



Tittabawassee Township  
Five-Year Recreation Plan

2023-  
2027



Freeland  
Pathway



Hayes  
Park



Memorial  
Park

This Five-Year Plan is to be a guide for new development in the park areas and recreational facilities in Tittabawassee Township.

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# INTRODUCTION

This document is the product of a widespread effort involving community engagement and committee brainstorming aimed at outlining the future of park and recreation facilities in Tittabawassee Township. The balanced vision set forth between large scale improvements, small projects, and policy objectives is to be used as a reference tool to guide development in the parks and recreation areas of the Township.

It is important to note that the 2023 Tittabawassee Township Five-Year Recreation Plan is a document of vision to guide development. It is not a fixed blueprint and does not have the force of law.

Ultimately, this Recreation Plan provides a set of implementation strategies to guide the improvements which have been identified as a priority by both Township residents and the Tittabawassee Township Park Committee. These strategies are outlined to show steps the Township takes to accomplish the identified goals, projects, and objectives.

In addition, it is important to note that this plan has been compiled following a format outlined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).



## Tittabawassee Township Recreation Plan



## COMMUNITY PROFILE

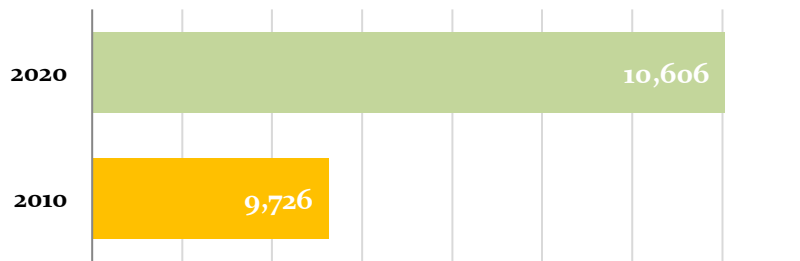
Tittabawassee Township is located in East Central Michigan in an area known as the Great Lakes Bay Region. It is located in the northwest corner of Saginaw County, eight miles northwest of Saginaw, four miles southeast of Midland and 12 miles southwest of Bay City. This location places it in a geographically central location among the region’s cities. Tittabawassee Township is also part of the U.S. Census designated Combined Statistical Area (CSA) of Saginaw-Midland-Bay City, MI. As of the 2020 Census, this CSA had a total population of 307,940.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Tittabawassee Township’s population increased a total of 8.3 percent, from 9,726 in 2010 to 10,606 in 2020. In reference, Saginaw County’s population decreased from 200,169 in 2010 to 190,124 in 2020. The median age of people in Tittabawassee Township also increased from 35.1 in 2010 to 37.4 in 2020.

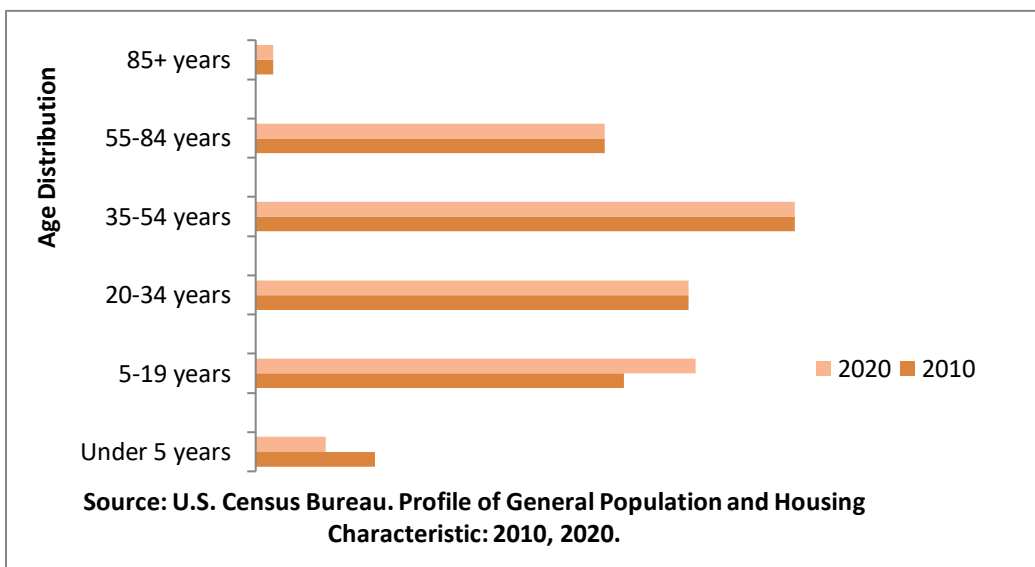
The Township is home to the predominantly residential community of Freeland. MBS International Airport, the Saginaw Regional Correctional Facility, the Freeland Sportszone, the Lake State Railway, and a variety of regional commercial businesses also call the Township home. The Freeland Community Public School District entirely encompasses Tittabawassee Township and parts of 6 other Townships.

### Population Statistics

#### Total Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristic: 2010, 2020.



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## Physical Features

### TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

Tittabawassee Township is relatively flat, with elevations ranging from 586 feet to 672 feet above sea level. The main water feature is the Tittabawassee River. The water quality of this river is occasionally affected by conditions such as dissolved solids, high turbidity, and nutrient enrichment. The Tittabawassee River's value to the community is mostly aesthetic; however, walleye fishing is very popular. During peak walleye fishing times, many boats can be seen in the Tittabawassee River. The 100-year flood plain is an area around the river where the water levels can rise and flood the area. The probability of this happening in any given year is 1 in 100. This is a limitation to development along the river and occupies 1,056 acres of land adjacent to the river. Only development of open space conservation, recreation, or other non-human inhabitation and low impact use can occur within the floodplain.

### VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

There are woodlands scattered around the many sections of the Township, with most concentrated in the northwest corner. The areas can be found near streams, wetlands, and the Tittabawassee River. These areas also provide suitable refuge for many game animals, including white tailed deer, raccoon, woodchuck, waterfowl, and pheasant. There are many types of trees and shrubs which grow in these woodlands. In many locations the vegetation can grow so thick it can become impassible on foot.



## Transportation Systems

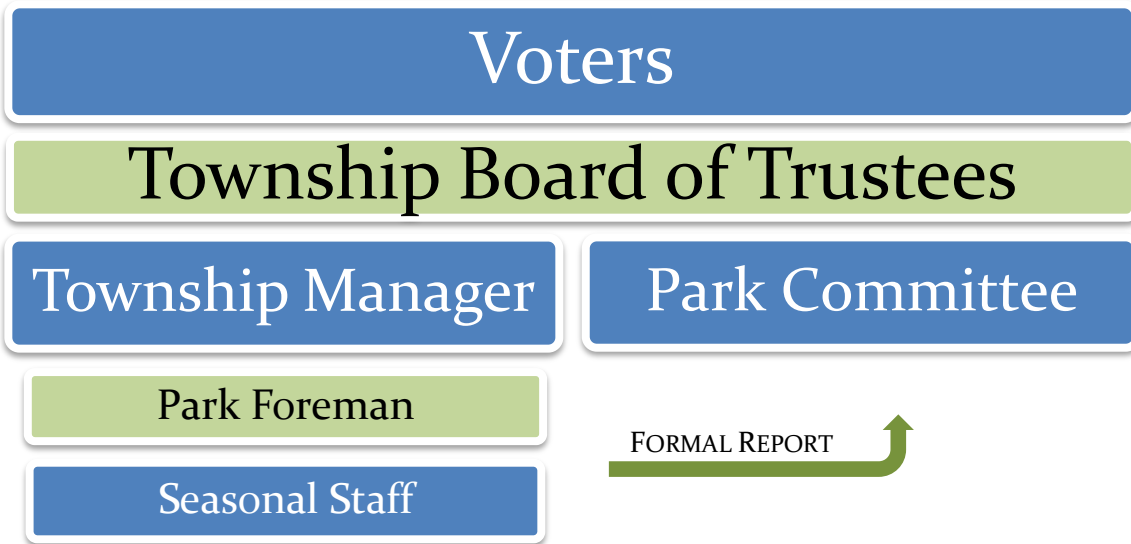
### ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Michigan Highway 47 (M-47) is the primary north-south route through the Township and links Midland with Saginaw. This highway is a full access five-lane road throughout most of the Township, but changes to a four-lane limited access divided highway in the northwest portion of the Township. Daily bidirectional traffic counts on M-47 are 19,719 north of Tittabawassee road. M-47 is the only principal arterial in the Township. The remaining roads in the Township are county primary and local roads that are maintained by the Saginaw County Road Commission.

