

MASTER AND RECREATION PLAN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

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Iosco County, Michigan

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Charter Township of AuSable Master and Recreation Plan.**

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Chapter 5

Recreation Plan

Extent of Plan Focus

This Recreation Plan addresses recreational facilities and plans within the boundaries of the Charter Township of AuSable. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities of the Township in order to determine recreational needs of the population and to plan for improvements which fit those needs.

Regional Setting

The Charter Township of AuSable is located along six miles of shoreline on Lake Huron in northeast Iosco County and accounts for 3.7% of the land area in the county (one of 11 townships that make up Iosco County). It encompasses approximately 21 square miles (13,518 acres) and has a population of 2,047 people. The township is considered rural with a population density of 97 persons per square mile. The township is bordered by Oscoda Township to the north, Wilber Township to the west, Baldwin Township to the south, and Lake Huron to the east (Figure 5-1).

The township does not have any incorporated places; however, it does contain the unincorporated Village of AuSable. In the township, north-south traffic circulation occurs along U.S. 23, which bisects the township.



Figure 5-1: Charter Township of AuSable Location Map

Water Resources

The Township contains the last two miles of the National Scenic Au Sable River before it flows into Lake Huron. The Au Sable River runs approximately 138 miles through the northern Lower Peninsula, including the towns of Grayling and Mio, and enters Lake Huron at the Charter Township of AuSable. It is considered one of the best trout fisheries east of the Rockies and has been designated as a blue-ribbon trout stream by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The Charter Township of AuSable is the site of the finish line for the annual Au Sable River Canoe Marathon, which attracts thousands of visitors to the region.

Nearly 1/3 (6 miles) of the Charter Township of AuSable's border is Lake Huron Shoreline, which is a key element in defining the character of the township. Lake Huron is the second largest of the Great Lakes (surface area is 23,000 square miles); has the longest shoreline (3,827 miles) and 30,000 islands (mostly concentrated in the Georgian Bay area).

Forests

The vast majority of the land in the Charter Township of AuSable is woodlands since the township lies within the Huron National Forest (**Figure 6-1**). Approximately 3,000 acres are owned by the National Forest Service, with all but 200 acres located in the northern third of the township. The Forest Service lands are dominated by jack pine, red pine, oak and aspen forests.

South of the Forest Service lands and west of the Lake State Railway railroad corridor are large tracts of privately owned lands. The lowland forests (northern white cedar, black spruce, tamarack, white spruce, balsam poplar, and black ash species) and shrub-scrub wetlands, marshes, wet meadows and bogs are the predominate cover types in this portion of the township. Sandy ridges and low hills have oak, aspen and white pine forests.

The sandy, well drained ancient shorelines are dominated by red, white and jack pines, red oak, aspen, and red maple forests. Forest types in the wooded dune and swale complexes are variable and dependent upon soil type, depth to the water table and human activities. The sandy ridges are usually covered with oak, white pine, red maple and aspen forests. The linear wet depressions may support forests with northern white cedar, black spruce, white spruce, balsam fir, black ash and red maple forests, or non-forested wetlands with tag alders, red osier dogwoods, sedges, grasses and cattails.

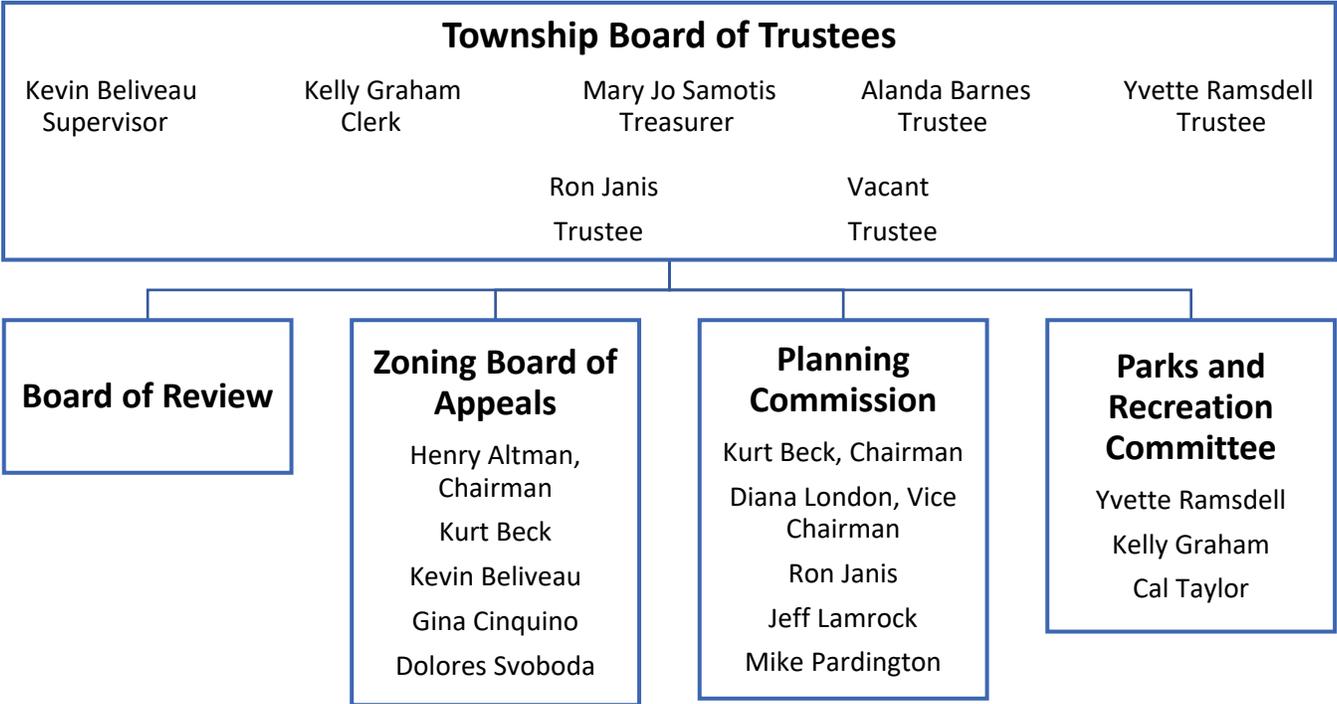
Administrative Structure and Budgets

The Township Board oversees the Parks and Recreation functions in the Charter Township of AuSable. The Board has the authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants and purchase land on behalf of the community. They are advised by an informal Parks and Recreation Committee that consists of the superintendent, the DPW manager, and one Board member. Sources of funds for the parks and recreation functions in the township include the township general fund, grants, and donations. **Table 5-1** shows the budget for Parks and Recreation in the Charter Township of AuSable.

**Table 5-1
Charter Township of AuSable Parks & Recreation Budgets**

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Operation & Maintenance	\$10,357	\$9,343	\$11,152	\$11,757
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$312,942	\$77,000	\$50,000
Programming	None	None	None	None

Source: Charter Township of AuSable



Recreation Programs

The Charter Township of AuSable does not offer any recreation programs. A local men’s recreational softball league uses McCuaig Park for a softball league.

Relationship with Other Public Agencies & Role of Volunteers

The Charter Township of AuSable is currently working with Iosco County, Oscoda Township, and the U.S. Forest Service on the development of the first phase of the Iosco Exploration Trail which will run from the Au Sable River westward to the Oscoda Schools Complex. The Iosco Exploration Trail is planned to run from Oscoda to Hale and is part of the statewide Iron-Belle Trail. The Charter Township of AuSable is also working with other agencies to create and develop the Sunrise Coastal Trail, which follows US-23 along the Lake Huron shoreline. Local volunteers assist with ball field maintenance during the softball league season.

Recreation Inventory

The Charter Township of AuSable owns and operates six parks and recreation facilities. A seventh facility, the Harbor Street Handicap Fishing Access Site is owned by the Iosco County Road Commission and operated by the Charter Township of AuSable. Four of the parks provide water views or access and the other three are located inland (Figure 5-2).

Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on ADA guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five point system ranging from one (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines) to five (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design) (Table 5-2).

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of the Charter Township of AuSable parks was conducted during the summer of 2020. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regard to access and circulation of the park facilities. As noted in the inventory listing below, some of the parks do not meet all criteria for handicap accessibility. The Charter Township of AuSable is dedicated to continuing its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

Table 5-2
MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities

Accessibility Grade	Definition
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 principles of universal design.

Inventory Procedures

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

The Charter Township of AuSable Recreational Facilities

The Charter Township of AuSable owns and maintains seven recreational facilities: Children’s Park, Harbor Street Boat Ramp, Shoreline Park, Finish Line Park, McCuaig Park (formerly Billy McQuaig Park and Oscoda Park/Billy McQuaid Park), Old AuSable River Walk and Ski Path, and the Trailhead Marketplace (Figure 5-2).

1. Children’s Park

Size: 4 Acres

Location: Off of Harbor Street between O-Toole and Stockman Street

Service Area: Entire Region

General Purpose: Neighborhood Play Park

Accessibility: 3

Features: Basketball court, playground, pavilion, walking path, exercise stations



2. Harbor Street Boat Ramp

Size: 0.1 Acres

Location: 615 East Harbor Street

Service Area: Entire Region

General Purpose: Special Use Park

Accessibility: 2

Features: Boat launch providing public access to the Au Sable River. No maintenance or infrastructure schedules, events, marketing, or partnerships.



3. Shoreline Park

Size: 6 Acres

Location: Corner of N Huron Road and Smith Street

Service Area: Entire Region

General Purpose: Community Park

Accessibility: 3

Features: Swimming beach, gazebo, picnic area



4. Finish Line Park

Size: 0.5 Acres

Location: 500 S State Street

Service Area: Entire Region

General Purpose: River Viewing Area

Accessibility: 3

Features: Open space viewing area of Au Sable River



5. McCuaig Park (formerly Billy McQuaig Park and Oscoda Park/Billy McQuaid Park)

Size: 49 Acres

Location: Off of Industrial Drive

Service Area: Charter Township of AuSable and Oscoda Township

General Purpose: Community Park

Accessibility: 3

Features: 3 ball diamonds, 2 basketball courts



6. Old AuSable River Walk & Ski Path

Size: 4 Acres

Location: Off of State Street SW

Service Area: Oscoda Township and the Charter Township of AuSable

General Purpose: Passive Local Park adjacent to Senior Center

Accessibility: 4

Features: 0.4 mile Walking Path



7. Trailhead Marketplace

Size: 1 acre

Location: Next to the Township Hall, South of Shoreline Park

Service Area: Charter Township of AuSable

General Purpose: Trails

Accessibility: 3

Features: The trailhead marketplace provides a place for the Iron Belle, Shore to Shore Trail, and the Sunrise Coast Birding Trail in the Charter Township of AuSable to meet in one location.

Charter Township of AuSable Recreation Sites

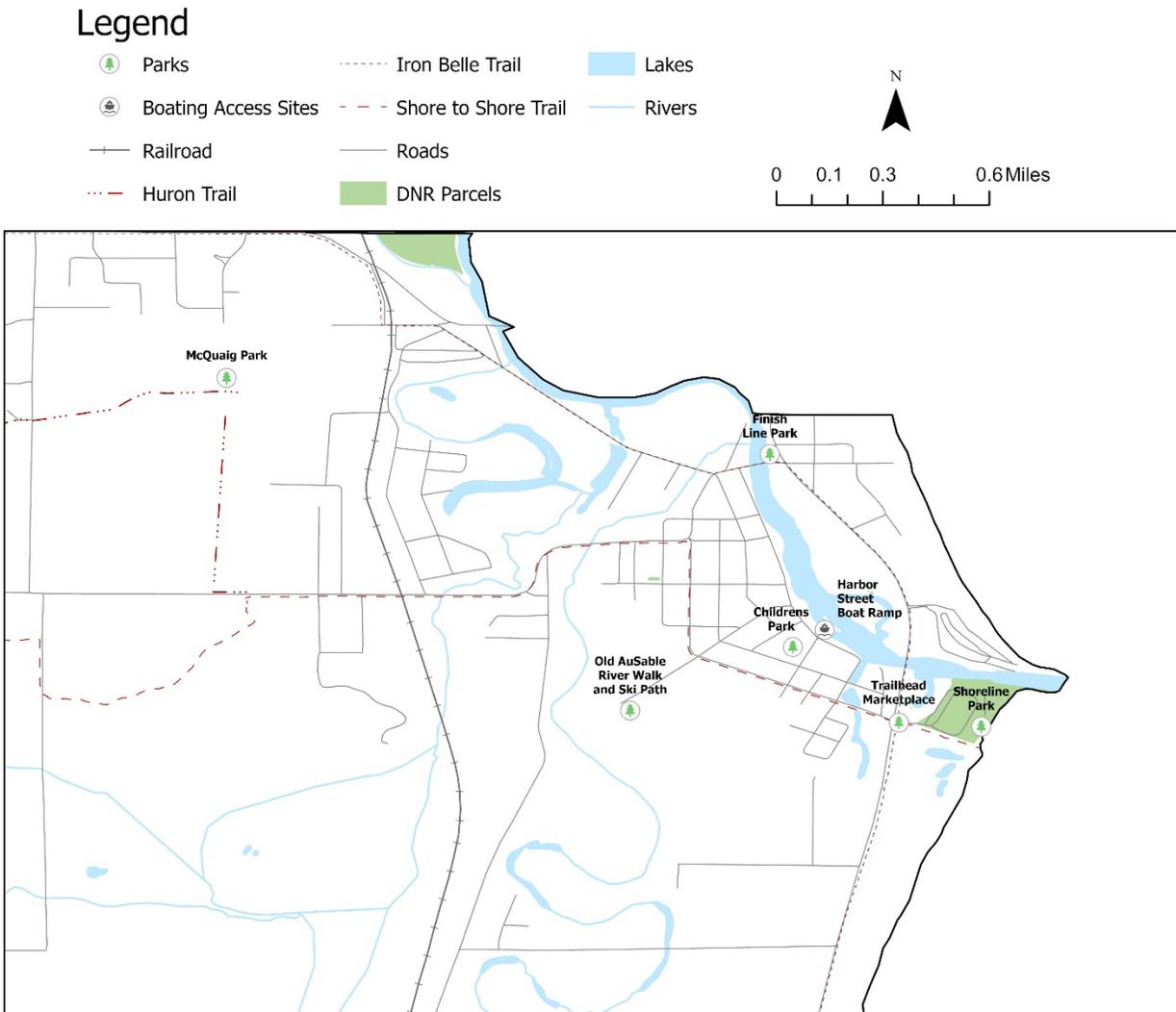


Figure 5-2 Charter Township of AuSable Recreation Sites

Other Facilities within the Charter Township of AuSable

The MDNR Au Sable River Mouth Access Site is located directly north of AuSable Shoreline Park and features beach access and a large boat launch facility. The Oscoda Public School Complex includes outdoor ball fields, a football field, track, and playground. The Oscoda/Tawas KOA Holiday is a private campground. The Au Sable Huron Condominium Marina is a privately-owned marina with 104 boat slips, fish cleaning station, dockside power, water, Wi-Fi, and on-site winter storage. Lastly, there are approximately 3,000 acres of federally owned Huron National Forest Lands within the township.

Recreation Opportunities Outside of the Township’s Boundaries

Residents of the Charter Township of AuSable can also utilize recreational facilities outside of the township. Iosco County has 94 miles of snowmobile trails that run from South Branch to Oscoda, and from the Sand Lake area to the north side of the Au Sable River. The trails are groomed by the Iosco County Parks Commission. Listed below are the public and private recreational facilities in the vicinity of the Charter Township of AuSable.

City of Tawas	
Public	Private
Gateway Park and Boat Launch	Tawas Bay Condominium Marina
Town Square Park	Tawas Lanes
Shoreline Park	Family Theater
Union Square Park	Tawas Bay Players
Independence Park	Tawas Bay Ice Arena
Elms Neighborhood Park	Red Hawk Golf Club
Tawas City Sports Complex	Tawas Creek Golf Course
Sawyer Thornton Park	Tawas Tennis Association
Tawas City Nature Preserve	Shady Oaks Campground
City Hall Boardwalk/Veterans Park and Canoe/Kayak Launch	Tawas River Trailer Park
Tawas Bay Ice Arena	Tawas RV Park

City of East Tawas	
Public	Private
Bolen Park	Blues by the Bay
East Tawas Community Center, City Hall and East Tawas Library	Jerry’s Marina
Dillion Park	Tawas Point Harbor
Durant Park	Tawas Bay Yacht Club
MDNR Tawas Lake Boat Launch	
MDNR Cooperative Boat Launch	
Harbor Park	
East Tawas City Park	
Huron Lakeshore Trail/Iron Belle Trail	
Tawas Bay Playhouse	

City of East Tawas	
Public	Private
Iosco County Historical Museum	
Tawas Point State Park/ Sandy Hook Nature Trail	

Oscoda Township	
Public	Private
Oscoda Area Schools	Goodwin Gersham Site
Van Etten Lake State Forest Campground	Lakewood Shores Golf Course
Oscoda Township Beach Park	YMCA Camp Nissokone
Piety Hill	Camp Cherith
Oscoda Huron Sunrise Park	The Landing
Oscoda Riverbank Park	AuSable River Queen
Furtaw Field	Boat Charter Services
Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport	Farm Markets
Oscoda Community Center	Lake Theater
Sports Complex	Shoreline Players
Ken Ratliff Memorial Park	Northeast Michigan Marine
Warrior Pavilion	Riverview Marina
Old Orchard Park	
Foote Site Park	
Huron Manistee National Forest	
River Road: National Forest Scenic Byway	
Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center/Campground	
Canoe Memorial Scenic Overlook	
Kiwanis Monument	
Iargo Springs Interpretative Site	
Iron Belle Trail	
Shore to Shore Riding/Hiking Trail	
Eagle Run Cross-County Ski and Nature Trail	
High Banks Trail	
ORV Trails	
Snowmobile Trails	
Sunrise Coast Birding Trail	

Wilber Township	
Public	Private
Tuttle Marsh Wildlife Area	Red Hawk Golf Course
Corsair Ski Trails	

Grant Township	
Public	Private
Bike Path	Northern Bear Paw RV Park
Au Gress River Roadside Park	

Plainfield Township	
Public	Private
Round Lake Campground and Boat Launch	Wicker Hills Golf Course
Londo Lake East Park Boat Launch	Green Valley RV Campground
American Legion Park	
Rollways Park	
South Branch Trail Camp	
Hale School District	
Corsair Trail	
Iosco County Fairgrounds	
Huron National Forest	
Riding and hiking trail on the west side of the Au Sable River	
MDNR snowmobile trails	
Township Hall Park	
Londo Lake West Park	
Jose Lake Beach	
Chain Lake Beach	
Loon Lake Park	
Long Lake Park and Boat Launch	
Loon Lake	

Alabaster Township	
Public	Private
Alabaster Pathway and Arboretum/Iron Belle Trail	

Tawas Township	
Public	Private
Tawas Area Schools	Trails End Ranch Campground

Recreation Outside of Iosco County

In addition to recreation in Iosco County, township residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alcona, Arenac, and Ogemaw Counties. Community-based recreation in Alcona County includes Greenbush Recreation Area, Ten Acres, Pine River National Forest Campground, and many public access sites, campgrounds, and community parks. Ogemaw County offers many recreational opportunities including camping, swimming, snowmobiling, and hiking at Rifle River Recreation Area, picnicking at Logan Township Park and Prescott Village Park, and participation in baseball, softball, soccer, and disc golf activities at the Ogemaw Hills Recreation Complex. Within Arenac County, recreation includes three Outdoor Adventure Resorts, Point AuGres Marina and Campground, Wigwam Bay Wildlife Area, Au Gres Delta Nature Preserve, and many golf courses, boat launches, and trails. It is important to note that while these regional recreational opportunities are available to township residents, many require fees, and all require travel in order to access them.

The Charter Township of AuSable Recreation Grant History

Five grants were received for the following parks through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grants program (Appendix A). The Charter Township of AuSable received and successfully completed three grants for Children's Park and the Old AuSable River Trail. In 2012, McCuaig Park was transferred to the Charter Township of AuSable from Oscoda Township. Oscoda Township received and successfully completed the two grants for McCuaig Park (formerly Billy McQuaig Park and Oscoda Park/Billy McQuaid Park).

McCuaig Park (formerly Billy McQuaig Park and Oscoda Park/Billy McQuaid Park), 1972, Grant #: 26-00381

Construct two ball diamonds, one restroom/concession building, a water system, an electrical system and parking.

McCuaig Park (formerly McQuaig Park and Oscoda Park/Billy McQuaid Park), 1975, Grant #: 26-00798

Construct three tennis/basketball courts and a LWCF sign.

AuSable River Children's Park, 1989, Grant #: BF89-053

Develop the picnic areas, playground area, and basketball court. Add grills, park benches, playground equipment, a pavilion, a basketball court, and landscaping.

AuSable River Children's Park, 2016, Grant #: RP16-0086

Develop a new ten station fitness course within Children's Park.

Old AuSable River Trail, 1993, Grant #: 26-01537

Develop a short trail for nature hikes or cross-country skiing. The project includes asphalt paths, a gazebo and benches, and a survey.

Parks and Recreation Goals

After reviewing input from the community and the Township’s demographic characteristics, the following goals and objectives were created to provide guidance in the development of recreational projects.

Goal 1

Create a recreational system that is visible, that is promoted, and is easily accessible to all users.

- Objective 1.1 Improve universal accessibility across all parks in the township.
- Objective 1.2 Use signage and maps to connect the local trail system with established trail systems.
- Objective 1.3 Ensure recreation facilities are conveniently located in and near residential areas.
- Objective 1.4 Provide a balance of recreational amenities which are oriented to the aging population to increase the desirability of the community to retirees.
- Objective 1.5 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.
- Objective 1.6 Retain and sustainably manage public lands for future generations.
- Objective 1.7 Promote recreational facilities in the township.
- Objective 1.8 Pursue the acquisition of other recreational lands, if necessary and feasible, to expand the types of recreation available to residents and visitors.

Goal 2

Actively improve and maintain recreational resources in the Charter Township of AuSable.

- Objective 2.1 Adopt a capital facilities program to prioritize and identify funding for expanding existing amenities that would serve the Township’s population and support the ongoing activities at those facilities.
- Objective 2.2 Prepare and implement a regular maintenance plan to keep the Township’s parks in good condition.
- Objective 2.3 Repair and replace worn out and damaged equipment.
- Objective 2.4 Improve and enhance access to the Au Sable River and Lake Huron.

Objective 2.5 Develop multi-use pathways for recreation and transportation uses and continue to work towards the completion of the Iron Belle Trail in Iosco County.

Objective 2.6 Establish a trailhead marketplace near where multiple established trails converge (Iron Belle Trail, Shore to Shore Trail, and Sunrise Coast Birding Trail) which can also house a regional farmer’s market.

Goal 3

Ensure a thorough and regional Recreational Planning Process.

Objective 3.1 Regularly update the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan in order to ensure the recreation system reflects current needs of the community.

Objective 3.2 To develop and maintain strong local government involvement in recreational and tourism planning and projects.

Objective 3.3 Seek grant funding and other financial assistance to help acquire and develop recreational facilities and achieve the recreation goals of this Plan.

Objective 3.4 Support cooperative regional recreation planning and development with Iosco County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other surrounding communities.

Objective 3.5 Improve the quality of life for residents and bring visitors to the Charter Township of AuSable by maintaining, improving and expanding recreation within the township and surrounding areas by working cooperatively with local and State governmental agencies, community service agencies, and local businesses. Create recreational opportunities for people of all abilities and recreational needs.

Goal 4

Provide opportunities for passive recreation, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the township.

Objective 4.1 Pursue the acquisition of natural areas in the community and protect them for one of three purposes: “keep out” natural areas for strict preservation and restoration, “look only” natural areas (may include nature trails, sitting areas, and other passive recreation), and “look-and-touch” natural areas (nature education centers and natural resources gardens) at which people are allowed to touch nature, to hands-on grow nature, to hands-on sustain nature, and to practice sustainability using nature.

Objective 4.2 Promote the development of non-motorized trails in the Township’s preserved natural spaces.

Parks and Recreation Action Plan

With the goals and objectives in place, the Charter Township of AuSable has developed a five-year action plan that will enable it to move toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The action program details the direction the Township wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of its park and recreation opportunities.

Table 5-3 shows the potential projects with each action item relating to one or more of the goals. The projects are prioritized as low, medium, or high. Furthermore, the projects are part of the Township’s overall capital improvements plan and have been established to provide a framework for decision makers and to enable the community to apply for grant funding for the proposed projects.

It should be noted the listed projects are not fixed elements nor are they exhaustive since future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may influence the order in which projects are completed. The project list reflects the results from public input, township officials and staff, and maintenance needs.

Table 5-3 Charter Township of AuSable Parks & Recreation Action Plan 2021 - 2025		
Improvement	Relates to Goal	Priority
Trails		
Partner with Iosco County to develop the Iosco Exploration Trail	1, 2, 3	High
Develop and install the Trailhead Marketplace	1, 2	High
Children’s Park		
Install mile markers on pathways	1, 2, 4	High
Update existing play equipment	2	Medium
Old AuSable River Walk/Ski Path at the Senior Center		
Install dog waste bag dispensers	2	High
Improve entrance to the facility	1, 2	Medium
Marketing campaign to promote facility	1	Medium
McCuaig Park		
Construct a dog park	1	Low
General		
Construct a campground near water (location to be determined)	1, 2	Low

Basis for Action

Recreation planning in the Charter Township of AuSable should consider its populations.

1. The township has a large mid-life population. The median age is 53.0 years old, which is older than the State of Michigan's median age of 39.7 years old. Individuals 45 to 64 years of age make up 31.3% of the population, while individuals aged 65 and older make up 27.9%. Therefore, this population should be given consideration when planning for recreational activities.
2. Young people, aged 19 and under, make up 17.8% of the Township's population, while individuals between the ages of 20 to 44 years represent 23.0% of the population. Given the population make up, the recreational facilities in the township need to appeal to diverse age groups.
3. The township's median household income is \$43,787 compared to the State's median income of \$54,938. About 53.2% of the households in the township receive social security income compared to 34.5% statewide. Additionally, 37% of the households receive retirement income compared to 22.5% statewide. The Township's unemployment rate is 6.0% compared to 4.1% statewide. Consideration should be given to whether or not residents can afford to incur the cost of recreational activities and the drive time and expenses associated with travelling to recreational facilities.

Figures obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2014-2018 5-year estimates and the Michigan Labor Market Information.

With the Township's population in mind, the following factors also influence recreational development in the Charter Township of AuSable:

1. All residents and visitors should have access to safe routes that connect recreational facilities, residential areas, and local attractions throughout the township. Consideration of public safety, accessibility and inclusivity will be taken into account when planning for recreational opportunities within the township.
2. The Charter Township of AuSable has an abundance of natural (the Au Sable River and Lake Huron) and recreational spaces with amenities that improve the quality of life in the township. Providing year-round recreational opportunities in these spaces will attract visitors and offer a means of enjoyment for residents. These spaces will also provide opportunities for social interaction.
3. All residents and visitors should be able to enjoy recreational opportunities in the township. When planning, consideration will be given to the type of parks, their location, their distribution, and the type of recreational activities that are offered.
4. The maintenance and operation of existing and new recreational facilities will balance the preservation of the natural environment and scenic areas with tourism potential.
5. All residents and visitors should be able to easily access information about the Township's recreational facilities and be able to find the facilities with wayfinding signage. When marketing the recreational system, the Township will consider working with area tourism groups and agencies.

Charter Township of AuSable Planning Process

Public Input

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Township Planning Commission was the lead entity in developing the Recreation Plan and opted to publish an online survey to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of parks and recreation in the township to most effectively gather public input. The survey was available to both township and surrounding area residents. The Township received 107 survey responses, which is equal to approximately 5.8% of the Township's population. The survey results can be found at the following website:

http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/downloads/ausabletwpmprp_survey_results_2020.pdf.

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. A timeline for the development of the recreation plan is included below the survey results.

Survey Results

Township Recreational Facilities and Activities

The majority of respondents enjoy bicycling, bird watching/wildlife and nature viewing, boating/sailing, camping, canoeing/kayaking, attending concerts and festivals, hiking/walking, swimming, going to theaters (live and cinema), and picnicking. Approximately 67.4% travel between 0 and 10 miles to use recreational facilities. Additionally, 69.6% of the respondents support the township in funding the promotion and expansion of the non-motorized trail network and its amenities.

Respondents leave the township for fishing/charter fishing, boating, ATV/ORV trails, swimming, ice skating, camping, hunting, softball/baseball fields, roller skating, basketball, golfing, concerts, museums, children's activities and lessons, amusement parks, theaters, and boardwalks. Other recreational facilities used in the area include the High Banks Trail, Tuttle Marsh, Lumberman's Monument/River Road area, Largo Springs, Oscoda area school facilities and parks, Eagle Run, Sawmill boat launch, access sites for Whirlpool and Dam Rivers, Corsair trails, Hubbard Lake or Van Etten Lake, Au Sable River pier, Oscoda and Tawas concerts, and area campgrounds and beaches.

SHORELINE PARK

Approximately 46.0% of respondents use this park 2+ times per week, weekly, or monthly, while 46% occasionally use the park. The respondents utilize the park for the farmer's market, mini golf, swimming, nature viewing, picnicking, hiking/walking, and volunteering.

Recommended Improvements:

- Increase park maintenance efforts
- Implement strategies to address the rising water levels that flood the walking path and cause shoreline erosion (fill dirt, raised walkways, etc.)
- Construct bathroom facilities
- Construct a playground
- Expand the beach
- Replace the wooden planks on the walkway

- Construct a bigger pavilion
- Add picnic tables and install lights
- Develop and implement a no smoking policy for the entire park
- Install wayfinding signage
- Develop the entrance to attract people

CHILDREN'S PARK

About 32.0% of respondents use this park 2+ times per week, weekly, or monthly, while 38% occasionally use the park. The majority of the respondents utilize the park for its playgrounds, basketball, picnicking, and baseball/softball fields.

Recommended Improvements:

- Increase park maintenance efforts
- Add sheltered seating, water fountains, and lights
- Construct a splash pad
- Update bathroom facilities
- Replace existing play equipment
- Add other recreational options for kids
- Provide instructions about how to use exercise equipment
- Install mile markers on pathways
- Add beaches
- Add another pavilion

HARBOR STREET BOAT RAMP

About 87.8% of respondents occasionally or never use the ramp. Out of the respondents who use the ramp, they use it for boating and fishing.

Recommended Improvements:

- Make the ramp handicap accessible
- Add seating
- Replace ramps
- Lessen the severity of the grade to the water
- Add a larger dock/a dock on each side of the launch
- Address weeds/slimy water
- Update its appearance

FINISH LINE PARK

Approximately 89.8% of respondents occasionally or never use the park. The respondents who use the park use it for fishing, special events/workshops, and volunteering.

Recommended Improvements:

- Increase park maintenance efforts (fertilize, weed control, and geese elimination)
- Add seating, garbage cans, and lights
- Add a seawall to fish from
- Expand the parking area
- Construct a boardwalk along the east side of the river's edge

OLD AUSABLE RIVER WALK/SKI PATH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

About 86.0% of respondents occasionally or never use the park. Out of the respondents who used the park, they hike/walk and volunteer.

Recommended Improvements:

- Install wayfinding signage
- Develop the entrance to attract people
- Create a marketing campaign to promote the river walk and senior center
- Add lights for evening walkers, garbage cans and doggy bag stands

MCCUAIG PARK

About 87.8% of respondents occasionally or never use the park. The respondents who use the park utilize the baseball/softball fields.

Recommended Improvements:

- Increase park maintenance efforts (mow grass, grade gravel, etc.)
- Install wayfinding signage
- Develop the entrance to attract people
- Develop a future vision for the park and implement strategies to meet the vision
- Resurrect ball leagues
- Add playground equipment
- Install a gravel bike path through McCuaig Park to Grass Lake Road
- Construct basketball courts and tennis courts
- Pave the parking lot for the soccer fields
- Construct a dog park
- Install an ice rink in the winter
- Open the gate to increase usage
- Install security cameras to prevent vandalism
- Hold more events at the park
- Close the park and use the land to expand the cemetery
- Transform the park into an ATV friendly camping area with lighting and water

Recommendations for new or expanded recreational facilities and activities:

- Sponsor fishing tournaments
- Promote, expand, and utilize ATV/ORV trails
- Install a kayak launch
- Elevate walking paths to prevent flooding issues
- Add a splash pad at Shoreline Park or Children's Park
- Expand the bike paths with bike stop facilities at Shoreline Park
- Extend the river walk
- Construct modern restrooms
- Construct an indoor sports complex
- Have later closing hours and weekend hours for the farmer's market
- Construct/provide a place to hold showers, weddings, receptions, and parties
- Provide more opportunities for bird watchers
- Construct a walking/running/bike trail

- Construct a community gathering/bandshell area for events and small local music venues
- Provide information about the township parks and events to residents, including detailed and easy to understand trail maps
- Host seasonal community gatherings (summer picnics, snowman contest, Christmas potluck, etc.)
- Provide more year-round outdoor activities
- Provide recreational opportunities/programs/classes for preschool aged children and teenagers (ballet, gymnastics, dance, sports, etc.)
- Construct a campground and picnic area near the water
- Complete the non-motorized path, including the rail trail
- Develop a program for concerts/street dances

Schedule Timeline

January 2020	Township Officials contract with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to assist in drafting a recreation plan/master plan for the Charter Township of AuSable.
March 2020	NEMCOG drafted an online survey with general and specific recreation questions using SurveyMonkey software. NEMCOG staff worked with township officials/planning commission to finalize the survey. Planning Commission approves final survey.
March 2020	Survey is released to the public. The survey was available on the township’s website and Facebook page. Additionally, paper copies of the survey were available at the Township Office.
March – June 2020	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments reviewed expired plan and made updates to the community description, administrative structure and recreation inventory.
June 2020	NEMCOG staff conducts on-site visits to each recreational facility in the township and conducts a barrier-free assessment.
July 1, 2020	The public input survey was closed and results were compiled.
October 21, 2020	NEMCOG staff met with the Planning Commission to discuss survey results and formulate goals, objectives and an action plan.
November 25, 2020	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.
December 9, 2020	A public notice appeared in the <i>Oscoda Press</i> advertising the Recreation Plan was available for review and the date of the public hearing.
January 13, 2021	The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Recreation Plan. No comments were received from the public through email, mail, or in-person. The Planning Commission passed a Resolution of Adoption.
January 19, 2021	The Township Board passed a Resolution of Adoption.

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Notice of Draft Plan's Availability for the 30 day Review Period and Public Hearing Notice

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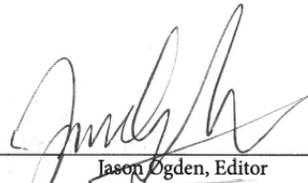
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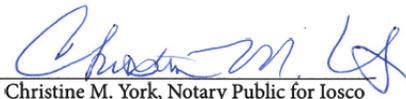
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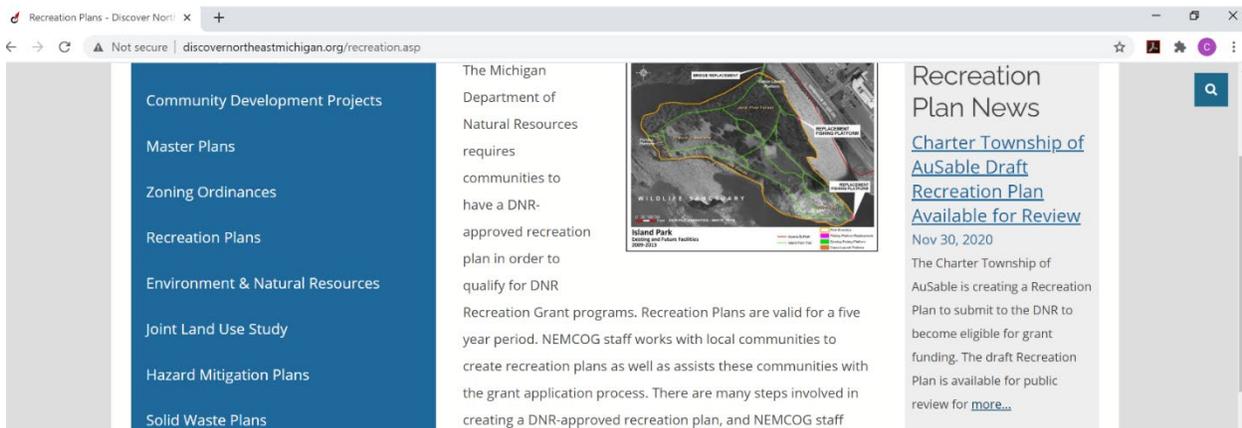
Notice of Availability of the Charter Township of AuSable Draft Recreation Plan and Public Hearing for Input on the Draft Recreation Plan

The Charter Township of AuSable is making their draft recreation plan available for public review for a 30-day period of time. After the 30-day public review period, there will be a public hearing on January 13, 2021 at 6pm. The township website has meeting information (<http://ausabletownship.net/>). Public comments are requested either in person or by representative at the public hearing, submitted to Christina McEmber at cmember@nemcog.org, or mailed to PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734. The draft plan is available at <http://ausabletownship.net/> or at the township hall. All necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services will be provided to individuals at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the township staff at 4420 N. US 23, AuSable, MI 48750.


Jason Ogden, Editor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December A.D. 2020


Christine M. York, Notary Public for Iosco County, Acting in Iosco County, Michigan
My Commission expires March 6, 2023



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like Community Development Projects, Master Plans, Zoning Ordinances, Recreation Plans, Environment & Natural Resources, Joint Land Use Study, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Solid Waste Plans. The main content area includes a heading 'The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires communities to have a DNR-approved recreation plan in order to qualify for DNR Recreation Grant programs. Recreation Plans are valid for a five year period. NEMCOG staff works with local communities to create recreation plans as well as assists these communities with the grant application process. There are many steps involved in creating a DNR-approved recreation plan, and NEMCOG staff'. A map of Island Park is shown, highlighting 'RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES' and 'WILDLIFE HABITAT'. On the right, there is a 'Recreation Plan News' section with a link to 'Charter Township of AuSable Draft Recreation Plan Available for Review' dated Nov 30, 2020.

Public Hearing and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Nov. 25, 2020 "approved"

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Kurt Beck, Chairman, at 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mike Pardington, Kurt Beck, Ron Janis, Jeff Lamrock

Absent: Diane London

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Beck requested the addition of Item A – Recreation Plan under New Business. Lamrock made a motion to approve the amended agenda for Nov. 25, 2020. Second by Pardington

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from (Oct. 21, 2020) :

Janis made the motion to approve the minutes from Oct. 21, 2020. Second by Pardington

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion was made by Janis to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Second by Lamrock

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 6:03 pm

A) Proposed Ordinance #114 Amendment -

Mr. Robert Van Camp – address 1174 W. River Rd. was concerned about the change in the zoning of the district of his property. He maintained that this would cause his property to be split in two (from Mixed Use Waterfront to Residential or the new C-1). Superintendent Sutton reminded him of the meeting he had with the township assessor and herself regarding the correction that was made by Ms. Landry which left his property zoned as C-3. This correction was satisfactory to Mr. Van Camp.

Janis made the motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Second by

Lamrock

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 6:06

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Recreation Plan – Chairman Beck summarized the information from the last meeting regarding suggestions and corrections that were made with Ms. Cline from NEMCOG. He asked the board if there was anything they would like to add or change. No further comments were made. Chairman Beck made the motion to post the latest draft of the Recreational Plan for 30 days. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) Commercial/Industrial Permit Application – Mr. Terry Dutcher made a Special Land Use application for the purpose of raising, processing and selling quail from his facility in the Industrial District. Mr. Dutcher explained his plans for the business. Chairman Beck explained that it is located in an Industrial District and there is no language that pertains to this type of use. He continued that it was more of an agricultural activity there is no agricultural districts designated in AuSable Township. Janis made the motion to approve (Permit Application for Special Use #2020-S-SLU-04) by Mr. Terry Dutcher.

Second by Lamrock

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

NAYS – Beck, Janis, Lamrock, Pardington

Permit Denied

C) Proposed Ordinance #114 Amendment - Superintendent Sutton defined the purpose of the amendment was to rezone a section on River Road to be compliant with the continual use of the area. We are incorporating single family residences to the C-1 District and updating the zoning maps to reflect the current mobile home park which has units on both sides of the street. Motion was made by Janis to approve the Ordinance #114 Amendment and have it presented to the board of trustees for their approval. Second by Lamrock

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Commissioner Lamrock asked if there was any possibility of Agriculture being added to the Zoning Districts. Superintendent Sutton replied there has been no interest indicated for an agricultural area and no room within AuSable Township for one to be designated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Janis

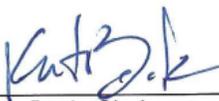
Second by Lamrock

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

Time: 6:36 pm

Submitted by:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary



Kurt Beck, Chairman
Planning Commission

Planning Commission Adoption Resolution

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE RECREATION
PLAN**

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Charter Township of AuSable Planning Commission

WHEREAS, The Charter Township of AuSable has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update 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 2021 – 2025, and

WHEREAS, an online recreation survey was published on March 9, 2020 and remained open for public input until July 2, 2020, providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and

WHEREAS, a public notice was published in *Oscoda Press* on *December 9, 2020*, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, The Charter Township of AuSable 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 Charter Township of AuSable Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan and recommends to the Township Board adoption of the Charter Township of AuSable Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Charter Township of AuSable.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Charter Township of AuSable Planning Commission held on January 13, 2021.

1/13/2021
Date

Kurt Beck
Signature

Kurt Beck, Chairman
Name, Title

Township Board Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE

Regular Board Meeting

Jan. 19, 2021

"approved"

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kevin Beliveau at 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yvette Ramsdell, Kelly Graham, Kevin Beliveau, Mary Jo Samotis, Alanda Barnes,
Ron Janis

Staff Present: Leisa Sutton, Superintendent, Susie Olpere, Recording Secretary

Press Coverage: Patricia Alvord

Pledge of Allegiance recited

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Beliveau made a correction to the date of the minutes under the Consent Agenda (should be Jan. 4, 2021) and Item E. Resolution 2021-3 under New Business (should have an effective date of Jan. 19, 2021). Another change to the agenda would be to take Mr. Moss and the RAB Update off the agenda. Superintendent Sutton will keep board briefed on anything new. Ramsdell made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Voice Vote

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion by Janis to approve the consent agenda. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

PRESENTATIONS:

- A) **Treasurer** –
- B) **Clerk** – Accounts Payable
- C) **Superintendent** – Superintendent's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Kelly Graham – Iron Belle Trail Update** -
Clerk Graham is still working with NEMCOG and Spicer Group to gather information for the TAP Grant application.
- B) **Sewer Project** –
- C) **Water Project** -

NEW BUSINESS:

A) **Letter of Interest** – Superintendent Sutton had received two letters of interest from Ms. Diana London and Mrs. Gina Cinquino for the vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Both candidates are currently serving the township, Ms. London is on the Planning Commission and Mrs. Cinquino is on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Beliveau said the board appreciates their service to the township and their interest to be on the township board. Barnes made the motion to appoint Diana London to fill the vacancy on the board until the mid-term election. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote

Motion Carried

B) Consideration of Ordinance #121 - This ordinance is adopted for the purpose of complying with state and federal statutes, regulations, rules, and decisions by providing for and regulating access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way for small cell wireless facilities. In doing so, the Charter Township of AuSable wishes to ensure the reasonable and fair control and management of public rights-of-way, support new technology, and avoid interference with right-of-way use. Janis made the motion to approve Ordinance #121. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

C) Resolution 2021- 01 – This resolution pertains to an increase of \$5,470.00 over the approved budget due to an extra pay period in the year. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-01. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion carried

D) Resolution 2021- 02 – This resolution fulfills requirements of the State Tax Commission to establish a policy regarding the accessibility of the Township Assessors office the township taxpayers. Barnes made the motion to approve Resolution 2021 – 02. Second by Samotis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

E) Resolution 2021-03 – This resolution is in regard to adopting the Recreation Plan which was recently updated and accepted by the Planning Commission. Motion was made by Barnes to adopt Resolution 2021-03. Second by Janis

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

F) Consideration of amendment of Police Services Contract – Superintendent Sutton provided a copy of the amended Police Contract from Oscoda Township for the board's review. Motion was made by Barnes to approve the Police Service Contract for 2021. Second by Ramsdell

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

G) Consideration of amendment of the Fire Services Contract – Also present was the Fire and Cemetery contract from Oscoda Township for 2021. Samotis made the motion to approve the addendum Of the contract between Oscoda and AuSable Townships regarding fire and cemetery services. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

H) Consideration of Letter of Authorization – Superintendent Sutton has received a request to provide an Acknowledgement and Authorization letter for the Oscoda Charter Township Pump Station Replacement project which will cross the AuSable River into AuSable Township. An example is included for the trustee's examination. Janis made the motion to approve the letter of Authorization. Second by Barnes

Unanimous – Roll Call Vote
Motion Carried

BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Barnes
Second by Janis
Unanimous – Voice Vote
Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm

Submitted By:
Susie Olpere
Recording Secretary



Kevin Beliveau, Supervisor
Charter Township of AuSable

Township Board Adoption Resolution

**RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-03
IOSCO COUNTY
AUSABLE, MICHIGAN 48750**

Adopted: January 19, 2021

Charter Township of AuSable

- WHEREAS,** The Charter Township of AuSable has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain the recreational facilities during the period of 2021– 2025, and
- WHEREAS,** an online recreation survey was published on March 9, 2020 and remained open for public input until July 2, 2020, providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and
- WHEREAS,** a public notice was published in *Oscoda Press* December 9, 2020 which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and
- WHEREAS,** The Charter Township of AuSable has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community, and
- WHEREAS,** a public hearing was held on January 13, 2021 in conjunction with the Planning Commission Meeting to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of AuSable Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I **HEREBY CERTIFY**, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of AuSable Board of Trustees held on January 19, 2021.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member: BARNES

Second offered by Board Member: JANIS

AYES: SAMOTIS, BARNES, JANIS, RAMSDELL, GRAHAM, BELIVEAU

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT:

Passed and approved this 19th day of January 2021, by the Charter Township of AuSable Board.

Dated: January 19, 2021

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF AUSABLE


By: Kevin Beliveau
Its: Supervisor

Dated: January 19, 2021


By: Kelly Graham
Its: Clerk

Iosco County Submittal Letter

January 20, 2021

Charter Township of AuSable
4420 N. U.S. 23
AuSable, MI 48750

Iosco County Planning Commission
ATTN: James Szafran, Vice Chairman
422 W. Lake Street
Tawas City, MI 48763

Dear Mr. Szafran:

The AuSable Township Board adopted the 2021-2025 AuSable Charter Township Recreation Plan on January 19, 2021. Please find an enclosed copy of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-739-9169.

Sincerely,



Kevin Beliveau
Supervisor, Charter Township of AuSable

East Michigan Council of Governments Submittal Letter

January 20, 2021

Charter Township of AuSable
4420 N. U.S. 23
AuSable, MI 48750

East Michigan Council of Governments
Attn: Sue Fortune
3144 Davenport Avenue, Suite 200
Saginaw, MI 48602

Dear Ms. Fortune:

The Charter Township of AuSable Board adopted the 2021-2025 Charter Township of AuSable Recreation Plan on January 19, 2021. Please find an enclosed copy of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-739-9169.

Sincerely,



Kevin Beliveau
Supervisor, Charter Township of AuSable

Community Park and Recreation Plan Checklist



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION 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 and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **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 February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: AuSable Charter Township Master Plan and 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
AuSable Charter Township	Iosco County	January 2021
PLAN CONTENT		
INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only: <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 December 9, 2020

Type of Notice Public Notice in The Oscoda Press

Plan Location Township website, township hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 35 days

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, 2020

Name of Newspaper The Oscoda Press

Date of Meeting January 13, 2021

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 19, 2021

2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 13, 2021

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 20, 2021

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 20, 2021

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

AuSable Charter Township *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.


Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1-28-21
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

Appendix A

Post Completion Self-Certification Reports



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

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

GRANTEE: AuSable Charter Township - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00381 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Oscoda Park (Billy McQuaid Park -Au Sable Township)

PROJECT SCOPE: 2 ball diamonds, 1 restroom/concession building, water & electric

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
<u>AuSable Charter Township</u>	<u>Leisa Sutton</u>	<u>Superintendent/Zoning</u>
Address	Telephone	
<u>4420 N US 23</u>	<u>989-739-9169</u>	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
<u>AuSable, MI, 48750</u>	<u>superintendent@ausabletownship.net</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. Yes 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
Cutting grass 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

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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?

Dusk to Dawn year round

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

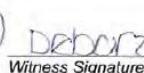
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Leisa Sutton - Superintendent
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

1-28-21
Date

Leisa Snellenbarger
Please print


Witness Signature

Debara Snellenbarger 1-28-21
Date

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Billy McCuaig Recreational Park Entrance Sign

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Date 02/01/2021, 12:57pm

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Email clerk@ausabletownship.net

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Local Unit Charter Township of AuSable

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Park name location for DNR Plaque/Medallions [McQuaig](#)

Please List the Grant/Project Number 26-00381

ITEMS

Details	Ordered
<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund Plaques</p> <p><i>This 12"X18" plaque is required on all LWCF assisted sites.</i></p> <p><i>These are supplied pre-drilled for easy installation and all prices include delivery to your location. Each plaque comes with stainless steel security screws and matching drill bit for installation.</i></p> <p>Status: Ordered</p>	1 × \$275.50
Order Subtotal	\$275.50
TOTAL	\$275.50

Program Plaque is on order



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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

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

GRANTEE: AuSable Charter Township - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00798 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Billy McQuaig Park (Au Sable Township)

PROJECT SCOPE: 3 tennis/basketball courts, LWCF sign

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. Contains contact information for AuSable Charter Township.

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. [X] Yes [] No
The 3 ballfields and concession stand are no longer used and are deteriorating as a result. Softball/baseball leagues are not in the area anymore.

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. [X] Yes [] No
Internet surveillance is unavailable and we must leave open for snowmobile use. We do not have other measures in place at this time.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Regular grass cutting occurs when warranted

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

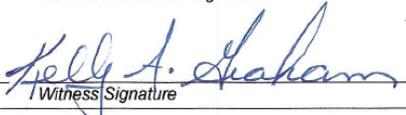
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
Dusk to Dark

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Large empty rectangular box for providing comments.

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<u>Leisa Sutton - Superintendent</u> Please print	 Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>7-20-20</u> Date
<u>Kelly Graham - Clerk</u> Please print	 Witness Signature	<u>7-20-20</u> Date

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Please List the Grant/Project Number 26-00381

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GRANTEE: AuSable Charter Township - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-053

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: AuSable River Children's Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop picnic areas, playground area, and basketball court.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [X] Yes [] No
If yes, please describe change(s).
Fitness course was added in 2019

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? [X] Yes [] No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No
Regular maintenance of the pavilion/restroom area, landscaping and playground maintenance

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
Regularly mowed, trash recepticals emptied weekly, portapotties

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?
Dawn to dusk

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Children's Park Entrance Sign



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GRANTEE: AuSable Charter Township - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: RP16-0086

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Children's Park Fitness Course

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop a ten station fitness course within Children's Park.

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

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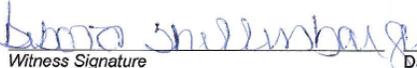
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Leisa Sutton Superintendent
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

1-28-21
Date

Debra Shellenbarger
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Witness Signature

1-23-21
Date

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Children's Park Recreation Passport Plaque



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GRANTEE: AuSable Charter Township - Iosco County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01537 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: River Walking/Ski Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop a short trail for nature walking or cross country skiing.

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POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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Regularly snow plowed in the winter

GENERAL

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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?
Always open

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Empty space for comments.

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Lisa L. Sutton-Sprinkaldt [Signature] 7-20-20
Please print Grantee Authorized Signature Date

KELLY A. GRAHAM [Signature] 7-20-2020
Please print Witness Signature Date

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Old AuSable River Walk and Ski Path Entrance Sign and Plaque