

Lincoln Township

Parks & Recreation Master Plan



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Introduction

Planning for Recreation in Lincoln Township



Lincoln Township has developed a Recreation Plan to serve as a guideline to improve township land and develop new recreational opportunities. To that end, this document forms the basis to guide policy for implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of the Lincoln Township area community. The development of this plan was guided by the Lincoln Township Board.

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand what the needs of the residents are, what recreational opportunities already exist, and what sort of projects and programs are relevant for residents based on age, ability, population, density, and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This plan has carefully considered input and suggestions via active communication from area residents, officials, and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component to this plan, and, together, the voices of the Lincoln Township community have united to develop a recreation plan to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

The foundation for the development of the Lincoln Township Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- ▶ Involve the community in the process to develop a five-year Recreation Plan,

- ▶ Assess the Township's proposed park property to consider feasible recreational ideas,
- ▶ Build common ground among Lincoln area stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the community,
- ▶ Enable Lincoln Township to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Recreation Plan,
- ▶ Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and actions, and
- ▶ Consistency with and expansion upon goals and objectives set forth in existing planning documents that deal partially or wholly with recreation, including the Midland County Recreation Plan 2008-2013.

Broadly speaking, Lincoln Township area officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within the Township. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary for the governmental entities to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Recreation Plan is written for Lincoln Township. It covers all aspects of recreation within the Township.



Community Description

About Lincoln Township



Lincoln Township is located in Midland County in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan. The Township is bordered by the City of Midland to the southeast and the Village of Stanford to the west. See Figure 1. Surrounding townships include Larkin, Hope, Jerome, and Homer. M-10, the major thoroughfare in Midland County, runs across the southwest corner of Lincoln Township, with on and off ramps on Meridian Road and Stark Road. The Township is bordered by N. Stark Road on the east and M-30 (N. Meridian Road) on the west.

Lincoln Township is very rural with much of its population concentrated between US-10 and the Tittabawassee River. The northern half of the Township is densely wooded with very few roads. Approximately 7,000 acres of the northern part of the Township is undeveloped state forest area. Jerome Township, located to the west, includes Sanford Lake, a popular regional recreational area.

Lincoln Township is served by two public school districts. A portion of the Township falls in the Midland School District with the remainder in the Sanford Meridian School District.

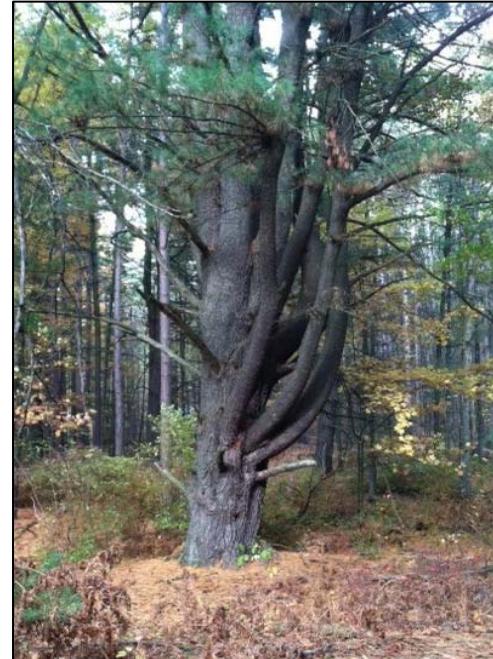
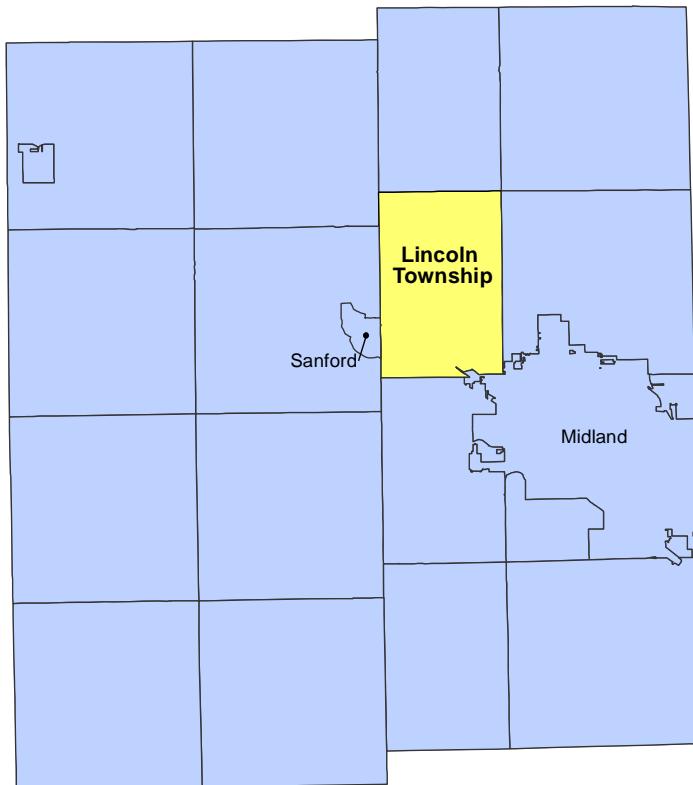


Figure 1 - Lincoln Township is located in central Midland County northwest of Midland.



According to the 2010 Census, the population of Lincoln Township is 2,474. This is a gain of 197 over the 2000 Census. The median age is 44.4 years which is a significant increase from 35.8 in 2000. It is also significantly higher than that of Michigan which is 38.8 years. An aging population may have different recreational needs from that of a population with many children and young families. Average household size has decreased indicating smaller families.

Other general census data regarding Lincoln Township is presented in Figure 2 on the following page.

COMPARATIVE CENSUS DATA Lincoln Township, MI		
	2000 Census	2010 Census
Population	2,277	2,474
% of Population 65 & older	8%	18.9%
% of Population under 18	28.1%	21.9%
Median age	35.8	44.4
% bachelor's degree or higher	17.1%	14.7%
Median household income	\$42,167	\$53,194
Per capita income	\$19,168	\$25,245
Average household size	2.72	2.46
Median housing value	\$97,300	\$124,300

2000 & 2010 U.S. Census Data (American Community Survey)

Figure 2

Administrative Structure

For Parks and Recreation in Lincoln Township



Lincoln Township is governed by a Township Board. It does not yet have any developed parks so it does not have any type of parks board or committee. However, the Township will consider forming such a group as it works toward the development of its first park.