### CONNECTING TO THE TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITIES

Hayes Park is located on Midland Road just northwest of the intersection of M-47 and Midland Road. Festival Park is located on Freeland Road just west of the Freeland Road Bridge and on the Tittabawassee River. Village Park is located on Washington Street (Freeland Road) just east of the M-47 and Washington Street intersection. Beechwood Nature Trails is located on Northway Parkway west of N. River Road. Memorial Park is located off S. Main Street (M-47) just a block south of the intersection of Washington Street. The Freeland SportsZone is located on M-47 just south of Kochville Road. The Freeland Pathway is located on the east side of M-47 and runs for 2.5 miles from the Freeland SportsZone north to the town of Freeland; and runs east 2.5 miles from the Freeland Sportszone to Hackett Road where it connect with Kochville Township's pathway.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



The voters hold the most authority in any democratic government. The voters directly elect the seven members of the Tittabawassee Township Board of Trustees which includes the Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and four Trustees. The Board of Trustees, or Township Board, then appoints a Township Manager and seven members to the Park Committee.

### PARK COMMITTEE

The Tittabawassee Township Park Committee consists of seven members including a chairperson, secretary, and five members at large. Terms of office are four years.

The duties of the Tittabawassee Township Park Committee are to acquire, plan, develop, maintain, operate, and administer public playgrounds, pathways, athletic fields, parks, camps, winter sports areas, and other recreation facilities and activities on any of the properties owned or controlled by Tittabawassee Township.

Monthly business of the Park Committee consists of recommendations to the Township Board on a variety of topics including charges to collect reasonable fees for the use of facilities, privileges and conveniences provided.

The Park Committee shall annually submit for approval by the Township Board a budget required to administer the park and recreation system. The committee may also solicit and receive any gifts, bequests, contributions, appropriations, federal, state or private grants and real and personal property.

### PARK FOREMAN and SEASONAL STAFF

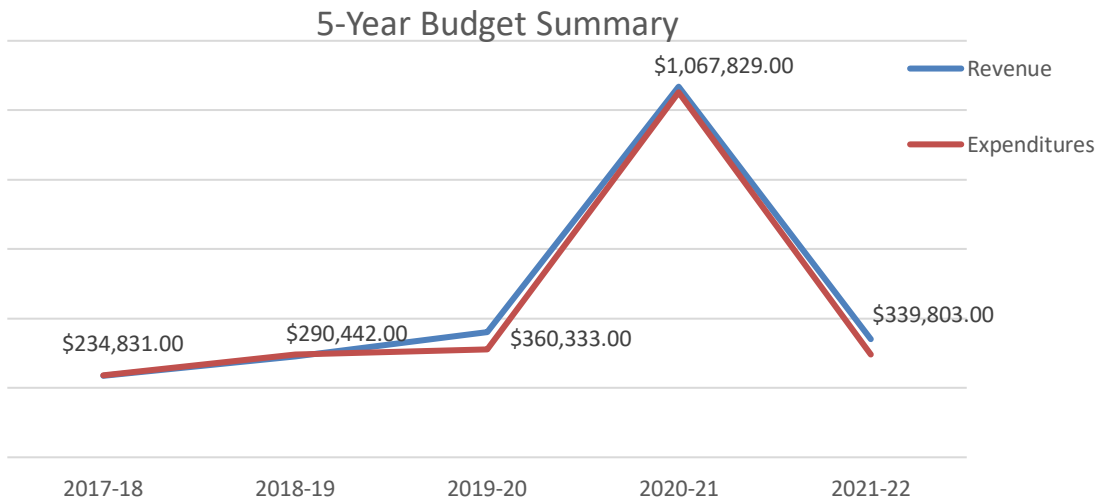
The Park Foreman oversees daily operations of the Township’s recreation facilities, manages the Seasonal Rangers, and carries out maintenance of the facilities. The position is hired by the Township Administration i.e. the Township Manager. The Park Foreman formally reports to the Park Committee on a monthly basis.

The Seasonal Rangers assist the Park Foreman in carrying out maintenance and the numerous projects that arise. The number of Seasonal Rangers is determined by the Township Board, but the ultimate hiring is determined by the Park Foreman.

## Current Funding Sources

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget 2020-2021</b>
Cellular tower leases	16,095
Hayes Park rentals	7,200
Memorial Park rentals	20,000
Donations	10,000
Miscellaneous	5,200
Park Operations (General Budget)	275,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>333,495</b>

The largest revenue source for the Park Fund Budget is the operational transfer from the Township's General Fund. In addition, the Park Fund generates revenue from rentals, lease agreements, and donations.



\*\*Data labels show Revenue\*\*

### REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

From the period of FY 2018-19 thru 2020-21 the Park Fund received several outside sources of revenue for the following capital projects.

Freeland Pathway Construction	\$300,000
Freeland Pathway Pavilion	\$60,000
Hayes Park Entrance & Sign	\$55,000

## Role of Volunteers

Throughout any given year volunteers donate many hours to park programs and clean-up projects in the Township's recreation facilities. These efforts are organized through the Park Ranger.

## Relationships with Local Organizations

Tittabawassee Township's organizations play a key role in volunteer clean up and funding of the park system. In Hayes Park, many Eagle Scouts have completed projects including the addition of bridges on trails, benches, and sled hill improvements. The Boy Scouts of America chapter has volunteered their time in park clean up and maintenance as well. The Freeland Lions Club was a big advocate in creating the band shell and starting the free summer concert series and were also involved in the construction of Hayes Park's Disc Golf course.

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## Articles of Incorporation

Tittabawassee Township R 22-10

(2) **PARK COMMITTEE** is established pursuant to Act 156, of the Public Acts of 1917 as amended by being an act authorizing a township to operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds; acquire equipment and maintain land, buildings and/or other recreation facilities and to take other actions in furtherance of these endeavors. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Township Board with regard to operation, maintenance and construction within existing Township Parks, and as the need arises, to recommend the development of new Township Parks.

