



**Courtland Township
Parks and Recreation Master Plan
2023-2027**



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Executive Summary

Introduction

This document, the Courtland Township Recreation Master Plan, is intended to guide present and future recreational resource development within the township, including park land, parks facilities, recreational programs, and public open spaces.

This plan, in addition to serving as a guide for recreation facilities and program development, is prepared to satisfy the requirements set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Recreation plans are required by the MDNR for state and federal grant eligibility.

Community Description

Location & History

Courtland Township is a part of the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area and is located about 10 miles northeast of the City of Grand Rapids. Since the late 1980's the Township has been going through a transformation, from an agricultural to a rural residential community. As more people move to Courtland Township there is an increasing need to maintain the existing natural features of the township to preserve it's rural atmosphere.

At one time Courtland Township was comprised of three communities. Courtland Center, Evans, and Sheffield. Courtland Center was located on the corner of Myers Lake Avenue and 13 Mile Road. First settlers were Barton Johnson in 1838 and Alexander Dean in 1839. Courtland Township was organized in 1839 and the village was named after it. It was given a post office as Courtland on January 30, 1841, with Philo Beers as its first postmaster. The office operated until November 19, 1860. The Courtland Center post office was opened on October 24, 1856, with John Woodruff as its first postmaster. This office operated until February 15, 1901. Evans was located on Redmond about ½ mile south of Benham Road. The first settler in this area was Barton Johnson in 1838. Evans was a station on the Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon Railroad. George W. Morris became Evans' first postmaster on May 3, 1888. Sheffield was originally located on Myers Lake Avenue at 15 Mile Road. Sheffield was also a station on the Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon Railroad. The station was established in 1888 with S.D. Saunders at its railroad agent. Charles Sipple became the first postmaster on March 6, 1891, and this post office in Courtland Township operated until April 30, 1906. These small communities died out when the railroad eliminated the two railway stations and when the automobile became the norm.

Climate

West Michigan has a fairly balanced climate, extended intervals of extreme hot or cold are rarely experienced. The warm season lasts from May to September, with an average daily high temperature above 72°F. The hottest month of the year in West Michigan is July, with an average high of 82°F and low of 63°F. The cold season lasts from December to early March, with an average daily high temperature below 41°F. The coldest month of the year is January, with an average low

of 19°F and high of 31°F. Rain falls throughout the year in West Michigan. September sees the most rainfall, with an average of 3.2 inches. The month with the least rain in is January, with an average rainfall of 0.8 inches. The snowy period of the year lasts from approximately November to April. The month with the most snow is January, with an average snowfall of 6.8 inches. The snowless period of the year lasts for 7.0 months, from April to November.

Water Resources

Property with water access is still in high demand throughout the township, with buyers looking for year-round water recreation opportunities. With so much of the water-front property being developed into homes, lawns, boat docks, parks, and beaches, what's left does not contribute to the character of the lake in a meaningful way. However, some smaller lakes such as Tamarack, Davis, and Carlson still have a majority of undeveloped water frontage. The township may hope to take measures to prevent these lakes from being overdeveloped.

In Michigan, the greatest causes of non-point source contamination are agricultural practices, lawn chemicals, and soil erosions. Buffer zones should be established around lakes and streams to prevent bank erosion. Development should be prohibited in these areas. However, since much of the water's edge, at least along the lakes, has been developed, the emphasis for providing buffers should be undeveloped frontage, and along the township's streams.

Stegman Creek, Rum Creek, Becker Creek and Shaw Creek are tributaries to the Rogue River, which has a designation as a Michigan Natural River corridor. Under State regulation, some protection is offered for the creek edges; the Courtland Township Zoning Ordinance includes the necessary requirement of a 25 foot undisturbed strip of vegetation along these creeks. This setback is meant to provide a vegetated buffer to absorb runoff from developed areas and reduce erosion into the creek bed.

Soils

The soils in Courtland Township are characterized by two broad categories according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (refer to the Courtland Township General Soil Classification map, Map 2). The north half of the Township consists of Rubicon-Croswell-Deer Park association, which is nearly level to steep, well drained to moderately well drained, sandy soils on out wash plains, beach ridges, and dunes. This classification does not necessarily make good farmland, as the soil tends to be low in fertility and susceptible to wind erosion but does make a good soil for development as it can provide good foundations for structures and septic systems.

Population

The population of Courtland Township has been growing for the past 50 years, nearly doubling in the past 20 years. Based on the most recent 2020 census the township has a population of 9,005 residents and will continue to grow. According to projections from LSL Planning, the population will continue to climb, reaching nearly 13,000 residents by the year 2030. See Courtland Township Census information below. New or improved infrastructure, increased housing needs, potential commercial and service needs, and new industrial development may occur with new population. The goal of this plan will be to help Courtland Township prepare for future recreational needs.

Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	▲ 9,016
PEOPLE	
Population	
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	▲ 9,016
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	▲ 9,022
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	▲ -0.1%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	9,005
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	7,678
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	▲ 4.4%
Persons under 18 years, percent	▲ 27.4%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	▲ 13.4%
Female persons, percent	▲ 54.2%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	▲ 96.8%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.0%
Asian alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.0%
Two or More Races, percent	▲ 2.1%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	▲ 1.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	▲ 96.0%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2016-2020	501
Foreign born persons, percent, 2016-2020	1.5%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	X
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2016-2020	91.3%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2016-2020	\$278,500
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$1,678
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$555
Median gross rent, 2016-2020	\$1,076
Building permits, 2021	X

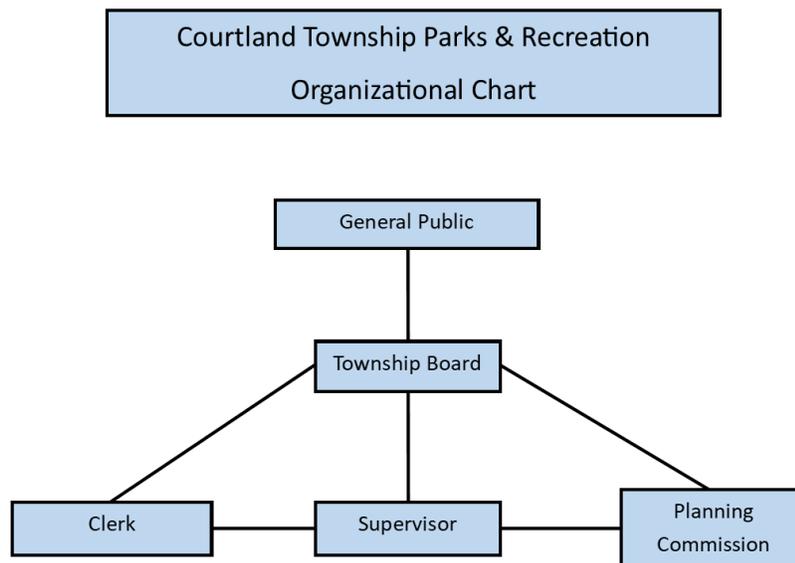
Administrative Structure

Recreation planning is a method for anticipating and arranging recreational improvements so that they may be implemented on a reasonable schedule and without an adverse effect on a community’s administrative and financial structure. An effective recreation plan will recognize the practical relationship between a community’s administrative structure and its ability to follow through on a recommended recreational improvement program.

Townships are a product of Michigan’s early history, and Michigan is one of 20 states that currently have some form of township government. There are two types of townships in Michigan - general law and charter townships. Charter township status is a special township classification created by the Michigan Legislature in 1947 to provide additional powers and streamlined administration for governing a growing community. Courtland currently operates as a general law township.

A township board consisting of seven members—a clerk, supervisor, treasurer, and four trustees, serves as the Courtland Township elected government. The township board is responsible for hiring of an assessor, fire chief and other necessary personnel to operate the township properly and efficiently.

The Township Supervisor acts as the board chairman as well as overseeing the day-to-day operations of all the Township departments and preparing the annual fiscal budget. The Clerk’s office is responsible for overseeing the disbursement of funds for these purposes. Funding for parks and recreation comes from the Township's general fund.



Relationships

Relationships with Other Public or Private Organizations

Courtland Township has partnered with volunteer community organizations such as the 4-H and the Boy Scouts for cleaning land area, planting new trees, marking tree names, and similar activities.

Park Budget and Funding

Annual and Projected Budgets

Townships serve other governmental units by providing tax collection services. To avoid imposing an unnecessary burden on citizens to pay separate property taxes to the township, schools, special assessment districts and the county, Michigan townships provide uniform assessment of property values and collect all property taxes on behalf of the other units of government. Only a very small portion of the taxes collected is retained by the township for its own operating purposes. The Michigan Constitution and state statutes also limit the amount of property tax millage that townships can levy for general township operations. General law townships are allocated at least 1 mill from the constitutionally limited 15/18 mills allocated among townships, the county, public schools, and the intermediate school district.

The following sums represent the general funds for park operation and maintenance for 2022-2023 (fiscal year ending on March 31st) and proposed funds for 2023-2024. These funds include expenses incurred because of park planning and projected parks capital improvements and labor:

Parks & Recreation Budget	
2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024
\$ 490,000	\$ 450,000

Resource Inventory

Recreation Programming

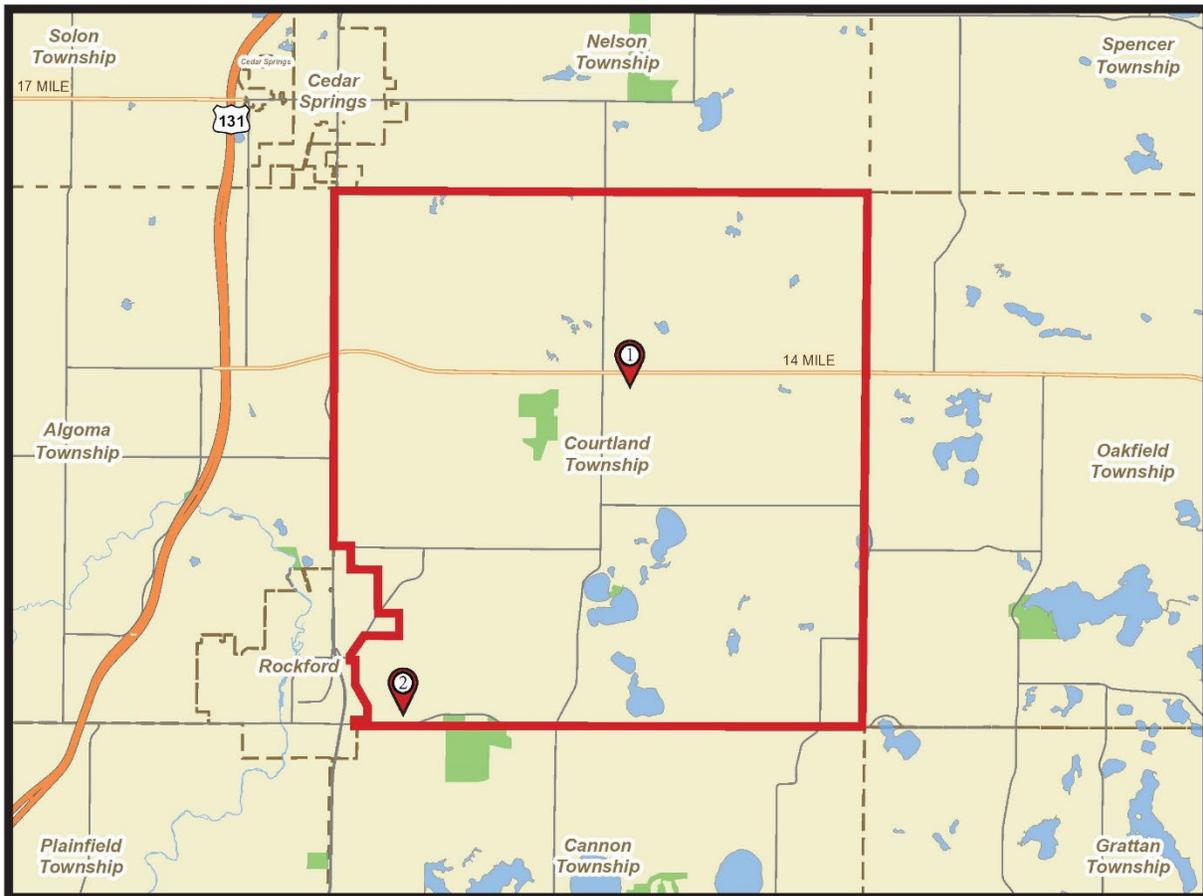
There are currently no active recreational programs administered by the Township. For the most part recreational programs are administered through the Rockford and Cedar Springs Area School Districts. The school districts are responsible for programs, staffing, and providing some facilities on the school campuses. The Township owns most of the park property located in the Township and is responsible for maintenance and capital improvements with the exception of Myers Lake Park and the northern portion of Luton Park that are owned and operated by the Kent County Parks Department.

Recreation Inventory

Courtland Township Parks and Recreation and their consultant, Prein & Newhof, conducted an extensive tour of the township and the recreational facilities located within its jurisdiction.

Courtland Township currently operates two recreational facilities within the township, Township Park and 10-mile Hatchery Park. The next few pages show an Overall Park System Map that identifies the location of the Township's parks and recreational facilities and detailed individual park maps that summarize the location, size, and amenities of each facility.

Overall Township Parks Inventory Map



- Courtland County Parks**
1. Courtland Twp Park & Disc Golf Course
 2. 10 Mile Hatchery Park

Courtland Township Hall Park

This is a community park located on 18.5 acres south and 30 acres west of the Township Hall and Fire Hall on 14 Mile Road. Currently the property amenities include playground equipment, a pavilion, picnic area, walking paths, volleyball court, parking, a softball diamond, pickleball courts, 18-hole disc golf course, regulation horseshoe pits, and public restrooms. The master plan calls for phase two amenities including restroom, picnic facilities, additional play equipment, two official size soccer fields, an additional softball diamond, basketball court, tennis courts, and a dog park. The undeveloped portion of the site is predominantly scrub vegetation and open grassland typical of cultivated land that has begun the process of re-vegetation once farming uses are discontinued.



10 Mile Hatchery Park

Courtland Township also purchased the old fishery on Ten Mile Road with plans of making this area a park. 90% of the purchase price was funded by grants from Ducks Unlimited, the AWCA Grant Land Acquisition, and Schrems Trout. The Township is in the process of developing the parcel for public enjoyment. Two of the existing ponds will be improved for wildlife habitat and nature viewing. Approximately 1,275 feet of footpath is being installed, along with a short boardwalk, parking area, and entrance drive. Significant eradication of non-native species, and planting of native species, are also in process.



