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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 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 park property to consider feasible recreational ideas,

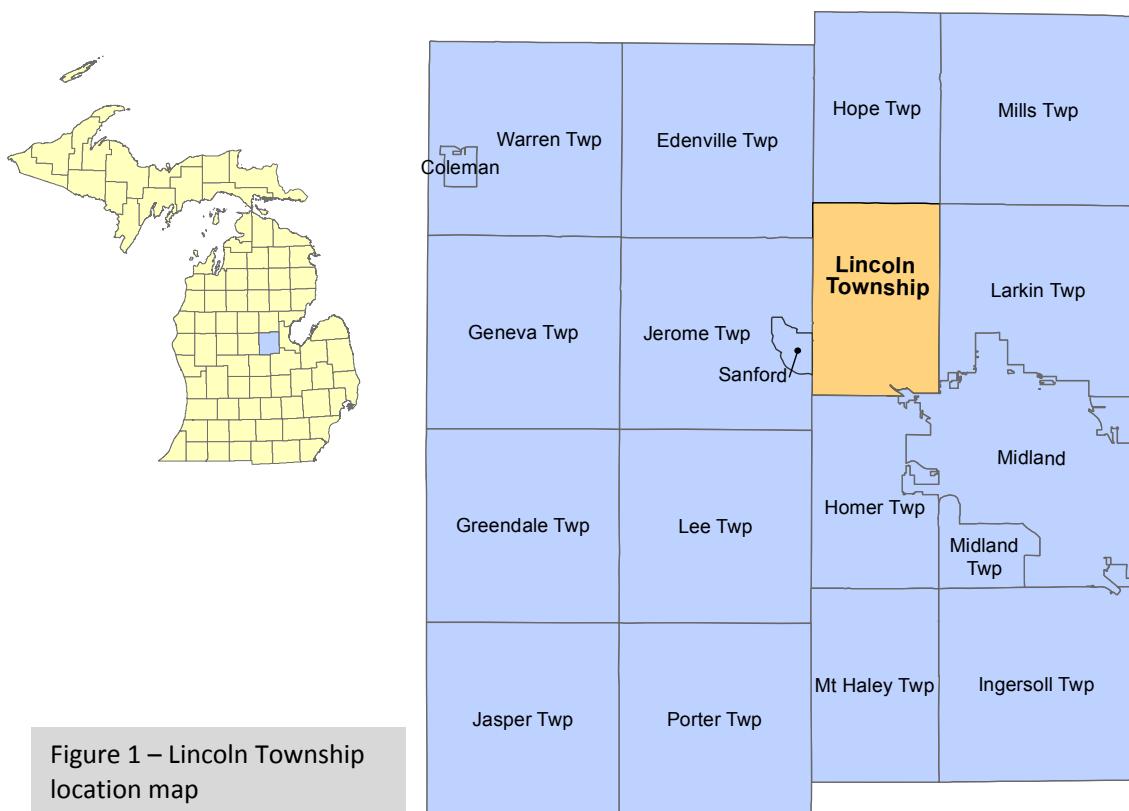
- Build common ground among Lincoln area stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the community,
- Enable Lincoln Township to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Recreation Plan,
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and actions, and
- Be consistency with and expand upon goals and objectives set forth in existing planning documents that deal partially or wholly with recreation, including the Midland County Recreation Plan.

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.

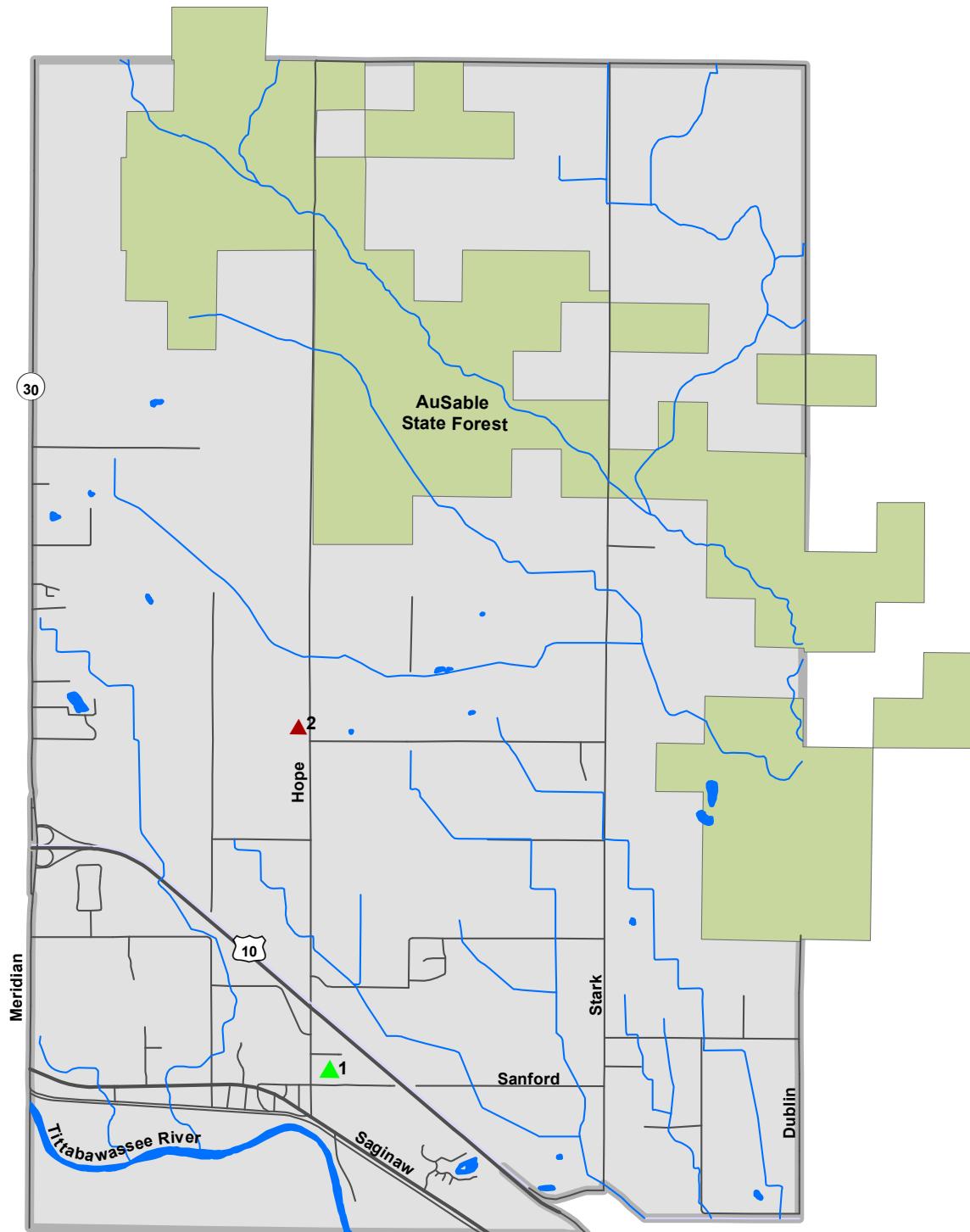
Community Description

About Lincoln Township

Lincoln Township is located in central Midland County in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan. Midland is located southeast of Lincoln Township and the Village of Sanford is located to the west. See Figure 1. Surrounding townships include Larkin, Hope, Jerome, and Homer.



US-10, the major thoroughfare across Midland County, runs across the southwest corner of Lincoln Township, with on and off ramps on Meridian Road and Stark Road. 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 land. Jerome Township, located to the west, includes Sanford Lake, a popular regional recreational area.