Adopted: February 14, 1984

Revised: January 8, 1985

Revised: December 9, 1986

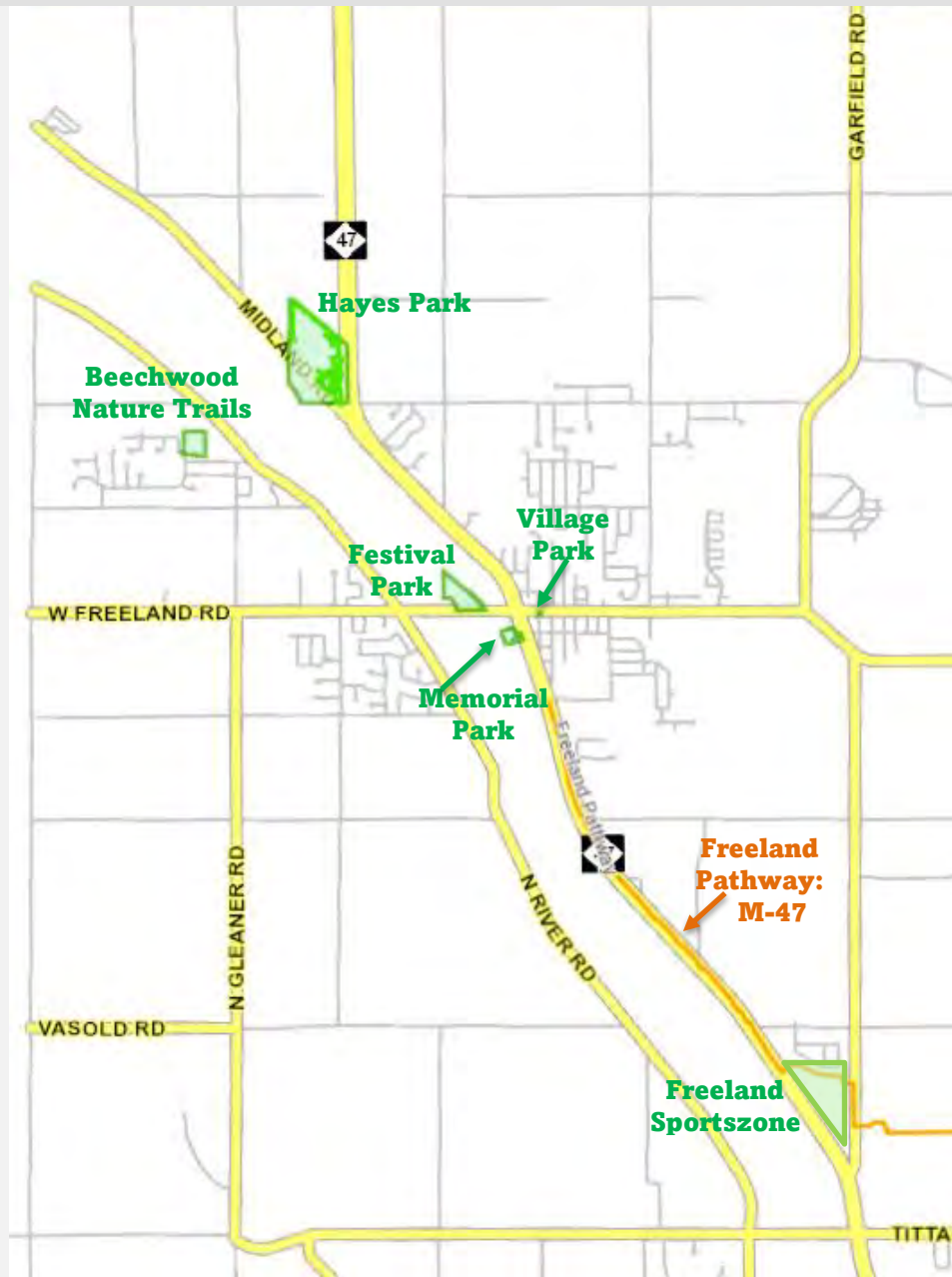
Revised: January 12, 1988

Revised: October 11, 1988

Revised: February 24, 2004

Revised: December 15, 2021

# TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP Parks and Recreation Areas


















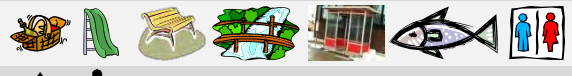




May 4, 2022  
Recreation Plan 2023  
Caitlyn Mieske

# RECREATION INVENTORY

The following table is a list of parks and recreational facilities and the recreation activities they provide for Tittabawassee Township and the surrounding region. The inventory was conducted through site visitation, aerial photograph review and website referencing.

LEGEND:

																				
Kayak Launch	Horseshoes	Ball diamonds	Basketball courts	Football/soccer	Tennis courts	Volleyball Courts	Picnic area/Pavilion	Playground equipment	Open Space/Congregating	Nature trails	Riverfront property	Shelter	Water access/fishing	Restrooms	Concessions	Disc Golf	Bandshell	Bike Path	Rollerblade	Walk/Run Pathways

Township Parks	
Festival Park	
Memorial Park	
Beechwood Nature Trails	
Hayes Park	
Village Park	
Freeland Pathway	
Local Commercial Recreation	
Freeland SportsZone	
Busch Machine & Marine Boat Launch	
Freeland Community Schools	
Freeland Elementary	
The Learning Center	
Freeland Middle/High School	

## Festival Park

Area: 30 acres

### Notable Features:

- >Only public dock on the Tittabawasse River in the Township
- >Kayak & Canoe Launch
- >Handicap Accessible
- >Fishing Access
- >3 Pavilions

ADA Design Standards

Ranking: 4



### Public Grant History and Status:

Site has not received any grant assistance and therefore does not have any grant history.



# Memorial Park

Area: 2 acres

### Notable Features:

- >The Memorial Park Building is available to rent
- >Pedestrian covered bridge
- >River overlook pier
- >Historical Marker
- >Playground and pavilion
- >Gazebo

ADA Design Standards

Ranking: 3



### Public Grant History and Status:

- ① Project No. CM99-053, Memorial Park Walkout Pier  
Project Year: 1999  
Project Status: Closed  
Grant Amount: \$22,688.00



## Beechwood Nature Trails

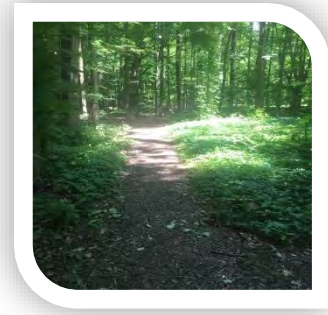
Area: 8 acres

*Notable Features:*

- >Walking trails through a naturally forested area
- >Tree species posted throughout walk

