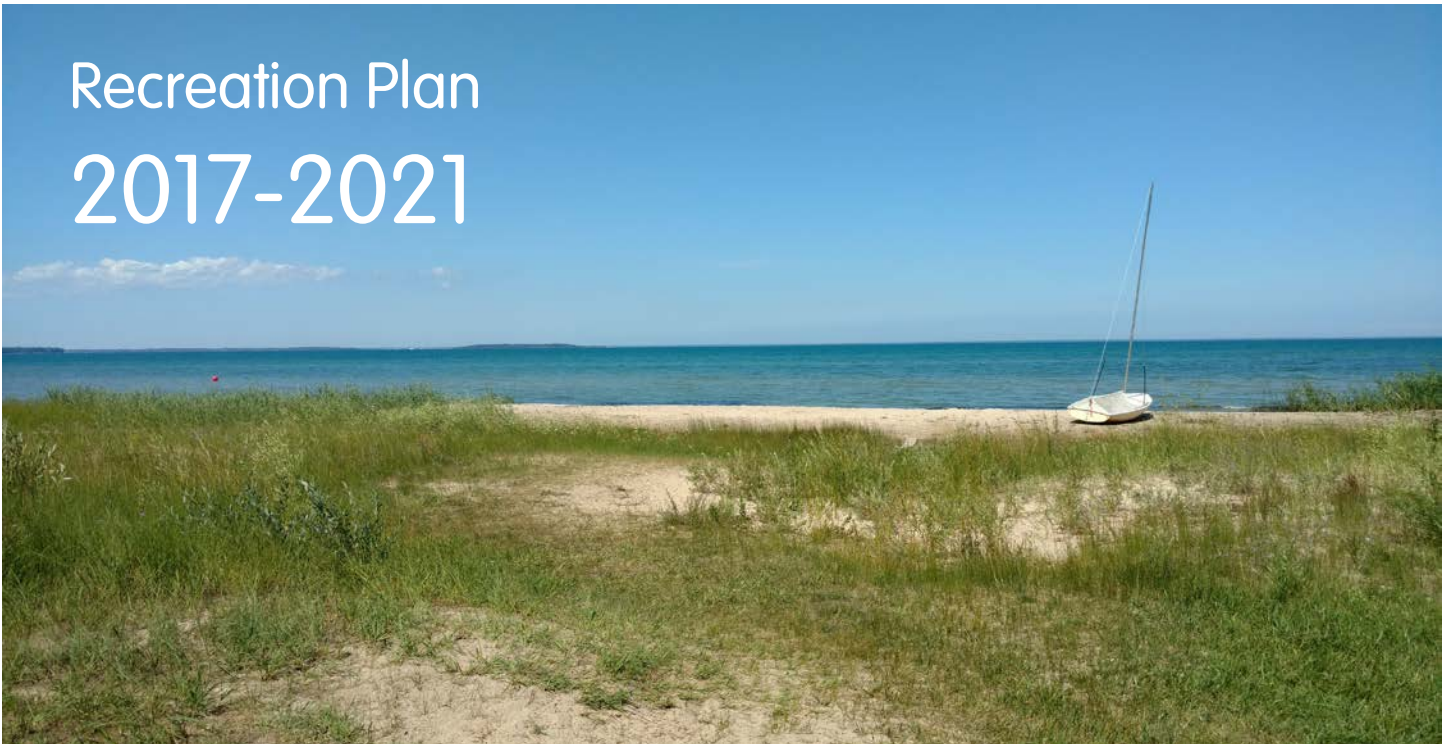


Recreation Plan 2017-2021



SANBORN TOWNSHIP, ALPENA COUNTY, MICHIGAN



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**SANBORN TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN**

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Chapter 1

Community Description

Extent of Plan Focus

This Recreation Plan addresses recreational facilities and plans within the boundaries of Sanborn Township. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities as well as the socio-economic status of the Township and the surrounding area in order to determine recreational needs of the population and to plan for improvements which fit those needs.

Regional Setting

Sanborn Township, one of eight townships that make up Alpena County, is located in the southeast corner of Alpena County in Town 29 North, Ranges 8, and 9 East and has a population of 2,116 people. The Township contains approximately 44.2 square miles (28,288 acres) of land area (7.4% of the land area in Alpena County). The Township is bordered by Alpena Township to the north, Ossineke Township to the west, Caledonia and Alcona Townships in Alcona County to the south, and Lake Huron to the east.

Of Township acreage, approximately 6,604 acres (23.3% of total Township land) is owned by the State of Michigan. The remainder of land in the Township appears to be in private ownership. There are no incorporated places in the Township. Ossineke, a "Census Designated Place" with a population of 996 (2014 American Community Survey estimate), contains the largest population cluster. The Township has a population density of 47.9 persons per square mile and is considered "rural".

In addition to approximately nine miles of shoreline on Lake Huron, the Township has two islands off shore: Bird Island and Scarecrow Island.

Traffic circulation north and south within the township is along U.S. 23, which bisects the township.

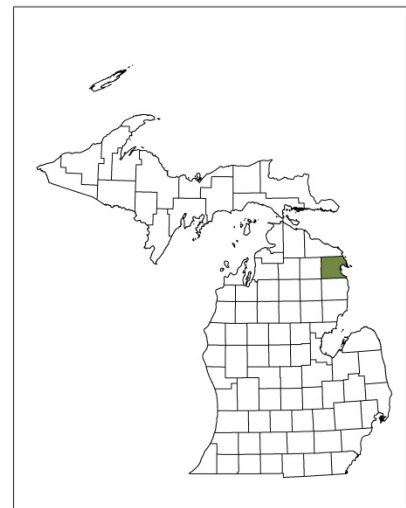


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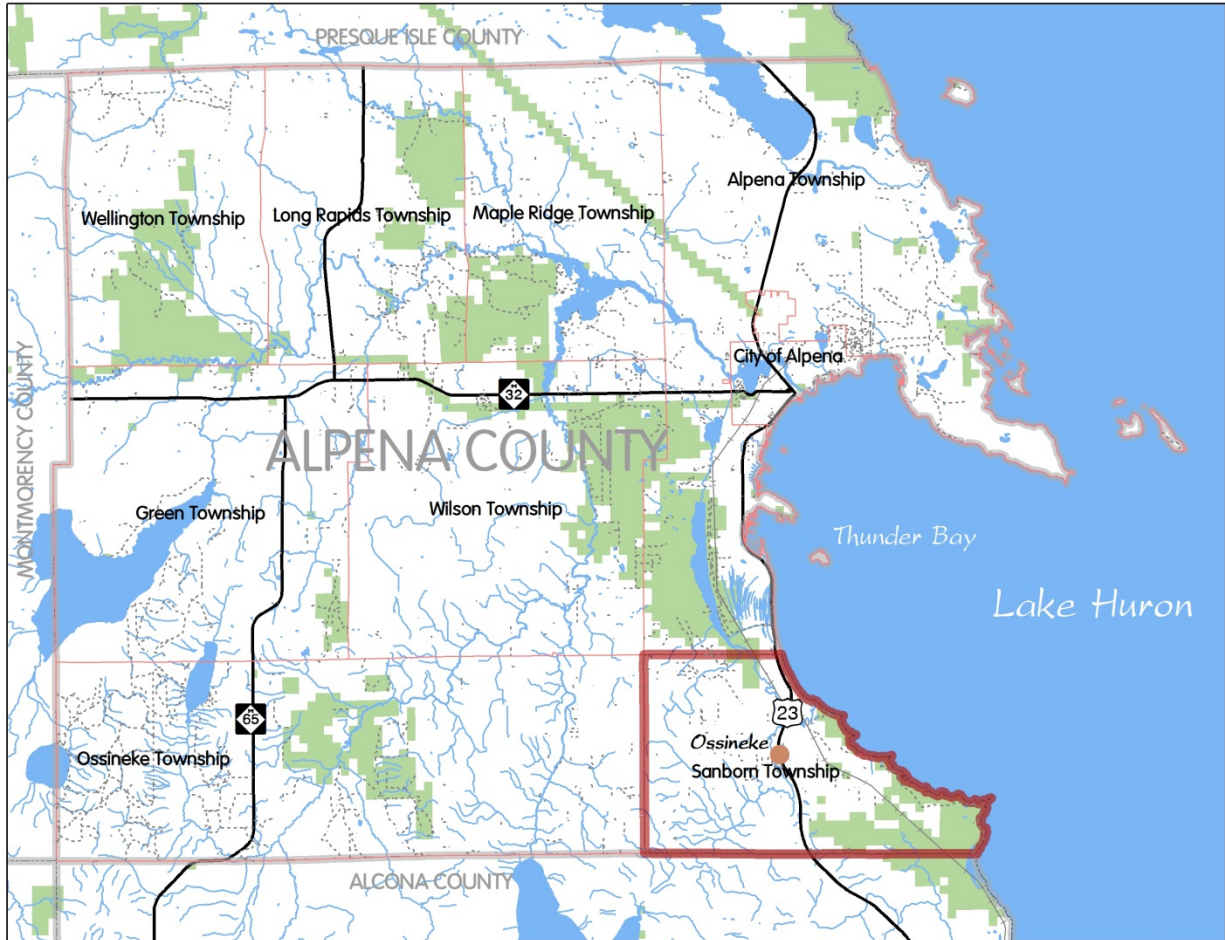


Figure1-2 Alpena County Base Map

Water Resources

Lake Huron is the most significant water resource in the Township. The shoreline extends for several miles and is gently sloping with many inlets and bays. The forest meets the water at some locations, but there are long stretches of sandy beach. Some areas of the Lake Huron shoreline have been pinpointed as highly erosive. Scarecrow Island and Bird Island are located off the shoreline.

Lake Huron's fishing opportunities are many. Brown trout, salmon, lake trout, and rainbow trout are all plentiful. The area off Sanborn Township offers walleye and smallmouth bass. Several businesses offer charter boat services. Fishing from the shore is possible to the north of the Township line, at Squaw Bay.

Two branches of the Devil's River flow through the Township and meet in Ossineke, a mile from Lake Huron's shore. The branch flowing from the north through sections 3, 10, and 11 of R8E meets the South Branch, flowing through sections 33, 28, 27, 26, 23, and 15. This river provides good yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and rock bass. Trout, salmon, and steel head are also seasonally available. The North Branch of the Black River flows from Alcona County through sections 33, 32, 31 of R9E.

Brilinski Creek, in sections 8, 5, 4, and 3 of R8E, flows into the Devil's River. Holcomb Creek flows southward from section 18 of R8E, through sections 20, 29, 28, and 33, where it intersects with the South Branch of the Devil's River. These creek beds become dry in the summer.

Forests and Wildlife

In addition to the scenic characteristics of woodlands, forested areas provide habitat for wildlife, protect the soil from erosion and acts as a buffer from noise on heavily traveled highways. Forested lands are the predominant land cover in the Township and account for 53 percent of the Township's land area. Upland forests cover 21 percent of the Township. Of the forested lands, aspen-birch forests account for a majority of the forests. The aspen-birch type is quite variable in species component and depending upon forest age and soils, other tree species such as white pine, balsam fir, northern white cedar, red maple and sugar maple are mixed with the forest type. Northern hardwoods include species such as sugar maple, red maple, American beech, basswood and yellow birch. Bigtooth aspen, quaking aspen, white birch, white pine, balsam fir and red maple are the primary tree species found in the aspen-birch type. White and red pine trees are found in the pine forest category.

Lowland forests occupy nearly 24 percent of the Township. Lowland forests grow on soils with a seasonally high water table and are often classified as wetlands. Lowland forests include lowland hardwoods like elm, black ash, red maple, balsam poplar, and quaking aspen. The lowland hardwood category covers nearly 4,600 acres. Lowland conifers, such as northern white cedar, black spruce, balsam fir, white spruce and eastern tamarack are estimated to cover around 4,300 acres. It is common to find both hardwoods and conifers growing in mixed forests.

Deer, rabbit, grouse and woodcock are abundant in the County. Bear, coyote, bobcat, elk and turkey have small to moderate populations that are growing. Wildlife is a resource that brings in hunters and tourists. October and November bring thousands of hunters to the County for small game hunting, bear and bow season (deer), peaking sharply in mid-November with the opening day of deer (rifle) season.

Topography

The topography consists of low hills and a coastal lake plain that slopes gently towards Lake Huron. As a result, elevation variations in the Township are not extreme. The average elevation of Lake Huron is 580 feet above sea level, while the highest land elevations of 850 feet above sea level can be found in section 30 along Lytle Road and along West Scott Road between US-23 and Pratt Road. An abrupt change in elevations occurs along the eastern edge of the Wolf Creek ground moraine which runs in a southeasterly direction from Section 5, through Sections 9, 15, 22, 23 and 26. Driving west on Nicholson Hill Road from US-23, the road climbs up this slope just past Devil's River.

Chapter 2

Administrative Structure

Administration

Sanborn is governed by an elected Board of Trustees. Recreation decisions concerning land acquisition, recreation planning and financial accommodations are the direct responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Planning Commission advises the board regarding the planning, acquisition, development and funding of all other recreation properties and facilities within the Township. Among other township governmental entities are the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review.

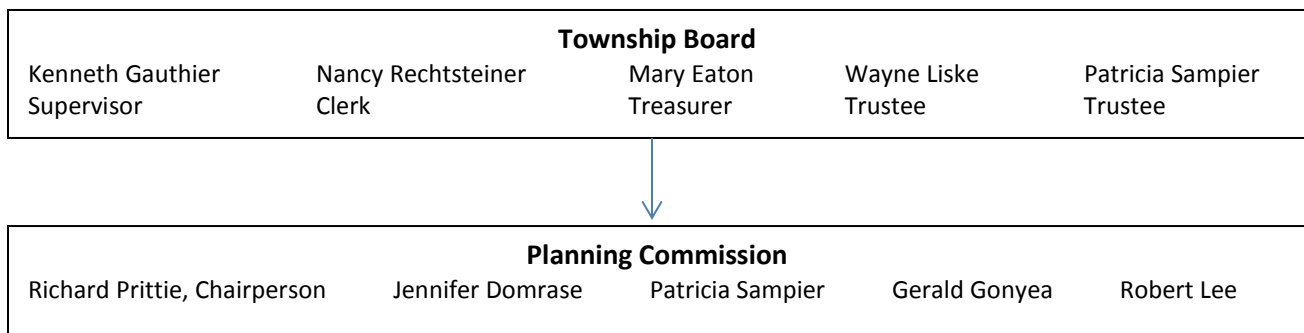
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The Sanborn Township Planning Commission is a five-member body, serving three-year staggered terms. Planning Commission members are intended to represent the township geographically and across a broad spectrum of community interests, including recreation, commerce, industry, government, education, transportation, and so on. In addition to the responsibility of preparing the Master Plan and Recreation Plan, the Sanborn Township Planning Commission is charged with making recommendations on Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map amendments and reviewing development projects as they are proposed.