The Township has a parks line item in its budget. It has allocated \$10,000 for parks in its budget year from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. The Township expects that its allocation for parks will increase in 2013-2014 as it prepares to develop the park.

Park functions will be funded through the Township general fund, donations, and public and private grants.



Recreation Inventory

Land for a park in Lincoln Township



Lincoln Township does not have any developed parks. It owns two undeveloped parcels of land in addition to the township hall location. Aerial maps of the two parcels are included in the Appendix.

Parcel 1 – This parcel is located directly northeast of the township hall property. It is 9.45 acres in size and it is largely wooded with a cleared area on the west side of the property. The land is accessed from Hope Road, north of the township hall. For many years, the Township has indicated its desire this parcel into a park

Parcel 2 – This parcel is located 1.75 miles north of the township hall property on the west side of Hope Road. The 40-acre parcel is largely wooded.

Lincoln Township has not received any state grants for park and recreation facilities.

Natural Resources Inventory

Figures 3 and 4 show some of the significant natural resources in Lincoln Township. The Township includes an abundance of woodlands, most of which are part of the AuSable State Forest.

The Tittabawassee River is an important waterway in the Township, flowing across its southwest corner. The river flows south from Sanford Lake toward Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. It is a popular recreational river, known for its walleye fishery.

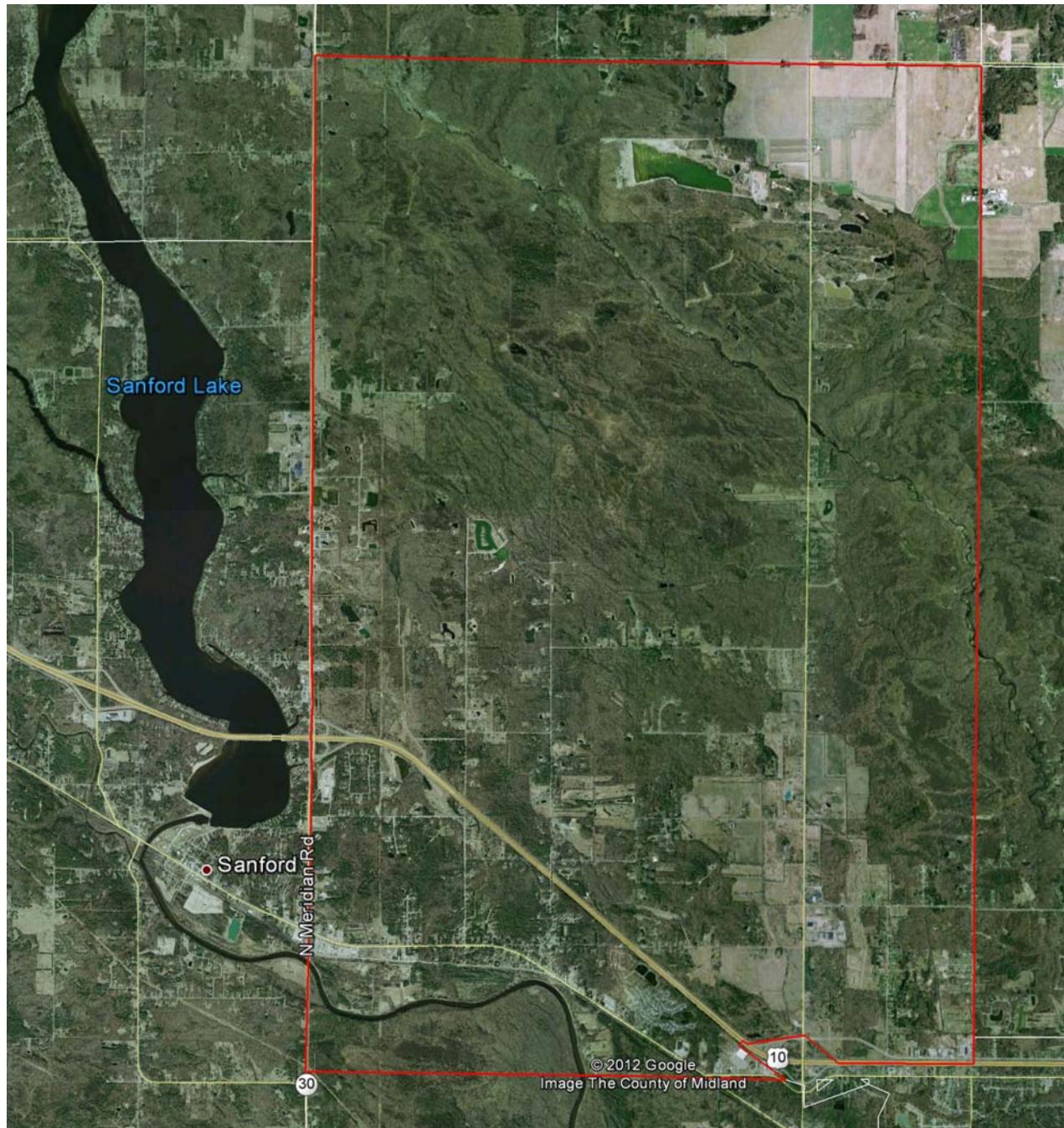


Figure 3 - Aerial imagery shows the large amount of forested lands and open space in Lincoln Township.

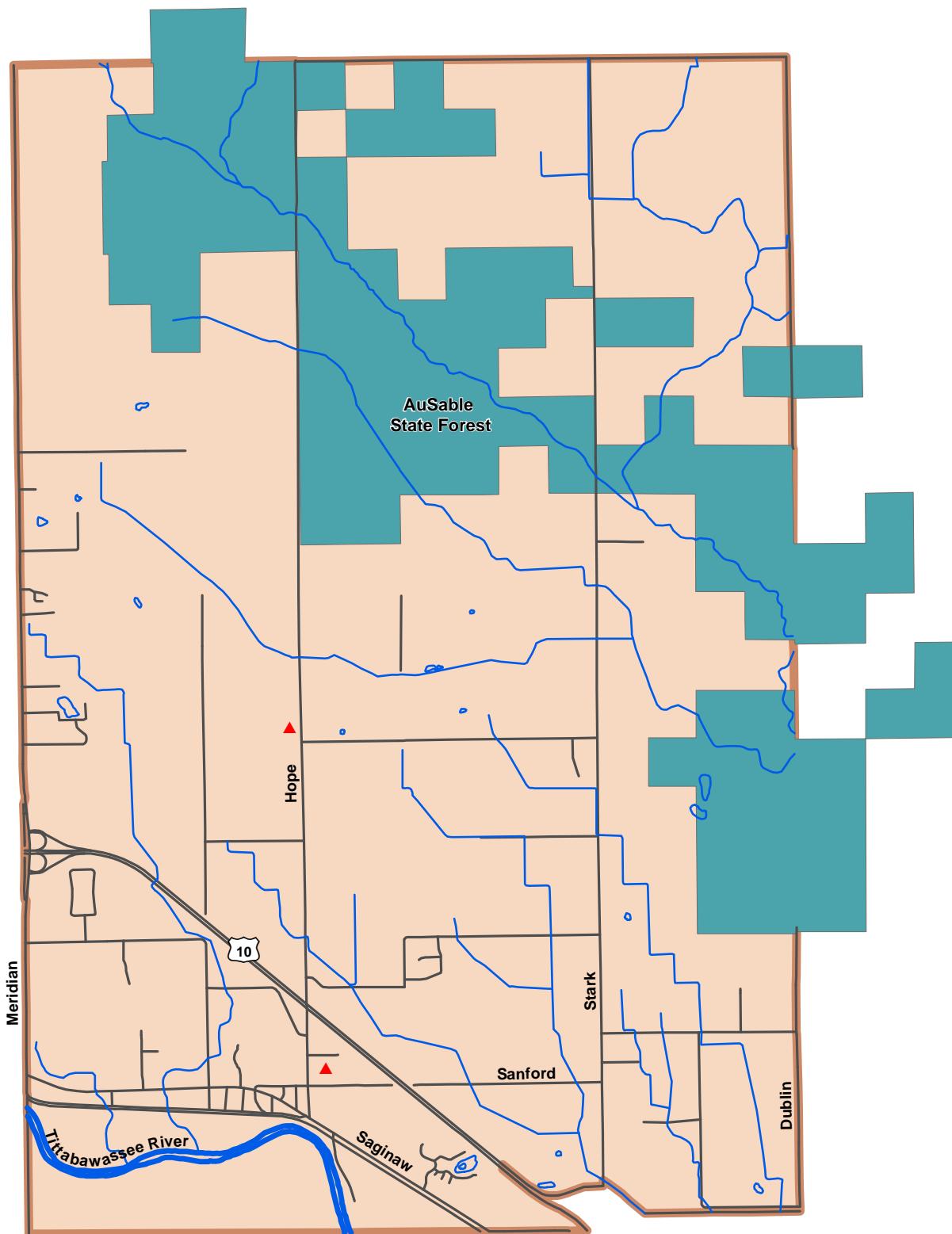


Figure 4 - The AuSable State Forest and the waterways in Lincoln Township. The ▲ symbols show the location of the township owned parcels.

Community Input

Listening to Residents



To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, Lincoln Township offered two opportunities for public input along with a 30-day period for review and comment on the draft plan.

The first opportunity for public input was an online survey where respondents were asked to answer questions about park usage and preferences. The survey was available for approximately eight weeks in August and September of 2012. Significant results are discussed below. The second public input opportunity was the public meeting held after the 30-day review period and prior to the adoption of the plan.

Online Survey

The online survey was publicized with a newspaper article in the Midland Daily News and with e-mail blasts from Township officials. Postcards were also distributed in the Township. Highlights and important findings from the survey are discussed in the paragraphs, charts and graphs below. Complete data from the survey is available in the Appendix.

We'd Like Your Opinion!



Lincoln Township owns a parcel of land northeast of the Township Hall. What kind of recreational facilities would you like to see at this developing park? Please take 5-10 minutes to take our online survey by visiting the link below to let us know what you think about parks and how to best plan for the future.

www.LincolnTownshipRecSurvey.com

The postcard that was distributed in Lincoln Township to encourage residents to respond to the online survey.

About the Respondents

Sixty-eight people responded to the online survey. Nearly 80% of them lived in Lincoln Township and approximately 20% lived in Midland County outside of Lincoln Township. Approximately 50% of the respondents were in the 50 – 64 age group. Another 31% were between 30 and 49 years of age.

The Results

Question 2 asked respondents to select the reasons they visit parks from 11 different options. The most popular responses were for casual use, enjoying nature, and fitness and exercise. See Figure 5 below.

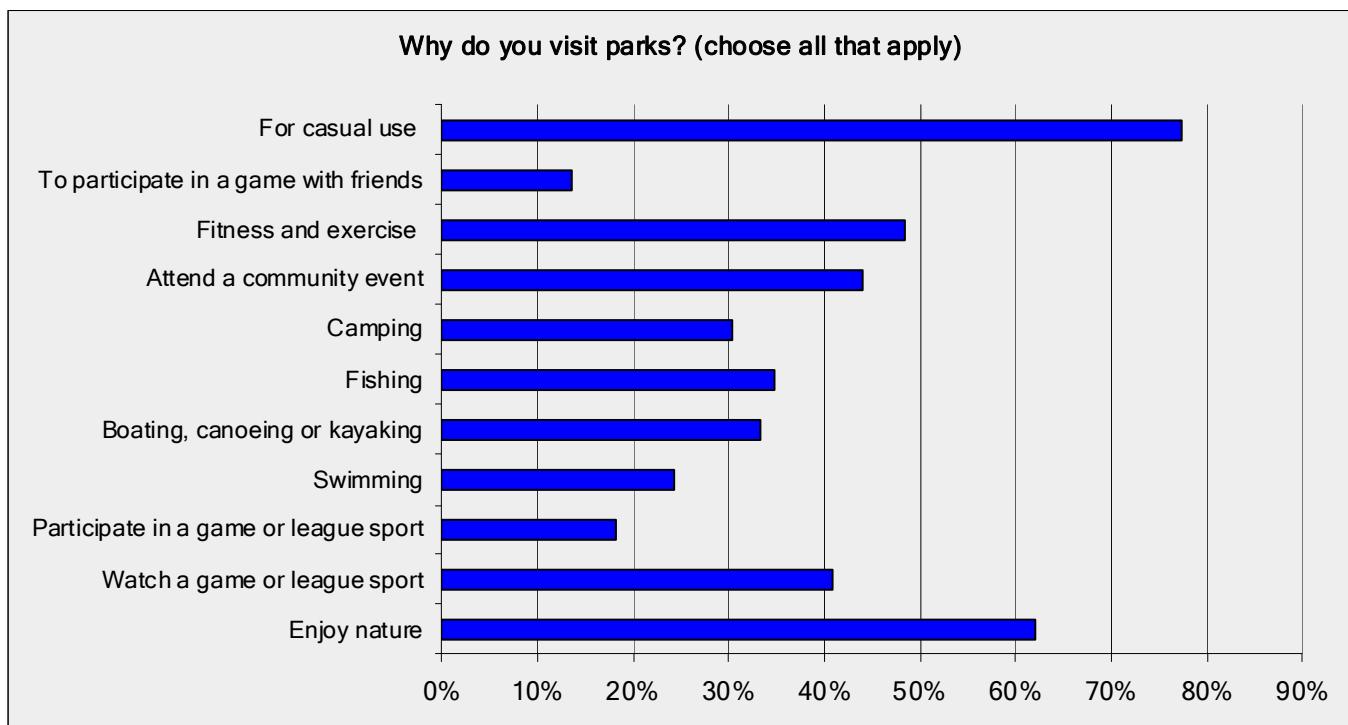


Figure 5

Question 3 gave respondents 12 different amenities that could be added to the undeveloped parcel of land northeast of the Township Hall if it were developed into a park. The most popular responses were picnic pavilion (87%), public restrooms (80%), playground equipment (72%) and walking paths (55%). Respondents could also write in other responses and 10 other responses were offered. They included disc golf, a spray park, a sledding hill, and tennis courts. All responses are shown in Figure 6.

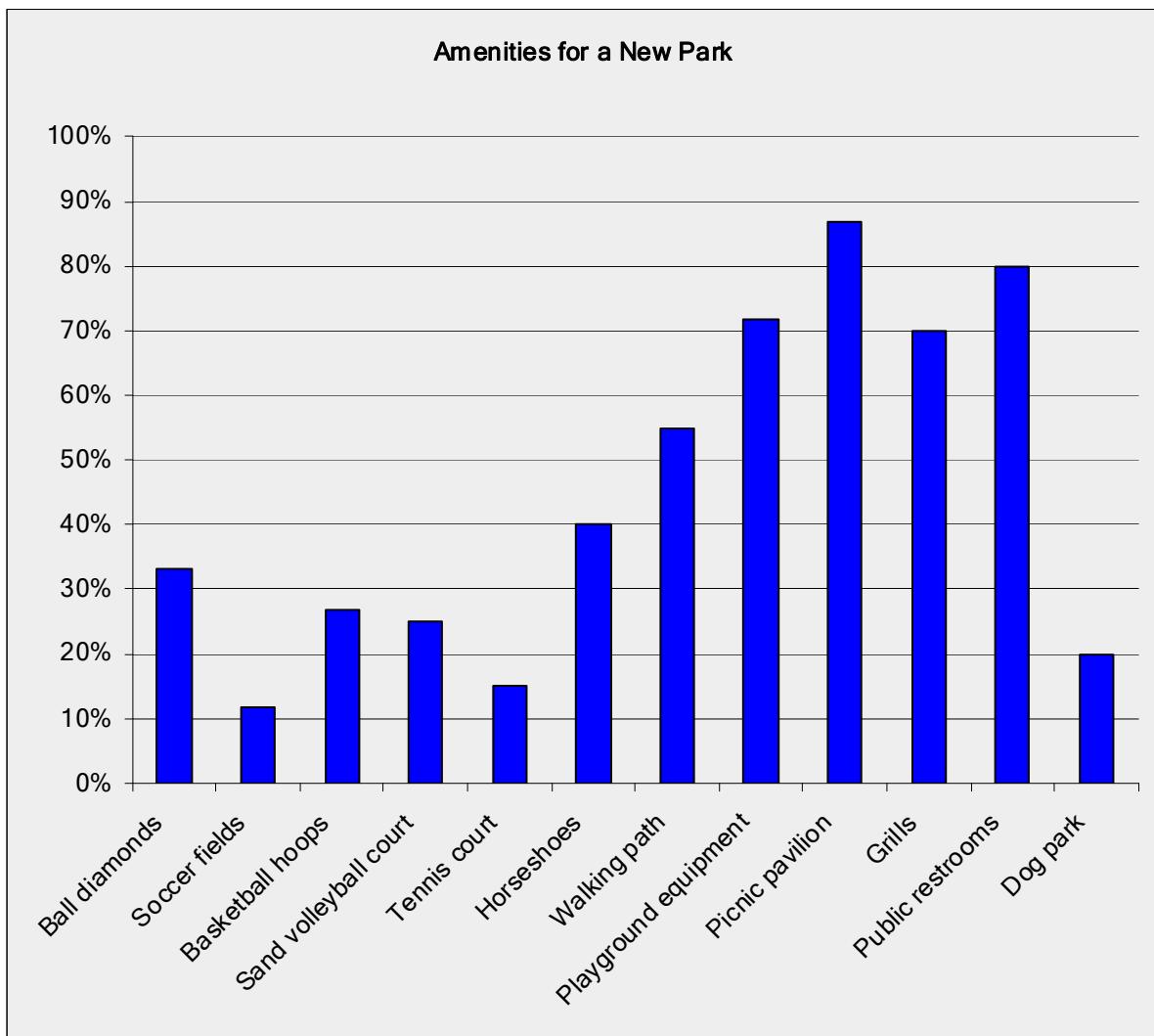


Figure 6

Question 4 asked about the usage of the state land in Lincoln Township. Fifty-three percent of the respondents said they had used the state land for recreational purposes, indicating these respondents probably enjoy hunting, hiking, and fishing.

Top 10 Reasons Why Parks are Important

The National Recreation and Park Association maintains a top ten list of reasons why parks are important in the United States.

1. Public parks provide millions of Americans with the opportunity to be physically active.
2. Parks have true economic benefits.
3. Parks provide vital green space in a fast-developing American landscape.
4. Parks preserve critical wildlife habitat.
5. Parks and recreation facilitate social interactions.
6. Leisure activities in parks improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness.
7. Recreational programs provide organized, structured, enjoyable activities.
8. Community recreation services provide a refuge of safety for at-risk youth.
9. Therapeutic recreation is an outlet that individuals with disabilities have.
10. Public parks embody the American tradition of preserving public lands.

This list is from the article, *Top 10 Reasons Parks Are Important*, by Richard J. Dolesh, Monica Hobbs Vinluan, and Michael Phillips.

Goals and Objectives

Future Recreation in Lincoln Township



Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level: they are overreaching and general. The Action Plan identifies specific projects and programs. The Action Plan can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. Lincoln Township formulated the following goals based upon the characteristics of the overall community and the public input received via the online survey.

Lincoln Township Recreation Goals

Goal One: Utilize available natural features in Lincoln Township for appropriate recreational activities.

Lincoln Township features abundant woodlands, open space, and quality streams and rivers. The Township wishes to take advantage of these features when developing its parks.

Goal Two: Promote and provide age-appropriate park and recreational opportunities that support improved health and fitness and contribute to the overall quality of life for all people in Lincoln Township.

The Township wishes to provide local community park facilities for its residents to be able to exercise, recreate, and socialize in an outdoor setting. It is committed to providing those opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Goal Three: Develop non-motorized pathways and linkages for recreational uses.

The community input survey showed a need for walking and biking paths in the Township. Paths provide fitness opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Goal Four: Acquire, retain, and develop public property for recreational purposes.

The Township feels it is important to provide recreational park land for its residents and it is committed to developing a park for the Township.



Goal Five: Foster regional collaboration for recreational programs and facilities.

The Township realizes that it will not have the resources to provide a wide variety of recreational facilities or programming. However, it will look to partner with neighboring and regional providers where possible in order to provide more opportunities for Lincoln Township residents.

These may include Sanford, Jerome Township, the City of Midland and Midland County.

Lincoln Township Recreation Action Plan

The Action Program details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in terms of parks and recreation. It is based upon the established recreational goals and the needs expressed during community input. **During the next five years, Lincoln Township wishes to develop the vacant land behind the township hall into a park.** The Township would like to develop the park with the following amenities:

- ▶ Nature trails
- ▶ Playground equipment
- ▶ Disc golf
- ▶ Picnic pavilion
- ▶ Grills
- ▶ Benches
- ▶ Picnic tables
- ▶ Open play field
- ▶ Restroom
- ▶ Horseshoes



Potential capital improvements described in this plan have been established to provide a framework for decision makers and to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects. Actual development of the park may occur in phases as funding becomes available.

Summary of the Planning Process & Conclusion

How the plan was completed



In its effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Lincoln Township has developed this Recreation Plan as a tool to guide the development of community parks and locations over the next five years. This plan is the latest effort by the local governmental officials in Lincoln Township to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide the Township with eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Lincoln Township contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist them with completion of the Recreation Plan. The consultant worked with the Township Supervisor and Clerk through the course of the plan. The Supervisor and Clerk apprised the Township Board of the progress of the plan throughout the process. The Board participated in the input opportunities and the public hearing.

Data was collected about the Township including maps, demographics, public land, and an inventory of existing township-owned land. This data was collected from various websites, field observations, and conversations with Township officials.

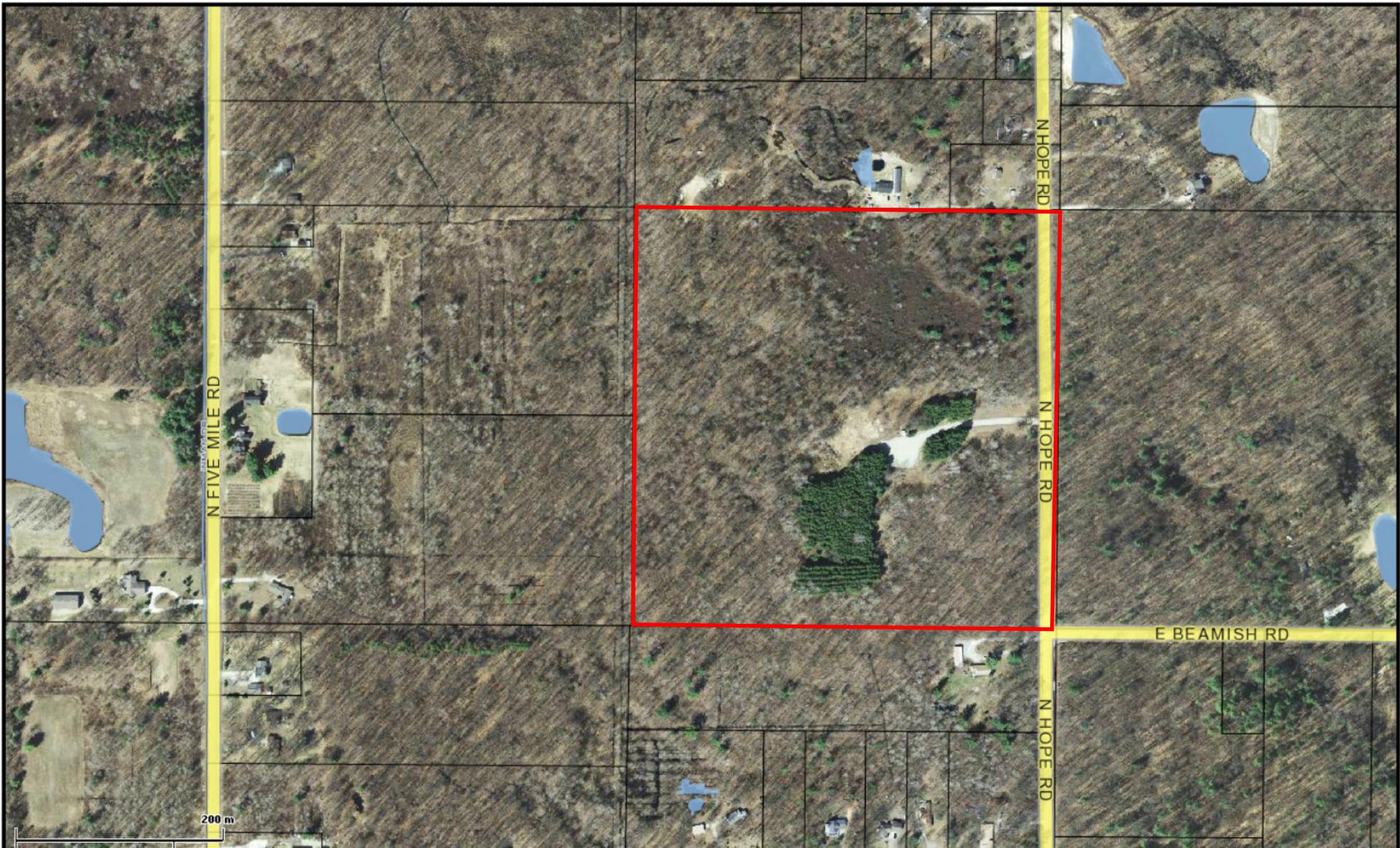
Community input was collected via an online survey conducted in the summer of 2012. This survey was promoted in the Midland Daily News

and with postcards. A copy of the Newspaper Article and the postcard are included in Appendix C. Based upon the existing information and the community input, Lincoln Township developed goals for parks and recreation. Then, action plan items were written that would work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives.



The consultant completed the Recreation Plan document and it was made available for review on the township web site and from the Township Clerk for at least 30 days beginning on October 22, 2012. This reviewing opportunity was advertised in the Midland Daily News. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held prior to the adoption of the plan. The meeting was also advertised in the Midland Daily News. It was held on December 11, 2012 at the Lincoln Township Hall at 7:00 pm. After the public meeting, the Lincoln Township Board passed a resolution adopting the recreation plan. Copies of the advertisements and resolution are included in Appendix D.

Appendix A – Township Owned Parcels



Lincoln Township Parcel - N. Hope



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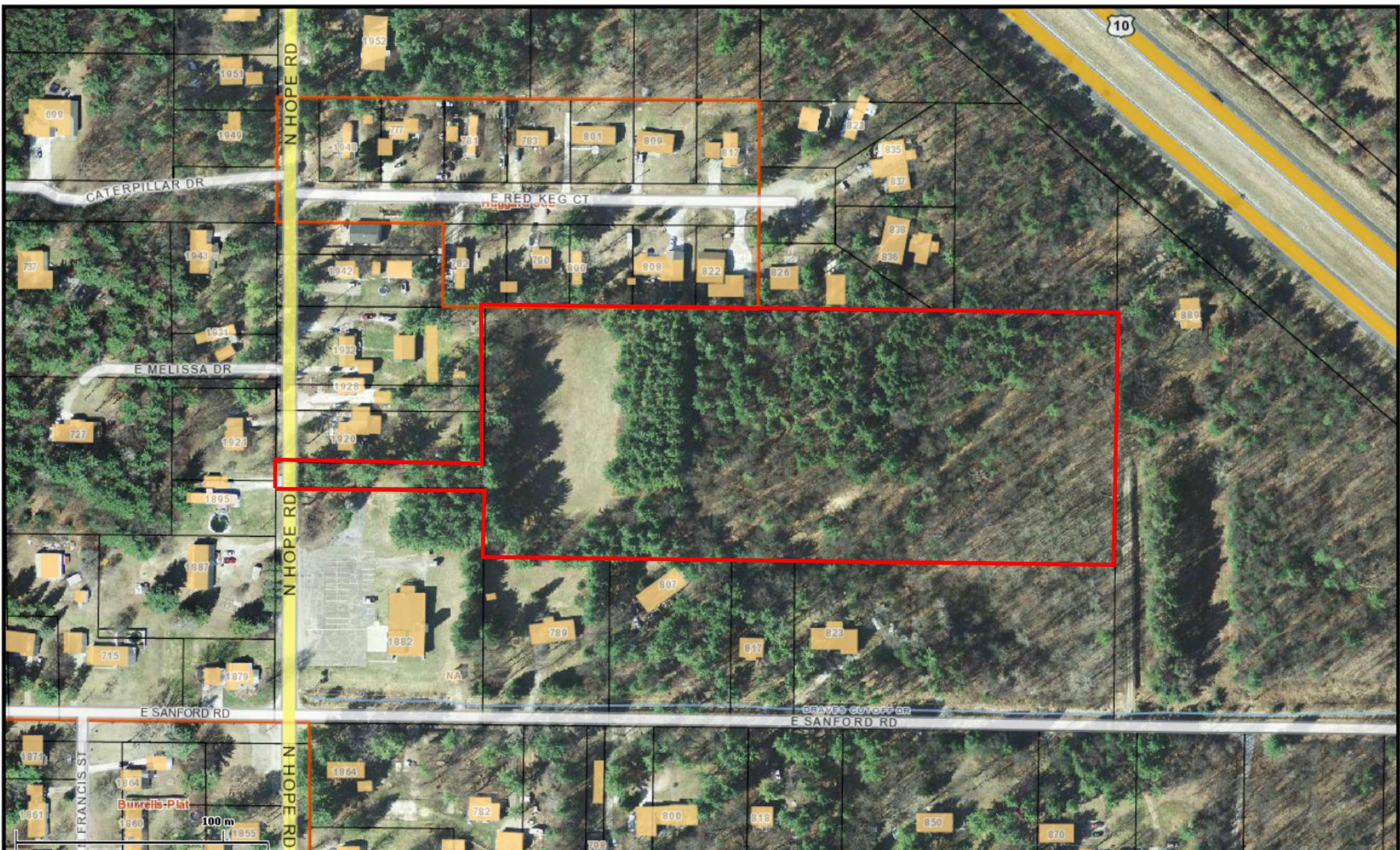
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Lincoln Township Property



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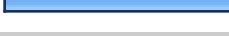
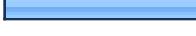
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Appendix B – Online Survey Results

1. How many times have you been to a public park in the past year?

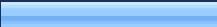
		Response Percent	Response Count
Never		11.8%	8
1 time		4.4%	3
2-5 times		33.8%	23
6-10 times		22.1%	15
More than 10 times		27.9%	19
answered question			68
skipped question			0

2. Why do you visit parks? (choose all that apply)

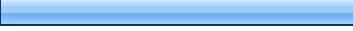
		Response Percent	Response Count
Enjoy nature		62.1%	41
Watch a game or league sport		40.9%	27
Participate in a game or league sport		18.2%	12
Swimming		24.2%	16
Boating, canoeing or kayaking		33.3%	22
Fishing		34.8%	23
Camping		30.3%	20
Attend a community event		43.9%	29
Fitness and exercise (running, biking, walking etc.)		48.5%	32
To participate in a game with friends		13.6%	9
For casual use (picnics, reading, bird watching etc.)		77.3%	51
Other (please specify)			9

answered question	66
skipped question	2

3. Lincoln Township owns a parcel of land northeast of the Township Hall which is located on the corner of North Hope Road and East Sanford Road. The township is considering developing this land into a park. Please identify which facilities you would like to see at this location.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Ball diamonds		33.3%	20
Soccer fields		11.7%	7
Basketball hoops		26.7%	16
Sand volleyball court		25.0%	15
Tennis court		15.0%	9
Horseshoes		40.0%	24
Walking path		55.0%	33
Playground equipment		71.7%	43
Picnic pavilion		86.7%	52
Grills		70.0%	42
Public restrooms		80.0%	48
Dog park		20.0%	12
Other (please specify)			16
		answered question	60
		skipped question	8

4. Have you used the state land in Lincoln Township for recreational purposes (hunting, fishing, hiking etc.)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		53.0%	35
No		47.0%	31
answered question			66
skipped question			2

5. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
one		10.6%	7
two		45.5%	30
three		19.7%	13
four or more		24.2%	16
answered question			66
skipped question			2

6. What is your age?

			Response Percent	Response Count
	under 18		1.5%	1
	18-29		4.5%	3
	30-39		10.4%	7
	40-49		20.9%	14
	50-64		52.2%	35
	65 and older		10.4%	7
			answered question	67
			skipped question	1

7. Where do you live?

			Response Percent	Response Count
	Lincoln Township		78.8%	52
	Midland County but not in Lincoln Township		19.7%	13
	None of the above		1.5%	1
			answered question	66
			skipped question	2

Q2. Why do you visit parks? (choose all that apply)

1	spray park	Sep 11, 2012 3:52 PM
2	kids playing at the park	Aug 20, 2012 1:27 PM
3	playgrounds to take the children i sit for to play on the equipment	Aug 19, 2012 4:52 PM
4	concerts	Aug 19, 2012 3:29 PM
5	take grandchildren to play on equipment	Aug 16, 2012 2:17 PM
6	playgound	Aug 15, 2012 10:12 AM
7	playgrounds	Aug 11, 2012 10:09 AM
8	Take kids to playground	Aug 8, 2012 8:48 AM
9	they had a basketball court once in the north end of parking lot.. it waz always trashed and a place for young kids to hang out.. they destroyed the fence an one basketball pole... i hardly ever saw anyone using the swings or merry go round or monkey bars.. just some kids in the neighbor hood.. i say leave it alone.. you are gonna find out again that it will be trashed an not used much...young kids will hang out there again an you will find pop, beer, whiskey bottles around like when the old playground waz there.. i know cuz i listened to my old neighbor complain about how trashed it was.. he used to mow it...	Aug 7, 2012 11:27 AM

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1	spray park	Sep 11, 2012 3:52 PM
2	none, there are parks at Sanford Lake just down the road	Sep 4, 2012 5:19 PM
3	FIREWORKS AREA, SLED HILL, FISH POND	Aug 21, 2012 8:28 PM
4	NOTHING!! It will just get destroyed like the other park.	Aug 20, 2012 5:59 PM
5	More DEBT for the twp. taxpayers !! STOP !! Midland county / city have more than enough parks and open / greenspace/ non -motorized NON PAYING USERS to maintain and pay for with shrinking dollars. PLEASE re- think this "free" tax grant "grab it " money and spend. Then tax us for upkeep. TABLE THIS PARK PROJECT !	Aug 20, 2012 1:19 PM
6	none nothing is needed.	Aug 20, 2012 11:17 AM
7	Areas accessible for people with disabilities.	Aug 19, 2012 11:26 PM
8	NONE - STOP SPENDING MONEY THERE ARE PLENTY OF PARKS AROUND WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER. Sure you say to get a grant to put it in and then the taxes are raised for upkeep	Aug 19, 2012 9:23 PM
9	disc golf	Aug 16, 2012 2:17 PM
10	dic golf course	Aug 8, 2012 4:44 PM
11	Frisbee golf	Aug 8, 2012 8:48 AM
12	Let the new park be dedicated to nature / more people especially young couples with young children will more likely take the family to a nature area instead of uncontroled state land.	Aug 7, 2012 6:15 PM
13	Rock climbing wall, spray park, shuffle board, disk golf,	Aug 7, 2012 1:00 PM
14	Possibly a Community Garden	Aug 7, 2012 12:45 PM
15	NONE Use the beach in Sanford	Aug 7, 2012 12:31 PM
16	There is no tennis courtts in Sanford so this in No. 1	Aug 7, 2012 9:48 AM

Appendix C – Community Input News Article & Postcard

Lincoln Township to develop a park, seeks input

Posted: Sunday, August 19, 2012 10:28 am

As Lincoln Township prepares to develop a township park, it is looking for feedback from residents.

“We are developing a parks’ master plan and trying to obtain grant funding from outside sources for a township park,” said Mark Trinklein, township clerk.

The township would like to turn a parcel of land it owns on the corner of North Hope Road and East Sanford Road into a park. But, first officials need information from citizens what the park should include.

The township has already posted an online survey that may be accessed at www.LincolnTownshipRecSurvey.com

The survey will be available for approximately two months and officials are seeking input from all Midland County residents, whether they live in Lincoln Township or not.

To pay for the park, officials will be looking to grants.

“We initially are submitting a grant application to the Michigan DNR next spring,” said Trinklein.

“Then we will be submitting grant requests for the various foundations in the area. Any funding from the DNR would require a 25 percent match. We currently do not know how much we will be asking for.

We'd Like Your Opinion!



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Appendix D – Adoption Documentation

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AFFIDAVIT – PROOF OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF REVIEW
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
DRAFT FIVE YEAR
RECREATION MASTER
PLAN

Lincoln Township has developed a Draft Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, establishes recreation goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the Township wishes to pursue. A copy of the Draft Plan is available for review at www.lincoln-twp.org. A copy can also be reviewed by contacting:

Mark Trinklein
Lincoln Township Clerk
1441 E. Price Rd.
Midland, MI 48642
clerk@lincoln-twp.org

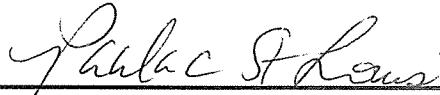
If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send written comments to the addresses above by December 7, 2012.

A public hearing to take input on the Draft Plan will be held on December 11, 2012 at the Lincoln Township Hall, 1882 N. Hope Rd. at 7:00 p.m.

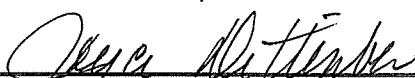
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COUNTY OF MIDLAND

PAULA C. ST.LOUIS being duly sworn, disposes and says that I am a representative of Midland Daily News, a daily newspaper published and circulated in the County of Midland, and that a notice, of which the annexed printed notice is a true copy, has been published in said paper once in each week for 1 successive weeks 1 times and that the first publication thereof was on the 22nd day of Oct 2012 and the last publication thereof was on the 22nd day of Oct 2012.

PAULA C. ST.LOUIS

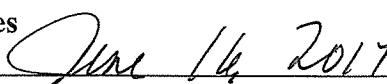


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Lincoln Township

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Notice of Public Hearings

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Township of Lincoln shall conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Lincoln Township Hall, 1882 N. Hope Rd. for the purpose of receiving comments on the Lincoln Township Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, established recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the Township wishes to pursue. A PDF copy of the proposed plan is available for review at www.lincoln-twp.org.

All comments, written and oral, will be noted for the record.

Mark Trinklein
Lincoln Township Clerk

PAULA C. ST.LOUIS being duly sworn, disposes and says that I am a representative of Midland Daily News, a daily newspaper published and circulated in the County of Midland, and that a notice, of which the annexed

printed notice is a true copy, has been published in said paper once in each week for / successive weeks / times and that the first publication thereof was on the 31 day of Dec 2012 and the last publication thereof was on the 31 day of Dec 2012.

Paula C St Louis

PAULA C. ST.LOUIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of Jan 20 13,

Joyce Dittenber

Joyce Dittenber – NOTARY PUBLIC for Midland County – Acting in Midland Co.

My commission expires

June 16, 2017

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COUNTY OF MIDLAND
COMMISSION EXPIRES Jun 16, 2017
NOTARY PUBLIC OF

Resolution of Adoption

Lincoln Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Lincoln Township, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Township has undertaken a five-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2012 and 2016 and,

WHEREAS, an online input survey was made available to the public from August 6, 2012 to September 10, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from October 22, 2012 to December 7, 2012, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm, at the Lincoln Township Hall, 1882 N. Hope Rd. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Township has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the Lincoln Township adopts said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Lincoln Township.

Yea: - 5 -

Nay: - 0 -

Absent: - 0 -

I, Mark Trinklein, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Lincoln Township at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm.



Clerk

Lincoln Township
Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lincoln Township Board was called to order by the Supervisor at 7:00 pm, with Wray, Crockett, Ensign, Trinklein, Thornton, and 12 guests present.

The agenda was approved after motion by Ensign and second by Crockett.

Public comments were heard and correspondence was read.

The minutes of the November 13, 2012 regular board meeting were approved after motion by Crockett and second by Ensign.

The treasurer's report was heard.

Payment of bills in the amount of \$45,787.96 in the general fund, \$5,744.96 in the fire fund, \$188.19 in the liquor fund, and \$8,366.40 in the sanitation fund were approved by roll call vote after motion by Crockett and second by Ensign. Crockett-yes; Thornton-yes; Ensign-yes; Trinklein-yes; Wray-yes.

The fire department, planning commission, ordinance enforcement officer, water authority, solid waste, and township parks reports were heard.

The regular meeting was recessed and a public hearing was opened after motion by Ensign and second by Crockett.

A public hearing was held to hear public comment on a proposed parks and recreation master plan. A Lincoln Township resident thought it was a good idea to develop a park because it gives the residents a place to go and will bring the community together. Another resident asked if there were any other township properties available for parks use and was told that the land next to the township hall was the only land currently in consideration. Another resident asked what the current plan was and was told that it was yet to be determined but would be done in stages as funding and resources permitted. There being no further comments or questions from the public, the public hearing was closed after motion by Crockett and second by Ensign.

The regular meeting was re-opened after motion by Trinklein and second by Ensign.

The resolution to adopt the Lincoln Township Parks & Recreation Master Plan was approved by roll call vote after motion by Ensign and second by Crockett. Crockett-yes; Thornton-yes; Ensign-yes; Trinklein-yes; Wray-yes.

Approved regular board meeting dates for 2013 by roll call vote after motion by Crockett and second by Ensign. Crockett-yes; Thornton-yes; Ensign-yes; Trinklein-yes; Wray-yes.

Approved attendance to 2013 Board of Review Training held by MTA after motion by Ensign and second by Thornton.

Reappointed Reid Duford to the Planning Commission thru 12/31/15 after motion by Wray and second by Ensign.

Reappointed Monte McCann to the Zoning Board of Appeals thru 12/31/15 after motion by Wray and second by Ensign.

Reappointed Robert Marks as Fire Department Chief thru 12/31/14 after motion by Wray and second by Trinklein.

Reappointed Steve Marker as Ordinance Enforcement Officer thru 12/31/14 after motion by Wray and second by Ensign.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by Supervisor Wray.



Mark Trinklein, Lincoln Township Clerk

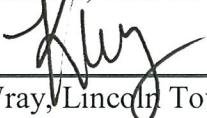
Certification

State of Michigan, County of Midland

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of Lincoln Township, Midland County, Michigan, held on the 11th of December, 2012.



Mark Trinklein, Lincoln Township Clerk



Kevin Wray, Lincoln Township Supervisor