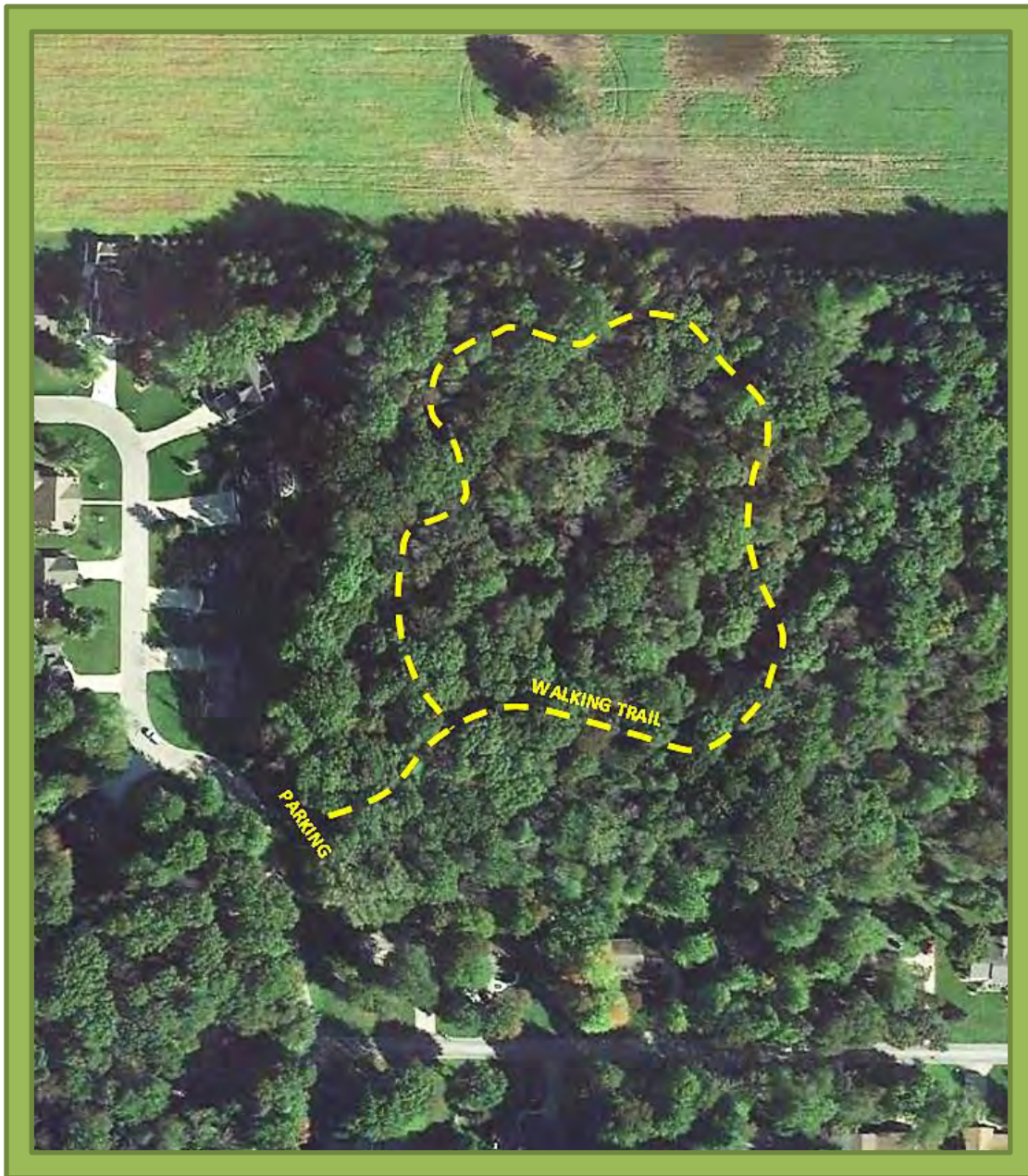
*ADA Design Standards*

*Ranking: 1*



*Public Grant History and Status:*

Site has not received any grant assistance and therefore does not have any grant history.



# Hayes Park

(Formerly Tittabawassee Township Park)

Area: 80 acres

**Notable Features:**

- >Annual “Concerts in the Park” series and “Arts in the Park”
- >Free summer recreation program
- >24 Hole Disc Golf Course (year-round)
- >Sand volleyball courts
- >Pavilions (available for rent)
- >Sled hill
- >Regulation size horseshoe courts
- >Ball diamonds
- >Basketball court
- >2.5 miles of walking trails
- >Fishing access
- >Annual children’s fishing event
- >Annual Freeland Lights light show

ADA Design Standards

Ranking: 3



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

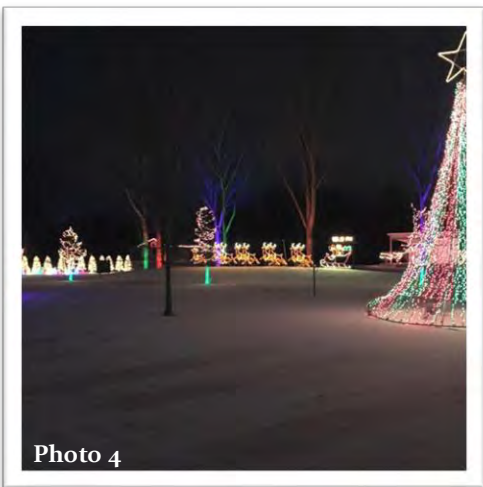


Photo 4



Photo 5

**Grant History and Status:**

- ① Project No. 26-01060 C1, *Tittabawassee Township Park*  
Project Year: 1978  
Project Status: Closed  
Grant Amount: \$13,346.72
- ② Project No. 26-01175, *Tittabawassee Twp Comm Park*  
Project Year: 1981  
Project Status: Closed  
Grant Amount: \$31,329.00
- ③ Project No. 26-01276, *Tittabawassee Township Park*  
Project Year: 1983  
Project Status: Closed  
Grant Amount: \$12,744.97

**Pictures:**

- 1 – The band shell for the annual “Concerts in the Park”
- 2- One of two softball fields at Hayes Park
- 3- A hole on the disc golf course
- 4- A snapshot of Freeland Lights
- 5- One of two pavilions available for rent for parties/gatherings

# Hayes Park Cont.

(Formerly Tittabawassee Township Park)



## Village Park

Area: 0.2 acres

*Notable Features:*

- >Urban plaza-style park with planters for flowers and trees
- >Benches adjacent to local church
- >Memorial Bricks

*ADA Design Standards*

Ranking: 4



*Public Grant History and Status:*

*Site has not received any grant assistance and therefore does not have any grant history.*



## Freeland SportsZone

Area: 17 acres

### Notable Features:

- >Fitness and Recreation
- >Illuminated tennis courts
- >Pickleball courts
- >Strike Zone baseball fields
- >Membership and Pay-per-use:  
Fitness Classes, Walking Track,  
Hardwood Courts, Weight and  
Aerobic Machines, Turf Areas
- >Empey Learning Zone
- >M-47 Pathway Trailhead
- >Playground
- >Pavilion
- >Outdoor Handicap Accessible  
Restroom

ADA Design Standards



### Public Grant History and Status:

Site has not received any grant assistance and therefore does not have any grant history.



# Freeland Pathway: M-47 Path

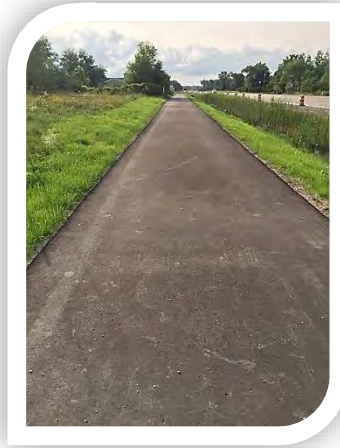
Length: 2.5 miles

**Notable Features:**

- >Ten ft. wide asphalt path
- >Traverses four natural water courses
- >Connects village with Freeland SportsZone
- >Handicap Accessible
- >Pavilion
- >Playground
- >All non-motorized uses

ADA Design Standards

Ranking: 4



**Public Grant History and Status:**

- ① MDOT Transportation Alternative. Grant No. 2014013  
M-47 Nonmotorized Path  
Grant Year: 2015  
Project Status: Closed  
Grant Amount: \$1,390,200.00