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Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Operation and maintenance of Township-owned recreational properties on a day-to-day basis are provided through contracted labor, with supervision provided by the Township Supervisor. In the past, the Board has welcomed the participation of volunteer groups and service clubs in the maintenance of Township recreational sites. The involvement of such groups will continue to be strongly encouraged in the future, not only with operation and maintenance, but as match labor in certain development projects.

Sanborn Township Budget

In the Township, finances are garnered from property taxes, permits and fees. Finances for acquisition, operation, and maintenance of all recreational properties within the Township come through the Township Board of Trustees. These funds are provided through Township General Funds. Presently, no other funds are used to fund recreation in the Township. If the Township decides to expand recreational opportunities or acquire new sites, recreation grants and the levying of user fees may be a factor in funding; general funds from the Township Board would also be used.

Funding for the Parks & Recreation Budget

The current Township budget allocates \$22,800 for recreation for 2016-2017. **An identical budget for recreation is allocated for 2017-2018.** The annual recreation items are Park Custodian (\$2,500), maintenance and repairs (\$3,000) and funding for Shin-ga-ba Shores (\$3,000).

REVENUES		BUDGETED	ACTUAL	ADOPTED
		2015-2016	3/31/2016	2016-2017
402	Current Real Property	60,000.00	69,823.99	60,000.00
404	Fire Dept. millage	60,000.00	54,078.64	60,000.00
405	State Education	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
410	Personal Property	2,000.00	3,895.24	2,000.00
412	Delinquent Real	1,000.00	31.15	1,000.00
420	Delinquent Personal	100.00	0.00	100.00
423	Other Property Tax (MSHDA)	150.00	160.33	200.00
434	Trailer Tax	225.00	186.00	225.00
445	3% Penalty	500.00	177.33	800.00
477	Pet Licenses	5.00	0.90	5.00
480	Building Permits	15,000.00	8,574.00	15,000.00
575	Liquor Tax	1,300.00	843.70	1,300.00
576	Sales Tax-Revenue Sharing	155,000.00	158,996.00	160,000.00
579	Swamp/Metro Tax	5,000.00	7,375.80	6,000.00
608	Building Appeals	300.00	0.00	300.00
625	'Water System	600.00	200.00	600.00
627	Chg. for Fire Protection	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
630	Donations to Fire Dept.	1,000.00	1,237.89	1,000.00
642	Chg. for services-Sales	300.00	269.35	300.00

664	Certificate of Deposits	500.00	355.07	500.00
665	Interest of Investments	200.00	56.75	200.00
674	Contrib. for Paul & Babe	100.00	0.00	100.00
675	Contrib. to Playground	100.00	0.00	100.00
678	County Grants/Reimbursements	15,000.00	8,635.00	15,000.00
681	Election Reimb.	500.00	1,867.97	1,000.00
692	Miscellaneous Revenues	2,000.00	1,490.65	2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME:		\$328,180.00	\$321,055.76	335,030.00

EXPENDITURES		BUDGETED	ACTUAL	ADOPTED
702	Park Custodian	2,500.00	2,548.00	2,800.00
732	StreetScape Project	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
801	Rec. Plan & Grants	2,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
931	Maint. & Repairs	3,000.00	3,588.84	4,000.00
932	Shingaba Park	3,000.00	692.60	3,000.00
Total Recreation		\$20,500.00	\$6,829.44	\$ 22,800.00

Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

The Township of Sanborn depends on its community volunteers. These are dedicated individuals who come forward time and again to assist with community improvement projects, fundraising, festival preparations and other community events. The Township Board has frequent contact and excellent rapport with local/adjoining Township Officials and County Representatives whom they work with on various projects. Below is a list of some of the volunteer agencies and groups that volunteer time, funds, or materials to improve and/or maintain recreational assets in the Sanborn Township area.

Ossineke Chamber of Commerce sponsors a skating rink and a movie night at the pavilion.

Sanborn Elementary has sponsored a family fun night.

Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth and **Ossineke Baseball Association** sponsor many baseball leagues and activities, and provide maintenance at the various baseball fields.

Chapter 3

Recreation Inventory

An inventory of recreation facilities available in Sanborn Township was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes Sanborn Township-owned facilities, Alpena County-owned facilities, State- and organization-owned facilities, and privately-owned facilities. Sanborn Township owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below, in **Figure 3-1**. **Figure 3-2** is the map of recreational facilities in Sanborn Township.

Inventory Procedures

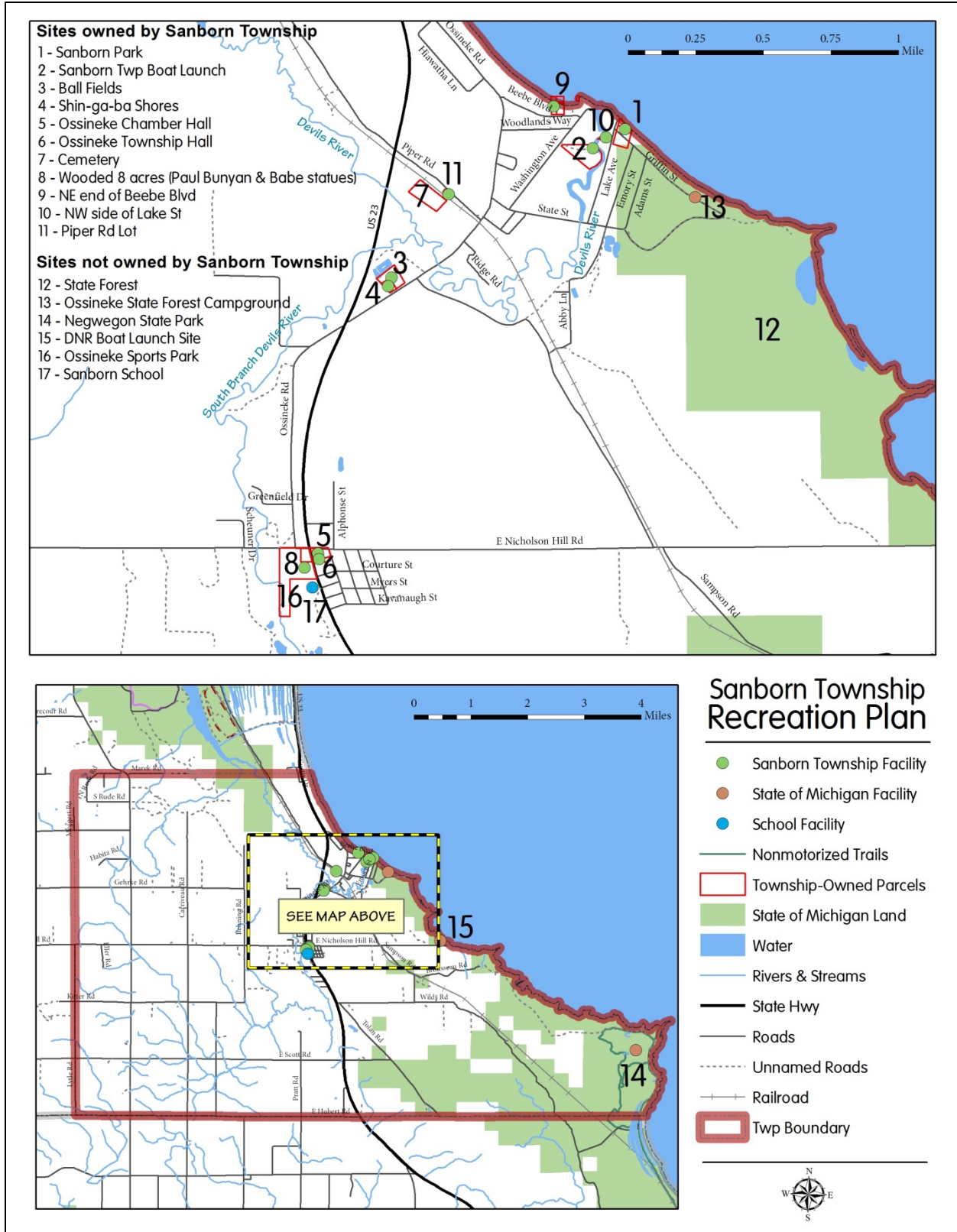
The methods used by NEMCOG staff to compile this recreational inventory include verification and compilation of information from the previous Recreation Plan, and information provided by Sanborn Township officials. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.

Figure 3-1

Accessibility Assessments - An assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

- 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

Figure 3-2



Sanborn Township Recreation Property

1. **Sanborn Park Beach:** Located off Lake Street on Lake Huron, Sanborn Park Beach (also known as Ossineke Park) has a widely used swimming area with a sandy beach but no boat launch site. The park, which is a day use area, includes a pavilion, picnic tables and grills, playground equipment, changing rooms and restrooms in the form of a permanent pit toilet in a block building. No running water is available at the site. Parking is available in a paved parking lot that meets ADA standards; the park is fenced. In addition, an adjacent parcel acquired by the township from the MDNR through a twenty-five year lease agreement greatly increases the township’s recreational capabilities at this expanded location. A grant was obtained from the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee to add and remove playground equipment, clean up the site, add picnic tables and grills, and repair and paint the pavilion.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3



2. **Sanborn Township Launch Site:** Located near the mouth of the Devil’s River off Washington Avenue, this site is approximately 3.5 acres. There are paved parking facilities for cars/trailers in addition to pit toilets. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources acquired property adjacent to this site. Sanborn Township owns the site and leases it to the DNR which has completed improvements to the site.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3



- Sanborn Township Ball Fields:** Babe Ruth Ball Field and Ossineke Ball Field are located at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Ossineke Road. Maintained by Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth and Ossineke Baseball Association, they are used by the Alpena County Baseball leagues and casual baseball teams. The Babe Ruth field is fenced, while temporary fencing is used for the Ossineke Ball Field. Both fields include a backstop, dugouts and bleachers. Other site amenities include a storage building, batting cage, a concession stand and a broadcast booth. Off road parking and two restrooms are provided. A horseshoe pit is also available. This area receives heavy use by the baseball leagues and also by family/friends groups during the summer season.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3



- Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground:** Located on Ossineke Road off of U.S. 23 South and adjacent to the Baseball Fields, this playground was constructed in 1998 by community support and donations. The playground consists of 8,500 square feet of playground equipment that was designed by the children and is a real asset to the Ossineke area. A 26-foot totem pole was added along with picnic tables and a brick walkway with names was installed in 2002. The community maintains the equipment on a yearly basis to keep it looking new.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Township and surrounding communities

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4



5. **Ossineke Chamber Hall:** Located at the corner of Nicholson Hill Road and US 23, the hall sits on a 0.32 acre lot and has been remodeled with barrier free restrooms and entry. It contains a large meeting room (30' X 30') and a modern kitchen. There are also two and one-half fire bays attached to the building.

Type: Special Use

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4



6. **Sanborn Township Hall:** The Sanborn Township Hall is located adjacent to Ossineke Chamber Hall to the south. The combined lot size is 236' X 120' X 217.51' X 247.7'. There are plans to renovate part of the building (the former BoJim building) into a community center. Lot 22 of Ranger subdivision (60' X 107.5') adjoins this property and has been purchased by the Township also. This property is currently not in use, but could be developed to expand parking at the site.



Type: Special Use
Service Area: Township
Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4

- 7. **Cemetery:** The Sanborn Township Cemetery, approximately five acres in size.

Type: Special Use
Service Area: Township
Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

- 8. **Southwest corner of U.S.23 and Nicholson Hill Road:** Eight acres; wooded area adjacent to school property. A statue of Paul Bunyan and Babe makes this area a popular photo spot. In addition, picnic tables are available.

Type: Natural Resource Area
Service Area: Township
Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3



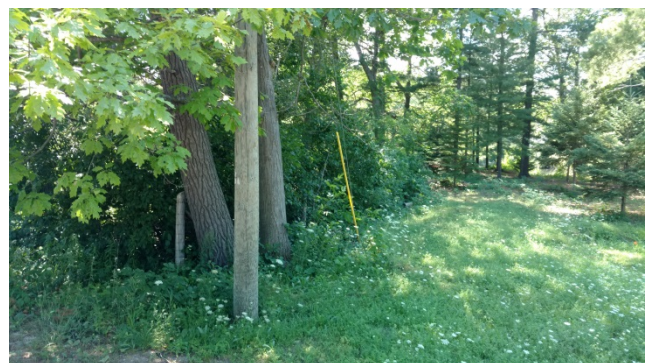
- 9. **Northeast end of Beebe Blvd on Lake Huron:** Block 13, Lots 3, 4, 5, 11 & 12; Block 14, Lots 11-16; 19-20. This property is in the Ossineke Beach Subdivision area. The majority of this land was acquired from the MDNR. Some of the lots are under water.

Type: Special Use
Service Area: Township
Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1



- 10. **Northwest side of Lake Street:** 66-foot wide river-front lot located adjacent to Sanborn Park Beach.

Type: Special Use
Service Area: Township
Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1



11. **Piper Road:** Between Piper Road and the railroad tracks, one-quarter acre; vacant lot; no facilities. Due to the small lot size and location between railroad tracks and a road, the township has no plans to develop this site.

