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Chapter 1 – Community Description

Extent of Plan Focus

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

Regional Setting

Briley Township is located in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan in central Montmorency County (**Map 1 – Regional Location**). The Township comprises an area of 72 square miles and lies within Town 30 and 31 North, Range 2 East. The township is bordered by Montmorency Township to the north, Vienna Township to the west, and Albert Township to the south. Hillman and Avery Townships make up the eastern boundary. The unincorporated community of Atlanta serves as the population center for the Township as well as the Montmorency County seat. Known as the “Elk Capital of Michigan”, the surrounding area is home to a large free-ranging elk herd. Atlanta also has the distinction of lying on the 45th Parallel.

Transportation

The major roads within the Township are State Highways M-32 and M-33. The two highways meet in the center of Atlanta and run concurrently east for about 6 miles. The remaining roads in the Township are county and private roads. A large number of the roads are unpaved rural roads. This fact brings the Sno*Drift rally event to the area each winter.

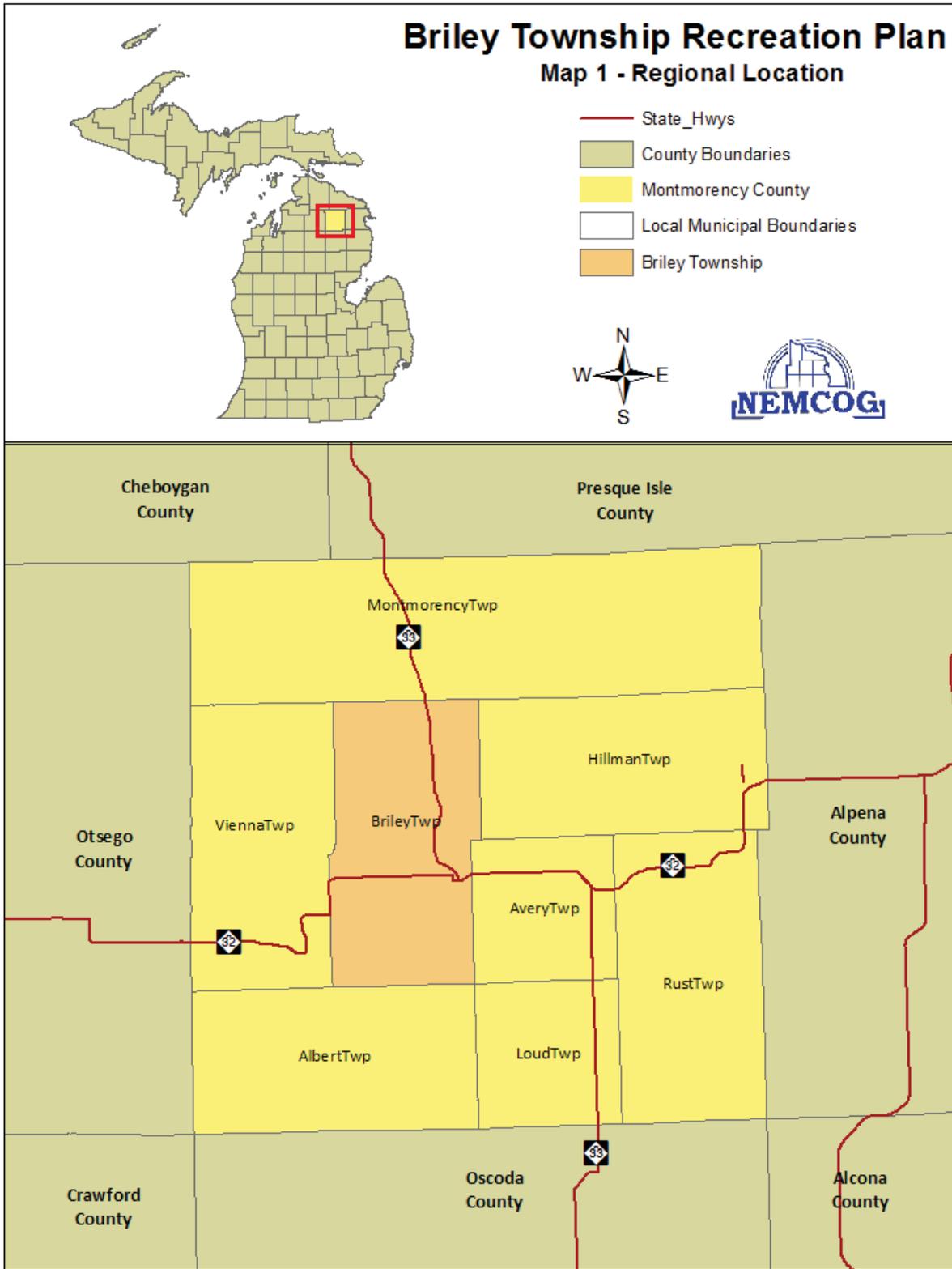
Public transportation is offered by Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, a three-county transit system. No railroads access the township. Briley Township partners with neighboring Avery Township to maintain a small airport in Avery Township.

Population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Briley Township in 2010 was 1,860 persons. However this does not reflect the seasonal residents of the Township. According to 2010 census data housing characteristics, 634 units are listed as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use homes. Based on the average household size (2.18) the expected seasonal increase would be 1,382 persons, bringing the total township population to 3,242. This figure does not include seasonal or recreational visitors staying in area motels, campgrounds or family homes.

Briley Township Recreation Plan

Map 1 - Regional Location



Climate

Briley Township's climate is directly related to its inland location resulting in distinct seasonal changes. These distinct seasons provide ample opportunities for a wide range of outdoor recreational activities. Snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing are just some of the areas popular winter sports, and summertime activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping can be enjoyed when the weather turns warm. Spring-time brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while many await the autumn months for hunting and fall color tours.

Average rainfall during the May to October growing season is 18 inches, while the usual November to April winter season brings 60 to 80 inches of snowfall. The average summertime temperature is 64 degrees Fahrenheit while the winter average is 19 degrees.

Topography

The topography of Briley Township is gently rolling and hilly and largely consists of groupings of hills bisected by relatively level broad valleys (outwash channels) that contain lakes and streams. The highest points in the Township, with elevations of 1,260 and 1,310 feet above sea level, are located northwest of Atlanta. The lowest elevations are at the northern edge of the Township at Canada Creek at 850 feet above sea level. The Thunder Bay River as it leaves the Township as an elevation of approximately 870 feet above sea level.

Water Resources

Briley Township is blessed with many clean lakes and streams. These numerous lakes and streams provide ample opportunities for fishing, swimming, and small craft boating. The Thunder Bay River is the major waterbody within the Township, and flows through the community of Atlanta. Other named streams include Barger Creek, Crooked Creek, Haymeadow Creek, Packer Creek, Sheridan Creek, and Van Helen Creek. Larger lakes include Atlanta Lake (Thunder Bay River impoundment), Lake Fifteen, McCormick Lake, Crooked Lake, Muskellunge Lake and Valentine Lake.

Fish and Wildlife

Briley Township's topography, climate, abundance of water, diverse forest land and open areas provide the basis for extensive fish and wildlife habitat. The fishing and hunting resources of the area are an important component of the local economy, with many people traveling to the area to enjoy the high quality resources.

Wildlife species include elk, white-tail deer, black bear, raccoon, turkeys, ruffed grouse, woodcock, snowshoe hares, fox, coyotes, and other birds and mammals typical of the forested

regions of northern Michigan. Michigan Department of Natural Resources biologists recently confirmed gray wolf in the region, the first wolf substantiated in the Lower Peninsula since wolves began returning to Michigan 15 years ago.

With high quality streams, creeks, and inland lakes, the township has an abundance and variety of fish habitat. Brook, rainbow, and brown trout are established singly or in combination in cold water streams. Lakes offer warm water fisheries such as walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, small mouth bass and pan fish.

State of Michigan Land

State land covers significant portions of Briley Township (**Map 2**). The Mackinaw State Forest covers slightly over 20,000 acres or approximately 44 percent of Briley Township land area.

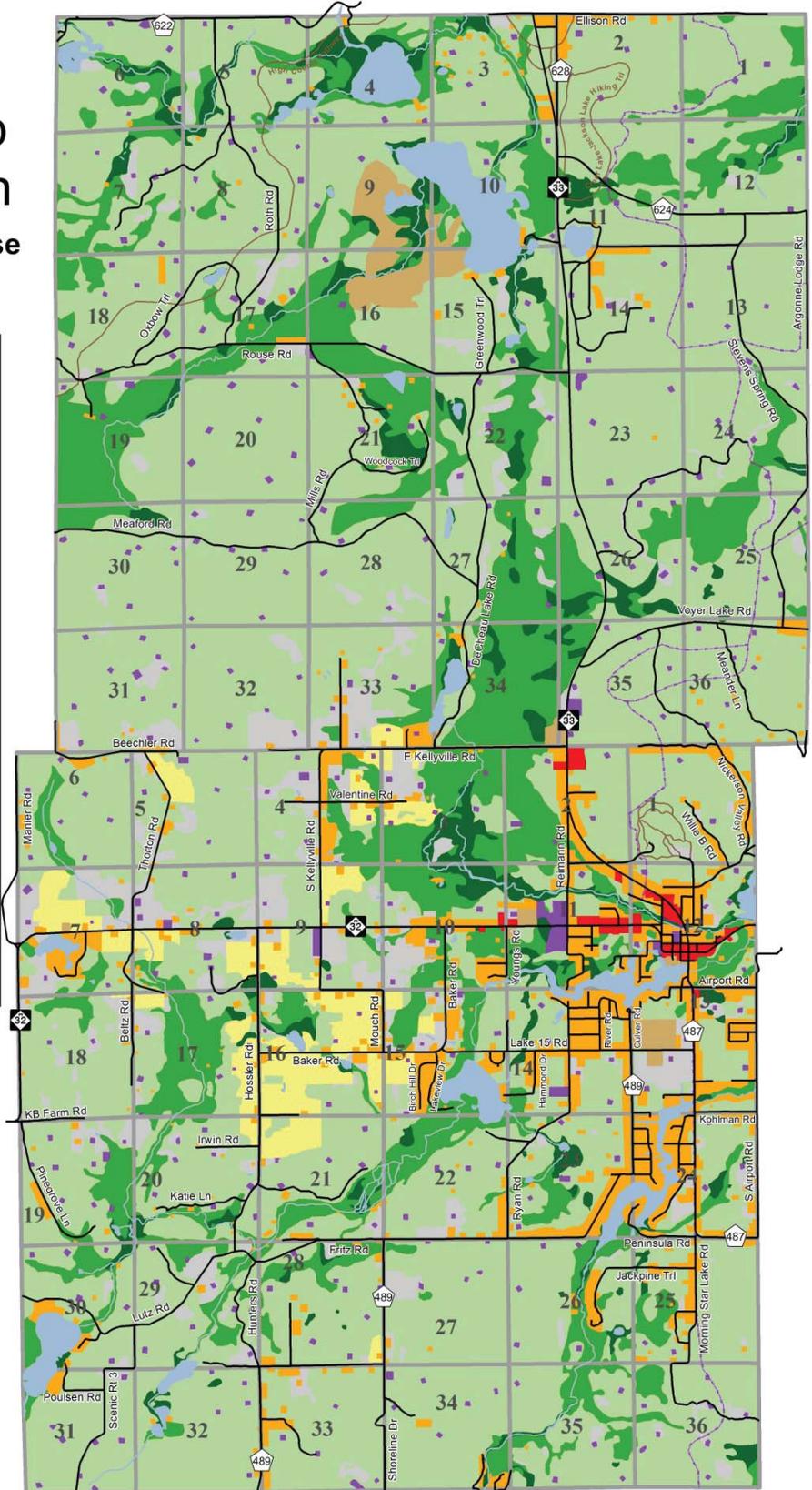
Existing Land Use/Land Cover Characteristics

Table 1 provides a breakdown of land cover/land use in Briley Township. **Map 3** shows that large areas of woodlands occur throughout the Township, and account for over 75% of the total township land area.

Table 1-1 – Existing Land Use/Land Cover		
Land Use Category	Number of Acres	Percent of Township Area
Residential	2,675	5.95%
Commercial	136	0.30%
Industrial	494	1.10%
Institutional/Recreational	438	0.97%
Agricultural	1,105	2.46%
Non-Forested/Openland	2,410	5.36%
Upland Forest	28,027	62.32%
Lowland Forests	6,913	15.37%
Wetlands	1,787	3.97%
Lakes/Rivers	991	2.20%
Totals	44,976	100%

Briley Township Recreation Plan

Map 3 - Existing Land Use



Chapter 2 – Administrative Structure

Administration

Briley Township is governed by an elected Board of Trustees consisting of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustees. These positions are chosen by registered voters of the Township in an at-large election held every four years. This board is responsible for all recreation decisions in the Township. The Board receives recommendations from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is the body directly responsible for developing the township Recreation Plan. The Recreation Committee acts as an advisory panel to the township board and planning commission regarding the planning, acquisition, development and funding of recreation properties and facilities within the Township. Among other township governmental entities are the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review.

Planning Commission

The Briley Township Planning Commission is a five member body. Planning Commission members are intended to represent a broad spectrum of community interests, including recreation, commerce, industry, government, education, transportation, and so on. Planning members may come from many walks of life, but they all contribute their time and talents to the local planning process. In addition to the direct responsibility of preparing the Master Plan and Recreation Plan, the Briley Township Planning Committee is charged with reviewing development projects as they are proposed.

Recreation Committee

The Briley Township Recreation Committee is a volunteer committee made up of township officials, residents and business owners. Membership on the committee fluctuates based on ongoing projects and time commitments of those involved. The committee makes recommendations and proposals regarding recreation to the Township Board. The general duties of the committee include:

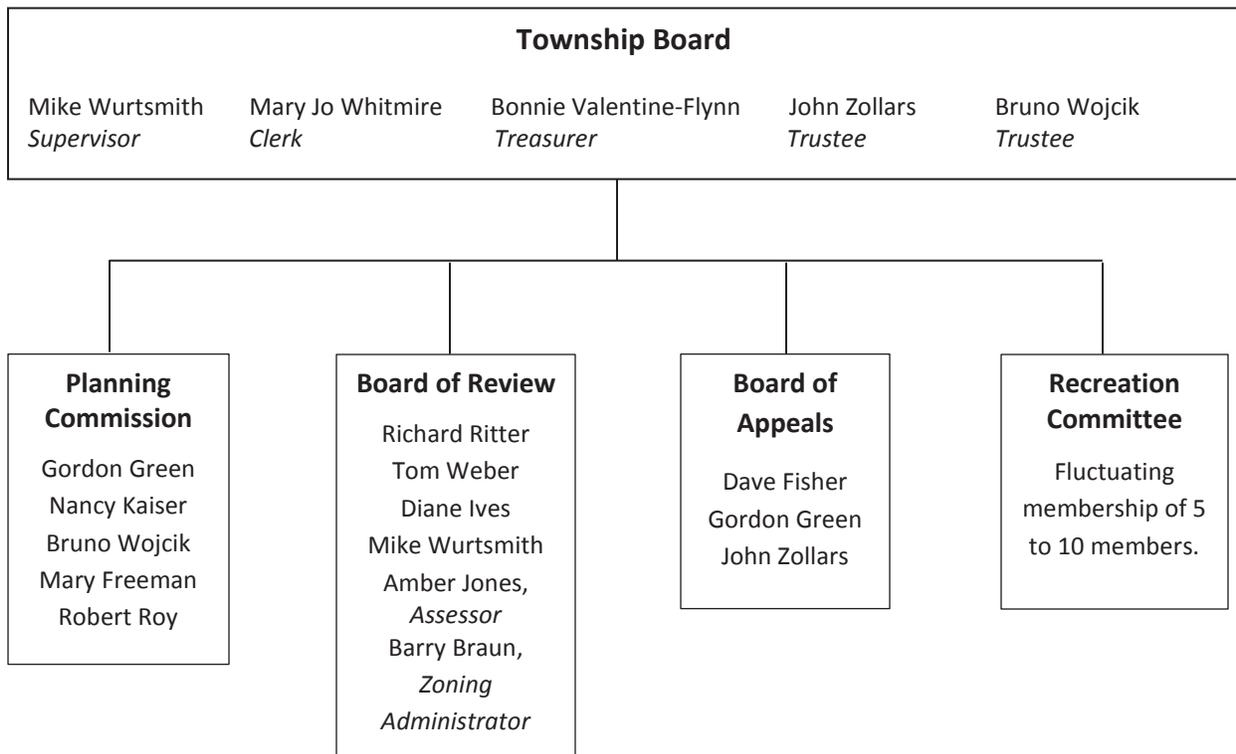
- Consider and study the recreational needs of the township and offer suggestions and recommendations to address issues.
- Serve as an advisory committee to the Township Board regarding matters of recreation.
- Formulate and report its findings to the Township Board when requested.

Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Briley Township does not employ any dedicated parks and recreation staff. The township does employ one permanent full-time supervisor, one full-time permanent staff, and one part-time permanent staff in its maintenance department. These employees are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all township properties, including recreational facilities. Numerous volunteers have contributed time to maintenance activities, landscaping, and facility development projects over the years.

Administrative Chart

An organizational chart for the Township is as follows:



Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

The Township of Briley depends on its community volunteers. These are dedicated individuals who come forward time and again to assist with community improvement projects, festival preparations and other community events. The Township Board has frequent contact and excellent rapport with local/adjointing 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 Briley Township area.

Atlanta Area Little League uses Davis Park as its home fields. The organization assists with funding and maintenance of the fields in partnership with the Township.

Atlanta Chamber of Commerce assists with sponsoring recreational activities and festivals throughout the year. They also actively promote local businesses and the Atlanta area.

Other organizations that partner with the Township and participate in recreational activities are the Atlanta Sports Boosters, Atlanta Community Schools, Lions Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Programming

There is currently no formal recreational programming in Briley Township. The Township does sponsor or assist with recreational programs through partnerships with other local agencies.

Finances/Park & Recreation Maintenance: Current Funding

Funding for park maintenance and improvement comes from the Township General Fund and a Parks Fund. In addition, many capital improvements are financed through a combination of public and private grants, private donations, foundation and community service organization donations, and township funds. The budgets for both funds can be seen in Tables 2-1 and 2-2. The General Fund budget table represents a summary of the Township budget with the exception of the Parks, which gives a detailed budget.

Table 2-1 - Briley Township Budget - General Fund				
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR 2013/2014	ESTIMATED YEAR 2014/2015	BUDGETED 2014/2015	2015/2016 ADOPTED BUDGET
REVENUES				
TAXES-CURRENT	\$5,022.81	\$62,740.62	\$ 63,500.00	\$64,844.91
TAXES-DELINQUENT	0.28	8,361.03	8,000.00	8,300.00
TAXES-DEL. PP	0.49	0.00	200.00	0.00
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	8.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
SWAMP TAX	15,773.91	23,660.87	15,000.00	24,000.00
PENALTIES/INTEREST	2,728.05	107.81	2,500.00	2,500.00
ADMINISTRATION FEE	23,966.50	22,104.53	23,000.00	23,900.00
GRANT FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE OF MI. SHARED REVENUE	137,230.00	141,041.00	137,230.00	138,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	515.30	169.25	0.00	0.00
SERVICES-DOG LICENSES	12.50	13.50	12.50	12.00
ZONING AND SIGN PERMITS	900.00	1,400.00	900.00	1,300.00

LAND DIVISION	0.00	375.00	0.00	0.00
PHOTO COPIES	33.00	50.50	25.00	50.00
CEMETERY GRAVE OPENINGS	0.00	5,960.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
SERVICE SUMMER TAX	7,417.50	7,417.50	7,400.00	7,400.00
PARK PROCEEDS-DONATIONS	254.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
PARK PROCEED/ICE SKATING	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
CEMETERY DEED TRANSFERS	0.00	10.00	100.00	0.00
CEMETERY GRAVE FOUNDATIONS	0.00	651.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
CEMETERY STORAGE	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
CEMETERY LOTS	0.00	1,900.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
ZONING ORDINANCE COPIES	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST INCOME	3,120.71	328.41	3,025.00	2,000.00
ROYALTY-AVERY	401.66	1,167.10	325.00	400.00
ROYALTY-BRILEY	594.02	181.42	600.00	600.00
ROYALTY-HAYMEADOW	475.15	657.31	400.00	500.00
ROYALTY-LAKE 15 PROJECT	712.87	608.47	625.00	500.00
LEASE	23,484.85	21,155.86	22,000.00	22,000.00
RENT-PARK	2,950.00	2,925.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
RENT-FIRE AND AMBULANCE	6,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS	6,072.43	1,180.48	0.00	0.00
SEWER GRANT	0.00	0.00	49,500.00	28,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$307,674.48	\$305,681.66	\$345,442.50	\$335,056.91
EXPENSES				
TWP TRUSTEES	\$116,034.71	\$100,236.76	\$100,415.00	\$83,350.00
TWP SUPERVISOR	12,882.72	12,600.12	13,525.00	12,700.00
TWP CLERK	12,922.27	12,717.20	13,450.00	13,050.00
DATA PROC.-OFFICE SUP	10,589.57	7,013.91	7,500.00	6,800.00
BOARD OF REVIEW-BOARDS	987.46	784.23	3,688.53	1,150.00
WAGES-TREASURER	25,572.34	30,379.13	35,072.00	29,900.00
OFFICE SUPP.ASSASSOR	25,958.00	26,492.47	28,000.00	27,430.00
ELECTIONS-BOARDS	271.81	4,980.70	5,750.00	3,050.00
TWP. HALL-OFFICE SUPP.	13,147.15	13,101.45	16,250.00	12,300.00
WAGES-OTHER SERVICES	38,075.39	45,148.38	45,148.38	45,000.00
CEMETERY	0.00	22,783.53	31,115.00	26,140.00
SUPPLIES-GENERAL TWP.	13,990.28	13,463.09	13,463.09	12,750.00
GENERAL EXPENSE-AIRPORT	3,795.50	4,344.32	9,900.00	9,700.00
PLANNING BOARDS	1,716.01	4,641.75	6,525.00	9,250.00
ZONING/BLIGHT WAGES	2,243.86	5,844.41	7,400.00	7,200.00
WAGES-BLIGHT	2,706.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>PARK Refunds</i>	0.00	450.00	500.00	500.00
<i>Wages - Park & Rec</i>	1,864.80	3,932.00	7,500.00	4,500.00
<i>Janitorial Supplies</i>	308.95	202.21	750.00	0.00
<i>Project Allocation</i>	18,119.86	2,205.50	0.00	0.00
<i>Printing/Publishing</i>	29.05	29.75	50.00	50.00
<i>Lights/Electrical</i>	1,861.30	2,106.47	2,000.00	2,500.00
<i>Heat</i>	1,853.81	2,080.09	1,500.00	2,000.00

<i>Water</i>	191.84	437.50	250.00	500.00
<i>Maint/Repairs</i>	1,506.34	1,028.84	1,500.00	2,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	47.00	17.25	150.00	0.00
<i>Park Recreation</i>	475.00	942.39	2,000.00	1,500.00
TOTAL PARK	26,257.95	13,432.00	16,200.00	13,550.00
GENERAL EXPENSE-LIBRARY	1,699.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$308,911.86	\$317,963.45	\$353,402.00	\$ 313,320.00

Table 2-2 - Briley Township Budget - Parks Fund				
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR 2013/2014	ESTIMATED YEAR 2014/2015	BUDGETED 2014/2015	2015/2016 ADOPTED BUDGET
REVENUES				
PROPERTY TAXES/MILLAGE	\$35,629.35	\$30,316.14	\$31,000.00	\$34,000.00
PROPERTY TAX DELQ.	0.00	4,450.15	4,500.00	4,500.00
Del PPT	(0.14)	0.00	100.00	0.00
FEDERAL GRANTS	44,206.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	68.38	113.93	60.00	100.00
GENERAL FUND MATCH	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DONATIONS	0.00	50.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$79,904.19	\$34,930.22	\$35,660.00	\$38,600.00
EXPENSES				
POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	\$ 0.00	-	\$50.00	-
OTHER SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONTRACTUAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Allocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROJECT ALLOCATION	45,589.00	2,062.50	25,000.00	10,000.00
PRINT/PUBLISHING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY/PURCHASES	0.00	0.00	0.00	55,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,589.00	\$2,062.50	\$25,100.00	\$65,000.00

Chapter 3 – Recreation Inventory

An inventory of recreation facilities available in Briley Township was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes Briley Township owned facilities, Montmorency County owned facilities, State and organization owned facilities, and privately owned facilities. Briley Township owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below.

Inventory Procedures

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

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. The barrier-free accessibility information and sources of assistance given in appendices B and D should be consulted when making this assessment. 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

Briley Township Recreational Facilities

Briley Township Recreation Area

A township owned 160 acre natural area just north of Atlanta. The site offers approximately 3 miles of hiking/ski trails with numerous loops to shorten or lengthen a hike as desired. The site of a former State of Michigan Fire Tower (now removed) provides for a small scenic overlook. The overlook also serves as the top of the sledding hill.

Type: Natural Resource Area/Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.



Briley Township Park

This township owned 6 acre park is located on Thunder Bay River in downtown Atlanta. The site offers walking, fishing, scenic viewing and birding opportunities with approximately 1,300 feet of river frontage. There is a newly installed childrens playground, picnic tables, gazebo, grills, benches, paved walking path, horseshoe pits, basketball court and plenty of open area for other activities.



The park also features a pavilion, which can be enclosed and heated, with restrooms, a fireplace, and a kitchen facility. This pavilion serves as the warming shelter for the ice skating rink during the winter months. There is paved parking, and electrical hookups for use during festivals.



Type: Community Park

Service Area: Township and surrounding areas – much larger area during festivals or other special events.

Barrier Free Accessibility: 3 (most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines) Paved Parking area and paved footpath along the river. Bathroom Facilities, Fishing Dock, and Pavilion are Barrier Free. Playground is on level ground and surrounded by sidewalk.



Davis Field

A ten acre park located across from Atlanta Community School on Lake 15 Road. It offers three ball fields, a concession stand, modern restrooms, and large parking and open areas for other recreational activities. This park also serves as the home fields for the Atlanta Area Little League.



Type: A Special use Facility

Service Area: Township

Barrier Free Accessibility: 2 (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines) This facility is level with gravel roads. No handicap facilities.



Briley Township Hall and Township Offices

Located in Atlanta on West Street, the Township Hall is used for Township meetings and local elections, and is open all year. The hall all serves as an information center during local festivals and events.

Type: A Special Use Facility

Service Area: Township

Barrier Free Accessibility: 4 (the entire facility meets accessibility guidelines)



Briley Township Cemetery/Building

While not specifically recreation facilities, cemeteries often provide outdoor open space for quiet reflection, in addition to serving as community burial grounds. Briley Township Cemetery is located on M-32 across from the Montmorency County Sheriff's Department and is approximately 15 acres in size.

Type: A Special Use Facility

Service Area: Township

Barrier Free Accessibility: 2 (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines) This facility is level with gravel roads. No handicap facilities.

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Properties

Mackinaw State Forest

A 717,500-acre forested area owned by the State of Michigan and operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. There are over 20,000 acres within Briley Township. The State Forest is designated for multipurpose recreational use as well as forestry. Hunting is the primary recreational use with hiking and nature observation opportunities available as well.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Natural Resource Area

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Atlanta Public Library

The library is open six days a week offering books, movies and CD's to residents. Computer and internet access is available. Recreational activities include story time for toddlers' ages 1-5 years, arts and crafts for children 5-17 years, and adult arts and crafts classes. The library also has reading and writing clubs. There is also a small childrens playground on site.

Ownership: Montmorency County Libraries

Type: Special Use Facility

Barrier Free Accessibility: 4 (the entire facility meets accessibility guidelines)

Atlanta Senior Citizens Center

This facility provides meals, meetings, crafts for the Senior Citizens. Exercise and dance classes are open to the public in general. This non-profit facility is run by the Montmorency Commission on Aging and the local board. The facility is also available to rent for meetings, weddings, and private parties.

Ownership: Independently owned with a long-term lease by the COA

Type: Private Recreation Facility

Barrier Free Accessibility: 4 (the entire facility meets accessibility guidelines)

Atlanta Community Schools

The school provides indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities with playgrounds, baseball fields, outdoor basketball courts, track, practice fields, football fields, restrooms, concession stands and a gym. The buildings provide meeting rooms, places for indoor adult recreation and tournaments.

Ownership: Atlanta Community Schools

Type: School Park

Barrier Free Accessibility: 3 (most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Paved parking area. School Buildings are barrier free, but not concession stands for games.

Montmorency County Fairgrounds

Located two miles north of Atlanta on M-33, the site offers a small campground, grandstand, food booth, animal barns and display complex. The fairground area is approximately 30 acres with an additional 75 acres of adjacent woodlands owned by the County as well.

Ownership: Montmorency County

Type: Special Use Facility

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)
Level grassed parking area, level site. Ramps to grandstand, room for three wheelchairs in grandstands. Bathrooms not barrier free.

Jackson Lake State Forest Campground

Located six miles north of Atlanta on M-33, this campground is situated in the Mackinaw State Forest on Jackson Lake. It has 18 rustic campsites, well water, picnic tables, fire rings, and vault toilets. This campground offers opportunities for canoeing, fishing, and wildlife viewing. The campground also offers direct access to miles of scenic hiking trails as well as ORV trails. There is a small unimproved boat ramp which is most suitable to canoes, kayaks, and other small carry in craft.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Natural Resource Area

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Field Office

Located north of Atlanta on M-33, this facility is owned and operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Though the buildings are not available for public use, they provide information of area camping and outdoor recreational activities. The site also serves as a trailhead for the area snowmobile and ORV trails.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Natural Resource Area

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)
(evaluation of trailhead area as office and facilities are not open to general public use)
The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Crooked Lake Boat Launches

There are two boat launches on Crooked Lake south of Atlanta. The first is on County Road 489. The second is on County Road 487. Both have sand parking area and vault toilets. The County Road 487 site also has a small swimming beach. The Co Rd 489 site has a gravel ramp suitable for small to medium craft only. The Co Rd 487 site has an unimproved ramp most suitable to canoes, kayaks, or other small carry in boats.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Boat Launch

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Lake Fifteen Boat Launch

Located southwest of Atlanta, this site was formerly a State Forest Campground. It now serves as a boat launch and general Lake Fifteen access site with sand/gravel road and parking area. No other amenities are present at this time. Loon are often seen while fishing this lake.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Boat Launch

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

DeCheau Lake Boat Launch

Located just north of Atlanta and west of the fairgrounds on DeCheau Lake Road, the site features a small gravel ramp and parking area suitable for small craft only, and vault toilets. Loon are often seen while fishing this lake.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Boat Launch

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Voyer Lake Boat Launch

There is a small unofficial boat launch on Voyer Lake north of Atlanta and just into Hillman Township. The site is suitable for small craft only and has no facilities. The ramp is an unimproved sand/gravel ramp.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Boat Launch

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Twin Lake Boat Launch

There is two small unofficial boat launches on Twin Lake just east of Atlanta. The first is located east of the Twin Lake Rd/Nickerson Valley/Hungry 5 Rd intersection. The second is located on M-32 just east of Atlanta. Both sites have small unimproved sand/gravel ramps suitable for small craft only. They are most suitable to canoe, kayak, and other small carry in craft. No other facilities are present.

Ownership: State of Michigan

Type: Boat Launch

Barrier Free Accessibility: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Trails

There are many trail systems that run through Briley Township. The Clear Lake-Jackson Lake Pathway is an approximately 5 mile hiking trail in the northeastern part of the township. This trail connects to the Clear Lake State Park Trail (4 mile hiking/skiing trail) and High Country Pathway (a 70 mile hiking trail).

Several ORV and snowmobile trails systems also run through the township and connect to broader regional systems. Approximately 50 miles of trails lie within the township.

Privately Owned Recreation Property

Elk Ridge Golf Course

Located six miles north of Atlanta on Rouse Road. This pristine 18-hole course sits on 400 acres of Northern Michigan wilderness and offers unsurpassed natural beauty with undulating greens, rolling fairways, marshes and wetlands. Golfers often catch views of wildlife including elk.

Maple Valley Stable

Maple Valley Stable is a family owned and operated horse farm and riding stable located northwest of Atlanta on Thornton Road. They offer horseback riding, riding lessons, guided trail rides and horse drawn wagon rides.

Thunder Bay Canoe Livery

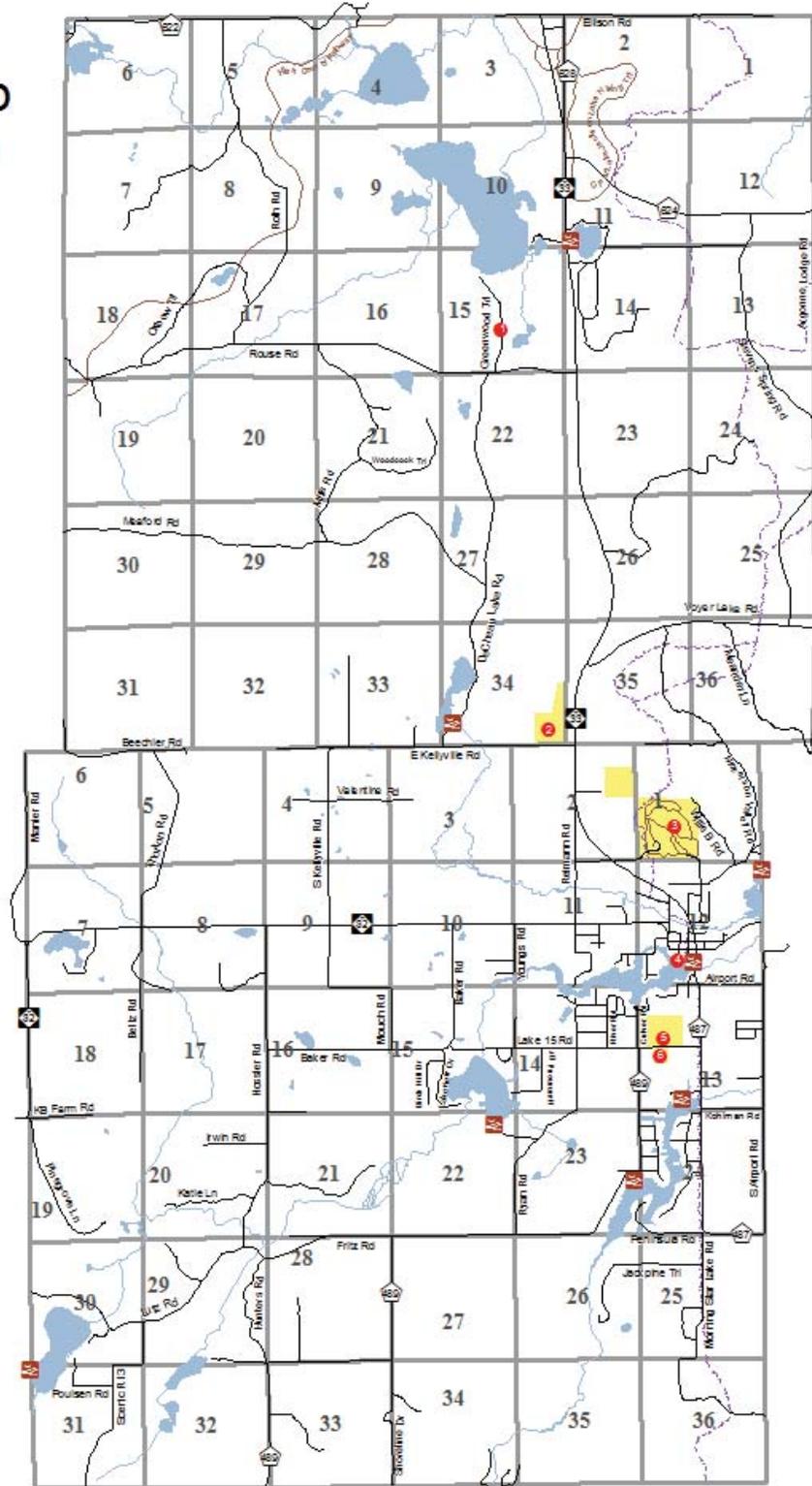
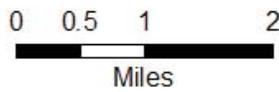
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Win-Sands Motel

This family owned motel is located just north of Atlanta on M-33. The motel has an indoor swimming pool which can be used by non-hotel guests for a small fee.

Briley Township Recreational Facilities Location Map

-  Roads
 -  Rivers
 -  Lakes
 -  Sections
 -  Trails
 -  Snowmobile Trails
- Recreational Facilities**
-  Boat Launch
 -  Elk Ridge Golf Course
 -  Montmorency County Fairgrounds
 -  Briley Township Recreation Area
 -  Briley Township Park
 -  Atlanta Community Schools
 -  Davis Field



Status Report on Grant-Assisted Recreational Facilities

Briley Township has received and successfully completed three grants through the MDNR recreation grants program. They were in 1991, 1992, and 1993.

Grant #	Park Name	Scope Item	Current Condition
TF91-270	Briley Township Park	Acquire 3 acres to expand the park	Acquired property is still part of park land and park has continued to expand.
26-01510	Briley Township Park	Develop a Riverwalk, accessible boardwalk and fishing pier, pavilion renovations, paved parking, and other site improvements	All improvements are still in use. The fishing pier has passed its useful expected life and is in need of replacement.
BF93-338	Briley Township Park	Relocate playground, remove cabins from acquired land, improve parking and park entrance, install entry sign.	All items are still in use except playground which was replaced with modern equipment in 2014.

Regional Recreation in Montmorency County

Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in the appropriate township and village recreation plans. Following is a list of recreational sites in Montmorency County:

Albert Township	
Public	Private
Buttles Road Park	Lewiston 50+ Club
Lewiston Village Park	Timber Town Lanes
Bingham Park	Lewiston Curling Club
Lions Park	Lewiston Sportsmen Club
East Twin Lake Public Beach	Lewiston Fun Ones
Lewiston School	Twin Lakes Marina
Avery Lake SFCG	Buddy's Mini Golf
Little Wolf Lake SFCG	
Buttles Road Trails	

Avery Township	
Public	Private
Avery Park	

Hillman Township	
Public	Private
Hillman Community Center	Hillman Sportsmen's Club
Hillman Fire Hall	Thunder Bay Golf Resort
Tournament Park	Anchor Creek Ranch
Tiger Paw Park	Northern Shore Lodge
Hillman Community Schools	
Lake Avalon Beach and Boat Launch	
Ess Lake Beach and SFCG	

Loud Township	
Public	Private
Loud Township Park	

Montmorency Township	
Public	Private
Long Lake Public Access	Canada Creek Ranch
Rush Lake Public Access	Sorenson's Grass lake Resort
Clear Lake State Park	St John Lutheran Church
Town Corner Lake SFCG	

Rust Township	
Public	Private
Rust Township Hall	Anglers Hideaway
Grass Lake Boat Launch	Lyons Landing

Vienna Township	
Public	Private
Vienna Twp Hall and Fire Hall	Elk View Cabins and Guide Service
Gaylanta Lake Boat Launch	
McCormick Lake Boat Launch	

Village of Hillman	
Public	Private
Brush Creek Mill	Hillman Senior Center
Brush Creek Mill Area	Thunder Bay Golf Resort
Brush Creek Park	
Emerick Park	
Pineview Park	

Water Access

In addition to the facilities listed above, Montmorency County has an abundance of pristine lakes and streams to offer numerous recreational opportunities. There are over 100 named lakes accounting for more than 10,000 acres in The County. There are also more than 30 named rivers and streams in the county which together account for more than 300 miles of waterways. There are over 20 public boating access sites on the various rivers and lakes.

Trails

There are numerous trails of various types that run through Montmorency County. There are over 50 miles of hiking/ski trails, and more than 250 miles of ORV, Snowmobile and Motorcycle trails in the County.

Recreation Outside of Montmorency County

In addition to recreation within Montmorency County, township residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 35 miles to the east, as well as Gaylord, 35 miles west. The City of Alpena is the largest city in the northeast Michigan region and offers 22 recreational properties. Community based recreation in Alpena includes Plaza Pool at Alpena High School and many community parks with swimming and fishing access. Gaylord offers seven recreational properties with many more surrounding Gaylord in Otsego County. The Gaylord area is also a true golf mecca, with approximately 20 courses within a 30-minute drive. The Otsego County Sportsplex is a multi-use facility just south of downtown Gaylord offering a swimming pool, ice rink, walking track, fitness classes, pickle ball, and the Energy Outlet play structure.

It is important to note that, while all of these regional recreational opportunities and many more, are available to residents of Briley Township, many require fees and all require travel in order to access them.

Chapter 4 – Planning Process

Briley Township Planning Process

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Briley Township Planning Commission was the lead entity in developing the Township Recreation Plan. The Planning Commission sought input from the Briley Township Recreation Committee. Planning Commission and Township Board meetings were open to the public with time allocated for comments. A timeline for the development of the recreation plan update is as follows:

SCHEDULE

August 2015	Township Officials contact Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) requesting collaboration in drafting a recreation plan for Briley Township.
October 7, 2015	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments staff developed an online Master Plan and Recreation Plan survey and posted the link on the Briley Township and NEMCOG websites.
October 14, 2015	The Montmorency County Tribune and WATZ run a story on the survey being available.
November 9, 2015	NEMCOG staff conducted site visits to Township owned properties to assess accessibility and gather photos.
November 17, 2015	The online survey was closed. A total of 24 responses were transmitted to Planning Commission. Survey results are included in Appendix A.
November 30, 2015	A joint Briley Township Planning Commission, Recreation Committee, and Public Input meeting was held.
January 6, 2016	A draft plan is completed and sent to Briley Township officials for review and comment.
January 13, 2016	The draft plan is posted for 30-day public review at the Township Office, Atlanta Library, and the Briley Township and NEMCOG websites. Notice of the plan availability was also shared via social media, word of mouth, and posted in the <i>Montmorency Tribune</i> .

February 8, 2016	The Briley Township Planning Commission met and recommended adoption of the Recreation Plan by the Township Board pending any final changes resulting from public comment.
February 8, 2016	Notice of a public hearing of the Township Board is posted at the Township Hall, on the Township website, and at local businesses.
February 13, 2016	Notice of a public hearing of the Township Board appeared in the <i>Alpena News</i> .
February 16, 2016	Notice of a public hearing of the Township Board appeared in the <i>Montmorency Tribune</i> .
February 16, 2016	The public hearing was held and the Township Board approved the Recreation Plan.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. Throughout the development of this recreation plan, members of key groups in Briley Township were involved. Due to the small size of the community, the Planning Committee opted to hold a public input session to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of parks and recreation in Briley Township. The public was notified of the meeting through press releases and notices posted in area businesses as well as by word of mouth. In addition, an online survey was provided for citizens to provide input about recreational facilities. A total of 24 people responded to the survey. The survey results can be found in Appendix A at the end of this plan.

Because of the small size of Briley Township, the Planning Commission felt that the community was well-represented throughout the process. 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 plan.

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Briley Township Updating Master and Recreation Plan

Wed, 14 Oct 2015 09:35:29 EDT



Briley Township, with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), is updating its Master Plan and Recreation Plan.

The purpose of a Master Plan is to provide guidelines for the future development of the Township while a Master Plan contains background information on the population and housing characteristics, economic development, community services, natural resources and existing land uses. Those characteristics are used to identify important community characteristics, needs and trends.

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The Township is required to have a Recreation Plan in order to qualify for grant funding from the Michigan DNR.

The planning process incorporates a community participation element that encourages input from citizens. Briley Township has chosen to gather this public input using a survey which can be filled out and submitted online.

The survey takes 10 to 15 minutes to complete as is available on the Township website at brileytownship.com or at nemcog.org. Printed versions of the survey are available at the Briley Township Hall, Montmorency County Library in Atlanta, and the Senior Center in Atlanta.



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Briley Township updating its Master Plan and Recreation Plan

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Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSD7PTD>

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

Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for 30 day Review

12 Wednesday, January 13, 2016 The Montmorency County Tribune

Legal Notices:

NOTICE
IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR ONE YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 248-502-1400.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Luford and Patricia K. Luford, husband and wife, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 9, 2008 and recorded May 20, 2008 in Liber 301, Page 422, Montmorency County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight and 96/100 Dollars (\$96,728.96), including interest at 2.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Montmorency County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JANUARY 28, 2016.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hillman, Montmorency County Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Township 31 north, Range 3 East; thence South 50 feet; thence East 150 feet to the point of beginning; thence South approximately 170 feet to the water's edge; thence East 100 feet; thence North approximately 180 feet; thence West 100 feet to the point of beginning; being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.324(1), in which

case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
 Dated: December 30, 2015
 Orians Associates, P.C., Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007
 File No. 15-018945
 (12-30)(01-20)

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NOTICE
State of Michigan Probate Court
County of Montmorency
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 15-007351-DE
Estate of Douglas G. Penn
Date of birth: 04/10/1932
To all creditors:*

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Douglas G. Penn, died 10/03/2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Douglas S. Penn, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 12265 M-32, PO Box 789, Atlanta, MI 49709 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12/28/15
 Bradley J. Nicoll P76614
 PO Box 789
 Atlanta, MI 49709
 989-785-4900
 Douglas S. Penn
 31331 West Jefferson
 Rockwood, MI 48173
 734-673-3347

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NOTICE
State of Michigan Probate Court
County of Montmorency
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 15-007328-DE
Estate of Nicholena Dougherty, Deceased
Date of birth: 02/23/1927
To all creditors:*

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Nicholena Dougherty, died July 29, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David M. Violette, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 12265 M-32, PO Box 789, Atlanta, MI 49709 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 11-18-15
 Patrick R. Winter P-24376
 206 E. Cedar St. PO Box 939
 Standish, MI 48658
 989-846-4589
 David M. Violette
 2260 Arenac State Road
 Standish, MI 48658
 989-653-2378

NOTICE
 The 2016 - 2021 Briley Township Recreation Plan is now available for a 30 day public review and comment period ending on February 15th, 2016. Physical copies can be viewed at the Briley Township Office and the Atlanta branch of the Montmorency County Public Library.



HILLMAN'S GUNNAR LIBBY, left, and Seth Knaggs try to keep control of Mio's Ben Lubitz, who scored 34 points against the Tigers.

Hillman Tigers strike down Thunderbolts

By Yvonne Swager
 Staff reporter
 The Hillman Tigers handled the Mio Thunderbolts, co-contenders for the title for the North Star League, on Jan. 7. The six-player T-bolts proved to be a threat throughout until Mio's Ben Lubitz began to show signs of fatigue in the final quarter.

Lubitz nearly single-handedly kept Mio in the game in first-quarter play, while three triples for Hillman's Gunnar Libby helped the Tigers to a two-point lead after the first quarter.

Back-to-back buckets for Kyle McLaren put the Tigers up by six. A short run for the T-bolts left them trailing by two, but a downtown shot for Brandon Banks bumped Hillman's lead back to five. Mio made up two but trailed by three at the halftime break.

The teams battled for dominance in third-quarter play. Seth Knaggs fired up for Hillman with four points. Lubitz tripled for Mio, and a trip to the line gave the T-bolts a one-point lead. The lead was short-lived, however, with consecutive

shots for Libby.

The teams knotted the score twice more, but two from the line for Libby as well as a three-point launch at the buzzer left the T-bolts trailing by five going into the final quarter. They would slip further from posing a threat as the game continued.

Dylan Steinke chalked up 11 fourth-quarter points for the Tigers as Lubitz's shots for Mio struggled to find the net. Six more points for McLaren and five for Libby, including a triple, helped the Tigers clinch a 72-53 victory over the T-bolts.

The leading scorers for Hillman were Libby with 24 points, McLaren with 15, Steinke with 13 and Banks with nine. Mio's Lubitz, who joined the 1,000-point club last year, earned 34 points to add to his total.

The Tigers remain undefeated with a long winning streak at home. They travel to Oscoda to take on the Owls on Jan. 14 and to Atlanta to face the Huskies on Jan. 18.



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HILLMAN'S OLIVIA SMITH gets some contact from Mio's Emily Mangutz in court action on Jan. 8.

Lady Tigers defeat Lady Thunderbolts

By Yvonne Swager
 Staff reporter
 Hillman's Lady Tigers pulled off a victory over the Lady Thunderbolts from Mio on Jan. 8, leaving the Tigers with a season record of 3-3 and a league record of 3-1. The teams battled for control in the first half with Mio taking the lead early in the second, but Hillman proceeded to climb further from T-bolt reach as the game continued.

The Tigers nabbed a seven-point lead after first-quarter play with the help of six points for Vanessa Schook, four for Kristen Kenyon and buckets from Eve LaFleche, Kalen Tchorzynski and Andrea Taratuta.

The T-bolts hit consecutive shots to start the second, but Tchorzynski and Olivia Smith answered for Hillman. A five-point run for the T-bolts, including a triple for Leslie Asman, left Mio trailing by only two at the half.

Smith hit for Hillman to widen the gap, but Asman closed it suddenly with a triple and a free throw from Mio's Lauren Kuffel knotted the game at 22. Asman hit for two and a free throw put the T-bolts up by

three, but another triple for Hillman's Schook thwarted T-bolt efforts and Tchorzynski gave Hillman the lead back from the line.

The teams traded shots, but a seven-point run for the Tigers left the T-bolts trailing by seven at the end of the third quarter. Mio added one from the line, but the Tigers quickly began slipping from reach.

LaFleche, Schook and Jenna Clink each made good for Hillman on steals, and Schook added three more to put the Tigers up by 16. Kenyon scored on a pass from Smith and, despite a five-point run for the T-bolts, it was Hillman up 49-36 when the clock ran out.

"Mio played really hard and forced us to have more intensity in the second half. Our girls did that," said John Kuzewski, coach for the Tigers.

He lost five seniors to graduation last year, but he said he is working on defense and trying to fill in some roles.

"I'm confident by the end of the year we will be there," Kuzewski said.

Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of February 8, 2016

Briley Township Planning Commission

February 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bruno Wojcik, Rob Roy, Mary Freeman

Absent: Gordon Green, Nancy Kaiser

Guests: Pat Snover, Alan Freeman, Barry Braun – Zoning Administrator, Ashley Hillis

Bruno Wojcik, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

January minutes tabled. Split minutes next meeting.

Ashley Hillis, Laundromat Rd, Atlanta, MI, Briley Township states she has three acres and has as pets one male goat and one female pig. She has declared openly as pets are housed in a residential area. Also plans on privacy fence this summer between adjacent properties. Recommended to go to neighbors and talk with them. Chickens are also on Laundromat Rd running freely at another residence.

Change in wording in farm animal ordinance 1314 make mandatory requirements or disallow in residential areas. Contact Gamp Dept of Agriculture for recommendations on farm animals in residential areas.

River Drive unsafe building. Joe Stone stated there is no condemnation ordinance available. Briley Township responsibility.

2016-2020 Recreation Plan Resolution recommend to Briley Township Board to adopt Recreation Plan. Motion by Rob Roy, Second Mary Freeman. Motion Carried.

Motin by Rob Roy to engage Avery Township formally for joint Trail Project in Recreation Plan. Second by Mary Freeman. Motion Carried

Look for signs no jake brakes on semis Briley Township Perimeters.

Training dates discussed.

Acting Chair Bruno Wojcik called the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by

Mary Freeman, Acting Briley Township Planning Commission Secretary

Planning Commission Resolution Recommending Adoption

BRILEY TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Briley Township Planning Commission

- WHEREAS,** Briley Township 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 2016 – 2020, and
- WHEREAS,** Briley Township actively seeks collaboration and partnerships with its surrounding townships in developing and maintaining multi-jurisdictional public recreational opportunities, and
- WHEREAS,** An online recreation survey was published on October 7, 2015 and remained open for public input until November 17, 2015 providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and
- WHEREAS,** A joint Planning Commission, Recreation Committee, and Public Input meeting was held on November 30, 2015 providing residents with further opportunity to comment, and
- WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the Montmorency County Tribune on January 13, 2016 which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and
- WHEREAS,** Briley 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 Briley Township Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan pending any final edits per comments received, and recommends to the Township Board adoption of the Briley Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Briley Township and the general public.

Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Briley Township Planning Commission on February 8, 2016.

Bruno Wojcik - PLANNING COMMISSION
Name, Title TEMP CHAIR

[Signature]
Signature

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The Montmorency Township Board of Trustees has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Connie Brandt, Montmorency Township Clerk

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NOTICE

MONTMORENCY TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Brandt, supported by Herrick to appoint election inspectors for the upcoming March 08, 2016 election. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Connie Brandt, Montmorency Township Clerk

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The **deadline** for submitting sealed bids shall be **before 7:30 p.m.** on March 09, 2016. Proof of Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance must be included with sealed bid. The Montmorency Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Sealed bids may be mailed to: Montmorency Township Supervisor, Garry Boldrey, P.O. Box 457, Hillman, MI 49746.

Connie Brandt, Montmorency Township Clerk

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NOTICE

2016-2020 Briley Township Recreation Plan Public Hearing Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7 p.m.

A public hearing will be held by the Briley Township Board on February 16, 2016, at the regular scheduled meeting at the Briley Township Hall, for the purpose of receiving public input and considering the 2016-2020 Briley Township Recreation Plan for adoption.

Mary Jo Whitmire, Briley Township Clerk

This notice is posed in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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1000 - Legal Notices
 Kenneth A. Radzibon P-27713
 Attorney for Mortgagees
 325 N. State St., PO Box 709
 Hillman, Michigan 49746
 (989) 742-4240
 (February 1, 8, 15, 22)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
 PROBATE COURT
 COUNTY OF ALPENA**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 2016-016149-DE

Estate of Jason Risteau, De-
 ceased
 Date of birth: 02/12/1991

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
 The decedent, **Jason Risteau**, died 02/04/2016. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Penny Risteau, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 719 W. Chisholm Street, #4 Alpena, MI 49707 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

02/10/2016

Penny Risteau
 21971 Farmington Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336
 (248) 474-9350

Lawrence D. Kohl P35740
 21971 Farmington Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336
 (248) 474-9350
 (February 15)



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 City of Alpena
 Recreation Plan
 City Council

February 15, 2016

1004 - Notices

FIRST DAY
NOTICE

2016-2020 BRILEY TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 7PM

A Public Hearing will be held by the Briley Township Board on February 16, 2016, at the regular scheduled meeting at the Briley Township Hall, for the purpose of receiving public input and considering the 2016-2020 Briley Township Recreation Plan for adoption.
 Mary Jo Whitmire,
 Briley Township Clerk

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act. (February 15)

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Announcements

1006 - Bingo/Games



1046 - Announcements

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR AD for any errors the first day it runs and let us know if there is a problem. We will be happy to make adjustments for one day only. **THANK YOU.**

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Employment

1500 - Miscellaneous

Gen Ar's Restaurant
 Now accepting applications for all positions, immediate job openings available. Please apply at:

585 S. Ripley Blvd.
 Alpena, MI

No phone call Please

FIRST DAY

The State of Michigan will be hiring **Janitor** positions at Alpena Combat Readiness Center. Anyone interested in applying please go to:

<http://www.michigan.gov/mdcs/>

FULL-TIME POSITION
 Car Wash/Porter

1510 - Medical

FIRST DAY

Alcona Health Centers, Lincoln and Oscoda clinics have full time and contingent Medical Support Staff open positions. Applicant must be a certified or licensed CMA, LPN or RN. Full time positions offer medical, dental and vision health insurance, a retirement savings plan and paid holidays and vacation. Send a letter of interest with your resume to:

Alcona Health Center
 Attn: Clinical Manager
 PO Box 279
 Lincoln, MI. 48742

Deadline to apply is Feb. 23, 2016 EOE

MEDICAL WANTED:

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Northeast Michigan family practice clinic seeking a Certified Nurse Practitioner to join our warm and friendly office. Must hold a Michigan State License and be Board Certified or Board Eligible. Pre

The screenshot shows a mobile browser interface for the Briley Township website. At the top, the status bar displays '4G LTE', signal strength, 57% battery, and the time '5:29 AM'. Below this is a browser address bar with a home icon, the URL 'brileytownship.com', a tab indicator showing '1', and a menu icon. The main header features the 'Briley Township' logo in a large, brown, serif font. To the right of the logo is contact information: 'Hall: (989) 785-4050', 'Fax: (989) 785-4186', '11331 West Street', 'PO Box 207', and 'Atlanta, MI 49709'. Next to the contact info is a circular logo depicting a landscape with a sun, trees, and an elk. Below the header is a green banner with the text 'Home to Atlanta, the Elk Capital of Michigan, located on the 45th Parallel'. The main content area is a large, faded image of a landscape. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with buttons for 'Home', 'Calendar', 'Documents', 'Maps', 'Photos', 'Forms', 'Services', and 'Links'. To the right of the menu is a brown rectangular box containing the following text: 'The Briley Township Recreation Plan will be reviewed at a public hearing to be held during the regularly scheduled board meeting, Feb. 16 at the township hall. The complete meeting notice is available [here](#).' Below this box is a section titled 'About Briley Township:' followed by three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph describes the township's location on the 45th Parallel. The second paragraph provides historical context, mentioning its establishment in 1881 and its status as a General Law Township. The third paragraph discusses the incorporation of the village of Atlanta in the 1800s and its subsequent reversion to township government.

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The Briley Township Recreation Plan will be reviewed at a public hearing to be held during the regularly scheduled board meeting, Feb. 16 at the township hall. The complete meeting notice is available [here](#).

About Briley Township:

Briley Township, home to the unincorporated village of Atlanta, is located on the 45th Parallel This latitudinal line which marks equal distance between the Equator and the North Pole, passes through the community and divides the northern half of the township from the southern half. Atlanta is the only town in Michigan that actually sits on the 45th Parallel.

Established in 1881, Briley Township was one of the three original townships in Montmorency County, but is now one of eight. It is a General Law Township with a land area of 68.4 square miles. Its population according to the 2000 census is 2,029 persons, an increase of 11% from 1990 when the census recorded 1,831.

The town of Atlanta was incorporated as a village for a short time in the 1800's, but has since reverted to township government. Atlanta was named the county seat by an election vote in 1893 and by an act of the

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and Comments Received

BRILEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

FEB 16TH, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING ON RECREATION PLAN

OPEN MEETING AT 7:05 P.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

PRESENT: WOJICK, WURTSMITH, FLYNN, ZOLLARS, WHITMIRE

GUESTS: MARK KINNEY, SUSAN REED, JIM CHAPMAN, STEVE DOCHERTY, JASON ARMOCK, MARY DUGAS

MARY FREEMAN, PAT SNOVER, PHIL AND MARVA LAMORE, DAN LODER, BARRY BRAUN, YVONNE SWAGER, ALAN FREEMAN, JAY STRIEFF, ERIC WEIGANDT GORDON GREEN.

WURTSMITH OPENED MEETING TO HEAR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RECREATION PLAN.

WOJICK EXPLAINED THAT THE MASTER AND RECREATION PLAN SHOULD MIRROR THE STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTED THE RECREATION PLAN WITH RECOMMENDATION TO THE TWP. BOARD FOR ACTION.

GORDON GREEN EXPLAINED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS WORKED HARD TO COVER THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP.

THE SUPERVISOR EXPLAINED THAT THE PLAN IS A BEGINNING . THE RECREATION PLAN IS JUST THAT AND A KEY COMPONENT OF THE MASTER PLAN.

UPPER THUNDER BAY WATER TRAIL WAS DISCUSSED FOR THE FUTURE. GREEN EXPLAINED THAT A UNIVERSAL ACESS DOCK FOR THE PARK WOULD BE AN ASSET AND A SAFER WAY TO ENJOY THE AMENITITES.

THE SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE RECREATION PROPERTY ON THE SLEDDING/SKIING HILL CALLED FOR SAFETY AS THEIR MOST CONCERN THE CURRENT ACCESS TO THE SITE IS QUESTIONABLE. HIKERS AND BIKERS USE IT CURRENTLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND ON THE USE OF THE RECREATION AREA. THE SUB COMMITTEE HAS POSTED SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE TRAILS AND PARKING AREA.

THE ICE RINK OPENED LATER THAN USUAL. THE RINK LAST YEAR WAS OPEN FOR ONLY 10 DAYS AND 150 PEOPLE ATTENDED. THE WEATHER HAS NOT BEEN COOPERATIVE. FREE FISHING WEEKEND WAS HELD AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THE TOWNSHIP PARK.

THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD WAS EXPANDED ON LAST YEAR GOING FORWARD THE INFIELD IS GROWING SEED AND T-BALL WILL BE STARTING IN APRIL. THE CONCESSION STAND COULD BE LARGER. LOOKING TO BUILD NEW DUGOUTS. THE FUTURE PLANNING IS IN THE WORKS. THERE ARE A LOT OF SMALL THINGS THAT CAN AND WILL BE DONE BY THE LITTLE LEAGUE THIS SEASON. THANKED THE TOWNSHIP FOR ITS SUPPORT.

A BUSINESS OWNER SPOKE ON THE DOCK, RECREATION PROPERTY, PLEASED WITH WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO STEP UP AND WORK ON COMMUNICATION.

RESIDENT SPOKE TO THE FACT WE HAVE TO WORK AS A COMMUNITY AND BETTER ADVERTISING FOR EVENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL. SPOKE ON THE DOCK BEING AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM CHAPMAN SPOKE ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AS AN AVENUE.

THE COUNTY HAS SUPPORTED THE TOWNSHIP IN THE PAST FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES WITH LETTERS OF SUPPORT.

MONTMORENCY COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB SUBMITTED A FLYER THEY ARE WORKING ON. ESSENTIALY INFORMING THE PUBLIC AT ACCESS POINTS ALONG THE RIVER ON GENERAL INFORMATION. (SEE ATTACHED)

BOARD MEMBER WOJICK, PLANNING COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD SPOKE TO THE PUBLIC AND BOARD ON THE DOCK NEEDING TO BE A PRIORITY. THE FINAL COPY OF THE RECREATION PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE IN TWO WEEKS ON THE STATE WEB SITE NEMCOG AND THE TOWNSHIPS WEBSITE.

SUPERVISOR WURTSMITH CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:59 P.M.

MARY JO WHITMIRE

BRILEY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Minutes from the Township Board Meeting of February 16, 2016

BRILEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 16TH, 2016

Supervisor Wurtsmith opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Wurtsmith, Clerk Whitmire, Treasurer Valentine-Flynn, Trustee Wojick, Trustee Zollars.

Guests : see attached list

Motion by Flynn second by Wojick to accept the meeting minutes of January 19th, 2016 as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Whitmire second by Wojick to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of January 22nd, 2016. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Liquor Control Commission questionnaire to be handled by the Treasurer.

Treasurers financial report presented and approved.

Motion by Wojick second by Whitmire to pay bills. All in favor.

Supervisor called for a motion on the Resolution to adopt the Recreation Plan for years 2016 to 2020 by Roll Call vote.

5 yeas, 0 nays. Absent: None

Supervisor Wurtsmith declared the resolution adopted .

Township Clerk reported that the Fire Department will be sponsoring the annual bike run in the fall.

County Commissioner Jim Chapman reported that the County employees will get a 1% increase in pay. The committee is still working on the security issues with the county building.

Blight/Zoning Officer Braun reported that he will be in court this Friday for a blight ticket issued. Zoning is not active this time of year and has resolved an issue along with the planning commission about farm animals.

Parks and Recreation reported that research into burning the cattails on the water edge in the park is legal and is looking for someone to approach the Fire Department for assistance. Supervisor Wurtsmith will call the Fire Chief.

Motion by Flynn second by Whitmire to approve Gosling Czubak Engineering to apply for the DNR Trust Fund Grant. Grant writing not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Fundraising Policy Tabled.

Sno-Drift Rally has been billed for snowplowing.

Supervisor Wurtsmith reported the SBA tower lease is not completed easement across state land is the issue.

Supervisor Wurtsmith reported that the Park Property purchase agreement will be signed at closing.

No other Board Reports.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 P.M.

Mary Jo Whitmire

Briley Township Clerk

Resolution of the Township Board Adopting the Recreation Plan

BRILEY TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Briley Township Board

WHEREAS, Briley Township 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 2016 -- 2020, and

WHEREAS, Briley Township actively seeks collaboration and partnerships with its surrounding townships in developing and maintaining multi-jurisdictional public recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, An online recreation survey was published on October 7, 2015 and remained open for public input until November 17, 2015 providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and

WHEREAS, A joint Planning Commission, Recreation Committee, and Public Input meeting was held on November 30, 2015 providing residents with further opportunity to comment, and

WHEREAS, A public notice was published in the Montmorency County Tribune on January 13, 2016 which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 16, 2016 at the Briley Township Hall to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan

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

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Briley Township Board of Trustees, held on February 16, 2016.

Briley Township, Clerk
Name, Title

Mary Jo Whitmire
Signature

Copies of Submittal Letters



February 22, 2016

Montmorency County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 789
Atlanta, MI 49709

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the 2016 – 2020 Briley Township Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Township Board on February 16, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike WurtSmith", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike WurtSmith
Supervisor, Briley Township



February 22, 2016

Northeast MI Council of Governments
PO Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

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Mike Wurtsmith
Supervisor, Briley Township

Chapter 5 – Goals, Objectives & Action Plan

Goals & Objectives

After reviewing community input and demographic characteristics of the township, the following goals and objectives will provide overall guidance in recreational project development.

1. Promote the use of township recreational assets.
 - a. Encourage residents and visitors to make use of the existing township recreational assets by bringing about necessary improvements to increase the availability of recreational amenities.
 - b. Partner with other local agencies, civic groups, schools, the State of Michigan, and private individuals or businesses on recreational development projects, where applicable.
2. Promote and encourage use of the Thunder Bay River as a valuable recreational asset.
 - a. Encourage residents and visitors to make use of the existing facilities on the Thunder Bay River.
 - b. Promote and encourage expanding and improving access to the Thunder Bay River.
 - c. Support options for reopening the Thunder Bay Canoe Livery in Atlanta.
 - d. Plan and develop a Thunder Bay River water trail in coordination with adjoining Townships.
3. Develop trails and trail connections for motorized and non-motorized uses.
 - a. Support the State of Michigan trail program.
 - b. Work to support and implement the Atlanta Trail Town Plan and concept.
 - c. Research expansion of local trails in conjunction with state trail expansion plans.
 - d. Support the continued maintenance of local snowmobile, ORV, motorcycle, bicycle, and X-country ski trails within the township.
 - e. Research ways to improve and expand parking facilities at various trailhead staging areas throughout the township.
 - f. Improve barrier free accessibility on township trails, where appropriate.
4. Explore the expansion of township camping opportunities.
 - a. Work with local agencies on the expansion of camping opportunities, where appropriate.
 - b. Encourage the State of Michigan to reopen the Lake 15 State Forest Campground, or explore the feasibility of the Township obtaining an operating lease.
 - c. Research the development of a Township RV Park/Campground.

5. Develop Wayfinding Signage and Informational Brochures
 - a. Establish wayfinding, directional, and site signage to direct visitors and residents to recreational facilities within the township.
 - b. Development a recreational brochure and map for Briley Township recreational facilities.

Briley Township Recreation Area

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Briley Township Recreation Area 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:** Improve and enlarge the entrance road and parking area.
 - b) **Action:** Develop handicap accessible nature trails with signage, benches and possible exercise stations.
 - c) **Action:** Grooming of ski trails.
 - d) **Action:** Develop an archery range.
 - e) **Action:** Construct warming shed and pit toilets.
 - f) **Action:** Construct an amphitheater.
 - g) **Action:** Develop a scenic overlook and picnic area at former fire tower site.
 - h) **Action:** Explore feasibility and options for providing equestrian access to the recreation area.
 - i) **Action:** Develop a BMX bike track.
 - j) **Action:** Develop a disc golf course.
 - k) **Action:** Develop a zip line.
 - l) **Action:** Explore options for developing back country camping sites.
 - m) **Action:** Develop a forest and wildlife management plan for the property.

Briley Township Park

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at Briley Township 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:** Work to implement recommendations of the Thunder Bay River Waterfront Revitalization Plan.
 - b) **Action:** Construct a Performance Pavilion.

- c) **Action:** Upgrade and replace fishing dock.
- d) **Action:** Construct second fishing dock near pavilion location.
- e) **Action:** Develop new upgraded boat launch.
- f) **Action:** Acquire adjoining properties when possible.
- g) **Action:** Upgrade park office and recreation room to ADA standards.
- h) **Action:** Develop a nature trail with signage, waterfront observatory, and boardwalk.
- i) **Action:** Expand playground to include toddler play area.
- j) **Action:** Develop Shuffle Board Courts.
- k) **Action:** Upgrade Ice Rink and add backboards.
- l) **Action:** Upgrade Basketball court.
- m) **Action:** Develop a beach/swimming area.
- n) **Action:** Develop a Skate park.
- o) **Action:** Upgrade existing and add more Horseshoe pits.
- p) **Action:** Install fish cleaning stations.
- q) **Action:** Add a restroom and drinking fountain near fishing dock.
- r) **Action:** Explore options from providing small watercraft rentals.
- s) **Action:** Construct platform at waters edge for annual Memorial Day veterans salute.

2. **Objective:** Stop deterioration and improve overall appearance of property.

- a) **Action:** Protect park waterfront area by controlling invasive species.
- b) **Action:** Stabilize shoreline from erosion.
- c) **Action:** Plant shade trees and new White Pines.
- d) **Action:** Install sprinkler system.

Davis Field

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at Davis Field 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:** Plant trees for shade around bleachers.
- b) **Action:** Install more bleachers for additional seating.
- c) **Action:** Improve entrance drive with curbing, landscaping, and signage.
- d) **Action:** Extend concession stand with covered dining area and storage space.
- e) **Action:** Develop Basketball court.
- f) **Action:** Acquire adjacent property for additional fields (soccer, more diamonds).

- g) **Action:** Outdoor lighting for night games and scoreboards.
- h) **Action:** Develop RC vehicle track.
- i) **Action:** Install dog waste stations.
- j) **Action:** Install playground
- k) **Action:** Construct dugouts for new field
- l) **Action:** Purchase safety equipment (fire extinguisher, first aid, defibrillator)
- m) **Action:** Install irrigation system for fields.

Trails

Goal: Develop recreational trail systems to increase the livability of the community, and preserve and improve access to public lands, local amenities, and water resources.

1. **Objective:** Construct non-motorized trail systems and supporting facilities.
 - a) **Action:** Extend paved path south to Davis Field and west to Weberwood Apartments.
 - b) **Action:** Support the Atlanta trail town designation and plan.
 - c) **Action:** Improve snowmobile/ORV trail connections through town.
 - d) **Action:** Improve signage along trails going through Atlanta.

Thunder Bay River

Goal: Promote and encourage the use of the Thunder Bay River as a valuable recreational asset.

1. **Objective:** Increase the use and awareness of the Thunder Bay River for recreational purposes by providing better access, amenities and navigation.
 - a) **Action:** Complete development of the draft Upper Thunder Bay River Water Trail plan. (Draft attached as Appendix B)
 - b) **Action:** Implement needed improvements identified in the plan.
 - c) **Action:** Organize river clean-up day to remove navigation hazards and obstructions.

Atlanta Area General

Goal: Develop and support other recreational facilities as opportunities arise.

1. **Objective:** Identify options for expanding recreational facilities.
 - a) **Action:** Purchase old school and convert to Community Center.
 - b) **Action:** Support the development of a golf driving range.
 - c) **Action:** Promote Atlanta's location on the 45th Parallel.

Basis for Action

There are a number of issues to consider when planning for recreational facilities in Briley Township:

1. The median age of residents in Briley Township is 50.7 years old, compared to the state's median age of 39.1. With a higher median age comes a high percentage of wheelchair use. All of the recreational facilities in Briley Township lack universal accessibility and are in need of improvements.
2. Young people ages 0-19 comprise 19% of the Township population and 38% of the population is between 20-54 years of age. Recreational facilities in the Township need to appeal to a very diverse age group.
3. Residents of retirement age (65 +) comprise 24% of the Township population. Thought must be given to planning for this large resident population which has both the time and desire for age-appropriate recreational activities.
4. Briley Township's median household income is \$32,750 compared to that of the state average of \$48,411. Nearly 56% of the households in the township include Social Security recipients, compared to 32.3% statewide. Nearly thirty-nine percent of households have retirement income, compared to 22.7% statewide. 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.
5. Briley Township is very proud of its natural beauty and rural character. It is important to those planning for its growth and development that every effort be made to balance ecological concerns with tourism potential. Protection of natural resources and scenic areas must therefore be a major element of the planning process.

6. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in Briley Township are reported at 12.7% (2014), and all of Northeast Michigan remained significantly higher than the state average. 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. 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.

Figures obtained from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2009-2013 5-year estimates. Unemployment rate obtained from Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

With these issues in mind, other factors to be considered in recreational plan development for Briley Township include:

1. Development of recreation opportunities which are appropriate to the Township's major population groups. Both active and passive recreation opportunities require easy access to allow use by those with limited transportation resources, including the elderly and youth of the Township.
2. Development and maintenance of recreational opportunities for individuals with diverse incomes, including recreation available at a no-cost or low-cost basis, as well as appealing to upscale, urban visitors.
3. Maintenance and operation of existing and new recreational facilities in a manner that preserve their ecological and scenic value, with limited staff and funding availability.
4. With 44% of the Township land area owned by the State of Michigan, much of that forested, Briley Township is well suited to provide outdoor recreation. Therefore, Briley Township intends to develop its outdoor recreation to suit the needs of differing age groups, income levels, and physical abilities of Township residents and visitors.