# Freeland Pathway: Kochville Connection

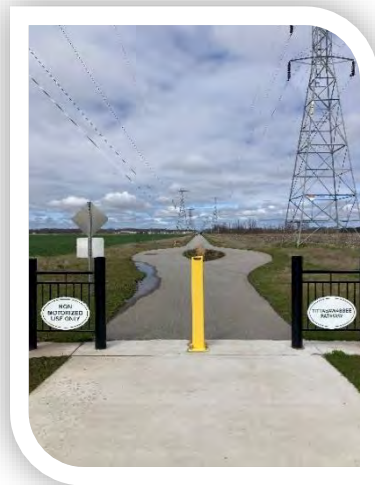
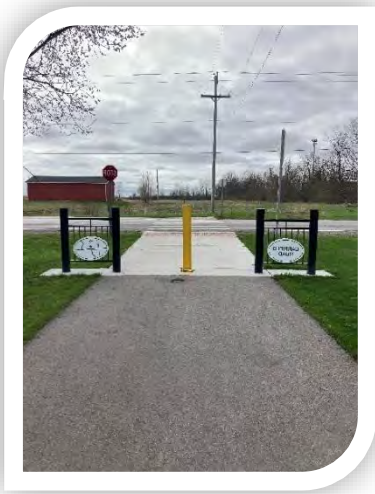
Length: 2.5 miles

**Notable Features:**

- >Ten ft. wide asphalt path
- >Traverses one natural water course
- >Connects the Freeland SportsZone with Kochville Township
- >Handicap Accessible Restrooms
- >Pavilion
- >Bike racks
- >Playground
- >All non-motorized uses

ADA Design Standards

Ranking: 4



**Public Grant History and Status:**

- ① Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund. Grant No. TF18-0038  
Nonmotorized Path  
Grant Year: 2020  
Project Status: Closed  
Grant Amount: \$300,000.00



# THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Recreation Plan's purpose is to direct the community's development of recreation resources. The plan is the product of a widespread effort involving community input, committee brainstorming, and Township Office staff preparation. The plan is a representation of the consensus of a broad spectrum of the community. The process of completing the document was over an extensive period of time in order to make the most possible use of community input and intentional thought. It is intended to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for recreation plans.

## Steps to the Plan

The 2023 Recreation Plan was developed through the following steps.

- February 23, 2022 Pre-Planning Staff Meeting
- March 1, 2022 Park Committee Kick-off Meeting & review of Community Input Survey questions
- March 23, 2022 Community Input Survey (30 Days)
- May 3, 2022 Park Committee review of the Community Input Survey Results and discussion of plans, projects and objectives, and first draft of plan
- June 7, 2022 Park Committee review of the second draft Recreation Plan proposal, request approval of draft plan
- After June 7 Initiate 30-day public comment period and advertise public hearing for August 2 (public notice in newspaper required)
- August 2, 2022 Park Committee public hearing and resolution recommending Township Board approval
- August 9, 2022 Township Board adoption of new Recreation Plan
- After August 15 Recreation Plan submitted to Michigan DNR for approval

# PUBLIC INPUT

## 2022 Community Input Survey Results

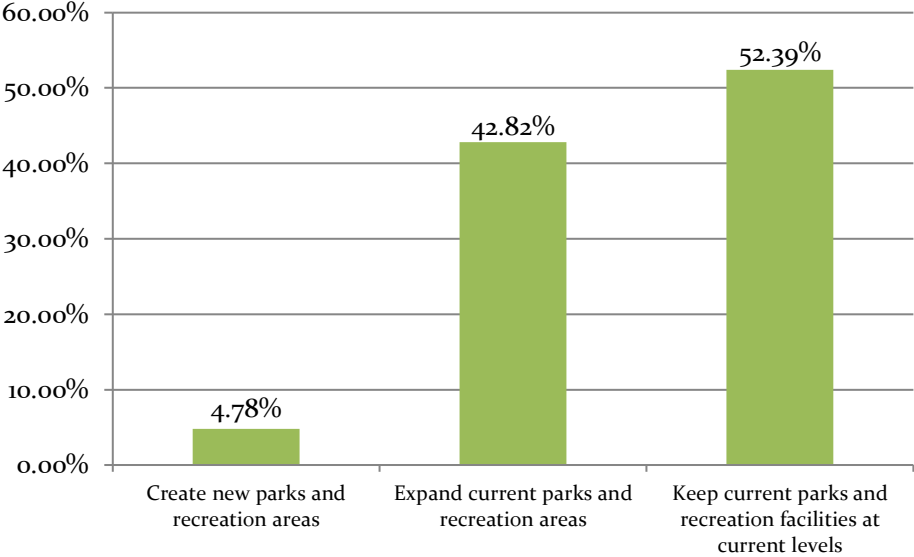
From March 23, 2022, through April 22, 2022, the Township administered an online community input survey. This survey was designed to help guide the development of this Recreation Plan and the 2023 Tittabawassee Township Master Plan. Of the 48 total questions in the survey, 11 of them address the park systems within the Township. Each of the 11 questions are detailed on the following pages along with the response results.

<p><b>11 Survey Questions</b> Inquiring about recreation within Tittabawassee Township</p>	<p><b>31 Days</b></p>
	<p><b>442 Responses</b></p>

*Question numbers in parentheses correspond to the question number in the complete 48-question Community Input Survey.*

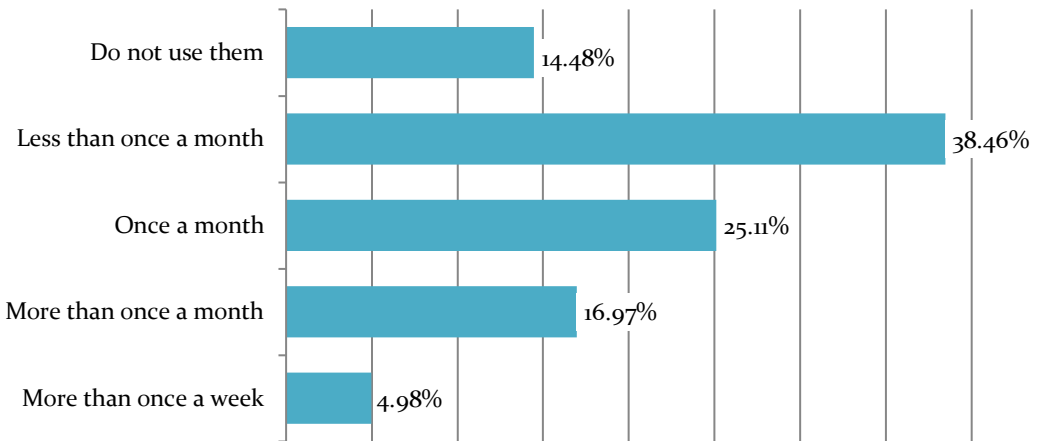
### Question 1 (17)

There are currently six parks and recreation facilities in the Township. Do you think more park and recreational areas should be created, current ones should be expanded, or current facilities should be kept the same at this time?



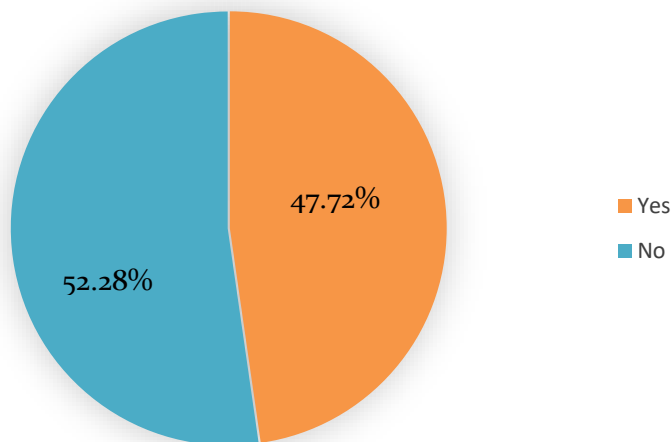
**Question 2 (1)**

How often do you use the parks and recreation facilities in the Township?



