

Community - Recreation - Open Space - Greenways

PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2015 - 2019

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Introduction

As a society, we are increasingly aware of the psychological and physical benefits provided by open space and recreation. It is Plainfield Charter Township's Parks and Recreation Department's primary goal to actively promote these benefits for the public's well-being in the form of providing and developing recreational areas and activities. In doing this, the Parks and Recreation Department increases Plainfield Charter Township's livability. However, there are many issues to consider when planning for these recreational areas and opportunities. This plan intends to be the guiding document for the promotion of these recreational opportunities in Plainfield Charter Township.

As ongoing health studies show, our society is becoming more conscious of healthy living and the opportunities that recreation provides to further healthy lifestyles and improve our quality of life. Health studies also reflect the need for increased physical activity for people of all ages in order to achieve these healthier lifestyles. Finally, improvement to a community's quality of life through recreation also has the potential to better the local economy by drawing new business opportunities to the area.

Therefore, it is important to project the future parks and recreation needs of Plainfield Charter Township to ensure the continued availability of open space and recreation opportunities. To address these issues and opportunities, it is important for the Parks and Recreation Department to produce a plan to guide the decision-making process. When implemented, this plan will provide quality parks and recreation programs and facilities.

Purpose

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that community recreation plans be updated every five years as criteria to receive funding from the State in the form of grants for park and open space acquisition, park development, and existing park improvements. The purpose of this procedure is to provide an opportunity to include changing needs and assets of the community. This Recreation Plan was developed by analyzing an inventory of issues and physical features for the area and tailoring the development of the recreation programs and facilities through the year 2019.

Scope

The Community Recreation Plan for Plainfield Charter Township inventories existing parks and recreation programs. With this information, the needs for neighborhood parks, supporting facilities, trailway/greenway systems, and recreation programs are analyzed for the projected years 2015-2019. The plan recommendations are provided through analysis of demographic projections, township land-use trends, natural features inventory, citizen input, past and future recreational trends, state and federal grant funding requirements and potential land acquisition opportunities.

Projects in Progress 2014

The following is a list of projects that were identified in the 2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Master Plan that are currently in process. They are not all being completed by the Parks and Recreation Department, but they affect recreation opportunities in the community.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Organization/Department</u>	<u>Consultants</u>
Plainfield Township Premier Park (Previously Ten Mile Park) – Rock City BMX and Archery Center	Parks and Recreation	Progressive AE
Grand Isle Park	Parks and Recreation	Progressive AE
Acquire Land Along Grand and Rogue Rivers (Ongoing project)	Parks and Recreation	
Park Connections to the White Pine Trail	Parks and Recreation	
Improve or install bathrooms at existing facilities	Parks and Recreation	
New Park Development - 100% Accessibility	Parks and Recreation	
Sidewalk and Pathways Plan Implementation	Community Development	

Collaboration

In the past, the Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with other departments and organizations within the township and intend to continue to do so into the future.

Into the Future: 2015-2019

Michigan and the United States are recovering from one of the worst recessions in decades. As a result people are staying closer to home and using municipal recreation facilities. In these circumstances, it is more important than ever to provide affordable, local recreational opportunities.

Parks and recreation provide multiple benefits to the community. People who participate in recreation activities or visit parks improve their physical and mental health. Parks add economic value to the community through increased property values and a quality of life that attracts homeowners and

businesses. The green space provided by parks presents environmental benefits including improved air and water quality and wildlife habitat. Parks and recreational activities also provide social benefits for the community. Such benefits include the reduction of crime and the building of community pride.

Even in these tough economic conditions, the Plainfield Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department has maintained and expanded the park system at comparatively little cost to township taxpayers. Forming strategic partnerships with local organizations has allowed the parks department to develop new park facilities for township residents. Additional resources will be needed for the parks department to maintain existing facilities and continue to provide services to meet the community's needs into the future.

Goals and Objectives

<p>Goal I: Continue and complete the physical development projects currently underway</p>	<p>Objective A: Complete the development plan of Premier Park</p>
	<p>Objective B: Continue the development of Grand Isle Park</p>
<p>Goal II: Improve connectivity and access to non-motorized recreation opportunities and rivers in Plainfield Charter Township</p>	<p>Objective A: Develop a formal non-motorized path/trail system throughout the township</p>
	<p>Objective B: Create parking areas for access to the White Pine Trail, future side-paths and rivers</p>
<p>Goal III: Protect and enhance the township’s natural resources, open spaces and natural scenic character.</p>	<p>Objective A: Identify, protect and enhance natural areas or greenways along the Grand and Rogue Rivers</p>
	<p>Objective B: Provide access to the Grand and Rogue rivers in strategic locations</p>
	<p>Objective C: Work with the Planning Department to create and/or designate open space guidelines for new developments</p>
<p>Goal IV: Improve or upgrade existing facilities to meet the needs of township residents and current standards.</p>	<p>Objective A: Upgrade or expand the D.W. Richardson Community Center</p>
	<p>Objective B: Upgrade all park facilities to ADA standards</p>
	<p>Objective C: Install restrooms/drinking fountains at existing facilities</p>
<p>Goal V: Seek strategic land acquisitions that target recreational needs</p>	<p>Objective A: Identify acquisition opportunities in the N.W. Quadrant of the township</p>
	<p>Objective B: Identify properties for acquisition that can be redeveloped into parkland</p>

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<p>Goal VI: Continue to coordinate the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department with other Plainfield Township departments, government entities, schools and community groups</p>	<p>Objective A: Continue to coordinate the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with other Plainfield Township Commissions/Departments</p>
	<p>Objective B: Continue to promote a positive relationship between the Parks and Recreation Department and Buildings and Grounds Departments</p>
	<p>Objective C: Coordinate park security with County Sheriff’s Department</p>
	<p>Objective D: Maintain existing partnerships/coalitions with community groups and institutions for recreation programming</p>
	<p>Objective E: Promote the development of recreation programs and facilities not readily available in the township or surrounding communities</p>
<p>Goal VII: Seek new funding sources to maintain existing parks and provide new recreation opportunities for township residents</p>	<p>Objective A: Continue to seek strategic funding sources and partnerships to ensure continued operation of the park system</p>
<p>Goal VIII: Increase communication with township residents about Parks and Recreation opportunities</p>	<p>Objective A: Maintain and enhance the Parks and Recreation page on the township website</p>
	<p>Objective B: Increase awareness of township recreation opportunities through email and social media</p>

Actions

The following action plan or Capital Improvement Plan was developed for the Parks and Recreation plan. The plan was developed based upon information gathered from public input, interviews, demographic data, land use trends and efforts of adjacent communities. The plan covers the years 2015 to 2019. The Capital Improvement projects may be funded through grant sources such as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

TARGET YEAR	PROJECT/PARK	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)
2015-2016	Premier Park	Finish restroom building, parking lot and pavilion.	D: \$1,000,000	1
2015-2018	Grand Isle Park	Finish disc golf course, construct soccer fields, trails, fishing access and restroom building.	D: \$1,400,000	1,2, 3
2016-2019	Develop a formal non-motorized path/trail system throughout the township	Develop a plan that identifies funding sources, foster strategic partnerships, acquire easements, pursue grant funding and implement a Non-Motorized plan.	P: \$50,000 LA: \$1,200,000	1,2,5
2015-2017	Acquire Land along Grand River corridor greenway	Develop a plan to create a greenway along the Grand River connecting the east and west sides of the township.	P: \$25,000 LA: \$1,000,000	1,2,3,4,5
2017-2018	Upgrade or expand the D.W. Richardson Community Center	Study and determine a plan to expand the existing building or a location for a new facility.	P: \$75,000 D: \$4,000,000	1, 2
2015-2017	Upgrade all park facilities to ADA standards	Conduct inventories and audit existing facilities to ensure that all park facilities, playgrounds and activity areas are accessible and that there are equal play opportunities for all children of varying abilities.	P: \$30,000 D: \$50,000 per year	2, 4
2015-2019	Install restrooms / drinking fountains at existing facilities	Determine highest priority parks based on usage and public input and construct facilities.	D: \$175,000 per restroom	1, 2, 3
2015-2019	Land acquisition in NW Quadrant	Study and acquire properties for parkland in the NW quadrant.	P: \$30,000 LA: \$300,000+/-	1, 2, 3
2015-2019	Strategic Land Acquisition	Study and acquire strategic properties to fulfill goals and objectives such as the Consumer's Energy easement, Rogue River Campground.	P: \$30,000 LA: \$1,500,000	1, 2, 3
Cost Key: P = Plan Cost D = Development Cost LA = Land Acquisition Cost				
Revenue Codes:				
1	General Fund			
2	Donations/Partnerships			
3	Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund			
4	Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund			
5	MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)			

Political Boundaries

Plainfield Charter Township is located in Michigan’s lower peninsula, northeast of the City of Grand Rapids. The township is just less than 36 square miles in area and abuts the City of Grand Rapids to the south, Algoma Township to the north, Cannon Township to the east, and Alpine Township to the west. The community is divided north and south by the northerly bend of the Grand River and east and west by the Rogue River. The US-131 expressway adds an additional barrier to east-west travel through the community.

Land Use Patterns, Development Trends and Zoning

Zoning Districts

<u>Zoning Districts</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Public Recreational Facilities Allowed</u>	<u>Public Recreational Facilities Allowed</u>
C-1 Commercial	250	1.06%		
C-2 Commercial	76	0.32%		
C-3 Commercial	68	0.29%		
C-4 Commercial	65	0.28%		
C-5 Commercial	45	0.19%		
I Industrial	171	0.72%	ODR	ODR
LI Light Industrial	413	1.75%	IDR	IDR
O Offices	139	0.59%		
PUD Planned Unit Development	2,938	12.46%	ALL	ALL
R-1 Residential	7,169	30.39%	P, GC	GC
R-1A Residential	1,049	4.45%		
R-2 Residential	103	0.44%	P, GC	GC
R-3 Residential	134	0.57%		
R-4 Residential	211	0.89%		
R-E Rural Estate	5,153	21.85%	P, GC, ODR	P(1), GC
RP Rural Preserve	4,789	20.30%	P, GC, ODR	P(1), GC
VC Village Commercial	18	0.08%		
Water	797	3.38%		
TOTAL	23,588			

Source: REGIS, Zoning Data. Retrieved 10/21/14

Legend:

(1)- Private parks are permitted if owned by associations in approved projects

P- Parks, Playgrounds, and Community Centers

IDR- Indoor Recreation Uses

ODR- Outdoor Recreation Uses

GC- Golf Course

ALL- In the PUD district, all recreational uses are available for township review

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The largest land use in Plainfield Charter Township is residential, ranging from dense mobile home parks to rural preserve. The largest zoning unit is zoned R-1, single family with 1-4 units per acre. This land is concentrated in the south central and Comstock Park areas of the township. According to the REGIS zoning map, there is a total of 8,666 acres of residentially zoned land in the township and 9,942 acres of rural estate and preserve. This implies that land is being used for both agriculture and low-density residential, since there is no agricultural zoning classification.

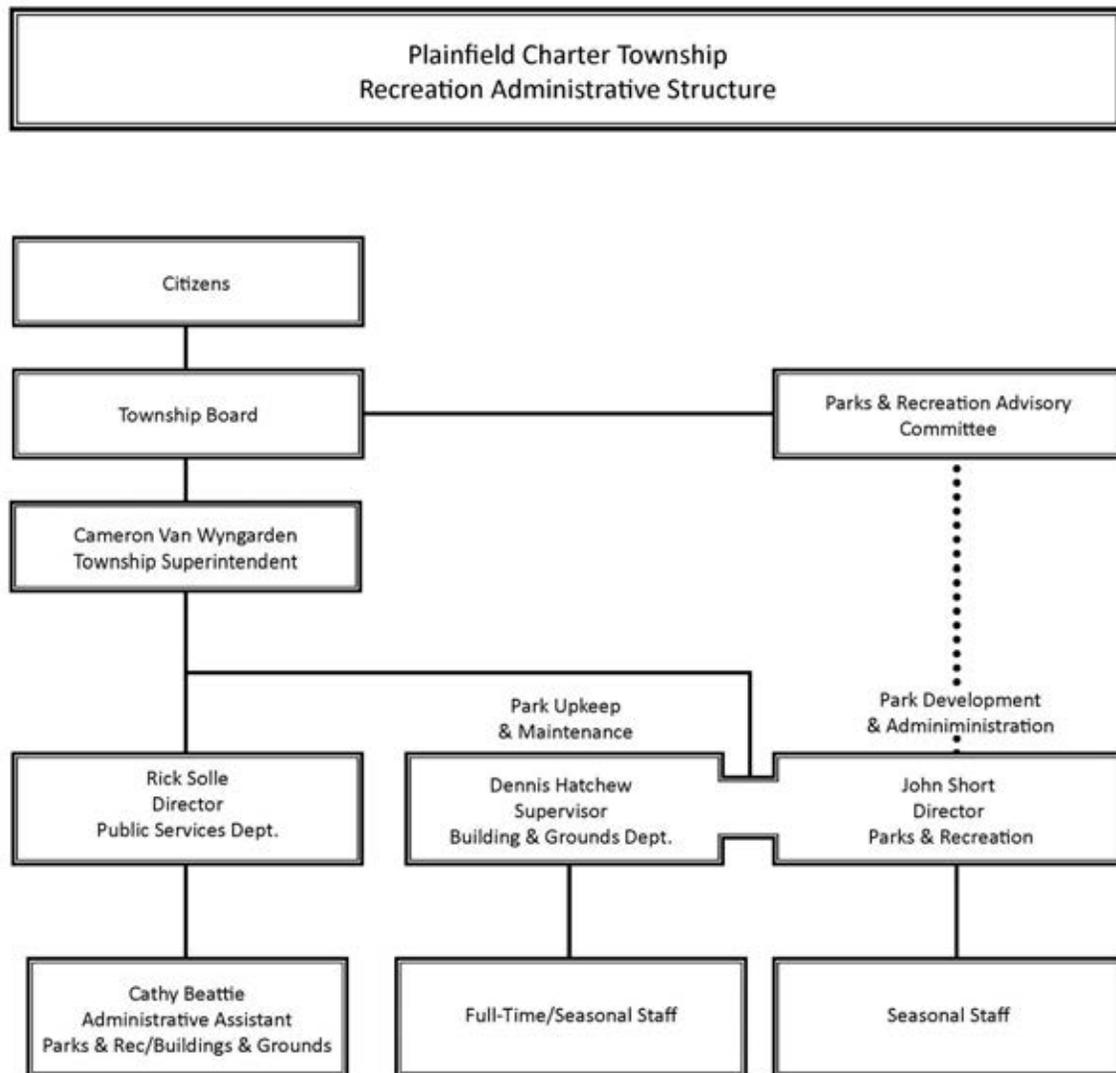
Plainfield Charter Township does not have a dense commercial center so the bulk of the commercially zoned areas are scattered throughout the township. The primary commercial district is along Plainfield Avenue. In April 2007, the Plainfield Township Board of Trustees created a Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) covering an area that includes 152 individual parcels of property along Plainfield Avenue from 4 Mile Road to Airway. Other commercial areas include Northland Drive, Comstock Park, and West River Drive. Commercial development has also occurred on a small scale at the Post Road interchange of US-131 and in the Belmont Village area. As the northern portion of the township continues to develop and become more accessible to Grand Rapids, it is expected that there will be pressure for these latter two commercial areas to expand in order to better serve new residents.

The majority of the industrially zoned land is located along West River Road on either side of US-131. Gravel extraction has occurred in the southern half of the township near the Grand River.

Furthermore, as the northern portion of the township develops, in some form or another, park land and open space acquisition should continue to be pursued in these areas to continue to provide neighborhood-level recreational opportunities to all of the Plainfield Charter Township citizenry.

Personnel

The Parks and Recreation Department performs the care and management of the township's 15 parks and recreation facilities. Local school districts and private recreation organizations provide comprehensive recreation programs to residents of Plainfield Charter Township. The only programming the parks department provides is financial assistance to the Community Center for senior events and programs. The administrative structure of the Parks and Recreation Department is demonstrated in the flow chart below.



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Board of Trustees

Governing over Plainfield Township is the Board of Trustees which consists of seven elected officials. The Board of Trustees makes all ordinance and resource allocation decisions and is responsible for approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and any funding for recreation improvements. The Board of Trustees also appoints the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Planning Commission members.

The Planning Commission can influence recreation by approving or disapproving new parks and/or specific elements of their plans. They can also require that developers include recreation elements like pocket parks, trails and sidewalks in their building plans within the township. They can also approve zoning amendments, like limiting tree removal, to preserve natural features of the township.

Park and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is appointed by the Board of Trustees to three year terms and made up of nine citizen members:

David Briggs	David Meyerholtz
Scott Ten Cate	Dale Pomeroy
Dale Hecksel	Sally Wesorick
Dave Heyboer	Thomas Wiarda
Kyle Jenkins	

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee received authorization to act as the township's recreation board and exercise such powers as set under enabling act, Public Act 1931, No. 271.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the township and guides the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It also provides direction and leadership to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding recreation issues and policies that will meet the needs of township residents. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee holds quarterly meetings and additional meetings as required.

PARK BUDGET AND FUNDING

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee together develop a budget and submit it to the Township Superintendent for his review and approval. The Board of Trustees has final approval.

Current Budget

Out of the total General Fund dollars 3.5% currently goes to Parks & Recreation support. The parks department operates within budget. Park development projects and some operations were funded by proceeds from a landfill agreement which is now defunct. The Board of Trustees is aware of the

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situation and is currently putting a financial plan in place to replace the funding from the general budget, grants, private donations and partnerships.

Parks and Recreation Fund Summary

2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	Description
PARKS AND RECREATION				
37,061	37,398	47,660	51,500	SALARIES & WAGES
2,785	2,269	2,287	2,500	OVERTIME WAGES
32,939	41,028	45,630	52,000	PART-TIME WAGES
38,835	39,383	28,884	42,000	B&G SALARIES & WAGES
425	566	639	600	B&G OVERTIME WAGES
20,196	26,816	23,821	26,900	B&G SEASONAL WAGES
-	-		520	FLEX BENEFITS
9,887	10,939	11,211	13,425	SOCIAL SECURITY
-	-		8,100	INSURANCE BENEFITS
239	189	1,922	3,400	RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFIT
2,487	2,741	3,656	5,250	RETIREMENT
156	98	215	250	OFFICE SUPPLIES
10,738	13,048	7,447	11,000	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES
12,807	11,768	39,182	16,924	CONTRACTED SERVICES
732	818	900	750	COMMUNICATIONS EXP.
2,712	3,315	3,305	3,950	TRANSPORTATION & EXPENSES
1,517	2,366	2,970	1,600	EDUCATION & TRAINING
9,778	9,510	9,857	10,000	UTILITIES
9,838	6,269	24,502	15,128	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR
128	4,603	300	300	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES
236	969	84	1,000	RECREATION PROGRAM
585,778	39,134	336,635	285,000	CAPITAL OUTLAY
779,273	253,228	591,105	552,097	TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION

RELATIONSHIPS

School Districts

Plainfield Charter Township has a partnership with Northview Community Schools to provide programming for seniors at D.W. Richardson Community Center. School districts and private organizations within the township provide all adult and student enrichment classes, intramural activities, and swimming programs.

Volunteers

Volunteers currently maintain the Charles Waldon Veterans Memorial Park. They also remodeled the new concession/storage building at the D.W. Richardson Community Center.

Public/Private Partnerships

Plainfield Charter Township has formed strategic partnerships with public and private organizations to expand and improve township parks. Programming and use agreements with local groups have facilitated the recent development of new parks in the township. Private organizations are responsible for the programs and the township parks department provides the facilities. Groups that have partnered with Plainfield Charter Township include the following:

Organization	Relationship
West Michigan Sports Commission (WMSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed Art Van Sports Complex, Miracle Field, offers baseball and softball programming
Algoma Township, WMSC Western Michigan Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of West Michigan Archery Center
Plainfield Area Select Soccer (PASS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer field development, goal posts, field striping, and programming
The Soccer Club of Rockford (SCOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer field development, goal posts, field striping, and programming
Grand Rapids North Rotary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of disc golf course and Versluis Park pavilion
West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of Merrell mountain bike trail
Northview Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diamond development and programming
Northview Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming for senior citizens at D.W. Richardson Community Center
Rockford Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of rowing facility
Friends of the White Pine Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooperative agreement
Izaak Walton League	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fishing programming
West Michigan BMX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rock City BMX development and programming

Resource Inventory

Topography

The overall topography of Plainfield Charter Township is gently rolling with scattered hills. In general, the floodplain areas of the Rogue and Grand Rivers are flat while the remainder of the township is gently rolling. The highest point is 940 feet above sea level in the north central area and the lowest point is 610 feet above sea level along the Grand River. Overall, this represents a change in elevation of 330 feet across the township. With some areas of Plainfield Charter Township being hilly, topography has impacted the overall development of recreation resources and programs.

Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife

There are two major watersheds in Plainfield Charter Township, the Grand River Watershed and the Rogue River Watershed. Two smaller watersheds are located on the East and West sides of the township feeding into the Bear and Mill Creeks. The Grand River Watershed covers over half of Plainfield Charter Township, extending up to the Rogue River Watershed. The Grand River flows east to west across the southern third of the township. The Rogue River flows from the northern border of the township into the Grand River in the center of the township. There are also many streams and creeks flowing to and from the Grand and Rogue Rivers, including Bear and Mill Creeks.

Plainfield Township has 9 lakes totaling about 430 acres of water surface area. These lakes include Brunsink Lake, Dean Lake, Duck Lake, Freska Lake, Little Pine Island, Mead Lake, Mirror Lake, Scott Lake, and Versluis Lake. Versluis Lake is a man-made lake that evolved from a sand and gravel operation and was donated by Leonard Versluis for the purpose of a park. Brunsink Lake is also a man-made lake reclaimed from a sand and gravel operation located near Grand Isle Park and West River Drive.

Wetlands are very important to the township as an ecosystem, natural wildlife habitat and for ground water recharge. Wetlands and other sensitive areas provide an opportunity for many un-programmed recreation activities such as birding, hiking, fishing and hunting. Within the township are natural areas and woodlots that offer opportunities for hunting game such as rabbit, pheasant and deer. When planning for future parks and recreation, these areas should be protected and/or highlighted, especially with elevated boardwalk greenways/pathways.

There are few opportunities to access the Rivers in Plainfield Township parks. Public fishing along the Grand River can be achieved at the DNR Park. Dean Lake and Versluis Park also offer fishing opportunities. The Childsdale fishing access point is the only public fishing location for the Rogue River, leading people to park along the road in some areas to launch kayaks or fish. The Rogue River has been designated a Natural River and is recognized as one of the top trout and salmon fishing rivers in the nation. Both the Grand and Rogue Rivers offer excellent habitat for fish and other animals.

Recreation Inventory

The recreation inventory is an essential item to the Parks and Recreation Department. It allows the Department to assess the quantity and type of facilities and where they are located, showcase the variety of programs and events offered; identify where new facilities should be built, where ADA upgrades are needed and opportunities for programs and events. The township continually updates the Facilities Inventory as renovations and additions occur so they have a current list.

The Parks and Recreation Department's recent projects have been constructed to comply with all federal and state statutes regarding barrier-free compliance. It is a goal of the department to continue to bring all facilities into compliance with these standards.

Recreation Programming

The Plainfield Charter Township Parks Department does not offer programming. Recreation programming in the township is organized by private groups, parent organizations, school districts and other entities. Sports leagues, summer camps and youth programs for both students and the community are offered by the YMCA and most school districts. Northview and Rockford School Districts also offer programming for seniors. Northview School District works with Plainfield Charter Township Parks Department to organize and program senior activities at the D.W. Richardson Community Center.

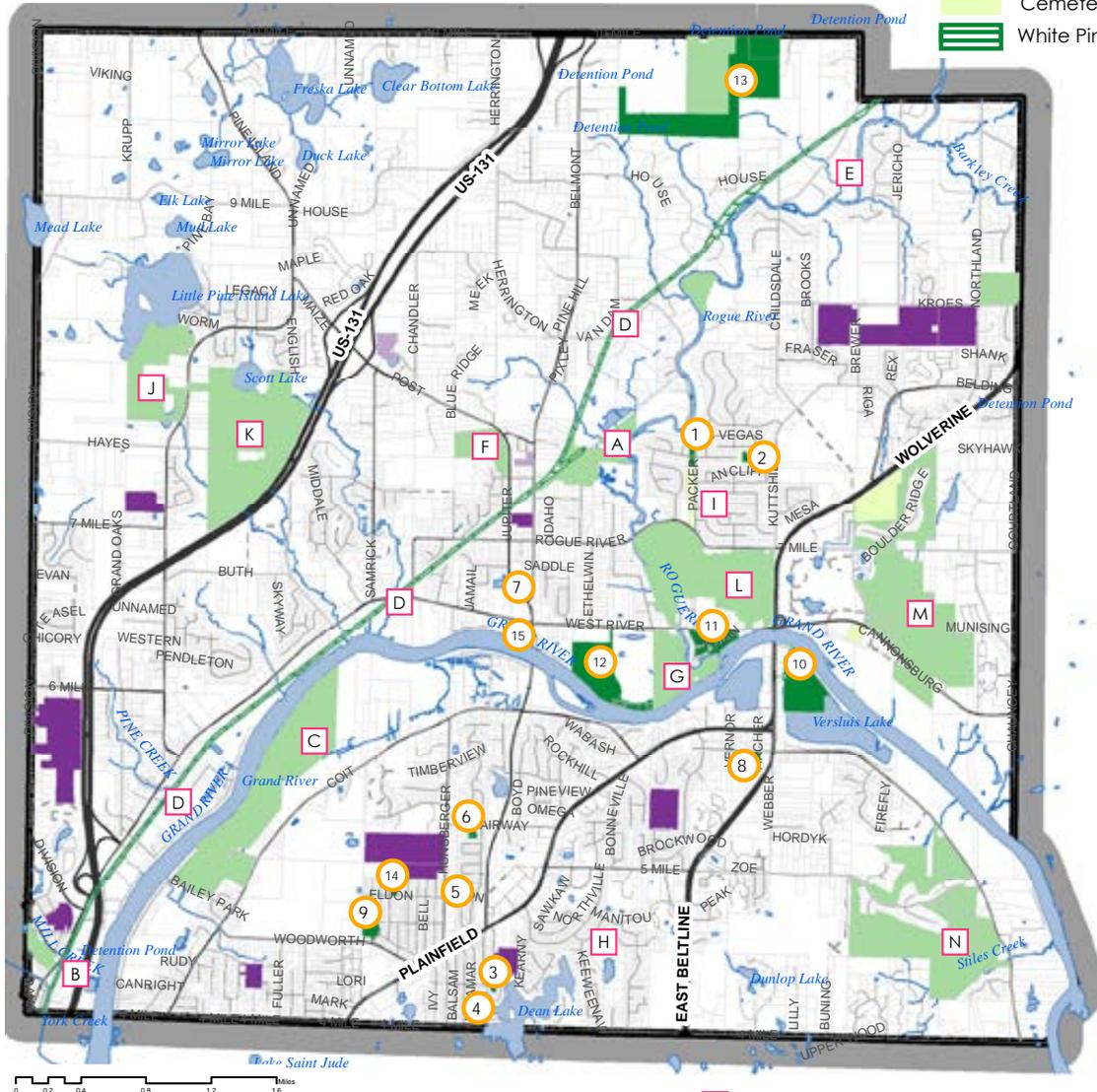
Plainfield Charter Township Parks and Recreation Facilities

School Facilities:

- Public School
- Private School

Parks/Recreation Facilities:

- Township Park
- Other Facility
- Cemetery
- White Pine Trail



1 TOWNSHIP OWNED PARKS

1. Packer Drive Park
2. Gold Dust Park
3. Holtman Park
4. Dean Lake Park
5. Northgate Park
6. Airway Park
7. Charles Weldon Veterans Memorial Park
8. Community Center and D.W. Richardson Park
9. Ambrose Park
10. Versluis Park
11. DNR Park
12. Grand Isle Park
13. Premier Park
14. Eldon Hollow Park
15. Jupiter Bridge Boathouse

A OTHER PARKS/RECREATION

County:

- A. Rogue River Park
- B. Dwight Lydell Park
- C. Lamoreaux Park

DNR:

- D. Fred Meijer White Pine Trail
- E. Childsdale Fishing Access

Private:

- F. YMCA
- G. Grand Rogue Campground
- H. Northville Park
- I. Blythefield Acres Pool
- J. Little Pine Island Lake Camp

Golf Course:

- K. Scott Lake Country Club
- L. Blythefield Country Club
- M. Boulder Creek Golf Club
- N. Thousand Oaks Golf Club

Community Center and D. W. Richardson Park

Park Profile



The Community Center and D.W. Richardson Park is a community park about 6 acres in size located in the southeastern corner of Plainfield Charter Township. The building hosts programs organized by Northview schools that are funded by Plainfield Charter Township. The site amenities include a playground, a large picnic pavilion, three baseball diamonds, a playground and shuffle board courts and a combination restroom/concessions building with storage. The concession space was recently remodeled by community volunteers using funding from the Township. The playground was recently updated to facilitate barrier-free access. Some amenities are in need of upgrades, such as the basketball court and swings, which are not ADA accessible.



Grand Isle Park

Park Profile



Grand Isle Park is a 62 acre community park located on the Grand River in south eastern Plainfield Charter Township. The park is currently open space with nature trails. A lake and wetland restoration is currently under construction. Future amenities planned for the park include soccer fields, a disc golf course, barrier-free obstacle course, pathways and picnic areas. Grand Isle Park received grant assistance from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for land acquisition.



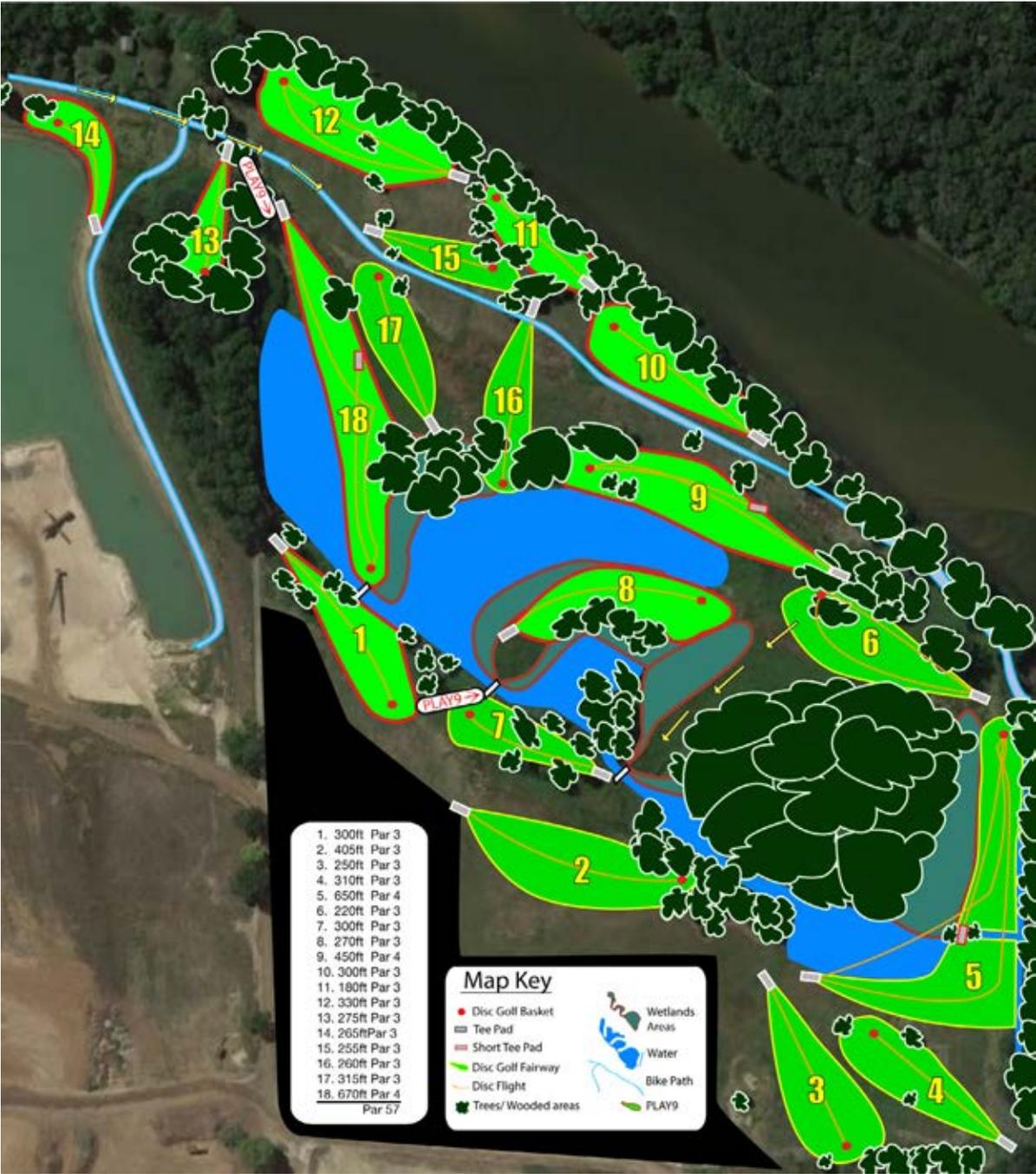
Grand Isle Park

Park Development Plan



Grand Isle Park

Park Development Plan



Versluis Park

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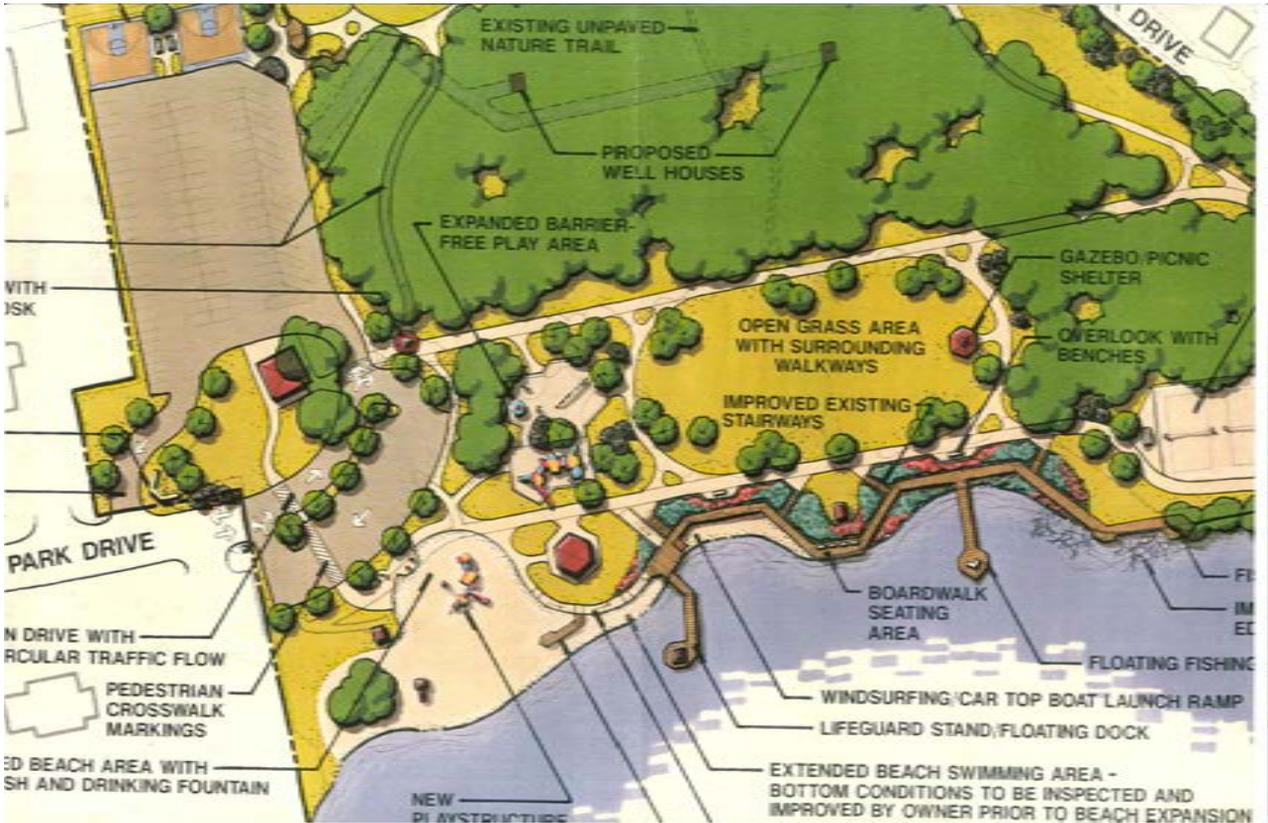
Versluis Park is an 18.4 acre community park located on the east side of Plainfield Township, south of the Grand River. The beach has extensive ADA features, including a wheelchair ramp and transfer-step system down to the water. Other accessible amenities include a restroom building, playground, paths, accessible fishing, picnic areas, extensive boardwalks and a large pavilion. There is also an accessible boat launch for kayaks, canoes and wind surfers. Volleyball courts at the eastern end of the park may be in need of improvements, depending on demand. Versluis Park recieved grant assistance from the MDNR TF and MDNR LWCF in 1990 and from the MDNR TF for park improvements in 1997.



Versluis Park is designed as an all-inclusive park, accommodating all family members, regardless of physical ability. Plainfield Charter Township and the Parks & Recreation Department recieved the da Vinci Award for Versluis Park, a renowned international award recognizing innovative developments that embrace the Universal Design Principle. Versluis also recieved an award from both the Michigan Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects and the Michigan Recreation & Parks Association for outstanding park design.

Versluis Park

Park Development Plan



Jupiter Bridge Boathouse

Park Profile



Jupiter Bridge Boathouse

The Jupiter Bridge Boathouse is a 2.48 acre special use facility constructed on property leased by Plainfield Charter Township from the Kent County Road Commission. The boathouse facility was built by local school districts and community groups and is owned by Rockford Public Schools. The site contains a boathouse, gravel parking lot, dock and boat launch. It houses the crew equipment for two school districts within the Township and also serves as a boat launch for other crew teams and rowers. This facility is not available for public use except as a rest area for non-motorized water traffic.



Charles Weldon Veterans Memorial Park

Park Profile



The Charles Weldon Veteran’s Memorial Park is a 1.38 acre special use park functioning as a passive use memorial. The park was built in 2001 after a small tornado ran through the site. There is a small asphalt parking lot accessible from Belmont Ave. It is maintained and developed by community volunteers.



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DNR Park

Park Profile



The DNR Park is a 19 acre community park on the Grand River, leased from the DNR and operated by Plainfield Charter Township. Parking is available in a gravel lot accessed from West River Drive. The site contains two baseball fields, one soccer field, picnic tables, a boat launch and dock. The boat launch is owned and maintained by the DNR.



Gold Dust Park

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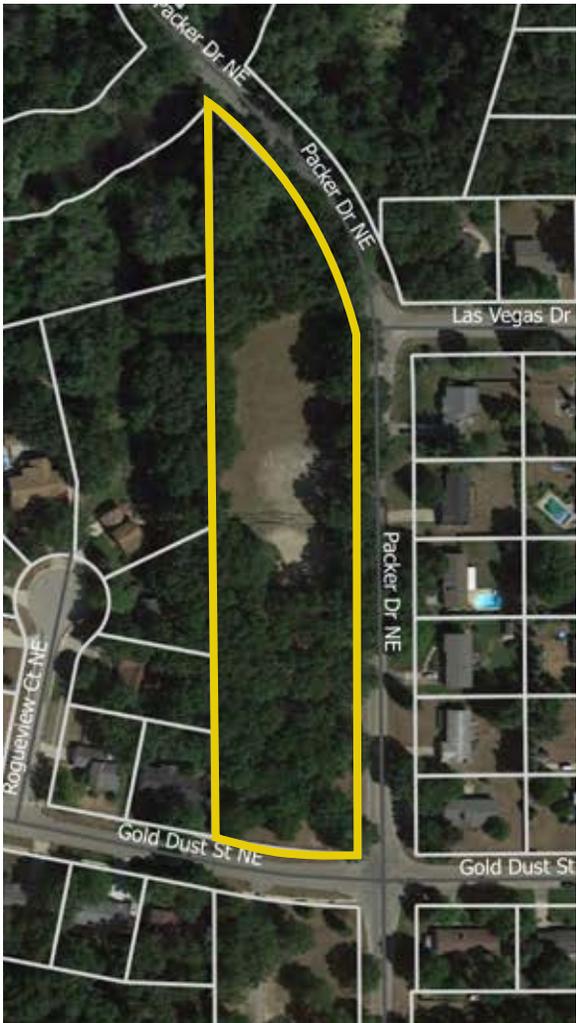


Gold Dust Park is a two acre pocket park located in the northeast area of Plainfield Charter Township. The site contains a half basketball court, swingset, play structure and multi-use path running along the perimeter. The park is accessed by a path from Gold Dust St and has no parking.



Packer Drive Park

Park Profile



Packer Drive Park is a four acre mini park located along Packer Dr. and across from the Plainfield Charter Township cemetery. A small gravel parking lot is accessible from Packer Drive. The site contains a ball field and wooded open space.



Airway Park

Park Profile



Airway park is a two acre mini park with a ball field, play structure and paved parking area located off Airway St. The ball field is programmed by North-view baseball.

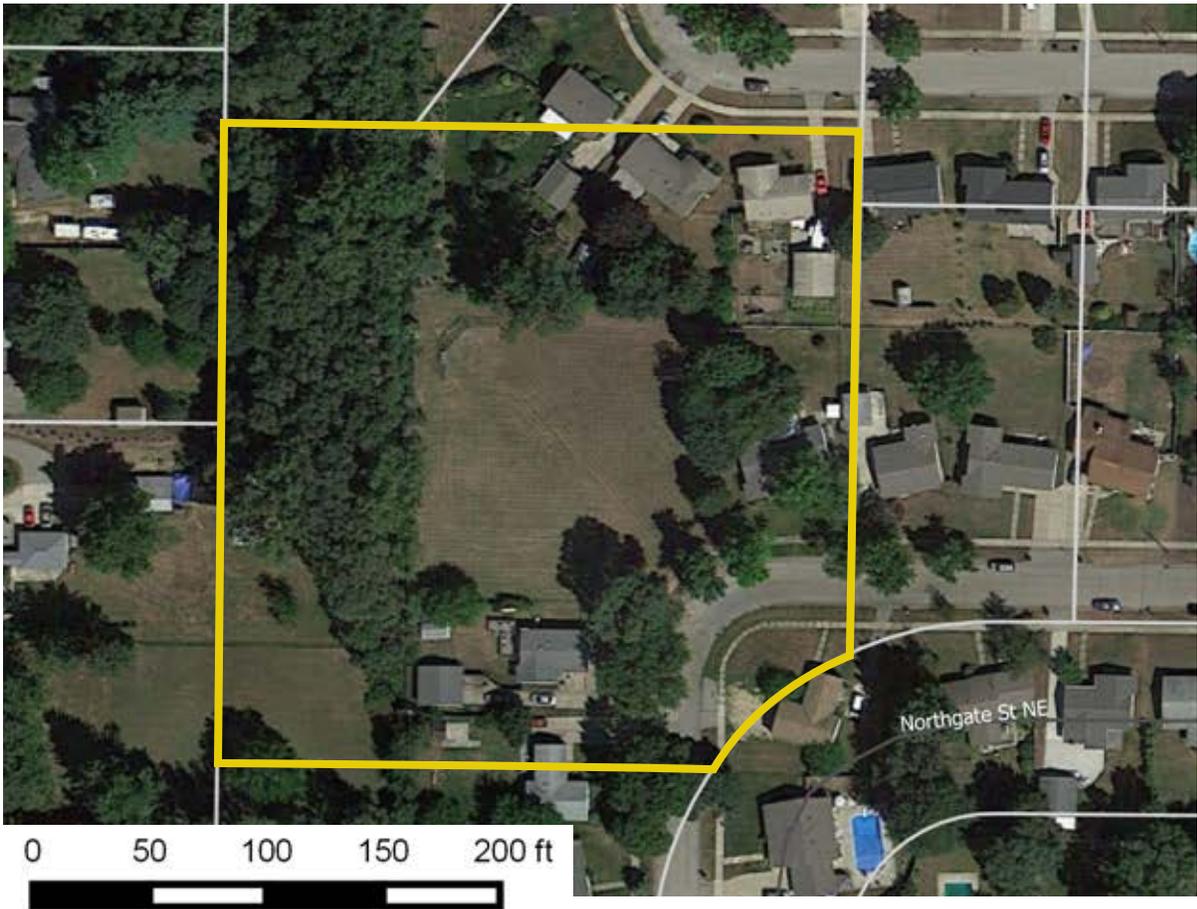


Northgate Park

Park Profile



Northgate Park is a one acre pocket park with a ball field. There is no parking area or access drive.



Eldon Hollow

Park Profile



Eldon Hollow is a three acre natural resource type park. The site contains a wooded ravine with nature trails and a small open lawn area. There is a small turn around area off Chadwick Ave with wooden bollards but no official parking area.



Ambrose Park

Park Profile



Ambrose Park is a neighborhood park nearly nine acres in size. There is a naturalized pond on the site with boardwalks, benches and fishing access. The site also has a play structure, outdoor fitness equipment, swings, picnic shelter and picnic areas.

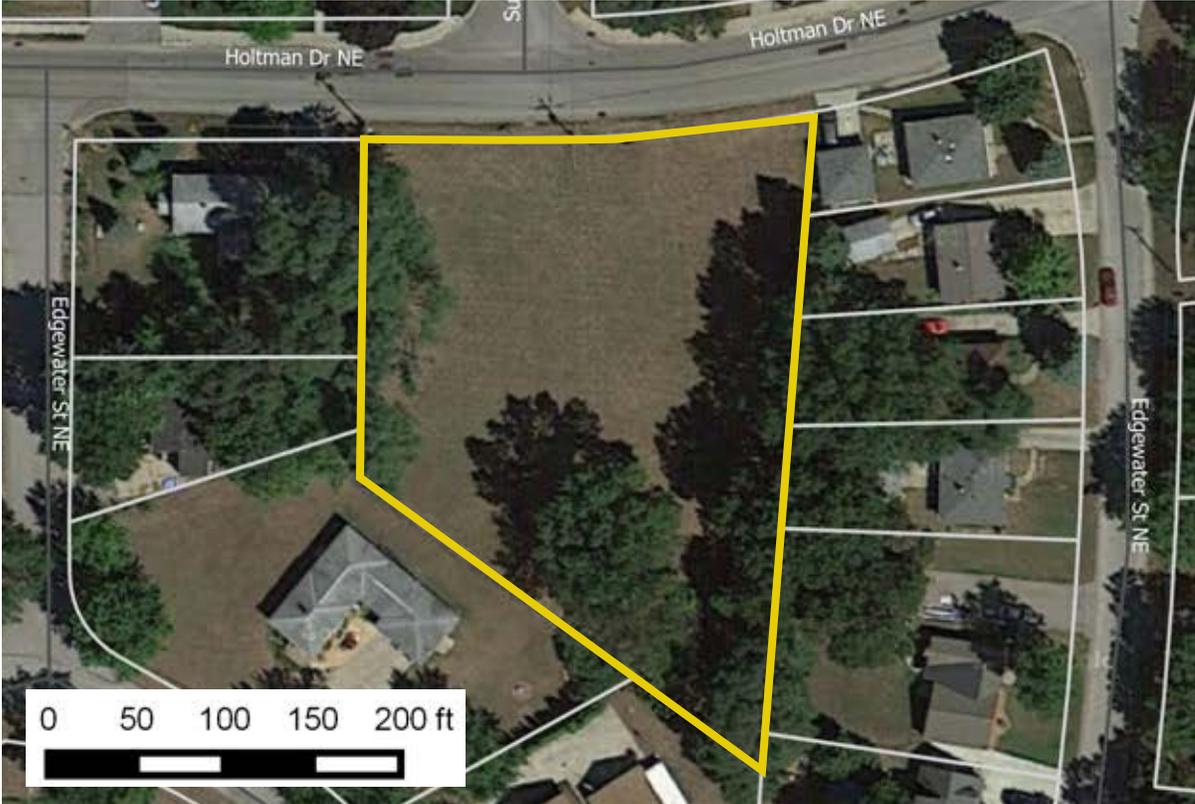


Holtman Park

Park Profile



Holtman Park is a nearly one acre pocket park. The site consists of open lawn space surrounded by trees.

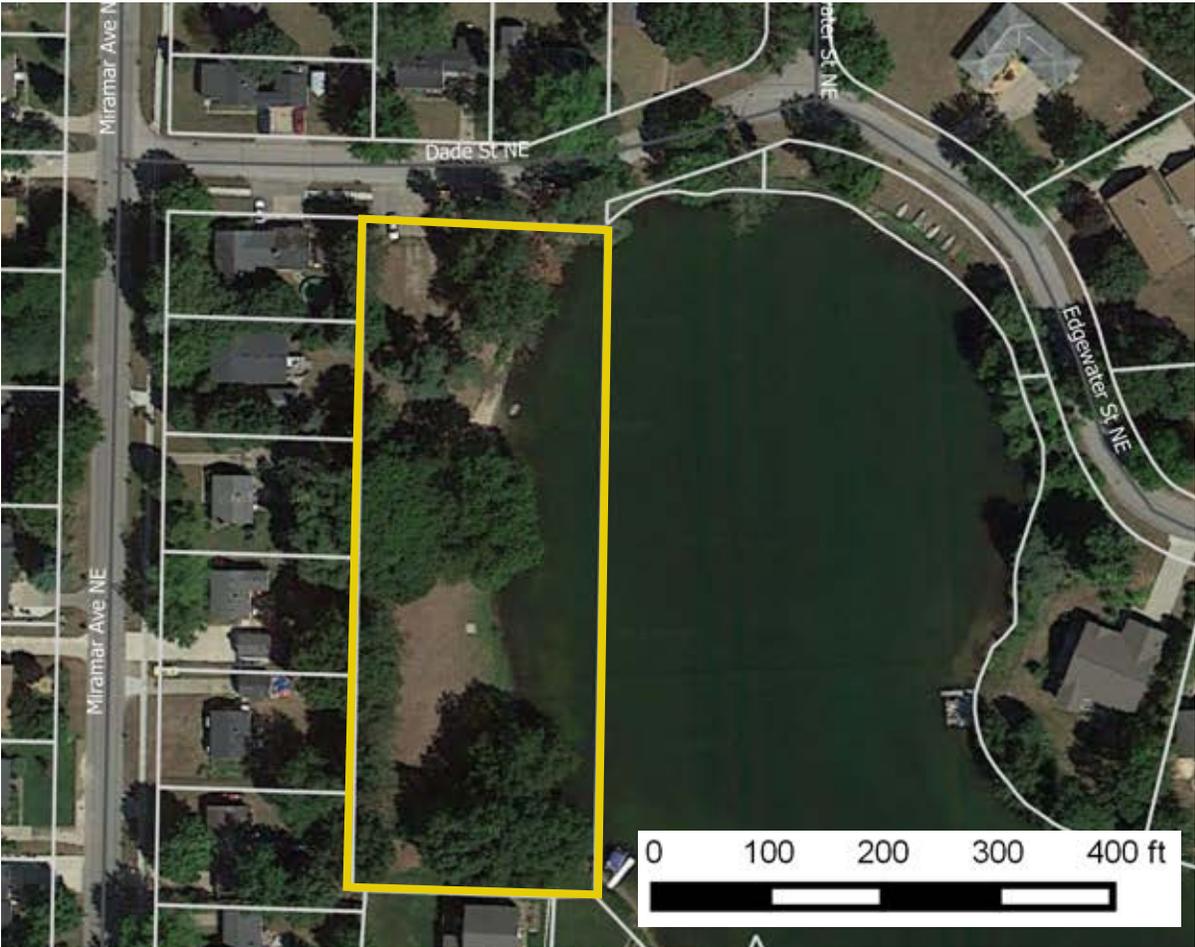


Dean Lake Park

Park Profile



Dean Lake Park is a .34 acre mini park located in the southern part of Plainfield Charter Township. A small parking area is accessible from Dade St. The site contains part of the shoreline of Dean Lake and offers open space and a car top boat launch.



Comparison to Recreation Standards

Plainfield Charter Township land was classified using the Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Plainfield Charter Township has 8.6 acres of park land per 1,000 people, well within the NRPA guidelines of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of land per 1,000 people. Currently, the number of neighborhood parks is less than the recommended acreage. The majority of township owned parks are east of the White Pine Trail near the residential areas, leading to a deficiency of parks in the northwest area.

Plainfield Charter Township puts a high priority on community parks. “Themed” community parks that provide high-quality amenities and services are the foundation of the township’s recreation system. These parks are able to service the entire region both through existing transportation networks and through a growing network of recreation trails. By focusing on centralized community parks rather than dispersed mini or neighborhood parks, Plainfield Charter Township is able to provide higher-quality recreation options and is able to allocate its resources more efficiently to maintain those amenities at sustained high levels for its residents.

Plainfield Charter Township Owned/Operated Parks				
Park	Mini-Park (0.25 -.5 A/1000)	Neighborhood Park (1-2 A/ 1000)	Community Park (5-8 A/ 1000)	Total
No. of Parks	6	1	5	12
Total Acres by Type	<i>10.6</i>	<i>8.79</i>	<i>240</i>	259.4
Acres / 1000 people	.34	.28	7.8	8.4
Other Park Land				
Undeveloped Park Land (1)				3.2
Special Use (2)				3.9
				<hr/> 7.1
			Total City Park Land	266.5
			Total Acres Park Land/1000 People	8.6
			Total Township Parks	<hr/> 15

National Recreation and Park Association, recommends 6.25-10.5 Acres/1000 people
Population of 30,952 based on 2010 census

The population of Plainfield Charter Township grew 2.5% between 2000 and 2010. The majority of township residents are white, about 92% of the population in 2010, a decrease of about .4% from 2000. The Hispanic/Latino population grew by 53% and Black population grew by 71% from 2000 to 2010. Growth was negative for children 18 and younger between 2000 and 2010, while the fastest growing age groups in the township are 55 and older. This data reflects national trends, suggesting that the baby boomer population is aging and families are waiting longer to have children. The non-white

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population, specifically Hispanic/Latino and black population, is growing faster than the white population, indicating that the township population may be becoming more ethnically diverse. As the population changes, demand for recreation facilities will shift and impact parks and recreation planning for Plainfield Charter Township.

Grant-Assisted Parks

The Plainfield Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department has been successful in obtaining grants from the MDNR for several decades. The Department has maintained the facilities constructed with grant funds to allow for aesthetically pleasing sites and safe use for the public.

Project Number	Park Name	Project Year	Grant Amount	Project Description	Grant Status
26-01124	Versluis Park	1980	\$40,226.67	Develop gravel parking area, picnic area, ballfield, picnic shelter, trail development, restroom facilities, roadways, and playground equipment, and LWCF sign	Closed
BF89-394	Versluis Park	1989	\$150,500.00	Creation of a swimming area, restroom, parking lot improvement.	Closed
TF97-241	Versluis Park	1997	\$154,900.00	Expansion of Versluis Park improvements fully accessible beach/swimming area, fishing pier, boat launch, waterfront boardwalk, trail expansion, play area, parking and picnic area improvements.	Closed
TF09-166	Grand Isle Park	2009	\$520,000.00	Acquisition of approximately 62 acres of former golf course with 2,900 feet of Grand River frontage, wooded wetlands, and several small ponds for central park with active and passive recreation.	Closed

The beginning of the project number indicates the funding source as follows:

26 = Land and Water Conservation Fund

BF = Recreation Bond Fund

TF = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Lifetime Grant Value

Park Name	Park Acreage	Lifetime Grant Total	Grant Value Per Acre
Versluis Park	18.4	\$345,626.67	\$18,784.06/acre
Grand Isle Park	62	\$520,000.00	\$8,387.10/acre

Regional Parks and Recreational Facilities

There are many existing recreational opportunities for residents within their own township as well as in the surrounding townships within Kent County. There are also many opportunities for inter-township efforts to develop new recreational resources and to develop better connectivity between their existing resources.

There are many recreational resources within the region surrounding Plainfield Township. These resources include places for active recreation such as sports complexes, ski resorts, and mountain biking trails, as well as places for passive recreation such as golf courses, disc golf courses, fishing areas and lakes with beach access. There are also recreational resources that are only possible through joint township efforts such as the West Michigan Archery Center which is an Algoma Township resource although (through inter-township cooperation) is part of Plainfield Township's Premier Park.

Plainfield Township has the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail running through its center, but very few non-motorized connections to it, or to other resources throughout the region. Within the recreation plans of many of the surrounding townships, it is stated a want for connectivity to other townships (including Plainfield) through means of non-motorized trails. Many of these townships have strong existing non-motorized trail systems, and Plainfield could benefit greatly from creating non-motorized connections to these existing systems.

The Algoma Township Recreation plan states a possible partnership between Algoma Township, Plainfield Township, and the City of Rockford to create a water trail on the Rogue River. This water trail would run from Friske Drive in Algoma, through Rockford, to the Rogue River/Grand River connection in Plainfield.

Within the city of Grand Rapids a trail is in development which will connect the White Pine Trail through Riverside Park to downtown Grand Rapids' Grand River Edges Trail. This would give Plainfield township residents direct non-motorized access to downtown Grand Rapids.

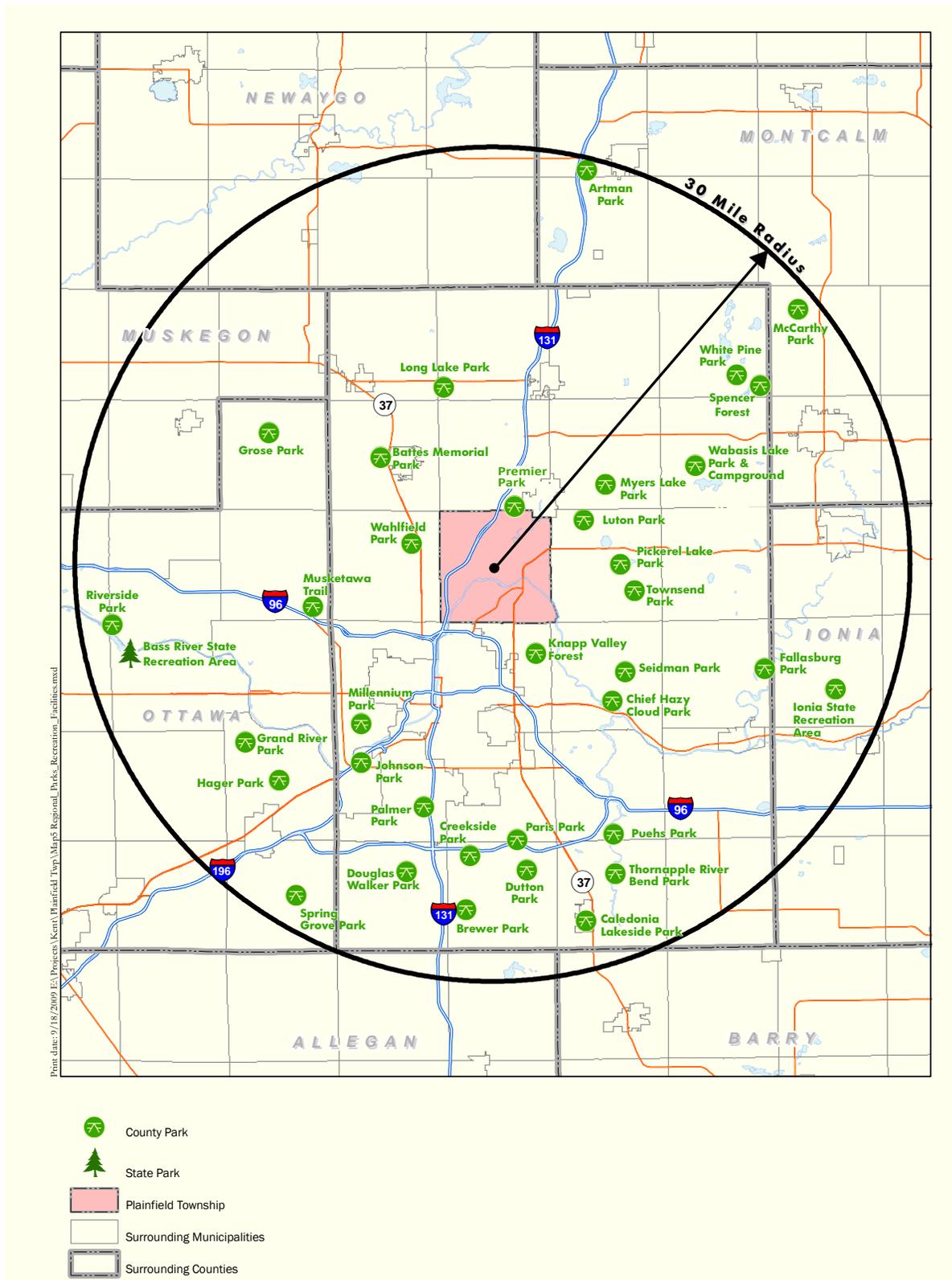
Cannon Township's recreation plan states a possible extension of their Cannon Trail west along Belding Road to a possible connection with the White Pine Trail in Plainfield Township.

Within the City of Walker, the Fred Meijer Pioneer Trail is in development which will connect the Musketawa Trail to the White Pine Trail. This will connect Plainfield's trail system as far West as Muskegon on Lake Michigan.