1 Lincoln Township Park
2 Lincoln Township Property (undeveloped)

Figure 2 –The Lincoln Township road map shows the location of the AuSable State Forest and Township-owned properties.

According to the 2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, the population of Lincoln Township is 2,355. This is an estimated decrease of 118 since 2010, when the population was 2,474. The median age is estimated at 51.6. This is an increase in median age of more than 15 years since 2000 when it was 35.8. It is also significantly higher than that of Michigan which is 39.5 years. An aging population may have different recreational needs from that of a population with many children and young families.

Other general census data regarding Lincoln Township as compared to Midland County and Michigan is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3
COMPARATIVE CENSUS DATA
Lincoln Township, MI

	Lincoln Township	Midland County	Michigan
% of Population 65 & older	23.4%	16.3%	15.4%
% of Population under 18	16%	22%	22.5%
Median age	51.6	41.3	39.5
% bachelor's degree or higher	20.8%	32.9%	27.4%
Median household income	\$53,056	\$54,852	\$50,803
Per capita income	\$31,019	\$31,135	\$27,549
Average household size	2.23	2.47	2.51
Owner occupied homes	86.3%	74.7%	73%

2016 U.S. Census Data (American Community Survey)

Administrative Structure

How Parks and Recreation Works in Lincoln Township

Parks and Recreation functions in Lincoln Township are handled by the Township Board.

Lawn mowing and yard care for the Township Park are contracted out to a professional yard service. The restroom and pavilion are cleaned weekly by a township employee.

The main source of funding for parks and recreation in Lincoln Township is the Township general fund. A small secondary source of funding is pavilion rental fees.

Budget information for the past two years is shown below.

Figure 4 Lincoln Township Parks and Recreation Budget Data		
	2017 – 2018	2018 - 2019
Operation and Maintenance	\$4,830	\$9,170
Programming	Not applicable	Not applicable
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$20,000



Recreation Inventory

What is Available in Lincoln Township

Lincoln Township has one developed park. It is approximately 10 acres in size and is located adjacent to the Township Hall. It features quiet wooded spaces, a large open space and an active recreation area. Recreational features include:

- Walking Trail
- Pavilion
- Horseshoes
- Sand Volleyball
- Play Structure
- Ball Diamond/Open Space
- Basketball Hoop
- Restroom

The service area for the park is the entire Township. Most of the features in the park are universally accessible. Lincoln Township received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant

in 2013 (TF13-039) to develop several features in the park. Those features are all open and operational. In 2018, Lincoln Township acquired a small parcel on the north side of the park, off of Red Keg Court. This parcel will provide an additional entry point to the park and allow access for construction equipment if the Township chooses to develop the open field area.

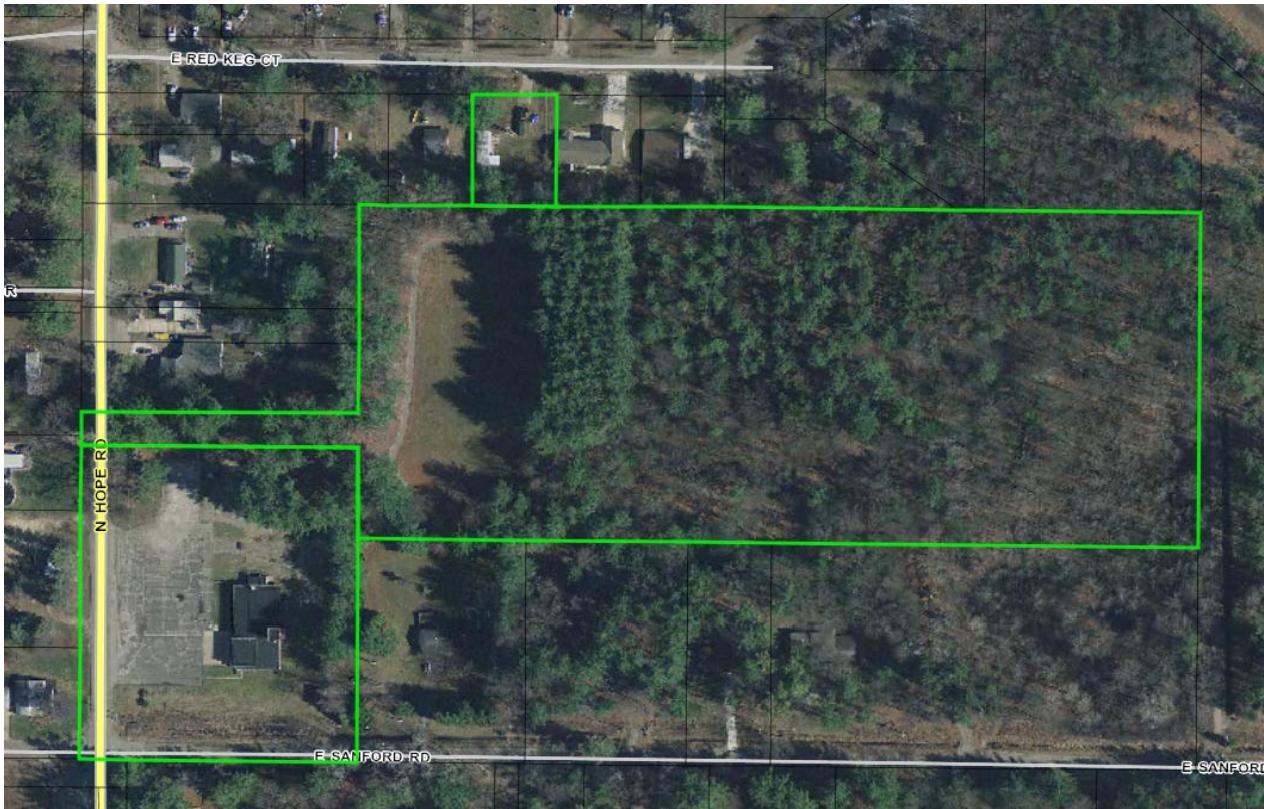


Figure 5 – Township owned parcels are outlined in green. The northern parcel was recently acquired by the Township to allow for increased access to the park.

Lincoln Township also owns a 40-acre parcel on the west side of Hope Road, approximately 1-1/2 miles north of the Township Hall. It is an undeveloped wooded parcel that once served as a landfill.

Other Recreational Facilities

Midland County's Pere Marquette Rail Trail traverses across the southwestern portion of Lincoln Township. The popular multi-use path connects the City of Midland to Clare. The Lincoln Township park is located $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the Rollways trailhead. It can serve as a waypoint for those traveling on the trail.

Natural Features

Figure 6 shows an aerial image of Lincoln Township. It is dominated by dense woodlands, most of which are part of the AuSable State Forest. (The AuSable State Forest boundaries can be seen in Figure 2 on page 4) Another important natural resource in Lincoln Township is the

Tittabawassee River which flows southeasterly across the southwest corner of the Township. The Tittabawassee is a popular recreational waterway known for its walleye fishing.

