



Park Township | Parks and Recreation Master plan 2025



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Introduction

The 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a road map that will guide our efforts for future park development and infrastructure upgrades within Park Township. The Plan will also outline our efforts at improving recreational programming and opportunities for the broader Park Township community. It addresses current recreation issues and identifies future needs of the community and the means for meeting those needs over the upcoming five-year period.

In addition, the plan serves as an educational tool to acquaint local officials and residents of our parks and recreation program offerings. Park Township regularly updates the plan to reflect the changed needs and goals of the community while ensuring that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements to qualify for Federal and State funding assistance are met. These funds are used for land acquisition, facility development, and improvements to new and existing parklands.

The 2025 plan incorporates a number of major parks upgrades that have been completed since the previous master plan document. Most significant is the Township’s transformation of the former Airport Property at the corner of 152nd and Ottawa Beach Road, into the new Community Park. The approved master plan for this recent regional park addition was the culmination of a nearly two year-long intensive and highly participatory planning process. Construction has already begun on the new Community Park, installation of pickleball courts and nature trails have been successful. The Township has also embarked on its first historic preservation initiative on this site; renovating the historic hanger from its previous use for the airport. The hanger is now in the process of becoming a venue for music, theater and community gathering.



Phase One of the Park Township Pickleball Complex.



In July of 2022, the Township’s community center was struck by lighting and suffered a total loss from the fire that ensued. The Township Board formed a committee to identify the mission and vision for a new community center. This committee met for nearly a year, benchmarking community centers throughout Michigan and other regions of the United States. Following a substantial planning and public outreach campaign, the Committee delivered an aesthetic vision and functional building plan for what would be included in a new Community Center Concept to the board in August of 2024. The new community center is projected to be located at the corner of 152 and Ottawa Beach on the Community Park footprint.

Adjacent to the new Community Park is another recent park addition, the Cooper Van Wieren Nature Preserve. Our vision for this park was to create access for residents and visitors to enjoy 40 acres of natural Michigan woodland environment. The land was already owned by the Township, but was not accessible to the public, as there was no parking lot or established trail head. Residents and area youth created a path through the woods leading to Waukazoo Elementary school, but access was rather limited and the trail location was not well known by community residents. The Township has completed a parking lot, installed bike trails and is actively working on improving the visibility and use of this relatively new recreational asset.



Sunset overlooking pickleball complex and Community Park Trail system. Completed spring of 2024.



Complete Build Out Concept of the Community Park.



During the period of the previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Township received significant grant dollars from the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and installed a lake front park on the South Side of Lake Macatawa, deemed South Shore Community Landing. This park includes sidewalks, a universally accessible kayak launch, open green space, benches, and picnic tables, all while enjoying one of the most open and scenic views of Lake Macatawa.

The Township will utilize this plan over the next five-year cycle as a guiding document to continue upgrading our parks and recreation offerings and adding new amenities and infrastructure where appropriate. The Township will continue to aggressively pursue grants and philanthropic support for these new improvements. In the last decade, the Township has received over a million dollars in recreational grant funds and continues to focus on identifying ways to improve our park and recreation assets every year.

Park Township strives to create a first-class recreational environment. An environment that supports quality of life is foundational to keeping our community strong and prosperous. Notable improvements for the upcoming five-year cycle of this plan include The Townships commitment to environmental stewardship, continuing to open existing township owned land for improved access to natural areas, and a renewed commitment to improving our recreation program offerings. Park Township is dedicated to providing a diverse range of affordable recreation programs for all ages, designed to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Our focus is on fostering community connections, promoting wellness, and creating opportunities for lifelong enjoyment.

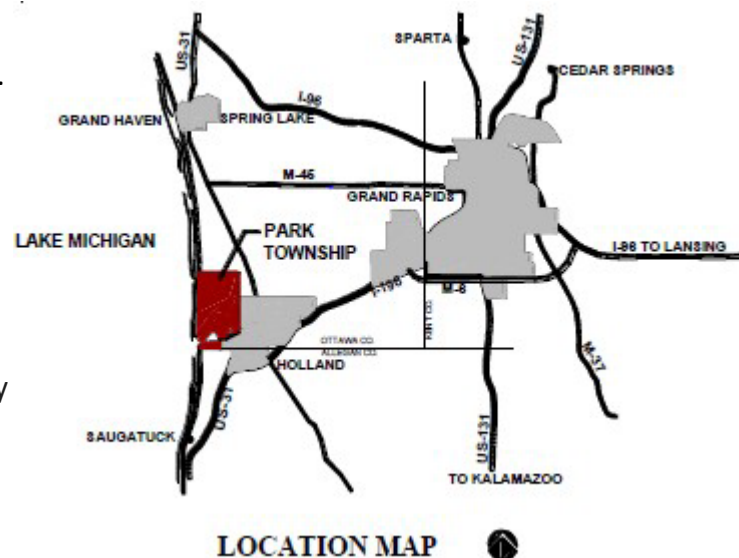
Parks and Recreation at Park Township employs a team approach to decisions and management. This team consists of The Township Manager, Finance Director, Recreation Coordinator, and our newest position, Recreation Assistant. More information on this approach can be found in the Administrative Structure section of this document.

Community Description

Location

Park Township, established in 1915, is located in the extreme southwestern corner of Ottawa County, immediately west and northwest of the City of Holland. The Township’s western boundary is formed by Lake Michigan, with Holland Charter Township and Holland City to the east, Port Sheldon Township to the north and Laketown Township to the south. The Township consists of approximately 20 square miles divided by Lake Macatawa, with over 90% lying north of the lake. Park township has a 2024 population of 19,176. Park township is currently growing at a rate of 0.75% annually and its population has increased by 2.75% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 18,663 in 2020. The average household income in Park township is \$145,202 with a poverty rate of 4.22%. There is a significant seasonal population in Park Township in the summer months due to its proximity to Lake Michigan.

Within a larger context, Ottawa County is situated in an area that is generally referred to as “West Central Michigan.” This area contains the principal cities of Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and Holland. The following Location Map indicates the relationship of Park Township to neighboring communities.



Park Township has been historically known as a residential community, consisting mostly of single-family housing with marinas and recreational assets that highlight our waterways, Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan. In context, roughly 75% of the Lake Macatawa shoreline exists in Park Township. We also have about 4.5 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. In 2024, The Board of Trustees went through a mission and visioning exercise, coalescing on the following statements. The Planning Commission was doing a similar exercise around the update of the Township’s Master Plan. Both entities created similar statements.

Park Township has a unique geographical component. A small but significant portion of our community is located in the Southeastern most area of the Township, which is accessed by crossing over Lake Macatawa and traveling through Holland City. This area, known as the “South Side” is home to a significant number of recreational assets. A more detailed description of the South Side can be found on the following page.



South Side

The Southside subarea is the portion of Park Township located on the south shore of Lake Macatawa. It is a unique area, ranging from small inland neighborhoods and large homes on the Lake Macatawa shore to historic resort cottages in Macatawa Park. A small commercial and service corridor on 160th Avenue exists with older resort community neighborhoods including small houses and large trees that add an almost rural feel. The most recognized symbol of the township and Holland in general, the Big Red Lighthouse, can be found at the end of the channel across from the Holland State Park.

Within the area commonly known as Macatawa Park is Macatawa Bay Yacht Club and Eldean Marina, two iconic boating and water recreation assets for the community. Sailboat races, lessons, and dining are some of the attractions these entities bring to the area.

One challenge with the area is how it's disjointed from the rest of Park Township, across the lake. West 32nd Street is the southernmost boundary of the township; indeed, it is the boundary of Ottawa County and Allegan County. A small neighborhood commercial district is located off of 160th Ave. It includes a restaurant and a party store. Nearby is Virginia Park which is a well-used park and provides a ball field and other amenities for the neighborhood. The Maatman Center, which can be rented for functions, is located on this property.



The Maatman Center is located on the grounds of Virginia Park, our flagship park on the South Side of Park Township.

Public Access to Big Red continues to be a challenging dilemma for Township representatives. The public has repeatedly desired increased access to this historic landmark. The site is completely surrounded by private property, and thus access is limited. The Township does not have the ability to increase public access at this time, but acknowledges this is a community desire.

Recently, the Township invested nearly a million dollars to expand and improve the South Side boat ramp and create a new public lake front park complete with a universally accessible kayak launch and kayak storage. In this upcoming five-year development time line, the Township’s Community Center Committee has identified the need to renovate the Maatman center and coordinate amenities to be accessible at both facilities. The vision of the Community Center Committee is for the Maatman center to serve as a satellite community center for South Side Residents.



The iconic Big Red lighthouse.



Mission, Vision and Values Statements

Board of Trustees



Planning Commission

MISSION

Park Township’s rich heritage will be sustained by focusing on community, recreation, and nature.

VISION



Community

Park Township will have a variety of unique neighborhoods, serving all ages, and a full range of attainable housing. Destinations will be knit together by a purposeful and interesting web of active transportation paths. Businesses in the community will complement the residential, recreational, and natural aesthetic of the Township.



Recreation

The Township will have public parks providing a wide choice of recreational activities. It will provide generous access to Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa for residents and visitors.



Nature

The Township will have an abundance of trees. It will have beautiful natural areas, rural open spaces, and productive farmland, especially blueberries. The Township will be served by an interconnected system of trails and paths for active transportation. The Township will be a steward of the environment and will work to improve water quality and reduce

VALUES

The Park Township government will protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. It will serve the community with integrity, excellence, creativity, inclusion, and respect for all.



History

Dutch immigrants settled on the western shore of Lake Michigan with dreams of economic and religious freedoms. The strengths of this heritage were nurtured by a community commitment to quality, thrift and independence. The area’s economy has a diverse supportive base allowing growth in the service, retail, technology and industrial sectors. The Dutch immigration and resulting prosperous region are a foundation of Park Township, but it is only one part of the story.

Parks and Recreation are intertwined with the History of Park Township. Park Township has been seen for at least a decade as a center of recreational and leisure activity in West Michigan. A new plaza, located within Ottawa County’s new Ottawa Beach Marina is focused on retelling this history. A more detailed version of this historical analysis can be found in the following section.

Over the next few years, the Township desires to update the Park Township Plaza’s panels to include the most recent expansion of our Parks System. The Township staff feel the last 10 years and upcoming decade will be seen as a time of significant park and recreation expansion, with a focus on environmental stewardship and improvements in our recreational program offerings.





The Parks of Park Township: Then and Now

Rise of the Resort Parks 1880-1890

Land on both the North and South Side of Lake Macatawa (also known as Black Lake) was seen as an area to escape the heat and intensity of the city. Tourism was in its infancy, most coming by train to Holland, with small excursion boats ferrying passengers to the dunes and Lake Michigan Shoreline. In the Mid 1880's Holland businessmen purchased Lake Michigan and Black Lake frontage, selling lots for cottages and to build the Park House Hotel. Executives from the Chicago and West Michigan Railroads formed the West Michigan Park Association to develop cottages and a resort featuring Hotel Ottawa.

Growth of Resort Parks 1890 -1915

With the Holland Lakeshore area having already established itself as a prime tourist destination, the resort parks began improving their amenities, including food concessions, beach facilities, boat liveries, dance pavilions, and other amusements. Railroad tracks were extended to Hotel Ottawa. The West Michigan Park Association later moved the hotel to the water front and completed a major expansion in 1901. Macatawa Park built the new Macatawa Hotel, including a park attraction called Angels Flight, an inclined railway that gave visitors an expansive view of Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa.

Creation of Park Township 1915

The 1910's began the heyday of the Holland areas resorts, with over 100,000 visitors each summer enjoying relaxation and Recreation along the waterfront. Within this time period, travelers begin coming by a new mode of transportation; the automobile. Cottages owners on both sides of the channel saw little being used to improve the outskirts of the Township. They began asking for a new township to address their needs, specifically developing and maintain roads for the tourism industry. After considerable debate, Ottawa County Commissioners overwhelmingly voted on October 21, 1915 to establish the community. **They decided to call it Park Township, to acknowledge the many resort parks along its twelve miles of shoreline that prompted its establishment.**

“The creation of Park Township, its history, will be forever and universally linked to Parks and Recreation.” The actions and commitment of our community to create a first-class recreational environment make this statement as true today as it was in 1915.



Peak of Resort Parks 1915-1925

The 1910's and into the early 1920's were the Golden Age for the resort parks. The economic boom following WW1 put tourists back on the road; many of which found their way to Park Township. Hundreds of thousands of visitors came to see Jenison Electric Parkland the famous Lakewood Farm and Getz Zoo, developed by George Getz in 1910. Annual patronage approached one million people by the 1920's. Additional cottages and improved resort amenities were completed.

Unfortunately, this time period also saw a massive fire that destroyed the Ottawa Beach Hotel and Annex. By the mid 1920's many fires had already leveled several Park Township resorts. A huge blaze in Macatawa Park destroyed 50 cottages and the Grand Hotel. These fires signaled an end of the resorts, as many were not rebuilt.

Change in Park Patronage 1925-1930

The majority of patrons travelled to the Parks by automobile, and with increased mobility came the opportunity for longer stays. Unfortunately, the parks were not designed for automobiles, and thus overnight stays began to diminish. Only the Waukazoo Inn, a resort built in 1906 operated on Park Township's north side. Macatawa Park remained a thriving private cottage park. Park Township built a concrete road west to the hotel, which operated well into the 1950's. The stock market crash in 1929 and the great depression that ensued spelled the end of the private resort parks. By the early 1930's, the Townships two main public attractions, the amusement park and zoo had closed.

First Public Parks 1925 - 1930

This time period marks the beginning of local and state governments buying up lakefront property as public parks. Following the fire that destroyed the Ottawa Beach Hotel, Fred Pantlind decided not to rebuild the hotel. Instead, he spearheaded the transfer of land in 1926, allowing for the formation of Holland State Park and donated the former bath house at the beach. Mr. Pantlind, as both the president of the company and serving on the Michigan State Park Commission was able to facilitate this transaction. In 1929, Ottawa County acquired 200 feet of Lake Michigan frontage from George Getz, which later became known as Tunnel Park.

Growth of Public Parks 1965 - 1980

In a highly progressive and impactful way, the Township began establishing bicycle paths in 1971. Eventually, the Township bicycle network would become over 50 miles of paved path. During this time period, the Township began maintaining for public use some 300 acres of forested land surrounding Ottawa County's Landfill, latter to be known as Riley Trails. In 2006, Ottawa County took over management of Riley Trails. A multiyear millage approved in 1978 allowed for the purchase of land to establish three parks; Wendt Park, Winstrom Park, and Virginia Woods and Park. Today these three parks, including various expansions, represent a significant acreage and backbone of our parks system.

Park Modernization and Expansion 2015 – 2024

Park Township Board of Trustees made substantial investments into new park infrastructure, planning and development. A multi-disciplinary team was formed to evaluate and advance Parks and Recreation improvements. This period saw the creation of the Township's first Park Asset Management plan. The Township invested heavily in upgraded amenities at Winstrom Park, Keppel Forest, Wendt Park, and the playground at the Fairground Properties. The Township constructed new parks, the Cooper Van Wieren nature preserve, the Community Park, and expanded the South Side Boat Launch to create South Shore Community Landing.

South Shore Community Landing



Wendt Park Walking Path



Wendt Park Bathroom



Winstrom Park Soccer Field



Historic Hangar Renovation





Future Vision: 2025 and Beyond

The recent visioning and subsequent decisions from the Community Center Committee will likely usher in a new era for the development of Parks and Recreation in Park Township. With the Committee’s recommendation of a 45,000 square foot community center to be constructed at the Community Park, and estimated construction costs between \$20 and \$30 million dollars, the scale of Park Township’s Parks and Recreation department must increase. Previously, the Township would partner with local businesses or instructors that offered recreation course opportunities, then the Township would market those co-branded classes to Holland area residents. These made up the bulk of our program offerings. If the upcoming community center becomes a reality this practice will continue, but the Township will need to add additional staff and develop our own recreation programming content, like our soccer program. Additional program offerings will utilize our existing facilities such as township organized pickleball leagues, sports tournaments, and other sports offerings. Township staff are also planning improvements in our environmental stewardship and nature-based class offerings.

Lake Macatawa is a significant asset in Park Township. Over the proceeding five years, the Township expects to enhance our offerings around water amenities. Installing new kayak storage racks and creating the first ever Park Township Kayak trail around lake Macatawa are in the planning stages.



“Recreation is not a secondary concern for a democracy. It is a primary concern, for the kind of recreation a people make for themselves determines the kind of people they become and the kind of society they build.” – Harry Allen Overstreet



Administrative Structure

The Parks Team

The Parks and Recreation Department operates under a team structure, with critical management and operational decisions performed by the “Parks Team”. This team consists of the Township Manager, Recreation Coordinator, Facilities Director, Finance Director and Recreation Assistant. This group meets regularly throughout the year to discuss issues of grant applications, parks improvements, maintenance, and organizational philosophy. Specific items related to Parks and Recreation programming and day to day activities are the purview of the Parks and Recreation Coordinator and Assistant.

This team approach has helped to ensure solid decision making, multiple perspectives, and provides additional capacity for grant writing and planning efforts. At the direction of the Township Manager, the team understands the significant importance of Parks and Recreation facilities as a foundation to maintaining the quality of life and attraction of Park Township. This team has met and exceeded this challenge.

Since the last park plan update, the Township has applied for several large Department of Natural Resources grants, receiving two totaling \$582,000. Beginning In 2023, the team has participated in the planning of the Township’s newest park – Park Township Community Park – on the site of the former airport.

Parks Team Positions and Responsibilities

Township Manager

The Township Manager is responsible for the overall effectiveness of the Parks and Recreation Program. The manager receives policy direction from the Board of Trustees and carries out the plan to create the most effective program and facilities within the allotted resources. The Finance Director, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, and Maintenance Director directly report to the Township Manager.





Parks and Recreation Coordinator

The Parks and Recreation Coordinator is responsible for the development and implementation of recreation programs. Work involves the responsibility for planning, promoting and organizing a comprehensive recreation service for the community. Examples of work might include development of programs to meet the needs and desires of the people being served; recruitment, employment and supervision of full-time and part-time personnel for the programs; studying the effectiveness of the programs and services, as well as the local conditions and needs affecting recreation; recommending short- and long-range plans to meet community needs for adequate recreation space, programs, and personnel; communicating with and relating to the public; and establishing working relationships with the media and with adjoining units of government for cooperative ventures. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Coordinator is responsible for providing input, direction and a budget to the Township Board, via the Township Manager for the development and maintenance of the community's recreation facilities. The Parks and Recreation Coordinator, along with the Maintenance Director, are responsible for the maintenance of the Township Parks and Recreation Plan, according to the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Maintenance Director

Responsible for the overall direction and management of the Maintenance Department, which includes management of all Township buildings and grounds. Directs the building and grounds maintenance staff, including maintenance of all park facilities, township properties and the bike path system. There are four full time maintenance employees and one permanent part time employee, supplemented by additional seasonal and part time employees.

Finance Director

The Finance Director provides input on available resources for park endeavors, tracks capital construction projects, and maintains capital asset records. As a member of the team, the position also helps keep the focus on the long-term ramifications of capital construction projects. The Finance Director assists in grant funding identification, grant application submission, and maintaining information on the State's MI Rec Grant program in accordance with State requirements. The Finance Director also ensures costs are correctly allocated to projects, submits reimbursement requests and coordinates State required progress reports.



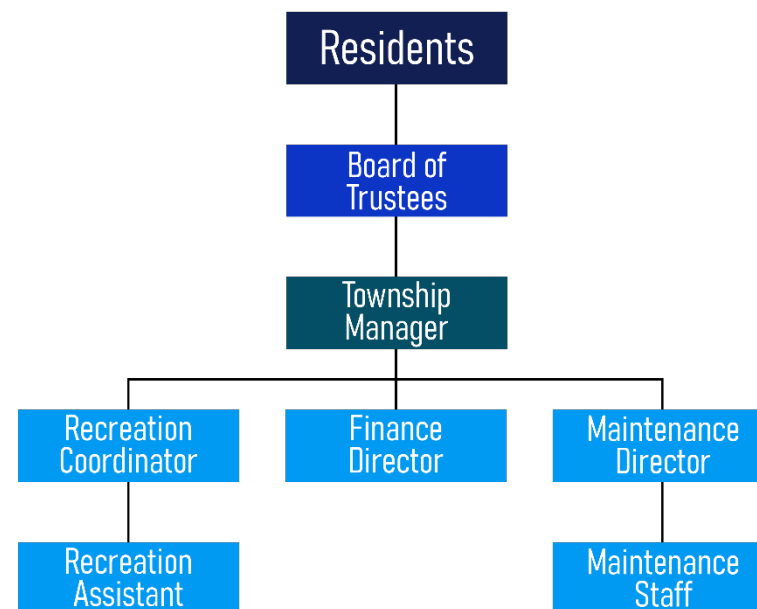
Recreation Assistant

The Recreation Assistant works with the Recreation Coordinator on the planning and direction of recreation programming for the whole township and develops, promotes, and organizes a comprehensive recreation service for the community. Examples of work may include recruitment and supervision of personnel for programs; analyze the effectiveness of programs in serving the community; looks at the needs and conditions affecting recreation; and works on short- and long-term plans for meeting parks and recreation needs for the community.

Organizational Chart

It's important to reiterate that although a hierarchical Organization chart is in place, Parks and Recreation Management in Park Township operates under a team approach. Each member is responsible for the overall effectiveness of the program, and each member plays a critical role in high level decision making.

Volunteers, residents, and users of our programs also play a critical role in our effectiveness. The side bar to the right shows examples of how our residents have been instrumental in the development and maintenance of our parks program and facilities.





Public Participation

Following the closure of the Park Township Airport in 2020, Township Leaders knew that the future of the site was best determined by the residents of the Community. In the Spring of 2021, Park Township conducted an extensive public input process to guide the development of the new Community Park at 1269 Ottawa Beach Road. This engagement was carried out over nearly two years in four phases, incorporating diverse feedback methods. The initiative included 21 small group workshops (both online and in-person), over 1,500 collected comments, a dedicated planning website, and remote engagement booths. These efforts reflected the township's commitment to ensuring that community priorities were at the forefront of the park's design. The Township is planning the new building to align with its broader goals of sustainability, accessibility, and fostering community connections. Features such as updated facilities, community meeting spaces, and enhanced programming options are being prioritized based on feedback. The final plan integrates this building into the overall vision for the redeveloped site, which includes pickleball courts, trails, and nature-based recreation.

Pickleball Players lobbied the Board of Trustees for new courts, Park Township conducted an extensive public engagement process over nearly two years to gather input on the development of the pickleball complex at the Community Park on Ottawa Beach Road. The outreach included 21 small group workshops (both in-person and online), a dedicated planning website, remote engagement booths, and the collection of over 1,500 community comments. Residents overwhelmingly prioritized pickleball courts, as a result of this input, the Township decided to construct a 10-court pickleball complex as part of the first phase of development.

Adjacent to the Park Township Community Park at Cooper Van-Wieren, Park Township, in collaboration with the Michigan Edge Mountain Biking Association (MEMBA), is developing a mountain bike trail system at Cooper Van Wieren Township Park. This initiative is part of the Township's commitment to diversifying recreational opportunities and promoting outdoor activities. MEMBA, a nonprofit organization focused on sustainable trail design, is leading the project to ensure the trails meet the needs of both beginner and experienced riders while adhering to environmental best practices. The project begins with a small segment of trails that will connect to the park's parking lot, creating an entry point for future expansions. These additions aim to position Cooper Van-Wieren Park as a hub for mountain biking enthusiasts and enhance its appeal as a multi-use recreational destination.



Parks and Recreation funding

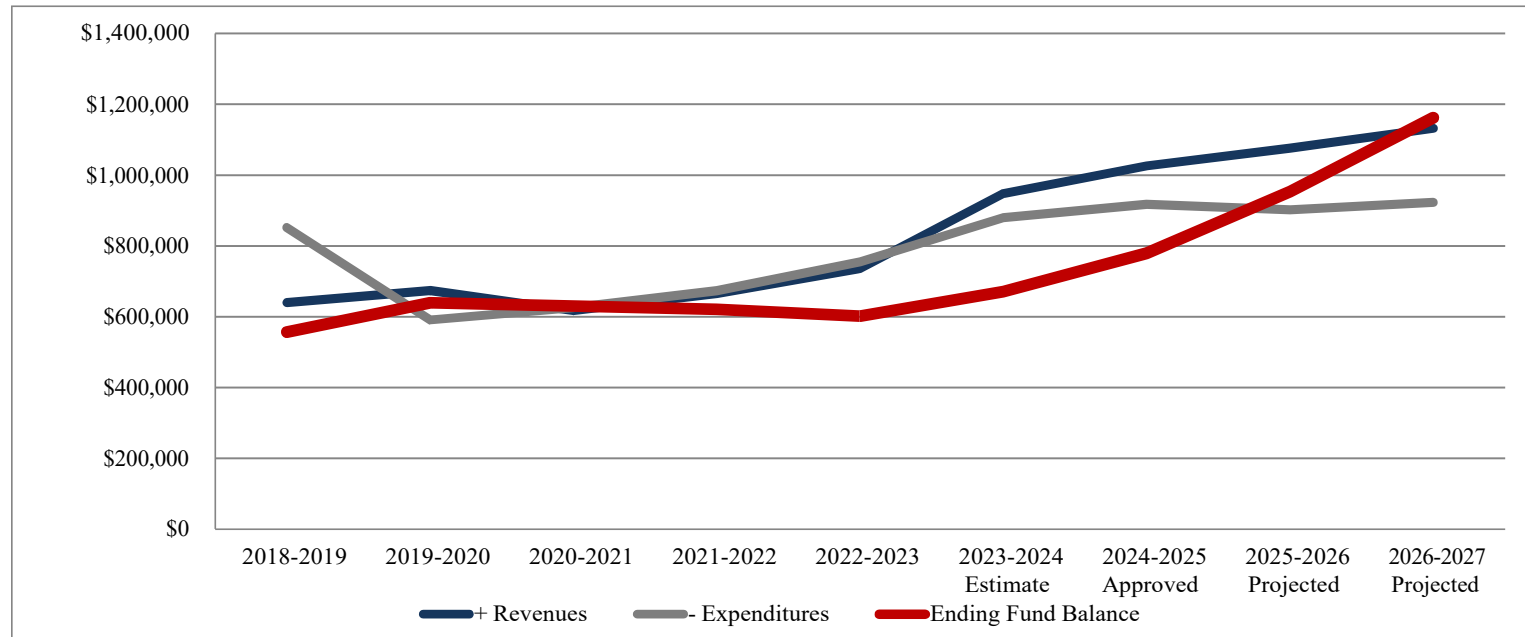
Parks and Recreation funding comes from four major funding sources.

1. **The General Fund:** The General Fund mostly contributes to the management and operation of critical and statutory township functions such as management operations, assessing, clerk's office, etc. However, accumulated fund balance in excess of what the Board deems is needed in the General Fund are regularly transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund, providing funding for parks development projects and replacement. Additionally, the Board has authorized that each year 90% of cable franchise fees revenue of approximately \$247,000 per year are transferred out of the General Fund and into the Capital Improvement Fund, thus creating significant dollars for parks development.
2. **Parks Fund:** The Parks and Recreation Fund has a .6 mill levy to cover annual operating costs and limited capital replacements approved in 2024/2025. This is an increase over the previous levy of .5 mills. Our tax base continues to grow and is quite stable. The .6 mill levy brings in around \$938,000 per year.
3. **Bike Path Fund:** In November of 2024, voters approved an increase in the Bike Path levy from .4 mills to .55 mills for annual operating costs and most capital replacements. The .55 mills on our strong and stable tax base brings in around \$860,000 per year.
4. **Capital Improvement Fund:** Larger parks projects require grant funding and/or funding from our Capital Improvement Fund. Revenue in the Capital Improvement fund comes from periodic grants, interest earnings, and transfers from the General Fund. Every year, the majority of the cable franchise fees are transferred from the General Fund to Capital Improvement. Additionally, when the General Fund's fund balance exceeds the limit per our fund balance policy, all of that difference is transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund for capital replacement and new initiatives. In 2024, we transferred \$247,000 in cable franchise fees and \$953,000 in excess General Fund dollars to the capital projects fund. In conjunction with construction on the planned community center, donations are anticipated to contribute significantly as well. These funds are assigned specifically for capital projects or replacements in the Township. As of 3/31/24, the fund has \$5.6 million in equity including \$2.38 million from preliminary insurance proceeds from the former community center that was destroyed by fire.



PARKS & RECREATION

FUND BALANCES	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 Estimate	2024-2025 Approved	2025-2026 Projected	2026-2027 Projected
Beginning Balance	769,567	556,995	639,226	630,229	621,439	601,569	670,575	779,224	953,101
+ Revenues	639,630	673,170	616,734	664,992	735,946	948,436	1,026,664	1,076,006	1,131,859
- Expenditures	<u>852,202</u>	<u>590,939</u>	<u>625,731</u>	<u>673,782</u>	<u>755,816</u>	<u>879,430</u>	<u>918,015</u>	<u>902,129</u>	<u>923,020</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>556,995</u>	<u>639,226</u>	<u>630,229</u>	<u>621,439</u>	<u>601,569</u>	<u>670,575</u>	<u>779,224</u>	<u>953,101</u>	<u>1,161,940</u>



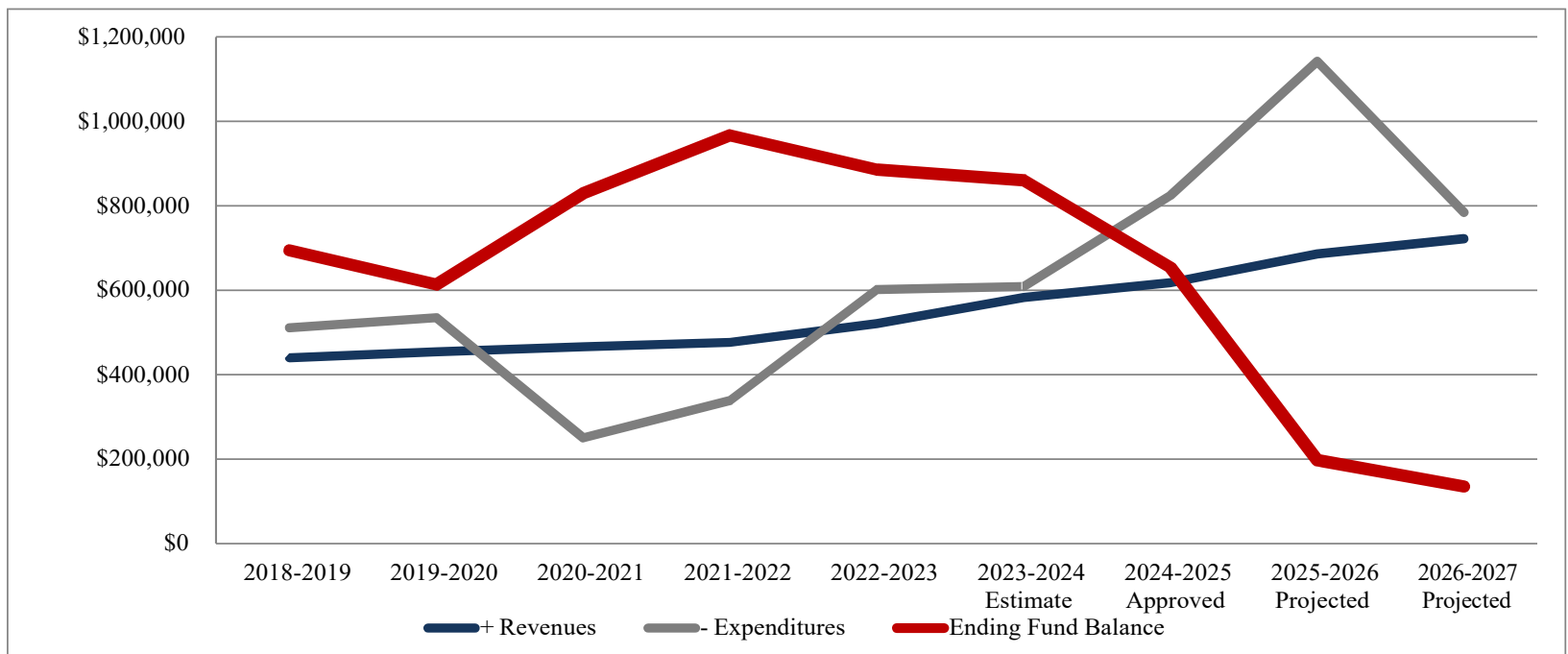
The Parks fund includes both ongoing operational costs as well as capital construction and land acquisition. Funds that include capital projects can show significant variability from one year to the next, depending on which capital projects are underway. Future capital improvement projects will likely need to come from the Capital Improvements Fund until fund balance in the Parks fund can build back up.



GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Estimated for the year	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-2026 Projection	2026-2027 Projection	Comments
PARK/RECREATION FUND							
Fund 208 - PARK/RECREATION FUND							
REVENUES							
208-000-403.000	Current Taxes	625,319	859,336	933,287	986,827	1,043,431	Assumes an 8.9% increase in taxable value for FY 24/25, and 6% for subsequent years (reduced by projected Headlee rollbacks)
208-000-573.000	Local Comm Stabztn Share	308	-	-	-	-	
208-000-607.000	Recreation Fees	3,874	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	Charges for participants in Rec programs
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees-Art	1,746	4,000	3,000	2,500	2,500	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Beach						
208-000-607.000	Volleyball	600	600	600	500	500	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Comm Garden	590	700	700	700	700	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Dance	4,900	5,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Golf	-	-	750	500	500	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Karate	7,598	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Lacrosse	-	-	3,000	2,000	2,000	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Pickleball	19,792	1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	Tournament registrations
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Soccer	25,777	27,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Track Meet	160	100	-	-	-	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Tennis	-	-	500	500	500	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Triathlon	-	-	-	-	-	
208-000-607.000	Rec Fees - Zumba	9,083	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
208-000-664.000	Interest	6,437	14,500	11,677	10,329	9,578	
208-000-664.900	Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value of Inv	1,075	-	-	-	-	
208-000-667.000	Building Rentals	11,020	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	
208-000-671.000	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	Lakeshore Warriors field rental
208-000-673.000	Sale of Fixed Assets	10,163	-	-	-	-	FY 23 reflects trade in value of existing mowers
208-000-675.000	Contributions/Donations	5,200	-	-	-	-	
208-000-675.751	Rec Contributions/Donations	2,304	700	650	650	650	Donations for bench memorials; FY 23 includes \$5,000 donation in connection with Lakewood Construction project
208-000-676.000	Reimbursements	-	1,500	3,000	2,000	2,000	
Total Dept		735,946	948,436	1,026,664	1,076,006	1,131,859	
TOTAL REVENUES		735,946	948,436	1,026,664	1,076,006	1,131,859	



FUND BALANCES	BIKE PATH					2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Estimate	Approved	Projected	Projected
Beginning Balance	765,335	694,457	613,647	829,244	966,844	886,240	860,656	653,804	197,663
+ Revenues	439,897	453,841	466,074	476,441	520,798	582,951	617,542	686,074	721,838
- Expenditures	<u>510,775</u>	<u>534,651</u>	<u>250,477</u>	<u>338,841</u>	<u>601,402</u>	<u>608,535</u>	<u>824,394</u>	<u>1,142,215</u>	<u>784,463</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>694,457</u>	<u>613,647</u>	<u>829,244</u>	<u>966,844</u>	<u>886,240</u>	<u>860,656</u>	<u>653,804</u>	<u>197,663</u>	<u>135,038</u>



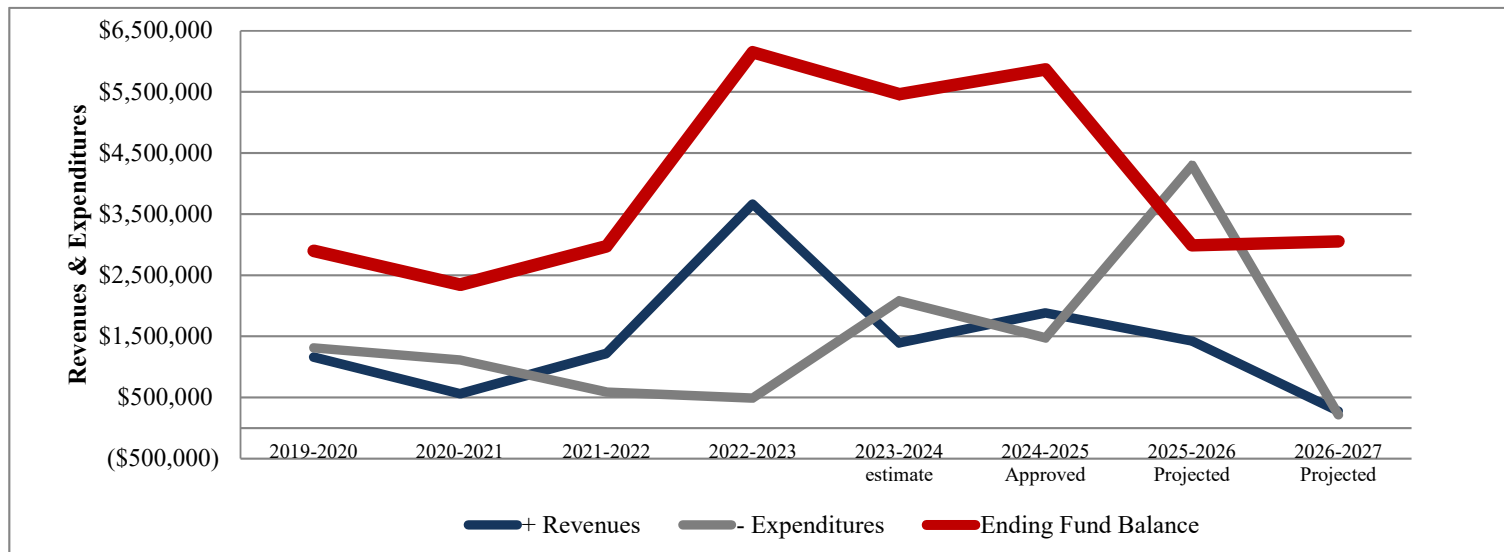
The Bike Path fund includes a combination of both ongoing operational costs as well as periodic capital outlay. As a result, activity will vary significantly in this fund. Fund balance is expected to decline as retaining wall replacement and path resurfacing ramps up.



GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Estimated for the year	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-2026 Projection	2026-2027 Projection	Comments
BIKE PATH FUND							
Fund 211 - BIKE PATH FUND							
Revenues							
211-000-403.000	Current Taxes	483,652	527,632	572,915	661,191	699,125	Assumes an 8.9% increase in taxable value for FY 24/25, and 6% for subsequent years (reduced by projected Headlee rollbacks)
211-000-539.001	State Grants - Metro Authority	17,227	19,519	23,826	19,000	19,000	
211-000-573.000	Local Comm Stabztn Share	239	-	-	-	-	
211-000-664.000	Interest	<u>19,680</u>	<u>35,800</u>	<u>20,801</u>	<u>5,883</u>	<u>3,713</u>	
Total Dept		520,798	582,951	617,542	686,074	721,838	
TOTAL Revenues		520,798	582,951	617,542	686,074	721,838	
Expenditures							
Dept 755-Bike Path							
211-755-702.000	Salaries	83,351	89,000	92,666	103,156	107,282	
211-755-715.000	Social Security WH	5,191	5,518	5,746	6,396	6,652	
211-755-715.002	Medicare EE	1,214	1,291	1,344	1,496	1,556	
211-755-717.000	Fringe Ben - Hspt Ins	17,476	15,661	15,862	18,325	19,241	
211-755-719.000	Fringe Ben - Retirement	9,277	10,773	10,919	12,260	12,750	
	Fringe Ben - Oth Empl						
211-755-720.000	Bens	2,072	1,864	2,069	2,322	2,392	
211-755-727.000	Supplies	51	150	150	150	150	
211-755-728.000	Postage	1	20	20	20	20	
211-755-729.000	Gas & Oil	7,139	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	
211-755-740.000	Small Equipment	4,944	14,000	10,000	12,000	10,000	Miscellaneous tools; FY 24 includes 2 new plows for bike path clearing equipment
211-755-750.000	Dues & Subscriptions	-	200	200	200	200	
211-755-801.000	Professional Fees	11,399	35,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Engineering fees
211-755-829.000	Uniforms	451	300	300	300	300	
211-755-850.000	Telephone	630	420	420	420	420	
211-755-930.000	Repair & Maintenance	19,601	40,000	55,000	60,000	60,000	Repairs to the bike paths and retaining walls, anticipate higher maintenance going forward; FY 2023 reflects no crack sealing 2024 and 2025 reflect general repairs and sealing as needed
211-755-956.000	Meetings/seminars	-	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	



	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND							
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 estimate	2024-2025 Approved	2025-2026 Projected	2026-2027 Projected
Beginning Fund Balance	2,722,674	3,049,617	2,900,194	2,973,836	6,149,401	5,462,872	5,869,270	2,991,272
+ Revenues								
Capital Grant	712,943	135,000	231,926	(1,681)	-	30,000	500,000	-
Interest	59,941	35,990	(45,787)	50,912	231,764	71,843	7,800	3,000
Misc/Transfers In	<u>389,055</u>	<u>390,110</u>	<u>1,034,299</u>	<u>3,616,774</u>	<u>1,162,871</u>	<u>1,781,002</u>	<u>913,202</u>	<u>273,800</u>
Total Revenues	1,161,939	561,100	1,220,438	3,666,005	1,394,635	1,882,845	1,421,002	276,800
- Expenditures								
Other/Capital Outlay	<u>1,311,362</u>	<u>1,116,420</u>	<u>591,476</u>	<u>490,440</u>	<u>2,081,164</u>	<u>1,476,447</u>	<u>4,299,000</u>	<u>217,000</u>
Total Expenditures	1,311,362	1,116,420	591,476	490,440	2,081,164	1,476,447	4,299,000	217,000
Ending Fund Balance	<u>2,900,194</u>	<u>2,344,874</u>	<u>2,973,836</u>	<u>6,149,401</u>	<u>5,462,872</u>	<u>5,869,270</u>	<u>2,991,272</u>	<u>3,051,072</u>
Assigned:								
Fire Equipment	400,231	500,231	535,167	-	-	-	-	-
Cemetery	292,279	313,679	321,802	320,877	326,225	329,877	319,877	339,877
Insurance Proceeds				2,388,886	2,388,886	2,388,886	780,349	860,399
Township Improvement	2,207,684	1,530,964	2,116,867	3,439,638	2,747,761	3,150,507	1,891,046	1,850,796



The Capital Improvement Fund accounts for primarily capital outlay, so activity will vary significantly. Miscellaneous revenue in FY 2022/2023 is partial insurance reimbursement for the Northside Community Center fire. The development of the Park Township Community Park is reflected in rising expenditures and declining fund balance. Strategies for adding to the revenue stream are under development.



GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Estimated for the year	2024-25 Approved Budget	2025-2026 Projection	2026-2027 Projection	Comments
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND							
Fund 403 - Capital Improvement Fund							
Revenues							
403-000-539.000	Capital Grants	(1,681)	-	-	500,000	-	
403-000-664.000	Interest Earned	87,344	202,520	71,843	7,800	3,000	Decreasing because capital projects will reduce the amount available for investment and interest rates are expected to decline.
403-000-664.900	Increase (Decrease) in Fair Value of Investments	(36,432)	29,244	-	-	-	
403-000-671.000	Miscellaneous Income	-	-	30,000	-	-	Current year reflects Consumers Energy Tree grant. Prior year reflects preliminary, partial insurance payment for the north side Community Center
403-000-698.000	Insurance Recoveries	2,468,969	11,492	-	-	-	
403-000-699.000	Transfer From Other funds	1,147,805	1,151,379	1,781,002	913,202	273,800	FY23: additional \$284,000 budgeted for the fire truck and an additional \$479,000 transferred due to the fund balance policy. FY23/24 and 24/25 reflect the transfer of the pandemic related funds from the General to this fund.
Total Dept		3,666,005	1,394,635	1,882,845	1,421,002	276,800	
TOTAL Revenues		3,666,005	1,394,635	1,882,845	1,421,002	276,800	
Expenditures							
403-000-		-	7,954	5,000	-	-	
702.000.Pickleball	Salaries	-	-	3,000	-	-	
403-000-		-	-	3,000	-	-	
702.000.TWPHALLEXP	Salaries	-	493	310	-	-	
403-000-		-	-	186	-	-	
715.000.Pickleball	Social Security Ee	-	-	186	-	-	
403-000-		-	115	72	-	-	
715.000.TWPHALLEXP	Social Security Ee	-	-	44	-	-	
403-000-		-	-	44	-	-	
715.002.Pickleball	Medicare Ee	-	-	44	-	-	
403-000-		-	-	44	-	-	
715.002.TWPHALLEXP	Medicare Ee	-	-	44	-	-	
403-000-740.000	Small Equipment	-	7,605	-	-	-	
403-000-803.000	Purchased Services	20,298	89,105	117,500	110,500	104,500	Prior and current years: consultant for public participation on the airport property

FY 24 - FY26: consultant work as needed



Recreation Inventory

To determine the recreational needs for Park Township, an analysis of the existing facilities in our community, both private and public is helpful as we analyze / identify parks and recreational needs. The intent of the analysis is to provide a clear evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the existing recreational opportunities the Township and wider region has to offer. The inventory is based on information from the previous plan and updates as identified in this most recent planning process.

In total, there are thirteen (13) Township parks and seven (7) public schools that have existing recreational facilities on over 390 acres of recreational land. The Township parks can be classified as follows: one mini-park, four neighborhood parks, two community parks, four natural resource areas, and two special use parks. This classification is adapted from “Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines,” J. D. Mertes and J. R. Hall, 1995, as recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The various public, quasi-public and private recreation facilities are described in the following section.

On the following page, an Existing Recreation Facilities Map illustrates the location of public park/recreation areas within the Township; followed by the detailed recreation inventory for Park Township.

Facilities Map

Recreational Facilities Map

Legend

State Recreation

1. Holland State Park
2. Big Red Lighthouse
3. DNR Boat Ramp

County Recreation

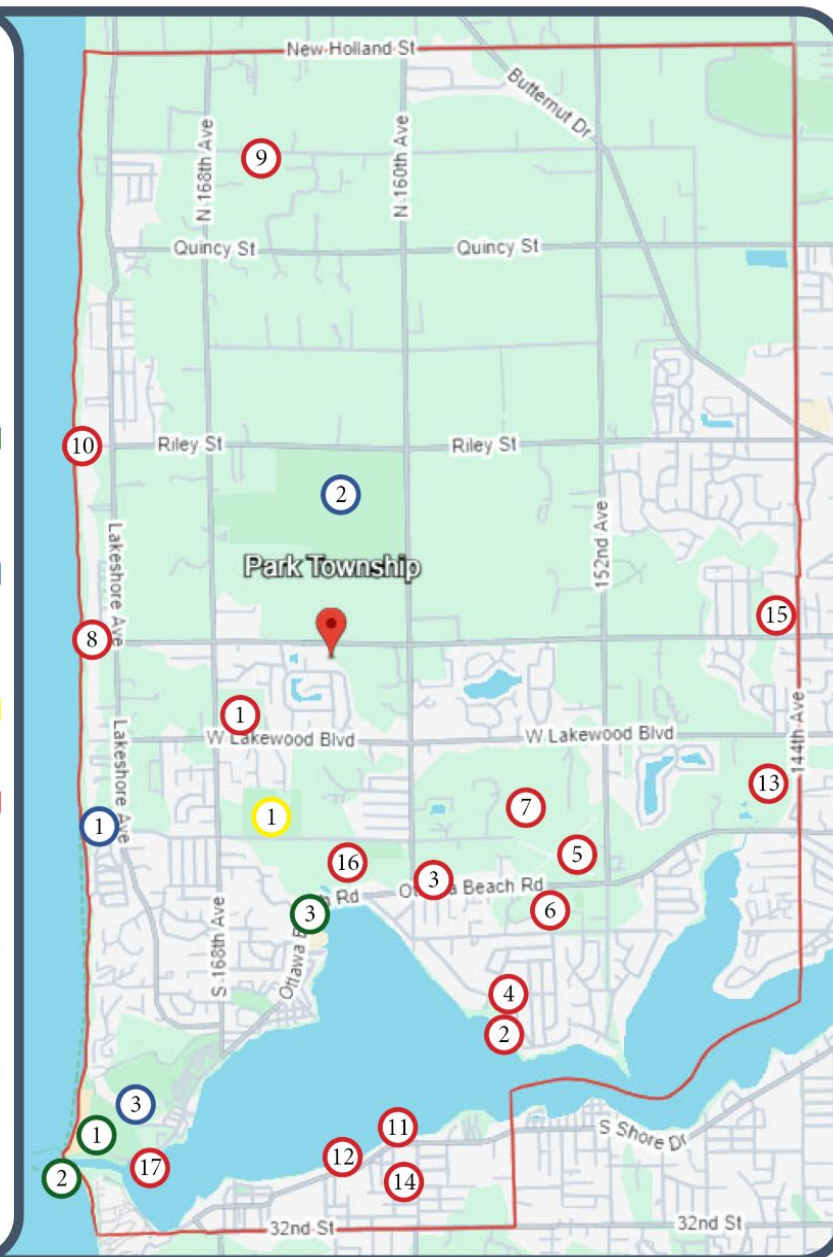
1. Tunnel Park
2. Riley Trails
3. Historic Ottawa Beach Parks

Land Conservancy

1. Kuker-Van Til Nature Preserve

Park Township Parks

1. Albert C Keppel Forest Preserve
2. Ashwood Reserve
3. Brookside Bike Park
4. Chief Waukazoo Park
5. Community Park
6. Community Center and Fairgrounds
7. Cooper-Van Wieren
8. James St. Road End
9. Ransom St. Park
10. Riley St. Road End
11. South Side Boat Launch/ Kayak Park
12. South Side Water Access
13. Stu Visser Trails
14. Virginia Park/ Maatman Center
15. Wendt Park
16. Winstrom Park & Preserve
17. Park Twp Plaza



State Parks

Within the boundaries of Park Township, we are fortunate to house some of the most iconic and busiest State-owned parks. As follows are the state parks as they are numerically identified on the Recreation Facilities Map.

1. Holland State Park



- Lake Michigan Beach
- Two Campgrounds
- Concessions in Season
- Playground
- Volleyball and Badminton
- Scenic Walkway
- Benches, Picnic Tables and Grills
- Parking
- Public Toilets

2. Holland Harbor Light House (Big Red)



- Quarter Mile Paved Walk to Lighthouse
- Only Accessible through Private Property
- Abide by rules at www.BigRedLighthouse.com
- Four Parking Spots, Limited access

3. Lake Macatawa / DNR Boat Launch



- Boat Launch
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Trailer Parking



State Parks Continued

Holland State Park

Location and Size: 142 acres, West End of Ottawa Beach Road at Lake Michigan

Located within Park Township, this is the busiest state park in Michigan with over 1.9 million visitors. This Regional State Park of 142 acres is located in a wooded dune area at the northwestern end of Lake Macatawa along the shore of Lake Michigan. Holland State Park contains 2 camping areas with 342 campsites, ¼ mile of sand beach, fishing access, bathhouse, shelter, picnic area, playground, concession facilities, and an open area along Lake Macatawa. The park is staff-supported and has one of the highest visitor attendances of all state parks in Michigan.

Holland Harbor Light House (Big Red)

Location and Size: 3 acres South Side of Holland Channel

The iconic Holland Harbor Light House, affectionately known as Big Red is located on the South Side of the Lake Macatawa Channel. Big Red has a long and rich history dating back to the first structure built on that site in 1870. Currently the lighthouse is owned and maintained by a non-profit lighthouse commission and is Michigan's most photographed lighthouse. It is viewed from the Holland State Park but accessed from Macatawa Park.

DNR Boat Ramp

Location and Size: 6 acres, Ottawa Beach Road near Bower Street.

Fee-Paid launching site for small pleasure craft along the northern shore of Lake Macatawa. Trailer Parking available. A fish cleaning station is also available.



County Parks

3. Tunnel Park



- Lake Michigan Beach
- Tot Lot
- Open play, soccer, volleyball and badminton fields
- Scenic Walkway
- Benches, picnic tables and grills
- Parking and public toilets

4. Riley Trails



- Scenic Wooded Trails
- Scenic Pond
- Benches
- Cross-county skiing
- Interpretive Kiosk
- Parking and public toilets

5. Historic Ottawa Beach Parks



- Mt. Pisgah Dune Walk
- Wooded trail up or down from observation deck.
- Path along Lake Macatawa
- Fishing access
- Interpretive kiosks
- Public toilets



County Parks Continued

Tunnel Park

Location and Size: 17 ACRES on Lake Shore Drive and Perry Street

The park is considered a community wide park located within Park Township. It is a County park of 22 acres located on Lake Michigan in a wooded dune area. Tunnel Park contains picnic areas with 2 shelters, 770-foot sand beach, bathhouse, a dune-top boardwalk, baseball diamond, playground, sand volleyball and a man-made tunnel constructed through a dune leading from the parking and play areas to the beach.



Riley Trails

Location and Size: 300 ACRES, On Riley between 160th and 168th Avenues

This property is considered a community wide park located within Park Township. Hiking and cross-country ski trails are located on the perimeter of a 300-acre landfill site, bordered by Riley and James Streets and 160th and 168th Avenues. There is limited parking and access to this site. There are four marked trails: two beginners, one intermediate and one advanced. The area and trails are used in the winter for hiking and cross-country skiing, and in the summer months for hiking, nature studies, field trips, and mountain biking.



Historic Ottawa Beach Parks (Including Mt. Pisgah and new Ottawa County Marina)

Location and Size: 58 ACRES, On Ottawa Beach Road, just east of Holland State Park

Historic Ottawa Beach Parks, previously known as “Park 12”, consists of 12 park parcels that were deeded for park purposes in 1886 when the West Michigan Park Association (WMPA) was first platted. These twelve parcels of land include 750’ of Lake Michigan beach plus beautiful wooded dunes interspersed between the historic cottages of the WMPA and the two units of the Holland State Park in addition to the 2400’ of Lake





Macatawa shoreline. The Historic Ottawa Beach Parks also includes Mt. Pisgah. Mt. Pisgah was created through a Dune Protection Project undertaken and includes a trail, stairways, and overlook decks that provide visitors a beautiful and expansive view of Lake Macatawa and the surrounding area. Recently, the County developed a new marina on one of the remaining Park 12 land pieces. The new marina is equipped with both transient and seasonal boat docks, a universally accessible kayak launch, shower facilities and parking.

Land Conservancy: Kuker-Van Til Nature Conservancy

As part of the land conservancy of West Michigan, Kuker-Van Til Nature Preserve is 45 Acre nature site located on the north side of Perry Street. While there is no parking, a loop trail leads hikers through a variety of habitats: young oak forests, mature hardwood swamps, and open sandy dunes. Kuker-Van Til protects a recovering oak forest in an area greatly affected by residential development. The mature hardwood swamp on the east end of the preserve supports many uncommon plant species and acts as a natural filter for surface water flowing into Lake Macatawa.

History: Property owners Bernard (Bud) and Edith (Edie) Van Til watched as development engulfed the land around their property that had been in Edie’s family since 1932. For years they resisted the pressure to sell to developers, and worked instead to preserve the property in a natural state. After Bud’s death, Edie began talking with the Land Conservancy about ways to protect the land forever.

Edie passed away in 2005 before protection of the land was in place. The property was willed to Larry and Marilyn Blackburn, who had been neighbors and close friends of the Van Tils for many years. Fortunately, the Blackburns upheld Edie’s wishes for the property, and continued working with the Land Conservancy to protect the land. In 2006, the Land Conservancy established Kuker-Van Til Nature Preserve to maintain the scenic, natural character of the preserve for generations to come.





Local Parks

Park Township has many local parks that make up a majority of the Open and Recreational Space. In the following section, we go into greater detail on the prominent local parks noted in the Recreational Facilities Map, located on Page 17. Later in this chapter, we go into greater detail on the comprehensive list of recreation assets in Park Township and the surrounding area.

Our local parks inventory can be further classified into mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and natural resources areas.

Mini Parks: Mini-parks are specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens. The service area of a mini-park is less than a ¼ mile radius and the park size is typically less than 1 acre.

Neighborhood Parks: A neighborhood park is the basic unit of the park system and typically serves a residential area of ¼ to ½ mile distance. A size of 5-10 acres is considered optimal for this type of park. The focus is on informal active and passive recreational activities, such as field games, court games, playground equipment, skating and picnicking.

Community Parks: Community-wide parks serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks and provide a range of facilities and areas capable of supporting structured and unstructured community participation. These areas are typically between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance. Facilities may include wooded or natural areas, picnic shelters and grills, bike or hiking trails and other semi-active and passive uses for large groups of people. They may also contain specialized recreational facilities such as swimming pools, community centers and lighted ball diamonds.

Natural Resource Areas: Community wide parks that focus on wooded or natural areas for the purposes of environmental protection or general passive recreation. Generally, these areas have trails and nature viewing as the focal point of their intended purposes.



Prominent Local Parks Inventory:

- ✓ Wendt Park (neighborhood park)
- ✓ Winstrom Park and Winstrom Reserve (community park and natural resources area)
- ✓ Virginia Park (neighborhood park)
 - Maatman Community Center
- ✓ Cooper Van Wieren (natural resources area)
- ✓ Keppel Forest (natural resources area)
- ✓ Ransom (neighborhood park)
- ✓ Stu-Visser Trails (natural resources area)
- ✓ Ottawa County Fair Grounds (community park)
 - Dog Park
 - Skate Park
- ✓ Park Township Plaza (mini park)
- ✓ South Shore Landing (neighborhood park)
- ✓ Park Township Community Park (community park)

NOTE: In the appendices section park asset management plan, all of the parks have an aerial graphic identifying the amenities on each site. The asset management plan also provides a comprehensive listing of park amenities and the value of those assets. In the upcoming 2024-2029 action plan, the Township will be updating the asset management plan.



Wendt Park



Wendt Park covers approximately 17 acres near the central eastern border of the Township, on James Street. Facilities include a softball field, soccer field, two parking areas, picnic tables and grills, fitness trail, four tennis courts with tennis wall, basketball court, sand volleyball, play areas and three shelters, one with bathroom facilities. This park serves both the local neighborhood and the wider community due to its use for various programmed sports activities.

Wendt Park is well known as the primary location for Park Township’s Kinder and Little Kickers, a soccer program for toddlers ages 3 to 6.

Wendt Park received major updates in 2021 with a \$150,000 grant from the Land and Water conservation fund and approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 expenditure from Park Township. Improvements included a new restroom and picnic shelter near the soccer fields, new walkways, bleachers, signage and various updated amenities throughout the park.



2025 – 2029 Wendt Park Action Plan

The Township has identified multiple improvements projects at Wendt Park. Chief among those is a complete redesign and reconfiguration of the parking lot on the far north end. When the soccer fields are in use by our Township’s little and kinder kickers program, there is not adequate parking spaces to accommodate the program capacity. A reconfiguration of the lot would add additional parking spaces to the inventory and the pavement needs repair. All of the ballads adjacent to this lot also need replacing and improved aesthetics. The Township is committed to adding additional play structures for kids at the tot lot and potentially adding a musical garden for sensory and auditory play for kids.



Winstrom Park



Winstrom Park is a 65.8 acre neighborhood park located north of Ottawa Beach Road with access off 160th Avenue and Perry Street. The park currently contains softball fields, soccer fields, an open play area, a tot lot, various trails and two parking lots.

In 2018 /2019, the park received over \$350,000 of major upgrades, including two new tennis courts, two basketball courts, four pickle ball courts, a regulation bocce ball court and several picnic tables and benches.

In 2020, the park was the recipient of a natural resources trust fund grant in the amount of \$150,000, and with an additional \$150,000 expenditure from the township, upgrades were completed to the tot lot, new handicap accessible bleachers for the baseball / softball fields, portions of the parking lot were redesigned and a new trail head installed.

Winstrom park remains one of the Township’s flagship parks and its trails are conveniently located right off of Ottawa Beach Road with very quick access to Lake Macatawa. Winstrom Park walkways are connected to the Macatawa River Greenway Trail.



A 22-acre preserve containing a wetland area immediately adjacent makes up part of this large community park. Development of this park has been partially funded by a MNRTF Grant. Bike path connection from Ottawa Beach Road, shade shelter with way finding signage and maps, nature trail, observation deck and tower, boardwalk and perimeter fencing.

2025 – 2029 Winstrom Park Action Plan

The fluctuating water levels in park township have highlighted the need for repairs on the chip and fines trails and boardwalks throughout Winstrom Park. This is a priority in the 2025 to 2029 action plan, as there are both safety and functional concerns with these wooded trails. Township maintenance staff have and continue to address immediate safety issues, but the trails will need to be reconstructed in the near future. These amenities are well traveled and serve many visitors, as the park is one of the busier assets in our inventory.



Winstrom Park Disc Golf Course

Nestled within the 68-acre Winstrom Park is the Park Township Disc Golf Course. The course is widely used by residents and visitors of all ages. Built through a dense forest of mature red pine trees, the course was considered quite challenging due to all of the trees through the fairways. Many of the pine trees in the forest were diseased and dying, causing a safety concern for park visitors. In 2012 the Township hired a forester to remove the diseased trees and replant a variety of native trees. The summer of 2012 proved to be very dry and many of the newly planted saplings failed to take root and died as well. The Township continued to rework and maintain the course hoping the underbrush would mature and restore the course. Throughout that time, visitors continued to use the course.

In 2016, erosion, caused by excessive rain, forced the Township to close the course. The Township went to work redesigning the course. Through focus group meetings with residents and local players, the Township developed a partnership with a local disc golf club. Shores Disc Golf Club worked with the Township and engineers, Prein and Newhof, to redesign the course into one of the premier courses in Ottawa County. The newly designed course has two tee pads per hole to accommodate beginner and advanced players. It allows families to play together competitively and for tournaments of various skill levels. Shores Disc Golf Club still oversees and maintains the course today in partnership with the Park Township Maintenance team.



Figure: Hole #4 of the Park Township Disc Golf Course. Each hole was designed to have a short and long tee, effectively playing as two separate courses.



Figure: Disc Golf fairway at Winstrom Park in the morning.

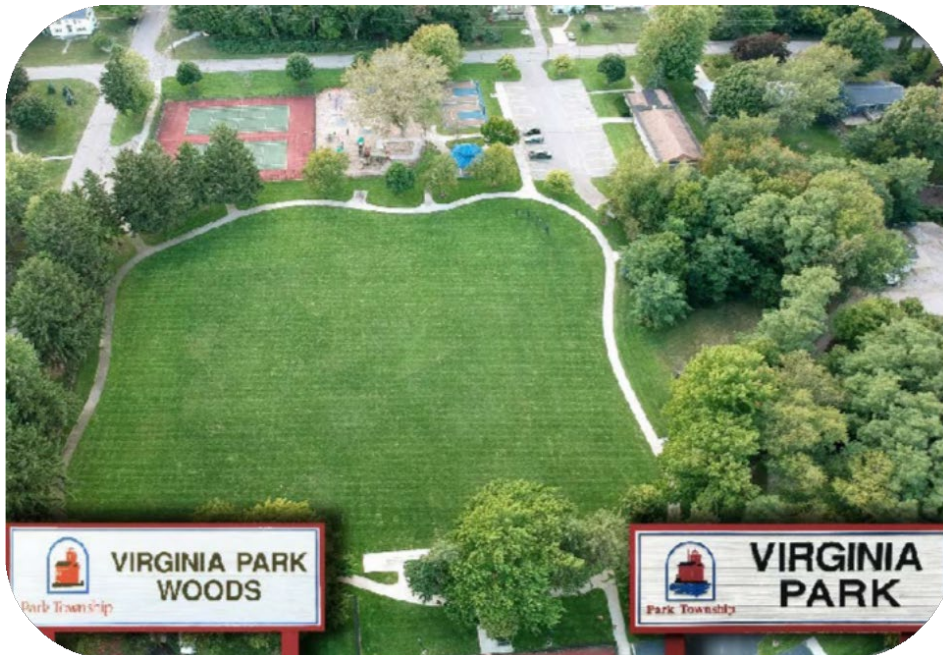
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WINSTROM PARK
DISC GOLF COURSE

Virginia Park

Virginia Park is a smaller Township park complex, located north of Virginia Place and West of 160th Avenue, one block south of South Shore Drive. This site is approximately 6 acres and includes paved parking, two tennis courts, 4 pickleball courts, softball/soccer fields, basketball hoops, tot lot play areas, community center building and picnic facilities. The park property also includes a triangular area of natural woodlands, which is currently undeveloped. This park is located in a residential neighborhood and is the primary Township Park facility on the south side of Lake Macatawa. On the grounds of Virginia Park is the Maatman Community Center, featuring a kitchen and a large banquet hall space that can be rented out through the Township.

2025 – 2029 Virginia Park Action Plan

As part of the effort to rebuild a new Township Community Center, the Community Center Committee has identified the need to update the Maatman Center and link some of the uses that will be available on the North Side. Our intent is for the Maatman center to be a satellite community center for our South Side residents. Additional improvements include updated security features (i.e. cameras) near the Township’s pickleball courts and new park signage.





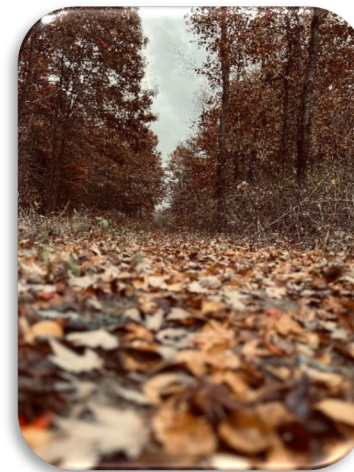
Cooper Van Wieren

Cooper Van Wieren is one of the Township’s newest park offerings. This wooded 61-acre site is a beautiful example of a Michigan pine and deciduous forest interspersed with wetland, trails and topographical elevation changes. In 2019, the Township authorized construction of a parking lot located at the end of Perry on the existing Airport Property to be used as a gateway and trailhead for Cooper Van Wieren. The site has since been developed with multi-use recreation trails for mountain biking, walking and hiking. The parking lot was designed to accommodate horse trailers. Horses are permitted at Cooper Van Wieren on the main trail through the Park. Multiple trails have been constructed to link Cooper Van Wieren to the Township’s Community Park.

Volunteers from Michigan’s Edge Mountain Biking Association design and installed multiple bike trails in Cooper Van Wieren, providing the Township with a new recreational offering. These trails include a skills course, race track, and multiple loops designed for diverse skill levels. Members from the local MEMBA chapter are confident this park will become a premier destination for mountain biking in the Holland /Zeeland region.

2025 – 2029 Cooper Van Wieren Action Plan

In the upcoming plan cycle, residents can anticipate updated signage, maps, and continuous improvements to the trails. The Township is evaluating the feasibility of grooming the trails for cross country skiing to create better year-round utilization of these new facilities. The Township also wants to implement community biking events at this site.



Albert C Keppel Forest Preserve

Keppel Forest is a natural area consisting of 40 acres of hardwoods and pines. It was donated in 1933 to what was then Holland Public Schools, by Albert Keppel, so that children in the area could experience the beauty and wonder of nature first hand. Albert Keppel envisioned the park as an outdoor classroom to teach local history and care for the environment. The park includes a replica cabin that shows how settlers lived when they came to the Holland area. The outside of this replica cabin was reconstructed and renovated in 2022, totaling \$25,000. Previously, the park received a major renovation in 2018 courtesy of a Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. The site received improved signage, parking, new benches, new and upgraded trails, and a native prairie restoration. Jane Johnson-Keeter, granddaughter of Albert C Keppel cut the ribbon in 2018 to unveil the park's new features. The Park is one of the most scenic and well used trail systems in the Township. The adjacent Lakewood Elementary uses the park in their science instruction and for various outdoor activities. Recently, the township installed signage designed by elementary students to identify various trees within the forest (pictured below).

2025 – 2029 Keppel Forest Action Plan

Continuing the renovation of the replica cabin remains a priority. The Township would like to upgrade this facility to accommodate cabin tours and various educational events. There have been discussions about the feasibility of allowing the cabin to be used for overnight camping on a limited basis. The Township Board is planning to repurpose some of the prairie space into a butterfly habitat, to honor the recent passing of Jane Johnson Keeter, granddaughter of Albert Keppel who donated the land for the park.



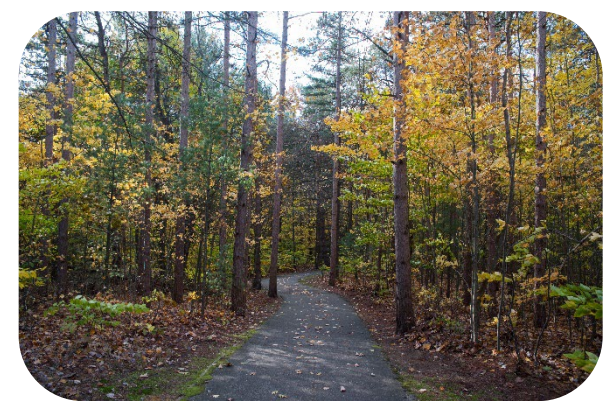
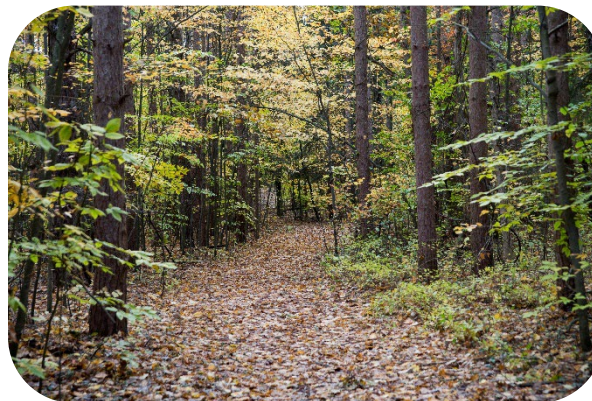


Ransom Park

Ransom Street Park covers approximately 20 acres between Estate Drive and 168th Avenue on the south side of Ransom Street. This park includes parking, basketball court, group picnic shelter, play area, softball field, nature trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing and Disc Golf. Due to its range of facilities, this park also supports residents from beyond the immediate rural residential neighborhood in which it is located.

2025-2029 Ransom Park Action Plan

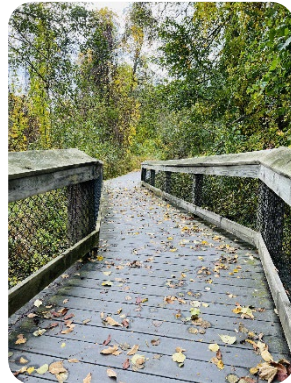
Continue to ensure it remains a welcoming and inclusive space for all residents and visitors. As part of our action plan, we aim to continue updating the park and its amenities to enhance accessibility and usability. By prioritizing accessibility improvements, we strive to create a park that reflects our commitment to inclusivity, fosters community connections, and provides a space where everyone can enjoy the natural beauty and recreational opportunities Ransom Park has to offer.



Stu Visser Trails

Stu Visser Trails was built in 2003 and has nearly a mile of boardwalks and walking paths with multiple overlooks and fishing locations. The trails are 37-acres of Township owned and leased land located along 2,600 linear feet of Pine Creek between Ottawa Beach Road and Lakewood Boulevard. The land is predominantly wetland, supporting a wide variety of plant and bird species. This park includes nature trails, boardwalks, picnic tables, educational displays, fishing access, wetland observation and a small pond connecting with the live stream.

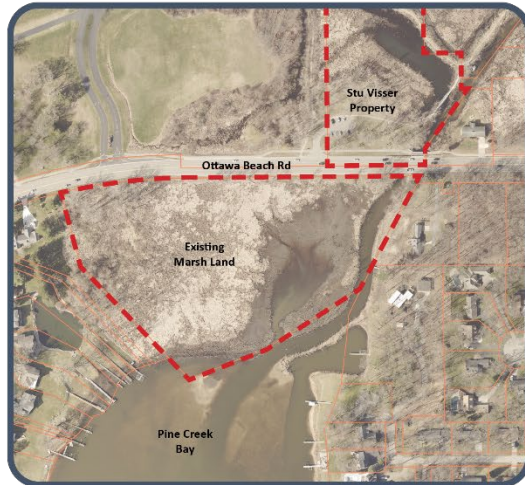
Pine Creek Trail, as part of Stu Visser Trails was developed with the use of a MNR Trust Fund Grant. With its central location and two access points, one off of Ottawa Beach Road and the other off of Lakewood, it is one of the most used trail systems in our inventory and serves both Park Township residents and the wider community.





2025-2029 Stu Visser Action Plan

Fluctuating water levels have highlighted the need to restore and repair boardwalk, chips and fines trails throughout Stu Visser Park. Sections of the park are owned by Beachwood Church and leased to the Township. Prior to any major facility upgrades, the Township wishes to purchase this land outright to ensure its protection in perpetuity. Additionally, the Township is investigating acquiring a nearby prairie marsh area in Pine Creek Bay. These two sites are connected via a waterway underneath Ottawa Beach Road with enough head room clearance for kayaks. The Township is considering an expansion of our kayak rental program to include Stu Visser Trails and Pine Creek Bay locations. These efforts would improve resident access to Lake Macatawa and highlight the unique environmental features of Stu Visser Trails and nearby marsh. If the Township is successful in acquiring the Pine Creek Bay marsh, we will further look to acquire adjoining properties for parking and added amenities for a new kayak launch.





Ottawa County Fair Grounds

The Ottawa County Fair Grounds are located along Ottawa Beach Road and 152nd Ave. The Township leases the property to the Ottawa County Fair Board, which is a separate nonprofit entity from the Township. The Township does hold a non-voting member seat on this board, as both organizations recognize the importance of collaboration and coordination.

The Fair Grounds represent a significant percentage of the Township’s recreation activities throughout the year. The Fair Grounds board organizes the annual Ottawa County Fair, holds summer movies in the park, concerts in the park, trick or treat on Halloween and rents out the space to companies for annual picnics and entertainment events. The board is always looking for events that will support the County Fair and add entertainment to the community. The fairgrounds contain several buildings, including livestock barns, a racetrack with covered grandstands, concessions, and display buildings.

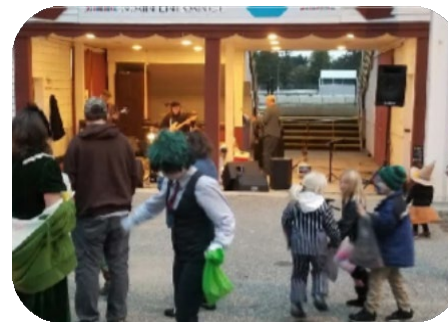
The fairgrounds are semi-private in nature, since use for non-fair related activities is limited and rental fees are imposed. Projected attendance for the fair and related events is approximately 250,000 people per year.



County Fair Rides



Demolition Derby



Trick or Treat



Infield on Fair week

On the Ottawa County Fair Grounds site sat the Township's former community center building which was recently destroyed by fire. Additionally, the Township's Dog Park and Skate Park are located on the site.

The Community Center building was used for numerous indoor activities including roller-skating, crafts, basketball, golf, pickle ball, instructional programs and Scouts. The Township is currently planning a new Community Center to be located across the street at the new Community Park.

The adjacent grounds have two lighted tennis courts, softball fields, shuffleboard, picnic area, tot lot (newly renovated in 2024), shelter with grills, basketball, horseshoe pits, and nature trails.



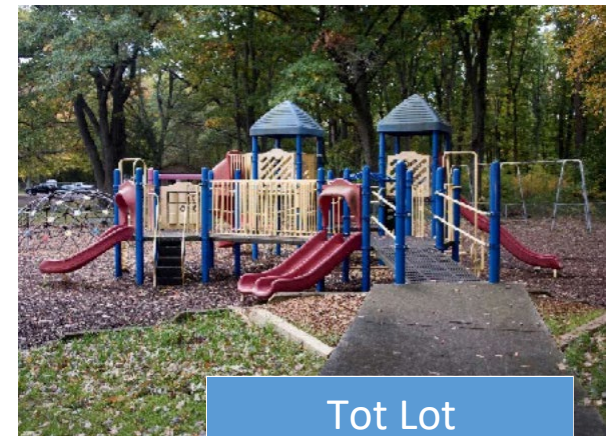
Basketball



Community Center



Horseshoes



Tot Lot

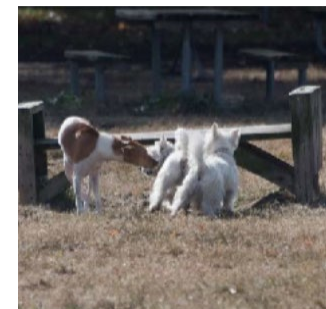
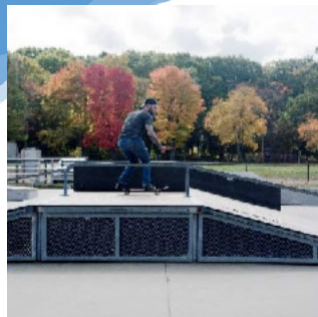
Skate and Dog Park

The Skate Park and Dog Park, located on the Ottawa County Fair Grounds Property, are well utilized park assets. The dog park was developed at the site in 2005. In 2022 the Park Township Board of Trustee approved funds to improve the Park Township Dog Park, renovations completed the following year. In the months leading up to the approval, Park Township sought community input on possible improvements that could be made to the dog park. Improvements included reseeding both the small and large dog park areas, cleaning up and rock placement, replacing lighting and new picnic tables. The majority of these improvements were completed in 2023. The skate park was developed in 2009.

2025-2029 Dog and Skate Park Action Plan

Dog Park: Staff discovered during the improvements undertaken in 2022 / 2023 that much of the Dog Park is served by underground sprinkling. This becomes relevant, as turf / grass condition was a primary area of concern from residents. Moving forward, the Township is planning on sectioning off the dog park with temporary / movable fencing. This tactic will allow areas of the parks turf to be restored / repaired without a complete closure. The underground sprinkling will facilitate quicker turf restoration.

The Township’s Skate Park has held up well to continuous use by area youth. The Township desires to pave the small parking section in front of the skate park for improved aesthetics and site maintenance. New signage, a water bottle fill-up station, and bike racks are potential improvements.





Park Township Plaza

The Township collaborated with the Ottawa County Parks Department to create the Park Township Plaza in 2019. The Project, originally identified years earlier, originated to commemorate the Township’s centennial anniversary in 2015. The project morphed into the creation of a Plaza located within the new Ottawa County Marina. The Plaza is home to a commemorative display, designed by Lafferty Van Heest and Associates to document the history of the Parks of Park Township. Pictures of the actual monument can be found on Page 8. The Township contributed over \$100,000 to ensure this plaza was completed.

2024-2029 Park Township Plaza Action Plan

While the plaza is fairly new, the Township’s parks system has grown significantly in the last 10 years. With the upcoming construction of a new community center and the continued transformation of the new Community Park, a new era of parks development in the Township is well underway. Possible changes may include updating the panels with our new park assets and or changing the display to showcase historical and significant elements in Park Townships history.



South Shore Landing

In 2019, The Township received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Grant for \$675,000 to purchase an adjacent piece of property to expand the Township’s boat ramp on the south side of Park Township. South Shore Landing was completed in 2021 / 2022. This lake front park, complete with a boat launch, universally accessible Kayak Launch, sidewalks, benches, and picnic tables showcases one of the most impressive and open views on Lake Macatawa. This property represents the Township’s continued, long-standing goal of increasing access to Lake Macatawa (and Lake Michigan). The Township offers residents space to rent kayak storage on site. The site is a common fishing spot along the lake and there is no charge for launching a boat or storing trailer for the day, amenities that make this park a favorite among the boating public. To protect the Township property and reduce wave action impacting the Townships kayak launch, a rock revetment was recently (summer of 2024) installed in front of the seawall.

2024-2029 South Shore Landing Action Plan

With demand for kayak rental space remaining strong, Township staff are evaluating how best to add additional storage on site. New trees are scheduled to be planted on site, replacing trees that did not survive the construction or had to be removed due to age. Additional picnic tables and various park amenities have been discussed (i.e. additional seating, outdoor grills, etc.). Adding amenities to support recreational fishing are desired (i.e. fish cleaning station).



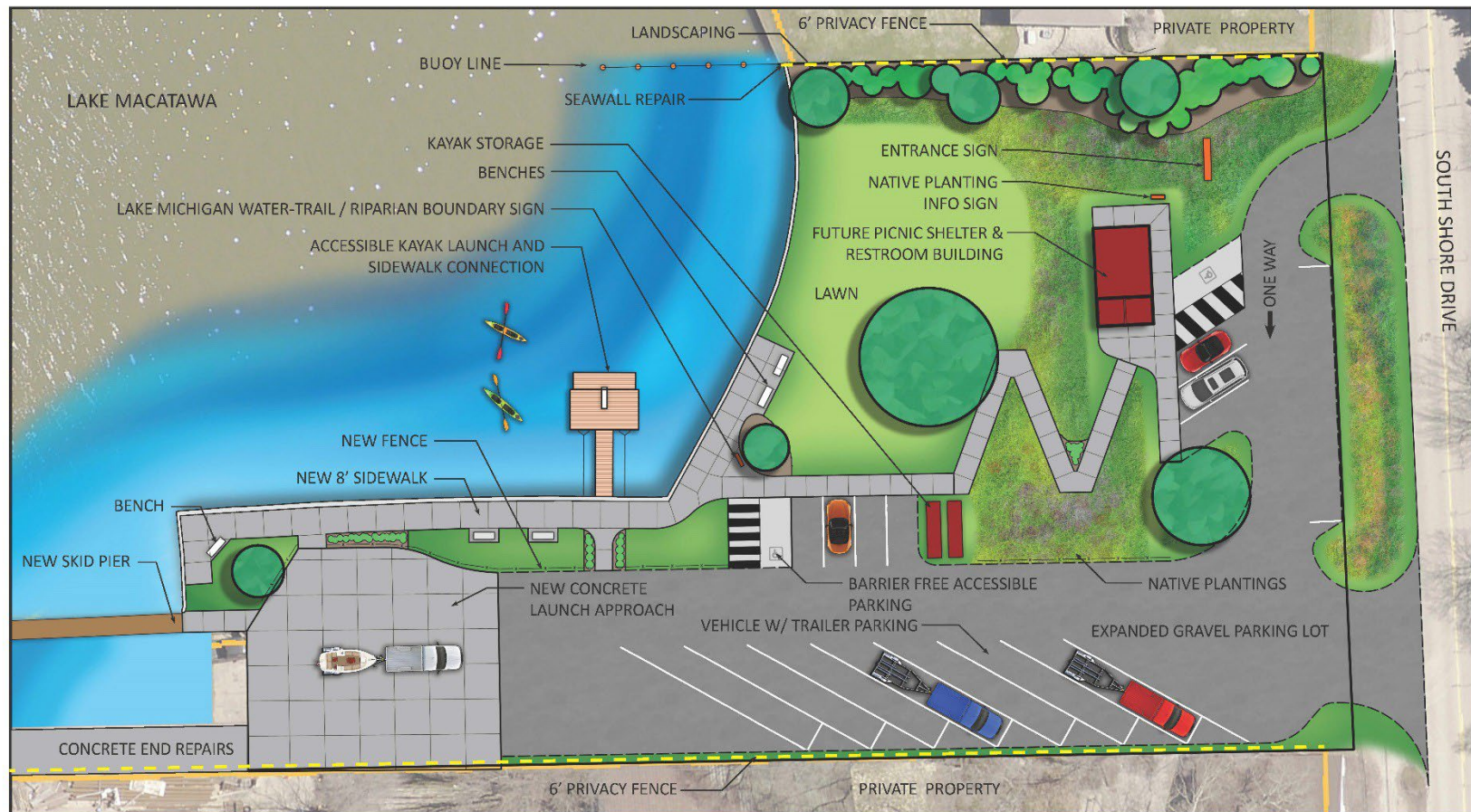


Boat Ramp and Kayak Park Original Site Plan

South Side Launch Improvements - Option 2

Park Township

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Mini Parks

In addition to the Park Township plaza, the following Mini Parks are located in Park Township.

Chief Waukazoo Park - A small corner park approximately ½ acre in size located in the midst of a residential area in Waukazoo Woods with mature canopy trees and benches. This park serves as a public open space for local residents. No parking facilities are available, and no further development is planned at this time.

Ashwood Reserve – An extension of Fallen leaf Lane, this township owned street right of way in a residential neighborhood provides access to Lakes Macatawa and Michigan.

2025 – 2029 Action Plan: The Township has a general policy discouraging road ends from being improved, with some notable exceptions. Ashwood is one of those exceptions, as this larger road end property offers space for limited parking and some park like amenities. Additional improvements for this park include upgraded trash receptacles, benches, new signage and turf / access improvements.

South-side Lake Access - A small 20’ wide township-owned parcel of land with a picnic table. This area of land is located between 1793 and 1803 South Shore Drive along the southern shore of Lake Macatawa. The Township recently approved the installation of a new sea wall to protect the infrastructure of this park.



Chief Waukazoo



Ashwood Reserve



Park Township Community Park

Park Township is actively engaged in transitioning the site of Park Township’s former airport on Ottawa Beach Road. This project and resulting park have been the focus of extensive and exciting planning for the property’s future. Through a multiyear process of community engagement, Park Township has emerged with a vision for Community Park that will unite multiple generations and activities together in a single place. The Township envisions a park that caters to all ages, abilities, interest and activities; a place where our residents can come together to play and watch sports in state-of-the-art facilities, experience nature in carefully curated habitats, enjoy concerts and other performances, and honor the past from the previous airport.

Accelerating this plan is the loss of Park Township’s Community Building, a feature of our community since 1932, which was lost to fire in July of 2022. This event shifted our focus toward the creation of a renewed central, multi-generational destination for our residents – the Park Township Community Park which will include a new and expanded Community Center.

Park Township has already begun formulating the vision and mission for the new community center, spearheaded by the Community Center committee. This committee, formed by the board in 2023 has presented a comprehensive building plan for what a new community center would include, following extensive public outreach efforts and benchmarking community centers around Michigan and throughout the U.S.

In addition to a new Community Center, the Township has many elements master planned for the site. Prominent in this transformation is the restoration of 50 acres of flat land that has been converted into prairie habitat and miles of interconnected natural trails. The Township is nearing completion on the renovation of the Historic Airport Hanger, now repurposed as a music and community venue. We are working with the local Veterans Council to locate a veteran’s park on the site, which is currently under construction. Also in the master plan is a nature-based playground and splash pad to round out the opportunities for the younger generation.

A highlight of the Township’s redevelopment of this site includes 10 new pickle ball courts. These post tension courts, complete with benches, pavilions, championship lighting, and many other amenities are considered the premier pickle ball courts in West Michigan. The Township master plan includes additional pickle ball courts, bathrooms, and amenities to attract larger tournaments, league play and continued expansion of this increasingly popular sport. Our project for a restroom facility, parking and entrance drive has been approved for funding under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

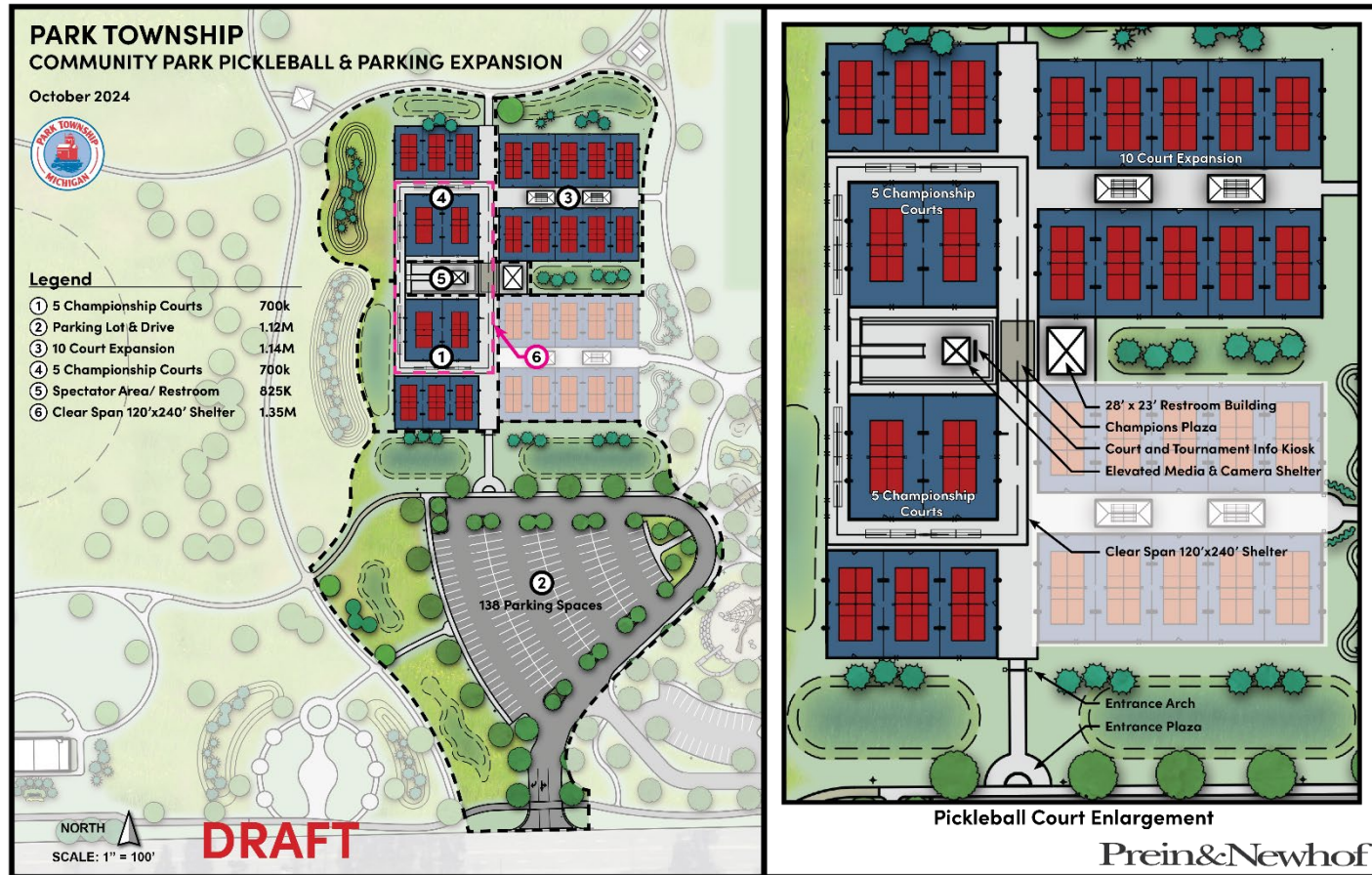
2025 – 2029 Park Township Community Park Action Plan

This planning cycle will see huge investments as it becomes the central focus point for the Township as a whole. Restrooms, some parking and an entrance drive will likely begin in the fall of 2025. Depending on our ability to garner funding from multiple sources, we plan to add a nature-based playground and splashpad as well as additional parking to accommodate the expected traffic. Depending on the outcome of a millage proposal, construction of new, state of the art community center is planned as a community gathering place for a variety of activities. It is an exciting time for the Township!





Park Township Community Park





Park Township Community Park





Parks Accessibility Assessment

Accessibility Assessment - Park Twp. 2025 Update				
Park	Size		Rating	Description of Facilities
Albert C Keppel Forest Preserve	40	Acres	3	Paved parking w/ BF spaces, concrete & chips and fines walkways.
Ashwood Reserve	0.67	Acres	1	Access to Lake Macatawa with gravel parking, and basic amenities. No pathways.
Brookside Bike Park	8.56	Acres	1	No pathways, parking, or accessibility.
Chief Waukazoo Park	0.31	Acres	1	No pathways, parking, or accessibility.
Community Park	71.5	Acres	5	Paved parking w/ BF spaces, accessible sidewalks, pickleball courts, and nature trails.
Community Center Park	23	Acres	2	Mix of paved and gravel parking with no pathway connectivity between park facilities.
Cooper-Van Wieren	61	Acres	3	Paved parking lot with BF spaces, mix and natural and chips and fines trails.
Fairgrounds	45	Acres	1	No pathways or accessibility.
James St. Road End	0.81	Acres	1	Lake Michigan access w/ gravel parking. No BF spaces and no pathways.
Ransom Street Park	20	Acres	3	Paved parking w/ BF spaces, mix of concrete and chips & fines trails, playground is not accessible.
Riley St. Road End	0.9	Acres	1	Lake Michigan access w/ paved parking. No BF spaces and no pathways.
South Side Boat Launch & Kayak Park	1.12	Acres	5	Paved parking w/ BF spaces, accessible concrete sidewalks and kayak launch, BF portable restroom.



South Side Water Access 0.11 Acres 1 No pathways, parking, or accessibility

Accessibility Assessment - Park Twp. 2025 Update

Park	Size	Rating	Description of Facilities
Stu Visser Trails	37 Acres	5	Paved parking w/ BF spaces, all trails and boardwalks are accessible.
Virginia Park / Maatman Center	6 Acres	3	Paved Parking w/ BF spaces, accessible sidewalks, playground lacks accessibility.
Wendt Park	17 Acres	3	Paved parking with accessible playground equipment and tennis courts. Needs more BF parking and pathways.
Winstrom Park	65.8 Acres	5	Paved parking w/ BF spaces, accessible sport courts, playground equipment, and restrooms.
Winstrom Preserve	22 Acres	3	Shares paved parking w/ Winstrom Parks. Includes a mix of paved and chips and fines trails.
Park Township Plaza	n/a	5	Paved plaza with accessible signage and amenities.

The Ranking System used is as follows:

1 = none of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2= some of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3= most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4= the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5=the entire park was developed / renovated using the principles of universal design.

Recommended improvements are scheduled to be completed during the renovation of each specific park as outlined in the Action Program of this document.



Trails

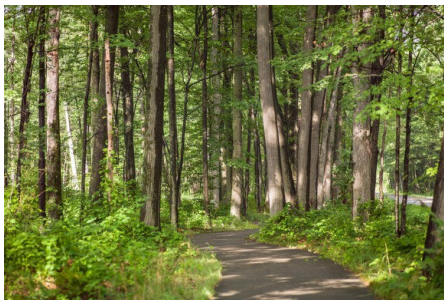
Trails emphasize safe travel for pedestrians and bicyclists to and from parks and around the community. The focus is on transportation as well as recreation. In addition to the many trails contained within the parks listed above, the Township has an extensive bike path system. Over the years, the Township has made the creation of trail assets and bike paths a priority.

Township non-motorized (bike) Paths – Park Township currently has a system of 55 miles of non-motorized paths predominantly separated from roadways by a green buffer and are shared with pedestrians. The paths are located along many Township streets connecting the various population centers with each other, with bordering communities, and with recreation centers and parks. The bicycle paths are The Township’s path system also feeds into the regional non-motorized pathway in the County that goes north on Lakeshore Drive to Grand Haven and intersects with U.S. Bicycle Route 35 – a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

In recent years, the Township completed the bike path on 160th (phase 1: 2017 and phase 2: 2019), a section along 152nd and resurfaced portions of 168th street and 144th street. In general, the Township’s system is mostly built out, but we have also been approved for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) partial funding to extend the bike path on 152nd avenue from Quincy to Ransom (expected construction is in 2025). Some additional improvements and planning are expected to take place on the south side of the system.

In order to more effectively manage the Townships’ non-motorized system, an Asset Management Plan was performed in 2018 by Prein and Newhof. In 2024, the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council performed a condition analysis on our paths to help us plan for future replacements. This report can be found in the Appendices section of the document.

Township voters recently approved a re-authorized and millage increase for non-motorized paths from .4 mills to .55 mills for 4 years (.55 mills raises as estimated \$860,000 per year for bike path maintenance and operation).





Road Ends

Road Ends - Access to the water resources of Park Township should be enjoyed by all of our residents and every effort should be taken to encourage water access. This, of course, acknowledges that these efforts must be balanced with protecting the interests of the neighbors. Unregulated public access that ignores the public encroachment onto private property cannot be ignored and the Township must take the required steps to protect the neighbors. Enforcement of existing ordinances is inherent in this process, along with the potential for physical barriers and enhanced landscaping. Any township owned and maintained road End Park must function well and look excellent in the process. The public and the neighbors should expect nothing less.

Lake Michigan Access Points: James Street, Riley Street and New Holland all have public access points to the water. Riley street has limited parking. There are no other amenities at these locations. Public swimming and limited beach access are available. Currently, all three locations are problematic access points given the high-water levels and steep slopes required to access the beach.

Lake Macatawa: The number of Road ends on Lake Macatawa are too many to list. Prominent ones include the end of Wisteria, Chippewa Avenue and 160th. These road ends are seen as local access points to Lake Macatawa. The Township will work to protect these access points for the neighbors but is not interested in advertising the access points broadly to the area, as very few of them have any parking or water amenities.



School Facilities

There are seven (7) schools that provide facilities and program opportunities for recreation and a natural area. These schools are listed below. All of the public schools provide play equipment and several have ball fields, open play fields and play areas. It should be noted that all of the school structures have multi-use gymnasiums that provide space for many types of organized programs.

Lakeshore Elementary - School grounds containing approximately 25 acres in a residential area. The school has two ball fields, play areas, two basketball courts and an all-purpose field.

Lakewood Elementary School - School grounds containing 11.6 acres in a residential area. The school has two ball fields, an all-purpose field, one and one-half basketball courts, tetherball and a playground.

Waukazoo Elementary School - School grounds containing 17.86 acres in a residential setting. The sports facility has two ball fields, two playgrounds, tetherball apparatus, 2 basketball courts, and one small and one regulation soccer field.

Woodside Elementary School - Facility containing 10 acres in a residential area. The school grounds contain two ball fields, one basketball court, an all-purpose field and a playground.

Great Lakes Elementary - School shares a 173-acre complex with the West Ottawa High Schools. The Great Lakes school itself has a hard surface play area, two playgrounds, a soccer field, and a large all-purpose field.

West Ottawa High Schools – The North and South High Schools share a 145-acre complex with the Great Lakes Elementary School. The High Schools collectively have two softball fields, sixteen tennis courts, five soccer fields, 2 football fields, shot-put area, two practice fields, six basketball courts, a running track and a large all-purpose field. The complex also has a range of indoor recreation facilities including basketball courts and a swimming pool. A bike path runs around the entire site.



Private Recreation Facilities

Parks and Campgrounds

Kiwanis Camp - A 33-acre natural area with a meeting hall, including kitchen facilities and restrooms. The site contains a parking area, several natural trails, and a gazebo with drinking fountain bordering the bike path. There is limited public use.

Geneva Camp and Retreat Center - A private Christian based camp consisting of 55 acres which includes 2 camp facilities housing 36 cabins, retreat center, recreation center, chapel, meeting facilities, 3 staff houses, an outdoor swimming pool, basketball court, 2 athletic fields, 3.2 acre lake and a swimming beach along Lake Michigan.

Oak Grove Resort - A full-facility campground with 135 camping sites, two cabins, whirlpool, swimming pool, store, basketball, and video arcade.

Calvinist Church Campgrounds - A 70-acre campground on Ransom Street maintained by the Christian Reformed Church.

Additional private campgrounds - A 20-acre parcel owned by Trinity Church of Holland; 14 acres on 160th Avenue owned by Teen Challenge, Inc., a non-profit organization.

MARINA FACILITIES (All located along Lake Macatawa)

Yacht Basin Marina - 375 slips, limited public dockage, rack storage, and heated storage, private dinner club and swimming pool, boat supplies store, gas dock, hoist facilities and some repair on premises.

Ottawa Beach Marina – Seasonal and Transient slips, limited public dockage and storage, hoist facilities, pump out station, laundry and private restrooms.

Anchorage Marina - 189 slips, limited public dockage and storage, private dining facility, party store, private club with swimming pool, docks, hoist facility and boat repairs.



Eldean's Shipyard - 278 slips, limited public storage and dockage, public dining facility and store, gas docks, hoist, swimming pool, playground, and restrooms.

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club - Private yacht club with no public facilities, dining area, swimming pool, and 83 wet and 102 dry spaces. Numerous other small marinas, repair locations, and charter services are available within the Township.

Miscellaneous Private Facilities

Holland Archery Club - Wooded archery range located adjacent to the former Ottawa County landfill site. The range is open to non-members on a fee basis.

Beechwood-by-the-Bay - 80-acre parcel owned by the Beechwood Reformed Church. This facility contains a church, two storage barns and a wetland with a natural wildlife habitat area.

Our Lady of the Lake - Parcel of land owned by the Catholic Church, containing a ball field.



Regional Recreation Facilities

Due to the location of the Township close to Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa and the City of Holland, there are a wide range of regional recreational facilities available to Park Township residents within close proximity.

Pigeon Lake Public Access (MDNR) - Lakeshore Drive, Port Sheldon Township, 5 acres. Facilities include a hard-surface ramp and 63 parking spaces.

Pigeon Creek Park (Ottawa County Parks) – 282 acres located in Olive Township. This park consists of inland dunes, mature deciduous forest, pine plantations and bottom land forests along the river. The facilities include over 10 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian and cross-country skiing trails, a small sledding hill, picnic area, group camping area, boardwalks, and lodge building with restrooms, concessions and ski rentals.

Kirk Park (Ottawa County Parks) – 68 acres located on Lake Michigan in Grand Haven Township. The park is primarily undeveloped consisting of shoreline dunes, mature deciduous forest, pine plantations and varying topography. Facilities include 1,350 feet of beach, picnic areas with grills, playground equipment, lodge, nature trails and lake overlook deck, restrooms and parking.

Hemlock Crossings/Pine Bend (Ottawa County Parks) – 239 acres of woods and wetlands along the Pigeon River in Port Sheldon Township just west of US 31 on West Olive Road. A pedestrian bridge and numerous overlooks offer scenic views of the river corridor, wetlands, natural springs and woods. Facilities include two small picnic shelters, a kayak/canoe launch, over a mile of paved trail and over 6 miles of trails for hiking and cross-country skiing. Pine Bend is a secondary access on the west end of the property that offers parking and a trailhead.

Boys and Girls Club - offers outside and inside sports activities and homework assistance.

DeGraaf Nature Center (City of Holland) - offers paved trails and nature classes.

VanRaalte Farms (City of Holland) - public walking/hiking trails and sledding hills.

Smallenburg Park (City of Holland) - offers an outdoor rink for ice skating and hockey.

Evergreen Commons Senior Center - offers an indoor pool, arts and crafts classes, music, etc., and adult daycare.



Griffs Ice House West offers indoor ice hockey leagues, skating lessons, and open ice skating.

Golf Courses - a number of golf courses in the vicinity offer from 9 to 27 holes including Macatawa Legends.

Rollxscape Skating Center - offers reserved and open roller skating and blading.

Gymnastics (two facilities) - offer dance, tumbling tots, and gymnastics.

Holland Area Arts Center - offers Friday Family Nights, art exhibits, dance and music recitals.

Karate (four facilities) - offers all martial arts.

Soccer Stop - offers two full-sized and one small indoor field and two medium outdoor fields for league play and soccer lessons.

In addition, the three public school districts (West Ottawa, Holland and Zeeland) and Hope College offer numerous playing fields, tot lots and playgrounds, tennis courts, indoor pools, racquetball and handball courts, and gymnasiums.



Park Township Recreation Programs

The recreation department at Park Township has always strived to meet the needs of its residents by partnering with local and area businesses and instructors. In the past years it has become a priority for Park Township to shift the recreation program model from a passive model to a more hands on approach to better meet the needs of Park Township’s ever growing and diverse community. The ongoing support from the community, Board of Trustees and Township Manager have allowed the Recreation Department to make a shift in how they approach recreation opportunities.

Collaboration currently remains part of Park Township's success. The department meets regularly with surrounding communities, including Holland City and Holland Charter Township, to share resources and align program offerings. The longstanding complementary programming agreement with Holland Charter Township continues to enhance participation numbers and foster mutual respect.

The flagship of the Township’s programs remains its soccer league, which now supports over 750 participants. Fall offerings include co-ed teams for ages 3-6, boys' and girls' teams for grades 1-6, while spring soccer features only Little Kickers and Kinder Kickers leagues. Volunteer coaches and grandparents play a vital role, supported by contracted certified referees and an Equipment Manager. These collective efforts ensure the program maintains its reputation for high quality and affordability, with seasonal fees remaining under \$45.

Park Township continues to offer a diverse range of recreational opportunities, including ballet, karate, pickleball, music, yoga, art classes, and Zumba. New initiatives like cooking lessons, nature-based programs, and lacrosse clinics reflect the Township’s responsiveness to emerging trends. Special events, including the Park Township Summer Concert Series, Lakeshore Track Meet and Ninja Warrior Camp remain highlights of the annual calendar, fostering community connection and celebration.

Looking ahead, Park Township is excited to further leverage its new Community Park, expanding programming in its pickleball courts and nature trails. Plans for future collaborations with regional partners will bring even more enriching opportunities to residents, ensuring that the Township remains committed to offering quality recreational opportunities.



Description of the Planning Process

Recreation planning plays an important role in maintaining the quality of life in a community. If a community is to provide effective recreational opportunities, it needs a way of identifying and solving current problems and anticipating future needs. Recreation planning is one means of obtaining a perspective on these problems; developing realistic alternatives; formulating goals, policies, and recommendations for public and private decisions; developing criteria to measure change; and involving people in the planning, design and decision processes. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan presents an evaluation of Park Township’s recreational needs and opportunities. It considers the existing amenities in and around the plan service area, the current and anticipated demand for additional or improved facilities, and the means for providing those facilities.

This plan is to serve as a guideline for directing Park Township’s operation and maintenance of existing and future facilities and programs to meet the recreational needs of its citizens. The plan summarizes long-term recommendations intended to guide the development of recreation opportunities and describes an action and capital improvement program for implementation over the next five years.

This 2025 Parks and Recreation Plan update was developed by a committee including the Township Manager the Parks and Recreation team. Much of the information used was generated from a Parks and Recreation inventory and asset management plan performed by Township engineers, Prein and Newhof; historical research for the Park Township Plaza by Lafferty Van Heest. Over the last few years, Park Township leadership has made a concerted effort to focus on Parks planning and development. Information in this document is a culmination of that work and data from the previous parks plan.



Public Input

Public input was sought via a township wide survey, conducted online. The survey was designed to measure resident opinions of the current Park Township parks and recreation offerings. Several questions were specifically included and relevant to general Park Township parks planning efforts. The Survey measured the following areas relevant to Parks Planning. Listed below are the summarized results. A copy of the full survey and results can be found in the appendices section of this document.

Park Township Parks & Recreation Survey Analysis

Survey Participation

- **Total Responses:** 193
- The survey data represents a diverse cross-section of the community, covering a range of ages, residency lengths, and household types.

Demographics

Age Distribution

- The majority of respondents were between **55-74 years old (57%)**, highlighting significant input from middle-aged and older residents.
- Minimal responses were received from those under 35, indicating a potential gap in youth engagement.

Gender Distribution

- Responses were fairly balanced between genders, with **47% male** and **52% female**, and a small percentage preferring not to say.

Years of Residency in Park Township

- A large proportion of respondents have lived in Park Township for **over 30 years (32%)**, showcasing a significant voice from long-term residents.
- **17%** have lived in the community for **0-5 years**, indicating growing interest from newer residents.



Key Findings from Closed-Ended Questions

Park Use and Amenities

1. Frequently Used Amenities

- **Walking, hiking, and biking trails (95%)** were the most-used features, followed by **public water access (52%)** and **playgrounds (35%)**.
- Emerging popularity was noted for **pickleball courts (29%)**, reflecting interest in new recreation trends.

2. ADA Accessibility

- **11% of households** expressed a need for ADA-accessible facilities, underscoring a gap in accessibility that should be addressed.

3. Household Types

- **41% of respondents** were empty nesters, reflecting a significant portion of older residents without children at home.

Key Findings from Open-Ended Questions

What Residents Value in Parks

1. Nature and Trails

- Walking trails, natural beauty, and clean, well-maintained parks were highlighted as the most valued aspects.
- Parks like **Stu Visser Trails** and **Keppel Forest** were frequently mentioned for their serene trails.

Example responses:

- "They are clean, well-maintained, and visitor friendly."
- "Nature trails."

2. Pickleball and Recreational Facilities

- **Pickleball courts** were a standout feature, particularly at Park Township Community Park.

Example responses:

- "Pickleball courts at Park Township Community Park; looking forward to further development of the park"
- "Former Airport--pickleball"



3. **Family-Friendly Amenities**

- Playgrounds and spaces for children were appreciated by families, making them an important consideration for future investments.

Example responses:

- "Walking, play gyms for grandkids."

What Residents Dislike About Parks

1. **Lack of Restrooms**

- This was the most common complaint, particularly at Stu Visser Trails and Park Township Community Park.

Example Responses:

- "Stu Visser Trails need to have some sort of bathroom facility. At least put a porta-potty at one end."
- "Lack of nice restrooms at Park Township Community Park."

2. **Trail Limitations**

- Respondents expressed a desire for longer or more connected trails.

Example Responses:

- "Trails are not long enough."
- "Would like to see the trail extended at Stu Visser Trails to make it a loop instead of out-and-back."

3. **Safety Concerns**

- Insufficient lighting and isolated areas were noted as safety issues, particularly on trails.

Example Responses:

- "Trails are limited in available lighting/security."
- "Some areas feel too isolated."

4. **Maintenance Needs**



- Parks like Wendt Park were highlighted as needing updates or additional care.

Example Responses:

- "Wendt Park can use some care and updates."
- "The parks I didn't list don't seem as well-maintained as others."

5. **Overuse and Scheduling Conflicts**

- Some respondents noted that organized events at parks limited their casual use opportunities.

Example Responses:

- "Too many organized events make it hard for casual use."

Priority Improvements

1. **Expanded Amenities**

- Enhance existing parks with restrooms, improved lighting, and expanded trails.

2. **New Facilities**

- Add features like splash pads, disc golf courses, and indoor walking spaces, as requested by respondents.

3. **Accessibility and Inclusivity**

- Invest in ADA-compliant upgrades across parks and facilities.

4. **Program Expansion**

- Increase recreational offerings, including fitness classes, youth programs, and senior activities.
- Continue building on popular trends like pickleball and add new classes (e.g., outdoor yoga and STEM programs).

5. **Communication and Outreach**

- Improve awareness of available amenities and programs through social media, newsletters, and flyers.
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Conclusion

The combined surveys reveal strong community support for maintaining and improving Park Township’s parks and recreational offerings. Prioritizing infrastructure updates, expanding program diversity, and addressing accessibility and safety concerns will ensure Park Township continues to meet the evolving needs of its residents.



Survey Methodology

Online Survey: The online survey conducted by Park Township was part of an extensive effort to engage residents in shaping recreational priorities. To ensure broad participation, the surveys were distributed to over 2,000 email addresses, demonstrating a strong commitment to reaching a diverse cross-section of the community. The survey was sent out via email to those who signed up for our online newsletter. The survey was also sent out via social media and shared across multiple community social media pages. These efforts provided valuable insights into community needs, including preferences for enhanced trails, nature spaces, and new recreational opportunities like pickleball. The robust outreach strategy underscores the Township's dedication to inclusive and representative planning. The Survey was open for participation from November 15th, 2024, until December 4th, 2024. In total 193 usable responses were recorded.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Meeting: The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was available for distribution on the Townships Website and at the Township offices on December 19th, 2024. It was presented to the Board of Trustees at a public meeting, on January 30, 2025. The Township draft plan was available for review from December 19th, 2024, until January 19th, 2025. On January 30, 2025 the public meeting was held to provide residents an opportunity to voice their feedback. The plan and public hearing were advertised in local media newspaper, on the Township Website, electronic newsletter and posted on the lighted message board at the Fairgrounds. Meeting minutes summarizing comments and discussion items can be found in the Appendices of this report.



General Public Input Conclusions

Throughout the last few years, the township has held community meetings on every major park development project. Parks Development has been a focal point of the last 4 years. The Township board has had numerous discussions on this topic and received input at many public meetings dealing with various park projects.

Overall, the public is quite satisfied with the Parks and Recreation assets available in the community. A common concern is to ensure that the Township has the available assets to maintain and improve our existing inventory of Parks. There is a concern that the township needs to work on not overcommitting itself. Our residents have generally been highly supportive of millage efforts to maintain both parks and bike path assets over the years.

In terms of new assets, the creation of trails and open space are often seen as a priority. Residents value the rural character that open space brings to the community and has repeatedly expressed desire to maintain and improve upon that goal.

Various demographic and interest groups have expressed a desire for additional assets. Pickleball players from Park Township lobbied the board to construct new courts at Winstrom Park. The new facilities have been a major hit and are well utilized. This has led the Parks and Recreation Program staff to coordinate various open pickleball play both indoor at the community center and outside in the summer at Winstrom Park. This represents how effective community engagement can have a dramatic effect on the success of new park assets.



Needs Assessment

The previous plan focused the needs assessment model on a recommended mathematical calculation of how much park land exists in Park Township vs. the recommended amount of land space per capita, published by the American Park and Recreation Society. While this can be an effective tool for gauging general standards, it is not community specific, nor does it look at the value of each park and or asset. In fact, the American Park and Recreation Society recognize that these standards should not be the primary emphasis, but rather the needs, desires and specific demands of the community should be prioritized. We have attached and updated the needs and deficiencies section of the 2015 recreation plan in the Appendices section of this document as a reference.

From conversation with residents, Board of Trustees, surveys, and community input, residents and community leaders feel that Park Township has an abundance of Open Space and Recreational Assets. Moreover, our community has a large tourist component. Much of our community is centered on boating, fishing, and water activities.

Resident and leadership feedback has provided the following general needs.

1. Resident and community leaders have focused their comments on ensuring that Park Township Parks are maintained at a high level of community standard. There has been a great deal of effort to ensure that resources are available for long term maintenance and upgrades. Staff has and will continue to focus on upgrading existing facilities and installing low maintenance equipment / site design principles to more effectively manage our resources.
2. Various user groups, seniors in particular, have lobbied for additional recreational amenities to suit their population demographic. Other demographic groups (i.e. families with young children) also have unique needs which need to be addressed. The Township needs to do more active research and planning around various park and recreation assets that focus on specific user / demographic groups.
3. Residents have consistently voiced the desire to maintain a rural character and feel in parts of the Township. Residents have also prioritized general passive open space recreation and trails development as a priority.



Goals and Objectives

Park Township has developed the following goals and objectives for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs. These goals and objectives are based upon the recreation inventory and the needs assessment Community Meetings, and direct input from citizens, elected and appointed Township officials and Township staff.

The goals are long-range, broad in scope, and flexible to accommodate future change. The objectives are specific and intended to direct program and development decisions to be made during the next five years. The goals and objectives are flexible enough to reflect changing attitudes and opportunities as they may present themselves. Time and attitude changes can impact specific options. It is therefore essential for the Township to be responsive to its citizens and evolving needs.

GOAL 1: PROVIDE A VARIETY OF YEAR-ROUND RECREATION FACILITIES, PROGRAMS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGE GROUPS AND ABILITIES TO MEET THE PRESENT AND FUTURE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF PARK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.

Objectives:

- When developing / creating additional park land, such acquisition needs to have a focus on an unserved population and long-standing resident desires. Unless there is a major unmet demand identified, new park acquisitions should generally support open space, trails and natural resource areas as a primary focal point. A focus on identifying land that supports the Townships rural character should be prioritized.
- Develop athletic related facilities (baseball, pickleball, softball and soccer). Focus on activities that will have a large following and offer a strong value-added proposition. (I.e. relatively inexpensive re-development of the Disc Golf Course, which is now seen as a top-quality course in the region).
- Improve all parks to be universally accessible.
- Address the fairgrounds future utilization for parks and recreation.
- Plan areas that will offer both passive and active recreation opportunities.
- Evaluate and implement improvements and programming in our parks to encourage winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snow shoeing at parks with established trail systems. Cooper Van Wieren, Keppel, Stu Visser, Etc.



GOAL 2: PROVIDE A GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED SYSTEM OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP.

Objectives:

- Provide parks at appropriate locations to assure that recreation opportunities are accessible by persons living in all areas of the Township.
- Consider expansion possibilities for community-wide and neighborhood park facilities.

GOAL 3: ACQUIRE, PROTECT, AND PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO LANDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND HIGH-QUALITY NATURAL FEATURES.

Objectives:

- Identify and preserve naturally sensitive areas.
- When possible, evaluate the acquisition of property adjacent to existing parks for ecological preservation.
- Evaluate the marsh land south of Ottawa Beach Rd and the church property adjacent to Stu Visser for purchase.

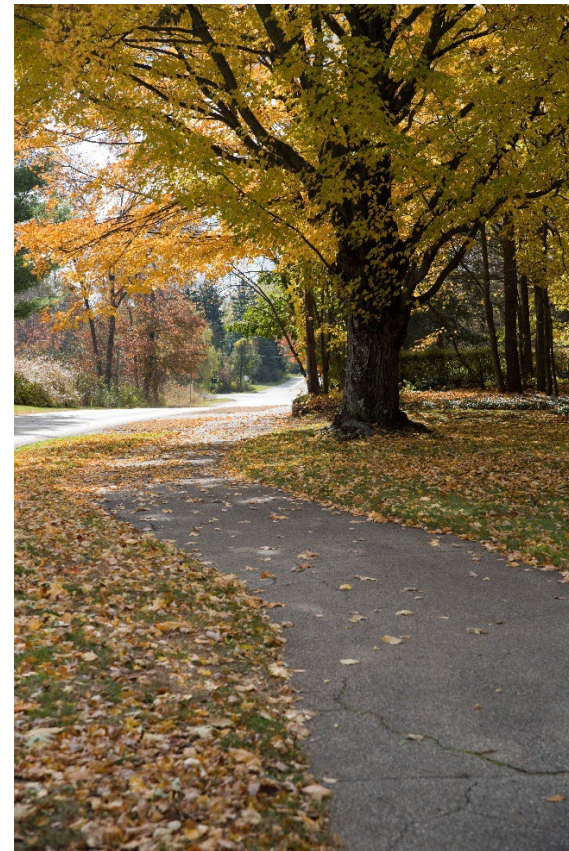
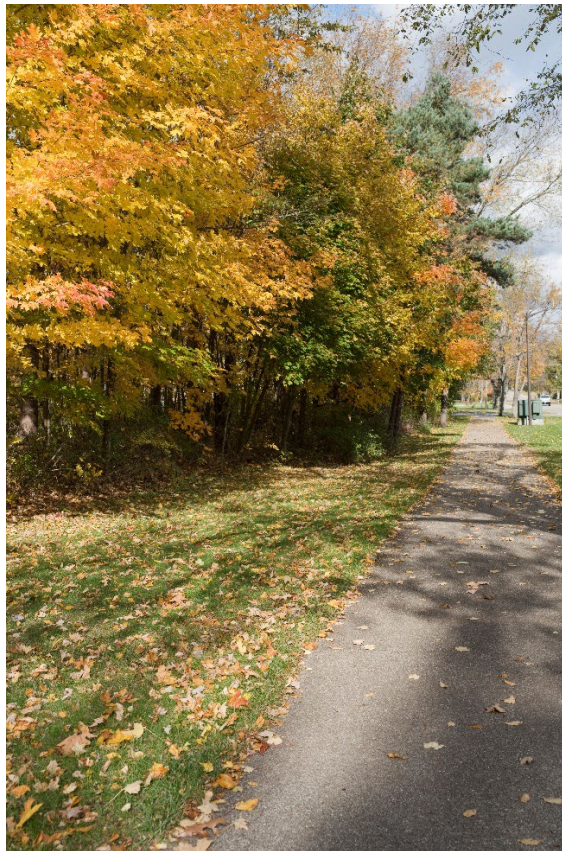




GOAL 4: MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE TOWNSHIPS EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK TO COMPLETE A NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEM THAT CONNECTS RESIDENTIAL AND SCHOOL PROPERTIES TO PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, WATERFRONTS, AND STREAM CORRIDORS.

Objectives:

- Expand the trail system to create more links between recreation and residential areas.
- Develop bike path rest stops with informational signage at key intersection locations.
- Continue to implement recommendations identified in the non-motorized asset management plans to maintain a high quality non-motorized trail system.

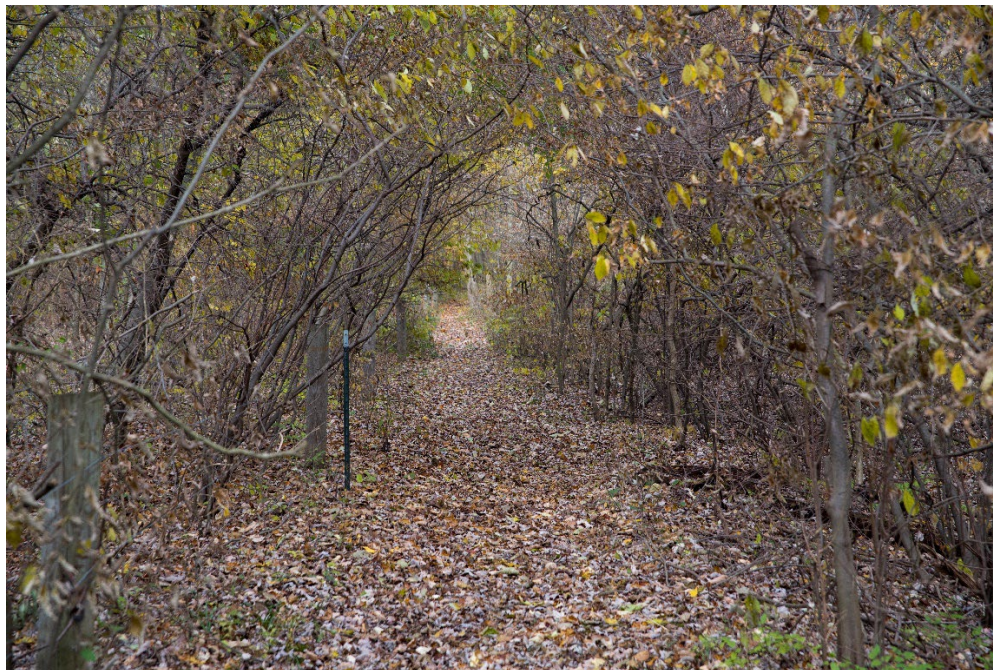




GOAL 5: COLLABORATE WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP. OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS & REC, NATURE CONSERVANCIES, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES, ETC.

Objectives:

- Work with nature conservancies and seek/acquire joint funding to link existing parks and recreation lands through bike paths, walking paths, and greenspace.
- Work with Ottawa County and neighboring communities to acquire/ preserve natural greenways and provide regional recreational opportunities. Support the County in the implementation of the Grand River Greenway Plan.
- Work with the Outdoor Discovery Center / Macatawa Greenway coordinating future acquisitions.
- Complement the recreational opportunities provided by Tunnel Park and Riley Trails.
- Encourage the expansion of private recreational development to supplement public development programs.
- Work with local groups like the West Michigan Mountain Biking Association (WMMBA) to expand the Cooper Van Wieren Park trail system and build out park/ bike elements.





GOAL 6: IMPROVE WATERFRONT ACCESS TO BOTH LAKE MICHIGAN AND LAKE MACATAWA WHILE RESPECTING THE PRIVACY OF NEIGHBORING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Objectives:

- Protect existing publicly owned property, including street ends to provide better waterfront access.
- Acquire additional waterfront property adjacent to publicly owned waterfront properties and street ends.
- Preserve the privacy and value of adjacent residential properties at street end water access locations.
- Implement and expand water recreation planning throughout the park system. Identify local water trails to expand upon.





GOAL 7: EXPAND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH REGARDING PARKS AND RECREATION.

Objectives:

- Utilize social media and the township website to post Parks and Recreation related news, updates, and programming opportunities.
- Look to receive feedback from the community for park related projects, updates, and programming.
- Notify the public of existing parks/non-motorized trails and the recreational opportunities currently available.
- Be more vocal about celebrating the accomplishments of the Parks and Recreation program.
- Update Park entrance signage and maps to for consistent on site communication and branding.

GOAL 8: CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY PARK VISION THAT WAS DEVELOPED USING EXTENSIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Objectives:

- Work with the Community Center Committee to begin the process of constructing the new community center building.
- Offer year-round indoor and outdoor programming, community events, and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.
- Continue to follow the Community Park Master Plan and use it as a guideline for implementing future park elements.

GOAL 9: EXPAND THE EXISTING PICKLEBALL COURTS INTO A REGIONALLY KNOWN PICKLEBALL COMPLEX THAT SERVES AS DESTINATION FOR THE SPORT.

Objectives:

- Expand the facilities as shown in Community Park Master Plan.
- Additional 10 courts to the North
- Covered championship courts and viewing area.
- Restroom building and community plaza space.
- Additional parking and site amenities.
- Work with local pickleball clubs and organizations to host tournaments, community events, and establish day to day court schedules and rules.



GOAL 10: BE A LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Objectives:

- Establish and track measurable results to create a best practices program.
- Implement Invasive Species Plan from ODC.
- Reduce mowing throughout the park system where possible.
- Implement green infrastructure improvements when possible, when developing or renovating park properties.



GOAL 11: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR EACH PARK TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Objectives:

- Develop consistent park maps to help first responders and the public connect in emergencies and medical situations more quickly.
- Invite first responders to help develop and review parks maps to understand the challenges of each site



Action Plan and Capital Improvement Schedule

Action Program

The Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule for Park Township states the proposed course of acquisition and development plan that will be taken over the next five-year period. The Goals and Objectives serve as the guidelines for the development of the Action Program. The Capital Improvement Schedule will focus on the needs identified in the Action Program and will project potential expenditures for the five-year action period on a year-by-year basis, beginning in 2025 and extending through 2029.

The Action Program focuses on the reduction of current deficiencies and the expansion and improvement of facilities in a manner that not only meets current needs but diversifies the quantity and quality of recreational opportunities within the Township. This Parks and Recreation Plan identifies these needs in general terms in the Recreation Needs and Deficiencies section; the Action Plan describes specific actions to be taken to address these needs; and the Capital Improvement Schedule specifically itemizes those projects which will be most feasible during the next five years. The proposed schedule will allow for flexibility as funds become available and as opportunities are presented. Proposed actions involve improvements to existing facilities and the addition of new facilities and programs.

This action program looks at some of the potential that might evolve in the next five years, but also looks beyond to future years. Some of the acquisitions listed may not be necessary for several years or more but should be accomplished as opportunities occur, to place the land necessary for future generations in the public trust. A degree of flexibility should be maintained to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves, which will revise and refine these actions based upon both funding opportunities and community opinion.



Capital Improvement Schedule

As stated in the Action Program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. Assistance will be solicited from all available sources and will include both physical and financial support. Local businesses, service organizations, land developers, governmental agencies and the school district will be solicited for monetary and material support. The Township will also seek funding assistance from all available sources such as trusts, charitable foundations, and all Federal and State funding programs.

The following schedule is a breakdown of the anticipated projects and projected funding for the next five years beginning in 2025. As stated in the Action Program, improvements and development will occur as funds and opportunities evolve. All projections are based upon the year 2025 costs and will be refined as the program progresses and the scope of work is determined. Changes in the program may occur if projected funding levels increase or decrease, but it is anticipated that the changes would be related more to adjustments in the time schedule rather than specific projects. Proposed projects will be scaled back as necessary if funding goals are not met.



Park Township Capital Improvement Plan

Asset Type	Department	Project	Status	Funding Source	Total Project Cost	FY 2023 / 2024	FY 2024 / 2025	FY 2025 / 2026	FY 2026 / 2027	FY 2027 / 2028	FY 2028 / 2029	FY 2029 / 2030
Indoor Facilities	Parks	New Community Center	Identified per PTCP Plan	Insurance Proceeds/TBD	10,000,000					2,000,000	8,000,000	
	Parks	Maatman Center - general upgrades including security	Discussion	TBD	TBD							
	Parks	Keppel Forest replica cabin	Discussion	TBD	TBD							
	Grand Total - Indoor Facilities				10,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	8,000,000	-



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Parks/Fairgrounds	Community Park	Pickleball-Phase I	Under Construction	General Fund Transfers from Recognized American Rescue Plan Act Funds	1,110,000	650,000	460,000					
	Community Park	Trails	Board Approved	Cap Impv Fund	107,963	24,076	87,780					
	Community Park	Pollinator Habitat/Butterfly Garden/Tree Grant	Board Approved 1/11/24	Consumer's Tree Grant/Cap Impv Fund	147,100		124,850		22,250			
	Community Park	Historic Hangar/Music Venue	Planning	Cap Impv Fund	200,000	50,000	150,000					
	Community Park	Restrooms/Pathways/Parking	Preliminary Costs/Plan	Land and Water Conservation Fund/Cap Impv Fund	1,193,300			1,193,300				
	Community Park	Nature Based Playground	Preliminary Costs/Plan	TBD	955,000				955,000			
	Community Park	Pickleball-Phase II	Identified per Plan	General Fund Transfers/TBD	2,155,000			2,155,000				
	Community Park	Splash Pad	Identified per Plan	TBD	475,000					475,000		
	Community Park	Parking	Identified per Plan	Cap Impv Fund/TBD	896,000					896,000		
	Winstrom Park	Trails/Nature Preserve	Preliminary Costs/Plan	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund/Cap Impv Fund	626,200			626,200				
	Wendt Park	Wendt Park South bathroom update	Preliminary Costs/Plan	Parks Fund	10,000			10,000				
	Wendt Park	Additional play structures, universal design improvements	Placeholder	TBD	TBD							
	Wendt Park	Parking Lot Reconfiguration	Costs/Specs Identified	Cap Impv Fund/TBD	247,000					247,000		
	Fairgrounds	Play Structure	Board Approved 11/9/23	Cap Impv Fund/Donated equipment from Sinclair Recreation (Costs represent Township share)	198,837	116,886	81,951					
	Southshore Landing	Rip Rap Installation	Board Approved 10/12/23	Cap Impv Fund	79,500		79,500					
	Signage	3-4 signs, locations to be determined	Placeholder	Cap Impv Fund	100,000		50,000	50,000				
	Lake Access Points	Quincy and James Street Lake Access	Placeholder	Cap Impv Fund	45,000		45,000					
	Ransom Park	Playground/accessibility improvements	Discussion	TBD	TBD							
	Stu Visser Trails	Purchase land from Beechwood Reformed Church/expand internal trails	Discussion	TBD	TBD							
	Stu Visser Trails	Purchase and development of prairie marsh property in Pine Bay/ possible adjacent property purchase/kayak	Discussion	TBD	TBD							
	Cooper Van Wieren	Continued trail development/ addition work to provide winter use	Discussion	TBD	TBD							
	Cooper Van Wieren	Cooper VanWieren trailhead	Placeholder	Cap Impv Fund	30,000		30,000					
	All Parks	Accessibility enhancements as needed	TBD	TBD	TBD							
	Grand Total				8,575,900	840,962	1,109,081	4,034,500	977,250	1,618,000	-	-



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Asset Type	Location	Project	Status	Funding Source	Total Project Cost	FY 2023 / 2024	FY 2024 / 2025	FY 2025 / 2026	FY 2026 / 2027	FY 2027 / 2028	FY 2028 / 2029	FY 2029 / 2030
	160th Avenue	Additional drainage work impacting bike paths	Planning	Bike Path Millage	100,000		100,000					
				CMAQ and Carbon Reduction grant fund 77% of construction (through OCRC); remainder Bike Path								
	152nd Avenue	Pathway Extension from Quincy to Ransom	Preliminary Engineering, Easements obtained	Millage	212,000	100,000	25,330	86,670				
	James Street	Reconstruct 2 Wood Retaining Walls	Planning	Bike Path Millage	370,000			370,000				
	152nd Avenue	Resurface 1 mile, from Post Ave to Lakewood Blvd	Planning	Bike Path Millage	185,000				185,000			
		Resurface 2.7 miles: 168th to Duneview Ct, Perry to Lakewood, and James to Quincy - originally projected for FY 24/25	Planning	Bike Path Millage	440,000			220,000	220,000			
	Lakeshore Drive	Reconstruct 1 Wood Retaining Wall at New Holland	Planning	Bike Path Millage	110,000				110,000			
	Butternut Drive	Resurface 2.8 miles, Breeze Dr. to Division; originally projected for FY 2025/2026	Planning	Bike Path Millage	600,000					300,000	300,000	
	Ottawa Beach Road	Resurface 12.7 miles of pathway; originally projected for FY 26/27 *	Planning	TBD	2,125,000				2,125,000			
	Various	Reconstruct 1 Wood Retaining Wall at Lakeshore and James	Planning	TBD	125,000					125,000		
	Lakeshore Drive	Resurface 4.4 miles of pathway	Planning	TBD	1,145,000					1,145,000		
	Ottawa Beach Road	Reconstruct 2 Wood Retaining Walls	Planning	TBD	130,000						130,000	
	Various	Resurface 4.1 miles of Pathway	Planning	TBD	930,000						930,000	
Grand Total - Shared Use Pathways					6,472,000	100,000	125,330	676,670	2,640,000	1,570,000	1,360,000	-

Appendix

Constant Contact Survey Results

Campaign Name: Park Township | Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2025 Survey-copy

Survey Starts: 240

Survey Submits: 75

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

What is your age?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Under 18			0	0%
18-24			0	0%
25-34			1	1%
34-44			13	17%
45-54			6	8%
55-64			13	17%
65-74			29	38%
75 or older			13	17%
Total Responses			75	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Please indicate the gender with which you identify.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Male			38	50%
Female			35	46%
Non-binary			0	0%
Prefer not to say			2	2%
Total Responses			75	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How many years have you been a Park Township Resident?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
0-5			10	13%
6-10			8	10%
11-20			12	16%
21-30			14	18%
31-50			22	29%
50+			5	6%
Not a resident of Park Township			4	5%
Total Responses			75	100%

OPEN QUESTION

What is your address? (Please note, this is for geographic analysis and will not be used to identify any individual)

3655 N 160th

Laketown

15754 James Street

63 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of these categories best applies to your household?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Couple with children at home	<div></div>		17	22%
Couple, no children	<div></div>		15	20%
Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)	<div></div>		32	42%
Single with children at home	<div></div>		2	2%
Multi-generational home (grandparents, parents, children)	<div></div>		1	1%
Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)	<div></div>		8	10%
Total Responses			75	100%

OPEN QUESTION

If there are children in your home, How many are there and what are their ages?

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One aged 3 years

x2 (12, 8)

18 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (American with Disabilities) facilities and services?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes	<div></div>		3	4%
No	<div></div>		72	96%
Total Responses			75	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Do you or a member of your household own a dog?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		25	33%
No	<div><div></div></div>		49	66%
Total Responses			74	100%

CHECKBOXES

Of the Townships major parks, Which are your top 3 most frequented parks?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Wendt Park	<div><div></div></div>		14	20%
Winstrom Park	<div><div></div></div>		47	70%
Cooper-Van Wieren Park	<div><div></div></div>		5	7%
Keppel Forest	<div><div></div></div>		22	32%
Ransom Street Park	<div><div></div></div>		7	10%
Stu Visser Trails	<div><div></div></div>		38	56%
Virginia Park	<div><div></div></div>		7	10%
Park Township Dog Park	<div><div></div></div>		8	11%
David L. Dirkse Skate Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Park Township Community Park (Former Airport)	<div><div></div></div>		33	49%
Total Responses			67	100%

CHECKBOXES

Of the Townships major parks, Which are your top 3 most frequented parks?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Wendt Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Winstrom Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Cooper-Van Wieren Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Keppel Forest	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Ransom Street Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Stu Visser Trails	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Virginia Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Park Township Dog Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
David L. Dirkse Skate Park	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Park Township Community Park (Former Airport)	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Total Responses			0	100%

OPEN QUESTION

What do you like the most about your top 3 most frequented parks? (Please identify which park and reasons)

I like open play.

Nature

At Wendt and Winstrom Parks, I like that the play structures are suitable for all ages from toddler through adult; even adults can climb on them and do pull-ups. At Wendt, Winstrom, and Stu Visser, I like that there are trails suitable for walking, running, and bicycling through nice vegetated areas with mature trees. I like that major bike paths lead to all of these parks.

55 Response(s)

OPEN QUESTION

What do you not like about the parks you didn't list in your top 3? (Please identify which park and reasons)

Small play ground

N/a

Nothing I don't like, just aren't as close to my residence.

34 Response(s)

CHECKBOXES

Which of the following amenities does your household use when visiting parks and recreation facilities in Park Township? (Select your top 5)

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Walking, hiking and/or biking Trails	<div></div>		68	93%
Shelters or picnic facilities	<div></div>		14	19%
Playgrounds	<div></div>		24	32%
Nature centers	<div></div>		18	24%
Dog parks	<div></div>		9	12%
Community centers	<div></div>		8	10%
Public water access (Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, Road Ends, Ect.)	<div></div>		44	60%
Basketball Courts	<div></div>		2	2%
Tennis Courts	<div></div>		11	15%
Soccer or sports fields	<div></div>		10	13%
Disc golf courses	<div></div>		10	13%
Skate parks	<div></div>		0	0%
Pickleball courts	<div></div>		30	41%
Other	<div></div>		2	2%
Total Responses			73	100%

OPEN QUESTION

What amenities do you frequent outside of Park Township that you wish to be located in our parks?

Splash pad

Use the county parks as well for walking. Use other parks for pickleball

Bike park/ pump track and mountain bike trails.

33 Response(s)

CHECKBOXES

What are the most important areas that, if addressed by Park Township, would increase your use of parks and recreation facilities, services and programs? Select your top 3.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Better condition/updated parks or facilities	<div></div>		24	36%
Better lighting (parks, trails, and facilities)	<div></div>		13	20%
Better access to parks near my home/residence (sidewalks, public transit, ect.)	<div></div>		10	15%
Improved safety and security	<div></div>		8	12%
Public water access (Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, Road Ends, Ect.)	<div></div>		36	55%
Improved communication about offerings	<div></div>		15	23%
Better parking	<div></div>		9	13%
Facilities closer to where I live or work	<div></div>		4	6%
Expanded hours of operation	<div></div>		1	1%
More facilities and amenities	<div></div>		11	16%
Better signage/wayfinding	<div></div>		4	6%
Lower Pricing/user fees	<div></div>		5	7%
Better accessibility for people with disabilities	<div></div>		2	3%
Better customer service/staff knowledge	<div></div>		1	1%
More programs	<div></div>		10	15%
Other	<div></div>		4	6%
Total Responses			65	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please give an explanation of what and how Park Township can resolve the issues you selected in the previous question.

Build splash pad at airport. No one needs more pickleball courts, it's a fad.

Increase the number of water access points. Add bicycle racks at water access points.

Increase number of pickleball courts at the Community (airport) location. Could easily double in capacity and demand will be seen!

32 Response(s)

RANK ORDER






Over the next 5 to 10 years, What are the most important needs for parks and recreation facilities and amenities to be added, expanded, or improved upon in Park Township? (Please rank from most important to least important)

Answer Choice	Average Rank	Ranked 1	Ranked 2	Ranked 3	Ranked 4	Ranked 5	Ranked 6	Ranked 7	Ranked 8	Ranked 9	Ranked 10
Adding trails in neighborhood parks and/or connecting parks to area trail systems	3.73	16 (25%)	12 (18%)	11 (17%)	4 (6%)	2 (3%)	6 (9%)	6 (9%)	3 (4%)	2 (3%)	2 (3%)
Public water access (Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, Road Ends, Ect.)	4.41	16 (25%)	16 (25%)	3 (4%)	2 (3%)	4 (6%)	3 (4%)	1 (1%)	4 (6%)	10 (15%)	5 (7%)
Acquiring land for new parks	5.97	6 (9%)	8 (12%)	8 (12%)	5 (7%)	4 (6%)	4 (6%)	1 (1%)	5 (7%)	5 (7%)	18 (28%)
Additional recreation amenities (playgrounds, sports courts, ect.) in existing parks	5.28	6 (9%)	5 (7%)	10 (15%)	7 (10%)	3 (4%)	7 (10%)	11 (17%)	8 (12%)	4 (6%)	3 (4%)
Providing resources to connect with community services (mental health, housing, food, ect.)	6.92	1 (1%)	4 (6%)	2 (3%)	5 (7%)	7 (10%)	6 (9%)	10 (15%)	7 (10%)	9 (14%)	13 (20%)
Additional youth educational programs (arts, S.T.E.M., ect.)	6.14	3 (4%)	3 (4%)	4 (6%)	8 (12%)	8 (12%)	7 (10%)	7 (10%)	10 (15%)	11 (17%)	3 (4%)
Additional youth fitness, sports, healthy lifestyle programs	6.36	1 (1%)	3 (4%)	6 (9%)	5 (7%)	9 (14%)	10 (15%)	7 (10%)	7 (10%)	8 (12%)	8 (12%)

Additional senior programs (fitness, mental health, healthy lifestyle, hobby/social clubs, ect.)	5.06	7 (10%)	7 (10%)	10 (15%)	8 (12%)	3 (4%)	8 (12%)	7 (10%)	2 (3%)	7 (10%)	5 (7%)
Additional adult educational programs (art, nature, cultural, person/professional development, ect.)	5.77	3 (4%)	3 (4%)	5 (7%)	13 (20%)	9 (14%)	5 (7%)	4 (6%)	13 (20%)	4 (6%)	5 (7%)
Additional adult fitness, sports, healthy lifestyle programs to you?	5.36	5 (7%)	3 (4%)	5 (7%)	7 (10%)	15 (23%)	8 (12%)	10 (15%)	5 (7%)	4 (6%)	2 (3%)
Total Responses	64										

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How far are you willing to drive from your home (one direction), to get to a recreation class, program or clinic?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Less than 1 mile			3	4%
5 miles			31	43%
10 Miles			10	14%
15 Miles			2	2%
Anywhere in Park Township			25	35%
Total Responses			71	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Of the Park Township goals listed below, Select the 3 that Park Township should focus on in the next 5 years.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Provide year-round recreation facilities and program opportunities for individuals of all age groups and abilities	<div></div>		16	22%
Provide a geographically balanced system of park and recreation facilities	<div></div>		5	7%
Expand the availability of waterfront access to both Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa	<div></div>		17	23%
Acquire and/or protect land of special interests and of unique natural traits	<div></div>		8	11%
Maintain and expand the existing network of bike paths and pedestrian trails throughout Park Township	<div></div>		11	15%
Partner with nature conservancies to link existing parks and recreational lands through bike paths, walking paths and greenspaces	<div></div>		5	7%
Partner with local and surrounding organizations so that recreation programs for all ages are accessible, beneficial and reasonably priced.	<div></div>		5	7%
Partner with Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission to provide recreation opportunities	<div></div>		4	5%
Total Responses			71	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Are there other goals that you feel Park Township should focus on in the next 5 years?

Unable to check more than 1 goal.

Expand the availability of waterfront access to both Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa.
Maintain and expand the existing network of bike paths and pedestrian trails throughout Park Township.

I do think that pickleball is a perfect sport to engage all ages and athletic abilities. We have a phenomenal start of a complex that will be enjoyed for generations.

27 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Overall, do you think Park Township is currently investing the right amount of funding in parks and recreation programs?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
No, the Township should increase funding	<div><div></div></div>		9	12%
Don't know/uncertain	<div><div></div></div>		37	52%
Yes, the currently funding is about right	<div><div></div></div>		20	28%
No, the Township should decrease funding	<div><div></div></div>		5	7%
Total Responses			71	100%

CHECKBOXES

What is the best way for you to receive information on parks and recreation facilities, services, and programs? (check all that apply)

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Social Media	<div><div></div></div>		20	27%
Email	<div><div></div></div>		52	72%
Local Media	<div><div></div></div>		7	9%
Park Township website	<div><div></div></div>		29	40%
Newsletter	<div><div></div></div>		34	47%
Printed activity guide/brochure	<div><div></div></div>		14	19%
Flyers/posters at businesses	<div><div></div></div>		1	1%
Other	<div><div></div></div>		0	0%
Total Responses			72	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please provide any additional comments on parks and recreation facilities, programs and services in Park Township.

Thank you.

The parks we have are in good places and are in good shape. Let's keep them great and keep them connected by high-quality bike paths.

Love living here!

17 Response(s)

Constant Contact Survey Results

Campaign Name: Park Township | Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2025 Survey

Survey Starts: 339

Survey Submits: 118

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

What is your age?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Under 18			0	0%
18-24			0	0%
25-34			1	0%
34-44	<div></div>		13	11%
45-54	<div></div>		12	10%
55-64	<div></div>		39	33%
65-74	<div></div>		29	24%
75 or older	<div></div>		24	20%
Total Responses			118	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Please indicate the gender with which you identify.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Male	<div></div>		53	44%
Female	<div></div>		65	55%
Non-binary			0	0%
Prefer not to say			0	0%
Total Responses			118	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How many years have you been a Park Township Resident?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
0-5	<div></div>		24	20%
6-10	<div></div>		16	13%
11-20	<div></div>		18	15%
21-30	<div></div>		24	20%
31-50	<div></div>		28	23%
50+	<div></div>		8	6%
Not a resident of Park Township			0	0%
Total Responses			118	100%

OPEN QUESTION

What is your address? (Please note, this is for geographic analysis and will not be used to identify any individual)

1270 bentwood court
Wintersun Place
1709 Ottawa Beach Road
Valley view ave
431 Chippewa
1371 Waukazoo
Eagle Blvd
982 N Baywood Dr Holland
Zeeland
727 Lillian street
676 Bayshore Dr., Holland, 49424
northside of Holland
104 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of these categories best applies to your household?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Couple with children at home	<div></div>		21	17%
Couple, no children	<div></div>		37	31%
Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)	<div></div>		48	41%
Single with children at home	<div></div>		3	2%
Multi-generational home (grandparents, parents, children)	<div></div>		2	1%
Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)	<div></div>		6	5%
Total Responses			117	100%

OPEN QUESTION

If there are children in your home, How many are there and what are their ages?

two, 16 and 17
2 - one is 17 and one is 13
three children 6, 8, 10
Both children are adults, working and going to college.
2 kids ages 17 & 19
3 kids. Ages 10, 8, and 6
2, 9 - 11
27 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Does your household have a need for ADA-accessible (American with Disabilities) facilities and services?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			14	11%
No			103	88%
Total Responses			117	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Do you or a member of your household own a dog?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			40	34%
No			77	65%
Total Responses			117	100%

CHECKBOXES

Of the Townships major parks, Which are your top 3 most frequented parks?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Wendt Park			0	0%
Winstrom Park			0	0%
Cooper-Van Wieren Park			0	0%
Keppel Forest			0	0%
Ransom Street Park			0	0%
Stu Visser Trails			0	0%
Virginia Park			0	0%
Park Township Dog Park			0	0%
David L. Dirkse Skate Park			0	0%
Park Township Community Park (Former Airport)			0	0%
Total Responses			0	100%

OPEN QUESTION

What do you like the most about your top 3 most frequented parks? (Please identify which park and reasons)

walking trails

Keppel park because it is almost right across the street from us

Walking, play gyms for grandkids

Natural trails at Stu Visser Trails

Pickleball courts at Park Township Community Park; looking forward to further development of the park

Dog Park. Exercise & meet people
Bridle-walking/bird's

Nature trails.

They are clean, well maintained and visitor friendly. Thank you!

The walking trails

Location for each one

We're just getting acquainted with the parks after moving here and recovery from a health issue.

Former Airport-- pickleball
Virginia---pickleball
Stu Visser--hiking

93 Response(s)

OPEN QUESTION

What do you not like about the parks you didn't list in your top 3? (Please identify which park and reasons)

i don't think i have been to the others

Lack of nice restrooms at Park Township Community Park

Wendt park can use some care and updates. Not a lot of complaints to make about any of our parks thankfully.

Stu Visser trails need to have some sort of bathroom facility. At least put a porta potty and one end or the other. I would also like to see that trail extended so it could be a loop instead of and out-and-back.

I don't dislike any of them, but prefer hiking trails.

Trails not long enough

Nothing really

No indoor walking areas

Don't find a reason to visit

Nothing

60 Response(s)

CHECKBOXES

Which of the following amenities does your household use when visiting parks and recreation facilities in Park Township? (Select your top 5)

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Walking, hiking and/or biking Trails	<div></div>		112	95%
Shelters or picnic facilities	<div></div>		26	22%
Playgrounds	<div></div>		42	35%
Nature centers	<div></div>		27	23%
Dog parks	<div></div>		21	17%
Community centers	<div></div>		11	9%
Public water access (Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, Road Ends, Ect.)	<div></div>		61	52%
Basketball Courts	<div></div>		7	5%
Tennis Courts	<div></div>		18	15%
Soccer or sports fields	<div></div>		13	11%
Disc golf courses	<div></div>		9	7%
Skate parks	<div></div>		11	9%
Pickleball courts	<div></div>		35	29%
Other	<div></div>		2	1%
Total Responses			117	100%

OPEN QUESTION

What amenities do you frequent outside of Park Township that you wish to be located in our parks?

Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, fat tire, beach access

cross country ski

winter ice skating. Many parks flood a small mounded section for a winter ice rink. That would be nice to have.

Crushed limestone trails.

n/a

none -the less the better - closer to peaceful landscape - without too many activities

Longer hiking trails and mt bike trails (Mt Pisgah and Reilly Trails).

Priority Health type outdoor fitness center with stations, designed for strength building.

more water access

Indoor walking area

57 Response(s)

CHECKBOXES

What are the most important areas that, if addressed by Park Township, would increase your use of parks and recreation facilities, services and programs? Select your top 3.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Better condition/updated parks or facilities	<div></div>		33	34%
Better lighting (parks, trails, and facilities)	<div></div>		30	31%
Better access to parks near my home/residence (sidewalks, public transit, ect.)	<div></div>		5	5%
Improved safety and security	<div></div>		15	15%
Public water access (Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, Road Ends, Ect.)	<div></div>		45	47%
Improved communication about offerings	<div></div>		27	28%
Better parking	<div></div>		8	8%
Facilities closer to where I live or work	<div></div>		9	9%
Expanded hours of operation	<div></div>		4	4%
More facilities and amenities	<div></div>		16	16%
Better signage/wayfinding	<div></div>		10	10%
Lower Pricing/user fees	<div></div>		7	7%
Better accessibility for people with disabilities	<div></div>		7	7%
Better customer service/staff knowledge	<div></div>		3	3%
More programs	<div></div>		17	17%
Other	<div></div>		4	4%
Total Responses			95	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please give an explanation of what and how Park Township can resolve the issues you selected in the previous question.

I would like to see the road end beach access preserved for local residents

it would be nice to have more options for snow shoeing in the winter

Minimum lighting along trails

many parks have a daily amount of after hours illicit use happening in their parking lots, especially windstrom park. I know the Ottawa county sheriff can only do so much but almost every night there are cars all night hiding in the back of the lot. a ton of weed smoking and drinking on the disc golf course and walking trails. easily 30-40% of the disc golfers are drinking and smoking week. Hard to be family friends when that's going on.

New pickleball courts at former airport are very nice but fir the people who would like to just play at random times, it is nearly impossible due to leagues etc.

I think you all do a terrific job!

Not really issues so much as I believe there should be increased water access. More kayak racks would be nice as well, with residents being given priority. Parks with a focus on nature/tree preservation should have priority.

We like the paved or gravel trails, would like them plowed in the winter for winter walking.

Park TWP has tons of public water access that is undeveloped and/or absorbed by private landowners. The staff is unwilling to look at this amazing asset--seems cowed by the wealthy lakefront landowners.

Trails are limited in available lighting/security

RANK ORDER





Over the next 5 to 10 years, What are the most important needs for parks and recreation facilities and amenities to be added, expanded, or improved upon in Park Township? (Please rank from most important to least important)

Answer Choice	Average Rank	Ranked 1	Ranked 2	Ranked 3	Ranked 4	Ranked 5	Ranked 6	Ranked 7	Ranked 8	Ranked 9	Ranked 10
Adding trails in neighborhood parks and/or connecting parks to area trail systems	3.78	31 (32%)	14 (14%)	8 (8%)	9 (9%)	8 (8%)	4 (4%)	3 (3%)	7 (7%)	5 (5%)	5 (5%)
Public water access (Lake Michigan, Lake Macatawa, Road Ends, Ect.)	4.31	23 (24%)	15 (15%)	10 (10%)	6 (6%)	6 (6%)	7 (7%)	8 (8%)	7 (7%)	6 (6%)	6 (6%)
Acquiring land for new parks	6.12	5 (5%)	14 (14%)	8 (8%)	4 (4%)	7 (7%)	9 (9%)	9 (9%)	10 (10%)	10 (10%)	18 (19%)
Additional recreation amenities (playgrounds, sports courts, ect.) in existing parks	5.02	13 (13%)	7 (7%)	5 (5%)	19 (20%)	6 (6%)	16 (17%)	10 (10%)	9 (9%)	4 (4%)	5 (5%)
Providing resources to connect with community services (mental health, housing, food, ect.)	7.04	3 (3%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)	4 (4%)	15 (15%)	11 (11%)	12 (12%)	14 (14%)	14 (14%)	17 (18%)
Additional youth educational programs (arts, S.T.E.M., ect.)	6.15	2 (2%)	8 (8%)	6 (6%)	9 (9%)	9 (9%)	12 (12%)	19 (20%)	9 (9%)	16 (17%)	4 (4%)
Additional youth fitness, sports, healthy lifestyle programs	6.10	3 (3%)	4 (4%)	11 (11%)	8 (8%)	14 (14%)	13 (13%)	11 (11%)	9 (9%)	10 (10%)	11 (11%)

Additional senior programs (fitness, mental health, healthy lifestyle, hobby/social clubs, ect.)	4.83	10 (10%)	11 (11%)	17 (18%)	10 (10%)	11 (11%)	7 (7%)	6 (6%)	10 (10%)	8 (8%)	4 (4%)
Additional adult educational programs (art, nature, cultural, person/professional development, ect.)	6.00	1 (1%)	7 (7%)	13 (13%)	11 (11%)	11 (11%)	6 (6%)	13 (13%)	12 (12%)	12 (12%)	8 (8%)
Additional adult fitness, sports, healthy lifestyle programs to you?	5.66	3 (3%)	12 (12%)	14 (14%)	14 (14%)	7 (7%)	9 (9%)	3 (3%)	7 (7%)	9 (9%)	16 (17%)
Total Responses	94										

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How far are you willing to drive from your home (one direction), to get to a recreation class, program or clinic?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Less than 1 mile			6	5%
5 miles			49	44%
10 Miles			17	15%
15 Miles			1	0%
Anywhere in Park Township			38	34%
Total Responses			111	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Of the Park Township goals listed below, Select the 3 that Park Township should focus on in the next 5 years.

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Provide year-round recreation facilities and program opportunities for individuals of all age groups and abilities	<div></div>		17	15%
Provide a geographically balanced system of park and recreation facilities	<div></div>		4	3%
Expand the availability of waterfront access to both Lake Michigan and Lake Macatawa	<div></div>		26	24%
Acquire and/or protect land of special interests and of unique natural traits	<div></div>		9	8%
Maintain and expand the existing network of bike paths and pedestrian trails throughout Park Township	<div></div>		23	21%
Partner with nature conservancies to link existing parks and recreational lands through bike paths, walking paths and greenspaces	<div></div>		13	12%
Partner with local and surrounding organizations so that recreation programs for all ages are accessible, beneficial and reasonably priced.	<div></div>		8	7%
Partner with Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission to provide recreation opportunities	<div></div>		8	7%
Total Responses			108	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Are there other goals that you feel Park Township should focus on in the next 5 years?

Better Social Media and what is offered. Need to up our game in promotion. Too much rumor and hearsay.

All this adding adds cost...my tax bills always increase...how to add all the wants and but not add cost.

Facilities for public gatherings for a separate sports competitions

I could only select one option in the previous question, so I chose the #1 priority. Number two would be "Acquire and/or protect land of special interests and of unique natural traits" and number 3 "Provide year-round recreation facilities and program opportunities for individuals of all age groups and abilities".

The above would only let us pick 1. Waterfront access, trail connectivity and mt bike trails are our focus.

to get rid of short term rental. to make this more family's less rental.





Could only select one of above; keep waterfront access; protect natural habitats.

This question only allowed one choice

45 Response(s)







MULTIPLE CHOICE

Overall, do you think Park Township is currently investing the right amount of funding in parks and recreation programs?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
No, the Township should increase funding			6	5%
Don't know/uncertain			54	46%
Yes, the currently funding is about right			44	38%
No, the Township should decrease funding			11	9%
Total Responses			115	100%

CHECKBOXES

What is the best way for you to receive information on parks and recreation facilities, services, and programs? (check all that apply)

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Social Media			38	33%
Email			87	75%
Local Media			14	12%
Park Township website			42	36%
Newsletter			59	51%
Printed activity guide/brochure			14	12%
Flyers/posters at businesses			0	0%
Other			0	0%
Total Responses			115	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please provide any additional comments on parks and recreation facilities, programs and services in Park Township.

More signage for nature/history on trails/areas.

Good job caring for the parks!

Thank you for all you do for our township!

thank you for maintaining the parks we currently are able to enjoy

Continue to get the word out. Based on our weather increased emphasis on multiple indoor facilities would be helpful

30 Response(s)



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Community Engagement Final Report

November 3, 2022



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INTRODUCTION



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Introduction

Following the closure of the Park Township Airport in 2020, Township leaders knew that the future of the site was best determined by the residents of the community. In the Spring of 2021, they initiated a multi-step process to plot the future of the site. That process played out over the course of 2021 and 2022, in four phases, as described in this report.

During the process, the Township received over 1,500 comments, leading to the consensus vision contained in this report.

Planning and Input Process

Project Website. The project's online presence was centered on parktwpvision.com, which hosted the digital/virtual aspects of the input process, and also contained draft plans, reports from in-person events, and information on upcoming opportunities for input.

Marketing Campaign. The project team executed a multi-pronged marketing campaign to drive traffic to the Central Engagement Website, including the following elements:

- Social Media
- Press Release
- Flyers Distributed to Local Businesses and Institutions
- Announcements and Website Demonstrations at Township Board Meetings





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Phase 1:

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM

In the first phase of the outreach process, the primary objectives were to:

1. Engage and excite as many community members as possible.
2. Generate a robust list of ideas and visions for the airport site.
3. Set a tone of inclusivity and active listening for the process as a whole.

The Township's goal was to reach a strong representative sample of its constituents. The techniques and activities also prioritized community health during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The following engagement activities took place during Phase 1:

1. **Online Ideas Board (Social Pinpoint) Brainstorming Phase:** The project team used "Social Pinpoint" to create an Online Ideas Boards, where residents could both suggest ideas, and react to what others have posted. For Phase 1, the Online Ideas Board featured broad topics such as "amenities", "programs", "existing features to keep", and "layout", to allow open-ended community discussions and collaborative brainstorming.
2. **Remote Engagement Booths.** The Township set up engagement stations in the following locations throughout the community:
 - » Township Hall
 - » Bowerman's Blueberry Farm
 - » Yacht Basin Marina
 - » Sam's Liquor Store
 - » The Historic Airport Hanger

The booths included basic information about the airport site, a description of the ongoing engagement and design process, opportunities to participate using pen and paper, and directions on how to get to the Central Engagement Website to participate online.



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Phase 2:

IDEAS EVALUATION

In the second phase of the outreach process, the primary objectives were:

1. Review the ideas generated in Phase 1 for practicality and feasibility, in an open and transparent process.
2. Allow the public to participate in the process of refining the vision.
3. Generate a clear consensus on the “big picture” for the future of the airport site.

The following engagement activities took place during Phase 2:

1. **Idea Refinement Workshop.** In an open, public meeting, the Township Board and members of the consulting team reviewed the ideas generated in Phase 1 and rated them on an objective scale of feasibility, based on anticipated cost, available infrastructure, maintenance needs, the physical realities of the site, and other factors. The purpose of this meeting was to narrow down the ideas to only those that were realistic, while ensuring that the process was objective and that the public could understand why certain ideas were not moving forward to the next phases of the process.
2. **Small Group Zoom Workshops:** Once the potentially implementable ideas had been determined, project team members hosted three small group discussions on Zoom, for the purpose of discussing the ideas, refining them, and creating consensus. Importantly, these groups were not “by invitation” – they were open to all interested residents. Zoom Workshops were held on one weekday during the day, one weekday evening, and one Saturday morning, to allow people with different schedules to participate.
3. **On-Site Collaboration.** The project team hosted three groups of residents at the former airport itself, walking the site and collaborating on ideas in the actual locations where amenities will be constructed. Again, the events were held at three different times - weekday during the day, weekday evening, and Saturday morning.
4. **Remote Engagement Booths.** The remote engagement booths remained in place, though the Historic Hanger was eliminated due to lack of participation in that location. Its proximity to Township Hall and lack of regular activity made it redundant.
5. **Online Ideas Board (Social Pinpoint) Evaluation Phase:** The Online Ideas Board was updated for Phase 2. For Phase 2, the Ideas Board featured the results of the Idea Refinement Workshop and allowed residents to discuss and further refine the vision.



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Phase 3:

DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES

In the third phase of the outreach process, the primary objectives were:

1. Develop three concept alternatives for the former airport site.
2. Refine those concepts with the public.
3. Ensure that the public remains engaged and excited leading into Phase 4.

The following engagement activities took place during Phase 3:

1. **Alternatives Development Workshop.** In an open, public meeting, the Township Board and members of the consulting team reviewed the results of Phase 2 and developed three conceptual alternative build-out scenarios for the airport site. Similar to the Ideas Refinement Workshop, the purpose of this meeting was to allow Township leaders to advance the decision making process in an open and transparent manner.
2. **Concept Alternatives:** Based on the determinations in Step 1, the project team created three concept plans for the eventual build-out of the park.
3. **Small Group Workshops.** Once the alternatives have been determined, project team members hosted six small group discussions, for the purpose of evaluating the alternatives and building towards a preferred alternative and final plan. Three meetings were held in person, and three on Zoom.
4. **Remote Engagement Booths.** The remote engagement booths remained in place, though Bowerman's Blueberries did not participate in Phase because it was not open for the season during most of the Phase.
5. **Online Ideas Board (Social Pinpoint) Alternatives Phase:** The Online Ideas Board was updated for Phase 3. For Phase 3, the Ideas Board featured three alternatives, and allowed residents to discuss and further refine the vision.



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Phase 4:

FINAL CONSENSUS VISION

In the fourth phase of the outreach process, the primary objectives were:

1. Refine the three objectives into a single vision.
2. Generate feedback from the general public.
3. Revise the vision to ensure consensus.

The following engagement activities took place in Phase 4.

1. **Draft Vision Development Workshop.** As in Phases 2 and 3, in an open, public meeting, the Township Board and members of the project team reviewed the results of Phase 3 and developed a draft build-out scenarios for the airport site.
2. **First Draft Final Vision:** Based on the determinations in Step 1, the project team created a first draft for the eventual build-out of the park.
3. **Small Group Workshops:** As with Phase 3, the project team hosted six more small group workshops to discuss the draft vision, three on Zoom and three in person.
4. **Remote Engagement Booths.** The remote engagement booths remained in-place but were updated for Phase 4 to show the draft vision. Bowerman's Blueberries participated in this phase.
5. **Online Ideas Board (Social Pinpoint) Final Vision Phase:** The Online Ideas Board was updated for Phase 4. For Phase 4, the Ideas Board featured the draft vision, and allowed residents to discuss and further refine it.
6. **Final Engagement Open House.** In order to ensure that consensus has been reached on the final vision, the project team held one final open house for community participation.



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Summary of

CONSENSUS VISION

The final vision for the site contains the following elements:



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Phase 1:

Implementation of Phase 1, including the determination of funding sources and final design, will start immediately upon adoption of this plan. The elements of Phase 1 are intended to be completed within 1-2 years. Phase 1 will include.

Pathways and Trails: The existing airport property includes trails along the northern and western edges. The plan would add an internal network of loops and connections. Some paths would be paved, while others would be unpaved. Some paths will have a grass verge for horses. All pathways will be designed to be ADA compliant for their surface type.

Enlarged Community Garden: The existing Community Garden north of Township Hall will be expanded as demand for growing space warrants.

Great Lawn/Full Size Soccer Field: The existing youth soccer fields west of Township Hall will be expanded so that high school or adult recreational matches can be played there, though the field could also be striped horizontally, to provide space for up to three youth games at once. The lawn area would not only be open for soccer, however. The plan envisions the irrigated lawn being available for frisbee, touch football, kite flying, picnicking, or other activities that can take place on lush grass.

Flight Area (Drone/RC/Powered Parachute/Hot Air Balloon): The site's legacy as a center for aviation will continue with its ongoing use for remote-controlled planes, drones, and other small aircraft. The flying zone is designed to the specification of local enthusiast groups, and includes a grass runway. The reserved flying area is intended to be planted with native grasses, but it could also be mowed and used as flexible recreation space if desired in the future. That flexibility would only come with the permission of the aviation groups, however, as they would be intended to be the primary users of the space.

Perry Street Trailhead Re-Alignment: The gate to the Perry Street Trailhead would be kept permanently down and locked, except for access by emergency vehicles. This would allow bicycles and pedestrians to access the lot and the Airport Site/Cooper Van-Wieren trails, but would block cars from coming down Perry Street and parking in the lot. Instead of the connection to Perry, a new driveway to Ottawa Beach Road would be constructed. The new driveway would also serve parking farther south. The new driveway would be closed at dusk with a gate near its south end, for safety and security reasons.



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Phase 2:

Phase 2 improvements may take longer to design and fund. They are anticipated to be constructed in 2-4 years after the adoption of this plan. However, some of these amenities may be ready to construct sooner, especially those that have groups in place raising community funds to support their construction.

Pickleball: 12 pickleball courts are proposed for the site. The pickleball complex would have a covered central pavilion area for viewing and waiting for courts to clear. Future expansions could include bleachers, additional courts, and a “center court” for with larger bleachers, for tournament championships.

Playground: The playground area has three distinct play structures, which could have different themes, including aviation or naturescape. The playground could also be built in phases.

Splash Pad: The splash pad would be constructed next to the playground, so that parents can easily supervise children playing in both the wet and dry areas. The splash pad would be designed to be durable, and resistant to vandalism and deterioration over time, in order to ensure maintenance costs remain manageable.

Veterans Plaza: Designed by a local veterans group, the Veterans Plaza would have six segments – one for each branch of the military. Local residents can honor their family members who served with bricks within the Plaza. The Plaza is intended to be monumental, with flags and statues visible from Ottawa Beach Road.

Maintenance Building: A maintenance building for the new park and other Township facilities will be constructed in the southwest corner of the site.



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Phase 3:

Phase 3 projects are more complex, and may take 3-5 years to complete.

Recreation Center: A new Recreation Center, to replace the one that was destroyed in a fire in 2022, is proposed for the site. The Recreation Center would include 10,000 square feet of flexible community space, plus 6-8 sport courts, which could be pickleball, basketball, tennis, volleyball, another sport, or some combination of sports. The Recreation Center would have overhead doors, which could be open in the summer to allow sunshine and warm breezes into the athletic facilities.

Historic Hanger Amphitheater: The Historic Hanger will be converted into a stage/bandshell for an amphitheater. This will preserve the historic structure, while giving it a creative new life. The sliding hanger doors will serve as a “curtain”, which can open to reveal the performers, or provide an interesting backdrop, depending on the needs of the performance. A lawn seating area will be added in front of the hanger, with the drone/RC runway providing potential overflow seating.

Future:

Additional Sports Courts: Space has been reserved north of the pickleball courts for additional sports courts. These may be pickleball, if demand warrants, or they could be basketball, tennis, or another sport or sports.

Military History Museum and Garden: Near the Veterans Plaza, space has been reserved for a future military history museum, which would be operated by the veterans group that has been advocating for the plaza. Additionally, more military surplus vehicles may be added nearby, to supplement the existing airplane (which will not be moved from its current location).

Potential Park Names

Residents suggested the following names for the park during and after the Final Community Open House. However, the Township Board may select a different name for the park.

- Legacy Park
- Veterans Park
- Char Burgess Park (*Char Burgess was a former manager of the airport, and was the first female airport manager in Michigan*)
- HLM Community Park (HLM was the call signal for the airport)

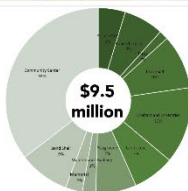
MASTER PLAN



PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

Capital Cost
\$9.5m

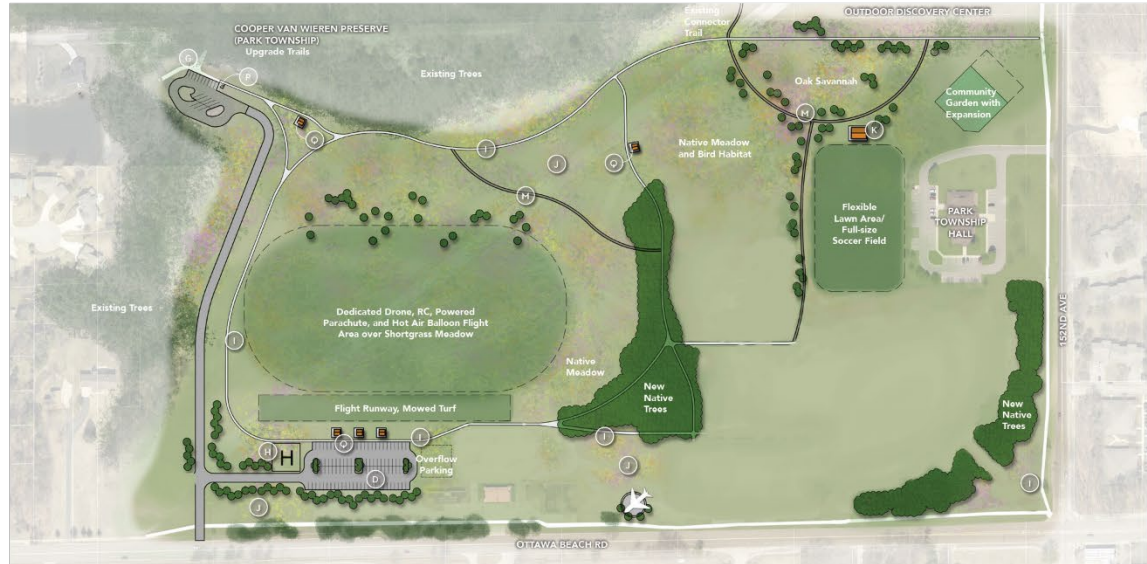
Operations & Maintenance
\$400,000 annually



LEGEND

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| (A) Restroom and Large Pavilion | (G) Cooper Van Wieren Trailhead and bike trail along Perry Street | (M) Unpaved Barrier-Free Trail |
| (B) Play Area and Picnic Areas with three age-specific areas and potential nature-based play | (H) Helipad | (N) Outdoor Pickleball Courts with bleachers and shade pavilions |
| (C) Splash Pad with Picnic Shelter | (I) Paved Walking and Bike Paths | (O) Maintenance Building (10,000 ft ²) |
| (D) New Parking Area with potential EV Charging Stations | (J) Native Meadow | (P) Portable Restroom |
| (E) Future Military Museum | (K) Large Pavilion | (Q) Small Picnic Shelters, Potentially Solar Powered |
| (F) Future Military History Garden | (L) Future Band Shell in Historic Hangar with lawn amphitheater | (R) Recreation Center (40,000 ft ²) with 10,000 ft ² Community Space and 6-8 Indoor/Outdoor Sports Courts |

PHASE 1 PLAN



LEGEND

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PHASE 2 PLAN



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Phase 1:

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM



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Phase 1:

COMMUNITY BRAINSTORM

The first phase is the Community Brainstorm—collecting ideas, no matter how big or small, for how the Airport Site could be used going forward to benefit the community. There are two ways to participate:

Online: Go to parktwpvision.com to participate in the Online Ideas Board.

Off-Line: There are five Remote Engagement Booths set up around the community. Feel free to stop by and submit your ideas!

Approximate Timeline

- 1** **PHASE 1:
Community
Brainstorm**
Spring / Summer 2021
- 2** **PHASE 2:
Ideas Evaluation**
Summer / Fall 2021
- 3** **PHASE 3:
Development
of Alternatives**
Spring / Summer 2022
- 4** **PHASE 4:
Final Consensus
Vision**
Summer / Fall 2022

WHERE?

Township Hall
52 152nd Avenue

Civil Air Patrol Hanger
1269 Ottawa Beach Rd

Bowerman's Blueberries Farm Market
15793 James Street

Yacht Basin Marina
1866 Ottawa Beach Road

Sam's Liquor Store
611 S. 160th Avenue

Stay tuned for community workshops, site walks, and other opportunities as the process moves forward! Information will be included in the Township Newsletter, as well as posted at parktwpvision.com and around the community.



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We appreciate you visiting this Remote Engagement Booth to submit your ideas! Here's how it works:

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INSTRUCTIONS

There are two types of response cards:

Green Cards mean "GO!" – your suggestions for the Airport Site and how it could best serve the community.

Red Cards mean "STOP!" – pitfalls, potential problems, and issues that need to be incorporated into the discussion.

There are four categories on each card:

- **Amenities:** What opportunities or uses do you want on the site?
- **Design:** What goes where?
- **Preservation:** What shouldn't change?
- **Big Picture:** How does the Airport Site fit with its surroundings?

Feel free to fill in every line—or just one or two. Every idea is valued!



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Phase 1: Summary of Online Comments

Share with us about ...



I think a community health focus would be great. I would love to see the Community Garden area grow in size, maybe even have a portion planted and run by volunteers to help feed those in need. Regular farm/artisan markets held. Indoor and out door classes on Gardening and Food Preservation such as canning, fermenting, freezing, etc. Courses on other sustainable living practices and any thing else that is good for the community. Outdoor activities and trails to promote physical health as well.

2 days ago

I think that this area is considered a natural area with beautiful parks and beaches. We could enhance that love of outdoors and nature with a large botanical garden that would be naturalized with native plants and trees. It could also have a children's sand pit/play area and a small picnic area or cafe. There is a beautiful example of this in Denver and our family loved it. It would be for all ages and a great stop for out of town tourists as well. The entry fees would cover the maintenance

3 days ago

A park with an ice skating ribbon in the winter (like downtown Chicago) and roller blading/roller skating in the summer.

4 days ago

Don't sell it. They only made so much land.

4 days ago

I think we could use an all-abilities playground, maybe with a splashpad or pool. The nice thing about this piece of land is that it's so big we don't have to pick just one idea. It would be nice if a large portion of it was left as green space.

7 days ago

The airport served a very elite few people and it was well known to be a dangerous airport to land a plane. There were numerous plane crashes in the Waukazoo Woods area over the years. I know that one crash resulted in 2 fatalities, home damage and community trauma. Please remove the 'antique' plane which currently serves as a memorial to that prior land use. It's time to open the land to the community for natural, safe and healthy use.

13 days ago

A community pool would be nice, on the order of Bouws Pool near Hope College. A playground with an

2/2 etc.), possible rink (summer and winter) are a few things I think could be a good use of the land. I would like to see some sports facilities but I am not sure which one because Windstorm is right down the road with a lot. I think it would be cool to see the hangers reused in some way, but honestly if they aren't reused they should go because they would be wasted space for potential. I think a place to cookout too is a fun option for families.

3 days ago

I am a young resident who has been living in Park Township my whole life just a block away from the airport. I think there should be a lot of open space for activities and games. I love sports and a lot of people suggested pickle ball and other sports facilities, but Windstrom park has most of those already. I think there is a lot of space and a community garden can fit in especially because there is already a little one near the P.T. Office. Bike/walking paths, shaded areas (trees, gazebos 1/2

3 days ago

Please make it easier for people to get to the area. Ottawa Beach road is difficult and dangerous to cross. Perhaps a pedestrian bridge would help.

3 days ago

please no splash pad! theres already a ton of them and they're so gross and unsanitary; i dont wanna deal with the poop water getting squirted out of kids nasty wet diapers all over and im sure the people living near by dont want to listen to the constant screaming

4 days ago

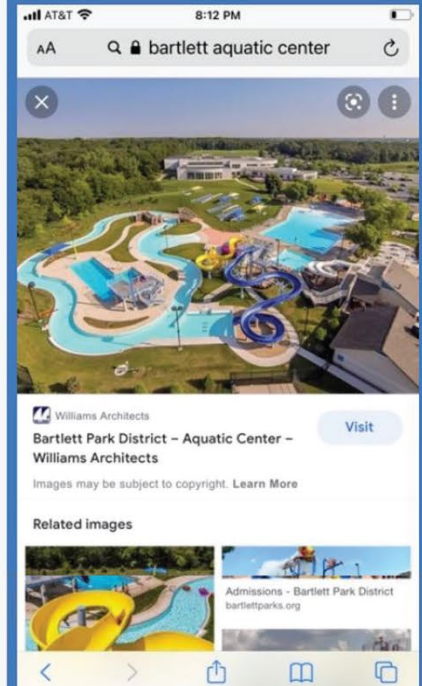
For sure nothing commercial as this area is a gift to the community and should not be lost. There is a history of the airport with strong military history that should be respected and preserved as a historic area. The fair area is in need of a revamp, so it would be nice to tie any plans to the fairgrounds. I saw a suggestion for a pedestrian bridge over Ottawa Beach road which seems like a great idea. It would be nice to also use this area in a new way. amphitheater, indoor pool, Botanicals

7 days ago

•Walking path around the perimeter (with workout stations?) Sometimes walking in the woods on the trails can raise a safety issue for people who are walking alone. •Splash pad for kids. •Ravinia type setting for concerts and movies.

[HTTPS://www.ravinia.org/page/information](https://www.ravinia.org/page/information) •Beautiful

Another idea would be to keep a part of the land dedicated to remote control vehicles and planes. I enjoy watching these planes with my son and it looks like a lot of retired men use it often. It would be a shame if they were not able to use it any longer. My hope is that it is beneficial for all people including the ones who also lost there privileges to fly there. This post is a great idea. Please, no more home developments. An aquatic center could be a great idea too.



13 hours ago

I already submitted a form of this once. I both walked and took a bike ride by the property. I had the idea of a small band-shell. On viewing the property, I was thinking a stage could be put in the large hanger. You wouldn't need the band-shell. For small crowds the hanger doors could remain closed. For larger crowds, open the doors. This is far enough away from people's homes that there wouldn't be a disturbance. It could, in fact be modified to be a multi purpose building at low cost

4 days ago

Avoid cutting down any trees. Remediate the soil if needed. Restore it to it's original state and plant a garden.

13 days ago

Please preserve and expand the existing community garden to fill the entire open space. Also plant milk weed to sustain the migration route of Monarch butterflies. I want see a 'land use acknowledgement' to recognize Indigenous Peoples as the original stewards of the lands for which we now deliberate. The form of the acknowledgement should be planned by descendants of Chief Mowagoo.

A community pool would be nice, on the order of Bouws Pool near Hope College. A playground with an airport theme and picnic areas. Please leave it as green/outdoor space for the community. No housing.

17 days ago

Please preserve as much of the nature and open space as possible. The site should not be converted for a single demographic use, but something everyone can enjoy and participate in. Natural areas should be developed to reflect natural plants and celebrate the region. This multiuse site should welcome all to participate.

18 days ago

Turn the area into a nature preserve with bike and walking trails. Big Marsh in Chicago is a great example of mixing conservation efforts with recreation and community educational opportunities.

20 days ago

Communicate!! I had no major stake in the airport, but liked that there was a plan and progress was being made. Now we've scrapped that plan and have gone back to square one to come up with ideas. It is really difficult to find any information on what 'the plan' is. e.g.: How long is this idea board going to be open? What are the next steps? If we come up with a new plan, will it actually be enacted or will we just scrap it and start over again ten years from now?

21 days ago

an outdoor swimming pool

22 days ago

No housing or commercial development. Clean up/repurpose existing airport building(s). DISAPPOINTED we are starting "new" when so much thought/expense went into the previous airport redevelopment plan. Also, the old airport was eliminated (at substantial cost) without a definite "other" plan. Community recreation complex is my desire. "Wish list" would include primarily indoor/outdoor pool, splash pad and aviation-themed playground, ice skate rink, pond/fountains/walk paths,

23 days ago

Recreation center, and leave part of the area natural. We are concerned, as residents of Waukazoo Woods, that if there is a farmer's market or similar facility, it will cause further traffic jams for local residents and others attempting to access the beach, and lighthouse. There is already a farmer's market downtown. Finally, what are your motives? Do you want to promote tourism, raise money and create traffic jams, or do you want to develop the area to serve interests of local residents?

24 days ago

Walking path around the perimeter (with workout stations?) Sometimes walking in the woods on the trails can raise a safety issue for people who are walking alone. Splash pad for kids. Ravinia type setting for concerts and movies.

[HTTPS://www.ravinia.org/page/information](https://www.ravinia.org/page/information) Beautiful grounds where people can go to picnic, enjoy quality family time. On site bathrooms. Possible food truck location for special events. Or even one night a week. Extraordinary curb appeal.

16 days ago

I would like the site to include a nature playground, nature based water playground, walking/biking trails, sledding hill, and pavilion with ice skating. The design should be incorporated with plans for the fairground and Cooper VW park. A pedestrian bridge over Ottawa Beach road would help connect the public lands. As a nearby resident, I would prefer paramotors and other aircraft be limited to certain hours due to the loud noise.

18 days ago

Small pavilion for free concerts in Summer or all year. Lots of talent in area. This could be built by volunteer labor. It would include small stage, band shell and lights. It could be positioned where noise would not disturb neighbors. It could also be used for speeches. Please don't sell it. I'm sure that is tempting. Ensure accessibility by bikers and walkers.

21 days ago

a large native plant/flower/grasses field with walking path around the perimeter

22 days ago

The airport was a historic gem - let's try to preserve as much as possible. Convert the larger, old building to an airport-themed restaurant, keeping the large windows to overlook activities on site. Keep the remote-controlled airplane groups, keep the powered parachutes, keep the vintage airplane "statue" - anything that relates to aviation is awesome. It would be great to brainstorm carefully in order to keep this space unique, making Park Township stand out from other areas.

22 days ago

An amusement park in honor of Jenison Park and a small zoo in honor of Lakewood Zoo. Both were once a part of Park Township. Par 3 golf course for people to learn golf and children and families can play. Fitness course. Parking and shuttle to the beach.

23 days ago

I think one of the missing pieces of holland is some type of performance/music venue or amphitheater. It would be a great location and seems fitting to be next to the fairgrounds. There's a lot of trees to muffle the music. Also, the stage itself could be built down into the ground. This would make jobs and bring more

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13 days ago

Unlike before, we should look at making it usable for as many in our community as possible. Looking at Riley Trails' success and public draw, creating a multi-use trail through the wooded section of this property would maximize the number of locals who use that space. Since these trails are often built and maintained by local volunteers & enthusiasts, cost would be relatively low compared to other options, and there is still plenty of room for many other amenities on the property.

17 days ago

I propose a small section for a higher-end campground with Airstream trailers or yurts for "glamping". The revenue could support free educational programs for children.



20 days ago

Should meet the needs of residents and seasonal tourists. Must be financially sustainable, i.e. free and revenue-generating amenities. Activity/sports areas with wooded walking trails could accommodate winter sports such as sledding, skating, and cross-country skiing. A community center building could support those activities with vendor food services, public restrooms, as well as a large event space that could be rented. Ample parking could accommodate park-and-ride to the State Park.

23 days ago

I would like to see a park and Botanical garden areas with various plants and walk ways with public rest rooms, picnic areas and maybe even a gift shop. You may have to get volunteers to help with upkeep,

24 days ago

Please leave the land as is. We have more parks and tennis courts and cutsey little gathering places then we need now. If you put amenities in there, plan on it being a gathering place for the homeless. Just saying...

24 days ago

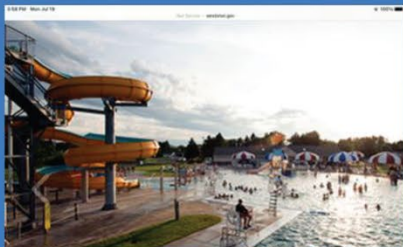
Make it easy for any resident to stop by for activities including just going for a walk or a run. Clean all season restrooms are important. Parking will be a big deal and could start smaller with room to grow if necessary. Thanks for providing us with the opportunity to comment!

a month ago

I recommend that a portion of the site be used for new well designed pickleball courts. As you probably are aware this is popular social and exercise activity for young and old. Some shade structures would also be an important feature for resting between games during hot weather.

a month ago

The one comment of no pool on north side should have gone with my comment of why a pool would be a wonderful place for families on this side of town. Adding a picture of the pool in Weston Wisconsin. This and the one we take grandkids to in Denver are wonderful.



a month ago

Inviting space.

a month ago

- Add bathrooms (near bike path on Ottawa Beach road) - Add picnic shelters - A wide track with some benches of sorts around the perimeter for runners, walkers, or biking - maybe a wood chip path - Add a parking lot, where the hangers currently are (park and ride your bike to the beach or start your bike path ride/journey here) - Sand volleyball courts, horse shoe pits, bag toss (all things Park Twp. doesn't have, possibly leagues) - Leave space for future design

a month ago

I think one of the missing pieces of holland is some type of performance/music venue or amphitheater. It would be a great location and seems fitting to be next to the fairgrounds. There's a lot of trees to muffle the music. Also, the stage itself could be built down into the ground. This would make jobs and bring more people to our city to enjoy live entertainment. It would also prevent residents from having to always travel to GR.

24 days ago

In keeping with our area, Think in terms of a nautical theme, Rope railings etc. We have tennis courts up the wazoo, soccer fields at the schools, blade park, etc. Might want to consider a car race track like Berlin Race way that could be used for concerts as well.

24 days ago

With a combined population of over 40,000 residents, Holland Charter Township and Park Township have no aquatics center of large fitness center. As Covid highlighted, fitness is important to health and well being. A center like Zeeland Recreation would be such a great asset to the north side of the Holland Area. Pool(s) for lap swimming and lessons, a fitness room, perhaps some classrooms for yoga, etc. Also a gym and/or tennis/pickleball courts. Daycare would be amazing for parents.

a month ago

Corner of 152nd and OBRd. would be the OK are to add small shops, farmers market etc. as it would fit in with that corner. The rest should be park related with the ideas already mentioned.

a month ago

Picture



a month ago

Future home of Park Township Curling Club. It would be nice to introduce Curling to West MI.

a month ago

The former airport site is the single, most precious piece of "public space" within the Township and should be developed with the thought of how to achieve the most usage by the largest number of Township residents. The creation of a Towne Centre Legacy Park (outlined in the attached Power Point

Tulsa Oklahoma has an amazing park called The Gathering <https://www.gatheringplace.org/> Some of the same ideas could be used for this space.

24 days ago

That land is one of the last large parcels on Ottawa Beach Road. It has served well for years. We don't need condo's or another subdivision or retail there. Plenty of that just a few minutes away. Walking paths and benches would be nice, but not an area where masses of people congregate to do nothing. Pine trees that could be decorated at the Holidays is also a thought. Honestly, its fine, keep it mowed and leave it be.

24 days ago

Allowing part of the space to return itself to a more natural state would be a great complement to development toward the recreational uses that I and others have suggested. Enhancing this with selected native plants and trees should be included.

a month ago

As an event planner in the area, I would love to help refresh the amazing buildings on the site and turn them into rental venue space for the township. Make some money while you're at it! Those spaces are perfect for parties, showers, weddings, etc. Maybe even make an area along the tree line for outdoor weddings. I know there would need to be discussion about alcohol and liability - but I am sure there is a way to make that work that takes the township out of the liability equation.

a month ago

Enclosed kid space. Not standard playground equipment but balance beams, Hopping/stepping stones, 4 square, things that create sound for sensory kids. Mind building type of play. Tetherball. Walking path. Ice skating rink/roller hockey.

a month ago

Be sure to leave a space for the radio controlled airplanes

a month ago

Some sort of park - there are many great ideas on this board - please not commercial or residential.

a month ago

Up to you...add trees a bunch (please)

a month ago

Please keep it green and relatively quiet out of consideration for those of us who live in close proximity to this space. Meaning NO commercial or residential use, NO drones, RC planes, concerts, etc. The area would be enhanced for ALL residents by

Good day. I believe we should have a Statue of Chief Waukazoo or an Indian family somewhere on the grounds. And maybe a Indian influenced decor on a playground or building or sign naming the park. It is past due time that we honor the Indians that first had this land. Also a drinking fountain with a bottle filler. And no plastic throw away water bottles allowed. We need to instill in our community the ideas of being good stewards of the earth we are blessed with.

👤 a month ago

Please strongly consider a portion of the property for a pickleball complex. The 4 courts at Winstrom park are not enough for the number of people wanting to play. We need both indoor and outdoor courts to serve the growing number of local players. Many times all courts are in use and a large number of people waiting to play. We have people staying at the camp grounds and motels in the area coming to play. It would help make park township an even greater destination for tourism. Rich Spencer

👤 a month ago

Keep enough open space to allow for kites and remote control airplanes. We live very close by and love seeing all the activity within the open fields. Don't destroy your open space. The last thing needed is another strip mall or cookie cutter subdivision! The area is losing it's respite appeal.

👤 a month ago

Park Township should put in a large number of pickleball courts. With the number of people playing the sport increasing daily, there is a need for more courts. Also, pickleball is a sport that can be played by all age groups. Building more courts would allow usage by a greater number of people

👤 a month ago

Leave open area for kites and remote planes

👤 a month ago

Golf Driving Range— range to be netted to conserve space. Employ teens from the community. (Similar to Grand Haven's Mulligan's House skiing slope where High School teens are employed to give lesson) Charging \$5/bag of golf balls would seem that initial investment and continuing operating expenses could be recouped. Move both the dog run and skateboarding to airport site. This will create more parking for fair grounds and RV sites. Parents and children would not be separated by a road

👤 a month ago

I wonder what business leader would tear down a unique community asset without knowing what was going to replace it? It's too bad we did not have the leadership to create this type of conversation before we spent as much as we did just to remove it. We should be embracing what makes our community special and celebrating its unique assets not tearing them down. We should do everything we can to

The former airport site is the single, most precious piece of "public space" within the Township and should be developed with the thought of how to achieve the most usage by the largest number of Township residents. The creation of a Towne Centre Legacy Park (outlined in the attached Power Point presentation) would be the ideal development to serve the township's nearly 19,000 residents with focus on the 31% of residents under 18 and in line with an objective of the 5 year Plan.

👤 a month ago

DRONES - With the popularity of drones it would be great to have a drone training area where classes could be held with plenty of room for drones. There is probably enough room to also fly model airplanes there as well.

👤 a month ago

Splash pad/ outdoor swimming pool/ice skating rink with warming hut/still pay homage to the airport history,

👤 a month ago

Thank you for doing this and asking for input. I look forward to a space that can be used by the entire community all the time. I would like to see an amphitheater put in among trees and gardens with walking paths. This would be an outdoor venue for concerts, schools, and other community events. The rest of the property would be green space with room for some of the other amenities mentioned here like a splash pads, playgrounds, wading pools, Frisbe golf, a few short golf (par 3 type) holes.

👤 a month ago

No outside pool on north side

👤 a month ago

Perhaps turn the hanger into an historical museum, highlighting the use of the airport over the years. Don't lose your history!!!

👤 a month ago

Outdoor pickleball courts with restrooms! Winstrom Park courts (4) can't handle the number of pickleball enthusiasts in the area. Construct enough courts (12? 15?) to be able to assign skill levels to the various courts (beginner, intermediate and advanced) and have challenge courts.

👤 a month ago

Wish list: outdoor swim facility for all: lap swim, handicap seniors & adults, shallow splash area and sandbox play area for small children, a water slide for the youth and areas for picnics. Courts for play: basketball, pickleball, and volleyball. Playground & grass hill: for sledding and playing. Picnic areas with grills

👤 a month ago

Please keep it green and relatively quiet out of consideration for those of us who live in close proximity to this space. Meaning NO commercial or residential use, NO drones, RC planes, concerts, etc. The area would be enhanced for ALL residents by beautification. Imagine a mini Meijer gardens... walking/biking trails, a large pond for fishing, flower beds & flowering trees, and re-contouring the flat landscape to create hills that could be used for sledding in the winter. Make it unique!

👤 a month ago

Bring something new to the area; mountain bike skills course, bike pump track, climbing wall, splash pad, or pavilion that can be flooded to double as an ice rink. Also, provide safe crossing to and from fairgrounds.

👤 a month ago

This is a great community asset and I would encourage the township to think big, dream big, and seriously consider the many good ideas that are listed on these pages. The master planning with the fairgrounds property, Cooper Van Wieren Park and the new Outdoor School will also be required. A great property that could be a showplace for all Park Township residents to enjoy and further enhance that attractiveness of living in Park Township.

👤 a month ago

Maybe a master plan to develop the park over time in phases - if not able to do all at one time. A large community or recreation center would also be a great thing for use by Park Township. We live in a community with no YMCA we were always able to have a place to being our growing family. I hope we can not only dream big, but do big as well. We owe it to families of Park Township.

👤 a month ago

An outdoor recreation sight for both young and old - splash park and play park for the children. Pickleball, horseshoe pits, lawn bowling are all wonderful outdoor activities for adults and children alike. Milwaukee has a wonderful lawn bowling league for the retired!

👤 a month ago

I think Park Twp needs a lot more pickle ball courts. The wait time at Winstrom park between games is way to long. We usually have approx 40 players on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and only 16 can play at one time. 6 additional courts would be nice.

👤 a month ago

Preserve the hangers, etc. related to the original airport. Repair, landscape and add parking. Use for instruction on the history. Agree with the comment making it a General Aviation airport. All those ideas are great! Preservation of all natural existing flora and fauna. We don't need more commercial development. If you want that, upgrade/repair the fairgrounds!

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The diagram is a hand-drawn technical sketch of a mechanical assembly. It features a large, complex body with various internal components and external connections. Key elements include:

- Top Section:** A large, irregular shape with internal hatching, possibly representing a pump or a valve. It has several ports and connections.
- Bottom Section:** A more rectangular component, possibly a motor or actuator, with a central shaft or piston rod extending upwards into the main body.
- Connections:** Various pipes, tubes, and valves connect the main components. Some are labeled with numbers like 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.
- Annotations:**
 - Fig. 1 (see note):** Located near the top right, pointing to a specific part of the assembly.
 - Fig. 2 (see note):** Located near the bottom right, pointing to another part.
 - Fig. 3 (see note):** Located near the bottom right, pointing to a third part.
- Other Labels:**
 - Pressure:** Indicated near the top left.
 - Flow:** Indicated near the top center.
 - Temperature:** Indicated near the bottom left.
 - Speed:** Indicated near the bottom center.
 - Position:** Indicated near the bottom right.

The drawing is done in black ink on a white background with some grid lines. It appears to be a preliminary sketch or a working drawing for a mechanical design.

 a month ago

Utilizing the space as a recreation center would be a great way to gather the community together. Indoor and outdoor spaces for activities and classes of all sorts. An outdoor area for a market during the summer season to also give more for summer visitors to do.

1 month ago

CJL Continued: 2) Leverage the existing fairgrounds and expand for recreation. Bulldoze the race track. It's an eyesore, is rarely used and opens up so much space if gone. Rec center, Pickle ball, tennis, splash pad, playground, ice rink. Perhaps a pavilion for concerts/gatherings. Make sure there are winter activities.

1 month ago

1. Still maintain part of the land for air theme, like the remote control airplanes. Maybe use the original hanger office for a museum. 2. An area for other events. 3. A par 3 golf course with lots of added trees. It is a game that can be played by anyone from 3 to 103 years of age! It would/could be affordable entertainment and would most likely pay for itself! 4. More trees and other greenery to help combat global climate change and can be used for walking/exercise/bike paths.

1 month ago

Please, NO MORE baseball diamonds nor soccer fields, nor pickle ball, nor tennis courts nor skate board ramps nor dog park. There are fewer green spaces. Plant trees & perennials that are drought resistant. Consider walking/bike trails connecting with existing trails. Install benches. Perhaps include a splash pad, a hill for sledding. Install solar lights that don't cause more light pollution. Include recreation building that would have activities for seniors.

2 months ago

Expansive meadow habitat is in decline in the area. Allowing this area to be maintained as a grassland would benefit area wildlife and passive recreation for people.

2 months ago

I support the ideas to design simple mountain bike trails for kids particularly because there are not so many of these in the area. The flatter topography would be conducive to this. Otherwise, leaving as much of the woods sections as possible in a natural state. Thanks

2 months ago

I think some of the current uses of the land, such as remote control airplanes, and the hang gliders. We have gone to the "airport" when they have had get togethers and found it interesting and the people very willing to talk about their hobbies. People come from quite a distance to participate, so it is clear they appreciate the space in which to do this.

2 months ago

It doesn't matter what the people want the board will do what ever it wants to anyway. The board lied to the public about the airport funding cost and never told the public that there where private people that would pay to repave runway. The board can't be trusted. Should have left it an airport!

1 month ago

CJL Continued: 3) Drive commerce. Use part of the fairgrounds (or maybe a park of the airport) for a farmer's market. We need 1/2 more good restaurants / food choices. Not Jimmy John's or chains, but local choices. Give all of the cars driving to and from the beach somewhere to stop, maybe a mini main street back where the craft fair was a few years ago. At least places for food trucks/vendors to come if we worry that the spot is too seasonal.

1 month ago

Keep the area natural and install some fitness trails to wind through it. Some smaller footprint athletic courts (e.g. pickleball) near the periphery along with a couple multi-use open fields (like Windstrom Park) would allow for a greater number of people to take advantage of the space.

1 month ago

I believe in preserving the land, this being said we need a pavilion for groups to be able to meet under, outdoor classes to be given. A meeting place of sorts for those like-minded individuals to greet, walk and talk. That may include obedience training, art creativity including painting, something that would be a week or certain days set aside to do for the adults in the community. I've noticed a lot of people that stay at home and need something positive with. Thanks for listening. Kathy

1 month ago

Walking / biking trails would be a wonderful asset. We are a Lake Michigan, resort area nestled in a beautiful aesthetic environment. Trails improve quality of life in so many ways. And they are a selling point. I moved from a community that provided little effort to provide such amenities, parks, trails, etc. Park township's many miles of sidewalk trails were a selling point for moving to Park Twnsp. A commercial venture ie, housing, gas station, bar, would be demeaning.

2 months ago

Provide year round sports activities both indoors and outdoors. Choose the sports that are most popular.

2 months ago

I would love to see an annual hot air balloon festival occur at this space. There was one recently held at a high school in Jenison that was very well attended. It is so beautiful to see these balloons and when they have a at the end when they light up their balloons, it is really beautiful.

2 months ago

Park that keeps the airport theme with a central "runway" (wide, main path, whether paved or not) that can be used for flea/farmers markets/food trucks to set up along, remote aircraft, ultra-lites, amphitheater/stage area for small local concerts, stocked fishing pond/natural areas, and and a pedestrian bridge over Ottawa Beach road to the fairgrounds and an updated dog park with nice grass and paved walking paths - these need to be connected. Parking off of 152nd.

1 month ago

The big picture here should be unifying the use of The Fairgrounds, the Airport and CW. There are many people on the north side of Lake Mac and there is massive traffic down OBR to the state park. I'm no Leslie Knope, but there should be a vision on how to use those three spaces to (1) preserve as much natural space as possible (2) provide as much 4 season diverse recreation as possible and (3) drive more business into the area. More notes to come... CJL

1 month ago

With the increased interest in local trails as a result of covid, there is a stress on the infrastructure at Riley Trails and other parks. Additional trails for hiking and biking would be an ideal way to help that while also keeping the natural setting. An open, non-specific green space for events and activities would also give the park flexible use without investing in sports specific facilities. Also a nature based open play area like Outdoor Discovery Center has would be great for kids.

2 months ago

I would love to see expanded walking / biking trails, an outdoor fitness trail, pickleball and tennis courts, and an aquatic center on the north side would be fantastic with an indoor and outdoor pool, whirlpool and sauna with fitness classes offered similar to MVP. Finally, an outdoor amphitheater would be outstanding way to bring the community together. Would not like to see multi use housing, retail space or mini storage space.

2 months ago

Please do not put in hiking/biking trails. Many are already available.

2 months ago

Certainly some novel categories of park/playground.... Could a hill be built (from local sand) to provide some form of sledding... for 3 or 4 months of potential snow. I'm not familiar with dark park (nighttime viewing) requirements... but this could be another attraction. Generally Holland and Park Twp appears to minimize their light pollution. This needs more detail from knowledgeable person(s).

2 months ago

Any form of dense multi-unit housing would not fit in with the surroundings. Dense multi-unit housing would not serve the overall community that has been and will be supporting the property through taxation.. It would only benefit the limited number of residents that it would house. Any use of the property should provide benefit to the existing and future taxpayers of the entire township.

2 months ago

The development needs to consider winter activities such as a sledding hill and large ice rink. A mountain biked obstacle course would be unique and popular in the summer months and could utilize the terrain of the sledding hill.

2 months ago

Excellent location for 12-16 pickleball courts. Mix of indoor and outdoor. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and is growing in popularity in all age groups. Pickleball is a social activity which brings people together to play and interact. While the township has 4 courts at Winstrom, a set of 12-16 will allow for large daily or weekly group activities, instruction and periodic tournaments. With Holland State Park, tournaments will draw people from the Midwest.

2 months ago

Park Township should consider developing a municipal golf course on the property. The city of Wyoming in its Kaufman Course at Palmer Park, provides an excellent example that is not only recognized as an outstanding course, but is also a revenue generator for the city.

2 months ago

Consider bringing the Farmers Market back on Friday nights. On Friday nights, local musical groups might play to the Grandstands. West Ottawa High School bands/ orchestra/jazz band might play (hopefully for free) as well as other musical groups. Food trucks could be brought in (Beechwood Grill) providing a pleasant evening of farmers' market shopping, picnicking and music. Hopefully these could all be done in the context of the current lease with the Ottawa Fair Board.

2 months ago

What I would like to see is a coordinated plan for both the airport property and the Fair Grounds with the goal to achieve a community recreation area. On the airport side I suggest a guided re-forestation of the land back to what it may have looked like before the airport was constructed. Consider contouring the area to make it less of a "big flat space". Construct a moderate size pond (using the extracted dirt for the contouring). The pond should be coordinated with the Outdoor Recovery Center

2 months ago

The community hanger can be repurposed for

I liked some of the ideas that were presented by the study group several years ago, including an aviation themed playground, including a splash pad. I think this would be used by a lot of people with young children (and grandchildren).

2 months ago

It should be designed as a mega sports complex with no structures for business or residential use. The only structures would be to support the sports activities and restroom building. The sports areas would each have their own parking and they would be separated by green areas so that one sport does not infringe on another sport.

2 months ago

Holland has very few mountain biking trails in woods. Riley has been given new life recently with the addition of reverse direction every other day, but most quality bike trails are 30-60 minutes away from Holland. Would really like a nice bike trail in the woods. Another thing that Holland does not have is a concrete pump track that can be used by any bike, scooter, or skateboard (see attached photo). (Pump tracks are designed so that the riders momentum propels them through the course).



2 months ago

First let me say the things I wouldn't want: Any brick and mortar commercial building. Please no strip mall/ gas station/convenience store/ etc. And no sale of property ; this is green space, treasure it.

2 months ago

Benches could be installed around the pond (by Outdoor Center). The benches could be donated as memorials or designations. The area should be planted with native trees, again available for donation. Dirt walking paths could twist through the area providing a restful experience. Perhaps the paths could be used as cross country ski trails. The historic hanger should be kept and turned into a museum as planned. Ultralite and RC model planes could still use the concrete area.

2 months ago

The Holland area has a housing shortage. Low income and homeless people are hit the hardest. The entire area should dedicated for low income housing. Government project housing in this large unoccupied area could be home to thousands of indigent and low income people. Multifamily zoning is key to combating

No Sports complex. This should be a green space only with perhaps a few picnic tables and walking trails.

2 months ago

As much of the wooded area should be preserved as possible with the exception of pedestrian and biking paths. Multiple uses of the area should be separated by greenspace to prevent a congested atmosphere.

2 months ago

I think you should undo what has been done. Put down a new runway and recommission it as a historic airport. Use the buildings for study/ learning the history of our community and the airport. Also for training new pilots.

2 months ago

Parking should be off of 152nd, not Ottawa Beach Road. There is too much traffic on Ottawa Beach Road.

2 months ago

Keep the old airplane and as much green space as possible. Keep the hangers, repurpose them (cardio equipment to create a gym, weddings, reunions, events). Continue to allow remote control aircraft. Plant trees to allow more shade.

2 months ago

green space ONLY!!!!!!!

2 months ago

kids fishing pond used during winter for outdoor ice skating

2 months ago

The Fair Grounds just needs some TLC and promotion. While the airport side would be primarily a passive recreation area, the Fair Ground could be the more active side. There currently exists tennis courts, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, a ballfield and several horseshoe pits. Have there been any counts of usage of these? Then there are a picnic pavilion, playground, and grandstands overlooking a huge performance area. These areas look a bit worn and could be updated.

2 months ago

The negative points made about the Airport Heritage are valid. Having been here for 20 years, the Airport was always portrayed as something of the community. That has never been true. The airport was a very noisy and mostly ugly playground for the very-few locals and mostly non-TWP residents at the TWP Taxpayers expense -- as supported by politicians. No TWP money should be spent to remember a heritage that never existed. Remember, all "Heritage Infrastructure" requires a legacy of Maintenance!

2 months ago

The community hangar can be repurposed for community space. Recreation like Zumba, pickleball, basketball; events like weddings, family reunions; voting polls, rain and sun shelter for activities taking place on site... lots of ideas, put pretty murals on the outside walls!

2 months ago

Accommodate multiple entities. Leave the Park Twp office in the current location, incl. soccer fields, expand the Community Garden space. Develop and Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) with large grounds, a park like setting for multiple activities. Integrate an Air Museum and the RC Club at the south of the property. Allow restaurant type business at the south/east corner of the property. Sell a portion of the property for residential development to fully finance the ODC and Air Museum.



2 months ago

Suggestion: 9 hole Par 3 municipal golf course hiking/cross country skiing trails around the outer perimeter. To be maintained by Park Township Department and could be used all year. -Holes to be 80 to 170 yards and income possible \$9 green fee will financially benefit the Township. -Links at Rolling Meadows, a par 3 course on 48th St. charges \$10 for 9 holes and is very prosperous. -The next closest golf course is West Ottawa, several miles away.

2 months ago

Bathrooms: similar to that of winstrom park. Picnic tables with sheltered gazebo (like tunnel park).

2 months ago

Would creat a landscape with beau3 gardens an new little hangars and for the children park with an aviation theme for remote control aircraft thats not that loud to operate

2 months ago

Should keep it like it is but built little hanger for the remote control aircraft which cost lots of money to fly and maintain. Built a mini airport for remote control events foe aviation.

2 months ago

By definition the "Big Picture" should demand that we look at all the TWP Property on either side of OBR.

The Holland area has a housing shortage. Low income and homeless people are hit the hardest. The entire area should dedicated for low income housing. Government project housing in this large unoccupied area could be home to thousands of indigent and low income people. Multifamily zoning is key to combating climate change, racial injustice, and Holland's growing affordable housing crisis."

2 months ago

it would be cool to have an arborist dream about how to reforest the site with native and maybe a few unique trees that create an environment that attracts birds, critters... and walkers, runners, and loungers; it doesn't need to be the whole property but designed with other ideas selected. what a gift to the next generation. The township arboretum!

2 months ago

My biggest desire would be a managed green space with a trail system and native plants. A very minimal approach. Perhaps a few picnic spots just off the trails but no more.

2 months ago

The last thing we need is to continue to allow the hang gliders to use the area as a gathering point. The noise over our home was very distracting when the hang gliders held an event there. They all seemed to want to fly to the big lake. I would like to see the acreage left to go back to its natural state. The last thing we need in the township is more soccer and baseball fields Any splash pads, pickleball, etc. should go across the street by the dog park, playground, skate park complex.

2 months ago

Yes to some full hook up camp sites with water, sewer, electric, paved camp pad, fire pits. The State Park books up fast and does not have very many full hook up sites. There are other township campgrounds: Whitewater, Claybanks, Croton, Empire, etc. The private campground, Oak Grove, is ok but has a mix of camping, cabins and mobile homes all crammed together and in a cramped residential area.

2 months ago

Large grassy park with walking loop (large enough for walkers and a bike lane). Work in a few hills by filling with fill dirt to add deme soon to feild. Small man made pond to walk around, with multiple fountains to add design element. Large play ground for kids. Seasonal splash pad with ample parking.

2 months ago

It would creat revenue for the town ship having a mini airport for remote control park that would bring people from all over the U S a little investment would bring very expensive remote aircraft to Holland and nave competition on the diferent aircraft and all kind of a aviation park for remote control aircrft

2 months ago

pickleball is getting so popular that a pickleball complex should be considered. a couple inside courts in the old hangar seems logical.

2 months ago

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2 months ago

I am a nature lover and I would like to see the airport property protected and kept as natural as possible; a walking trail, maybe cross country skiing in the winter months, possibly some plantings with indigenous bushes and wild flowers in the open sunny areas. Ottawa County Parks system could be of help, possibly with ideas. They honor and restore land. The latest I have enjoyed is Sterns Creek Park which they are restoring.

2 months ago

I vote for keeping open space open. This may mean a nature preserve, trails, gardens and concentrating on native plantings that require little maintenance and little water. I have no issues with a splash pad with the except of a large parking area and additional summer traffic on OBR, so that would need to be carefully planned out. This needs to be ADA compliant and accessible to all and benefits the majority. I believe Park Township has plenty of pickleball courts, soccer fields and the like.

2 months ago

Preserve the airport by making it a mini airport for remote control aircraft the biggest in mid West u Holland big toy flying out of the ild airfield would bring people from all over the USA and abroughd to compete with thete remote aircraft a all new business can be met and control by the township Think about it Hector Rosario

2 months ago

I know it's been said ... No Housing ... but I feel a portion of the site (several acres) could be out up for

By definition the "Big Picture" should demand that we look at all the TWP Property on either side of OBR. This means the Northern Airport Property and the 69 Acres to the South. Only talking about the "New" on the North solves none of the problems to the South - particularly the way outdated and non-ADA compliant Community Center and the "poor-space" of the converted fire station to Maintenance Facility (yes, told to me by TWP Employees), plus the unused residential properties owned by the TWP.

2 months ago

In addition to other comments: Consult with County Parks for their expertise. Move aviation history to Pump House Museum and Park Township Plaza. Info for schools, exhibits at Township office, local schools, Waukazo school. No special groups. Cooperate with ODC.

2 months ago

I think you all screwed up!! This is one of Michigan's oldest airports!! You morons should have voted to clean it up do repairs and get off you butts and promote it to bring money in. As I pilot it's sad that an airport that my father called his home airport and I brought my students to for short field practice is know no more. Well thanks a lot.

2 months ago

Something similar to the Holland Aquatic Center (since it's so busy and expensive for Park Township residents) that included facilities (eg "smart" workout equipment that keeps track of progress like the eGym, wave pool, water slide, rock wall), classes (eg yoga, team sports), and activities (eg camps) that could be enjoyed by a wide range of ages throughout the year. It could incorporate some of the outdoor amenities such as a splash pad.

2 months ago

The pandemic taught us that spending time outside is important for our physical and mental health. The old airport site is a wonderful, quiet space, even as it is adjacent to busy Ottawa Beach Road. Keeping it open, and expanding ways for more people to enjoy the openness, should be a priority.

2 months ago

The hanger should remain, and the ability to fly RC planes and drones. Maybe the hanger could be used for community events as well, or reserved at times for special occasions.

2 months ago

Please no more soccer fields

2 months ago

I love the idea of an outdoor amphitheater/gardens that many families in the area can walk to. Could be used for concerts, local school functions, there's so much you could do with it and could be a nice attraction for the north side.

a month ago

Perhaps we could explore the possibility of using some of the land to create a Cultural Garden. Cultural Gardens are spaces that commemorate and celebrate a community's diversity in a beautiful and interactive way. We could have community plots of lands under the stewardship of Ottawa County's amazing immigrants, migrants, and POC. This could be a great way to celebrate our diversity, build cross-cultural relationships, and add even more beauty to the area.

2 months ago

This is huge for me personally. Preservation of a vast portion of the land as a greenspace along with the historic buildings, in my opinion, is a must and easy to do. Preservation of the remote flyers field along with keeping it accessible to CAP as well. A public tree planting project to rehab some of the property would be great, even though the back 40 is well on its way to greening up after being cut for several decades.

2 months ago

We should preserve the airport by keeping it airport. I remember being so excited to go to Park Township as a child in hopes an airplane would come land. The strip does not need to be paved. A turf strip would add a lot of character to the community...and would not interfere with other activities. I'm sure local pilots would volunteer to mow it too. That's a pipe dream... A pump track would be a decent addition to the community.

2 months ago

A pump track and bike park would be a great addition to the airport property, and would provide an opportunity similar to the skate park across the road (that is always busy!). Grand Rapids and other communities have embraced these facilities with great success.



2 months ago

I think to bring people from all around a large go cart track would be nice with concessions, bleachers, night lights. Sponsored events. Small carts for children, larger carts for adults. Very large north of Lansing, in Europe (Spain).

2 months ago

Love the suggestions regarding rink & warming house. Also a splash pad. Should the skate board park across the street be relocated to this site as to avoid road crossings? A beginner bike trail in the woods would be a nice addition.

2 months ago

I know it's been said ... No Housing ... but I feel a portion of the site (several acres) could be put up for Bid specifically for a Senior Center surrounded by Senior Housing. It would nice if our Seniors could stay (live in) the Township.

2 months ago

First, don't subdivide. Keep at least the area north of the former main runway as a greenspace to mesh with the wooded preserve. The half nearest the intersection is big enough for a lot of ideas. The remote flyers field should be retained, even if it is moved. It is currently used daily. It will also be a destination for paramotors. Rehab of the historical hangars should be a forgone conclusion. They could serve many uses beyond what they currently are.

2 months ago

NO HOUSES or RESIDENTIAL buildings!!!!!! Area to continue hosting car shows, gliders, remote control planes, ect. Keep the building, meeting space, allow Civil Air Patrol to still operate from the building (those kids do not deserve to loose that) Play space Ice rink Splash Pad Larger community garden Picnic area Overall a place to enjoy outdoor activities with families and freinds

2 months ago

I believe Park Township needs a legit splash pad for the kids. Much bigger than downtown Holland and also bigger than what Zeeland offers. You could pair that with a playground and even some small shops to help bring tourism and financial income to the area. It will also make the area more appealing to potential home buyers.

2 months ago

I think Ottawa County Parks should help design the space as a wildlife preserve. We have so much space to plant new trees, and to just start a new layout. It would be nice to have maybe a pond where people can come and fish and play with RC boats. I'm thinking a smaller New York Central Park kind of feel. With benches, areas to picnic. I think we could make this area beautiful. I want to be able to use this space and walk in a beautiful area.

2 months ago

I think a small section preserved to showcase the site's aeronautical history and as an educational base would be okay. But not the whole site. Not sure how much space is needed to continue gatherings of remote controlled airplane clubs but, if not a lot, that could remain a fun option.

2 months ago

Keep the historic hanger. Let's have community pancack breakfast there once a month!

2 months ago

I'd love to see a nature based playground and splashpad for young families and grandparents to utilize. Converting the airport hangar into an area honoring the airport's history as well as community education programs for young and old would be wonderful. I'd like to see more pickleball courts available and I do like the idea one person had for a skating rink and warming house. The airport site should be a place for Park Residents to be able to gather for fun and recreation.

2 months ago

I think an outdoor and indoor aquatic center for families. The lake has been very dangerous and algae blooms are unsafe for children. There is no large outdoor pools in the area. Check out the Bartlett aquatic center for ideas. It could generate revenue and be great for families.

13 hours ago

Preserve ten acres as a grassland nature preserve. Keep the habitat as it currently exists for grassland birds such as Grasshopper sparrow, which has been recorded there and is a Special Concern species at the state level and known at only a few locations in Ottawa County. Preserve the section north of the runway adjacent to Cooper-VanWieren Park. Grassland habitats are very rare in the county and the former airport presents a rare opportunity to preserve an important but vanishing ecosystem.

14 hours ago

First of all thank you for soliciting input from our residents of Park Township. I have been a resident here for nearly 35 years, served on the Park township recreation board for 10 years. We have built a very firm recreation foundation for our residents, a very diverse recreation for both young and old. An area where I see some improvement would be winter sports. Ice skating rink would be nice but the winters have been mild. A Fishing pond would work, the dirt could be used as a sled hill.

3 days ago

Given the fact that travel sports are such a big part of our society now, I believe putting in different size baseball fields and soccer fields to utilize the space will be a great benefit. Not to mention Park Township could run the tournaments and continue to use that as a source of revenue. To coincide with that put in a playground and picnic area. Kevin

3 days ago

Please no amphitheater! This is a residential area populated by small children who go to bed at 6 or 7 pm! Please respect the wellbeing of the children in this community!!!!

7 days ago

I love a previous commenter's input about something like Tulsa's "Gathering Place"
<https://www.gatheringplace.org/>

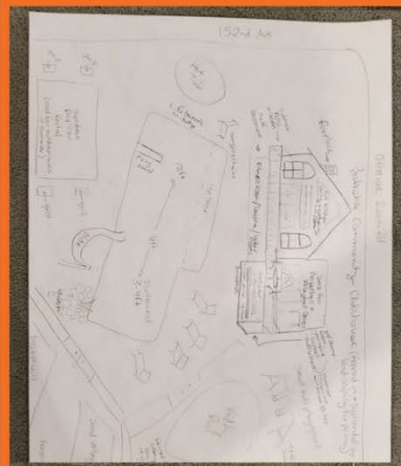
For the summer months a splash pad and some softball diamonds. In the winter, a skating rink with a warming house

2 months ago

Soccer fields Rugby fields Tennis courts Community gardens with market Children's playarea with splash pad Do not build residential accommodations

2 months ago

A Lakeshore Community Clubhouse (Recreation Center). Private space for residents of Park Twp. Fenced in area with membership fee to residents. Include kiddie pool, large swimming pool with slides, hot tubs, fire pits, waterfalls, pavilion for rental, outdoor concessions. Sand volleyball courts, outdoor basketball court, horseshoe pits, tree house playground. Indoor rec center with gym to set up volleyball & basketball. Fireplace in small party rental space. Patio with tables and food court.



a month ago

I thought this was beyond the planning stages. Why did the board close the airport with no plan to develop further? It is amazing to me that the board convinces us to get rid of the airport but no real plan going forward. We need to put back the old airport and put out the "leaders" that got us here in the first place. In the meantime what are your current plans for maintenance? Looks to me the township is in the tick raising business!

a month ago

This property is a wonderful blank canvas that belongs to the whole community. It should NOT become another housing development. It should support and show-off for visitors what Park Township is and has to offer. Recreation areas, green spaces, gardens, performance and gathering space come to mind immediately. Making this property a space that invites people come in and explore, play, relax and learn would make it such a valuable asset for our whole community.

a month ago

I think preserving the land and the wide open look and few of the space is important.

2 months ago

I suggest that the two areas, Airport and Fair Ground, be connected by an attractive bridge over Ottawa Beach Road which would let residents move safely from one side to the other. Most parking should be at the Fair Grounds side. A ramped bridge would accommodate foot traffic and bicycles. The bridge could be curved across the street and planted with low maintenance native shrubs.

2 months ago

Agree with what someone else said about the Cooper-Van Wieren site. A new paved path connecting Waukazoo School with Perry St. would provide new options for biking and walking loops between Lakewood and Ottawa Beach roads as well as access to whatever attractions materialize at the airport. Actually, constructing this as well as paving the new path around the north and west sides of the airport could be done now without waiting for the final plan.

2 months ago

keep the Cooper VW property part of the planning - it's a delightful site that offers so much extra as far as walking and biking trails.

2 months ago

Want: A park and ride service to the State Park, like Grand Haven has. A large outdoor ice rink A sledding hill A large go-cart track Do Not Want Dog Park, Sports fields, walking trails, camping site

2 months ago

The local camping areas are not suited for tent campers, touring bicycles, and others. Perhaps a small area with some tent sites, a pump, and latrine.

2 months ago

A space for amateur astronomers. There's almost a perfect area just off the new trailhead parking. It just needs to be graded and perhaps a low line of shrubs to block headlights.

2 months ago

Make the site the go-to location for non-beach summertime (maybe 3-season) fun and entertainment for the whole family. Features such as splash pad, playground, mini-golf, rock walls, picnic shelters, etc. but make the amenities outstanding, overshadowing comparable local equivalents, not just token gestures. We want people to think of Park Township whenever they want something to do. It could even generate money if you wanted day or season passes for individuals or families.

2 months ago

I love a previous commenter's input about something like Tulsa's "Gathering Place"
<https://www.gatheringplace.org/>

11 days ago

A community garden will teach children where healthy food comes from. The garden could encourage CSA programs with area farmers or facilitate classes about organic growing processes, composting, and regenerative practices for a healthier environment. Many people do not have the open ground and full sun needed to grow a garden. We have access to many parks, a Holland Aquatic Center, and the fairgrounds, but we need a community garden.

13 days ago

Community recreation - indoor and outdoor pools, weight room, classes, outdoor activities for every season. Sounds like we need more pickleball courts! We have enough bike paths in every direction to get people there. A walking bridge over Ottawa Beach Road would be great to tie in activities at both sites. The fair grounds property needs to be included in the overall plan. It is in serious need of an update or vision too.

17 days ago

Big Marsh park in Chicago is filled with bike trails of all sorts. It includes single track (like Riley Trails), a pump track, BMX jump lines, and a short 'downhill' skills section in the future. The park is used for many events, including a mountain bike 'short track' race series. I suggest a bike park that includes single track (extending into Cooper-VanWieren), a pump track, a BMX jump track, and a cyclocross course that could double as a skate ski course in the winter.
<https://bigmarsh.org>



20 days ago

Municipal 9 Hole Par 3 golf course. Absolutely no houses.

23 days ago

As our planet heats up I am concerned about so much development going on with so many trees being cut down and paved parking lots being put up; this aggravates the situation. We need more greenspace not more construction and parking lots! Please consider Mother Earth and let this space go back to nature. Plant more trees, give wildlife a sanctuary. Walking trails would be fine but no camping and no biking (there's a biking park only 3 miles away-Riley Trails). Make it a low impact area. Thanks!

23 days ago

Update the brick building to be feasible and sell it to a boutique owner. Since you have Kin coffee across the street generating revenue, you can add in the purchase agreement to have the grounds and building to be used as an events center. Weddings, farmers market, you name it. Update the grounds to include water features, updated parking. Do NOT add any housing, factories or commercial water or event park of any kind.

a month ago

Please consider... A Remote Control (RC) scale airport. Good enough to attract RC Air Pilots for Competition. Google or Youtube these for more information: *2016 Scale Masters Championships RC Airshow Compilation - The RC Geek *RC PYLON RACERS Competition Racing

a month ago

I second the idea of massive park & ride to State Park (and Tunnel Park!), with on site amenities (dining, retail, etc.) Perhaps as part of a mixed commercial / residential affordable housing plan. Could also provide parking to the fairgrounds site (which could be expanded without need for parking) with a pedestrian / bike bridge.

a month ago

I believe a great use for a portion of the airport site would be a golf driving range. It could be somewhat automated with a mechanical ball dispenser.

a month ago

Splash pad and ice skating rink with skate rental. Forest school/preschool outdoor use. Keep as public use, green space, walking paths. Not used for housing or commercial use.

a month ago

CJL Final The pedestrian bridge seems like a must given the volume of traffic and desire to link the rec areas of CVW/Airport to the fairgrounds.

a month ago

CJL Continued: 1) use as much of the airport area for conservation, paths, a pond. Link to CVW. Keep the admin building there. Conserve the old hanger for gatherings per other ideas. Keep this simple and beautiful.

a month ago

My first choice would be a 9 hole par three golf course. As a second choice some lighted pickle ball courts. As an additional use some walking/hiking paths with some picnic areas along the way. As a last choice but worth considering a parking area with shuttle service to Ottawa beach and or the various marinas that seem to be so overcrowded.

a month ago

I think that is important to safely allow visitors to the grounds to be able to cross from fairgrounds/dog

I would like to see something that benefits the majority of the township and holland, not just a select few. A farm & craft market, a walking loop with beautiful gardens and small spaces to sit and relax. A place families could come with a nice playground. I don't want to have remote control planes, or mini airport. This is very noisy for neighborhoods when they are flying overhead!! I would like open space without housing.

2 months ago

Smaller aircrafts using the airport and the noise would be less than a big airport it would bring revenue to the township a great aviation park with shows competition and sails would preserve the landmark park as a mini Airport for remote control planes

2 months ago

Something that benefits a great many people in the community instead of a very few such as those that want to launch powered paragliders. We live on Lake Michigan and a recent event at the airport caused substantial noise and loss of privacy with these machines hovering overhead. It could be beautiful park, garden or even residential area. Thanks for asking for our input.

2 months ago

Pickleball seems to be getting incredibly popular. A modern playground with some covered pavilions, cooking areas, volleyball, and a large splash pad. I like the idea of an aquatics center, but doubt the voters would approve the millage unless the township does a much better job of getting a plan together and selling it than they did for the airport millage.

2 months ago

Leave it as wide open space with winding pathways, meadows, grasslands, trees, and windbreaks. Low cost maintenance. No buildings. Close existing Ottawa Beach Rd entries. Remove buildings, parking lot, airplane, fencing. Create new entry on 152d north of present entry. Lay out a meandering pathway to be enjoyed by all. Initially, just mark a path on existing surface and let it develop. Eventually, improve surface but not asphalt. Foot entries anywhere, no fences. Out of space.

2 months ago

Pave a diagonal strip that is wide enough to fit an airplane down from south west to the north east. Erect large buildings that house aircraft. Paint lines along the diagonal strip. Hang a wind sock in the center.

2 months ago

A municipal golf course would be a great addition to this site. Much like the disc golf course at Winstrom, it could be a par 3 wading course, 9 holes. This would help create a lower cost opportunity for people to be introduced to the sport. It would also maintain green space while offering a new local way to recreate.

2 months ago

We could use this space to create something similar to Grand Rapids's Frederick Meijer Gardens - with exhibits, lush gardens, live music, event rental space, monthly memberships, etc.

24 days ago

Outdoor community pool and splash pad.

24 days ago

It would be awesome to build a north side aquatic center with indoor/outdoor pools! Another section of the land could be an arboretum with native plants where people could stroll and get gardening ideas. Maybe a permaculture focus.

24 days ago

Drive in movie theater, community fire pits, farmers markets and food trucks. A mini "downtown" with local vendors.

24 days ago

Design should recognize the airport history while moving on with better uses for the vast majority of residents. Comments I have seen clamoring for building ANOTHER airport ignore the fact the we actually decided against this in a convincing vote! More attempts to cancel the votes cast. Beyond preserving aviation history, the design should include lots of back to nature features along with well planned recreation opportunities. Keep the mowing to as little as possible and plant trees.

a month ago

Community pool, track and fitness course. Parking and bathrooms for bikers with maps of biking trails in Park Township. Small place for start up businesses and farm market. Playground with airplane theme. Up up and away museum of airplanes, space, kites etc. Add trees and nature signage. Indoor dog play area.

a month ago

Keep much natural. A walking path with Mile markers, butterfly, bee and bird sanctuary would be awesome. Please keep the airport hanger.. it is a park township staple. So much could be done with it. Picnic tables with checker boards painted in on top to make it a nice place to go outside and gather

a month ago

It would be helpful if there were a public restroom on the site. A picnic shelter/pavilion would be a good addition. Otherwise, the less built on the site, the better. Park Township needs more open spaces.

a month ago

Keep the best hanger for a rental building and remove the rest.

a month ago

I think that is important to safely allow visitors to the grounds to be able to cross from fairgrounds/dog park/skate park area safely. I would love to see a pedestrian bridge connecting the two areas. Additionally, I would love to see a community use of the land with such activities as a splash pad. A large updated playground would be a fun addition as well. A small area designated to a small farmers market would be nice as the pop up vendor we have nearby seems successful.



2 months ago

The Township needs more hiking trails in it's parks. With it's connection to the park next door it seems a logical fit. There are plenty of sports fields in the area so I think passive recreation would be best here.

2 months ago

I agree with the small golf course idea. Visited one in Myrtle Beach-very popular and doesn't take too much acreage. Should be reasonably priced (maybe a resident discounted rate) but could still be fun, attractive, and profitable. Walking paths and green space could utilize the outside edges of the property and still be compatible with this idea. I also agree with the need for more pickle ball facilities-they are very popular everywhere.

2 months ago

The land should be a green space only with possible walking paths. The traffic on 152nd street is already out of control with no enforcement of the speed limit. We definitely don't need a sports arena or splash pad as we have Lake Michigan right down the road. The beauty of open land preservation must be maintained.

2 months ago

The entire site should be used as a mega sports park that would house many different sports and training facilities. Soccer fields Softball-baseball fields Bocce ball courts BMX bike course Fitness walking trails with exercise stations at various intervals Drone and model plane course Other sports that do not requires high levels of continuous maintenance or attendance. Additional tennis, pickleball, and basketball facilities thas the population grows.

2 months ago

I was thinking maybe a hooters or fuddruckers could bring a great community feeling to the Waukazoo area!

a month ago

Should look to create a community space that many can gather at. This concept I saw in Indy and Buffalo something along this line would be a perfect addition. Adding Breweries and Distillery where people can come together along with multiple food options. You can incorporate so much into the space for everyone to enjoy. <https://www.garageindy.com/> <https://buffaloriverworks.com/summer-adventure/>

2 months ago

The "wide open space" feeling of the site.

2 months ago

I would love to see a partnership with the ODC to develop a nature based playground like the one downtown and to have that extend into a natural space of exploration such as a botanical garden. I envision a natural attraction that will draw visitors and locals alike to the beauty that is possible in our area. I don't think we need any more soccer fields or sporting space.

2 months ago

I would love to see some amenities for children specifically a splash pad and nature based playground . As a family with young children , We would use those things all the time. Public restrooms would be nice as well as a continuation of the nature trail .

2 months ago

You need to look at the Cooper-VanWieren park area, the Airport, and the Fairgrounds together. How do they interact with each other. Could an outdoor exercise path with stations incorporate all of this area? Rock climbing walls, picnic area, paths, splash pads, bike trails, playground, fishing pond, disc golf all high end, but coordinated together. Make sure the township has the money to maintain all of this.

2 months ago

I would also support an additional skate park. The current one is heavily used. There always are people using the current one and waiting to use it. Indoor fitness/gym with cardio equipment. This would have to be a very large building because I believe it would be used by many people. You could consider charging a fee if it is going to be manned. Planet Fitness charges \$10 a month and a yearly fee of \$35.No showers necessary. NO SOCCER FIELDS.

2 months ago

PITCH & PUTT GOLF - As a young boy about 10 or 12 years old, my family from Indiana came to Michigan on vacation. In either Holland or maybe Traverse City my brother and I played a "pitch and putt" golf course. All you needed was a 9 iron and a putter because each hole was no more than 25 to 30 yards long. They had the clubs included with the fee and it was great fun. I am 76 years old and would love to be able to do that now at the old airport site. No power carts - just a nice walk.

a month ago



Phase 1 Recap Ideas Refinement Workshop

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Agenda

- Phase 1 Recap
- Ideas Refinement
 - ✓ Review Ideas for “Feasibility” and “Consensus”
- Phase 2 Preview



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Phase 1 Recap

- Nearly 200 Comments
- About 75% Online
- Thanks to Our Remote Engagement Hosts
 - ✓ Bowerman's
 - ✓ Yacht Basin
 - ✓ Sam's Liquor Center
 - ✓ Airport Hanger
 - ✓ Township Hall



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Phase 1 Recap – Suggested Precedents

- Big Marsh Park, Chicago



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Phase 1 Recap - Suggested Precedents

- **The Gathering, Tulsa**



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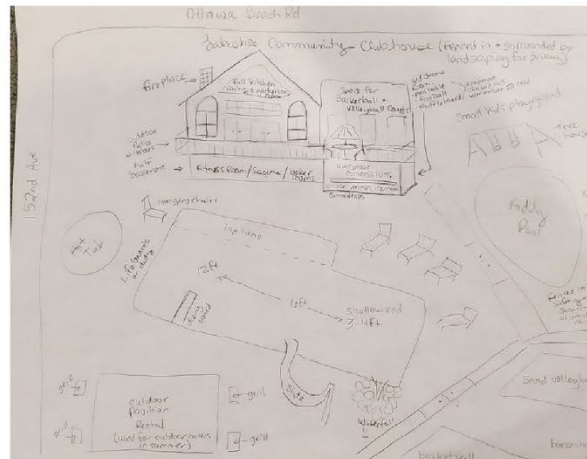
Phase 1 Recap - Suggested Precedents

- **Aquatic Center, Weston, Wisconsin**



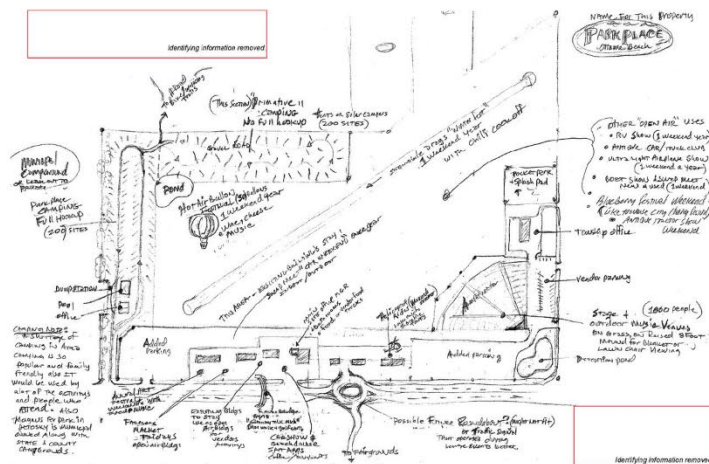
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Phase 1 Recap – Resident Drawings



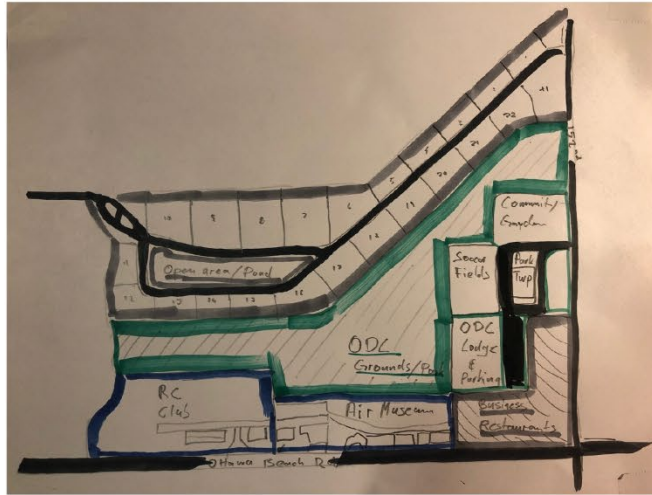
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Phase 1 Recap – Resident Drawings



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Phase 1 Recap – Resident Drawings



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Big Picture Ideas

- **Create a Community Gathering Place**
 - ✓ **Dream Big**
 - ✓ **Develop in Phases**
 - ✓ **Multiple Amenities – “Something for Everyone”**
 - ✓ **Design to be Inclusive – Consider all Ages, Interests, and Abilities**
 - ✓ **Connect to Surroundings**

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Big Picture Ideas

- **Partnerships with Other Recreational Entities/Facilities**
 - ✓ **Park and Ride to Beach**
 - ✓ **Move Facilities (like Skate Park) from Fairgrounds to Free up Space**
 - ✓ **Partner with County/State/Outdoor Discovery Center**
 - ✓ **Make Sure Planning is Consistent and Complementary**

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Big Picture Ideas

- **Ensure High Quality**
 - ✓ **Sufficient Parking/Access**
 - ✓ **Shade/Trees/Landscaping**
 - ✓ **Maintenance**
 - ✓ **Follow Through with the Plan**
 - ✓ **Keep Communicating**

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Ideas Refinement

- **Review specific ideas generated during Phase 1**
- **Advance Ideas to Phase 2**
 - ✓ **This is NOT “approving” the ideas – just keeping them “in play.”**
- **Ideas should be only be removed if:**
 - ✓ **They are not financially or logistically feasible**
 - OR**
 - ✓ **There is clear consensus against them from the public**



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Ideas where some expressed support and others expressed opposition**
- **Not using specific numbers**
 - ✓ This isn't "voting" – it's a general idea of the size of support/opposition.
 - ✓ Don't want to misrepresent people when they expressed nuanced ideas.



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Questions for Board:**
 - ✓ Is there sufficient consensus?
 - ✓ Is the idea logistically or financially feasible?
 - ✓ Do we need more outreach specific to this idea?



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Bring back the Airport**
 - ✓ Support: 5-10
 - ✓ Explicit Opposition: <5
 - ✓ Implicit Opposition: 100+



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Commercial or Housing Development**
 - ✓ Support: 5-10
 - ✓ Explicit Opposition: 10-15
 - ✓ Implicit Opposition: 100+



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Active Recreational Facilities**

- ✓ Support: 50+
- ✓ Opposition: 5-10



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Radio-Controlled Airplanes/Drones/Hot Air Balloons/Kites**

- ✓ Support: 15-20
- ✓ Opposition: <5



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Generate Revenue/Charge Admission**

- ✓ Support: 5-10*
- ✓ Explicit Opposition: <5
- ✓ Implicit Opposition: 50+

**Several of these were specific to a golf course.*



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Non-Consensus Ideas

- **Theme:**

- ✓ Aviation: 5-10
- ✓ Nautical: 0-5



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Most Common Ideas

- **Presumption of Consensus**
 - ✓ Lots of Positivity, No Explicit Opposition
- **Question for Board:**
 - ✓ Are these logistically and/or financially feasible?

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Most Common Ideas – Nature and Beauty

- **Nature Preserve**
- **Arboretum**
- **Public Art**
- **Landscaping**
- **Gardens**

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Most Common Ideas – Trails / Passive Recreation

- **Walking Trails**
 - ✓ Could also be used for Cross Country Skiing
- **Bike Trails**
 - ✓ Bike Trail Enhancements such as Mountain Biking, Pump Trails, Bike Repair Stations, etc.
- **Pavilion/Picnic Area**
- **Benches/Seating Areas**
- **Astronomy Viewing Area**

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Most Common Ideas – Active Recreation

- **Playground**
 - ✓ Including creative playground ideas (nature play, sensory play, balance, etc)
- **Pickleball**
- **Multi-Use Fields (Football/Soccer/Lacrosse/Etc)**
- **Golf Course**
 - ✓ Several comments suggested a 9 hole, Par-3 course.

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Most Common Ideas – Aquatic Recreation

- Aquatic Center
- Outdoor Pool
- Splash Pad*
- Fishing Pond
- Skating Rink

**There was some opposition to a Splash Pad, but the overwhelming majority of comments were positive.*

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Most Common Ideas – Venues and Facilities

- Re-Use the Hangers
- Community Center/Fitness Center/Indoor Recreation
- Aviation Museum
- Amphitheater/Performance Venue
- Event Facility
- Facilities for Enrichment/Fitness Classes
- Restaurant/Concessions
- Farmer's Market/Vendor Trucks
- Restrooms

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Other Ideas

- Not as Commonly Mentioned
- No Explicit Opposition
- Question for Board:
 - ✓ Are these logistically and/or financially feasible?

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Other Ideas

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|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Roller Hockey | • Volleyball Courts | • Skate Park (Move from Fairgrounds) |
| • Sled Hill | • Go Carts | • Tennis Courts |
| • Car Race Track | • Amusement Park | • Baseball/Softball |
| • Tetherball | • Zoo | • Drive-In Movies |
| • Four Square | • Outdoor Fitness Course | |
| • Climbing Walls | • Holiday Decorations | |
| • Horseshoe Pits | • Frisbee Golf | |
| • Basketball Courts | • Dog Park | |

PARK TOWNSHIP: Airport Future Vision Phase 1

Phase 2 Preview

- **“Idea Evaluation”**
 - ✓ Narrow Down the List of Ideas
- **Public Workshops**
 - ✓ 3 Virtual
 - ✓ 3 On-Site
- **Remote Engagement Booths**
- **Online Ideas Board – Evaluation Phase**
 - ✓ Parktwpvision.com



PARK TOWNSHIP - Airport Future Vision Phase 1



Future Vision

FORMER AIRPORT SITE

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Phase 2:

IDEAS EVALUATION

The following feedback was provided during the walking tour of the Former Airport Site. Please note that the following comments are paraphrased from the participants, and reflect our best effort to summarize their views.

If you have comments, additions, or corrections, please contact Chris Khorey from McKenna at ckhorey@mcka.com.



Future Vision

FORMER AIRPORT SITE

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Thank you for participating in today's On-Site Workshop as part of the ongoing Former Airport Site Community Visioning Process!

Phase 2: IDEAS EVALUATION

Approximate Timeline

1

**PHASE 1:
Community
Brainstorm**
Spring / Summer 2021

2

**PHASE 2:
Ideas Evaluation**
Summer / Fall 2021

3

**PHASE 3:
Development
of Alternatives**
Spring / Summer 2022

4

**PHASE 4:
Final Consensus
Vision**
Summer / Fall 2022

We'll be taking a walk around the site today, stopping at three locations to discuss the following potential amenities for the site, and the pros and cons of each idea. **If you would prefer to drive between locations, there is parking near each stop.**

Stop 1: Township Hall and Soccer Fields – Active Recreation

Topics during this stop will include aquatics (pool, splash pad, etc), court sports, field sports, golf, remote controlled/aerial activities, and other “active recreational” amenities.

Stop 2: Civil Air Patrol Hanger – Venues and Facilities

Topics during this stop will include a community center, concessions, restrooms, farmer's market, aviation museum, and other venues or facilities.

Stop 3: Perry Street Trailhead – Natural Beauty and Trails

Topics during this stop will include natural preservation, walking trails, biking trails, picnic facilities, and other nature and trails ideas.

There will be time at the end to discuss any other ideas you may have.



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Today's workshop is part of multi-phase community visioning process designed to build consensus around what happens next at the Former Airport Site.

1

Phase 1: **Community Brainstorm**

The Community Brainstorm took place in June, July, and early August, and included engagement opportunities online and at local businesses. Over 200 respondents generated dozens of ideas for the site.

2

Phase 2: **Ideas Evaluation**

Today's workshop is part of Phase 2. During Phase 2, we will be discussing the ideas generated in Phase 1 and trying to gain consensus on the most practical and popular ideas.

3

Phase 3: **Development of Alternatives**

During Phase 3, three alternative designs for the site will be developed, and evaluated through public feedback.

4

Phase 4: **Final Consensus Vision**

During Phase 4, the plan for the site will be created and refined through public feedback.

Other ways to get involved

Online: Go to parktwpvision.com to participate in the Online Ideas Discussion.

Zoom Community Workshops: Prefer to participate virtually? We'll be holding workshops on Zoom on the following dates. Please RSVP at parktwpvision.com. There is no limit on participants. Zoom links will be available at the time of the meeting on parktwpvision.com.

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Monday, September 13 at 6 PM

Saturday, September 18 at 10 AM

Monday, September 20 at 6 PM

Remote Engagement Booths: There are four Remote Engagement Booths set up around the community. Feel free to stop by and submit your ideas!

Township Hall 52 152nd Avenue

Bowerman Blueberries Farm Market 15793 James Street

Yacht Basin Marina 1866 Ottawa Beach Road

Sam's Liquor Center 611 South 160th Avenue

Stay tuned for more opportunities as the process moves forward! Information will be included in the Township Newsletter, as well as posted at parktwpvision.com and around the community.

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ACTIVE RECREATION

Field Sports (Soccer, Baseball, Etc.)

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site has plenty of space for parking Soccer is already played on the site Site is flat and already has grass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sports fields elsewhere, including at County Fairgrounds across the street Not unique or a regional draw Maintenance costs Sports will bring large crowds and traffic 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional youth complex would benefit entire region Economic benefit Fields could be open use when not used for tournaments Existing soccer field could remain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A regional youth complex would bring crowds and traffic Maintenance costs Schools already have facilities Doesn't benefit everyone – only those playing the sports 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site has plenty of space multiple fields/large complex Soccer is already played on the site Site could accommodate multiple field sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sports fields elsewhere, including at County Fairgrounds across the street Not unique or a regional draw Sports will bring large crowds and traffic Sport fields will not allow for community inclusivity Sport fields are too one-dimensional and does not provide flexibility for a range of uses on the site 	SEPT 25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are enough existing sports fields in the community, new ones would be redundant 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Township already has plenty of space allocated for sports fields The site should include a variety of unique and inclusive uses 	OCT 11

Court Sports

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing courts are heavily used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sports courts elsewhere, including at County Fairgrounds across the street Pickleball is a fad Not unique or a regional draw Maintenance costs Sports will bring large crowds and traffic 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor pickleball courts could reuse the hangars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportcourts are elsewhere and at fairgrounds Pickleball may be a fad 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing pickleball courts are heavily used and in need of expansion: this site would allow/ accommodate an additional 15+ courts for tournament use and club teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sports courts elsewhere Pickleball is too one-dimensional and does not provide for enjoyment by all While pickleball might be able to accommodate all ages, it is typically viewed as a retirement sport and does not offer enough for school aged participants Sports will bring large crowds and traffic The installation of court sports would only provide for a limit number of participants and not be a community draw/focus. There are existing court sports at Winstrom Park 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 resident said that Holland area/ West Michigan could use a big pickleball facility to host tournaments 2 residents said that existing pickleball courts are fragmented and well-utilized, people often wait to play Courts could be adjacent to playground or splashpad for multiple activities Pickleball courts can be multi-use and covered for event use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be opportunities to expand other pickleball facilities in the area May be redundant to West Ottawa Schools Cost and maintenance 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball is a popular sport and caters to senior citizens, which can benefit the aging folks in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sports courts elsewhere Don't permit regional pickleball tournaments. The site should be used for the Park Township community and taxpayers 	OCT 11

ACTIVE RECREATION

Aquatics (Pool, Splash Pad, etc)

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People like them • Pools are more accessible and easier to use (especially for people with disabilities) than beaches. • Holland Aquatic Center (10-15 minutes away) is expensive for non-residents, so an option for Park Township residents would be welcome. • 4-6 residents said they use existing pools in the region, 4-6 more said they do not but would use one in Park Township • 6-8 residents said they would use a Splash Pad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs (capital and maintenance) • Outdoor pools can only be used in the summer • The Township has beaches • West Ottawa Schools already have a pool 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Splash pad would be good for kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal unless indoor • Hard to compete with aquatic center • Maintenance/staffing costs 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A splash pad would be fun for all ages • A splash pad would not be an intensive land use and could be easily accommodated on the existing site • An outdoor pool would be a regional draw for area residents that want someplace to visit during the summer months, but don't want the large crowds that typically frequent the beach/lake. • A splash pad would be relatively safe for young children and would offer the ability to be ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) compliant. • Outdoor pool would have the added safety of lifeguards where beaches are "swim at your own risk" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor pools can only be used in the summer • There is a beach "right down the road" • Pools can be costly to maintain 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several residents supported a splash pad, traditional or nature-based • Splash pad would be good when there are red flag days at Lake Michigan • There is not a well-designed splash pad in the vicinity. • A splash pad could be adjacent to courts, pavilion, or playground, and doesn't take up too much space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Michigan has a beach 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A splash pad would be fun for all ages (including grandparents) • Community pool – especially for folks with disabilities where beach is hard to access and can be used during "red flag" times at the beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor pools can only be used in the summer, but if a community pool is implemented, it should be a multi-use facility, such as a skating rink in the summer 	OCT 11

ACTIVE RECREATION
Golf

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A driving range would be quiet for nearby residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bad for the environment Declining market 	AUG 31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doesn't benefit enough people Already have enough golf courses 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A driving range would be quiet for nearby residents The existing site could reasonably fit a nine-hole, par-3, course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bad for the environment Declining market Limited use during the winter Large maintenance cost A golf course would only service a select group of area residents and would not have enough inclusivity A golf course would not be very aesthetically pleasing while driving by The Township would have to take on the ownership of the course, which could be problematic Course would take up too much of the existing site 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macatawa is going private, so there may be a need for a public, par 3, 9-hole course Could do well in a vacation area such as Park Township 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf course takes up a lot of space Cost and maintenance A couple residents stated concern for tourist traffic 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't turn the whole site into a golf course (not inclusive for everyone) 	OCT 11

ACTIVE RECREATION**Remote Controlled or Aerial Activities (Drones, Kites, RC Planes/Cars, etc)**

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site already used for this activity, including annual events and gatherings of enthusiasts • Could be located near the hangers, where people already fly radio controlled planes • Part of the ambience of Park Township • Could attract people to watch • Could Ultra-Lights be brought back? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clear, enforceable rules 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to designate a place if they're not allowed elsewhere • Retains character of the airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some go very fast and could be hazardous to others • Need designated area to not interfere with other uses 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site already used for this activity, including annual events and gatherings of enthusiasts • Could be located near the hangers, where people already fly radio controlled planes • Part of the ambience of Park Township 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clear, enforceable rules • Need to ensure compliance with the F.A.A. (Federal Aviation Administration) regarding operation of drones 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board had passed a resolution in 2020 to continue allowing aerial activities • Open space can be multi-use for weekend shows and events • Provides space for emergency and coast guard landing 		OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support some small tent camping facilities for remote controlled drones/planes events • Drones, RCs aircraft, ultralight with parachute, etc. will have to stay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	OCT 11

ACTIVE RECREATION**Other Ideas**

	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Skating Rink (supported by most of the group) • Do NOT design the site to promote active recreation parking at the Perry Street trailhead/parking lot. 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not duplicate efforts with other communities • Coordinate with Visitor's Bureau and other townships • Make sure improvements complement fairgrounds • Property could have lots of uses to benefit many user groups 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site should be designed to offer the community a wide range of activities and not just focus in on one or two sports. 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outdoor refrigerated ice rink could double as a summer pavilion 	OCT 5
	OCT 11

NATURE AND TRAILS		
Natural Preservation		
PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty • Carbon Capture • Should be a long-term plan – plant trees that will eventually grow into an Arboretum, and make sure the ecosystem can sustain itself. • Put the natural preservation area near the neighboring homes to preserve their quiet neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should only be a portion of the site, not the whole plan 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low maintenance • Mature trees for shade • All participants were in favor of including natural areas • Helps project to qualify for grants • Could help manage stormwater and keep trails dry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive species already exist and will need to be eradicated 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautify the area and offer a nice landscape buffer along Ottawa Beach Road • Put the natural preservation area near the neighboring homes to preserve their quiet neighborhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should only be a portion of the site, not the whole plan • Don't make the natural preservation the main driver of the site design; the nature portion should complement the site 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going back to nature is cost-effective • Could have a tree replacement program for other projects • Vast open space • Can be multi-use for weekend events and casual flight activities • One area of the site could be more open and other areas more programmed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is windy without a tree block 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	OCT 11

Walking Trails

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with other entities – high school or college cross country meets, etc • Improve and expand Cooper-Van Wieren trails – connect them to 152nd and Ottawa Beach • Could be used for cross country skiing in winter • Could be used as equestrian trails as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate walkers from bikers • Add a new road connection to the Perry Street Trailhead/parking lot from 152nd or Ottawa Beach (152nd was preferred among those two). Then remove the connection to Perry Street for cars, leaving it open to bicycles and pedestrians only. 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new trails are good • Add directive and interpretive signage, such as showing that the existing paths are made of recycled runway • Improve surface to chips and fines • Looping trail to connect to Cooper Van Wieren would increase connectivity • Could be equestrian trails as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooper-Van Wieren trails get mucky • Equestrian trails mean dodging horse poop 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low maintenance and upkeep • Low impact on the surrounding area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate walkers from bikers • Walking trails would need to connect to existing networks • Walking trails on site would need to be incorporated into the overall design and not be their own subset 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking trails could double as cross-country ski trails • Exercise stations along the trail could make it unique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking trails could double as cross-country ski trails • Exercise stations along the trail could make it unique 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness stations (workout areas) with adult exercise equipment • Incorporate active recreation elements (but not sports fields) • Inclusive design and activities for ALL ages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	OCT 11

NATURE AND TRAILS

Bike Trails

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to existing bike trails on 152nd and Ottawa Beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate walkers from bikers Add a new road connection to the Perry Street Trailhead/parking lot from 152nd or Ottawa Beach (152nd was preferred among those two). Then remove the connection to Perry Street for cars, leaving it open to bicycles and pedestrians only. 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No restrictions on bikes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riley Trails already has mountain bike trails 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to existing bike trails Would allow area residents additional connections and routes to travel for leisure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate walkers from bikers The existing site is not large enough to accommodate the level of bike trails needed for active use 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Township bike trails are functional and provide transportation, so should link with other trails Asphalt is safest surface for bicyclists of all ages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing trail along east side of site is poor material for biking 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage dedication (like the bike trail one) historical markers Bike path junction/trailhead Utilize the patio near the airplane for bikers to rest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	OCT 11

NATURE AND TRAILS

Picnic Facilities

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be located near hangers/Ottawa Beach Road/bike trail to State Park, but still kept back from busy traffic Needs to be visible to people passing on bikes so they will stop Nearly all participants supported putting a picnic area on the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should not be near Perry Street 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide resting areas 		SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be located near hangers/Ottawa Beach Road/bike trail to State Park, but still kept back from busy traffic Needs to be visible to people passing on bikes so they will stop Facilities should be placed throughout the site and not just in a centralized location Facilities should be installed to serve all proposed ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No cons were discussed 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could work well with trails or as multi-purpose pavilion and ice rink 		OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider picnic tables, trash receptacles, benches, etc. in places that make sense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing picnic facilities are not used often 	OCT 11

Other Ideas

	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perry Street residents expressed a general concern about noise and activity near their neighborhood, and requested that the existing Perry Street parking lot be connected via driveway to 152nd Avenue or Ottawa Beach Road, and the road connection to Perry Street itself replaced with a bicycle/walking path. Their views were supported by other participants. 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need some sort of Porta-Jon in the short term Include plant ID signage and interpretive signage 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic studies and corridor improvements should be done in conjunction with site design to ensure harmonious flow around the area Space parking lots out across the site instead of having one large lot 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents discussed vehicle access and expressed concern for having multiple parking lots scattered across the site, vehicular drives crossing bike trails, and for the existing parking lot to be at the end of Perry Street due to it being dead-end. There is no desire for a developer, condos, or subdivision 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian bridge across Ottawa Beach Road to access both properties 	OCT 11

VENUES AND FACILITIES

Aviation Museum

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents have supported this idea before Could include flight simulators and other STEM educational activities Honors the history and spirit of the site Would be a good re-use of the hanger buildings, especially the most historic/unique hanger Radio controlled plane flyers would like the museum Could also include event/banquet space – the historic hanger has been rented out for events before, as have other hangers and armories. Note: nearly all participants were in favor of the museum idea, even those that provided “cons” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A museum should complement the site, not overpower it Is there enough interest from the broader community? The Civil Air Patrol needs space for their activities Would need to substantially renovate the buildings – add a kitchen, etc. “Events” should be fundraisers, banquets, etc, not concerts or other large events, to avoid noise and traffic for neighbors 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include veteran’s memorial, even if small plaque at airplane; that would be a natural location for it Located along bike trail would draw people in Residents were in favor of interpretive signage on the airport history located outside near the airplane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need volunteers or staff to run the museum Expensive to upgrade the historic hangar for public use 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honors the history and spirit of the site Would be a good re-use of the hanger buildings, especially the most historic/unique hanger Could also include event/banquet space – the historic hanger has been rented out for events before, as have other hangers and armories. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A museum might be too intensive of a land use: treat the historical nature as a subset of another proposed idea. Is there enough interest from the broader community? 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include veteran’s memorial and incorporate a way to give community members ownership through bricks Signage along trails throughout the property would provide information more organically Science and technology museum with simulators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A conventional indoor museum may not be visited or fit with the overall site character May not be a draw for the community Requires staff and upkeep A museum does not seem active 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide some historical presence (museum) relating to what the facility provided over its life Milestones in the airport’s history should be showcased Showcase area companies that have utilized the airport and how their influence shaped Park Twp Maintain a portion of the site for young aviation club Restoration to how it looked in the 20’s Rental rooms for small group gatherings (showers, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	OCT 11

VENUES AND FACILITIES

Recreation / Community Center

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing facilities are private or only open to members of a given church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are already existing facilities Would cause traffic issues and would need a lot of parking Costs (capital and operations) 	AUG 31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community center can already be rented No need for recreation/event center Doesn't fit into the area 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It could tie into the history of the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are already existing facilities in the area Would cause traffic issues and would need a lot of parking Costs (capital and operations) 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few attendees voiced support of a multi-use event center, which could be a new building or a renovation of one of the existing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing buildings would need to be adapted to be up to code and fully accessible Any large event will bring unwanted traffic 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community rec center to offer senior programs, teen programs, roller skating, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	OCT 11

VENUES AND FACILITIES

Restrooms / Concessions

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms are needed to support nearly any use of the site (nearly all participants were in favor of restrooms as part of any plan) Could go near hangers/museum/event space and would complement them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concessions would compete with nearby businesses (nearly all participants were opposed to including concession standards in any plan) Would compete with nearby private businesses, including a private vendor market Has already failed nearby before (at Fairgrounds) Would be more efficiently run by the private sector 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms are needed for any use Concessions at a small scale Include picnic facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concessions could compete with local businesses Need to integrate with other site features 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms are needed to support nearly any use of the site (nearly all participants were in favor of restrooms as part of any plan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concessions would only offer limited food choices Concessions would only be open for a portion of the year Concessions alone would be a poor idea; concessions should be in conjunction with a main use of the site 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrooms are needed for any use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concessions would compete with local businesses Permanent concessions are not necessary 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area for temporary (permitted) food trucks Need public restrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not build brick and mortar concession stands 	OCT 11

VENUES AND FACILITIES

Farmer's Market / Vendors

PROS	CONS	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food trucks would be good during beach season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Already have farmer's market downtown 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A place for food trucks, or other mobile/temporary vendors Food trucks would work well with an activity hub or sports complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A farmer's market would be redundant to others in the area 	OCT 5

VENUES AND FACILITIES

Other Ideas

	DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded Veteran's Memorial to go along with the existing plane (this also received broad support) Slow down traffic on Ottawa Beach Road (if possible) Remote parking for the State Park, including a shuttle (this received broad support, although some participants brought up logistical and operational challenges) Make the site unique and interesting 	AUG 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore the historic sign Keep the buildings and use them without spending too much on renovation: maintenance storage Do a history display similar to the marina about the airport Do not have remote parking, as there are too many people at the state park already No residents were in favor of an amphitheater 	SEPT 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the area to offer a larger farmers market site Design the exterior of the use of the property to increase the curb appeal Include an enhanced landscaping plan along Ottawa Beach Road Festivals that focus in on aviation; hot air balloons, small prop planes, etc 	SEPT 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a pedestrian bridge between the fairgrounds and the former airport site Consider a maker space in one of the existing buildings A few attendees voiced concern that this site would become a tourist attraction 	OCT 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gazebo with subset audience and surrounding gardens (maybe used for audio, weddings, parties, etc.) South Haven "chillers" (Rosa Parks Circle) multi-use space, summer uses too Multi use space (can be used for farmers market, flea market, ice skating, etc.) Keep rustic appearance on the outside of the hanger for photographers Public art/mural/gateway with sites and scenes from around the Twp Do not sell property to housing developer (housing of any type) 	OCT 11

Phase 2: Summary of Online Comments

October 11, 2021



Welcome!

A big thank you to all who submitted ideas and comments during the Phase 1 Community Brainstorm!

Residents of Park Township are invited to help determine the future of the Former Airport Site. The Township is undergoing a multi-phase process to ensure all voices are heard.

This second phase is a **community-wide discussion** of the ideas generated in Phase 1.

How To Use This Site:

Click on the "start a discussion" icon located at the bottom of each comment card. Write your opinions on any of the various idea topics presented under each category. For example, if you have an opinion about the idea of adding new walking trails on the former airport site, start a discussion on that comment card and let us know what you think!

Please scroll down to the bottom of this page for the opportunity to comment on all of the general themes and ideas represented from Phase 1, Community Brainstorm.

Farmer's Market/Vendors. Please provide your comments on the idea of utilizing the airport site as a farmer's market or space for various vendors.

Join the discussion (21)

Venues and Facilities | 8 months ago
Like +13 Dislike -34

Remote Controlled or Aerial Activities. Please provide your comments on the idea of utilizing the airport site for remote controlled or aerial activities. This can include drones, kites, RC cars, and other similar remote controlled recreation.

Join the discussion (16)

Active Recreation | 8 months ago
Like +35 Dislike -26

Aquatics. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding aquatics facilities to the airport site. This can include a community pool, splash pad, or other water recreation facilities.

Join the discussion (20)

Active Recreation | 8 months ago
Like +29 Dislike -24

Concessions/Restrooms. Please provide your comments in the idea of constructing concessions and restrooms on the airport site.

Join the discussion (10)

Venues and Facilities | 8 months ago
Like +7 Dislike -31

Aviation Museum. Please provide your comments on the idea of utilizing the airport site for an aviation museum.

Join the discussion (15)

Venues and Facilities | 8 months ago
Like +18 Dislike -36

Field Sports. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding field sports to the airport site. This can include soccer fields, baseball fields, and other similar outdoor sport fields.

Join the discussion (15)

Active Recreation | 8 months ago
Like +12 Dislike -30

Please provide any other comments you may have on topics that are not shown on this page.

Join the discussion (31)

Other | 8 months ago
Like +3 Dislike -

Walking Trails. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding walking trails to the airport site.

Join the discussion (8)

Nature and Trails | 8 months ago
Like +30 Dislike -12

Picnic Facilities. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding picnic facilities to the airport site.

Join the discussion (6)

Nature and Trails | 8 months ago
Like +29 Dislike -9

Community/Recreation/Event Center. Please provide your comments on the idea of constructing a community/recreation/event center on the airport site.

Join the discussion (18)

Venues and Facilities | 8 months ago
Like +27 Dislike -21

Golf. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding golf facilities to the airport site. This can include a golf course, driving range, or other similar golf facilities.

Join the discussion (13)

Active Recreation | 8 months ago
Like +8 Dislike -55

Court Sports. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding court sports to the airport site. This can include basketball courts, pickleball courts, tennis courts, and other similar type outdoor sports.

Join the discussion (33)

Active Recreation | 8 months ago
Like +32 Dislike -32

Biking Trails. Please provide your comments on the idea of adding biking trails to the airport site.

Join the discussion (7)

Nature and Trails | 8 months ago
Like +17 Dislike -27

Natural Preservation. Please provide your comments on the idea of natural preservation on the site. This is essentially preserving the existing site conditions as they are today.

Join the discussion (8)

Nature and Trails | 8 months ago
Like +22 Dislike -17





Future Vision
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— PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN —

Phase 3:
**DEVELOPMENT
OF ALTERNATIVES**



Future Vision

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Phase 3: DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES

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Summaries of In-Person and Virtual Workshops

The following feedback was provided during in-person and virtual workshops discussing the Former Airport Site, and comments were submitted at remote engagement booths as noted below. Please note that the following comments are paraphrased from the participants, and reflect our best effort to summarize their views.

If you have comments, additions, or corrections, please contact Chris Khorey from McKenna at ckhorey@mcka.com.

Phase 3 – General Comments:

- Township should put these events on the front page of the website.
- Run through ideas at July board meeting and get buy-in.
- Have plan for review at August board meeting.
- Mix of all three concepts with small scale components.

IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS – AT TOWNSHIP HALL

Monday, May 23 at 1:00 PM

Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 AM

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS – ZOOM MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 AM — no attendance

Friday, June 3 at 10:00 AM

REMOTE ENGAGEMENT BOOTHS

Township Hall – 52 152nd Avenue

Bowerman Blueberries Farm Market – 15793 James Street

Yacht Basin Marina – 1866 Ottawa Beach Road

Sam's Liquor Center – 611 South 160th Avenue

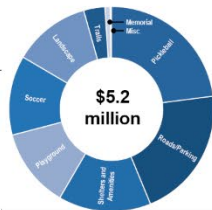
OPTION A



OPTION A: PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

Capital Cost
\$5.2 million

Operations & Maintenance
\$250,000 annually



LEGEND

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|--|---|
| (A) Veteran's Memorial and Aviation Memory Wall | (E) Play Area and Picnic Area with three age-specific areas |
| (B) Regional Pickleball Facility with 12 outdoor courts, tournament bleacher seating, 10 indoor courts, restrooms, and future outdoor court expansion. | (F) Picnic Areas along paths |
| (C) Regional Soccer Facility with 4 competition fields and large pavilion | (G) Flight Overlook Pavilion |
| (D) Cooper Van Wieren Trailhead and bike trail along Perry Street | (H) Native Meadow |
| | (I) Walking and Bike Paths |
| | (J) Community Garden |

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP MAY 18, 2022

PROS

- Tree-lined street along Ottawa Beach Road are attractive.

CONS

- Too many proposed pickleball courts.
- Recreation buildings not wanted close to road.
- Desire for golf course option.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No general comments were provided.

PROS**CONS**

- “Pickleball is a fad”, wouldn’t serve enough residents to justify cost.
- Doesn’t seem like there’s a need for the number of soccer fields considering existing fields in the area.
- Would like to see a softball field.
- Need more accessible activities for older people and those with mobility issues, suggested bocce ball and shuffleboard.
- Northeast parking lot should connect to Perry Street.
- Would like to see Fairgrounds utilized for events or tournaments
- Meadows are too fragmented to support native species.
- Prefer a bandstand to indoor pickleball.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No general comments were provided.

PROS**CONS**

- Indoor facility would be great for year-round activity (should not just be pickleball).
- Indoor pickleball is hard to come by.
- Playground is always nice.
- Bike paths are good, should be more paved than not.
- Easier to enter on 152nd street than Ottawa Beach.
- Excessive pickleball, there are a lot of other in the area and don’t want to be a regional site. Holland is looking to build a large PB facility.
- There are enough soccer fields in the area, is there a need for us to be a regional hotspot?
- One long road with a lot of parking along it might be too heavily trafficked.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No general comments were provided.

PROS**CONS**

- Potential harm for existing habitats.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Importance of habitat/grassland for birds (grasshopper sparrow).

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Idea: Hangar would be a cool performance venue.
 - » Don't like traffic and trash – music is fine, like space utilization.
 - Parking in front would take away ambiance.
 - Have special b.f. (?) lot.
 - Could save hangar economically.
 - Hard for people to understand neighbor's concerns (Perry St.).
 - » Perry st. one of few residential roads not connected to major street with ditches on both sides so no bike paths – love the foot traffic but not cars on a road not adequate for traffic.
 - » Hate picnic area – trash is greatest concern.
 - » Residents have to police traffic.
 - » Not much use of trail – much activity between 11 pm and 1 am – gate helps a little but not much.
 - Regional facility is a concern – local businesses can't keep up.
 - Love to see horse trails.
 - Like Ottawa Beach entry – police already sit in front of hangar.
 - Thought process has evolved over the course of the project.
 - » If there's a way to drive through the park would be a thoroughfare.
 - Have a mix of large pavilions, small pavilions, and scattered tables.
 - Have a lot of seating along the bathrooms.
 - Boy scouts and donors as source of benches.
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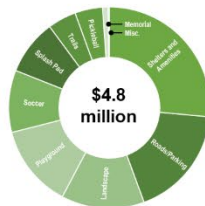
OPTION B



OPTION B: PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

Capital Cost
\$4.8 million

Operations & Maintenance
\$325,000 annually



LEGEND

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| (A) Veteran's Memorial and Aviation Memory Wall | (F) Restroom and Large Pavilion |
| (B) Community Sport Courts with 8 outdoor courts | (G) Picnic Areas along paths |
| (C) Splash Pad with single-family shade structures | (H) Native Meadow |
| (D) Cooper Van Wieren Trailhead and bike trail along Perry Street | (I) Walking and Bike Paths |
| (E) Play Area and Picnic Area with three age-specific spaces | (J) Community Garden with expansion |
| | (K) Community Sports Fields |

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP – MAY 18, 2022

PROS

- Splashpad option is desirable.
- Natural tree canopy along Ottawa Beach Road is attractive.

CONS

- Concern over putting road on west side of property.
- Concern over traffic/pedestrian safety during Summer.
- Consider maintenance and insurance for playground/splashpad.
- Desire additional pedestrian connections to County Fairgrounds.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Encourage tree planting along Ottawa Beach Road to encourage tree-lined canopy environment.

PROS

- Support for splash pad.
- Offers family-oriented amenities for multiple generations.
- “Play equipment is never a bad thing.”
- Fewer pickle ball courts.
- Larger native meadows. RC airfield runs East-West (with prevailing winds).

CONS

- Concerns for splash pad maintenance.
- RC airfield is too close to splash pad and play equipment, should be farther away from populated areas.
- If Child Discovery center has play equipment, more could be unnecessary.
- Need restrooms near every facility.
- Native meadows too fragmented.

GENERAL COMMENTS

None.

PROS

- Splash pad is a great amenity.
- Activities are more separated from the road, which is quieter and feels more natural.
- Picnic areas are really good.
- Has a little bit of everything.

CONS

- There are other splash pads within driving distance and they're expensive to maintain.
- Entering from Ottawa Beach road will be too difficult (left turns especially).

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Encourage tree planting along Ottawa Beach Road to encourage tree-lined canopy environment.

PROS**CONS**

- Concerns about maintenance cost of splash pad, interest in keeping splash pad out of Option B.
- Concerns about grassland depletion, impact on birds.
- Traffic on Ottawa Beach Road, concern about access from road.
- Concern about access from Ottawa Beach Road impacting habitat on western side of site.
- Concern over compatibility of RC/Drone area and aviary habitat.
- Wondering interest for size of RC/Drone area.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Wondering about benefit of park/will people from outside the community benefit more than residents / how will it impact traffic.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- About closing Perry St. entry – others don't care as not impacted.
 - Horse trailer parking not needed, mostly used by locals.
 - This option without the splash pad or soccer fields preferred.
 - » NE corner – pickleball, play, garden.
 - » Center – drone area and wildflowers.
 - » SE – natural and veteran's memorial – ceremonial – 12(?) 12(?) amendment walkway.
 - Very well received.
 - » Low to medium level of intensity.
 - Move picnic to east side of park.
 - W lot could be b.f. (?) lot – maybe in location of teardown building.
 - Mention of pond not well-received – fencing? Safety concerns, lots of natural water.
 - Minimize parking by the airport and use fairgrounds instead.
 - » Have pedestrian signal, maybe a refuge island (ADD TO PLAN -Sandy).
 - Traffic study done previously – resulted in current safer crossings.
 - Small parking for RC can double as outdoor seating area for concerts.
 - Walks – one good loop that is paved, others can be evaluated and paved in the future.
 - Love foot traffic and families, not speeders and nefarious characters.
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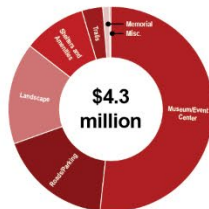
OPTION C



OPTION C: PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

Capital Cost
\$4.3 million

Operations & Maintenance
\$200,000 annually



LEGEND

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|---|------------------------------|
| (A) Veteran's Memorial at plane | (G) Picnic Areas along paths |
| (B) Aviation Museum in hangar | (H) Native Meadow |
| (C) Event Space in hangar location | (I) Walking and Bike Paths |
| (D) Cooper Van Wieren Trailhead and bike trail connection | (J) Community Garden |
| (E) Maintenance Building from converted hangar | |
| (F) Event Overflow Parking | |

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP – MAY 18, 2022

PROS

- Like native planting/environmental features.

CONS

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Reach out to Park Township on linking Zoom link to webpage.
- Concerns over representation of survey respondents .
- Consider public engagement/ mailing campaign to Township residents.
- Want natural plantings along Ottawa Beach Road and 152nd Avenue.
- Potential for commercial/farmer's market community commercial uses.
- Potential solar panel uses in rear of property/carbon neutral to combat climate change.
- Like mix, want natural features along roadways, activities near the center of the property.
- Make sure bike paths and sidewalks are wide enough to accommodate both.
- Don't want to limit options.
- Need for bike path standards to change to accommodate motorized scooters.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

- Even 35 mph is too fast on Perry St, especially for kids.
 - » Trying to be a good neighbor in twp. And get kids to be respectful.
 - » Police are slow to respond to complaints.
 - » Closing Perry st. entry good, but still need to monitor lot.
 - » When gate to lot was closed last winter it was great.
 - » Love concerts, RC, pickleball, veteran's memorial.
 - » No regional facilities, no splash pad.
- Propellers as character elements.
- Elevated walkway over Ottawa Beach – start with road level controls and raised funds.
- Aviation theme in playground.
- Historic hangar is priority to keep, West one comes down, others used for sto. (?).
- Use food trucks for events to help local venues – call concert area.
- Township MP not promoting commercial venue – not much local competition.
- Natives, lawn, wildflowers – be sure to put lawn for seating at concert venue.
- Have history of airport adjacent to plane.
- Need at least a couple of restrooms.
- Concern about timing of closing Perry street access – Twp. Board decision.
- Would like to see Ph. 1 as active areas that are highly visible.



Future Vision

FORMER AIRPORT SITE

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Phase 3: DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES

Compiled July 13, 2022

Summary of Comments from Remote Engagement Booths

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Select Option A, B, or C at the top, then list your "pros" and "cons" as you see them. Please fill out one card per alternative you'd like to comment on.

I am commenting on Option (circle one): ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

PROS:

CONS:

Phase 3: Development of Alternatives
Comment Card

Thanks for your ideas!

SAM'S LIQUOR STORE

B

Pros: It's for everyone.

Cons: None.

General Comment:

Stop spending my money on fancy projects that don't benefit the South Side -Resident.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

A

Pros: Like the pickleball courts, great use of the land.

Cons: A little more expensive but not that much more.

A

Pros: none

Cons: (1) Location of pickleball outdoor courts are too close to traffic. Option B is a better location. (2) Regional facilities will add to traffic and litter. Relocate these to higher traffic areas. (3) Is there a reserve fund for the capital improvements in the future? (4) Please address the wind protection for the outdoor pickleball courts. (5) Why do the existing buildings remain? They are an eyesore. The playground could be relocated to the existing buildings where it is more visible and safer. (6) North E/W Road – replace with walking and bike paths. (7) What is the maintenance plan? Who? And When?

A

Pros: —

Cons: Ridiculous to [illegible] too much money into pickleball.

B

Pros: Splash pad – none around. Trailhead. Play areas need more nature meadows.

Cons: Needs – tennis courts, basketball, baseball, softball.

B

Pros: Serves the most variety of people. We don't have a community pool, we at least need a splash pad.

Cons: —

B

Pros: Community park.

Cons: (1) Most costly to operate. (2) Need more info on operating a splash pad e.g. insurance, operating hours, labor, water usage. (3) Why do the existing buildings remain? They are an eyesore.

B

Pros: Multi use for all ages/activities. Good use of land.

Cons: Not most expensive.

C

Pros: Retaining airport building and a museum, less cost.

Cons: —

C

Pros: Only option with museum. Native meadow, event space, trails, natural preservation.

Cons: —

C

Pros: Least tax impact during the pandemic aftermath and high interest rates

Cons: Still costs more than the Airport did... current buildings on [illegible] is on land [illegible] and donated for aviation. You are all liars.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

C	<p>Pros: “C” is only option with least cost and open space. Concept A & B out of question. Keeping historic land with aviation museum ideal. It preserves history of this site. Please solicit community as many people have aviation artifacts to loan, especially engines and planes built here.</p> <p>Cons: Cannot comprehend the cost for minimum work. Is board or others getting kickbacks? Also what provisions for cost increases? The boards complaint and argument was prior airport cost. \$200K to maintain seems way over. Will you compare these costs to community or ignore as you push these changes? Be honest to us.</p>
C	<p>Pros: Keep hangar as historic museum. Least amount of cost to build.</p> <p>Cons: Hard to believe 4.3 mil for minimum building and annual cost to maintain.</p>
C	<p>Pros: Least amount of financial impact keeping hangars, museum. Should have left it an airport.</p> <p>Cons: —</p>
C	<p>Pros: least amount of impact on existing land.</p> <p>Cons: Cost of maintaining, cost of construction.</p>
C	<p>Pros: The least waste of money.</p> <p>Cons: the airport should never have been closed – A historic airport – built in the 1930’s, what a sham.</p>
C	<p>Pros: Veteran’s memorial, aviation museum, green space.</p> <p>Cons: I like the idea of a walking path but it does not appear to be very big. How many miles of walking? At least it should be 3 miles.</p>
C	<p>Pros: More natural area, cheaper.</p> <p>Cons: —</p>
C	<p>Pros: Ecologically focused. Allows for drone and other non-airplane aero-events to occur. B is close second for C. Like the locally used soccer fields. B and C both have picnic areas.</p> <p>Cons: (A) more for regional sports interests versus local use. Subsidizes local hotels and restaurants. Not focused on Park Twp.</p>
C	<p>Pros: Most natural. Lowest cost annually. Most favorable to winter activities (snow shoe, cross country skiing)</p> <p>Cons: (1) is there another location designated for the current soccer players? (2) No to B and C and reduce capital and operating costs. (3) Why dedicate a large parking and roadway space to the drone and RC area? (4) Airport theme O approach WMRA to house the mini museum and center.</p>
C	<p>Pros: Historical museum – adds value to Holland’s roots and past. Significant trails and green space. No sporting centers – pickleball may be a fad.</p> <p>Cons: —</p>
C	<p>Pros: Most conservative plan. Environmentally pleasing. Preserve natural environment. Honor airport history.</p> <p>Cons: It’s a shame that the investment wasn’t made in the airport. Let’s preserve its heritage and create a natural environment to enjoy.</p>
C	<p>Pros: This option preserves the natural environment and has driveby appeal from road. The airport history of WWII is important.</p> <p>Cons: Will the pickleball courts be for leagues only... so the general public will not be able to use them?</p>
C	<p>Pros: Drone and RC Area.</p> <p>Cons: Will the pickleball courts be for leagues only? Larger loop walking path.</p>

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

C	Pros: — Cons: Not enough variety.
All	Pros: Veteran's memorial. Cons: What is the future vision for across the street? I would like to see this side maintained to believe the former airport site will be cared for. The fairgrounds and airport could be combined project.
	General Comments: Please consider an area that would display the history of the Native Americans in this area – Thanks! An Airport – save \$, use runway for bike path, develop remaining land for affordable housing.

YACHT BASIN MARINA

A	Pros: Most engaging and entertaining option. Likely to bring more popularity and tourists/visitors to Holland. Will be coolest without a doubt. Cons: Expensive but I'll pay.
A	Pros: Pickle ball, more sports, cute, love it! Cons: None!
A	Pros: It looks amazing. Cons: None.
B	Pros: Splash pad, sports courts, no regional pickleball. Cons: —
B	Pros: I like large pavilion, splash pad. Cons: Too much drone area.



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Phase 4:
**FINAL CONSENSUS
VISION**

Residents of Park Township are invited to help determine the future of the Former Airport Site. The Township is undergoing a multi-phase process to ensure all voices are heard.

Phase 4: FINAL CONSENSUS VISION

Phase 4 is a community-wide evaluation of the "final draft."

We appreciate you visiting this Remote Engagement Booth to submit your ideas!

INSTRUCTIONS

Here's how it works:

Take a comment card. Each card asks for an "element of the plan" and your "likes and dislikes" for that idea. Please fill out one card per each aspect of the plan you'd like to comment on.

Here are the topics – and the ideas within each – that are being evaluated during this phase.

Feel free to fill in every line – or just one or two. Every idea is valued!



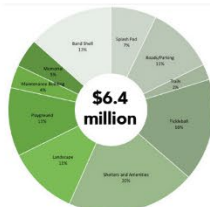
REFINED CONCEPT: PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COSTS

Capital Cost

\$6.4 million

Operations & Maintenance

\$315,000 annually



LEGEND

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| (A) Restroom and Large Pavilion | (F) Future Military History Garden | (K) Large Pavilion |
| (B) Play Area and Picnic Areas with three age-specific areas | (G) Cooper Van Wieren Trailhead and bike trail along Perry Street with expanded trails | (L) Future Band Shell in Historic Hangar with lawn amphitheater |
| (C) Splash Pad with Picnic Shelter | (H) Helipad | (M) Unpaved Barrier-Free Trail |
| (D) New Parking Area | (I) Walking and Bike Paths | (N) Outdoor Sports Courts with bleachers and shade pavilions |
| (E) Future Military Museum | (J) Native Meadow | (O) Maintenance Building |

Don't have time to participate today? Share your ideas any time at parktwpvision.com. Or plan to plan to attend one of the Phase 4 Community Workshops.

IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS

meet at Township Hall

Saturday, August 27 at 10 AM,

Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 PM

Friday, September 9 at 10:00 AM

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

visit parktwpvision.com for meeting links

Thursday, September 1 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 AM

Next Steps: Look out for the Final Community Open House later in the fall, as we finalize the vision for the new park!



Share your ideas any time at
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Future Vision

FORMER AIRPORT SITE

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Phase 4:

FINAL CONSENSUS VISION

August 27, 2022

Walking Tour and Public Discussion

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PROS

- Large pod of pickleball with nearby parking.
- Community center.
- Amphitheater will be an asset to community, great use of historic hangar
- Splash pad near a beach has been successful at South Haven and other locations, and will serve community when the State Park is full.
- Drone flight is limited elsewhere in community, it is good to have a space for that population.
- Drones can document growth of Park Township, and events/activities such as pickleball or concerts.
- More trees to the site is good, keeps drones away from playground.
- Nature playground similar to the Outdoor Discovery Center would be good.
- Walking trails will remain open around the drone/RC area.

CONS

- There is a greater need for youth recreation – specifically soccer fields and basketball to cater towards teenagers.
- Concerned that a large space is allotted for drone/RC areas which is a small percentage of population.
- Veteran's Plaza is a large dedicated space that reduces use for other activities.
- Consider including a basketball court near pickleball.
- Splash pad will require consistent maintenance.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Consider proportions of proposed elements to the percentage of the population that will use those elements.
- Area population will grow ~1700 people with new investments, plan to accommodate a growing community.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1:	How many soccer games can be played on the existing field?	(1) adult / full-size, or up to (3) youth games.
Q2:	Can pickleball courts be restriped or refurbished in the future if not used consistently?	Yes, the courts may be modified for other uses.
Q3:	Will there be signage covering safety protocol for drones and RC?	Yes, but that will be developed at a later time.
Q4:	Can fundraising contacts for specific elements be made?	Yes, but the master planning process will be wrapped in the next couple months.
Q5:	Where will there be bathrooms?	Proposed in large pavilion near playground, community center, and bandshell
Q6:	Will taxes be higher? How is this funded?	Several funding sources, including potential state grants and private donors.
Q7:	What will the community center be like inside?	The community center architectural design has not been developed at this time. It will likely include a multi-use area with indoor courts, bathrooms, and other flexible space.
Q8:	Will flying be limited to specific hours, where others could use the space?	The drone area includes a mowed runway and shortgrass prairie, which is unsuitable for most recreation. Flight would be closed during events at the amphitheater. The design team will bring this question to the board.
Q9:	Can there be a pedestrian crossing over Ottawa Beach Road?	Potential future project with MDOT.



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Phase 4:

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August 31, 2022

Virtual Public Discussion

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PROS

- Proposed layout of amenities seems to function well.

CONS

- Splash pad will require consistent maintenance.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The August 31, 2022 engagement event was fortunate to host a member of the community. This member indicated general acceptance of the overall plan, however, was not thrilled by the inclusion of a splash pad. This member felt that the yearly cost to operate a splash pad far outweighed the perceived benefit of inclusion within the park design. The community member did offer the opinion that a water feature is needed in the park design, however a splash pad is not the appropriate type of water feature; the community member indicated a desire for further review of a water element to the park design.



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PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Phase 4:

FINAL CONSENSUS VISION

September 1, 2022

Virtual Public Discussion

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PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of shortgrass meadow habitat. • Other local parks offer wetland and forest habitat. This site offers an opportunity to showcase meadow habitat with the community. • Like the balance of habitat and development. • Opportunity to continue native tree plantings the ODC has started. • Grasshopper sparrows, horn larks, and swallows are currently found on the site and would continue to be present with the inclusion of shortgrass meadow habitat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see more contiguous areas of shortgrass meadow for bird habitat. This could be accomplished by eliminated the trees on the northern end of the site to create a large swath of meadow across the northern portion of the site. • Wooded areas are not conducive to bird habitat. • The drive to the Cooper VanWieren trailhead fragments habitat; prefer to keep the connection to Perry St.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1:	Will the tree species shown on the plan be native?	Specific tree species have not yet been identified, but it is intended that the trees chosen would support habitat for local birds and other animals.
Q2:	Will there be an opportunity to review specific plant selections prior to implementation?	That will be determined by the Township at a later date.



Future Vision

FORMER AIRPORT SITE

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Phase 4:

FINAL CONSENSUS VISION

September 7, 2022

Virtual Public Discussion

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PROS

- Really like the plan in general and appreciate the work that the design team has done.

CONS

- Access from the parking lot onto Ottawa Beach Road is creating a "dead man's entrance". Ottawa Beach Road is the most dangerous road in the County – often used as a racetrack. People coming out of the stoplight gun it and go really fast. A lot of people die on this road. habitat; prefer to keep the connection to Perry St.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Definitely need more police in the area around the park, and especially a police presence along Ottawa Beach. Maybe a Community Police Officer with authority to stop a car, or at least alert the Sheriff's department.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1:	Will the plane remain on-site?	Yes.
Q2:	Will there still be access to the park from the NW (Perry Street)?	The plan proposes a gate for emergency vehicle access only.
Q3:	Why is there a parking lot there?	It provides access to the Cooper Van Wieren trails.



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PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Phase 4:

FINAL CONSENSUS VISION

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September 9, 2022

Walking Tour and Public Discussion

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PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball courts will be well used Replacement for community center Availability of "great lawn" for soccer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need an all-weather pickleball option, like covered courts, or courts with overhead doors that can be opened or closed depending on weather. Driveway from Ottawa Beach to Perry Trailhead is unnecessary and too expensive.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q1:	Will there be pickleball tournaments?	Maybe. They will not be organized by the Township.
Q2:	Where will there be bathrooms?	Proposed in large pavilion near playground, community center, and bandshell
Q3:	Will taxes be higher? How is this funded?	Several funding sources, including potential state grants and private donors.
Q4:	What will the community center be like inside?	The community center architectural design has not been developed at this time. It will likely include a multi-use area with indoor courts, bathrooms, and other flexible space.





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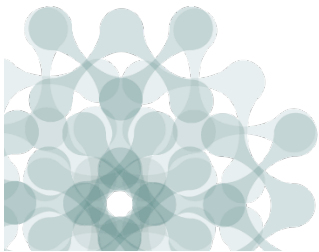
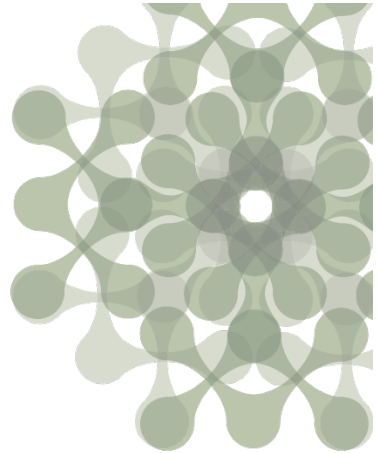


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PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN



Community Center Visioning Summary

Board of Trustees Presentation
Community Center Building Committee
August 29, 2024





Community Center Visioning Committee

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Jamie Millspaugh
(Design)

Prescott Slee
(Research)

Len Pilon
(Co-Chair, Project Lead)

Jerry DeShaw
(Program)

Randy Brown
(Operations)

Dave Ash
(Construction)

Lydia Knowles
(Marketing)

Tim Shields
(Space)

Consultants

Boileau & Co.

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Committee is composed of volunteer residents with a broad array of relevant expertise.



PARK TOWNSHIP VISION ...

Park Township is a family friendly, connected community that values our natural features, agricultural character and recreational opportunities.

COMMUNITY CENTER VISION STATEMENT & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Community Center ...

A vibrant, welcoming place where people of all ages gather to connect, grow, relax, and play.

A spacious and adaptable destination to serve our community, inspire purpose, and enrich lives.

Foster Community Connection & Connectivity

- Encourage social connection and belonging within and across generations.
- Create a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces available year-round to offer a mix of active, energetic areas for engagement and quieter, safe places for respite.
- Visually and physically connect the community center to its immediate environment, the surrounding amenities, and the areas beyond.
- Accommodate safe and easy access for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and public transit.

Reflect and Celebrate the Park Township Community

- Highlight the community's unique context, character, and values, including its lakeshore landscapes, agricultural assets, and resort heritage.
- Incorporate design and interpretive elements to enhance resident and visitor awareness of Park Township's past, present, and future.
- Design, build, and program to support users of different ages, abilities, cultures, and incomes.

Be a Responsible Community & Neighborly Steward

- Complement other area destinations and community facilities, minimizing duplication where appropriate.
- Design for and embrace multiple uses for each space to maximize year-round utilization.
- Design and build for long-term sustainability, durability, and easy maintenance.
- Ensure adequate support spaces and offices for storage, mechanicals, AV, and staffing needs.
- Phase and scale the facility development, operations, and resourcing in a feasible manner to ensure short- and long-term financial health.
- Foster synergies and opportunities that are mutually aligned with other community partners.

The Community Center vision builds on the Township vision, shaped by community input.



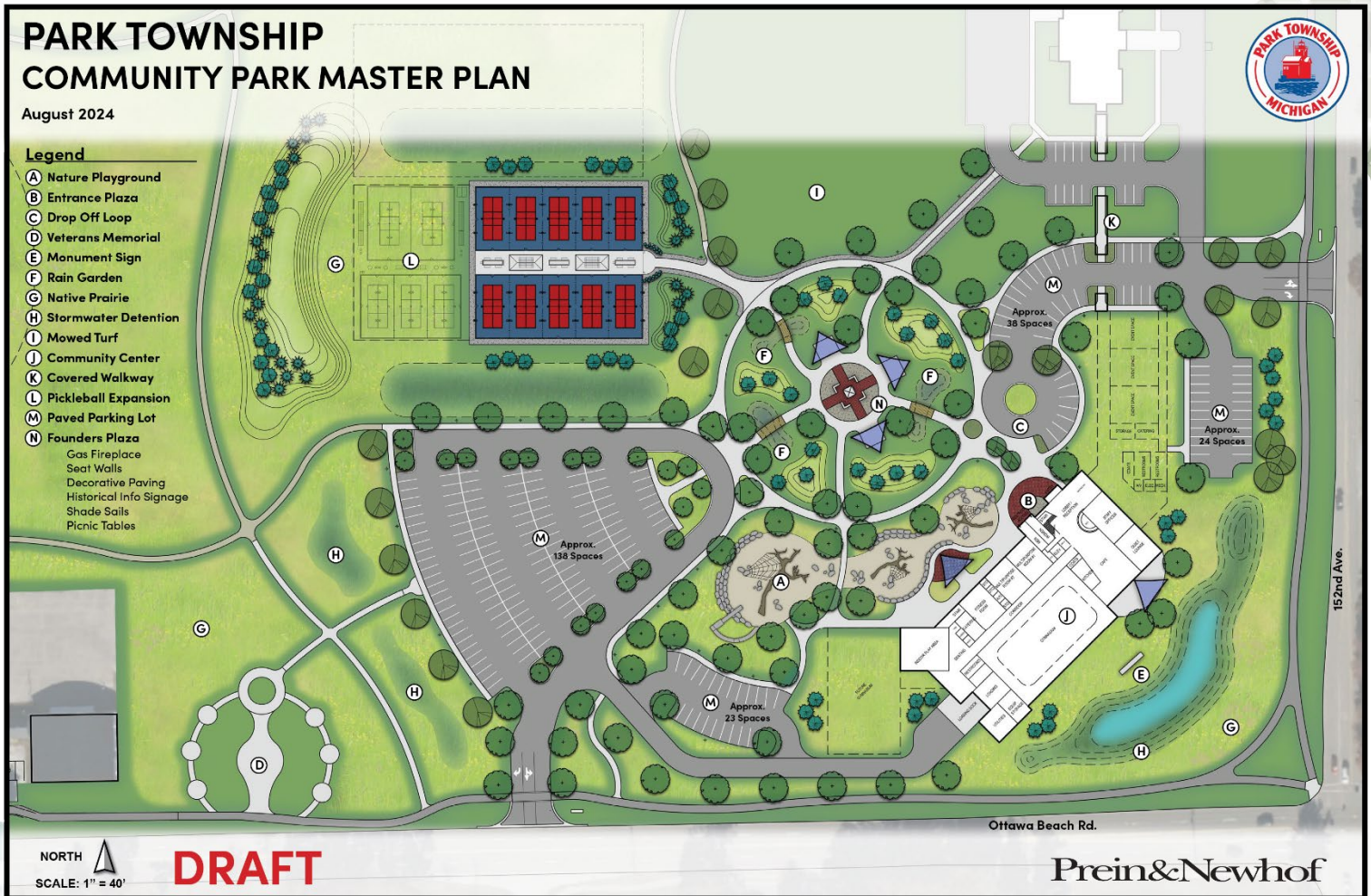
PARK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN

August 2024



Legend

- A Nature Playground
- B Entrance Plaza
- C Drop Off Loop
- D Veterans Memorial
- E Monument Sign
- F Rain Garden
- G Native Prairie
- H Stormwater Detention
- I Mowed Turf
- J Community Center
- K Covered Walkway
- L Pickleball Expansion
- M Paved Parking Lot
- N Founders Plaza
 - Gas Fireplace
 - Seat Walls
 - Decorative Paving
 - Historical Info Signage
 - Shade Sails
 - Picnic Tables



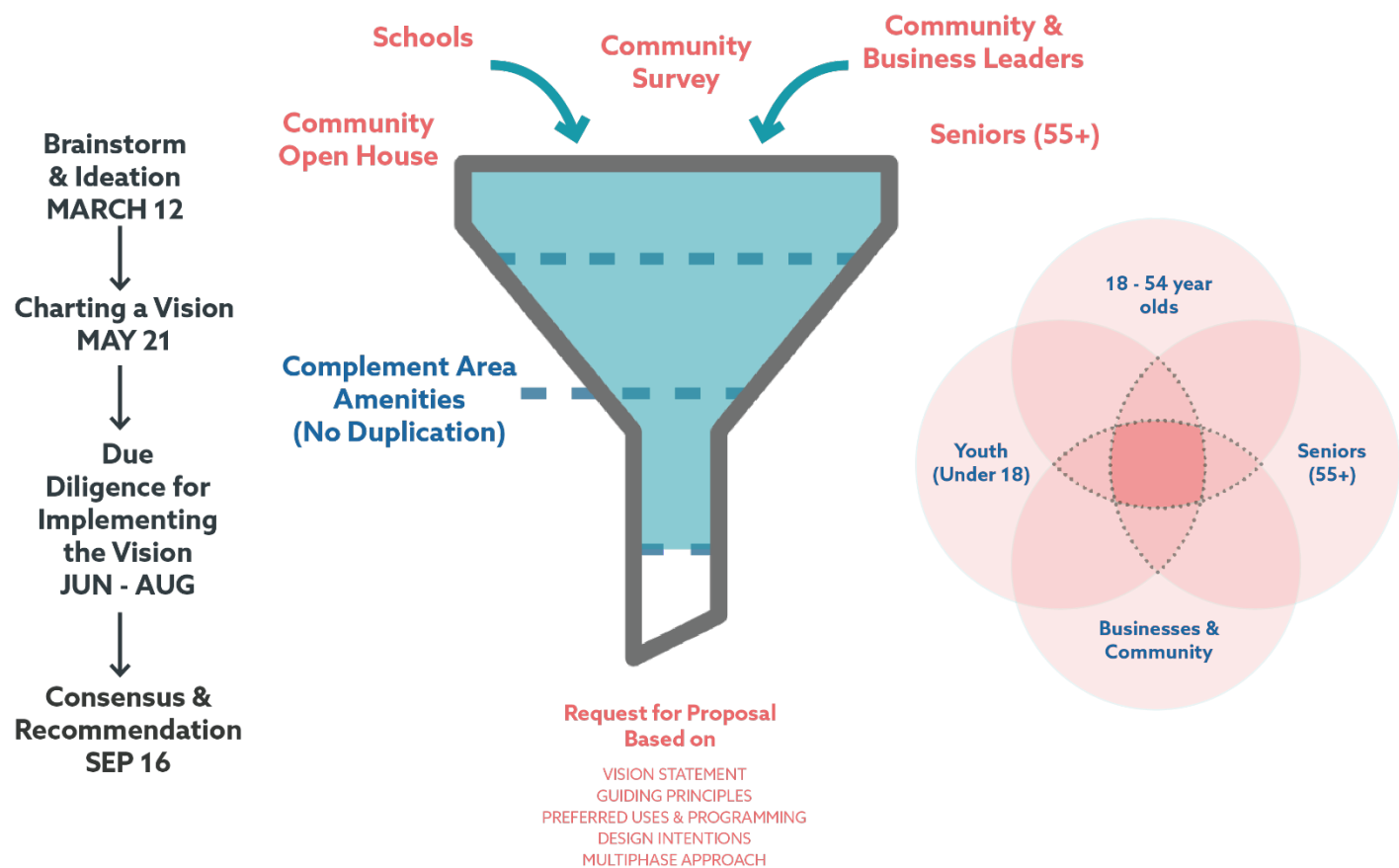
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The Community Center purposefully connects with all activities on the site.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SYNTHESIS



Significant community outreach representing diverse ages, business and nonprofit leaders.





BRAINSTORM & IDEATION

01

INITIAL BENCHMARKING. ..

12 FACILITIES (BUILT & UNDER CONSTR.)

- East Grand Rapids
- Spring Lake
- Comstock/ Kalamazoo
- Wixom Community Center
- Georgetown
- Byron Center
- Caledonia
- Muskegon/ Roosevelt
- Midland Community Center
- Holland Aquatic Center
- Holland Charter Township
- St Paul, MN

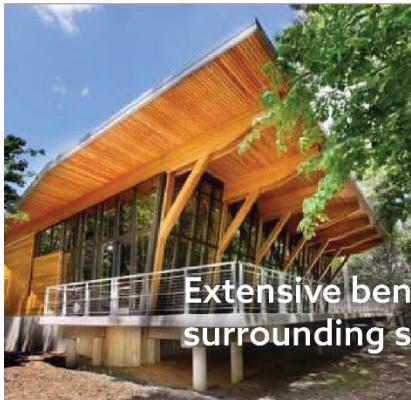
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Additional
Due Diligence
After
Narrowing
Down the Top
10 Amenities

6 FACILITIES (FURTHER EVALUATION)

- Evergreen Common, MI
- Calvary Church, MI (Multipurpose spaces and kids' play zone)
- Haworth Hotel, MI (Conference space and cafe)
- Byron Township Community Center, MI (Multipurpose courts and cafe)
- Broad Ripple Park Family Center, IN
- Arlington Hills Community Center, MN

Evaluation Focus:

- Programs offered
- Facility square footage
- Staffing
- Funding
- Social space
- Office space
- Multipurpose rooms
- Sports courts
- Security
- Maintenance
- Storage
- Outdoor amenities
- Lessons learned



Extensive benchmarking in West Michigan and surrounding states.



WHO WE HEARD FROM ...

**12 ORGANIZATIONS
& BUSINESSES**



**200+
YOUTH
UNDER 18**



**HOLLAND
CHRISTIAN**



**82
18 - 54 yo
ADULTS**



**100+
ATTENDEES**



**Community
Open House**

**140
55+ yo
ADULTS**



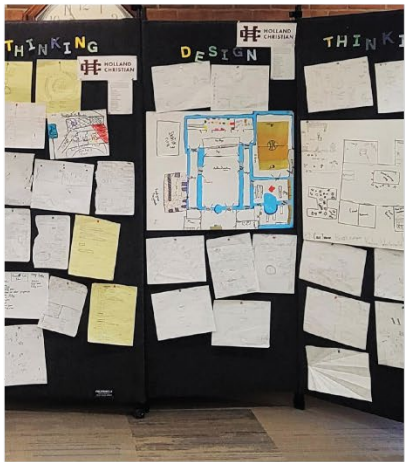
**40 Focus Group
Attendees**



**100 Survey
Responses**

**Broad array of outreach provided relevant data for
what the community desires.**

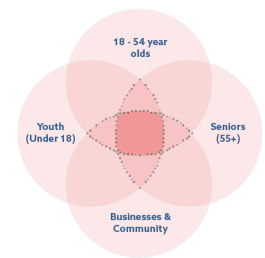




Schools, business and community leaders, and residents showed up and participated.

QNS: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE/DO AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER?

COMMON INTERESTS & POTENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS



Under 18 year olds	18 - 54 year olds	55+ year olds	Businesses & Community Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multipurpose courts (for athletics, free/open play, obstacle courses) • Quiet space (library, reading, tutoring, relaxation) • Soccer field • Multipurpose rooms for learning, recreation, meeting (art, music, games) • Swimming pool • Gym (free play) • Game Room/Arcade • Café • Food Court • Hangout area <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground • Garden • Counseling/ Mental Health • Resource Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness classes/ gym (including Zumba, yoga) • Multipurpose rooms for learning, recreation, meeting (art, music, games) • Multipurpose courts (for athletics, free/open play, obstacle courses) • Swimming pool • Indoor walking track • Indoor play area / Kids' Zone • Farmers' Market • Food Truck • Café • Outdoor gathering space (pavilion, covered patio, front porch seating, fireplace or firepit) <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lounge/ Gathering area • Work spaces • Quiet space (library, reading, tutoring, relaxation) • Events space with stage (200+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multipurpose rooms for learning, recreation, meeting (art, music, games) • Multipurpose courts (for athletics, free/open play, obstacle courses) • Fitness classes/ gym (including Zumba, yoga) • Farmers' Market • Café • Outdoor gathering space (pavilion, covered patio, front porch seating, fireplace or firepit) • Multipurpose Lawn • Food Truck • Kitchen • Indoor walking track <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairs • Nonprofit services/activities/ meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multipurpose courts (for athletics, free/open play, obstacle courses) • Gym • Work spaces • Multipurpose rooms for learning, recreation, meeting (art, music, games) • Events space with stage (200+) • Commercial Kitchen • Storage • Daycare/ After School Care/ Summer Programming • Resource navigation center • Destination (integrate food, coffee, fireplace, splashpad, welcome center to highlight Park Twp) <p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling/ Mental Health

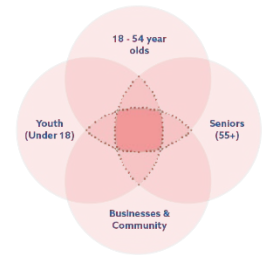
Note: Amenities in red were noted as common ideas across all demographic groups.

Focused on common interests (in red) across all groups.



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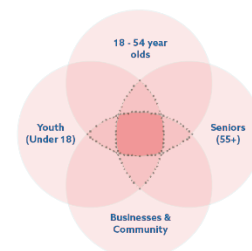
COMMON INTERESTS & POTENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS



PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS TOP 10 AMENITIES (CORE OVERLAPS)	SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS OTHER CONSIDERATIONS (POSSIBILITIES)	NOT DUPLICATE AVAILABLE/COMING AMENITIES (NOT INCLUDED)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic courts (for athletics, free/open plan, obstacle courses) • Group fitness rooms • Multipurpose rooms for learning, recreation, meeting (art, music, games) • Kids' play zone • Quiet space (library, reading, tutoring, relaxation) • Café/ Lounge • Reception area & Welcome desk • Outdoor gathering space (pavilion, covered patio, front porch seating, fireplace or firepit) • Large events space (for 200+ people, theater/concert style) <p>Other supportive essentials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen • Storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Center for Park Township (history, farming, art, former airport) • Aquarium/Indoor water feature • Art gallery/mural • Atrium/indoor gardens • Daycare • Donations/ Library of Things • Learning, Tutoring, Mentoring • Resource center for students, seniors, nonprofits, and social services • Food trucks (vs restaurants, dining) • Indoor walking track with special lane for different mobility needs • Inclusive play area • Shared workspaces • Emergency shelter 	<p>AVAILABLE/PLANNED FOR PARK TWP COMMUNITY PARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphitheater for outdoor music performances • Pickleball courts • Playscape • Prairie / Pollinator garden • Soccer fields • Splash pad • Walking trails • Water feature/ pond <p>AMENITIES IN THE GREATER HOLLAND-ZEELAND AREA (NOT DUPLICATE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcade/Trampoline Park (BAM, UrbanAir) • Farmers' Market (Waukazoo + Holland) • Ice Skating Park (Holland) • Roller Skating Rink (Rollxscape) • Swimming pool (West Ottawa, HAC) • Tennis courts (Fairgrounds, Parks)

Arrived at 10 Common Interests and defined what we did not want to duplicate.

Connected



Community desire regarding overall Look and Feel.





CHARTING A VISION

02



Interactive workshop for residents to share visual preferences.

VISUAL PREFERENCE WORKSHOP

60+ | **MAY 21, 5:30PM - 7PM**
ATTENDEES | **WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL**

- The committee shared the draft vision statement, guiding principles, and initial ideas gathered from the early brainstorming.
- Members of the community then reviewed photographs of benchmark facilities from across our region.
- Looking at example architecture and design elements for several of the proposed spaces (gym, play area, cafe, reception, etc), participants voted on the elements that resonated most personally and those which they disliked.
- The committee then tallied the votes and prepared a brief presentation to help encapsulate the community's design preferences.
- The findings serve as important guide when the Township launches a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a design-build process.

***Please note the reference images included in this workshop are not renders or specific proposed designs but are reference photographs from other regional benchmarks.*

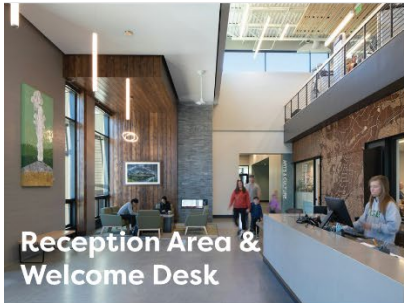




Building Exterior



Outdoor Gathering Spaces



Reception Area & Welcome Desk



Athletic Courts



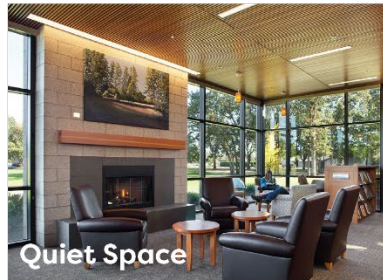
Group Fitness Room



Kids' Play Zone



Cafe/ Lounge



Quiet Space



Multipurpose Room



Large Events Space

- Warm
- Welcoming
- Vibrant
- Energetic
- Spacious
- Safe
- Accessible
- Lots of natural light
- Blends with the surroundings
- Views and access to the outdoors
- Adaptable
- Modern furnishings and technology

Images and descriptors with highest votes from the community.

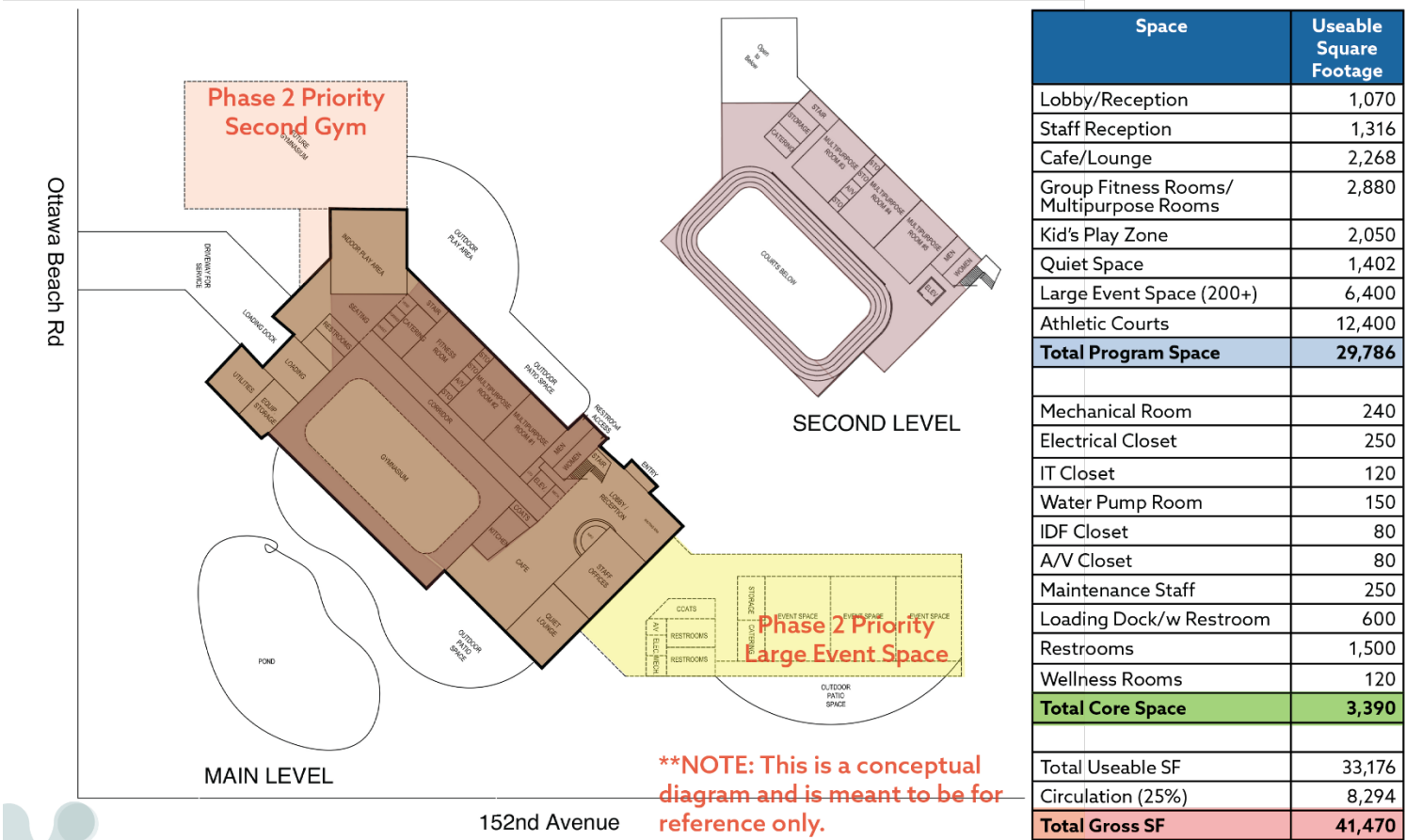




IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

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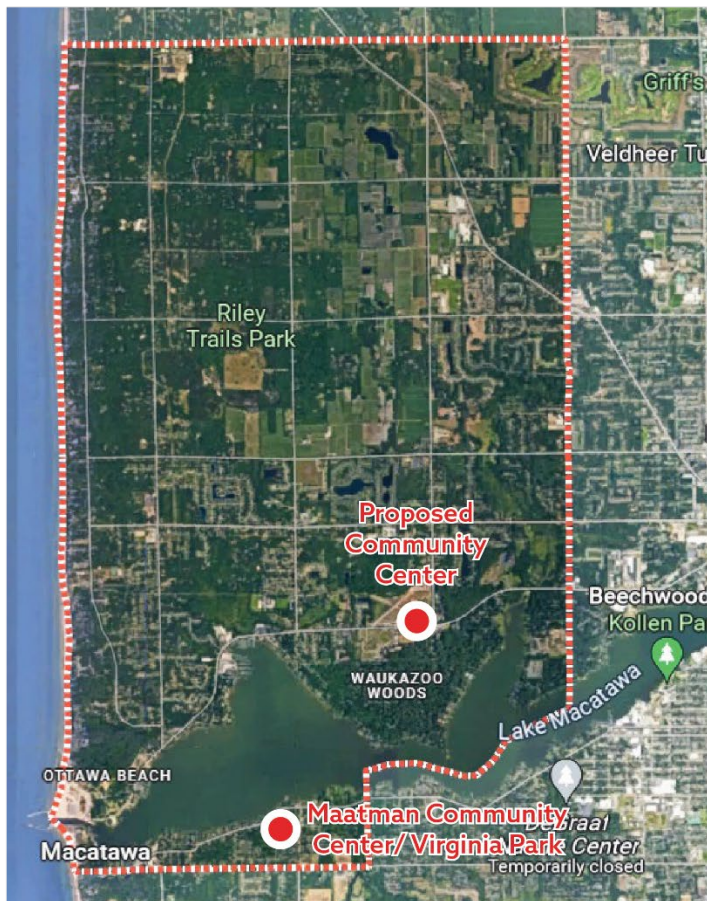
PROPOSED SPACE ADJACENCIES



Building size and important adjacencies based upon research and design expertise.



MAATMAN CENTER REFRESH



Year Completed: c.1974

Approx. Area: 3,800 S.F.

Amenities: Kitchen, Restrooms, Multipurpose Room

****Note:** Virginia Park was re-designed in 2006 to provide barrier-free parking spaces and paved paths.

Refresh Maatman Community Center as a south side satellite.



ESTIMATED CAPITAL COSTS

DESCRIPTION	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Program Spaces	\$11.0 M	\$11.5 M	\$12.1 M
Core Spaces	\$1.5 M	\$1.6 M	\$1.7 M
Circulation Space	\$1.9 M	\$2.0 M	\$2.1 M
Total Building Construction Budget	\$14.4 M	\$15.1 M	\$15.9 M
Soft Costs			
- Architectural/Engineering	\$1.0 M	\$1.1 M	\$1.1 M
- Fixtures, Furnishings, and Equipment	\$970 K	\$1.03 M	\$1.08 M
- Audio/Visual	\$900 K	\$950 K	\$1.0 M
- IT/AV/Low Voltage Security	\$210 K	\$220 K	\$230 K
- Indoor Play Structure	\$230 K	\$240 K	\$250 K
- Building Signage	\$95 K	\$100 K	\$105 K
Total Soft Costs Budget	\$3.4 M	\$3.6 M	\$3.8 M
Total Project Budget for the Community Center	\$17.8 M	\$18.7 M	\$19.7 M
Maatman Center Refresh	\$1.0 M	\$1.0 M	\$1.0 M



NOTE: The budget includes a 10% contingency and the pricing is based on an anticipated 2025 construction. The numbers **do not include** the potential costs for fitness equipment, LEED certification, solar, parking lots, endowment funds, and a covered walkway connecting the existing Township offices.

In-depth cost-estimating based upon expertise with similar facilities.



	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Exterior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-Engineered Metal Building 2. PEMB Siding (2 Colors max) 3. PEMB standing seam roofing 4. Punched openings with storefront framing 5. Minimal Canopies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convention Steel Building (Potentially Precast) 2. Some brick, metal panels (Rain Screen), cement board panels 3. Flat Roofs with Membrane Roofing. Potentially small areas of standing seam 4. Minor areas of curtainwall. Majority of windows punched storefront openings 5. Entry Canopy 6. Minimal larger volume spaces 7. Minimal Clerestory 8. Some larger volume spaces at Lobby and indoor play area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convention Steel Building (Potentially Precast) 2. Brick, Exposed Precast, Large Sections of Insulated Metal Panels 3. Flat roof with EPDM or even Live Roof. Higher Insulation values above code 4. Large Sections of Curtainwall and storefront framing 5. Large canopies and overhangs with exterior soffits 6. Larger volume spaces at Lobby, Café and Multi-Purpose Rooms 7. Clerestory areas throughout. 8. Sun Shades at Storefront and Curtainwall 9. Live Wall at areas of exterior
Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Metal Stud and Drywall Interior Partitions 2. Sealed Concrete or Multi Sport Gym flooring 3. Low/Medium Grade carpet/LVT 4. Plastic Laminate Countertops at Café 5. Hollow Metal Door Frames with Wood Doors 6. Punched Hollow Metal Interior Windows 7. Standard Acoustical Ceiling Tile Ceilings 8. On Grade walking track (Lines painted on concrete) 9. Minimal bulkheads or decorative ceilings 10. Metal Toilet Partitions 11. Tile on wet walls at restrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most interior partitions to be metal stud and drywall 2. Masonry walls at Gym and corridors 3. Wood Gym Floor 4. Higher end flooring at Fitness and Multi-Purpose 5. Some Hollow Metal Door Frames, some aluminum door frames with wood doors. Potentially areas of interior aluminum storefront 6. Plastic Laminate Casework with Solid Surface Countertops. Solid Surface tops with integral bowls at restrooms 7. Tile on all walls and tile floors at restrooms 8. Elevated Walking Track 9. Potentially decorative ceilings at Lobby, Café and Multi-Purpose rooms 10. Some interior decorative walls coverings 11. Some sound panels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interior Partitions masonry expect for at offices 2. Wood Gym Floor 3. Higher end flooring at Fitness and Multi-Purpose 4. All interior door frames to be aluminum with large amounts of interior storefront and window film 5. Plastic Laminate casework with quartz tops 6. High End Tile throughout restrooms and cafe 7. Elevated Walking Track 8. Decorative ceilings throughout Lobby, Café, lounge, multi-purpose rooms. High End wall finishes in public areas. 9. Large amounts of sound deadening panels
Mechanical/ Electrical/ Fire Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ground Mounted Roof Top Units for heating, Cooling and Fresh Air 2. Standard Lighting Packages. No high-end lighting 3. Standard Plumbing fixtures. Floor mounted toilets, no automatic faucets or valves. Drop in or undermount sinks. 4. Semi Recessed Fire Protection heads at offices and non-gym areas. No dry systems at canopies, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roof Top Units on roof with more controllability (zones) and sound dampening capabilities 2. Upgraded lighting fixtures with decorative at lobby, café, multi-purpose rooms 3. Higher end lighting controls tied into the Building Management System 4. Wall mounted toilets with auto flush valves 5. Recessed fire protection heads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 pipe mechanical system with Chiller and Boiler (Geothermal is above this cost) 2. High End lighting and decorative lighting throughout. 3. Large Decorative fixtures at Lobby and other public spaces. 4. Higher end lighting controls tied into the Building Management System 5. Wall mounted toilets with auto flush valves 6. Recessed fire protection heads



LEGEND ● Key differentiators.

Desired building features and qualities will inform the level of cost.



PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS PLAN

Parks & Recreation Director

- Key personnel responsible for the Community Center's success
- Define programs for all ages, and manage affiliate programs
- Prepare annual budget for parks & recreation operations
- Manage scheduling for optimal space utilization
- Oversee systems management and programing platform
- Coordinate pickleball tournaments
- Manage outdoor concert events
- Handle customer concerns

Reception/ Administration Staff

- Manage Welcome Desk
- Manage memberships and volunteers
- Handle customer calls and inquiries

Programming Staff (3 Team Members)

- Manage programming for all ages (youth, seniors, West Ottawa Schools, education-focus, water safety)
- Manage equipment needs, facility rentals, community events, food trucks and vendors
- Maintain and update website and all modes of communication, including social media
- Oversee programming and events security
- Oversee maintenance scheduling
- Work with Evergreen Commons to leverage programming for older adults

Additional Support

- IT support
- Children play supervision
- Others

Public Works Director

- Oversee facilities and grounds maintenance
- Oversee Township's utility needs
- Coordinate and oversee infrastructure maintenance and improvements (e.g. road construction, bike paths)
- Manage the Community Park

Maintenance Staff

- Perform all maintenance and cleaning duties, including custodial, grounds, facilities, and emergency maintenance.

Key roles to successfully support the Community Center and Park Township.



ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS

DESCRIPTION		ESTIMATE		
Building Operating Expenses (Near Term)				
- Utilities, Insurance, Data Processing, Equipment & Facility Depreciation, Grounds & Facilities Maintenance				
Total Estimated Building & Grounds Operating Costs		\$200 K		
Additional Personnel (Near Term)		% Time at Com. Center	% Com. Center	All (Park Twp)
- Parks & Recreation Director		40%	\$60 K	\$150 K
- Programming Staff (3 Team Members)		90%	\$243 K	\$270 K
- Admin/Reception		100%	\$70 K	\$70 K
- Public Works Director		20%	\$35 K	\$175 K
- Maintenance Staff (1 Team Member)		100%	\$86 K	\$86 K
- Additional Support (IT Support, Children Play Supervision, Others)		50%	\$125 K	\$249 K
Total Estimated Personnel Costs		-	\$619 K	\$1.0 M
Total Estimated Annual Operating Costs		\$1.2 M		

Commitment to adequate resourcing and maintenance is critical to the success of our growth.





PROPOSED FUNDING APPROACH



Insurance \$2.4 M

- 90% Confidence



Donations \$5 M

- Essential to begin socializing in late 2024
- 70% - 90% Confidence



Twp General Funds \$1 M

- Evaluate pros/cons of using Township funds vs. other sources
- 90% Confidence



Grants \$1 M

- Not a lot of success securing community centered programs
- Need to study how Holland has secured grants for their waterfront improvements.
- 10% Confidence



Millage 1.0 - 1.5M Bond

- \$100,000 resident value = \$100/year/home (1.0 mil)
- \$400,000 resident value = \$400/year/home (1.0 mil)

	Per Year	10 Years	20 Years
1.0 mil	\$1.4 M	\$14 M	\$28 M
1.5 mil	\$2.1 M	\$21 M	\$42 M

- Operations: \$0.5M/year

	Start	Year 10	Year 20
Operations	\$0.5 M	\$0.75 M	\$1.0 M

- Requires Board and Township Resident vote, begin securing early 2025, 4-5 month process, need to determine ballot timeframe.
- Include Maatman Center renovation as part of the Community Center vision, serving southside residents as a satellite location.
- Possibly consider all the parks in the township as benefactors of this millage (study and consideration will need to be given to determine best path)
- 90% Confidence

A combination of 5 sources will fund the Community Building.





PROPOSED DESIGN-BUILD APPROACH



Design-Build: What is it?

- It is a method of project delivery in which one entity (Design-Builder) forges a single contract with the Owner to provide for A/E design services & construction services
- By Project Delivery, it means a comprehensive process including planning, design and construction required to execute and complete a building facility or other type of project
- A single contract changes everything, with one design-build entity, the roles of designer and constructor are integrated. One entity drives one unified flow of work from initial concept through completion.

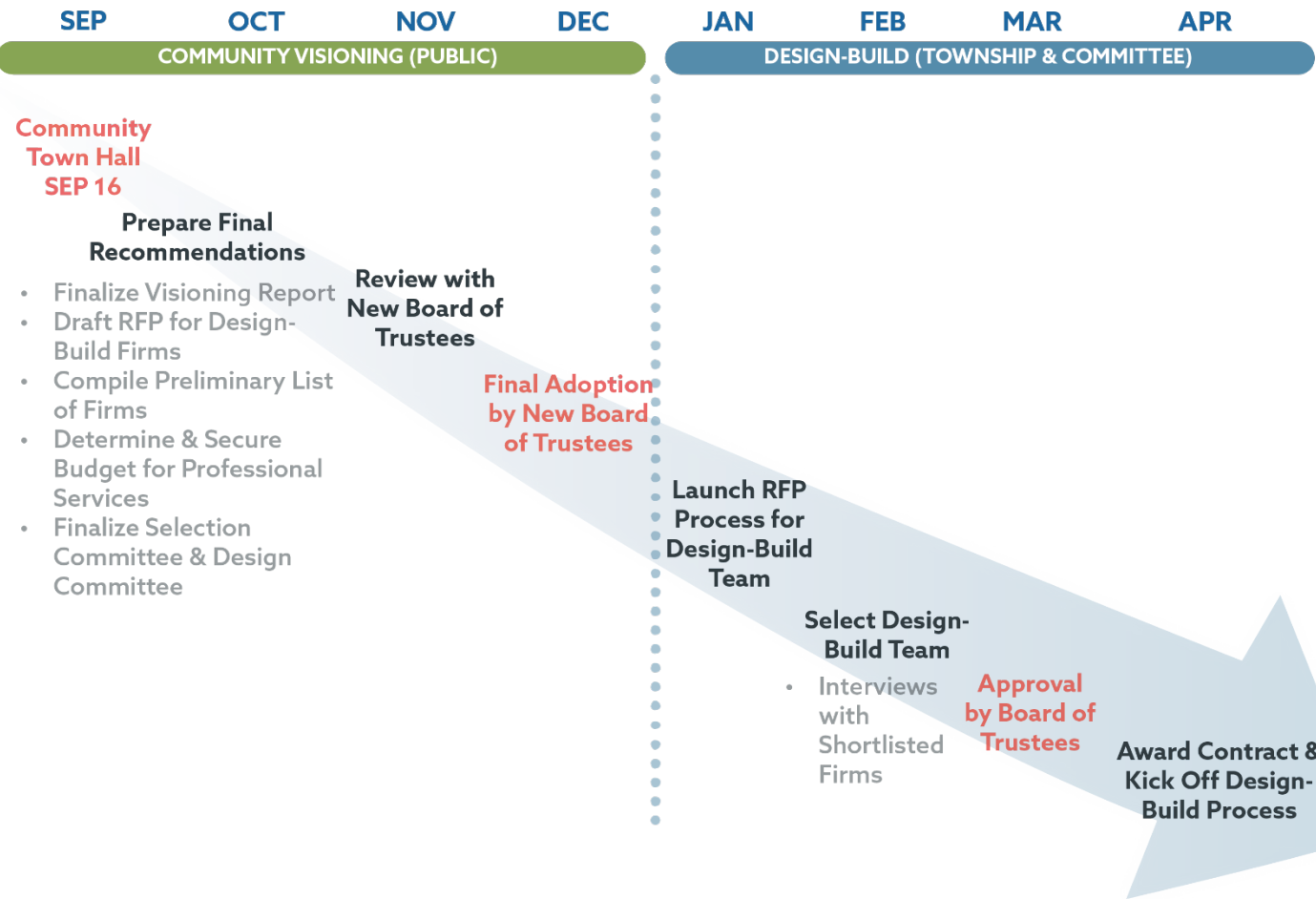
Key Ingredients for a Successful Design-Build Process

- Trust
- Team concept
- Flexibility
- Speedy decision-making
- Excellent communications
- Equitable contract terms – fair risk sharing
- Clear scope definition

A Design-Build integrated approach will yield the most successful results.



NEXT STEPS ...



Key steps for the next 8 months.





APPENDIX A

- Key Considerations for
Proposed Program Spaces



BUILDING EXTERIOR



Key Design Considerations

- Warm and welcoming
- Beacon of belonging
- Iconic structure
- Easily viewed and accessible
- Offer visual transparency, enabling residents and guests to see into the building
- Blends with surroundings
- Natural materials (maybe consider timber construction)
- Views and access to the outdoors
- Special attention to evening lighting to add a sense of curiosity to what is happening in the space
- Promote energy conservation
- Snowmelt system at entry
- Easily maintained site
- Have an icon or logo unique to the facility (social media presence)
- Support opportunities for future growth

In essence, the Park Township Community Center stands as a testament to our shared values—a space where inclusivity, creativity, and sustainability converge to create a vibrant tapestry of community life, enriching the present and inspiring generations to come.

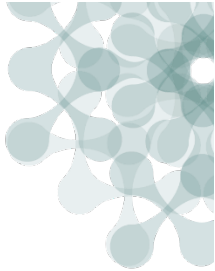
Adjacencies Considerations

- Views and/ or access to the outdoors
- Access to ample parking
- Access to outdoor gathering spaces
- Sited to conserve energy

Technology Considerations

- Building management system (BMS) to control the facility
- Ample site lighting
- Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations





OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACES

Key Design Considerations

- Warm and welcoming
- “Front Porch” experience
- Blends with surroundings
- Natural materials
- Views of and access to the outdoors
- Movable seating
- Generous shade
- Complements and is connected to other outdoor recreation elements
- Supports variety of outdoor community events
- Easily maintained

The outdoor gathering spaces are a natural extension of the Community Center’s character. Blending seamlessly with the rest of the Community Park, these multipurpose spaces offer a welcoming respite and a distinctive place to connect, to celebrate, and to take in the beauty of the surroundings.

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views of and access to the outdoors
- Access to ample parking
- Access to building entries
- Access to restrooms

Technology Considerations

- Adequate outlets and potential for AV support during community events
- Appropriate site lighting to balance safety while minimizing light impacts



RECEPTION AREA & WELCOME DESK



Key Design Considerations

- Informational hub
- Gateway to exploration
- Celebrate collective heritage
- Natural light with appropriate shading
- Radiate warmth, inclusivity, and possibility
- Openness
- Connectivity
- Variety of comfortable seating
- Vestibule to allow members to come in out of the elements and conserve energy
- Good sightlines at the Welcome desk for staff to see greet community members as they enter
- Consider queueing and flow
- Acoustics for people congregating
- A section that is ADA Accessible at the Welcome desk
- A small closet or nook in the reception area to hold key items e.g. wheelchair, snow shovel, broom etc.
- Walk-off mats and easily cleaned surfaces

Adjacencies Considerations

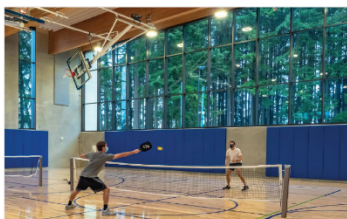
- Near main entry to the Facility
- May want to be near office area to share staff duties
- Views to the outdoors

Technology Considerations

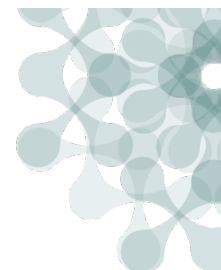
- Monitors for displaying community events
- Security cameras
- Wireless access for people to connect on their laptops.
- Power outlets for charging laptops and phones

Embracing our community's history and culture, the reception area would provide inspiration and resources to discover Park Township... from displays and interactive exhibits showcasing local landmarks and historical milestones, to recommendations for scenic hikes or hidden gems.





ATHLETIC COURTS



Key Design Considerations

- 1 large full-size basketball court
 - 2 cross courts for volleyball and pickleball (4)
 - Space for large-scale events and programs
 - Warm and inviting
 - Natural light
 - Views to the outside
 - Spectator seating
 - Slip resistant flooring ideal for basketball
 - Foldable basketball hoops
 - Consider a curtain for dividing the basketball court into two cross courts
 - Consider a walking track supporting different mobility needs for year-round indoor exercise
 - Appropriate acoustics and soundproofing
 - Consider shading for sun glare as required
 - Individual and advanced temperature control
 - Potential for lighting "scenes" to support different activities
- **Phase 2 Priority: Second gym/full-size basketball court**

Designed to welcome athletes of all ages, skill levels, and interests, the athletic courts provide a space where individuals can pursue their personal and shared passion for sports, wellness, and leisure.

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views and/or access to the outdoors
- Lockers or cubbies for storing shoes, bags etc.
- Nearby and easy access to restrooms / drinking fountains
- Views into central Gathering Hubs so people can watch the activities going on in the athletic courts

Technology Considerations

- PA System
- Scoreboard
- Sound System
- Large Screen and Projector





GROUP FITNESS ROOMS



Key Design Considerations

- Accommodate 20+ participants
- Dynamic setting with ability to create privacy
- Range of fitness activities, including Zumba, yoga, Pilates, and dance
- Safe, secure, and distraction-free setting
- Views of and potential connection to the outdoors
- Convenient equipment storage
- Easy accessibility
- Appropriate acoustics and soundproofing
- Slip-resistant flooring with appropriate material for intended activities
- Mirror and ballet bar on one wall
- Consider operable windows /doors to open the rooms to the outdoors or patio spaces
- Consider shading for sun glare as needed
- Individual and advanced temperature control
- Potential for lighting "scenes" to support different activities

A sanctuary of empowerment, connection, and rejuvenation, where individuals come together to nurture their bodies, minds, and spirits.

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views and/ or access to the outdoors
- Lockers or cubbies for storing shoes, bags etc.
- Nearby and easy access to restrooms/ drinking fountains

Technology Considerations

- Monitors for presentations
- Room schedulers near the door
- Wireless access for people to connect on their laptops
- PA System for instructors
- Sound system for music



KIDS' PLAY ZONE



Key Design Considerations

- Vibrant space
- Active play
- Ignite imagination
- Various elements for children of different ages and abilities
- Secured, central location
- Clear sightlines within the play area and beyond to other spaces
- Materials and surfaces for easy cleaning and hygiene maintenance
- No sharp corners or surfaces
- Create spaces for caregivers and families to connect
- Ability to "close" the area as needed
- Appropriate acoustics and soundproofing
- Consider shading for sun glare as needed
- Convenient equipment storage
- Consider using vertical space to make use of the volume while also adding interest and excitement to the design

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views and/ or access to the outdoors
- Lockers or cubbies for storing shoes, bags etc.
- Nearby and easy access to restrooms/ drinking fountains
- Near the athletic courts for for flexibility in programing and supervision

Technology Considerations

- PA system/ music
- Security cameras

A playland that sparks imagination, promotes physical activity, and brings families closer in our vibrant park township community center.





CAFE/ LOUNGE AREA



Key Design Considerations

- Cozy, warm, inviting, accessible
- Flexible seating for individual relaxation or group gatherings
- Safe, comfortable space for study and remote work
- Variety of seating at different heights to support different needs
- Supports multigenerational and intergenerational interactions
- Appropriate acoustics to create quiet zones and active zones
- Café could be run by a third party
- Open counter for ordering and secure zone for mixing drinks
- Provide space for queueing, separate counter space for condiments, lids, napkins
- Provide trash and recycling receptacles
- Provide open cooler space for easy grab-and-go food items and small shelving area for dry good sales.
- Small office or desk for staff, ordering supplies, scheduling
- Provide adjacent storage and access for deliveries, a mop sink and drain for easy cleaning

Adjacencies Considerations

- Near restrooms or unisex restroom for handwashing
- Near exterior access for deliveries / loading
- Near Janitorial Facilities
- Centrally located as the “Heart” of the facility, easily accessible to all activities
- Near outdoor patio or views

Technology Considerations

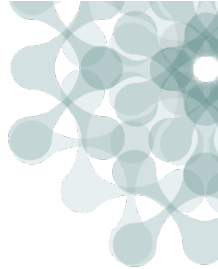
- LCD for TV Screens (Menus)
- Wireless access for people to connect on their laptops
- Power outlets for charging laptops / phones
- Soundmasking or Music

It is not just a place to grab a drink — it is a sanctuary where friendships flourish, ideas spark, and memories are made.





QUIET SPACE



Key Design Considerations

- Tranquil sanctuary
- Small rooms for tutoring, counseling, or one-on-one meetings
- Larger room will also be available to accommodate committee meetings and group gatherings
- Could be integrated into the lounge area
- Variety of seating options
- Appropriate acoustics and soundproofing
- Consider shading for sun glare as needed
- Convenient equipment storage
- Consider noise from adjacent activities
- Provide shelving for a reading area
- Easily maintained surfaces

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views and/ or access to the outdoors
- Tucked away in a quieter area
- Near staff office to share conference amenities.
- Maybe near café to make it easy to grab coffee

Technology Considerations

- Consider monitors in the private rooms for sharing content
- Provide power for charging devices

A peaceful, conducive area where members can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life, connect with others, and pursue personal growth and relaxation.





MULTIPURPOSE ROOMS



Key Design Considerations

- Accommodate up to 49 participants per room
- Moveable partitions to open up 3 rooms to one large space of 150 people
- Versatile, vibrant hubs
- Flexible space for variety of events and activities, e.g. parties, showers to engaging arts and crafts, games, educational lectures, group gatherings
- Warm and inviting
- Adaptable furniture arrangements
- Surfaces and equipment which are easy to maintain
- Appropriate acoustics and soundproofing
- Consider different flooring options in rooms (some carpet and some hard surface)
- Consider a sink in each room with a countertop for catering to be brought in

Beyond flexibility and functionality, our rooms offer a welcoming place for community members seeking a space to study, enjoy board games, or share a meal with friends... seamlessly transforming to meet the different needs of our community.

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views to the outdoors
- Storage rooms off of multipurpose rooms for a multitude of programs
- Warming kitchen for food staging/ catering (250sf)

Technology Considerations

- Monitors and AV for presentations
- Room schedulers near the doors
- Wireless access to connect on laptops
- Power outlets for charging laptops/ phones





LARGE EVENTS SPACE (200+)



Key Design Considerations

- Total capacity to accommodate up to 300 (seated round tables)
- Flexible space with movable partitions to divide into three smaller rooms, up to 80 - 100 per room
- Available for rent to community members and corporations for parties, receptions, and other events
- Supported by catering kitchen and ample storage
- Warm and inviting
- Natural light
- Appropriate acoustics and soundproofing
- Consider shading for sun glare as needed
- Consider ceiling heights to accommodate larger screens for presentations
- Provide ample storage for tables, chairs, stage, portable bars, trash/ recycling

****Phase 2 Priority**

A dynamic environment that meets the evolving needs of our community, from lively social gatherings for senior activities to cherished celebrations for holidays and program, while upholding the highest standards of hospitality and service.

Adjacencies Considerations

- Views and/ or access to the outdoors
- Nearby and easy access to restrooms

Technology Considerations

- PA system/ music
- Monitors in each room for presentations / Design for them to work together when open
- Consider room schedulers
- WIFI for large groups
- Prompt monitors and podium
- Power outlets in the floor in strategic locations
- Lighting scenes





SHARED USE PATH RATINGS

PARK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

AS OF JULY 2024