Type: Special Use

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

Other Public Recreational Properties within Sanborn Township

12. **State Forest** is located in the eastern part of the township. These State forestlands are classified as forestry and used for multipurpose recreational activities. Hunting is the primary recreational use with hiking and nature observation opportunities also available.
13. **Ossineke State Forest Campground** is located on the shore of Lake Huron. It has 42 campsites, picnic tables, fire pits, water pumps and eight toilets. A small picnic area has four tables, fire pits and grills. The campground also has a non-motorized hiking trail and a sandy beach. There is no boat launch site.
14. **Negwegon State Park** is located in sections 27, 27, 34 and 35 of T29N, R8E in the township. The park consists of approximately 1,720 acres in Alpena County and an additional 1,265 acres is located in Alcona County. The park is a day-use facility with hiking trails, parking and pit toilets, which are located in Alcona County.
15. **Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Boat Launch Site** is located off of East Nicholson Hill Road on the shore of Lake Huron. Owned by the MDNR, this four-acre site has one concrete ramp for shallow draft boats. With a parking area for 30 cars, this site would normally receive medium to heavy use, however, due to the low water levels, this launch has not been used.
16. **Ossineke Sports Park** is located adjacent to the Sanborn School ball diamond in the northwest corner of section 23 T29N, R8E. Alpena Public Schools owns the property and it is currently leased to the Ossineke Chamber of Commerce. With a grant from Michigan's Neighborhood Builder's Alliance Program, improvements were made that included a soccer field, fenced ball diamond, dugouts, a broadcast booth and restroom facilities.
17. **Sanborn Elementary School Pukwegee Little League Baseball Diamond** is located at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Nicholson Hill Road. The ball field is fenced and includes a backstop, dugouts, one set of bleachers, two restrooms, a concession stand and a storage building. Playground equipment includes a jungle gym, a slide, two basketball hoops, and two swing sets. Convenient off road parking invites heavy daytime use during the peak summer season and moderate use, mostly by families and community groups during the off-season.

Private Recreational Properties within Sanborn Township

1. **Dinosaur Gardens is located at 11160 U.S. 23 South.** Situated on 40 acres, the property is split by the Devil's River. This prehistoric zoo features life size reproductions of over 25 dinosaurs, birds and

other prehistoric animals in a natural outdoor setting. During the warm summer months, an abundance of ferns, wildflowers and many types of trees native to Michigan are found along the picturesque woodland trail. An 18-hole miniature golf course, carriage rides, snack bar and gift shop are also available at this site.

- 2. Garden of Dreams.** A memory flower garden is located behind Connie's Café in Ossineke. Community members plant flowers and trees in memory of lost loved ones.

Other Public Recreational Properties in Alpena County

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve

In October 2000, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve was designated as the nation's first freshwater sanctuary. The 4,300-square mile sanctuary and underwater preserve is located in Thunder Bay off the coast of Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle Counties. Its boundaries extend from the north Presque Isle county line to south Alcona County line and from the shoreline to the international boundary. Not only is the Sanctuary/Preserve the first freshwater sanctuary, it is also the first sanctuary to focus solely on a large collection of underwater cultural resources and the first sanctuary to be located entirely within state waters.

The focus of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve is on understanding the region's "maritime cultural landscape." While the shipwrecks of the Thunder Bay region are the most obvious underwater cultural resource, the sanctuary puts the shipwrecks in the larger context of the region's lighthouses, lifesaving stations, shipwreck salvage operations, and maritime economic activities.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve encourages and promotes recreational activities that include:

- Diving: charter, recreational and commercial
- Fishing: charter, recreational, and commercial
- Boating: recreational and commercial
- Research
- Education

The NOAA protects and manages sanctuaries through the National Marine and Sanctuary System (NMSS). Because the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary and Preserve is entirely within Michigan waters, a Joint Management Committee was established with NOAA and the State participating as equal partners. The involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic in the community is vitally important to the protection of sanctuary resources. To help facilitate community stewardship, a Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) is established which is supported by NMSS. The 15 member council consists of local members from the community representing a variety of disciplines, interests and political subdivisions. Members are appointed by the director of NMSS and mutually agreed upon by NOAA and the State of Michigan. The primary duties of the SAC are to provide recommendations to NOAA and the State of Michigan concerning sanctuary development and to advise the Sanctuary/Preserve manager about management issues. Sanctuary/Preserve activities will focus on resource protection, education, and research. Priority activities include placing mooring buoys at

identified shipwrecks, initiating an inventory and documentation of shipwrecks, and developing a maritime heritage education program.

The Thunder Bay Sanctuary/Preserve Maritime Heritage Center has been developed in a refurbished building within the old Fletcher Paper Mill property along the Thunder Bay River. The museum, education and research center generates considerable activity and has become a focal point in the City of Alpena.

Thunder Bay Island

Thunder Bay Island sits 4 miles offshore from North Point in Alpena County at the northern edge of Thunder Bay. The Island is the outermost island in a group of islands connected to the north point of Thunder Bay by a shallow bank of numerous rocks, most of which are submerged. This 215 acre Island is composed of limestone bedrock and is covered with large boulders and gravel. A thin layer of soil supports a wide variety of plants and the absence of deer allows vegetation to grow without being browsed. The island is an important nesting site for a variety of bird species. Free from major carnivores, except the raccoon, large colonies of ring-billed gulls, common terns, herring gulls and caspian terns can be found raising their young on the island. Federal land use regulations apply to the island and wildlife and wildlife habitats are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Island has been part of the Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge since 1965.

One of the oldest light stations on Lake Huron is located on Thunder Bay Island. The light tower was first constructed in 1832 and was built to warn mariners of the dangerous reefs extending from the island. The lighthouse was built on the SE tip of the island with a tower of stucco covered brick, and a spiral staircase. In 1857 it was raised 10 feet and a fog signal added. The light keepers' quarters are attached. From 1832 to 1939 the Station was run by the U. S. Lighthouse Service, thereafter the U. S. Coast Guard manned it until it was automated in 1983. The lighthouse and accompanying buildings have long been abandoned and signs of deterioration are showing. The facility is currently undergoing restoration by the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Squatters were attracted to the federally-owned island and by 1845; a large fishing community thrived there. One hundred and sixty people lived on the island with thirty-one fishing boats harvesting twelve thousand barrels of fish each year. Faced with government action to remove them from the island, the trespassers picked up their belongings and relocated to nearby Sugar Island, where they stayed for years. Currently the Island is owned by the U.S. Coast Guard and is leased to the Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society. Access to the island is limited to the U S Coast Guard, U S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and members of the Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society. At the present time, the most immediate concern for the Island is the rehabilitation of the lighthouse. Repairs are needed to keep the structure sound and restoration would be needed prior to public viewing. Alpena Township is working to acquire the property around the lighthouse and fog horn house to facilitate the restoration of structures.

Trails

The North Eastern State Trail (NEST) was completed in 2011. Users can walk, bicycle, horseback ride or snowmobile 71 miles from Alpena to Cheboygan. The trail runs from Woodward Avenue in the City of Alpena to the Lincoln Street in City of Cheboygan where it merges with the North Central State Trail which runs south 45 miles to Gaylord or northwest 16 miles to Mackinaw City. The NEST has a 10' wide

packed crushed limestone surface with two foot shoulders, new safety signs, access control features and mile marker posts. The trail use, determined by the DNR, is for all non-motorized users year round and snowmobiles from December 1 through March 31. This project was collaboration between two state departments, local governments and a non-profit organization. The Top of Michigan Trails Council (TOMTC) led the effort to help assemble a 3.1 million dollar funding package which included gaining 5% of the project costs from local governments, individuals and organizations. The Michigan Department of Transportation completed the engineering and project oversight while the Michigan Department of Natural Resources oversaw the project implementation and will continue to manage and maintain the facility. The trail now creates a link across northeast Michigan on the former Detroit to Mackinaw Railroad connecting Alpena, Posen, Hawks, Millersburg, Onaway, Aloha and Cheboygan.

The Alpena to Hillman Trail (also known as the Paxon Spur) is an abandoned rail grade that is 22.3 miles long connecting the City of Alpena to the Village of Hillman. The trail is primarily used by snowmobiles in the winter, although all non-motorized users may use the trail. The surface is dirt, cinder and ballast, and not currently ADA accessible. There are gates on the trail and they are closed and locked during the summer months. The trails are still opened for non-motorized use, but the user must enter around the gates. There is a private elk farm right along the trail where users can view the elk. The Trail is currently undergoing improvements to bring it to the standards of the NEST.

Norway Ridge Pathway, located in Wilson and Alpena Townships, is a 5.7-mile hiking, biking and cross-country ski trail owned by the Michigan DNR. The trail follows sandy ridges through lowland forest habitat covered with large red pines.

Chippewa Hills Pathway, located in Ossineke Township, is open to skiing, mountain biking, and hiking. The trail is 6.6 miles long and traverses through cedar swamp and dense trees.

City of Alpena Bi-Path is an 18-mile paved bicycle and pedestrian pathway system which has been developed throughout the City. This marked bikeway connects with the Alpena Township section that parallels US- 23 from the city limits at Thunder Bay Avenue to Bare Point Road. Inside the City limits, residents and visitors are able to bike, walk, roller blade and skateboard on the 8-10' wide paved pathway and can access all the waterfront parks in the city. In a cooperative city/county effort, a section of the bikeway follows the shore of the Thunder Bay River through the Alpena County Fairgrounds.

Devil's Lake Route is an 8.5-mile ORV Trail Route located on the east side of Devil's Lake in Alpena Township.

Brush Creek Trail is the snowmobile trail systems which connects the Devil's Lake area in Alpena Township with Hillman on the west end of Alpena County.

Natural Features

Alpena County is blessed with an abundance and variety of natural resources. There are 67 lakes, ponds and rivers covering over 13,000 acres in Alpena County and the County has over 50 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Forested lands cover almost 60 percent of the county of which over 85 percent is owned privately. The geology and karst features found in Alpena County are unique to northeast Michigan and the County is home to a large number of sinkholes and sinkhole lakes. More than 200 sinkholes are found in the 50 mile line from Thunder Bay to Black Lake. Some of the dry sinkholes in Alpena County range from 100 to 300 feet in diameter and are up to 150 feet deep. Although most of these are on

private property, two (in Long Rapids Township) have been acquired by the Michigan Karst Conservancy and are open to the public.

While there is a relatively large amount of sensitive and unique natural features in the County, it is recognized that protection and conservation is needed to insure these natural resources are protected and preserved for future generations. Alpena County supports public and private efforts to preserve and protect unique and sensitive natural resources through the use of smart growth design, conservation easements and procurement. Acquisition of properties to improve public access onto Misery Bay will expand recreational opportunities and complement the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve.

Recreational Properties in Alpena County	
Schools	
Alpena Senior High School	Aces Academy
Besser Elementary School	Alpena Community College, Main Campus
Ella White Elementary School	Alpena Community College, East Campus
Lincoln Elementary School	Pied Piper Opportunity Center
Hinks Elementary School	All Saints School
Wilson School	Immanuel Lutheran School
Thunder Bay Jr. High School	
Alpena County	
Alpena County Fairgrounds	
Alpena Plaza Pool	
Tennis Courts	
Long Lake Park/Campground	
Sunken Lake Park/Campground	
Beaver Lake Park/Campground	
Manning Hill Park	
Northern Lights Arena	
Alpena Township	
Owned by Alpena Township	Other Public Property in Alpena Township
Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League Fields	Rockport State Recreation Area
A forty-acre plot of public land is located on West Long Lake Road	Norway Ridge Pathway
A public access site is located on .8 acre of land at the Weiss Road bridge	Devil's Lake Snowmobile and ORV Trails/Devils Swamp Snowmobile Trail
Southside Fire Hall	Devil's Lake Wildlife Flooding Area
Alpena Township Office Building	A Public Access Site is located at Partridge Point
Alpena Township Nature Preserve	Thunder Bay Island and Lighthouse
VanWormer Field	Middle Island Lighthouse
Green Township	
Green Township Ball Park	Manning Hill Park
Green Township Fire Hall	DNR Public Access to Fletcher Pond

Green Township Hall	
Greeley Cemetery	
Spratt Cemetery	
Long Rapids Township	
Owned by Long Rapids Township	Other Public Property in Long Rapids Township
Gleason Ball Field	Long Rapids Elementary School Ball Field
Long Rapids Park	Sunken Lake Campground
Long Rapids Township Hall	Stevens Twins Sinks (Michigan Karst Conservancy)
Long Rapids Township Fire Hal	Mystery Valley (Michigan Karst Conservancy)
Long Rapids Township Cemetery	
Maple Ridge Township	
Owned by Maple Ridge Township	Other Public Property in Maple Ridge Township
Maple Ridge Township Park	Norway Point (Seven Mile Dam) – 3 sites
Maple Ridge Ball Park	
A River Access site is located the Thunder Bay Village East Shore Subdivision	
A River Access is located at the end of Mabel Avenue	
Maple Ridge Township Hall	
Maple Ridge Township Volunteer Fire Department	
Pilgrim’s Rest Cemetery	
Ossineke Township	
Owned by Ossineke Township	Other Public Property in Ossineke Township
Ossineke Township Hall	Beaver Lake Campground/Park
Ossineke Township Cemetery	Chippewa Hills Pathway
Hubbard Lake Lion’s Park	Turtle Lake Club (nonprofit)
Wellington Township	
Owned by Wellington Township	Other Public Property in Wellington Township
Wellington Township Hall	
Wilson Township	
Owned by Wilson Township	Other Public Property in Wilson Township
Wolf Creek Park	Devil’s Lake Snowmobile Trail
Wilson Township Fire Hall and Township Offices	Alpena to Hillman Trail
Wilson Township Cemetery/Building	Indian Reserve Devils Lake Parking Lot
	Norway Ridge Pathway
	Thunder Bay River State Forest Campground
City of Alpena	
Bay View Park	BiPath
Thomson Park	Riverside Skate Park/Water Tower Park
Blair Street Park	Washington Avenue Park
Mich-e-ki-wis Park/Starlite Beach	Alpena Regional Trailhead
North Riverfront Park	City of Alpena Marina
South Riverfront Park	Culligan Plaza