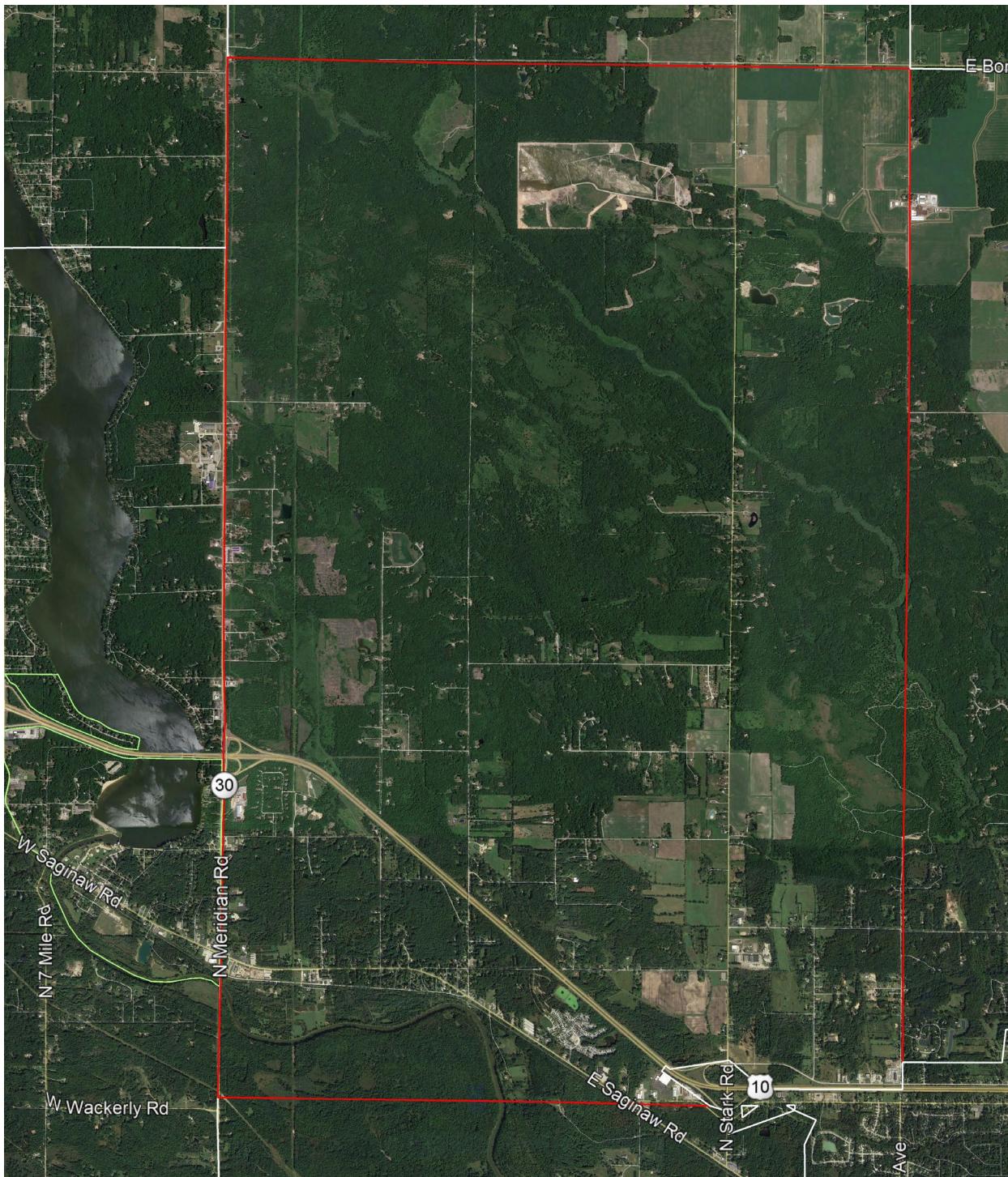


Figure 6 – Lincoln Township is heavily wooded. The Tittabawassee River flows across the southwest corner of the Township.

Community Input

Listening to Lincoln Township

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 second public input opportunity was the public meeting held after the 30-day review period and prior to the adoption of the plan.

Survey

The online survey was available from July 20, 2018 to September 3, 2018. It was publicized with 1) postcards that could be handed out by the Township Board 2) direct e-mails to Township contacts 3) a link on the Township website and 4) a Facebook advertisement. Eighty percent of the respondents lived in Lincoln Township. Another 19% of the respondents lived in Midland County outside of Lincoln Township.

Significant results are discussed below. A complete survey report is contained in the appendix.

Opinions about Lincoln Township Park

Nearly 85% of the survey respondents felt that the development of the Lincoln Township Park improved the quality of life for residents of Lincoln Township. No respondents disagreed with that statement.

Figure 7 shows respondents' opinions regarding upkeep and maintenance, safety and security, and the variety of amenities at Lincoln Township Park. Please note that respondents who indicated "don't know" were not considered for this Figure. In general, respondents ranked the upkeep and maintenance of the park with a very high proportion of "good" responses. Safety and security and the variety of amenities also were ranked high – with over 95% of respondents ranking those categories as "good" or "OK".

The image is a screenshot of an email invitation to a survey. At the top left is the logo for 'Spicer Group, Inc.' with the word 'Sponsored' underneath it. To the right is a three-dot ellipsis icon. The main text reads: 'Please take the Lincoln Township Park Survey and share your ideas to help shape the future of the Lincoln Township Park!' Below the text is a photograph of a playground with a blue slide and other equipment. At the bottom left is the URL 'SURVEYGIZMO.COM' followed by the text 'Lincoln Township Park Survey'. To the right is a rectangular button with the text 'LEARN MORE' in blue capital letters.

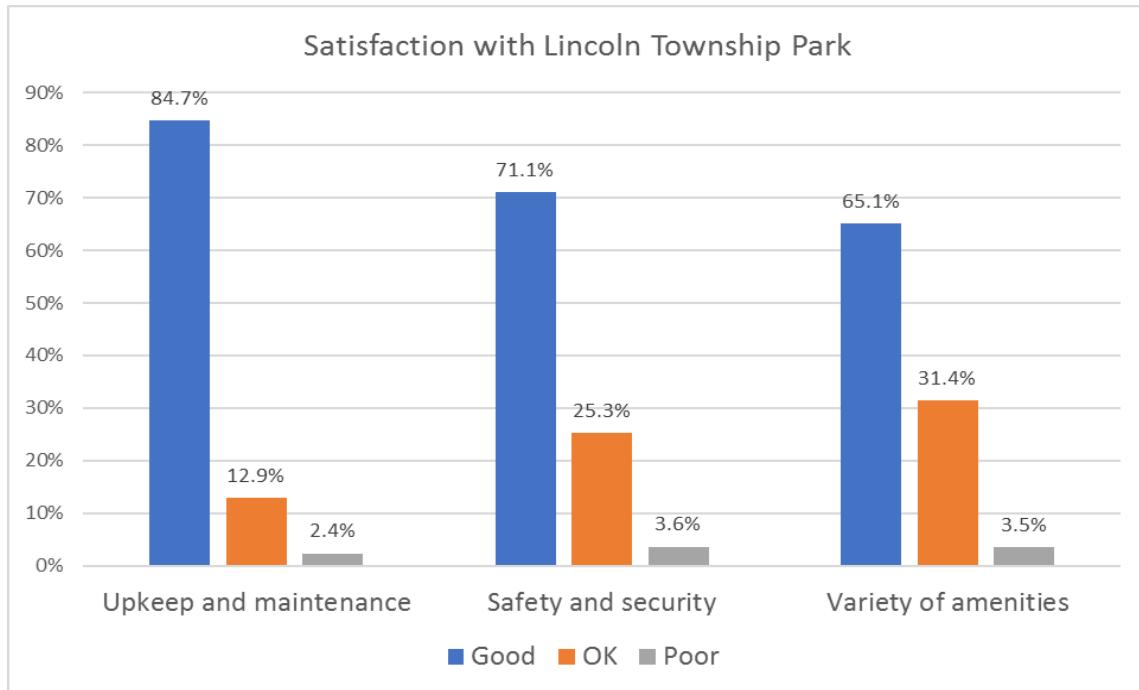


Figure 7 – Respondents rated three aspects of Lincoln Township Park quite favorably.

Recreational Features Needed

Question 6 of the survey offered 11 potential improvements for Lincoln Township Park open field area and a space to write in something not mentioned. The most popular response was to develop the old backstop and open field into a ball diamond. The second most popular response was to develop an adult fitness court. See Figure 8.

Open-Ended Responses

Three questions were offered that allowed respondents to fill in open-ended responses. Sixty-eight people responded to the question “What do you like about the Lincoln Township Park?”. Popular response included closeness to home, walking trail, and the playscape.

The second open ended response question asked what the respondent would do to improve the Lincoln Township Park. Fifty-five people responded. Popular responses included adding a spray park and expanding play equipment. Other comments related to minor maintenance and cleanliness issues.

The last open-ended question allowed respondents to provide any other comments. Many people responded with complements and thank-yous for the park improvements.

Features needed in the Lincoln Township Park open area

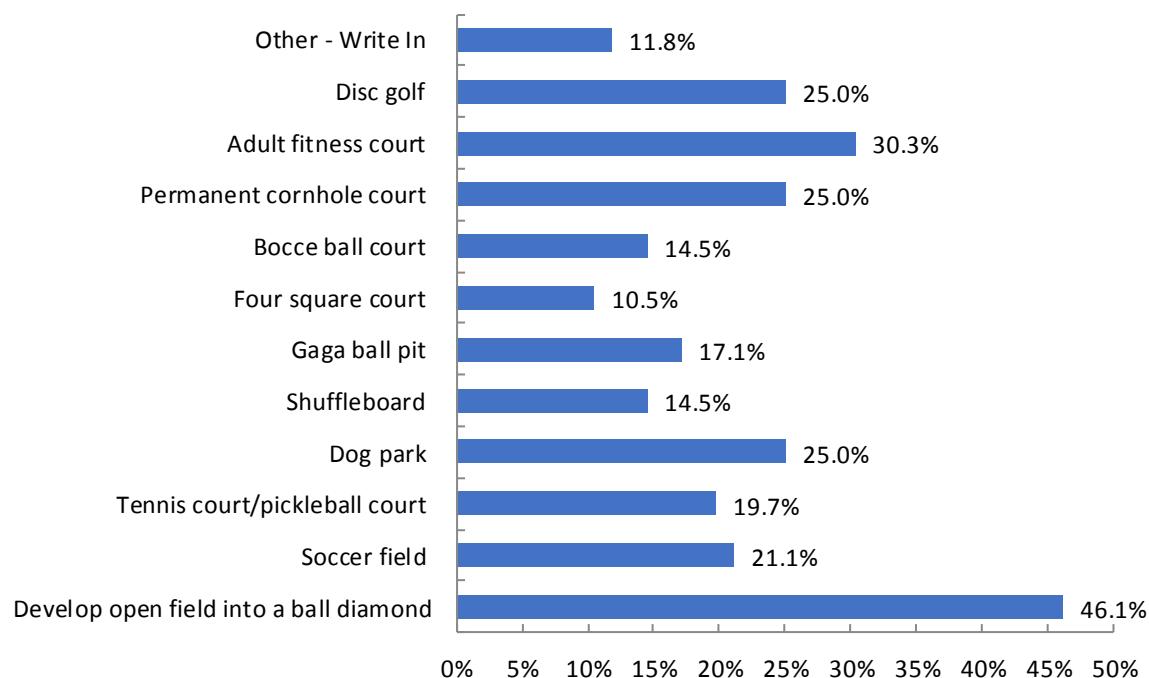


Figure 8 – Nearly 50% of the respondents wished to see the open field developed into a ball diamond.



Goals and Objectives

Planning for the Future

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 reviewed its Park and Recreation Goals from the 2013 Plan and modified them where needed.

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.

Walking and hiking continue to be a very popular passive recreational activity. Additionally, 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 the Village of Sanford, Jerome Township, the City of Midland and Midland County.

Action Plan

Looking at the Next Five Years

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.

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.

Potential projects for the next five years are shown in Figure 9 below. Projects are prioritized to direct planning, funding, and effort for the next five years.

Figure 9 Lincoln Township Parks and Recreation Action Plan		
Project	Priority	Relates to Goal
Develop newly acquired lot with parking and park access.	1	4
Develop an online process for reserving park pavilion.	1	2
Add shade structures in the playground area.	1	2
Add a barrier between the playground and the parking lot.	1	2
Develop open field into baseball diamond.	2	2
Develop other recreational amenities as space allows, such as dog park, fitness area or additional playground equipment.	2	2
Add benches/seating in the park.	2	2
Investigate the feasibility of developing the vacant parcel into a second Township Park.	3	1, 4
Develop a spray park.	3	2

Financing Potential Improvements

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a wide range of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. Appendix B contains a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.



Summary and Conclusion

Recreation Planning to Guide Park Development

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 largely an update of the Lincoln Township Recreation Plan that was completed in 2012. The plan will provide the Township with eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

How the Plan was Completed

Lincoln Township contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist them with the 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.

Community input was collected via an online survey conducted in the summer of 2018. Based upon the existing information and the community input, Lincoln Township reviewed its goals for parks and recreation and adjusted them where needed. 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 April 30, 2019. 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. This meeting was also advertised in the Midland Daily News. It was held on June 11, 2019 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.

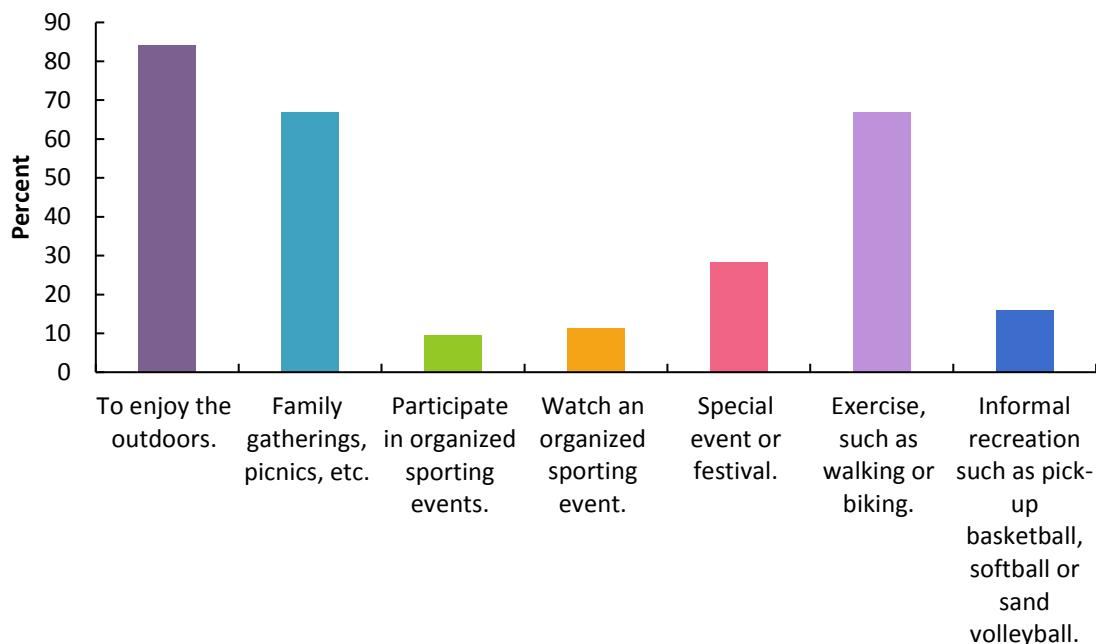
Appendix A - Community Input Survey Results

Report for Lincoln Township Park Survey

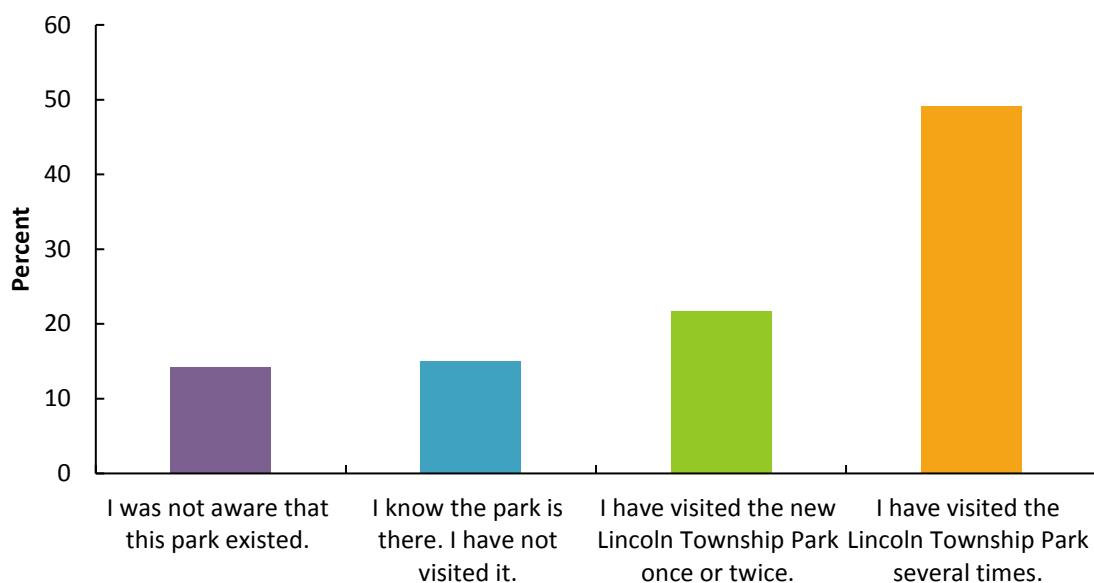
110 TOTAL RESPONSES

SURVEY AVAILABLE July 20, 2018 to SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

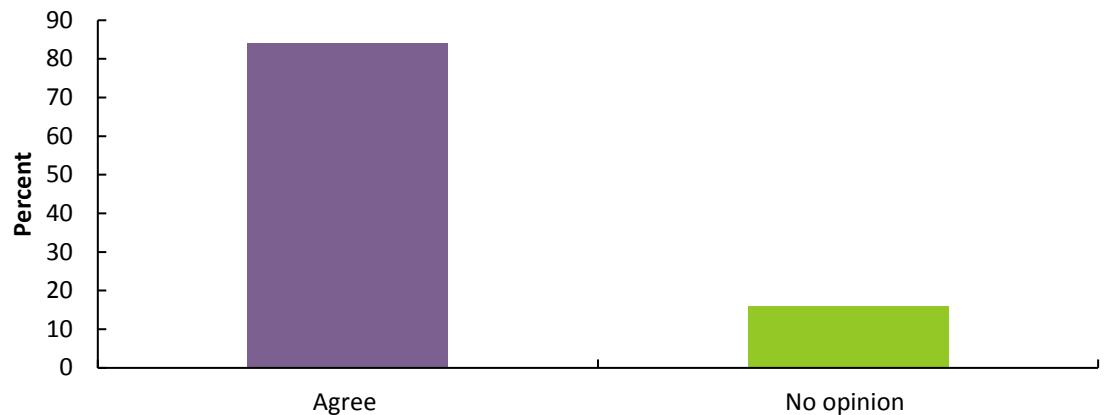
1. Why do you visit local parks in our community? Please check all that apply.



2. In the past five years, Lincoln Township has developed its first park, which is adjacent to the Township Hall. Most of the cost to develop this park was funded by state and local grants. Amenities at this park include a walking path, restroom, picnic pavilion, horseshoes, play structure, basketball court, and sand volleyball. What is your familiarity with this park?



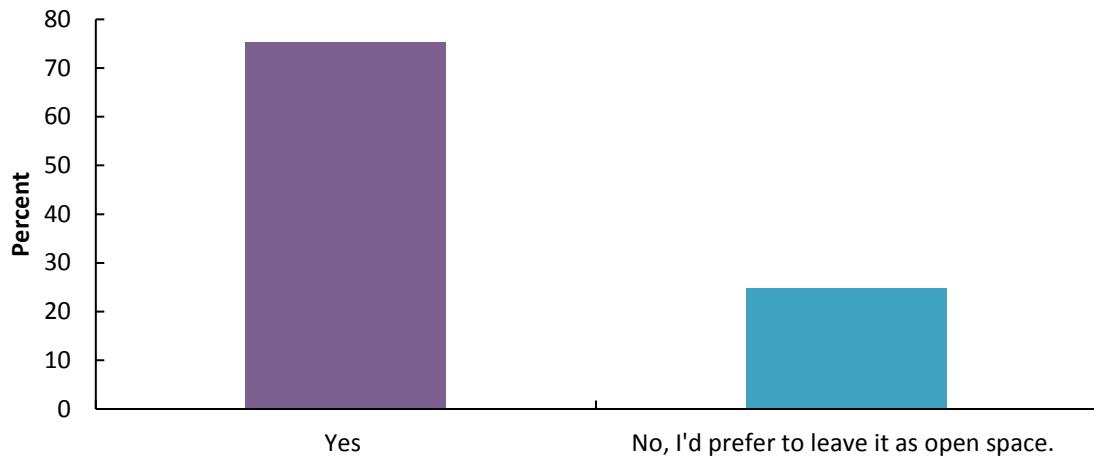
- 3. The development of the Lincoln Township Park has improved the quality of life for residents of Lincoln Township.**



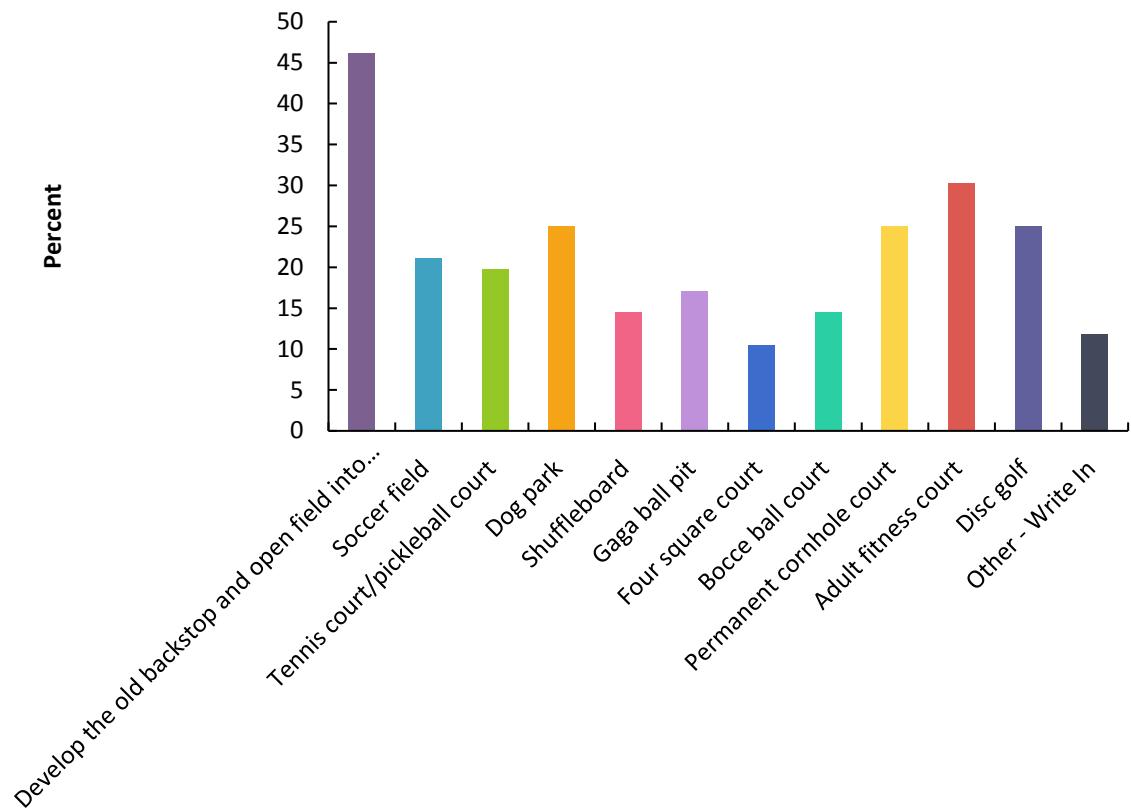
- 4. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Lincoln Township Park**

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know
Upkeep & maintenance	68.6%	10.5%	1.9%	19%
Safety & security	55.7%	19.8%	2.8%	21.7%
Variety of amenities	53.3%	25.7%	2.9%	18.1%

- 5. The major undeveloped space at the Lincoln Township park is the open area behind the pavilion. It contains an old backstop and a makeshift ball diamond. Would you like to see some recreational amenities added in this area?**



6. What kinds of recreational features would you like to see added in the large open area? Please check all that apply.



7. What do you like best about the Lincoln Township Park?

1. Ease of use, it is convenient to park and enjoy the park right of way.
2. cleanliness of the grounds
3. I have not been there.
4. Park
5. The walking trail and the playground for the kids
6. Ease of access
7. Picnic pavilion
8. quiet beautiful setting
9. play structure
10. Has a nice variety of amenities luring all ages. Could be more for mature folks.
11. It's proximity to my home
12. It's a nice park, great for the community. I personally enjoy walking trails included in parks. I did know that the park was there but only because I passed it once otherwise I'd have no idea it existed
13. The lighted Pavilion, the nice tables Under The Pavilion, the restrooms, the kids like the play features.

14. Great for birthday gatherings and conveniently located new me. Wish there was a spray park! Was told one was ordered 2 years ago and still not there. It would bring many neighbors together.
15. Right down the street from my house. My son and neighborhood kids spend lots of time there.
16. How nice it is
17. It's a quiet place for my kids to play but fun and engaging.
18. Clean and great for kids to play close to home.
19. Kids love the playground, we frequently use that and the walking path.
20. Grandkids enjoys playing there
21. Location
22. I like how they have a 1/2 mile trail that we can ride our bikes on and walk it. I like how they have volleyball court and a basketball hoop.
23. Pavilion area
24. Great area for kids and families. Nice place for parties like graduation or family reunion. Kids can practice hitting baseballs or softballs
25. Haven't actually been to it, but see it when voting. I think it's a great addition
26. My kids love this park! We play and then walk on the walking trails and go back and play some more. No favorite thing is the mommy and me swing.
27. The play structures
28. Clean play ground for children picnic area
29. The walkway for my dogs.
30. Location
31. Love that the park is always clean. For being a smaller park it actually has a little bit of everything. We love the park and take our 3 year old all the time.
32. My kids enjoy the the play structure. The pavilion is a nice size to host a party.
33. It's great to have a nice playground so close to home.
34. It is a very nice place to take kids to play and the pavilion is nice for family picnics.
35. I like that it's super close to my house. My kids enjoy the playground a lot. It's quiet and not super busy.
36. Seeing a place for kids to go instead of playing in the streets
37. It's close to home and has a great selection for the kiddos.
38. benches for adults to sit and watch their children play
39. I grew up in the area so, it's nice to see improvement.
40. Closeness to my home
41. My daughter loves the play equipment.
42. I really enjoy the walking path. My daughter of course loves the playground area
43. Children's play area, nice pavilion and woods.
44. It's close to home

45. The trail is perfectly maintained for me to ride my amigo on plus it is very quiet and not crowded. Pavilion is very nice but feel playground are should have some older children activities..maybe some upgraded equipment such as kids zip lineman old fashion spinning merry go round etc
46. Ease of access and general upkeep. Something for all ages of kids and adults.
47. I like the fact that is easy accessibility for people with little kids.
48. We like it because it's not too busy and our kids can play at the playground
49. My daughter loved the playscape.
50. My kids would enjoy it and better if it was at the Sanford dam park.
51. Ample parking, area, cleanliness, and location.
52. Safe and convenient for my kids
53. Walking distance from home, quiet and not usually over crowded, playground and pavilion are usually fairly clean but bathrooms need some work, I like the lights and outlets available in the pavilion as well
54. My kids have a park close to home
55. Closeness to neighborhood for the kids to have some place to hang out
56. Our kids enjoy the playground equipment and we have used the ball field several times and would like to see it upgraded.
57. It fast to get to from my house.
58. Close to home
59. Closeness
60. Pavilion, walking path, restrooms, playground, parking
61. Quiet and natural
62. It's an awesome park. I took 2 of my grand sons there and they loved it. We also walked the trail which was amazing. The bathrooms are very nice too. Thanks to all of you that had a part in this.
63. Picnic area, walking trail
64. I didn't know this park existed, and now that I do I am looking forward to the walking trail the most. A family picnic maybe too!
65. It has a nice walking path, kept clean. Needs brush and branches trimmed.
66. the new park and trails
67. Playing at the park and football and baseball with my friends
68. It is a safe place for my child to go and play with friends.

8. What is one thing you would do to improve the Lincoln Township Park?

1. Get the boundaries down on the volleyball court. Keep the walking path free of over-growth and weeds.
2. Improve the open area
3. Not sure I have not been there.

4. Maybe a little sun sail by the park to make some shade for those hot summer days
5. More playground equipment
6. add more recreational equipment
7. port-a-john for times when bathroom is closed
8. I haven't been to the park yet but I'd like the walking trails to be nice and long maybe a two mile loop or longer
9. Shaded area over the benches so when people are watching their kids they can get in the shade while sitting on the benches
10. Add spray park
11. Spray Park!!!!!!
12. Landscape
13. More bathrooms
14. Good the way it's going.
15. Adding an easier way to reserve the pavilion on the website.
16. More wood chips
17. Honestly have no idea
18. More park area seating outside of the pavilion.
19. Knowledge of amenities
20. Add in a small slide for toddlers and a younger kids.
21. Dog park
22. Make it fun for all ages
23. I would like to see the bathrooms unlocked and available for use instead of the port o potty.
Also, some shade trees around the playground area. I don't recall a basketball half court. If there isn't one, that would be a good addition.
24. A garbage can closer to the playground to throw stray garbage in would be great. People leave garbage on the playground too frequently.
25. Please see the suggestions I marked on the development of the back of the park.
26. Lighting
27. Keep the teenagers and pre teens out! We have been there and left due to the language, rudeness, and unsafe feeling. My wife hasn't been back alone since this has happened several times so I go with her.
28. It's pretty good now. Just keep adding features.
29. No idea where it even is.
30. The disc golf added would be fun. It also would be nice to have a smaller playground for younger children. It's hard for my daughter to use anything there, especially if older kids are playing.
31. Add a disc golf course!
32. Add more stuff.
33. Enlarge the playground area and add some older kids (8 to 12) play equipment
34. Splash park

35. Maybe a better barrier between the parking lot and play area
36. Some more shelter near the benches in the road side.
37. Make a nice one at the Sanford lake dam similar to Lee township!
38. It would be nice to see a tornado sirens on the building for residence. A fence between play area and parking lot and road for little kids.
39. More swings and things to keep children entertained
40. Splash pad!
41. Bathrooms. They are nice from the outside and I like the drinking fountain. But I'm not sure if there are animals that are somehow getting into the bathrooms but every time I go down there The trash cans inside the stalls look like they have been torn apart. Just last week one was tipped over completely and was filled to the brim with trash that was then spilled all over the floor and made it hard to even get in through the door. More than once while I've been down there one of the toilets is usually clogged or even overflowed as well. This won't keep me from coming, but the bathrooms could use some work.
42. A fence around it
43. Nothing
44. Put in a better baseball field. It could be used for kickball as well. It would also provide little league teams a place to practice. If a new field is put in, I would be willing to take care of it.
45. Spray park
46. More parking
47. More play equipment
48. Clean pavilion area more often and make zipline have step for smaller kids.
49. Develop ballfield to host local team, tball, baseball, flag football, etc. Host games for Sanford youth leagues. Like Edenville does for baseball.
50. Tennis court
51. Softball/baseball field
52. Are there drinking fountains?
53. Improve ball field so maybe youth league could use for practice. We could have a little league team.....Lincoln Lumbermen.
54. Add something else and make the drinking fountain work make the trails bigger and cooler
55. Like a ball field with bases and maybe a spray park

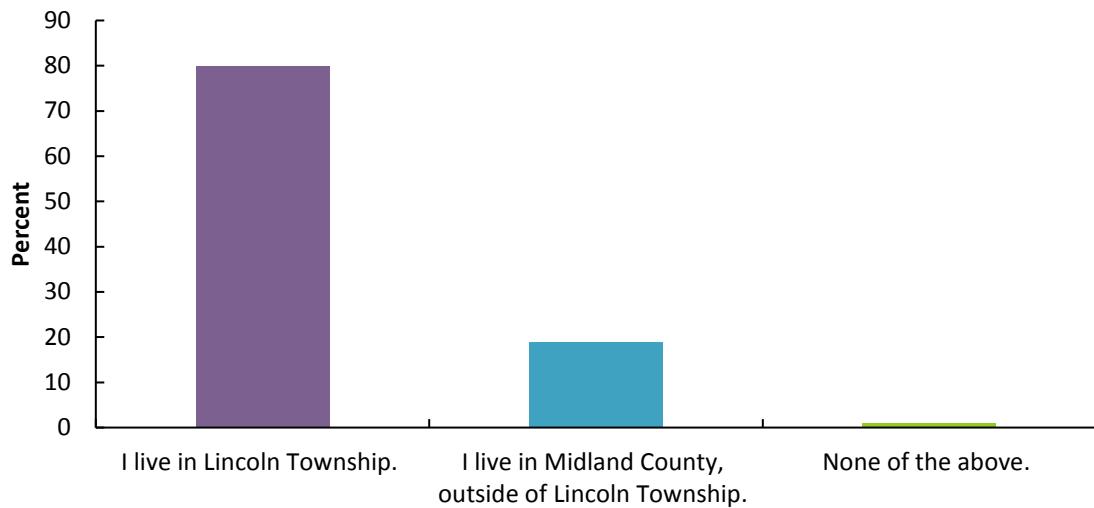
9. Do you have any other comments about parks and recreation in Lincoln Township?

1. acquire more natural property for bird-watching
2. I enjoy what's been done to the Avrill preserve next door to the township hall, it's really nice. I don't know if that's part of the Lincoln township but I like wide trails with a lot to look at including wetlands and wildlife
3. It would be really nice to have a free spray park here most areas and parks in Midland do but Sanford and our area needs a spray park that is free also the park is really nice and I believe there is plenty of room for this.

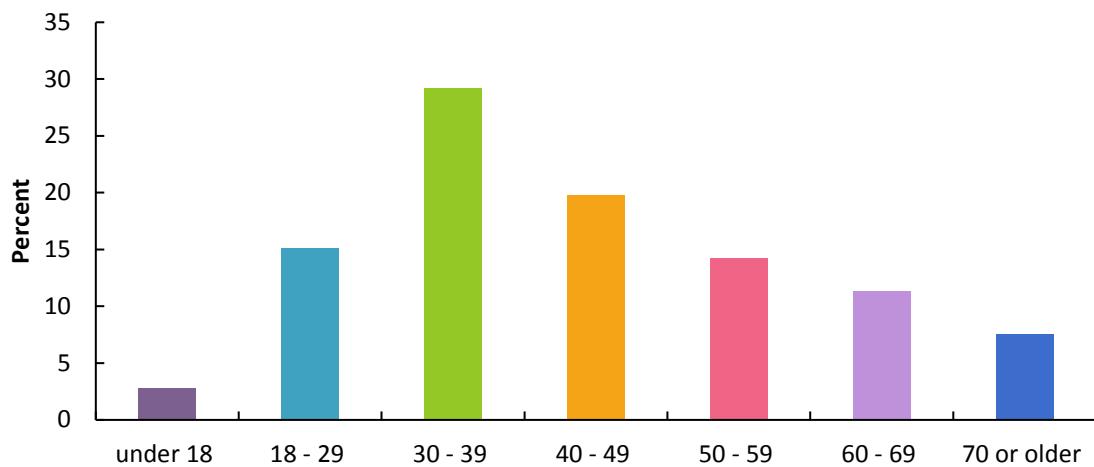
4. Please add a spray park and a baby changing table in bathrooms!
5. It has improved greatly
6. Sometimes the lights get left on in the pavilion, have shut them off several times. Would be nice if they were on a timer.
7. Dog park is poor idea. Will cost the township extra liability insurance.
8. I do not have any other comments about the parks
9. Very nice
10. More PR about the park. I only noticed it when I visited the Twp Hall to vote in the primary.
11. Amazing park!
12. Sidewalks would be good for my wheelchair.
13. Monitor it more often after school and evenings when teens are present and are being destructive
14. Great job!
15. A spray park and a zip line would be a great addition.
16. It's a great bonus. Glad we got a park while my kids were little enough to enjoy it.
17. Just that we love it!
18. Love the improvements
19. You're doing a great job! Keep up the fantastic work the kids love it.
20. My family enjoys the new play structure a lot
21. I had no idea that this park existed but considering I live in Lincoln township, i will be bringing my daughter there soon
22. That's a nice little park and clean, glad to see continuous improvement.
23. Well that's the only park I know of there unless you're including the rail trail
24. It is a well kept park- perhaps add some ADA swings. Parents are always looking for a new park for their kids with disabilities to enjoy. Then advertise it with such amenities
25. Make a nice park at the Sanford lake dam similar to Lee township!
26. My kids love the park.
27. A soccer field would be a great addition.
28. I know I've had the thought a few times about some sort of walking bridge to pass over Saginaw road to get to the rail trail right at hope road to connect at the rail trail parking lot across from hope road. I see parents with strollers or with young children on their own bikes or even just adults on their own bikes and even joggers who could easily stand for 15 minutes just waiting for a safe cross across Saginaw rd from hope road
29. Would love to see soccer league. Hate Midland's program way to big.
30. Online reservations would be awesome
31. Would like to thank the people who take care of the park. Please announce when volunteers are needed.
32. Would like to see community hosted events, scheduled potlucks, concerts by local talent (tunes by the township), hosted weekly bonfire nite.

- 33. It's probably not a Parks/Rec thing, but it would be nice if the building was one big room rather than having a block wall right down the middle. I know, it's probably a weight-bearing wall and can't be taken out. ;-)
- 34. Keep doing what you are doing. It's great to see options for families that don't include electronics & video games.
- 35. It is coming along nicely.

10. What is your relationship to Lincoln Township?



11. What is your age?



Appendix B - Sources of Funding for Recreation Projects

SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
 - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$150,000 (\$300,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

- Administered by MNRTF
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$150,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and* indoor recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot Go to “Projects and Programs”.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Relatively simple application form and requirements.
- Due dates vary.
- www.guft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

Objectives

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$100,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- www.michigan.gov/ogl

Other grant programs to consider:

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions

TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/deq

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments

Wickes Foundation
Strosacker Foundation
Gerstacker Foundations
Consumers Energy

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- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think “regional” projects.
- Grant applications can be complicated, detailed and competitive. Make sure your grant writer is familiar with the grant and funding source. Learn as much as possible ahead of time to know if your project has potential for funding.

Appendix C – Adoption Documentation

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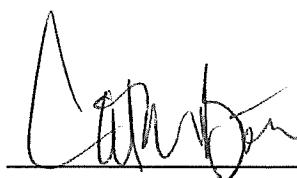
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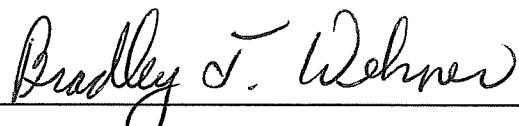
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Cathy Bott, Advertising Director

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 30th day of April 2019.



Notary Public: Bradley T. Wehner
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Date of notice: April 9, 2019
Trott Law, P.C.

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JEROME TOWNSHIP
737 W. BEAMISH RD
SANFORD, MI 48657
989-488-4578

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING -
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SYNOPSIS

DATE: April 8, 2019
TIME: 6:00PM

Called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag; Roll Call: Mike Wood, Laura Grubaugh, Kevin Nilles, Gil Bernier, Angela Martin; Absent: Mark Green, Lee Fellows; Guests: 1; Motion to approve March 12, 2019 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes as presented - CARRIED; Continued workshop discussions of the 2019-2020 Budget; Public Comment - None; Board Member Comments - None; Adjourned: 8:00pm; Prepared & Submitted by: Angela J. Martin, Clerk

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child and will result in the termination of all parental rights you may have in the child.

Hearing upon the Petition will be held on the 22nd day of May, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. in the above-named Court, at which time objections to the Petitions will be heard.

DATED this 9th day of April, 2019

BY: David J. Grubich
District Judge Pro Tempore

PUBLIC NOTICE -
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(FA # 10141221)

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a new 199-foot monopole at 1415 South Homer Road, Midland, Midland County, MI. Public comments regarding the potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Maggie Klejbuk - CBRE, 70 West Red Oak Lane, White Plains, NY 10604, whiteplainsculturalresources@cbre.com or (914) 694-9600.

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STRUCTURE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLS, MIDLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; RUNNING THENCE EAST 29 1/2 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING;

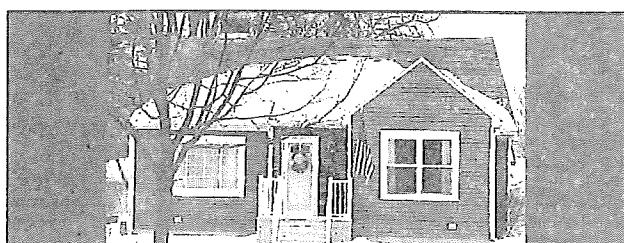
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This 1500+ sq ft story and a half is definitely dazzling. All the work has been completed from remodeled bathroom and kitchen to siding and windows. The 3 bedrooms have been painted and the hardwood floors have been refurbished throughout the house. This house is truly ready to be your home.

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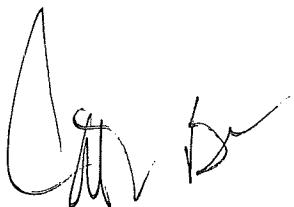
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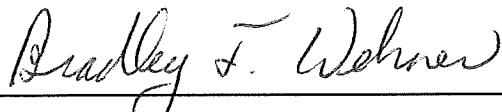
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May 14, 2019



Cathy Bott, Advertising Director

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 14th day of May 2019.



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Mark Trinklein, Clerk

The 2018 Annual Report of the Howard and Ivah Hoffmeyer Charitable Trust is available at the office of Chemical Bank, 235 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640 for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice. The Trustee is Chemical Bank. Telephone (989) 839-5303.

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closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction, at the place of holding the circuit court within Midland County, at 10:00 AM, on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Said premise is situated at 2692 E Baker Road, Midland, MI 48642 in the Mills Township, Midland County, Michigan, and is described as: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLS, MIDLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4; RUNNING THENCE EAST 29 1/2 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 28 1/2 RODS; THENCE EAST 11 1/2 RODS; THENCE NORTH 28 1/2 RODS; THENCE WEST 11 1/2 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING IN SECTION 29, T16N, R2E TOGETHER WITH A 1995 PATRIOT MOBILE HOME, SERIAL # EMAC4004ABIN, 48X27, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE LAND. The redemption period shall be six (6) months (180 Days) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, if the property is sold at foreclosure sale, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 30, 2019
File No. 19-004081
Firm Name: Orlans PC

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by Advertisement
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Midland County at

redemption period.
This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: May 14, 2019
Trot Law, P.C.

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LLC, Mortgagee/As
Dated April 16, 2019. I
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Attorneys for Mortga
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Mile Road, Ste. 200,
field MI 48076.

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Lincoln Township
Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019

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

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

Public comments were heard and correspondence was read.

The minutes of the May 14, 2019 regular board meeting were approved after motion by Ensign and second by Duford.

The treasurer's report was heard.

Payment of bills in the amount of \$21,929.65 in the general fund, \$2,411.48 in the fire fund, \$10,225.50 in the sanitation fund, and \$387.95 in the liquor fund were approved by roll call vote after motion by Ensign and second by Duford. Crockett-yes; Duford-yes; Ensign-yes; Trinklein-yes; Wray-yes.

The fire department, planning commission, building inspector, code enforcement, water authority, solid waste, and park reports were heard.

Closed regular meeting and opened a public hearing on the five year Lincoln Township Recreation Plan.

Closed public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting.

Approved resolution of adoption of the Lincoln Township Recreation Plan after motion by Wray and second by Ensign.

Approved attendance to various MTA planning seminars and payment of travel expenses after motion by Trinklein and second by Ensign.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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 June, 2019.



Mark Trinklein, Lincoln Township Clerk



Kevin Wray, Lincoln Township Supervisor

Resolution of Adoption

Lincoln Township Recreation Plan

Lincoln Township, Michigan

WHEREAS, Lincoln Township has undertaken a five-year Recreation 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 2019 and 2023 and,

WHEREAS, a community input survey was made available to the public from July 20, 2018 to September 3, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Plan was made available for review and public comment from May 1, 2019 to June 11, 2019, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at the Lincoln Township Hall, 1882 N. Hope Road, Midland, MI 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 Lincoln Township adopts said Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Lincoln Township.

Yea: -5-

Nays: -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 June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.



Clerk