Township Parks and Recreation Resources

Name	Type	Acres	Accessibility Rating	Amenities
Courtland Twp Park	Community Park	48.5	2	Ballfields, Playground, Disc Golf, Pickleball Courts, Gravel Parking, Paved Parking
10 Mile Hatchery Park	Nature Area	16.5	1	Walking Path, Boardwalk, Gravel Parking, Nature Viewing

Accessibility Scores:

- 1 = None of the facilities/ park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = Some of the facilities/ park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = Most of the facilities/ park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Planning Process

Public Input

Community recreational facilities cannot be effectively provided without some basis from which the type, quantity, location, need, and priority for that facility has been determined. Several methods for determining a community's recreation needs and priorities have been identified. These include observed use levels for existing facilities, comparisons of recreational facilities between similar communities, unique opportunities for certain types of facilities, guidelines or standards based on quantity per population, and projected population growth, to identify a few methods.

Courtland Township values the opinions and views of its residents and helped develop the following process to gather the community's thoughts by:

- The consultant, Prein & Newhof, worked with the Courtland Township Parks Commission over the course of several months via phone, email, and face to face meetings.
- Providing digital and hard copies of the survey to residents asking specific questions of the current parks and their dreams for the future.
- The Draft Plan was made available for public for 30 days to allow for public comment.
- Held a public hearing prior to adopting the park plan on 1/04/2023.

Survey Summary Results

There was a total of 231 responses to the survey, 226 were given online and 5 were filled out by hand. The survey shows that 71% of the participants are willing to support a $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ mill levy for a specific park project and 69% of participants are in support of parks expansion. A majority of people responding to the survey are in the 55-64 and 65-74 year old age bracket, visit Courtland Twp Parks once a month, and prefer to be contacted through email or website.

The top things residents **like** about the existing recreational facilities in Courtland Twp are:

- The pickleball courts.
- The disc golf course.
- Everything is clean and well maintained.
- Everything can be enjoyed with friends and family.
- Accessibility and the proximity to home.

The top things residents **do not like** about the existing recreational facilities in Courtland Twp are:

- Lack of access to recreational water activities
- Lack of connectivity to surrounding communities and existing trail networks
- Lack of bike trails and designated bike lanes
- Lack of play equipment for older or handicapped children

Top 3 Reasons participants visit Courtland Twp parks:

- Close to home
- Cleanliness
- Safety

Top 5 recreational activities/ enhancements participants would like to see:

- Natural hiking trails
- More biking & walking trails
- Splash pad
- Festival and concert festival
- Outdoor water recreation

The top suggestions for new recreation facilities needed in Courtland Twp are:

- Trail / Pathway systems connecting to surrounding communities
- Natural Areas
- Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community

Other suggestions/ topics consistently brought up by responders throughout the survey are:

- A need for dog parks.
- Splash pads.
- Expanded playgrounds/ kid friendly activities.
- Expand Trail connectivity.
- Concerns over possible tax increases.
- Develop water recreation access to Myers Lake.
- Archery range with elevated platforms.
- Organized community activities (Yoga, arts & crafts, seasonal events, concerts, etc.)
- Natural features (bee/butterfly habitat, more shade trees, natural landscaping, etc.)

Goals and Objectives with Potential Actions

The information received from the public survey was reviewed, calculated, and analyzed to identify the communities' goals and objectives. The Courtland Township residents who participated in the survey have provided valuable feedback regarding their wishes and desires for the recreational facilities and activities within the Township. The following goals and objectives were formulated based on the total number of surveys that were filled out.

Goal 1: To Acquire, develop, maintain, and preserve sufficient open space and to develop recreational facilities to serve the needs of the Township's present and anticipated population.

Objectives:

- Encourage, support, and develop a linear trail system to connect various park facilities with particular emphasis on connecting recreational resources through the planning and construction of a network of non-motorized trails. The Township should actively pursue acquisition of property and/or use easements on privately owned property in the township wherever practical.
- Explore trailway linkages from area points of interest such as but not limited to the Brower Lake Nature Preserve, the City of Rockford, Luton Park, Myers Lake Park, Courtland Township Hall Park, Cannon Township non-motorized trail system and the White Pine Trail through the development of a trailway master plan.
- Acquire property adjacent to existing park properties whenever possible to allow for the greatest flexibility and offer economy of sharing infrastructure when expanding or adding recreation activities to existing dedicated parklands.
- Acquire additional property to preserve open space.
- Acquire additional park property as opportunities present themselves in high growth areas of the Township, which may be distant from existing park facilities.

Potential Actions:

- Most of the growth in the township has been south of 13 Mile Road and with this pattern to likely to continue, the township should be especially mindful of acquisition opportunities in these areas.
- Actively canvas the local community looking to procure property.
- Explore opportunities for acquisition of sensitive properties along the various watersheds in the western half of the Township. These efforts should be coordinated with the Land Conservancy of Western Michigan.
- Develop a trail master plan that would aid the Township in identifying priority areas of acquisition and development.

Goal 2: Develop a system of non-motorized paths which will link the Township to adjacent communities as well as linking the Township's residential areas with schools, parks, commercial centers, and waterways.

Objectives:

- Provide residents with a non-vehicular path system that provides opportunities for recreation as well as convenient and safe access to major destinations in the Township and connections to adjacent communities.

Potential Actions:

- Construct non-motorized paths to link developing residential neighborhoods in the Township with major activity areas, such as parks, schools, and retail areas.
- Develop and plan a non-motorized path system linking efforts by other surrounding communities such as Cannon Township and the City of Rockford.
- Construct trailway linkages from the Brower Lake Nature Preserve, the City of Rockford, Luton Park, Myers Lake Park, Courtland Township Park, Cannon Township, and the White Pine Trail.
- Explore interest, involvement, and possible formation of a Northeast Kent County integrated trails committee to promote, manage, oversee, plan and seek joint funding for trails in the regional area and to avoid duplication of efforts and to enhance the connect ability of the trails and ensure the best regional outcomes.
- Communicate with the County to add biking shoulders to county roads where possible.

Goal 3: Continue the improvement and development of the infrastructure and facilities within the Township Parks to satisfy the recreational needs and desires of the community.

Objectives:

- Improve and/or develop new and expanded facilities and infrastructure within the Township Parks to include but not limited to, buildings, restroom facilities, picnic facilities, parking, sidewalks, waste receptacles, benches, signage, fences/barriers, and an enhanced trail system that serves the residents of the township.
- Provide multi-generational, universally accessible, and safe recreational facilities that are responsive to the needs of all residents and effectively utilize available resources.
- Develop recreational facilities as identified by the recent and/or future surveys and needs assessments and establish priorities for their development.
- Utilize design, construction, and maintenance practices that maximize the benefits provided for the resources expended.

Potential Actions:

- Construct restroom facilities as a priority item identified in the 2022 community survey.
- Provide for universally accessible picnic facilities and shelters as a priority item identified in the 2022 community survey.
- Plan for additional paved parking areas, sidewalks, and trails to provide barrier-free access to all areas.

Goal 4: To enhance the quality of life in the township by providing multi-generational, universally accessible, and safe recreational programs that are responsive to the needs of all residents that effectively utilize available resources.

Objectives:

- Develop a variety of recreational programs that reflect the changing and diverse needs of the Township residents while promoting the health and welfare of the overall community.
- Improve existing recreational programs to fulfill the needs of Township residents more effectively and to encourage regular use of these programs.
- Develop recreational programs as identified by the recent and/or future surveys and needs assessments and establish priorities for their development.
- Whenever feasible, take advantage of other resources for the development and maintenance of recreational programs, such as non-local funding sources.
- Utilize design, construction, and maintenance practices that maximize the benefits provided for the resources expended.
- Plan improvements that offer both active and passive recreation opportunities.
- Every recreational opportunity should be universally accessible to all individuals whenever possible.
- Provide play areas that are in conformance with the “Playground Equipment Safety Act”.

Potential Actions:

- Provide for universally accessible play areas as a priority item identified in the 2022 community survey.
- Provide outdoor exercise equipment that can be used by residents.
- Create a designated area for off leash dog activities.
- Provide for soccer fields, basketball court and/or additional ball fields.

Goal 5: To promote the coordination, cooperation, and expansion of recreational programs with other public agencies, private enterprise, citizen groups, and other interested organizations with the common goal of improvement of recreational opportunities for township residents.

Objectives:

- Encourage the participation of volunteers in the development of recreational facilities.
- Utilize public and private sector cooperation in the promotion of recreation and the improvement of recreational opportunities.
- Coordinate existing recreational projects with the school systems, community
- Encourage the cooperation and participation of adjacent townships such as Cannon, Algoma, Solon Townships, the City of Cedar Springs and the City of Rockford in the formation of a regional recreational advisory board in an effort to combine resources and avoid duplication of facilities and services.

Potential Actions:

- Hire a dedicated Parks and Recreations employee

Goal 6: To continually improve the quality of and the opportunities for recreation in the township by reassessing community recreation needs, trends, and characteristics.

Objectives:

- Provide opportunities for the involvement of Township residents in the identification, selection, and development of recreational facilities.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the Township's efforts in fulfilling identified goals and objectives by providing opportunities for Township residents to evaluate the progress of recreational development.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the Township's efforts in providing universally accessible opportunities for Township residents.

Potential Actions:

- Continue to seek feedback from township residents as it relates to parks and recreation.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Supplemental DNR Attachments

Survey Results

Public Notices

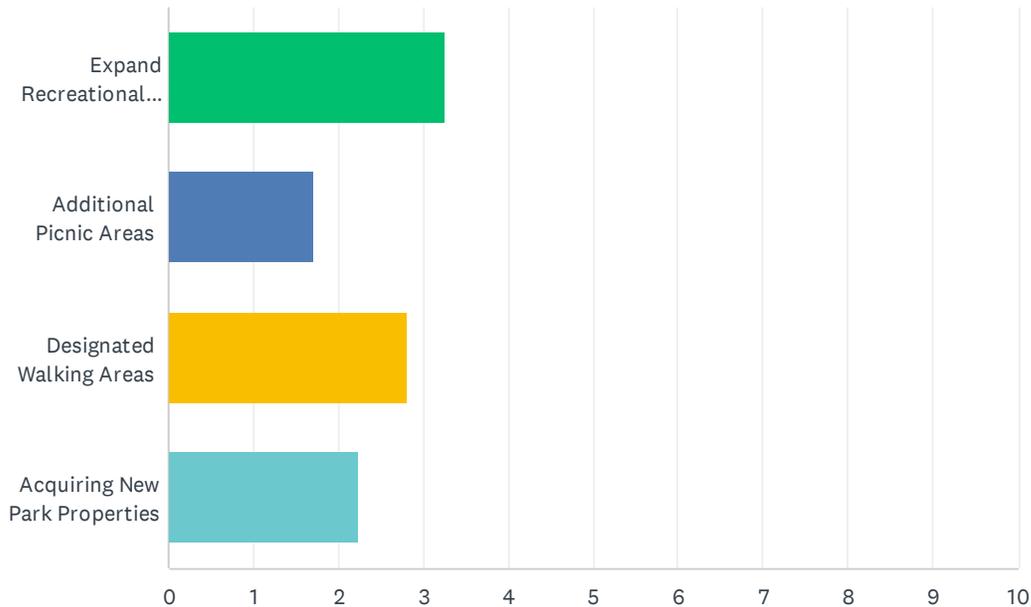
Public Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Formal Resolution to Adopt the Plan

Clearinghouse Letters

Q1 Which projects should Courtland Township Parks and Recreation concentrate its resources on for future needs? Please rate 1-4 in order of personal preference. (1 being the highest priority)

Answered: 222 Skipped: 4



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Expand Recreational Trails Throughout the Township	51.44% 107	29.81% 62	12.98% 27	5.77% 12	208	3.27
Additional Picnic Areas	5.66% 12	13.68% 29	25.47% 54	55.19% 117	212	1.70
Designated Walking Areas	26.29% 56	37.09% 79	27.70% 59	8.92% 19	213	2.81
Acquiring New Park Properties	17.43% 38	19.72% 43	31.65% 69	31.19% 68	218	2.23

Q2 If you have a project other than listed on the previous question, please enter it here:

Answered: 102 Skipped: 124

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/A	9/20/2022 6:19 PM
2	support for current and new opportunities for performing and visual arts, cultural events	9/19/2022 10:08 PM
3	Keeping the biking trail nicely paved	9/19/2022 9:48 PM
4	no	9/19/2022 5:19 PM
5	Splash pad	9/19/2022 3:05 PM
6	Other recreational areas!	9/19/2022 1:40 PM
7	Tennis courts instead of pickleball courts	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
8	None	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
9	Additional ball field, next to the existing field at the twp hall.	9/19/2022 12:15 PM
10	Dog park	9/19/2022 12:13 PM
11	Put a asphalt trail down 10 Mile for bikers. I would love to ride my bike to town but not with the speeding traffic and hills on the current road.	9/19/2022 12:06 PM
12	buy more land for parks and hunting and outdoor use mushrooms or bikes etc	9/19/2022 11:32 AM
13	none	9/19/2022 11:30 AM
14	Provide water in the park.	9/19/2022 11:22 AM
15	Canoe/kayak trail from Myers Lake to rogue River	9/18/2022 6:49 PM
16	Maintenance of the disc golf course . Ziplines	9/18/2022 6:27 PM
17	BIGGER CHILDRENS PLAY STRUCTURE	9/18/2022 9:23 AM
18	How about not spending anything on recreation. We just got royally screwed on the sewer rate increase. It looks to me like the township should have made plans all along for maintenance of the system. The last thing we can afford is more recreation spending.	9/17/2022 4:23 PM
19	no	9/16/2022 2:26 PM
20	More parking	9/15/2022 10:39 AM
21	Public Boat Launch At Meyers Lake For Boats Under 20 Feet	9/15/2022 6:39 AM
22	Community Garden	9/14/2022 8:54 PM
23	A skate park. It is desired by so many kids in the Rockford area	9/14/2022 5:20 PM
24	Bee and butterfly habitats	9/14/2022 1:39 PM
25	No	9/14/2022 1:09 PM
26	Another park/playground for kids	9/13/2022 9:05 PM
27	Expand the connectivity of the trails within the township and other adjacent townships	9/13/2022 1:44 PM
28	None	9/12/2022 9:58 PM
29	Nothing	9/12/2022 10:06 AM
30	Skating rink	9/10/2022 11:11 PM

Courtland Township – 5 Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey

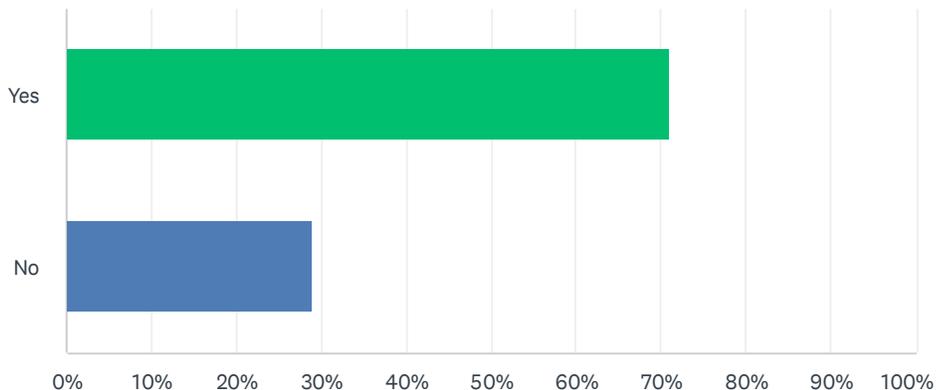
31	Bathrooms outside by pickleball and shade over courts	9/8/2022 7:17 PM
32	Park space for active liesure. Biking, hiking, outdoor sports. Also ample natural space in parkland.	9/8/2022 5:09 PM
33	yes, archery range with elevated platforms	9/8/2022 2:48 PM
34	None	9/8/2022 2:02 PM
35	Volunteer projects for seniors to do at the Township hall or another easy access location	9/8/2022 11:43 AM
36	None	9/8/2022 7:49 AM
37	Na	9/7/2022 9:11 PM
38	Lights for pickleball	9/7/2022 8:05 PM
39	None	9/7/2022 7:47 PM
40	Inside walking are for winters	9/7/2022 7:44 PM
41	Keeping our property taxes lower should be a priority!	9/7/2022 5:17 PM
42	none	9/7/2022 4:19 PM
43	improved higher fences and windscreens for pickle ball courts	9/7/2022 1:54 PM
44	n/a	9/7/2022 12:51 PM
45	More bike trails	9/7/2022 12:16 PM
46	Witness Trees and tree preservation	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
47	A dog park	9/7/2022 11:32 AM
48	Expand playground, pave by disc golf parking	9/7/2022 11:26 AM
49	None	9/6/2022 12:54 PM
50	None	9/6/2022 12:38 PM
51	None	9/6/2022 11:37 AM
52	Splash pad	9/3/2022 3:13 PM
53	Splash Park/Pool	9/3/2022 12:46 PM
54	Lights for the pickleball courts	9/3/2022 12:24 PM
55	Soccer / multi-sport field	9/3/2022 12:03 PM
56	More playgrounds for kids	9/3/2022 11:00 AM
57	additional pickleball areas, or other games, soccer golf,etc	9/2/2022 3:27 PM
58	Splash pad	9/2/2022 1:40 PM
59	Splash pad	9/2/2022 10:20 AM
60	YES, AN ARCHERY RANGE WITH ELEVATED TOWERS	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
61	No	8/31/2022 5:13 PM
62	More disc golf!	8/31/2022 5:08 PM
63	None.	8/30/2022 12:24 PM
64	None	8/30/2022 11:28 AM
65	Bike trails that interconnect with adjoining municipalities (Canon Twp, Rockford, Plainfield, Algoma, etc)	8/29/2022 11:44 AM
66	Splash pad	8/29/2022 11:19 AM
67	N/A	8/29/2022 10:35 AM

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68	Mountain bike trails	8/29/2022 8:07 AM
69	None. Save the money	8/28/2022 8:52 PM
70	Indoor /dog park or basketball courts	8/28/2022 3:52 PM
71	Happy with what we have now. Why do we need more?	8/27/2022 1:11 PM
72	Dog park	8/26/2022 4:50 PM
73	Trails that would allow e-bikes access.	8/26/2022 4:16 PM
74	Splash pad/water play for kids and families	8/26/2022 3:05 PM
75	none	8/26/2022 2:05 PM
76	none	8/26/2022 12:36 PM
77	Dog park	8/26/2022 11:46 AM
78	Partner with Cedar Rock arena to create skating / soccer arena times for Township residents.	8/26/2022 9:52 AM
79	bike trail to connect myers lake park and the township offices to the white pine trail and luton park. The trail should connect in downtown rockford and cannon township offices.	8/26/2022 9:48 AM
80	Splash pad	8/26/2022 9:06 AM
81	More children friendly amenities like a splash pad	8/26/2022 9:01 AM
82	Splash Pad for kids playground	8/26/2022 8:46 AM
83	Bicycle lanes along roadways	8/26/2022 7:33 AM
84	N/a	8/26/2022 6:19 AM
85	Coordinate a trail system with other townships and cities	8/25/2022 10:55 PM
86	None	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
87	Splash pad/ pool/swim lessons	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
88	None	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
89	Archery range	8/25/2022 8:25 PM
90	none	8/25/2022 8:06 PM
91	Management of township properties to foster native flora & fauna. Removal of non-native invasive plants	8/25/2022 7:13 PM
92	Splash pad	8/25/2022 6:34 PM
93	Outdoor concert area	8/25/2022 5:55 PM
94	Splash pad, playground	8/25/2022 4:58 PM
95	Bathrooms	8/25/2022 4:49 PM
96	Na	8/25/2022 4:39 PM
97	Organized activities like yoga, arts and crafts, etc	8/25/2022 4:30 PM
98	Bike lanes on all major roads	8/25/2022 4:24 PM
99	A community pool	8/25/2022 4:23 PM
100	Tennis court	8/25/2022 4:16 PM
101	Dog park	8/25/2022 3:55 PM
102	Splash Pad	8/25/2022 3:21 PM

Q3 Would you support a ¼ or ½ mill levy for 1 year for a specific park project? Recreational trail expansion, new park property, update existing property, etc. (To the average home 1 mill = approx. \$60, therefore ¼ mill = \$15, and ½ mill = \$30.)

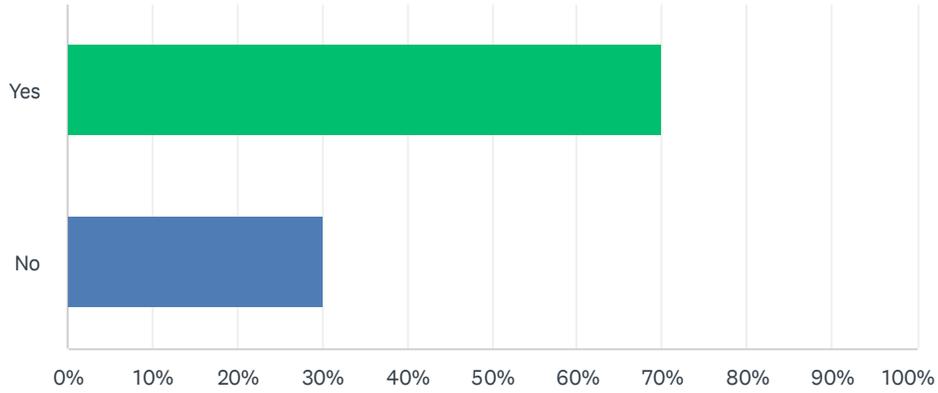
Answered: 221 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.04%	157
No	28.96%	64
TOTAL		221

Q4 Are you in support of the expansion of the township parks system, including the acquisition of new park properties?

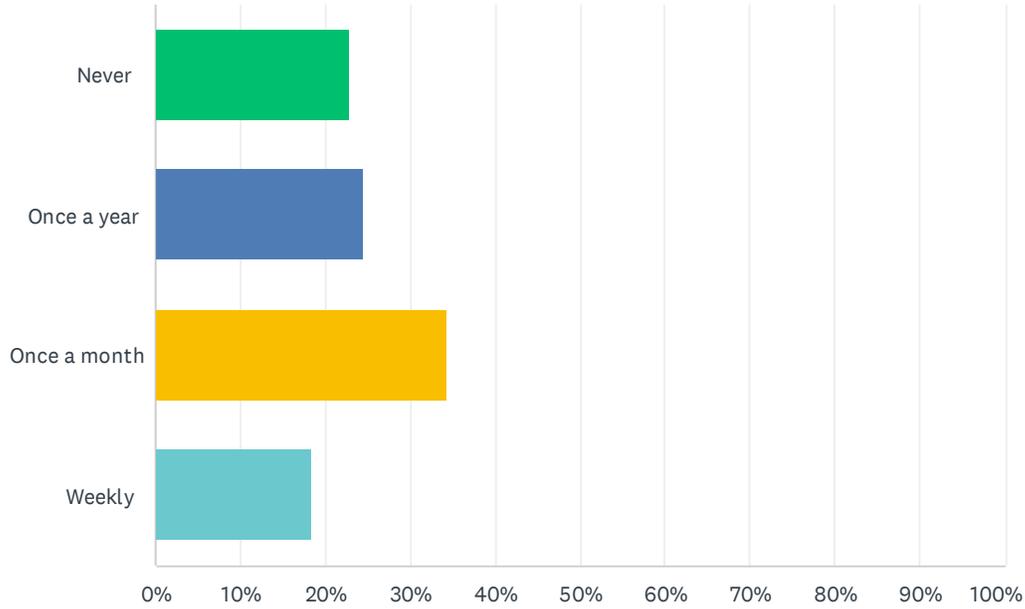
Answered: 223 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.96%	156
No	30.04%	67
TOTAL		223

Q5 How often do you or someone in your household visit Courtland Township Park?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	22.77%	51
Once a year	24.55%	55
Once a month	34.38%	77
Weekly	18.30%	41
TOTAL		224

Q6 What do you like about the existing recreation facilities in Courtland Township?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 51

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Well Maintained	9/21/2022 6:31 AM
2	have not used them,	9/19/2022 10:08 PM
3	The bike trail is the most important to me	9/19/2022 9:48 PM
4	Family oriented, very natural, paved walkway	9/19/2022 8:53 PM
5	Variety of activities. Pickleball, walking loop, Gagaball, Frisbee golf, horseshoes, volleyball.	9/19/2022 8:00 PM
6	kids love the playground, its close	9/19/2022 5:19 PM
7	Trail around disc Gulf course.	9/19/2022 4:18 PM
8	the facilities are used very often. Courtland knows how to do parks recreation correctly with great planning.	9/19/2022 3:53 PM
9	Pickle ball court	9/19/2022 3:05 PM
10	Close Locations to my home.	9/19/2022 2:55 PM
11	Ability to reserve spaces for use with Girl Scout events	9/19/2022 2:42 PM
12	Orv park would be great	9/19/2022 2:10 PM
13	Not sure	9/19/2022 1:40 PM
14	its close	9/19/2022 1:39 PM
15	walking trails, look forward to pickleball and horseshoes	9/19/2022 1:04 PM
16	I use the new paved walking - bike trait at the 14 Mile Road location and like to race around it when it is now crowded	9/19/2022 12:57 PM
17	never go there	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
18	Proximity	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
19	Very clean. Beautiful.	9/19/2022 12:28 PM
20	Not sure just moved here earlier this summer	9/19/2022 12:22 PM
21	The variety offered.	9/19/2022 12:15 PM
22	Easy to access	9/19/2022 12:13 PM
23	They are updated, clean & friendly.	9/19/2022 12:06 PM
24	i see people using the parks that i like	9/19/2022 11:32 AM
25	nice	9/19/2022 11:30 AM
26	Hoese shoe pits	9/19/2022 11:22 AM
27	Clean, well maintained	9/19/2022 11:15 AM
28	The bike trails	9/19/2022 9:06 AM
29	Disc golf course	9/18/2022 6:49 PM
30	Disc golf course is great	9/18/2022 6:27 PM

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31	Good choices. We'll maintained	9/17/2022 10:28 PM
32	It's the right size and needs no expansion.	9/17/2022 4:23 PM
33	Accessibility	9/16/2022 7:46 PM
34	nothing at this time	9/16/2022 2:26 PM
35	I like the walking path very much	9/15/2022 5:32 PM
36	1st class facilities from the pickle ball courts to the horseshoe pits. Also very clean and kept up.	9/15/2022 10:39 AM
37	Well maintained	9/15/2022 9:49 AM
38	It's clean	9/15/2022 6:39 AM
39	love the pickleball courts, walking trail and disc golf course	9/14/2022 9:01 PM
40	Pickleball and trails	9/14/2022 8:33 PM
41	Walking trails	9/14/2022 5:20 PM
42	Love the pickle ball courts	9/14/2022 4:30 PM
43	Safe walking area and nature. Play ground for grandchildren	9/14/2022 3:49 PM
44	The addition of Pickleball.	9/14/2022 2:33 PM
45	The walking trail. I would like to see more pollinator/rain gardens etc.	9/14/2022 1:39 PM
46	Convenient & safe	9/14/2022 1:09 PM
47	...	9/13/2022 9:05 PM
48	N/a	9/13/2022 1:44 PM
49	Ease of use and variation of activities available.	9/12/2022 9:58 PM
50	We like the well kept walking trail at the TWP hall	9/12/2022 5:23 PM
51	Convenient	9/12/2022 10:06 AM
52	Love the walking trail.	9/10/2022 11:11 PM
53	walking trail	9/8/2022 8:08 PM
54	Convenient, Pickleball & Walking Trails	9/8/2022 7:17 PM
55	Disc golf. A low cost big impact project. Adding a nature park at the hatchery.	9/8/2022 5:09 PM
56	there is nothing i would do at the current park system.. see above	9/8/2022 2:48 PM
57	Running and biking trails. Disc golf course.	9/8/2022 2:02 PM
58	Good for younger families	9/8/2022 11:43 AM
59	Have not visited yet	9/8/2022 8:22 AM
60	Walking trail and ease of accessibility	9/8/2022 7:49 AM
61	paved walking trails	9/8/2022 5:53 AM
62	Proximity	9/7/2022 9:40 PM
63	Not too crowded	9/7/2022 9:11 PM
64	Would like to try Pickle Ball	9/7/2022 8:43 PM
65	Pickleball	9/7/2022 8:05 PM
66	Well maintained and used by many	9/7/2022 7:54 PM
67	Clean, accessible, close by	9/7/2022 7:47 PM
68	Everything	9/7/2022 7:44 PM

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69	Well maintained	9/7/2022 4:56 PM
70	no opinion	9/7/2022 4:19 PM
71	Convenient areas in good shape	9/7/2022 3:37 PM
72	Cleanliness	9/7/2022 3:17 PM
73	They look well done and kept. any vandalism ?	9/7/2022 2:40 PM
74	Pickleball	9/7/2022 1:54 PM
75	I think it is nice there is disc golf for people who do that	9/7/2022 1:53 PM
76	I am new to the area. I liked the park but we need to expand to more areas	9/7/2022 1:45 PM
77	Clean, and we'll gromed	9/7/2022 1:07 PM
78	We use the trail at the township office. We meet our grandma (mid 80's) there, and take our young children and dog. It is not crowded, clean, close to home and shaded. There are also enough benches to give grandma breaks as needed.	9/7/2022 12:51 PM
79	Nice walking trail at the township hall park	9/7/2022 12:34 PM
80	Too busy	9/7/2022 12:04 PM
81	Space to roam, trails to walk. Quiet places to bring the family to spend time outside.	9/7/2022 11:52 AM
82	I use Ada and Cannon Township	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
83	Maintained very well. Also, servicing the needs of the community seems to be first and foremost of Courtland Township.	9/7/2022 11:32 AM
84	Pickleball courts, disc golf, walking trails, baseball field, open areas	9/7/2022 11:27 AM
85	Paved walking area, benches along walking, playground, pickle ball, disc golf	9/7/2022 11:26 AM
86	more pickleball courts and frizzby golf	9/7/2022 11:26 AM
87	Walking trail	9/6/2022 12:54 PM
88	Easy access. Nice trails.	9/6/2022 12:43 PM
89	The walking trail	9/6/2022 12:38 PM
90	Well maintained	9/6/2022 11:37 AM
91	Not sure, more often use Cannonsburg township bike trail, white pine trail, or Kent county trail systems.	9/5/2022 3:36 PM
92	Clean, well kept, variety of activities	9/3/2022 3:13 PM
93	Seems like improvements have been made.	9/3/2022 12:46 PM
94	Clean and well taken care of. Feel safe	9/3/2022 12:24 PM
95	N/a	9/3/2022 12:03 PM
96	My family enjoys the playground and trails behind the township building	9/3/2022 11:00 AM
97	Bike trail	9/2/2022 5:25 PM
98	pickleball courts, walking path	9/2/2022 3:27 PM
99	The location convenience. It's just across the street and easy to get to. Set back from the main road. And I like the expanding options of things to do	9/2/2022 1:40 PM
100	Parking, cleanliness, attractive playground equipment	9/2/2022 10:48 AM
101	Pickleball and trail	9/2/2022 10:20 AM
102	THEY ARE NICE, BUT TO ME ARE NOT USEFULL	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
103	Safe clean spaces to enjoy family time outdoors	9/2/2022 10:09 AM

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104	New pickle ball courts	8/31/2022 5:13 PM
105	Disc golf	8/31/2022 5:08 PM
106	N/A	8/31/2022 4:22 PM
107	Accessible and clean	8/31/2022 7:35 AM
108	Well maintained.	8/30/2022 12:24 PM
109	Many options for outdoor activities	8/30/2022 11:28 AM
110	Pickleball courts, playground, rec path.	8/29/2022 11:44 AM
111	It's close	8/29/2022 11:19 AM
112	Great pickle ball courts	8/29/2022 10:35 AM
113	I'm hoping to try frisbee golf and pickleball at the new courts soon	8/29/2022 8:07 AM
114	Frisbee golf inexpensive great idea	8/28/2022 3:52 PM
115	Usually available	8/27/2022 2:34 PM
116	trail, disc golf, playground, picnic area	8/27/2022 1:11 PM
117	Walking trail.	8/26/2022 9:26 PM
118	Nothing	8/26/2022 6:39 PM
119	Variety of recreation facilities	8/26/2022 4:50 PM
120	Love the paved trail and disc golf. Excited to try pickle ball	8/26/2022 3:05 PM
121	paved trail in woods	8/26/2022 2:54 PM
122	pickleball courts	8/26/2022 2:05 PM
123	they are very nice, i wish i lived closer to use them	8/26/2022 1:57 PM
124	Great pickle ball court area	8/26/2022 12:36 PM
125	New activities like disc golf and pickleball	8/26/2022 11:46 AM
126	Well maintained	8/26/2022 11:40 AM
127	Safe walking and hiking areas	8/26/2022 10:02 AM
128	Disc golf has become a fun activity for our family; close to home	8/26/2022 10:00 AM
129	The additin of the pickleball courts were good. Keep the facilities clean will be a plus.	8/26/2022 9:48 AM
130	Walking trails, pickle ball courts, playground	8/26/2022 9:06 AM
131	The accessibility of the facilities are great	8/26/2022 9:01 AM
132	Paved Walking trail	8/26/2022 8:53 AM
133	Playground, disc golf course	8/26/2022 8:50 AM
134	Kids playground, walking trails, and pickle ball courts	8/26/2022 8:46 AM
135	They offer opportunities for outdoor activities in a country atmosphere	8/26/2022 8:16 AM
136	N/a	8/26/2022 6:19 AM
137	Walking trails	8/26/2022 5:33 AM
138	Walking trails	8/25/2022 10:47 PM
139	pickleball courts	8/25/2022 8:55 PM
140	Pickle ball and walking trail and disc golf	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
141	Clean park	8/25/2022 8:53 PM

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142	All the fun stuff is accessible from the one park.	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
143	It's geared to all ages	8/25/2022 8:42 PM
144	Playground	8/25/2022 8:25 PM
145	cleanliness	8/25/2022 8:06 PM
146	Walking trail for me and disc golf for our boys	8/25/2022 7:40 PM
147	The trails	8/25/2022 7:13 PM
148	Walking trail, pickle ball,	8/25/2022 7:07 PM
149	Walking trails	8/25/2022 7:02 PM
150	Clean and accessible	8/25/2022 6:51 PM
151	Pickleball	8/25/2022 6:44 PM
152	Many things to do	8/25/2022 6:41 PM
153	Variety of activities, playground, walking path	8/25/2022 6:39 PM
154	They offer activities I can't have at home, such as pickle ball, walking trails, basketball court, etc	8/25/2022 6:36 PM
155	Clean quiet accessible	8/25/2022 6:34 PM
156	Close to home	8/25/2022 6:24 PM
157	Frisbee Golf	8/25/2022 6:17 PM
158	Flat walking paths with adequate parking	8/25/2022 5:55 PM
159	Great playground equipment behind the offices.	8/25/2022 5:33 PM
160	I hope to visit it soon, I enjoy walking trails and would love to utilize the volleyball court	8/25/2022 5:27 PM
161	Walking trail, picnic tables	8/25/2022 5:09 PM
162	Not crowded	8/25/2022 4:56 PM
163	Pickleball courts	8/25/2022 4:49 PM
164	Pickle ball	8/25/2022 4:41 PM
165	Everything	8/25/2022 4:39 PM
166	Clean and well taken care of	8/25/2022 4:30 PM
167	They're just fine as is	8/25/2022 4:25 PM
168	It offers all access to recreational resources	8/25/2022 4:24 PM
169	The progress that is being made is great. But I also appreciate the efforts to keep up and maintain what's already there.	8/25/2022 4:23 PM
170	Pickleball courts	8/25/2022 4:22 PM
171	Disc golf and walking trail	8/25/2022 4:18 PM
172	Walking trails, pickleball courts	8/25/2022 4:16 PM
173	Fun for kids	8/25/2022 4:15 PM
174	Family friendly and the bathroom facility. A variety a things to do.	8/25/2022 3:55 PM
175	Everything is near each other.	8/25/2022 3:21 PM

Q7 What do you not like about the existing recreation facilities in Courtland Township?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 88

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	have not really used them	9/19/2022 10:08 PM
2	Bumpy biking trail in spots	9/19/2022 9:48 PM
3	Nothing	9/19/2022 8:53 PM
4	there isn't anything I can think of.	9/19/2022 5:19 PM
5	No splashpad	9/19/2022 3:05 PM
6	Not sure	9/19/2022 2:10 PM
7	no dislikes	9/19/2022 1:39 PM
8	na	9/19/2022 1:04 PM
9	I got more use out of the tennis courts vs. the new pickle ball courts	9/19/2022 12:57 PM
10	too far away from our home	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
11	Not much	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
12	N/A	9/19/2022 12:28 PM
13	Not sure just moved here earlier this summer	9/19/2022 12:22 PM
14	No dog park	9/19/2022 12:13 PM
15	At times theres not enough seating.	9/19/2022 12:06 PM
16	Not connected by 'rail trail' type non motorized trails	9/19/2022 11:36 AM
17	dogs	9/19/2022 11:30 AM
18	People letting dogs go loose.	9/19/2022 11:22 AM
19	Walking trail by dgc	9/18/2022 6:49 PM
20	Walking path cuts through the course	9/18/2022 6:27 PM
21	NO WATER, THATS WHY WE GO TO COUNTY PARKS	9/18/2022 9:23 AM
22	Myers lake park seems to be packed with people from outside the township. There should be a fee for non township property owners.	9/16/2022 7:46 PM
23	all good	9/16/2022 2:26 PM
24	nothing. I like it all	9/15/2022 5:32 PM
25	An outfield fence on the baseball field would be nice	9/15/2022 10:39 AM
26	Nothing	9/15/2022 9:49 AM
27	ongoing maintenance cost	9/15/2022 6:44 AM
28	It's along M-57, should have an entrance/exit off of Meyers Lake Ave,	9/15/2022 6:39 AM
29	It comes from my "taxes"...	9/14/2022 8:54 PM
30	Nothing	9/14/2022 8:33 PM
31	should charge non-residents to use Myers lake park	9/14/2022 5:54 PM

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32	No complaints	9/14/2022 5:20 PM
33	nothing	9/14/2022 4:30 PM
34	N/A	9/14/2022 3:49 PM
35	They do not connect with other Kent/Montcalm Cty trails	9/14/2022 3:08 PM
36	How much open mowed grass there is...I know it's important to more to keep it clear for traffic etc but natural areas are easy and there are many grants available to fund it.	9/14/2022 1:39 PM
37	Nothing	9/14/2022 1:09 PM
38	There are not many parks for kids near the 10 mile area	9/13/2022 9:05 PM
39	N/a	9/13/2022 1:44 PM
40	None	9/12/2022 9:58 PM
41	Nothing	9/12/2022 10:06 AM
42	Nothing	9/10/2022 11:11 PM
43	Not large enough. Courtland needs to find some larger natuareal areas for parks.	9/8/2022 5:09 PM
44	nothing that interests me, about the current system	9/8/2022 2:48 PM
45	Nothing	9/8/2022 7:49 AM
46	Difficult to find new parks. When I go to Courtland Township parks on the website, there isn't a map of parks.	9/7/2022 9:40 PM
47	Na	9/7/2022 9:11 PM
48	Nothing	9/7/2022 7:54 PM
49	Lack of trails through township, especially in higher density housing areas	9/7/2022 7:47 PM
50	Nothing	9/7/2022 4:56 PM
51	Never used it	9/7/2022 4:19 PM
52	Nothing	9/7/2022 3:37 PM
53	Some walking areas can get sketchy at times for females to walk alone	9/7/2022 3:17 PM
54	I live off 19 mile, it is on 14 mile, and I rarely think to go that way	9/7/2022 1:53 PM
55	There need to be more areas	9/7/2022 1:45 PM
56	Not enough shade	9/7/2022 1:07 PM
57	There could possibly be more restrooms and drinking fountains.	9/7/2022 12:51 PM
58	No hunting opportunities.	9/7/2022 12:34 PM
59	it is a bit out of my way there should be more areas throughout the township	9/7/2022 12:08 PM
60	Mean people using them	9/7/2022 12:04 PM
61	New pickle ball courts. There are gyms available for that. Township parks should be reserved for nature related activities. Pickle ball can be done in the city or gyms	9/7/2022 11:52 AM
62	The surrounding areas ...they are islands with no other activity in that same area.	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
63	some organized rec leagues would be fun for kids and/or adults	9/7/2022 11:27 AM
64	nothing	9/7/2022 11:26 AM
65	More trash cans on walking trail	9/6/2022 12:54 PM
66	Mountain bikers. Some trails not well marked.	9/6/2022 12:43 PM
67	Need more trash cans	9/6/2022 12:38 PM
68	Nothing I can think of	9/6/2022 11:37 AM

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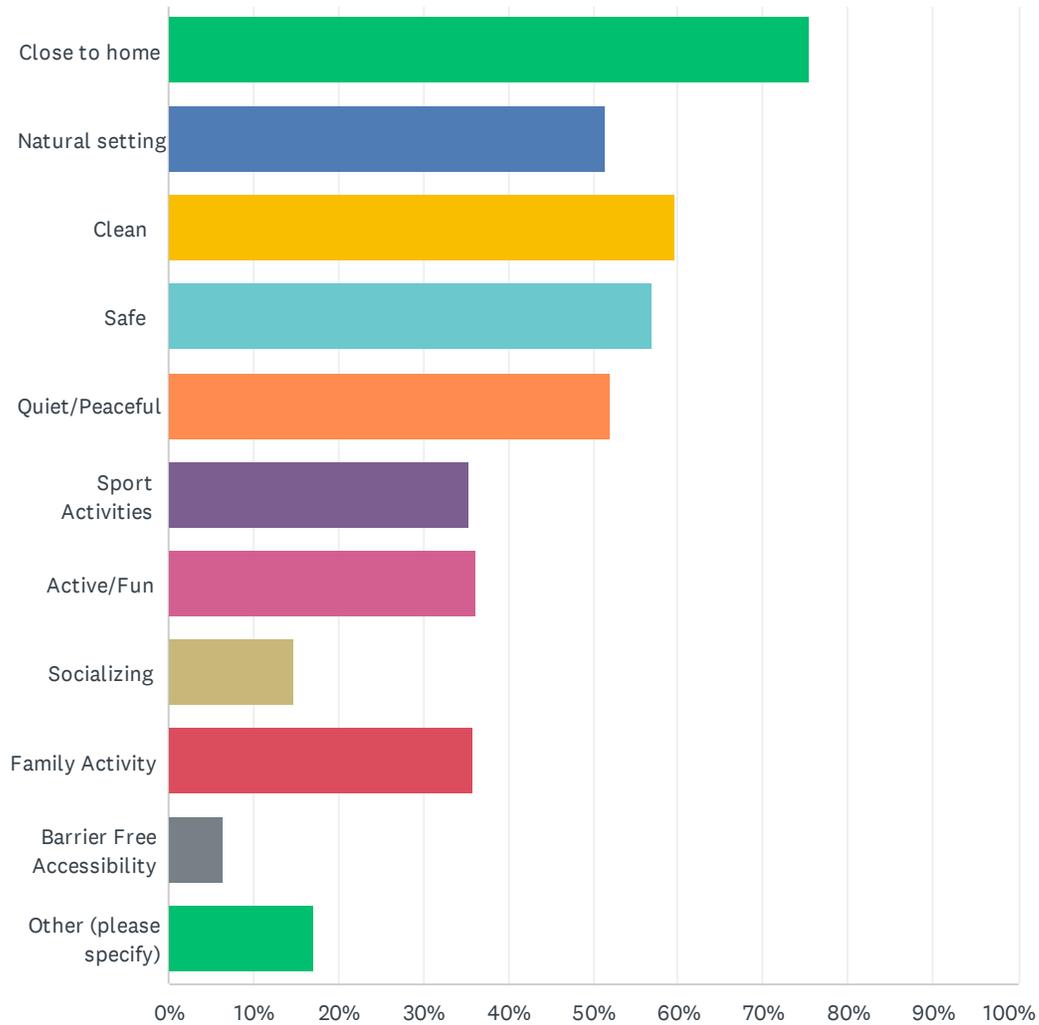
69	Lack of bike trails and running trails with connected access to existing system	9/5/2022 3:36 PM
70	Not enough trees/landscaping. Very dry.	9/3/2022 12:46 PM
71	Na	9/3/2022 12:24 PM
72	N/a	9/3/2022 12:03 PM
73	Some of the playground equipment is broken	9/3/2022 11:00 AM
74	No pickle ball cort	9/2/2022 5:25 PM
75	wish there was a gate on west side of pb courts to retrieve balls hit over the fence. Each court fenced in or gated so adjacent balls do not come onto court, creating stoppage of play and also potential safety issue.	9/2/2022 3:27 PM
76	Some of thr play equipment is cracking and getting rusty and needs more shady spots for parents to sit	9/2/2022 1:40 PM
77	DONT USE THEM, BECUSE THERE IS NOTHING TO DO THAT I AM INTERESTED IN... DONT PLAY FRISBEE GOLF AND PICKEL BALL...	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
78	The need to pave the pickle ball parking! They are parking where the employees park.	8/31/2022 5:13 PM
79	Pickle ball people leaving their trash out	8/31/2022 5:08 PM
80	N/A	8/31/2022 4:22 PM
81	Lack of water sources like water fountains	8/31/2022 7:35 AM
82	Too small.	8/30/2022 12:24 PM
83	I think our park is fantastic!	8/30/2022 11:28 AM
84	I'd like to ride my bike to the park but access via Myers Lake Ave & M-57 (by bike) is too dangerous	8/29/2022 11:44 AM
85	No basketball court or soccer field	8/29/2022 11:19 AM
86	N/A	8/29/2022 10:35 AM
87	n/a	8/29/2022 8:07 AM
88	Cost to maintain	8/28/2022 8:52 PM
89	Nothing for winter	8/28/2022 3:52 PM
90	N/A	8/27/2022 2:34 PM
91	--	8/27/2022 1:11 PM
92	The pickleball courts were very expensive and should have been approved by residents. Recreational improvements should not be decided without citizen input. Also, the trail should be plowed in the winter.	8/26/2022 9:26 PM
93	Have no need for it - waste of my tax dollars	8/26/2022 6:39 PM
94	N/A	8/26/2022 4:50 PM
95	N/a	8/26/2022 3:05 PM
96	poor tree & shrub trimming along trail	8/26/2022 2:54 PM
97	none	8/26/2022 2:05 PM
98	maybe something useable on the south end of the Twp?	8/26/2022 1:57 PM
99	No dog park	8/26/2022 11:46 AM
100	Nothing	8/26/2022 11:40 AM
101	None can think of	8/26/2022 10:02 AM
102	Unpaved parking lot	8/26/2022 10:00 AM

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103	Kids cannot access without being driven by car.	8/26/2022 9:52 AM
104	Dont really have any dislikes.	8/26/2022 9:48 AM
105	Leagues on the pickle ball courts, bicycles on the walking paths	8/26/2022 9:06 AM
106	Some facilities are too busy use. For example the pickleball pickleball courts are never available	8/26/2022 9:01 AM
107	Not enough clean restrooms	8/26/2022 8:53 AM
108	No basketball court	8/26/2022 8:50 AM
109	Can sometimes be difficult to get a pickle ball court, not sure if everyone on the courts is a Courtland resident	8/26/2022 8:46 AM
110	Nothing	8/26/2022 8:16 AM
111	N/A	8/26/2022 6:19 AM
112	Too far away, not convenient	8/25/2022 10:55 PM
113	Disc golf course could be groomed a bit better. More trash cans on walking trail.	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
114	Pot smell by disc golf	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
115	Not enough shade trees	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
116	The only trail we have is stand alone and not connected to any other trail or Township	8/25/2022 8:42 PM
117	Disc golf	8/25/2022 8:25 PM
118	n.a	8/25/2022 8:06 PM
119	I wish the walking trail was longer. :)	8/25/2022 7:40 PM
120	Nothing	8/25/2022 7:07 PM
121	Too much traffic noise and close to highway.	8/25/2022 6:51 PM
122	Some broken things on the playground	8/25/2022 6:41 PM
123	Nothing thus far	8/25/2022 6:34 PM
124	Limited	8/25/2022 6:24 PM
125	Have to walkthrough disc golf area to do full loop	8/25/2022 5:55 PM
126	NA	8/25/2022 5:27 PM
127	Bathrooms	8/25/2022 4:49 PM
128	Trail could be longer, more shade trees.	8/25/2022 4:39 PM
129	They're just fine as is	8/25/2022 4:25 PM
130	Limited in what it has	8/25/2022 4:24 PM
131	NA	8/25/2022 4:23 PM
132	N/A	8/25/2022 4:22 PM
133	Nothing appeals enough to drive there	8/25/2022 4:20 PM
134	Nothing	8/25/2022 4:18 PM
135	No tennis courts	8/25/2022 4:16 PM
136	Not close to my house	8/25/2022 4:15 PM
137	Need a bathroom facility for the disc golf and trail.	8/25/2022 3:55 PM
138	Not enough pavilions, no handicap playground equipment	8/25/2022 3:21 PM

Q8 Why do you visit Courtland Township parks and trails? Check all that apply.

Answered: 204 Skipped: 22



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Close to home	75.49%	154
Natural setting	51.47%	105
Clean	59.80%	122
Safe	56.86%	116
Quiet/Peaceful	51.96%	106
Sport Activities	35.29%	72
Active/Fun	36.27%	74
Socializing	14.71%	30
Family Activity	35.78%	73
Barrier Free Accessibility	6.37%	13
Other (please specify)	17.16%	35
Total Respondents: 204		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Variety of activities	9/19/2022 8:00 PM
2	Wifi	9/19/2022 4:18 PM
3	To pay our obnoxiously high taxes	9/19/2022 2:10 PM
4	Don't	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
5	KIDS PLAY GROUND	9/18/2022 9:23 AM
6	All the above is available with out your parks	9/15/2022 6:44 AM
7	We don't	9/15/2022 3:04 AM
8	Observe the animals fleeing while the humans take over their natural habitat	9/14/2022 8:54 PM
9	I have not used parks or trails	9/14/2022 5:54 PM
10	WILL VISIT SOON	9/14/2022 3:28 PM
11	We tend to utilize Cannon and Greenville, due to having more trails	9/14/2022 3:08 PM
12	see above	9/8/2022 2:48 PM
13	N/A	9/7/2022 8:43 PM
14	Don't use any of the vacilities	9/7/2022 5:17 PM
15	never visit it	9/7/2022 4:19 PM
16	All apply	9/7/2022 2:40 PM
17	pickleball	9/7/2022 1:54 PM
18	NA	9/7/2022 1:53 PM
19	Walk	9/7/2022 1:07 PM
20	We don't	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
21	I like to walk there	9/6/2022 12:54 PM
22	Nice walking trail	9/6/2022 11:37 AM

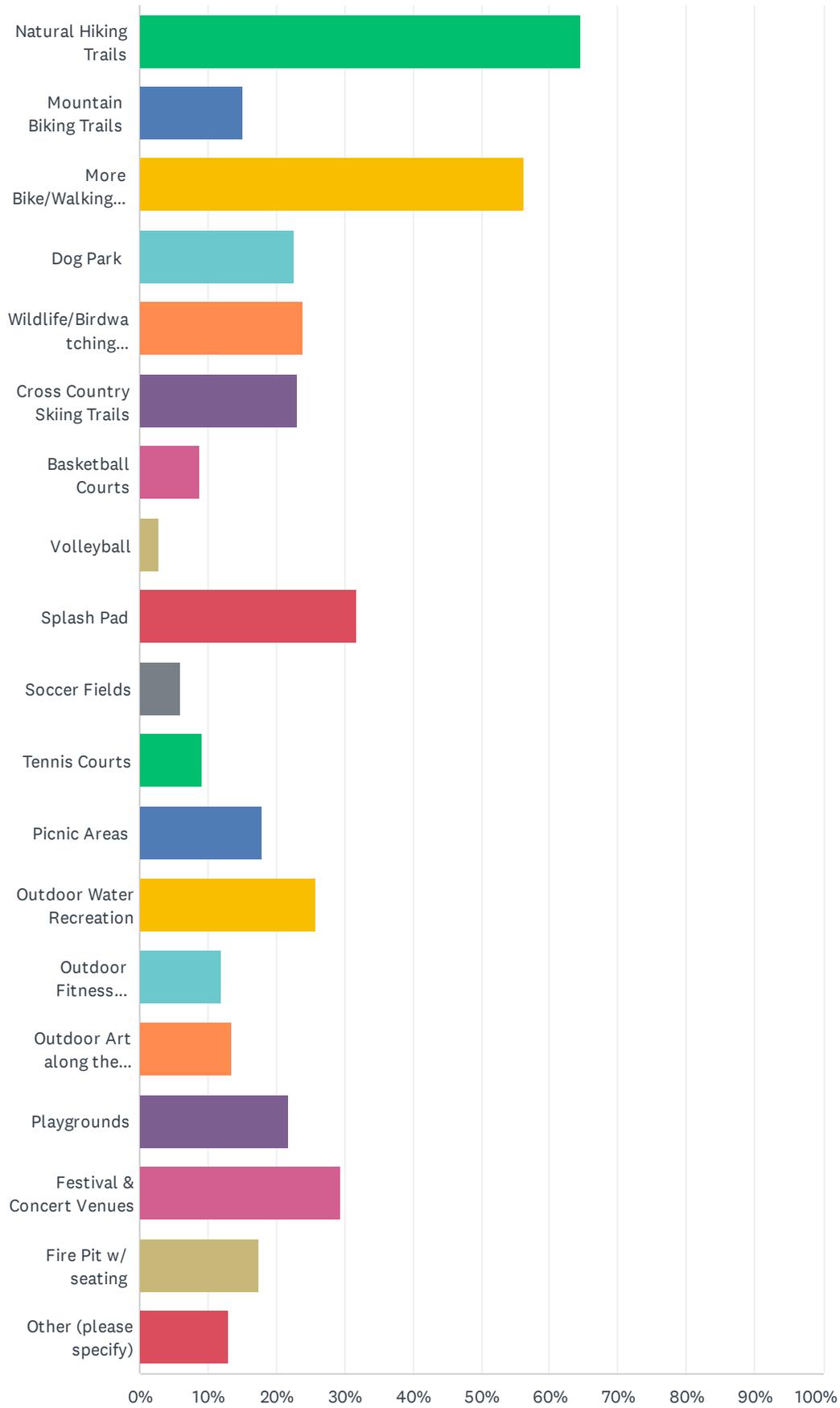
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23	Meet to pedal	9/2/2022 5:25 PM
24	NEVER VISTED, DONT USE	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
25	Work at Courtland Twp	8/31/2022 5:13 PM
26	N/A	8/31/2022 4:22 PM
27	It's 'my' community; There's a sense of gratification from that.	8/29/2022 11:44 AM
28	Don't visit	8/28/2022 8:52 PM
29	Walking trail.	8/26/2022 9:26 PM
30	pickleball	8/26/2022 2:05 PM
31	NA	8/26/2022 9:32 AM
32	Haven't visited yet	8/26/2022 8:16 AM
33	N/A	8/26/2022 6:19 AM
34	I don't	8/26/2022 5:37 AM
35	Playground, trail loop	8/25/2022 11:06 PM

Q9 Select all recreation activities / enhancements that you would like to see in Courtland Township. (Provide comments)

Answered: 217 Skipped: 9

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Natural Hiking Trails	64.52%	140
Mountain Biking Trails	15.21%	33
More Bike/Walking Trails	56.22%	122
Dog Park	22.58%	49
Wildlife/Birdwatching Platforms	23.96%	52
Cross Country Skiing Trails	23.04%	50
Basketball Courts	8.76%	19
Volleyball	2.76%	6
Splash Pad	31.80%	69
Soccer Fields	5.99%	13
Tennis Courts	9.22%	20
Picnic Areas	17.97%	39
Outdoor Water Recreation	25.81%	56
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	11.98%	26
Outdoor Art along the Trails	13.36%	29
Playgrounds	21.66%	47
Festival & Concert Venues	29.49%	64
Fire Pit w/ seating	17.51%	38
Other (please specify)	12.90%	28
Total Respondents: 217		

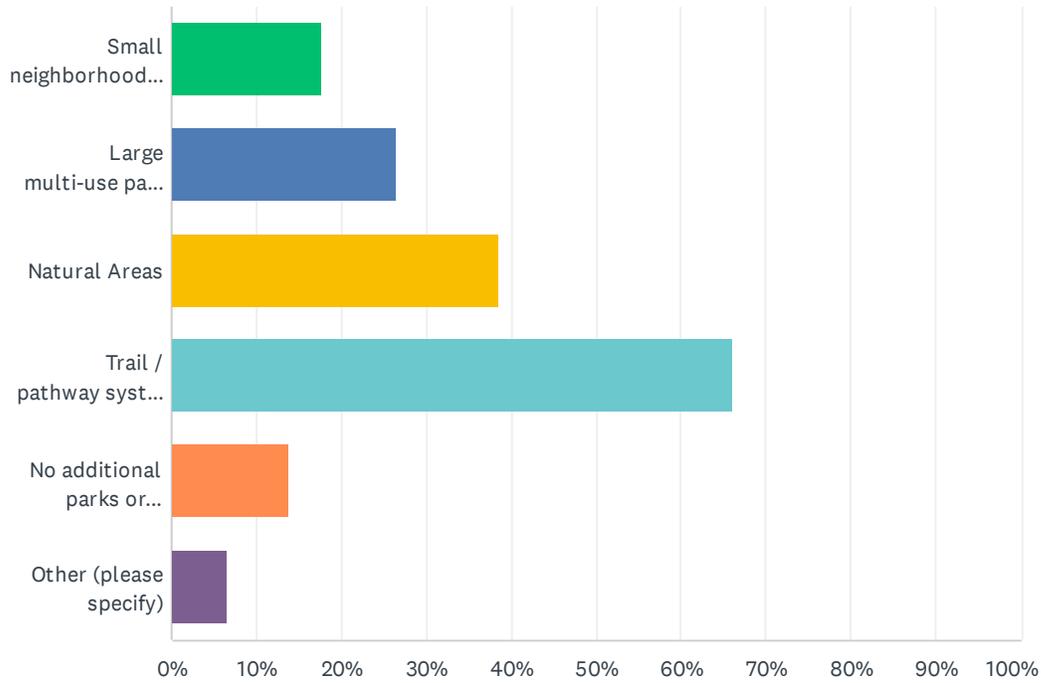
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Orv trails	9/19/2022 2:10 PM
2	Access to ride bikes, roller blade, walk to down town from 10 mile East	9/19/2022 12:06 PM
3	hunting and fishing	9/19/2022 11:32 AM
4	Ziplines	9/18/2022 6:27 PM
5	No enhancements are necessary. All of my money will be going to the sewer upgrades.to	9/17/2022 4:23 PM
6	None	9/15/2022 6:44 AM
7	Nothing	9/15/2022 3:04 AM
8	Woods, trees, wildlife, Nature	9/14/2022 8:54 PM
9	What we have is sufficient	9/14/2022 5:54 PM
10	Skate park	9/14/2022 5:20 PM
11	Pollinator and rain gardens etc.	9/14/2022 1:39 PM
12	Indoor pickleball	9/8/2022 7:17 PM
13	yes, archery range with elevated platforms	9/8/2022 2:48 PM

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14	None	9/7/2022 5:17 PM
15	no splash pads	9/7/2022 2:40 PM
16	Longer bike and hiking trail system (trails 3-10 miles in length)	9/5/2022 3:36 PM
17	horse shoes, soccer golf, other sports	9/2/2022 3:27 PM
18	AGAIN, WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ARCHERY RANGE WITH ELEVATED PLATFORMS	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
19	for now, happy with what exists	8/27/2022 1:11 PM
20	None and absolutely NO dog park!! Dogs congregating spread disease.	8/26/2022 6:39 PM
21	selective tree & shrub identification	8/26/2022 2:54 PM
22	We live at the Oaks of Rockford. Being that this community is in Courtland TWSP, would it be possible to come in and establish a dog park of some sort?	8/26/2022 10:02 AM
23	Separate walking and biking trails, not relaxing dodging bicycles when you are walking	8/26/2022 9:06 AM
24	Pickle ball courts	8/26/2022 6:19 AM
25	plant more trees	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
26	Pickleball	8/25/2022 6:44 PM
27	The facilities are fine as is	8/25/2022 4:25 PM
28	Grills, another Pavillion, community led meet and greets with cook outs.	8/25/2022 3:55 PM

Q10 What type(s) of recreation facilities are most needed in Courtland Township? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 215 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Small neighborhood parks	17.67%	38
Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community	26.51%	57
Natural Areas	38.60%	83
Trail / pathway systems connecting to surrounding neighborhoods & communities	66.05%	142
No additional parks or natural areas are needed	13.95%	30
Other (please specify)	6.51%	14
Total Respondents: 215		

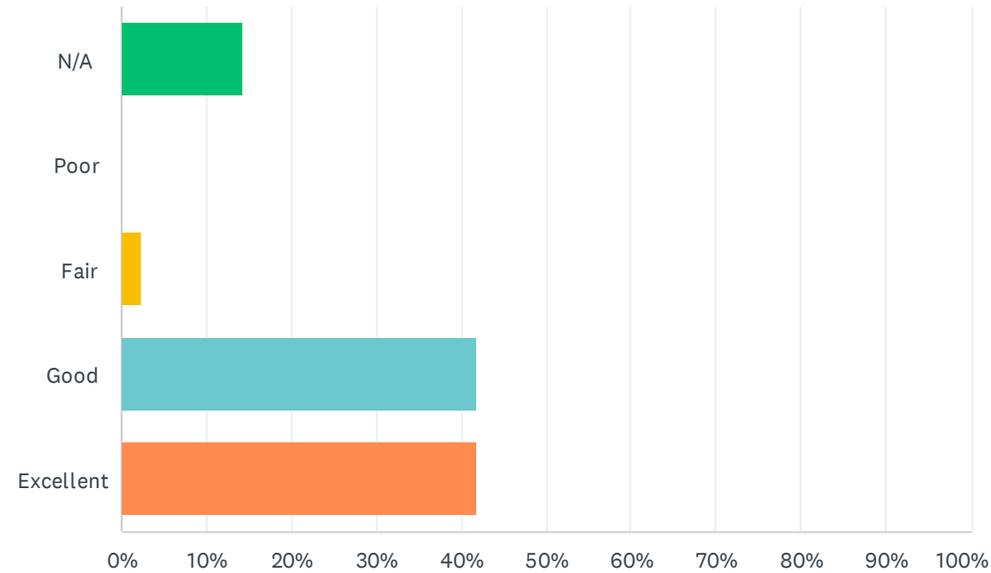
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Splashpad	9/19/2022 3:05 PM
2	None. The residents can barely afford the sewer bill with future increases already scheduled.	9/17/2022 4:23 PM
3	Power Boat Launch At Meyers Lake Open To The Public.	9/15/2022 6:39 AM
4	Taxation is theft	9/14/2022 8:54 PM
5	NOT SURE HOW MUCH WE HAVE ALREADY	9/14/2022 3:28 PM
6	Winter activities	9/10/2022 11:11 PM
7	yes, archery range with elevated platforms	9/8/2022 2:48 PM

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8	Walking area in winter	9/7/2022 7:44 PM
9	Natural Beauty Roads and preservation of trees and "Witness Trees"	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
10	Pickle ball cort	9/2/2022 5:25 PM
11	ARCHERY RANGE	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
12	None! Use the Fred Meijer Trail	8/26/2022 6:39 PM
13	Don't have an opinion	8/26/2022 8:16 AM
14	Dog parks.	8/25/2022 6:51 PM

Q11 Please rate the overall cleanliness and appearance of the Courtland Township Parks and trails system.

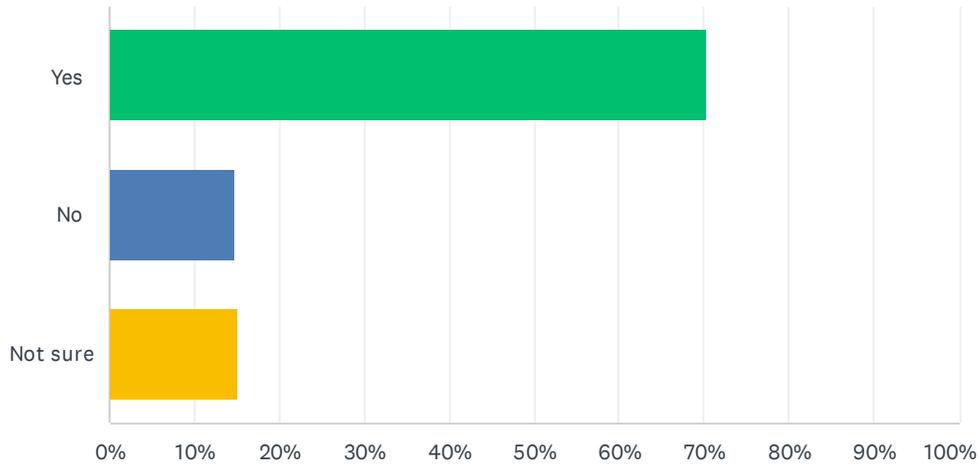
Answered: 218 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
N/A	14.22% 31
Poor	0.00% 0
Fair	2.29% 5
Good	41.74% 91
Excellent	41.74% 91
TOTAL	218

Q12 Do you believe that a more robust parks and trails system would enhance the quality of life in Courtland Township?

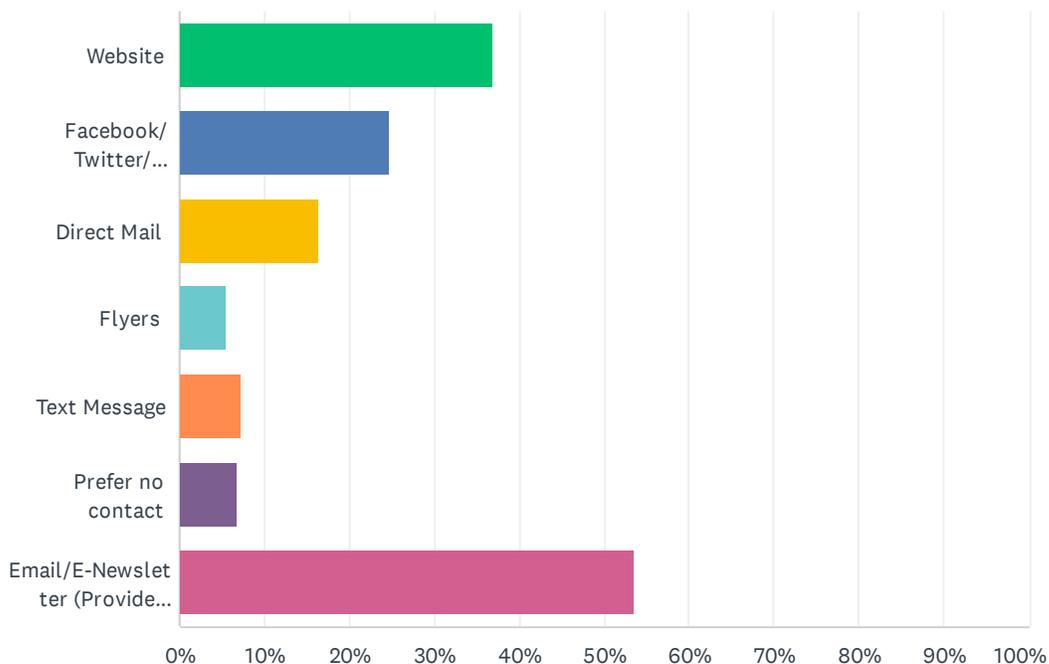
Answered: 219 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.32%	154
No	14.61%	32
Not sure	15.07%	33
TOTAL		219

Q13 How do you prefer to be contacted about park related activities and services? Check those that you use. (Email addresses will not be shared and will only be used to send Courtland Twp. updates)

Answered: 219 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	36.99%	81
Facebook/ Twitter/ Instagram	24.66%	54
Direct Mail	16.44%	36
Flyers	5.48%	12
Text Message	7.31%	16
Prefer no contact	6.85%	15
Email/E-Newsletter (Provide email here)	53.42%	117
Total Respondents: 219		

#	EMAIL/E-NEWSLETTER (PROVIDE EMAIL HERE)	DATE
1	matjune70@protonmail.com	9/21/2022 6:31 AM
2	cstevenhively@gmail.com	9/20/2022 6:19 PM
3	Lajahart@comcast.net	9/19/2022 8:53 PM
4	phmh12991@gmail.com	9/19/2022 5:19 PM
5	jmdxr3@live.com	9/19/2022 2:55 PM

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6	leepaullw46fr@gmail.com	9/19/2022 1:39 PM
7	keith.goodell@gmail.com	9/19/2022 1:04 PM
8	Jamesdbolton4552@gmail.com	9/19/2022 12:57 PM
9	bnoble@chartermi.net	9/19/2022 12:49 PM
10	huebnersk@yahoo.com	9/19/2022 12:28 PM
11	You already have it	9/19/2022 12:22 PM
12	georgen@jhnicholson.com	9/19/2022 11:32 AM
13	Kb8ufd@aol.com	9/19/2022 11:22 AM
14	Sa_knutson@msn.com	9/19/2022 11:15 AM
15	stecorb@gmail.com	9/18/2022 6:49 PM
16	lisajanecorbett@gmail.com	9/18/2022 6:27 PM
17	BTENBROCK@YAHOO.COM	9/18/2022 9:23 AM
18	weaverbill@icloud.com	9/17/2022 10:28 PM
19	gpfowle2@msn.com	9/15/2022 8:02 PM
20	ajz600@yahoo.com	9/15/2022 5:32 PM
21	dcrampto@gmail.com	9/15/2022 9:49 AM
22	Daleleewitt@gmail.com	9/15/2022 8:03 AM
23	andrew.l.krueger@aol.com	9/15/2022 6:39 AM
24	alexiscader@gmail.com	9/14/2022 4:30 PM
25	summersun_49@yahoo.com	9/14/2022 3:49 PM
26	karczewski726@yahoo.com	9/14/2022 3:28 PM
27	kt.praygmorth@gmail.com	9/14/2022 3:08 PM
28	JBogart572@aol.com	9/14/2022 2:33 PM
29	fivehydebunch@gmail.com	9/14/2022 1:39 PM
30	...	9/13/2022 9:05 PM
31	Rynrock9@gmail.com	9/13/2022 1:44 PM
32	jakubiakmk@gmail.com	9/12/2022 9:58 PM
33	westphalls@gmail.com	9/8/2022 7:17 PM
34	I am on the email list	9/8/2022 5:09 PM
35	stacy.tarrh@gmail.com	9/8/2022 2:02 PM
36	Julienmj@chartermi.net	9/8/2022 1:00 PM
37	Lajahart@comcast.net	9/8/2022 7:49 AM
38	emurph22@gmail.com	9/7/2022 9:40 PM
39	loup.howard@gmail.com	9/7/2022 8:43 PM
40	Kb100772@aol.com	9/7/2022 8:05 PM
41	Sbdcspencer@gmail.com	9/7/2022 7:54 PM
42	sdspencer54@gmail.com	9/7/2022 7:47 PM
43	Tazandfang@hotmail.com	9/7/2022 7:44 PM

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44	Dremtema@gmail.com	9/7/2022 5:03 PM
45	dcrampto@gmail.com	9/7/2022 4:56 PM
46	ashleyasiegel@yahoo.com	9/7/2022 4:04 PM
47	9kimberlynewman@gmail.com	9/7/2022 3:17 PM
48	kawier@charter.net	9/7/2022 2:40 PM
49	dwkenned@hotmail.com	9/7/2022 1:54 PM
50	miket3263@gmail.com	9/7/2022 1:45 PM
51	Kgranzzy@charter.net	9/7/2022 1:07 PM
52	wskallos@yahoo.com	9/7/2022 12:34 PM
53	ckp0818@live.com	9/7/2022 12:08 PM
54	Brandonb11@gmail.com	9/7/2022 11:52 AM
55	p.a.busman@gmail.com	9/7/2022 11:47 AM
56	constance.squires@hotmail.com	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
57	catstevens1978@gmail.com	9/7/2022 11:32 AM
58	dbh1970@charter.net	9/7/2022 11:26 AM
59	audrey.debri@gmail.com	9/7/2022 11:20 AM
60	A1928@hotmail.com	9/6/2022 12:54 PM
61	coastiebear@gmail.com	9/6/2022 12:43 PM
62	redpawbassett@hotmail.com	9/6/2022 12:38 PM
63	Lloydgillette@yahoo.com	9/6/2022 11:37 AM
64	stcharlesplace@charter.net	9/3/2022 12:03 PM
65	Stephtown14@gmail.com	9/2/2022 1:40 PM
66	malonmae@aquinas.edu	9/2/2022 10:48 AM
67	BILLDYKSTRA@TEMPERINC.COM	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
68	Already on email list	8/31/2022 5:13 PM
69	rodsager@icloud.com	8/30/2022 12:24 PM
70	peter.eggenberger@gmail.com	8/29/2022 11:44 AM
71	klsanders2760@yahoo.com	8/29/2022 11:19 AM
72	you already have it	8/29/2022 10:35 AM
73	trent.heaton@gmail.com	8/29/2022 8:07 AM
74	bettedoezema@yahoo.com	8/27/2022 9:15 PM
75	ROG@APPLERUN.ORG	8/27/2022 5:50 PM
76	sjclement7711@aol.com	8/27/2022 1:11 PM
77	baawbaaw@yahoo.com	8/26/2022 9:26 PM
78	johnlockner@gmail.com	8/26/2022 2:54 PM
79	gsbera@ccim.net	8/26/2022 1:57 PM
80	scottbeck3@gmail.com	8/26/2022 12:36 PM
81	Markanderson600@hotmail.com	8/26/2022 11:46 AM

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82	dcrampton@gmail.com	8/26/2022 11:40 AM
83	werner.lj@gmail.com	8/26/2022 10:02 AM
84	scott.tarrh@gmail.com	8/26/2022 10:00 AM
85	Roney_jim@yahoo.com	8/26/2022 9:52 AM
86	Riddering2@aol.com	8/26/2022 9:50 AM
87	garyreimer@charter.net	8/26/2022 9:48 AM
88	suzannejk6@gmail.com	8/26/2022 9:32 AM
89	Cavner@charter.net	8/26/2022 9:06 AM
90	Mjegan69@gmail.com	8/26/2022 8:53 AM
91	cavnerla@gmail.com	8/26/2022 8:46 AM
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93	theresa@abcomponentsinc.com	8/26/2022 6:19 AM
94	debbychristmas@gmail.com	8/25/2022 10:29 PM
95	michael.fyffe@att.net	8/25/2022 8:55 PM
96	Mikehaskellcpa@gmail.com	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
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116	lavwall@hotmail.com	8/25/2022 4:22 PM
117	gcro53@yahoo.com	8/25/2022 4:15 PM

Q14 If you have anything you would like to add that we haven't touched on, please include your thoughts and ideas below.

Answered: 76 Skipped: 150

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More activities such as a Halloween stroll for the kids	9/19/2022 8:53 PM
2	not	9/19/2022 5:19 PM
3	I do not have anyone under 18 years of age living with me. I do have Grandchildren I can take to the Park areas. s.	9/19/2022 2:55 PM
4	Stop trying to increase our taxes and maybe figure out where you can adjust spending	9/19/2022 2:10 PM
5	None	9/19/2022 1:40 PM
6	na	9/19/2022 1:04 PM
7	No dog parks.	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
8	Na	9/19/2022 12:36 PM
9	Na	9/19/2022 12:13 PM
10	Decrease spending	9/18/2022 6:27 PM
11	HELP THE COUNTY DO IMPROVEMENTS ON MYERS LAKE PARK	9/18/2022 9:23 AM
12	Any taxes spent on anything other than sewer upgrades at this time is insulting.	9/17/2022 4:23 PM
13	all set	9/16/2022 2:26 PM
14	NA	9/15/2022 10:39 AM
15	stop spending my money	9/15/2022 6:44 AM
16	Nothing Else, thanks for what you do !	9/15/2022 6:39 AM
17	Abolish all taxes	9/14/2022 8:54 PM
18	None	9/14/2022 8:33 PM
19	NO	9/14/2022 3:28 PM
20	If Courtland has trails, I am not aware of them.	9/14/2022 3:08 PM
21	No	9/14/2022 1:09 PM
22	A splash pad would be amazing and is something we don't have anywhere nearby	9/13/2022 9:05 PM
23	Development of connecting trails has never been more important. As someone who frequently uses the side of the road for biking/running, most drivers are distracted. A safe trail system that would connect neighborhoods/communities will eliminate potential car and pedestrian accidents.	9/13/2022 1:44 PM
24	None	9/12/2022 9:58 PM
25	Nothing	9/12/2022 10:06 AM
26	yes, archery range with elevated platforms	9/8/2022 2:48 PM
27	Easy place for seniors and handicapped to visit and enjoy	9/8/2022 11:43 AM
28	No	9/8/2022 7:49 AM
29	Na	9/7/2022 9:11 PM

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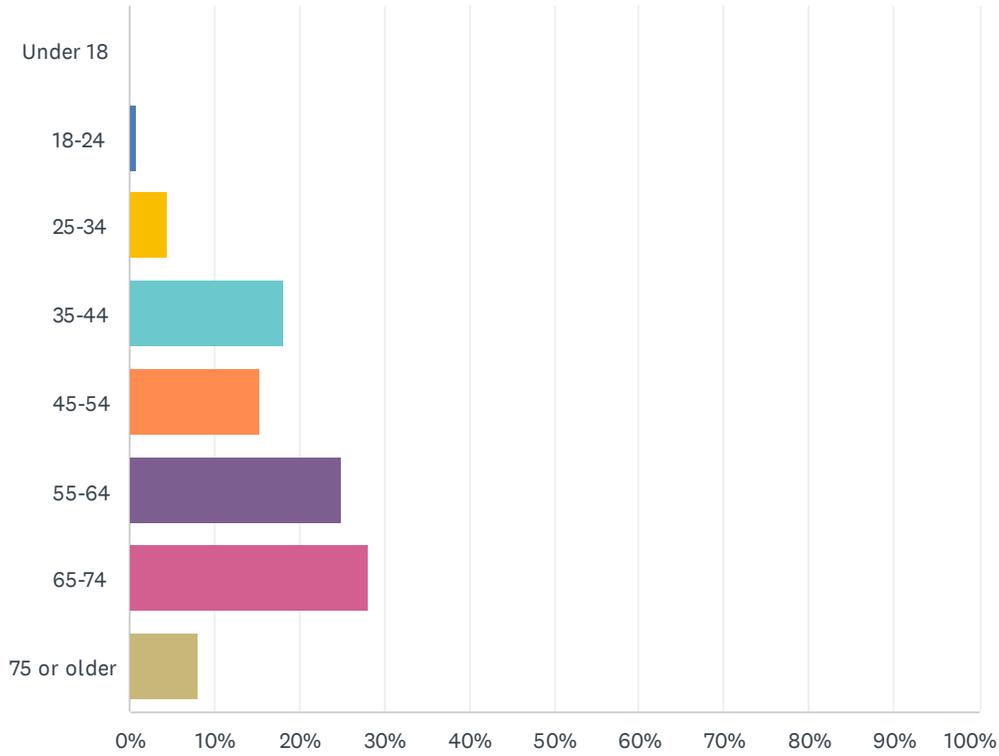
30	No	9/7/2022 7:47 PM
31	Dog park & walking for in the winter	9/7/2022 7:44 PM
32	no	9/7/2022 4:19 PM
33	Na	9/7/2022 3:37 PM
34	Restrooms needed	9/7/2022 1:07 PM
35	Why do we need more we have more then enough now	9/7/2022 12:04 PM
36	Thank you for seeking input from residents. If tax payer money is to be spent, this is the way to do it. Also, reserve land now. The township seems to be carving up naturally beautiful land at a fast pace. Need to establish tax free land grant system to encourage gifting and preservation of land in the township	9/7/2022 11:52 AM
37	We don't need more parks, we need beautification of what we have.	9/7/2022 11:41 AM
38	No	9/6/2022 12:54 PM
39	No	9/6/2022 12:38 PM
40	Non	9/6/2022 11:37 AM
41	Township could immediately benefit through revenues received by SCOR, CASA, AYSO soccer clubs. RPS rapes these clubs with exorbitant rates.	9/3/2022 12:03 PM
42	Very clean safe	9/2/2022 5:25 PM
43	signage for pb courts with some guidelines about rotating in and sharing the courts would also be helpful. There have been a few incidents where some players arent sharing courts, because they stated there arent any rules. Normally this isnt the attitude of the majority of players and seems to be a few groups.	9/2/2022 3:27 PM
44	I am excited to see that parks are being expanded in our area!	9/2/2022 1:40 PM
45	ARCHERY RANGE, WITH ELEVATED PLATFORMS	9/2/2022 10:18 AM
46	No	8/31/2022 5:13 PM
47	None.	8/30/2022 12:24 PM
48	I'm very pleased with the current park, and grateful for the time and effort that people have committed to create it. For further development, I request extra emphasis on the vision of the future: What will Courtland Twp be like in 20 years, and what type of parks to we need to create to lead our community toward that vision?	8/29/2022 11:44 AM
49	I heard you already purchased property on Farland	8/29/2022 11:19 AM
50	N/A	8/29/2022 10:35 AM
51	I prefer not to have to pay for both county and township level parks existing in the same space. I'm fine with "expanding" the current offers on the properties that are already owned by the township, city, state, but would prefer that more properties aren't purchased. I'd rather my taxes go down on the whole, not up. I don't like gov't agencies competing for the same stuff, all the while costing me more money without much benefit. The county seems to be doing a good job of parks in our area, but I'm open to Courtland Twp improving their spaces. I just don't want both hollering at me for more money.	8/29/2022 8:07 AM
52	no	8/27/2022 2:34 PM
53	n/a	8/27/2022 1:11 PM
54	No immediate improvements should be made. With a questionable economic future, fiscal responsibility should be paramount. There actually is a limit to the tax burden we can bear. Recreation is not an essential service.	8/26/2022 9:26 PM
55	No more parks	8/26/2022 6:39 PM
56	N/a	8/26/2022 3:05 PM
57	none	8/26/2022 2:05 PM

Courtland Township – 5 Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey

58	appreciate the bi-annual dump days	8/26/2022 1:57 PM
59	We need a dog park bad.	8/26/2022 11:46 AM
60	What is the current master plan?!	8/26/2022 9:52 AM
61	We need to connect the township office to the white pine trail in both downtown Rockford and the trail that connects to Cannon Twsp. offices.	8/26/2022 9:48 AM
62	Several times I've been to the park in the evening and the courts are being monopolized by leagues. This is not fair to residents. I find it hard to believe they all live in the township. Also, the busier the park gets the more congested it feels. New features should be spread out more on the grounds.	8/26/2022 9:06 AM
63	Another disc golf course would be great	8/26/2022 9:01 AM
64	More CLEAN restrooms along the trail	8/26/2022 8:53 AM
65	Connect Meyers Lake and Courtland Twp. offices to Rockford with bike trail	8/26/2022 8:50 AM
66	Make access to the sewer system more attractive for developers and individual builders. I value out resources and water is an important one.	8/25/2022 10:55 PM
67	None	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
68	More shade trees	8/25/2022 8:53 PM
69	n.a	8/25/2022 8:06 PM
70	There is such a robust trail and park system in Kent County in general, I don't really see need of expansion.	8/25/2022 6:51 PM
71	Being a rural area, many of us don't have sidewalks to walk on and live on roads unsafe for walking, running, biking, etc. Trails that are close, convenient, and maintained are so nice to have! I'd love more walking trails.	8/25/2022 6:36 PM
72	Na	8/25/2022 4:39 PM
73	Bike lanes on major roads	8/25/2022 4:24 PM
74	Thank you for all you are doing!	8/25/2022 4:23 PM
75	N/A	8/25/2022 4:22 PM
76	Courtland Township continues to grow. We need a way that is easy to have folks donate land to the township. Green space is so important! We cannot get it back once it is gone. We should also be looking at purchasing green space.	8/25/2022 3:55 PM

Q15 What is your age?

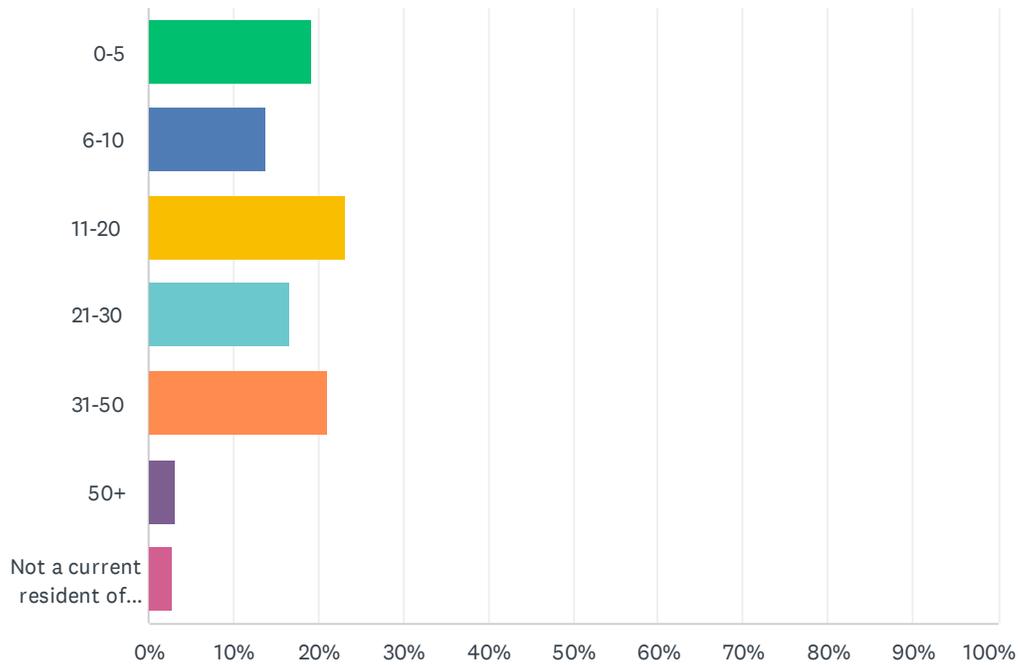
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.90%	2
25-34	4.52%	10
35-44	18.10%	40
45-54	15.38%	34
55-64	24.89%	55
65-74	28.05%	62
75 or older	8.14%	18
TOTAL		221

Q16 How many years have you been a Courtland Township resident?

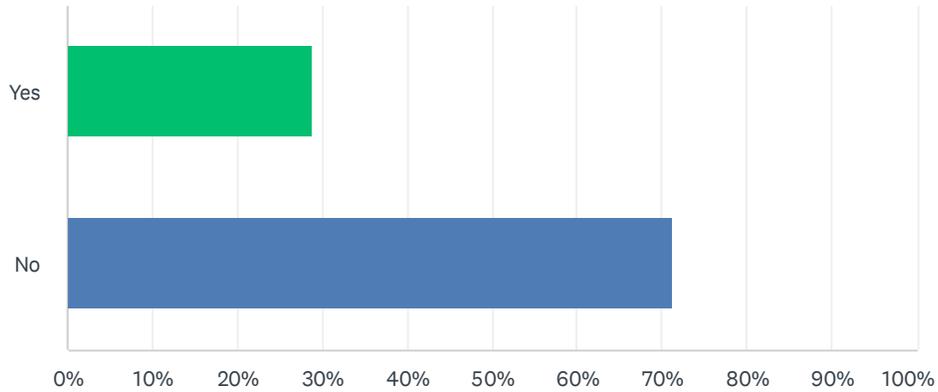
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	19.28%	43
6-10	13.90%	31
11-20	23.32%	52
21-30	16.59%	37
31-50	21.08%	47
50+	3.14%	7
Not a current resident of Courtland Township	2.69%	6
TOTAL		223

Q17 Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

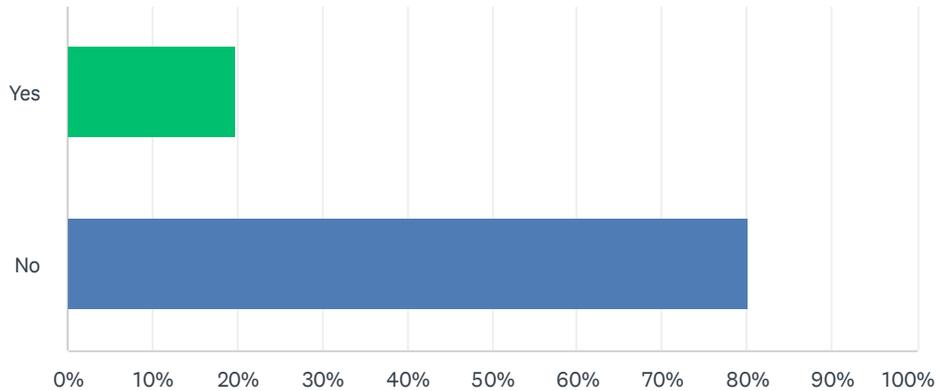
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.83%	64
No	71.17%	158
TOTAL		222

Q18 Are you or anyone you live with elderly, disabled, or with special needs?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	19.82% 44
No	80.18% 178
TOTAL	222

#	COMMENT	DATE
1	elderly but not disabled	9/19/2022 1:39 PM
2	Thanks for doing this survey - If you are a non-profit, we may be interested in donating money for support of certain improvements	9/19/2022 12:57 PM
3	75 yrs	9/19/2022 12:28 PM
4	My wife and I are both retired	9/7/2022 7:47 PM
5	Elderly would be me.	9/7/2022 2:40 PM
6	We are elderly but in good health our grandkids live next door	9/7/2022 1:45 PM
7	None	9/6/2022 11:37 AM
8	I would like to see the playground be expanded to accommodate special needs children and adults	8/31/2022 7:35 AM
9	we are getting pretty old 70's	8/26/2022 2:05 PM
10	We are active 73 year olds; loving to be in the great Michigan outdoors..	8/26/2022 10:02 AM
11	Parkinson's Disease	8/26/2022 9:32 AM
12	Healthy and active 72	8/25/2022 10:55 PM
13	My elderly dad lives with us. He's active.	8/25/2022 7:40 PM
14	No, but I provide respite care for special needs young adults and the parks are a great place to visit with them	8/25/2022 5:27 PM
15	Elderly	8/25/2022 4:15 PM



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5 YEAR PARKS & RECREATION PLAN SURVEY

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Your input is important! Please respond!

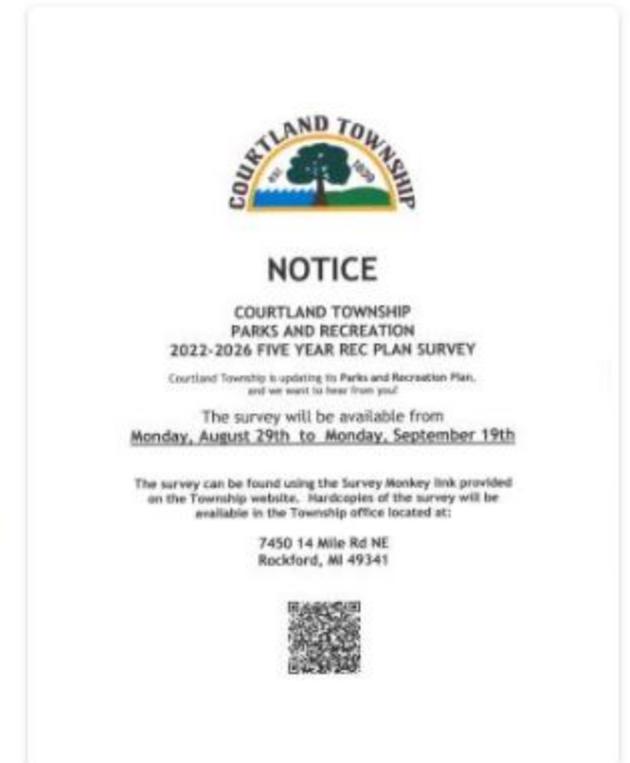
Courtland Township is updating the 2022-2026 Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan as required and **we want your input!**

This survey will give Courtland Township residents the opportunity to voice their suggestions and opinions on the future of the parks. The survey will be available until **Monday, September 19th**

The survey can be accessed by simply using the QR code provided on the attachment or clicking on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CourtlandParksRec>. Paper copies of the survey are available in the township office for those not having access to a smart phone or computer.

The current park, located at 7450 14 Mile Rd, offers a great playground, over a mile of paved walking trails, eight newly installed pickleball courts, a top-rated disc golf course, horseshoe pits, volleyball court, baseball diamond, a pavilion with picnic tables, and modern bathroom facilities located at the back of the fire station.

Thank you for taking the time to give us your input!



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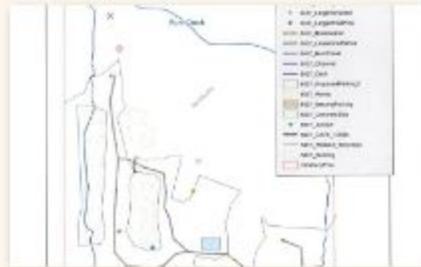
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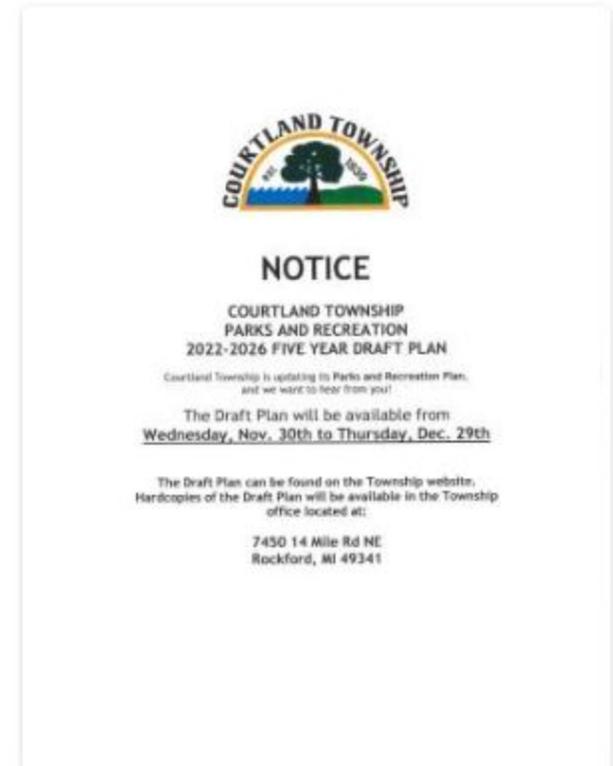


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MINUTES
COURTLAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 4, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McConnon.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members present: Andersen, Brown, Frandsen, McConnon, McIntyre and Porter
Members absent: Hartman
Also present was, Fire Chief Mojzuk and 1 spectator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of agenda - A motion by McIntyre, Brown seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the change to number 7, making it A. Public Hearing under New Business. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda- A motion was made by McIntyre, Andersen seconded to approve consent agenda.
Roll call vote; All yes; motion carried.
Approval of Minutes: December 7, 2022, regular meeting
Treasurer's Report: Approval of December bills for payment- General, Sewer, and Fire Funds.

STANDING REPORTS:

Supervisor's Report/ Building Permits/NKSA, GVMC and GGTC – McConnon reported: 4 (42 total) modular homes and 1 (34 total) building permits for new homes.

NKSA & GVMC: No January meeting for NKSA, GVMC will meet in February.

GGTC: Nothing to report, no meeting.

Rockford Area Community Endowment: Andersen reported Rockford's Got Talent is the 7th of January at 7pm, tickets still available.

Courtland Township Park & Trails: McIntyre reported meeting to be held on the 16th of January for the grant.

Fire Chief's Report: Number of calls for the month of December 50 for a total of 468 calls for the year. (Full report included in Board Packet).

Zoning Board of Appeals: Brown reported a meeting will be held in January for a tear down and rebuild of a garage.

Planning Commission Report: McIntyre reported meeting on the 17th of January at 6pm for a Master Plan Open House.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing: 5yr Master Plan for Parks & Recreation: Public hearing open at 7:18pm, motion was made by Porter seconded by McIntyre to open the Public Hearing. All yes: Motion carried. No comments were made. Motion was made by McIntyre, seconded by Porter to close the Public Hearing at 7:18pm. All yes: Motion carried.

B. Resolution 2023-01 5 Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan: A motion was made by McIntyre, Frandsen seconded to approve Resolution 2023-01 5 Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. All yes: Motion carried.

C: Sewer: Cleaning Proposals: A motion was made by Porter, McIntyre seconded to approve the Sewer Cleaning Proposal presented as written by Plummers Disposal. All yes: Motion carried.

D. Appointment of ZBA, Planning Commission and Board of Review: A motion was made by McIntyre, Andersen seconded to approve the Appointment of ZBA, Planning Commission and Board of Review. Larry Pfeifer and Jason Rourk for 3-year term for ZBA, expiring 1/2026. Travis Miedema and Larry Pfeifer for 3-year term for Planning Commission, expiring 1/2026. Andrew Hagenow, Dave Dunaven, Al Rau and Beth Morgan for 2-year term for Board of Review, expiring 1/2025. All yes: Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Frandsen – Received comments about putting the roof on this time of year. McIntyre commented that it did not matter what time of year the roof is put on, it does not have any impact on how the roof performs. “Mrs. Claus” passed away in December and thinks it would be good for the Township to recognize her in some way. She was “Mrs. Claus” for the fire department for many years.

McIntyre- Inquiring about the Deputy Treasurer Position and if it has been filled and or put on the website for the public to see. Per Brown, she has someone in mind and if she does not work out, she will consider putting it on the website for the public.

Andersen – Inquiring about the funding for the library, per McConnon they are in the works of getting this funded and if anyone knows of anyone that would be willing to donate to let him know.

Hartman – N/A

Brown – None

McConnon – There is a new flood assessment from FEMA for the federal flood insurance program. McConnon is looking into the details and will bring information back to the board. It may not benefit Courtland Township residents since this does not cover simple basement flooding situations.

Porter – Wind turbines have been proposed in Montcalm County and the residence are not happy about this. There were several officials that were recalled or did not win re-election due to their views on this subject. This is something that will eventually come into Kent County and as a Board we need to start thinking about this.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the board meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____

Susan K. Hartman, Clerk

Dated: _____

Matt McConnon, Supervisor

**TOWNSHIP OF COURTLAND
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

PARK AND RECREATION 5 YEAR PLAN

RESOLUTION 2023-01

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Courtland, Kent County, Michigan held at the Township Hall on the 4th day of January, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Andersen, Brown, Frandsen, McConnon, McIntyre and Porter

ABSENT: Hartman

The following resolution was offered by McIntyre and seconded by Frandsen:

WHEREAS, Courtland Township has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and 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 2023 and 2027; and,

WHEREAS, the Courtland Township Parks Committee, as the Township's representative, developed a five-year plan to meet the future park and recreation needs of the township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Board held a public hearing on January 4, 2023 to provide an opportunity for the citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the five-year plan; and,

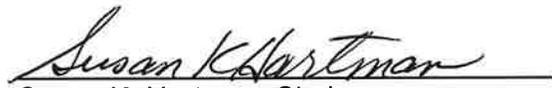
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Courtland Township Board hereby adopts the Courtland Township Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2027 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Courtland Township.

AYES: Andersen, Brown, Frandsen, McConnon, McIntyre and Porter

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Hartman

RESOLUTION DECLARED APPROVED.


Susan K. Hartman, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, Susan K. Hartman, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Courtland, Kent County, Michigan (the "Township") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the township board at the regular meeting thereof held on the 4th day of January 2023, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, 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 10th day of January 2023.


Susan K. Hartman, Clerk

Collin Manns

From: Collin Manns
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 11:25 AM
To: dan.delooff@kentcountymi.gov
Subject: Courtland Twp Parks & Recreation Master Plan
Attachments: Letter to Kent County Parks Dept.pdf; Courtland Twp Parks and Rec Master Plan 2023.pdf

Afternoon Dan,

We've been working with Courtland Township to develop their 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, please see the attached.

Thank you,

Collin Manns

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