Island Park	Chisholm St Park & Waterfront Park (downtown)
Arthur Sytek Park	Duck Park
Avery Park	Rotary Island Mill Park
LaMarre Park	Veteran's Memorial Park
McRae Park	Eleventh Avenue Boat Launch
	Besser Museum (nonprofit)
Private Recreational Property	
City of Alpena	
APlex	The Alpena Sno-Drifters
Alpena Civic Theatre	Alpena Cycle Club
Thunder Bay Theatre	Paxton Shale Quarry
GKC/Royal Knight Cinema	Alpena Optimist Club
GKC/State Cinema	PK Fletcher Gun Club
Alpena Youth Club	Horse Facilities (2)
Boys and Girls Club	Rivers Edge County Club/Golf Course
Bay Athletic Club	Alpena Shipwreck Tours
Alpena Yacht Club	Laser Team Challenge
Thunder Bay Shores Marina	Cobblestone Bike
Thunder Bay Scuba	Harborside Cycle & Sport
Captain Mike's Dive Charters	Performance Locker
Great Turtle Diving & Sports	Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Great Lakes Divers	Ninth Avenue Dam
Charter Fishing	
Lee's Miniature Golf	
Alpena Township	Maple Ridge Township
Dodge Marina and Storage	Campers Cove Campground
Thunder Bowl, Inc.	Wes Point Shore
Alpena Golf Club	Norway Point (Seven Mile Dam)
Four Mile Dam	
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Paradise Lodge	
Green Township	Wilson Township
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Public Access on Fletchers Pond	
South Bay Campground	
Thunder Bay Resort & Golf Course	

Status Report for Grant-Assisted Parks & Recreational Facilities

Year	Grant #	Park Name	Items	Status
1995	TF95-016	Sanborn Park	Bathhouse Renovation Bathroom Refurbishment Equipment Replacement Pavilion Repair Storage Building Repair	Complete

Sanborn Township Planning Process

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Sanborn Township Planning Commission was the lead entity in developing the Township Recreation Plan. A timeline for the development of the recreation plan update is as follows:

Schedule

May 2016	Township Officials contract with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to assist in drafting a recreation plan for Sanborn Township.
June 2016	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments reviewed expired plan and made updates to the community description, administrative structure and recreation inventory.
July 2016	Via email, NEMCOG staff worked with Planning Commission to create an online survey using SurveyMonkey software. Planning Commission approves final survey.
July, 26 2016	Survey is released to the public. A story is run on local radio WATZ 99.3 on the survey on July 26. A public notice appears in the Alpena News on July 28. The survey is posted on various social media sites including Michigan Sunrise Coast and US 23 Heritage Route.
August 2, 2016	NEMCOG staff conducts on-site visits to each recreational facility in the township and conducts a barrier-free assessment.
August 26, 2016	Public input survey is closed and results are compiled.
September 19, 2016	NEMCOG staff met with the Planning Commission to discuss survey results and formulate goals, objectives and an action plan.
October 17, 2016	The Planning Commission voted to approve the final draft of the Recreation plan and to put the plan out for the 30-day review period.
October 20, 2016	A notice appeared in the Alpena News advertising that the Recreation Plan was available for review.
December 9, 2016	A public hearing notice was published in the Alpena News.

December 19, 2016

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Recreation Plan. No comments were received. The Planning Commission passed a Resolution of Adoption.

January 9, 2017

The Township Board passed a Resolution of Adoption.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. In order to most effectively gather public input, the Planning Commission opted to publish an online survey to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of parks and recreation in the Township. Stories and links to the survey were posted in the Alpena News, local radio (WATZ), and on social media. The survey link posted on Michigan's Sunrise Coast Facebook page garnered 94 "likes" and reached a total of 4,827 people. The US 23 Heritage Route Facebook post reached an additional 321 people. The Township received 50 responses from the survey. These responses equal approximately 2.4 percent of the Township population. This is an excellent response rate in such a small community, so the community was well represented in the process. In fact, many community members left individual comments within the survey. After all public input was gathered and recorded, the Planning Commission met to prioritize projects for the Action Plan and to develop a Capital Improvements Schedule.

Public Notice for Survey Availability

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IN BRIEF

11th Ave closed for roadwork

Beginning today the City of Alpena's concrete contractor will begin the work of repaving 11th Avenue between Tawas Street and Fair Avenue near the Alpena Supply entrance.

This section of 11th Avenue will be closed to all through traffic. Local businesses will be accessible, however, driveway access will be limited at times. Motorists are asked to seek alternate routes if possible.

This work is expected to take four days, unless weather or construction delays occur.

Roadwork to begin in county

The Alpena County Road Commission announced that work will begin this week on maintenance sealcoating on several paved roads in the county. This year the road commission is anticipating the completion of approximately 1.7 miles of local roads, with funding from townships covering two-thirds of the cost and 4.7 miles of primary roads.

The roads included in this year's program includes Airport Road north of M-32; a two-mile stretch of Bloom Road; French Road from La Comb road to Long Lake Road; Robicquet Road; Webster Road, East Point Road; and Island Drive.

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Direct survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SanbornTwp-Parks>

Township officials are encouraging residents in and around Sanborn Township to fill out and submit this survey because public input is a vital component of the future of the area and the public's opinion is highly valued.

Montmorency Food Bank distribution

The Montmorency County Food Bank is having a food distribution at the Atlanta Senior Center today starting at 12 p.m. for seniors and 2 p.m. for families. The event goes until the food runs out. Bring proof of residency in Montmorency County. There will be future food banks held on Aug. 24, Sept. 27, and Oct. 25.

Busy summer for Alpena County Library

By JASON OGDEN
News Staff Writer

HARRISVILLE — The Alpena County Library system has been a hub of activity all summer with heavily attended programming events, according to Denise Beare, director of the library.

Beare highlighted the programming and asked the library board of directors Wednesday to approve a 2017 grant application so funding could be secured for programming for next summer.

The board approved her request in a 3-0 vote to apply for a \$3,200 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Assistant Library Director Lynn VanderLinde said the mini grant has provided a way to get programming from summer to summer for the library. She said most of the events have been very well at-

tended, she said. Beare told trustees that for a late June annual programming event with Nelson the Animal Guy, there were more than 250 people in attendance.

A circus performance netted nearly 100 attendees, and a presentation by the Howell Nature Center also had nearly 100. VanderLinde said one of the goals of the grant and the programming is to have at least one big event at the library per week throughout the summer for the public.

She said without the grant, the majority of events would not be able to take place because there would be a lack of funding.

Beare said the grant also is designed to help get affordable events to the library. She said performing the arts and others that comprise the

programming are pre-vented by the council, and are typically from Michigan.

"We can't afford to get someone from California," she said. Beare, who has been director for just over two years, said she is really amazed at the public response to events.

"That is one of the things that I have been very impressed with the amount of programming and participation in the community at this library," she said. "It is not coming to me because it is a smaller library and a smaller county, but to have 80-plus people come to a program is really good. And that is good for the library and to see things that you call it every day."

There are plenty more interesting programming events for the public to see coming up into Au-

gust and September. Friday the library will host an end-of-summer reading party. Aug. 10 there will be a birds of prey presentation at the location, followed by Frog Day on Aug. 19. On Sept. 9 it's the insects' turn with Bug Day to be held at the library.

More information on events can be found by visiting www.alpena.lib.mi.us.

Other business included: Beare announced that the next library meeting would be held Aug. 24 at the Lincoln branch of the library. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m., she said.

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Register of Deeds updates board about fees increase

By TYLER WINOWIECKI
News Staff Writer

ALPENA — Land recording fees in Michigan are set to increase with the passage of recent legislation in Lansing.

Register of Deeds Teresa Walker updated the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners of the changes during Wednesday's board meeting.

Starting Oct. 1, a flat recording fee for all documents recorded in the Register of Deeds office will increase from \$14 to \$30 — inclusive of all pages. After nine bills the uniform fee came to fruition, making Michigan the only state to have a true flat fee for recording.

According to Walker the changes will bring some additional revenue to the county as the previous line of revenue stood at \$2.22 per document. The new revenue per document is set at \$16.22.

While some may be concerned about the fee increase, Walker made clear how the fees had remained the same for many years. Another justification for the increase was the former speaker of the records of Montmorency County, Walker said.

Walker said she believed the increase could bring in around \$10-12,000 for the county. The increased money she said was much needed for software for the changes.

Walker said she would not change the amount of work the office would do, however she was hopeful it would make it easier for the residents.

Other business: ■ The county audit came back with no major problems and auditors were happy with the financial soundness of the county.

Montmorency has established the first Veterans Treatment Court in Northeast Michigan. Judge Benjamin Bolser has applied for grant funding through the state for the new court. While none have yet participated, Bolser said there are four candidates who are eligible.

■ The sheriff's department has approval to sell their best Under Sheriff Brian Crane said he thought it was in the best interest of the county to sell the best now while it is still in good running condition.

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New Photo by Nicole Grulke
The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run and Walk in Alpena is open for registration, and all those interested in the event.

5K to benefit Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation

By NICOLE GRULKE
News Staff Writer

ALPENA — The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk in Alpena will take place Sept. 24 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Pennsylvania Shell. Registration for the event is open, and those interested can register at T2TRun.org.

All those who register will receive an event T-shirt, and can participate in post-run events. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, including Building for America's Bravest program, which builds specially adapted, custom designed smart homes to help restore independence and improve the quality of life for the nation's most catastrophically injured service members. The foundation aims to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller, who laid down his life to save others on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as honor the military and first responders who continue to make the sacrifice of life and limb for the nation.

This year is the 15th anniversary of 9/11, and T2T is aiming to honor that anniversary by building 15 smart homes for catastrophically injured service members this year. The home recently finished in Alpena was the 50th home built by the foundation, and the first of its kind in Michigan.

Sharon Cole is the volunteer race director of the event. She became interested in the foundation when she heard about it building a home for an injured service member in the Alpena area, and once she learned more about the foundation, she was amazed with what it had been doing for service members. She was there when it raised the first wall for the Ben Eberle family smart home in Alpena, and talked with several T2T representatives afterward, who encouraged her to put on the first T2T 5K in Michigan.

"The foundation asked me if I would be interested in putting on a 5K in Alpena for a fundraiser because this was the first home they had built in Michigan," Cole said. "After talking

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SHARON COLE
RACE DIRECTOR

some time to think about it and getting some key people on board, I said yes to the 5K. When I first started out I was hoping to get around 50-100 people to participate, but it has grown to so much more and I'm so thankful for all of the volunteers and support from the community for the race.

Cole has been working with the other volunteers around the clock to put together the event, get sponsorships and iron out all the specifics of registration to make the T2T 5K a success.

"I put some requests out for help and was put in contact with Melanie Smith, who has been amazing, and has great ambition and ideas," Cole said. "She is my co-chair for this event and I knew from the minute I first talked with her that this was going to be bigger than I had ever envisioned, and now it's bigger than we both had thought it would ever be."

The race begins and finishes at the Bay View Park Band Shell, where there will be live entertainment, refreshments and events going on after the race. Everyone is invited to come out and participate in the race, cheer on participants, and enjoy the events and silent auction afterwards. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase, and children's activities will be available. There are large group entries who register early will be offered discounts for participation in the 5K, and can receive more information about discounts by talking with Cole.

"We have some amazing sponsors and a wonderful team of volunteers working together to make all of this possible," Cole said. "T2T calls them

Stephen's Squad, and they are definitely a team. Seeing them come together has been a great experience. They are productive and goal oriented and have some great ideas they've worked hard to bring together for the event."

Area businesses have pledged to come out to support the 5K and silent auction, such as Home Depot, which will be hosting a children's workshop at the band shell after the race. Prizes for racers will be drawn randomly from businesses and sponsors, with a few special prizes for these firefighters who are running in their gear.

There will be a special prize each for the first male and female firefighter to cross the finish line in their gear coming from an Ossineke artist who now works in New York.

"This isn't an officially timed race," Cole said. "I wanted a way where everyone would have an equal opportunity to win a prize, no matter their fitness level or how they finish the race."

Everyone in Alpena is encouraged to participate in showing their support for the nation's heroes by wearing something to show off the organization or business they are representing, and show support for those who have put their lives on the line.

Anyone who wishes to donate prize items or auction items is more than welcome, and can contact Cole at alpena@tunnel2towers.org, or call her at the WATZ radio station. To register for the race, visit T2TRun.org.

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How many of you have stopped here for a picture?! You'll see many stopping to snap a pic of Paul & Babe here in Ossineke! If you've ever stopped at a park in Ossineke (how about Shin-ga-ba Shores or the Sanborn Township Beach Park on Lake Huron?), would you help out this small and beautiful community and fill out their parks survey? Thanks!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SanbornTwpParks>



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<p>1004 - Notices</p> <p>FIRST DAY</p> <p>1004 - Notices</p> <p>FIRST DAY</p> <p>There will be a meeting of the Region 9 Rural Task Force at 10:00 AM, Friday, November 4, 2016 at the Montmorency County Road Commission, located at 11445 M-32, Atlanta, Michigan.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting will be to review the regional 2017 - 2021 State-wide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) transportation projects utilizing Federal Surface Transportation Funds. The Region 9 Rural Task Force covers Alpena, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle Counties. Interested persons are invited to attend to give public comment. Questions, please contact Nico Tucker at (989) 725-3732 or by email at ntucker@nemcog.org.</p>	<p>1010 - Card of Thanks</p> <p>Holy Spirit Prayer Holy Spirit you who make me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideals, you who gave me the divine gift to forgive all the wrong that was done against me. Thank you for everything and confirm with your power more I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. In Christ, October 25, 2016.</p>	<p>1036 - Notice of Bids Wanted</p> <p>FIRST DAY</p> <p>Alpena County Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking sealed bids for purchase of a commercial grade zero turn lawn mower and for the sale of a used 2010 Husvarna EZ4624 mower. Refer to www.alpenacounty.org for more details.</p> <p>FOR CASH TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER: 2005 Dodge Caravan VIN 2G4GP44L4F313140 miles 110,242. Bid deadline is October 25, 2016. This item is stored and may be inspected at Alpena, Michigan. Call 989-356-2174 for more details.</p>	<p>1045 - Announcements</p> <p>FIRST DAY</p> <p>ALPENA ROTARY SPORTSPERSON RAFFLE TICKETS are now on sale in the front office of The Alpena News. Tickets are \$10 and give you a chance to win 20 weekly drawings, beginning November 7th. Prizes vary each week but include such things as Brownie A boat, office, Thompson musket, field spotting scope, a Lac-pold binoculars, plus many others. Supplies are limited.</p>	<p>15 - Employment</p> <p>BUSY REALTOR</p> <p>looking for an Assistant</p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Tasking Customer Service <p>Please send resume to: Lori Stephan Realtor</p> <p>Real Estate One</p> <p>Real Estate One of Alpena & Oscoda</p> <p>989-354-7653 989-379-1111 call & text LoriStephan@realty.com</p>	<p>1508 - Professional</p> <p>CPA - Northeast Michigan Certified Public Accounting firm seeks full-time, well-rounded CPA to serve our varied and growing client base. We offer traditional attestation and financial statement services (primarily reviews, AUP's, audits), business consulting, write-ups, payroll/payroll tax services and tax planning/preparation services to estates, individuals, small businesses, corporations, and not-for-profit entities. Our firm has a friendly, flexible, professional environment with excellent opportunities for career advancement including partnership potential for the "right" candidate. The position is full-time, however, candidates who prefer full-time work during busy season and a reduced schedule the balance of the year are negotiable for the qualified candidate. Candidates must be a licensed CPA with 3-5 years' minimum professional relevant experience including tax preparation, audit, review, compilation, and financial statement preparation. Applicants should feel comfortable meeting with clients, communicate effectively both verbally and in writing, work well with others, think critically and display professional conduct at all times. Knowledge of GS Professional Suite of products including UltraTaxCS is a plus, but not required.</p> <p>Apply within or contact Michael Madrox, (989) 742-4581, for more information.</p>	<p>1526 - Full Time Wanted</p> <p>FIRST DAY</p> <p>NEMCSA</p> <p>Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA) is seeking an Early Head Start Director. Responsible for the general management of the Early Head Start Program. Annual Wage starting at \$34,000.00 with benefits. The job application are available on the Career section at www.nemcsa.org.</p> <p>Application deadline is October 23, 2016.</p> <p>Upon request auxiliary aids and services will be made available to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center, Voice and TTY: 1-800-649-3777.</p> <p>An EOE.</p>
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1510 - Medical

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MediLodge of Hillen is now hiring for C.N.A.'s and Nurses - RN's and LPN's.