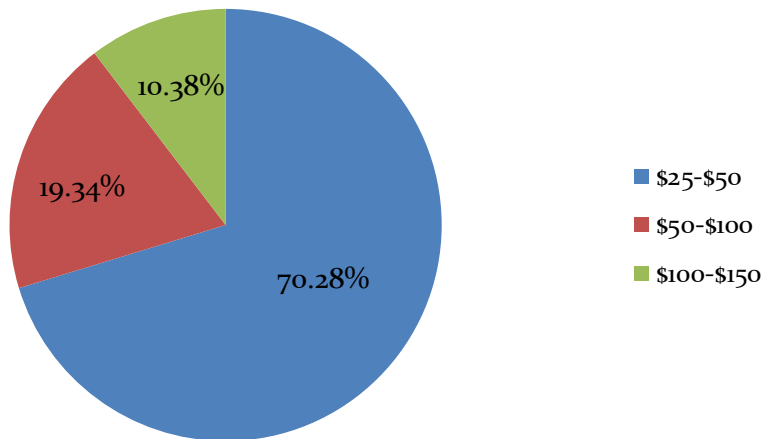
**Question 3 (2)**

Would you pay an additional property tax specifically used to increase parks and recreation operations and facilities in the Township?



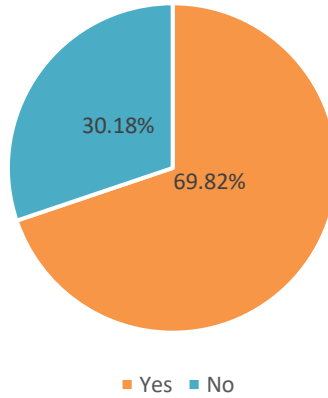
**Question 4 (3)**

If your answer to the previous question was "yes", how much more would you be willing to pay per year?



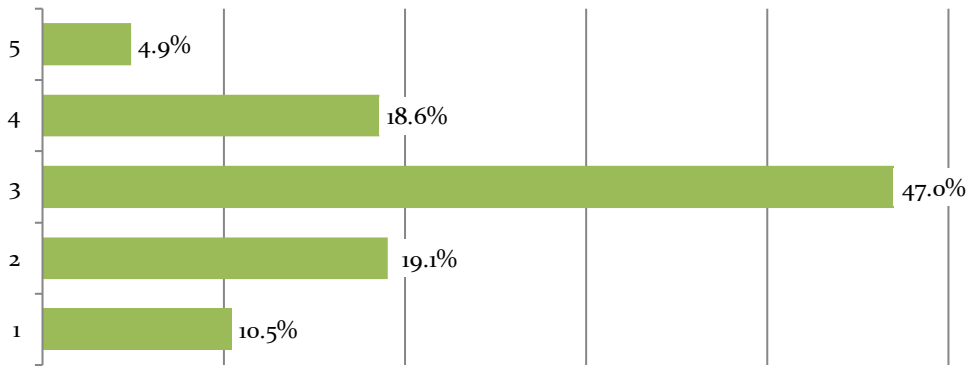
**Question 5 (4)**

Do you think a pathway or trail way system would be a good investment for the Township's future?



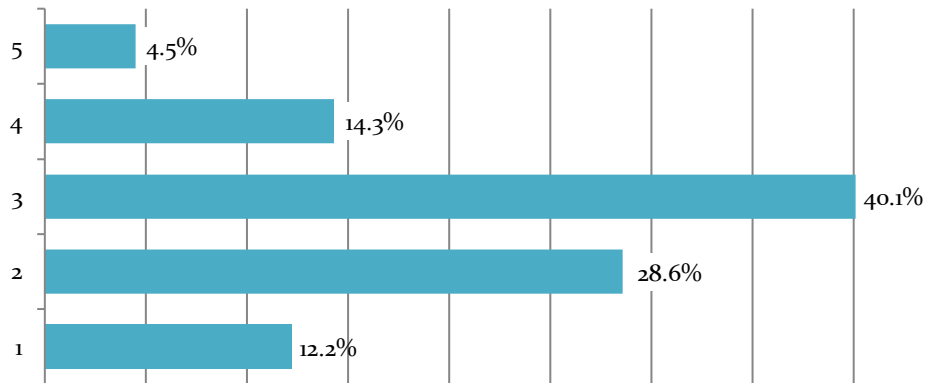
**Question 6(5)**

How would you rate the condition and extent of sidewalks in the township? (1-poor, 3-fair, 5-excellent.)



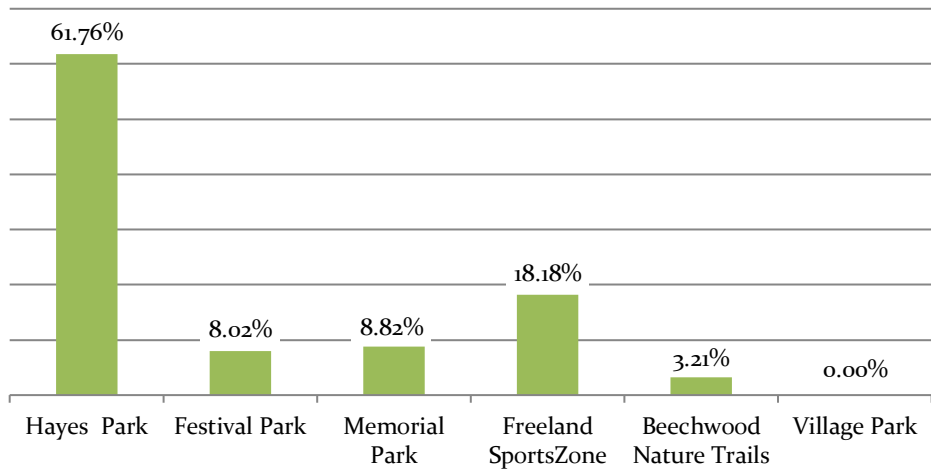
**Question 7 (6)**

How would you rate the pedestrian and bicycle accessibility to places in the township? (1-poor, 3-fair, 5-excellent.)



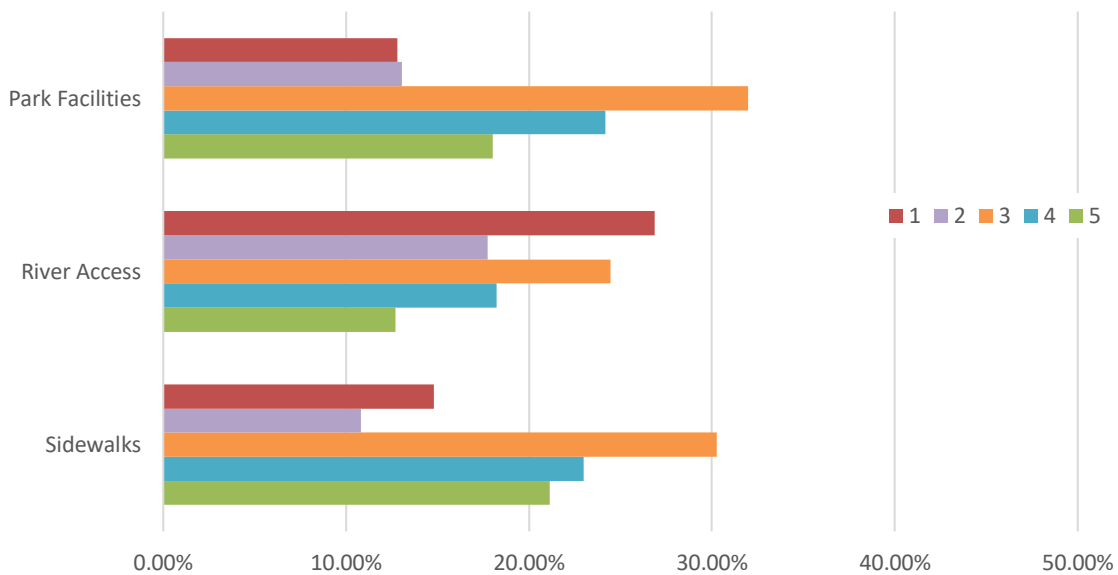
**Question 8 (7)**

Do you have a park that is your favorite? If so, which one?



