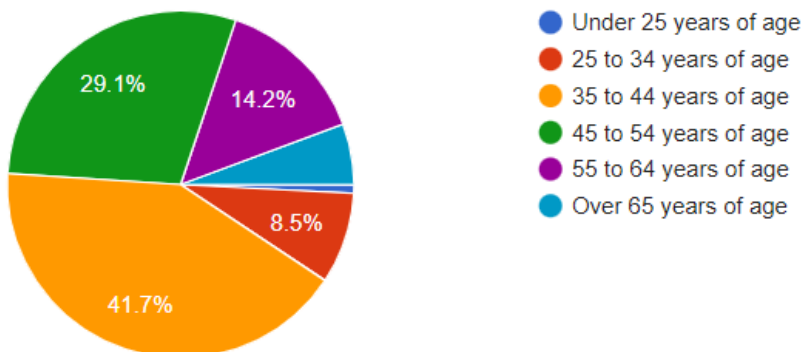
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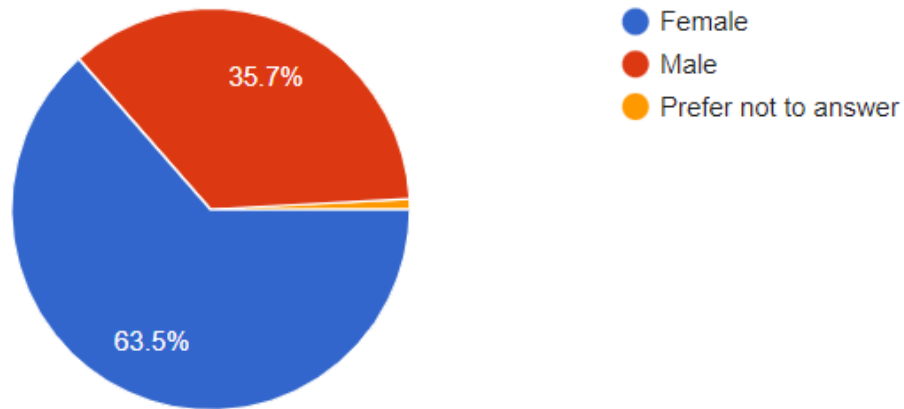
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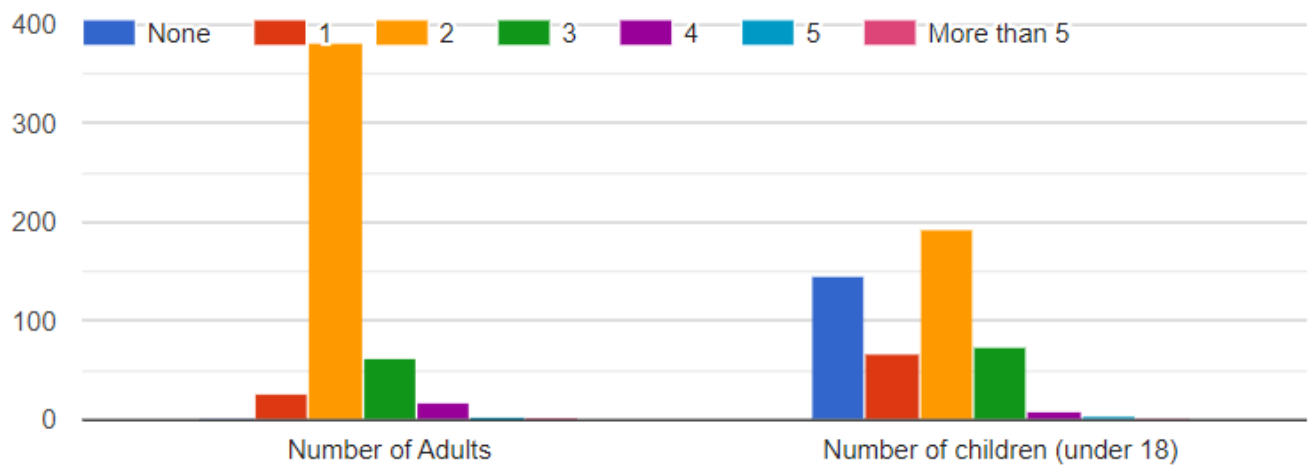
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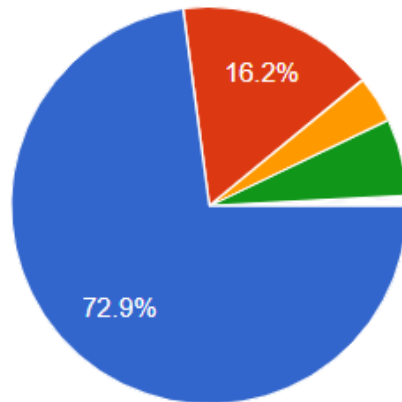
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Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement: "**Parks, trails, and additional recreational opportunities are needed in Berlin Township.**"



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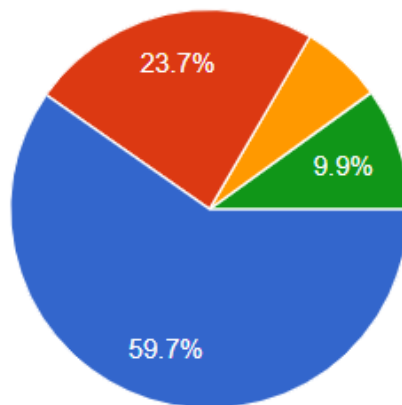


- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Depends on the context and individual circumstances
- Not a top priority
- It depends - we have Alum Creek State Park here but oth...
- We have Alum Creek SP

How likely are you to support a township tax levy for parks, trails, and additional recreational opportunities in Berlin Township?



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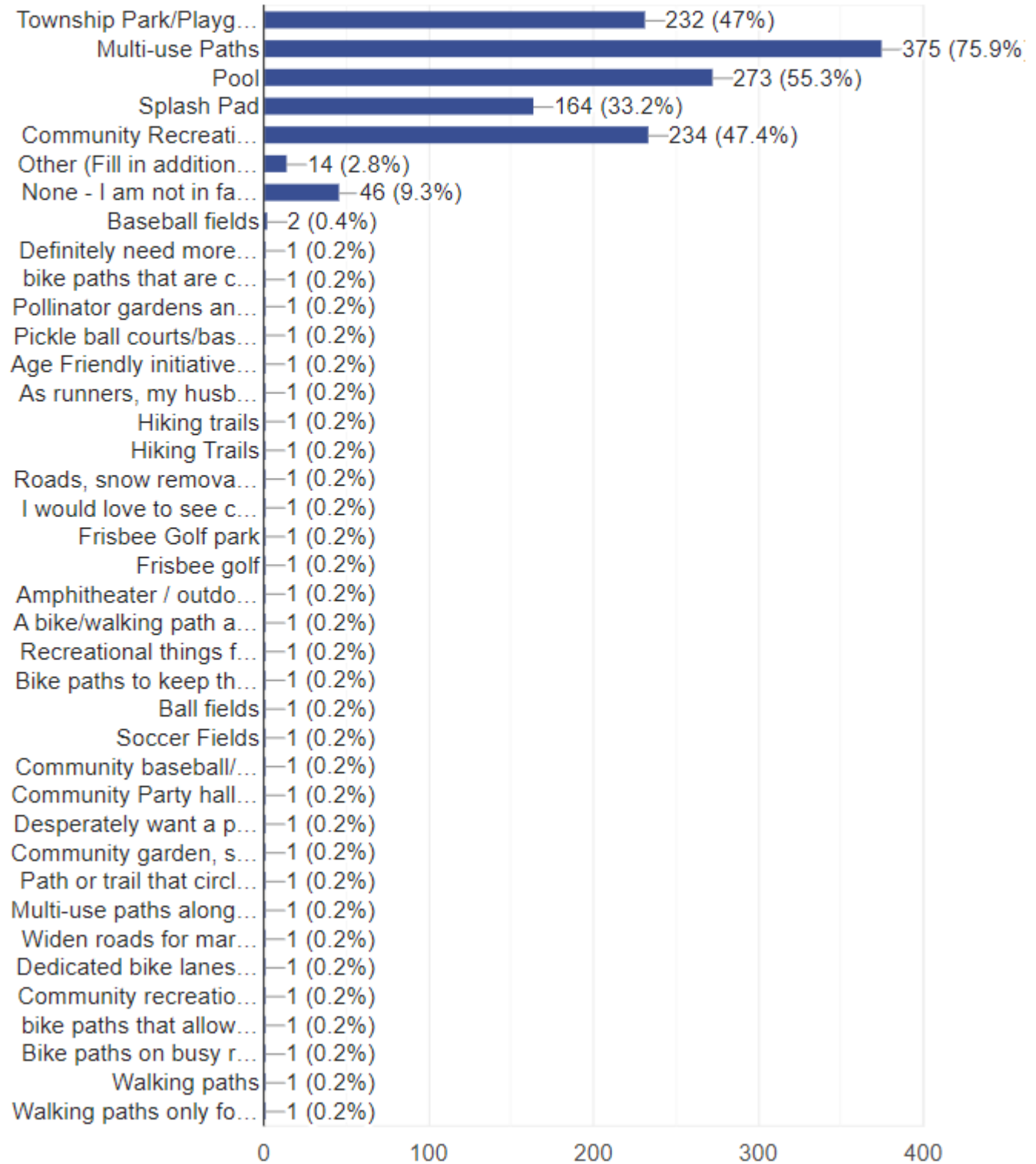


- Very likely
- Likely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

If any, which of the following amenities would you support township tax dollars funding? (Check all that apply)



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Please add any additional feedback you would like the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee to consider:

123 responses

It would be great to have land allocated for hiking and other outdoor activities.

We need multi use trails to get walkers and runners off the busy roads. I'm worried someone is going to get hurt! It would be great to connect neighbors with paths and also connect paths to the high school so kids could get to summer camps and practice safely

Bike paths or natural areas would be great. No pools or playgrounds needed. Enough of those available.

I have been extremely disappointed with having no pool in Berlin Township. We cannot use the Orange Township pool and the YMCA pool in Delaware was closed to non-residents during the pandemic. We need a community pool immediately.

Muti-use trails are an essential safety issue in our township. Trails assist in keeping residents out of streets, avoiding traffic, and enhance/protect our natural enviroment.

I would love to see a natural play area at a park, like the one at Shale Hollow. Wouldn't have to be a big area. Stick forts and rocks also don't cost as much as playground equipment!

Please make this a better community for families. We have considered moving multiple times because of the lack of parks/paths/family atmosphere.

Would love a community center/rec center with pool

I would only support a levy for a community pool.

Preservation parks are abundant already

I would like to know about existing multi-use paths and how they may connect to communities and the alum creek area.

Our taxes are high enough. Don't add more!

Soccer fields, pickle ball courts

Strongly desire a pool as we are left out of residency eligibility of surrounding pool memberships.

Would highly encourage a pool/playground like the one at orange township.

When creating bike trails keep in mind that they should go somewhere useful and connect neighborhoods to commercial areas.

Africa Rd Path connecting Brookview Manor & Sherman Lakes neighborhoods to Alum Creek State Park

I would love to see a multi use path go into the state park. As it is now, it isn't safe to walk or ride bikes due to the speeding!

It's embarrassing that a township growing at the rate with which we are growing does not have simple bike paths to keep our citizens safe. PLEASE make this a priority

Why our township has not found a way to provide a simple bike path system considering the ridiculously high amount of taxes we pay is beyond comprehension. Other communities have somehow figured it out. Do better.

Bike paths please!

We need a community pool!

It would be great to have a large park where we could go for live music in the summer like other areas.

Ample state & county parks and trails are available in our area. The expense of duplicating and maintaining them in the Township is totally unnecessary.

In regard to multi-use paths, I would love to see a collaboration with Orange Twp. to expand and connect paths between the two communities. As our children grow, they can become more independent by having SAFE ways to walk/bike with friends...for Berlin Twp to enjoy the businesses and amenities of Orange Twp, and for Orange Twp to enjoy the Marina, dog park, hiking paths, etc. of our lovely 'rural' community. We need to make our area more walkable, as traffic has become a bit ridiculous, and developments continue to rise.

Connect to orange twp trails or bike paths routes to the evens farm district if it becomes a place to go, etc.

It would be amazing to have a bike path along Africa road.

Bike path down Africa road for bikes and golf carts.

The area definitely needs bike paths to get to alum creek. Also, a township pool like orange township is greatly needed.

Thank you for striving to make our township more beautiful and usable for our community

None

N/A

Zero-entry shallow-end. Charge annual membership fee to pool.

Membership-funded pool. Zero-entry shallow end and lap lanes.

Free Meeting space for birthdays, clubs, etc

We desperately need more soccer fields. Orange had 2-3 separate parks and make money renting them out the club teams in the area. Barca Academy, classic eagles, Polaris soccer, blast, Olentangy United, Columbus United, and several more constantly within 25 minutes of our township fight over space for practices and games. Add fields to off set the cost to tax payers.

Please add trails to connect neighborhoods on Africa roads to Cheshire road & 3bs & (schools to to Cheshire/ Cheshire market!!! Aim to Improve the village of Cheshire!

Please make this available to residents - it's what we're Lacking and can absolutely attract and appease residents

I would love trails/sidewalks on Berlin Station road

Multi use paths connecting to other trails and the northern and eastern part of the township's rural areas.

"Tying a community together via connected paths etc... All in favor.

Community Center? Absolutely not. The performance of those in surrounding communities (exception Westerville) is very low compared to the cost and upkeep required.

Pool.... Maybe. Would need to know details.

Parks.... There are a TON of parks that are underutilized in the area. Most newer communities have some park-like amenities... and this should be encouraged. Perhaps even some of the larger ones could be maintained by the Twp and used for the entire community.

But not in favor of the twp acquiring land and developing parks (unless there is going to be a LOT more density in a particular area that would demand such... and most likely a development of that density would have parks in the development plan). "

Dale Ford speed limit to 25 mph would keep walkers and bikers safer also would encourage residents to maintain their own ditches. Currently too risky the way folks tear up and down our street.

Many roads are used frequently for biking, running and walking, there is no overflow space for them, roads are higher speeds and I have always felt this is very dangerous. I encounter people in the roads daily.

Berlin township is going the way of everywhere else...high density housing. SUPER disappointed with our zoning board. We are likely moving within 5 years. We moved here to get AWAY from HDH.

Bike trails please

A sidewalk/ trail beside lackey old state rd

"Berlin township already has miles of trails in hundreds of acres of forest. We have a beach, bike trails, all sorts of water and outdoor recreational activities on a 1000+ acre lake. It's called Alum Creek State Park, I'm sure you've heard of it. We don't need to spend tax dollars on parks and rec that we already have in abundance. Roads! Snow Removal! First responders!

Thank you, sorry for the ranting. You all are doing a fine job. Just hate throwing good money into frivolous feel good things.

Side note: the intersection where plumb rd and S. 3B's and K rd meet is visually obstructed when trying to turn either right or left from 3B's and K. Would really help to trim back the trees."

Thanks for putting this survey together! I think more amenities would be great.

Bike paths would be fantastic!

Bike/walking Trails would be such an improvement to our community.

As a family of school-ages children, we wholeheartedly support these kinds of projects that strengthen our community and future generations.

This is long overdue. We have to go to another township (Orange, Liberty, etc.) just to walk or jog safely. There is nowhere safe to ride bikes either.

side walks on south old state and Lewis center road- I want this area to be more walkable (check out the blue zones)

Would love to see a pool and actual bike paths for kids to ride on like so many other communities around Central Ohio. A pool would be wonderful for the kids as well. Thanks for seeking community input and to the board for all their hard work in their efforts to bring our township forward.

I would like to see contiguous trails. There are too many trails to nowhere.

Would love an outdoor pool! Have lived in Lewis Center for 20 years but because I'm not in orange township have to drive at least 20 minutes to the nearest outdoor pool.

Pool/splash pad like in Orange township. Paths that connect to existing neighborhoods and parks to make area rideable / walkable from Polaris to Alum Creek Marina

Alum Creek offers plenty of outdoor amenities.

I like the Powell or bridgepark atmosphere. Limit the number multiples of the same business, gas stations, office building, car washes.

I believe that with Alum Creek State Park being as close to Berlin Twp. as it is, it provides more than enough options to the residents of Berlin Twp. I see no reason to provide additional amenities until the ones that are available no longer handle the volume of people using them.

Trails to safely navigate to the surrounding community trail from our subdivision.

We have a state park in our neighborhood. Current and future projects should include or already do include these amenities. Our tax dollars should be used to upgrade current services.

50 meter convertible to 25 yards swimming pool. The four Olentangy District HS teams have to rent time in other facilities around the county. It would be great for someone to provide a centralized place for them to swim and gain revenue from pool time fees. 50 meters also allow for USA Swimming club swimmers to practice in an Olympic size pool better preparing them for Olympic trials cuts. Also, there are many club swimmers in Berlin Township and they have to travel to Columbus, New Albany, or Westerville to swim club. A pool would also allow a USA Swimming club/clubs to rent time and provide competitive swimming opportunities closer to home.

Berlin is long overdue for a pool and community center with more and more homes going in every day. We've had to pay for memberships at surrounding pools and need something in our area for Berlin residents. After 13 years of living here and always having to travel to other neighboring communities (which are already crowded) for options it's quite apparent Berlin is severely lacking in these areas.

Please connect our township with bike trails.

We need all of these things. Parks, pools, trails, communities centers are what makes any community great. These things will bring happiness to the community.

Start with a pool for resident buy in.

There needs to be a paved path to Alum Creek Marina. Hollenback gets very busy and dangerous for people to walk or bike to the Marina currently.

"Would really appreciate sidewalks in the Old State/ Hollenback area leading both to the elementary school as well as to the Marina. As a resident of the Marina neighborhood, we'd like to be able to walk to the Marina and dog park and ride bikes to the school, but it feels very dangerous walking alongside Hollenback. People speed constantly down Hollenback - especially around the curve leading to the Marina.

A splash pad and township park with a playground would be AMAZING!

Green space matters... please continue to take into consideration as housing continues to explode here. The green space was a BIG reason we chose Berlin township!

Build a bike path on Africa road before someone gets seriously hurt biking there.

We already have enough parks.

Thank you for conducting this survey. I am very strongly in favor of these endeavors, especially the paths and pool. It will make Berlin Township an even better place to live!

At this time inflation is a serious problem. The taxes here are out of control. They are high than the East Coast rates. Costs are too high for basic living expenses. We cannot bare any more expenses. You are hurting residents. You have enough coming in from tax revenue now. Use it smarter. Charge users for services, not residents that don't choose to use those services by increasing their taxes. This is an area with significant outdoor recreation opportunities. That is enough. We will fight this if it goes further.

Spray off hoses/areas at Alum Creek Beach at the base of the paths leading back to the parking lots where the trash cans are (like they have at the public ocean beaches). The ones at the main shelter house are out of the way if you are at the farther ends of the beach and parking lots. Thanks for your consideration.

As a Berlin Township resident for over 28 years, I am very interested in having walking/biking trails along S Old State to 36/37, over the Cheshire causeway and along Africa Road. I am willing to have a tax levy to support these improvements to Berlin Township. These improvements would make it safer for the bike riders that currently use these roads.

We used to live in Lewis Center and we used the bike and walking paths all the time. We miss that. Bike paths along Africa and Cheshire road would increase overall safety.

New housing developments should have a connecting path, walking or biking

Young teens do not have enough to do closer to home. I'm not sure of the ideas on what this could be, but it should be affordable, creative, and offer several options for tweens and teens that want to spend time with friends outside of their home.

We have a beautiful state park here in Berlin. It would be wonderful to have a trail down Africa rd so that there is a safe way to access the park system.

Community center or ymca would be amazing along with more walking paths

Please consider our household in favor of growing parks, trails, multiuse paths, splash pads, pools, etc in the astoundingly prosperous Berlin Township. We relocated from Westerville to Berlin, and are thus used to Westerville's unbelievable parks/Rec, and are really longing for more ways to get out and about without hopping into our car. We are 100% in support of the growth of this department. Thank you.

There are more than enough trails, parks and bike paths offered at the state park and preservation parks, but a pool would be nice

Please renovate the alum creek dog park!

This township needs to care about its CURRENT residents, not just cramming more and more housing in. Where are the trails? Where are the playgrounds? Only in subdivisions, which our family does not live in.

Bike paths connecting to neighboring areas

I don't feel tax dollars should be spent on any of these things, but if it was going to be something I would prefer a pool or splash pad. Ideally that would be a private venture.

Need accessible running/multi use paths easily accessible from neighborhoods. Especially the those without sidewalks

I would love to see a Berlin Township pool like Orange has. It would create jobs and give students an opportunity to work during their break. Place for birthday parties, etc. Something for kids to DO, instead of seeing more houses go up.

Orange township should serve as a cautionary tale. Don't be like them. A lot of us moved to Berlin township for the rural aspect. We have enough recreational opportunities already. No new tax levies.

System of bike paths connecting the area would allow residents to further enjoy the natural ammentites we have in Berlin twsp!

We really need multi use paths. It would be nice to be able to reach alum creek state park via multi use paths.

I would like to see walking and bike trails.

Need a pool for the community ASAP

A bike path is needed around the lake

Thank you!

With the additional population growth comes more residents doing outside activities. We need a path that connects all of old state and circles alum creek. The roads are too narrow and speed limits are too high or run/cycle anywhere but on safe paths. Thanks!

It would be nice if there was a complete end-to-end Bike/Walking Trail on both sides of Cheshire Bridge on Africa & on Lackey/Old State Road

I believe with all the neighborhoods and events that happen through Alm Creek, if we had a nice trail/path along the roads in Berlin township they would really be beneficial and utilized constantly. Especially living in Ohio during Spring and fall the ground is usually not solid. A nice black top path along the roads would be amazing allowing people to get outside when there's a little bit of break in the weather & things still haven't dried out.

If these things are built, people will use them and their health will improve.

It would be wonderful to have trails (sidewalks) along some of our major roadways.

Discounted rate for Senior Citizens on tax rate and usage fees - school taxes are punitive to those on fixed incomes and additional Berlin Township taxes should be on income basis (earned income not Social Security or retirement income) and paid by the younger generations who's families will access facilities more than seniors. Swimming is a lifelong skill all can enjoy and essential life saving skill to acquire and the splash pads are unnecessary and a waste

I would love to see a trail on Africa Road!

Multi use paths a greatly needed! Should be priority one on any and all initiatives.

I will not support a levy that includes a pool. Also, developers need to start chipping in for this type of development AND the sure to come school levy to build more schools. We are being taxed to death!!

We definitely need a riding/ walking path along Africa Rd

Trails that can connect neighborhoods and alum creek

Trails on both sides of piatt where schools are. There is so much, fast traffic on that street and a lot of children walking/crossing that road. Also people park on that road for football games and this way you wouldn't have people walking on the side of the road when heavy traffic is coming through. It would provide safety for many people.

Please consider a pool like Orange township has

We can't join the orange township or Delaware city pools, as residents on Berlin township, so we have no access to a pool except our neighbors pools. A park and splash pad would also be excellent places for families to meet and kids to play outside and build community. Multiuse running/biking paths would be great too, as there are few places to do either safely in much of the township.

Multi Use Paths should connect neighborhoods.

Would be great if multiuse trails interconnected neighborhoods

Subdivision connecting multipurpose paths would be great

Public basketball hoops

Community pool would be a fantastic addition as there are not viable options for township residents outside of Glenross.

Thank you Parks and Trails Advisory Committee for advocating for more community recreational amenities and collecting our input!!

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Add trails and connect existing trails

We don't need anymore parks. We have Preservation Parks, Alum Creek State Park. Pools cost too much (maintenance and Insurance). No more taxes, they are already too high

There are plenty of parks and trails to walk already. No more taxes

Please no more tax levys. I am a senior on a fixed income.

Biden already stealing too much tax money

I believe a strong multi-use pathway network connecting the neighborhoods with the schools and the amenities will greatly enhance the quality of life for township residents as well as provide safer routes for residents walking or biking to their destination.

Additional Paper Sources outside of online link added.

Zoning Office Paper Drop Off - 15

Touch-a-Truck Event – 8