Apply within or contact Michael Madrox, (989) 742-4581, for more information.

1528 - Part Time Wanted

PART TIME

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1536 - Situations Wanted

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The Mining Journal is seeking a full-time photo editor to join its award-winning team in Marquette. A successful candidate must have outstanding photography skills, especially in the area of sports shooting. The ability to write is a plus. Proficiency in Photoshop is also required, along with reliable transportation and flexibility in schedule as night and weekend work is required. The salaried position includes benefits.

Interested persons should contact Managing Editor Bud Sargent at 906-228-2500, ext. 244 or via email at bsargent@miningjournal.net.

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1004 - Notices

FIRST DAY

SANBORN TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Sanborn Township 5-Year Recreation Plan draft will be available for public review for the next 30 days at

<http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp>

or at the Sanborn Township Offices at 12011 US 23 South, Ossineke, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 3pm. Please send comments to Denise Cline at PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI, 49734 or to

dmcline@nemcog.org

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Sanborn Township Public Hearing

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William B Speer, Publisher
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SANBORN TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Sanborn Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2017-2021, and

WHEREAS, An online public input survey was released on July 26, 2016, advertised on Facebook, WATZ and in the Alpena News, and was available for one month to provide for an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the future of recreation in the Township, and

WHEREAS, A public notice was published in the Alpena News on October 20, 2016, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, A public hearing notice was published in the Alpena News on December 9, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Sanborn Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Sanborn Township Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan and recommends to the Township Board adoption of the Sanborn Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Sanborn Township.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: -0-

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Sanborn Township Planning Commission, held on December 19, 2016.

12-19-16
Date

Richard Pettie
Chairman

Planning Commission Minutes

Sanborn Township Planning Commission
December 19, 2016 Minutes
7:00PM
Sanborn Township Hall
Public Hearing
RE: 2017 – 2021 Recreation Plan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Prittie at 7:05PM with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken and all members were present; Prittie, Donrase, Lee, Gonyea and Sampier.

The minutes were presented for the November 21st meeting. Motioned by Gonyea and seconded by Domrase. 5- 0 approved.

A motion was made to move to the Public Hearing by Sampier and seconded by Gonyea. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Minutes
RE: 2017 – 2021 Recreation Plan

Chairman Prittie called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15 PM. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was taken and the Resolution passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays. The Resolution of Adoption of the Sanborn Township Recreation Plan will be presented to the Sanborn Township Board at their January 9th Board Meeting. A copy of the resolution will also be sent to Denise Cline at NEMCOG to be included in our plan. The Resolution was signed by Chairman, Rich Prittie.

A motion was made by Domrase and seconded by Lee to close the Public Hearing at 7:20PM. Motion passed.

Board members discussed the next issues we would need to work on for the January 16, 2017 meeting. The agenda will consist of:

1. Reviewing the sign changes suggested by NEMCOG for our Zoning Ordinances. Sampier and Prittie will get the 40 page document out to members in the new year.
2. Making a list of possible alternates to give to Supervisor Gauthier for the Planning Commission appointment.
3. Budget recommendations to the Township Board for fiscal year 2017 – 2018.

The meeting was ajourned at 7:25PM with a motion by Gonyea and support by Lee. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Sampier

SANBORN TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Township Board

WHEREAS, Sanborn Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2017-2021, and

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WHEREAS, A public hearing notice was published in the Alpena News on December 9, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Sanborn Township Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the 5-Year Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Sanborn Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Sanborn Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Sanborn Township.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Sanborn Township Board of Trustees, held on January 9, 2017.

01/09/2017
Date

Greg A. ...
Sanborn TWP Clerk

Township Board Minutes

Sanborn Township
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Ossineke, MI 49766
(989) 471-1050

REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING January 9, 2017

Township Supervisor Ken Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call found the following present: Supervisor Ken Gauthier, Treasurer Mary Eaton, Clerk Nancy Rechtsteiner, and Trustees Wayne Liske and Patricia Sampier. Others in attendance included Planning Commission Chairperson Rich Prittie, Deputy Clerk John Rechtsteiner, and Fire Chief Dale Hart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Liske motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of an MTA Workshop and Road Commission matching funds memorandum. Sampier supported the motion; motion was carried.

DECEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Eaton motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Liske supported the motion; motion was carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The report given by Eaton as of January 8, 2017 was as follows:

First Merit General Account		\$ 111,777.15
First Merit Money Market Account		\$ <u>201,030.72</u>
Total General Fund		\$ <u>312,807.87</u>
First Merit Bank Tax Account		\$ <u>48,549.01</u>
Designated for Water Fund		\$ 6,317.92
Designated for future Fire Equipment		\$ 104,314.97
Designated for Parks & Rec		\$ -0-
Summer 2016 Taxes	Levied	\$ 615,732.00
	Paid	<u>570,976.96</u>
	Due	\$ 44,755.04
Winter 2016	Levied	\$1,047,210.98
	Paid	<u>464,904.76</u>
	Due	\$ 583,340.56

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to receive and file correspondence made by Liske. Eaton supported the motion; motion was carried.

ROADS

Billing Memorandum – Gauthier motioned to pay the bill received from the road commission. Liske supported the motion; motion was carried.

REPORTS

Planning Commission/ZBA/Rec Plan - Report given by Planning Commission Chairperson Rich Prittie. Prittie said Denise from NEMCOG has revamped their sign ordinance and the planning commission will review it at their next meeting. They are also received an estimate of \$2.00 per square foot for the basketball court project. That would make it between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to complete that job. Discussions were heard regarding future ideas and grants. Prittie said there were no attendees at their public hearing and that they accepted the plan and has brought it before the board of Trustees for approval. Liske motioned to approve the rec plan. Eaton supported the motion; motion was carried. A roll call vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays resulted in the resolution being adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Dale Hart reported they had 17 runs during the month. Of those calls, 1 call was a power line down, 1 call was for smoke in a house. The remainder were all medical calls. Hart shared some photos of the new truck that CSI is hoping to have completed before the spring grass fires start. He also submitted Dean Aube's resignation letter and stated the department gave Aube a plaque for his years of service on the fire department during their appreciation dinner. The fire department had training at Hubbard Lake, and will continue training once a month with the department rotating training between the two fire halls.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Website – Rechtsteiner reported the clerk's office will be meeting with Allegra January 18, 2017 to get things started with the website.

MTA Conference – Eaton motioned to approve registration, lodging, per diems, mileage, and meals for any Board of Trustee members wishing to attend the conference, including the Deputy Clerk, which will be held in Lansing in April 2017. Liske supported the motion; motion was carried.

Alternate Board of Review Member – Gauthier stated we need to advertise for another alternate for the Board of Review. During that discussion, Sampier also asked if we could include an advertisement for the alternate that is still needed for the Planning Commission. Gauthier motioned to advertise for both positions. Sampier supported the motion; motion was carried. Classified ad to direct any questions to Gauthier's work phone number with a deadline of February 13, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Review Training – Alpena – February 23, 2017

Sampier motioned to approve training, which includes registration, per diem, meals, and mileage for members of the Board of Review and the Assessors. Rechtsteiner supported the motion; motion was carried.

Street Light @ Ossineke Road and Piper Road

Gauthier said that a light can be put onto an existing pole. The cost per month will be \$18.05 for a 250watt bulb. Eaton motioned to approve the lighting addition. Sampier seconded the motion; motion was carried.

Budget 2017-2018

Some budget items were reviewed. Rechtsteiner to check on the funding to some of the Revenue accounts and to check on some of the current contracts held. Gauthier stated that the Board needs to request some new bids for some service providers.

Budget Amendments

None

Bills

Liske motioned to approve the pre-authorized bills with check numbers 22362-22368 and the monthly bills with check numbers 22369-22414. Sampier supported the motion; motion was carried.

Public Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be February 13, 2017.

Nancy M. Rechtsteiner
Sanborn Township Clerk

Submittal Letter to Alpena County



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January 30, 2017

Darlene Wilmot, Chair
Alpena County Planning Commission
720 W. Chisholm Street
Alpena, MI 49707

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Chapter 5

Goals, Objectives & Action Plan

Goals & Objectives

The following goals and objectives were developed from the public input obtained from the survey as well as by input from the Planning Commission.

1. To protect, promote and preserve the area.
2. To develop and maintain strong local government involvement in recreational and tourism planning and projects.
3. Improve the quality of life for residents and bring visitors to Sanborn Township by maintaining, improving and expanding recreation within the Township.
4. Provide a balance of recreational amenities which are oriented to the aging population to increase the desirability of the community to retirees.
5. Provide recreational amenities which are oriented toward the younger population and families in order to increase the livability of the community to attract young families to the area and retain older youth.
6. Support cooperative regional recreation planning and development with Alpena County, the Michigan DNR, and other surrounding communities.
7. To encourage tourism as an economic resource for the community, yet recognize the need to provide other recreational opportunities to the residents.
8. Improve the overall local economy by enhancing the livability of the community in order to attract entrepreneurs and encouraging the creation of new tourism-based jobs.
9. To provide outdoor recreational facilities for the enjoyment of local residents, sports enthusiasts and visitors to Sanborn Township.

Action Plan

Sanborn Township Beach Park

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Sanborn Township Beach Park to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Develop a beach volleyball court.
 - b) **Action:** Construct ADA accessible ramp to water.
 - c) **Action:** Develop basketball courts.
 - d) **Action:** Expand parking area.
 - e) **Action:** Add more benches, grills, and picnic tables.
 - f) **Action:** Add more playground equipment.

2. **Objective:** Improve overall park appearance and protect from deterioration.
 - a) **Action:** Clean beach area of debris.
 - b) **Action:** Clean and improve Lake St road end to provide lake access for canoes/kayaks.
 - c) **Action:** Clear vacant lot behind restrooms for future expansion of park facilities

Lake Street Property on Devil's River

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Lake Street Property to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Clear lot for access to river and fishing platform.
 - b) **Action:** Construct universally-accessible fishing platform.
 - c) **Action:** Develop small parking area.
 - d) **Action:** Add benches, grills, and picnic tables.

Sanborn Township Boat Launch on Devil's River

Goal: Continue partnership with, and support the MDNR in the maintenance and operation of the launch site.

Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground & Ball Fields

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground to encourage its continued use as a primary recreational facility in the Township and maintain community partnerships in that effort.

1. **Objective:** Continue to provide and enhance amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Replace Totem Pole.

- b) **Action:** Perform necessary maintenance to sustain the life of the wooden play structure.
 - c) **Action:** Construct shade structures (canopies or pergolas) over benches.
 - d) **Action:** Install additional benches, picnic tables and garbage receptacles.
2. **Objective:** Continue partnership with and support of Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth and Ossineke Baseball Association in the maintenance, operation, and enhancement of the ball fields.

Beebe Street Property

Goal: Create a development plan for the property and enhance the recreational opportunities at this unimproved site to expand and enhance the recreational opportunities in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Develop this access site and provide limited site amenities in such a way as to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Determine and re-establish boundary lines.
 - b) **Action:** Driveway and parking improvements.
 - c) **Action:** Sign as a public facility.
2. **Objective:** Develop a park improvement plan for the site.
 - a) **Action:** Gather public input regarding potential uses of the property.
 - b) **Action:** Create a development plan for the property.

Wooded 8 Acres (US 23 and Nicholson Hill)

Goal: Enhance recreational opportunities in areas of the property in such a way as to enhance usability, maintain a natural area buffer between the school and commercial area, and provide an educational nature trail.

1. **Objective:** Provide limited site amenities to improve usability of the site.
 - a) **Action:** Create a limited parking area.
 - b) **Action:** Install informational signage regarding Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox.
 - c) **Action:** Construct viewing platform for photo opportunities of Paul Bunyan and Babe statues.
 - d) **Action:** Install benches, picnic table, and garbage receptacles.
2. **Objective:** Improve appearance of wooded area and protect from deterioration to encourage use as a nature classroom
 - a) **Action:** Remove deadfall and other debris.
 - b) **Action:** Mulch nature pathways.

- c) **Action:** Label trees and other natural fauna.

Sanborn Township Hall

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Sanborn Township Hall to encourage its establishment as a recreational and community facility in the Township.

1. Objective: Renovate back of building (BOJim building) as a community center.
 - a) **Action:** Renovate former BOJim building to include community center with activity room, kitchen and restrooms.
 - b) **Action:** Clear vacant adjacent lot and develop as parking area.