Capital Improvement Schedule

The Capital Improvement Schedule found below describes the recreational improvements the Township would like to pursue over the next five years.

Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Schedule					
Briley Township Recreation Area					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Briley Township Recreation Area	Improve and enlarge entrance road and parking area	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds and volunteers	2016
HIGH	Briley Township Recreation Area	Handicap accessible nature trail with signage, benches and exercise stations	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds and volunteers	2016
HIGH	Briley Township Recreation Area	Maintenance and grooming of ski trails	NA	Local funds and volunteers	On going
LOW	Briley Township Recreation Area	Archery range	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
HIGH	Briley Township Recreation Area	Warming shed and pit toilets	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
LOW	Briley Township Recreation Area	Amphitheater	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020+
MEDIUM	Briley Township Recreation Area	Scenic overlook and picnic area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
LOW	Briley Township Recreation Area	Equestrian access feasibility and development	TBD	Local funds and volunteer services	2018
MEDIUM	Briley Township Recreation Area	BMX bike track	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017

MEDIUM	Briley Township Recreation Area	Disc golf course	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
LOW	Briley Township Recreation Area	Zip line	\$100,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
MEDIUM	Briley Township Recreation Area	Back country camping	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
LOW	Briley Township Recreation Area	Develop forest and wildlife management plan	TBD	Local funds and volunteers	2016-2020

Briley Township Park

PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Briley Township Park	Implement TBR Waterfront Plan	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2020
MEDIUM	Briley Township Park	Performance pavilion	\$50,000	Local funds	2019
HIGH	Briley Township Park	Upgrade and replace fishing dock	\$125,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
MEDIUM	Briley Township Park	Construct second fishing dock near pavilion	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Briley Township Park	New boat launch	\$150,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
LOW	Briley Township Park	Acquire adjoining properties	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016>
LOW	Briley Township Park	Upgrade park office and recreation room	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020+
MEDIUM	Briley Township Park	Nature trail with signage, waterfront observatory and boardwalk	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019

HIGH	Briley Township Park	Expand playground to include toddler play area	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
LOW	Briley Township Park	Shuffle board courts	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
MEDIUM	Briley Township Park	Upgrade ice rink and add backboards	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
LOW	Briley Township Park	Basketball courts	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018+
LOW	Briley Township Park	Beach/swimming area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020+
LOW	Briley Township Park	Skate park	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
LOW	Briley Township Park	Upgrade and add Horseshoe pits	\$500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
LOW	Briley Township Park	Fish Cleaning stations	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019+
HIGH	Briley Township Park	Restroom and drinking fountain near fishing dock	\$35,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
LOW	Briley Township Park	Small watercraft rental options	TBD	Local funds and volunteer time	2016>
HIGH	Briley Township Park	Waters edge platform for Memorial Day activities	\$290,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018+
HIGH	Briley Township Park	Stabilize shoreline & control invasive species	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
MEDIUM	Briley Township Park	Plant shade trees and new White Pines	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019+

LOW	Briley Township Park	Sprinkler system	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020+
Davis Field					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
MEDIUM	Davis Field	Plant trees for shade around bleachers	\$500	Local groups, environmental groups, township funds	2017-2018
HIGH	Davis Field	Install additional bleachers	\$6,400	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2018
HIGH	Davis Field	Improve entrance drive and parking	\$1,400 \$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017 2019
HIGH	Davis Field	Extend concession stand with covered dining area and storage	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016 - 2018
LOW	Davis Field	Develop basketball courts	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020+
HIGH	Davis Field	Acquire adjacent property	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
MEDIUM	Davis Field	Outdoor lighting for night games and scoreboards	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018-2020
LOW	Davis Field	Develop RC track	\$500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017+
HIGH	Davis Field	Install dog waste stations	\$400	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Davis Field	Install playground	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2020
HIGH	Davis Field	Dugouts for new field	\$1,500	Local groups	2016

HIGH	Davis Field	Purchase safety equipment	\$500	Local groups, local emergency services, Township	2016
MEDIUM	Davis Field	Install irrigation system	TBD	Corporate marketing, local groups	2020
Trails					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	General trail recommendations	Extend paved path	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017>
HIGH	General trail recommendations	Support Atlanta trail town designation and plan	TBD		2016>
MEDIUM	General trail recommendations	Improve snowmobile/ORV trail connections through town	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018>
MEDIUM	General trail recommendations	Improve signage along trails in Atlanta	TBD	Local funding, local groups	2016>
Thunder Bay River					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Thunder Bay River	Complete water trail plan	TBD	Local funds and volunteer efforts	2016-2017
HIGH	Thunder Bay River	Implement water trail plan recommendations	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017>
HIGH	Thunder Bay River	Organize river clean-up day	TBD	Local funds and volunteer efforts	On-going
Atlanta Area General					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	General recommendations	Promote Atlanta's location on the 45 th Parallel	TBD	Local funds	2016>
LOW	General recommendations	Support development of a golf driving range	TBD	Local funds	2016>

LOW	General recommendations	Purchase old school and convert to Community Center	TBD	TBD	2020+
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***Some flexibility in the timeline may be necessary in order to allow for necessary engineering studies, environmental surveys, contractual scheduling, and the availability of funding.**

Appendix A

Excerpt of Results from Briley Township Master Plan
and Recreation Plan Online Survey

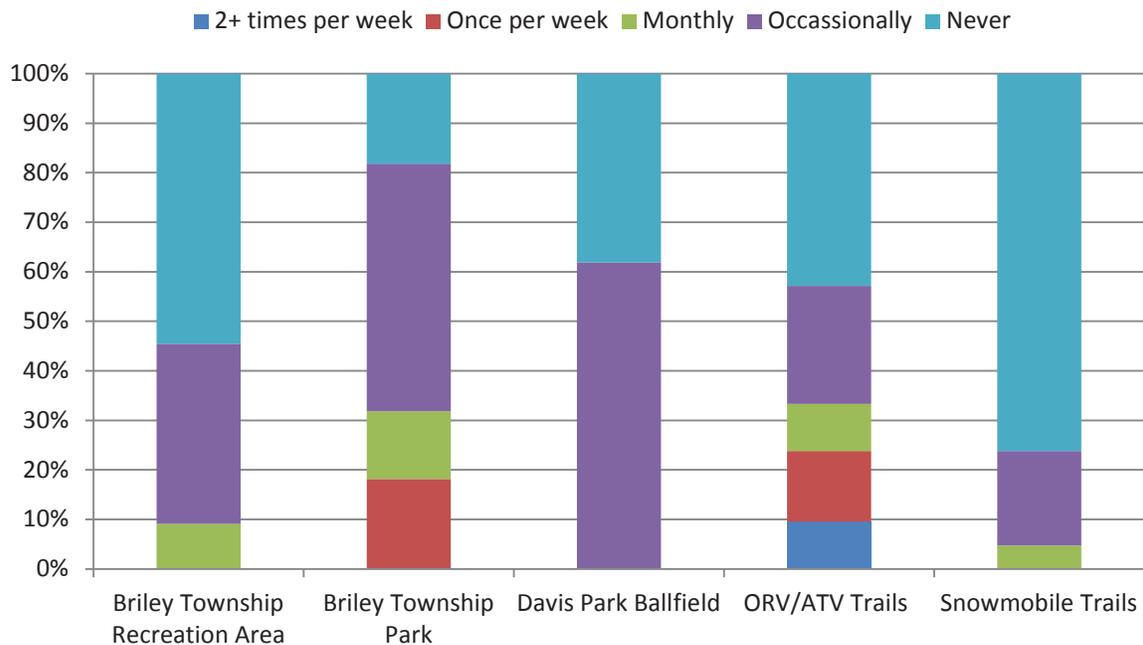
Q18: Do you know where the following recreational facilities are located within Briley Township?

Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
Briley Township Recreation Area	22	2	22
Briley Township Park	23	0	22
Davis Park Ballfield	20	1	21
State of Michigan ORV/ATV Trails	18	2	20
State of Michigan Snowmobile Trails	18	2	20

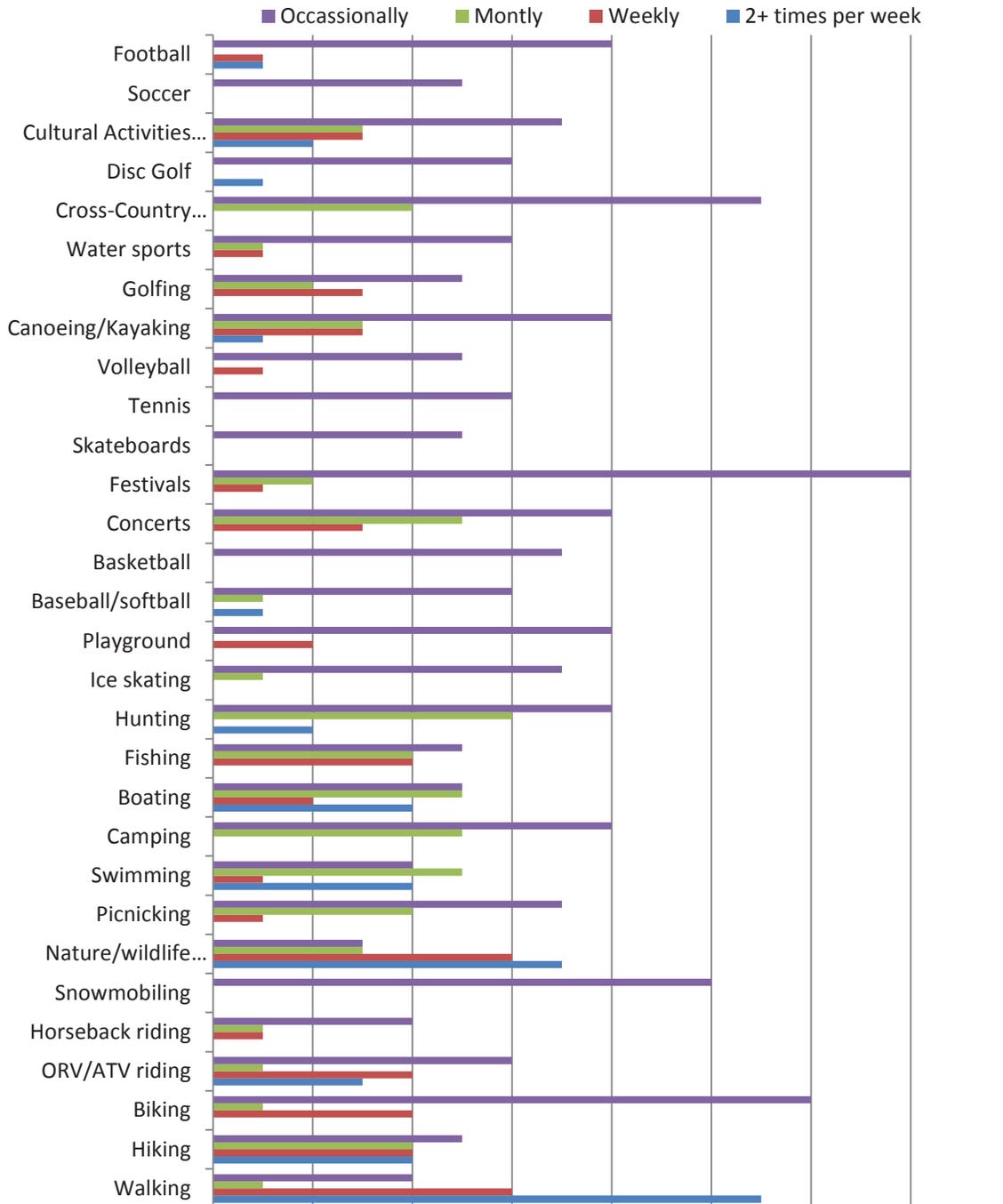
Comments

You should push the Horse trails around Avery Lake area. Just advertise them not spend a lot of money on them

Q19: How often to you use the following recreational facilities? (Rank only in the season in which normal use occurs). Map located below.



Q20: Which of the following recreational activities do you engage in?



Q21: What improvements do you feel are needed to existing recreational facilities in Briley Township?

Briley Township Recreation Area

Leave it wild.

okay

Public Awareness

It should be more accessible

Signage for access

Parking, Access, Open restrooms and public amenities

Direction and promotion signage

minimal

Develop cross country ski trails

Re open south east entrance. Mountain bike single track trail

disc golf, mountain biking

Briley Township Park

Cattails took over swimming area. At one time could swim there.

Dredge for swimming.

More supervised activities.

Fishing dock, new or rebuilt.

okay

More playground equipment

Open restrooms and public amenities

canoe kayak rentals

minimal

More playground equipment for the children.

Remove cattails to improve view, dredge to improve usage, restock with fish.

concerts, special events, town art displays and/or historical info sights.

swings

Outdoor amphitheater, new fishing dock

boat launch, stage

Davis Park Ballfield

None

okay

I feel Davis Park ballfield should have more seating

Open restrooms and public amenities

Trees and landscaping

minimal

Pavilion next to concession stand.

tournaments, winter softball tournaments, sight for outdoor concerts(summer) sledding hill

playground, shade trees

Q22: What other recreational facilities do you use in Montmorency County or the surrounding area?

Comments

State land to hunt.

none

Snow Skiing

MDNR Voyer Lake Road gun range. Eating out.

Clear Lake Day Use

As a senior citizen, not as much as when our kids were home.

Mainly use my own property for recreation.

Gaylord's Aspen Park. Alpena bike trails

state land everywhere

Q23: What recreational activities do you leave the Atlanta area for?

Comments

Movies and concerts.

Hunt outside of area.

None

Snow Skiing

Geocaching

Camping

Fishing

Walking

Shopping

None.

Casino

sledding, water park, classes to learn ie; dance, language, computer classes

sometimes golf

Mountain biking.

geocaching, kayaking

Q24: If you could add recreational facilities or amenities in Briley Township, what would they be?

Comments

Music in park. Revamp the gun range for longer shooting and closer pistol shooting.

Fishing dock. Basketball Court

More use of Airport for community activities Businesses

A theater More water fountains.

An exercise gym Bandshell

Bike/skate park something for our children

Small Enclosed Toddler Play Area Single track mountain bike trail

Businesses skate park

not much, Movies.

More tables. More grills in park.

Kayak course on the pond Stage for Summer Events

sledding/tubing/skiing hill Businesses

New fishing dock sledding/toboggan run.

bike trails (interconnected) zip lines disc golf and a face lift

Dances. Outdoor amphitheater

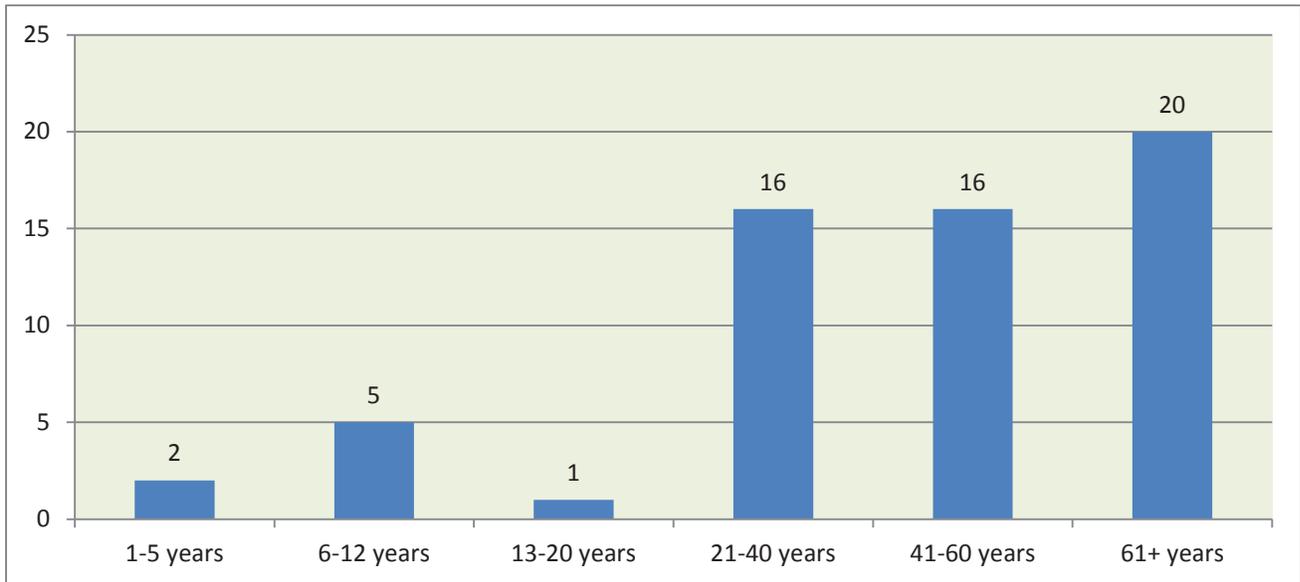
Dedicated "off road" trails Jeep clubs and atv riders could go to. They're just cooler than driving down a dirt trail.

Q25: Do you have family/friends who travel to the area to use recreational facilities?

Comments

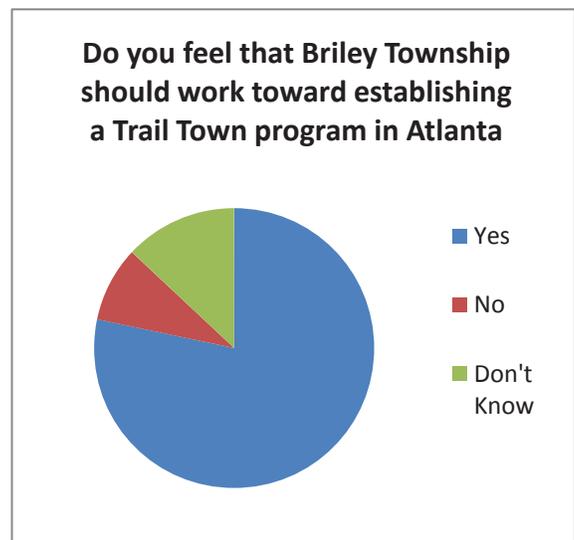
no but then we are seniors	Fishing, hunting, camping, ORV routes
Sno*Drift Rally, hunting, fishing	Hunting in the area.
Camping	No.
Camping	camping, canoeing, fishing, swimming
All three.	fishing, camping
Hunting - Fishing	hunting
geocaching, kayaking, festivals	Fishing, orv riding, hunting, mushrooming, fishing

Q26: What are the ages of you and your family members?



Q27: Do you feel that Briley Township should work toward establishing a Trail Town program in Atlanta? (A community that is "trail-friendly" by meeting the needs of trail users by providing things such as parking areas for trail users, safe connections from trails to the downtown area, and business amenities that trail users find useful).

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	78.3%	18
No	8.7%	2
Don't Know	13.0%	3



Appendix B

Draft Upper Thunder Bay River Water Trail Plan

Upper Thunder Bay River Water Trail

Proposed by Briley and Avery Planning Commissions

We have a wonderful resource right here at home that is underutilized. The headwaters of the Thunder Bay River starts with a spring flowing in the hills north east of Lewiston. It runs through cedar swamps to McCormick Lake and then onto Lake 15. These upper reaches are not navigable with a watercraft. The thickness of vegetation, depth of channel, various blowdown trees, and width of channel severely limit even kayaks. At Lake 15 the river leaves the lake as a navigable channel. It flows through various habitats and takes many turns to get to the farthest logical take out point at M-33 South of Atlanta.

Access points along the proposed trail

Lake 15 access site (launch point)

N 44 59.067 W 084 10.616

Current conditions: Parking area with small lawn beach. Existing concrete boat ramp, no dock
No restrooms. Access from seasonal road (fairly good condition) Vehicle access

Improvements suggested: Gateway to the Thunder Bay

Dock with Canoe/ Kayak ADA rack
Canoe/kayak storage rack, signage

River conditions: Small lake crossing into river

Car distance:

River Distance:

Lake 15 Rd portage

N 44 59.569 W 084 10.728

Current condition: Unofficial swimming hole, culverts under Lake 15 Road. Depending on water height it's possible to "shoot the tube" No parking, no restrooms, no vehicle access

Improvements:

Steps for portage on both sides of road

River Conditions Narrow fast water grading to no current

Car distance:

River Distance:

Briley Park/487 Portage

N 45 00.169 W 84 08.634

Current condition: boat launch with dock, restrooms about 700 feet, playground, vehicle access

Improvements: Canoe/Kayak Storage Rack, Canoe/ Kayak ADA rack ,signage

River conditions: Narrow, quick, many sharp turns, may be blocked by blown down trees

Car distance:

River Distance:

Avery Township Park

N 45 00.057 W 084 07.168

Current condition: Pavilion, playground, restrooms within 400 feet, parking
Concrete platform by water. Carry-in access

Improvements: Canoe/Kayak Rack, signage, Canoe/ Kayak ADA rack

River condition: widening, more gradual turns

Car distance:

River Distance:

Red bridge- emergency access

900 feet from vehicle down old ROW

N 44 59.157 W 084 06.280

Car distance:

River Distance:

Eichorn Bridge- half day pullout/portage

N 44 59.157 W 084 06 280

Current conditions, small ROW access point, no dock, no long term parking

Improvements: need steps on downside

Canoe/Kayak Rack (both sides) signage

Canoe/ Kayak ADA rack

River conditions: Shallow areas after bridge may require some wading to pull canoe through. Slowing current, heavily forested wild zone. Very few residences

Car distance:

River Distance:

Hall Road Bridge-emergency access

N 44 58.057 W 084 02.510

Steep banks, no parking

Car distance:

River Distance:

M-33 Bridge- Take out

N 44 58.319 W 084 01.929

Current conditions: ROW access point, large rock shoreline, vehicle access, limited parking

Improvements: Canoe/Kayak Storage Rack, Canoe/ Kayak ADA rack, signage

River conditions: slower current, widening out

Car distance:

River Distance:

Upper Thunder Bay River Trail

Points of interest

Atlanta

N 45 00.253 W 084 08.619

Smith Creek Mouth

N 45 03.378 W 084 07.307

High Banks Club

N 44 58.296 W 084 04.813

Crooked Creek Mouth

N 44 59.764 W 084 06.550

Hunt Creek Mouth

N 44 56.668 W 084 03.947

APPENDIX C

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS



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: Briley Township

PROJECT 26-01510 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Briley Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop a riverwalk, handicap accessible boardwalk, fishing pier.

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: Briley Township, Mike Wurtsmith, Supervisor, PO Box 207, 11331 West St, (989) 785-4050, Atlanta, MI 49709, mike@brileytownship.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Please refer to the attached boundary map. 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 [] No

Fishing pier has reached its useful lifespan and is in need of replacement. Plans for replacement are underway. The walkway is in need of repairs with plans underway as well.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [x] Yes [] No

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POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

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

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Delapidated buildings do exist nearby but are screened from view by fencing. The township plans to acquire the property and remove buildings when it becomes available.

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

Yes No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Maintenance is conducted by the Township maintenance department on an as needed basis.

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

Park entry is free to all. General day to day use of pavilion is free but a fee is charged to rent pavilion for private events.

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

Open all seasons from dawn to dusk.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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.

Michael Wurtsmith
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

2-17-16
Date

Nico Tucker
Please print


Witness Signature

2/17/2016
Date

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GRANTEE: Briley Township

PROJECT BF93-338 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Briley Park Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Demolish cabins on aquired property, improve park entrance and parking

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No
The playground was deemed obsolete and has been replaced.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

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Mike Wartsmith
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Grantee Authorized Signature

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Date

Nico Tucker
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Witness Signature

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[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Briley Township

PROJECT TF91-270 PROJECT TYPE: Aquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Briley Park Expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire three parcels of property adjacent to park.

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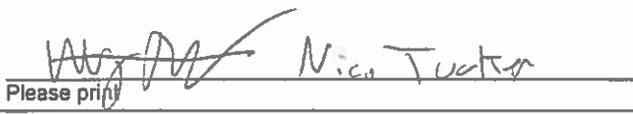
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Grantee Authorized Signature

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Briley Township Park Entry Signs





DNR Grant acknowledgement sign.

APPENDIX D

RECREATION 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). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Briley Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Briley Township	Montmorency	February, 2016

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

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 January 13, 2016

Type of Notice Newspaper and website

Plan Location Township office and Atlanta Library

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 34 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 February 15, 2016 and February 16, 2016

Name of Newspaper Alpena News and Montmorency Tribune

Date of Meeting February 16, 2016

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

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:** 2-16-2016
- 2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, **dated:** 2-8-2016
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency **dated:** 2-22-2016
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency **dated:** 2-22-2016

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

Briley Township *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Mary J. Whetmire 2-22-2016
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
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The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants thro

By: _____ Date _____
Grants Management Date