Ada Township has a strong non-motorized trail system and there is potential for a connection to Ada's trail system through the southeast corner of Plainfield Township.

Regional Parks Map

(Source: 2010-2014 Recreation Master Plan, McKenna and Associates)



Plan Development Process

The consultant reviewed the Plainfield Charter Township 5-Year Community Recreation Plan, 2010-2014, current demographics, current budgets and revenues, past planning efforts and perceived initial priorities. The consultant also performed an initial orientation meeting with the township's Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. John Short, to establish some initial study parameters and planning direction. As part of the inventory gathering process, the consultant performed physical inventories by visiting each park facility to determine current uses and conditions. The consultant also took photos of the facilities for future reference.

This information was then put through an analysis process by comparing Plainfield Charter Township's current system and suggested priorities against national recreation standards to expose any recreational deficiencies or excesses in the township. The inventories were also analyzed against the most recent demographics, community description information, and evaluations of the current township policies and programs to further refine the plan. The above information, combined with the key personnel interview information, was then synthesized into the proposed goals and objectives of this plan. The goals and objectives were then further refined with the assignment of phasing and priority suggestions (actions), as well as estimates of probable cost (capital improvements schedule). Subsequent refinement of the plan was performed through various discussions with township officials, public comment, and investigation of funding strategies and sources to eventually produce the final five-year Community Recreation Plan.

Public Participation

Various methods were employed to ensure that the public played a vital role in the shaping of this document:

- A public input survey was developed with extensive feedback from the Park Advisory Committee and the Board of Trustees. A notice of the survey was sent to each household within the township using a postcard sent via the United States Postal Service (USPS) and publicized on the home page of the township website and local newspapers. The survey was available to be taken by hand or online and drew responses from 850 individuals, representing over 7% of households (Total 11,943. 2010 Census) in Plainfield Charter Township.
- The consultant conducted interviews with select individuals (3 school Superintendents, the YMCA Executive Director, 2 Board of Trustees members, the Township Superintendent, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Community Development Director and Staff Planner) based upon their knowledge or related experience of the recreation and parks opportunities in the region and the township.
- The public also had well-publicized opportunities to attend 2 public input sessions regarding the plan at the Plainfield Charter Township library and Township Hall. Two local newspapers ran advertisements announcing the survey and workshops requesting local citizen input on the plan.

- The public was also given a month to review the draft plan after a public hearing at the Board of Trustees meeting and an additional public meeting to comment before the plan was adopted.

Survey mailers, meeting agendas, minutes and public notice are in the appendix at the end of this document.

Public Input Survey

A public input survey was used to determine residents' opinions on existing park facilities, service provided and the direction they would like the Parks and Recreation system to take in the future. The survey was available to take online using Survey Monkey or hard copy. The survey was advertised to the entire community several times through different outlets. Postcards were sent to every township household through the USPS, advertisements were placed in two local newspapers and a link to the survey was posted on the home page of the township website (See appendix). The survey was also available for residents to take at both of the public input sessions and by hardcopy at the township office, the Plainfield Public Library, and the Comstock Park Public Library. The survey was open for about 6 weeks and closed October 31, 2014. Within that time, 850 people took the survey, for a response rate of over 7%.

The survey and the results are included in the Appendix. The following is a summary of some of the key findings:

- Versluis Park is the most visited township park.
- Respondents most often walk, run or hike at township parks (64%). Biking was the next highest activity respondents participated in at township parks (53% of respondents).
- Most respondents use township parks because they are close to home or in a convenient location (70%). Many respondents answered that natural settings (37%), clean (34%) and safe (32%) were also reasons they use township parks.
- The majority of respondents feel extremely or very safe at township parks (78%).
- Most respondents are satisfied or more than satisfied with existing facilities overall (67%).
- When asked to rate satisfaction of general park characteristics such as cleanliness, size, condition, and location of parks, respondents were least satisfied with routes to walk or bike to parks.
- When asked to rate satisfaction of recreation opportunities for various age groups, respondents were least satisfied with recreation opportunities for teens.

- When asked about barriers preventing park access, most respondents did not feel like there were any barriers. The two strongest barriers to park access were awareness and lack of safe routes for non-motorized travel.
- When asked about park facilities they would like at township parks, 43% of respondents answered Natural Hiking Trail (walk/run), 40% of respondents answered Connection to Non-Motorized Pathways (Bike path, sidewalk, etc.), 33% answered Restrooms/Drinking Fountain, 33% answered Mountain Bike Trail, and 33% answered Paved Non-Motorized Path (bike/walk/run/etc).
- Providing non-motorized pathways to connect all neighborhoods with parks, schools and the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail was an extremely important priority.
- Connecting neighborhoods to the White Pine Trail in a non-motorized system was extremely important to respondents. Connecting neighborhoods to and along rivers, streams and lakes was the next most important.
- Preservation and access to rivers, streams and lakes was extremely important to respondents.

Comparison to Previous Five Year Recreation Survey:

Compared to the previous survey, residents visit the township parks slightly more than they did in the past. Versluis is still the most popular park. Walk/run/hike and bike is now the most popular activity, compared to swimming in the previous survey. Close to home/convenient, cleanliness and safety are still top reasons why people visit township parks. Natural setting was rated higher in the most recent survey as a reason to visit township parks. Recreation opportunities for teens scored the lowest in both surveys. For facility priorities, trails and pathways were ranked highest in the previous survey and once again a top priority in the most recent survey. A dog park and wildlife viewing areas/overlooks are new priorities from the recent survey. Winter activities were once again high on the list of priorities in the most recent survey. Building pathways and non-motorized connections was the highest recreation priority for park visitors in the previous survey and again in the most recent survey. In the previous survey there was strong support for a system of pathways and sidewalks. The most recent survey determined that there is still support for a non-motorized path system and that support is strongest to connect neighborhoods to the White Pine Trail. Questions about funding and a potential millage were not asked in the most recent survey.

Interviews

In an effort to obtain a better understanding of the needs and desires for the park system, as perceived by local and regional representatives, interviews were held as part of the public input process. The interview questions can be found in the appendix. The individuals interviewed were:

- Cameron Van WynGarden, Superintendent, Plainfield Charter Township
- Bill Fischer, Community Development Director, Plainfield Charter Township
- John Short, Parks and Recreation Director, Plainfield Charter Township
- Pete Elam, Staff Planner, Plainfield Charter Township
- Jon Rathbun, Trustee, Plainfield Charter Township
- Ethan Ebenstein, Superintendent, Comstock Park Public Schools
- Lisa Jacobs, Executive Director of Community Service, Rockford Public Schools
- Beth Meyer-Kraff, Associate Executive Director, Wolverine Worldwide YMCA
- Victor Matthews, Trustee, Plainfield Charter Township
- Dr. Mike Shibler, Superintendent, Rockford Public Schools
- Craig McCarthy, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Northview School

The following is a summary of the responses by topic:

Existing Performance and Facilities

All interviewees felt that the Plainfield Charter Township Parks and Recreation Department is doing a good job providing high quality recreation facilities to township residents despite its limited resources. They feel that the parks department has done an exceptional job forming partnerships to fund and develop park projects. It was mentioned that the parks department could increase public promotion to market the impacts of park facilities and trail connections. Premier Park and Grand Isle were frequently mentioned as successful projects that should continue to be a priority. Bringing culture to the parks through donated art and expanding the senior center were also mentioned.

Funding

Interviewees stressed the need to develop new sources of funding. They identified that the existing budget is limited and funding for the parks department is no longer available. Responses indicate that the township does not want to reduce the parks department budget, in fact many felt that it should be increased. Potential funding mechanisms identified were a millage, general fund and public private partnerships. It was also mentioned that more resources should be directed to acquiring property, applying for grants, and forming partnerships. The township will need to determine the best combination of funding mechanisms to adequately fund the park system.

Connectivity

Connectivity appears to be a deficiency in the township. Interviewees mentioned a need for non-motorized connectivity to existing trails and recreation facilities in the township. Many feel that non-

motorized trails, greenway networks and riverfront trails should be strong priorities for the parks department. There seemed to be a consensus that the most important connections are to the White Pine Trail and connecting the township along the Grand River. There is a Sidewalk Master Plan but a non-motorized plan has not been developed for the township.

River Access

Interviewees identified the need for more access points to the Grand and Rogue Rivers. There is no organized effort to plan river access points, such as a water trail plan.

Priority Projects for 2015-2019

The interviewees were asked to prioritize the capital improvements for the Parks Department for the next five years.

The priority projects identified from interviews were:

- Complete Premier Park
- Develop Grand Isle Park
- Acquire Grand Rogue Campground
- Implement a trail network with connections to White Pine Trail and along riverfront
- Expand Senior Center
- Acquire Riverfront property
- Update existing parks

Workshops

Two public workshops were held on October 15 and 22, 2014 at 6:30 and 7:00 at the library and township hall. Attendees included the Park Advisory Committee, some Board of Trustees members, the Parks and Recreation Director and the general public. Items discussed were projects completed from the Capital Improvement Schedule in the last Community Recreation Plan and trail connections within the township and region. Computers were also set up for community members to take the online public input survey. See the appendix for a list of attendees and the public notice.



The outcomes of the meetings were:

- Prioritize goals and objectives regarding non-motorized trail connections.
- Prioritize goals and objectives for river access and acquisition of land along rivers

Public Hearings

A public meeting to review the draft plan was held by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at the Parks and Recreation Office at the park commission meeting on November 20, 2014.

A public hearing was held at the Board of Trustees Meeting on December 15, 2014 to approve the draft plan for public review.

On December 15, 2014, the plan was made available on the township website, at the Plainfield Public Library and at the Township Hall for the 30 day review period.

A public hearing was held at the Board of Trustees Meeting on January 20, 2015 to adopt the plan.

Goals and Objectives

After careful study of demographics, analysis of the survey results, review of comments from the two public input meetings, evaluation of past studies, comparison to national standards and professional judgment, the following goals and objectives were established for the Plainfield Charter Township Community Recreation Plan. They are numbered for ease of discussion and do not reflect any particular priority order.

I. Continue physical development projects currently underway

A. Complete the development plan of Premier Park

1. Finish construction of Archery Center
2. Finish construction Rock City BMX course
3. Construct the restroom building
4. Construct parking lot

Rationale:

Interviews with key stakeholders indicated this was a top priority. The Archery Center and Rock City BMX course are constructed and operational and close to completion.

B. Continue the development of Grand Isle Park.

1. Finish construction of the disc golf course
2. Construct soccer facilities (See development plan)
3. Construct the restroom building
4. Construct access to river and fishing
5. Construct pathway system

Rationale:

Interviews with key stakeholders indicated this was a top priority. Survey responses from township residents also indicated a desire for soccer and disc golf facilities.

II. Improve connectivity and access to non-motorized recreation opportunities in Plainfield Charter Township

A. Develop a formal non-motorized path/trail system throughout the township.

1. Identify funding sources for non-motorized linkages/connections
2. Work with schools to pursue grant opportunities like Safe Routes to Schools funding and/or others
3. Work with the DNR and Friends of the White Pine Trail to develop connections (side-paths) to the White Pine Trail
4. Analyze existing and proposed trail systems of adjacent communities to identify potential regional connection points

5. Acquire easements for the proposed path right of way through direct acquisition or by working with the Community Development Department to ensure developers set aside easements for future paths as part of the site approval process
6. Develop grant applications to assist with the funding of trail development
7. Implement trails, sidewalks and pathways that connect the east and west sides of the township along the Grand River and connect to existing trails, neighborhoods, schools and recreation facilities
8. Connect to regional trail systems in Kent County including Cannon Township trails, Grand Rapids Township trails, and Ada Township trails.

Rationale:

Survey results overwhelmingly indicated that the highest priority for residents is to provide non-motorized pathways to connect all neighborhoods with parks, schools and the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail. The White Pine Trail is the most frequently used recreation facility in the township. The survey indicated that connecting neighborhoods to the White Pine Trail is most important to township residents. Connecting neighborhoods to rivers, lakes and streams is the second most important.

B. Create parking areas for access to the White Pine Trail and future side-paths

1. Identify areas along the White Pine Trail where there is high demand for trail access and potential parking lot development
2. Acquire land and funding to implement a trail access plan

Rationale:

Previous plans indicated a need for parking areas to access the White Pine Trail and survey data indicated a desire for increased connection to existing non-motorized facilities.

III. Protect and enhance the township's natural resources, open spaces and natural scenic character.

A. Identify, protect and enhance natural areas or greenways along the Grand and Rogue Rivers

1. Identify and acquire land in strategic locations along the Grand and Rogue Rivers. Such properties are meant to enhance natural ecosystems, protect natural features and provide greenways to filter storm water, create habitat and unobtrusive trailways.
2. Increase enforcement of restrictions in natural river areas by working with the Planning Department and/or law enforcement

Rationale:

Overall, preservation and access to all natural features within the township are extremely important to residents. According to the survey, rivers, lakes and streams were rated highest important natural features to access and preserve.

B. Provide access to the Grand and Rogue rivers in strategic locations

1. Develop a Water Trails plan to identify low impact access points with limited parking for passive activities on the Grand River like fishing, canoeing and kayaking.
2. Preserve and enhance the exceptional fishing on the Rogue River by limiting access points to Childsdale Road and the confluence where the Rogue meets the Grand River

Rationale:

Interviews with key stakeholders indicated that there is a high desire to increase access points along the rivers. Currently, there is no official plan for access points or linkages to other communities even though the rivers are used frequently for canoeing and kayaking.

The Rogue River is known for its exceptional fishing opportunities. As there are launch sites for canoes and kayaks in Rockford after the dam, additional sites between the confluence of the Rogue and Grand Rivers may not be necessary. To preserve the river as a special fishing destination, limiting access to the Childsdale Fishing Site may be desirable.

C. Work with the Planning Department to create and/or designate open space guidelines for new developments

Rationale:

The survey results indicate that preservation and access to natural features within the township is extremely important to residents. Guidelines will help preserve the scenic rolling plains, beautiful fields and scattered woodlots that define the physical character of the township.

IV. Improve or upgrade existing facilities to meet the needs of township residents and current standards.

A. Upgrade or expand the D.W. Richardson Community Center

1. Determine a plan to expand the existing building or determine a location for a new facility

B. Upgrade all park facilities to ADA standards

1. Ensure that all park facilities, playgrounds and activity areas are accessible and that there are equal play opportunities for children of varying abilities
- C. Install restrooms/drinking fountains at existing facilities**
1. Determine highest priority parks based on usage and public input and construct facilities

Rationale:

Interviews with key stakeholders indicated that the current Community Center does not have enough parking spaces and is at capacity use.

Survey results indicated that restrooms/drinking fountain is the third highest priority for residents at existing township parks, after natural hiking trails and connections to non-motorized pathways.

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 requires that public accommodations must remove architectural barriers and communication barriers that are structural in nature in existing facilities, when it is readily achievable to do so. Barrier removal need be accomplished only when it is "readily achievable" or "easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense" to do so. Completing improvements will allow all members of the community the ability to experience recreational facilities and programs.

V. Seek strategic land acquisitions that target recreational needs

A. Identify acquisition opportunities in the Northwest Quadrant

1. Work with Planning Department to identify potential properties for a neighborhood community park in the N.W. Quadrant

Rationale:

Natural and man-made barriers have isolated this area from the rest of the township. Survey responses indicate a need for more access to lakes, ice skating and swimming facilities and more parks in the N.W. Quadrant. There is a strong preference for passive parks in a natural setting with hiking trails, wildlife viewing areas and natural open space.

B. Identify properties for acquisition that can be redeveloped into parkland

1. Acquire Grand Rogue Campground if possible, for general park use
2. Determine the feasibility of using Consumer's Energy easements for low cost trail connections/links at strategic locations such as connecting neighborhoods to the White Pine Trail near Belmont
3. Acquire properties along the Grand and Rogue Rivers as they become available to create a river greenway

4. Explore and identify land acquisition options for specialty park facilities identified from public input, such as a dog park and zip line.

Rationale:

Interviews with key stakeholders identified acquisition opportunities and priorities. The Grand Rogue Campground is a high priority property for acquisition since it is located where the Rogue meets the Grand River and would greatly enhance the river greenway.

VI. Continue to coordinate the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department with other township departments, government entities, schools and community groups

A. Continue to coordinate the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with other Plainfield Township Commissions/Departments

1. Exchange minutes, hold joint meetings, attend other meetings and participate in other forms of communication
2. Appoint at least one individual to both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Planning Commission
3. Work with Board of Trustees and Planning Commission to integrate this plan with the township Comprehensive Plan and future Non-Motorized Plan

Rationale:

Communication is critical to ensure that the goals and objectives of this plan and other township plans are successfully achieved.

B. Continue to promote a positive relationship between the Parks and Recreation Department and Buildings and Grounds Departments.

1. Continue to work with buildings and grounds staff in establishing and reviewing their regular maintenance schedule
2. Integrate survey feedback from residents regarding maintenance and operations issues into maintenance and operations planning

Rationale:

Survey results regarding maintenance were generally positive. Negative comments and areas for improvement should be reviewed to increase residents' satisfaction with the maintenance of those facilities.

C. Coordinate park security with County Sheriff's Department and increase police patrol of parks.

1. Maintain a log of any incidents and modify procedures to address security issues that arise
2. Increase police patrol of parks to correlate with demand and usage of parks

Rationale:

Survey results indicated that most residents feel extremely or very safe at township parks. However, the Kent County Sheriff Department has been reduced by two thirds and the township population has increased. Previous plans indicated to coordinate security with the Kent County Sheriff Department.

D. Maintain existing partnerships/coalitions with community groups and institutions for recreation programming

1. Continue to cooperate and facilitate with all groups that provide programs throughout the park system (Eg. SCOR, Rocket Football, Etc)
2. Continue to develop cooperative programs with school districts as needed
3. Require program participation levels from community groups at the end of each program season

Rationale:

The Parks and Recreation Department does not offer programming of township parks so it is critical to coordinate with other organizations.

E. Promote the development of recreation programs and facilities not readily available in the township or surrounding communities

1. Identify new recreational trends and programs that are deficient in the township
2. Identify opportunities to develop program facilities identified from public input into existing parks system, such as a splash pad and winter activities (cross country skiing, sledding/tubing, and ice skating)
3. Continue to support programs by providing facilities that support multiple users and community organizations
4. Monitor service and participation levels provided by community organizations for future planning efforts

Rationale:

The Parks and Recreation Department does not offer programming of township parks so it is critical to coordinate with community organizations to support recreation program needs. The township has successfully used these partnerships to develop new recreation facilities and should continue to foster these relationships.

VII. Seek new funding sources to maintain existing parks and provide new recreation opportunities for township residents

A. Continue to seek strategic funding sources and partnerships to ensure continued operation of the park system

1. The previous income generated from a landfill to fund parks and recreation has expired. The Parks and Recreation Department will work with the Board of Trustees to seek the necessary funding to adequately serve the recreation needs of residents of Plainfield Charter Township
2. Continue to apply for grants whenever feasible to extend available township dollars and provide quality capital improvement projects.
3. Continue to foster donations, gifts, endowments, corporate partnerships or other contributions toward maintaining and developing the park system
4. Study the possibility of creating a township millage to fund park and recreation facilities and/or study the possibility of separate millages to fund specific standalone projects

Rationale:

Revenue generated from a landfill that funded the Parks and Recreation Department has disappeared. The township will need to find new funding sources to cover operations for park facilities and to continue to provide exceptional recreation opportunities. Now more than ever the township will need to rely on assistance from other funding sources and partnerships. The township has been successful in obtaining grant funding and forming strategic partnerships in the past and will continue to pursue these and other opportunities to enhance and preserve the park system to meet the community's recreation needs.

VIII. Increase communication with township residents about Parks and Recreation opportunities

A. Maintain and enhance the Parks and Recreation page on the township website.

1. Provide the Recreation Master Plan for residents to view
2. Provide information on current parks and issues, upcoming events, progress reports and other related Parks and Recreation information
3. Link to the websites of organizations that provide programs within the park system

Rationale:

Survey data indicates that many residents would like more information about the Parks and Recreation opportunities within the township. The website is an opportunity to provide in depth information about the township parks, including programs, maps and pictures for each park.

B. Increase awareness of township recreation opportunities through email and social media.

1. Develop email protocol to communicate information and updates to residents
2. Create a Facebook or Twitter page to communicate with township residents and increase visibility

Rationale:

Survey results indicated that most residents think the township does a fair job communicating about parks and recreation facilities. Several survey takers commented they were not aware of the parks existence. The survey indicated that most residents would like to receive information about parks through the website, email or social media.

Capital Improvement Schedule

The Capital Improvement Schedule identifies actions the township intends to take in the next five years to meet the goals and objectives of the Community Recreation Master Plan. The schedule was formulated through the analysis of information gathered through the public input meetings, interviews, demographic data, land use trends and Recreation Master Plans of adjacent communities. The projected completion year, park location, project, project cost and funding source are included in the schedule. The projects are not listed in any particular order. The township match for grant funds will come from the general fund, park fund and donations. All projects will be subject to the availability of funding through the township general fund, park fund and the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and the approval of the Board of Trustees.

ACTION PLAN

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE					
PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN					
(2015 through 2019)					
TARGET YEAR	PARK/PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	REVENUE SOURCE	GOAL
2015-2016	Premier Park	Finish restroom building, parking lot and pavilion.	\$1,000,000	1	I
2015-2018	Grand Isle Park	Finish disc golf course, construct soccer fields, trails, fishing access and restroom building.	\$1,400,000	1,2, 3	I
2016-2019	Develop and implement a formal non-motorized path/trail system	Develop and implement a plan that identifies funding sources, fosters strategic partnerships, acquires easements, and pursues grant funding.	P: \$50,000 D: \$1,200,000	1,2,5	II
2015-2017	Acquire Land Along Grand River corridor greenway	Develop a plan to create a greenway along the Grand River connecting the east and west sides of the township.	P: \$25,000 D: \$500,000	1,2,3,4	III
2017-2018	Upgrade or expand the D.W. Richardson Community Center	Study and determine a plan to expand the existing building or a location for a new facility.	P: \$75,000 D: \$4,000,000	1, 2	IV
2015-2017	Upgrade all park facilities to ADA standards	Conduct inventories and audits existing facilities to ensure that all park facilities, playgrounds and activity areas are accessible and that there are equal play opportunities for all children of varying abilities.	P: \$30,000 D: \$50,000 per year	2, 3	IV
2015-2019	Install restrooms / drinking fountains at existing facilities	Determine highest priority parks based on usage and public input and construct facilities.	\$175,000 per restroom	1, 2, 3	IV
2015-2019	Land acquisition in NW Quadrant	Study and acquire properties for parkland in the NW quadrant.	P: \$30,000 D: \$300,000+/-	1, 2, 3	V
2015-2019	Strategic Land Acquisition	Study and acquire strategic properties to fulfill goals and objectives such as: the Consumer Energy easement, Rogue River Campground.	P: \$30,000 D: \$1,500,000	1, 2, 3	V
Cost Key: P = Plan Cost D = Development Cost LA = Land Acquisition Cost					
Revenue Codes:					
1	General Fund				
2	Donations /Partnerships				
3	Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund				
4	Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land & Water Conservation Fund				
5	MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)				
*** THIS LIST ONLY CONTAINS THOSE PROJECTS THAT FIT THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME THIS PLAN WAS APPROVED.					
*** THIS IS A LONG RANGE PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND IS REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL PROJECTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH THE GRANT SOURCE AND THE GENERAL FUND AND THE APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.					
*** THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER SOURCES FOR GRANTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.					

Accomplishments 2010-2014 - Parks and Recreation Department

<u>Development Project</u>
D.W. Richardson Community Center – Concession/storage building renovation
Grand Isle Park – Land acquisition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR Trust Fund Grant • General Fund
Grand Isle Park – Disc golf course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Rapids North Rotary
Grand Isle Park – Nature trails and wetland expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General fund • Visser Brothers Construction Co.
Grand Isle Park – Park entrance and road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General fund
Premier Park – Cooperative agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent County • West Michigan Sports Commission
Premier Park – Merrell Mountain Bike Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance • Merrell Shoes
Premier Park – Easton West Michigan Archery Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDNR Trust Fund Grant • Easton Sports • Algoma Township
Premier Park – Rock City BMX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Michigan BMX
Premier Park – Soccer fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund
Premier Park – Sledding Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund
Jupiter Bridge – Rowing Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockford Public Schools
Versluis Park – Resurfaced playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kellogg Foundation • General fund
Veterans Park – Park development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General fund

Accomplishments 2010-2014 - Community Development Department

The following projects were completed by the Community Development Department, but they provide recreational opportunities for the community.

<u>Study</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Firm/Dept. Conducting Study</u>
Sidewalk and Pathways Plan	2010	Plainfield Community Development



**PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN
YOUR OPINION COUNTS!**

Plainfield Charter Townships Parks & Recreation Department is currently working on the Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan. Part of the process is a citizen survey. Your opinion counts and we encourage you to participate.

Take the survey online at: plainfieldcharterwp.org or top by one of the locations below to complete an outline or paper survey. The survey will be closed on 10/31/14.

Plainfield Township Hall 6161 Belmont Avenue Belmont, MI	Plainfield Library 2650 Five Mile Road Grand Rapids, MI	C.P. Library 3943 West River Drive Comstock Park, MI
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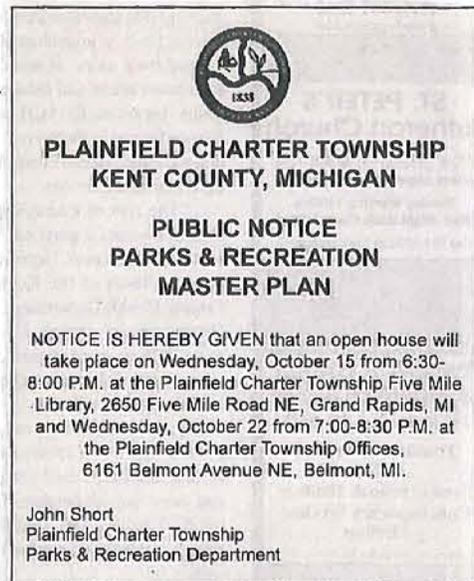
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Amy McGough, being duly sworn, says I am the
Name
Admin Assistant and in the employ of Rockford Squire
Position Newspaper Name
a Kent county newspaper printed and circulated in said county weekly. The annexed
County

is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date, to
wit: Date: October 2, 2014 Amy McGough
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 6 day of Oct, 2014.
Elizabeth Allena
Notary Public
Kent County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: 2-14-2019

Elizabeth Allena
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires 2/14/2019
Acting in the County of Kent



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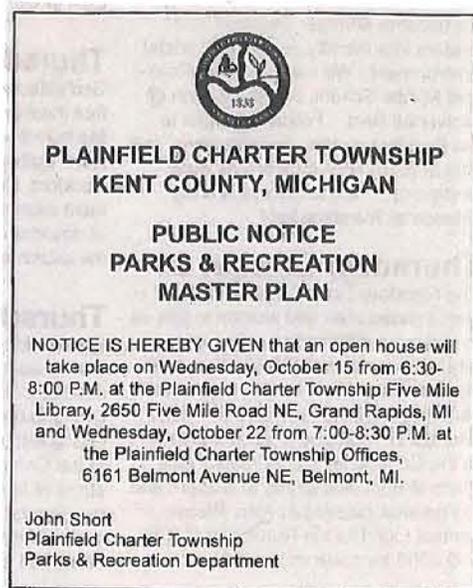
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Elizabeth Allen
_____, Notary Public
Kent County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: 2-14-2019

Elizabeth Altana
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires 2/14/2019
Acting in the County of Kent



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I, Amy McGaugh, being duly sworn, says I am the Admin Assistant and in the employ of Rockford Square a Kent county newspaper printed and circulated in said county weekly. The annexed

is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following date, to wit: Date: October 9, 2014

Amy McGaugh
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13 day of Oct, 2014.

Elizabeth Altana, Notary Public
Kent County, Michigan
 My Commission Expires: 2-14-2019

Elizabeth Altana
 Notary Public, State of Michigan
 County of Kent
 My Commission Expires 2/14/2019
 Acting in the County of Kent.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Kent ss. Sharon Sattrop

Being duly sworn deposes and say he/she is Principal Clerk of



Advance Newspapers
Northeast Advance

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November 30 A.D. 20 14

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of December 20 14

Marietta Foley
MARIETTA FOLEY
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires: December 23, 2016

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November 20 A.D. 20 14

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Janice M. Rineller
JANICE M. RINELLER
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires: 10/03/2016
Adding in the County of Sp

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December 21 A.D. 20 14

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December 20 14

Marietta Foley
MARIETTA FOLEY
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County of Kent
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December 21 A.D. 20 14

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of December 20 14

Marietta Foley
MARIETTA FOLEY
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires: December 23, 2016

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January 4 A.D. 20 15

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January 20 15

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MARIETTA FOLEY
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
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January 4 A.D. 20 15

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Janice M. Rindler
JANICE M. RINDLER
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires 10/03/2014
Acting in the County of Kent

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October 5 A.D. 20 14

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October 20 14

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October 5 A.D. 20 14

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October 12 A.D. 20 14

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My Commission Expires: December 23, 2016

Catherine Beattie

From: Dale Hecksel <dhecksel@d9systemsinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 2:39 PM
To: Catherine Beattie; briggsybrown@sbcglobal.net; 'David Heyboer'; kyle.jenkins@hotmail.com; 'David Meyerholtz'; stencate@comcast.net; swesorick@grcity.us; sally.wesorick@hotmail.com; tomwiarda@comcast.net; dajapom@aol.com; Ruth Ann Karnes; 'Jay Spencer'; Cameron VanWyngarden; Rick Solle; John Short
Cc: Stephanie McMillen
Subject: RE: Recreation Planning Document for Public Review
Attachments: Plainfield Township Master Plan - Suggested revisions 141209.pdf

At the end of the first paragraph on page 45 is the statement, "There is a Sidewalk Master Plan but a non-motorized plan has not been developed for the township." The statement identifies a need, that being a Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan. In the Goals and Objectives section of the overall "Parks & Recreation Master Plan", some of the bullet points under II.A on page 47 are related to this need. But none directly state an objective of developing a master plan for non-motorized pathways. I would like to suggest that the bullet points under II.A be revised as follows:

- A. Develop a formal non-motorized path/trail system throughout the township.
1. Identify potential routes of trails, sidewalks, and pathways that connect the east and west sides of the township along the Grand River and connect to existing trails, neighborhoods, schools, and recreational facilities.
 2. Identify potential locations for side paths off the White Pine Trail and connect to existing trails, neighborhoods, schools, and recreational facilities by working with the DNR and Friends of the White Pine Trail.
 3. Identify potential connection points to trails outside of the township by analyzing the existing and proposed regional trail systems in Kent County including trails in Cannon Township, Grand Rapids Township, and Ada Township.
 4. Develop a "Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan" using the results of the identification processes.
 5. Establish priorities for implementation of the "Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan".
 6. Work with the Community Development Department to ensure that developers set aside easements for future paths as part of the site approval process.
 7. Identify funding sources for non-motorized linkages/connections.
 8. Work with schools to pursue grant opportunities like Safe Routes to Schools funding and/or others.
 9. Develop grant applications for the proposed path rights of way through direct acquisition.
 10. Implement the "Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan" as funding becomes available.

Included above is wording taken from the current draft as well as additional wording. The secondary intent is to provide a logical sequence of events (identify, plan, fund, implement) to achieve the desired results. But the primary intent is to make sure that development of a "Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan" is included as an objective. In addition, I feel very strongly about the urgency of developing such a plan. I am not sure how to communicate that urgency within our overall 5 year Master Plan. But we as a group must not lose sight of that urgency. I can site various examples of how procrastination has resulted in the need to use less than desirable re-routes because sections of the preferred route had already been developed for other purposes.

I hope it is not too late to consider the above revisions for incorporation into the final version of our 2015-2019 "Parks & Recreation Master Plan". Comments/criticism are welcome.

I have attached a PDF version of the revisions in case your email format does not show the bullet points tabbed like the original.

Thanks.

Dale Hecksel
D9 Systems, Inc
616-785-8850 phone
616-785-8869 fax

Catherine Beattie

From: Stephanie McMillen
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 8:34 AM
To: Catherine Beattie
Subject: FW: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Comment

FYI

**** My new e-mail address is mcmillens@plainfieldmi.org ****

Stephanie McMillen, CMC
Deputy Clerk
Plainfield Charter Township
6161 Belmont Avenue
Belmont, MI 49306
616-726-8884 Voice
616-364-6537 Fax

From: Travis Mabry [mailto:travis.mabry@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 8:33 AM
To: Cameron VanWyangarden; John Short; Ruth Ann Karnes; Stephanie McMillen
Subject: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Comment

To Whom It May Concern,

I am unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a prior commitment. However, I would like to make a comment related to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

My name is Travis Mabry, and I live at 3141 Roguewood. I would like to see a formal connection between the White Pine Trail and Merrell Trail. Mountain bikers and runners currently use our private road to travel between the White Pine Trail and Merrell Trail. As a mountain biker and runner myself, I understand their desire to connect these two great regional trails. However, it would be nice if there was a more formal and safer connection - one that honors the rights and enjoyment of private property owners and also increases the safety of trail users by not requiring travel along Belmont Ave.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in making this request a reality.

Travis Mabry
3141 Roguewood

July 2014
PCT Profile Article

Happenings in the Township's Parks

The Plainfield Township Parks and Recreation Department is having an extremely busy year. Staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with planning consultants Landscape Architects, Inc. are currently updating the Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan. The Committee's meetings are listed online and at Township Hall, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE. Your participation is encouraged. A part of the 5-Year Master Plan will be a citizen survey available in the near future. Look for information online at the Township's web site, www.plainfieldchartertp.org, to find out how you can participate in the survey. It is imperative that we have a significant response to help set goals and accurately identify our citizens' priorities and desires.

Visser Brothers Construction has started the wetland expansion at the Grand Isle Park on West River Drive. After the expansion is complete and seeded, construction will begin on a disc golf course. Parks and Recreation has created a Disc Golf Club. The club will design, construct and help manage the course. Membership is open to anyone interested. Call Cathy at (616) 363-9399 for more information. The Township is also working on developing the remaining 60 acres.

Future plans may include the construction of soccer fields, ice skating, a pavilion, bathrooms, fishing piers, basketball and play areas. The soccer program will be offered through P.A.S.S. with information at www.passoccerclub.com.

The 10 Mile Park is now *Plainfield Township Premier Park*. Congratulations to Katie Karnes, winner of the "Name the Park" contest. Recreation opportunities at Premier Park include:



- The Merrell Mountain Bike Course has been open for over a year now. The trail is accessed from a dirt road west of the transfer station and water tower. Information may be found at their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MerrellTrails>, or the Michigan Mountain Biking Association, www.mmba.org.
- Rock City BMX is open. This is a non-motorized family bike sport for all ages with opportunities for open biking. Rock City also has instruction and membership opportunities. The facility will host local, regional and national BMX biking events. Visit the Rock City website at www.rockcitybmx.com for scheduling programs, events and contact information.
- The Easton West Michigan Archery Center is now open. Currently only scheduled classes are available while construction is ongoing. The archery

- center will have an indoor and outdoor range and a 3-D outdoor range. Once complete, the programs will include open shooting, classes, competition and membership. To become a member of the facility, information on schedules, programs and events, please visit www.wmarchery.org.
- Plainfield Township Premier Park will have a sledding hill that will open this winter and two soccer fields that will open in the summer of 2015. Bathrooms, a pavilion, basketball courts and paved parking are planned for the future.
- The “Nate Hurwitz” Miracle Field on 10 Mile is already in use and the “Art Van Sports Complex” plans to be open for baseball this fall. Information and event scheduling for the Miracle Field is available at www.wmml.org. Information and event scheduling for the Art Van Sports Complex is found at www.artvansportscomplex.com.
- Plainfield Township’s Versluis Park, located on Northland Drive, is a family friendly and handicap accessible location featuring a swim beach that is supervised with lifeguards, picnic and play areas. The park has a 1000 foot boardwalk along the lake with two fishing piers, two sand volleyball courts and a beautiful walking path around the park. There is a \$10 per car admission or season passes are available for purchase by Township residents and non-residents.
- D.W. Richardson Park is west of the East Beltline on Grand River Drive. It hosts three ball diamonds, a play set, pavilion and a Community Center. The Community Center is used for senior citizen programs during week days and is available for rent evenings and weekends. The contact for the senior programs is Christine Friedt, Director, at (616) 365-6150, and their website is www.northviewseniors.org. The contact for rental information is the Parks and Recreation Office at (616) 363-9399 or the Plainfield Township website at www.plainfieldchartertp.org.



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Belmont, MI 49306-9609

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Monday - Friday
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Here you will find all the "breaking news" from Plainfield Township-- including newly enacted Ordinances, notice of Special Meetings, Special Announcements, and special invitations for public comment.

Township Clerk's Department Staff:

	Phone (616) 726-8863
Ruth Ann Karnes	Clerk
Stephanie McMillen	Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES:



Plainfield Township residents can bring their Christmas trees to Versluis park for recycling through January 31st.

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment of taxes in the Charter Township of Plainfield, County of Kent, State of Michigan,

The Plainfield Charter Township Board of Review will be in session and meet by appointment at the Township Hall – 6161 Belmont Avenue, Belmont, Michigan 49306 on:

Monday, March 9, 2015
From 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

AND

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
From 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Appointments may be made by calling 616-726-8880 before Monday, March 9, 2015. Residents and Non-residents may appeal by letter addressed to the Board of Review, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, Michigan 49306 if received no later than Monday, March 9, 2015.

The Board of Review will upon the request of any person who is assessed on the assessment roll, or of his/her agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, correct the assessment in such manner as will in their judgment make the valuation thereof relatively just and equal.

Real Estate Factor: In accordance with Act No. 165 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1971, and Act No. 114 of 1980, it is estimated that the tentative assessment equalization factor for 2015 will be:

Commercial 1.0000
Industrial 1.0000
Residential 1.0000
Personal 1.0000

Jay D. Spencer, Supervisor
Teresa Zimmerman, Assessor

RECENTLY ENACTED ORDINANCES:

- November 4, 2014: An ordinance to amend the Sewage Disposal Ordinance (Chapter 38, Article III, Division 3 of the Plainfield Charter Township Code) to revise the manner in which the North Kent Sewer Authority connection fee is assessed and collected. [Ordinance #861](#)
- January 5, 2015: Ordinance to amend the the zoning ordinance of Plainfield Charter Township. [Ordinance #862](#)

[Click here for the Complete Township Code of Ordinances and the Complete Township Zoning Ordinance.](#)

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

PCT
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARINGS:

January 20, 2015

PARKS & RECREATION – 5 YEAR MASTER PLAN

The Plainfield Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a second public hearing on the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Plainfield Charter Township offices located at 6161 Belmont Avenue N.E.; Belmont, MI 49306.

A complete copy of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan is available for public inspection at the Plainfield Charter Township Clerk's Office or download a copy here (pdf, 6mb).

Any interested party may submit written comments concerning said proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan until the date and time of said hearing. The Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting for individuals with disabilities upon adequate notice to the Township Clerk in writing or by calling (616) 364-8466.

Parks & Recreation-5 year Master Plan (Draft) .pdf 9.5mb

Stephanie L. McMillen, CMC
Plainfield Charter Township Deputy Clerk



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Plainfield Township residents can now pay bills online with a credit card.
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The Draft of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is now available for public review - Click here to download (PDF 9.5mb).

Plainfield Township residents can bring their Christmas trees to Versluis park for recycling through January 31st.



A Note about a fundraising solicitation:

It has come to our attention that the Plainfield Charter Township Fire Fighters Union has been soliciting money as a fundraiser. Please be advised that this fundraiser IS NOT SPONSORED BY, SANCTIONED OR APPROVED BY PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP. This is a fundraising event by a labor union. Be advised labor organizations are not charities and your donation may not be used for any charitable purposes. Likewise, the person who makes these phone solicitations is likely NOT a member of the fire department, but is a professional for-profit fundraiser. According to the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Alert on police and fire solicitations, professional fundraisers for public safety groups KEEP AS MUCH AS 90% OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION as compensation. Some fundraisers may use deceptive tactics to induce you to make a donation. They may imply you will be better protected if you make a donation. THIS IS BOTH UNTRUE AND ILLEGAL. They may thank you for previous donations, even if you never made any.

If you believe you have been misled or lied to or if you receive a bill for a pledge you did not make, you can file a complaint directly with the Attorney General's Charitable Trust Section at 1-800-789-4515. The link to Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Alert on police and fire solicitations is: http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-17337_18095-44607--,00.html.

Are you interested in serving on one of Plainfield Township's boards, committees or commissions?

The Plainfield Township Board of Trustees is always searching for citizens who are interested in serving on Township boards, committees and commissions. Commitments are typically for three years.

Currently, there are a number of vacancies, including the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Public Safety Committee.
- Click here for a description of each committee, listed in alphabetical order.
- Click here for an application if you are interested in serving on a specific committee.

- ▶ Plainfield Charter Township's 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is now available for viewing.
- ▶ Kent County's Housing Rehabilitation Program This program provides financial assistance for needed home repair to the citizens of Kent County through the Community Development Dept.
Homeowners Information (.pdf)
Contractors Information (.pdf)

Important Announcement of Changes for Plumbing Permits and Inspections for Plainfield Charter Township

Beginning Monday, January 27, 2014, Plainfield Charter Township will be utilizing Cascade Township inspection services for administering plumbing permits (both residential and commercial) and plumbing inspections.
[Click here for details](#)

Snow Plowers Licences: Plainfield Township no longer requires that a snowplow service obtain a license from the Township in order to provide their services to the residents of the township.

Important Information for Disabled Veterans
Governor Rick Snyder recently signed legislation that extends the current homestead property tax exemption for disabled military veterans to a veteran's spouse if the veteran passes away before the tax break is granted. The existing property tax exemption eases the cost of home ownership for military veterans who were honorably discharged and are disabled and unable to work.
▶ [Click here for Veterans Property Tax Exemption Requirements](#)



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Cross Connection Control Testing Program

Residential customers of the Plainfield Water System may soon receive a letter and a test form in the mail this spring explaining the Cross Connection Testing Program that starts this spring.

For more information, [Click here.](#)

- ▶ [Click here for the Official News Announcement](#)
- ▶ [Click for the full text of the amendment](#)

Passports

Apply for your U.S. Passport Book or Card at the Township Offices. Easy parking and photos on-site. **Passport hours are from 9:00am to 12:00pm, 1:00pm to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.** Appointments are recommended, please call 616-364-8466.

For more Passport information, [click here.](#)

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 5, 2013
TO: Cameron VanWyngarden, Superintendent
FROM: John Short, Director JS/CB
SUBJECT: P&R 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

The Plainfield Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee met on Thursday, November 21, 2013. They have approved and are recommending the attached RFP for the 5-Year Master Plan to be submitted to the Plainfield Township Board at the next Board Meeting for their approval.

I am looking to get the RFP in the mail on January 13, 2013. If you would please put this on the Agenda for the next Board Meeting, I would appreciate it. Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please give me a call.

JS:cb

Attachments



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January 13, 2013

COMPANY
ADDRESS 1
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CITY, STATE POSTAL CODE

RE: FIVE YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

To Whom It May Concern:

Plainfield Charter Township is seeking professional park and recreation planning assistance in developing and updating its five year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Enclosed are the proposal specifications.

All proposals are to be submitted to the Plainfield Charter Township Parks & Recreation Office, 5205 Plainfield Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, no later than Friday, February 28, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. Please identify your envelope as "Parks & Recreation Master Plan Proposal".

A copy of Plainfield Charter Township's previous five year plan is available at the Parks & Recreation Office at 5205 Plainfield Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. You may also obtain a copy online at the Plainfield Charter Township Website: www.plainfieldchartertp.org under the Parks & Recreation Department.

Sincerely,

John Short, Director
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

JS:cb

Enclosure

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**A. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the proposal is to assist the Parks & Recreation Committee in updating and adopting a Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan, which will provide a basis for Acquisition, Development and Administration of the Parks & Recreation Resources and Facilities of Plainfield Charter Township.

B. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

Seven (7) copies of the completed proposal must be delivered no later than 3:30 p.m. (E.S.T) Friday, February 28, 2014. An electronic copy of the completed proposal must also be submitted to the Administrative Assistant at beattiec@plainfieldcharterwp.org. Both electronic and typed proposals received after this stated day and time will not be eligible for consideration. Please also provide a single e-mail address in regards to your specific proposal as this will be our form of communication throughout the project.

Proposals should be addressed to:

Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Committee
Parks & Recreation Master Plan Proposal
5205 Plainfield Avenue, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Submitted proposals become the property of Plainfield Charter Township and will not be returned. No proposals after the deadline date and time. Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time prior to awards. An officer or his /her representative may withdraw proposals in person, provided that he/she shows a receipt for the proposal prior to awards.

Questions concerning the RFP may be directed to:

John Short, Director
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department
5205 Plainfield Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
616-293-9370

C. ECONOMY OF PREPARATION:

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straight forward, concise description of the consultant's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP.

D. PORPOSAL SIGNATURE:

The proposals should be signed by the person in the consultant's organization responsible for the decision as to the cost and services being offered.

E. PRIVATE CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY:

The consultant selected will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in the offer's proposal regardless of who produces them. The selected consultant shall be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all changes resulting from the contract.

F. PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS:

All costs incurred for proposal preparation, presentation, or contract negotiations are the responsibility of the consulting firm. Plainfield Charter Township will not pay the cost of any information solicited or received.

G. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL CONTENTS:

The contents of the proposal of the selected consultant may become contractual obligations, if a contract is issued. Failure of the successful consultant to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of the award. A sample Engagement Letter/Contract must be included with the proposal.

H. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS:

Proposals will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

1. Proposed project approach and agreement to meet or exceed performance specifications of the RFP.
2. Relevant experience, qualifications and references.
3. Timelines of the proposed work scheduled and major completion.
4. Team Compatibility: The team compatibility and the availability of the consultant to work with township officials and Parks & Recreation Committee.
5. Unique Resources: Unique "In House" resources the consultant may bring to this project.
6. Total Cost: The total, not to exceed, estimate cost of the project in relation to service and products provided. The payment schedule for the project.

I. AWARDING THE CONTRACT:

The Parks & Recreation Committee will review all proposals received. The Committee will recommend not more than three proposals for consideration. The Plainfield Charter Township Board will authorize the contract with the selected consultant. The Board, at its discretion, may choose to interview the three finalists prior to awarding the contract.

J. PROPOSAL FORMAT

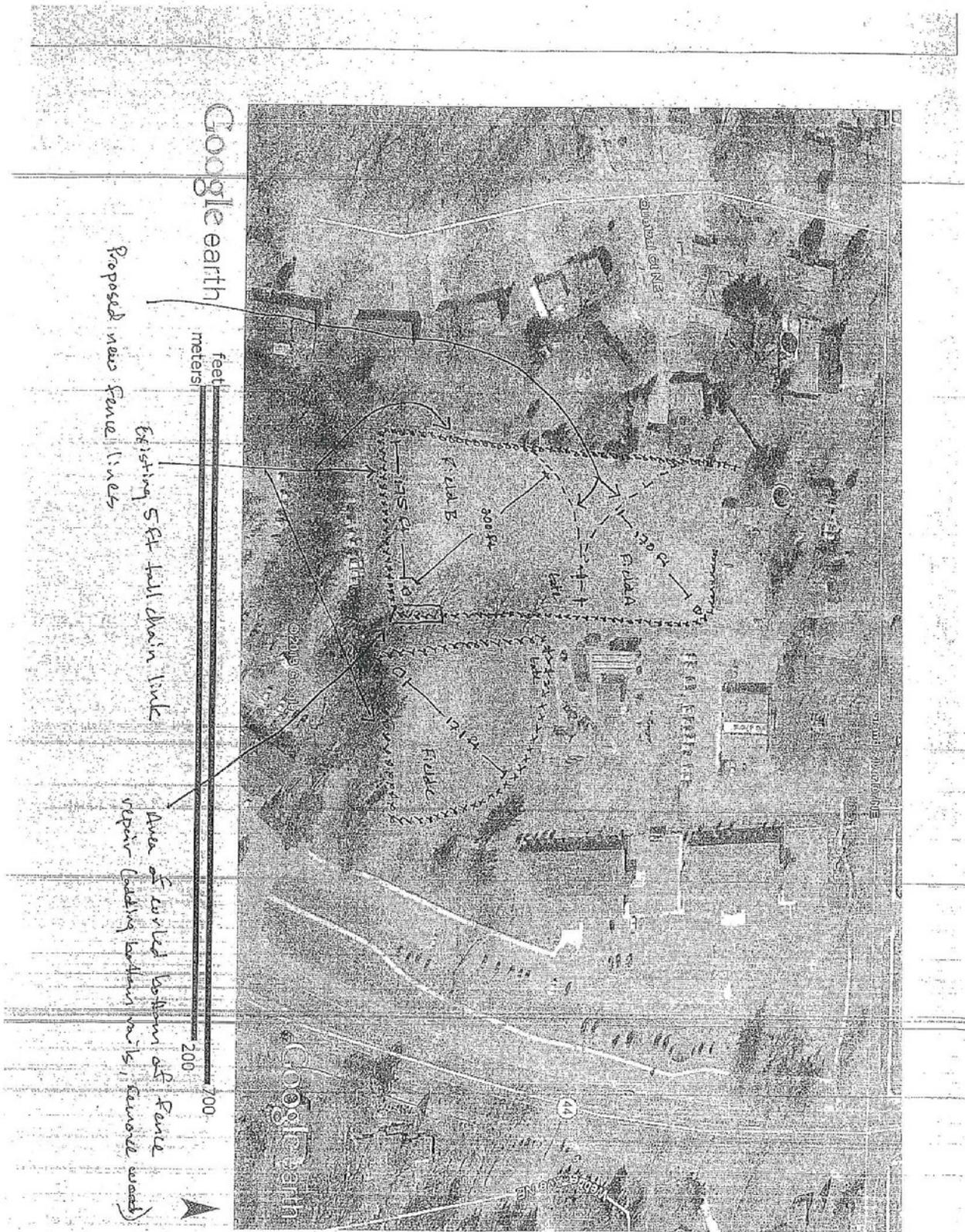
The Proposal should include at a minimum, the following:

1. **Project Work Tasks:**
Describe the specific approach and methods your firm proposes to use in completing the project work tasks. A proposed work schedule and a list of products should be included.
2. **Project Staffing and Management Plan:**
Identify the staff persons or subcontractors who will be responsible for carrying out specific work tasks. Identify the project manager who will be the person responsible for assuring that all tasks are completed on schedule. Describe the relevant qualifications of personnel to be assigned to the project and proposed work task responsibilities. Identify the number of hours or person/days allocated to each task for each person of that project team. Describe methods to be used for coordinating project work among members of the project team.
3. **Cost Proposal:**
Identify the total "Not to Exceed", cost for completing the individual work tasks included in the proposal, for example, include any direct and indirect cost. Include in the budget an itemized cost for each staff member assigned to the project and subcontractor (if applicable), including the daily rate to be charged. The cost proposal shall be submitted in a separate envelope and include the cost of supplies and materials.
4. **Qualifications of Firm and Prospective Team Members:**
State your firm's experience with comparable projects including the name and telephone number of three client references. Include resumes for all principal members of the project team and any proposed subcontractors.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The consultant is to assist the Parks & Recreation Committee in making and adopting a Parks & Recreation Five Year Plan. This will provide the basis for acquisition, development and administration of the Parks & Recreation resources and facilities of the Township. The Plan must also satisfy the guidelines of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in all manner of future Inter-Governmental Relationships, including, but not limited to, Grant Applications. The major issues of the plan shall include:

- 1. Community Profile:**
Provide a description and location of the cultural, physical, and land use characteristics as they affect recreation in the Township.
- 2. Inventory:**
Gather information describing the existing facilities, their location and capabilities. This is to include areas and facilities not currently owned and managed by the Township but within the Township.
- 3. Deficiencies:**
Evaluate the present inventory data to determine deficiencies based upon present and projected needs.
- 4. Survey the Community:**
Survey the present community use and future development.
- 5. Long Range Goals:**
Develop a series of long range, 10 years or longer, goals which the Township may use as a guide for future planning and action.
- 6. Short Term Goals:**
Develop specific project proposals to be implemented within the next five years.
- 7. Evaluate Service and Resources:**
Evaluate the roll of Parks & Recreation as it relates to community needs, goals and desire for service. Using this evaluation recommend a timeline approach to accomplish the continued development of the department and service provision over the next 5 years.
- 8. Final Project:**
The final product and all related materials shall be the sole property of Plainfield Charter Township.





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The purchaser reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or accept any bid presented which they deem to be in their best interest, regardless of whether the accepted bid is low in amount proposed.

All prices quoted under this invitation must remain firm for a minimum of thirty (30) days. It is the bidder's responsibility to see that their proposal arrives on time, late proposals, telegrams, or telephone bids, will not be considered.

Please return all bids on or before the required date to the Parks & Recreation Department only at the address listed above. We thank you in advance for your time and efforts.



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Plainfield Charter Township
 Regular Meeting
 December 16, 2013

Regular Board Meeting--7:00 p.m.

1. The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present were: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Dave Grant, Vic Matthews, Dale Pomeroy and Jon Rathbun. Absent: None. Also present were: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden and Parks and Recreation Director John Short.
2. The Invocation was offered by Jon Rathbun.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Grant.
4. One person spoke during public comments.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the December 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes
 - b. Adopt a resolution setting the 2014 Rates & Charges
 - c. Adopt a resolution to close Township Hall on December 26, 2014
 - d. Adopt a resolution to approve a 2% wage increase for non-bargaining employees
 - e. Adopt a resolution to amend the Superintendents contract
 - f. Approve the 2014 employment contract with John Short
 - g. Approve the Grand Isle Road construction and request permit from the DEQ
 - h. Approve Budget Amendment #5
 - i. Approve payment to Bultsma Excavating for the Verta Water Main extension totaling \$30,930.98
 - j. Approve Supervisor Spencer's committee and commission appointment recommendations
Election Commission: confirm Ruth Ann Karnes, appoint Vic Matthews and Bill Brinkman (indefinite terms)
Personnel Committee: Jay Spencer, Ruth Ann Karnes and Vic Matthews (indefinite terms)
Cemetery Advisory Committee: Art Spaulding and Fran Roberts (terms expire 12/31/2016) and Eileen Schmuker (term expires 12/13/2015), Ruth Ann Karnes – Clerk, Board Representative
 - k. Approve the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee's Request for Proposal for the 5 Year Master Plan
 - l. Receive the Water, Passport, Fire, Building Permit, Ordinance Enforcement, Financial reports for November 2013
 - m. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$368,522.60
6. The consent agenda was reviewed and amended. Spencer removed Planning Commission appointments (item j) due to uncertainty of terms of office. Brinkman moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the agenda (including consent agenda, as amended, and Accounts Payable). Ayes: Pomeroy, Matthews, Brinkman, Spencer, Karnes, Rathbun and Grant.
 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
7. There was no old business.
8. New Business
 - a. Rathbun moved, with support by Brinkman, to adopt a resolution to approve a charitable gaming license for PASS (Plainfield Area Select Soccer). Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b. The consensus of the Board was to hold a naming contest for the 10 Mile Park. Details on when the contest should begin and end, what kind of submissions will be accepted for consideration, who should comprise the committee to review, rank and recommend names for the Board to choose from, how the contest will be publicized, and other specifics will be brought back to the Board for consideration at the next regular meeting on January 6, 2014.
- 9. Township Governance
 - a. The Board discussed whether members should be allowed to participate remotely in Board meetings. The consensus of the Board was that members should not be allowed to comment during Board meetings or vote from remote locations and a policy should be developed to address this and to include what, if any, extenuating circumstances might cause the Board to approve remote participation.
 - b. Ten years have passed since the current Public Safety Advisory Committee policy was developed. Discussion centered on the importance of the committee, the mandate of the committee, guidelines for citizen appointments and whether the committee should be abandoned and replaced by a Committee of the Whole Board. The consensus was to revise the mandate and redefine the types of citizen expertise the Board is looking for. The Board can then charge the committee with specific goals and timeframes. Grant moved, with support by Matthews, to direct Superintendent Van Wyngarden to revise the mandate of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, specify what types of public safety expertise citizen appointees should provide and bring to the Board his recommendations at his earliest convenience. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - c. Discussion of the Township Board’s goals and objectives was driven by a compiled list of categories containing 31 policy issues members would like to address in 2014 and beyond. It was agreed that members will rank issues within each category on a scale from 1 to 5 in order to determine the level of importance for the Board as a whole. Members can also submit additional issues for consideration. Staff will then collate the categories and prioritized issues and Superintendent Van Wyngarden will make this list available to the Board prior to the January 21, 2014 regular Board meeting.
- 10. There were no further Board discussions.
- 11. Superintendent Van Wyngarden shared comments.
- 12. Board members shared comments.
- 13. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

 Ruth Ann Karnes
 Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

 Date

 Jay D. Spencer
 Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

 Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected and acting clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2013 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

 Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

 Date



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Plainfield Charter Township
 Special Meeting
 January 9, 2014

Special Board Meeting—8:00 a.m.

1. The special meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present were: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Trustees Dave Grant, Vic Matthews, Dale Pomeroy and Jon Rathbun. Absent: Treasurer Bill Brinkman. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden.
2. There were no public comments.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the December 16, 2013 regular meeting minutes
 - b. Adopt a resolution to approve Amendment No. 38 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metro Council to add Lowell Township as a member
 - c. Approve the bid from River City Excavating for the demolition of 4646 Abrigador Trail NE and 4337 Willow Drive totaling \$14,200
 - d. Approve the committee appointment recommendations from Supervisor Spencer
 - e. Approve the progress payment to Fedewa, Inc. totaling \$90,465.50 for the Buth water tank repainting
 - f. Consider a contract with Dixon Engineering, Inc. for technical specifications and contract documents for the proposed repainting projects for the Kroes spheroid and the 5 Mile reservoir
 - g. Adopt the Michigan DOT performance resolution for governmental agencies
 - h. Receive the Investment report for November 2013
 - i. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$457,868.23
 - j. Approve the request from Rick Solle, Director of Public Services, to attend the 2014 American Water Works Association's Utility Management Conference on February 25-28, 2014
4. The consent agenda was reviewed and amended. Matthews requested the committee appointment recommendations from Supervisor Spencer (item d) be moved to the agenda. Hearing no objections, Spencer moved it to the agenda as item 6a. Pomeroy moved, with support by Grant, to approve the agenda (including consent agenda, as amended, and Accounts Payable). Ayes: Spencer, Grant, Karnes, Matthews, Rathbun, and Pomeroy. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
5. Karnes moved, with support by Matthews, to open a public hearing to commence a proceeding to consider a consent agreement renewal for Comcast of California/Massachusetts/Michigan/Utah, LLC to provide cable service in the Charter Township of Plainfield and to start a formal proceeding under 47 United States Code Sections 546 and 546(a)(1). Spencer stated: *The public hearing on Comcast and its consent agreement to provide cable service in the Township will now start. This is a proceeding commenced by Plainfield Charter Township on its own initiative under 47 United States Code Section 546(a)(1) which affords the public appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of (A) identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests, and (B) reviewing the performance of Comcast under its consent agreement during the current term of that agreement. This public hearing is an exercise by the Township of its Federal rights under Section 546(a)(1).*

This public hearing is also held pursuant to the notice by Comcast of California/Massachusetts/Michigan/Utah LLC, doing business as Comcast, to renew its consent agreement to provide cable service in the Township and to start a formal proceeding under Section 546 which affords the public appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of (A) identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests, and (B) reviewing the performance of Comcast under its consent agreement during the current term of that agreement. We will now receive comments or documents from members of the public on the matters I have just described.

Public comments: Van Wyngarden read a letter he received from Mr. John Gardner, Comcast Sr. Manager, Government Affairs, Heartland Region, who was not able to attend the public hearing. A copy of his letter is attached. (Attachment 1)There were no other public comments. Karnes moved, with support by Pomeroy, to table the public hearing. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Spencer stated: *Tonight's cable hearing is now recessed but kept open. It will be continued at a later date.*

6. a. (added item) Rathbun moved, with support by Matthews, to accept the following Planning Commission appointments and terms:
 - Karl Koster, 1 year term expiring on December 31, 2014
 - David Ridout, 3 year term expiring on 12/31/2016
 - Charles Jylha, 3 year term expiring on 12/31/2016
 - One vacancy with term to expire on 12/31/2015 is yet to be filled.
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
- b. (added item) Rathbun moved, with support by Matthews, to accept the following appointments to the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority:
 - Cheryl Scales, 3 year term expiring on 12/31/2016
 - Ken Chester, 3 year term expiring on 12/31/2016
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
7. Superintendent Van Wyngarden shared comments
8. Board members shared comments.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

 Ruth Ann Karnes
 Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

 Date

 Jay D. Spencer
 Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

 Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected and acting clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2014 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

 Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

 Date



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2014

To: Cameron L. Van Wyngarden, Township Superintendent

From: John Short, Parks & Recreation

SUBJECT: PARKS & RECREATION 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION-LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS, INC.

The Plainfield Township Parks & Recreation Committee has evaluated the six proposals that were received over the month of March. The committee first spent two weeks independently studying the proposals without knowing the proposed contract amount. The committee then met and chose their top three proposals. After the top three were identified, the contract amount was assigned to each of the six proposals. The cost information did not change the committee's top three.

The committee drafted 10 questions that they wanted answered or clarified by the top three. The committee also drafted 10 questions that they wanted asked as part of the reference checks, of the top three. The next two weeks I spent clarifying issues with the top three and interviewing their references.

The committee met again, I went through the responses of the top three and the information that I gathered in the reference checks.

The committee came to a unanimous decision fairly quickly. The committee felt that Landscape Architect & Planners had the strongest and most flexible public component to their proposal. They felt that the proposal also had a strong public board component. The references that I spoke with agree with the committee's appraisal. The committee also thought highly of the connectedness of the firms' 5-Year Master Plan and the ability to translate into Grants. This was also a highly regarded issue with the references.

The committee is recommending to the Township that Landscape Architects & Planners be awarded the contract of producing the Township's Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan.

The 2014 Parks & Recreation Budget provides \$25,000 for this project. Once a firm is authorized, the survey procedures will need to be determined. A procedure that is other than an online survey or a combination of procedures will cause an increase in the proposed cost. Initially all proposals bid an online survey, so that issue, was equal for all. The Township followed this process when the 2005 Parks



& Recreation Master Plan was done. The survey style was altered for a change in contact amount of \$2,000. If the same occurs for the 2015 Plan, we will still be under the \$25,000 budget.

----- Enclosed is the list of proposals and the corresponding bid price. -----

JS:cb

Enclosures



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 APRIL 7, 2014

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Invocation – TBD
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Jay Spencer
4. Public comments*
5. Review Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the March 17, 2014 regular meeting minutes
 - b. Approve the request from American Legion Post 47 for a Special Liquor License for outdoor events which will take place on May 17, May 26, June 14, July 26, August 23, September 1 and September 20, 2014
 - c. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,800,969.26
6. Approval of Agenda, including the Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable
7. Presentation
 - a. Acting Assessor Teresa Zimmerman to present an overview of the Assessing Department and the results of the March Board of Review
8. Public Hearings
 - a. Public hearing on the proposed Liquor Licensing Ordinance
 - i. Consider adopting the Liquor Licensing Ordinance
9. Old Business
 - a. None
10. New Business
 - a. Consider the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Committee to award the Plainfield Charter Township Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan project to Landscape Architects Planners totaling \$19,857, plus survey costs if applicable
 - b. Approve awarding the contract for the installation of an irrigation system at the 10 Mile Park Soccer Fields to Shoreline Irrigation totaling \$20,250.00
 - c. Consider the recommendation for Superintendent Van Wyngarden to appoint Teresa Zimmerman as the Township Assessor
 - d. Consider contract with Central Interconnect for purchase of IP Edge App Server (Voicemail) and supporting services.
 - e. Consider the proposed changes to the Personnel Committee description
11. Board discussions
 - a. None
12. Superintendent's comments
13. Board members' comments
14. Adjournment

*Citizens' comments – In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, an opportunity to comment on individual agenda items will be offered by the Chairman as they are presented.

- 9. There was no old business.
- 10. New Business
 - a. Karnes moved, with support by Pomeroy, to award the Plainfield Charter Township Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan project to Landscape Architects Planners totaling \$19,857, plus survey costs if applicable. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Brinkman moved, with support by Karnes, to award the contract for the installation of an irrigation system at the 10 Mile Park Soccer Fields to Shoreline Irrigation totaling \$20,250.00. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 - c. Karnes moved, with support by Brinkman to appoint Teresa Zimmerman as the Township Assessor. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 - d. Grant moved, with support by Matthews, to approve the contract with Central Interconnect to replace and upgrade voicemail at Town Hall and Fire Station #1 with an IP Edge App Server, including supporting services, in the amount of \$7,067.93. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 - e. Karnes moved, with support by Matthews, to approve the revised changes to the Personnel Committee description with the stipulation that the Board review the committee description in one year. Ayes: 5. Nays 1. Motion carried.
- 11. There were no Board discussions.
- 12. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
- 13. Board members shared comments.
- 14. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date

Jay D. Spencer
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2014 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 DECEMBER 15, 2014

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Jon Rathbun
4. Public comments*
5. Review Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the November 24, 2014 special meeting minutes
 - b. Approve the December 1, 2014 regular meeting minutes
 - c. Approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 6 from Wyoming Excavators, Inc. totaling \$39,134.78 for the Water Supply and Wasterwater Collection System Improvements for Sawkaw, Northville, Kewadin, Wyandotte and Nippon Drives
 - d. Approve Budget Amendment #2
 - e. Approve Kent County Emergency Medical Services Invoice
 - f. Approve a 2% wage increase for non-bargaining employees for 2015
 - g. Adopt a resolution approving the 2015 Township Rates & Charges
 - h. Adopt a Michigan Department of Transportation performance resolution for governmental agencies
 - i. Approve the recommended appointments from the Personnel Committee for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals, Cemetery Advisory Committee, and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
 - j. Receive the Water, Fire, Passport, Building, Ordinance Enforcement, Financial and Investment Reports for November 2014
 - k. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$461,237.85
6. Approval of Agenda, including the Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable
7. Presentation – Proclamation for Gill Industries in celebration of 50 years in business
8. Public Hearing
 - a. Proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan
 - i. Approve the first reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan and schedule a second public hearing for January 5, 2015
9. Old Business
 - a. None
10. New Business
 - a. Consider a resolution in support of the Kent County Township Supervisor's proposal for 911 dispatch funding
 - b. Consider accepting the gift of real estate, commonly known as 5580 West River Drive and to enter into a proposed Agreement with the Friends of the White Pine Trail
 - c. Consider entering into a three service agreement with iCompass for a Meeting and Records Management Solutions
11. Board discussions
 - a. None
12. Superintendent's comments
13. Board members' comments
14. Closed Session
 - a. Closed Session to conduct a regular evaluation of the Superintendent in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act; MCL 15.268; Section 8(a)
15. Adjournment

*Citizens' comments – In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the



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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 15, 2014

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

1. The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Vic Matthews, Dave Grant, Jon Rathbun, and Dale Pomeroy. Members absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Parks Development Director John Short, Landscape Architects & Planners executive Robert Ford, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee members Sally Wesorick, Dale Hecksel, Tom Wiarda, David Meyerholtz, and Dave Heyboer. Mr. John Gill of Gill Industries, his son James Joseph Gill, and his grandson Nathan Thornton were also present.
2. The invocation was offered by Jon Rathbun.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Rathbun.
4. There were no public comments.
5. The consent agenda was reviewed.
 - a. Approve the November 24, 2014 special meeting minutes
 - b. Approve the December 1, 2014 regular meeting minutes
 - c. Approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 6 from Wyoming Excavators, Inc. totaling \$39,134.78 for the Water Supply and Waste water Collection System Improvements for Sawkaw, Northville, Kewadin, Wyandotte and Nippon Drives
 - d. Approve Budget Amendment #2
 - e. Approve Kent County Emergency Medical Services Invoice
 - f. Approve a 2% wage increase for non-bargaining employees for 2015
 - g. Adopt a resolution approving the 2015 Township Rates & Charges, as revised on December 15, 2014
 - h. Adopt a Michigan Department of Transportation performance resolution for governmental agencies
 - i. Approve the recommended appointments from the Personnel Committee for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals, Cemetery Advisory Committee, and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
NOTE: Attachment A contains a list of the appointments made for each Commission, Board, and Advisory Committee above.
 - j. Receive the Water, Fire, Passport, Building, Ordinance Enforcement, Financial and Investment Reports for November 2014
 - k. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$461,237.85
6. Matthews moved, with support by Karnes, to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$461,237.85. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
7. Spencer read a Proclamation for Gill Industries in celebration of their 50 years in business in Plainfield Charter Township. Mr. John Gill of Gill Industries, his son James Joseph Gill, and his grandson Nathan Thornton were present on behalf of Gill Industries.

8. A public hearing for the Proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan was opened at 7:28 p.m. The Board acknowledged receipt of email from Township resident Travis Mabry expressing his desire for more non-motorized trails connecting to the White Pine Trail from the west and east sides of the trail. There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m. Pomeroy moved, with support by Karnes, to adopt the first reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan and schedule a second public hearing for January 5, 2015, to make the document available to the public for a thirty day review period on the Plainfield Charter Township website, at Town Hall, and at the Plainfield Public Library, and to schedule a final public hearing during the regular Board meeting on January 19, 2015. Ayes: Brinkman, Matthews, Karnes, Spencer, Pomeroy, Rathbun, and Grant. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
9. There was no old business.
10. New business
 - a. Matthews moved, with support by Brinkman, to adopt a resolution in support of the Kent County Township Supervisor's proposal for 911 dispatch funding. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Matthews moved, with support by Pomeroy, to accept the gift of real estate commonly known as 5580 West River Drive and to enter into a proposed Agreement with the Friends of the White Pine Trail. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The president of Friends of the White Pine Trail, Dave Heyboer, noted that the family gifting the land wishes it to be named The Patterson Family Friends of the White Pine Trail Park.
 - c. Karnes moved, with support by Matthews, to enter into a three year service agreement with iCompass for Meeting and Records Management Solutions. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
11. There were no Board discussions.
12. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
13. Board members shared comments.
14. At 9:43 p.m. Grant moved, with support by Brinkman, to move into closed session to conduct a regular evaluation of the Superintendent in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act; MCL 15.268; Section 8(a). Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
At 10:55 p.m. Brinkman moved, with support by Grant, to return to the regular meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
15. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date

Jay D. Spencer
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

Date

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Attachment A

Appointments**Planning Commission**

Marie Kessler for her third term expiring on December 31, 2017

Kerwin Keen for his first term expiring on December 31, 2017

(Note: Mr. Keen is currently serving on the Planning Commission to finish the remainder of George Pawlowski's term.)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ben Greene for his first term expiring on December 31, 2017

Ray Holland for his first term expiring on December 31, 2017

(Note: Mr. Holland is currently serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals to finish the remainder of Ruth Ann Karnes' term.)

Board of Review

Reappoint **David Deverman** and **David Cobb** to two year terms ending on December 31, 2016

Construction Board of Appeals

Reappoint **Russell Borst** and **Bryan Hull** to two year terms ending on December 31, 2017

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Steven Ayres for a three year term ending on December 31, 2017

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Reappoint **David Briggs** and **Sally Wesorick** to three year terms ending on December 31, 2017



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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

- 1) The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Vic Matthews, Dave Grant, and Dale Pomeroy. Members absent: Jon Rathbun. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Parks Development Director John Short, Community Development Director Bill Fischer, Water Plant Superintendent Don Petrovich, and Consumers Energy Systems Engineer Greg Dennany.
- 2) A moment of silence was observed.
- 3) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Ann Karnes.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) The consent agenda was reviewed.
 - a) Approve the December 15, 2014 regular meeting minutes.
 - b) Approve the December 15, 2014 closed session minutes
 - c) Approve a Reserve Capacity Agreement with Consumers Energy
 - d) Approve the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software and computer upgrades totaling \$18,300.81
 - e) Approve the recommendations from the Township Assessor for appointments to the Board of Review
 - f) Approve Change Order No. 1 – change in contract times, expenses and liquidated damages from Wyoming Excavators for the Water Supply and Wastewater Collection System Improvements (Sawkaw, Northville, Kewadin, Wyandotte and Nippon Drives)
 - g) Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,008,298.71
- 6) Matthews moved, with support by Grant, to approve the agenda including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,008,298.71. Ayes: Matthews, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
- 7) A public hearing for the second reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 year Master Plan was opened at 7:13 p.m. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m. Matthews moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the second reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan and schedule a third public hearing for January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Board will vote to adopt the Plan.
- 8) There was no old business.
- 9) New business
 - a. Karnes moved, with support by Pomeroy, to adopt an ordinance to rezone 3925 Balsam Avenue from C-1 Commercial to R-1A Residential. Ayes: Matthews, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
 - b. Karnes moved, with support by Brinkman, to approve the tentative preliminary plat of Northdale Estates, Phase 4 order. Ayes: Matthews, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
- 10) There were no Board discussions.
- 11) Van Wyngarden shared comments.

- 12. Board members shared comments.
- 13. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

Date

Jay D. Spencer
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

Date

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 JANUARY 5, 2015

1. Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
2. Call to order
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance – Ruth Ann Karnes
5. Public comments*
6. Review Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the December 15, 2014 regular meeting minutes
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 - g. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,008,298.71
7. Approval of Agenda, including the Consent Agenda and Accounts Payable
8. Public Hearing
 - a. Proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan
 - i. Approve the second reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan and schedule a third public hearing for January 20, 2015
9. Old Business
 - a. None
10. New Business
 - a. Consider an ordinance to rezone 3925 Balsam Avenue from C-1 Commercial to R-1A Residential
 - b. Consider tentative preliminary plat approval of Northdale Estates, Phase 4
11. Board discussions
 - a. None
12. Superintendent's comments
13. Board members' comments
14. Adjournment

*Citizens' comments – In addition to providing the public with an opportunity to address the Township Board at the beginning of the meeting, an opportunity to comment on individual agenda items will be offered by the Chairman as they are presented.



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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 January 5, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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10. There were no Board discussions.
11. Van Wyngarden shared comments.



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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 16, 2013
AGENDA

1. Ten Mile
 - A. Excavating
 - B. Bathroom
 - C. Sledding-Warming House
2. Grand Isle
 - A. Wet Lands
 - B. Storage-Barn
 - C. Disc Golf
3. 5-Year Master Plan
4. Budget-Projects-Limitations



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 16, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick, David Briggs, Jay Spencer-Supervisor, and Dale Pomeroy-PCT Board. Absent: Scott TenCate (new appointed member).

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA: 10 MILE PARK, GRAND ISLE PARK, 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN, BUDGET

DISCUSSION

10-Mile Park:

- A. Recommend the Township approve the excavation for soccer fields and BMX. Also recommend the Township approve the well
- B. The bathroom and warming house were tabled so that funding options and design can be further evaluated

Grand Isle Park: Discussion

5-Year Master Plan: Set a June 6th meeting to start discussing plan requirement

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. No public comment.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Short, Director
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

JS: cb



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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 6, 2013
AGENDA

1. Plainfield Charter Township 5-Year Master Plan



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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 21, 2013

AGENDA

1. Plainfield Charter Township 5-Year Master Plan (Attachments sent via email)
2. Update on 10-Mile Park
3. Update on Grand Isle Park



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 21, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Rick Solle-Director of Public Works, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick, Scott TenCate, Jay Spencer-Supervisor, and Dale Pomeroy-PCT Board. Absent: David Briggs.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA: P&R MASTER PLAN, UPDATES ON 10-MILE & GRAND ISLE PARKS

DISCUSSION

1. Presentation of fence improvements at DW Richardson:
Parent non-profit has received \$5,000 from Meijer for outfield fencing for the two west fields. The committee is recommending to the board the approval of the fencing and to assist with the costs. The project is about \$7,400 with Meijer's providing \$5,000. The committee requested the Parks Director check out the cost as it seems high. There were also questions about how the grass along the fence and in the triangle will get cut.
2. 5 Year Master Plan:
Provided a draft copy of the RFP for discussion. Additional suggestions were electronic submission, deadline dates and references.
3. 10-Mile Park Update:
General discussion: Soccer fields, BMX and Mountain Bike. Approximately 3,000 uses per month and currently working on details of emergency access points for the mountain bike trail.
4. Grand Isle Update:
Wetlands-all permits have been approved. Waiting for Visser to start. Started to form Disc Golf Club. The group would help design and build the course. They would also be involved in day to day operation and tournament organization.
5. Future Ventures:
I continue to be in communication with the Briggs family concerning the possible purchase of the campground adjacent to the Grand Isle Park. The campground property is about 45 acres.

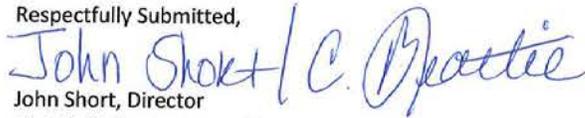
I have started communication with the owners of the Grand Isle Club House to see if the purchase would make sense as a bathroom facility for the park.

6. I continue having communications and working arrangements with various parent non- profit corporations relating to the use of the athletic facilities in our parks. These partnerships are over 25 years old and serve the community well at a lesser tax burden.

7. Discussion of the exhausting Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Fund with 10-Mile Park. We discussed the Townships newly created Capital Improvement Fund for all Township Departments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. No public comment.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Short / C. Brattie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Short, Director
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

JS: cb



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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 20, 2014

AGENDA

1. 5-Year Master Plan Schedule
2. Grand Isle Park
 - a. Soliciting funds
3. 10-Mile Park
 - a. Naming of park

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 20, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee and David Briggs. Absent: Scott TenCate, and Jay Spencer-Supervisor. Also present: Rick Solle-Director of Public Services and Ruth Ann Karnes, Clerk.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:40 p.m.

AGENDA: P&R MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE, 10-MILE & GRAND ISLE PARK

DISCUSSION:

I. P&R MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE

- A. Committee was reminded the following:
 - Friday, February 28, 2014 at 3:30 pm. all Master Plan's are due
 - Review all proposals and pick the top three
 - Choose which proposal is the favorite
 - Document reasons for choosing specific proposal to present recommend to the PCT Board
 - Proposals are required to submit 7 copies and also in digital format along with an electronic copy
- B. Monday, March 3, 2014, proposals will be ready for pickup for committee members to review; an email will be sent with reminder of date and time
- C. Monday, March 17, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m. committee to meet and discuss proposals and possibly choose top 3
- D. Friday, March 28, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m. is an **ALTERNATE** date chosen to recap and make final decision on chosen top 3 proposals if decision NOT made at the March 17th meeting
- E. Possibly invite the 3 proposal firms chosen on the 17th or 28th to interview

Sally Wesoric suggested the P&R Advisory Committee have some sort of a "discussion sheet" of criteria that the committee is looking for in their proposals to help in reviewing each proposal, she thought this would make it a bit easier since there may be several.

John reminded the P&R Advisory Committee that when the 2004 Five Year Master Plan was being reviewed, it was done over the summer so that McKenna & Associates could save money by using interns. He is suggesting that whoever is chosen may want to do the same thing.

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 17, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee and David Briggs. Absent: Scott TenCate, and Jay Spencer-Supervisor. Also present: Rick Solle-Director of Public Services and Ruth Ann Karnes, Clerk.
Guest: Bob Craig-Versluis Park Lifeguard Supervisor

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA: CHOOSING TOP THREE MASTER PLANS & VERSLUIS PARK/LIFEGUARD UPDATE

DISCUSSION:

I. BOB CRAIG-VERSLUIS PARK/LIFEGUARD UPDATE

- 5 returning Lifeguards
- 5 new Lifeguards
- Hiring process done
- Eye and drug testing due
- Online testing taking place now
- Classroom classes for training are already scheduled
- YMCA pool 8 hours scheduled
- Park opens up Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Seniors are available school days
- Instructors at all times on the property
- Ellis Lifeguard Program updates
 - Requirements
 - Keeping people alive
 - Lifeguards must be "test" ready
 - Documentation of in-service training and audits
 - Lifeguard license is lost if not up to all requirements
 - pro-active versus reactive

II. JOHN SHORT-PARKS DIRECTOR

- Bob Craig needs the PCT Boards support
 - Lifeguard activities
 - Meals
 - Refreshments etc.
 - YMCA is 8 hours of pool time for training; 4 hours broken up into two days

February 20, 2014 minutes were read. Dale Pomeroy made the correction to delete the comment "Fascinating 45 minute discussion". Sally Wesorick made the motion to approve the February 20, 2014 minutes, Tom Wiarda seconded. Motion carried.

III. 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL BALLOT LIST

-Committee members were asked to rank, the following shows ranking of three members:

Beckett	5-6-1	\$20,280
McKenna	4-3-5	\$13,562
Landscape	2-5-2	\$19,857
Williams	6-4-4	\$21,357
Progressive	3-1-6	\$20,220
McSmith	1-2-3	\$15,000

IV. DISCUSSION

- Survey
- Include price with survey
- Company chosen
- Apples to apples pricing
- Some have additives & pricing can be negotiated depending on how you want the survey to Occur
- Planning Commission wants to be a part of the survey and will help cover the cost
- State has requirements that each Master Plan must follow whether each plan lists it or not

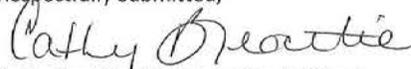
V. CHOSEN TOP THREE

- Landscape \$19,857
- Beckett \$20,280
- Smith \$15,000

It was decided to email Cathy by Wednesday, March 19, 2014 with question that committee members would like to have the prospective companies asked. Cathy will then email the companies. Reference questions would also be submitted and sent to the prospective companies.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
 Plainfield Charter Township
 Parks & Recreation Department

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee and David Briggs. Absent: Scott TenCate, Rick Solle-Director of Public Services and Jay Spencer-Supervisor.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:05 p.m.

AGENDA: DISCUSS THREE P&R 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL VENDOR & REFERENCE REQUEST QUESTIONS & ANSWERS/10-MILE PARK NAMING

MARCH 17, 2014 MINUTES:

Dale Pomeroy made a motion to accept the March 17th Draft Minutes, Tom Wiarda seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

1. John mentioned that Priscilla heard from 28 people with recommendations for the 10-Mile Park naming. She will get the material together and email Cathy Beattie. Cathy will then email this to the P&R Advisory Committee and ask that the Committee to send back their 5 suggestions. The Committee will then meet and make a recommendation to the PCT Board.
2. John thanked Sally Wesorick as she submitted the questions and reference request for the three 5-Year P&R Master Plan Proposals that were chosen to review. (copy's of each attached)
3. John called all the vendors and reference requests and discussed his findings with the committee. A variety of references for each vendor were called.
4. John thinks that all three that the committee chose would do a find job for us in reference to the Master Plan.
5. There is \$25,000 budgeted for the P&R 5-Year Master Plan.

Tom Wiarda made a motion to recommend Landscape Architects as the provider for the P&R 5-Year Master Plan to the Plainfield Charter Township Board at the next Board Meeting. David Briggs seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN VENDOR QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions as completely and concisely as possible. Your answers will help the Selection Committee confirm our understanding of your proposal.

- 1. Please confirm the name of the assigned Project Manager (PM) who will be responsible for the project and serve as primary point of contact. The Project Manager cannot be changed during the project without the written consent of the township.**

BECKETT/RAEDER: Caitlin Jackson. John Iacoangeli stresses that as the company principle, he was a team, and he uses a team approach. He will be involved with meeting and the product work. Caitlin is his right hand person in the effort. It appears she will work with him not be assigned to us.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS: Robert Ford, with a second Matt Hull. Robert is who we deal with and he will be in attendance at all meetings and will produce the work. Matt is the team he has assigned to himself. We will most likely see them both all the time.

MC SMITH: Carrie Klingelsmith

- 2. Does the assigned PM have five (5) or more years of experience as a Master Plan Project Manager?**

BECKETT/RAEDER: Yes

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS: Yes

MC SMITH: 14 years experience with Byron Township and Greenville Parks & Recreation. She was the point person for these Parks & Recreation Master Plans as an employee of the governmental agency. She does not have 5 years experience developing 5 Year Master Plans with MC Smith. She has completed some 5 Year Master Plans with MC Smith, most recently, Zeeland Michigan 5 Year Master Plan.

- 3. Does the proposed cost include consultant tour of township park facilities?**

BECKETT/RAEDER: Yes

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS: Yes

MC SMITH: A tour of facilities is included

8. How many copies of the final plan are included in the proposed cost?

BECKETT/RAEDER: 7 copies

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS: 25 copies

MC SMITH: 7 copies

9. Is an electronic copy of the plan included in the proposal cost?

BECKETT/RAEDER: Yes

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS: 2 Memory Sticks and G.I.S. Files

MC SMITH: Yes

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REFERENCE REQUEST

5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

1. Did the company provide Parks & Recreation Master Plan services to your organization?

2. Did the company complete the project and deliverables on schedule?

3. Did the company complete the project and deliverables within budget?

4. Did the company meet your requirements?

5. Using a scale of 0-5, five being the best, how would you rate the company's survey and public opinion promotion, process & outcome?

6. Using a scale of 0-5, five being the best, how would you rate the company's depth of experience in Parks & Recreation Master Planning?

7. Using a scale of 0-5, five being the best, how would you rate the overall project?

8. Would you confidently work with the company again?

9. Please share the name of the Project Manager (PM) assigned by the company, actively involved in this project.

10. Please share any issues, surprises, other comments or counsel that might be helpful to the Township.

**Plainfield Township
Recreation Master Plan 2015 – 2019
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE
SUBMITTED 6/4/2014**

1. **In a few words, what do you think defines your park system?**
 - Unique sites like the 10-Mile Park
 - Destination Parks – Private public needs driven
 - Accessibility
 - Distinctive
 - Clean and well maintained
 - An array of beautiful green spaces offering exercise, exploration and economic impact to Plainfield Township and the greater Grand Rapids area

2. **What is your long-term vision/dream for the park system?**
 - To complete the 10-Mile and Grand Isle Parks and trail connections
 - Continue to protect waterways and provide public access
 - Inter-connecting trail system within the Township connecting parks, schools and the White Pine Trail.
 - Solidify and create community partnerships
 - Accessibility and security
 - Obtain open space when available and if it makes sense for long term goals
 - Not to be duplicates of everyone else’s parks and programs
 - To have barrier free playground equipment in our major parks and to have these parks connected by some form of trail system
 - Revitalize the smaller pocket size parks we have by upgrading to what the neighborhood would like to have in their park
 - Encourage new development to set aside some laws to have some kind of Green Space/Park
 - Maintain our existing parks with amenities and high standards of the parks athletics, representing the standards of the Plainfield Township community.
 - Assess the community’s desires to expand current parks sports, trails and habitats
 - Develop a process for expanding parks through land purchases or “gifting” of properties
 - Incorporate the desires of the community with more “progressive” and “current” sports and recreational activities; disc golf, la cross, mountain biking in new and existing Township parks

3. **What do you want to accomplish in the next 5 years?**
 - See #2 answer
 - Complete existing park development
 - Build private/public relationships for each park. Seek vested interest groups of each park
 - Enhance public awareness of parks and create a fantastic website
 - To complete premier park on 10-Mile with parking, public facilities and start linking this park with some type of trail system
 - Planning and construction of soccer fields, playgrounds and public bathrooms at the Grand Isle Park
 - Look at Township parks on a map & identify locations for future parks/green spaces where there’s opportunity or current voids
 - Create a Township process making it very simple for community residents to potentially “gift” property to the Township using the land conservancy of West Michigan donation process as a template
 - Identify sports and recreation voids that a the community would like to add to existing new parks

- Work on connecting all parks access via bike paths and rail trails
- Utilize Township water bodies for potential future parks (lakes, rivers, streams)
- Define a vision that will allow parks current and new to be enjoyed by as many user groups as possible
- Engage teens and young adults in defining what they deserve

4. What do you think is the best thing about your park system as a whole?

- New parks and unique facilities
- Clean
- Diverse
- Accessible
- Location near natural resources and heavier population and the size of the park
- It's very diverse with beaches, water, dense woods, wetlands, also offering a number of area options for various sports and recreation

5. What do you think are the best things about your park system's programming?

- Variety of facilities & activities
- Good direction & staff
- Parent and private- corporation coordinated
- We don't have programming. We rely on volunteer organizations to run programs
- Not sure

6. What do you think are the best things about your park system's facilities?

- Great new facilities
- The few facilities we have are well maintained. The facilities are heavily used
- Versluis Park/swim coach

7. What do you think are your park system's biggest weaknesses?

- Funding to complete the parks (2)
- Lack of facilities (2)
- Safe access for residents by walking, bikes, rollerblades

8. What do you think is lacking in your park system's programming?

- ?
- Township Board support
- Summer programs for area kids
- Not sure

9. What do you think should be the top 5 priorities (in order) for improving your park facilities?

- Complete 10-Mile
- Complete Grand Isle
- Connect Trails
- Better Funding (2)
- Upgrade other parks
- Build necessary ones
- Accessible and significant in size and service

- Security
- Appearance
- Coordinate appropriate nature with private programmers
- Work closer with volunteer groups for developing the park system
- Upgrading playground equipment
- Find a way to expand the hours and length of time Versluis Park is open
- Inventory current parks, space, field, amenities, sports offerings
- Survey Township residents to see what they like, dislike, current voids with sports and recreation opportunities
- Create a process for land gifting to the Township
- Look at similar size communities for best practices
- Think big and set high expectations for existing and future parks

Plainfield Township Parks Board Survey Summary

Pathways and Trails

- Develop existing parkland
- Connect all parks and schools with non-motorized green trail system
- Upgrade existing parks
 - o Barrier free access to facilities, especially playgrounds
 - o Safe, non-motorized access to parks
- Identify opportunities for new park development – Such as existing Township water bodies
- Increase funding for parks
 - o Form public private partnerships to sustain parks
 - o Develop system for gifting/donating land for parks
 - o Further relationships with volunteer groups
- Provide diverse and unique recreation opportunities – progressive
- Protect waterways, natural resources and community access

Community Engagement

- Assess community desire and preference for facilities, identify voids
- Increase awareness of parks – create website
- Expand user groups – engage teens and young adults to determine preferences
- Create relationships with neighborhoods



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 22, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick and David Briggs. Absent: Scott TenCate, Rick Solle-Director of Public Services and Jay Spencer-Supervisor. Personal Interest: Dave Heyboer. Landscape Architects: Bob Ford and Matt Hull

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:10 p.m.

AGENDA: FIRST MEETING WITH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS/P&R 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

DISCUSSION:

- Introduction of each individual & personal history with the Township
- Bob Ford and Matt Hull shared their day spent in Plainfield Township touring the Townhall and visiting all of the parks
- Meetings in the future would cover input, review and a public hearing
- Possibility of a survey
- P&R 5-Year Master Plan to be completed by end of year

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Beattle, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, June 26, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee, Tom Wiarda, Sally Wesorick and David Briggs. Absent: Scott TenCate, Rick Solle-Director of Public Services and Jay Spencer-Supervisor. Landscape Architects: Bob Ford and Jessica. Cameron Van Wyngarden, Superintendent and Ruth Ann Karnes, PCT Clerk.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:10 p.m.

AGENDA: SECOND MEETING WITH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS/P&R 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

DISCUSSION:

- o Cover the Questionnaire that went out (copy attached)
- o Landscape Architects presented a "Survey Summary" (copy attached)
- o Changes/deletions of "DRAFT Survey" questions (copy of DRAFT attached)
- o Parks need to be listed on survey so residents know what parks are being referred too
- o Where to get most response from survey; website, mailers?
- o Question #22 Parks & Recreation Funding Gap was chosen to be deleted from the survey
- o Meeting will be set in July to cover the "DRAFT Survey" again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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Attachments



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 28 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee, Kyle Jenkins, Sally Wesorick and David Briggs. Absent: Dale Hecksel, Dave Heyboer, Scott TenCate, Tom Wiarda and Rick Solle-Director of Public Services. Personal Interest: Landscape Architects: Bob Ford and Jessica.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:15 p.m.

AGENDA: Attached – provided by Landscape Architects

DISCUSSION:

- Stressed that it was important for "everyone" to take the survey
- First page of survey being more welcoming/encouraging
- Survey was covered and a few questions adjusted to obtain the appropriate information
- 2 structured public hearings, one with the PCT Board, one with the P&R Committee and an Open House

JOHN SHORT- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

GRAND ISLE

- Rotary Club partnering with PCT and paying for the Disc Golf
- 9 holes for Disc Golf will be done this Fall
- 9 holes for Disc Golf will be done in the Spring
- Working with Dykema to donate the Buth barn
- Cost to move and repair the barn \$60,000
- Cost for barns cement pad \$40,000
- Barn is 75' x 30'
- The old Buth milking barn
- Barn is over 100 years old

GRAND ROGUE CAMPGROUND

- John met a few of the PCT Board members for a tour of the Grand Rogue Campground
- Discussion of PCT purchasing the Grand Rogue Campground
- Grand Rogue Campground offering groups to utilize

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Beattie
Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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Agenda
Plainfield Township Park & Recreation Five Year Plan
07-28-14

1. Review Township P & R Opinion Survey
 - a. Identify time frame for survey
2. Inventory / Analysis
3. Additional Public input
 - a. White Pine Survey or
 - b. Focus Group Input Meeting or
4. Interviews with key stakeholders
5. Next Meeting Date (following opinion survey data)

Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc.

PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEMBER INFORMATION

UPDATED 7-23-2014

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John Short, Staff	5205 Plainfield Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525	shortj@plainfieldchartertpw.org	WORK: 616-363-9399 CELL: 616-293-9370 FAX: 616-364-1199	indefinite
Dale Pomeroy, Board Representative	4488 Chandy NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525	pomeroyd@plainfieldchartertpw.org	HOME: 616-361-6554	indefinite

2014P&R ADVISORY COMMITTEE MTG DATES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY	20TH
THURSDAY, MAY	15TH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER	18TH
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER	20TH

Please mark your calendars for the meeting dates indicated for 2014. All regular meetings will be held at **4:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursdays of February, May, September and November** at the Plainfield Charter Township Buildings & Grounds/Parks & Recreation Offices located at 5205 Plainfield NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. PHONE: 616-363-9399

NOTE: 2014 WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR THE P&R 5 YEAR MASTER PLAN!



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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 18th, 2014

AGENDA

- Discuss the distribution & cost of the P&R Survey
- Review example of postcard
- Survey availability for "online use"
- Set date for 'Open House'
- Set date for 1-2 other Public Meetings



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE TO COMPLETION OF P&R 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN:

1. Survey open not till 10/31/14
2. Open House 10/15/14-Plainfield Township Library-5 Mile Road
3. Open House 10/22/14-Plainfield Township Office-Belmont
4. Rough Draft 11/20/14-Parks & Recreation Meeting
5. 1st Board Presentation-Public Notices, Hearing 11/15/14, 30 day clock starts
6. 2nd Board Presentation, January 19-20, 2015-possible resolution/adoption
7. 3rd Board Presentation, February 2015
8. 1st, 2nd, 3rd ALL PUBLIC NOTICES, PUBLIC HEARINGS



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee, Bob Ford-Landscape Architects, Tom Wiarda, Dale Hecksel, Kyle Jenkins, Dave Heyboer, Scott Ten Cate, David Briggs, David Meyerholtz II. Absent: Rick Solle-Director of Public Services and Sally Wesorick.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:40 p.m.

AGENDA:

- 2015 P&R Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule
- Disc Golf
- Review DRAFT of P&R 5-Year Master Plan

2015 SCHEDULE:

- Dates were presented and approved (copy attached including updated list of Member Information))

DISC GOLF:

- Map Key of the Grand Isle Disc Golf was presented (copy attached)
- John met with a few from the PCT Disc Golf Club to map out the course for 2 hours on Saturday, November 15th
- 9 men make up the PCT Disc Golf Club
- Installation of the poles/baskets in dry areas will start in the spring
- PCT Disc Golf Club will help keep the area orderly and clean
- Porta Johns will be put into place until bathrooms can be installed
- PCT Disc Golf Club will host a "tournament" to introduce the Disc Golf to residents

10-MILE SLEDDING HILL:

- Excavation was done two week ago
- Inclement weather has hit so the fencing has not been installed
- Fencing will take place once the weather is more cooperative
- John has ordered signs for the hill
- Installation of a parking lot, 160-180 parking spots, cost around \$225,000

REVIEW DRAFT OF P&R 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

- First meeting for 5-Year P&R Master Plan review
- Bob Ford encouraged the Committee to think through the plan and how it incorporates what they may want for future development
- Bob Ford from Landscape Architects presented a part of the plan "Goals and Objectives" for discussion (copy attached pages 49-57)
- Several corrections were made and/or suggested
- Survey outcome was discussed (included in DRAFT)

NEXT MEETINGS

- John mentioned that Monday the 24th the Township is having a "Public Safety" meeting at 7 PM and encouraged anyone interested to attend
- The P&R Advisory Committee will be meeting Thursday, December 11th from 4-6 PM to do an additional review of the 5-Year P&R Master Plan DRAFT
- 5-Year P&R Master Plan **Notice of Public Hearing** has been set for Monday, December 15th at 7:00 PM at the Plainfield Charter Township Offices located at 6161 Belmont. (copy of notice attached)

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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**PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS & RECREATION
MASTER PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an open house will take place on Wednesday, October 15 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at the Plainfield Charter Township Five Mile Library, 2650 Five Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids, MI and Wednesday, October 22 from 7:00-8:30 P.M. at the Plainfield Charter Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, MI.

John Short
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 2, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee, Bob Ford-Landscape Architects, Tom Wiarda, Dale Hecksel, Kyle Jenkins and Sally Wesorick. Absent: Dave Heyboer, Scott TenCate and Rick Solle-Director of Public Services.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:35 p.m.

AGENDA: Copy attached

- A. Discussed the card to be mailed to all residents. Committee made changes to the draft provided
 - 1. Colors preferred are light green or light blue
 - 2. Card example was approved with changes
 - 3. Survey is now open, closes 10/31/14
 - 4. Paper copy can be found at the following Township Properties:
 - Plainfield Township Office-Belmont
 - Comstock Park Library-West River Drive
 - Plainfield Township Library-5 Mile Road

- B. Dates were set for the Open Houses
 - 1. Wednesday, October 15th at the 5-Mile Library
 - 2. Wednesday, October 22nd at the Plainfield Township OfficeThe Open Houses start at 7:00 p.m.

- C. Discussed at great length the color and design of the post card, Sally will assist Cathy.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Cathy Beattie in cursive.

Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
5-YEAR P&R MASTER PLAN MEETING
Thursday, December 11, 2014**

IN ATTENDANCE: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Members: John Short-P&R Director, Dale Pomeroy-Trustee, Tom Wiarda, Dale Hecksel, Kyle Jenkins, Sally Wesorick, Dave Heyboer and David Meyerholtz. Absent: Scott TenCate and Rick Solle-Director of Public Services.

Meeting called to order by John Short at 4:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

John Short pointed out that the P&R 5-Year Master Plan isn't necessarily a specific Master Plan, but a general guideline for the Parks & Recreation Committee to work towards. It is also a survey of what the citizens want, what is acceptable and what isn't. The Master Plan is created with priorities that the committee would like to oversee.

SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS ON DRAFT #3 FROM THE P&R COMMITTEE:

Pages: 5, 8, 11, 14, 18, 19, 20, 22, 37, 41, 47, 50 and 56.

The suggested corrections from the P&R Advisory Committee are attached.

POSTING:

Draft of the P&R 5-Year Master Plan has been posted on the PCT website and emailed to all PCT Board Members for their input.

REMINDERS:

Monday, December 15, 2014 - PCT P&R 5-Year Master Plan Public Hearing, 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

Monday, January 5, 2015 - PCT P&R 5-Year Master Plan Public Hearing, 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - PCT P&R 5-Year Master Plan Public Hearing, 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Beattie, Administrative Assistant
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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COMMUNITY INPUT OPEN HOUSE

Plainfield Charter Township

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014-2019

Plainfield Charter Township has completed or is in the process of completing many of the projects that were listed in the Capital Improvement Program for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2010-2014 as shown below.

Assign a priority to the remaining items for the 2010-2014 Recreation Plan, with 1 being the highest, 2 second highest and so on. List any additional items you may want to include in the plan.

COMPLETED PROJECTS OR PARTIALLY COMPLETED PROJECTS (OPERATIONAL)**

Plainfield Township Premier Park (Previously Ten Mile Park)

- Rock City BMX**
- Easton West Michigan Archery Center**
- Merrell Mountain Bike Course
- Soccer fields
- Art Van Sports Complex - Owned by West Michigan Sports Commission
- Nate Hurwitz Miracle Field
- Sledding hill

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Plainfield Township Premier Park (Previously Ten Mile Park)
 - Bathrooms
- Grand Isle Park
 - Disc golf, soccer fields, fishing, bathrooms
- New Park Development - 100% Accessibility
- Acquire Land Along Grand and Rogue Rivers (Ongoing project)
- Improve or install bathrooms at existing facilities

REMAINING PROJECTS

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare non-motorized plan (bikeway and parkway plan) and strategic parking areas for recreational access. | PRIORITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquire land and develop park in NW Quadrant. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construct parking facilities and access along Rogue River. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acquire Land Along Grand and Rogue Rivers. | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assess handicap accessibility at existing facilities. | _____ |

FUTURE PARK IMPROVEMENTS – We would like your input. Please provide your ideas for future improvements below:



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SIGN IN
PLAINFIELD TWP REC PLAN.

6-25-14

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Plainfield Charter Township

2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Public Input Meeting 10/15/14

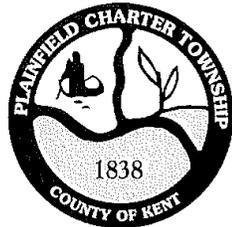
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VOLLEYBALL

Numerous players contributing to Northview's success

By Jen Judson
Advance Newspapers

The success the Northview volleyball team has enjoyed so far this season has been a team effort. 14 players strong, the Wildcats recently won the Zeeland East Invitational and are 18-8 overall and 3-1 in the OK Bronze.

"These 14 girls are all in it together," Northview coach Katie Psaute said. "I need them to stay unified as one. We don't have just one go-to hitter. We have eight or 10 hitters, and any one of them can

put the ball away at any time."

The Wildcats rely on a pair of junior setters. Sydney Arnold and Kall Crawford both help run the offense.

"It's great because both of them bring a different aspect to the game," Psaute said. "They are both very consistent. They both take charge offensively and do a great job directing traffic."

The setters wouldn't be able to do their job unless the pass was where it needed to be. Ensuring the offense is able to run effectively

are the defensive specialists. Senior Lyndsey Dyer is the team's libero. Alison DeBoer and Rachel Koenig stay exclusively in the back row, and Amber Irish splits time between the back row and left side.

"We have been playing pretty good defense this year. In the games that we have been successful, they have definitely kept us in games," Psaute said. "They've been able to dig balls that have kept our offense going."

Brianna Huizinga, Tehya Chaffin and Logan Bockheim hit and

block in the middle, with blocks set by right-side players Mallory Nowicki and Emma VanZanten. Mackenzie Castle, Megan Lowell and Rylee Storms all share time on the left.

"Each of them bring something different, which is great," Psaute said. "They are strong and athletic, all good hitters. Each of them can put the ball away in different ways. That is what I think about all of our hitters."

As they make their way through the OK Bronze, the Wildcats already have defeated

Greenville and C Springs, before a from-behind victory in the Huskies w Forest Hills Nort In the Huskies w Crawford set eig assists and Bock served four aces. Offensively, Bock and Storms both eight kills and Cl got seven.

"We beat Fore Northern after w down 2-0, and w back and won," I said. "The girls fit well."

The Wildcats :



Dykema

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through five weeks. I believe this schedule is preparing our program to compete at a high level in the very near future."

Dykema returned an interception against Kenowa Hills 95 yards for a touchdown, and on the other side of scrimmage, took a handoff and sealed the victory by busting through the line to score a 30-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter against Caledonia.

"Players like Alex must have great time-management skills, not only to keep their grades up, but to keep appointments, dates and commitments of all three sports," Rogers said. "As coaches, we work together to make sure our multi-sport athletes can juggle numerous sports."



PUBLIC NOTICE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an open house will take place on Wednesday, October 15 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at the Plainfield Charter Township Five Mile Library, 2650 Five Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids, MI and Wednesday, October 22 from 7:00-8:30 P.M. at the Plainfield Charter Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, MI.

John Short
Plainfield Charter Township
Parks & Recreation Department

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(10-05-14)



ATTENTION! ADA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

**LEAF PICK UP
OCTOBER 21, 2014
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

TRASH BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE PRIOR TO THE DATES ABOVE FOR SEVENTY FIVE CENTS EACH. PLEASE HAVE ALL BAGS OUT TO YOUR CURB BY 6 AM.

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(10-12-14, 11-09-14)

Got an idea for a sports feature article?

If you know of an athlete, a group of teammates or siblings, or a local team that you think might make an interesting feature article, email any details and/or photos to:
Loren_Hirt@miva.com



PUBLIC NOTICE
at 7:00 p.m. the Pl Grand Rapids will be Township Hall, 1836 E concerning the applic for the rezoning of a the PUD-1 Low Dens and the PUD-2 Medi District to the R-1 Si legally described as f

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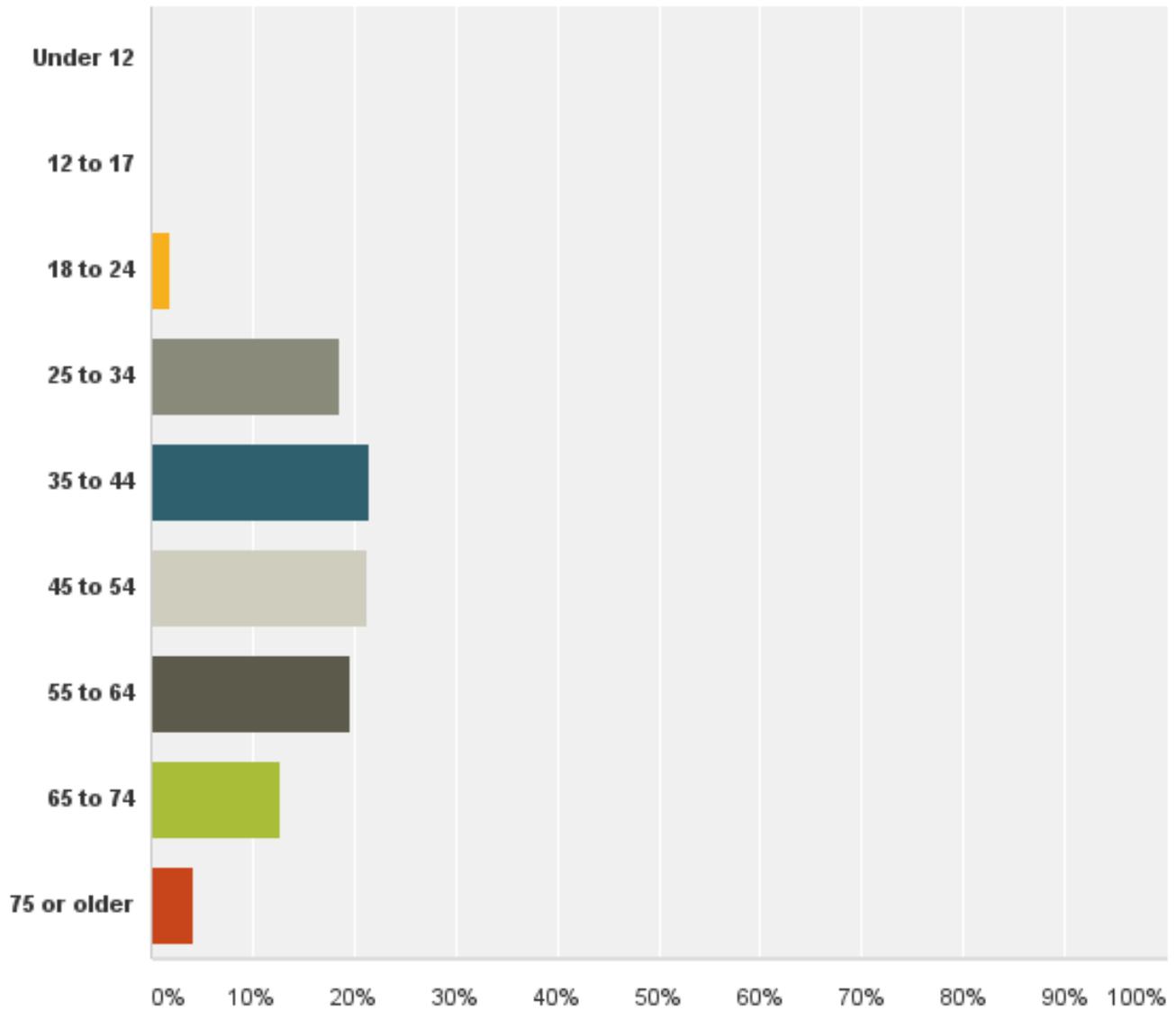
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Survey Charts and Graphs

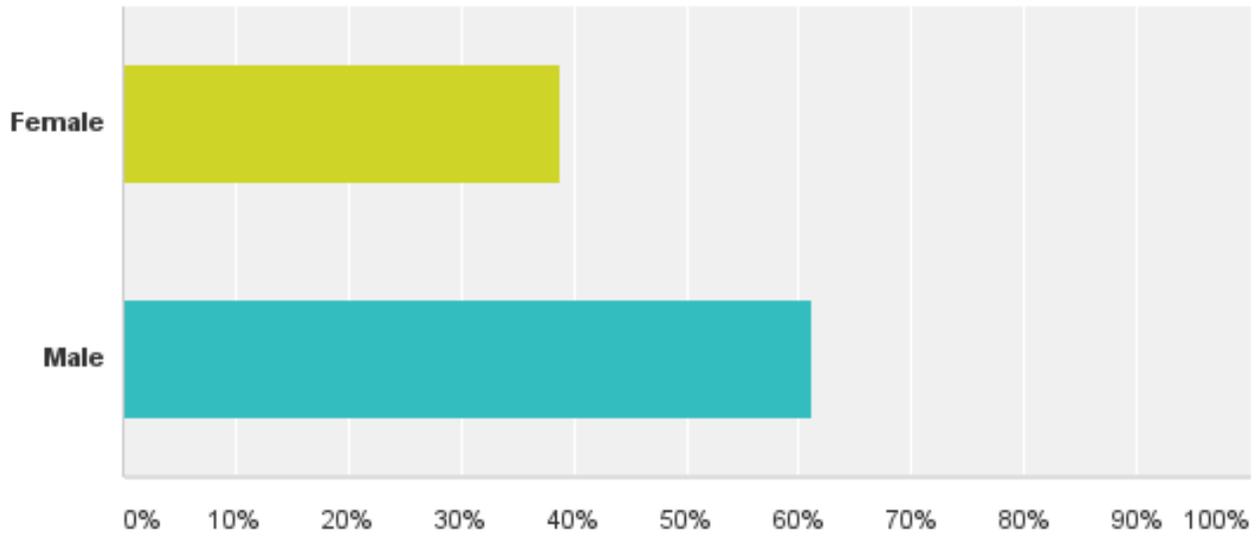
Q1 What is your age? (Check one age group)

Answered: 846 Skipped: 4



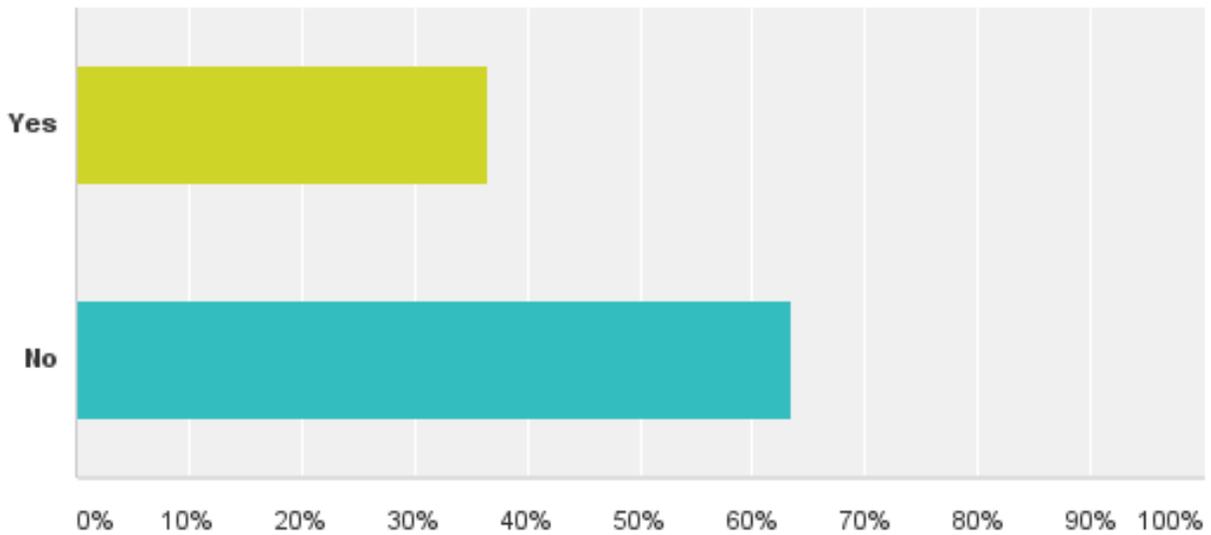
Q2 What is your gender?

Answered: 839 Skipped: 11



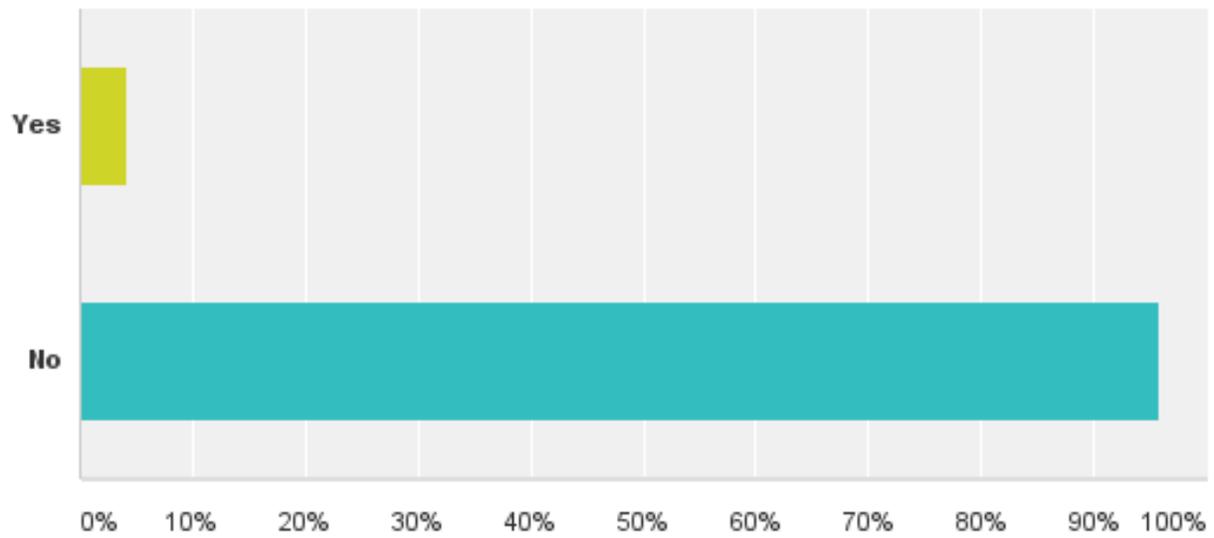
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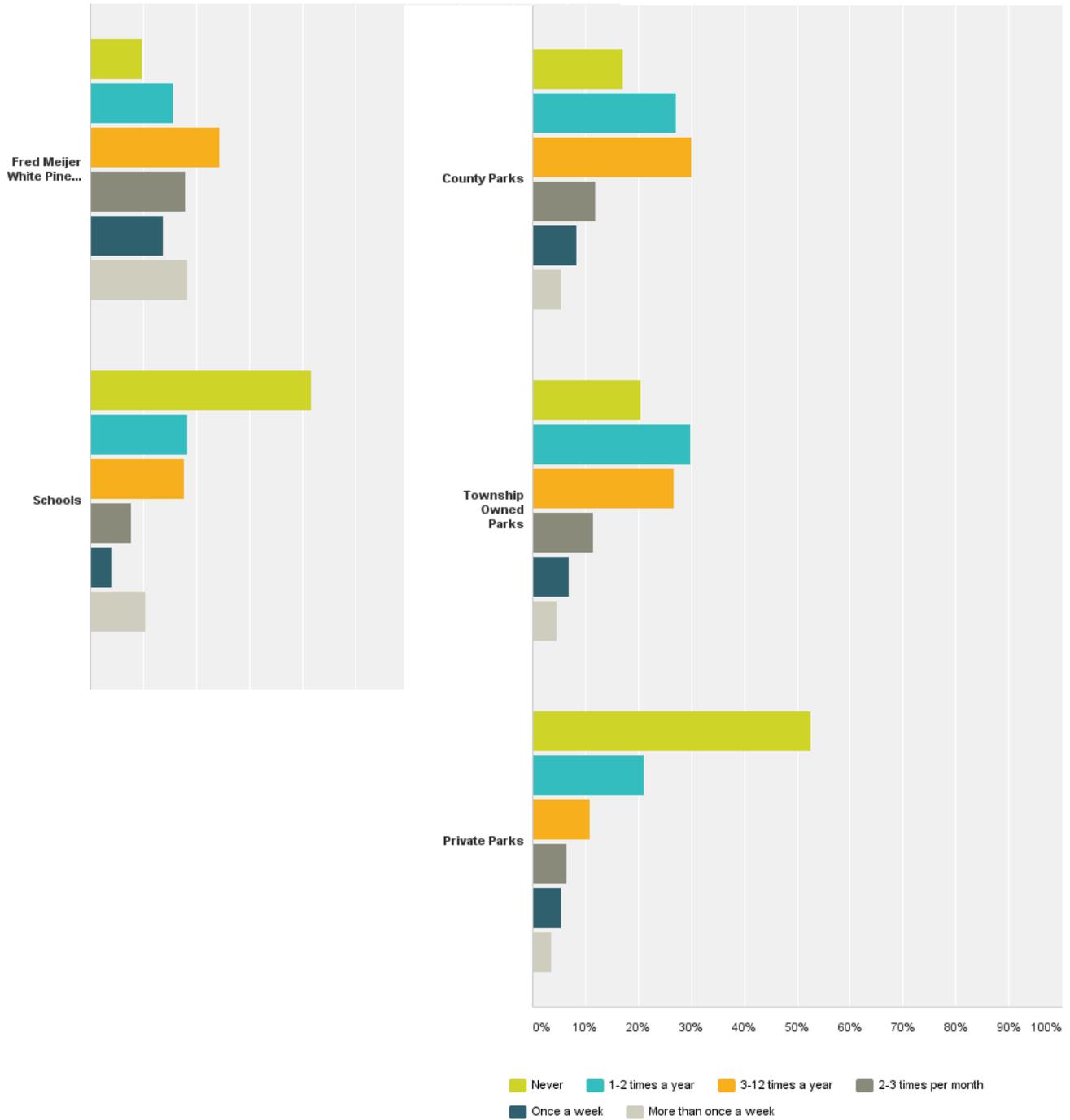
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Answered: 828 Skipped: 22



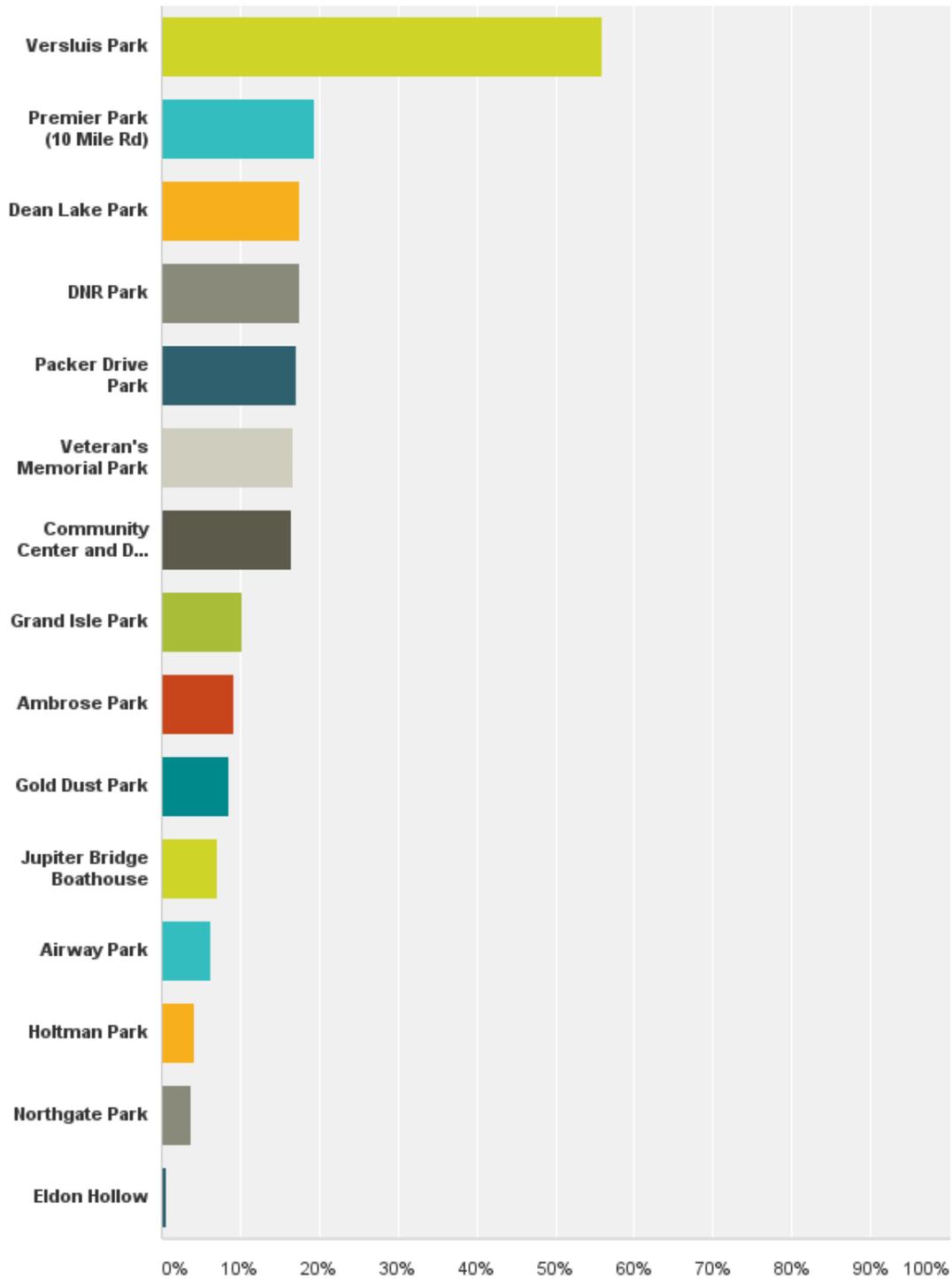
Q8 How often do you visit Township owned parks or other recreation facilities in Plainfield Charter Township? See map to determine park ownership.

Answered: 765 Skipped: 85



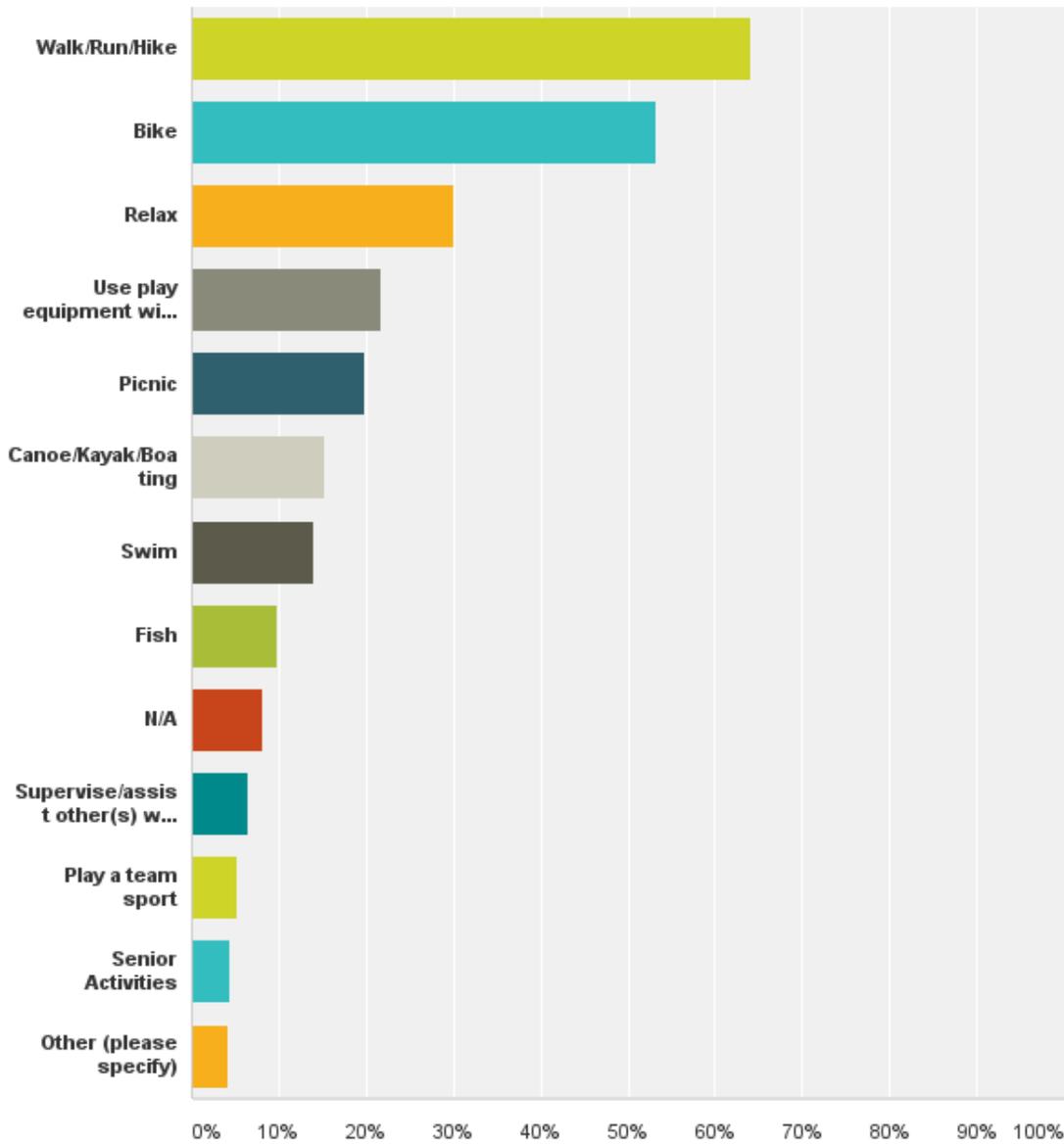
Q9 Please identify the top three Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities you visit the most. See map for list of parks.

Answered: 564 Skipped: 286



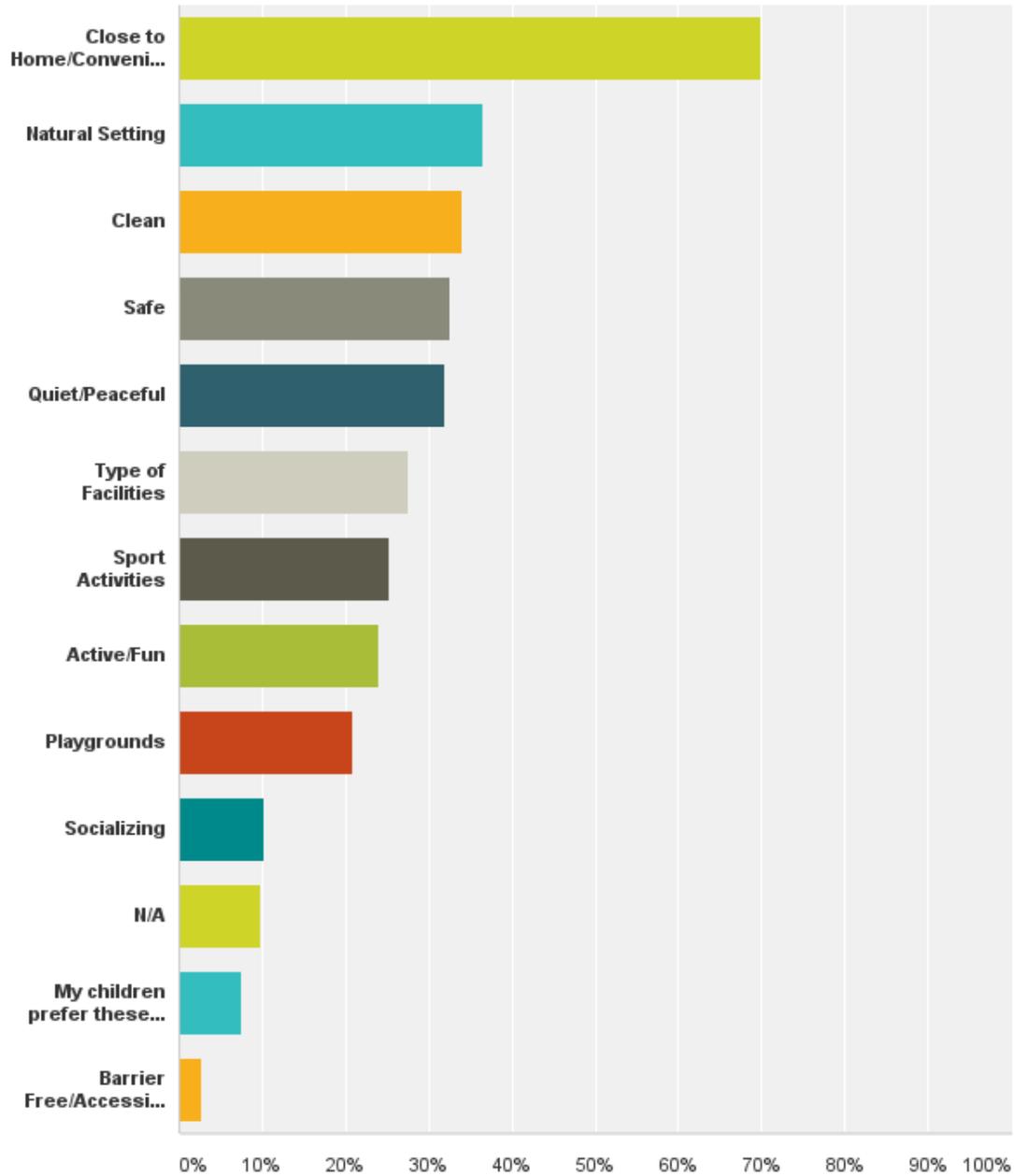
Q10 In general, what activities do you most often participate in at Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities? Check all that apply.

Answered: 720 Skipped: 130



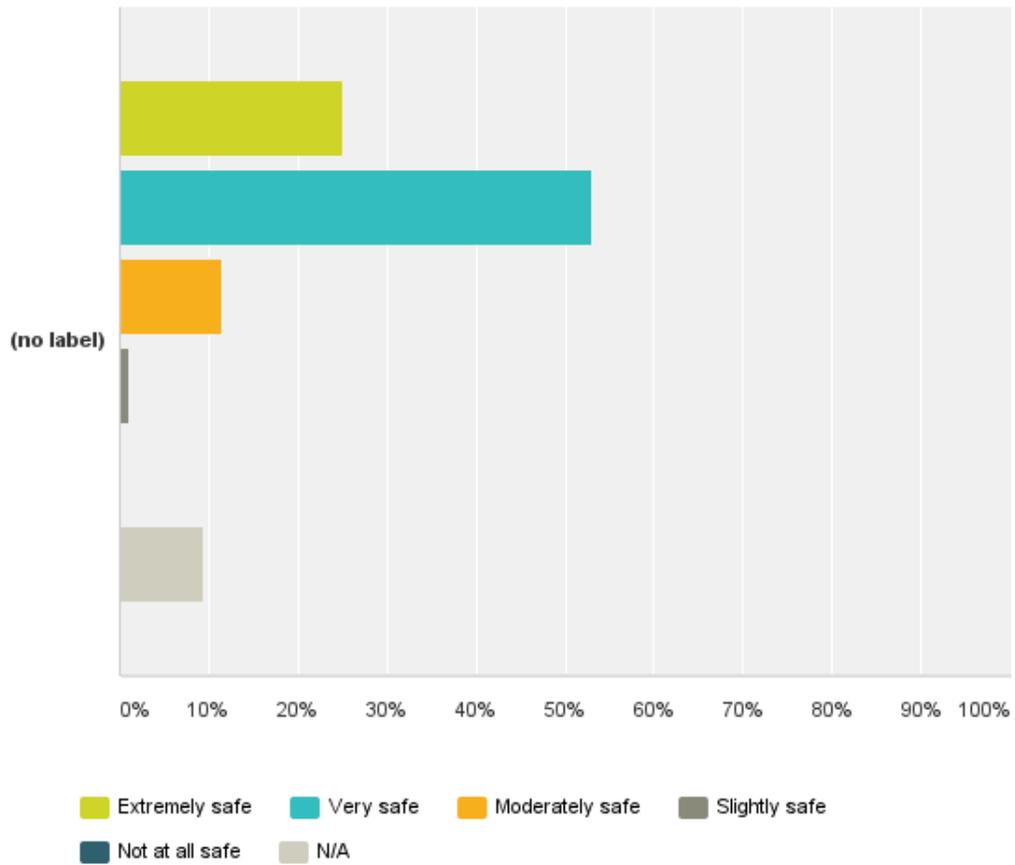
Q11 Why do you visit Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities? Check all that apply.

Answered: 699 Skipped: 151



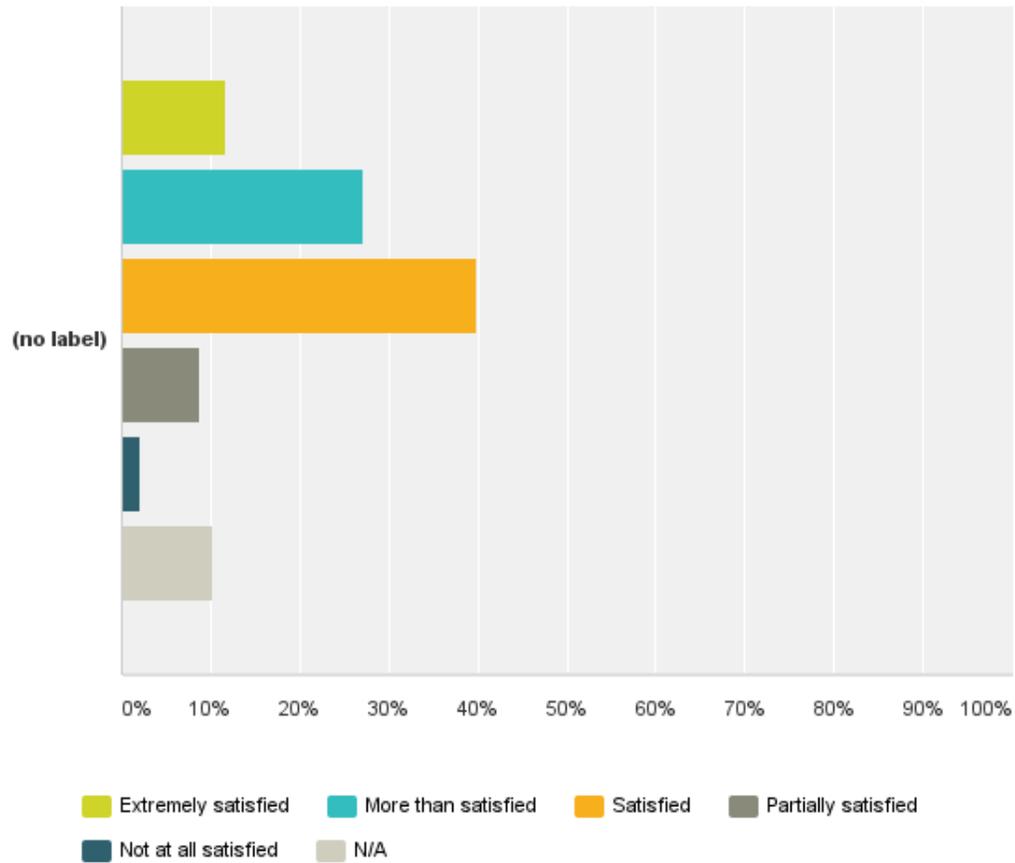
Q12 How safe do you feel at these parks/facilities?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 132



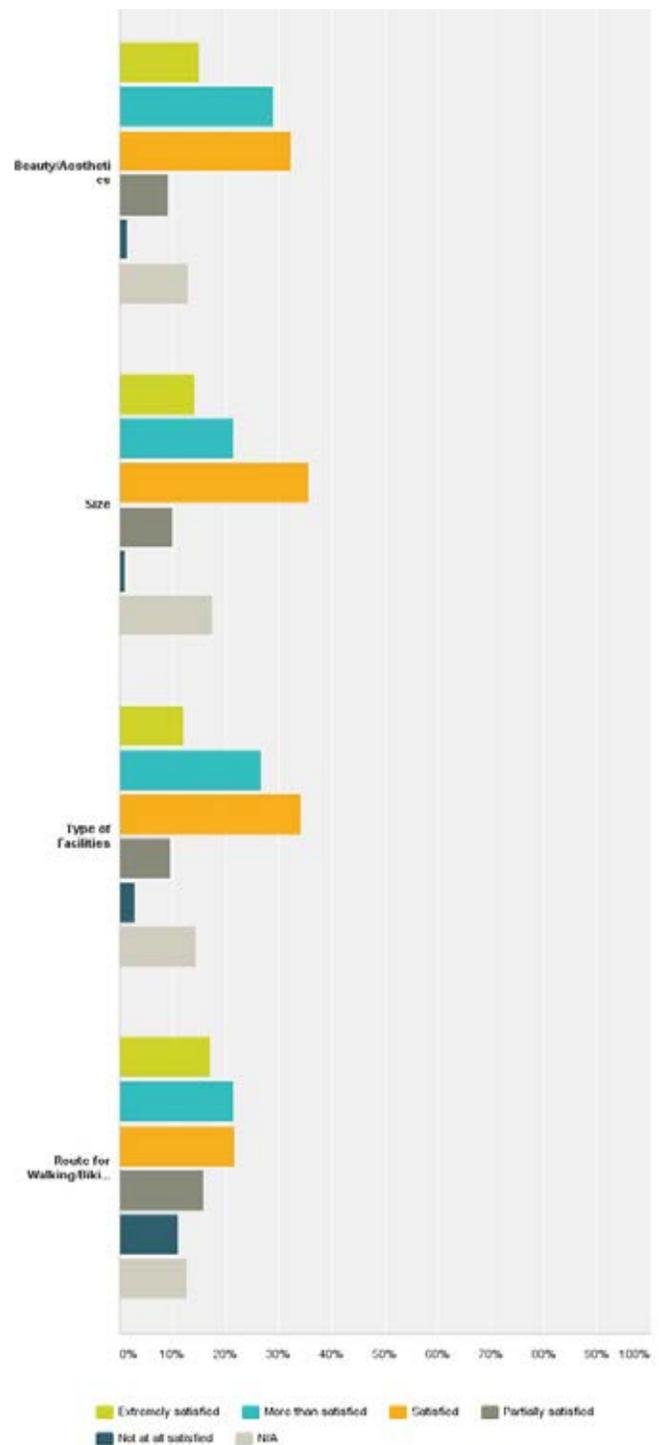
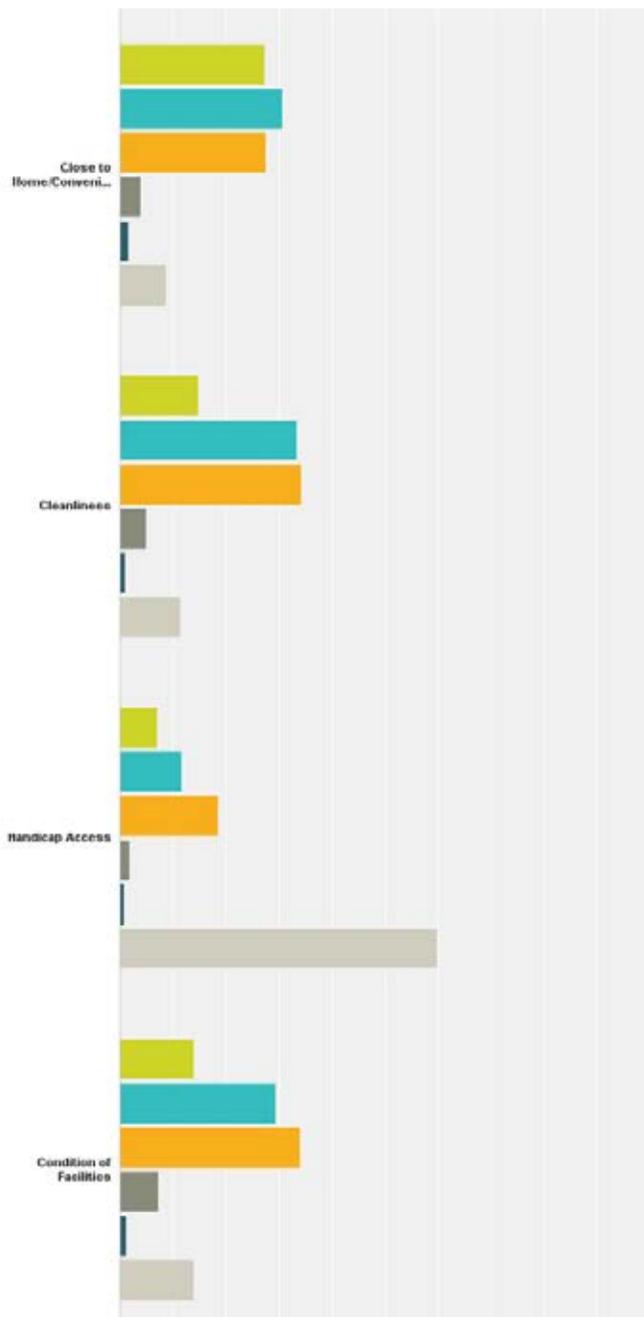
Q13 Overall, how satisfied are you with existing Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities?

Answered: 633 Skipped: 217



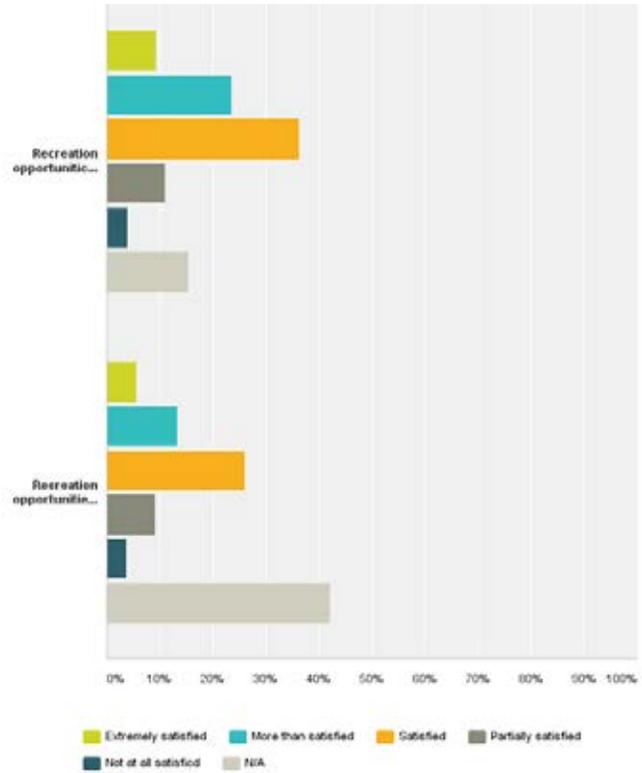
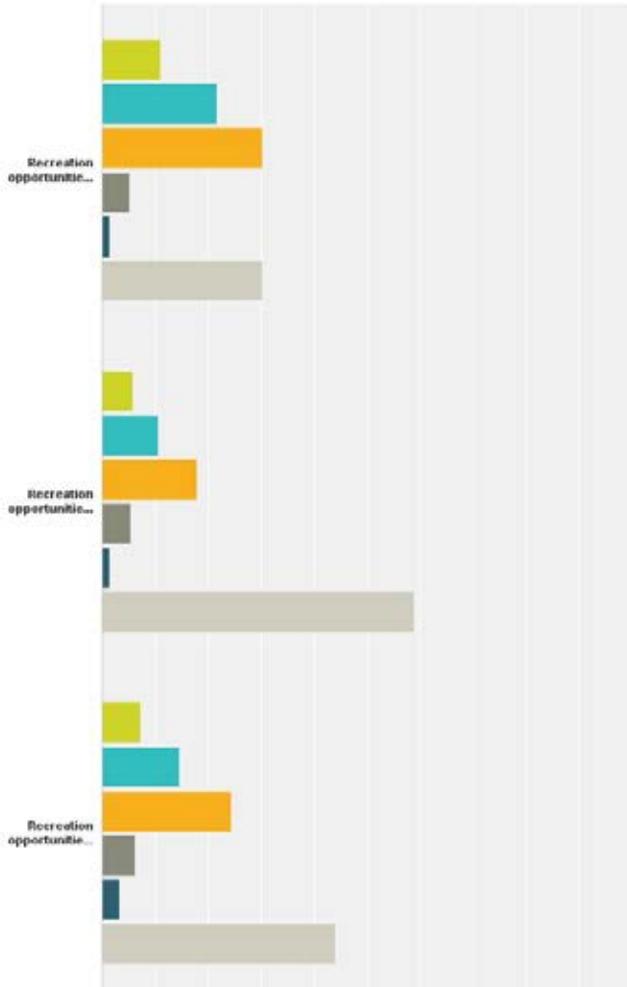
Q14 How satisfied are you with the following items relative to Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities?

Answered: 627 Skipped: 223



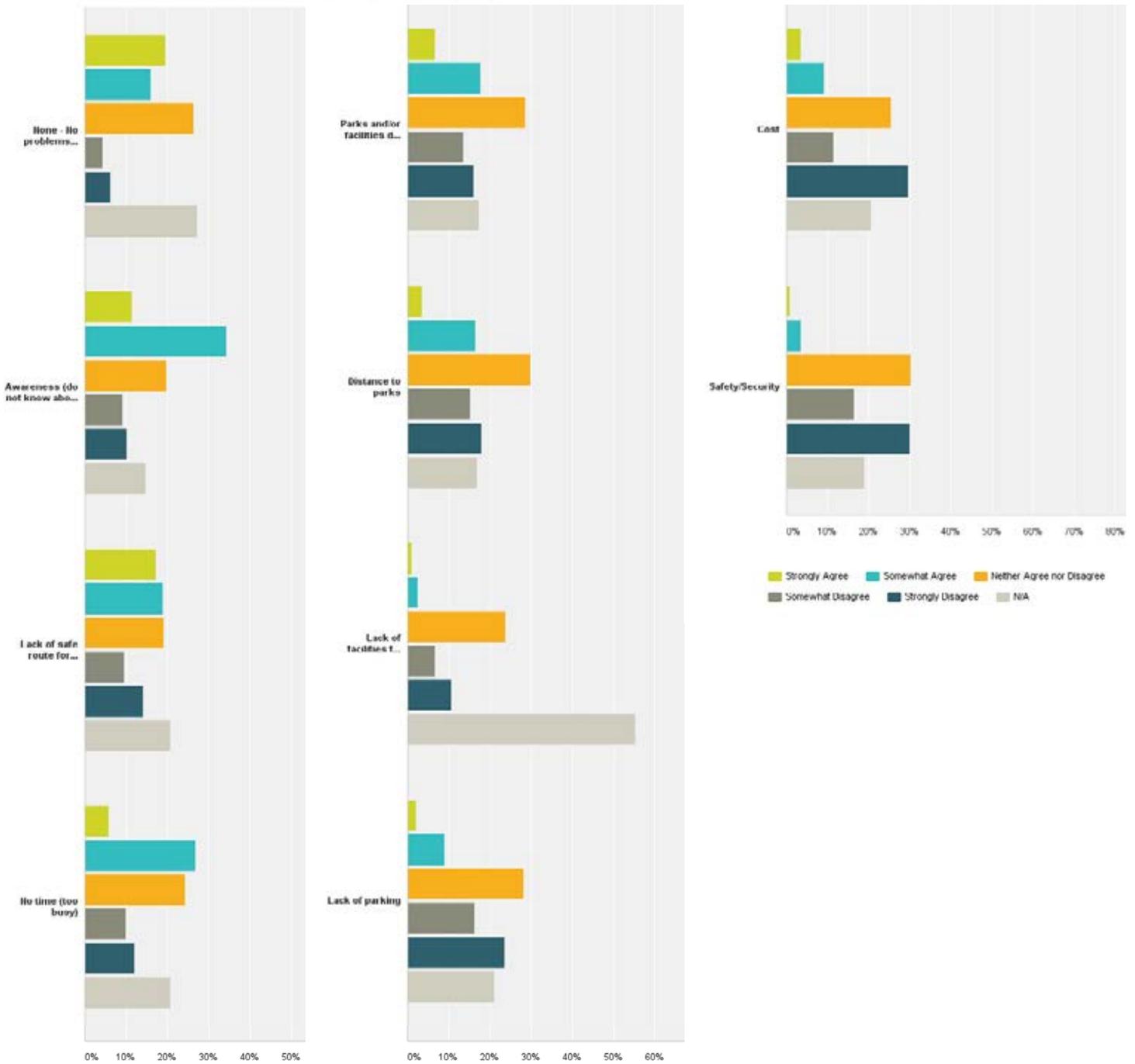
Q15 How satisfied are you with the availability of the following recreation opportunities at Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities?

Answered: 411 Skipped: 239



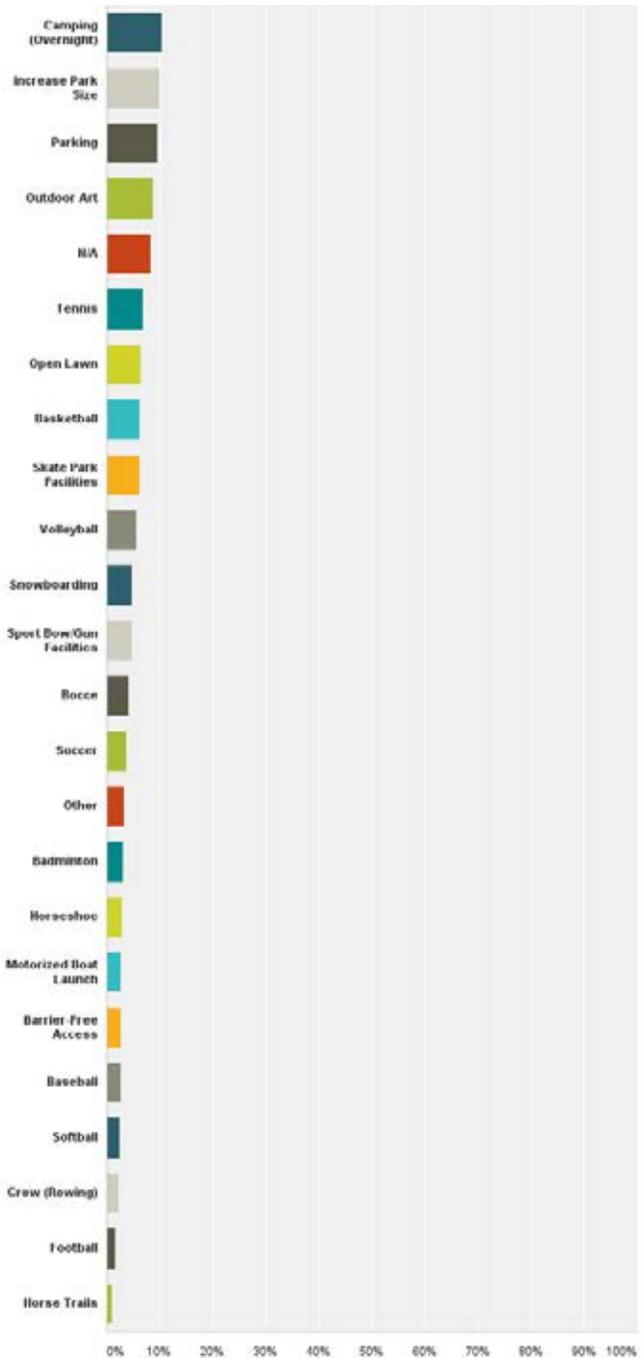
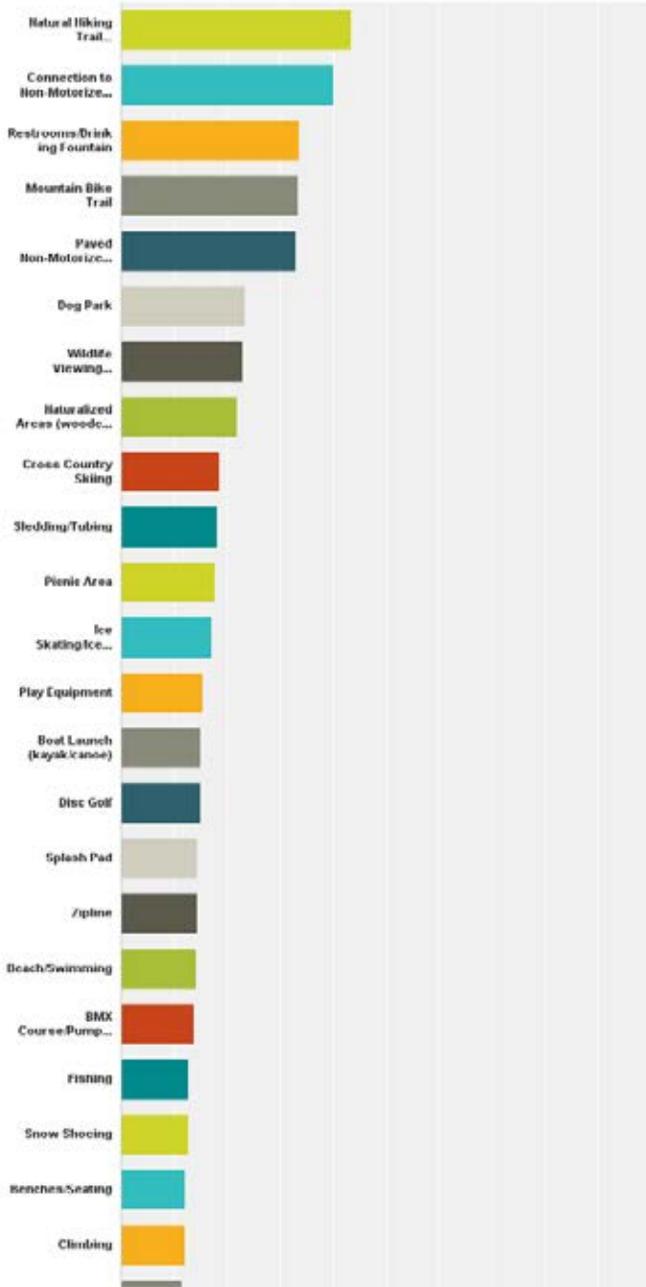
Q16 Of the following, please rate items that prevent you or a member of your household from visiting and using Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities.

Answered: 588 Skipped: 182



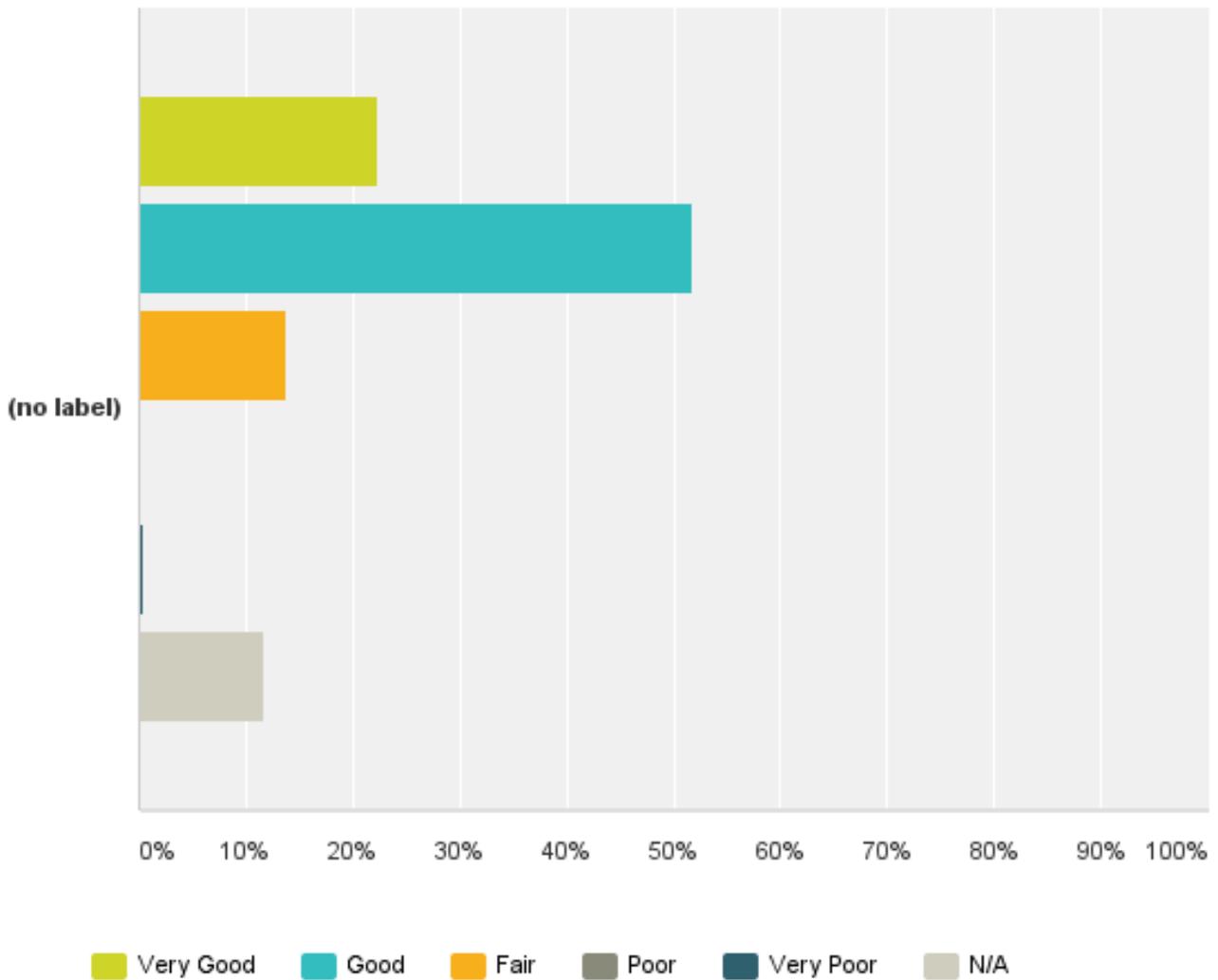
Q17 I would use the Plainfield Charter Township owned park(s) more often if it had...? (Choose items for parks you use or desire to use)

Answered: 570 Skipped: 100



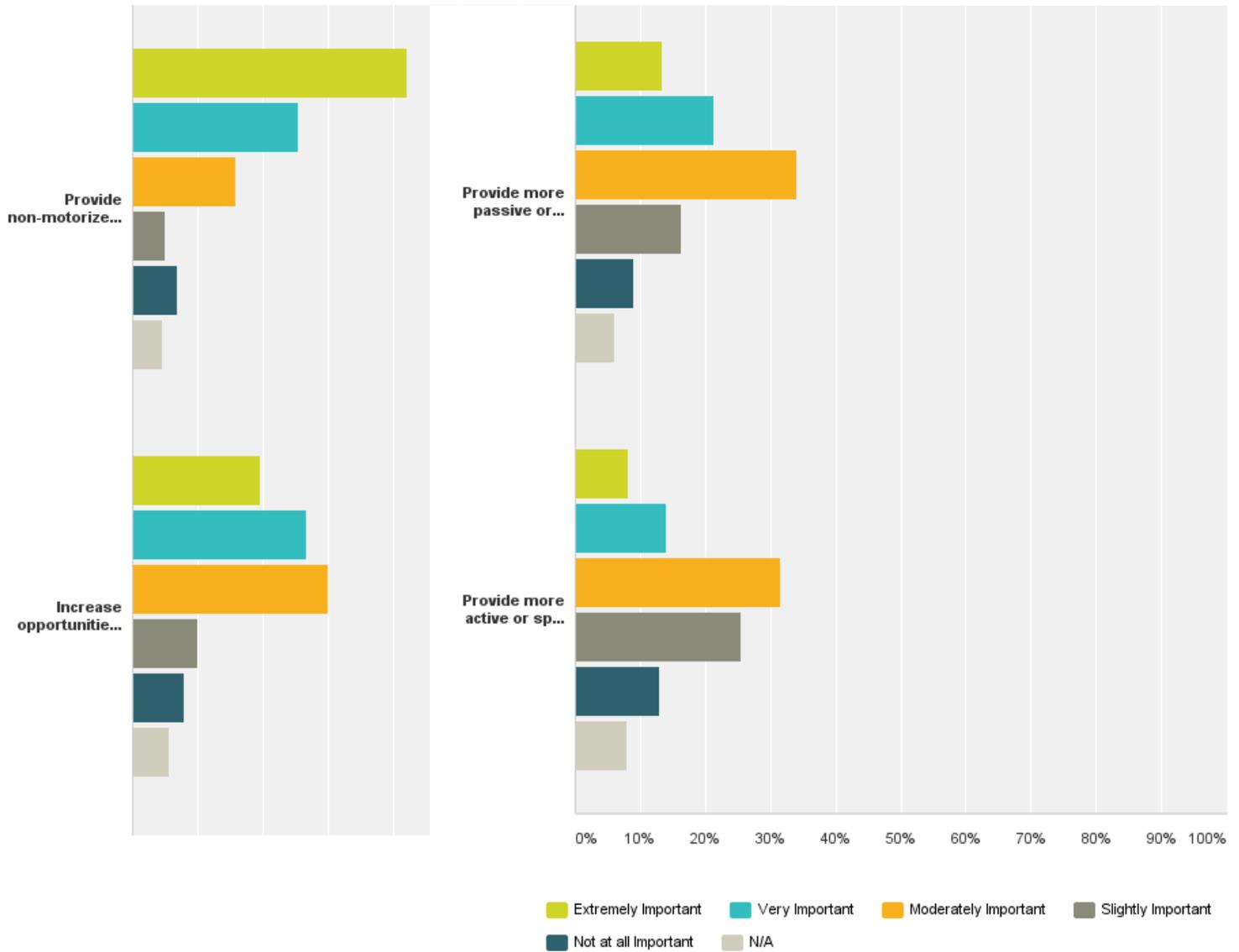
Q18 Please rate the quality of maintenance at Plainfield Charter Township owned parks and/or facilities that you use.

Answered: 604 Skipped: 246



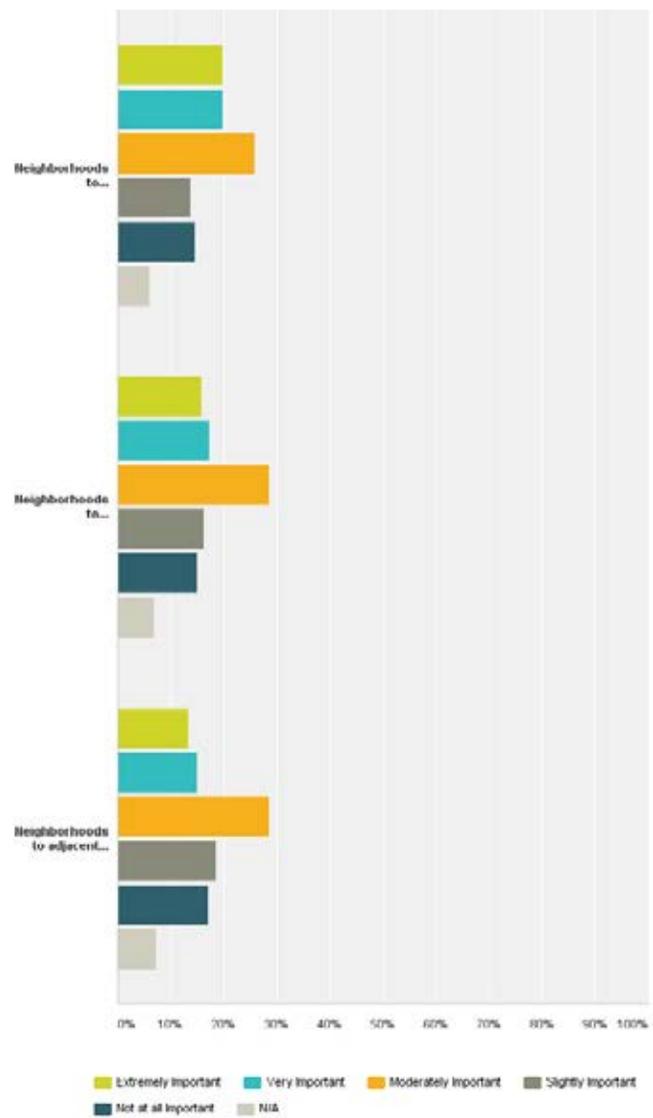
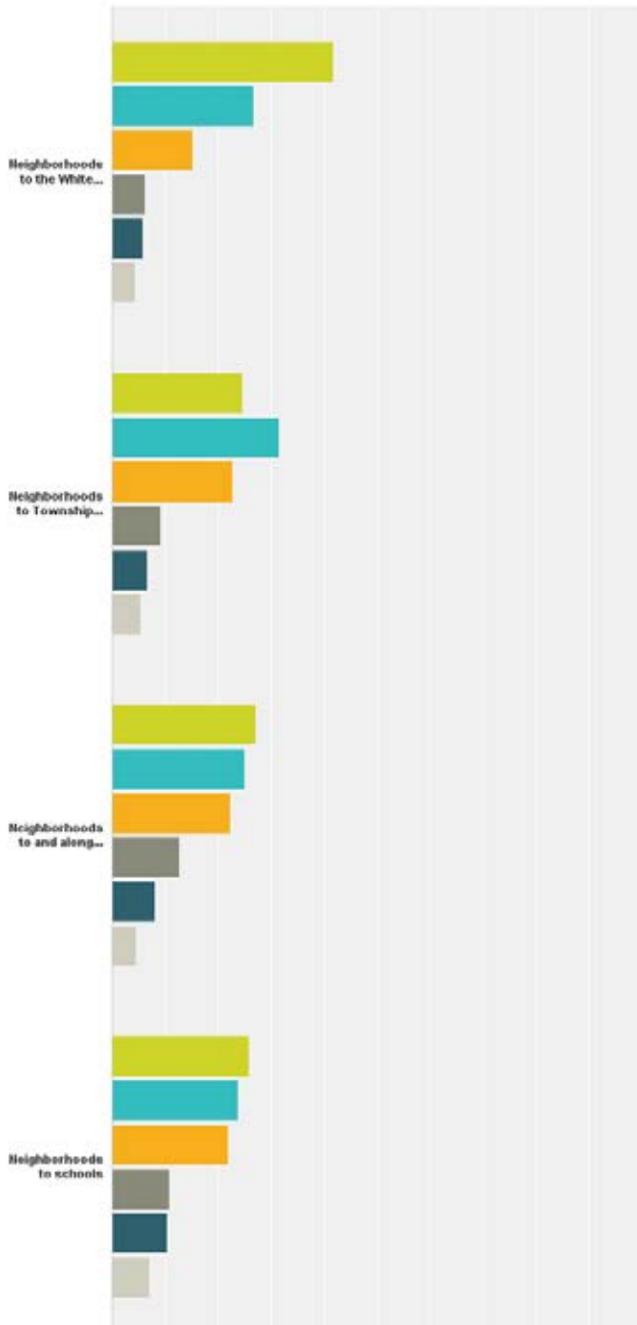
Q20 In considering priorities for the next five years, how important to you are each of the following?

Answered: 581 Skipped: 269



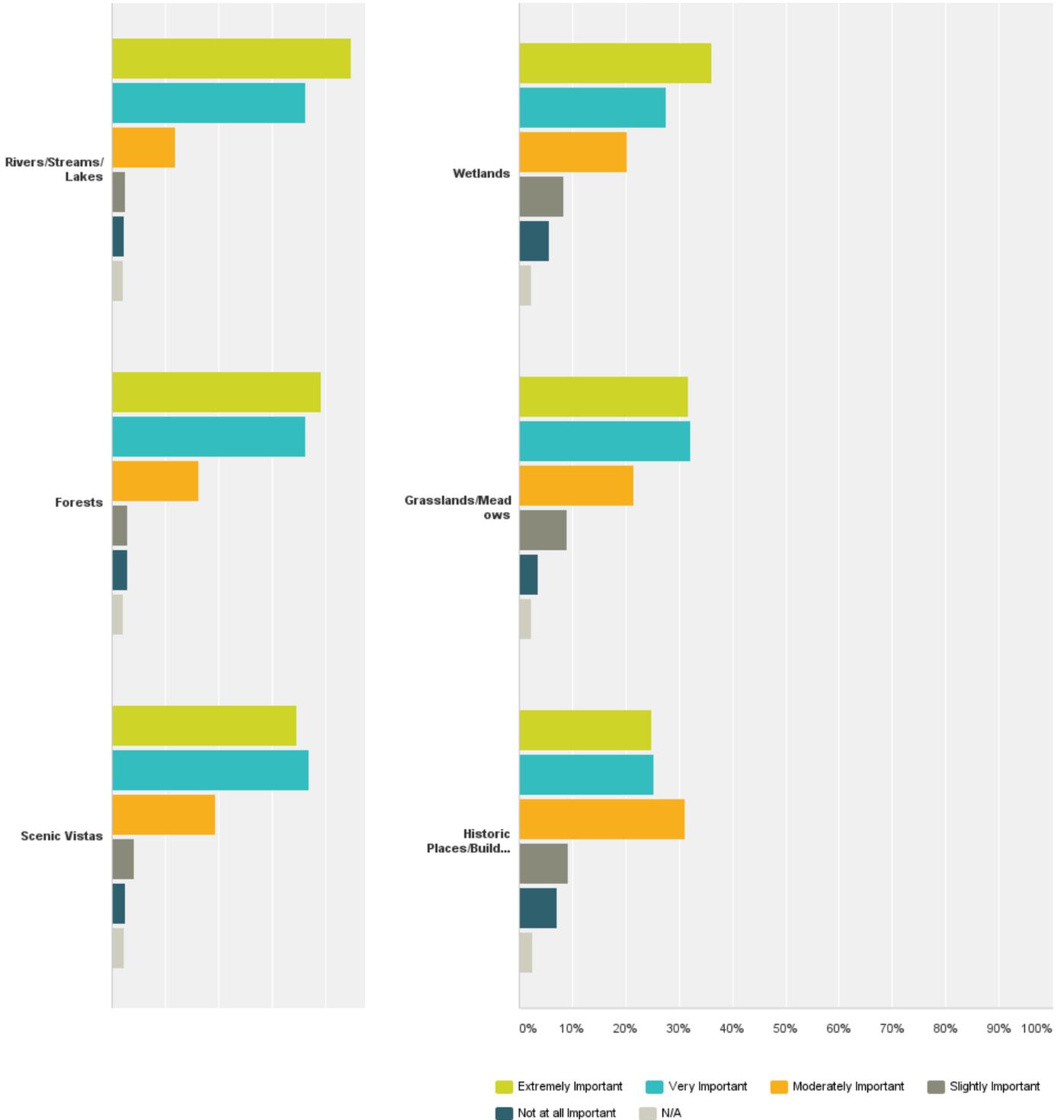
Q21 If a system of pedestrian pathways and sidewalks were developed in Plainfield Charter Township, how important to you are the following connections?

Answered: 566 Skipped: 284



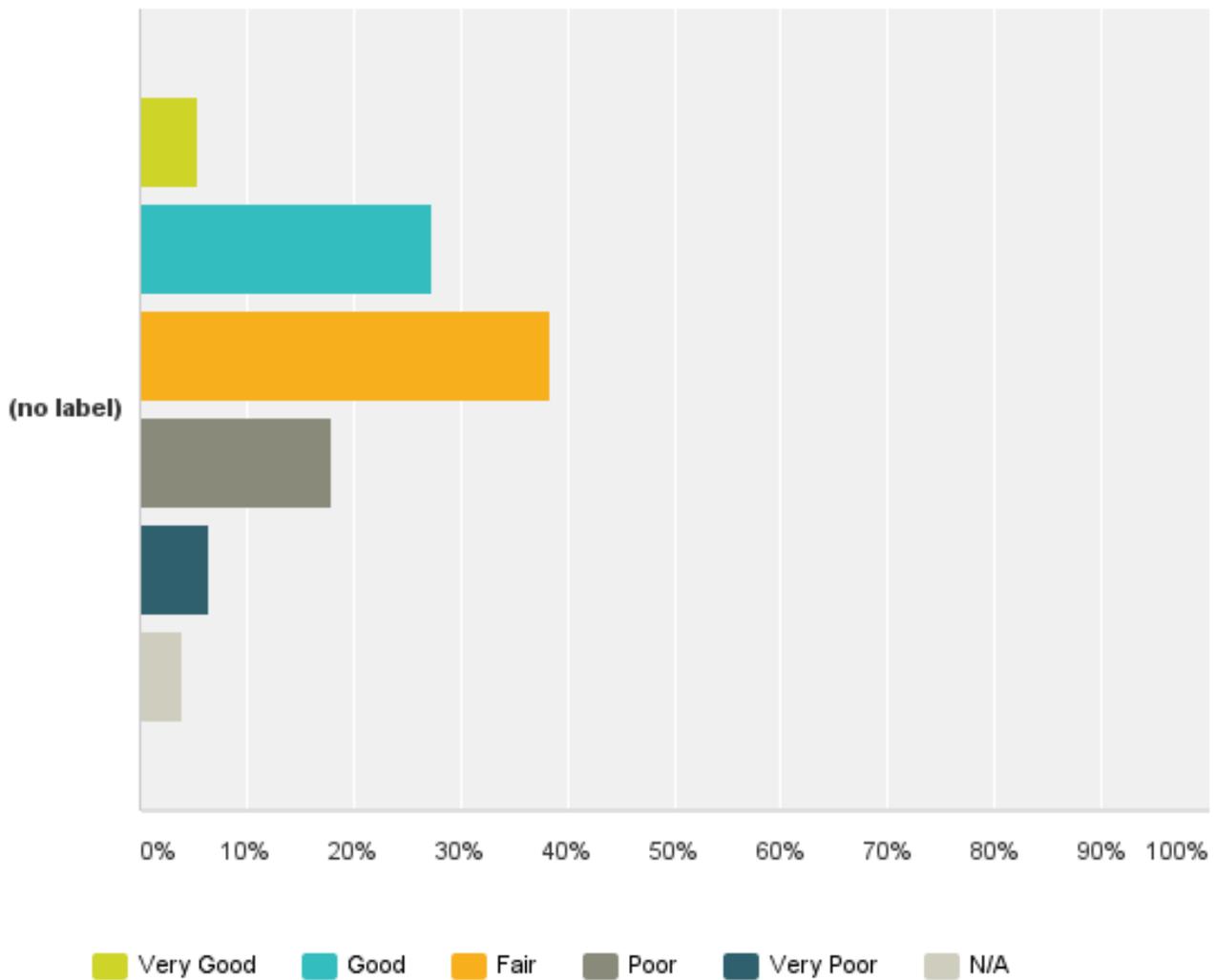
Q22 How important to you is preservation and access to the following natural and cultural resources within Plainfield Charter Township owned parks?

Answered: 574 Skipped: 276



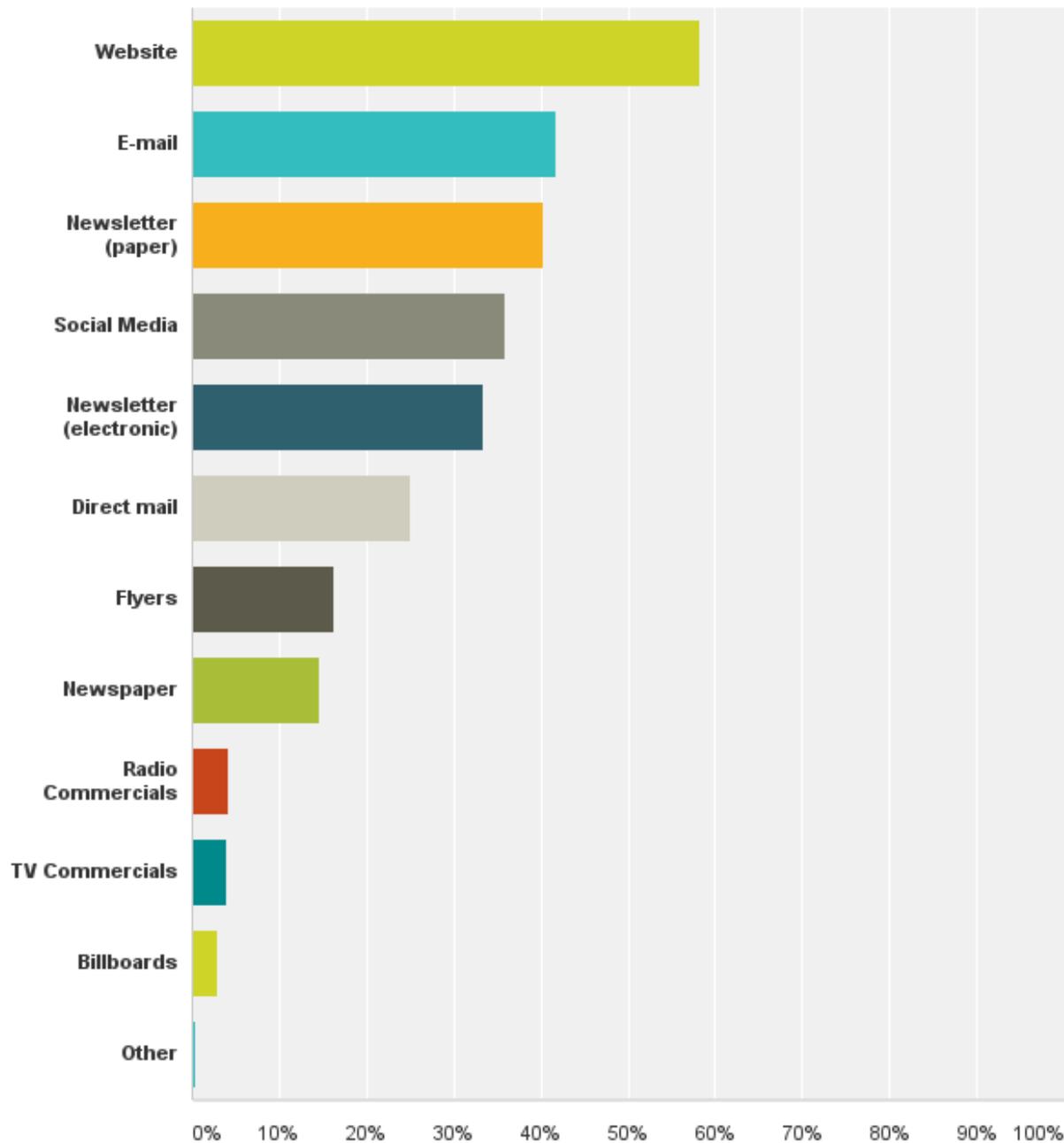
Q23 How well do you think Plainfield Charter Township communicates to you about parks and recreation facilities?

Answered: 543 Skipped: 307



Q24 How do you want to be informed about activities and services offered by the Plainfield Township Parks and Recreation Department? Check those that you would use.

Answered: 564 Skipped: 286

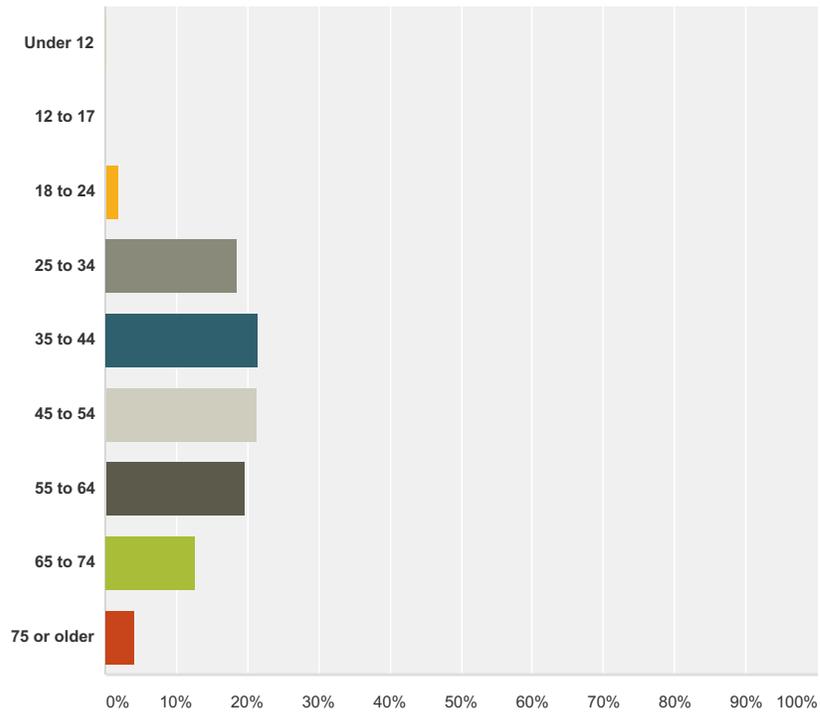


Survey Summary Data

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Answered: 846 Skipped: 4

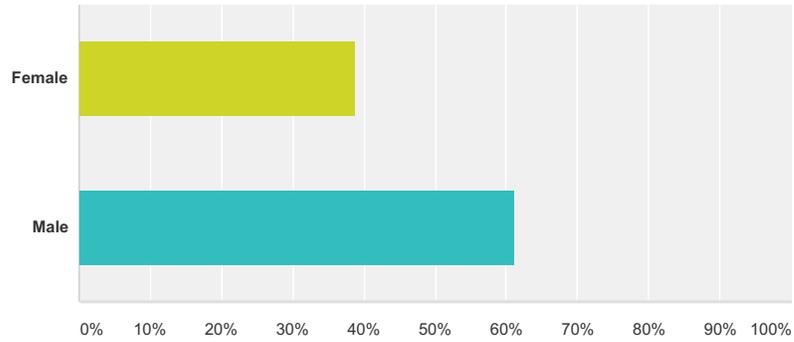


Answer Choices	Responses
Under 12	0.12% 1
12 to 17	0.00% 0
18 to 24	1.89% 16
25 to 34	18.68% 158
35 to 44	21.51% 182
45 to 54	21.28% 180
55 to 64	19.62% 166
65 to 74	12.65% 107
75 or older	4.26% 36
Total	846

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Q2 What is your gender?

Answered: 839 Skipped: 11



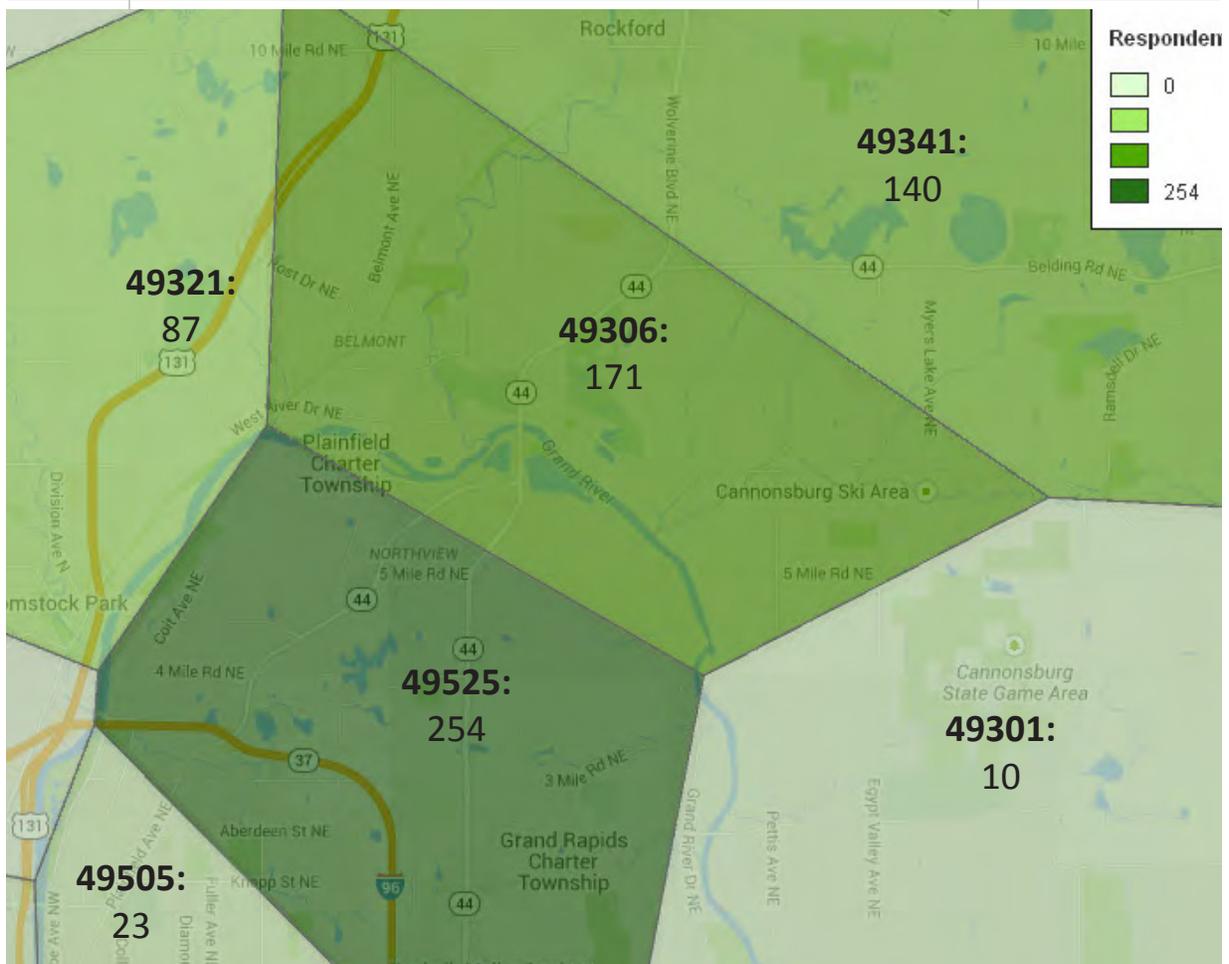
Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	38.86%	326
Male	61.14%	513
Total		839

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**Q3 In what ZIP code is your home located?
(enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544
or 94305)**

Answered: 844 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	49525	10/31/2014 2:14 PM
2	49525	10/31/2014 2:09 PM
3	49321	10/31/2014 2:05 PM
4	49341	10/31/2014 1:49 PM
5	49306	10/31/2014 1:47 PM
6	49306	10/31/2014 1:36 PM
7	49306	10/31/2014 1:13 PM



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Q4 How long have you lived in Plainfield Charter Township?

Answered: 751 Skipped: 99

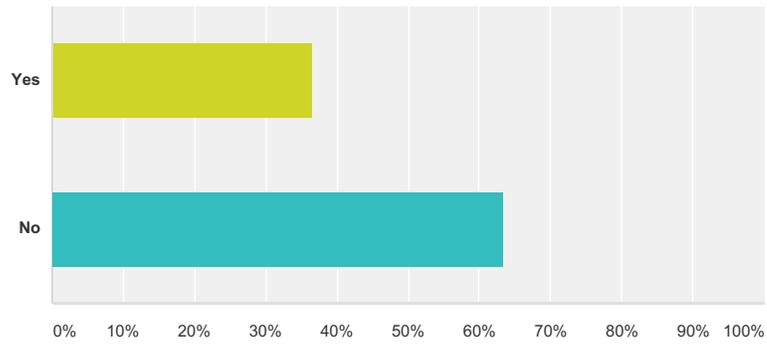
Answer Choices	Responses
Years	98.80% 742
Months	56.19% 422

#	Years	Date
1	22 YEARS	10/31/2014 2:14 PM
2	3	10/31/2014 2:09 PM
3	17	10/31/2014 2:05 PM
4	9	10/31/2014 1:49 PM
5	ALL MY LIFE!	10/31/2014 1:47 PM
6	33	10/31/2014 1:36 PM
7	34	10/31/2014 1:13 PM
8	50 Years	10/31/2014 1:10 PM
9	9	10/31/2014 12:57 PM
10	35	10/31/2014 12:50 PM
11	18 years	10/31/2014 12:36 PM
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Q5 Do you have any children under the age of 18?

Answered: 837 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	36.44%	305
No	63.56%	532
Total		837

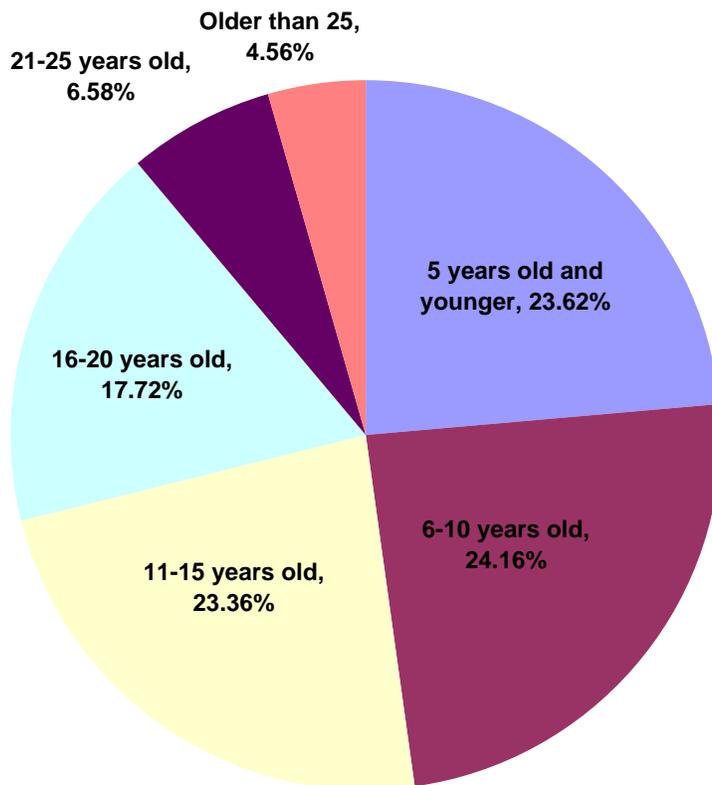
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Q6 How many children, by age, currently live in your household? (Skip if you answered 'No' in question 5)

Answered: 364 Skipped: 486

Answer Choices	Responses	
5 years old and younger	35.71%	130
6-10 years old	38.19%	139
11-15 years old	36.54%	133
16-20 years old	29.12%	106
21-25 years old	14.56%	53
Older than 25	9.89%	36

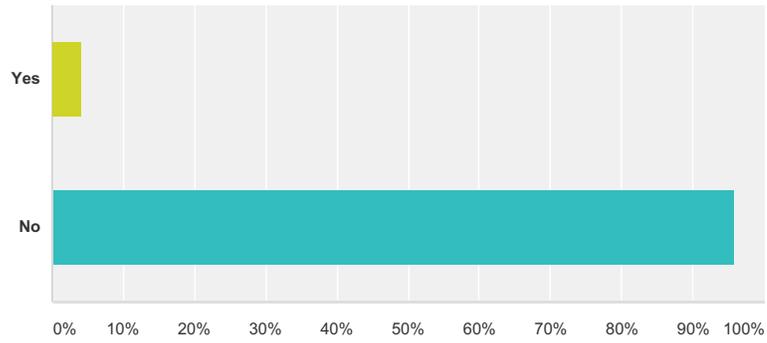
Age Distribution of Children of Respondents



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Q7 Is there anyone living with you who is sick, disabled or elderly whom you look after or give special help to?

Answered: 828 Skipped: 22

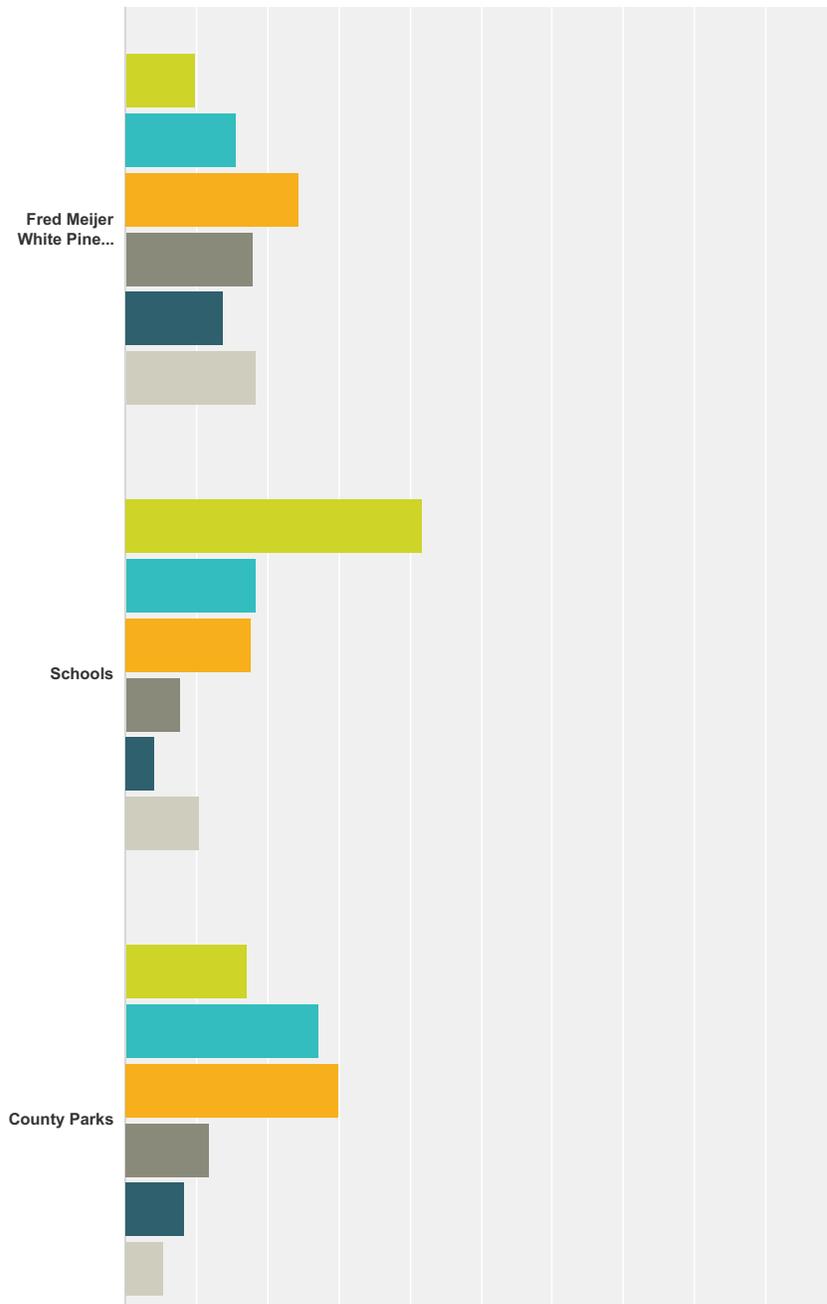


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	4.23%	35
No	95.77%	793
Total		828

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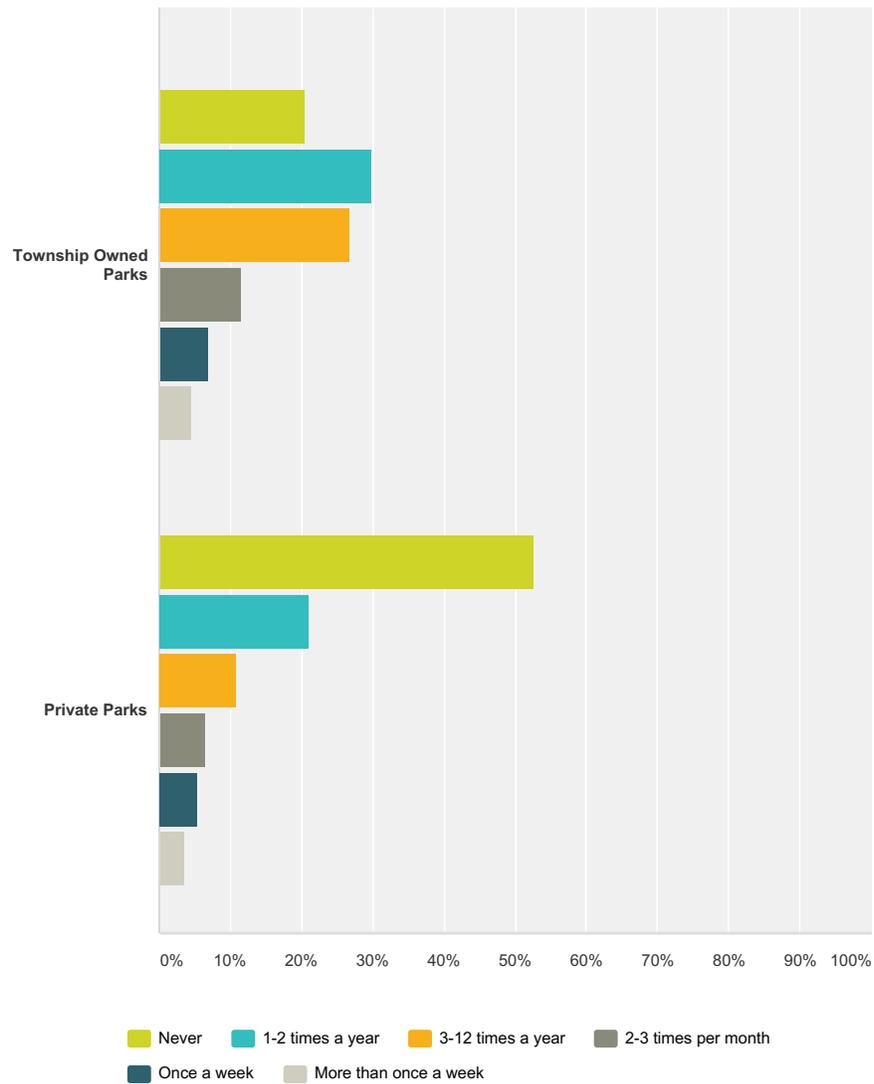
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	Never	1-2 times a year	3-12 times a year	2-3 times per month	Once a week	More than once a week	Total
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail / State Parks	9.76% 72	15.58% 115	24.53% 181	18.02% 133	13.69% 101	18.43% 136	738
Schools	41.67% 270	18.36% 119	17.75% 115	7.72% 50	4.17% 27	10.34% 67	648
County Parks	17.05% 118	27.17% 188	30.06% 208	11.99% 83	8.38% 58	5.35% 37	692
Township Owned Parks	20.47% 149	29.81% 217	26.79% 195	11.40% 83	6.87% 50	4.67% 34	728
Private Parks	52.51% 345	21.16% 139	10.96% 72	6.39% 42	5.33% 35	3.65% 24	657

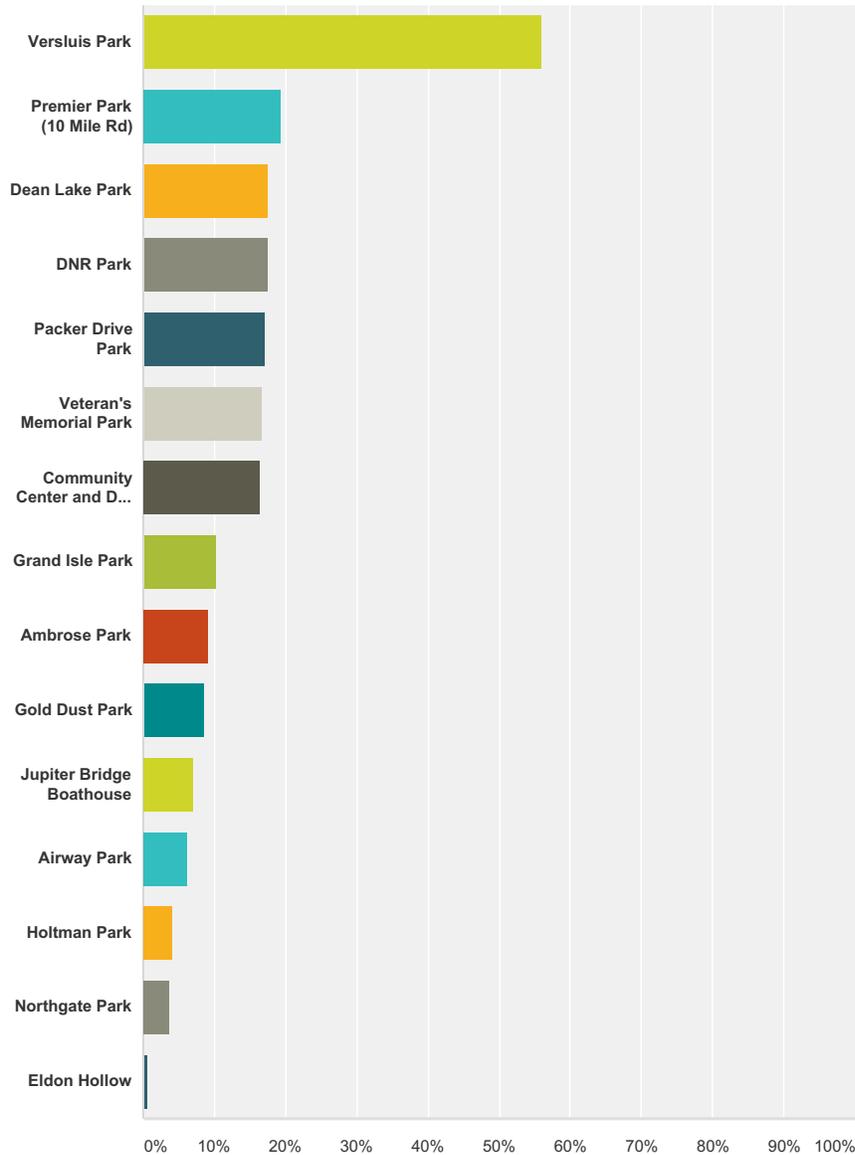
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3	white pine trail, merrill- 15 times per year	10/21/2014 8:38 AM
4	YMCA	10/19/2014 12:47 PM
5	Merrell trail at the art van sports complex	10/14/2014 1:04 PM
6	Art Van Park - Merrell mountain bike trail	10/13/2014 10:50 AM
7	Merrell trails	10/10/2014 4:34 PM
8	Merrell trail	10/10/2014 3:44 PM
9	Mtn Bike Trails	10/10/2014 2:05 PM
10	mountain bike trails.	10/10/2014 1:23 PM
11	Merrell	10/10/2014 12:58 PM
12	Merrel Mountian Bike trail	10/10/2014 12:22 PM
13	Merrell	10/10/2014 12:09 PM
14	Merrell	10/10/2014 11:47 AM
15	Luton and merrell park mountain bike	10/10/2014 11:28 AM
16	Merrell trail	10/10/2014 10:57 AM
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18	one off the E. Beltline	10/5/2014 2:24 PM
19	meijer lake	10/2/2014 6:14 PM
20	Provin Trails	10/2/2014 6:38 AM
21	Don't know the names	10/1/2014 2:03 PM
22	Merrell Trails on 10 mile	10/1/2014 1:34 PM
23	Alpine Township parks	9/30/2014 2:32 PM
24	City of Grand Rapids Parks	9/30/2014 11:19 AM
25	RIVERSIDE PARK	9/29/2014 3:55 PM
26	The park at the end of Belshire, Belmont	9/29/2014 10:36 AM
27	D,W. Richardson Park	9/29/2014 12:00 AM
28	Howard Christian Nature Center	9/28/2014 10:45 PM
29	Provin Trails 2-3/month, not sure what category that falls under.	9/27/2014 7:50 PM
30	Belshire Park in Belmont	9/18/2014 6:58 AM

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Q9 Please identify the top three Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities you visit the most. See map for list of parks.

Answered: 564 Skipped: 286



Answer Choices	Responses
Versluis Park	56.03% 316

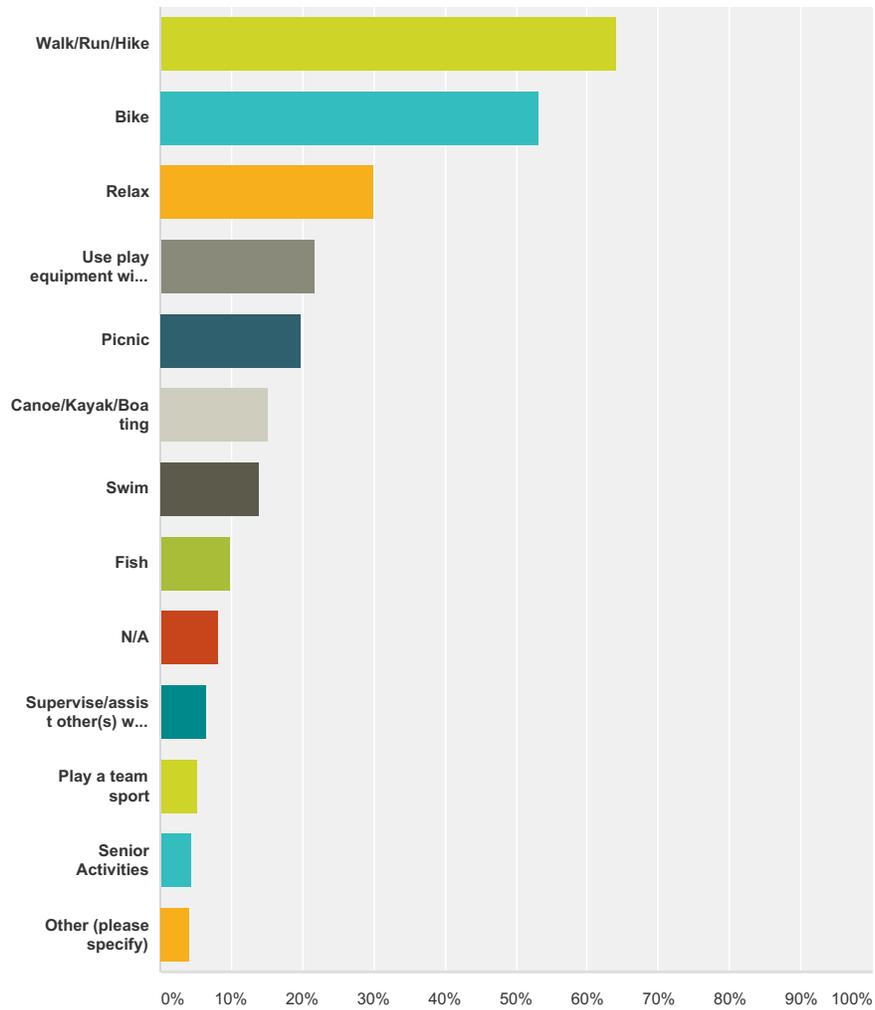
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Premier Park (10 Mile Rd)	19.33%	109
Dean Lake Park	17.55%	99
DNR Park	17.55%	99
Packer Drive Park	17.02%	96
Veteran's Memorial Park	16.67%	94
Community Center and D.W. Richardson Park	16.49%	93
Grand Isle Park	10.28%	58
Ambrose Park	9.22%	52
Gold Dust Park	8.51%	48
Jupiter Bridge Boathouse	7.09%	40
Airway Park	6.21%	35
Holtman Park	4.26%	24
Northgate Park	3.72%	21
Eidon Hollow	0.71%	4
Total Respondents: 564		

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Q10 In general, what activities do you most often participate in at Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities? Check all that apply.

Answered: 720 Skipped: 130



Answer Choices	Responses
Walk/Run/Hike	64.03% 461
Bike	53.33% 384
Relax	30.00% 216

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Use play equipment with family	21.81%	157
Picnic	19.86%	143
Canoe/Kayak/Boating	15.28%	110
Swim	14.03%	101
Fish	9.86%	71
N/A	8.06%	58
Supervise/assist other(s) who use the park/facility (i.e. children, elderly)	6.39%	46
Play a team sport	5.14%	37
Senior Activities	4.31%	31
Other (please specify)	4.17%	30
Total Respondents: 720		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	ORGANIZED COMMUNITY EVENT, V.M. PARK	10/31/2014 2:19 PM
2	I DO NOT UTILIZE TWP PARKS, I DO FEEL HOWEVER THAT THEY ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE BENEFITS BY HAVING THESE FACILITIES AVAILABLE.	10/31/2014 1:57 PM
3	@DNR-launch boat on and off of river	10/31/2014 1:39 PM
4	enjoy quiet spaces	10/31/2014 12:39 PM
5	I didn't know about these parks! We've been here just 2 years and I didn't know they existed.	10/25/2014 8:41 PM
6	Geocaching Geocaching	10/22/2014 2:48 PM
7	birding	10/22/2014 10:57 AM
8	Dogs/Pets Pets	10/15/2014 7:57 PM
9	Pickleball Pickleball	10/13/2014 3:42 PM
10	Inline speed skate	10/12/2014 1:07 PM
11	Mountain biking?	10/10/2014 8:06 PM
12	Dogs/Pets Walk my dog	10/10/2014 7:16 PM
13	If the Merrell Trail is in Premier Park, then I use that for mountain biking around 4-6 times per year and I would consider it the best Twp park.	10/10/2014 4:13 PM
14	Play ground	10/10/2014 11:46 AM
15	Dogs/Pets walk dog	10/10/2014 10:17 AM
16	Dogs/Pets walk with my dog	10/8/2014 11:16 AM
17	Play catch with the kids	10/7/2014 7:54 PM
18	family reunion	10/4/2014 6:42 PM
19	Never been because I was unaware of the plainfield parks	9/30/2014 2:33 PM
20	Inline skate on White Pine Trail	9/30/2014 12:55 PM
21	scooter(electric)	9/30/2014 12:48 PM
22	special club mtgs at Community ctr	9/30/2014 11:53 AM

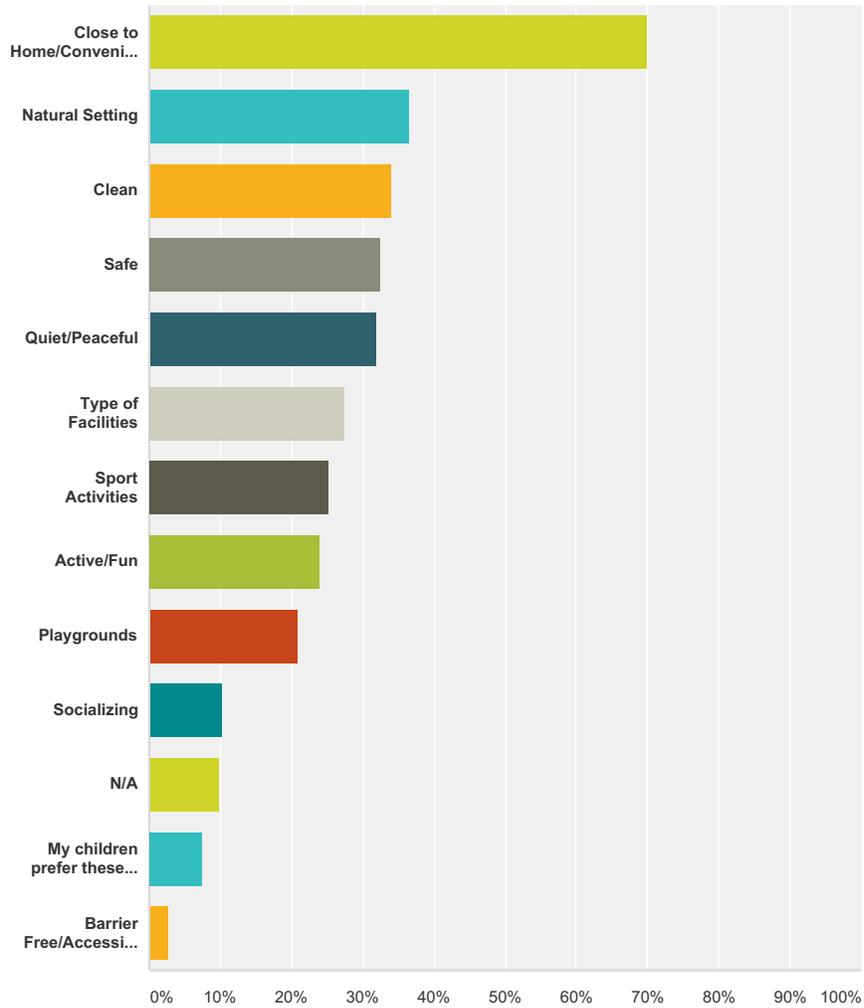
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23	Release turtles	9/30/2014 10:44 AM
24	photos	9/29/2014 6:05 PM
25	We do not visit - none are in our immediate area.	9/29/2014 12:42 PM
26	bird watch	9/29/2014 12:24 PM
27	Dogs/Pets Run my dog	9/28/2014 5:51 PM
28	Archery	9/27/2014 9:56 PM
29	Geocaching Geocaching	9/27/2014 4:29 PM
30	Geocaching geocaching	9/27/2014 12:35 PM

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Q11 Why do you visit Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities? Check all that apply.

Answered: 699 Skipped: 151



Answer Choices	Responses
Close to Home/Convenient Location	69.96% 489
Natural Setting	36.48% 255
Clean	34.05% 238
Safe	32.47% 227

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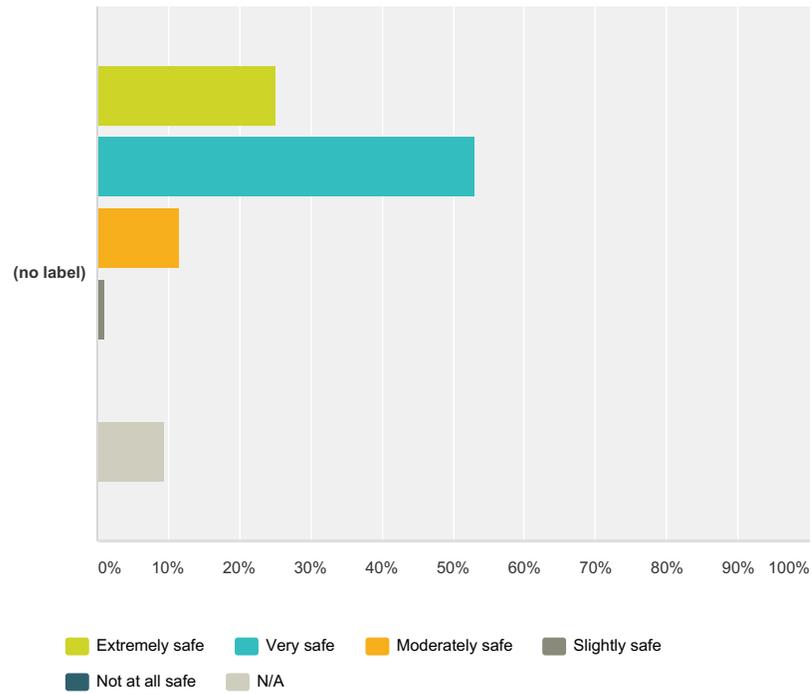
Quiet/Peaceful	31.90%	223
Type of Facilities	27.61%	193
Sport Activities	25.32%	177
Active/Fun	24.03%	168
Playgrounds	20.89%	146
Socializing	10.16%	71
N/A	9.87%	69
My children prefer these facilities	7.58%	53
Barrier Free/Accessible facilities	2.72%	19
Total Respondents: 699		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	SPECIFIC EVENT	10/31/2014 2:19 PM
2	As I have stated, I do not use these facilities but I like the ones checked.	10/31/2014 1:57 PM
3	Geocaching	10/22/2014 2:48 PM
4	My Grandchildren like these facilities, and so do I.	10/16/2014 9:21 AM
5	Merrell trail at the art van sports complex	10/14/2014 1:05 PM
6	If the Merrell Trail is in Premier Park, then I use that for mountain biking around 4-6 times per year and I would consider it the best Twp park.	10/10/2014 4:13 PM
7	close by	10/10/2014 11:39 AM
8	exercising	10/8/2014 12:21 PM
9	biking	10/3/2014 7:58 AM
10	Not often they do not have enough for children	10/2/2014 10:24 AM
11	Wish I would have known about these parks	9/30/2014 2:33 PM
12	Accessible, with no/low cost	9/30/2014 12:08 PM
13	take the kids fishing at Dean Lake and Swimming at Versluis	9/29/2014 4:27 PM
14	Employee management-Especially Versluis Park	9/29/2014 1:51 PM
15	We don't visit - not convenient for us in Comstock Park.	9/29/2014 12:42 PM
16	bird watching habitat	9/29/2014 12:24 PM
17	want to use for swimming and playing with grandkids	9/28/2014 5:33 PM
18	senior activity	9/27/2014 9:44 PM
19	Grand Children who are also twsp residents use the facilities	9/27/2014 8:16 PM
20	Dog Friendly	9/27/2014 7:51 PM
21	Geocaching	9/27/2014 4:29 PM
22	I choose to visit Kent County Parks. More choices at their facilities.	9/22/2014 4:33 PM

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Q12 How safe do you feel at these parks/facilities?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 132



	Extremely safe	Very safe	Moderately safe	Slightly safe	Not at all safe	N/A	Total	Average Rating
(no label)	25.07% 180	53.06% 381	11.42% 82	1.11% 8	0.00% 0	9.33% 67	718	1.87

#	If you do feel unsafe, which park(s) do you feel unsafe at and why? What could be done to improve safety?	Date
1	you hear rare incidents of illegal activity or strangers exposing themselves but it is very rare - when I hear of an incident my caution level and awareness of surroundings increases but not enough to destroy the pleasures of park use	10/31/2014 12:39 PM
2	NO PROBLEM ON WHITE PINE TRAIL (JUST RUMORS)	10/31/2014 12:13 PM
3	meijer whitepine trail-very secluded-if had some sort of patrols it would help	10/11/2014 9:12 AM
4	Parks have been known for attacks	10/7/2014 10:09 PM
5	Rogue River Park. It feels very isolated and I've had two experiences where men have parked their car and just sat there. It wasn't a safe feeling and haven't returned since the second incident. I don't know what could be done to improve it.	10/6/2014 9:59 PM
6	Dean Lake, poor lighting and lots of after dark activities going on	10/6/2014 4:14 PM
7	Had some creepers take pictures (or videos) of a group of women running at Rogue River Park	10/6/2014 10:27 AM
8	walk / bike trails - mugging/exposers	10/4/2014 12:02 PM

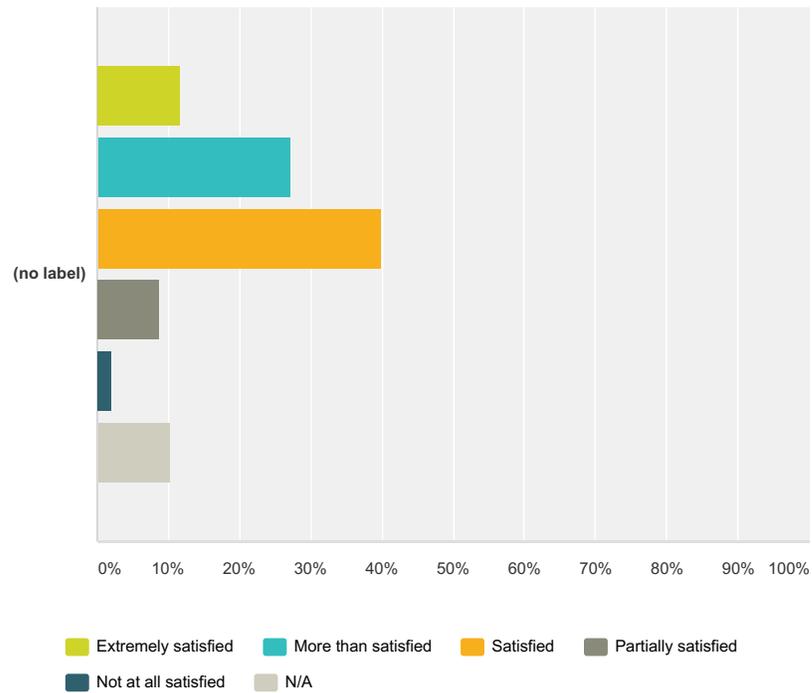
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9	Improved lighting, closer oversight	9/30/2014 3:05 PM
10	rules to strict turns to no fun.	9/28/2014 5:33 PM
11	Dean Lake Park - strange people visit and no one follows the rules, driving into the park to launch boats.	9/28/2014 4:26 PM
12	white pine trail; teens on skateboards forced me off my bike I have not been back since	9/28/2014 11:50 AM
13	DW Richardson - adults there alone - concerned about possible predators	9/28/2014 9:16 AM
14	ban alcohol and all forms of smoking	9/27/2014 5:19 PM
15	In the evening, Versluis Park tends to attract a slightly rough crowd.	9/27/2014 3:02 PM
16	Sometimes there are shady people in cars (making deals?) at Airway park. I have reported this activity to police and it seems to be better. There is also more graffiti there than at other parks. I also had a run-in with hornets there, so we're always on the lookout for those.	9/20/2014 10:48 AM
17	more lighting	9/16/2014 4:12 PM
18	DNR park bedly needs a night light by the boat ramp	8/31/2014 3:45 PM

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Q13 Overall, how satisfied are you with existing Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities?

Answered: 633 Skipped: 217



	Extremely satisfied	More than satisfied	Satisfied	Partially satisfied	Not at all satisfied	N/A	Total	Average Rating
(no label)	11.69% 74	27.17% 172	39.97% 253	8.85% 56	2.05% 13	10.27% 65	633	2.58

#	Please explain why you are not satisfied or are satisfied	Date
1	Versluis should be open more with dtes and hours!	10/31/2014 1:41 PM
2	lack of playground equipment and picnic areas	10/31/2014 12:59 PM
3	The park nearest to me, Holtman is just a grassy lot. Not very appealing to our family.	10/29/2014 2:04 PM
4	Need more walking trails and playgrounds.	10/29/2014 10:32 AM
5	Don't have high expectations. Didn't really realize there were that many.	10/22/2014 12:43 PM
6	cost of Versluis Park	10/20/2014 12:57 PM
7	Versluis is very snooty. The lifeguards are RUDE! It is not a family friendly place!	10/19/2014 4:31 PM
8	Would like more parks, and with better bike access	10/16/2014 7:44 AM
9	could be made a little nicer	10/15/2014 8:43 PM
10	More up-to date playground equipment	10/15/2014 12:22 PM

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11	wish parks were larger	10/15/2014 12:40 AM
12	maintained fairly well	10/14/2014 10:41 AM
13	Add Pickleball Courts	10/13/2014 3:45 PM
14	We have a good park system throughout the township. Could be better connected with bike paths/lanes.	10/11/2014 3:12 PM
15	Bike park is great	10/11/2014 10:47 AM
16	clean	10/11/2014 9:14 AM
17	More bike trails please	10/10/2014 8:07 PM
18	I do not use them so why am I spending money on this item.	10/10/2014 7:01 PM
19	I did not realize we had all these parks!	10/10/2014 1:00 PM
20	I'd like to see a dog park and more parks with trails.	10/10/2014 10:21 AM
21	Dean Lake Park public boat access should be made more accessible. I've got a bad back and would love to fish there more but I can't lift my boat and equipment over all of the barriers.	10/7/2014 7:54 PM
22	Well maintained	10/7/2014 7:52 PM
23	I visit Versluis Park but feel it has very stringent rules and unnecessarily closes the beach area mid-August	10/6/2014 10:01 PM
24	there are none where we live	10/6/2014 9:56 PM
25	Bathrooms typically open and clean	10/6/2014 10:29 AM
26	didn't know many of the small ones existed.	10/5/2014 5:59 PM
27	they should have kept the par 3 golf course open for kids/adults	10/5/2014 2:25 PM
28	Upkeep is subpar and playground facilities are not geared towards multiple ages	10/4/2014 4:55 PM
29	many of them aren't developed...just green space-great potential	10/4/2014 2:13 PM
30	Incredibly friendly staff, clean facilities, beautiful grounds	10/2/2014 7:31 PM
31	Convenient	10/2/2014 12:56 PM
32	Primarily go to Ambrose Park, there is a heavy bird population with a lot of bird droppings! This is why I didn't give a more than satisfied rating.	10/2/2014 12:47 PM
33	Most don't seem to offer the facilities found at the county parks.	10/2/2014 8:21 AM
34	Not close enough - no sidewalks to get to from my home. Where are they?	10/1/2014 2:07 PM
35	clean,safe,regulated,lifeguards, rules enforced	10/1/2014 8:56 AM
36	did not know about them/haven't visited any parks	9/30/2014 2:38 PM
37	Wish Versluis was open longer through the year. Such a short season the beach is open	9/30/2014 2:25 PM
38	I like that I don't find garbage in the playgrounds or walking trails.	9/30/2014 12:19 PM
39	It would be nice if there were more of them in neighborhoods.	9/30/2014 11:22 AM
40	I haven't visited-none within walking distance	9/30/2014 10:58 AM
41	some parks are not taken care of or used	9/29/2014 9:45 PM
42	would like better kayak launch at dean lake	9/29/2014 8:32 PM
43	people feed the ducks at ambrose park and the park is full of duck poop, I don't let my grand kids go there much anymore. We go up to the school.	9/29/2014 7:57 PM
44	The grounds are covered with goose/duck excrement.	9/29/2014 7:37 PM
45	I wish Versluis were open longer.	9/29/2014 6:51 PM
46	no facilities that interest me	9/29/2014 6:37 PM

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47	There is no dog park in Plainfield Twp.	9/29/2014 2:04 PM
48	Cleanliness and visitor control	9/29/2014 1:55 PM
49	Never visit them - we always go to Dwight Lydell	9/29/2014 12:43 PM
50	open all year with bathrooms	9/29/2014 12:26 PM
51	no trails that connect to the parks or the White Pine Trail	9/29/2014 9:54 AM
52	clean and safe	9/29/2014 9:35 AM
53	Too many signs at Versluis Park, they clutter up the grounds	9/29/2014 8:19 AM
54	They are basic but get the job done.	9/29/2014 7:27 AM
55	parks appear to be kept up and have decent bathroom facilities	9/29/2014 6:45 AM
56	Don't offer what I would use most: a nice dog park!	9/28/2014 7:39 PM
57	meets needs and expectations	9/28/2014 7:29 PM
58	rules to strict unreasonable refuse to return	9/28/2014 5:35 PM
59	many are undeveloped and have so many rules should be run more like county parks	9/28/2014 3:36 PM
60	location, walk ability	9/28/2014 3:15 PM
61	longer hiking trails	9/28/2014 9:40 AM
62	lots to do there	9/28/2014 9:32 AM
63	Grand Isle park is an eyesore along West River	9/28/2014 9:18 AM
64	I don't use them often enough to have an opinion.	9/28/2014 9:15 AM
65	Lack of variety or knowledge thereof	9/28/2014 8:27 AM
66	They are well kept and meet my needs.	9/28/2014 8:21 AM
67	Amenities need to be improved	9/27/2014 10:30 PM
68	More parks would improve the quality of life for residents.	9/27/2014 10:01 PM
69	For example--The Holtman Street park is just a field of grass. Dean Lake Park has hardly any room for picnicking, and nowhere to really sit and relax.	9/27/2014 9:57 PM
70	Versluis Park is not open year round.	9/27/2014 8:47 PM
71	not enough attention is given to the deteriorating water quality at Versluis Lake	9/27/2014 8:19 PM
72	I would just like to see more parks and hiking trails.	9/27/2014 8:04 PM
73	DON'T ASK FOR MORE TAX MONEY!	9/27/2014 5:24 PM
74	I pay taxes PLUS an entry fee to use Versluis	9/27/2014 4:46 PM
75	We would visit a dog park, if there was one.	9/27/2014 4:27 PM
76	No parks withing walking distance of me	9/27/2014 4:19 PM
77	clean, friendly staff	9/27/2014 3:42 PM
78	Called the no no parks- no doing this no doing that no bring this etc.	9/27/2014 3:25 PM
79	We LOVE Versluis Park and only wish that the swimming area were open later in the year - at least until Memorial Day.	9/27/2014 3:04 PM
80	Versluis is more expensive than the state parks, and since my taxes are paid to plainfield twp. it should be free especially to us retirees!!!!!!!	9/27/2014 2:01 PM
81	They are kept up well.	9/27/2014 1:38 PM

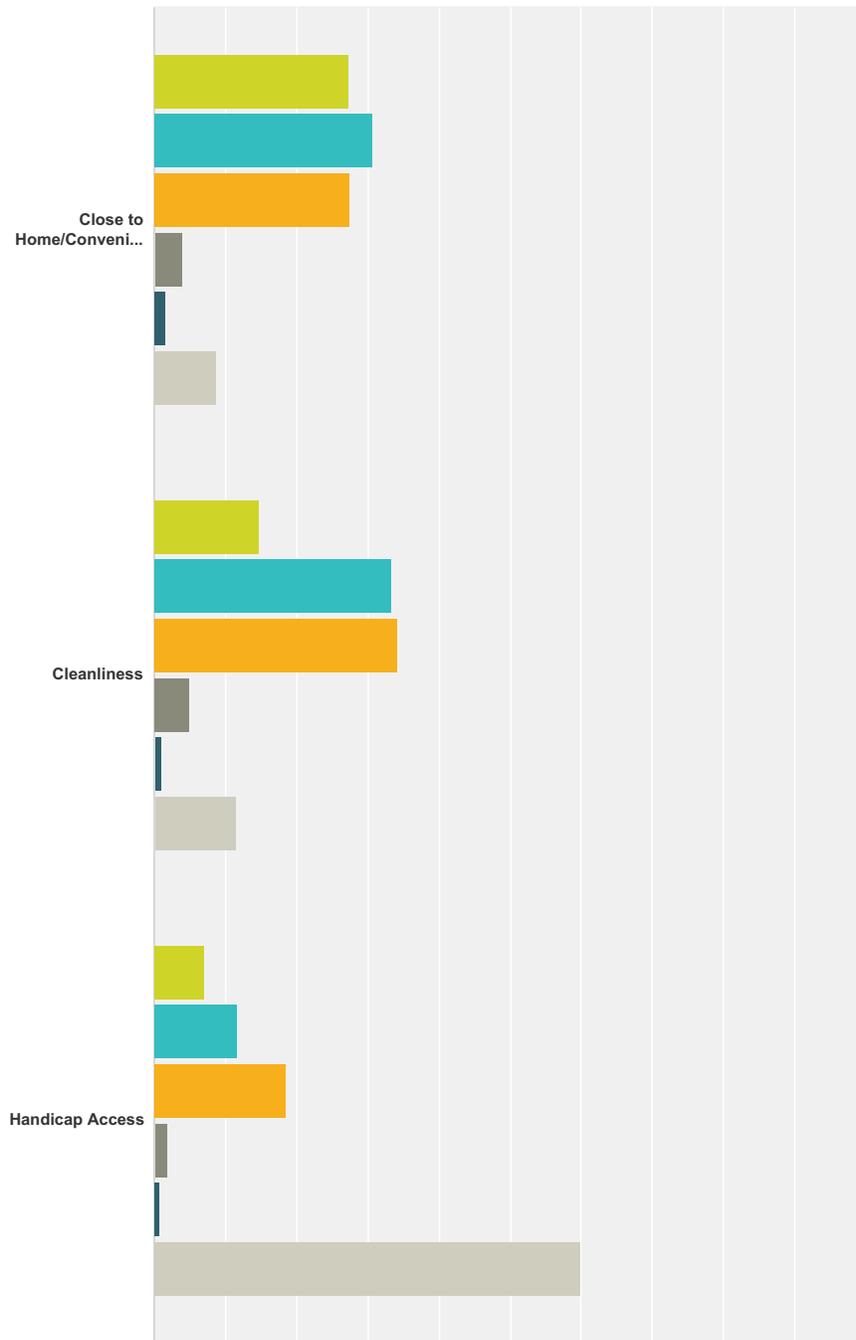
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82	We do not like Versluis Park because it seems like it is geared towards families with very small children and not fun for school age kids, there are no parks with play equipment other than versluis that you have to pay to play, no dog park, does not seem very community friendly. We are excited about the new Premier Park, however, wondering how long until the fun is sucked out of it like Versluis..	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
83	Versluis Park has very frustrating hours and times of the season (when they open in the spring/close in fall). Families with young children want to start a beach day by or before 9am. Fishermen want to start fishing before that even. But this park doesn't open until 11am. By that time young kids are ready for lunch and then a nap. There is no reason they should not be able to have hours similar to normal parks. They also should be open on the holidays that are prime times for families to go to a beach: Labor Day and Memorial Day. But this year I believe they opened after Memorial Day and closed before Labor Day. I also am upset at how expensive the non-resident rates are for Versluis. I can understand giving residents a discount on season passes, but there is a huge difference - more than 300%! I think this inhibits many families from utilizing the park. I also think there should be a day pass instead of a one-time pass. It is so frustrating to have to pay for each time you enter. If a kid has an accident or forgot a bathing suit or needs lunch, families should not have to pay to get back in. State parks do not do it this way, nor do most other parks I know of. Why does Versluis have to have so many quirks? The man who runs it is not always kind either. I do think he keeps it safe, so I appreciate that about him.	9/20/2014 10:57 AM
84	Wonderful parks, but need more trail connections for easy access	9/20/2014 7:24 AM
85	The few I use I am happy with.	9/18/2014 11:11 AM
86	DNR Park:Poor maintenance at boat ramp & parking area	8/31/2014 3:47 PM
87	none of them are near my home in Comstock Park, I have to use Alpine Township parks	8/29/2014 2:23 PM
88	I would like to see the development of the disc golf course at grand isle	8/28/2014 11:30 AM

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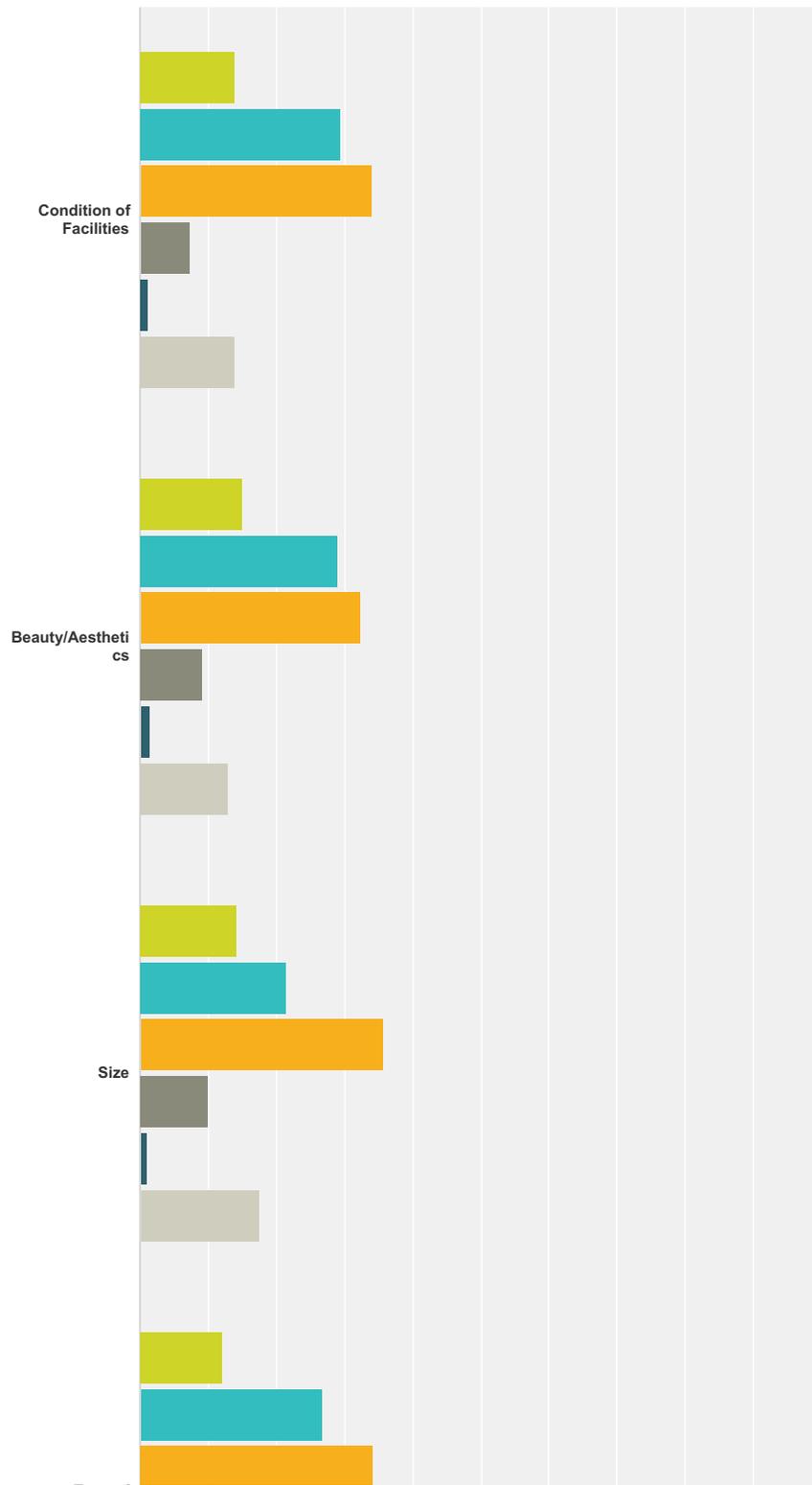
Q14 How satisfied are you with the following items relative to Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities?

Answered: 627 Skipped: 223



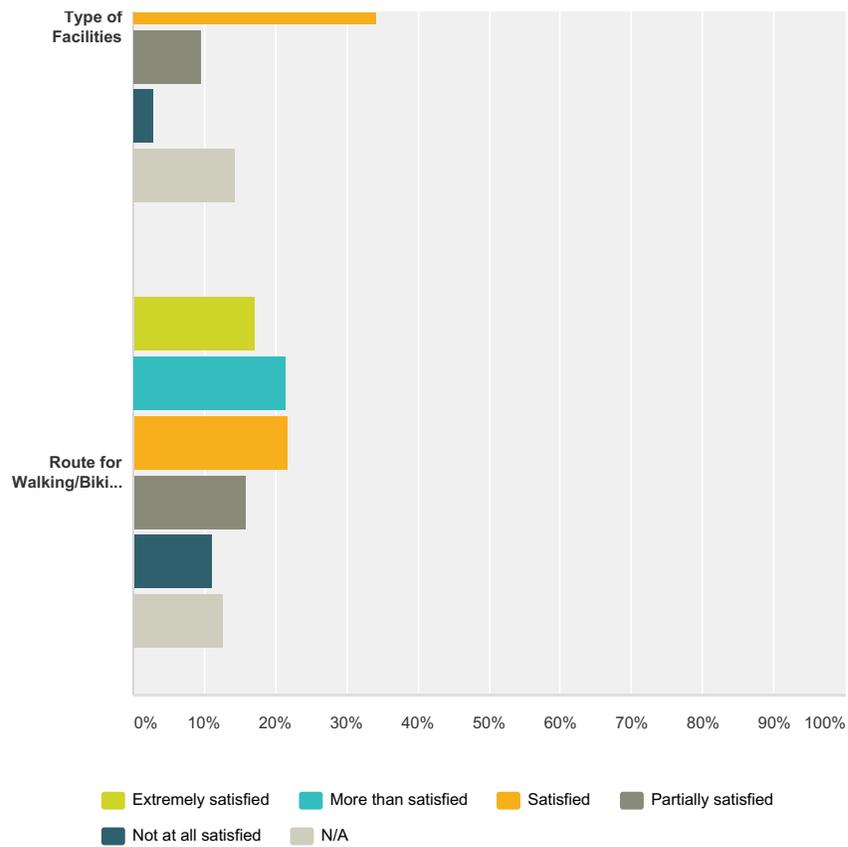
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	Extremely satisfied	More than satisfied	Satisfied	Partially satisfied	Not at all satisfied	N/A	Total	Average Rating
Close to Home/Convenient Location	27.44% 169	30.68% 189	27.60% 170	3.90% 24	1.62% 10	8.77% 54	616	2.14
Cleanliness	14.91% 89	33.33% 199	34.17% 204	5.03% 30	1.01% 6	11.56% 69	597	2.37
Handicap Access	7.10% 38	11.78% 63	18.50% 99	1.87% 10	0.75% 4	60.00% 321	535	2.43
Condition of Facilities	13.99% 82	29.35% 172	34.13% 200	7.34% 43	1.19% 7	13.99% 82	586	2.45
Beauty/Aesthetics	15.13% 87	29.04% 167	32.35% 186	9.22% 53	1.39% 8	12.87% 74	575	2.46
Size	14.11% 80	21.52% 122	35.80% 203	10.05% 57	1.06% 6	17.46% 99	567	2.54
Type of Facilities	12.16% 68	26.65% 149	34.17% 191	9.66% 54	2.86% 16	14.49% 81	559	2.58
Route for Walking/Biking to Park	17.09% 102	21.44% 128	21.78% 130	15.91% 95	11.06% 66	12.73% 76	597	2.80

#	Please explain why you are not satisfied or are satisfied	Date
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1	Northland is to busy, even with Jupiter bridge	10/31/2014 1:41 PM
2	see #13	10/31/2014 12:59 PM
3	no trails or bike paths conveniently located at my home-have to drive to a park	10/31/2014 12:41 PM
4	no bike paths	10/31/2014 12:22 PM
5	need restrooms for the White Pine Trail	10/31/2014 12:19 PM
6	When things are in working order all is right with the world	10/30/2014 12:53 PM
7	I would love to see playgrounds, picnic tables and so on.	10/29/2014 2:04 PM
8	Some parks only have a ballfield. Im a senior who likes to walk and have 2 grandchildren who live with me and take care of 2 more when school is out of session. We like to visit different parks to play and explore.	10/29/2014 10:32 AM
9	more green space paths through neighborhoods to parks	10/24/2014 8:56 AM
10	Again, don't have high expectations. Just consider them 'green spaces'.	10/22/2014 12:43 PM
11	White pine trail needs attention the path is showing a lot of wear.	10/19/2014 7:17 PM
12	THEir place location has been well thought out for the most part.	10/17/2014 4:13 PM
13	Would like to be able to access Merrell Trails without riding on 10 Mile or busy Belmont Ave	10/15/2014 7:45 PM
14	would like sidewalk from Northwood Hills condos to Versluis Park; would like larger parks with more fauna and trails	10/15/2014 12:40 AM
15	Need diect bike path access	10/14/2014 1:27 PM
16	Need safe biking/hiking/running access to the Merrell trail from the white pine trail. Biking on busy streets is extremely dangerous for cyclists	10/14/2014 1:08 PM
17	Add Pickleball Courts	10/13/2014 3:45 PM
18	Could use bike paths/lanes to better enable walking and riding to parks throughout the township and as a way to connect to the county and DNR areas which would benefit our community.	10/11/2014 3:12 PM
19	Would be nice to have rest rooms and water at Merrell bike park	10/11/2014 10:47 AM
20	There needs to be access to Merrell Trails from Whitepine Trail. 10 mile road is DANGEROUS	10/10/2014 10:08 PM
21	I want more miles of biking trails and better changing/restroom facilities.	10/10/2014 5:12 PM
22	More connectors for biking would be great	10/10/2014 3:49 PM
23	Need paved trails connecting parka	10/10/2014 3:46 PM
24	Connect the bike trail to Merrill	10/10/2014 1:48 PM
25	Let's make it far easier for bikes to safely get between parks!	10/10/2014 1:00 PM
26	like bike white pine trail, hiking the same trail & biking Merrel trail.	10/10/2014 12:54 PM
27	Bike path to Premier Park (Merrell Trail)	10/10/2014 11:54 AM
28	Would like connection to merell trail from white pine trail	10/10/2014 11:45 AM
29	would love to see a trail leading to Merrell from white pine trail. I got hit while biking on the road between the two.	10/10/2014 11:22 AM
30	Would like a connector path from white pine to Merrell trail	10/10/2014 10:58 AM
31	I would like more connection to the White Pine Trail. Belmont Road needs to accommodate walking/running/biking for more access as well as from Merrill Trail to White Pine Trail. I live off Belmont Road but have to put the bikes in a car to go to the parking lot next to Belmont Grocery. We need more safe access!	10/10/2014 10:46 AM
32	I would like to see a bteer connectivity to parks via safe walking or biking trails. Paved or not paved. A route from the White Pine Trail to Premier park off the road. A paved path along West River Dr. A wider shoulder on Jupiter and Belmont Ave	10/10/2014 10:21 AM
33	Other than the white pine trail, there are no bike friendly routes to get to the park we visit most (Premier park/Merrell Trail). We would like to see a connector to the WPT, as well as a bike path down Post/Jupiter.	10/10/2014 8:23 AM

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34	use Sr Ctr for exercise classes primarily	10/8/2014 12:22 PM
35	Dean Lake is not ver accessible	10/8/2014 8:30 AM
36	feel some busier roads could use sidewalks such as Kutshill	10/7/2014 9:04 PM
37	Dean Lake Park is often quite filthy. Holtman Park has an awful lot of wasted space that could be used for some playground equipment. Also, the adjoining property owners typically have a vehicle or two parked in the park and there is no enforcement of that even though it impedes activities.	10/7/2014 7:54 PM
38	very few connections between parks	10/7/2014 10:01 AM
39	there are no township parks where we live	10/6/2014 9:56 PM
40	I have not lived here very long and can't really rate these items.	10/6/2014 11:12 AM
41	it is a great place to go to and relax.	10/4/2014 6:49 PM
42	Playgrounds are run down and dirty	10/4/2014 4:55 PM
43	very convenient, but need more activities..	10/4/2014 2:13 PM
44	Need more off-road bike trails and walking trails and pickleball courts.	10/4/2014 10:55 AM
45	need access to biking trails off of busy streets	10/2/2014 8:25 PM
46	need tables to picnic on for small families,..3,4,5	10/2/2014 6:19 PM
47	Nice parks	10/2/2014 12:56 PM
48	Not enough parks with children's playground in neighborhoods	10/2/2014 10:26 AM
49	Very difficult to get to the parks without driving. There are few bike paths or shoulders safe for bike/foot travel	10/1/2014 10:41 PM
50	Dw Richardson bathrooms are never unlocked	10/1/2014 8:59 PM
51	need to allow pets at the parks. if you dont clean up after your pet then give them a ticket	10/1/2014 3:24 PM
52	Need to be promoted more to people moving into the area. Locations	10/1/2014 2:07 PM
53	we like that versluis is so close to home and has swimming and beach and playground.	10/1/2014 12:20 PM
54	There are limited safe travel to parks other than vehicles.	10/1/2014 1:59 AM
55	Too little attention has been given to connectivity of all parks by public walks	9/30/2014 4:42 PM
56	My access to your parks is via White Pine. In order to get to White Pine, I have to walk 1/2 mile on Safety Drive, which does not have a sidewalk. This is dangerous. Please put a sidewalk on at least one side of Safety Drive.	9/30/2014 4:25 PM
57	Have never been to township park	9/30/2014 2:38 PM
58	I enjoy all the parks. I wish there were more toddler friendly play equipment.	9/30/2014 12:19 PM
59	There are no parks close to my home	9/30/2014 10:58 AM
60	Some of them seem like nobody cares for them.	9/30/2014 10:47 AM
61	We frequent Ambrose Park several times a month. Every time I go there I bring latex gloves and plastic trash bags to clean up around the pond. I have yet to do this and not fill a trash bag. It makes me sad that so many people throw their trash on the ground especially when there are trash cans available all around the park.	9/30/2014 9:50 AM
62	Northgate Park is not well maintained. Grass gets very long in the summer	9/29/2014 9:30 PM
63	need safer bike/walk on Coit between Hunsberger and Northland	9/29/2014 8:32 PM
64	the duck poop issue	9/29/2014 7:57 PM
65	It would be wonderful if there was a sidewalk on old northland drive (and kutshill), or even a wider shoulder so I could walk a stoller without fear of being hit by a car.	9/29/2014 7:36 PM
66	no facilities that interest me	9/29/2014 6:37 PM
67	Versluis closes in mid August based on the staff going back to college. I support this facility with taxes and my annual sticker. Please consider opening it up unstaffed or hiring other staff.	9/29/2014 4:30 PM

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68	Need bike trails - especially BELMONT ROAD	9/29/2014 1:29 PM
69	We don't visit, they are mostly east of the river or closer to Rockford. We generally go to Dwight Lydell.	9/29/2014 12:43 PM
70	lack of foot & bike trails mostly	9/29/2014 9:54 AM
71	it is clean, mowed and generally taken care of despite the occasional abuse from the public.	9/29/2014 9:35 AM
72	more play equipment	9/29/2014 9:35 AM
73	The park I go to is fine. I don't go very often.	9/29/2014 8:54 AM
74	Again, too many signs that clutter up the area. Would like to see a pavilion at some parks that could be rented/reserved for family gatherings. Nicer playgrounds for kids at parks. Also want more dog parks with dog geared play area.	9/29/2014 8:19 AM
75	We would love a safe route for walking / biking to Versluis Park and Grand IslePark from the Blythefield Acres neighborhood	9/29/2014 7:55 AM
76	I live in Belmont and most of the parks are nearby with quick access	9/29/2014 6:45 AM
77	West River is a busy street, and two of the township owned parks are along that street, and there is no easy bike route / walking route from the west side of the township.	9/28/2014 10:50 PM
78	Need a NICE dog park!!!	9/28/2014 7:39 PM
79	n/a	9/28/2014 7:29 PM
80	more bike lanes/paths would be great	9/28/2014 7:12 PM
81	would like more natural walking/running trails	9/28/2014 6:39 PM
82	Bike path(s) to White Pine Trail would make all the difference	9/28/2014 5:45 PM
83	Ambrose park has outdated playground equipment. It is old and ugly. I like to take my grandkids there, it is very close to our home. Also, they could do a better job at picking trash throughout the WHOLE park.	9/28/2014 5:09 PM
84	Holtman Park has had a large branch down since last winter. The playground equipment was removed and never replaced, Where is the picnic tables go?	9/28/2014 4:30 PM
85	parks could be developed further to increase usefulness	9/28/2014 3:36 PM
86	I feel the township has not invested enough in developing, maintaining and operating the free parks in the township. Parks lack bathrooms that are accessible, fields are poorly maintained, often with trees that need trimming obstruct their use.	9/28/2014 10:15 AM
87	deferred maintenance often noted	9/28/2014 9:18 AM
88	Lousy, unsafe 10 Mile access to Premier Park. The 10 Mile corridor repave completely forgot about the safety and well being of bicyclists and pedestrians.	9/27/2014 10:01 PM
89	More sidewalks are needed! Especially on the busy sides streets that lead to the elementary schools (specifically Suburban Shores for East Oakview) and the High School (Airway is dangerous for student walkers/bikers).	9/27/2014 9:57 PM
90	The parks are fine as they are, but really not of much use to my family. The White Pine Trail gets used by us a lot though. Two of the parks listed (which I'm most excited about) are not really even open yet.	9/27/2014 9:39 PM
91	The free Plainfield parks I've visited seem to be somewhat lacking in facilities and maintenance. Also, there seem to be fewer nearby parks in Plainfield Township compared to other townships/cities in the area (although that's expected given the lower taxes). Versluis Park is nice and nearby, but prohibitively expensive for a casual visit.	9/27/2014 8:33 PM
92	TAXES ARE TOO HIGH NOW- DON'T ASK FOR MORE!	9/27/2014 5:24 PM
93	No parks close to our neighborhood	9/27/2014 4:50 PM
94	We live less than a mile from Versluis but don't have uninterrupted sidewalks.	9/27/2014 4:46 PM
95	We bike & walk. If existing ones were adjacent to white pine trail, we'd use them.	9/27/2014 4:27 PM
96	People on the west side of 131 have no parks	9/27/2014 4:19 PM
97	no safe place to walk or bike ride to get to parts need bike trails and side walks	9/27/2014 4:01 PM

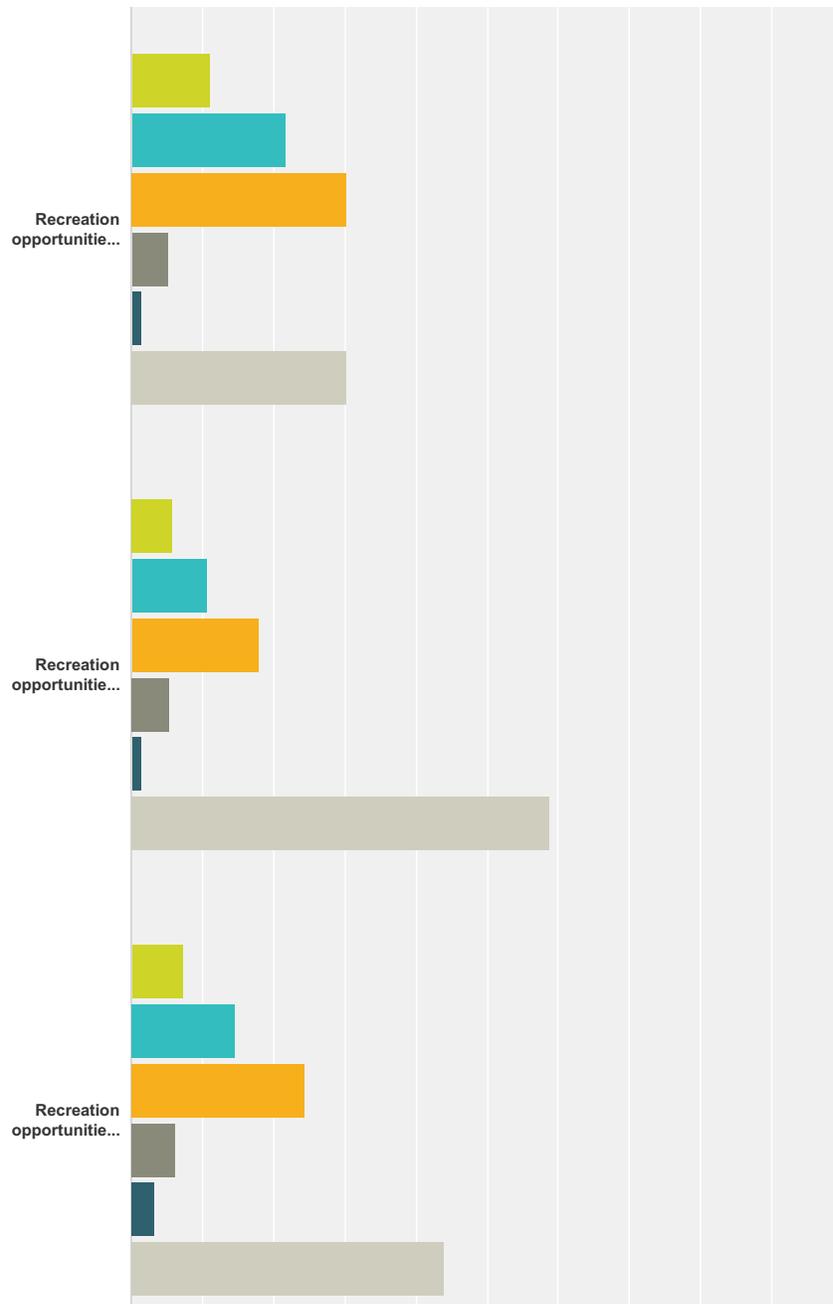
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98	I don't have to travel a long ways to enjoy the park and nature	9/27/2014 3:42 PM
99	I have never been satisfied with Plainfied Parks. Stopped going, but going to give Premier Park a try. I feel there is hope again!	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
100	We don't have a safe way to get to the trail.	9/20/2014 7:35 AM
101	I think being a neighborhood park it is good	9/18/2014 11:11 AM
102	DNR Park: Poor maintenance	8/31/2014 3:47 PM
103	Lack of free swimming opportunities despite plentiful lakes in the township	8/25/2014 2:18 AM

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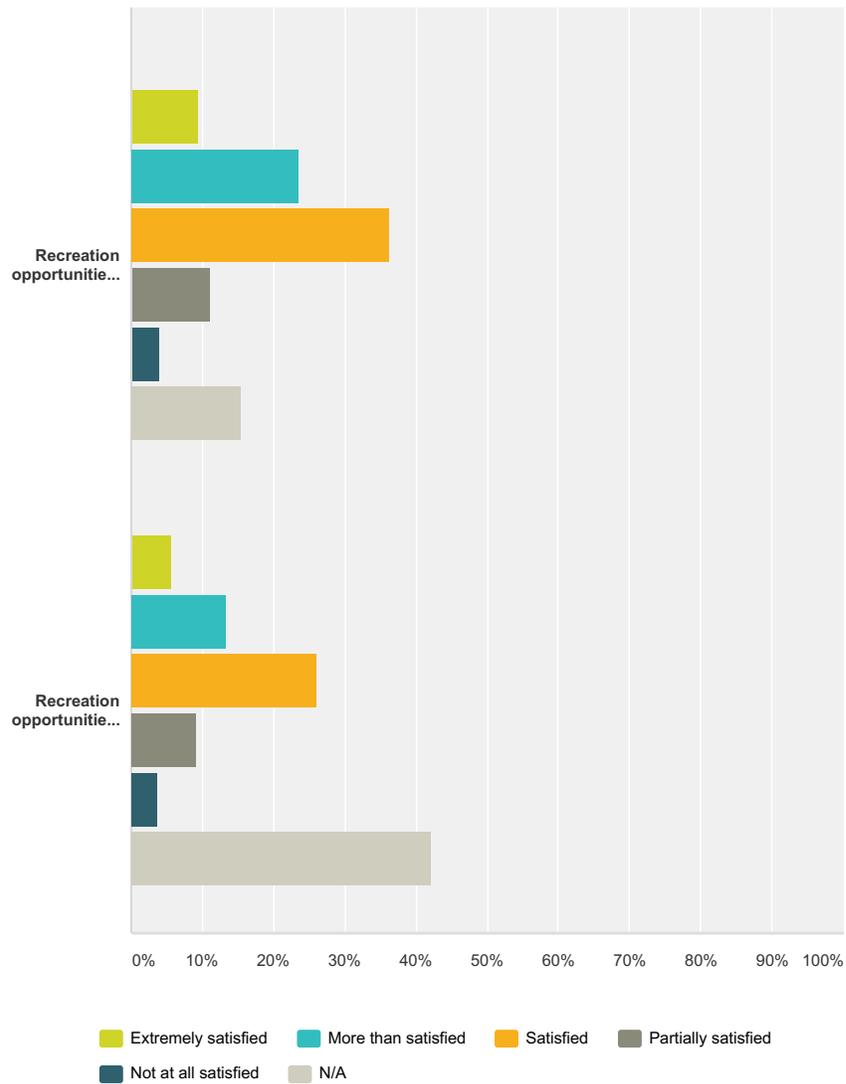
Q15 How satisfied are you with the availability of the following recreation opportunities at Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities?

Answered: 611 Skipped: 239



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	Extremely satisfied	More than satisfied	Satisfied	Partially satisfied	Not at all satisfied	N/A	Total	Average Rating
Recreation opportunities for children	11.09% 65	21.67% 127	30.20% 177	5.29% 31	1.54% 9	30.20% 177	586	2.49
Recreation opportunities for persons with disabilities	5.78% 32	10.65% 59	17.87% 99	5.42% 30	1.44% 8	58.84% 326	554	2.66
Recreation opportunities for seniors	7.39% 43	14.60% 85	24.40% 142	6.36% 37	3.26% 19	43.99% 256	582	2.71
Recreation opportunities for adults	9.43% 55	23.67% 138	36.36% 212	11.15% 65	3.95% 23	15.44% 90	583	2.72
Recreation opportunities for teens	5.62% 32	13.36% 76	26.01% 148	9.14% 52	3.69% 21	42.18% 240	569	2.86

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#	Please explain why you are not satisfied or are satisfied	Date
1	not aware of any run by the township	10/31/2014 2:10 PM
2	I CANNOT EQUALLY JUDGE ANY OF THESE ITEMS	10/31/2014 1:58 PM
3	there could be more! Why isn't the farmers market at the park?	10/31/2014 1:41 PM
4	see 13	10/31/2014 12:59 PM
5	how about a shooting range? none close to me, I have a CPL and can't conveniently practice anywhere	10/31/2014 12:41 PM
6	LOCATION CONVENIENT TO HOME	10/31/2014 12:14 PM
7	Few parks offer opportunities for all age groups and abilities. There is no park in my immediate vicinity so we must get in the car and drive to parks we visit.	10/29/2014 10:32 AM
8	I don't know what any of these parks offer.	10/25/2014 8:42 PM
9	The ones I use, infrequently, would be boring to me if I were a teen	10/22/2014 12:43 PM
10	smaller size of parks limits use types and are more congested	10/15/2014 12:40 AM
11	Need to add pickleball courts	10/13/2014 3:45 PM
12	I may be unaware of opportunities for adults. The county should sponsor sporting events such as running and biking events that highlight our community.	10/11/2014 3:12 PM
13	not aware of any special opportunities	10/11/2014 9:14 AM
14	recreation other than ball fields are needed	10/10/2014 10:21 AM
15	In terms of parks that provide recreation opportunities for small children, there aren't many. I would like to see a splash pad at one of our parks. Versluis Park is not a fun place to be because of how much you feel like you're under a microscope.	10/10/2014 8:23 AM
16	The parks I frequent don't have the facilities or room for these	10/7/2014 7:54 PM
17	there are no township parks where we live	10/6/2014 9:56 PM
18	I don't really know yet	10/6/2014 11:12 AM
19	my son begs for a skateboard park :)	10/6/2014 10:29 AM
20	it is a great for everyone	10/4/2014 6:49 PM
21	I'm not aware of any recreational activities at these facilities.	10/4/2014 4:55 PM
22	need upgraded playgrounds and other activities, like ice skating pond, mini golf...family activities for older kids and walking paths for adults and benches...nice gathering areas	10/4/2014 2:13 PM
23	Have no information about any senior activities	10/4/2014 1:43 PM
24	Need more OFF-ROAD, not near cars, bike trails, walking trails, and pickleball courts	10/4/2014 10:55 AM
25	I'm not sure what is available for children	10/2/2014 8:20 PM
26	never enough for the disabled,. keep wking on it	10/2/2014 6:19 PM
27	Swimming area at Versluis is too small.	10/2/2014 6:16 PM
28	not sure of any oportunities	10/2/2014 12:47 PM
29	Not enough in neighborhoods or large enough with good equipment	10/2/2014 10:26 AM
30	I am a paraplegic in a wheelchair. There's nothing for me to do at township owned parks.	10/1/2014 9:10 PM
31	some of the parks are not completely barrier free	10/1/2014 3:24 PM
32	Need to be promoted more to people moving into the area. Locations?	10/1/2014 2:07 PM
33	a place for kids to bike and run and rollerskate, and trails with obstacle course challenged would be fun. Skate Park would be fun. Public Pool with slide and diving board would be great.	10/1/2014 8:56 AM
34	Not much attention has been given to teen activites such as skateboarding	9/30/2014 4:42 PM

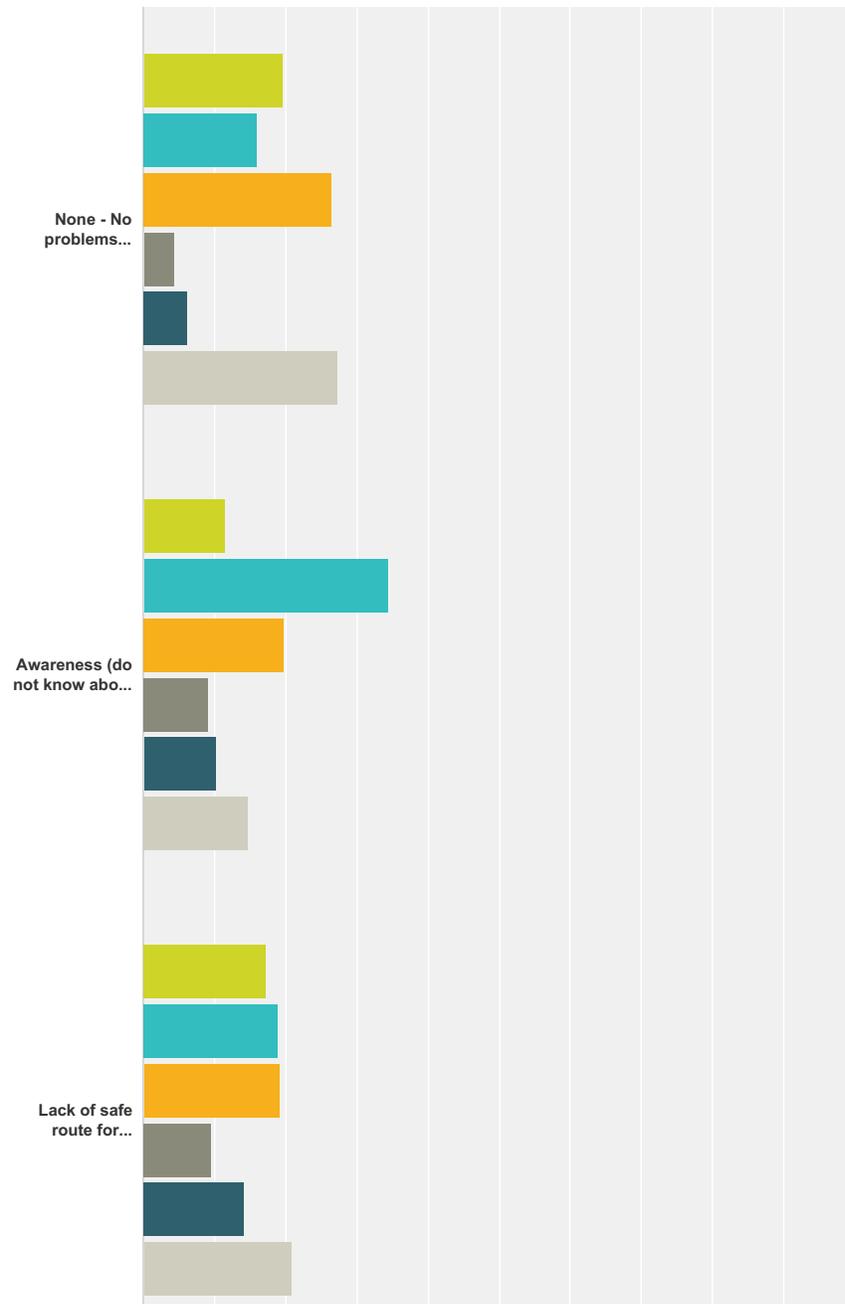
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35	I haeven't visited	9/30/2014 10:58 AM
36	Not a lot to do. Bike and walking paths are needed.	9/30/2014 10:47 AM
37	I have had a really hard time finding sports to enroll my son in. I am a first time parent that moved into the area a little over a year ago. I have had to rely on word of mouth and internet information to see what is available. So far we have used Grand Rapids Rec Dept for sports because it has been so difficult for me to find programs and information with dates and times.	9/30/2014 9:50 AM
38	Extend the Versluis season	9/29/2014 4:30 PM
39	We have grandchildren and enjoy taking them to parks are cleaned and monitored	9/29/2014 1:55 PM
40	We don't visit them - Dwight Lydell is closer & more convenient.	9/29/2014 12:43 PM
41	would like to see disc golf in area	9/29/2014 9:35 AM
42	Again, I do not go often.	9/29/2014 8:54 AM
43	I don't look at the parks as recreational because of so many rules, especially at Versluis Park. I like to go to a park where I can walk my dogs.	9/29/2014 8:19 AM
44	It would appear that for teens, the YMCA in town does alot. Not sure where the teens fit in the park schedule	9/29/2014 6:45 AM
45	I haven't been aware of anything.	9/28/2014 10:50 PM
46	I hadn't heard of many of the owned parks and I have no idea what is offered at those parks. This information should be made available, perhaps yearly mention in the newsletter? I have arthritis and cannot walk long distances to exercise my dogs so I'd really like a NICE dog park (not like the one in Rockford--a nice one!) so that I could socialize with other dog owners and let my dogs exercise in a safe place.	9/28/2014 7:39 PM
47	Picnic facilities=good; need additional bike paths, preferably connecting to White Pine Trail	9/28/2014 5:45 PM
48	While at Versluse not able to go across the street to buy a bottle of ketchup	9/28/2014 5:35 PM
49	This could be a very nice place for all people mentioned, but it needs re planning.	9/28/2014 5:09 PM
50	I did not know about the majority of parks listed so need to see what is there	9/28/2014 9:36 AM
51	play ground and space suitable for bike riding or playing catch	9/28/2014 9:32 AM
52	no skatepark	9/28/2014 9:18 AM
53	I don't know of any parks near my house.	9/28/2014 8:05 AM
54	There are no recreation opportunities for teens at the park locations we visit.	9/27/2014 9:57 PM
55	Good for my limited activity	9/27/2014 7:55 PM
56	ALL IS FINE SO STOP BEGGING FOR MORE MONEY!	9/27/2014 5:24 PM
57	Availability of a dog park w/room for fetch would be great!	9/27/2014 4:27 PM
58	nothing for adults	9/27/2014 4:19 PM
59	playgrounds up to date	9/27/2014 3:42 PM
60	Shuffle board courts would be nice, ice skating, skate board park all are needed	9/27/2014 3:25 PM
61	Don't seem to be wheelchair accessible/all areas	9/27/2014 2:55 PM
62	Plainfield Twp needs a soccer park,	9/27/2014 2:38 PM
63	too expensive	9/27/2014 2:01 PM
64	Same reasons as stated in 13. The recreation has been lacking. We are excited about Premier Park but again, will it last?	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
65	These answers are based on the parks I use with my grandchildren	9/18/2014 11:11 AM

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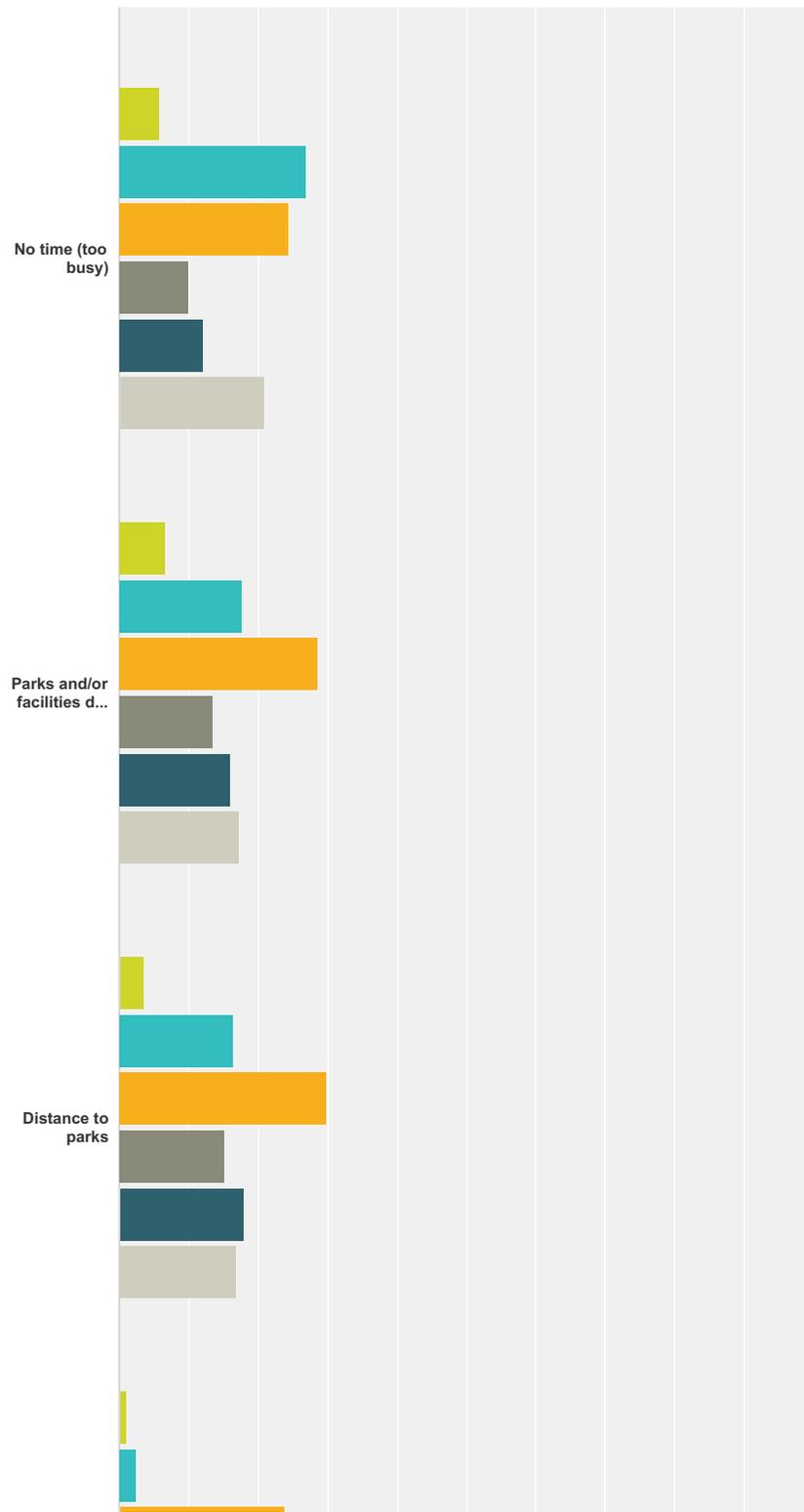
Q16 Of the following, please rate items that prevent you or a member of your household from visiting and using Plainfield Charter Township owned parks/facilities.

Answered: 588 Skipped: 262



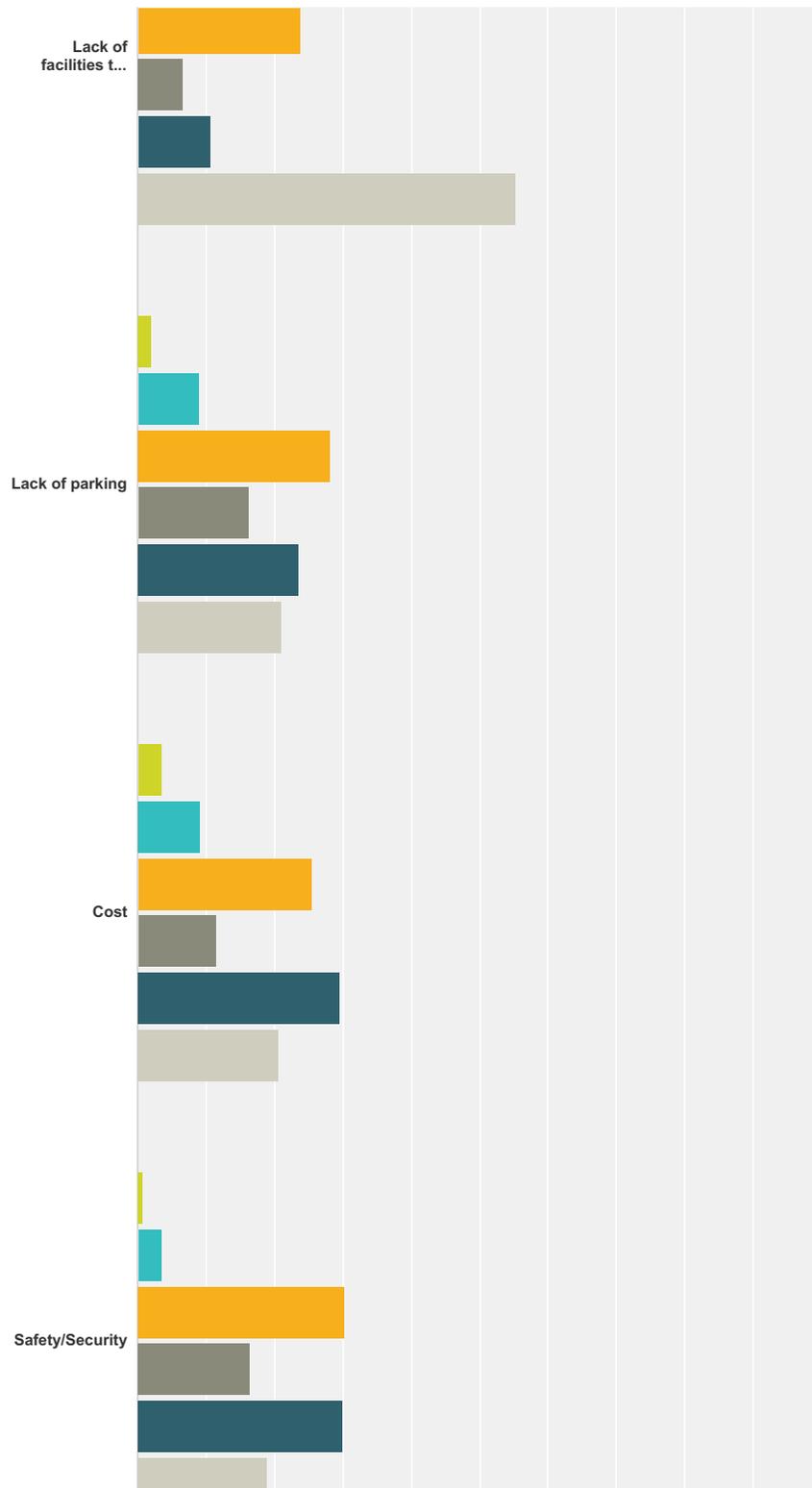
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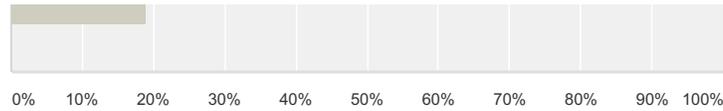
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■ Strongly Agree
 ■ Somewhat Agree
 ■ Neither Agree nor Disagree
■ Somewhat Disagree
 ■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ N/A

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	Total	Average Rating
None - No problems visiting	19.64% 87	16.03% 71	26.41% 117	4.29% 19	6.32% 28	27.31% 121	443	2.47
Awareness (do not know about parks)	11.55% 58	34.46% 173	19.92% 100	9.16% 46	10.16% 51	14.74% 74	502	2.67
Lack of safe route for non-motorized travel	17.28% 85	18.90% 93	19.11% 94	9.55% 47	14.23% 70	20.93% 103	492	2.80
No time (too busy)	5.79% 28	26.86% 130	24.38% 118	9.92% 48	12.19% 59	20.87% 101	484	2.95
Parks and/or facilities do not meet my interests	6.72% 33	17.72% 87	28.51% 140	13.65% 67	16.09% 79	17.31% 85	491	3.18
Distance to parks	3.65% 18	16.43% 81	29.82% 147	15.21% 75	18.05% 89	16.84% 83	493	3.33
Lack of facilities to accommodate disabilities	1.06% 5	2.55% 12	23.78% 112	6.58% 31	10.62% 50	55.41% 261	471	3.52
Lack of parking	2.07% 10	8.88% 43	28.10% 136	16.32% 79	23.55% 114	21.07% 102	484	3.64
Cost	3.55% 17	9.19% 44	25.47% 122	11.48% 55	29.65% 142	20.67% 99	479	3.69
Safety/Security	0.83% 4	3.54% 17	30.21% 145	16.46% 79	30.00% 144	18.96% 91	480	3.88

#	Feel free to elaborate on the issue or park/facility location	Date
1	I HAVE NEVER VISITED ANY OF THE PARKS AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT MOST OF THEM WERE TOWNSHIP PARKS.	10/31/2014 2:07 PM
2	CANNOT ADEQUATELY JUDGE ANY OF THESE ITEMS	10/31/2014 1:59 PM
3	Versluis Park admission price too high	10/30/2014 11:06 AM
4	Versluis Park is a very nice place, but too pricey for us to visit more than once or twice a year.	10/29/2014 2:08 PM
5	I have always felt safe at the parks.	10/29/2014 10:32 AM
6	Need a trail from White Pine Trail to Merrell Trail & Premier Park	10/24/2014 2:16 PM
7	Versluis costs too much	10/20/2014 1:00 PM
8	no safe sidewalk from Northwood Hills condos and Rolling Pines apts for bikes or walking	10/15/2014 12:47 AM
9	Never enough time! We can always improve on our infrastructure to connect our community to the park system to include connecting our park system with others. More bike paths/lanes.	10/11/2014 3:18 PM
10	I feel That the cost to enter swimming areas is too expensive and not open enough.	10/11/2014 6:22 AM
11	There needs to be bike access to Merrell Trail from the Whitepine Trail.	10/10/2014 10:14 PM

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12	Why do we need so many parks. Parks do not pay taxes.	10/10/2014 7:02 PM
13	Need better marketing and awareness	10/10/2014 3:02 PM
14	Bike path to premier park (merrell trail)	10/10/2014 11:56 AM
15	Versluis is a bit expensive.	10/10/2014 11:52 AM
16	We don't adequately connect our park system with the White Pine Trail or provide for safe travels to get there.	10/10/2014 10:49 AM
17	add paved parking lot for BMX, Soccer, sledding hill and mountain bike trails at the Premier Park	10/10/2014 10:25 AM
18	The biggest thing is lack of a safe route for bikes. I have no problem riding my bike to the Merrell Trail without children in tow, but I am not able to safely commute to one of the parks with my children in the bike trailer. We need more than just the white pine trail. Also in terms of what meets my interest, there needs to be a splash pad at one of the parks for children in the summer. People are spending their dollars outside the twp at millenium park, jenison, allendale, ada, cascade and other areas who have this amenity at a park.	10/10/2014 8:31 AM
19	there are no parks where we live	10/6/2014 9:58 PM
20	Better sidewalks would be nice	10/6/2014 9:05 PM
21	a path to walk around the park would be very nice.	10/4/2014 7:06 PM
22	lack of trust in the parks management team	10/3/2014 7:59 AM
23	need for the family more... you got carried away with sports... lets get back to the basics...	10/2/2014 6:21 PM
24	would like more bikek paths along highways	10/2/2014 10:38 AM
25	need to be barrier free and pet friendly	10/1/2014 3:26 PM
26	Versluis - PARKING IS \$10/CAR!!! Would just like to see it.	10/1/2014 2:13 PM
27	I am not aware of most of the parks or what they offer	10/1/2014 8:59 AM
28	park is in my backyard adjacent to it	9/30/2014 12:52 PM
29	Parking competition when putting in for privately owned kayakers/tubers with companies and fishermen is sometimes a problem.This doesn't apply to the parks itself, just the areas for launching and leaving along the river.	9/30/2014 12:44 PM
30	I miss Twp. parks in the western portion of the Twp.	9/30/2014 11:30 AM
31	I didn't realize we had so many parks in the township	9/29/2014 8:00 PM
32	We need a dog park in Plainfield Twp	9/29/2014 2:06 PM
33	We drive a few miles to Versluis Park, to relax, sit in sun and watch the grandchildren play	9/29/2014 2:02 PM
34	Versluis Park costs money, so to swim we go to Long Lake Park instead. 99% of the time, we use Dwight Lydell as it is more convient for us.	9/29/2014 12:48 PM
35	More bike paths or side-walks that connect the parks to their local communities. Based on the map, the neighborhoods south of the river seem to be well networked, but not north.	9/28/2014 10:55 PM
36	My main interest is bike paths connecting to White Pine Trail	9/28/2014 5:49 PM
37	Ambrose Park needs a major upgrade.	9/28/2014 5:12 PM
38	I checked cost because I don't use versluis for that reason. I would like to see investments in all the parks more in line with versluis funded by the township and available without charge. I would pay more in taxes to support these investments	9/28/2014 10:19 AM
39	Sidewalks needed for safer travel to parks/schools.	9/27/2014 10:00 PM
40	I think it is WRONG to charge for access to Versluis park. We pay taxes to be in the township and it's the only park I would use if it were free.	9/27/2014 9:41 PM
41	Not familiar with all the parks	9/27/2014 8:50 PM
42	to many regulations	9/27/2014 8:23 PM

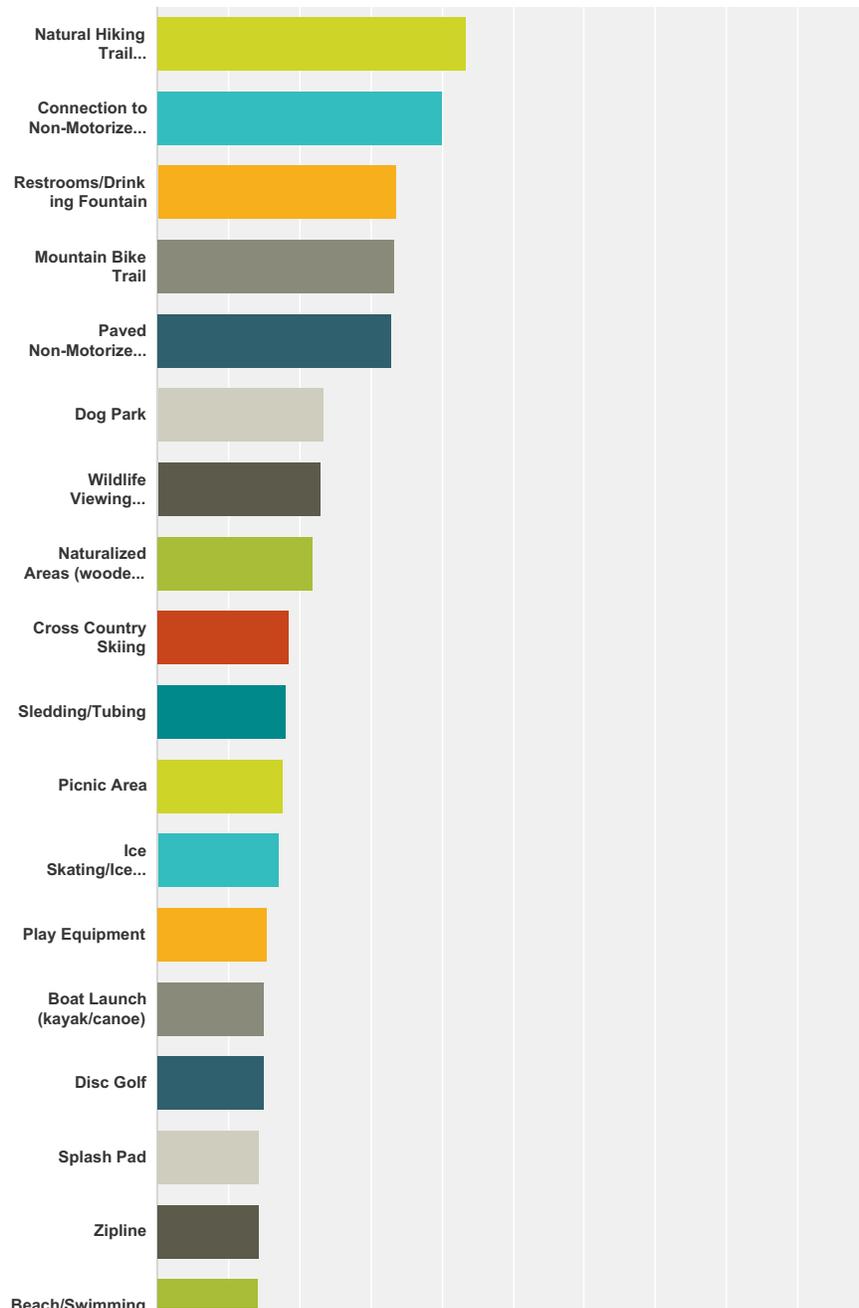
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43	White Pine trail serves our use needs so we did not actively seek out Township parks.	9/27/2014 4:36 PM
44	Too many rules...draining when they are read to you every time you enter Versluis Park.	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
45	These answers are for the parks I use.	9/18/2014 11:17 AM

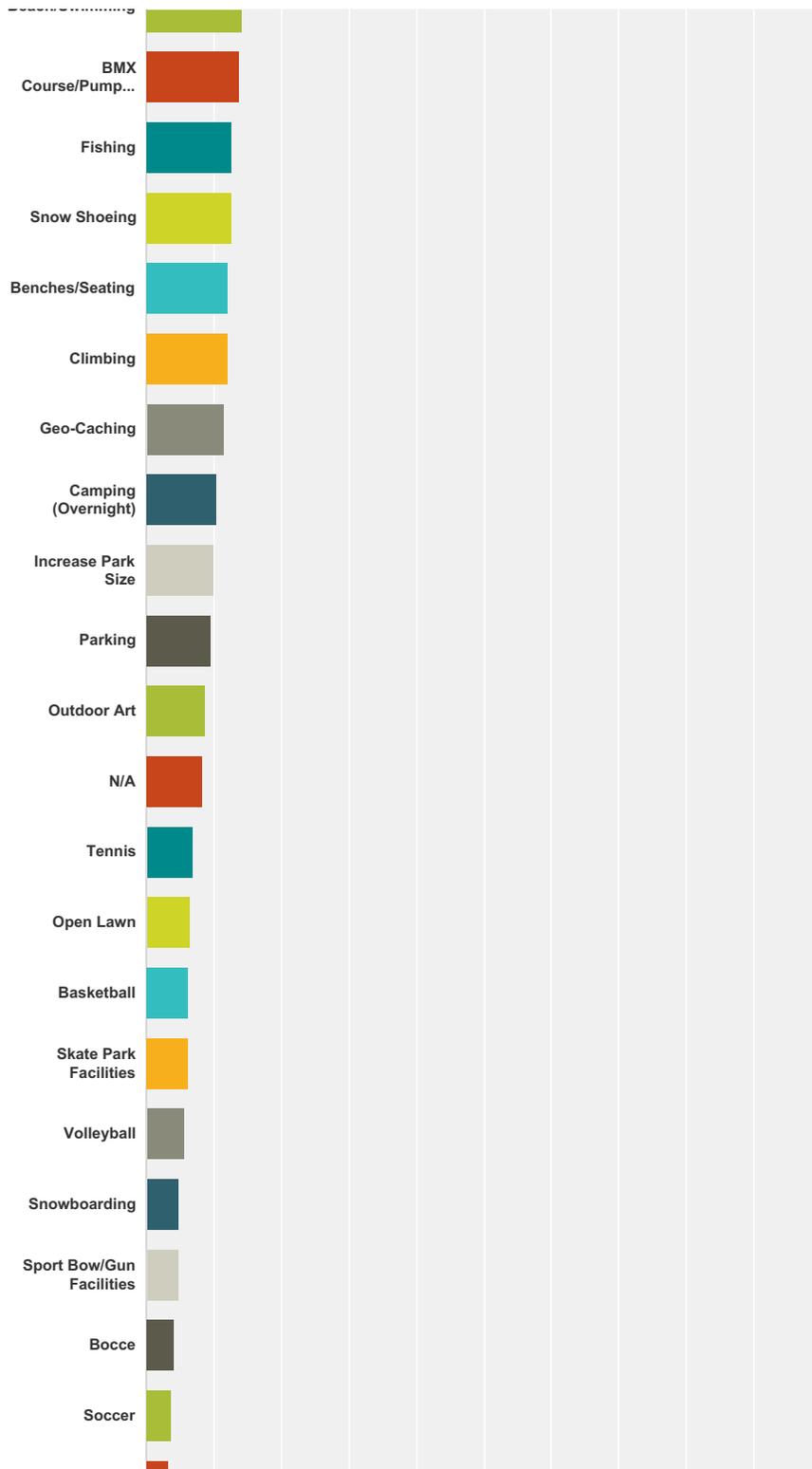
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Q17 I would use the Plainfield Charter Township owned park(s) more often if it had...? (Choose items for parks you use or desire to use)

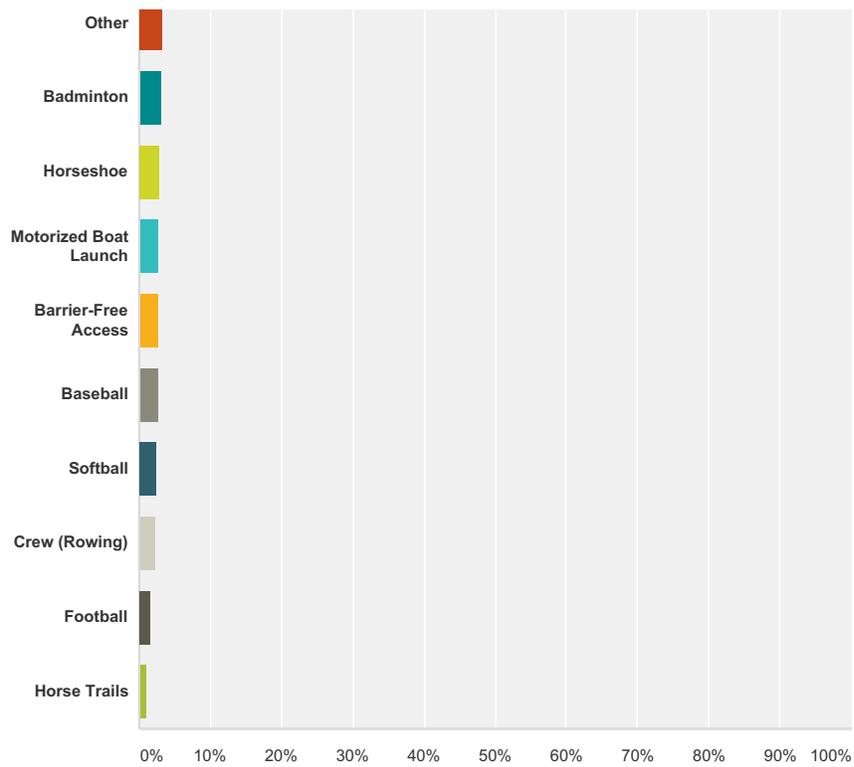
Answered: 570 Skipped: 280



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Answer Choices	Responses
Natural Hiking Trail (walk/run)	43.33% 247
Connection to Non-Motorized Pathways (Bike path, sidewalk, etc.)	40.00% 228
Restrooms/Drinking Fountain	33.51% 191
Mountain Bike Trail	33.33% 190
Paved Non-Motorized Path (bike/walk/run/etc)	32.98% 188
Dog Park	23.33% 133
Wildlife Viewing Areas/Overlooks	22.98% 131
Naturalized Areas (wooded or open space)	21.93% 125
Cross Country Skiing	18.60% 106
Sledding/Tubing	18.25% 104
Picnic Area	17.72% 101
Ice Skating/Ice Rink	17.02% 97
Play Equipment	15.44% 88
Boat Launch (kayak/canoe)	15.09% 86

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Disc Golf	15.09%	86
Splash Pad	14.39%	82
Zipline	14.39%	82
Beach/Swimming	14.21%	81
BMX Course/Pump Track	13.86%	79
Fishing	12.81%	73
Snow Shoeing	12.81%	73
Benches/Seating	12.11%	69
Climbing	12.11%	69
Geo-Caching	11.58%	66
Camping (Overnight)	10.53%	60
Increase Park Size	10.00%	57
Parking	9.65%	55
Outdoor Art	8.77%	50
N/A	8.42%	48
Tennis	6.84%	39
Open Lawn	6.49%	37
Basketball	6.32%	36
Skate Park Facilities	6.32%	36
Volleyball	5.61%	32
Snowboarding	4.74%	27
Sport Bow/Gun Facilities	4.74%	27
Bocce	4.21%	24
Soccer	3.68%	21
Other	3.33%	19
Badminton	3.16%	18
Horseshoe	2.98%	17
Motorized Boat Launch	2.81%	16
Barrier-Free Access	2.63%	15
Baseball	2.63%	15
Softball	2.46%	14
Crew (Rowing)	2.28%	13

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Football	1.58%	9
Horse Trails	1.05%	6
Total Respondents: 570		

#	Feel free to elaborate on the item(s) you selected or suggest an item not listed and/or indicate a specific park you want improved	Date
1	LOOKS LIKE SOME VERY GOOD THINGS FOR PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT	10/31/2014 1:59 PM
2	Good list above, some would like that you offer a shooting range.	10/31/2014 12:43 PM
3	Prefer walking on a non paved trail, like Provin Trails. The activities I checked above would be sweet to have.	10/22/2014 1:57 PM
4	Longer season at VerSluis	10/22/2014 11:01 AM
5	more land use	10/20/2014 1:00 PM
6	I would liek to see a large multi purpose park for the Township	10/19/2014 8:52 PM
7	Pickleball Pickle Ball courts would be nice	10/19/2014 12:50 PM
8	Walking trails	10/17/2014 4:16 PM
9	EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES HISTORICAL/MUSEUM	10/15/2014 6:02 PM
10	are there 360 video walk throughs of the parks so I familiar with their characteristics?	10/15/2014 12:47 AM
11	Cycling - Road with path	10/14/2014 1:08 PM
12	Pickleball Need Pickleball COurts	10/13/2014 3:49 PM
13	snow shoeing with snow shoe rentals would be great!	10/11/2014 9:17 AM
14	More opportunities to be active in the winter! Also a splash pad would be amazing!	10/11/2014 6:22 AM
15	connect Merrill trail to the white pine trail	10/10/2014 5:01 PM
16	White Pine Trail to Merrell trail path	10/10/2014 4:38 PM
17	Lacrosse fields and equipment.	10/10/2014 3:44 PM
18	more trails!! like Merrell, Luton, etc.	10/10/2014 1:02 PM
19	Would love to see a cross country trail for walkers and runners. I love to run Merrell Trails but am concerned with getting in the way of mountain bikers. An official 5k/10k cross country course could bring in competitions and be utilized by local schools for XC meets.	10/10/2014 12:12 PM
20	Trail from white pin trail to Merrell	10/10/2014 11:40 AM
21	Access from The White Pine Trail to Premier Park/Merrell	10/10/2014 11:13 AM
22	SCOR needs a place to hold soccer in Rockford. We have hardly any soccer fields.	10/10/2014 10:49 AM
23	Horse show facilities	10/9/2014 6:26 PM
24	Cost	10/8/2014 8:32 AM
25	Many of the items I've checked are simply not conveniently available in the Township which leads me to go elsewhere.	10/7/2014 7:57 PM
26	More space, ponds are awesome!	10/6/2014 9:05 PM
27	Would like a Plainfield CTP near me. The closest is an Alpine CTP.	10/6/2014 11:12 AM
28	Would love a skatepark as long as it was policed--there's a great one we visit in Florida, very safe, all ages and skill levels.	10/6/2014 10:33 AM
29	more connections to river - riverwalk to connect to other trails	10/5/2014 6:02 PM
30	kept the par 3 Grand Isle golf course	10/5/2014 2:27 PM

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31	roller blading	10/4/2014 7:06 PM
32	parks are popular....when done right....we have plenty of them, we just need to upgrade and utilize them to be cool gathering areas for multiple ages	10/4/2014 2:16 PM
33	splash pool	10/4/2014 12:32 PM
34	Pickleball Indoor and outdoor free pickleball courts.	10/4/2014 11:00 AM
35	need more walking trails at parks...not just the white pine trail	10/3/2014 7:59 AM
36	Restrooms available during off-season at Versluis Park	10/2/2014 7:34 PM
37	more easyto get too picnic tables and grills,..	10/2/2014 6:21 PM
38	It would need to be a significantly large paved path so that biking would feel like real exercise.	10/1/2014 9:12 PM
39	Maybe some of the parks have these features...I don't know about most of the parks.	10/1/2014 2:13 PM
40	kayak or canoe rentals, iceskating is a great idea, pool	10/1/2014 8:59 AM
41	Lacrosse facilities.	10/1/2014 2:02 AM
42	Versluis has too many rules and is no fun to go to. It should be open more days of the warm weather and free for residents.	9/30/2014 7:24 PM
43	Open water swim for training. less expense	9/30/2014 6:51 PM
44	I haven't been to any plainfield twnshp parks but the pics online appear to have some old play equipment. Maybe it could be updated.	9/30/2014 2:41 PM
45	Argo Park in Ann Arbor has a float area around the dam for tubers and kayakers. This also allows fish a route to travel to get up river. People sit around the area and watch people go by. Would be nice for something like this to be around the Rockford Dam,	9/30/2014 12:44 PM
46	If the park(s) were closer to my home.	9/30/2014 11:30 AM
47	We love to go to parks with very natural hiking trails but also love the convenience of playground equipment and athletic fields.	9/30/2014 9:53 AM
48	connection to non-motorized pathways is so needed	9/29/2014 8:39 PM
49	Pickleball pickle ball	9/29/2014 12:22 PM
50	I want more opportunities to connect with nature without having to drive an hour north.	9/28/2014 10:55 PM
51	The children in my family would use the sports I've indicated. As noted, I'd really like and use a NICE dog park with benches and restroom facilities.	9/28/2014 7:43 PM
52	No expansion necessary	9/28/2014 7:32 PM
53	more biking opportunities	9/28/2014 7:13 PM
54	More people might use Ambrose park if you built a downhill pump track. There is a decent hill, just enough space	9/28/2014 6:02 PM
55	pool	9/28/2014 5:39 PM
56	misc. exercise facility like pull up bars, balance beams, etc.	9/28/2014 3:20 PM
57	Archery, shooting range.	9/28/2014 9:23 AM
58	I live closer to non-Plainfield Township parks.	9/28/2014 8:08 AM
59	Archery	9/27/2014 10:06 PM
60	More (and better) benches and seating would be a great asset to Dean Lake park.	9/27/2014 10:00 PM
61	Park locations are not advertised to new residents	9/27/2014 8:50 PM
62	to many regulations	9/27/2014 8:23 PM
63	Would not use	9/27/2014 7:58 PM
64	A lot of the Plainfield Township Parks are simply too small to bother with.	9/27/2014 6:12 PM

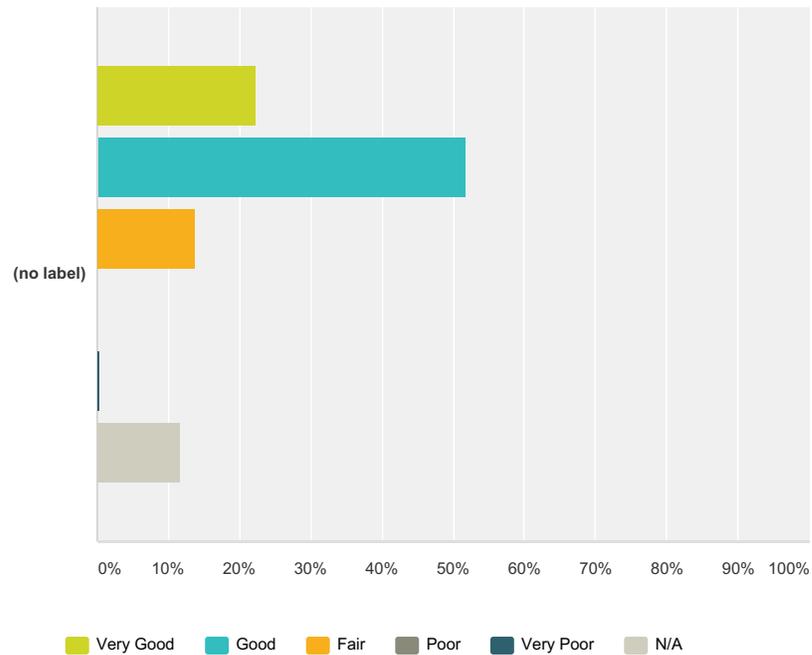
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65	STOP ITCHY FINGERS WANTING MORE MONEY!	9/27/2014 5:26 PM
66	Pickleball Pickle ball	9/27/2014 4:52 PM
67	Pickleball Pickleball court	9/27/2014 3:28 PM
68	Need a soccer park near Rockford!!	9/27/2014 2:40 PM
69	versluis-too expensive	9/27/2014 2:03 PM
70	Love the idea of ice skating, dog park, play equipment at a park that you don't have to pay to enter	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
71	How can we connect the parks and the White Pine Trail safely?	9/20/2014 7:26 AM
72	A dog park would be wonderful.	9/16/2014 9:55 AM
73	Versluis Park is nice, but there should be a free swimming option without all the frills like Myers Lake Park	8/25/2014 2:21 AM

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Q18 Please rate the quality of maintenance at Plainfield Charter Township owned parks and/or facilities that you use.

Answered: 604 Skipped: 246



	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Total	Average Rating
(no label)	22.35% 135	51.82% 313	13.74% 83	0.17% 1	0.33% 2	11.59% 70	604	1.92

#	Provide any comments you would like to share.	Date
1	NICE SURVEY FOR THE PEOPLE/FAMILIES WHO LIVE HERE	10/31/2014 1:59 PM
2	Generally look very good	10/31/2014 12:43 PM
3	AS A SENIOR I NEED SAFETY AT PARKS	10/31/2014 12:14 PM
4	Due to having younger children we visit parks that have restroom facilities. They have always been clean.	10/29/2014 10:32 AM
5	Thanks for allowing this online input. Biking lanes would help in getting to parks by way of Plainfiels av and the East Beltline.	10/22/2014 1:57 PM
6	Occasionally the parks are not in good shape during the summer months (lawn is long or not cleaned up	10/19/2014 8:52 PM
7	I've enjoyed the friendly staff	10/15/2014 12:47 AM
8	Bike paths/lanes connecting the different parks and trails	10/11/2014 3:18 PM
9	If we had no parks we would not need maintenance workers for parks.	10/10/2014 7:02 PM
10	Connector trails and non-motorized paths would make my family far more likely to utilize the parks more. Otherwise, great job!	10/10/2014 11:15 AM

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11	A dog park would also be a great addition to keep people in the township, and take some of the traffic away from the Rockford dog park. There are many groups out there who are willing to fund this kind of park.	10/10/2014 8:31 AM
12	Again, Dean Lake Park is often disgusting	10/7/2014 7:57 PM
13	I would love to see the Woodworth Farm become a learning community farm/park. Maybe the owner wants to leave a legacy!	10/6/2014 1:43 PM
14	Chopped logs in Versluis park all summer	10/3/2014 8:02 AM
15	extend bike paths along Grand River to connect with Ada bike path	10/2/2014 10:38 AM
16	I think Plainfield Twp has done a good job with parks & recreation overall with the exception of catering more to teens and connectivity of parks & trails. Our Children are now out of the public schools but We've always felt a sidewalk from 10mile to Kroes would be a huge asset and in my opinion would do a lot for connectivity to Rockford and people of all ages	9/30/2014 4:48 PM
17	White Pine pavement needs work	9/30/2014 1:02 PM
18	Packer Bridge and Rogue River area near Packer Park gets busy with people getting out after tubing/kayaking for the day. The entrance area to the river is steep making it difficult for non SUV's to enter/leave. This is really an oxie moron nice it keeps traffic along the road, bad because it keeps traffic along the road. Kitty corner from it a number of people get out of the river and walk in poison ivy along the path is there a way to clean this up?	9/30/2014 12:44 PM
19	As a home owner, we dont need to pay for anything else in our taxes. we dont need to add/update parks in this area	9/29/2014 6:09 PM
20	Open Versluis to the public off season	9/29/2014 4:31 PM
21	I would go to a dog park often if there was one!	9/29/2014 2:06 PM
22	We mostly use Versluis and the management and employees are just GREAT!!!!	9/29/2014 2:02 PM
23	Only areas that I ever see needing attention is along the river or along the busier roads (trash).	9/28/2014 10:55 PM
24	Unrealistic to give a "very good" rating, especially since maintenance is an area which is always in flux and changing with improvements and/or use of parks	9/28/2014 5:49 PM
25	East Oakview seems to be the least maintained of the three elementaries. The landscaping could use a good makeover, especially in the back of the school. Also the bike path leading down to the school from Lakehurst is a mess.	9/27/2014 10:00 PM
26	Parks I've visited are clean, but aging. They don't seem to be highly maintained (except Versluis Park, which costs money to get in).	9/27/2014 8:37 PM
27	I SEE WHAT THIS IS ABOUT- PREPARING TO BEG FOR MORE MONEY ON THE BRINK OF A COMPLETE SOCIETAL COLLAPSE	9/27/2014 5:26 PM
28	Veterans Memorial Park (drive past it daily) is always very well kept	9/27/2014 4:36 PM
29	Varies by park. Northgate park does not get mowed as often as it should. Overall most parks are pretty clean.	9/20/2014 11:00 AM
30	Fix the track signs at Gold Dust Park	9/18/2014 7:03 AM
31	Please grade the gravel at DNR by the ramp, and install a night light	8/31/2014 3:49 PM

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Q19 What type of additional parks/facilities or open space do you think is most needed in Plainfield Charter Township? Where should it be located?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 629

Answer Choices	Responses
Park/Facility/Open Space	95.93% 212
Location	75.11% 166

#	Park/Facility/Open Space	Date
1	EASIER ACCESS TO FRED MEIJER WHITE PINE TRAIL	10/31/2014 2:13 PM
2	Dog Park/Sledding	10/31/2014 1:45 PM
3	playground pool and picnic area	10/31/2014 1:01 PM
4	open space for cross country skiing and snow shoe	10/31/2014 8:42 AM
5	ice skating	10/30/2014 12:56 PM
6	Splash Pad, Skate Park	10/30/2014 11:09 AM
7	Anything that is barrier free	10/29/2014 3:04 PM
8	Walking trail, playground, picnic area	10/29/2014 10:37 AM
9	ice skating, sledding, cross country skiing	10/28/2014 10:59 AM
10	I want places to walk my dog to exercise both of us	10/27/2014 12:25 AM
11	fishing	10/25/2014 3:56 PM
12	connect White Pine Trail to back of Merrell Park	10/24/2014 9:32 AM
13	Community pool	10/23/2014 10:43 AM
14	Wooded Natural Areas/Motorized boating access site	10/22/2014 1:15 PM
15	yes	10/20/2014 1:03 PM
16	Large Multipurpose park similar to those in Detroit. This would also allow for potential revenue opportunities from rental and usage fees	10/19/2014 8:55 PM
17	More places to swim	10/19/2014 4:35 PM
18	volleyball courts sand or other	10/19/2014 1:35 PM
19	Mtn. biking	10/18/2014 3:03 PM
20	picnic space	10/16/2014 9:16 PM
21	Soccer fields	10/16/2014 8:10 PM
22	none	10/16/2014 1:21 PM
23	More bike paths	10/16/2014 7:48 AM
24	MTB course	10/15/2014 10:19 PM
25	Velodrome track for track cycling	10/15/2014 10:05 PM
26	Northland drive	10/15/2014 9:10 PM

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27	Trails	10/15/2014 8:02 PM
28	More paved and unpaved multi-use singletrack trails	10/15/2014 7:52 PM
29	MORE NATURE VIEWING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	10/15/2014 6:05 PM
30	Connections to White Pine Trail	10/15/2014 4:30 PM
31	Connect the Merrell trail to the White Pine	10/15/2014 12:25 PM
32	larger parks with green space and x-country trails	10/15/2014 12:51 AM
33	Connector Merrell Bike Trail to White Pine Trail	10/14/2014 11:19 PM
34	Mountain bike trails / Pump tracks	10/14/2014 7:57 PM
35	Trail System and Natural Areas	10/14/2014 3:08 PM
36	More mountain bike and hiking trails	10/14/2014 1:35 PM
37	Non motorized natural surface single track trails	10/14/2014 1:15 PM
38	Paved path and single track	10/14/2014 9:43 AM
39	paths connecting White Pine trail and Merrell biking park	10/14/2014 9:42 AM
40	open fields for recreation	10/14/2014 7:26 AM
41	Soccer and Baseball Fields	10/13/2014 8:46 PM
42	Park	10/13/2014 3:54 PM
43	Cycling connectors	10/13/2014 11:49 AM
44	Walking trails, bike links two are parks and county, state trails	10/13/2014 9:35 AM
45	Connections	10/12/2014 9:03 PM
46	Don't know	10/11/2014 11:54 AM
47	Rogue River park would be wonderful if expanded	10/11/2014 6:23 AM
48	Mountain biking	10/10/2014 8:13 PM
49	connector trail from White pine trail to premiere park	10/10/2014 7:54 PM
50	None	10/10/2014 7:04 PM
51	Off-road bike path from White Pine to Merrell	10/10/2014 5:17 PM
52	connect Merrill trail to the white pine trail	10/10/2014 5:03 PM
53	Mountain bike trails	10/10/2014 4:39 PM
54	Running path	10/10/2014 4:06 PM
55	Connector between Merrill and white pine trails	10/10/2014 3:52 PM
56	Mtb trail connecting to white pine and merrell	10/10/2014 3:49 PM
57	Non motorized trails/connections to other trails	10/10/2014 3:44 PM
58	in door dog park	10/10/2014 3:30 PM
59	Path to Merrel trail	10/10/2014 2:30 PM
60	Dog Park and winter recreation	10/10/2014 1:40 PM
61	bike trails, bike paths	10/10/2014 1:29 PM
62	connector trails mostly. bike riding around here always feels like a life or death lottery.	10/10/2014 1:06 PM
63	merrill more trails	10/10/2014 1:05 PM
64	Mountain biking	10/10/2014 1:03 PM

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65	white pine connector to merrell!	10/10/2014 12:37 PM
66	keep bathroom/water facilities open year round	10/10/2014 12:32 PM
67	Mountain Bike Trails	10/10/2014 12:28 PM
68	Cross country course 5k/10k	10/10/2014 12:15 PM
69	Good Safe Route from White Pine to Merrell Trail	10/10/2014 12:15 PM
70	Connection of Merrell bike trail to White Pine Trail	10/10/2014 11:56 AM
71	bmx course	10/10/2014 11:43 AM
72	mountain bike trail	10/10/2014 11:39 AM
73	non motorized path from WPT to Merrell trail network	10/10/2014 11:34 AM
74	Nothing comes to mind	10/10/2014 11:18 AM
75	Connect MTB Trails to White Pine	10/10/2014 11:17 AM
76	Ice Rink - indoor soccer	10/10/2014 11:14 AM
77	mountain bike trails	10/10/2014 11:12 AM
78	mountain bike trails	10/10/2014 11:09 AM
79	White Pine Trail	10/10/2014 11:00 AM
80	connection to mountain bike parks	10/10/2014 10:55 AM
81	White Pine connector	10/10/2014 10:52 AM
82	Soccer and sledding and bike paths to connect to White Pine Trail	10/10/2014 10:51 AM
83	Connector trail from White Pine to Merrell Trail	10/10/2014 10:42 AM
84	dog park with at least a one mile trail through the woods where dogs and owners can be off leash. Not just a fenced in area.	10/10/2014 10:28 AM
85	dog park/splash pad/paved trails	10/10/2014 8:42 AM
86	Sports Center	10/9/2014 6:29 PM
87	trails for biking, running & walking	10/8/2014 12:25 PM
88	Dog Park	10/7/2014 7:55 PM
89	a place to dispose of trees and scrubs free	10/7/2014 6:04 PM
90	dog park	10/7/2014 12:44 PM
91	bike trail on Pine Island connected to White Pine Trail	10/6/2014 10:01 PM
92	Find ways to connect the WPT to the park system	10/6/2014 9:10 PM
93	Fishing parks	10/6/2014 4:26 PM
94	Park	10/6/2014 3:20 PM
95	Park	10/6/2014 3:02 PM
96	Ball diamonds, tennis courts, walking path.	10/6/2014 11:20 AM
97	not sure	10/6/2014 11:16 AM
98	mountain bike/BMX park, something like Valmont Park in Boulder CO	10/6/2014 10:40 AM
99	Off of Plainfield by schools	10/5/2014 10:06 PM
100	par 3 Grand Isle golf course - was always busy	10/5/2014 2:29 PM
101	large gathering areas (like downtown Rockford) in scenic areas	10/4/2014 2:20 PM

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102	kids splash pool or fountain	10/4/2014 12:33 PM
103	Pickleball courts indoor and outdoor--free	10/4/2014 11:03 AM
104	Along the Grand River	10/3/2014 12:42 PM
105	n/a	10/3/2014 10:54 AM
106	bike trails	10/3/2014 9:28 AM
107	Hiking / biking trails	10/3/2014 8:05 AM
108	ambrose park...have a walking path around the pond	10/3/2014 8:01 AM
109	Natural hiking area	10/2/2014 10:11 PM
110	none	10/2/2014 8:29 PM
111	bike/ walking trails like white pines	10/2/2014 8:22 PM
112	grand river park (dnr park)	10/2/2014 6:25 PM
113	Ice rink	10/2/2014 6:20 PM
114	na	10/2/2014 12:50 PM
115	nature trails, wildlife viewing	10/2/2014 12:18 PM
116	more bike paths	10/2/2014 10:40 AM
117	Playground parks in neighborhoods - close enough to walk to	10/2/2014 10:30 AM
118	none needed	10/2/2014 10:13 AM
119	Playground parks	10/2/2014 10:13 AM
120	walking trails	10/2/2014 9:34 AM
121	Park	10/1/2014 10:05 PM
122	Paved bike path like White Pine Trail	10/1/2014 9:15 PM
123	Dog Park	10/1/2014 7:46 PM
124	dog park	10/1/2014 3:27 PM
125	Park trail open space	10/1/2014 2:18 PM
126	Trail Running and Biking is my personal interest.	10/1/2014 1:40 PM
127	non motorized trails	9/30/2014 7:30 PM
128	Natural open trails	9/30/2014 6:54 PM
129	I think we have plenty of parks currently and should focus on connecting them to trails or walks	9/30/2014 4:51 PM
130	Water park/splash pad/pool	9/30/2014 2:43 PM
131	-	9/30/2014 1:09 PM
132	Cross country skiing	9/30/2014 1:04 PM
133	separate launch area for kayaks and canoes	9/30/2014 12:05 PM
134	Park and play equipment with no membership	9/30/2014 11:27 AM
135	Dog park with hiking/walking path	9/30/2014 11:03 AM
136	Splash pad	9/29/2014 8:52 PM
137	better kakak accessibility	9/29/2014 8:45 PM
138	motorized vehicle/off road park	9/29/2014 8:04 PM
139	Park	9/29/2014 7:43 PM

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140	A bigger beach would be really nice	9/29/2014 7:08 PM
141	soccer fields, walking trails	9/29/2014 6:40 PM
142	none	9/29/2014 6:12 PM
143	Partner more/better with Northview Schools on their facilities.	9/29/2014 4:34 PM
144	Maintain and improve existing parks	9/29/2014 4:29 PM
145	PUBLIC SWIMMING PARK	9/29/2014 4:11 PM
146	Ice arena	9/29/2014 4:11 PM
147	?	9/29/2014 2:46 PM
148	Playgrounf equipment	9/29/2014 2:15 PM
149	Dog Park	9/29/2014 2:09 PM
150	Bike trails connecting White Pine access	9/29/2014 1:35 PM
151	parking	9/29/2014 1:13 PM
152	park\biking\playgrounds	9/29/2014 12:51 PM
153	Biking	9/29/2014 10:23 AM
154	more swimming dates and hours	9/29/2014 10:04 AM
155	disc golf, soccer fields	9/29/2014 9:41 AM
156	Separate bike path along Rogue R iver Dr from Packer to Belmont Avenue.	9/29/2014 8:33 AM
157	Strongly support non-motorized paths to connect neighborhoods & trails/parks	9/29/2014 8:25 AM
158	Hiking / dog walking paths with scenic overlook.	9/28/2014 10:59 PM
159	Haven't given it much thought	9/28/2014 9:08 PM
160	disc golf	9/28/2014 8:34 PM
161	Motorized boat launch	9/28/2014 8:26 PM
162	dog park, bike trail, kayak launch	9/28/2014 8:06 PM
163	Dog park	9/28/2014 7:48 PM
164	NONE	9/28/2014 7:34 PM
165	hiking/biking trails	9/28/2014 7:15 PM
166	wooded, hilly running/walking trails	9/28/2014 6:44 PM
167	park with a few miles of nature trail for walking/running	9/28/2014 3:53 PM
168	dog park	9/28/2014 3:32 PM
169	dog park	9/28/2014 3:26 PM
170	Very difficult to ride bike to White Pine Trail need more bike paths, Five Mile and Coit	9/28/2014 2:13 PM
171	Disc Golf Course	9/28/2014 12:34 PM
172	Dog park	9/28/2014 12:08 PM
173	Never use the parks	9/28/2014 12:07 PM
174	paths for more leashed dog walking	9/28/2014 11:55 AM
175	Not sure I am close to 2 locatons	9/28/2014 11:41 AM
176	a free place to relax and enjoy the outdoors	9/28/2014 11:20 AM
177	Dog Parks	9/28/2014 10:17 AM

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178	hiking trails	9/28/2014 9:54 AM
179	Walking paths that connect to Kent County parks or other spaces	9/28/2014 9:41 AM
180	disc golf	9/28/2014 9:34 AM
181	natural trails	9/28/2014 8:32 AM
182	Natural, open space hiking trails that don't allow motorized vehicles.	9/28/2014 8:13 AM
183	Green space	9/28/2014 8:08 AM
184	playgrounds and walking trails	9/28/2014 8:06 AM
185	open space, hiking trail	9/28/2014 7:47 AM
186	dog park	9/27/2014 11:01 PM
187	Kayak launch	9/27/2014 10:01 PM
188	More access to White Pine trail	9/27/2014 9:58 PM
189	n/a	9/27/2014 9:51 PM
190	Save the money, stop adding new features to parks that aren't used	9/27/2014 9:43 PM
191	None at this time	9/27/2014 8:55 PM
192	None	9/27/2014 8:52 PM
193	Beach	9/27/2014 8:16 PM
194	DOG Park	9/27/2014 7:57 PM
195	More parks with water access	9/27/2014 7:18 PM
196	NONE- STOP BEING GREEDY, AND CUT SALERIES AND PERSONELLE	9/27/2014 5:30 PM
197	Access to Grand or Rogue Rivers for kayaking/canoeing	9/27/2014 4:50 PM
198	Cleared areas to fish	9/27/2014 4:47 PM
199	Little Pine Island Lake	9/27/2014 4:45 PM
200	dog park or park where dogs can play fetch off leash	9/27/2014 4:40 PM
201	Open space, nature trails	9/27/2014 4:34 PM
202	Park	9/27/2014 4:22 PM
203	easy exess to it	9/27/2014 4:09 PM
204	for camping	9/27/2014 3:47 PM
205	Covered picnic areas for group gatherings	9/27/2014 3:00 PM
206	Soccer Park	9/27/2014 2:42 PM
207	all	9/27/2014 1:47 PM
208	Open	9/27/2014 1:41 PM
209	large community park, dog park	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
210	Parks that something for small children to teens for family use	9/18/2014 11:23 AM
211	Park	9/18/2014 7:07 AM
212	Free swimming area	8/25/2014 2:24 AM
#	Location	Date
1	BTN Blythfield Bluff & West River/gravel pits	10/31/2014 1:45 PM
2	Coit	10/31/2014 1:01 PM

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3	LOOKING FORWARD TO NEW PARK ON WEST RIVER (OLD GOLF COURSE)	10/31/2014 12:15 PM
4	field/woods where water tower is - along Kuttshill Road	10/31/2014 8:42 AM
5	new recreation facility on 10 mile	10/30/2014 12:56 PM
6	Comstock Park	10/30/2014 11:09 AM
7	All locations	10/29/2014 3:04 PM
8	Somewhere between US 131 and the White Pine Trail	10/29/2014 10:37 AM
9	Versluis?	10/28/2014 10:59 AM
10	South of power lines	10/24/2014 9:32 AM
11	Anywhere	10/23/2014 10:43 AM
12	Along one of the rivers/lakes	10/22/2014 1:15 PM
13	anywhere	10/20/2014 1:03 PM
14	North end of Township. West River	10/19/2014 8:55 PM
15	Not sure what is available to zone this way	10/19/2014 4:35 PM
16	unknown	10/19/2014 1:35 PM
17	along Grand or Rogue Rivers	10/16/2014 9:16 PM
18	rockford area	10/16/2014 8:10 PM
19	Along 5 Mile Road	10/16/2014 7:48 AM
20	any location	10/15/2014 10:19 PM
21	sports complex on 10 mile	10/15/2014 10:05 PM
22	Comstock park	10/15/2014 9:10 PM
23	White pine to merrrel and Jericho to high school	10/15/2014 8:02 PM
24	everywhere	10/15/2014 7:52 PM
25	Jericho bike/walking trail detached from road for safety	10/15/2014 4:30 PM
26	Rockford / 10 Mile	10/14/2014 11:19 PM
27	West of the river. 7 to 9 mile area	10/14/2014 10:00 PM
28	Any available	10/14/2014 7:57 PM
29	Numerous	10/14/2014 3:08 PM
30	Merrell Trail and Rouge River Park	10/14/2014 1:35 PM
31	Any location as long as it is easily accessed via non motorized paved or unpaved trails	10/14/2014 1:15 PM
32	Jericho Ave ro H.S. & connecting White Pine to Merrill trails	10/14/2014 9:43 AM
33	north end of township	10/14/2014 7:26 AM
34	Belmont	10/13/2014 8:46 PM
35	East Beltline	10/13/2014 3:54 PM
36	all	10/13/2014 11:49 AM
37	Bike path along jericho	10/12/2014 9:03 PM
38	No preference	10/11/2014 11:54 AM
39	Everywhere	10/10/2014 8:13 PM
40	10 mile	10/10/2014 7:54 PM

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41	No	10/10/2014 7:04 PM
42	Near 10 Mile	10/10/2014 5:17 PM
43	Merrill trail	10/10/2014 5:03 PM
44	connect to white pine trail	10/10/2014 4:06 PM
45	above	10/10/2014 3:52 PM
46	Trails from 10 mile park to downtown rockford	10/10/2014 3:49 PM
47	To Merrill trail	10/10/2014 3:44 PM
48	Rockford area	10/10/2014 3:30 PM
49	from white pine trail	10/10/2014 2:30 PM
50	connection of white pine trail to merrel trail	10/10/2014 2:13 PM
51	Where space is available and appropriate	10/10/2014 1:40 PM
52	all over	10/10/2014 1:29 PM
53	the whole twp. ride your bike from the twp offices up jupiter to lowes sometime to see what I mean.	10/10/2014 1:06 PM
54	Plainfield Township	10/10/2014 1:03 PM
55	white pine trail	10/10/2014 12:37 PM
56	wherever current facilities exist	10/10/2014 12:32 PM
57	Where space is available.	10/10/2014 12:28 PM
58	10 Mile Rd	10/10/2014 12:15 PM
59	Premier Park / Merrell trail / White Pine Trail	10/10/2014 11:56 AM
60	any	10/10/2014 11:43 AM
61	WPT to Merrell, rockford	10/10/2014 11:34 AM
62	North of West River drive	10/10/2014 11:14 AM
63	anywhere	10/10/2014 11:12 AM
64	Connected to Merrill Trail	10/10/2014 11:00 AM
65	merrell to white pine	10/10/2014 10:55 AM
66	New park on 10 Mile Road	10/10/2014 10:52 AM
67	Belmont Avenue and 10 Mile	10/10/2014 10:51 AM
68	anywhere	10/10/2014 10:28 AM
69	on the western side of the township (Pine Island area)	10/10/2014 8:42 AM
70	10 Mile Rd. Rockford	10/9/2014 6:29 PM
71	Belmont	10/7/2014 7:55 PM
72	anyplace	10/7/2014 6:04 PM
73	Pine Island Ave.	10/6/2014 10:01 PM
74	along the rivers	10/6/2014 4:26 PM
75	Former Grand Isle Golf Ranch	10/6/2014 3:20 PM
76	The Former Grand Isle Golf Course	10/6/2014 3:02 PM
77	Seven Mile & Pine Island (Currently a corn field).	10/6/2014 11:20 AM
78	river frontage is nice	10/6/2014 11:16 AM

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79	what is Grand Isle doing? Is it supposed to be a park because it looks like they are scraping off the topsoil and tearing it up?.	10/6/2014 10:40 AM
80	west river drive	10/5/2014 2:29 PM
81	dwight lydell is a gold mine waiting to be developed more	10/4/2014 2:20 PM
82	Close to Dean Lake	10/4/2014 11:03 AM
83	West River Dr.	10/3/2014 12:42 PM
84	n/a	10/3/2014 10:54 AM
85	East of Wolverine Blvd.	10/3/2014 9:28 AM
86	woodworth/ambrose	10/3/2014 8:01 AM
87	doesn't matter	10/2/2014 10:11 PM
88	nowhere	10/2/2014 8:29 PM
89	Versluis or old Grand Isle Golf location	10/2/2014 6:20 PM
90	na	10/2/2014 12:50 PM
91	Near the rivers	10/2/2014 12:18 PM
92	along roads in township	10/2/2014 10:40 AM
93	Northview area	10/2/2014 10:30 AM
94	In individual neighborhoods as in Ann Arbor	10/2/2014 10:13 AM
95	Belmont	10/1/2014 10:05 PM
96	Maybe it could start somewhere and connect to the White Pine Trail	10/1/2014 9:15 PM
97	packer park/gold dust park	10/1/2014 3:27 PM
98	5 Mile & East Beltline	10/1/2014 2:18 PM
99	Anywhere with easy biking/running access to trail.	10/1/2014 1:40 PM
100	belmont/comstock park area	10/1/2014 9:02 AM
101	Premier to White Pine Trl White pine to West River and Comstock Park	9/30/2014 7:30 PM
102	Versluis	9/30/2014 6:54 PM
103	Belmont area	9/30/2014 2:43 PM
104	-	9/30/2014 1:09 PM
105	Not important	9/30/2014 1:04 PM
106	west river drive launch area	9/30/2014 12:05 PM
107	Northville area	9/30/2014 11:27 AM
108	Plainfield/5 mile or Beltline/5 mile area	9/30/2014 11:03 AM
109	Near Versluis park	9/29/2014 8:52 PM
110	dean lake	9/29/2014 8:45 PM
111	grand isle park	9/29/2014 8:04 PM
112	empty space off of old northland drive, by peterson valley area.	9/29/2014 7:43 PM
113	Versluis park	9/29/2014 7:08 PM
114	Grand Isle park	9/29/2014 6:40 PM
115	no where	9/29/2014 6:12 PM

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116	Could possibly even buy some land from them on Hunsburger just north of the High School	9/29/2014 4:34 PM
117	OLD KENT PARK	9/29/2014 4:11 PM
118	In Plainfield	9/29/2014 4:11 PM
119	?	9/29/2014 2:46 PM
120	Belmont	9/29/2014 2:15 PM
121	Versluis Park	9/29/2014 2:09 PM
122	everywhere	9/29/2014 1:13 PM
123	Something closer to Comstock Park, rather than Northview or Rockford.	9/29/2014 12:51 PM
124	western part of township	9/29/2014 12:24 PM
125	Versluis	9/29/2014 10:04 AM
126	anything along the river- similar to Riverside nonmotorized path	9/29/2014 9:52 AM
127	Grand Island	9/29/2014 9:41 AM
128	North side of river, along rogue river or at the top of the Samrick hill.	9/28/2014 10:59 PM
129	any park	9/28/2014 8:34 PM
130	Any park adjacent to a lake or river	9/28/2014 8:26 PM
131	Needs to be centrally located and at least an acre devoted to the dogs, plus parking and restrooms for the owners.	9/28/2014 7:48 PM
132	not sure	9/28/2014 7:15 PM
133	north east side	9/28/2014 6:44 PM
134	near a water feature	9/28/2014 3:53 PM
135	belmont	9/28/2014 3:32 PM
136	Lameroux Park?	9/28/2014 3:26 PM
137	Five Mile and Coit	9/28/2014 2:13 PM
138	Grand Isle Park	9/28/2014 12:34 PM
139	Following Rogue River	9/28/2014 9:54 AM
140	4mile east beltine	9/28/2014 9:35 AM
141	Near Division and West River	9/28/2014 8:08 AM
142	any	9/28/2014 8:06 AM
143	The canyon between Buth and River Road Farms neighborhood	9/28/2014 7:47 AM
144	belmont proper	9/27/2014 11:01 PM
145	Dean Lake and/or Versluis Park	9/27/2014 10:01 PM
146	in Plainfield Twp	9/27/2014 9:58 PM
147	N/A	9/27/2014 9:51 PM
148	Save the money, stop adding new features to parks that aren't used	9/27/2014 9:43 PM
149	N/A	9/27/2014 8:52 PM
150	The unused lake behind Family Fare on Northland DR.	9/27/2014 8:16 PM
151	On water of some kind	9/27/2014 7:18 PM
152	LAY OFF SOME WORKING FOR THE TOWNSHIP	9/27/2014 5:30 PM

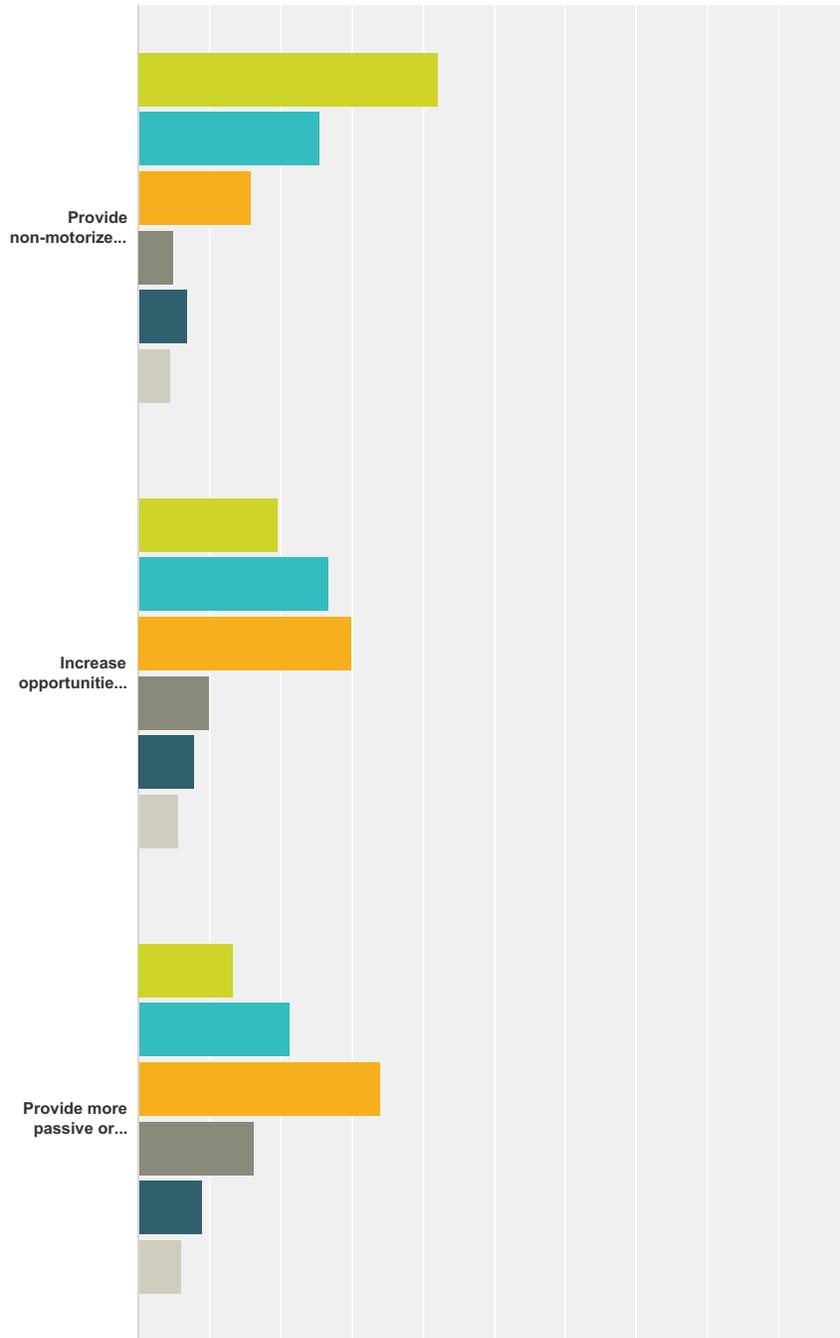
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153	Anywhere with places to put in and take out with parking.	9/27/2014 4:50 PM
154	Anywhere along the Grand River within the twp., w/parking and restroom facilities	9/27/2014 4:47 PM
155	north of the Grand River	9/27/2014 4:40 PM
156	Grand Island Park	9/27/2014 4:34 PM
157	West of 131	9/27/2014 4:22 PM
158	North end of Township	9/27/2014 3:00 PM
159	Rockford	9/27/2014 2:42 PM
160	W River Dr where the golf course was	9/27/2014 1:47 PM
161	preferably centrally located, but where there is land available	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
162	No suggestions	9/18/2014 11:23 AM
163	Rogue River at Packer Bridge	9/18/2014 7:07 AM
164	Tear down the eyesore/blight of Witmark and make that a community park area.	9/16/2014 9:58 AM
165	Comstock Park	8/29/2014 2:26 PM
166	Dean Lake, etc.	8/25/2014 2:24 AM

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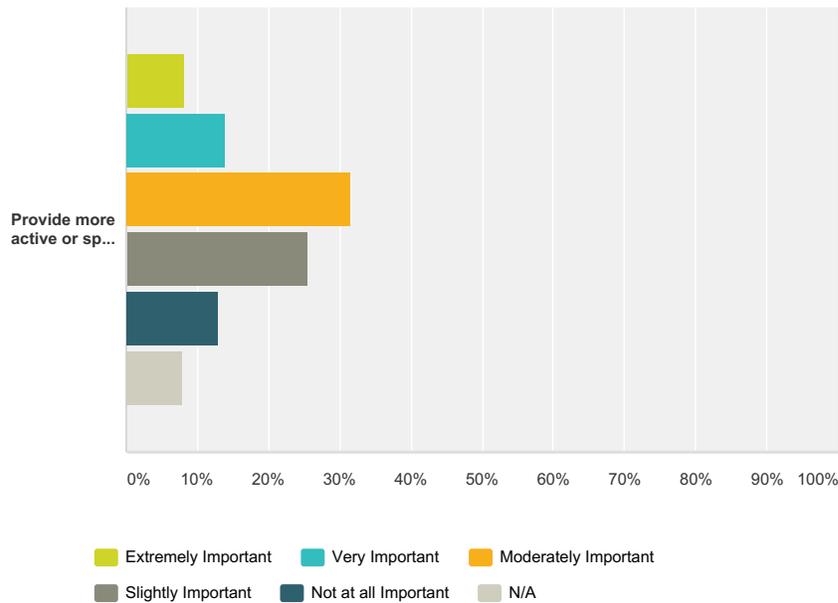
Q20 In considering priorities for the next five years, how important to you are each of the following?

Answered: 581 Skipped: 269



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	Extremely Important	Very Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	N/A	Total	Average Rating
Provide non-motorized pathways to connect all neighborhoods with parks, schools and the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail	42.11% 240	25.44% 145	15.96% 91	5.09% 29	6.84% 39	4.56% 26	570	2.05
Increase opportunities to access rivers/waterways	19.53% 107	26.82% 147	30.11% 165	10.04% 55	7.85% 43	5.66% 31	548	2.57
Provide more passive or leisure facilities (Picnicing, birdwatching, disc golf, etc.)	13.45% 74	21.27% 117	34.00% 187	16.36% 90	8.91% 49	6.00% 33	550	2.85
Provide more active or sport facilities (athletic fields, tennis, volleyball, etc.)	8.21% 44	13.99% 75	31.53% 169	25.37% 136	12.87% 69	8.02% 43	536	3.23

#	Other (please specify any other priorities you feel are important)	Date
1	I WISH THERE COULD BE BIKE LANES ADJACENT TO DRIVING LANES-I REALIZE THEY ARE VERY EXPENSIVE AND PROBABLY NOT ON MOST FAMILY AGENDAS. THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE REASONS I GO ELSEWHERE FOR THE THINGS I DO RATHER THAN UTILIZE TOWNSHIP PARKS-WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BIKE TRAILS ANYWAY.	10/31/2014 2:04 PM
2	DOG PARK	10/31/2014 1:45 PM
3	Allow snowmobiles on the White Pine Trail South of Russell Road years ago the DNR held a meeting at your THall to debate this issue, all spoke in favor with only one reserved but not opposed to this The next thing we knew that without due process or debate, two or three commercial interests over ruled us all and arbitrarily had snowmobiles banned from Russell Road. I am still insensed and angry over this; where are the two powerful individuals that overruled the majority without debate or due process? Please revisit this issue and restore the democratic process of proper debate for all!	10/31/2014 12:49 PM
4	Opportunities for more winter sports would be very nice	10/29/2014 10:37 AM
5	Open areas for kite flying/model airplane flying-powered&hand launched	10/28/2014 4:54 PM
6	connect Luton to White Pine Trail	10/24/2014 9:32 AM
7	Pickle Ball courts	10/19/2014 12:54 PM

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8	winter activities like x-country, sleding and ice skating	10/15/2014 12:51 AM
9	Non motorized natural surface hiking/mountain biking trails	10/14/2014 1:15 PM
10	Bike path on Belmont Road	10/13/2014 8:46 PM
11	Pickleball Courts	10/13/2014 3:54 PM
12	Soccer fields!!	10/13/2014 10:44 AM
13	Mountain biking	10/11/2014 9:18 AM
14	Not needed. Waste of money	10/10/2014 7:04 PM
15	Lacrosse fields	10/10/2014 3:47 PM
16	connection of white pine trail to merrel trail	10/10/2014 2:13 PM
17	Maybe the twp could partern/help out with Robinettes trail maintenance. It always wants to overgrow like a jungle.	10/10/2014 1:06 PM
18	Cross country course!!	10/10/2014 12:15 PM
19	Mountain Biking	10/10/2014 11:00 AM
20	dog park, see above. It could be the first of its kind in Kent Co	10/10/2014 10:28 AM
21	Paved trails that connect the parks	10/10/2014 8:42 AM
22	Horse Show/Arena facility	10/9/2014 6:29 PM
23	Why aren't we talking about better partnering DNR and county parks? If the county manages Packer Park, why don't we help more to manage and improve it?	10/6/2014 9:10 PM
24	a more natural beauty type park with ponds , walking trails , maybe a feature like petting zoo/farm like ideas	10/6/2014 1:53 PM
25	See above :) skate and BMX for younger kids	10/6/2014 10:40 AM
26	par 3 Grand Isle golf course - was always busy	10/5/2014 2:29 PM
27	more xc skiing and trails for day hikes (5-10 mile loops)	10/4/2014 2:46 PM
28	Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts and bike trails and walking trails away from car fumes.	10/4/2014 11:03 AM
29	NA...moving out of Plainfield Township this year.	10/4/2014 10:07 AM
30	bike paths	10/3/2014 9:28 AM
31	Ice rink please.	10/2/2014 6:20 PM
32	Do not over build, keep more natural areas but offer ways to access them	10/2/2014 12:18 PM
33	bike trail, kayaking, easy access for walking	10/1/2014 2:18 PM
34	open water swim area for training	9/30/2014 6:54 PM
35	Providing more swimming opportunities/water activities in Plainfield Township Parks	9/30/2014 2:43 PM
36	Dog parks	9/30/2014 11:03 AM
37	I would defintley utilize the river more if there were more launch and port points.	9/30/2014 10:03 AM
38	motorized rec facility	9/29/2014 8:04 PM
39	There are many of parks that provide things that people go to more often to do things...rasing our taxes for un-needed things or parks would not get more use then they already do.	9/29/2014 6:12 PM
40	partner with the schools for access to athletics	9/29/2014 4:34 PM
41	Please add a dog park.	9/29/2014 2:09 PM
42	I am not feeling a need for anything new, just maintaining or improving on what is available	9/29/2014 12:32 PM
43	PLEASE NO TRAIL ALONG OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ON THE RIVER!!!!	9/29/2014 11:16 AM

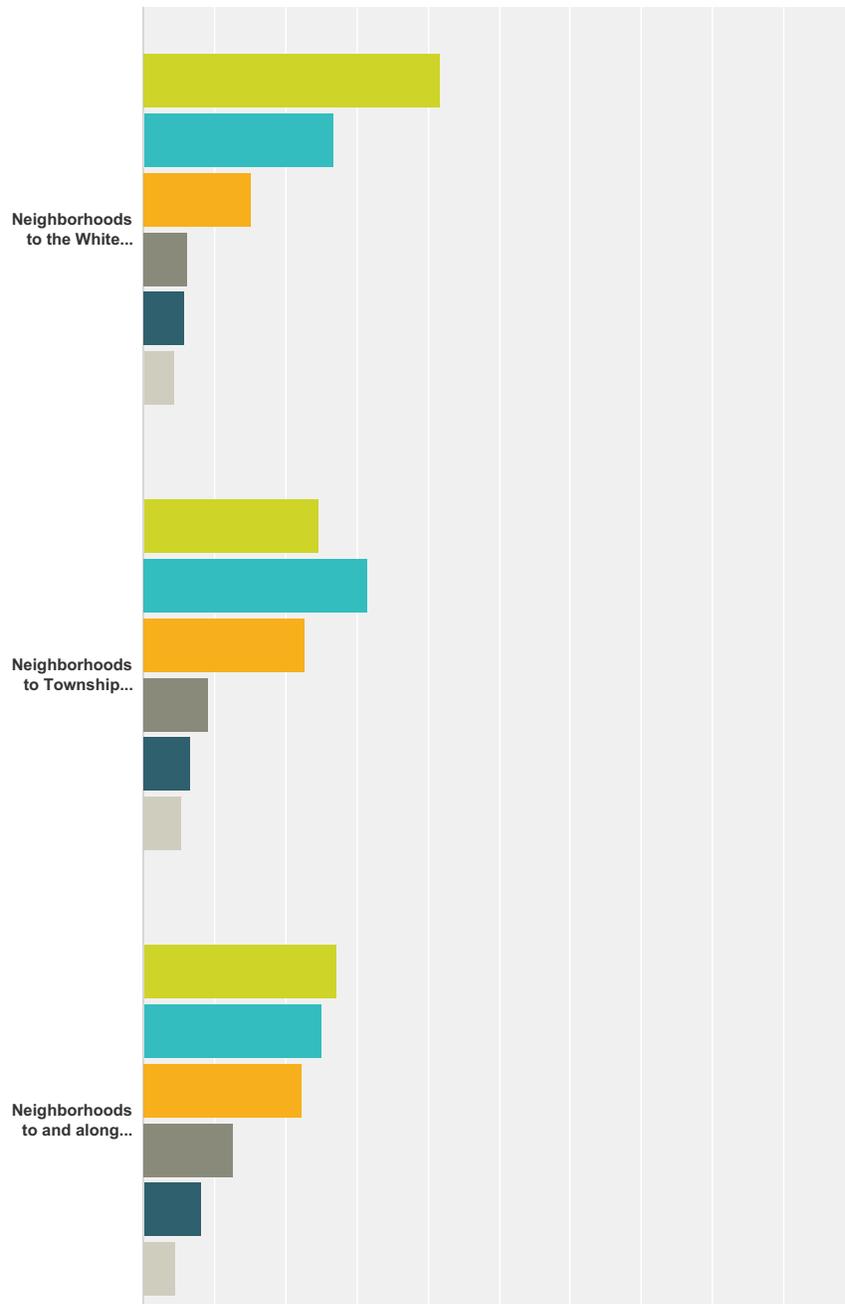
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44	Athletic fields, although they are nice, I believe can be handled with cooperation with the schools. Would rather money go toward non motorized paths within the community.	9/29/2014 8:25 AM
45	Extremely important: dog park!	9/28/2014 7:48 PM
46	Like things they way they are...no need to waste tax dollars.	9/28/2014 7:34 PM
47	picnic tables, benches, landscaping	9/28/2014 3:26 PM
48	There is currently no disc golf course installed in Plainfield Township, with the nearest course located at Riverside Park. After Riverside, the next nearest course is a 20-30 minute drive. The number of baseball diamonds seems to be adequate, as most parks contain at least one.	9/28/2014 12:34 PM
49	soccer field complex	9/28/2014 9:54 AM
50	Clean up and develop Grand Isle property	9/28/2014 9:21 AM
51	dont spend any more money on these things	9/27/2014 8:26 PM
52	I don,tfeel qualified to answer	9/27/2014 8:02 PM
53	I'm more interested in walking/hiking trails than anything. Or simply nature settings in which to relax.	9/27/2014 6:14 PM
54	THERE IS PLENTY TO DO NOW- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ENTERTAIN US!	9/27/2014 5:30 PM
55	Embrace geocaching, it brings friendly people from all over	9/27/2014 4:34 PM
56	Sidewalk ordinance - clearing of weeds and snow as the season dictate would help with access	9/27/2014 3:30 PM
57	Soccer park!	9/27/2014 2:42 PM

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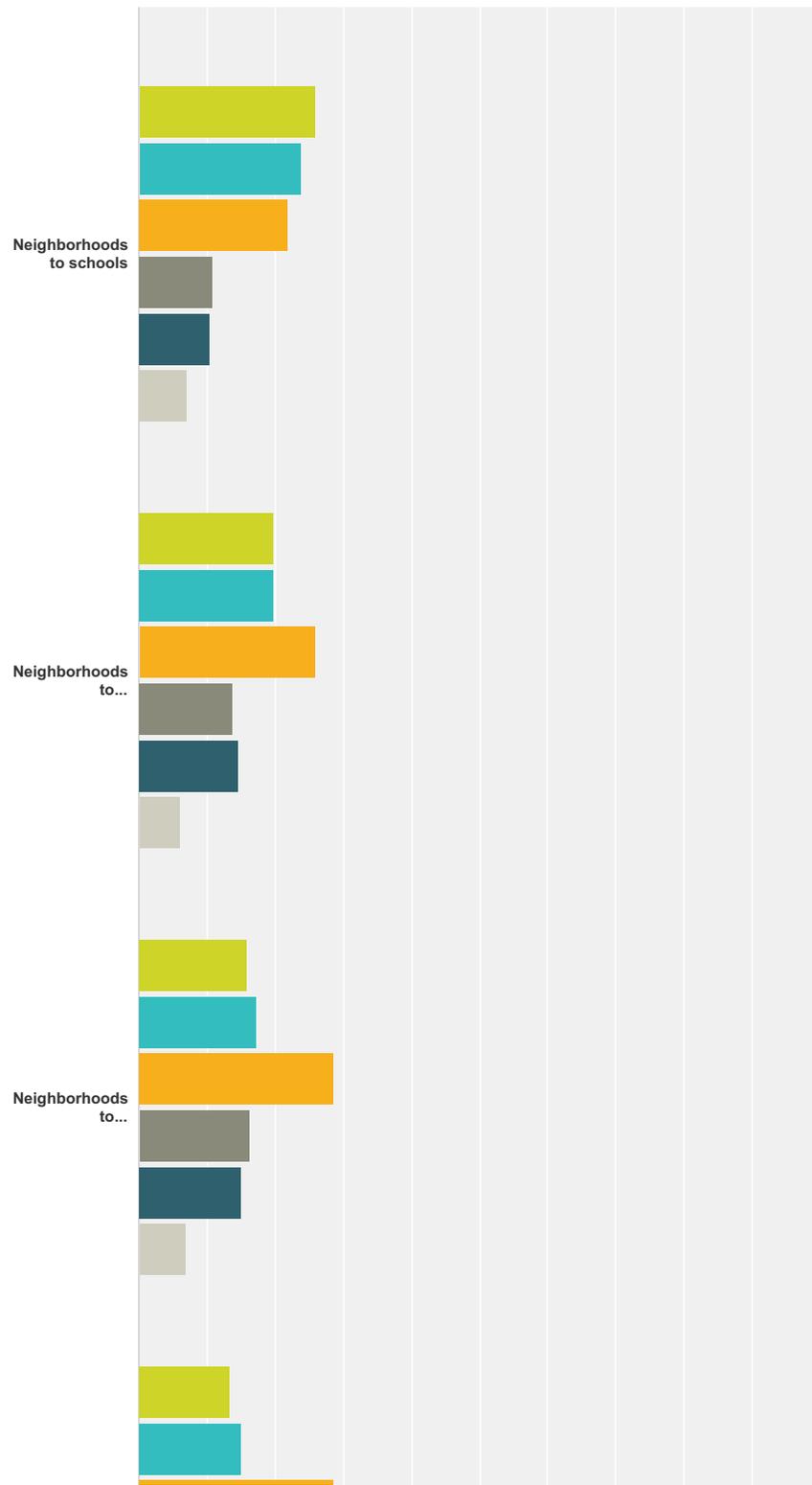
Q21 If a system of pedestrian pathways and sidewalks were developed in Plainfield Charter Township, how important to you are the following connections?

Answered: 566 Skipped: 284



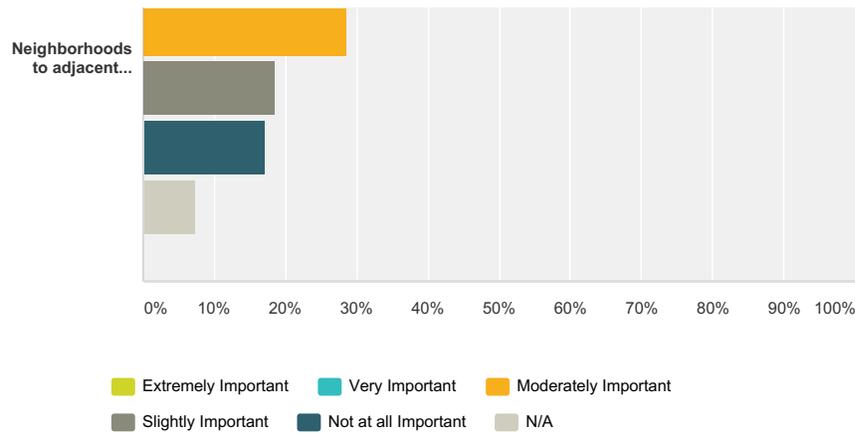
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Neighborhoods to the White Pine Trail	41.67% 230	26.81% 148	15.22% 84	6.16% 34	5.80% 32	4.35% 24	552	2.03
Neighborhoods to Township Parks	24.57% 129	31.62% 166	22.67% 119	9.14% 48	6.67% 35	5.33% 28	525	2.38
Neighborhoods to and along rivers, streams and lakes	27.22% 144	25.14% 133	22.31% 118	12.67% 67	8.13% 43	4.54% 24	529	2.47
Neighborhoods to schools	25.81% 135	23.71% 124	21.99% 115	10.90% 57	10.52% 55	7.07% 37	523	2.53
Neighborhoods to downtowns/city center/commercial/retail destinations	19.73% 102	19.92% 103	25.92% 134	13.73% 71	14.70% 76	6.00% 31	517	2.83
Neighborhoods to neighborhoods	15.95% 82	17.32% 89	28.60% 147	16.34% 84	14.98% 77	6.81% 35	514	2.97
Neighborhoods to adjacent communities	13.41% 68	14.99% 76	28.60% 145	18.54% 94	17.16% 87	7.30% 37	507	3.12

#	Other (please specify other connections you feel are important)	Date
1	Neighborhoods need sidewalks that are kept clean in the winter for walking	10/27/2014 12:25 AM
2	I just think we need ways to walk/bike to places that don't involve riding or walking on streets or shoulders of streets.	10/16/2014 9:27 AM
3	Connecting White Pine to local mountain biking trails	10/14/2014 7:57 PM
4	Connection to the art van sports complex	10/14/2014 1:15 PM
5	I'd like to see paths that connect people outside of the bus line routes that enable them to ride their bikes to work, safely, not using the roadways.	10/11/2014 11:54 AM
6	Not worth spending one penny of my taxes on.	10/10/2014 7:04 PM
7	Merrell trail	10/10/2014 4:39 PM
8	specifically from Plainfield ave to Merrell to WPT incl Coit / Lamoreaux Park	10/10/2014 1:06 PM
9	possibly a connection between Merrell Trails and White Pine Trail without using 10 Mile?	10/10/2014 12:32 PM
10	Connection to Merrel MTB trail!	10/10/2014 12:27 PM
11	coit and woodworth are difficult to walk or bike due to small shoulder especially in winter	10/6/2014 1:53 PM

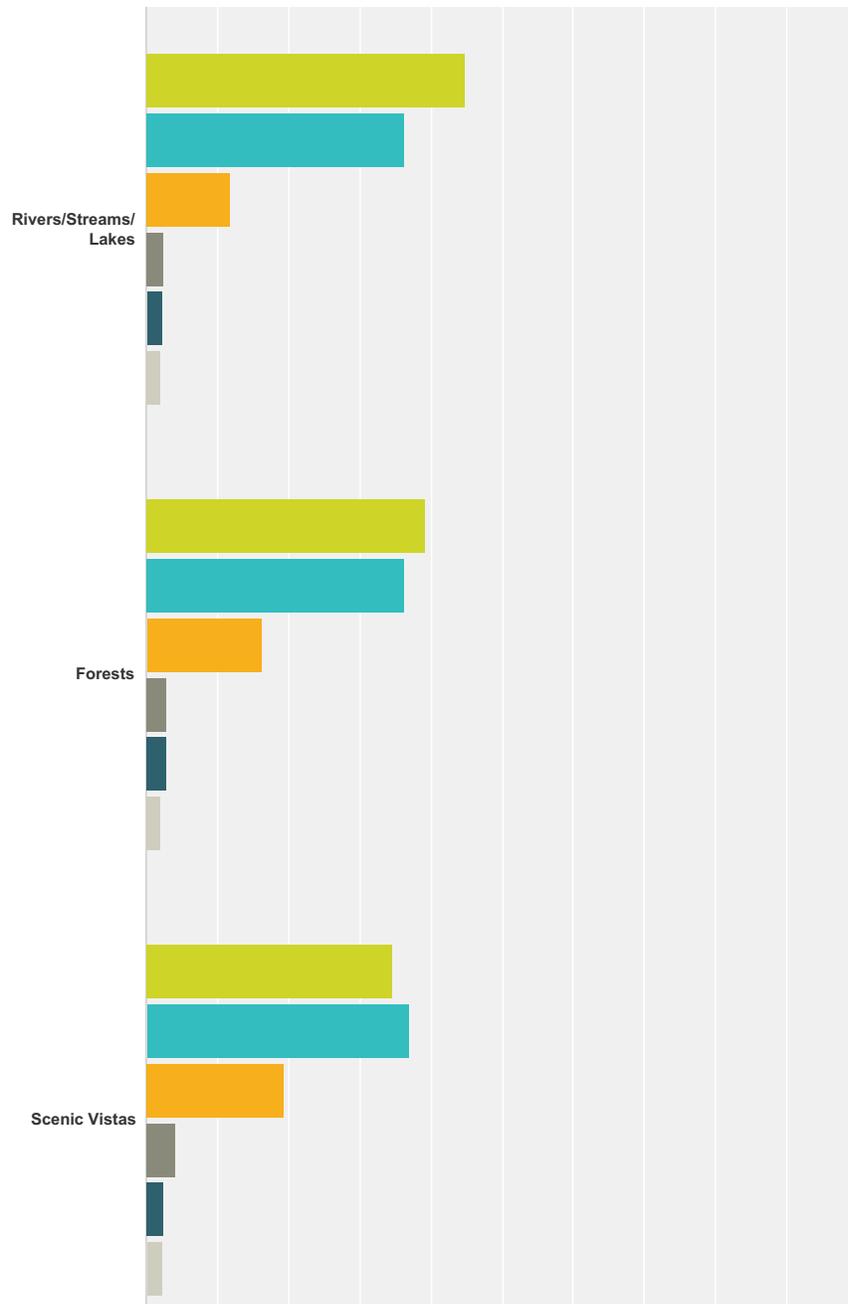
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12	I'd like a sidewalk along Pine Island Dr., and along 7 Mile Rd.	10/6/2014 11:20 AM
13	Creating pathways to make running, walking, and biking along the roads more safe is the number one issue for making the parks more usable. The parks are wonderful, and there are quite a few of them, offering a nice variety of activities. But one needs a car to get to them.	10/4/2014 2:46 PM
14	Please protect and create more access to our natural beauty. We have great opportunity to be a destination for pleasant parks and nature walks. We don't need too many concrete sidewalks to nowhere. Plainfield ave is a mess already, with criss crossing power lines and miles of strip malls and empty buildings.	10/2/2014 12:18 PM
15	I don't see any point in adding sidewalks or trails when the ones we currently have are unusable in winter weather. The sidewalks along Plainfield Ave. are completely unusable in the winter as they are NEVER cleared. In fact, the plows push the snow from the road onto the sidewalks.	10/1/2014 7:46 PM
16	Areas geared to young active, retired adults.	10/1/2014 2:18 PM
17	I feel access is already available to these areas.	9/30/2014 12:47 PM
18	I think sidewalks are important since it is dangerous to walk in the streets and yet there are very few areas with sidewalks, including new construction and rebuilding roads (ie. Plainfield north of 5 mile-very short sighted considering number of people who walk and jog that stretch of roads)	9/30/2014 11:03 AM
19	As previously stated, sidewalks/walkways along high traffic roads would be fantastic!	9/29/2014 7:43 PM
20	not needed, waste of money!	9/29/2014 6:12 PM
21	It has never entered my mind that the Township construct pathways or walkways.	9/29/2014 2:08 PM
22	Though I love the idea of a sidewalk along rivers/lakes, I'd rather there be naturalized hiking trails.	9/28/2014 10:59 PM
23	Would love to see connections to the bike path along Grand River Dr towards Ada and extend the bike path on the Beltline & 3 mile to Grand River.	9/28/2014 10:19 PM
24	Stop wasting tax dollars	9/28/2014 7:34 PM
25	Airway St needs continuation of sidewalk to Hunsberger.	9/28/2014 3:26 PM
26	sidewalks to the schools especially in winter when snow banks force students to walk in the street. It becomes dangerous for drivers and pedestrians..	9/28/2014 9:38 AM
27	Provide parking too	9/27/2014 9:58 PM
28	N/A	9/27/2014 8:55 PM
29	dont spend any more money on these things	9/27/2014 8:26 PM
30	Not for me, but all good for general population	9/27/2014 8:02 PM
31	Anything along the river is always appreciated by most everyone.	9/27/2014 6:14 PM
32	JUST MONEY BEGGING TO MAKE YOU FEEL NECESSARY!	9/27/2014 5:30 PM
33	Airway park needs to be connected by sidewalk to Northview High School.	9/20/2014 11:02 AM
34	Would love to see sidewalk along airway to Hunsberger. Lack of safety means younger kids cannot walk to and from school. Also leads to MS/HS kids having to walk in road. During winter when there is no grass to walk on, this increases danger to pedestrians and vehicles alike.	9/16/2014 9:58 AM

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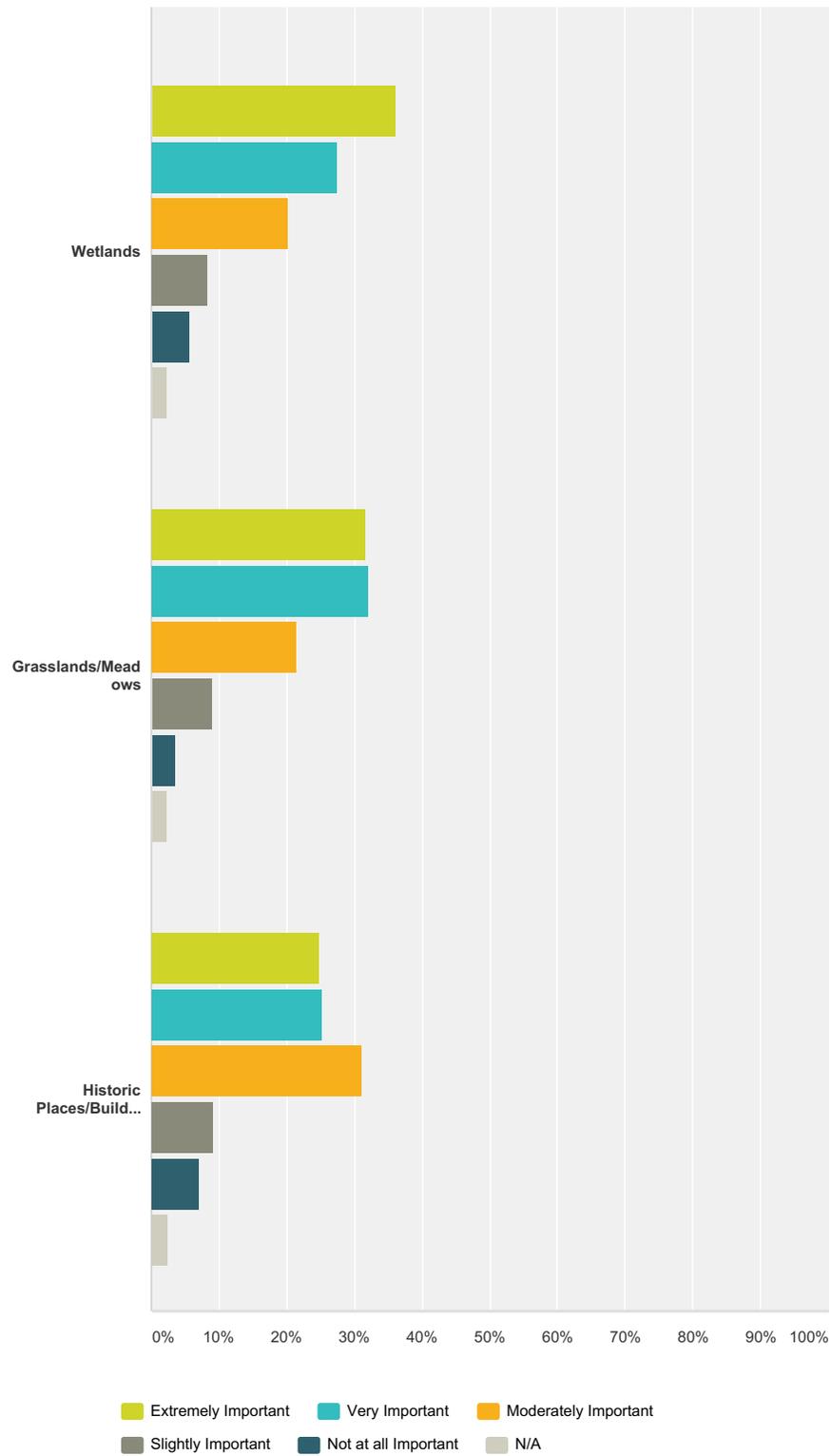
Q22 How important to you is preservation and access to the following natural and cultural resources within Plainfield Charter Township owned parks?

Answered: 574 Skipped: 276



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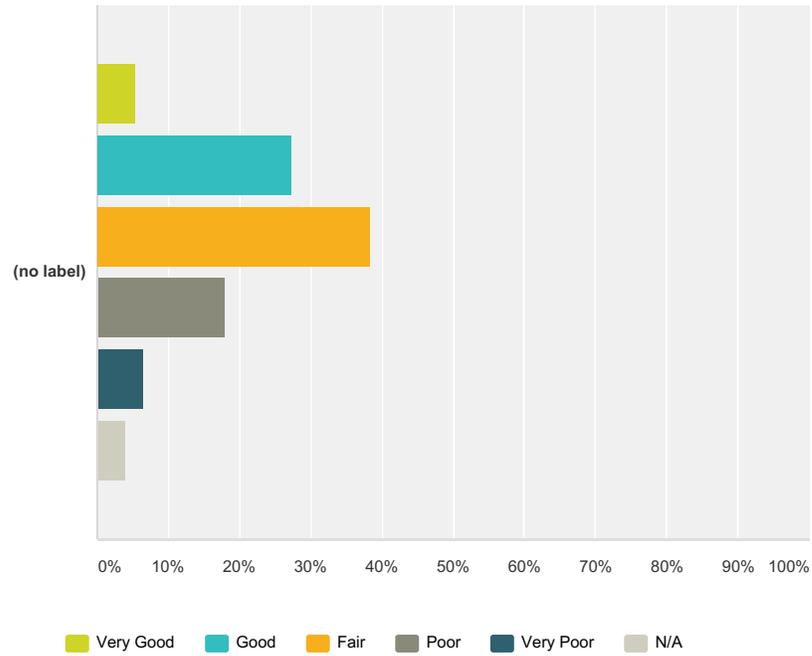
	Extremely Important	Very Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	N/A	Total	Average Rating
Rivers/Streams/Lakes	44.94% 253	36.23% 204	11.90% 67	2.49% 14	2.31% 13	2.13% 12	563	1.78
Forests	39.15% 220	36.30% 204	16.37% 92	3.02% 17	3.02% 17	2.14% 12	562	1.92
Scenic Vistas	34.63% 196	36.93% 209	19.43% 110	4.24% 24	2.47% 14	2.30% 13	566	2.01
Wetlands	36.04% 200	27.57% 153	20.18% 112	8.29% 46	5.59% 31	2.34% 13	555	2.18
Grasslands/Meadows	31.64% 174	32.18% 177	21.45% 118	8.91% 49	3.45% 19	2.36% 13	550	2.18
Historic Places/Buildings	24.86% 134	25.23% 136	31.17% 168	9.09% 49	7.05% 38	2.60% 14	539	2.47

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	preservation-yes; access to/near wetlands only to not trample the ecosystems	10/31/2014 8:42 AM
2	Variety is very important. We like to vary the environments we visit.	10/29/2014 10:37 AM
3	Keeping some original land and natural areas is vital. The township is becoming way overdeveloped, too commercialized, is ruining what were once very scenic areas. The traffic and SPEED has become a real problem. No more building needs to be done. Why not find and economical way to tear down buildings that have already become vacant and ruined the scenery and rebuild when starting a new business instead of tearing up vacant land.	10/7/2014 10:28 PM
4	Limited. People can destroy natural habitat. Walking paths OK.	10/6/2014 11:20 AM
5	All are important	10/4/2014 1:47 PM
6	If building sidewalks--be creative with trees. They provide shade for walkers and are beautiful.	10/2/2014 7:38 PM
7	We could tear down some parts of Plainfield ave that are falling into disrepair and put in garden parks, scenic areas, Outdoor iceskating rink, band stand....a meeting place for families.	10/2/2014 12:18 PM
8	loop	10/2/2014 1:14 AM
9	As Grand Rapids grows, people will be looking for places to take day-trips to connect with nature. Plainfield area has potential of delivering that thanks to its hills, forests, wetlands, and rivers.	9/28/2014 10:59 PM
10	dont spend any more money on these things	9/27/2014 8:26 PM
11	Once natural areas are gone, their gone. Preserve what we can now because this great city will continue to grow.	9/27/2014 8:16 PM
12	MAINTAIN MEIJER TRAIL ONLY-	9/27/2014 5:30 PM
13	preservation is MUCH more important than access.	9/27/2014 4:50 PM

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Q23 How well do you think Plainfield Charter Township communicates to you about parks and recreation facilities?

Answered: 543 Skipped: 307

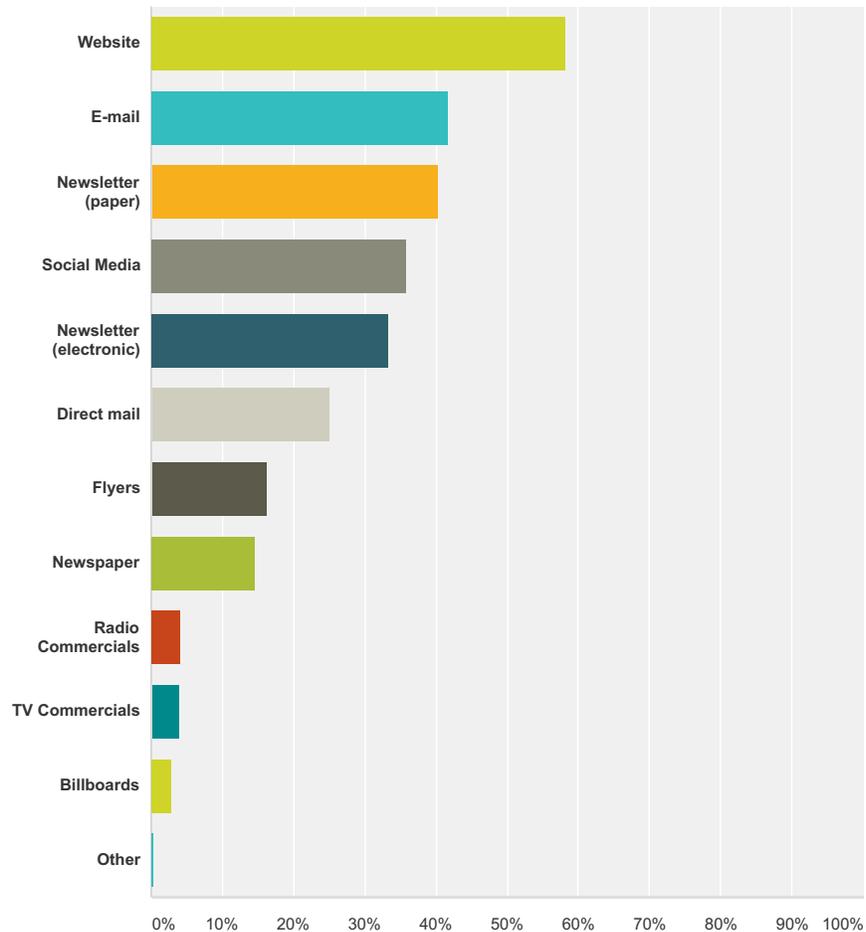


	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	N/A	Total	Average Rating
(no label)	5.52% 30	27.44% 149	38.49% 209	18.05% 98	6.45% 35	4.05% 22	543	2.92

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Q24 How do you want to be informed about activities and services offered by the Plainfield Township Parks and Recreation Department? Check those that you would use.

Answered: 564 Skipped: 286



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Website	58.16%	328
E-mail	41.67%	235
Newsletter (paper)	40.25%	227
Social Media	35.99%	203

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Newsletter (electronic)	33.33%	188
Direct mail	25.00%	141
Flyers	16.31%	92
Newspaper	14.72%	83
Radio Commercials	4.26%	24
TV Commercials	3.90%	22
Billboards	3.01%	17
Other	0.35%	2
Total Respondents: 564		

#	Provide your email if you would like to receive updates about Township Parks and Recreation	Date
1	kterveen@sbcglobal.net	10/31/2014 2:08 PM
2	proud_leo_wife@hotmail.com	10/31/2014 1:03 PM
3	wd8usa@aol.com	10/31/2014 12:50 PM
4	eschdm@comcast.net	10/31/2014 12:16 PM
5	MezvidSieva@aol.com	10/31/2014 9:11 AM
6	vanderveen6@comcast.net	10/30/2014 11:11 AM
7	fireflyg@comcast.net	10/29/2014 10:43 AM
8	include in your periodic twp mailings/newsletters	10/28/2014 5:01 PM
9	ckvvs519@gmail.com	10/27/2014 12:28 AM
10	tonyncarla@sbcglobal.net	10/26/2014 8:51 AM
11	cguisfredi@gmail.com	10/25/2014 8:49 PM
12	Spend less money, use the internet	10/24/2014 2:18 PM
13	andy.drasiewski@gmail.com	10/24/2014 10:03 AM
14	cindy_sherwood58@hotmail.com	10/22/2014 2:55 PM
15	themomocc@gmail.com	10/22/2014 2:03 PM
16	tconley522@gmail.com	10/22/2014 1:17 PM
17	ejblank@sbcglobal.net	10/22/2014 11:03 AM
18	kaymaitner@gmail.com	10/19/2014 1:18 PM
19	royacarpenter@aol.com	10/19/2014 7:48 AM
20	golferjuls@yahoo.com	10/17/2014 7:10 PM
21	FYI: We only take the Sunday Press, don't watch much TV.	10/16/2014 9:29 AM
22	mwbergevin@gmail.com	10/15/2014 10:20 PM
23	joshuajduggan@gmail.com	10/15/2014 7:53 PM
24	lula364@hotmail.com	10/15/2014 4:13 PM
25	walk through videos online	10/15/2014 12:53 AM
26	trout_smith@comcast.net	10/14/2014 7:59 PM

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28	Bradpittmansr@yahoo.com	10/14/2014 1:16 PM
29	pam_pierce@att.net	10/13/2014 3:55 PM
30	iamtoddmorris@gmail.com	10/13/2014 11:50 AM
31	johnhaffenden@hotmail.com	10/13/2014 10:55 AM
32	georan711@gmail.com	10/13/2014 10:48 AM
33	sdecantr@yahoo.com	10/12/2014 10:53 AM
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35	paul_popz@yahoo. Com	10/11/2014 11:00 AM
36	b_dame@sbcglobal.net	10/11/2014 9:20 AM
37	eksmitchell@gmail.com	10/11/2014 6:24 AM
38	mrclark58@gmail.com	10/11/2014 5:52 AM
39	greg.billett@gmail.com	10/11/2014 4:29 AM
40	Brian100mph@hotmail.com	10/10/2014 3:05 PM
41	jimbraam@gmail.com	10/10/2014 1:32 PM
42	dell.andrew.todd@gmail.com	10/10/2014 1:14 PM
43	Randywindy@comcast.net	10/10/2014 12:55 PM
44	Phandwerker@sbcglobal.net	10/10/2014 11:53 AM
45	lascarij@gmail.com	10/10/2014 11:30 AM
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47	jermolind@yahoo.com	10/10/2014 10:56 AM
48	andertrr@yahoo.com	10/10/2014 8:45 AM
49	camnitschke@comcast.net	10/9/2014 6:31 PM
50	garf411@msn.com	10/9/2014 8:49 AM
51	dalyirwin@sbcglobal.net	10/8/2014 12:26 PM
52	ck76@comcast.net	10/7/2014 8:02 PM
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54	matrix_the_wolf@yahoo.com	10/7/2014 6:46 PM
55	demowebsites@gmail.com	10/7/2014 10:33 AM
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58	mitchulskus@gmail.com	10/6/2014 9:15 PM
59	victoria.mohl@hotmail.com	10/6/2014 2:34 PM
60	davidalgleish@att.com (E-mail with links to info is great!/very efficient.)	10/6/2014 11:36 AM
61	kellijo64@hotmail.com	10/6/2014 10:41 AM
62	marsha_34@rocketmail.com	10/6/2014 8:54 AM
63	rickdhuls@comcast.net	10/5/2014 11:31 PM
64	magoo123@aol.com	10/4/2014 12:31 PM

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66	knv2@comcast.net	10/4/2014 11:04 AM
67	pjsmith2004@att.net	10/3/2014 5:11 PM
68	triplel40@comcast.net	10/3/2014 10:07 AM
69	terriehome@aol.com	10/3/2014 9:32 AM
70	lbhoekstra@comcast.net	10/3/2014 12:43 AM
71	use existing mailings like water and property tax	10/2/2014 8:23 PM
72	jillmc48@gmail.com	10/2/2014 7:42 PM
73	bruce312@comcast.net	10/2/2014 6:25 PM
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92	rzahnleuter@gmail.com	9/29/2014 1:36 PM
93	llindadeboer@yahoo.com	9/29/2014 1:15 PM
94	Premier Park is all over the news, but you rarely hear about any others.	9/29/2014 12:55 PM
95	dbigger3@cs.com	9/29/2014 11:21 AM
96	msoehnel@hotmail.com	9/29/2014 10:54 AM
97	icerinks@comcast.net	9/29/2014 10:14 AM
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99	eric.maxbuilder@gmail.com	9/29/2014 6:56 AM
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102	dlceluch@icloud.com	9/28/2014 5:55 PM

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106	barbaald@gmail.com	9/28/2014 8:09 AM
107	christine@bcfriedt.com	9/28/2014 8:07 AM
108	carolouise@hotmail.com	9/28/2014 7:49 AM
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Q25 If you have anything you'd like to add that we haven't touched on, please include your thoughts and ideas below.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 693

#	Responses	Date
1	Too restrictive about water toys, etc.	10/31/2014 1:15 PM
2	I've lived in Plainfield Township almost 10 years, yet haven't been to most of the pars. I have no idea what is at most of them.	10/31/2014 1:03 PM
3	could use more newsletter mailings to residents- It is nice to hear from you folks and what you are doing other than at tax time! Mailings to me are more personal than email!	10/31/2014 12:50 PM
4	Thank you for the attention to detail about our parks and natural resources!!! Schools could teach more about how we influence nature. Perhaps through the elementary school years the schools could visit different parks each year & create a "passport" to be stamped (or a photo/journal) of each event to carry through the years. Link fun childhood memories to our parks!! Have sledding days! Have "pick colorful fall leaves" days. Grades 6-8 could participate in fall & spring clean ups (& invite parents/relatives with a challenge: "who can pick up the most trash", the winners get to roast the hotdogs and s'mores - so, everyone gets to grill since caring for nature automatically makes you a winner). With the summer reading programs - how about a "reading roadmap" - the challenge being how many different parks can you visit & read your books in through the summer. To revisit a previous entry: it would be a dream come true if you/we could purchase the old farmland and the adjacent woods behind the water tower near Brewer/Kuttshill. Cross country skiing/winter walks, etc. Robinettes on 4 Mile and East Beltline is accessible for these winter activities but the trails are for an advanced skill set. I wonder if the Churchs along Kuttshill would allow 10-15 parking spaces for those who would like to access the "dream"..... Again, thank you - everyone!!!	10/31/2014 9:11 AM
5	I love living in Plainfield Township.	10/29/2014 12:06 PM
6	It would be nice to highlight a couple parks in each newsletter or each month on the website with ability to access past highlights on the website. You could include the location and what recreation opportunities are available. The current map and grid system are a bit unwieldy to use for information so short articles on individual parks would be appreciated.	10/29/2014 10:43 AM
7	Please keep Versluis Park open till AFTER Labor Day!!!	10/28/2014 11:00 AM
8	I'm hoping as I continue to age, Plainfield Township will add more walking and/or biking access within the neighborhoods and to commercial areas. We all need more exercise!	10/27/2014 12:28 AM
9	Need more sidewalks along Rogue River Drive.	10/26/2014 8:51 AM
10	Until I took this survey, I had no idea that Plainfield Township had so many parks. I will have to check them out!	10/25/2014 8:49 PM
11	Make running/biking safer on 10 mile. Add trash cans along WPT for disposing dog poo. Enforce dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Enforce dog leash laws. We are dog owners and do abide by both laws. Post larger and more frequent etiquette rule boards (every parking lot). Bikers DO NOT announce when passing on the WPT. It IS a safety issue.	10/24/2014 10:03 AM
12	I can't wait until Grand Island is complete. I am looking forward to seeing what all will be available there.	10/22/2014 2:55 PM
13	You never indicated money sourcing...grants, DNR,DEQ,philanthropy, taxes, EPA, etc.	10/22/2014 2:03 PM
14	I feel the township does an excellent job.	10/22/2014 1:17 PM
15	please keep versus park beach open longer in the summer and nature trail open year round	10/20/2014 9:25 AM

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16	As I had mentioned prior, believe that the township would benefit greatly by developing a Large multipurpose park . It would make sense to locate the park on West River so as to incorporate the river into the park and allow boating, fishing etc.. The park should provide athletic fields that could be utilized not only by families but also organized club and school teams. If large enough, the parks could potentially provide revenue opportunities through league and rental fees. For example there is currently is a Large need for a large multi field soccer complex. I believe that the development of a large multi-use park would increase home values and allow the township to become a destination for purchasing homes. This in turn would increase the attraction to small businesses due to the increased population (mid to high income, not low income housing). Finally, I would vote in favor of small mileage increase to build and maintain a large multipurpose park Thank you and I look forward to hearing of future park developments	10/19/2014 9:06 PM
17	It might be nice when someone moves into the Township to provide them with a "welcome" of sorts with information about all the parks, their locations and opportunities available as well as other services the township provides that a newcomer may not know about.	10/19/2014 12:56 PM
18	More mtn. biking trails please.	10/18/2014 3:03 PM
19	It would be great to have a bike and walking path that went along Grand River to connect to the trails in Grand Rapids Township and Ada.	10/17/2014 7:10 PM
20	A connector between the White Pine trail and the new complex on 10 mile road would greatly expand the ability for pedestrians, cyclists, and athletes to safely access that park (currently located on a busy, fast road with no bike lanes or sidewalks!). #1 priority in my opinion.	10/16/2014 8:13 PM
21	Bike paths, especially along busier roads in the township, would improve safety and encourage fitness among all ages.	10/16/2014 7:49 AM
22	Promote as much connection for all ages and abilities through walking and biking trails.	10/15/2014 9:34 PM
23	I support a trail along Jericho Road	10/15/2014 4:31 PM
24	Please consider connecting the Merrell Trail to the White Pine Trail. Also this survey was too long.	10/15/2014 12:26 PM
25	provide onsite volunteer opportunities and classes on the use and appreciation of the parks	10/15/2014 12:53 AM
26	Being as I live in the western portion of the township, west of 131 in Comstock Park, the township isn't really providing much of anything to me. Looking at the chart of parks, they are mostly west of the river and in the center of the township. I've never really felt like my neighborhood was that much of a part of the township.	10/14/2014 10:17 PM
27	Connector from white pine trail to local mountain biking trails (Merrell) would be very helpful.	10/14/2014 7:59 PM
28	I would be happy to pay for a targeted mileage hike for more bike paths.	10/14/2014 1:37 PM
29	Nonmotorized transportation plan is critical alongside the park & rec plan. Ped & cycling must be viewed as transportation, not just recreation/exercise. Bicycle network of on-street, shared-use paths, and singletrack a vital quality of life issue. Coordination with City of Rockford is essential. White Pine Trail needs pavement markings and traffic signs in busy, hazardous locations. Jericho Ave. sidepath and connection from White Pine Trail to Merrill Trails are high priorities for me.	10/14/2014 9:49 AM
30	We need a bike path along Belmont Road	10/13/2014 8:47 PM
31	Would really like to see some pickleball courts added.	10/13/2014 3:55 PM
32	Please improve bridge crossings for bikes - especially Northland Drive Bridge over the Grand. Attempting to cross to Cannonsburg Road via bicycle is risky. There is very little side of the road. Meanwhile, Cannonsberg Road has an awesome, wide, side of the road to ride on, and is perfect for biking.	10/13/2014 10:48 AM
33	The hours and how long the swimming area is open during the summer season needs to be extended, at Versluis park.	10/13/2014 9:44 AM
34	I can't stress enough how good it would be for bike trails to connect so that those of us who live in Plainfield Township, outside of the bus routes, could ride our bikes to work. Good for adults and kids, and low-income or those who do not drive, to be able to get to work. Right now, I don't see options from my home to work, just 7 miles away, that I don't have to get on a very busy West River Drive or busy Pine Island drive, to get me to my job.	10/11/2014 11:59 AM
35	Great job , it wonderful that you are asking the users of these places for our thoughts , pathways to bike parks will get more people out on them and to near by town for lunch etc. thanks you have a great start Paul.	10/11/2014 11:00 AM
36	A path from the white pine trail to Merrell trail would be great to see	10/10/2014 10:41 PM

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37	More mountain bike trails thru out the county	10/10/2014 7:52 PM
38	Why are we spending so much money on something that we can not afford. We can not afford to take care of our current roads and schools so why spend so much money on frivolous stuff. We are becoming one big park. We have more parks than residents to pay for them. Most of the new parks are for other communities to use. If they felt they were that important than they should have built one in their community. It is not our responsibility to ensure everyone else is playing in our back yard.	10/10/2014 7:08 PM
39	See above...connector between white pine trail And merrill	10/10/2014 3:52 PM
40	Please connect white pine to Merrell trail. Also please creat a paved path to downtown rockford from the new art van complex	10/10/2014 3:50 PM
41	What I would like to see more than anything else is a connector between the White Pine Trail and Merrell Trails. My family and I make extensive use of both of these year round, and the idea of a way to safely ride from one to the other would be nothing short of a dream come true. It would significantly increase our usage of both trails and most likely that of surrounding park areas, which would become more accessible as a result. I find myself already getting excited about the possibilities that this would open up in terms of future riding plans, so I implore you, please give this the the utmost consideration. Thank You.	10/10/2014 2:36 PM
42	My kids and I bike the white pine trail weekly. we would like to see a connection of white pine trail to merrel trail at some point. We currently have to drive there because of the road traffic and it would be so nice to be able to bike up the white pine to get on the merrel trail.	10/10/2014 2:15 PM
43	While dating my now wife she lived off of plainfield, we used the white pine trail often. To expand trails to and from the white pine would be great. Also adding mountain bike trails would be great.	10/10/2014 1:32 PM
44	Sorry to mark you down as a very poor for twp parks communication! I think the twp communicates very well in the most important areas (besides parks). It was great to look at that custom parks map and see all these hidden gems! Bring up google maps. They have most of the green spaces / parks clearly indicated. Except our parks do not show up there. This is how I find a lot of public hidden gems. I don't see MOST of ours there. can we get on that? That would be handy as well as facebook, & our twp website. Even the map on our twp site is kind of hard to use actually! Where is the map that is in this survey? That is a good parks map! It was very useful because it included all the parks in our twp. As a parks user, I don't care too much if they are county parks or twp parks. thanks!!	10/10/2014 1:14 PM
45	Need to connect the white pine trail to Merrill. It is extremely dangerous to travel along 10 Mile.	10/10/2014 12:40 PM
46	I support the white pine connected trail to merrel trails!	10/10/2014 12:38 PM
47	It is my understanding the survey was sent to explore the idea of a connector between the Merrill trails and the White Pine Trail. I currently ride my bike to the Merrill trail which puts me on Belmont Rd heading north to 10 mile. This is a very fast paced road with a narrow shoulder. Having an option to take the White Pine Trail to a connector would be much safer.	10/10/2014 12:22 PM
48	Please connect white pine trail to bike trails. Would be nice to be able to not feel like I am going to die every time I ride on Belmont ave.	10/10/2014 11:57 AM
49	Would love a connection from the White Pine Trail to Merrell and the new sports complex along 10 mile.	10/10/2014 11:55 AM
50	very like, much parks.	10/10/2014 11:39 AM
51	A connecting trail from WPT to Merrell Trail would increase access and use of Merrell trail, and reduce cycling traffic on 10 mile and Belmont roads.	10/10/2014 11:38 AM
52	I would like to see private assets, like the mountain bike trail at Robinette's Orchard or places like Northville Park, preserved or improved upon as community recreational assets maybe through the creation of some type of public land trust.	10/10/2014 11:38 AM
53	Connection of the White Pine trail to the 10 mile sports complex and Merrell mountain bike trail.	10/10/2014 11:22 AM
54	Please connect the White Pine Trail to the Merrell Mountain Bike Trail. Many cyclists will ride to Merrell and access from the WTP would make it safer and easier.	10/10/2014 11:20 AM
55	I would like a connector trail from the white pine trail to the Merrell trail.	10/10/2014 11:04 AM
56	White Pine Trail should be connected via a path to Merrill Trail	10/10/2014 11:00 AM
57	Have access for volunteers to assist with the upkeep of the parks.	10/8/2014 11:25 AM

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58	Can the constant development slow down? The traffic on West River (especially by Fifth Third Ball Park and N Division), Lamoreaux Dr, and Alpine is horrendous - people do NOT travel at the speed limit, there are bottleneck areas all over and it is basically becoming extremely unsafe and ruining what use to be a nice area. Seems like all the developers care about is their money. This is very sad and disappointing.	10/7/2014 10:39 PM
59	I live in the southern part of the Township and admit to an ignorance of available options in the rest of the Township. I hadn't considered the connections to the White Pine Trail but if there was a way to incorporate trails to the WPT I think that would be amazing for the Township. The Grand Rogue Campground is an untapped resource in the Township. Finding a way to get this away from ownership who doesn't seem to be able to open the campground would be a coup - imagine the possibilities!	10/7/2014 8:02 PM
60	I would to see the rouge river park to have longer season my be open till Nov 1 also White Pine	10/7/2014 6:42 PM
61	It would be nice if the Ambrose Township Park area had better trails/walking paths around the pond to walk/run/push stroller on, etc., possibly around the pond. The ambrose neighborhood unfortunately doesn't have sidewalks except for the ones located on Woodworth. It would be nice to be able to take safer walks in the neighborhood via the park. This would provide a way to avoid having to use the streets. Thanks	10/7/2014 1:47 PM
62	We live next to a park, and the only issue we would like to see improved is better enforcement of the park rules, such as enforcement of the rules not allowing golf, or dogs.	10/7/2014 10:09 AM
63	Non-motorized connection of the entire length of Pine Island Ave between Post Road and West River Drive to the White Pine Trail is paramount. There are thousands of homes without safe access to schools, parks, trails and the Grand River, which could all be connected via that one single improvement.	10/6/2014 10:06 PM
64	I understand that it's a different area, but the White Pine Trail and the county parks are so amazing, why don't we better partner with them? Why aren't we helping to manage and improve those areas also? They already have so much space, it's seems foolish that we wouldn't put our resources towards improving those already existing areas as opposed to worrying about the small amount of township parks that we have. Rogue River Park is incredible. Why aren't we out there improving those ponds, clearing downed trees and running the pot smokers out? It's such a nice green space and it's so close to the city and it's a half mile from our township office! I don't care if the county owns it, we should be pushing them to let us help more.	10/6/2014 9:15 PM
65	Would like to see a bit more policing of the parks and notifications of when parks open and close. Dean Lake park is in the middle of my neighborhood and the public uses the park either to early in the morning or to late at night. Poor lighting at the park and street parking should be enforced after a certain time as some of the homes are close to the street.	10/6/2014 4:30 PM
66	The township is doing a great job taking care of the parks. I would like to see more fishing and biking opportunities available if possible.	10/6/2014 3:24 PM
67	It would great to see more trees or beautification along Plainfield. More green in the parking lots to improve the look.	10/6/2014 2:34 PM
68	Put a link in your correspondence where residents can "like" Plainfield Township on Facebook. Then we can get all the news feeds/surveys/links etc. through Facebook. Plainfield Township needs something similar to Wahlfeld Park (Alpine Township) 6811 Alpine Ave NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321. I also think the first step is to set-up low maintenance natural parks which lower costs. As much as I'd like ball diamonds and tennis courts, my priority is to live within a budget. Having a park with a limited amount of maintenance and grass mowing, in a natural "back to nature" setting is preferred. Would like more sidewalks for safety (getting off the roads), and where our community can get exercise.	10/6/2014 11:36 AM
69	I am an artist and love to use the outdoors as my inspiration, many artists set-up and work outside as "Plein-Air" artist. I have always thought it would be neat to have permanent outdoor art easels/drawing stools (sinks for clean up) and shaded studio/garden areas! Not sure how that would be done but would love to sketch up a plan and send it to you!	10/6/2014 11:20 AM
70	What's the plan for Grand Isle and when. I think that could be a good space but it seems to be delayed in development due to all the sand and gravel mining.	10/5/2014 11:31 PM
71	Keeping versluis park swimming beach open thru Labor Day	10/5/2014 9:13 AM
72	We have a lovely scenic township that just needs developed so people are proud and excited to use the parks/facilities. Communities thrive when its citizens are outside together enjoying activities and social events. Provide the setting for groups to gather, students to roller blade/bike/exercise, families to walk/hike, schools to use for field trips...and businesses will follow!	10/4/2014 2:22 PM
73	Do you have a senior newsletter?	10/4/2014 1:49 PM

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74	We could add more beauty and aesthetics to neighborhoods simply by enforcing codes and ordinances related to the update of households and businesses.	10/4/2014 10:08 AM
75	Think you covered it all.	10/3/2014 5:11 PM
76	NA	10/3/2014 2:19 PM
77	No comment	10/3/2014 12:43 PM
78	Bikes trails are our biggest interest. The more the better! Thank you.	10/3/2014 9:32 AM
79	I wish that I could have trust in the parks management and some board members	10/3/2014 8:02 AM
80	I use parks a lot, I just didn't know they were county parks.	10/2/2014 8:23 PM
81	I have loved Plainfield Township. Good schools, nice people. I have lived off of Plainfield for almost 15 years, but I am considering moving. I grew up in Detroit and saw how that place fell apart. Looks the same along Plainfield Avenue that it did along Woodward in Detroit. Empty buildings, chris-crossing power lines (Why we ever did that I will never know, ruined the sky line) transient people walking around by Meijer (I tell my wife and Daughter not to go there in the evening, instead to go to Knapp's corner.) We are seeing Check Cashing places, pawn shops and low end shops up and down the street. Why stay here? Getting uglier and scarier each year.	10/2/2014 12:30 PM
82	Sidewalk requirements for construction are very important Would like to see more sidewalks & bike paths, especially where they end into streets without them. Where does the sidewalk over the Grand River on the East Beltline lead to. It just ends ????? AND a requirement to maintain these sidewalks & paths should also be included. Many are becoming over grown and unavailable during winter. Often see people walking in the roadways sometimes on major busy roads.	10/2/2014 10:46 AM
83	I think you captured most areas. We have a grandchild that lives in Ann Arbor and they have neighborhood parks within walking distance. Most impressive! Parks for children/families are few and far between in Plainfield Township/Northview area. Maybe I'm just not aware?!?!	10/2/2014 10:32 AM
84	I mentioned neighborhood park/playgrounds, my son lives in Ann Arbor and they have developed this so that children can play within a block or two of their homes in many of the neighborhoods. Usually there is a swing set, sand box, grassy area, merry go round, slides and climbing equipment. We take our 3 year old grandson to his, 2 blocks from the house he loves it!	10/2/2014 10:16 AM
85	Creating a more bike and pedestrian friendly community would be awesome and make it an even better place to live!	10/1/2014 10:46 PM
86	non motorized trails to the white pine trail would be great. The addition of a dog park would be nice but is not necessary if you allow pets at the parks.	10/1/2014 3:29 PM
87	Beautiful trails for active seniors in the area to utilize.	10/1/2014 2:19 PM
88	OK, I sent in my response to this survey last evening, but I had to share a concern which has bothered me since. I have lived 38 years continuously in Plainfield Twp. and I have availed myself of your parks twice: I disposed of my drying Christmas tree in the designated parking lot of Versluis Park two times. Other than that, never once have my soles flattened your park grounds; I did not know of the existence of most of the others. By contrast, my family and I have utilized almost all the Kent County parks often over the years. As usual, I have an observation. The township has far too many park properties and individually they, apparently, do not amount to much. Why not peddle off the seldom visited (most) and concentrate resources on two or three which can make an impression. Including the two beautiful rivers our township is blessed with would not be unwise. Should any recipients of these comments wish to discuss further I am: Jim Schneider 3844 Steeple Ridge Ct NE GR 49525 cell 616-292-1919	9/30/2014 6:55 PM
89	I'm happy to see that connectivity to the trails, parks, neighborhoods and to city shopping is a topic you are looking at. I think this should be our primary focus. It would be a huge improvement if people didn't have to drive to the trail with their bikes in the trunk, not everyone can; but instead ride to the trail from their neighborhood on a sidewalk or connecting trail. 10 mile to Kroes would get a lot of use I think I also think that we have neglected the teens and their activities. I know we all think the skateboarders are going to tear up the benches and such, but everything we can do to attract them to an activity is positive, physically and mentally. Thank you for asking my opinion and also for all your hard work, keep up the good work	9/30/2014 5:01 PM
90	Not Applicable.	9/30/2014 2:21 PM

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91	I think application W/MAP for membership to Plainfield Twnshp parks should be included in the Winter tax bill/statement every year. A followup application W/MAP could be included with the Plainfield Charter Twnshp water/sewer bill AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, perhaps March/April. The more Plainfield Twnshp people are aware there are so many opportunities to visit a park the more \$\$'s will be collected, and the more parks/areas can be kept up and improved if necessary.	9/30/2014 1:14 PM
92	I'm very happy that you're using a survey to get feedback. Thank you.	9/30/2014 1:05 PM
93	Until this survey I was unaware of the name of most of the parks listed. A friend recently told me about the Rogue River Project to clean the river, they had seen it on facebook. Someone at the project told me I'd missed the one for the Grand River. I'd have participated had I known about it.	9/30/2014 12:51 PM
94	In my opinion there are not many(if any) Twp. parks in the western portion of the township. I am thinking of the area between Division Avenue and Belmont area. Yes there are school playgrounds but they lack leisure time activities i.e. shelters, BBQ facilities, etc. I am not aware that your past Master Plans would remedy that.	9/30/2014 11:37 AM
95	I think dog parks are a priority for the township. They could be an area of an existing or newly developed parks. Dogs in apartment and condominium communities need a place to play and run free in a safe area. Slide-walk construction is a major priority in my eyes. As our population gets fatter, and our township has its share of sedentary overweight people of all ages, safe areas to walk are important. Crosswalks at intersections need to be clearly marked as well and people reminded it is state law to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Bike lanes on our roads are a necessity to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels as well as protect the people who cycle to work or for fitness. The lanes should be clearly marked as bike lines.	9/30/2014 11:08 AM
96	It would be nice if versluis park would be open for swimming until after Labor Day	9/30/2014 11:03 AM
97	We have great river system cutting through township. It would be nice to have bike/walking train with campfire areas along the system connecting to white pine or kent trails.	9/29/2014 8:56 PM
98	Why is there a sign at Versluis that says....Private Property, Keep OUT!	9/29/2014 6:55 PM
99	As a senior citizen I find parks meet all my needs and wants when my family visits and for myself too.	9/29/2014 6:21 PM
100	Like I said earlier, we dont need to have our taxes raised when there are other parks like Riverside that are closed to use for many things. I dont know anyone that uses parks over here in Plainfield twp except for parking. I say no, to more money for something that will be useless!	9/29/2014 6:15 PM
101	Providing more accessible equipment for people/children in wheelchairs, such as swings.	9/29/2014 5:48 PM
102	I think we have a nice variety of parks in our township, the city of Rockford, the county and the school system. I think it is important to maintain them and keep them safe and clean. Because I use the White Pine Trail several times a week I notice the trash bins are often filled to overflowing (my pet peeve).	9/29/2014 4:40 PM
103	Keep Versluis Park open year round to tax payers, please.	9/29/2014 4:35 PM
104	Never, never allow dogs in parks. Many do not pick up after dogs. I have seen too many dog piles	9/29/2014 4:05 PM
105	I realize it costs money to operate all facilities and do not have a problem paying to use. As I senior the annual rate is not a problem, however I think if you had a senior rate it might draw more folks to Versluis. We buy a annual permit and know we more then the \$20 value it costs us it costs us. That would be my only suggestion. As I am a senior we vote for the library tax every year and KNOW we more then get the tax value from it. In my opinion Plainfield Township is the greatest place in the immediate vicinity of Kent County to live.	9/29/2014 2:18 PM
106	We would really like to see the Rogue River Campground open to the public again.	9/29/2014 2:16 PM
107	A dog park somewhere in Plainfield Twp would be wonderful and not terribly expensive!	9/29/2014 2:10 PM
108	I live on Pine Island Drive, by Buth Drive. To go to a township park, I would have to either down to Grand Isle, which hardly seems like a park, or up to 10 mile. I rarely do any activities along Northland Drive\East Beltline, or in the "Northview" area. My family either goes to Dwight Lydell, or Wahlfield parks, or uses the White Pine Trail, and the Rogue River park in Belmont. I knew about Versluis park, but I don't want to pay to visit, since I already pay for enough other things. Premier park is not for us, and you never hear about the others. Ann Magoon.	9/29/2014 12:55 PM
109	property available at post dr & Pine Island - 38 acres	9/29/2014 12:26 PM

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110	Those of us living along the river in Plainfield Township have been here for generations in most cases and we are adamant about keeping our privacy and way of life. In a door to door canvas not one resident was aware of the Park Plan regarding a trail along our neighborhoods. Furthermore 100% of residents STRONGLY OPPOSE any plan to alter our neighborhoods with trail connections. The existing trail system is more than adequate to meet the needs of the township. PLEASE consider our very strong opinions regarding this matter. Thank you for your respect of our personal property rights.	9/29/2014 11:21 AM
111	I admittedly don't use the township owned parks that often, mostly the White Pine Trail which I live on, however I think we should be preserving these natural areas and parks and not constantly building houses and small businesses. Our natural fields, streams and waterways are what attracts people to the area not a multitude of mini malls. I especially point out the area of Belmont Farms, near me, in which now sits a group of small businesses along the trail instead of the natural fields and woodlands that were once there. I think it's an eyesore and in the future it will probably be empty like most of the unsightly strip malls on Plainfield.	9/29/2014 9:49 AM
112	progress at Grand Island park on West River Drive seems to be very slow.	9/29/2014 9:42 AM
113	I am concerned about the potential plan to expand the Plainfield Township sidewalk system. I own a significant amount of road frontage near the end of an existing sidewalk. If this sidewalk were expanded, I would lose a large portion of my yard to the sidewalk, as well as a significant number of irreplaceable mature trees. This would reduce my privacy by taking away the tree barrier and increasing foot traffic in front of my home. I am also concerned about what responsibility I might be required to take for the sidewalk. In some municipalities homeowners are expected to take care of the sidewalks in front of their home. A sidewalk spanning the length of my property would be a substantially larger surface than my driveway, and require an unsustainable amount of maintenance if that burden were to fall on me.	9/29/2014 9:01 AM
114	We use Gold Dust Park the most, and our biggest concern is the sand there - we wish it was more like play sand OR no sand at all. Maybe a different location for a sandbox and switch the area with the swings to woodchips.	9/29/2014 8:45 AM
115	GET RID OF THE DUPLICATION OF SIGNS AT VERSLUIS PARK. TOO many signs saying NO this and NO that. Really detracts from a warm, welcoming feeling at the entrance. One sign with the rules is sufficient.	9/29/2014 8:28 AM
116	I like the questions you've asked. I do value sport facilities, but I believe there is enough private interest to sate the need (i.e. YMCA) as well as other public resources (schools and existing facilities). Focusing more on natural reservations where people can go to bird watch, forage, climb, hike, etc, is more important due to the inherent value of protecting our natural resources as well as providing access to a developing generation who will need opportunities to experience nature.	9/28/2014 11:03 PM
117	The road area where Cannonsburg Road crosses Beltline is so difficult to use via bike and in fact is super dangerous. There is no bike path across the bridge that crosses the Grand River - and access across Beltline in many areas is difficult. In fact we have to say that bike riding in Plainfield Township really isn't safe except for the White Pine Trail and a few of the park areas. Ada Township seems to do a much better job? Thank you.	9/28/2014 10:14 PM
118	As said before access to water for small fishing boats is important. Non gas powered row boats should be allowed access by boat ramp.	9/28/2014 8:31 PM
119	There are a lot of dogs and owners in the township. A nice dog park would allow the owners to get to know each other (dogs tend to break the ice between their people) and that would improve relationships and safety in the community. It would make it more "neighborly." The dog parks I utilize when I travel draw a wide variety of people. When my children were small, I got to know other mothers while watching our children play on the playgrounds at parks. This provides the same opportunity for those without young children. To be nice so as to draw lots of people and dogs, the park needs to be large and provide a variety for the dogs including trees to provide shade for play (not woods where they would pick up ticks and wildlife might live), perhaps a natural climbing structure (my favorite dog park has one made of stones), shaded area (perhaps a structure) with benches for the people and enough room for dogs to rest in the shade, and a water source available to get dogs water. It's nice that there's a dog park in Rockford, but it's not a very nice park because it offers little to dogs or owners.	9/28/2014 7:53 PM
120	No need to expand any activities in the area. The parks are well maintained and groomed.	9/28/2014 7:35 PM
121	Thanks for the chance to provide input! Good luck!	9/28/2014 7:16 PM
122	Love living here. Nice job!!!!	9/28/2014 6:21 PM
123	We could use a small and safe skate spot. It makes it easier to skateboard if you have designated area to do it	9/28/2014 6:10 PM
124	My main area of recreation activities always includes bicycling, so I am one who would love Plainfield Parks connection via paved bike/hike trails to White Pine Trail. Thank you for the opportunity to complete such a survey. I am very happy to complete this type of questionnaire. I hope you receive lots of responses.	9/28/2014 5:55 PM

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125	Sidewalks to schools are most important. We need more sidewalks to parks, too. Too many kids are walking on the streets. Also need better upkeep of grassy areas and installation of benches. Maybe some extra landscaping on the areas for resting. Not many people use the township parks compared to county facilities with better upkeep and amenities. I would like to have access to a dog park here. There are lots of families with dogs.	9/28/2014 3:33 PM
126	Should turn old Witmark building into skate board park so it could be used year around. Kids need to be kept busy!	9/28/2014 2:15 PM
127	The only time I use the parks is a short bike ride once a year. Sorry I could not contribute more, but just an old man biding his time.	9/28/2014 12:10 PM
128	I live near a township park. I think it's sad that I need a permit just to sit there.	9/28/2014 11:22 AM
129	More access to Rogue River	9/28/2014 9:54 AM
130	Sidewalks or walking paths are very important. Neighborhoods are closed off and disconnected- unpleasant to walk on high traffic roads ie Plainfield and 5 mile, we need more connected walkways	9/28/2014 9:45 AM
131	larger facility and more parking for senior citizens	9/28/2014 8:07 AM
132	The township needs to make a concerted contribution to the improvement and maintenance of Premier park more than holding a name contest. Private donations and state and county grants have funded the baseball, BMX, and Archery facilities. Little if any funds have arrived from our township. Plainfield Township should invest more monies into this park as our township will only reap future rewards. This park is a diamond! Make it live up to it's name, Premier.	9/27/2014 10:17 PM
133	Mosquito treatment is very important, can't use the back yard or parks . It should be a county wide effort to control this nuisance pest. Garbage collection should be handled by the township by contracting many waste collectors and in bid then residents will pay the township as water or taxes. this will have a better street view once a week collection not every day of the week, with different garbage collectors that picks up on or two customers , which ruins our street asphalt., which increase our road maintenance, to me is more important than more parks.	9/27/2014 10:07 PM
134	Overall, we pleased with all of what we are familiar with so far. The personnel at the Plainfield township office are all polite, helpful to new comers. Thanks to all of them.	9/27/2014 8:59 PM
135	I believe that Plainfield Township has the right amount of parks and recreational spot within the township. I would rather see money go to uphold the Public Safety of the community than to parks and recreation.	9/27/2014 8:53 PM
136	More attention must be paid to and concern for protecting both the quality of Versluis Lake water that has deteriorated over the last few years for fishing, swimming, boating and all recreational uses. It is becoming more polluted and les desirable to use. Our grand children (residents) have lost interest in swimming and using the lake because of the condition it is in. Continued pollution will also began to affect our water supply at the chemical being introduced began to permeate into the acquifer. Please be more agressive and dilligent in protecting this resouce and consider less the desires of a few special inerests that cater to Plainfield authorities.	9/27/2014 8:28 PM
137	As little as it look, the parks are used very. dont spend any more money on these things!!!	9/27/2014 8:28 PM
138	I'd like to see a non-motorized path around Dean Lake. Similar to what East Grand Rapids has around Reeds Lake.	9/27/2014 7:59 PM
139	I just think it's too bad that so many of the township parks are such tiny places. You got a lot of them, but boy are they small.	9/27/2014 6:16 PM
140	HAVE A TOWNSHIP LINK THRU M-LIVE, SEND A FLYER HOME WITH THE SCHOOL KIDS. Otherwise, stop thinking of ways to spend money- our very hard earned money, which you have an excess of! LOWER OUR TAXES SO PEOPLE CAN KEEP THEIR HOMES, OUR KIDS ARE SHACKLED WITH COLLEGE DEBT, CARS AND INSURANCE ARE HIDEOUSLY EXPENSIVE, AND WITH COLLEGE DEGREES, NO ONE IS GETTING JOBS! YET, THE TAXES NEVER STOP STEALING FROM US! THE PARKS ARE FINE, JUST KEEP THEM CLEAN, AND DO MINIMAL MAINTENANCE. THE BOY SCOUTS CAN PAINT OR DO PROJECTS TO MAINTAIN THEM. "MAKE DO" WITH THE MONEY YOU HAVE AND STOP ROBBING US FOR MORE!	9/27/2014 5:39 PM
141	Pave a blacktop walkway for walkers and bikes along Pine Island Drive from West River to Post Drive. There are no real sidewalks . Like the new park on 10 mile RD for mountain bikes, but can we also add a pedestrian walking path too? (for the older people)	9/27/2014 4:51 PM
142	Shut down The Score bar on Northland Drive! It is a disruptive, agitating source of noise pollution to Versluis, the boat launch on the Grand River, Grand Isle Park, and all the businesses and neighbors around it.	9/27/2014 4:50 PM

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143	There are people who jog along Herrington. It's narrow, windy, not well maintained, and depending on time of morning/evening hard to see due to contrast of sun/shade, and, fog. One of these days, a pedestrian is going to get struck. Please give joggers a place to jog so they stay off Herrington. A bike path or trail parallel to Herrington that, eventually, connects to the white pine trail is desirable.	9/27/2014 4:46 PM
144	Like I said before, geocaching is good for the community, it brings people from all over the area, state, country and world. We pick up trash as we go in search for the hidden containers. We spend money on our way to the cache, gas food and lodging. The communities that are active reap the benefits. As a township, get informed about this fast growing hobby/sport/obsession.	9/27/2014 4:38 PM
145	I visit just a few of the many Plainfield Township parks, but have always been pleased with them. Good idea on taking a survey.	9/27/2014 4:10 PM
146	Parks should be developed to serve all ages that live or visit the township. These parks should add to the quality of life of all. The versluis park is pretty much useless with all rules placed on access. It should be free for all township residents. An ice skating park should be undertaken to keep the residents active in the winter months. A skate board park is due to the teenagers that reside here. One should not fear lawsuits, other communities have built a skate board park without incidents feared here by the out of date township board. A sliding hill would be nice for all residents., but like with the other park ideas mentioned the board will fear a lawsuit and will continue to be paralyzed by indecision.	9/27/2014 3:45 PM
147	Very concerned that there is not a sidewalk up to 7 mile on Division Avenue, it is a 45 mph hilly road, with very thin shoulder and many pedestrians	9/27/2014 3:30 PM
148	If you can't tell, a soccer park is needed! There is a big field owned by the twp (I think) on Kutshill almost across from Blythfield baptist church. I'm not sure how many acres but this would be an ideal area. If there were soccer tournaments, the church could provide overflow parking.	9/27/2014 2:46 PM
149	It' obvious my disdain for extra fees since I already pay \$2000.00 in property taxes. Charge outsiders,not twp taxpayers!!!!!!!!!!!! We also have the best resource in the state and we can't get access to it, the Grand river! One Access point. Sheesh!!!!	9/27/2014 2:14 PM
150	Close parks to dog/pets. People just don't clean up after their animals. I've had to clean my shoes, cane tips, and wheelchair wheels. And, I stay on the hard trails.	9/27/2014 12:47 PM
151	I would love Plainfield to have a sense of community. It is lacking in Plainfield Township and Parks and Rec is an area that can bring community together if done with that in mind, the COMMUNITY. Then maybe we can work on Plainfield Avenue and help that thrive once again for our businesses.	9/22/2014 4:33 PM
152	Our family loves the White Pine Trail, but our kids do not have safe access to it. We live off of Jericho/Oak and that is not a safe road. I'd love for a sidewalk to be added so they can connect to the trail.	9/20/2014 7:42 AM
153	Would be great to connect safe access (biking) from neighborhoods to schools.	9/20/2014 7:29 AM
154	I love the parks, it's worth it to me to pay money in taxes to keep up and expand our parks.	9/18/2014 7:08 AM
155	Want to reinforce the lack of sidewalks for kids in the neighborhoods across Hunsburger and the high school. This creates a danger to our kids when the have to walk in the road, especially during the Winter time. Would love to see the sidewalks along Airway continued (the stop at Airway & Miramar).	9/16/2014 10:01 AM
156	Please go have a look at the badly eroded gravel at the DNR Park boat ramp. There's a washout there so bad that I broke part of my boat trailer just easing through it. Additionally, the darkness there tends to attract loiterers who make me really nervous while I'm launching and loading my boat.	8/31/2014 3:55 PM
157	I honestly wasn't aware that Plainfield Township operated any parks. We live in Comstock Park and the only parks in our area are in Alpine Township.	8/29/2014 2:28 PM



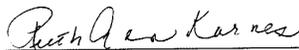
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2014

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

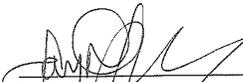
1. The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Vic Matthews, Dave Grant, Jon Rathbun, and Dale Pomeroy. Members absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Parks Development Director John Short, Landscape Architects & Planners executive Robert Ford, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee members Sally Wesorick, Dale Hecksel, Tom Wiarda, David Meyerholtz, and Dave Heyboer. Mr. John Gill of Gill Industries, his son James Joseph Gill, and his grandson Nathan Thornton were also present.
2. The invocation was offered by Jon Rathbun.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Rathbun.
4. There were no public comments.
5. The consent agenda was reviewed.
 - a. Approve the November 24, 2014 special meeting minutes
 - b. Approve the December 1, 2014 regular meeting minutes
 - c. Approve the Contractor's Application for Payment No. 6 from Wyoming Excavators, Inc. totaling \$39,134.78 for the Water Supply and Waste water Collection System Improvements for Sawkaw, Northville, Kewadin, Wyandotte and Nippon Drives
 - d. Approve Budget Amendment #2
 - e. Approve Kent County Emergency Medical Services Invoice
 - f. Approve a 2% wage increase for non-bargaining employees for 2015
 - g. Adopt a resolution approving the 2015 Township Rates & Charges, as revised on December 15, 2014
 - h. Adopt a Michigan Department of Transportation performance resolution for governmental agencies
 - i. Approve the recommended appointments from the Personnel Committee for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Construction Board of Appeals, Cemetery Advisory Committee, and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
NOTE: Attachment A contains a list of the appointments made for each Commission, Board, and Advisory Committee above.
 - j. Receive the Water, Fire, Passport, Building, Ordinance Enforcement, Financial and Investment Reports for November 2014
 - k. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$461,237.85
6. Matthews moved, with support by Karnes, to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$461,237.85. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
7. Spencer read a Proclamation for Gill Industries in celebration of their 50 years in business in Plainfield Charter Township. Mr. John Gill of Gill Industries, his son James Joseph Gill, and his grandson Nathan Thornton were present on behalf of Gill Industries.
8. A public hearing for the Proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan was opened at 7:28 p.m. The Board acknowledged receipt of email from Township resident Travis Mabry expressing his desire for more non-motorized trails connecting to the White Pine Trail from the west and east sides of the trail. There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m. Pomeroy moved, with support by Karnes, to adopt the first reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan and schedule a second public hearing for January 5, 2015, to make the document available to the public for a thirty day review period on the Plainfield Charter Township website, at Town Hall, and at the Plainfield Public Library, and to schedule a final public hearing during the regular Board meeting on January 19, 2015. Ayes: Brinkman, Matthews, Karnes, Spencer, Pomeroy, Rathbun, and Grant. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
9. There was no old business.
10. New business
 - a. Matthews moved, with support by Brinkman, to adopt a resolution in support of the Kent County Township Supervisor's proposal for 911 dispatch funding. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
 - b. Matthews moved, with support by Pomeroy, to accept the gift of real estate commonly known as 5580 West River Drive and to enter into a proposed Agreement with the Friends of the White Pine Trail. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The president of Friends of the White Pine Trail, Dave Heyboer, noted that the family gifting the land wishes it to be named The Patterson Family Friends of the White Pine Trail Park.

- c. Karnes moved, with support by Matthews, to enter into a three year service agreement with iCompass for Meeting and Records Management Solutions. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- 11. There were no Board discussions.
- 12. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
- 13. Board members shared comments.
- 14. At 9:43 p.m. Grant moved, with support by Brinkman, to move into closed session to conduct a regular evaluation of the Superintendent in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act: MCL 15.268; Section 8(a). Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
At 10:55 p.m. Brinkman moved, with support by Grant, to return to the regular meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- 15. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.



Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

1/21/2015
Date



Jay D. Spencer
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

27 JAN 2015
Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2014 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.



Stephanie St. Julien
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

01/30/2015
Date



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
 KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
 6161 BELMONT AVENUE NE, BELMONT, MICHIGAN 49306

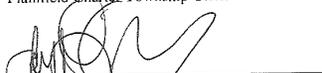
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 JANUARY 5, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

- 1) The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jay Spencer. Members present: Supervisor Jay Spencer, Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Vic Matthews, Dave Grant, and Dale Pomeroy. Members absent: Jon Rathbun. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Parks Development Director John Short, Community Development Director Bill Fischer, Water Plant Superintendent Don Petrovich, and Consumers Energy Systems Engineer Greg Dennany.
- 2) A moment of silence was observed.
- 3) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Ann Karnes.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) The consent agenda was reviewed.
 - a) Approve the December 15, 2014 regular meeting minutes
 - b) Approve the December 15, 2014 closed session minutes
 - c) Approve a Reserve Capacity Agreement with Consumers Energy
 - d) Approve the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software and computer upgrades totaling \$18,300.81
 - e) Approve the recommendations from the Township Assessor for appointments to the Board of Review
 - f) Approve Change Order No. 1 – change in contract times, expenses and liquidated damages from Wyoming Excavators for the Water Supply and Wastewater Collection System Improvements (Sawkaw, Northville, Kewadin, Wyandotte and Nippon Drives)
 - g) Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,008,298.71
- 6) Matthews moved, with support by Grant, to approve the agenda including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$1,008,298.71. Ayes: Matthews, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
- 7) A public hearing for the second reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 year Master Plan was opened at 7:13 p.m. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m. Matthews moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the second reading of the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan and schedule a third public hearing for January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Board will vote to adopt the Plan.
- 8) There was no old business.
- 9) New business
 - a. Karnes moved, with support by Pomeroy, to adopt an ordinance to rezone 3925 Balsam Avenue from C-1 Commercial to R-1A Residential. Ayes: Matthews, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
 - b. Karnes moved, with support by Brinkman, to approve the tentative preliminary plat of Northdale Estates, Phase 4 order. Ayes: Matthews, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, Pomeroy, and Spencer. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
10. There were no Board discussions.
11. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
12. Board members shared comments.
13. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


 Ruth Ann Karnes
 Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

1/21/2015
 Date


 Jay D. Spencer
 Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

27 JAN 2015
 Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of January 5, 2015 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.


 Stephanie McMillen
 Plainfield Charter Township Clerk Deputy

01/30/2015
 Date



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
6161 BELMONT AVENUE NE; BELMONT, MICHIGAN 49306

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY - JANUARY 20, 2015

Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

1. The regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes. Members present: Clerk Ruth Ann Karnes, Treasurer Bill Brinkman, Trustees Vic Matthews, Dave Grant, Jon Rathbun, and Dale Pomeroy. Members absent: Supervisor Jay Spencer. Also present: Superintendent Cameron Van Wyngarden, Director of Public Services Rick Solle, Parks Director John Short, and Landscape Architects representative Matthew Hull. The first order of business was to appoint a Chairperson pro-tems due to the excused absence of Supervisor Spencer. Pomeroy moved, with support by Rathbun, to appoint Vic Matthews. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The invocation was given by Jon Rathbun.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Ann Karnes.
4. There were no public comments.
5. The consent agenda was reviewed. Item 5b was removed and placed on the agenda for discussion as item 10c.
 - a. Approve the January 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes
 - b. (Moved to item 10c) Approve the request by the Historical Preservation Committee to waive the Community Center rental fee for their monthly meetings
 - c. Approve the Contractors Application for Payment No. 5 from Kamminga & Roodvoets for the Premier Park, Phase I totaling \$24,212.42
 - d. Approve the Fire Department's request to accept the *Ready, Set, Go!* grant for the purchase of reflective address signs and posts to mark private streets and driveways in wildland areas
 - e. Approve Resolution No. 1 declaring the intent to make public improvements; a tentative designation of special assessment district; and notice of public hearing on February 2, 2015 for Northdale Estates #4
 - f. Approve the 2015 employment contract with John Short to serve as the Plainfield Township Parks and Recreation Director
 - g. Receive the Fire, Passport, Water, Building Permit, Ordinance Enforcement, Financial and Investment reports for December 2014
 - h. Approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$496,373.64
6. Rathbun moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$496,373.64. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, and Pomeroy. Nays: none. Motion carried.
7. A public hearing for the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 Year Master Plan – third and final reading was opened at 7:07p.m.

Christine Friedt, Program Director for Northview senior citizens who meet the D.W. Richardson Community Center, stated she was happy to see a line in the Master Plan about an upgraded or expanded Community Center (*Note: this is a reference to Goals and Objectives, page 50, item IV. A., in the 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.*) Friedt said the Community Center is currently being used exclusively as a Senior Center until 4:30 on weekdays and it is used as a Community Center for rentals to citizens on weekdays after 4:30 and all day on weekends. Friedt asked if this schedule would remain in place or change.

Van Wyngarden responded that the document recognizes that the building is undersized for its use and there is a need for change, but how the community needs and senior needs will be scheduled has not been determined. Short explained that the driving force behind including the goal to upgrade or expand the D.W. Richardson Community Center is because of the seniors' growing need for more space, adding that the community's needs are pretty stable.

There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m. Brinkman moved, with support by Pomeroy, to adopt a resolution approving the 2015-2019 Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
8. Director of Public Services Rick Solle gave a presentation on upcoming infrastructure projects for 2015 which included: Five Mile Area Pressure District Conversion – Phase I South of Five Mile; Hills & Dales Phase I; Ten Mile Area Sewer – Childsdale to Ten Mile; Northerly Trunk Inverted Siphons; Forest Ridge Lift Station Flood Protection Improvements; Comstock Park Area Sewers.
9. There was no old business.

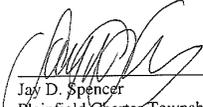
- 10. New Business
 - a. Karnes moved, with support by Rathbun, to exercise the Option to Purchase 5210 Forest Ridge Avenue (PPN 41-10-21-479-012) for the Forest Ridge lift station as presented. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, and Pomeroy. Nays: none. Motion carried.
 - b. Karnes moved, with support by Pomeroy, to approve the Water Main Easement purchase for the Five Mile – Plainfield Pressure District Conversion Project as presented. Ayes: Matthews, Rathbun, Grant, Brinkman, Karnes, and Pomeroy. Nays: none. Motion carried.
 - c. (Moved from item 5b) Grant moved, with support by Brinkman, to approve the request by the Historical Preservation Committee to waive the Community Center rental fee for their monthly meetings. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- 11. Board discussions
 - a. The Board discussed the Michigan Township Association's Township of Excellence program. No action was taken.
 - b. The Board discussed models of Board Governance. No action was taken.
- 12. Van Wyngarden shared comments.
- 13. Board members shared comments.
- 14. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

2/3/2015

Date



Jay D. Spencer
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

2/6/15

Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the duly elected clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the regular meeting minutes of January 20, 2015 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.



Stephanie R. Hilden
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk - Deputy

2-16-2015

Date





PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION #15-03

ADOPTION OF THE PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2014-2019 PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board of Trustees held at the Township offices – 6161 Belmont Avenue, Belmont, MI on the 20th day of January 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

A following resolution was offered by Brinkman and supported by Pomeroy.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Township Board of Trustees has undertaken the preparation of a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Pan that describes the physical feature, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to maintain and develop recreation facilities during the period between 2015 and 2019.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Township Board, with assistance from consultant Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and will use this document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, multiple opportunities for public comment were made available, suggestions were solicited, and three public hearings were held: the 15th day of December 2014, the 5th day of January 2015 and the 20th day of January 2015 at Plainfield Township hall, and the plan was reviewed. The 5th day of January 2014 a second public hearing before the Township Board was held to give an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss aspects of the Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearings on the 15th day of December 2014, 5th day of January, 2015 and the 20th day of January 2015 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan; and

WHEREAS this plan meets the requirements of the "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plans" (commonly referred to as the Recreation Plan or Master Plan) as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Grants Management Division to allow Plainfield Township to maintain eligibility to apply for state and federal grants under this program once filed accepted by the MDNR; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Plainfield Charter Township hereby adopts the Plainfield Charter Township 2015-2019 Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Plainfield Charter Township and directs that this plan, along with a copy of this Resolution, be filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC), and Kent County.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Ayes: Karnes, Brinkman, Matthews, Rathbun, Pomeroy and Grant
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Spencer

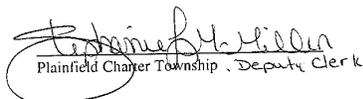
Motion carried. Resolution #15-02 declared adopted.


Ruth Ann Karnes
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Plainfield Township Board at a regular meeting held on January 20, 2015 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, including, in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature this 30 day of January, 2015.


Stephanie M. Hillier
Plainfield Charter Township, Deputy Clerk



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February 9, 2015

Mr. Daryl J. Delabbio, County Administrator/Controller
Kent County
300 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2206

RE: Plainfield Charter Township, Community Recreation Plan, 2014-2019

Dear Mr. Delabbio,

Please find, enclosed, a copy of the *Plainfield Charter Township, Community Recreation Plan, 2014-2019*. Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc. was hired by the township to develop the recreation plan. We are providing you a copy for your review. If you have any questions please contact us at (517) 485-5500 or John Short, Director of Parks and Recreation at (616) 363-9399.

Sincerely,

Robert Ford
Landscape Architect



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February 9, 2015

Mr. Dave Bee, Director
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
1345 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 255
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505-4670

RE: Plainfield Charter Township, Community Recreation Plan, 2014-2019

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Robert Ford
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Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: <u>Plainfield Charter Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan</u>		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
<u>Plainfield Charter Township</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>January 2015</u>
<u>Northview Community Schools</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>January 2015</u>

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programming</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Participating Communities</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p>