**Question 9 (8)**

Please rank, according to importance, the areas you believe are in need of improvement. (Numbers closer to five are more important.)

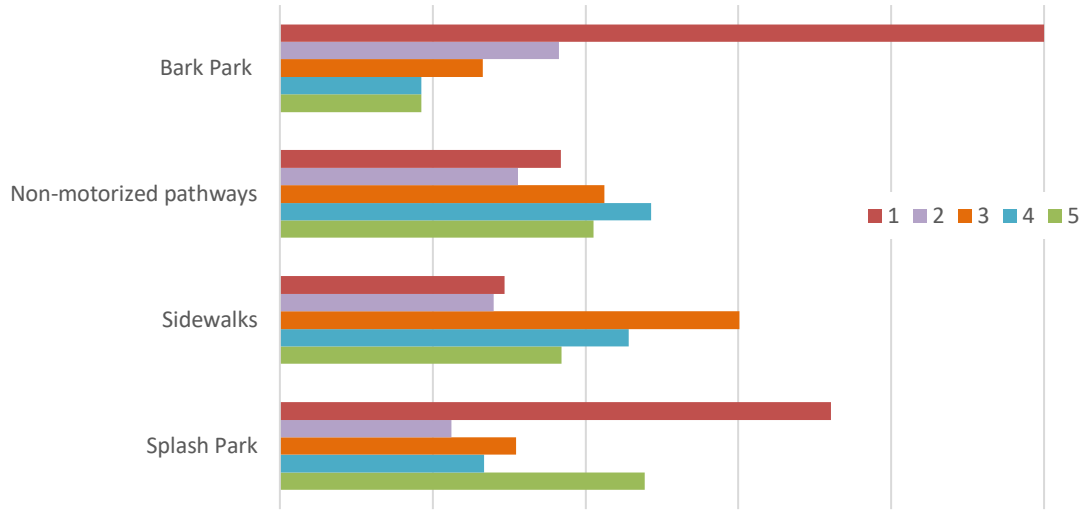


**\*Average Rankings of importance Based on Above Polls:**

Park Facilities ranking: 3.25 | River Access ranking: 2.75 | Sidewalk ranking: 3.22

**Question 10 (9)**

Please rank the new developments that are important to you. (Numbers closest to five are more important)

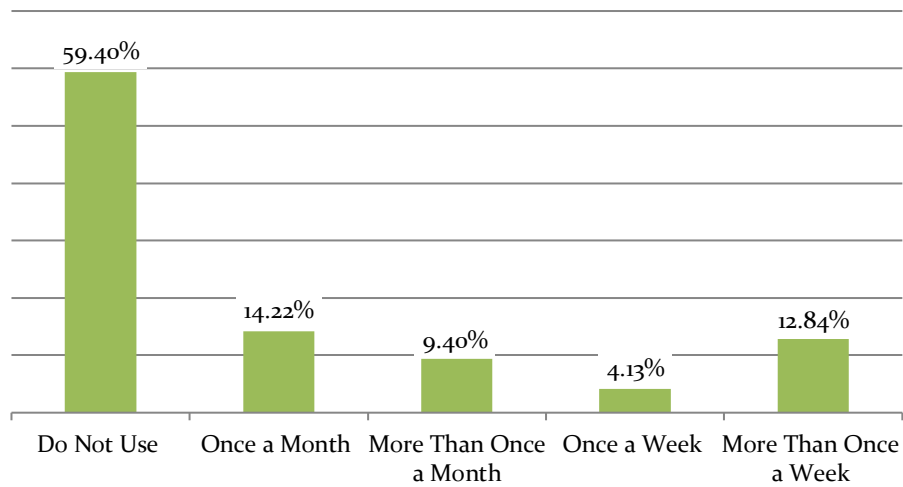


**\*Average Rankings of importance Based on Above Polls:**

Bark Park ranking: 2.09 | Pathways ranking: 3.13 | Sidewalk ranking: 3.16 | Splash Park ranking: 2.77

**Question 11 (11)**

The Freeland SportsZone has been open to the community since 2009. How often do you visit?



## SUMMARY OF PROJECTS AND OBJECTIVES

As noted in the introduction, the 2023-27 Tittabawassee Township Recreation Plan puts forth an implementation strategy for accomplishing the goals, projects and objectives identified by community input and committee brainstorming.

This section highlights objectives and projects for each park and the pathway system. Each objective or project has a subsequent implementation strategy, priority rank, and identified funding sources. Each park and the pathway system have a separate scale in which the objectives and projects are ranked. The top ranked project or objective has been identified as such and its completion will be of the most importance. This rank was determined by careful and intentional consideration of the community’s desires and future desires of the Park Committee. The community’s desires were weighted the highest during this consideration.

Hayes Park			
Projects & Objectives	Implementation Strategy	Priority (Rank)	Funding Sources
New Handicap Accessible Restroom Facility	Remove existing facility and construct new ADA accessible facility	1	Local Businesses, Civic Groups, and Township General Fund, Grants
New ADA Accessible Playground	Make necessary upgrades and replacements to existing equipment for ADA accessibility	2	Township General Fund, Grants
Riverside Pavilion	Construct a pavilion along riverbank suitable for overnight camping expeditions	3	Boy Scouts of America & Grants
Increase special events and recreational opportunities	Collaborate with local businesses, nonprofits, and civic groups	4	Self-funded events, Township General Fund
Update Softball Fields	Bring the status of the softball fields above average	5	Township General Fund

## Memorial Park

Projects	Implementation Strategy	Priority (Rank)	Funding Sources
Update Playground Equipment	Seek grants/contributions for updated equipment	1	Grants, Township Funds
Replace Pavilion	Tear down current and construct new pavilion	2	Community Business Support
Enhancing rentals	Review the rental agreement and community input to assess what can be improved	3	None Required

## Festival Park

Projects & Objectives	Implementation Strategy	Priority (Rank)	Funding Sources
Continued improvement to the vehicle and pedestrian access	Conduct sidewalk and road access renovations	1	Township General Fund, Downtown Development Authority Funds
River Deck Improvement	Modify river deck to reduce flooding and improve use.	2	Grants
Cut down and trim diseased trees by the road and riverfront	Collaborate with road commission and forestry agents to remove unwanted trees and brush	3	Township General Fund

## Beechwood Nature Trails

Projects & Objectives	Implementation Strategy	Priority (Rank)	Funding Sources
Visitor Parking Enhancement	Construct new visitor parking area	1	Township General Fund

## Freeland Pathway System

The following projects and objectives are outlined for the pathway and pedestrian systems in the Township. It has been identified as a priority of both the community and the Township to develop a pathway system.