Ossineke Chamber Hall

The Chamber of Commerce currently has a 99-year lease for this building. This building-is in need of re-wiring, a new heating system, and is in need of barrier-free bathrooms. Certain kitchen refurbishments would allow a more complete utilization of the building. The public input survey supported the use of this building.

Capital Improvement Schedule

The Capital Improvement Schedule found below describes what recreational improvements the parks and recreation committee as well as the Township would like to pursue over the next five years.

Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Table			
SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)
Sanborn Beach Park	Develop a beach volleyball court	\$30,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Construct ADA accessible ramp to water.	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Develop basketball courts	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Expand parking area	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Add more benches, grills, and picnic tables	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Add more playground equipment	\$30,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Clean beach area of debris	Variable	Local funds. Volunteers.
	Clean and improve Lake St road end to provide lake access for canoes/kayaks	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Clear vacant lot behind restrooms for future expansion of park facilities	\$8,000	Local funds. Volunteers.
Lake Street Property on Devil's River	Clear lot for access to river and fishing platform.	\$8,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Develop universally-accessible fishing platform.	\$125,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Develop small parking area.	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Add benches, grills, and picnic tables	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.

Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground and Ball Fields	Replace Totem Pole.	TBD	Local funds.
	Perform necessary maintenance to sustain the life of the wooden play structure.	TBD	Local funds. Volunteers.
	Construct shade structures (canopies or pergolas) over benches.	\$8,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Install additional benches, picnic tables and garbage receptacles.	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
Beebe Street Property	Determine and re-establish boundary lines.	\$1,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Driveway and parking improvements.	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Sign as a public facility.	\$2,000	Local funds.
	Gather public input regarding potential uses of the property.	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Create a development plan for the property.	\$8,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
Wooded 8 Acres (US 23 and Nicholson Hill Rd)	Create a limited parking area.	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Install informational signage regarding Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox.	\$2,000	Local funds.
	Construct viewing platform for photo opportunities of Paul Bunyan and Babe statues.	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Install benches, picnic table, and garbage receptacles.	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
	Remove deadfall and other debris.	\$3,000	Local funds. Volunteers.
	Mulch nature pathways.	\$3,000	Local funds. Volunteers.
	Label trees and other natural fauna.	\$2,000	Local funds. Volunteers.
Sanborn Township Hall	Renovate former BoJim building to include community center with activity room, kitchen and restrooms	\$250,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.

	Clear vacant adjacent lot and develop as parking area.	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available. Local funds.
Ossineke Chamber Hall (BoJim Building)			
*Some flexibility in the costs and funding sources may be necessary.			

Basis for Action (Socio-Economic Characteristics)

The existing socio-economic characteristics of Sanborn Township assist the Township in determining the recreational needs of its residents and visitors.

*Population**

The 2014 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates the population of the Township at 2,133 – only 66 less than the 2013 population estimate of 2,199. However this number does not take into account the seasonal population that many lakefront communities in northern Michigan enjoy. ACS estimates that, in 2014, there existed 183 residences in Sanborn Township that were classified for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. With an average household size of 2.66 per unit for owner-occupied and 1.92 per unit for renter-occupied (seasonal rentals), that indicates that Sanborn Township could gain between 351 and 486 seasonal residents each year. This is a significant number for the township with the smallest geographic area of Alpena County. In fact, Sanborn Township has the second highest number of residents of any township in Alpena County. Therefore, Sanborn Township must provide recreational facilities to a higher number of residents with the lowest amount of land to provide tax base.

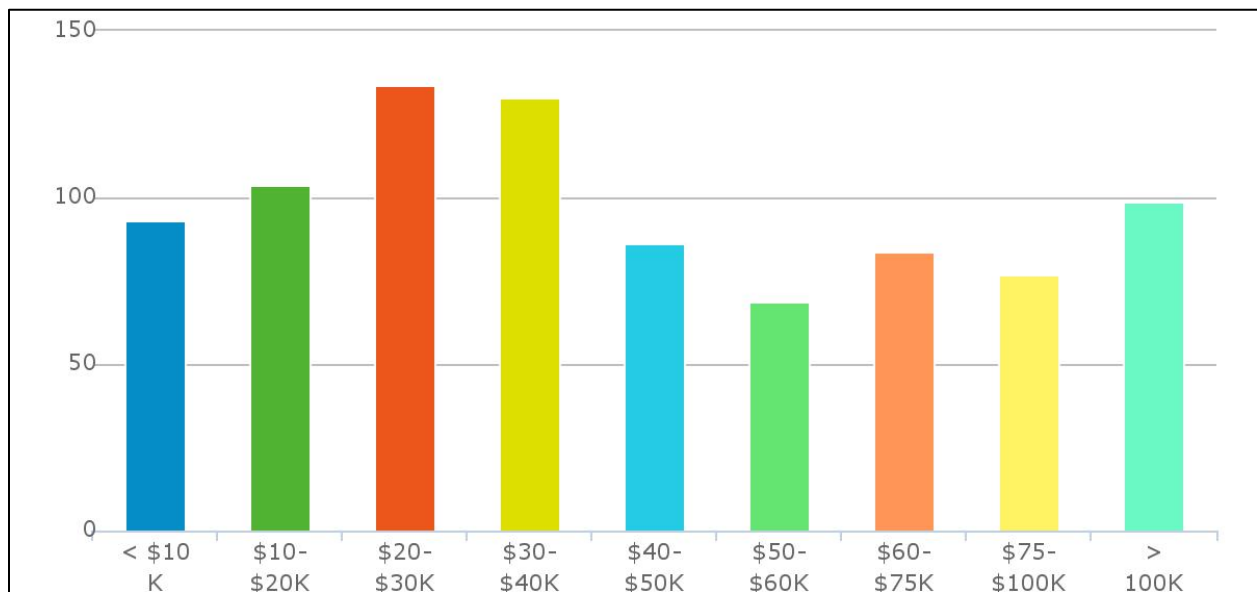
*Age Distribution**

Individuals 60 years of age and over make up 23 percent of the population of Sanborn Township (slightly higher than the State average of 21 percent). Northeast Michigan has a high influx of retirees and planning for the recreational needs of this large resident population must be a consideration of the Township. Younger people, under the age of 19, make up over 28 percent of the Township’s population. This number is similar to the State average of 26 percent under the age of 19. Over 22 percent of the township population is between 25 and 44 years of age. Therefore, the Township recreational facilities must appeal to a diverse age group with diverse interests (as indicated by the community survey). The planned improvements to Sanborn Township Beach Park cater to a variety of age groups with playground equipment additions for the youngest age group, beach volleyball for older children and young adults, and the provision of access for canoes/kayaks for all ages. Similarly, the additions to the Lake Street Property on the Devil’s River focus on the adult age groups, and the enhancement of Shing-a-ba Shores and the ball fields cater to children. The passive recreational improvements at the wooded eight acres will be used by all ages including school groups from nearby Sanborn Elementary. Similarly, the limited improvements proposed at the Beebe Street property will appeal to a wide variety of users. In addition, the development of a plan for that property will help to focus improvements based on the recreational survey results.

*Income**

The Township's median household income is \$19,621 as compared to the State median income of \$25,080. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable which means that nearby facilities should be enhanced to lessen the driving time and expenses that residents would incur to travel to facilities farther away.

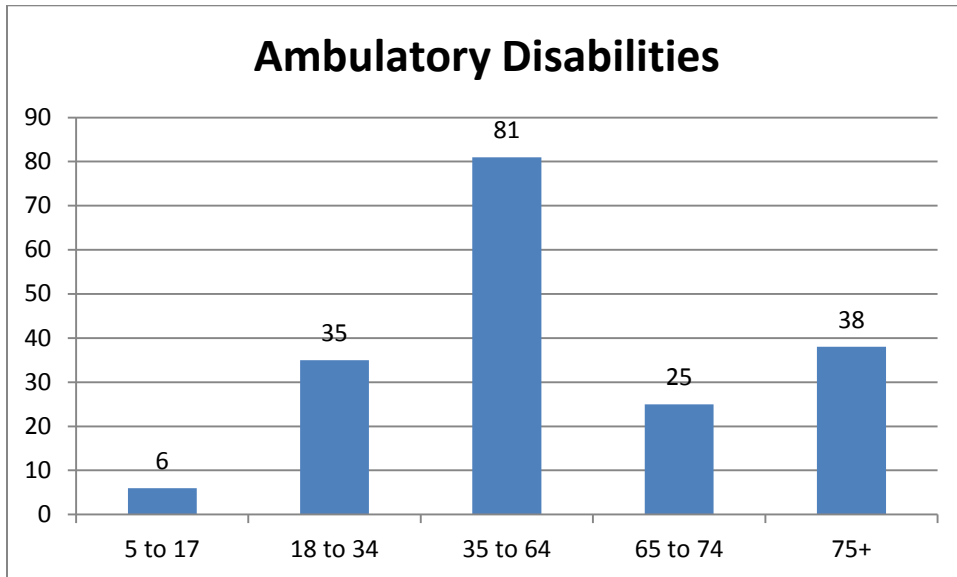
The figure below shows the income distribution of households in the Township. It is evident that the two largest income groups in the Township are those earning between \$20,000 and \$40,000 per year. This is an income level that makes travel to more distant recreation opportunities difficult, therefore they must find more opportunities locally. The improvements proposed at the Township's facilities are meant to provide free recreational opportunities within the small geographic area of Sanborn Township.



*Disabilities**

According to the 2014 American Community Survey, there are currently 185 residents (over the age of five) of Sanborn Township with an ambulatory disability. Six of these residents are children under the age of 17. For the age group from 18 to 34, this number increases to 35 residents. 81 residents from the ages of 35 to 64 have an ambulatory disability. People ranging between 18 and 64 years of age are typically engaged in active recreational opportunities, therefore the Township must provide for these same type of active recreational opportunities for these residents with limited mobility. In Sanborn Township, the number of residents over the age of 65 with ambulatory disabilities is slightly lower than the younger age groups but still not insignificant. The Township wishes to provide engaging passive recreational opportunities in order to satisfy the older age groups with limited mobility. The most-used facility in the Township, Sanborn Beach Park, is proposed for accessibility updates to accommodate the residents with limited mobility. It is also the Township's

intention to accommodate these residents as other improvements are made to facilities within the Township.



*Economic Prosperity**

The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in Sanborn Township are reported at 5.9 percent (2015), and all of Northeast Michigan has remained higher at 7.6 percent, 10 percent, and 12 percent in 2015, 2014, and 2013 respectively) than the state average of 5.4 percent, 7.3 percent, and 8.8 percent in 2015, 2014, and 2013 respectively. The attraction of visitors to the Township because of the high quality outdoor recreational opportunities will bring business opportunities to Township residents and, thereby, lead to a better quality of life.

The Township strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a high quality of life which will attract young families and entrepreneurs. The improvement of these recreation facilities and the establishment of a community center will move the Township toward this goal. This quality of life will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and attraction of visitors are two methods with which the Township hopes to continue its economic turn-around.

**Population, Income, Age Distribution and Disability statistics obtained from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010-2014 5-year estimates. Unemployment rate obtained from Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget*

APPENDIX A

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



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

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Sanborn Township Recreation Plan

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Sanborn Township, Michigan

Alpena

January 2017

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)

Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart

Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

Current Funding Sources

Role of Volunteers

Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:

Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities

Articles of Incorporation

3. RECREATION INVENTORY

Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)

Accessibility Assessment

Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

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

Date of the Notice October 20, 2016

Type of Notice Alpena News (newspaper)

Plan Location Township Hall and Online

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 60

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice December 9, 2016

Name of Newspaper Alpena News

Date of Meeting December 19, 2016

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 9, 2017

2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: December 19, 2016

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 30, 2017

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 30, 2017

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Sanborn Township
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Kenneth A. Souther 2-3-17
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

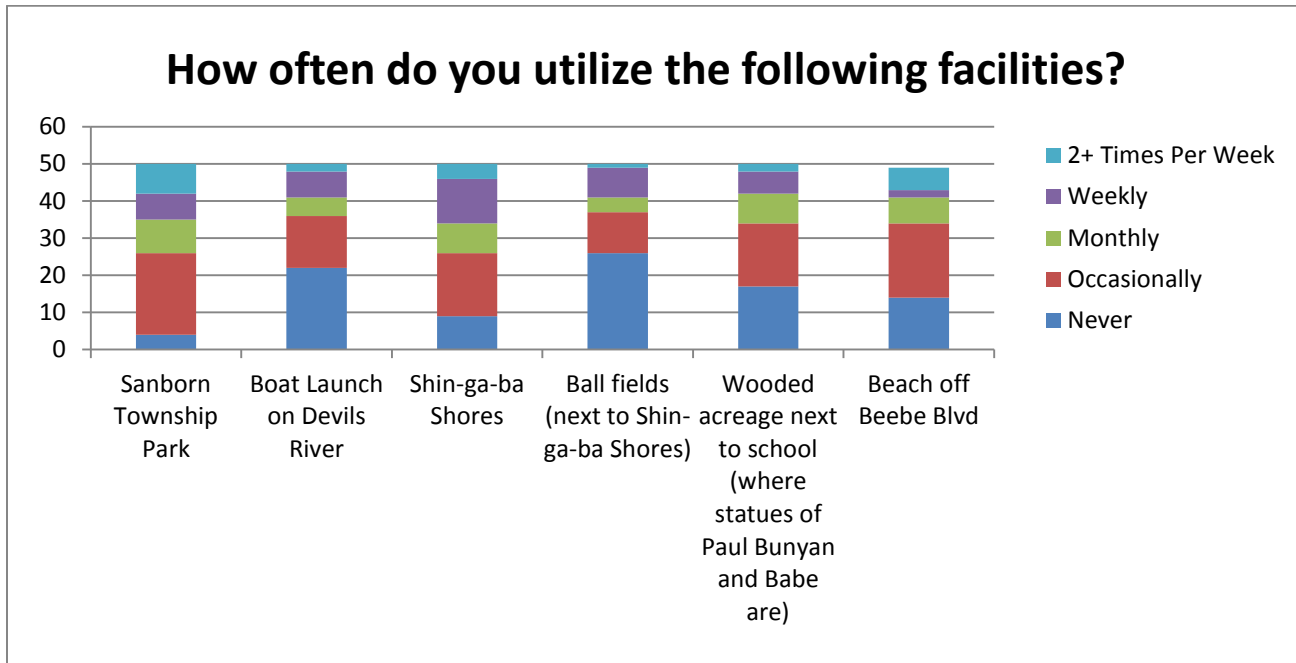
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APPENDIX B
SURVEY RESULTS