In 2017, the Township added the M-47 Pathway. This pathway was constructed using funds provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation and Township general fund and is for non-motorized use only. The path begins at the Freeland SportsZone and makes its way along M-47 for 2.5 miles to connect the Township’s downtown residential area. This trail is accompanied by a trailhead that is located at the Freeland SportsZone and includes concessions, picnic tables, bathrooms, and a drinking fountain.

In 2020 the Township added the Freeland-Kochville Path. This pathway was constructed by funds provided through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund, Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Alliance, Iron Belle Trail Foundation, and the Tittabawassee Township general fund. The path begins at the Freeland SportsZone and makes its way east 2.5 miles to the Township border with Kochville Township where it joins the Kochville pathway.

In the region, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Committee is the entity which guides most of the pathway development surrounding Tittabawassee Township. It is important to note that the proposed pathway is located in a portion of the long-term plan of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Alliance.

Projects & Objectives	Implementation Strategy	Priority (Rank)	Funding Sources
Further Development of Pathway Connections	Develop pathway from Township border to border that will contribute to the statewide pathways	1	Grants, Township General Fund
Sidewalk Improvements	Plan to link neighborhoods, parks, and schools by further expanding sidewalk system	2	Township General Fund

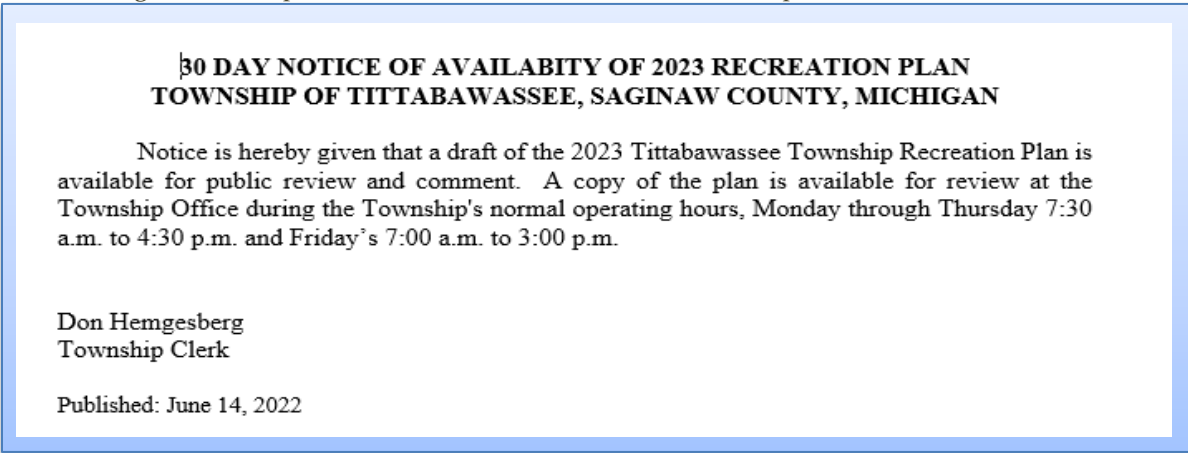
# APPENDIX A

## PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

### Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

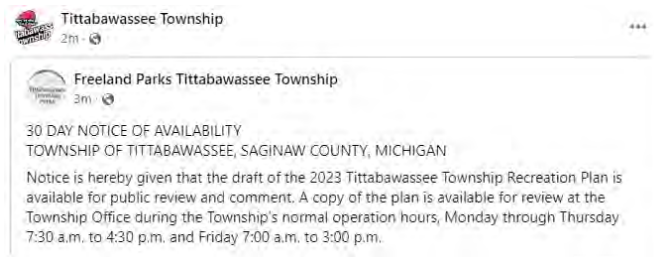
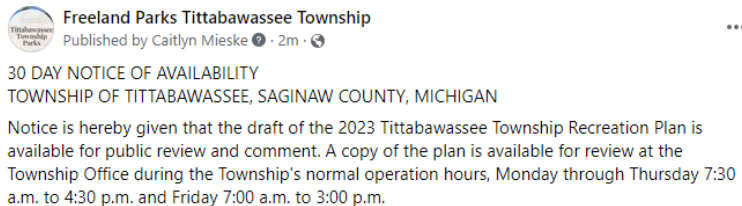
The following notice was posted at the entrance door of the Township Offices.



#### DESCRIPTION OF METHODS

##### *Online*

In addition to the previous notice of availability posting, the Township also advertised the availability of the draft plan for public review and comment on the Township's Facebook® page. This notice was posted on June 28, 2022.



##### *Newspaper Advertisement*

The notice of availability was also published in the local newspaper, *Midland Daily News*. This advertisement was included in the weekly publication on June 14, 2022. A copy of the affidavit of publication is included at the end of this appendix.

## Notice of the Public Comment Meeting

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWNSHIP OF TITTABAWASSEE, SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing to allow residents of the Township to comment on the proposed 2023 Recreation Plan on August 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Township Office, 145 South Second Street, Freeland. A copy of the plan is available for review ahead of time in the Township Office during the Township's normal operating hours, Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday's 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tittabawassee Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to any individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in such services need to contact the Tittabawassee Township Clerk's Office at 145 S. Second Street, P.O. Box 158, Freeland, Michigan 48623 (989) 695-9512 at least four (4) working days prior to the meeting.

**Don Hemgesberg**  
Township Clerk

Published: July 15, 2022

### DESCRIPTION OF METHODS

#### **Online**

In addition to the previous notice of the Public Hearing the Township also advertised the Public Hearing on the Township's Facebook© page. This notice was posted on July 15, 2022.



#### **Newspaper Advertisement**

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### Minutes from Public Comment Meeting—August 2, 2022

Please see attachment.

### Plan Adoption Documentation

Please see separate packet.

## **Public Comments on 2023 Recreation Plan**

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022**

No comments were made by those in attendance.

**TITTABA W ASSEE TOWNSHIP  
SAGINAW COUNTY  
RESOLUTION R-22-10  
2023 RECREATION PLAN APPROVAL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Tittabawassee Township Board, County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, held at the Township Administrative Office in said Township on the 9th day of August 2022, at 5:00 p.m., Michigan Time.

PRESENT: ARGYLE, REIMUS, HEMGESBERG, METIVA, DARK, KING, AVERILL

ABSENT: NONE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by and supported by Paul:

WHEREAS, the Tittabawassee Township Park Committee has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 through 2027, and

WHEREAS, the Tittabawassee Township Park Committee began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Tittabawassee Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft for a period of at least 30 days

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 2, 2022, at Tittabawassee Township Administrative Office to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Tittabawassee Township Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the Tittabawassee Township Park Committee has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Tittabawassee Township Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Tittabawassee Township Park Committee voted to adopt said Tittabawassee Township Recreation Plan

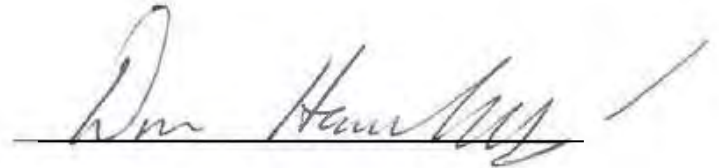
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tittabawassee Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Tittabawassee Township Recreation Plan

Yeas: METIVA, REIMUS, HEMGESBERG, AVERILL, KING, DARK, ARGYLE

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

I, Don Hemgesberg, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Tittabawassee Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 9th day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Hemgesberg", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is in black ink and includes a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Don Hemgesberg, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.