Sanborn Township Recreation Plan Survey Results

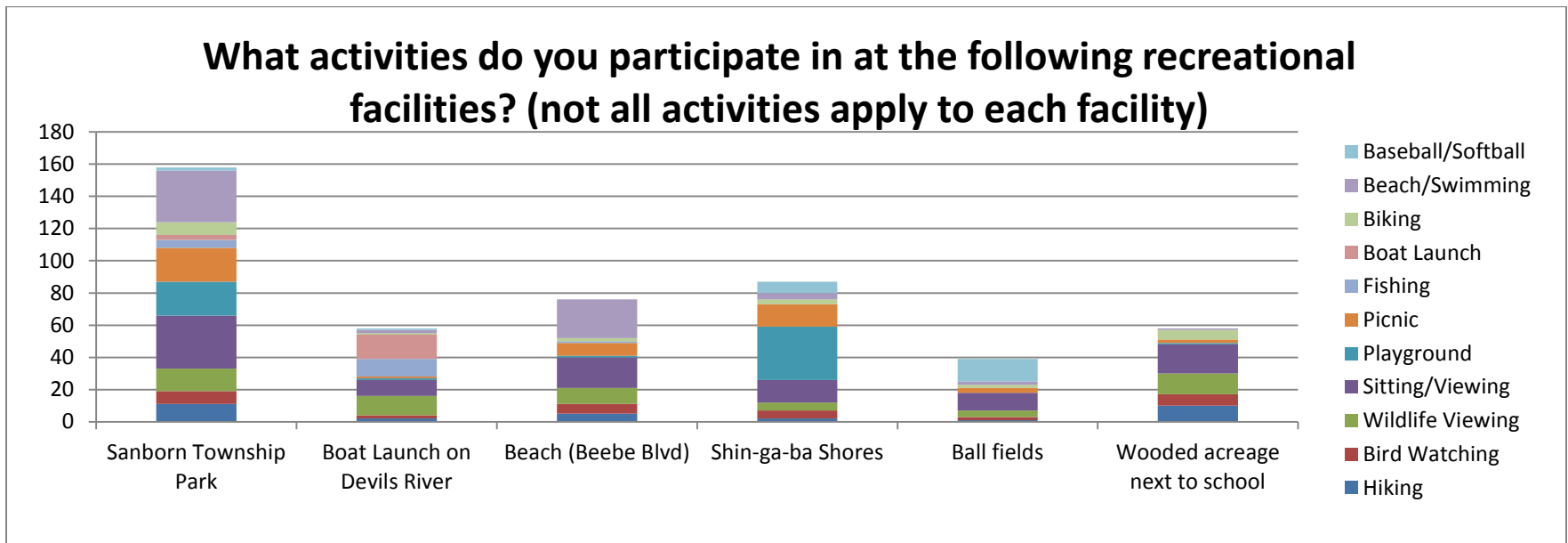
Q1: How often do you utilize the following facilities?

Answer Options	2+ Times Per Week	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Response Count
Sanborn Township Park	8	7	9	22	4	50
Boat Launch on Devils River	2	7	5	14	22	50
Shin-ga-ba Shores	4	12	8	17	9	50
Ball fields (next to Shin-ga-ba Shores)	1	8	4	11	26	50
Wooded acreage next to school (where statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe are)	2	6	8	17	17	50
Beach off Beebe Blvd	6	2	7	20	14	49
<i>answered question</i>						50
<i>skipped question</i>						0



Q2: What activities do you participate in at the following recreational facilities? (not all activities apply to each facility)

Answer Options	Baseball/Softball	Beach/ Swimming	Biking	Boat Launch	Fishing	Picnic	Playground	Sitting/ Viewing	Wildlife Viewing	Bird Watching	Hiking	Response Count
Sanborn Township Park	2	32	8	3	5	21	21	33	14	8	11	41
Boat Launch on Devils River	1	2	1	15	11	1	1	10	12	2	2	25
Beach (Beebe Blvd)	0	24	2	0	1	8	1	19	10	6	5	31
Shin-ga-ba Shores	7	4	3	0	0	14	33	14	5	5	2	42
Ball fields	14	2	2	0	0	3	0	11	4	2	1	22
Wooded acreage next to school	0	1	6	0	0	2	1	18	13	7	10	27
Other (please specify)												6
answered question												46
skipped question												4



Number	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Lake Huron for diving	
2	I enjoy walking the beach beginning at Sanborn Township Park and south towards the State Campground. In recent years our township has improved the Park and I appreciate the improvements and care this area has received. I don't believe there is a sign at the beach on Beebe Boulevard.	
3	The Veterans baseball field in the township is a great facility use by hundreds of people annually but has no funding for any maintenance. It is solely maintained (i.e. mowing, painting , paying the power bill, plumbing repair etc...) by a select few people who care about the ball park and it's future. Any twp. funding or help would be appreciated .	
4	Hike and ski the state owned property adjacent to the Devils River Boat launch.	
5	Ossineke is a very quiet and peaceful place to totally enjoy the tranquility in its parks, rivers and the community itself! Enjoying the areas history and its friendly citizens! Something that is great is the refurbished "Dinosaur Gardens", plus for Ossineke is it's got a couple good restaurants that bring in visitors!	
6	Sadly we no longer live in Alpena but, spent plenty of time in Ossineke with our dearest friends. Lots of good memories	

Q3: What improvements do you feel are needed at the Sanborn Township Park (beach)?

Number	Response Text
1	Regular plowing of the beach; Improved bathrooms; Basketball court ; Bigger kids climbing structure
2	Keep sand groomed
3	MORE PARKING FULL COURT FOR BASKETBALL
4	None
5	Many years ago it was possible to drive to the water's edge at the end of the road, just beyond the gate leading into the Park. (between the Park fence and the private home) This would be a convenient place to put in a kayak or a paddle board without having to carry them from the Park parking area, across the sand to the water. If this is still possible, perhaps a sign needs to be placed to indicate the public access.
6	water pump so that people can rinse off their feet and/or wash their hands. a basketball court would be nice to have to allow older kids to keep their life occupied
7	We need an established volleyball court/courts. There is plenty of room and there are entities that will donate the equipment and volunteers willing to help. There are a lot of youth in the area that participate weekly at Mich-E-Ke-Wis and there is a need in this area. The area directly leading to the park, the rail is ugly, and the neighbor is encroaching. The chain link fence is ugly, and not necessary. The area behind the changing rooms needs clearing, there is a ton of debris there currently, and is the first thing we see when arriving. It would be a great place for a BMX course for the kiddies. The park us a wonderful place. Perhaps an improved break wall, the entrance to the Devils River is not pretty, the caissons could be filled and a walkway like Alpena has at the river would be truly awesome. Image stones at the entrance like there were when the place was settled. The pavilion could be electrified, for use as a concert venue.
8	Trees cut and more playground equipment. Also make it handicap accessible to the water.

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- 9 Maybe more play ground equipment.
 - 10 more play ground equipment
 - 11 too many rocks
 - 12 This area has come a long way. It's actually usable now. Possibly more grills.
 - 13 More playground equipment for kids. The new stuff is a start. Let's keep going!
 - 14 Fix the damaged fencing, replace the toilets with flush or better facilities. Remove invasive plants (Phragmites) from the beach area (contact the Michigan DEQ for guidelines on removal - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ogl-Guide-Phragmites_204659_7.pdf).
 - 15 Volleyball, horse shoe pits, handicap access to the water
 - 16 Would like to see a little more play ground equipment, pavilion and cleaning beach!
 - 17 Open bathrooms.
 - 18 None
 - 19 It's very well taken care of!! Maybe some bathrooms?
 - 20 More sandy beach area
 - 21 Don't know never been there
 - 22 it always feels creepy there, i would not be comfortable being there alone
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Q4: What improvements do you feel are needed at the Boat Launch on Devils River?

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- 1 Regular dredging
 - 2 N/A
 - 3 DREDGE DEVIL;S RIVER
 - 4 Clean up the river, it's gotten a lot better but still has a long way to go...
 - 5 None
 - 6 I have not been there in recent years. Many years ago, we launched our 16 foot boat there.
 - 7 The DNR has the lease on this area so don't know what at the Township level could be done
 - 8 The area is nice
 - 9 Work on making it look better. Maintain the grass more frequently.
 - 10 make it look better not taking care of looks a mess all the time
 - 11 river needs to be dredged to get bigger boats out
 - 12 Signs
 - 13 Better maintenance of the concrete pad launch; fix erosion issues. Close the Boat Launch entrance during the winter months (install permanent locking gate). Unfortunately, there is a fair amount of illegal activity and garbage disposal that takes place at the boat launch parking during the winter months.
 - 14 Fishing platform
 - 15 Cleaner bathroom facilities and better parking!
 - 16 Signage because I've never seen it.
 - 17 Deeper for bigger boats.
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- 18 None
 - 19 Don't know never been there
 - 20 often crowded and takes too much time to launch or bring boat in...
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Q5: What improvements do you feel are needed at the beach off Beebe Blvd?

- 1 I have never used it
 - 2 Bring in sand & have a picnic area
 - 3 CLEAN IT UP MAKE USER FRIENDLY
 - 4 Better signage - few people know about it.
 - 5 Are there signs there notifying the public of this facility? If not, I suggest the placement of signs, rules of use.
 - 6 a pavilion so your not in the direct sun all the time. Also a pathway needs to be put in to allow handicap persons to go to the beach area as there is a berm and swell of water that lays, or a wooden boardwalk would help
 - 7 Park benches, pavilion, picnic tables, designated parking. Volleyball facilities.
 - 8 Take care of the weeds near the water. And make a "bridge" over the mucky water.
 - 9 Some picining tables.
 - 10 every thing its vacant i pickup garbage every day needs help whats with the boat
 - 11 Nobody knows about it. Needs signage, picnic tables, porta-potties, maybe a gazebo...
 - 12 Better access
 - 13 Continue to maintain the lawn area, place gravel or smooth out drive into beach parking and improve the drainage from the ditch on Beebe to the lake. Remove invasive plants (Phragmites) from the beach area (contact the Michigan DEQ for guidelines on removal - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ogl-Guide-Phragmites_204659_7.pdf).
 - 14 More picnicking tables, parking, shade trees, maybe some public grills!
 - 15 Bathrooms.
 - 16 None
 - 17 Same as above
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Q6: What would you like to see done with the property on the Devils River (off Lake Street)?

- 1 Handicapped and children's fishing dock
 - 2 PUT IN FISHING DOCK MAKE IT HANDYCAP ACCESSIBLE
 - 3 Fishing (shore) access to improve opportunities for children to fish. River has bass and pike, especially in May and June.
 - 4 Could this area be used for launching kayaks? Are the banks of the river maintained to prevent erosion of the high banks?
 - 5 clear it enough to drive in and park to fish off of a platform, or launch a kayak or canoe
 - 6 Clean it, landscape.
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- 7 A fishing platform. Also maybe consider making a spot there for people to put their kayaks in the water.
- 8 Where is access? A resident chases people away. Could be cleaned up for a fishing place.
- 9 cleaned up make it look like someone cares
- 10 a fishing deck
- 11 Picnic area
- 12 Not aware of this property...
- 13 Maybe dredge the river mouth!
- 14 Some houses needs to be torn down and junk hauled away
- 15 None
- 16 Same as above

Q7: What improvements do you feel are needed to Shin-ga-ba Shores?

- 1 Plant some trees or covered area. It needs some shade. Improved bathrooms
- 2 Some picnic tables & grills
- 3 STAIN THE WHOLE AREA
- 4 Do not know.
- 5 In years past, this was a wonderful park to take grandchildren and visitors with young children. It is a special place in our community and should continue to be cared for.
- 6 to keep the upkeep on it so that it doesn't age quicker. some parts of the playground are deteriorating and or broken parts. these need to be fixed or replaced.
- 7 Restore the Totem Pole that was placed there at one time. Remove the gate. Utilize the storage/rental facility, perhaps have concerts.
- 8 Maintain the wood. Make it look better.
- 9 Some rest rooms.
- 10 keep doing what your doing looks good
- 11 Mosquito control
- 12 The volunteer group aligned with maintaining the playground needs to reform. The treated lumber used for the playground equipment and the fencing has become blackened by mold and repeated cleaning and retreating. It may be time to assess if the wood can be cleaned correctly or if it needs replacing.
- 13 It would be great with a large paved parking lot that would not only service Shin-ha-ba Shores play ground, but the ball fields, and better bathroom facilities!
- 14 Not sure where that is
- 15 None. Very well taken care of and build by volunteers!
- 16 Love it there take grandson there after my doctor appt in Ossineke I live in Alpena
- 17 "These facilities are also treasures of our community. They should be maintained for those children who use them now and for future generations. I was pleased to see that an ice rink was developed in this area. Great idea! I hope this will continue for everyone's enjoyment. It provides outdoor recreation in the winter and encourages exercise for all ages."

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- 18 to have a pump installed so that water could be used
 - 19 Bleachers
 - 20 Add more gravel. These fields are really neglected. Take care of the trees growing in the fence in the outfield and update the batting cage. It really needs work.
 - 21 more bleachers, some type of shade, mosquito control, concession stand
 - 22 The fencing is in need of repair as well as the dugouts.
 - 23 Routine maintenance
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Q8: What improvements do you feel are needed to the wooded acreage next to the school?

- 1 Let it be natural. Walk through and clean up
 - 2 MAKE IT MORE USER FRIENDLY
 - 3 Interpretive signs, tree identification for example.
 - 4 I would suggest that teachers at Sanborn School be given the opportunity to make suggestions. I remember taking my pre-school story hour class on a nature hike here.
 - 5 Landscape. Maybe some solar lights
 - 6 Make the trails more accessible.
 - 7 It would be nice to have some more parking and picking tables.
 - 8 none
 - 9 thin out woods, make a nice trail, spray for poison ivy
 - 10 Trails for biking/hiking. Historical info about Paul and Babe
 - 11 Improve the trails, clean up the garbage, place a routed sign in front of or adjacent to Paul Bunyan and Babe. I'm not sure why the wooden Ossineke Welcome sign was placed at the ball fields/Shin-ga-ba Shores; however, it would seem much more appropriate to showcase it next to Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. Why hide the sign - show it off!
 - 12 Bike trail
 - 13 It's not that big of an area, but it would be great to have blacktop trails, maybe a primitive like park & a small parking lot either off U.S. 23 or Nickolson Hill Rd!
 - 14 None
 - 15 None
 - 16 Don't know
 - 17 clear it out. its creepy and kids could get lost there
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Q9: What improvements do you feel are needed to the Township Hall?

- 1 None
 - 2 NONE
 - 3 None.
 - 4 Whatever is needed to maintain the facility for the use of the citizens of Sanborn Township.
 - 5 Landscape
 - 6 Parking but if you remove the bojim building that would help.
 - 7 none
 - 8 a new hall
 - 9 Working clock. Be sure the flag is not torn, faded, etc.
 - 10 The rotating clock sign in front of the Township Hall seems out of place. It looks like it belongs in front of a bank. Can it be replaced with something more welcoming and aesthetically appealing?
 - 11 A little updating office!
 - 12 Not sure.
 - 13 None
 - 14 Don't know
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Q10: What would you like to see done with the BoJim Building?

- 1 Isn't that the Twp hall?
 - 2 A place for kids to go & play games. AS well as a center for adults to have a place for to go for crafts &/or exercise classes that the hospital provide
 - 3 CREATE A PLACE FOR KIDS TO SPEND TIME RECREATION PROGRAMS
 - 4 Do not know
 - 5 Not sure which building this is.
 - 6 community center to rent out for weddings, etc
 - 7 Something. Anything.
 - 8 It would be really cool if this building was turned into a place to practice baseball in the winter. Make it into a training facility.
 - 9 Remove it.
 - 10 use it for rec.room for kids
 - 11 tear down along with hall and make a new hall with better parking area. Have a tourist info center.
 - 12 Possibly something for teens. Bike area, show movies, gaming events,
 - 13 Not familiar with this building...
 - 14 Simply clean it out
 - 15 I really would like to see this building developed into a rental hall, with a kitchen, dance floor and a paved parking lot in back of building and also include area behind township fire station with entering from Sanborn Street ! By developing the BoJim building into a rental property would bring in income for
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our township! There are not much in the area to rent out for bridal,or baby showers, weddings, community dances, and other activities!

16 Don't know

Q11: What recreational opportunities are missing in the Township?

1 Cross country skiing and hiking trails

2 YOUTH RECREATIONAL SITES

3 Bicycle trails - using Hwy 23 is not a pleasant experience. Bicycle lane on Nicholson Hill for Amish and general cyclists.

4 Biking trails, cross-country ski trails

5 inside activities for the older kids, like baseball, basketball, roller skating, etc. the building has high ceilings

6 Volleyball facilities. A BMX course for the kids.

7 Something more for teenagers.

8 some things for kids to do

9 Improve access to Lake Huron. Bike/walking path away from traffic. Places for kids to fish.

10 Bike paths

11 More hiking/biking trails

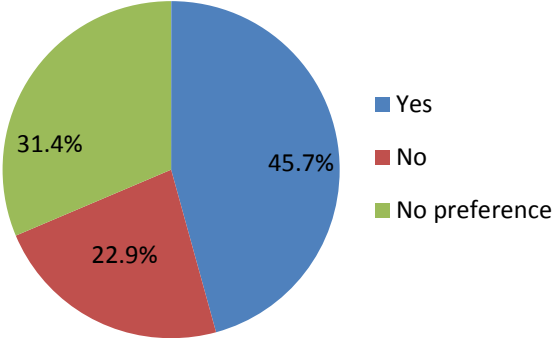
12 Paved biking/walking paths. Groomed cross country ski trails at the state forest campground.

13 More sporting events

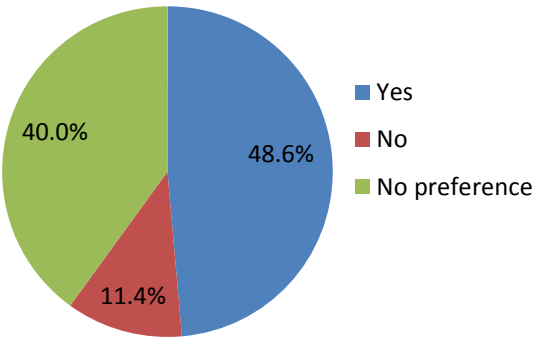
14 When you really think about it the Ossineke area has a lot to offer, just let the secret out to the people!

15 Don't know

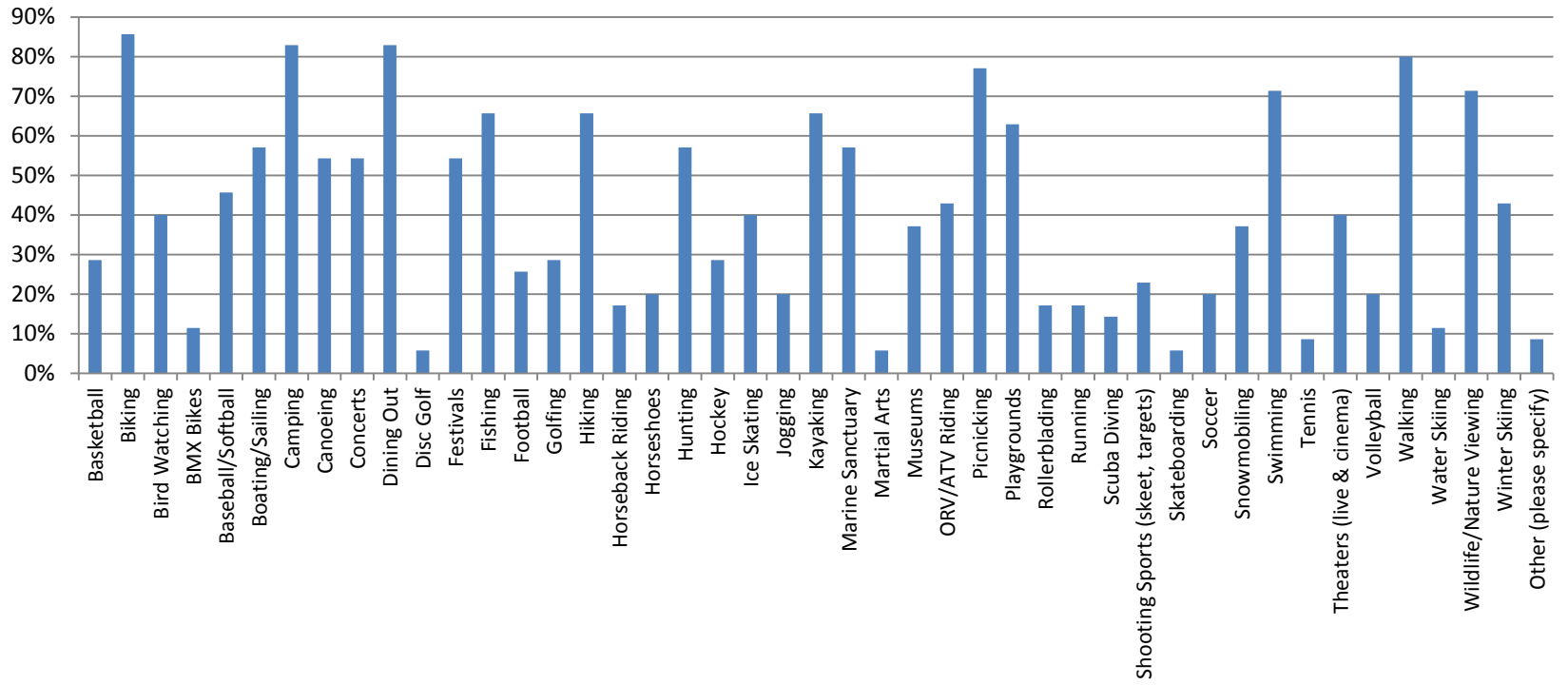
Q12: Would you be interested in diving shipwrecks off the shores of Sanborn Township?



Q13: Do you think the boat launch should accommodate larger boats?



Q14: recreational activities do you and your family enjoy (check all that apply)?



Q14: What recreational activities do you and your family enjoy (check all that apply)?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Basketball	28.6%	10
Biking	85.7%	30
Bird Watching	40.0%	14
BMX Bikes	11.4%	4
Baseball/Softball	45.7%	16
Boating/Sailing	57.1%	20
Camping	82.9%	29
Canoeing	54.3%	19
Concerts	54.3%	19
Dining Out	82.9%	29
Disc Golf	5.7%	2
Festivals	54.3%	19
Fishing	65.7%	23
Football	25.7%	9
Golfing	28.6%	10
Hiking	65.7%	23
Horseback Riding	17.1%	6
Horseshoes	20.0%	7
Hunting	57.1%	20
Hockey	28.6%	10
Ice Skating	40.0%	14
Jogging	20.0%	7
Kayaking	65.7%	23
Marine Sanctuary	57.1%	20
Martial Arts	5.7%	2
Museums	37.1%	13
ORV/ATV Riding	42.9%	15
Picnicking	77.1%	27
Playgrounds	62.9%	22

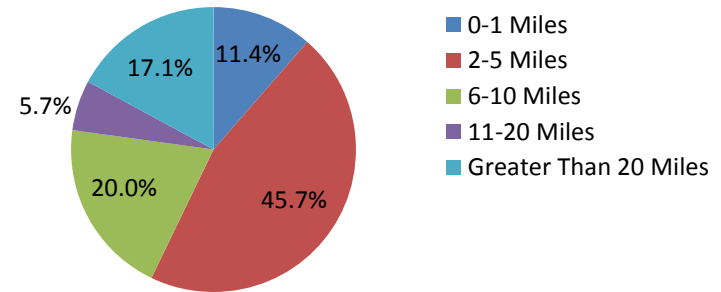
Rollerblading	17.1%	6
Running	17.1%	6
Scuba Diving	14.3%	5
Shooting Sports (skeet, targets)	22.9%	8
Skateboarding	5.7%	2
Soccer	20.0%	7
Snowmobiling	37.1%	13
Swimming	71.4%	25
Tennis	8.6%	3
Theaters (live & cinema)	40.0%	14
Volleyball	20.0%	7
Walking	80.0%	28
Water Skiing	11.4%	4
Wildlife/Nature Viewing	71.4%	25
Winter Skiing	42.9%	15
Other (please specify)	8.6%	3
<i>answered question</i>		35
<i>skipped question</i>		15

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Jul 26, 2016 7:53 PM	Snowshoeing	
2	Jul 26, 2016 5:48 PM	cross country skiing	
3	Jul 25, 2016 11:37 PM	Flying small airplanes	

Q15: How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in Sanborn Township?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-1 Miles	11.4%	4
2-5 Miles	45.7%	16
6-10 Miles	20.0%	7
11-20 Miles	5.7%	2
Greater Than 20 Miles	17.1%	6

How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in Sanborn Township?



Q16: Do you have family or friends who travel to Sanborn township who use recreational facilities? If so, which facilities?

- 1 Both parks, the beach, the campground
- 2 SANBORN TWP PARK ,BOAT LAUNCH .SHINGA BA SHORES
- 3 Yes, Devil River boat launch, DNR's Chippewa Hills trails and Ossineke Campgrounds, Twp Park beach.
- 4 beach facilities
- 5 shingaba shores playground, campgrounds, paul and babe site
- 6 Camping at the park. Cost is too high. The park host camper is there too long, it should be a rotation.
- 7 The baseball fields, shingabashores playground, and the township park.
- 8 all of them
- 9 Yes, beach, playground, fishing, walking, bike riding, atv riding, kayaking.
- 10 Shingaba shores pavillion
- 11 Yes, beach
- 12 Yes, Beebe Blvd beach area, state forest campground, Devil River Boat Launch, Playground areas.
- 13 Yes. The beaches and ball parks
- 14 All the facilities
- 15 Use to be all
- 16 The beaches and shingabashores
- 17 Yes. Sanborn beach area.

Q17: What recreational activities do you leave Sanborn Township for?

1	Camping, yoga, hiking
2	walking ,crafts , concerts, shopping
3	CONCERTS, MOVIES ATHLETICS
4	Ice arena, etc.
5	Sailing, offshore fishing, some of our hiking, skiing, and camping.
6	snowmobiling, fishing, hunting. When snow conditions permit, we do access the Devil's Lake snowmobile trail from our driveway.
7	Beach volleyball. Walking the break wall.
8	Kayaking, baseball, and working out.
9	Golf
10	Bike paths.
11	not many
12	Walking on paved surface/bike path in Alpena. Fishing on Thunder Bay River. ATV riding.
13	Tubing Camping
14	Camping ,fishing ,hunting
15	Biking
16	Cross Country Skiing, biking, hiking, fishing, canoeing, camping, hunting, hockey.
17	Alot

Q18: What are the ages of you and your family members?

Age	0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-20 Years	21-40 Years	41-60 Years	61+ Years	Response Count
Your Age	0	0	1	8	14	11	34
Age of Family Member #1	2	1	0	6	13	11	33
Age of Family Member #2	1	3	5	8	4	2	23
Age of Family Member #3	0	3	5	5	1	1	15
Age of Family Member #4	1	4	4	3	0	1	13
Age of Family Member #5	3	3	2	1	0	0	9
Age of Family Member #6	3	1	0	0	0	0	4

APPENDIX C

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended; the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Sanborn Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF95-016

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Sanborn Park Improvement

PROJECT SCOPE: Bathhouse renov, bathroom refurb, playground, pavilion/storage repair.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Sanborn Township, Ken Gauthier, Supervisor, PO Box 428, 989-471-2692, Ossineke, MI 49766, 123kennyg@charter.net

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
The site is inspected regularly by Township officials and local volunteers and any maintenance is performed as needed.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Open in daylight hours.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ken Gauthier, Supervisor

Please print

Ken Gauthier
Grantee Authorized Signature

2-3-17
Date

Mary J. Eaton
Please print

Mary J. Eaton
Witness Signature

2-3-17
Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

Photo of DNR Trust Fund Grant signage at Sanborn Township Park:

