



# RECREATION PLAN 2021-2025

Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission



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## I INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF PLAN

The purpose of this 2021 - 2025 Community Recreation Plan is to enable the Village of Middleville, the Township of Thornapple and the Thornapple Kellogg School District to improve the quality of life for its citizens. A recreation plan represents a foundation policy statement about what a community is, what its residents' value and what those residents hope the community will become in connection with parks and recreation facilities and services.

In the late 1990s, the Village of Middleville, the Township of Thornapple and the Thornapple Kellogg School District determined that a collaborative approach to planning and the delivery of recreation facilities and services would best serve the citizens of the community. Consequently, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) was established, with representation from the three jurisdictions serving on the TAPRC Board. Chapter 3 discusses the administrative character and organizational structure of TAPRC in detail.

TAPRC appreciates the significant contribution of recreation to the quality of life and the physical health of its citizens. This recognition has been manifested in this effort to update its Recreation Plan with the hopes of improving the local park system and enhancing amenities. While quality of life in the community is excellent, the three entities have chosen to take an active role in enhancing recreation opportunities by updating this plan.

Parks and recreation planning is an exercise engaged to anticipate change, promote needed change, and to control or direct recreational development in such a way as to benefit the entire community. It has the aim of harmonizing the available recreational resources and activities with the environmental, aesthetic, and cultural requirements of the community.

This Community Recreation Plan provides a policy and decision-making guide regarding future improvements. Key planning issues are identified, a clear set of goals and objectives are outlined, and specific implementation projects are identified. This Plan reflects the community's deep concern for natural features, a strong commitment to strengthen sense of community, and a desire to heighten awareness of local and regional amenities. The plan outlines the preferred future for parks and recreation and a comprehensive plan to realize it.

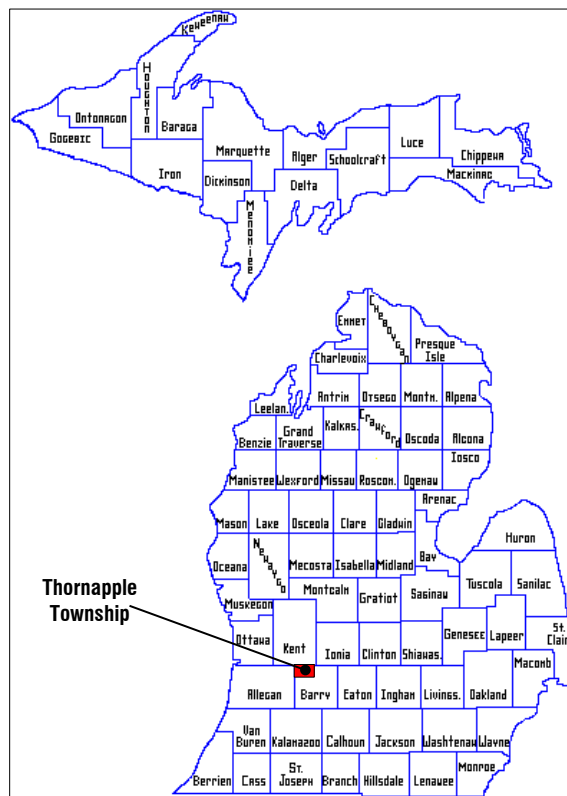
While the current Parks and Recreation Plan was originally drafted in 2012 and updated in 2016, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that recreation plans be reviewed and updated every five years to keep them current. Following the DNR's guidelines establishes TAPRC's eligibility to apply for grant funds that would otherwise be unavailable. Therefore, the purpose of this plan is to determine and prioritize future improvements, and also to establish eligibility to apply for certain grant funds to assist in implementing the plan's recommendations.



## II COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The TAPRC service area includes the Village of Middleville, the Township of Thornapple and the Thornapple Kellogg School District, in northwest Barry County. The Thornapple Kellogg School District extends beyond the village and township political boundaries, and overlies several additional townships. These other townships are served by this recreation plan to the extent that they fall within the Thornapple Kellogg School District.

**Map 1: Township Location Map**



### Character of the Built Environment

–The Village of Middleville is a turn of the century community, with a traditional main street and a scenic river flowing alongside its downtown. The 2.1-square mile Village was established in the nineteenth century amidst agricultural fields and open land, and retains much of its original character. Single-family residential neighborhoods are the dominant land use in the Village. Many of the homes are almost one hundred years old and are built on smaller lots compared to homes in Thornapple Township, establishing a quaint, close-knit community character. Walkable, tree-lined streets lead to the central business district, bounded on the west by the Thornapple River and Stagecoach Park. The central business district includes a small concentration of businesses and has benefitted from several aesthetic and functional enhancements that make the area more attractive to pedestrians. More conventional, strip retail development exists along M-37.

M-37 is the primary transportation route in northwest Barry County, providing connections between Hastings, which is southeast of the service area, and Grand Rapids to the northwest. The mostly two-lane state highway serves approximately 10,000 to 15,000 vehicles per day in the service area. M-37 also experiences a high percentage of motor freight or commercial truck traffic, primarily serving the industries in Hastings and Middleville.

The Village is located about 9 miles northwest of Hastings, the seat of Barry County, and about 4 miles from Caledonia Township, which was Kent County's fastest-growing community between 2000 and 2010.

Thornapple Township is primarily a rural community that has experienced relatively rapid growth. Neighborhoods are suburban in character, with curvilinear streets and cul-de-sacs, but many residents live large-lot rural parcels scattered along county roads. Homes in the Township are relatively newer than homes in the Village, and median household incomes tend to be higher in the Township.

The Township boasts scenic open spaces and some significant natural features, which contribute to the beauty and desirability of the community. The undeveloped lands within the TAPRC service area are predominantly croplands/pasture and deciduous upland forest. Significantly, large blocks of forest land exist in the nearby Yankee Springs and Middleville State Game areas. These valuable resource areas are owned by the State of Michigan. Privately owned woodlands are also extensive within the service area, including large homesteads in Thornapple Township and areas within the Thornapple River valley. Middleville is surrounded by Thornapple Township and although the two municipalities are politically distinct, the two jurisdictions frequently collaborate on public services.

### Thornapple Kellogg School District

The Thornapple Kellogg School District is one of the largest school districts in the area geographically, at 125 square miles. The district enrollment has been steadily increasing since the 2015/2016 school year. Following is a summary of enrollment figures for the school district:

2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
3,026	3,062	3,127	3,157	3,230

### The Thornapple River

The TAPRC service area is crossed by the Thornapple River, a prominent natural feature in Barry County. The Thornapple River basin is within the Grand River Watershed. The Thornapple River originates in Eaton County near the City of Eaton Rapids, and flows west through Hastings and Middleville, then north through the townships of Caledonia and Cascade, where it empties into the Grand River.

Historical settlement within the Thornapple River Valley and watershed reflects that of many Michigan rivers. Native inhabitants found abundant game and fish in and near this waterway. Ke-Wi-Go-Che-Keen was the

Indian word for areas near the river. This word is translated into English as “thornapple.”

The river offers excellent bass fishing; and bluegill, sunfish and rock bass are also plentiful. Suckers, pike and carp are less frequent. Forest game species include white-tail deer, ruffed grouse and turkey. Muskrats and mink are among furbearing animals commonly found along the river. Water fowl include mallards, black ducks, wood ducks, and blue-winged teal. Diving ducks include scamp and ring-neck, which use the dam impoundments at LaBarge, Middleville and Irving as migratory nesting and feeding areas. The common mergansers and golden-eye ducks winter on the river. Further, river otter, osprey, beaver, and bald eagles have been reported by land owners and canoeists.

The Thornapple River is a prized natural feature in the local community, and is a substantial recreational resource. It has also served as a draw for residential growth and is valued as an amenity and an aesthetic resource.

### Cultural Resources

The local community is served well by social and cultural events and resources. These include the Woodpecker Festival in April, the Memorial Day Parade, the Labor Day Bridge Walk, Heritage Day, and the River Bank Music Series every summer Friday evening in the amphitheater in East Bank Riverfront park. Furthermore, the Christmas Parade and Holly Trolley promote sense of community. The Lions Club sponsors all of the parades, the Taste of Middleville and the Chili Cook-off.

Additionally, the Thornapple Kellogg School Community Library provides summer reading and activity programs for children and the Thornapple Trail Association provides outdoor learning experiences for children via the No Family Left Indoors program. The Thornapple Arts Council is active in providing arts to the area through their Arts and Eats program. The Thornapple Kellogg School District provides free concerts and minimal cost theatrical productions for the public. The Village Players of Middleville present an annual dinner/theatre program to raise money for

school scholarships. The Rotary provides guest speakers on various subjects every Tuesday. Also, there is a gymnastics studio in the area that offers various programs.

A very active Downtown Development Authority sponsors the River Bank Music Series and the Farmers Market. The Farmers Market on Friday afternoons and evenings is increasingly popular and has evolved into a major community social event.

National 24-hour Challenge, which began in 1983, is a 24-hour bicycle-riding event which is staged in Middleville annually. The event brings bicycling enthusiasts, churches, community organizations and businesses together in an effort to promote health and well-being.

## **Social Characteristics**

### Population Change

Northwest Barry County and the region overall have experienced steady growth rates. According to the US Census, all communities in the vicinity have experienced at least double-digit percentage growth rates between 1970 and 2010. The American Community Survey indicates that these trends have largely continued into 2018 estimates. These communities have typically seen the strongest growth rates in Barry County, due to proximity to the growing Grand Rapids metropolitan area.

Middleville's growth rate, however, has been higher than other incorporated communities in Barry County, which may be partly attributed to a series of annexation agreements between the Village and Township that have enabled the Village to expand.

### Age Distribution

Contemplating age characteristics can assist in determining the type of recreational facilities that may be needed or desired. For example, if a large portion of the population were younger, the community may benefit from additional active recreation facilities, such as playgrounds.

Similarly, a significant senior population may have implications for more passive recreational opportunities, such as trails and community centers, as well as accessible amenities.

The 2010 Census indicates that the median age of Thornapple Township and Middleville are 36.2 years and 32.4 years, respectively. Comparatively, 2018 American Community Survey data indicates a median age of 37.7 in Thornapple Township and 30.0 in Middleville. The median age represents the mid-point in the range of all ages; one-half of the population is younger and one-half of the population older. Middleville has a younger population than all surrounding communities and both the Township and Village are younger than the County and State overall. This is likely due to the extent of young families drawn to the Thornapple Kellogg School District. Other communities in the service area tend to have a higher median age, more in line with that of the County and State.

### Disability Status

In planning for improvements to park facilities, it is important to contemplate the needs of those with disabilities. The 2000 Census reports that 15.1% of Thornapple Township residents and 18.5% of Middleville residents have some disability. Comparatively, 18.7% of Michiganders and 19.3% of Americans have a disability. Generally, the percentage of service area residents with a disability is therefore slightly lower than these other broader overall communities; however, the needs of the disabled need to be contemplated in the design of facilities and programs.

Residents with unique needs appear to be dispersed throughout the community. Known concentrations of individuals with unique needs are located in the Lincoln Meadows Senior Citizen Apartments and Carveth Village Independent and Assisted Living, both located in the Village. Each of these facilities is located within walking distance to a park. It will be important to give special attention to specific park amenities and the routes to those amenities during this planning effort, to help ensure that

residents of Lincoln Meadows and Carveth Village can use public recreational facilities.

### Housing

The 2010 Census reports that 83.7% of the total housing stock in Thornapple Township was made up of owner-occupied dwellings, similar to the County's home-ownership rate of 83.8%. American Community Survey estimates indicate that the Township home-ownership rate has slightly decreased to 79.2% in 2018. In the Village, this figure is 71.8%, similar to the State's rate of 72.1%. American Community survey estimates indicate that the Village home-ownership rate has slightly increased to 73.1% in 2018. As rental properties typically change hands more frequently, a 28.2% rental rate in 2010 and 26.9% in 2018 in the Village suggests a fairly stable residential population, even if home-ownership rates are lower than in the Township. However, only 22% of dwellings in the Village were rented in 2000.

In addition, the 2010 Census reports that 8.1% of housing units in the Township and 12.5% of housing units in the Village are vacant. This compares, respectively, to 3.8% and 5% vacancy rates in the Township and Village in 2000. The increase in vacant homes could likely be attributed to the recent economic recession. Comparatively, 2018 American Community Survey estimates suggest a very low vacancy rate.





### III ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) is the appointed body that functions as the main governing entity representing parks and recreation interests. TAPRC was formed to better serve the parks and recreation needs of the community and the three member units – Thornapple Township, the Village of Middleville and the Thornapple Kellogg School District. Accordingly, the member units utilize separate recreation departments within their respective organizational structures. Additionally, members units also employ individuals for specific maintenance related duties. This Chapter of the Community Recreation Plan will describe how park and recreation functions in the community are administered.

#### Organization and Roles

##### Leadership Structure

TAPRC was created under provisions of the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967. Using this Act, the Village of Middleville, the Township of Thornapple and the Thornapple Kellogg School District joined in an agreement to provide collaborative recreation services. The effective date of TAPRC was February 23, 2000. TAPRC is a distinct public corporation with powers and duties as established in the agreement. As expressly stated in the agreement, TAPRC has been formed “for the purpose of planning, operating and providing park and recreation programs for the citizens of the member units.” Each member unit appoints three members to the TAPRC Board, a nine-member body; and each Board member serves 4-year terms. The Board has been delegated significant authority under the terms of the agreement, and is the highest governing body having jurisdiction over expenditures concerning recreation facilities within the member communities.

##### Recreation Staff

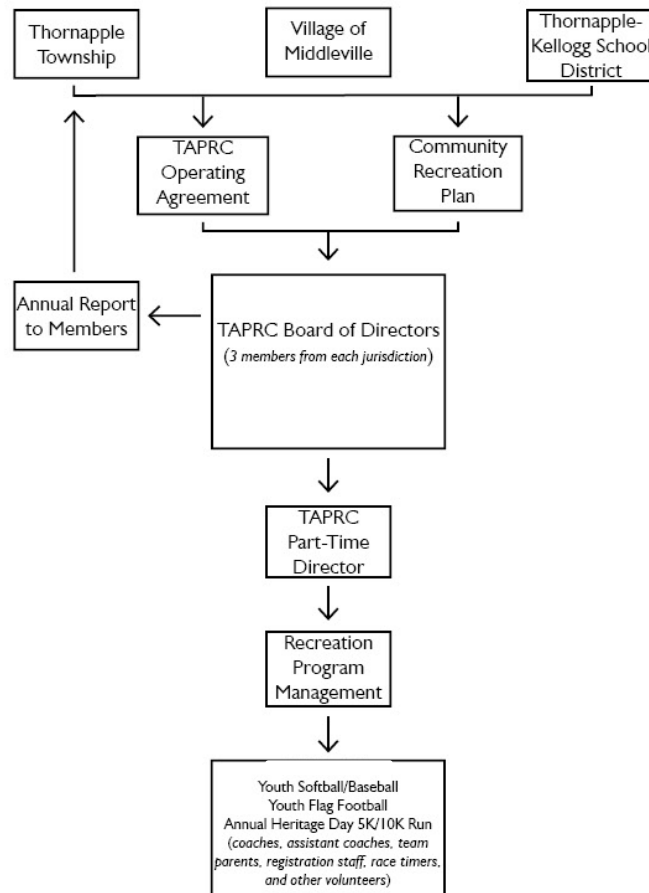
TAPRC employs a part-time recreation program director. This position organizes youth and adult recreation programs, schedules facility use,

coordinates volunteer efforts, oversees facility maintenance, and issues information on various youth and adult recreation program opportunities. TAPRC does not currently employ other staff. In the Village, the Department of Public Works staff maintains all of the Village parks, except the Crane Road Ball Fields, which TAPRC maintains. The school district’s maintenance staff cares for the school facilities.

##### Organizational Chart

Following is a simple chart that depicts the relationship of TAPRC with other entities that may influence policies pertaining to parks and recreation in the Thornapple area. The TAPRC Board encourages broad participation and is dedicated to continuing interest in the community’s recreational resources.





### TAPRC Volunteers

TAPRC recreational programs would not be possible without the efforts of numerous volunteers. TAPRC volunteers offer approximately 2,000 hours per year. These volunteers consist of coaches, assistant coaches, field maintenance, board members and team parents.

### Middleville's Volunteer Framework

The Village of Middleville has historically partnered with the Thornapple Trail Association for maintenance of the 3.5 miles of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail owned by the Village. The Village currently covers 100% of the maintenance costs associated with the trail, which include mowing, trimming and brush clearing.

Middleville is fortunate to have a strong volunteer system in place. The shared maintenance of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail is only one of the established partnerships. Each year the Village collaborates with the Barry County United Way Day of Caring. This two-day effort in Barry County mobilizes volunteers to make a difference in the community. The Village relies on these days each fall to complete a variety of tasks in support of parks and trails. These include trimming, spreading mulch, painting and maintaining play structures, establishing and maintaining the disc golf course, weeding and planting, and maintenance of the parks and trails signage systems.

An additional partnership includes the Thornapple Kellogg School District. Several athletic teams, honor societies and other school groups have volunteered their time to assist with maintenance of parks and trails, which they use from time to time for training purposes. These efforts are vital to Middleville's parks system.

### **Current Budget and Funding**

Under the terms of the Agreement, TAPRC receives an annual contribution of \$3,000 from each of the three member units. The funds are intended to cover operations and administration, and are allocated for facility maintenance and the program director. Additional member unit contributions are based on the TAPRC annual budget request for operations, land acquisition, and capital improvement projects. Additionally, each member unit pays a third of the cost of TAPRC's annual audit.

TAPRC parks and recreation activities are funded with general fund dollars from member units; there are no separate millages. Additionally,

aside from nominal participation fees and the like, there are no other ongoing sources of funding for TAPRC. However, TAPRC applies annually to the United Way and various other organizations for grant funds. The 2020 budget has approximately \$10,300 allocated for these funding sources. The total revenue/expenditures anticipated in the 2020 proposed budget is approximately \$29,075.

In the Spring of 2016, a local boy scout, Aaron Czarnecki, earned his Eagle Scout badge by installing a bottle and can donation center to benefit TAPRC. The donation center is called the Charity House and allows residents to support field improvements.

The primary endeavor of TAPRC during its initial years of operation was to foster and build participation in community recreation programs. TAPRC has also funded improvements to Riverside Park – such as clearing and grading to create more usable space – and improvements to the boat launch and canoe portage on the Thornapple River. Additionally, TAPRC has funded improvements to the Crane Road Ball Fields facility.

Presently, the Village and school district maintain recreation facilities under their respective ownership, although TAPRC provides maintenance of the Crane Road Ball Fields, located in the Township, but owned by Middleville. The Township does not currently own any recreational facilities.



## IV RECREATION INVENTORY

The inventory and analysis of facilities was conducted by TAPRC's planning consultant and builds on previous recreation planning efforts with the intent of developing a comprehensive perspective. The following elements were sources of information or considerations during the development of this chapter:

- The first-hand knowledge and informed opinions of community leadership and interested and committed citizens who participated in public input exercises associated with this Plan.
- National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards.
- The distinctive natural and recreational character of the Thornapple River Valley area.

The NRPA has established generally recognized standards for classifying types of parkland based on size and function. These designations have generally been adopted or referenced by the DNR in plan preparation guidelines; and provide one method of defining the purpose and use of facilities, although other methods exist. Public, municipal facilities in the service area are classified using this system.

Facilities available to the public are shown in the Appendix.

### **Facilities Available to the Public**

The Village of Middleville owns and operates eight sites for recreational use. These include Calvin Hill Park, Crane Road Ball Fields, a segment of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail, Riverside Park, New Pavilion Park, Spring Park, Stagecoach Park, and Wildwood Trails. Thornapple Township does not directly own or maintain recreational land. The Thornapple Kellogg School District owns and maintains several school recreational facilities.

Following is a summary of Village and School District facilities:

### Calvin Hill Park

Calvin Hill Park is a 1.1-acre facility that may be categorized as a Neighborhood Park because it meets neighborhood-based recreation needs and is accessible on foot for neighborhood residents. This park includes a basketball court, play equipment purchased and installed in 2002, some older play equipment, a small wooden skateboard park, and a small mowed open space. This park is bordered by Park, Ellis, and Fremont Streets. The property is the site of the former Calvin Hill School.

### Crane Road Ball Fields

The Crane Road Ball Fields facility is Special Use Park located in Thornapple Township, but is owned by Middleville and maintained by TAPRC. The facility is 12 acres and offers three ball fields and gravel parking. The ball fields are used in-season as part of the TAPRC programming for youth and adult softball and baseball. The Crane Road Ball Fields is the site of a reclaimed landfill closed in the 1970s. Poor soil quality and lack of access to utilities prohibit significant investment in improvements to this facility.

### Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail

The Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail is a 42-mile multi-purpose trail that can be classified as a Linear Park. The trailway is being built in phases and will ultimately connect Grand Rapids with Hastings, Vermontville and Eaton Rapids and link with other trails, as well. Paved sections of the trail include 4 miles in Kentwood, over 5 miles in Gaines and Caledonia townships, and 3.6 miles between Middleville and Irving. In addition, in Hastings, 2.5 miles of the trail are paved.

Stagecoach Park, discussed below, is adjacent to the Middleville Village Hall and functions as a trailhead staging area for the regional trail. Approximately 4.5 miles of the trail is paved and 5 miles are owned by the Village of Middleville. The Village of Middleville added 1 mile of paved, scenic trail from the Village Hall north to Crane Road in 2016. The Village partners with the Thornapple Trail Association to maintain this segment of the trail. The scenic trail parallels the Thornapple River in



Middleville and offers stunning scenery. A series of exercise plaques and a handicap accessible fishing pier were installed in 2009 along the trailway. Winter time on this trail affords wonderful cross-country skiing and fat tire biking opportunities. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

#### Stagecoach Park

Stagecoach Park is a 1.2-acre facility strategically located in downtown Middleville, adjacent to the Village offices, the main street, the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail, and the Thornapple River; and is therefore very visible in the community. The facility may be classified as a Mini Park because of its relatively small size and its specific purpose. The park features two period-style gazebos, one used for display of the Villages' stagecoach and the large gazebo used for picnics, weddings, and live music. Modern restrooms are provided, primarily to serve the needs of trail-users, farmer's market patrons, and participants in the Riverbank Music Series.



#### Riverside Park

Riverside Park is a 1-acre Special Use Park. Riverside Park was improved by TAPRC to provide better boat launch access to the river, lawn area and passive use. These improvements involved earth changes via MDEQ permit, selective clearing of scrub brush and dead trees, improving the drive access for the boat launch/canoe livery and placement of stone rip rap to stabilize the shoreline. While the boat launch is the only physical amenity, the park is a popular shore fishing spot.

#### East Bank Riverfront Park (Lions Sesquicentennial Park & New Pavilion Park)

East Bank Riverfront Park is a 4-acre facility located at the Middleville dam and along the east bank of the Thornapple River. This Neighborhood Park encompasses private land recently acquired by the Village and a park known as Lions Sesquicentennial Park and New Pavilion Park. The Park offers river viewing, picnicking, a universally accessible canoe/kayak launch, bank fishing below the dam, and the Riverbank Music Series which is hosted in a new amphitheater constructed by the Downtown Development Authority. The Village has also recently constructed a new restroom facility. The Park generally serves the needs of Middleville's Downtown and surrounding neighborhood, as well as those shopping, dining, or visiting the farmer's market. Future plans for the park include a river overlook, playgrounds, gas firepit, and splash pad.

#### Lions Spring Park

Lions Spring Park is the Villages' largest facility, comprising about 24 acres of land. Lions Spring Park may be classified as a Community Park, as its relative size and extensive amenities are designed to serve the larger community. Lions Spring Park offers a baseball/softball diamond used for league play, a disc golf course, a picnic shelter, several outdoor barbeque grills, play equipment, and picnic tables. This park also contains a unique spring fed natural area including a rare sedge fen. The south 8-9 acres is undeveloped and in natural condition.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality identified Lions Spring Park as a wetland mitigation site in connection with the removal of wetlands for the extension of Crane/Finkbeiner Road. As such, a portion of the park is now a State wetland mitigation site, meaning that wetlands were added to the park to compensate for wetlands removed during road construction elsewhere in the community; these wetlands will be permanently protected. While the wetland mitigation project reduced the size of the existing baseball/softball field in the park, it also resulted in expansion of the park's acreage. The wetland mitigation area also lends itself to passive recreation opportunities, such as interpretive signage, rustic trails, a wetland boardwalk, etc.

#### Wildwood Trails

Wildwood Trails is the Village's newest park located in the heart of a housing and retail development. The 20-acre park features 1.45 miles of rustic walking trails through a white pine stand, hardwoods and open meadows. The trails are unpaved and the park functions essentially as a natural open space and this facility may consequently be classified as a Natural Resource Area.

#### Thornapple Kellogg School District Facilities

As a participating TAPRC governmental entity, the Thornapple Kellogg School District facilities are used for many TAPRC recreation programs. Currently, TAPRC uses the following facilities:

- Page Elementary JV softball field
- McFall Elementary JV baseball field
- Thornapple Kellogg High School varsity baseball field
- McFall Elementary flag football field
- Lee Elementary t-ball field

The school district offers 3 playgrounds, 5 baseball and softball fields (all of which are not used for TAPRC programs), an artificial turf football/soccer field, a practice soccer field, a non-regulation sized pool, and approximately 8 basketball hoops although formal outdoor courts are

not provided. Additionally, the district utilizes several large open green spaces for school athletic team practice. Indoors, 8 volleyball and 10 basketball courts are provided, although the facilities overlap.

#### **Recreation Grant History**

A requirement of the DNR is that a recreation plan explains whether any facilities have been partially or completely acquired and/or developed with DNR grant funds. TAPRC has not received any DNR grants; however, the Village of Middleville received two DNR grants for project that were in a previous Recreation Plan and Thornapple Township received a DNR Trust Fund Land Acquisition Grant to extend the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail from Middleville to Caledonia.

#### **Public Facility Analysis**

##### Acreage

Below is a summary of one method of analyzing facility needs, based on the park facilities currently provided in the Township and Village. The figures presented are based on NRPA standards and the 2010 Census combined population of the Township and the Village – 7,884 people.

##### Mini Park

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: 0.375
- Recommended Acres: 3
- Acres Provided: 1.2
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: -1.8

##### Neighborhood Park

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: 1
- Recommended Acres: 8
- Acres Provided: 5.1
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: -2.9

##### Community Park

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: 6.5

- Recommended Acres: 51
- Acres Provided: 24
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: -27

#### Regional Park

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: 7.5
- Recommended Acres: 59
- Acres Provided: 0
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: -59

#### Linear Park

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: 1/region
- Recommended Acres: 1/region
- Acres Provided: 2/region
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: +1

#### Natural Resource Area

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: Variable
- Recommended Acres: Variable
- Acres Provided: 20
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: +20

#### Special Use

- Recommended Acres per 1,000 Residents: Variable
- Recommended Acres: Variable
- Acres Provided: 13
- Deficiency/Surplus Acres: +13

Only Village facilities are included in the above evaluation. The Township does not own any public parkland and the school facilities, while public, primarily consist of sports fields used for school competitive events, limited use by organized TAPRC sports programs, and other traveling leagues, and cannot easily be classified using the NRPA designations. In addition, the evaluation should acknowledge the large State parks and game areas which are partially located in the service area and discussed

on a subsequent page. These facilities, including the Barry and Middleville State Game Areas and the Yankee Springs State Park, contribute significantly to the recreational character of the region and recognizably bolster the facilities offered by the Village and school district. The facilities total 22,320 acres, and if accounted for in the above table, a significant acreage surplus would result. However, they are not TAPRC facilities, are largely dedicated to natural resource protection, and cannot be developed in accordance with local recreational priorities.

#### Amenities

The following tables include information helpful in determining whether the community may be in need of specific elements commonly found in parkland, based on NRPA standards. The analysis is based on nationally-recognized standards. A table is used to convey the ability of the Village's facilities to meet the needs of the local population and a separate table is used to illustrate whether the school district's facilities meet local needs, based on national benchmark standards. TAPRC believes that such an analysis is appropriate because the school district's population exceeds that of the Village and Township. A further reason for differentiation is that the school's sports fields are often unavailable to the general public for anytime use, due to significant demand and use by the school, TAPRC and travel leagues. The first table is based on the combined population of the Village and Township, while the second is based on the 2010 population of the Thornapple Kellogg School District, 15,271 people according to the 2010 Census.



### Middleville Amenities Analysis

	Standard	Recommended	Village Facility	Deficiency/ Surplus
Trails	1/region	1	2	+1
Pool	1/20,000	0	0	0
Running Track	1/20,000	0	0	0
Tennis	1/2,000	4	0	-4
Playground	1/3,000	3	3	0
Baseball/Softball	1/1,000	2	4	+3
Basketball	1/5,000	2	1	-1
Volleyball	1/5,000	2	2	0
Soccer	1/10,000	0	0	0
Football	1/20,000	0	0	0

### Thornapple-Kellogg Schools Amenities Analysis

	Standard	Recommended	School Facility	Deficiency/ Surplus
Trails	1/region	1	0	-1
Pool	1/20,000	0	1	+1
Running Track	1/20,000	0	1	+1
Tennis	1/2,000	8	14	+6
Playground	1/3,000	5	3	-2
Baseball/Softball	1/1,000	3	5	+2
Basketball	1/5,000	3	10	+7
Volleyball	1/5,000	3	8	+5
Soccer	1/10,000	2	2	0
Football	1/20,000	0	1	+1

Based on objective national benchmark standards, it appears that the facilities in the Village do not adequately provide for tennis and basketball, and that there are not enough playgrounds. School facilities do not provide adequately for play areas. The table below combines the deficiencies and surpluses for each listed facility type in the Village and school district to reveal potential needs in the community. Based on this table, there are deficiencies in the number of playgrounds.

	Middleville Facilities Deficiency/ Surplus	School Facilities Deficiency/ Surplus	Combined Facilities Deficiency/ Surplus
Trails	+1	-1	0
Pool	0	+1	+1
Running Track	0	+1	+1
Tennis	-4	+6	+2
Playground	0	-2	-2
Baseball/Softball	+2	+2	+4
Basketball	-1	+7	+6
Volleyball	0	+5	+5
Soccer	0	0	0
Football	0	+1	+1

### Service Area

In addition to considering the acreage and amenities of park areas, it is also important to review park distribution throughout the community. It is helpful to closely review where residents live, with the goal being to locate important park facilities within proximity to a concentration of rooftops; and to plan new facilities near areas underserved with easy access to parkland. The NRPA promulgates “service area” standards for different types of park facilities, as follows:

- Mini Parks, 0.25 miles or less
- Neighborhood Parks, 0.25 to 0.5 miles
- Community Parks, 1.0 to 2.0 miles
- Regional Parks, approximately 30 minutes of drive time

Special use areas do not have a defined service area, per the NRPA; because these facilities have more specific target users and naturally draw from a broader area. Although service area standards may imply that only people residing within a certain distance of a park will be sufficiently and conveniently served, public parks are intended for use by all community residents and are open to the public.

Nevertheless, it is generally ideal to consider areas outside of an existing service area radius for additional park land acquisition to help ensure that residents are adequately served with parks geographically distributed throughout the community.

Based on the service areas listed above, the 2.4-square mile Village of Middleville appears to be adequately served in terms of regional distribution of parkland. This means that facilities are sufficiently dispersed throughout the entire Village. However, most public parkland is located in the Village, which means that many areas of the Township are not likely “covered” by a service area.

Moreover, improving accessibility and non-motorized connections to all existing facilities may be one tool to establish an even more meaningful and connected recreation network and to strengthen walkability in the community.

### Accessibility

Federal and State laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of physical ability in connection with public recreational facilities. Developed park facilities must comply with barrier-free design standards. Public facilities in Middleville have been evaluated to understand the need for improvements relating to barrier-free accessibility. In addition, as park development is considered in the future, barrier-free accessibility is a significant priority item to help ensure that recreation can be enjoyed by all residents and visitors of the community.

Following is a summary of an adapted scoring system generally in accordance with DNR standards:

- Level 1. None of the facilities in the park meet accessibility guidelines. Little pavement is provided and access routes to the facilities are not easily accessible.
- Level 2. Some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines, but many of the facilities or the access routes to them are not easily accessible.

- Level 3. Most of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines. Parking areas and walkways are paved; and while most facilities are generally accessible, some barriers may exist for certain people because of age, ability or situation.
- Level 4. All of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines. The park is accessible and the routes to facilities within the park are accessible, but some play or other equipment may not be designed for everyone.
- Level 5. Universal design guidelines were used to design the entire park.

The following table summarizes the accessibility of public facilities located within Middleville:

Public Facilities Accessibility Assessment

Facility	Ownership	Accessibility Level / Summary
Calvin Hill Park	Village	2 / This park features some paved on-street parking nearby and a paved route to the swing-set. Off-street, on-site universally accessible parking is not provided. Play equipment does not utilize ramps and transfers and sits on grass and stone instead of a unitary safety surface, which may complicate access. Routes to most amenities are unpaved.
Crane Road Ball Fields	Village	1 / All amenities and access routes to them are unpaved. Non-paved parking is featured, as well as non-paved walking routes to ball fields. Accessible seating areas are not provided.
Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail	Village	4 / The south end of the Trail, which connects to Stagecoach Park, is paved and wheelchair users frequent this segment.. The north end of the trail, which connects to East Bank Riverfront Park, is also paved with a universally accessible trailhead located at Crane Road. The Trail and adjacent access routes to the Trail have been constructed following principles of accessible design. The planned segment of the Trail north of the Village has yet to be developed.

Stagecoach Park	Village	4 / This park offers on-site universally accessible parking and a paved trail. Restrooms and gazebos are universally accessible and thoughtfully located, with level routes to facilities.
Facility	Ownership	Accessibility Level / Summary
Riverside Park	Village	1 / This park features gravel parking; paved, universally accessible parking spaces are not provided. The boat launch is gravel, which may limit the maneuverability of a wheelchair in the area.
Lions Spring Park	Village	1 / Spring Park features gravel parking and uneven lawn area, making wheelchair use difficult. A considerable portion of the park is in a natural condition, but developed amenities do exist. Play equipment is accessible, but is underlain by woodchips. The routes to features are unpaved and therefore inaccessible
East Bank Riverfront Park (Lions Sesquicentennial Park & New Pavilion Park)	Village	4 / Paved on-street and on-site parking is nearby, including universally accessible spaces. The canoe and kayak launch is also universally-accessible. Most facilities can be accessed by paved access pathways; however, some steep grades exist near the river.
Wildwood Trails	Village	1 / This park's amenities and access routes to them are not paved. Gravel and wood-chipped trails are rustic and inaccessible. However, this facility is primarily intended as a natural resource area at this time, not an improved park. Nonetheless, as any future improvements are made in the future, it is appropriate to ensure that facilities and amenities and routes to them are accessible, including parking areas.
Thornapple-Kellogg School District Facilities	School District	4 / The high school and middle school offer accessible tennis courts and ball fields with paved access routes connecting amenities and parking areas. However, the gravel parking area adjacent to the soccer fields is not accessible. Other parking lots serving school facilities are paved. The t-ball field at Lee Elementary does not utilize a paved path and is not accessible. McFall Elementary offers a paved path connecting the Misty Ridge subdivision to a ball field, playground, and the flag football site. However, the playground is not supported by a unitary playing surface.

In addition to recreational facilities owned and maintained by TAPRC member communities, there are a number of facilities in or near the service area owned by other entities that supplement the local facilities and provide additional opportunities for residents and visitors. These facilities provide various recreational and community benefits. This includes such facilities as the Indian Valley Campground and Canoe Livery which is located on the Thornapple River on the northern edge of Thornapple Township.

The TAPRC service area includes extensive and unique natural areas, largely owned by the State of Michigan. Following is a summary of these and other facilities that, while located in or near the TAPRC service area, are not TAPRC or member unit facilities. Note that Barry County has no public recreation facilities within the TAPRC service area. Appendix A offers a regional perspective of these facilities.

#### North Country Trail

The National North Country Scenic Trail forms a linear greenway that traverses the American landscape from North Dakota to upstate New York. Near the TAPRC service area, the trail runs from northern Orangeville Township northward through the Barry State Game Area then continuing northerly to the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail. For 4.5 miles the North Country Trail and Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail are coincident. The North Country Trail continues through the Village of Middleville to Crane Road then east along Crane Road to the Middleville State Game Area. It then meanders northeasterly into Kent County.

#### **State of Michigan Facilities**

##### Barry State Game Area and Yankee Springs State Park

The Barry State Game Area is a large State facility located primarily in Yankee Springs Township with additional contiguous areas in western Rutland Township and the north tier of sections in Orangeville Township

and Hope Township. Activities permitted in the Barry State Game Area include hiking, backpacking, camping and hunting in-season.

Yankee Springs State Park is located on Gun Lake and offers both rustic and improved campsites, a public swimming beach, a concession stand and a public boat launch. The 2,680-acre Gun Lake is located mostly in Yankee Springs Township and attracts numerous summer vacationers. The lake's shores have also acted as magnets for year-round residential development. The Yankee Springs Recreation Area, a 5,200-acre state forest, is located adjacent to Gun Lake and provides popular amenities such as trails, camping and fishing, attracting large numbers of day use and camping patrons. It is adjacent to the Barry State Game Area and when combined the two State facilities total approximately 22,000 acres.

#### Middleville State Game Area

Lands included in this 320-acre State Game Area are located within Irving Township and Thornapple Township. The western portions of this game area have significant relief and extensive woodlands. The Crane Road Ball Fields are adjacent to the west edge of this State Game Area and share common access from Crane Road. Hiking, backpacking, camping and hunting in-season are common activities.

#### Michigan Department of Natural Resources Public Access Sites

Within the TAPRC service area, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources operates ten public access sites for boat launching. There is one site in Thornapple Township at the north end of Duncan Lake. Most other sites are in Yankee Springs Township, including Deep Lake, Hall Lake, Gun Lake, Long Lake, Williams Lake, Payne Lake and Chief Noonday Lake. There is also a small access site in the Village of Middleville providing access to the Thornapple River. This site is north of the dam and west of the river. Additionally, there is a DNR access site on the Thornapple River between Irving and McCann Roads.

### **Golf Courses**

There are no golf courses or country clubs in Middleville or Thornapple Township. Nearby golf courses include Yankee Springs Golf Course, Mullenhurst Golf Course, Gun Ridge Golf Course, and The Legacy at Hastings. In addition, other facilities include Saskatoon Golf Club and Tyler Creek Golf Course and Campground in Alto, Broadmoor Country Club in Caledonia, Thornapple Pointe Golf Club in Cascade, and Stonewater Country Club in Gaines Township.

### **Public Parks in Adjacent Communities**

#### Yankee Springs Township

Yankee Springs Township owns and maintains one park – the Yankee Springs Township Park. The facility is 9.9 acres and offers play equipment, a gazebo, walking paths and pickle-ball courts. This facility is supplemented by the State recreation land and the presence of Gun Lake. According to the Township website, additional facilities in the Township include the Historic Bowens Mill site, Horseman's Campground, Long Lake Recreation Area, Graves Heritage Trail, Gun Lake Campground, Pine Scenic Area, Deep Lake Campground, and Devil's Soup Bowl.

#### Irving Township / Village of Freeport

Irving Township, east of Thornapple Township, does not own any parkland; however, a segment of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail traverses through the community. The Village of Freeport, which is located within Irving Township, offers one park. Moore Park is a 20-acre facility offering frisbee golf, a basketball court, a volleyball court, a skate park (ramps are not currently provided), two sets of play equipment, two ball fields, modern restrooms, a pavilion, picnic tables, bleachers, a one-mile long trail through the woods, and a soccer area. Additionally, a 100-foot walking path connects the park to the public library. It is also notable that the Grand Rapids Audubon Club owns an 80-acre wildlife preserve, Maher Sanctuary, in Irving Township, which is probably best known for its stunning scenery and rare bird sightings.

#### Caledonia Charter Township / Village of Caledonia

The Caledonia community offers several public park facilities, including a segment of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail. Caledonia Lakeside Park (43 acres) is located in the Village. The Township owns and maintains the 91-acre Two Rivers Park, Thornapple River Bend Park (209 acres), Lepard Preserve (51.7 acres), an access to Campau Lake, Ruehs Park (5 acres) and an undeveloped, 20-acre youth sports complex.

#### Rutland Charter Township

Rutland Charter Township does not own any parkland, but a segment of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail traverses through the Township. Aside from State game areas, the only public recreational area in the community is the Barry Expo Center, the home of the Barry County Fair. The site is 160 acres and offers 260 campground sites with water and electric hook-up and serves as a venue for a variety of events. A notable privately-owned facility in Rutland Township is the Whispering Waters Campground and Canoe Livery, which is strategically located on the Thornapple River and at a current terminus of the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail.

#### Gun Lake Casino

The Gun Lake Casino is located southwest of the service area in Allegan County's Wayland Township. The facility offers a variety of gaming machines, stations and tables and is affiliated with the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians, sometimes referred to as the Gun Lake Tribe.

## V DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

A planning and public input process was necessary to assist TAPRC in assessing the park, recreation and open space needs in the community. This Master Plan is the culmination of extensive public outreach with community members and stakeholders.

In an effort to solicit citizen input, two methods of public outreach were conducted: an online community survey and a public open house. These methods helped assist TAPRC in articulating the values of residents. Williams & Works facilitated the public engagement process.

### Online Community Survey Summary

An online survey was conducted during the preparation of the plan beginning in May 2020. The survey was conducted using the Survey Monkey website, and a series of questions was prepared in an effort to acquire feedback and evaluate the needs of the community, as well as opportunities and constraints to enhancing the parks and recreation network of the community. The online survey was available until July 31, 2020. (See the Appendix for a copy of the online community survey and results.)

The 2020 survey resulted in a total of 110 responses from the community. Of the respondents, 30% live in Thornapple Township, 37% live in the Village of Middleville and the remainder lives elsewhere in Barry County or Kent County. The majority of participants were in the age group of 35-44 (36%) and 25-34 (26%).

When asked what benefits of parks and recreation is most important, the majority of respondents selected “provide opportunities to enjoy nature and the outdoors” (86%) and “improve health and wellness” (47%). “Protecting the natural environment and wildlife” was also a popular answer among the respondents (46%). Parks are seen as an important aspect of life in the Middleville area. 68%

of respondents indicated that their whole family uses parks and 97% of respondents indicated that parks, trails, and open space are “very important” or “somewhat important” to their household’s quality of life! It should be noted that 58% of respondents were unaware that some of the community parks existed.

Walkability is also supported in the community. 82 % of respondents indicated that pedestrian connectivity is “very important” or “somewhat important.” 60% of respondents indicated that the TAPRC should do more to improve pedestrian connectivity.

Regarding new facilities, 58% of respondents are interested in new outdoor water recreation and 54% of respondents are interested in new river recreation amenities. Further, 75% of respondents are supportive of a new recreational complex.

### Public Meeting and Plan Adoption

Following preparation of the plan, citizens were provided an adequate opportunity (at least 30 days) to review and comment on the plan prior to official adoption by TAPRC.

A draft of the plan was submitted to the TAPRC staff for their review and comment. A notice was published in the local newspaper, the Middleville Sun and News, on October 3, 2020, notifying the public of the availability of the plan to provide them the opportunity to review and comment. The plan was available for public review at the Thornapple Township Hall, Middleville Village Hall, Thornapple Kellogg Administrative Offices, and the TAPRC website. Suggestions received to improve the plan were incorporated into the document, which was then revised and finalized.

A notice of the TAPRC Board public meeting to be held on November 5, 2020 to adopt the plan was also published in the same newspaper. The



TAPRC Board adopted the plan by a vote of 6-0, with one being absent, on December 19, 2020.

A notice of the Village of Middleville Village Council public meeting to be held on November 10, 2020 to adopt the plan was also published in the same newspaper. The Village of Middleville Village Council adopted the plan by a vote of 5-0, with one being absent, on November 24, 2020.

A notice of the Thornapple Township Board public meeting to be held on November 9, 2020 to adopt the plan was also published in the same newspaper. The Thornapple Township Board adopted the plan by a vote of 7-0, on December 9, 2020.

A notice of the Thornapple Kellogg School District Board of Education public meeting to be held on November 9, 2020 to adopt the plan was also published in the same newspaper. The Thornapple Kellogg School District Board of Education adopted the plan by a vote of 7-0, on November 9, 2020.





## VI GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A series of goals and objectives have been developed to form the foundation of this Recreation Plan. The goals are intended to describe a desirable end state or the condition of recreation in the TAPRC service area over the life of this plan, but some goals will remain relevant beyond this timeframe. The goal statements are intentionally general but are felt to be attainable through concerted efforts. The objective statements tend to be more specific and may be regarded as milestones in the journey to achieve the larger goal. The feedback resulting from community input and online survey acted as a catalyst for these goals. The goals and objectives are supported by the Action Program, presented in Chapter VII.

### GOAL 1 – Planning of a Sports Complex

The TAPRC service area will benefit from a multi-purpose activity center offering a variety of recreational opportunities for the region.

#### Objectives

1. Explore funding opportunities for the development of a recreation complex offering a multitude of activities, including the potential for an indoor, year-round facility.
2. Coordinate with area stakeholders to determine the types of facilities most important to the community, including ballfields, tennis courts, basketball courts, ice rink, community center, etc.
3. Engage the citizenry of the TAPRC service area to solicit feedback on the various funding sources the residents would support for the future development of a sports complex.

### GOAL 2 – Trails and Non-Motorized Facilities

The residents and visitors of the TAPRC service area will enjoy a network of trails and safe and inviting connections to local and regional points of interest and recreational facilities.

#### Objectives

1. Explore funding opportunities or general resource partners, including the DNR, Barry County Parks & Recreation, Thornapple Trail Association, Bikes Belong Coalition, Barry County Road Commission, MDOT, West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition, and Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance.
2. Pave the Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail in the Village from Irving Road to McCann Road and connect that segment north to Caledonia. The south segment should also continue to Hastings.
3. Ensure that trailhead staging areas are planned at reasonable intervals, offering modern restrooms, interactive and complete mapping kiosks and water stations.
4. Work with the Thornapple Kellogg School District to find ways for more children to walk and bike to school (such as Safe Routes to School, etc.).
5. Advocate for projects and activities that improve walking and bicycling for member entities.
6. Look for potential linkages between educational facilities and parks to the existing trail system.
7. Ensure that non-motorized signage is used to promote wayfinding and use of facilities while also encouraging safety.
8. Incorporate the principles of “complete streets” in future road projects to allow pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and users of assistive devices to safely move along and across a street without giving preference to any particular mode.

### GOAL 3 – Maintenance and Improvement of Existing Park Facilities

The citizens of the TAPRC service area will benefit from parkland that is accessible, usable and offers safe, modern equipment.

#### Objectives

1. Explore funding opportunities for park development, including the DNR Trust Fund Recreation Grants Program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreation Passport Grant Program.

2. At a minimum, design facilities in compliance with ADA requirements and strive to achieve universal design.
3. Improve Calvin Hill Park with the addition of modern restrooms, outdoor illumination, outdoor water recreation, play equipment and enhanced skate park facilities.
4. Develop facilities at Wildwood Trails Park, including disc golf, cross-country skiing, paved walking trails, parking, interpretive signage, restrooms and other amenities while preserving the forested areas of the park.
5. If further investigation indicates that Crane Road Ball Fields can be improved, enhance ball fields and restrooms; and add accessible seating, a sandbox, play equipment, scoreboards and a walking path encircling the facilities.
6. Add bicycle racks, uniform wayfinding and park identification signage, outdoor illumination, restroom facilities, exercise stations, and improve vehicular parking at all facilities, as needed, to extend hours, improve access, enhance amenities, and provide for better identification.
7. Coordinate with the Village of Middleville and the Middleville Downtown Development Authority to implement the East Bank Riverfront Park Plan.
8. Explore the potential for improving connections to Wildwood Park and Spring Park and ways to increase usage.
9. Establish a dog park at an existing or future park facility.

#### **GOAL 4 – Recreation Programming**

Residents and visitors of the TAPRC service area will benefit from robust and diverse educational and recreational resources and activities.

##### **Objectives**

1. In conjunction with the development of additional ball fields, adjust scheduling practices as necessary to improve utilization of facilities.
2. Partner with the numerous local and regional agencies in meeting local programming needs for children to adults. These may include

the YMCA, Pennock Wellness Center, Thornapple Kellogg Community Ed., Pierce-Cedar Creek Institute, etc.

3. Develop a marketing campaign to actively promote facilities and programs to residents and others.

#### **GOAL 5 – River-Themed Improvements**

The Thornapple River will become an iconic community resource used for recreational activities and special events that help bolster the local economy via increased tourism. Enhanced access to the water and to the Village via the water will be provided while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the water resource.

##### **Objectives**

1. Add or improve boat launches and fishing piers within the service area. New or improved launches should be multi-use, facilitating non-motorized and motorized access. Additionally, partner with the DNR to improve the small DNR-owned access point south of the dam.
2. Promote and maintain the river as a water trail, facilitate bike-canoe loops, and offer informal places to rest overnight alongside the river.
3. Improve the boat launch at Riverside Park and remove debris from the river to enable access to and from the river.
4. In conjunction with property owners and funders of non-motorized infrastructure, construct a “River Trail Loop” and “Mill Pond Trail Loop” as identified during public input exercises. Add fishing platforms along both trails.
5. Identify, purchase and develop new public launch site between the Village of Middleville and Parmalee Road to extend the water trail, improve safety, provide parking facilities, and inhibit trespassing.
6. Provide for a tubing take-out location at the trailhead located south of Crane Road.
7. Install bird watching and fishing platforms and interpretive signage along the Thornapple River, with particular focus along the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail.

8. Consider the feasibility of an outdoor adventure center along the river such as zip lines or a ropes course.

## VII ACTION PROGRAM

TAPRC has prepared the following Action Program, based primarily on the expertise of residents and area leaders, and the goals and objectives listed in Chapter VI. The Action Program details what the community plans to achieve within the next five years or more.

The Action Program does not supplant the goals and objectives, but should be used in conjunction with the goals and objectives. Many of the goals and objectives presented may be long-term in nature, and in many instances, entities in addition to TAPRC will need to work together in order to fully implement them.

However, parks and recreation planning should be viewed as flexible; and the timing of new projects may, in part, be influenced by the availability of property; requirements of funders; and cooperation of a multitude of entities. Moreover, public opinions and ideas may change or be refined over time; and this plan may be amended from time to time to reflect shifts in perception and needs. Priorities should be reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary.

### Accessibility

The principles of universal design are supported by this Community Recreation Plan. As recreational facility development or improvement is considered in the future, barrier-free accessibility is a significant priority item to help ensure that recreation can be enjoyed by all residents and visitors of the Thornapple River Valley.

Improvements can include proper unitary surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables and restrooms, resting benches frequently placed along a walking route, and transition plates between elevation changes. To alert someone to pay attention, contrasting color or texture

treatments or interpretive stations should be used. Gentle slopes, Braille, and play equipment that is easy to get to and use are strongly encouraged. Water access areas should include portable or temporary matting to allow wheelchair users an easy, gently-sloping route to the water. In play areas, unitary surfaces, such as poured-in-place rubber tiles can be used, instead of shredded wood chips, sand or some other non-unitary surface which makes wheelchair use difficult.

### Potential Resource Partners

A variety of resource partners and potential funding sources may exist to assist in implementing the strategic implementation summary provided on the following pages. A non-exhaustive summary of these resources is provided below.

### Michigan DNR

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources offers grant programs that should be contemplated by TAPRC as it implements this plan. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund can provide assistance for TAPRC's outdoor recreation projects, including land acquisition and physical development of park facilities. This assistance is intended to bolster existing facilities, protect critical natural resources and establish new parkland. This opportunity should particularly be contemplated for general acquisition and development activities. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is similar to the Trust Fund grant described above, in that it is meant to help fund land acquisition and park development. Additionally, the DNR offers the Recreation Passport Grant Program, created in 2010 to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. This funding is derived from the sale of the Recreation Passport which replaced the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) for state park entrance. The program is focused on renovating and improving existing parks, but the development of new parks is eligible.

Natural feature preservation has historically been the primary award criteria; and as such, this opportunity should especially be taken into

account when planning for new passive recreation facilities. In addition, the LWCF now places emphasis on trails, “green” technology in outdoor recreation, universal design and coordination among recreation providers.

### **Sports / Community Complex**

One of the primary goals for TAPRC over the next five years is to work toward planning and developing a community sports complex. Potential funding sources for this type of facility may consist of MDNR Grants (particularly MDRN Recreation Passport Grants), Township and/or Village general funds, private contributions or donations, fundraisers and foundations.

### **Trails and Non-Motorized Facility Planning**

Trails encourage health and wellness, enhance quality of life, and promote sense of community. Trails also can improve non-motorized system safety. Aside from the programs described above, several other entities can provide assistance with trail funding and/or planning. These include the regional planning agency, Barry County, the Bikes Belong Coalition, the Thornapple Trail Association, the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition, and the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance.

In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation may provide funding for numerous types of projects that encourage safe, accessible and efficient forms of multi-modal transport, including non-motorized facilities and other improvements related to transportation. Grant programs to review include the Transportation Enhancement Program, Small Urban Program, and the Federal Local Safety Program.

Additionally, the Recreation Improvement Fund Grant and Recreation Trails Program Grant may help to fund projects that connect facilities on DNR-owned property. A DNR division or bureau is always the applicant, but a local government partnership may be considered if the project contributes to DNR goals and is located on, or linked to, DNR land. Given the extent of State land within the TAPRC service area, exploring these

grant programs in connection with non-motorized linkages to State parks is a recommended long-term planning activity.

### **River-Themed Improvements**

Waterways Program Grants is a DNR-based initiative aimed at assisting communities in the design and construction of recreational boating facilities. Local units of government are eligible to apply, and although the minimum match required is 50%, preference is given to applicants who can exceed that match.

### **Regional Planning and Leveraging Resources**

Grant application guidelines increasingly include a provision for regional coordination and cooperation. TAPRC will generally receive more “points” for a grant application if it can demonstrate that the proposed project is the result of collaboration with an adjacent community or multiple units of government. While the very nature of TAPRC already exudes regional cooperation, further exploration of regional collaboration possibilities should be continued, especially when planning for future trail connections that may traverse more than one community.

In addition, most recreation grants will stipulate a minimum required local match. It is possible to be awarded grant dollars from multiple funding sources, and use the monies leveraged from one source as a partial match for another. An example might be a local trail project, where the community uses MDOT funds as the match for a DNR grant and vice versa. This can help save local government resources and is permitted by some grant programs. TAPRC should also seek partnerships with the many local organizations interested in augmenting quality of life in the community. These may include, without limitation, Barry Community Foundation, Pennock Foundation, United Way, Thornapple Trail Association, the North Country Trail Association, and the many service clubs in the area. These entities may offer pecuniary contributions, volunteer services, or the gift of equipment.

### Implementation Summary

The following is the five-year capital improvement plan for the TAPRC service area. Each project or proposed action is listed along with a target year for implementation. The rationale for each action or project is discussed on the pages following the schedule. With regard to funding sources, it is the intention of the Township Board to match local funds with state, federal, and/or private funds whenever possible.

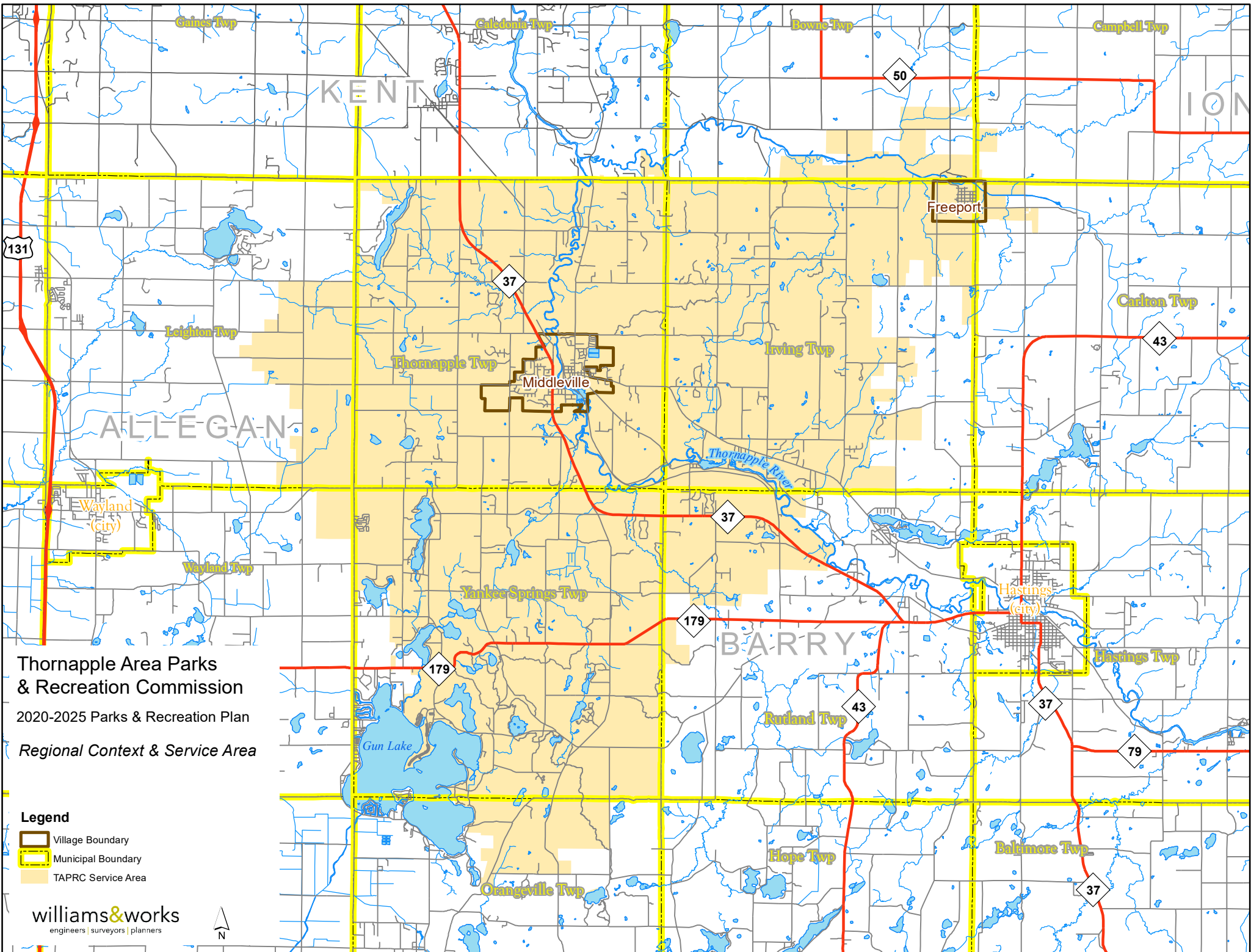
Year	Action	Estimated Costs	Potential Funding Source(s)
2021	Continued development and extension of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail north and south	TBD	MDNR Grants, Township general fund, private contributions /donations, fund-raisers and foundations
2022	Establish community outdoor complex (ballfields, pickleball, dog park, walking trail, nature trail/areas)	TBD	
2023	Update park facility equipment where needed	TBD	
2024	Establish a Thornapple River access point between the Village and Parmalee Road	TBD	
2025	Establish an outdoor water recreation feature (such as a splash pad)	TBD	



Appendix:

Appendix A: TAPRC Service Area





Thornapple Area Parks  
& Recreation Commission  
2020-2025 Parks & Recreation Plan  
*Regional Context & Service Area*

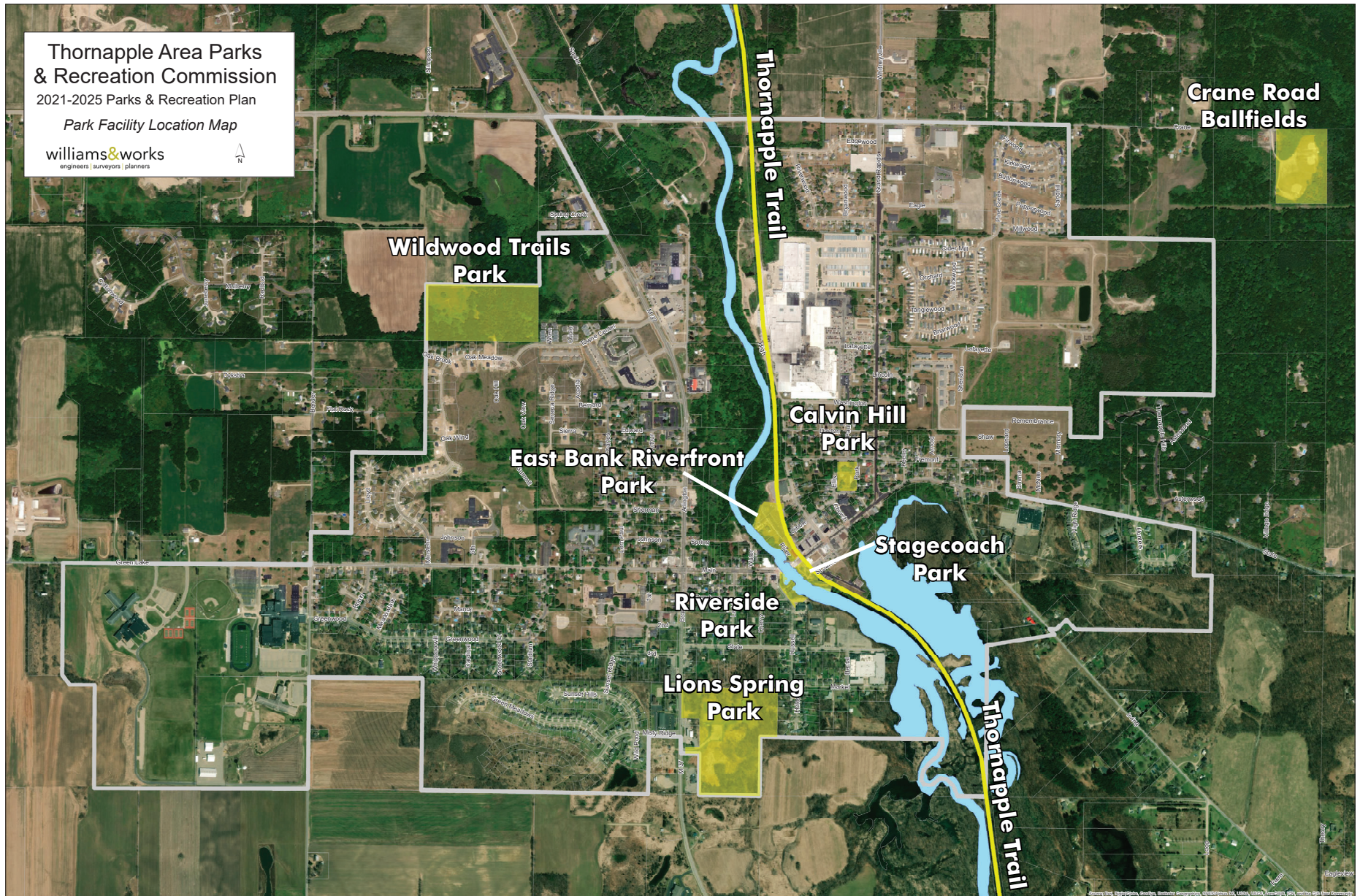
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## Appendix B: Existing Park and Open Space Facilities



Thornapple Area Parks  
& Recreation Commission  
2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Plan  
Park Facility Location Map  
williams&works  
engineers | surveyors | planners



Appendix C: East Bank Riverfront Park Plan





## LEGEND

- 1 EX. COVERED STRUCTURE
- 2 EX. BUILDING TO BE REMODELLED (BATHROOMS, ETC.)
- 3 EX. ADA KAYAK/ CANOE LAUNCH
- 4 EX. VETERANS MEMORIAL
- 5 EX. HYDROELECTRIC DAM
- 6 EX. FORMER TRAIN DEPOT TO BE RESTORED AS MUSEUM
- 7 UPDATE EX. FENCING (STYLE, SCREENING, ARTWORK)
- 8 BAND SHELL & AMPHITHEATRE
- 9 PICNIC/ SEATING RIVER OVERLOOK
- 10 BANK STABILIZATION & RIVER EXPERIENCE/ ACCESS
- 11 PLAYGROUND AREAS (VARIOUS AGE AND STRUCTURE)
- 12 FIRE PIT UTILIZING EXISTING SEATING AREA
- 13 ADDITIONAL CONNECTIVITY TRAILS
- 14 COVERED/ UNCOVERED SEATING & PATIO
- 15 CONCEPTUAL TREE PLANTINGS, TYP.
- 16 PEDESTRIAN / BICYCLE BRIDGE TO VILLAGE PROPERTY
- 17 DROP-OFF & PARK ENTRANCE GATEWAY
- 18 TRAIN CABOOSE

# MIDDLEVILLE EAST BANK RIVERFRONT PARK

CONCEPT SITE PLAN  
project number: 18400875



January 23, 2019



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Appendix D: TAPRC Operating Agreement



**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE  
TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE  
THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOL**

**AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH**

**THE THORNAPPLE AREA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

*As Amended Dec. 20, 2011*

AGREEMENT is entered into by the Village of Middleville, a Michigan general law village, the address of which is 100 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan 49333 (the "Village"), the Township of Thornapple, a Michigan general law township, the address of which is 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan 49333 ("Township") and the Thornapple Kellogg School, a General Powers School District organized and operating under the provisions of the Revised School Code, MCLA 390.1 *et seq.*, as amended, the address of which is 10051 Green Lake Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333 (the "School District") (collectively the "Member Units") pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Act No. 7 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1967, Extra Session, as amended ("Act No. 7").

**RECITALS**

- A. The Village, Township, and the School District desire to cooperate to provide recreational opportunities to their citizens.
- B. The parties desire to formalize their arrangement so as to provide more coordinated recreational services through the creation of a separate public entity.
- C. The creation of such an entity is authorized pursuant to Act No. 7.
- D. The Agreement is executed in order to create such an entity and to identify its authority, make-up and purpose.

**ARTICLE I – CREATION AND PURPOSE**

Section 1.1 Creation of Commission. There is established, pursuant to Act No. 7, the Thornapple Area Park and Recreation Commission (the "Commission"), as a separate public corporation with the powers, functions and duties provided for in this Agreement.

Section 1.2 Purpose. The Commission is created for the purpose of planning, operating and providing park and recreational programs and services for the citizens of the Member Units.

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 2.1 Membership in Commission. Member Units of the Commission shall be those public agencies which are signatories to this Agreement or an amendment to this Agreement.

Section 2.2 Additional Members. Subsequent to the effective date of the Commission, other public agencies may become Member Units by entering into an amendment to this Agreement. This



Agreement and any amendment or other agreement entered into or obligation incurred by any Member Unit in accordance with this Agreement, shall be binding upon that Member Unit's successor in interest, if any.

### **ARTICLE III – GOVERNANCE**

#### **Section 3.1    Board.**

- A. The Commission shall be governed by a Board. The governing body of each Member Unit shall appoint three (3) members to sit on the Board.
- B. Board members shall be appointed to four (4) year terms except, of the initial appointments made pursuant to this Agreement, one Board member from each Member Unit shall be appointed to a two (2) year term, one Board member from each Member Unit shall be appointed to a three (3) year term and one Board member from each Member Unit shall be appointed to a four (4) year term.
- C. Board members shall serve at the pleasure of their Member Unit and may be removed by majority vote of the Member Unit's governing body at any time, with or without cause.
- D. Any vacancy on the Board arising for any reason shall be filled by appointment by the Member Unit governing board that made the original appointment, within ninety (90) days of the vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

#### **Section 3.2    Officers.**

- A. At the January meeting each year, the Board shall elect from its membership a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as it may deem appropriate. Offices may be combined at the discretion of the Board, except that the offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson may not be held concurrently by the same Board member. All officers shall serve terms of one (1) year commencing on the first meeting of January, except for the officers first elected who shall serve that fraction of the calendar year between Board election and December 31. Officers may be re-elected by the Board.
- B. Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed from office by majority vote at any time.
- C. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Board within thirty (30) days of the vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- D. The following officers of the Board shall perform the following function:
  - 1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the board and shall have all privileges and duties of a Board member, including the right to vote on all matters.
  - 2. The Vice Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairperson is absent.
  - 3. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be made all non-financial reports, records and minutes required by this Agreement or applicable law.

4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all Board funds which shall be deposited, invested and/or disbursed by the Treasurer as directed by the Board and as otherwise authorized by this Agreement. The Treasurer shall be charged with assuring complete financial records and reports as required by this Agreement, applicable law or contract.
5. All monies shall be deposited in a financial institution(s) to be designated by the Board, and all checks or other forms of withdrawal therefrom shall be signed by the Treasurer and one (1) other officer of the Commission, or as the Commission may by resolution authorize. All monies shall be deposited and invested in accordance with the requirements of applicable State and Federal law. The officers of the Commission shall have such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon them by the Commission.

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

##### **Section 4.1    Schedule/Call of Meetings.**

- A. The Board shall meet at least quarterly and shall annually establish a regular meeting schedule which shall be posted at the offices of the Member Units and the meeting site, in the manner and time provided by law.
- B. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, by the Vice Chairperson, or at any time upon the request of any two (2) members of the Board.

##### **Section 4.2    Voting**

- A. A majority of the Board members in attendance shall be necessary to take any official action at a regular or special meeting.
- B. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for all official purposes.
- C. Bills which represent expenses not previously included in the budget may only be approved by no less than 5 members including at least one member representing each Member Unit
- D. All meetings of the Board shall be held and conducted as required by law, including the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

##### **Section 4.3    Minutes**

- A. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be prepared and approved as required by law, including the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended. Copies of approved minutes shall be provided to all Member Units within 10 days following the Board meeting in which the minutes were approved.
- B. Minutes and other public records shall be kept and made available in accordance with applicable law including the Freedom of Information Act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

##### **Section 4.4    Rules**

- A. The Board may adopt procedural by-laws for the conduct of Board meetings.



- B. Robert's Rules of order, when not in conflict with this Agreement or any adopted procedural by-laws adopted by the Commission, shall govern all meetings.

#### **ARTICLE V – POWERS**

Section 5.1 Powers of Commission. The Commission shall have the following powers, authority and functions:

- A. To use, lease, operate, improve or maintain property of any nature, whether or not owned or held by a Member Unit. The Commission may exercise authority, of any nature, over a Member Unit's property only with the consent of that Member Unit.
- B. To plan, establish, maintain and operate public recreational facilities, programs and services.
- C. To contract or cooperate with Member Units, other governmental units, public agencies or private parties, as appropriate, to carry out Commission functions or fulfill Commission obligations.
- D. To employ a Director and such other personnel as it may determine necessary, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Any employee, including the Director, employed by the Commission who was transferred from a Member Unit shall be entitled to all rights and benefits formerly held by such employee with the pertinent Member Unit in accordance with Act No. 7. Pursuant to the requirements of Sections 1230 and 1230a of the Revised School Code, any person(s) employed or permitted to volunteer services by the Commission that will be in contact with the School District's students will be subject to criminal background checks.
- E. To accept funds, goods, voluntary work or other assistance to carry out Commission functions or obligations, from any source public or private, including, but not limited to, local governmental funding of specific projects, state or federal grants and private donations. A complete record of all funds received from any source shall be maintained and made a part of the annual financial budget.
- F. To establish and adopt fees, charges, policies, or rules governing the use of Commission property, facilities, programs or services, consistent with state and local law as well as this Agreement.
- G. To recommend local ordinance provisions to Member Units, as necessary, to provide for the safety of the public utilizing Commission property, facilities, programs or services.
- H. To make application for federal or state grants, loans and other assistance. Any financial assistance which would effect obligations of a Member Unit shall require the written consent of the Member Unit prior to application. Grants or loans may be made payable to any individual or several Member Units or the Commission as may be available and appropriate to carry out Commission functions and obligation.
- I. Maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate.
- J. In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, to exercise such powers which now are or hereafter may be conferred by law upon an authority



organized pursuant to Act 321 of the Public Act of Michigan of 2000, as amended from time-to-time, and for the foregoing purposes and all those powers incident thereto.

Section 5.2 Reports. The Commission shall, at least annually, make a full and complete report of all of its activities to the governing bodies of all Member Units.

Section 5.3 Limitations. The Commission shall have no power or authority to:

- A. Levy any tax or issue any bonds.
- B. Indebt any Member Unit in any way except as provided in this Agreement.
- C. Condemn property for any purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VI – STATUS, INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Section 6.1 Separate Entity. The Commission is, for all purposes under or pursuant to this Agreement, a separate public body corporate. No employee, agent or contractor of the Commission shall, for any purpose, be construed or interpreted to be an employee, agent or contractor of the Member Units, individually or jointly.

Section 6.2 Indemnification.

- A. The Commission shall hold the Member Units, individually and jointly, harmless from, indemnify them for, and defend them against any and all claims, demands, judgments, losses, fines, fees, penalties, damages, arbitrations, lawsuits and administrative proceedings which in any way results from or are claimed by any third party to result from the Commission's acts or failures to act, or the exercise of the Commission's authority under this Agreement, whether or not the Commission was acting in compliance with the Agreement when so acting or failing to act. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the "Member Unit" shall include each Member Unit as provided for in this Agreement, as well as each Member Unit's officers, employees and agents.
- B. To the extent permitted by law, each Member Unit shall hold harmless and indemnify the other Member Units from any and all causes of action, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising within that Member Unit's jurisdiction and for which that Member Unit would be separately liable.

Section 6.3 Liability Coverage.

- A. The Commission shall, independently or by contracting with one or more Member Units, purchase public liability insurance covering any cause of action, claim, damage, accident, injury or liability that may arise as a result of the ownership, construction, maintenance or operation of the property, facilities, programs or services of the Commission or otherwise provided for under the terms of the Agreement.
- B. The Commission shall secure and maintain commercial insurance for Director and Officers, Excess Accidental and General Liability. Coverage limits to be reviewed annually at time of renewal. The Commission will provide all insurance as required by law. If the Commission owns or leases a vehicle, the vehicle must be insured.
- C. All insurance required pursuant to this Agreement shall name the Commission and each of the Member Units, together with their officers, employees and agents, as named or additional



insureds and as certificate holders. All policies and certificates of insurance shall be provided by insurance companies authorized to transcribe business in Michigan and by companies reasonably acceptable to the governing bodies of the Member Units. All such policies and certificates shall provide that coverage to a named certificate holder may not be canceled or terminated without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to such certificate holder. The Commission shall regularly provide a copy of certificate of insurance showing the premiums to have been paid prior to each premium period during the term of this Agreement. Upon request, the Commission shall provide a complete copy of the policies of insurance, paid receipts and certificates of insurance to the governing bodies of the Member Units.

## **ARTICLE VII – FINANCE**

Section 7.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the commission shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 7.2 Operational Budget.

- A. Before the start of each fiscal year, the Commission shall annually develop, prepare and adopt an operational budget which shall include meeting, postage, document, accounting and similar basic costs. In addition, the budget shall include personnel, professional services, development, operational and maintenance costs anticipated by the Commission. The budget shall also include all sources of anticipated revenues whether in the form of Member Unit contributions, gifts, fees, charges or otherwise.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, Commission funds may only be disbursed to the extent authorized by the Board pursuant to an adopted annual budget.

Section 7.3 Financial Audits/Reports. The Treasurer shall make or cause to be made a full and complete financial report to Member Units of all Commission financial transactions and affairs at the end of each fiscal year. The report shall include a complete audit by a certified public accountant. State and federal audit requirements shall be fully met as applicable.

Section 7.4 Financial Contributions.

- A. It shall be a condition of each Member Unit's continuing participation in the Commission and the privileges and benefits resulting from the Agreement that a minimum financial contribution of Three Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) and one-third of annual audit expense be made annually to the Commission. Each Member Unit's minimum financial contributions must be received by the Commission no later than March 1.
- B. Prior to the imposition of an annual financial contribution for each Member Unit exceeding Three Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00), the Commission shall obtain the unanimous written approval of all Member Units.
- C. Charges, rates, fees and rents fixed and collected by the Commission for services and programs provided by the Commission shall be the property of the Commission.
- D. The Commission may contract with any one or more Member Units for services, property or equipment. The provisions of such services, property or equipment by a Member Unit shall be in addition to its minimum financial contribution as identified above in Subsection 7.4.A.



Section 7.5 Contracts. The Commission may enter into contracts with private parties, and/or one or more Member Units to fulfill the Commission's purposes and functions as set forth in this Agreement. The Commission is only authorized to enter into contracts if contracts conform to the approved annual budget.

## **ARTICLE VIII – TERMINATION/DISSOLUTION**

Section 8.1 Member Unit Termination. A Member Unit may terminate its membership only upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Commission and termination shall be effective only upon the elapse of the thirty (30) days. A Member Unit terminating its membership shall retain all rights to property owned by it. A Member Unit voluntarily terminating its membership shall remain liable for all obligations incurred by it pursuant to the Agreement for the current fiscal year and shall waive any right to any contributions that the Member Unit has made pursuant to Paragraph 7.4.a, herein.

Section 8.2 Commission Dissolution.

- A. If a majority of the Member Units terminate their membership, the Commission shall be considered dissolved.
- B. Upon the dissolution of the Commission, property held or used by the Commission shall be allocated and distributed in accordance with the follow:
  - 1. All property, of any nature, which is titled to or otherwise owned by a Member Unit shall remain the property of that Member Unit.
  - 2. All monies and funds, from whatever source, which are the property of the Commission shall be distributed to the Member Units based on each Member Unit's proportionate contribution pursuant to Paragraph 7.4.A herein, after deducting administrative expenses associated with the dissolution of the Commission.
  - 3. All property, other than that otherwise provided for in Subsection 8.2.B.1 and 8.2.B.2 shall be disposed of by the Commission at public auction. All revenues received as a result of any auction shall be distributed to the Member Units based on each Member Units proportionate contribution pursuant to the Paragraph 7.2.A herein, after deducting administrative expenses associated with the dissolution of the Commission, including expenses incurred as a result of any auction.

## **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

Section 9.1 Amendments. This Agreement may be amended, in whole or in any part, by written agreement of the governing bodies of all Member Units.

## **ARTICLE X – APPLICABLE LAWS**

Section 10.1 Compliance with Laws. The Commission shall fully comply in all activities with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulation and with applicable grant conditions or contract provisions.

## **ARTICLE XI – MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 11.1 Benefit: No Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefits of the Parties and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns. No party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all other Parties.



Section 11.2 Waiver. The waiver by any Party to this Agreement of any provisions of this Agreement or of any breach of this Agreement shall not operate as or be construed as a continuing waiver of such provision or a waiver of any continuing breach, subsequent breach, or any other breach, and any statement or conduct by any Party or such Party's representative with respect to any provisions or any subsequent, continuing or other breach. No waiver shall be valid unless it is asserted in a written document and signed by the duly authorized representative of the Party against whom such waiver is being asserted.

Section 11.3 Severability. If any provision or part of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining parts or provisions of this Agreement which shall continue in full force and effect, unless such severance would materially destroy the intent of the Parties in entering into this Agreement, in which case the Parties shall immediately commence negotiations to achieve a revised, fully valid and enforceable Agreement; provided, however, that if such a revised, fully valid and enforceable Agreement is not executed by all Parties within sixty (60) days after the event triggering severance, than any party may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other Parties.

Section 11.4 Prior Agreement and Amendments. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no other agreements or understandings, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and, this Agreement supersedes all previous negotiations, commitments, agreements and understandings, oral written, between the parties hereto and with respect to the subject matter hereof.

Section 11.5 Counterparts. The Parties may execute this Agreement in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of such counterparts together shall constitute and be one and the same instrument.

Section 11.6 Modifications. This Agreement can be modified or amended only by a written document signed by each Party's presiding officer after his/her receipt of any authorization of that Party's governing body required by law.

Section 11.7 No Rule of Construction. All Parties have read, negotiated and participated in the drafting of the language and terms used in this Agreement. Accordingly, no rule of construction shall apply to this Agreement which construes any language, whether ambiguous, unclear or otherwise, in favor of, or against any Party by reason of this Party's role in drafting this Agreement.

Section 11.8 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 11.9 Notices. Notices to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing; be signed by an authorized representative of the Party giving same; and be given by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery, or by overnight express courier, charges prepaid. Notice shall be addressed as follows:

**As to the Village:**

*Village of Middleville  
Attention: Village Manager  
100 East Main Street  
Middleville, Michigan 49333*

**As to the Township:**

*Township of Thornapple  
Attention: Supervisor  
200 East Main Street  
Middleville, MI 49333*

**As to the District:**

*Thornapple-Kellogg School  
Attn: Superintendent  
10051 Green Lake Road  
Middleville, MI 49333*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Member Units have signed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

**WITNESSED**

**THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE,  
a Michigan general law village**

Karen Winans

Donald Boysen

Karen Winans

David Beckwith

By: Charles T. Pullen  
Charles Pullen, President

Date: 12-23-11

By: Elaine Denton  
Elaine Denton, Clerk

Date: 12.21.11

**THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP  
a Michigan general law township**

Catherine Getty

Karen Winans

Catherine Getty

Karen Winans

By: Donald Boysen  
Donald Boysen, Supervisor

Date: Dec. 21, 2011

By: Susan Vlietstra  
Susan Vlietstra, Clerk

Date: 12-27-11

**THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOL  
a Michigan general powers school district**

Sandra Rider

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Karen Winans

Cindy A. Wilkshie

By: Gary Rider  
Gary Rider, Superintendent

Date: 12/30/11

By: David R. Smith  
David Smith, President, Board of Education

Date: 12-29-11

Appendix E: TAPRC Budget

<b>TAPRC BUDGET</b>	<b>Original 2020 Budget</b>	<b>November 2020 AMENDMENTS</b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
<i>Entities</i>	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
<i>Entities Professional Services</i>		\$5,750.00
<i>Entities-Audit</i>		
<i>Grant Income</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00
<i>field use - bball</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>individual contributions</i>	\$250.00	\$250.00
<i>interest income</i>	\$5.00	\$5.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>picture revenue - bball/sball</i>	\$600.00	
<i>picture revenue - flag fball</i>	\$125.00	
<i>participant fees - 5K</i>	\$700.00	\$700.00
<i>TAPRC player fees - bball/sball</i>	\$21,000.00	\$1,800.00
<i>TAPRC Select baseball player fees</i>	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC Select baseball Sponsorships</i>	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC Select Fundraising - tournament</i>	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
<i>player fees - flag fball</i>	\$4,200.00	\$1,365.00
<i>sponsorships - 5K</i>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<i>sponsorships - bball/sball</i>	\$7,000.00	\$2,000.00
<i>Used Equipment Sale</i>		\$900.00
<i>Charity House</i>	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00
<i>Adult Rec Fees</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00
<i>Volleyball Recreation Fees</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00
<i>United Way</i>	\$12,000.00	\$10,300.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$74,700.00</b>	<b>\$36,190.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
<i>audit</i>		\$0.00
<i>Professional Fees</i>		\$5,750.00
<i>director's salary -ga</i>	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00
<i>Sports Complex</i>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<i>Grant writing</i>		\$0.00
<i>Workers Comp</i>	\$350.00	\$350.00
<i>mileage - ga</i>	\$300.00	\$100.00
<i>mowing - ga</i>	\$1,600.00	\$3,000.00
<i>field maintenance</i>	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
<i>Equipment give away</i>		\$2,025.00
<i>payroll exp - ga</i>	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<i>port-a-johns</i>	\$2,000.00	\$300.00
<i>telephone/internet</i>	\$600.00	\$600.00
<i>office supplies, postage, printing-ga</i>	\$650.00	\$200.00

<i>TeamSnap Web/Reg software</i>	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00
<i>Website server and social media</i>	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Baseball/Softball</b>		
<i>advertising-bball/sball</i>	\$250.00	\$240.00
<i>TAPRC equipment-bball/sball</i>	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC SELECT equipment-bball/sball</i>	\$2,250.00	\$0.00
<i>insurance-bball/sball -</i>	\$3,000.00	\$620.00
<i>insurance-bball/sball - SELECT</i>	\$400.00	\$0.00
<i>maintenance &amp; repairs-bball/sball</i>	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
<i>player scholarships-bball &amp; sball</i>	\$2,700.00	\$0.00
<i>Rent</i>	\$400.00	\$0.00
<i>supplies-bball/sball</i>	\$500.00	\$1,400.00
<i>TAPRC umpiring-bball/sball*</i>	\$5,600.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC Select umpiring-bball</i>	\$4,200.00	\$0.00
<i>uniforms-bball/sball</i>	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC SELECT Uniforms</i>	\$500.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC SELECT Tournament Fees</i>	\$2,700.00	\$0.00
<i>TAPRC SELECT League Fees</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Flag Football</b>		
<i>advertising-flag football</i>	\$150.00	\$0.00
<i>insurance-flag football</i>	\$600.00	\$250.00
<i>player scholarships-flag football</i>	\$700.00	\$0.00
<i>supplies-flag football/ includes supplies and uniforms</i>	\$150.00	\$200.00
<i>referees-flag football</i>	\$100.00	\$0.00
<i>Uniforms-flag football</i>	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
<b>5-K Event</b>		
<i>advertising - 5K</i>	\$125.00	\$125.00
<i>Donation-5K</i>	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>Supplies</i>	\$1,000.00	\$550.00
<b>Volleyball</b>		
<i>Advertising</i>	\$150.00	\$0.00
<i>Insurance</i>	\$300.00	\$0.00
<i>Gym Rent</i>	\$200.00	\$0.00
<i>Equipment</i>	\$80.00	\$0.00
<i>Admin fee</i>	\$120.00	\$0.00
<b>ADULT RECREATION</b>		
<i>Expenses</i>	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>Other expenses</b>		



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## Appendix F: Community Survey and Results



## THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS & RECREATION

### TAPRC Parks and Recreation Community Survey 2020

#### Welcome & Background Questions

**The Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) represents parks and recreation interests in the Middleville area. The TAPRC was formed to better serve the parks and recreation needs of the community and the three-member units – Thornapple Township, the Village of Middleville, and the Thornapple Kellogg School District. As such, the TAPRC is delegated with the responsibility of parks and recreation planning and programming. Please assist our effort to update the 5-year TAPRC Parks and Recreation Plan by completing this survey.**

1. Name (optional)

2. Address (optional)

3. Email address (optional - random participants will be selected for a free gift card)

4. Are you interested in receiving periodic email updates regarding the progress of the TAPRC recreation plan update?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Are you interested in volunteering for the TAPRC?

☐ Yes

☐ No

\* 6. Please indicate where you live.

- ☐ Thornapple Township
- ☐ Village of Middleville
- ☐ Village of Freeport
- ☐ Yankee Springs Township
- ☐ Irving Township
- ☐ Rutland Township
- ☐ Elsewhere in Barry County
- ☐ Other (please specify)

\* 7. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75 or older

8. Who in your household is the most active user of parks, trails, and open space? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Myself
- ☐ Another adult in the household
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Our whole family
- ☐ Nobody in my household uses parks

9. How important are parks, trails, and open space to you and/or your household's quality of life?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ No opinion

10. How important are indoor/outdoor athletic facilities to you and/or your household's quality of life?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ No opinion



## THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS & RECREATION

### TAPRC Parks and Recreation Community Survey 2020

#### General Parks & Recreation Questions

11. How often do you or someone in your household visit the following parks?

	Frequently (once a week or more)	Often (2-3 times a month)	Sometimes (a few times each year)	Rarely (less than once a year)	Never
Calvin Hill Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crane Road Ball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul-Henry Thornapple Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stagecoach Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Pavilion Park/East Bank Riverfront	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lions Spring Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildwood Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Were you aware that all of the above parks existed?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please list the parks that you were unaware of.



13. Which of the following benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you? (Select up to three)

- ☐ Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors
- ☐ Provide athletic space and opportunities
- ☐ Improve health and wellness
- ☐ Protect the natural environment and wildlife
- ☐ Provide cultural opportunities
- ☐ Help seniors and disabled people remain active
- ☐ Connect people together, building stronger families
- ☐ Enhance community image and sense of place
- ☐ Connect to a regional trail network
- ☐ Improve property values

14. How important are the following in improving parks and recreation offerings in the Middleville area? Please rank in order, with ONE (1) being the most important and SIX (6) being the least important. (Please note: Options automatically renumber as they are moved)



Developing new parks and facilities



Maintaining existing parks and facilities



Acquiring land for future parks



Increasing accessibility for all abilities



Preserving open land



Developing the trail system

15. If you do not currently use parks in the Middleville area, what is the reason? (Pick your TOP choice)

- ☐ Not interested / no time
- ☐ Lack of facilities
- ☐ Poorly maintained
- ☐ Too far away, not conveniently located
- ☐ I use parks in other townships/cities
- ☐ I don't have transportation
- ☐ I don't know where they are
- ☐ I don't know what's available
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. What types of trails or pathways should have the highest priority in the Middleville area? (Pick your TOP choice)

- ☐ Nature trails (unpaved)
- ☐ Trails with links to a regional trail system
- ☐ Pathways to public schools
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. How important is pedestrian connectivity (sidewalks, trails, pathways, crossings, etc.) to you and or your household's quality of life?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ No opinion

18. Should the TAPRC do more to encourage improved pedestrian connectivity in the Middleville area?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know



## THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS & RECREATION

### TAPRC Parks and Recreation Community Survey 2020

#### General Parks & Recreation Questions Continued

19. What types of parks are most needed in the Middleville area? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Small neighborhood parks
- ☐ Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community
- ☐ Natural areas
- ☐ A sports complex park
- ☐ Parks with lake or river frontage (more kayak/canoe launch sites, overlooks)
- ☐ Recreational walking areas
- ☐ Bike trails or lanes
- ☐ No additional parks or natural areas are needed

20. What types of additional athletic facilities do you feel are most needed in the Middleville area? (Select up to three)

- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Youth baseball/softball
- ☐ Adult baseball/softball
- ☐ Basketball indoor/outdoor
- ☐ Football
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Lacrosse
- ☐ Wrestling
- ☐ Cross country running trails
- ☐ Other (please specify)

21. Which groups do you feel are underserved by current recreation services and amenities? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Preschoolers and toddlers (under 5)
- ☐ Elementary school aged children (5-9)
- ☐ Adolescents (10-18)
- ☐ Young adults
- ☐ Adults
- ☐ Seniors
- ☐ People with disabilities
- ☐ Other (please specify)

22. How adequately do you feel the community is served by area programming (camps, sports leagues, outdoor education)?

- ☐ Very adequately
- ☐ Adequately
- ☐ Somewhat adequately
- ☐ Inadequately
- ☐ Very inadequately

Optional (Why?)

23. What types of parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in?  
(Select your top five choices)

- ☐ Amphitheater
- ☐ Outdoor recreational complex
- ☐ Indoor recreational complex
- ☐ Dog park
- ☐ Ice skating rink
- ☐ Inclusive and universally-accessible playground
- ☐ Mountain biking courses
- ☐ Outdoor water recreation (splash pad, fountains)
- ☐ Pool indoor
- ☐ Pool outdoor
- ☐ Picnic pavilions
- ☐ Outdoor recreation programming
- ☐ Trail head with bathroom facilities
- ☐ Trail/park wayfinding signs
- ☐ Skate park
- ☐ River recreation amenities (canoe and kayak facilities, fishing platforms)
- ☐ Other (please specify)



## THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS & RECREATION

### TAPRC Parks and Recreation Community Survey 2020

#### General Parks and Recreation Questions Continued

24. Would you be supportive of a new recreational complex?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

25. If yes, please check ALL facility options that you would like to see at a new complex.

- ☐ Baseball/softball fields
- ☐ Walking paths
- ☐ Soccer fields
- ☐ Open multi-sport fields
- ☐ Pickleball courts
- ☐ Indoor pool
- ☐ Dog park
- ☐ Outdoor playground
- ☐ Other (please specify)

26. If yes, please check ALL funding options you would support to fund a new complex.

- ☐ Private funding
- ☐ Grants
- ☐ Bond / Millage
- ☐ User fees

27. Please use the space below to provide additional comments to TAPRC.

*Thank you for completing our survey! If you are interested in learning more about the TAPRC or becoming involved, please visit [www.taprc.org](http://www.taprc.org).*



# OUR PARKS, OUR VOICE

The Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) needs your help making the Middleville community a better place to live, work, and play! Please take a few moments of your time to provide feedback by going to the link below and completing our survey. The results of the survey will be used to help guide parks and recreation facilities and programming priorities through the update of the TAPRC Parks and Recreation Plan.

**[WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/TAPRC PARKS PLAN](http://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/TAPRC PARKS PLAN)**



**THORNAPPLE AREA  
PARKS & RECREATION**

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## Q1 Name (optional)

Answered: 51   Skipped: 59

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## Q2 Address (optional)

Answered: 41   Skipped: 69

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### Q3 Email address (optional - random participants will be selected for a free gift card)

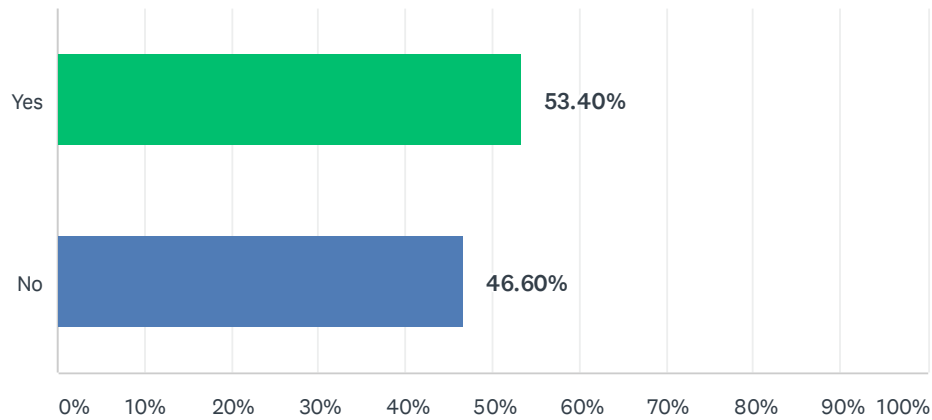
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## Q4 Are you interested in receiving periodic email updates regarding the progress of the TAPRC recreation plan update?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 7

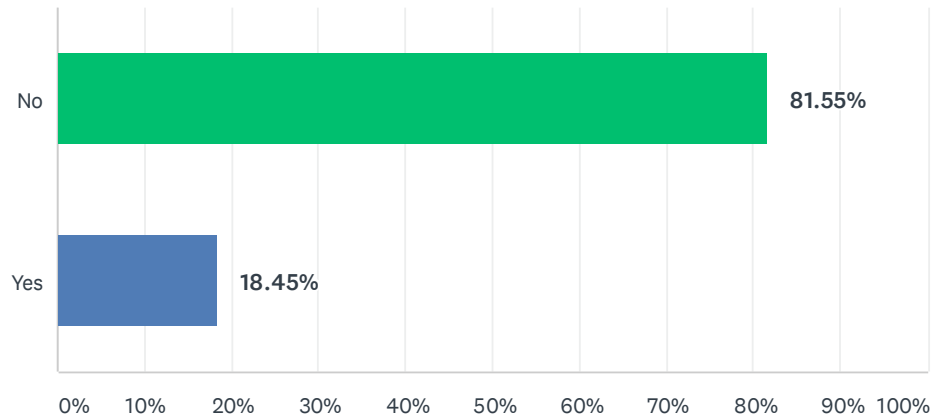


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.40%	55
No	46.60%	48
TOTAL		103



## Q5 Are you interested in volunteering for the TAPRC?

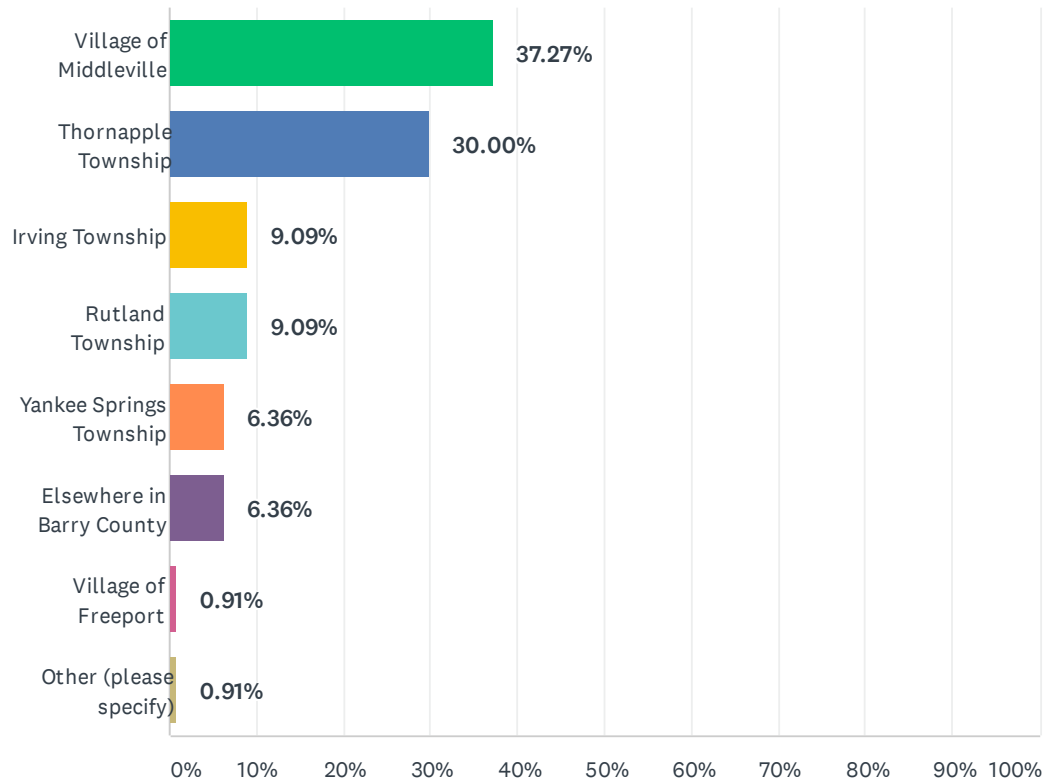
Answered: 103 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	81.55%	84
Yes	18.45%	19
TOTAL		103

## Q6 Please indicate where you live.

Answered: 110 Skipped: 0

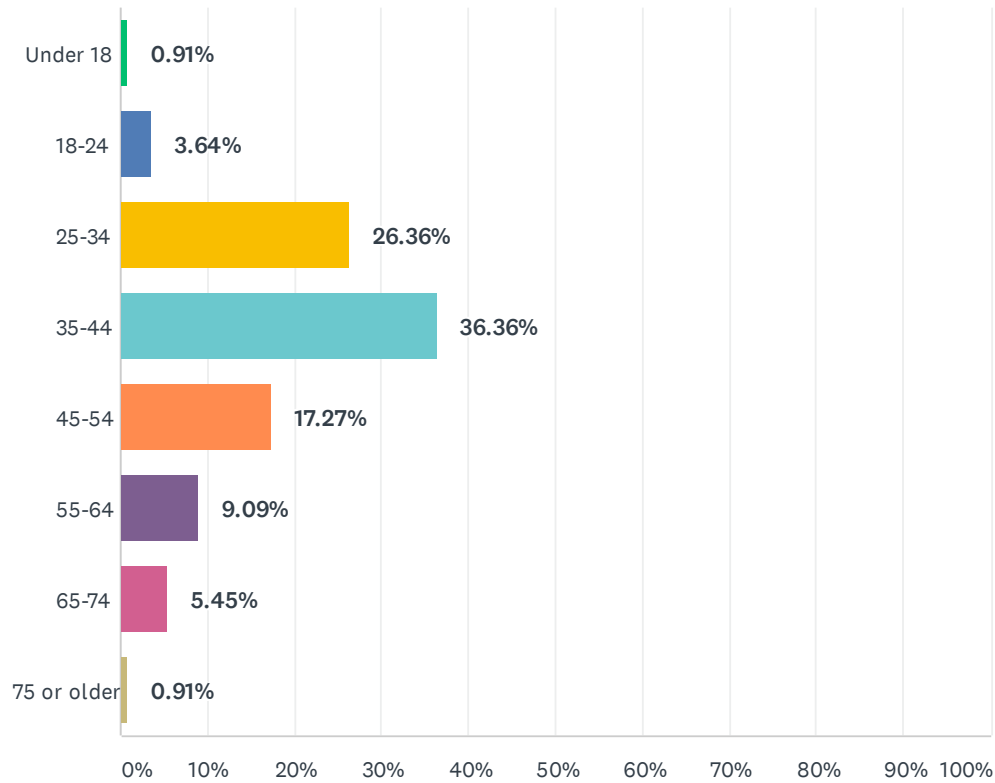


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Village of Middleville	37.27%	41
Thornapple Township	30.00%	33
Irving Township	9.09%	10
Rutland Township	9.09%	10
Yankee Springs Township	6.36%	7
Elsewhere in Barry County	6.36%	7
Village of Freeport	0.91%	1
Other (please specify)	0.91%	1
TOTAL		110

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Leighton Township, Thornapple Kellogg School District	6/10/2020 7:45 PM

## Q7 What is your age?

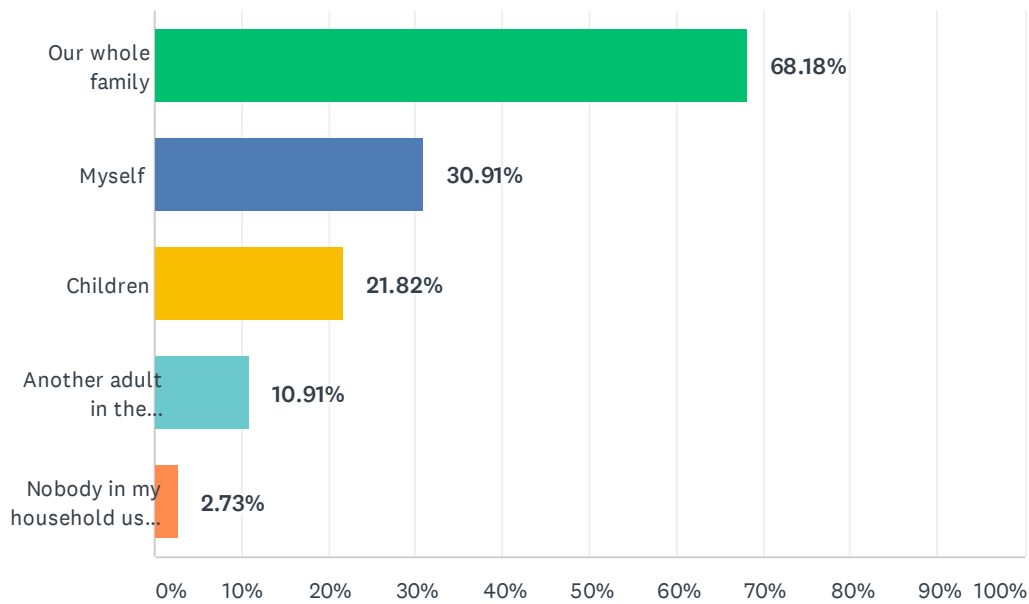
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.91%	1
18-24	3.64%	4
25-34	26.36%	29
35-44	36.36%	40
45-54	17.27%	19
55-64	9.09%	10
65-74	5.45%	6
75 or older	0.91%	1
TOTAL		110

## Q8 Who in your household is the most active user of parks, trails, and open space? (Check all that apply)

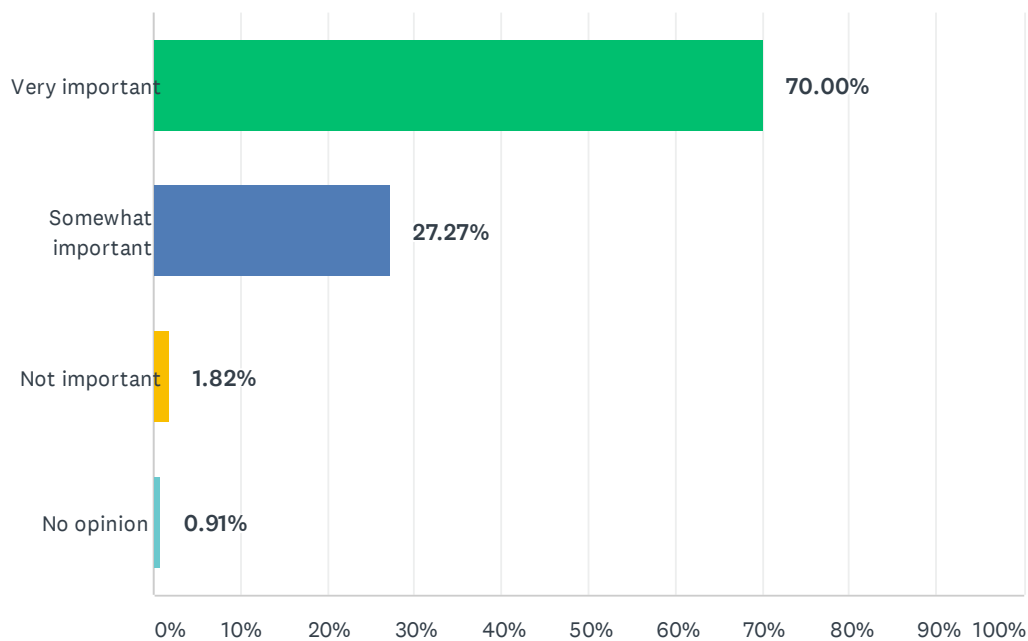
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Our whole family	68.18%	75
Myself	30.91%	34
Children	21.82%	24
Another adult in the household	10.91%	12
Nobody in my household uses parks	2.73%	3
Total Respondents: 110		

## Q9 How important are parks, trails, and open space to you and/or your household's quality of life?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 0

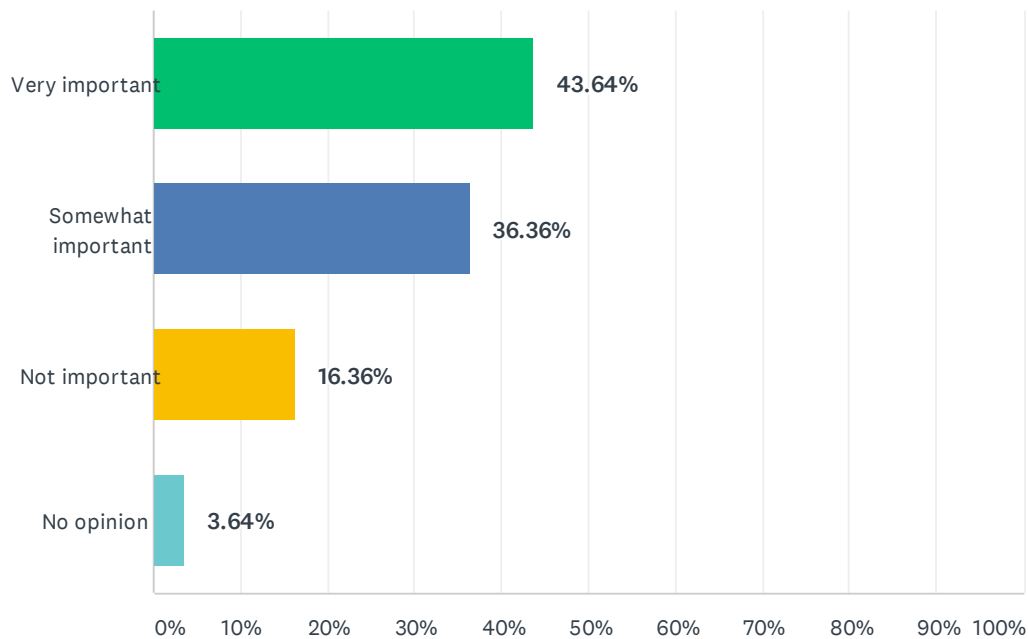


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	70.00%	77
Somewhat important	27.27%	30
Not important	1.82%	2
No opinion	0.91%	1
TOTAL		110



## Q10 How important are indoor/outdoor athletic facilities to you and/or your household's quality of life?

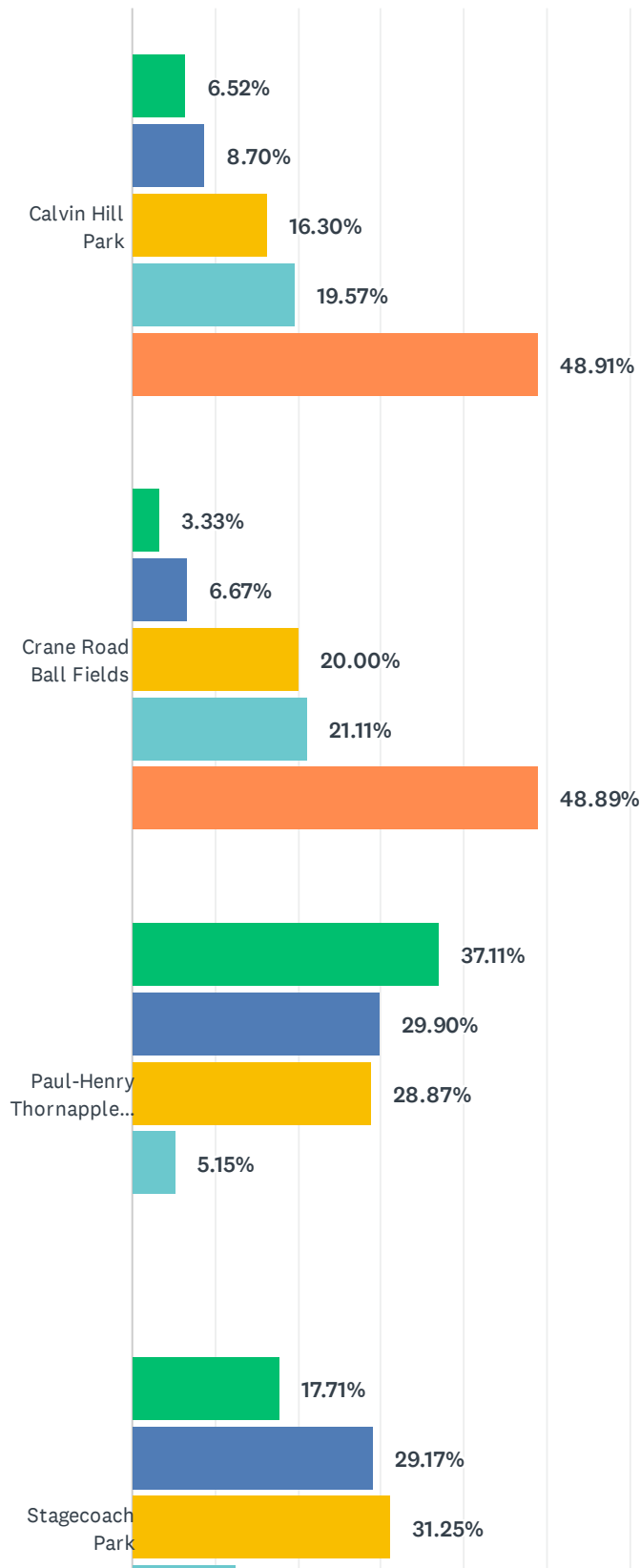
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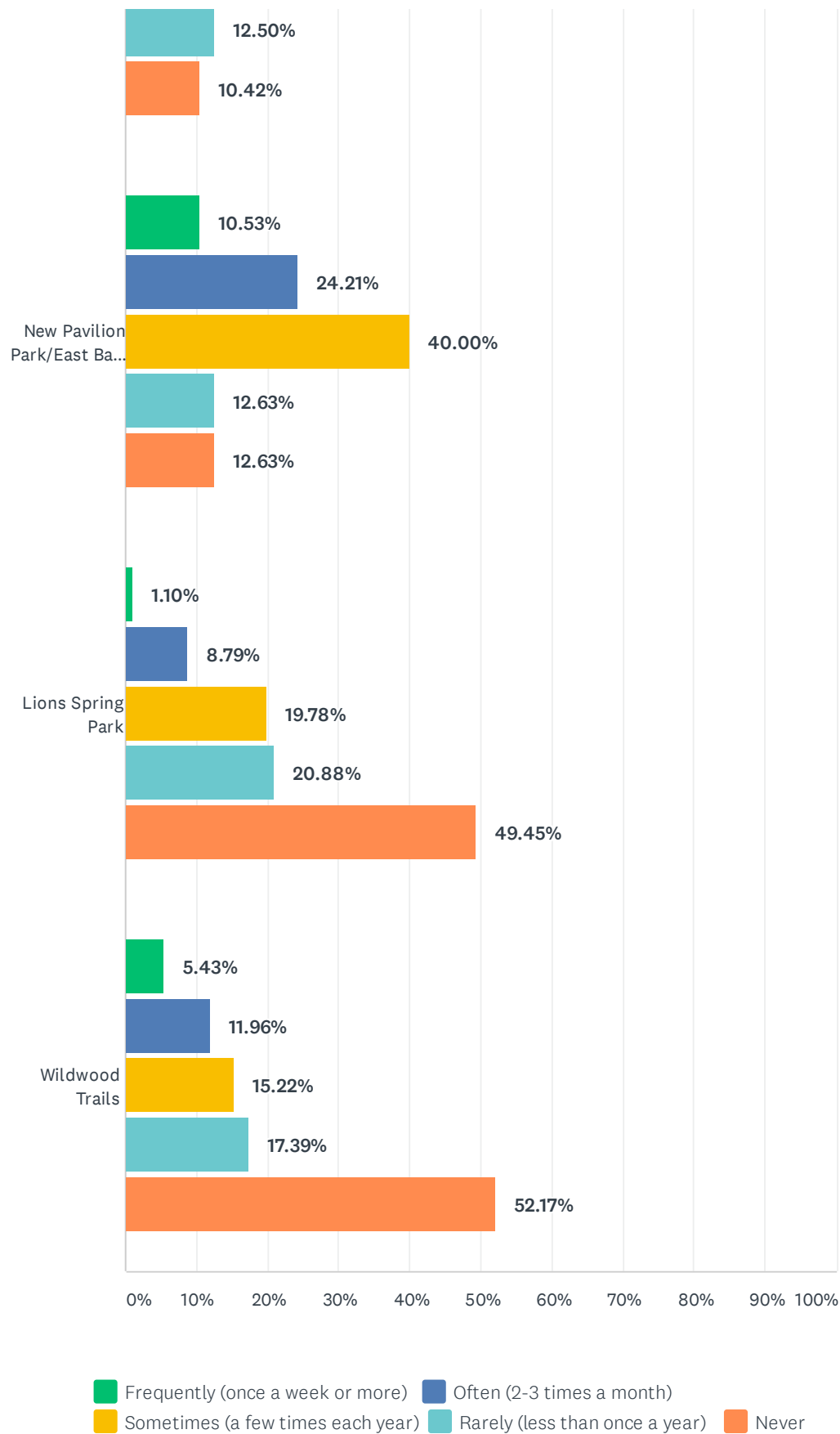


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	43.64%	48
Somewhat important	36.36%	40
Not important	16.36%	18
No opinion	3.64%	4
TOTAL		110

## Q11 How often do you or someone in your household visit the following parks?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 13

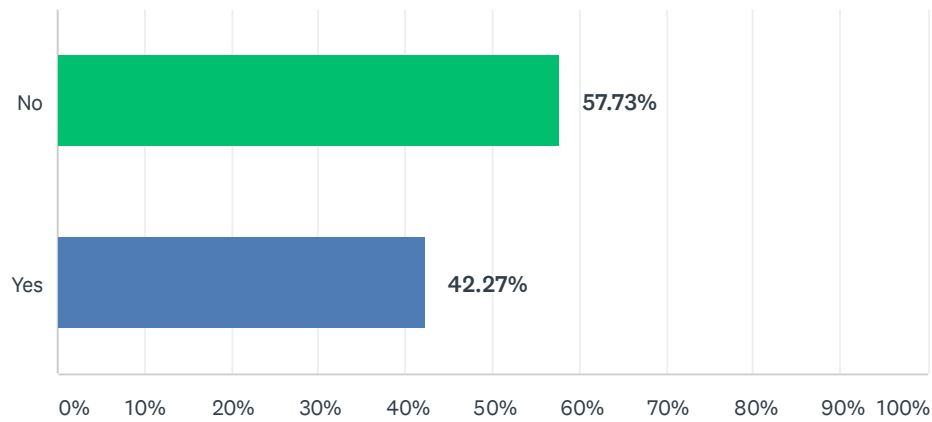




	FREQUENTLY (ONCE A WEEK OR MORE)	OFTEN (2-3 TIMES A MONTH)	SOMETIMES (A FEW TIMES EACH YEAR)	RARELY (LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR)	NEVER	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Calvin Hill Park	6.52% 6	8.70% 8	16.30% 15	19.57% 18	48.91% 45	92
Crane Road Ball Fields	3.33% 3	6.67% 6	20.00% 18	21.11% 19	48.89% 44	90
Paul-Henry Thornapple Trail	37.11% 36	29.90% 29	28.87% 28	5.15% 5	0.00% 0	97
Stagecoach Park	17.71% 17	29.17% 28	31.25% 30	12.50% 12	10.42% 10	96
New Pavilion Park/East Bank Riverfront	10.53% 10	24.21% 23	40.00% 38	12.63% 12	12.63% 12	95
Lions Spring Park	1.10% 1	8.79% 8	19.78% 18	20.88% 19	49.45% 45	91
Wildwood Trails	5.43% 5	11.96% 11	15.22% 14	17.39% 16	52.17% 48	92

## Q12 Were you aware that all of the above parks existed?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	57.73%	56
Yes	42.27%	41
TOTAL		97

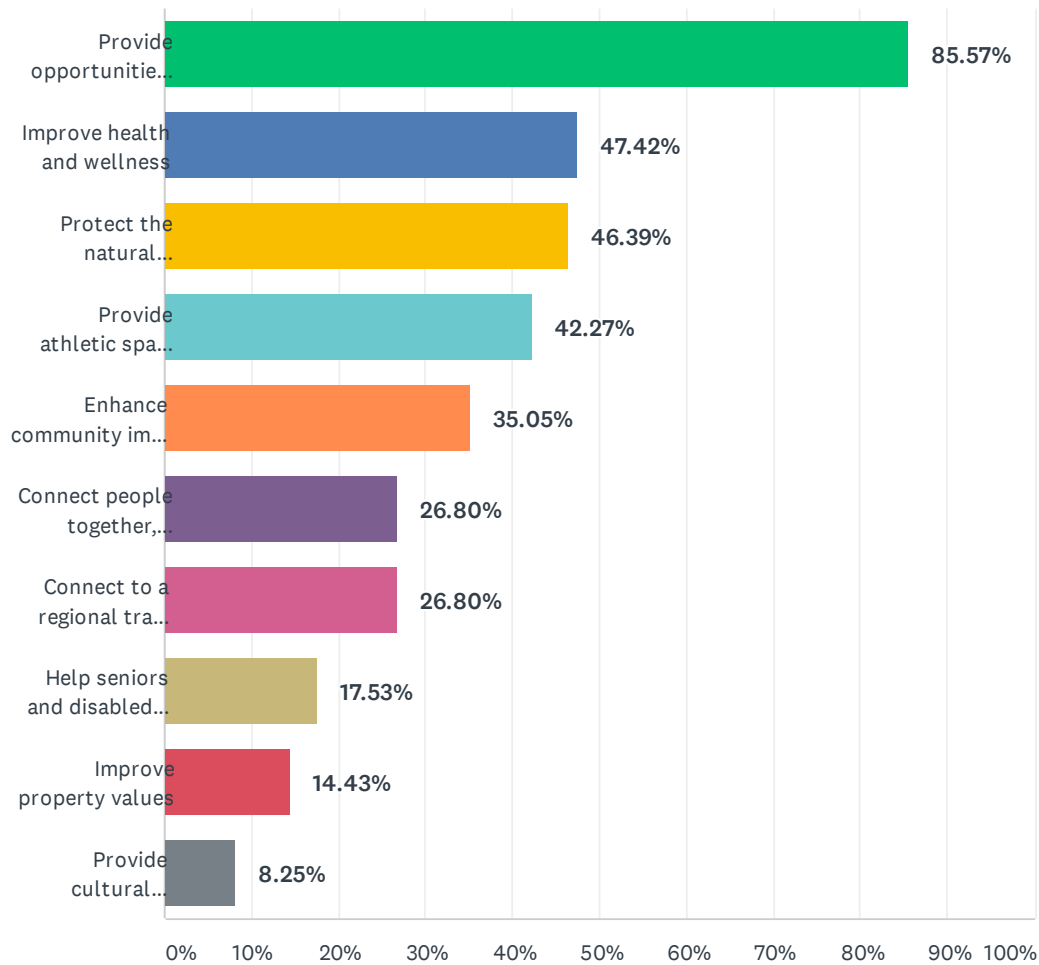


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2	All above that are marked "never"	7/26/2020 9:00 AM
3	Wildwood Trails	7/25/2020 10:46 PM
4	The ball fields due to not playing ball :)	7/25/2020 10:27 PM
5	Lion Springs, Calvin Hill Park,, Crane Rd Ball Fields	7/25/2020 5:15 PM
6	Calvin Hill Park	7/25/2020 3:42 PM
7	Wildwood	7/25/2020 3:22 PM
8	Pretty much all of them	7/25/2020 2:44 PM
9	Wildwood trails	7/22/2020 11:10 AM
10	wildwood trails	7/22/2020 10:26 AM
11	All the ones I put never visit	7/22/2020 8:06 AM
12	Lions	7/21/2020 11:06 PM
13	Wildwood Trails	7/21/2020 9:42 PM
14	We are new to the area!	7/21/2020 9:23 PM
15	Wildwood	7/21/2020 8:13 PM
16	Calvin Hill and Wildwood Trail	7/21/2020 7:58 PM
17	Wildwood	7/21/2020 6:43 PM
18	Calvin Hill, Lions Spring, Wildwood Trails	7/17/2020 8:10 AM
19	Calvin Hill park and the ball field.	7/10/2020 3:02 PM
20	Love Springs Park	7/10/2020 1:34 PM
21	Lions Spring Park	6/11/2020 5:29 AM
22	Wildwood Trail & Calvin Hill Park	6/10/2020 10:21 PM
23	Wildwood trails	6/10/2020 7:37 PM
24	Wildwood Trails, Crane Road Ball Fields	6/10/2020 1:08 PM
25	Calvin lions wildwood	6/10/2020 12:59 PM
26	Lions Spring park	6/10/2020 12:40 PM
27	Wildwood trails	6/10/2020 12:39 PM
28	Wildwood trails	6/10/2020 12:18 PM
29	Lion springs, Calvin hill	6/10/2020 8:37 AM
30	Wildwood Trail	6/9/2020 10:00 PM
31	Crane Road Ball Fields, Lions spring park	6/9/2020 8:52 PM
32	Lions Spring and Calvin Hill	6/9/2020 3:57 PM
33	we just moved here.	6/9/2020 2:14 PM
34	Wildwood, Calvin hill	6/9/2020 1:45 PM
35	Calvin Hill, lions spring and wildwood trails	6/9/2020 1:44 PM
36	Not sure where Wildwood trail is unless it is just the Paul Henry continued north.	6/9/2020 1:37 PM
37	Wildwood Trails Lions Spring Park Lions Spring Park	6/9/2020 9:44 AM

38	Wildwood trails	6/9/2020 8:48 AM
39	Calvin hill, ball fields, lions spring, wildwood trails.	6/9/2020 8:37 AM
40	Wildwood Trails & Calvin Hill Park	6/9/2020 8:27 AM
41	Calvin Hill, Wildwood Trails	6/9/2020 8:16 AM
42	Wildwood trails, lions spring park	6/8/2020 11:05 PM
43	Wildwood trails	6/8/2020 2:41 PM
44	Lions and Calvin Hill. I may know them but not by name.	6/8/2020 8:20 AM

### Q13 Which of the following benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you? (Select up to three)

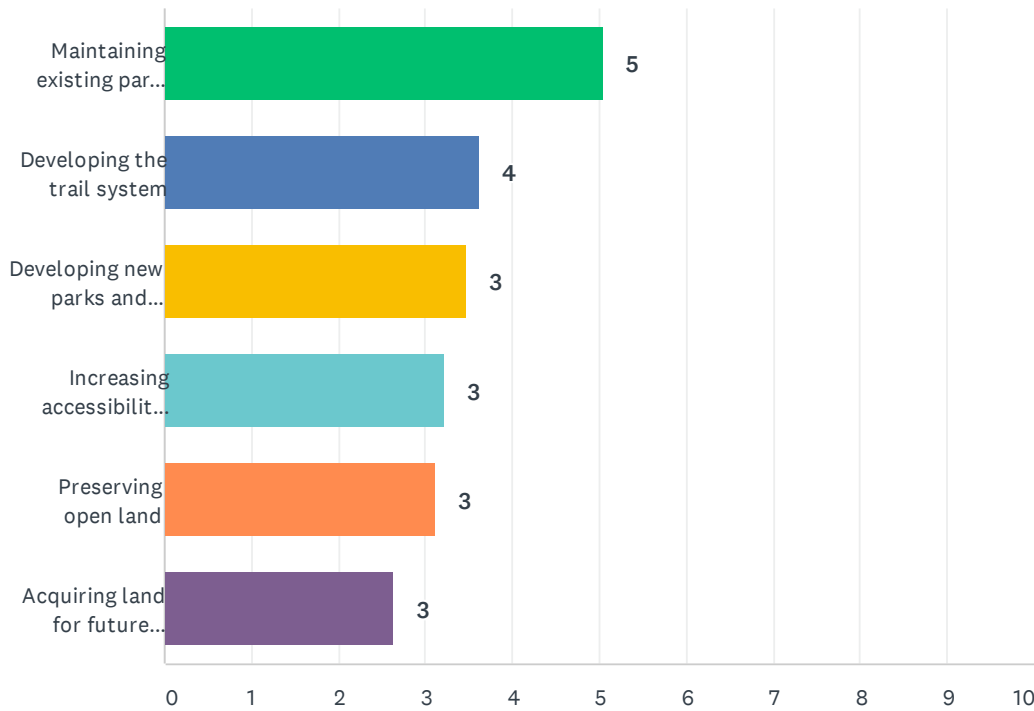
Answered: 97   Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors	85.57%	83
Improve health and wellness	47.42%	46
Protect the natural environment and wildlife	46.39%	45
Provide athletic space and opportunities	42.27%	41
Enhance community image and sense of place	35.05%	34
Connect people together, building stronger families	26.80%	26
Connect to a regional trail network	26.80%	26
Help seniors and disabled people remain active	17.53%	17
Improve property values	14.43%	14
Provide cultural opportunities	8.25%	8
Total Respondents: 97		

**Q14 How important are the following in improving parks and recreation offerings in the Middleville area? Please rank in order, with ONE (1) being the most important and SIX (6) being the least important. (Please note: Options automatically renumber as they are moved)**

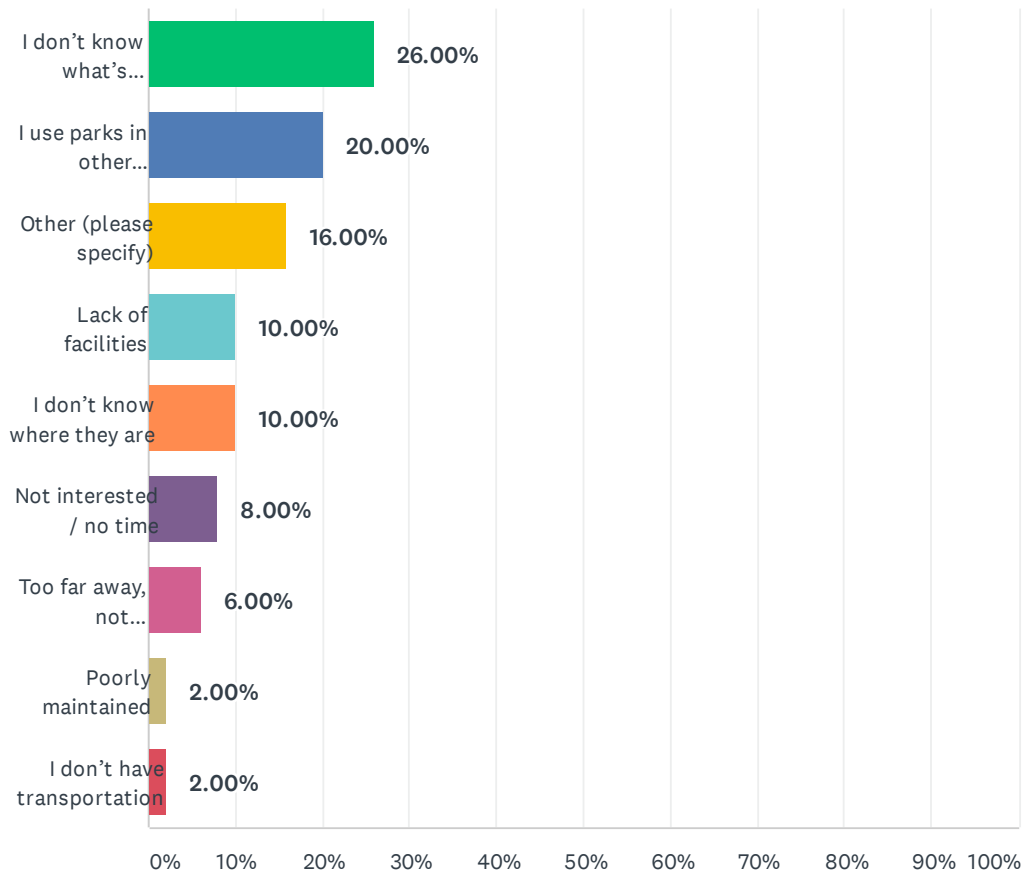
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	47.31% 44	29.03% 27	9.68% 9	8.60% 8	5.38% 5	0.00% 0	93	5.04
Developing the trail system	18.48% 17	22.83% 21	13.04% 12	11.96% 11	15.22% 14	18.48% 17	92	3.62
Developing new parks and facilities	17.20% 16	18.28% 17	12.90% 12	17.20% 16	16.13% 15	18.28% 17	93	3.48
Increasing accessibility for all abilities	9.78% 9	10.87% 10	21.74% 20	25.00% 23	15.22% 14	17.39% 16	92	3.23
Preserving open land	7.45% 7	13.83% 13	19.15% 18	22.34% 21	17.02% 16	20.21% 19	94	3.12
Acquiring land for future parks	1.09% 1	6.52% 6	23.91% 22	16.30% 15	28.26% 26	23.91% 22	92	2.64

## Q15 If you do not currently use parks in the Middleville area, what is the reason? (Pick your TOP choice)

Answered: 50 Skipped: 60



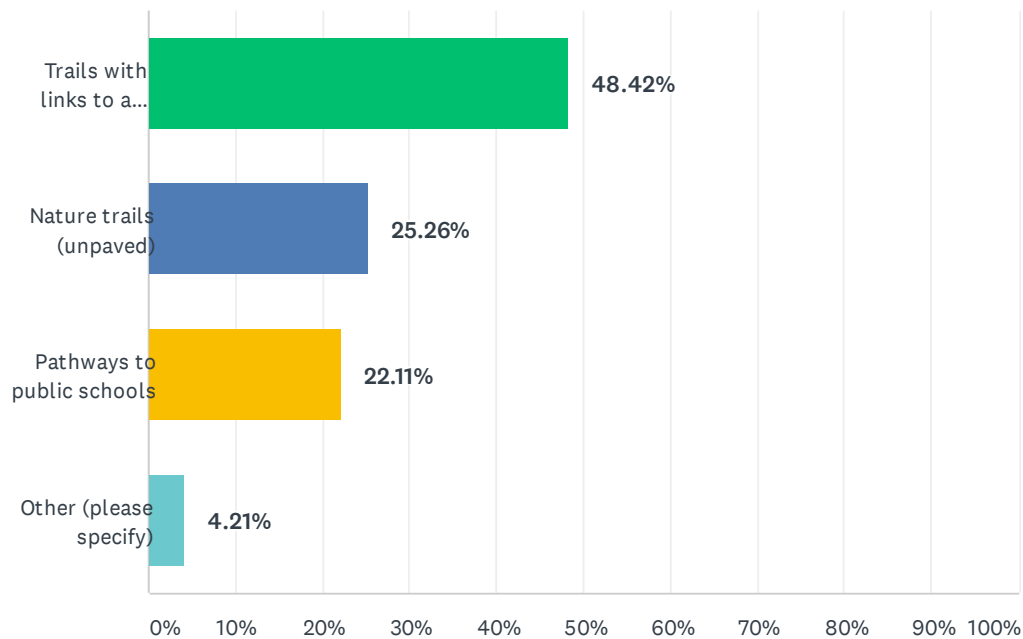
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't know what's available	26.00%	13
I use parks in other townships/cities	20.00%	10
Other (please specify)	16.00%	8
Lack of facilities	10.00%	5
I don't know where they are	10.00%	5
Not interested / no time	8.00%	4
Too far away, not conveniently located	6.00%	3
Poorly maintained	2.00%	1
I don't have transportation	2.00%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>



#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We use the outdoor space at our home	7/21/2020 6:43 PM
2	Grandchildren could not visit for the summer as they usually do, due to COVID19.	7/16/2020 5:39 PM
3	The parks we don't use (Spring, Calvin Hill) are not quite as convenient and fun as school playgrounds.	7/10/2020 1:23 PM
4	Health issues	6/11/2020 8:50 AM
5	Bathroom availability is an issue	6/10/2020 1:08 PM
6	I use Middleville area parks a couple times a year, but more often we use Freeport park	6/9/2020 8:27 AM
7	Too busy	6/8/2020 6:00 PM
8	Lack of modern and safe children playground equipment	6/8/2020 8:30 AM

## Q16 What types of trails or pathways should have the highest priority in the Middleville area? (Pick your TOP choice)

Answered: 95 Skipped: 15

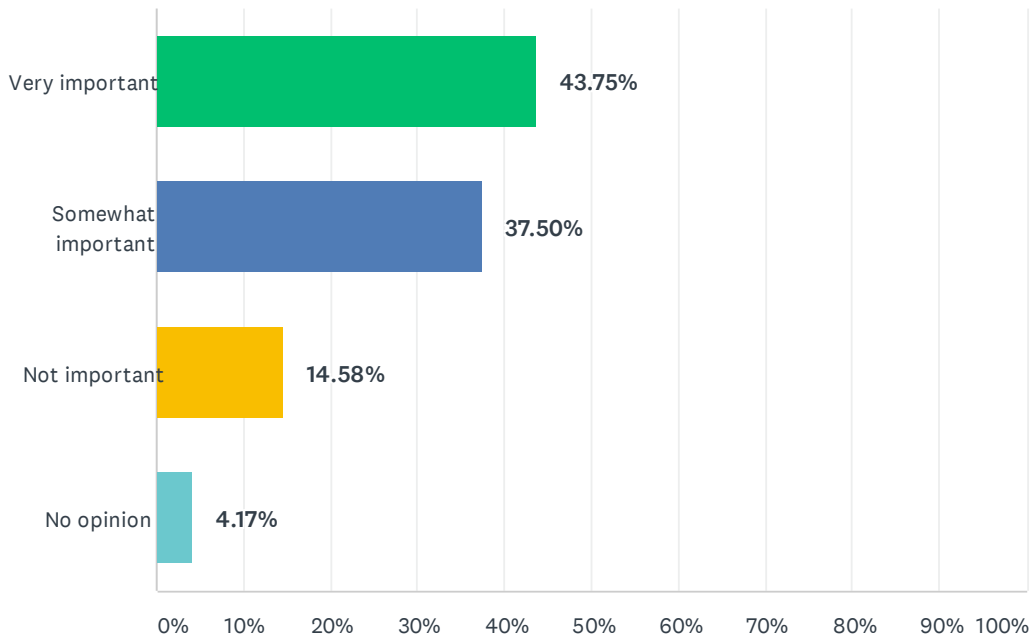


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Trails with links to a regional trail system	48.42%	46
Nature trails (unpaved)	25.26%	24
Pathways to public schools	22.11%	21
Other (please specify)	4.21%	4
TOTAL		95

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Paved trails	7/25/2020 3:44 PM
2	Trails that can be used by people with disabilities	6/9/2020 9:13 PM
3	None, get rid of all of them and turn them back to orv/snowmobile trails	6/8/2020 11:42 PM
4	Crane rd baseball fields	6/8/2020 9:28 AM

## Q17 How important is pedestrian connectivity (sidewalks, trails, pathways, crossings, etc.) to you and or your household's quality of life?

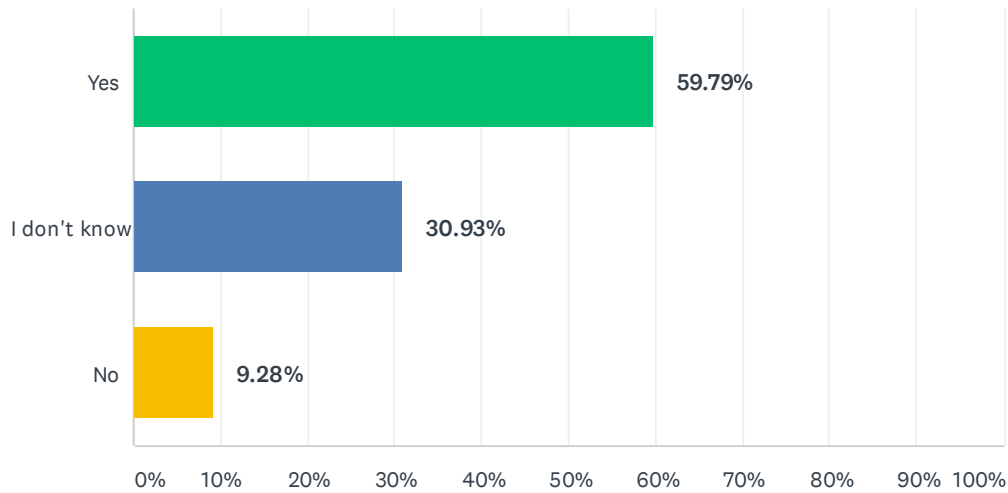
Answered: 96 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	43.75%	42
Somewhat important	37.50%	36
Not important	14.58%	14
No opinion	4.17%	4
TOTAL		96

## Q18 Should the TAPRC do more to encourage improved pedestrian connectivity in the Middleville area?

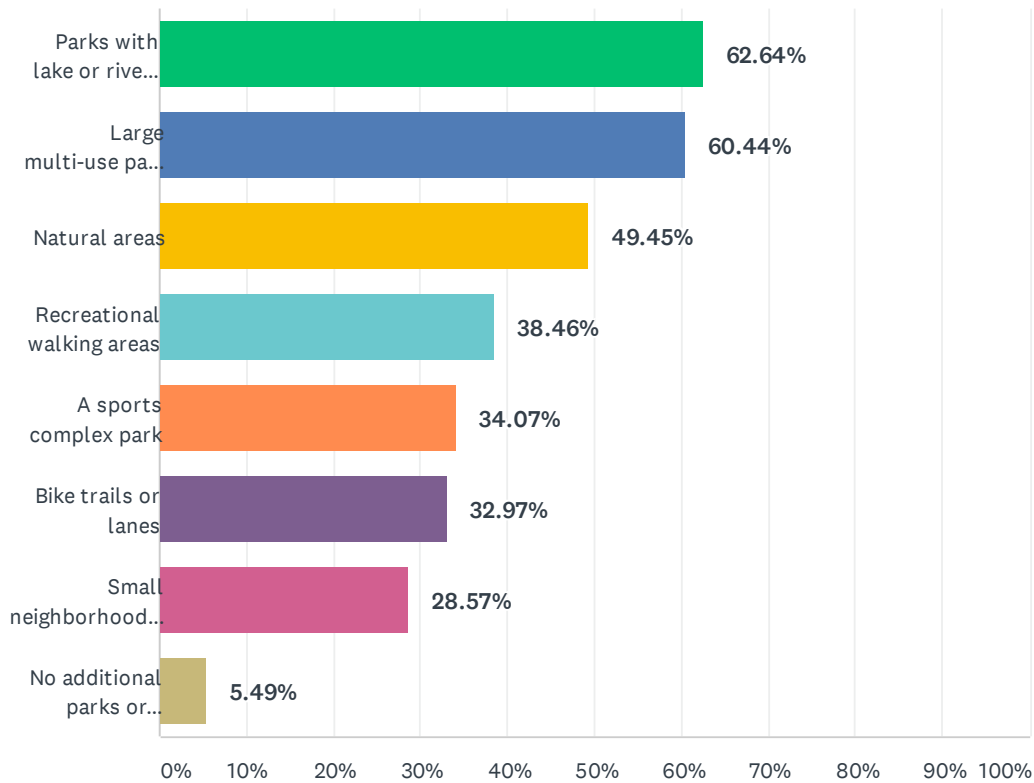
Answered: 97 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.79%	58
I don't know	30.93%	30
No	9.28%	9
TOTAL		97

## Q19 What types of parks are most needed in the Middleville area? (Check all that apply)

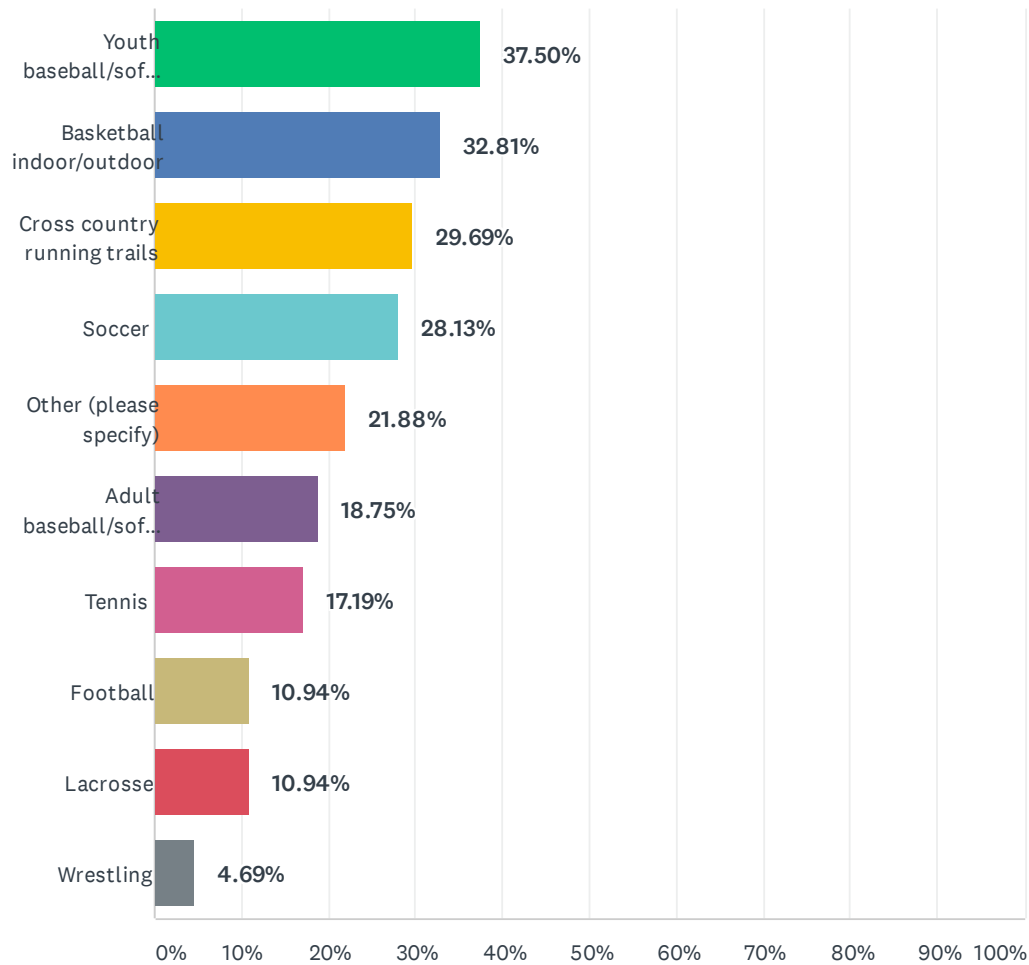
Answered: 91 Skipped: 19



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parks with lake or river frontage (more kayak/canoe launch sites, overlooks)	62.64%	57
Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community	60.44%	55
Natural areas	49.45%	45
Recreational walking areas	38.46%	35
A sports complex park	34.07%	31
Bike trails or lanes	32.97%	30
Small neighborhood parks	28.57%	26
No additional parks or natural areas are needed	5.49%	5
Total Respondents: 91		

## Q20 What types of additional athletic facilities do you feel are most needed in the Middleville area? (Select up to three)

Answered: 64 Skipped: 46



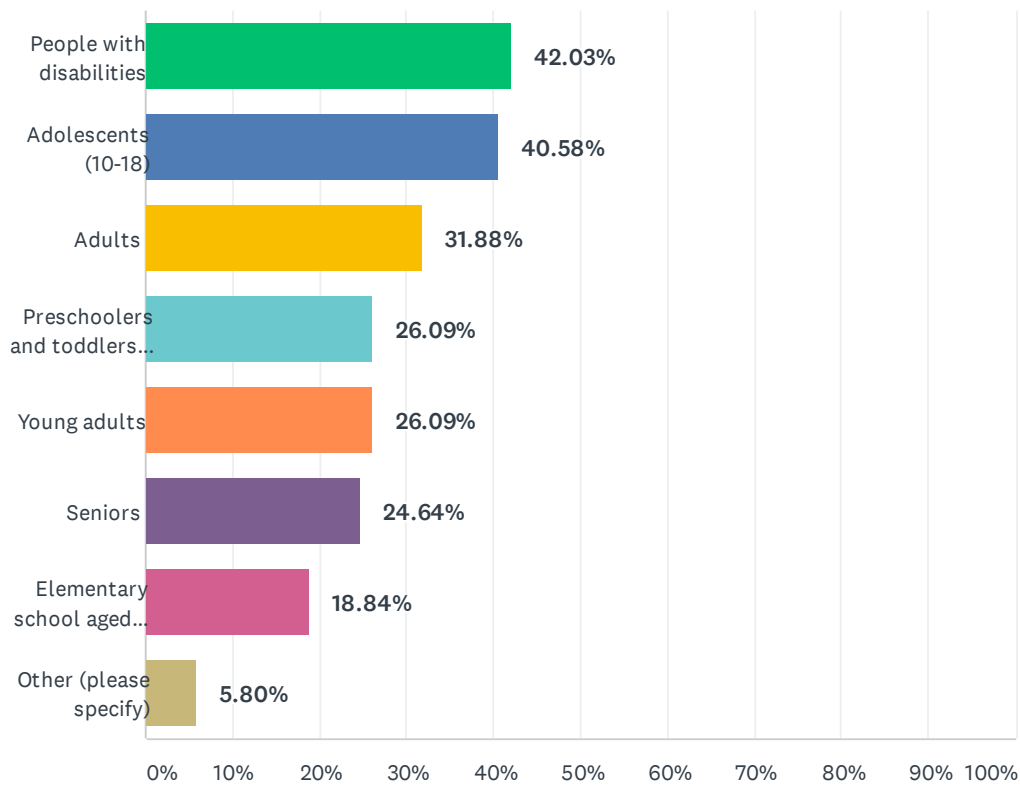


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Youth baseball/softball	37.50%	24
Basketball indoor/outdoor	32.81%	21
Cross country running trails	29.69%	19
Soccer	28.13%	18
Other (please specify)	21.88%	14
Adult baseball/softball	18.75%	12
Tennis	17.19%	11
Football	10.94%	7
Lacrosse	10.94%	7
Wrestling	4.69%	3
Total Respondents: 64		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dog parks	7/26/2020 9:02 AM
2	Outdoor pool... outdoor yoga	7/25/2020 3:28 PM
3	Multi use recreational/sports facility	7/25/2020 9:02 AM
4	Volleyball - indoor and out	7/22/2020 10:27 AM
5	Pickle ball	7/22/2020 8:42 AM
6	Pickleball! Amazing for all ages	7/21/2020 9:43 PM
7	Pickleball	7/21/2020 8:21 PM
8	Middleville needs indoor space for youth to play basketball, volleyball, racquetball, crafting, baking, etc. The kids have nowhere to go during cold/winter months.	6/11/2020 5:34 AM
9	Ice rink	6/10/2020 1:11 PM
10	A field for a baseball team of kids with disabilities	6/9/2020 9:16 PM
11	Pool	6/9/2020 2:55 PM
12	Pool	6/9/2020 8:51 AM
13	We have all we need	6/8/2020 11:44 PM
14	Outdoor/indoor volleyball (clinics)	6/8/2020 9:33 AM

## Q21 Which groups do you feel are underserved by current recreation services and amenities? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 69 Skipped: 41

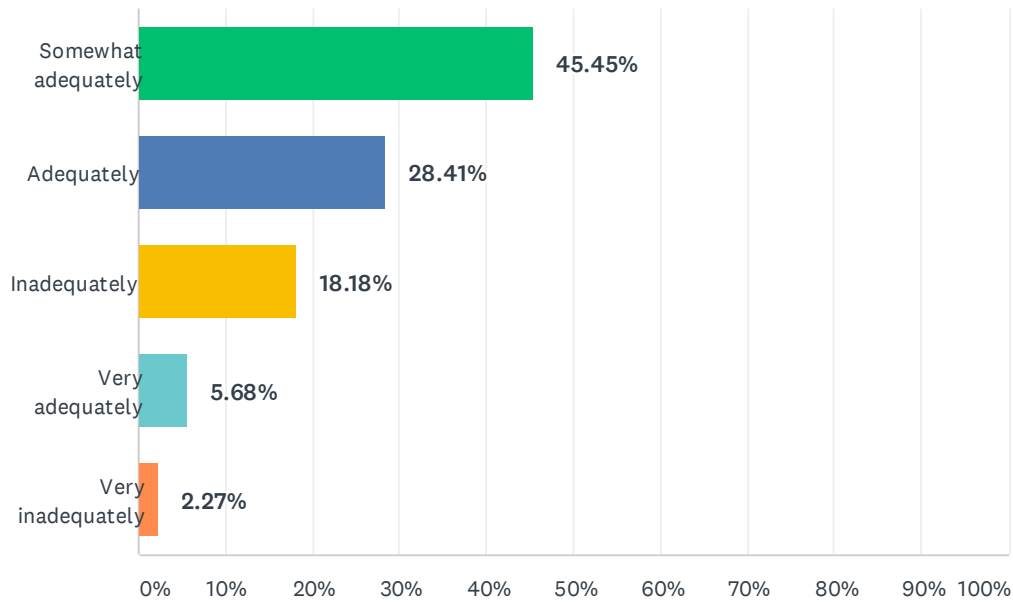


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
People with disabilities	42.03%	29
Adolescents (10-18)	40.58%	28
Adults	31.88%	22
Preschoolers and toddlers (under 5)	26.09%	18
Young adults	26.09%	18
Seniors	24.64%	17
Elementary school aged children (5-9)	18.84%	13
Other (please specify)	5.80%	4
Total Respondents: 69		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I think we are pretty well served, overall	7/27/2020 12:58 PM
2	Dog parks	7/26/2020 9:02 AM
3	I believe we have a good start for all groups! Just need further expansion and development	7/10/2020 1:25 PM
4	We have no spots at our parks for disabled to swing.	6/8/2020 2:20 PM

## Q22 How adequately do you feel the community is served by area programming (camps, sports leagues, outdoor education)?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 22



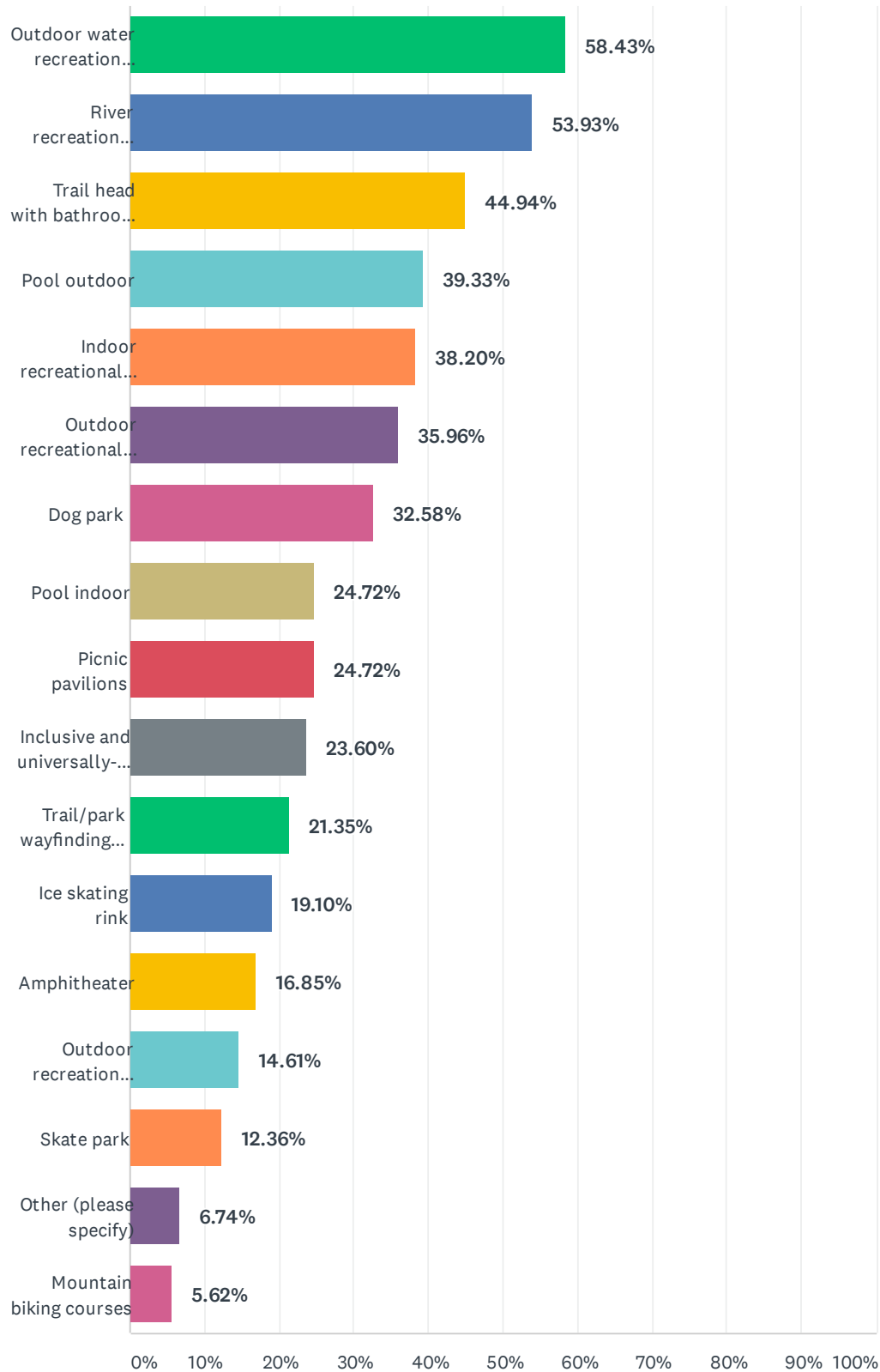
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Somewhat adequately	45.45%	40
Adequately	28.41%	25
Inadequately	18.18%	16
Very adequately	5.68%	5
Very inadequately	2.27%	2
TOTAL		88

#	OPTIONAL (WHY?)	DATE
1	Our children could be learning about natural sciences basically in our own backyard without going on field trips and we are not utilizing our natural resources. Outdoor education is an easy way for us to educate our children for free.	7/22/2020 11:22 AM
2	Not have a lot of variety offered.	7/22/2020 10:27 AM
3	There is really nothing besides baseball and football	7/21/2020 9:43 PM
4	There are multiple camps and nature centers in our county. Not many rural places in MI have these options that you've listed available.	7/21/2020 8:21 PM
5	I think we'd be better served by partnering more with the YMCA of Barry County	7/17/2020 8:12 AM
6	Baseball and softball are great, but don't reach everyone.	7/10/2020 1:25 PM
7	Honestly, as a home school mom, there aren't ways for teens to get involved in sports outside of the school system unless we go to grand rapids. i'd rather play where I live.	6/9/2020 3:59 PM
8	More activities like Pierce Cedar Creek	6/9/2020 8:17 AM
9	We go to Grand Rapids for most of our kids sports camps.	6/8/2020 8:22 AM

**Q23 What types of parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in? (Select your top five choices)**

Answered: 89   Skipped: 21



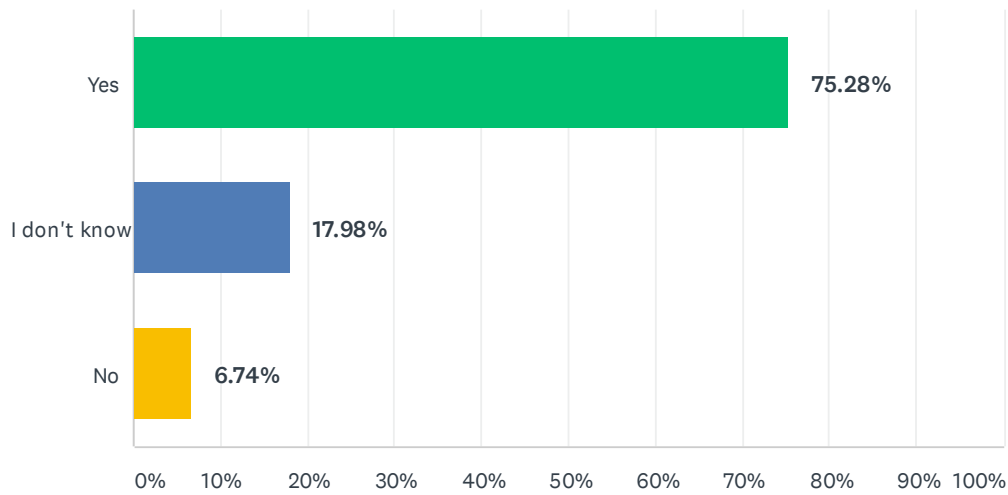


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Outdoor water recreation (splash pad, fountains)	58.43%	52
River recreation amenities (canoe and kayak facilities, fishing platforms)	53.93%	48
Trail head with bathroom facilities	44.94%	40
Pool outdoor	39.33%	35
Indoor recreational complex	38.20%	34
Outdoor recreational complex	35.96%	32
Dog park	32.58%	29
Pool indoor	24.72%	22
Picnic pavilions	24.72%	22
Inclusive and universally-accessible playground	23.60%	21
Trail/park wayfinding signs	21.35%	19
Ice skating rink	19.10%	17
Amphitheater	16.85%	15
Outdoor recreation programming	14.61%	13
Skate park	12.36%	11
Other (please specify)	6.74%	6
Mountain biking courses	5.62%	5
Total Respondents: 89		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Pickleball- I've been approached by a dedicated group and have had longer conversations with them about development of the sport.	7/21/2020 8:21 PM
2	Running trails	7/10/2020 1:25 PM
3	Big Splash pad needs two votes :)	6/10/2020 1:11 PM
4	SPLASH PAD	6/10/2020 12:41 PM
5	Orv/snowmobile	6/8/2020 11:44 PM
6	Crane rd update w/bathroom, picnic area, and better parking	6/8/2020 9:33 AM

## Q24 Would you be supportive of a new recreational complex?

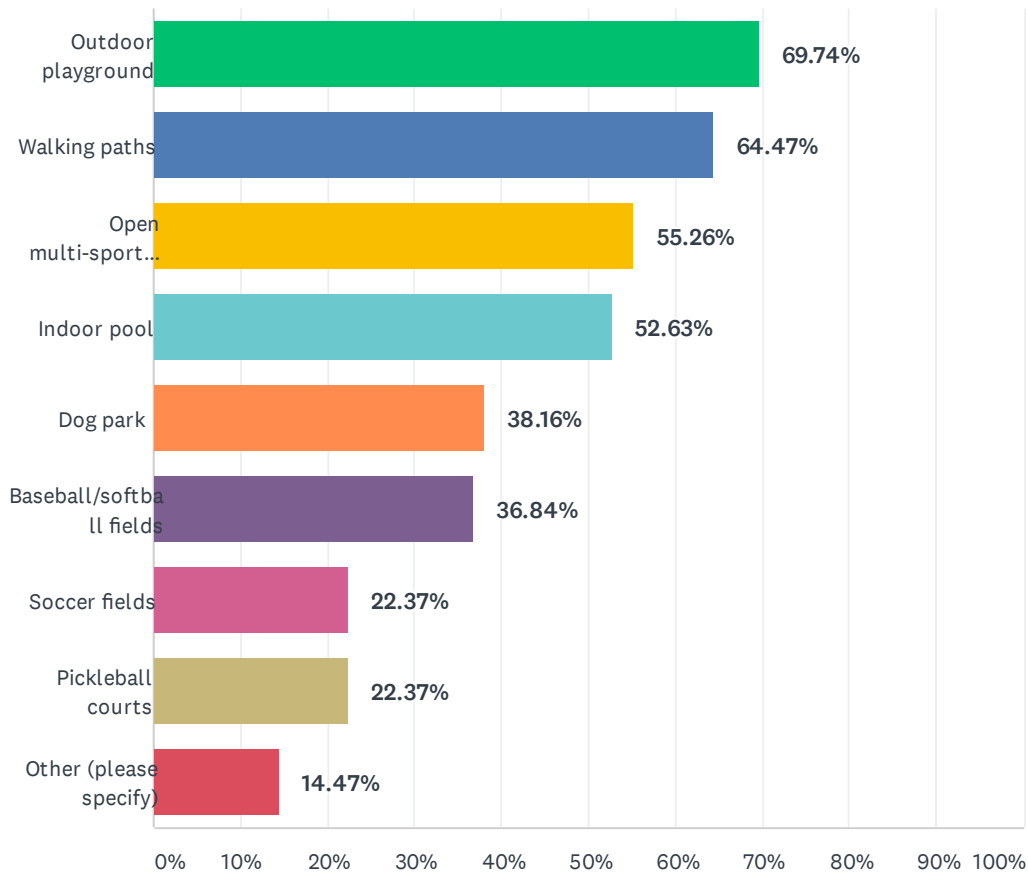
Answered: 89 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.28%	67
I don't know	17.98%	16
No	6.74%	6
TOTAL		89

## Q25 If yes, please check ALL facility options that you would like to see at a new complex.

Answered: 76 Skipped: 34

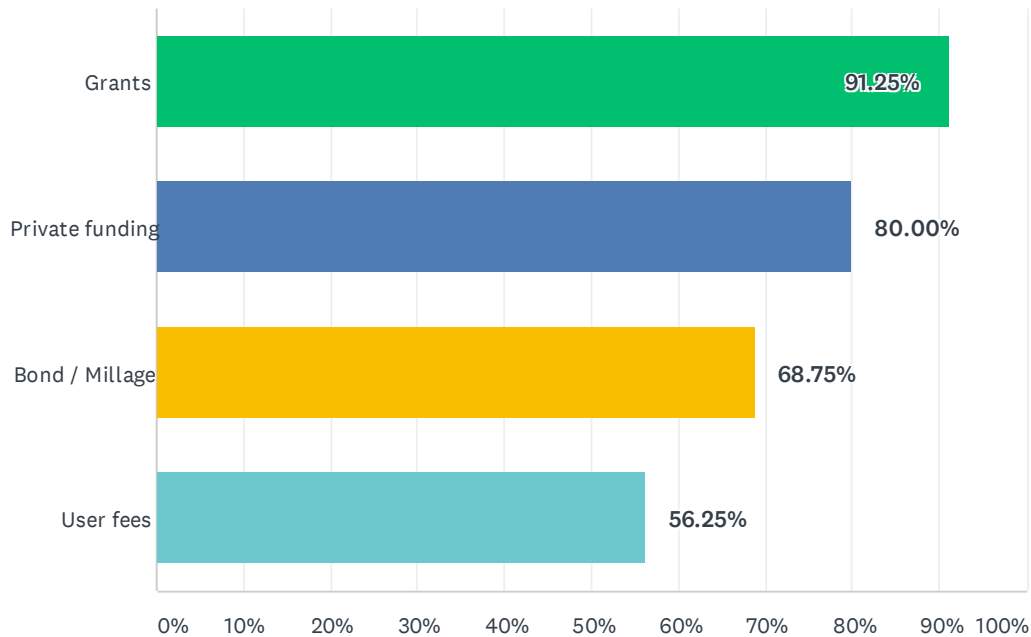


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Outdoor playground	69.74%	53
Walking paths	64.47%	49
Open multi-sport fields	55.26%	42
Indoor pool	52.63%	40
Dog park	38.16%	29
Baseball/softball fields	36.84%	28
Soccer fields	22.37%	17
Pickleball courts	22.37%	17
Other (please specify)	14.47%	11
Total Respondents: 76		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Outdoor pool, restrooms	7/25/2020 10:30 PM
2	Volleyball - indoor and out	7/22/2020 10:29 AM
3	Indoor skatepark	7/22/2020 8:08 AM
4	Tennis Courts and outdoor pool	7/10/2020 1:36 PM
5	Splash pad	6/10/2020 12:22 PM
6	Splash pad	6/9/2020 9:17 PM
7	Splash pad	6/9/2020 5:53 PM
8	Splash pad	6/9/2020 5:14 PM
9	Disc golf course	6/9/2020 2:25 PM
10	Something like the Hastings CERC	6/9/2020 1:48 PM
11	Volleyball courts	6/8/2020 9:36 AM

## Q26 If yes, please check ALL funding options you would support to fund a new complex.

Answered: 80 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grants	91.25%	73
Private funding	80.00%	64
Bond / Millage	68.75%	55
User fees	56.25%	45
Total Respondents: 80		

**Q27 Please use the space below to provide additional comments to TAPRC.**

Answered: 17   Skipped: 93



#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Our community has many dogs. Middleville needs a dog park that accommodates for small dogs and large dogs. A fenced in area large enough for the high population of dogs are community and compasses for each dog size is necessary. In addition, I connected trail system At this dog park would be a great. Other dog parks have this feature where the dogs can run off leash on the trail system, that is largely fenced in, with no fear other dog running away. This way dog users can utilize the park. Naturists can use the park. Families can use the park. Anyone can use the park.	7/26/2020 9:05 AM
2	We would absolutely love a fenced in dog park area as well as a splash pad or pool (with membership required). Something that brings the community together as well as includes all ages and abilities!	7/25/2020 10:30 PM
3	Outdoor recreational activities are what truly make Middleville unique. TAPRC needs to find ways to make these a draw to Middleville, not just the area (i.e. people routinely come from Grand Rapids or farther to use the Yankee Springs Mountain Bike Trail).	7/25/2020 3:47 PM
4	As a dog parent, i don't think the dog parks in Hastings or Caledonia are adequate. I'd love to see a large play area, and off leash trails in our community. Or even a fenced in beach for our furry family members	7/25/2020 2:47 PM
5	It would be nice to be less dependent on the schools facilities for recreational uses.	7/22/2020 10:29 AM
6	I would vote yes on any improvements. Middleville is so nice it would be great to get some pickleball courts, expanded athletic offerings. Keep doing the great things you do!	7/21/2020 9:45 PM
7	I think it's time that we sat down and shared more information. I know when I started 4 years ago there was the beginning of strategic planning that we connected on. Recently, I've been in communication with the updated ice rink committee in Hastings as well as the pickleball group from Gun Lake. It would be good for us to share info soon! - Jon	7/21/2020 8:24 PM
8	Stop pushing a large outdoor complex. This entire area is an outdoor complex if people would open their eyes. We have numerous trails, lakes, soccer fields , etc. What this town REALLY needs is an indoor facility for winter months and a couple of outdoor POOLS!	6/11/2020 5:39 AM
9	I believe the property that once held the bowling alley would be a perfect place for a park that has an actual playground community pool/outdoor and rentable pavillions.i have been to some amazing parks when travelling and it's a shame our lack or playgrounds that are not associated with the schools.	6/10/2020 7:43 PM
10	We need a splash pad that's worth using. I drive to the one in Jenison because the one in Hastings isn't entertaining for my kids. Big splash pad with corresponding dry play area, bathroom facilities and picnicking areas; it's something that's sorely missing in our area and would bring in good business revenues along with good community involvement.	6/10/2020 1:15 PM
11	Splash pad would be amazing!	6/10/2020 12:22 PM
12	TAPRC? Never heard of you before.	6/9/2020 2:55 PM
13	If Village residents have to pay to use a complex, it should have a small amount to pay (\$1/person) with a family max. We don't use the gym at the high school because it's pricey for a family of 5. We get double taxed living in the Village (Township and Village). It'd be nice to catch a break or have an incentive to live in the Village.	6/9/2020 2:25 PM
14	If Middleville had a recreation complex that offered a family pass, we would likely purchase to promote wellness in our family.	6/9/2020 8:32 AM
15	We dont need a sports complex, you can barely get enough youth baseball teams for a season, you have good soccer fields, football fields and tennis courts we have basketball courts in town and a skate park you have plenty baseball/softball fields, what we need is more natural land (ie, forest, wetlands and fields) and turn the old railroad tracks into a snowmobile trail to bring more people spending money locally.	6/8/2020 11:51 PM
16	I would Love a dog park most of all!	6/8/2020 2:44 PM
17	Restrooms at the outdoor parks would be nice. Its really hard on some of us parents when the kids have to go and there's no bathroom around.	6/8/2020 2:22 PM

## Appendix G: Notice of Availability of Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
County of Barry

**IC HEARING NOTICE**



**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE  
HORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP  
NAPPLE-KELLOGG SCHOOLS  
A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
(TAPRC)**

and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has completed the  
-Year Parks and Recreation Plan and will publish the draft  
Parks and Recreation Plan will be available at the following  
and until the final public hearing on the plan:  
Thornapple Township Offices, 200 East Main Street  
rg, Middleville Village Offices, 100 East Main Street  
apple Kellogg Administrative Offices, 10051 Green Lake Road  
in the Thornapple Township Offices, 200 East Main Street

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, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333.

Plan are scheduled as follows:

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MI 49333, (269) 795-7202

Fredric J. Jacobs

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the  
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that the annexed notice of

TAPRC – Five Year Parks & Rec Plan

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October 3rd, A.D. 2020

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd

day of October A.D. 2020

Notary Public for Barry County  
VICKI L. BUTLER  
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF BARRY  
My Commission Expires August 5, 2024  
Acting in the County of Barry

My Commission Expires August 5, 2024



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE  
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP  
THORNAPPLE-KELLOGG SCHOOLS  
THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (TAPRC)**

The Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has completed the process of updating its Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan and will publish the draft Plan for public review. The Parks and Recreation Plan will be available at the following locations for at least 30 days and until the final public hearing on the plan:

[www.thornapple-twp.org](http://www.thornapple-twp.org), Thornapple Township Offices, 200 East Main Street  
[www.villageofmiddleville.org](http://www.villageofmiddleville.org), Middleville Village Offices, 100 East Main Street  
[www.tkschools.org/](http://www.tkschools.org/), Thornapple Kellogg Administrative Offices, 10051 Green Lake Road  
[www.TAPRC.org](http://www.TAPRC.org), Located in the Thornapple Township Offices, 200 East Main Street

The Parks and Recreation Plan is intended to help guide improvements to recreation facilities in the community. The process to develop the Plan included community input elements. Now that a draft of the Plan has been completed, the TAPRC Board is offering a public comment review period to give residents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on the Plan prior to adoption.

To provide written comments on the draft Recreation Plan, please email [info@taprc.org](mailto:info@taprc.org) or mail comments to TAPRC, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333.

Public hearings on the Draft Plan are scheduled as follows:

**TAPRC Board Meeting**, November 5, 2020 @ 6pm, 200 E. Main St., Middleville, MI

**Thornapple Township**, November 9, 2020 @ 7pm, 200 E. Main St., Middleville MI

**TK School Board**, November 9 @ 7pm, TK Middle School, Rm. 1616, 10375 Bender, Middleville, MI

**Village of Middleville**, November 10, 2020 @ 7pm, 100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that that each respective organization intends to hold its meeting in person at the location indicated above, as may be allowed by the State of Michigan subject to applicable Executive Orders. In the case that applicable Executive Orders not lifted or otherwise amended, each respective organization may hold its meeting (including public hearing) electronically, in accordance with Executive Order 2020-154, in order to limit in person government activities, to protect critical infrastructure workers to the extent possible, and to observe applicable Executive Orders. If the meeting is held electronically, information to electronically attend the meeting will be posted to each respective organization's website located above a reasonable amount of time before the meeting.

The draft Plan is available and may be examined by the general public at the location and websites noted above and at the public hearings. All interested persons are invited to submit their comments in person or in writing at or before the public hearings.

The TAPRC will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days' notice to the Program Director. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Program Director at the address or telephone number listed below.

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Appendix H: Public Meeting Minutes



**Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes**  
**Of Thursday, November 5, 2020 6:00 PM**  
**Regular Meeting held “virtually”**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Dock called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Members present for the meeting were: Dock, Hamming, Schneider, Holmes, Fisk, Hammer, Sprague and Bremer. Also, in attendance was Program Director Getty.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** by Bremer supported by Hamming to approve the Agenda as amended with the addition of a Youth Committee report. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
3. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:** **Motion** by Hamming seconded by Fisk to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2020 Meeting as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
4. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
5. **5-Year Recreation Plan Public Hearing:** Dock closed the regular meeting at 6:07 and opened the Public Hearing regarding the 5-Year Recreation Plan 2021 – 2025. Getty shared information from an email she had received from a Yankee Springs pickleball group. The group was excited to see their sport mentioned in the Plan. There was no other public comment. Dock closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 and reopened the regular meeting.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Sprague shared the submitted Treasurer’s report. There was minimal activity (see attached report). Total income of \$1,225 was bottle/can returns and player fees. Total expenses of \$5,186.19 included mowing, advertising, Facebook and Program Director wages. The current checkbook balance is \$13,641.64 compared to \$31,977.00 one year ago. The discrepancy is due to missing entity funds, the United Way allocation funding and an anticipated Williams and Works reimbursement. **Motion** by Bremer seconded by Fisk to approve the Finance Report as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.** **Motion** by Bremer seconded by Holmes to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$5,186.19. **Ayes, all, motion carried.** The Finance Committee (Dock, Sprague, Getty and Bremer) will meet soon to discuss the 2021 Budget and transition of the Treasurer’s position from Sprague (to retire) to Hamilton (newly appointed by the Village to replace Sprague).
7. **Unfinished Business:** Dock shared regarding the potential personnel changes to the Commission for 2021. The entities will determine in November/December. Commissioners were encouraged to recruit potential members. Bremer indicated that he planned to recommend Getty to replace Nichols as a Township representative (pending the hiring of a new Program Director). Dock and Getty have completed the job description for Program Director. The position will be posted in the Sun and News and on the Village, School and Township social media sites. November will be for collecting resumes with interviews in December and hire replacement by January 15, 2021. Dock reported that following conversation with the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation

(TAEF), she recommended that the TAPRC open an “Endowment Fund” account as opposed to the previously (October) discussed “Spendable Account”. **Motion** by Bremer seconded by Hamming to authorize Dock to sign the necessary documents to initiate a TAPRC Endowed Fund through the TAEF. The Treasurer and the Program Director would be the authorized signatures for withdrawals/distribution from said account. This motion supersedes and negates all previous motions regarding a TAPRC account through the TAEF. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**

**8. New Business:** There was no new business.

**9. Program Director’s Report:** Dock and Getty will hand deliver letters to the entities regarding 2020 annual fees and ask for \$1,500 increase per entity for 2021 and beyond. This year’s United Way Allocations request will mirror last year’s request of \$11,000. The application is due December 3. The trash bins donated by Plummers Supply for the used sports equipment sale have been returned to Plummers. TAPRC will plan to make this fundraiser an annual event. 29 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the fall Flag Football program. All feedback regarding the program was positive. The Barry County Blue Zones coalition has chosen two focus areas to direct their resources: 1) County-wide trail connectivity and 2) a County-wide Complete Streets initiative. These two areas will intertwine and eventually make Barry County a more non-motorized user-friendly community.

**10. Chair Report:** (see #7. Unfinished Business above)

**11. Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance & Personnel: (see #6 and #7 above and Treasurer’s Report attached)
- b. Youth: Holmes had questions regarding 2021’s Select Baseball program. The Youth Committee will meet soon to discuss all youth baseball/softball programs as well as youth football. Getty noted that she had already been contacted by the Tri-Com organization and the leadership of Middleville Youth Football.
- c. Development: No report

**12. Community Events:** No report

**13. Charity Shed:** The Charity Shed remains closed to donations.

**14. Closing Comments:** There were none.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Commission, **Motion** by Hamming seconded by Holmes to adjourn. **Ayes, all, motion carried.** Dock adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Bremer – Secretary

**Reminder: Charity Shed Schedule:** (see #13 above)

**Next meeting:** “Tentatively scheduled” for Thursday December 3, 2020, 6 p.m. at the Thornapple Township Hall with a Zoom option.



**Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes**  
**Of Thursday, December 19, 2020 9:00 AM**  
**Special Meeting held “virtually”**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Dock called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present for the virtual meeting were: Dock, Fisk, Hammer, Hamilton, Holmes, Schneider. Also, in attendance were Program Director Getty.
2. **Resolution of Adoption of 5-year Rec Plan:** Dock summarized the 5-year plan progress. In October the board approved the draft plan; the plan was published in multiple locations for 30 days; in November a public hearing was held. In order to keep on track with the consultant’s timeline the board now needs to approve a Resolution of Adoption of the 2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan. **Motion:** by Schneider, seconded by Fisk.  
**Ayes, all, motion carried.** Dock will sign the Resolution. Once complete, all entities will be able to utilize the plan for grants and other purposes.

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020

7:00 pm.



**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Village Council of Middleville, Michigan, was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Pro-Tempore Ronning in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall. Roll Call Members Present: Mike Cramer, Amanda Fisk\*, Sherry Ronning, Mike Lytle, Ed Schellinger, and Phil Van Noord. Absent: Charlie Pullen. Others Present: Manager Patricia Rayl, Clerk Glorimar Ayala, DPW Director Alec Belson, Sgt. Tim Stevens and Greg Chandler of the Sun & News; the public joined via electronic using ZOOM online video conferencing due to social distancing requirements and physical constraints at the Village Hall.

Motion by Cramer, supported by Van Noord, to excuse Pullen from the meeting. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Van Noord, supported by Cramer, to approve the agenda as amended. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Schellinger, supported by Cramer, to approve the Consent Agenda as printed:

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of October 27, 2020
- B. Approval of Minutes for the MCOW meeting of November 4, 2020
- C. Water and sewer refund to Accurate Machine & Tools
- D. Approval of Bills for November 10, 2020 for \$50,238.60

Roll Call Vote. All Yeas. **Motion Passed**

**Public Comment:** None

**The Public Hearing was open at 7:03 pm. Catherine Getty, TAPRC Director, presented to the Council members the 5-year plan. Mike Bremer, Thornapple Township Supervisor, spoke in favor of the TAPRC 5-year plan. Hearing no further public comment, the hearing was closed at 7:12 pm and the regular meeting reopened.**

**Reserved Time:**

- A. Thornapple Township staff presented Mike Bremer with the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award.
- B. Andrew & Karen Beck addressed Council members regarding Article VII from the Village's Code of Ordinance.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- A. Resolution 20-28 – Motion by Schellinger, supported by Van Noord, to approve Resolution 20-28 to schedule a public hearing on December 15, 2020 to consider the vacation of a portion of Lafayette Street. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

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\*Trustee Fisk was present via electronically, meaning using Zoom teleconference, no vote was counted on her behalf.

- B. Resolution 20-29 – Motion by Cramer, supported by Van Noord, to amend Resolution 20-29 to move to a zero percent capture for the next three years or the fortuity of the bond and bring it back to the consideration of the Council. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**
- C. Resolution 20-30 – Motion by Cramer, supported by Lytle, to approve Resolution 20-30 to agree to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion Bond Contract with Barry County and allow the Village President and the Village Clerk to sign all related documents. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Petition and Communications:**

- A. Special Event Permit, Holiday Market – Motion by Cramer, supported by Schellinger, to approve the Special Event Permit for the Holiday Market submitted by My Middleville DDA with the concession that if the public health crisis demands it, we are able to cancel the event at any given time. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**
- B. Special Event Permit, Lions Club Christmas Parade – Motion by Cramer, supported by Van Noord, to approve the Lions Club Christmas parade with the concession that if the public health crisis demands it, we are able to cancel the event at any given time. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Unfinished Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

- A. Mission Control System and new pump for Misty Ridge lift station – Motion by Cramer, supported by Lytle, to approve the quote from Kennedy Industries to install Mission Controls System and a new pump at Misty Ridge Lift Station for \$26,423.00. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**
- B. MERS Adoption Agreement Addendum – Motion by Cramer, supported by Schelinger, to allow the Village Manager to sign all related documents for the MERS Adoption Agreement Addendum. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

#### **Administrative Reports:**

- A. Patricia Rayl, Manager – Council members received updates on 1) Overpayment for water/sewer bills; 2) Grants; 3) Budget; 4) Deputy Clerk/UB Clerk position; 5) MEDC grant; 6) Village Hall roof repairment; 7) Lead & Copper lawsuit, and 8) MDAR grant application.
- B. Alec Belson, DPW Director – Council members received updates on 1) November 16 as the last day for leaf pick up; 2) Christmas decorations; 3) Pressure reducing valve, and 4) November projects.
- C. Sgt. Tim Stevens, Middleville Unit Barry County Sheriff Dept., presented his October 2020 law enforcement report. He also provided an update on the new police car. Cramer thanked Sargent Stevens and his deputies for their diligence on the ORV issue.

**Public Comment:** None.

#### **Final Council Comment:**

Rayl congratulated Van Noord on his retirement. Ronning brought to discussion Pullen's comment during the MCOW meeting of sharing a police officer with the Township to Sargent

Stevens. Stevens gave his opinion on the matter. Ayala reminded Council members about the United Ways Campaign.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Van Noord, supported by Lytle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Voice Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

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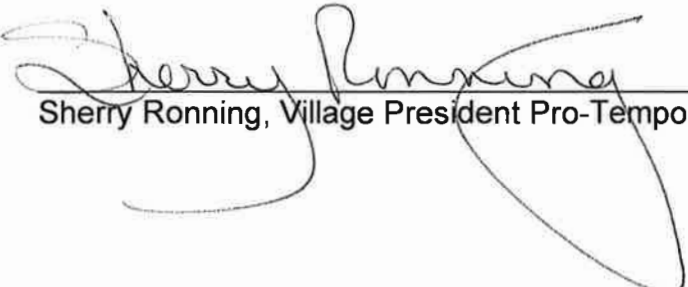
Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Glorimar Ayala, Village of Middleville Clerk

I, Glorimar Ayala, certify the above minutes were duly passed and approved by Village Council at a regular meeting held on November 24, 2020.

  
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Glorimar Ayala, Village Clerk

11/25/2020  
Date

Attested to by:

  
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Sherry Ronning, Village President Pro-Tempore

11/25/2020  
Date

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 24, 2020  
7:00 pm



**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Village Council of Middleville, Michigan, was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Pro-Tempore Sherry Ronning via electronic using ZOOM online video conferencing in accordance with the new restrictions emitted by Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), effective November 18, 2020. Roll Call Members Present: Mike Cramer, Amanda Fisk, Kevin Smith, and Ed Schellinger. Absent Mike Lytle. Others Present: Village Manager Patricia Rayl, Clerk Glorimar Ayala, Assistant Manager/Planning & Zoning Administrator Brian Urquhart, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Pergler, and Greg Chandler of the Sun & News, as well as the public.

Motion by Cramer, supported by Schellinger, to excuse Lytle from the meeting. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Oaths of Office**

The Oath of Office was given to Trustee Sherry Ronning and newly elected Kevin R. Smith.

**Motion by Cramer, supported by Schellinger, to appoint Sherry Ronning as President Pro-Tempore. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. Motion Passed.**

**Approval of Second Amended Agenda**

Motion by Schellinger, supported by Smith, to approve the second amended agenda. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Fisk, supported by Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda as printed:

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of November 10, 2020
- B. Approval of bills for November 24, 2020 for \$154,504.91

Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed**

**Public Comment:** None

**Reserved Time:** None

**Public Hearing: FY2021/2022 Budget and Millage Rates**

- A. Manager Rayl gave a brief introduction to the budget.
- B. President Pro-Tempore Ronning opened the public hearing at 7:12 pm. Hearing no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:17 pm.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

- A. Resolution 20-31 – Motion by Fisk, supported by Schellinger, to approve Resolution 20-31 to adopt the TAPRC 5-year plan. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Petition and Communications:**

- A. Special Event Permit, TK Virtual Elementary Gingerbread Man Hunt – Motion by Schellinger, supported by Smith, to approve the Special Event Permit submitted by the TK Virtual Elementary to held a gingerbread man hunt along the Paul Henry Trail between Crane Road and East Main Street. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**
- B. Special Event Permit, Memorial Service for Charlie Pullen – Motion by Cramer, supported by Fisk, to approve the Special Event Permit submitted by the Veteran's Affairs and the American Legion to hold a Memorial Service for Charlie Pullen. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business**

- A. Contribution to Township Swift Water Rescue Training Proposal – Motion by Schellinger, supported by Smith, to approve the donation of \$250 to the Township Swift Water Rescue Training Proposal. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

**Administrative Reports**

- A. Patricia Rayl, Village Manager – Council members received an update on (1) COVID-19 & Village Staff; (2) Grants; (3) Budget; (4) Deputy Clerk/UB Clerk position; (5) The election of a new Council member. She recommended that the Council members decide for the December regular meeting; (6) Village Hall roof repair; (7) 2020 Audit; (8) Decommissioned police vehicles, Charger and the Crown Victoria. She requested a motion to allow her to auction off these vehicles.

Motion by Cramer, supported by Schellinger, to allow the Village Manager to sell off two decommissioned police vehicles. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

- B. Brian Urquhart, Assistant Manager/ Planning & Zoning Administrator – Council members received an update on (1) The Lofts of Middleville; (2) 112 E Main St; (3) Marihuana Ordinance; (4) Ongoing projects; (5) Zoning Compliance Permits; (6) Sign and Right of Way/Driveway/Work Permits.
- C. Robert Pergler, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the October 2020 report.

**Public Comment:** None

**Final Council Comment:**

Rayl thanked the Ordinance Committee for their hard work on the Marijuana Ordinance. Ronning thanked the Village staff for their hard work during this time hard times.

**Adjournment**


Motion by Schellinger, supported by Cramer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Roll Call Vote. All yeas. **Motion Passed.**

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Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Glorimar Ayala, Village of Middleville Clerk

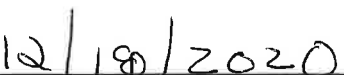
I, Glorimar Ayala, certify the above minutes were duly passed and approved by Village Council at a regular meeting held on December 15, 2020.

  
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Glorimar Ayala, Village Clerk

  
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Date

Attested to by:

  
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Sherry Ronning, Village President Pro-Tem

  
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Date



# TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE

Michael Bremer, *Supervisor* / Debra K Buckowing, *Treasurer* / Cindy A. Willshire, *Clerk*  
Curt Campbell, *Trustee* / Ross DeMaagd, *Trustee* / Jake Jelsema, *Trustee* / Sandra Rairigh, *Trustee*

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## REGULAR MEETING Held at the TTES Building 128 High St. Middleville, MI 49333 November 9, 2020

### 1. INVOCATION

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL:	Bremer: Buckowing: Campbell: DeMaagd:	Present Present Present Present	Jelsema: Rairigh: Willshire:	Present Present Present
OTHERS PRESENT:	Eric Schaefer, Bryan Finkbeiner, Kim Selleck, Nichole Lyke, Chief Randy Eaton, and Amy Brown, Dan Parker (via telephone) and Catherine Getty arrived approximately 30 minutes after the start of the meeting coming from the TK school board meeting.			

### 4. APPROVAL OF PRINTED AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Campbell – Motion to approve the agenda as printed.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Willshire
MOTION STATUS:	Motion approved with 7 yes voice votes, 0 no votes.

### 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION STATED:	Buckowing – Motion to approve the consent agenda as printed.
MOTION SUPPORTED:	Campbell
MOTION STATUS:	Motion approved with 7 yes voice votes, 0 no votes.

### 6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

### 7. COUNTY REPORT:

County Commissioner Dan Parker:	First, the Barry County Board of Commissioners approved the expenditure of \$5,000.00 to review and update the Drain Commissioner's processes and procedures to support Jim Dull's efforts throughout the county. Second, Parker said he will not be able to attend tomorrow's meeting as he is quarantined but they will want to discuss moving forward on updating/building a new county jail. It costs about \$70,000 to design and lay out a plan for voters which is why they had not been able to give more details as they were trying to save taxpayers' money. Third, Parker thanked all the clerks and election workers across the
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	county for their efforts with the presidential election and felt it went well for the county.
<b>Board Response:</b>	Jelsema asked how Thornapple Township voted on the Jail mileage? Willshire stated the exact count was listed in the press, but it had not been approved by voters.

#### **8. RESERVED TIME:** Nichole Lyke – DDA Annual Report

Lyke stated the annual report was written to inform the public as to the goals and purpose of the DDA. While 2020 presented many challenges, it also provided many opportunities. Some of the goals accomplished were: to update the branding of the DDA, launch their website, roll out a revamp of the partnership program, move from their old office space into the new mixed coworker studio, thereby enabling Left Field Café to expand, relaunch the Middleville Market, completed work on the amphitheater and the public restrooms in the park, partner with TK Schools and the Wellhead Protection Committee on the Chair Project. Some of the projects for next year include: Code marketing, continued rebranding to the entire village, upgrades to the park (cement pad for ADA access and restoration of the train depot.) Some of the community events the DDA hopes to have: a youth expo, business owners networking meetings, expansion of the partnership program, a parcel TIFF map available online.

Bremer asked for a clarification on the partnership program. Lyke explained that currently the DDA approaches donors several times throughout the year regarding each specific event. The new program would streamline the process of giving so that contact would happen once a year but cover all the events that occur in that year.

#### **9. PUBLIC HEARING:** Close regular board meeting and open public hearing at **7:18 P.M.**

Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission's Recreation Plan 2021-2025

Supervisor Bremer summarized the process and purpose of the 5-year plan and asked the public for questions, comments, or concerns. None were received.

Close the public hearing and re-open the regular board meeting at **7:20 P.M.**

#### **10. CLERK'S REPORT:** None.

#### **11. TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

#### **12. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** None.

#### **13. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:**

- A.** Motion to approve purchase of 6 new winter coats. Eaton stated it had been about 5 years since any new winter coats had been purchased. Also, the coats are not exactly what they had hoped. They will continue to shop for some lighter weight winter coats. They also haven't determined the sizes needed yet

either. Willshire asked if the cost would be a 50/50 split between fire and ambulance? Eaton replied 4 coats would be a 50/50 split and 2 coats would be ambulance only. Jelsema asked which general ledger account would the funds come from? Willshire stated it would be 206-000-768.000 and 303-000-768.000.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	DeMaagd - Motion to approve purchase of 6 new winter coats not to exceed a cost of \$1,500.00.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Buckowing
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 7 yes and 0 nos.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

- B.** Motion to approve purchase of 3 new sets of turn-out gear. Eaton stated they had been following a plan to purchase more turn-out gear every couple of years. After this year, he believes they could take a year or two off. Eaton stated the price has remained relatively the same. Unfortunately, he has not received a quote yet with a breakdown in the cost of each item in a complete set. The salesperson he is working with had a death in the family. Willshire stated that the general ledger account used in the past has been 206-000-768.000. Buckowing and Bremer both said the budget would be tight on this purchase.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Willshire - Motion to approve purchase of 3 new sets of turn-out gear not to exceed cost of \$10,000.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 7 yes and 0 nos.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

- C.** Summary – Chief Eaton said there has been an increase in structure fires reported by both Caledonia and Wayland Fire Departments. Eaton urges everyone to check their smoke detectors and to use caution when dealing with potential actions that could cause a fire. Bremer and Buckowing requested that Denise, the office administrator place a reminder on the website and Facebook page to remind residents to check their smoke detectors. Bremer asked about the program TTES has. Eaton stated that through Barry County, the United Way and TTES there is a partnership of purchasing smoke detectors and CO detectors and installing new devices for residents who request this service. Eaton said he will check on the status due to current Covid restrictions as to whether they are still performing this service. Rairigh requested a change to the EMS Committee Meeting Minutes to reflect the following change. As TTES

renews the maintenance agreement on the Stryker monitors, any remaining balance will be refunded to the department.

#### 14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### A. Duncan Lake Sewer Feasibility Study proposal

Bremer stated the current system is nearing capacity and a study was needed to find out what options there are. Most likely, they will either make the current system more efficient or to expand the system. Jelsema stated if the system did need to be expanded then the next likely step would be to apply for a government loan or mixed grant type loan option so that the cost would be paid over a longer period of time. Rairigh asked about the sustainability of the current system. Finkbeiner, the lagoon operator, stated the state requires the system to be reviewed once it reaches 80% capacity and that the system is 30 years old and has only had maintenance done but no upgrades had been performed. The possibility of upgrades rather than expansion exists, but the feasibility study would be needed to determine if so.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Campbell - Motion to approve Progressive's AE feasibility study proposal as presented.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Jelsema
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved by roll call. 7 yes, 0 no's.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

##### B. Resolution 15-2020 Duncan Lake Sewer Hook-up rate change

Buckowing asked how the new fees were determined. Jelsema stated that an accountant that works for one of the residents on the DLSA board reviewed the inflation rates and determined the rate increases. Buckowing asked if the DLSA had considered contacting Baker & Tilly by the recommendation of the township auditor to try and determine the actual expense of the system and base the rate change on that? Bremer stated it is not only about hook-up fees but also about assessments. Those were determined long ago, and a study could potentially show the costs to be much higher. Campbell stated the accountant based their fees on inflation of construction but could have just as easily based them on the consumer price index. He feels this is a much-needed start and that the fees can be adjusted in the future as needed. Finkbeiner asked if the feasibility study would possibly help determine the costs of the hook-up fee changes? Also, stated that the costs of wastewater within the village is much higher in comparison when considering all the different kinds of fees and the building of new plats within the village currently. DeMaagd asked if the increase was

mainly being put on new owners. Bremer said yes, much of the costs are, but not all. DeMaagd wondered how much an expansion could cost. Bremer said the study would give information about this, but it could maybe be a quarter million. DeMaagd said if so, who would be paying the up-front costs? Campbell replied they do have some money saved in the budget for any possible future needs of upgrade or expansion. Buckowing wondered if there were any residents with outstanding building permits that would be in the process of hooking up that the fee increase would impact. Getty stated not currently, however, in the next year she could potentially be looking at a half dozen. Getty suggested informing those who currently have vacant lots. Rairigh, Willshire and DeMaagd wondered about the difference in the application date and the actual hook-up date and how the fee change would impact the owner during the process. Willshire wondered how many lots are left that might potentially hook into the system. Getty stated 22. However, homes are also being built larger and remodels or additions are also possible. Bremer asked if the board thinks they should wait for the study and then set the rate or set the rate and then do the study? Buckowing asked when the study could be completed by? Bremer reviewed the proposal and figured it could be mid-February.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Jelsema - Motion to approve Resolution 15-2020, Duncan Lake Sewer Authority Hook-Up Rate change effective as of 11-09-2020.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Campbell
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Resolution 15-2020 adopted by roll call. 5 yes, 2 no's.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	No	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	No	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

- C.** Broadband/Internet Update – MCI from Delton, MI has received a 7-million-dollar grant to expand fiber optic internet service in Barry County. Kim Selleck (a township trustee elect) also mentioned that Great Lakes Energy will also be contacting its current customers to possibly offer them fiber optic internet services within Barry County.
- D.** Proposed Salary/Benefit Adjustments for 2021/2022 fiscal year – Bremer stated that he had received the information and automatically added it to the board packet. However, he subsequently realized that this item should first be submitted to the Personnel Committee for review. He suggests they do so and can bring it to the next budget meeting for discussion. DeMaagd wondered if it needed to be addressed prior to the start of the next elected official term. Bremer stated that only a reduction in pay would need to be approved prior to the term. A freeze did not meet the same requirement.
- E.** Budget Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, at 7:30 a.m.
- F.** Ordinance Update – Jelsema feels they are very close to wrapping this up but was waiting until after the election for the clerk to review. Willshire stated she will email the group soon regarding a meeting.

**G. Resolution 16-2020 Adoption of the TAPRC 5-year Recreation Plan**

Getty stated that it is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TAPRC. Since being established in 2000, there have been three updates previously. They occurred in 2006, 2012, 2016 and 2020. Due to the pandemic this year no public input meetings were held. However, they did receive 110 responses to a questionnaire. 97% of respondents rated walkability as very important in the community and felt more could be done to encourage pedestrians. There are several goals set for the upcoming five years which include a new recreation complex, a dog park, pickle ball courts, a pool update (now that TK Schools mileage passed this May,) trails and connection/entry points to the trails, maintaining and updating parks so they are ADA compliant with modern restrooms and water play activities, river themed parks. The 5-year plan is a road map as to where the community is headed. Getty appreciates and supports all the entities that have partnered with TAPRC over the years. However, Getty believes it is time for her to step down as program director. She hopes to continue to be involved in TAPRC and see it grow and support the community. Bremer thanked Getty for the heart and soul she has put into TAPRC over the years. TAPRC will be interviewing candidates for program director in December and hopes to have someone in place starting in January. Getty will likely continue as a board member trustee to replace Jared Nichols who is stepping down.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Rairigh - Motion to approve Resolution 16-2020, Adoption of the TAPRC 5-year Recreation Plan.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Jelsema
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Resolution 16-2020 adopted by roll call. 7 yes, 0 no's.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	Bremer:	Yes	Jelsema:	Yes
	Buckowing:	Yes	Rairigh:	Yes
	Campbell:	Yes	Willshire:	Yes
	DeMaagd:	Yes		

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Employee insurance deductible assistance – Bremer asked the board to consider a new policy which would provide an employee who is driving for work purposes and is involved in an auto accident to receive \$500.00 toward meeting the deductible of the driver's policy. Bremer explained that the driver is not covered under the township's insurance policy but rather by their personal auto insurance coverage in the event of an accident. Bremer stated that this is a rare occurrence but feels having this policy is important to consider. Buckowing confirmed it had only happened once in her time with the township. Chief Eaton added that it would likely be much less expensive than looking at adding additional coverage to the township's policy. Chief stated that emergency services vehicles are covered under the current policy. The board agreed that Bremer should work on establishing this policy. State law requires the insurance to follow the car. However, elected officials are handled differently. Getty stated that the

code enforcement officer drives the most miles of any employee of the township and the new policy would be good idea.

- B.** Appointments/Oath of Office: Planning Commission (3-year terms) Craig Wandrie, Bryan Finkbeiner and Sandy Rairigh; Board of Review (2-year terms) Vance Hoskins, Steve Baldry, Eric Schaefer and Marty Wenger; Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Brad Williams; Zoning Administrator – Catherine Getty.

Willshire stated that all those needing to take an oath should stop into the office to do so between now and November 18.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Jelsema - Motion to approve appointment of Vance Hoskins, Steve Baldry, Eric Schaefer, and Marty Wenger to the Board of Review for a 2-year term.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 7 yes voice votes.

- C.** Getty appointment to TAPRC -

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Jelsema - Motion to approve appointment of Catherine Getty as TAPRC commissioner contingent on hiring a new TAPRC director.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Buckowing
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 7 yes voice votes.

- D.** Township Supervisor transition – Bremer stated that he would like to stay on as interim supervisor until Parker can start his term in January. However, it is widely known that Bremer will be moving to Irving Township soon and therefore is not eligible. However, Bremer could be employed by the township and would continue many of the tasks and duties that are allowable for him to perform in the 6-week interim. DeMaagd wondered what Bremer's pay would be, if he would still be offered health insurance coverage, what his title would be and who he would report to. Bremer suggested his salary remain as it has been, that he would not take the health insurance coverage, nor the VOYA savings plan, he could be called the township manager, and he would report to the board itself for oversight.

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	DeMaagd - Motion to approve hiring of Michael Bremer as a Thornapple Township employee starting on 11/20/2020 at 12:01 am until 12/31/2020 at 12:01 am.
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Rairigh
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 6 yes voice votes and 1 abstained (Bremer.)

## 16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A.** Administration (Bremer, Buckowing, Willshire) Bremer stated that Buckowing has been working on their COVID preparedness plan/policy. Jelsema suggested that many of the governor's executive orders

may be reinstated in January under the new Michigan Supreme Court. Jelsema also suggested that the insurance companies may have some boiler plate plans for office workers available to help write the plan.

**B. Cemetery (Willshire, DeMaagd, Rairigh)** – Currently nothing new, but a meeting would be held soon.

**C. Elections (Willshire, Buckowing, Bremer)** – Willshire gave a big thank you to everyone who pitched in to help with the elections and make it a success. Also thanked Chief Eaton, Buckowing, Denise Piering, Laura Bouchard, Amy Brown and ALL election workers and volunteers for all their efforts. Buckowing also appreciated seeing how the staff worked so well together to help residents with their election questions and needs.

**D. Emergency Services (DeMaagd, Bremer, Rairigh)** – Staff was asking about when they would receive their hazard pay from the Covid shut down time? Bremer stated it might be December, but it would not be until they had received the funds first.

**E. Finance (Buckowing, Willshire, DeMaagd)** – Buckowing thanked Amy Brown for her efforts to resolve an issue with the transition of an ATT internet account.

**F. Parks and Recreation Representative (Bremer)** – They will have a meeting tomorrow.

**G. Personnel – Compensation (Willshire, Campbell, Bremer)** – Will schedule a meeting to discuss item submitted to board packet.

**H. Property and Public Utilities (Jelsema, DeMaagd, Campbell)** – Jelsema asked if the new server is working ok. Bremer said yes, but there are still some remote access issues. Buckowing asked that the committee work with chief Eaton on upcoming needs for the TTES building so that it can be included in the upcoming budget plan. Chief Eaton stated that they should look at resealing the parking lot.

**I. Roads and Highways (Campbell, DeMaagd, Jelsema)** Nothing new for now.

**17. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None.

**18. POLL OF MEMBERS:**

**Jake Jelsema (Trustee)** – This is my last regular board meeting. Congratulations to Kim Selleck who will be replacing me. Thank you to all the staff past and present and the board members.

**Sandy Rairigh (Trustee)** – Hoping to be able to contact Jelsema as a consultant should the need arise. Thanked Jelsema for his service. Also, thanked Bremer for his service. Bremer appreciated Jelsema's insights from working with the State's legislature.

**Ross DeMaagd (Trustee)** – Also thanked Jelsema and Bremer for their service.



**Curt Campbell (Trustee)** – Also thanked Jelsema and Bremer for their service.

**Deb Buckowing (Treasurer)** – Also thanked Jelsema and Bremer for their service.

**Cindy Willshire (Clerk)** – Also thanked Jelsema and Bremer for their service.

**Mike Bremer (Supervisor)** – Thanked Jelsema for his service.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TIME: 9:25 P.M.**

<b>MOTION STATED:</b>	Buckowing – Move to adjourn
<b>MOTION SUPPORTED:</b>	Campbell
<b>MOTION STATUS:</b>	Approved with 7 yes voice votes.

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Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved\_\_\_\_\_/2020\_\_

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The meeting was called to order by President Smith at 7:00 p.m. in Middle School Room #1616. The meeting was available for the public to attend remotely via Zoom.

Members present: Smith, Cove, Alden, Snyder, Dickman, Hamming, Powers

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Takens, McCarthy, Chausow, Wegner, Dombrowski

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by Cove, seconded by Powers to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion: Carried

PUBLIC INPUT

Reagan Gielincki commented that she is frustrated by the lack of communication from the Board of Education. She has heard from Mr. Takens and Mr. Remenap.

Doug Nagel stated communication is key. He feels the Board of Education is responsible for all kids, not just the football team. Mr. Nagel reviewed the results of the district survey. The Board is the oversight of the district and virtual is failing.

Cheri Bruinsma commented that by providing an in-person instructional model, families that are high risk couldn't choose in-person. TK Virtual School has a greater work load with less support. The grades are harsher than in-person. She feels that TK is prioritizing students that can attend in-person vs. virtual. She does not feel the Board is fulfilling its statutory requirements, nor are they adequately addressing the TKVS concerns.

CONSENT GROUPING Motion by Hamming, seconded by Cove that the following Consent Grouping items be approved:

- A. Board minutes from the October 12, 2020 regular meeting; November 2, 2020 special meeting; and November 2, 2020 closed session.
- B. Payment of bills for October 2020 in the amount of \$2,948,478.00.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cove, Alden, Snyder, Dickman, Hamming, Powers, Smith  
Nays: None

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Motion: Carried

PUBLIC HEARING -  
THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS  
AND RECREATION COMM.  
2021-2025 RECREATION  
PLAN

TAPRC Program Director Catherine Getty was in attendance to present the 2020 program report as well as the five year Recreation Plan. The spring parks and recreation online survey was completed by 110 people. 97% of respondents said that parks and recreation are very important to them. The survey showed that 75% of respondents support a new recreation complex, walking paths, an indoor pool, and pickle ball courts. TAPRC set goals to update parks, public restrooms, river access, bird watching platforms, etc. Ms. Getty also shared that she is stepping back as the TAPRC Director as she is the new County Commissioner for District 2.

TK VIRTUAL SCHOOL  
UPDATE

The TKVS staff provided an update to the Board. In attendance were: Kim Chausow Curriculum Director, Karen Seifert kindergarten, Carmen Skiba 5th grade, Meghan Collins 1st grade, Jamie Kellogg 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer Reifinger 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, Vikki Boersma 2nd grade, Laura Nikkel 6/7/8 ELA and 8th grade contact teacher, Layn Welker TKHS, Phillipe Sylvestre TKHS, Amanda Kozlowski TKHS. Mr. Cole and Mrs. Savage TKMS were unable to attend.

Chausow reports that the Board and Administration supported the hiring of 12 staff members. This was needed due to the open enrollment that TK allowed. Chausow shared the TKVS timeline, process, and website. Students that were not successful in a traditional classroom have had tremendous success in TKVS. There are over 613 students in TKVS. Chausow stated that our biggest hurdle has been starting an entire school (TKVS) from scratch. The survey that was conducted was part of the Continuous Improvement Process. They found that elementary parents were more positive about TKVS than secondary students. Secondary parents reported that they thought the curriculum was harder than the students reported. Math seems to be the most difficult content area. Parents reported more work hours than the students.

A TKVS Interventionist position has been posted for over 1.5 months with zero applicants.

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TKVS instructors shared how they are aligning the curriculum between Edgenuity and in seat students. They also shared their PBIS incentives and how they are creating community amongst their students.

TKHS VS is servicing students that are juggling careers as well as school. They are also servicing AP students with large work loads.

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
REPORT

Principal Kelli Wegner discussed changes at TKMS. The students are using an online curriculum and are having discussions using Google Meet. They began educating students about how to use online instruction in case the district needs to go fully remote. Exploratory classes have been modified due to COVID restrictions. Extra Lego Robotics kits were purchased. Kids received individual art supplies with take home bags.

Lunches are eaten in classrooms. There has been an increase in students getting school lunch due to the free lunches. The food service staff have handled the increase very well. Students do receive 15 minutes of "break time" where students can go outside. Staggered dismissal times allow for fewer students to be leaving the building at once.

TKMS struggles: Keeping kids from congregating, families completing internet availability survey, quarantined students and staff, families picking up flash drives/packets for work during the shutdown, and shortage of substitute teachers.

Students are receiving TK STRONG tickets online vs. paper tickets. They are not experiencing discipline issues with mask compliance.

Staff was challenged to build relationships with students, teach kids about remote learning, and utilize PowerSchool. MAP scores have increased from last fall between 2 and 8 points depending on subject area and grade level.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTING

The Construction Committee met last week to review the Learning Center design, design for playground space, and discuss bid pack number 3.

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TAPRC RECREATION  
PLAN

Motion by Cove, seconded by Dickman that the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to approve the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission 2021 – 2025 Recreation Plan.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion: Carried

TK SCHOOLS EXTENDED  
COVID-19 LEARNING  
PLAN

Motion by Cove, seconded by Powers that the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education approve the attached TK Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion: Carried

MCFALL, LEE, PAGE  
HVAC & ROOFING  
CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Alden that Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. be authorized to issue Letters of Intent in the amount indicated, to contractors and suppliers listed on page 3 of the attached Awards Summary & Bid Tab Results, pending confirmation that all requirements of the Contract Documents have been met. Furthermore, that upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to these contractors and supplies by Thornapple Kellogg Schools.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Alden, Snyder, Dickman, Hamming, Powers, Smith, Cove  
Nays: None  
Motion: Carried

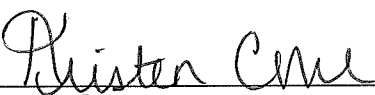
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

TK High School will air the Veteran's Day program.  
Classmates Care is collecting winter gear.  
Equestrian team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the state competition.  
Mr. Takens thanked Kim Chausow for her patience with all of his questions and her presentation.  
Mr. Takens thanked Kelli Wegner for her leadership and her presentation this evening.

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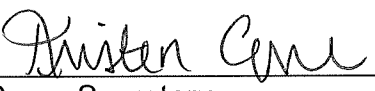
Member Smith shared that superintendent interviews will be held in the middle school cafeteria and broadcast over Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT                      Smith adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

  
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Kristen Cove, Secretary  
THORNAPPLE KELLOGG BOARD OF EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached are a true copy of the approved minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 9, 2020, and that said approved minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after December 14, 2020.

  
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Kristen Cove, Secretary  
THORNAPPLE KELLOGG BOARD OF EDUCATION

Appendix I: Adopting Resolutions



**THORNAPPLE AREA  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

**To adopt the  
Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission  
2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has engaged the process to develop a new Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes pertinent features, recreation facilities, policies and desired implementation to improve recreational offerings in the community during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the TAPRC has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the Village of Middleville, Thornapple Township, and Thornapple Kellogg Schools; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the TAPRC distributed a community survey prior to the development of the Plan; which enabled citizens and stakeholders to express opinions and needs, ask questions, offer advice, and discuss all aspects of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, TAPRC has prepared the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to meet the recreation needs of residents as expressed during the public input session; and

WHEREAS, a notice was published indicating that the Plan was published in several locations and offered for a period of at least 30 days for public comment and review; and

WHEREAS, each of the TAPRC member entities have held a public hearing on the Plan and a public hearing was held on the Plan on November 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan on December 19, 2020.

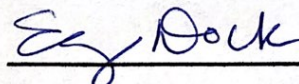
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents and visitors of the community.

Yeas: Emily Dock, Amanda Fisk, Tom Hamilton, Brian Hammer, Jamie Holmes, Jacki Schneider,

Nays: NONE

Absent: Anne Hamming

I, Emily Dock, Chairperson, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the TAPRC Board on December 19, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Dock", is written over a horizontal line.

Emily Dock

Chairperson

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE  
COUNTY OF BARRY, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Middleville, Barry County, Michigan, held at the Village Hall within the Village on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Local Time.

PRESENT: Members: Sherry Ronning, Mike Cramer, Amanda Fisk, Kevin Smith and Ed Schellinger

ABSENT: Members: Mike Lytle

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Fisk and supported by Member Schellinger:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-31**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE  
THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
2021-2025 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has engaged the process to develop a new Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes pertinent features, recreation facilities, policies and desired implementation to improve recreational offerings in the community during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleville has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the TAPRC, Thornapple Township, and Thornapple Kellogg Schools; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the TAPRC distributed a community survey prior to the development of the Plan; which enabled citizens and stakeholders to express opinions and needs, ask questions, offer advice, and discuss all aspects of parks and recreation; and



WHEREAS, TAPRC has prepared the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to meet the recreation needs of residents as expressed during the public input session; and

WHEREAS, a notice was published indicating that the Plan was published in several locations and offered for a period of at least 30 days for public comment and review; and

WHEREAS, each of the TAPRC member entities held a public hearing on the Plan and a public hearing was held at a Village of Middleville Council meeting on November 10, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Middleville Village Council hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents and visitors of the community.

YEAS: Members: Ronning, Cramer, Fisk, Smith and Schellinger

NAYS: Members: None

ABSTAIN: Members: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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Glorimar Ayala, Clerk  
Village of Middleville

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
                                      ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BARRY     )

I, Glorimar Ayala, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Village of Middleville, Barry County, Michigan (the "Village"), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed by official signature this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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Glorimar Ayala, Clerk  
Village of Middleville

**THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP  
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 16-2020**

**To adopt the  
Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission  
2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has engaged the process to develop a new Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes pertinent features, recreation facilities, policies and desired implementation to improve recreational offerings in the community during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, Thornapple Township has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the TAPRC, Village of Middleville, and Thornapple Kellogg Schools; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the TAPRC distributed a community survey prior to the development of the Plan; which enabled citizens and stakeholders to express opinions and needs, ask questions, offer advice, and discuss all aspects of parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, TAPRC has prepared the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to meet the recreation needs of residents as expressed during the public input session; and

WHEREAS, a notice was published indicating that the Plan was published in several locations and offered for a period of at least 30 days for public comment and review; and

WHEREAS, each of the TAPRC member entities will hold a public hearing on the Plan and a public hearing was held on the Plan on today's date; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents and visitors of the community.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Rairigh, supported by Jelsema. The vote by roll call as follows:

Yeas: Bremer, Buckowing, Campbell, DeMaagd, Jelsema, Rairigh, Willshire

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Cindy Willshire, Thornapple Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Board at a Public Hearing held on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cindy A. Willshire", written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Willshire

Thornapple Township Clerk

**THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

**To adopt the  
Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission  
2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has engaged the process to develop a new Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes pertinent features, recreation facilities, policies and desired implementation to improve recreational offerings in the community during the period between 2021 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Thornapple Kellogg School District has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the TAPRC, Village of Middleville, and Thornapple Township; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the TAPRC distributed a community survey prior to the development of the Plan; which enabled citizens and stakeholders to express opinions and needs, ask questions, offer advice, and discuss all aspects of parks and recreation; and

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WHEREAS, each of the TAPRC member entities will hold a public hearing on the Plan and a public hearing was held on the Plan on today's date; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Board of Education for the Thornapple Kellogg School District voted to adopt said Community Recreation Plan.




NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education for the Thornapple Kellogg School District hereby adopts the Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents and visitors of the community.

Yeas: Smith, Cove, Alden, Snyder, Dickman, Hamming, Powers

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Kristen Cove, Secretary, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a Public Hearing held on November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Kristen Cove  
Secretary, Thornapple Kellogg School District

Appendix J: Forwarding Letters

## Mehmed, Nathaniel

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**From:** Catherine Getty <catherine.getty33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** JMcManus@barrycounty.org  
**Subject:** Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Recreation Plan Update  
**Attachments:** Rec Plan Update 2021 to Barry County Planning.docx.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Jim,

Please see the attached 5 year Recreation Plan Update for TAPRC.

Link to Rec Plan: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gJIWBqLXlkz\\_NWKfOcPz1Rn4ArY3MJVM/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gJIWBqLXlkz_NWKfOcPz1Rn4ArY3MJVM/view?usp=sharing)

Have a great day.

- Catherine Getty, TAPRC, Chairperson



## **THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS & RECREATION**

*January 26, 2021*

**Mr. Jim McManus  
Barry County Planning Commission  
220 West State Street  
Hastings, MI 49058**

***Re: Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan***

***Dear Mr. McManus:***

***The Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has recently completed an update to their Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. I have attached a copy of the plan. Please let me know if you would like a hard copy and I would be happy to provide one.***

***The Plan was prepared, approved, and adopted by Thornapple Township, the Village of Middleville, The Thornapple-Kellogg School District, and the TAPRC. Additionally, copies of the Plan have been submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission.***

***Thank you for your continued interest in recreation throughout Barry County.***

***Sincerely,***

**Emily Dock  
TAPRC Program Director**

***Enc.***

***TAPRC, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333 269-795-7202 Program Director: Emily Dock, [info.taprc@gmail.com](mailto:info.taprc@gmail.com)***

***Board Members: Catherine Getty (Chairperson), Eric Schaefer, Amanda Fisk, Brian Hammer, Anne Hamming, Jamie Holmes, Tom Hamilton, and Jacki Schnider.***

## Mehmed, Nathaniel

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**From:** Catherine Getty <catherine.getty33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:40 PM  
**To:** dbec@wmrpc.org  
**Subject:** Thornapple Area Recreation Plan update  
**Attachments:** Rec Plan Update 2021 to regional Planning.docx.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Dave,

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Have a great day.

- Catherine Getty, TAPRC, Chairperson



## **THORNAPPLE AREA PARKS & RECREATION**

*January 26, 2021*

**Mr. Dave Bee**

**West Michigan Regional Planning Commission**

**1345 Monroe Ave. NW Suite 255**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4670**

**Re: Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan**

**Dear Mr. Bee:**

**The Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC) has recently completed an update to their Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. I have attached a copy of the plan. Please let me know if you would like a hard copy and I would be happy to provide one.**

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**Thank you for your continued interest in recreation throughout Barry County.**

**Sincerely,**

**Emily Dock**

**TAPRC Program Director**

**Enc.**

**TAPRC, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333 269-795-7202 Program Director:** Emily Dock, [info.taprc@gmail.com](mailto:info.taprc@gmail.com)

**Board Members:** Catherine Getty (Chairperson), Eric Schaefer, Amanda Fisk, Brian Hammer, Anne Hamming, Jamie Holmes, Tom Hamilton, and Jacki Schnider.

## Appendix K: Post Completion Self-Certification Report



**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT  
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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

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

**GRANTEE:** Village of Middleville

**PROJECT NUMBER:** TF-13-080 **PROJECT TYPE:** Public outdoor Recreation Facility

**PROJECT TITLE:** Paul Henry Trail & Riverfront Improvements

**PROJECT SCOPE:** Extension of Paul Henry Trail & Boat Launch

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Village of Middleville</u>	Contact Person <u>Patricia Rayl</u>	Title <u>Village Manager</u>
Address <u>100 E Main St, PO Box 69</u>	Telephone <u>239-795-3385</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Middleville, MI 49333</u>	Email <u>raylp@villageofmiddleville.org</u>	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Not with DNR grants. In 2019 & 2020 DDA & Village paid for a new amphitheatre with  
public restrooms; multi-purpose pavilion; bike repair station

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

**SITE QUALITY**

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

mowed weekly & as needed; snow removed as needed

### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

year 'round; 6am-10pm

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

### CERTIFICATION

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

Patricia Rayl, Village Manager

Please print

  
Grantee Authorized Signature

1/18/21  
Date

Rhonda Van Polen

Please print

  
Witness Signature

01/18/2021  
Date

Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925





Revenue derived from oil, gas and mineral  
production from state-owned lands provided  
funding for this public recreation site.

Funding is made possible through a grant  
provided to the citizens of the  
State of Michigan by the:

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

## Appendix L: Plan Certification Checklists



**COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN****CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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

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

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

Name of Plan: Recreation Plan 2021 - 2025 Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Village of Middleville	Barry	November 2020
Township of Thornapple	Barry	November 2020
Thornapple-Kellogg School District	Barry	November 2020
Thornapple Area Parks & Recreation Commission	Barry	December 2020

**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
- Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**
  - ☒ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
  - ☒ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- ☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- ☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- ☒ Accessibility Assessment
- ☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- ☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a



Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

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

Date of the Notice October 3, 2020

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location TAPRC website, TAPRC Office

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 33

- ☒ 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 October 3, 2020

Name of Newspaper Sun and News

Date of Meeting November 5, 2020

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

☒ 8. ACTION PROGRAM

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

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- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: December 19, 2020
- ☐ 2. Official resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_
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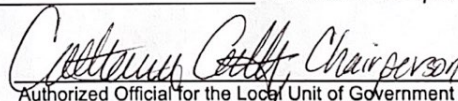
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*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission (TAPRC)  
(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1-27-2021  
Date

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Date of the Notice October 3, 2020

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Middleville Village Hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 38 days

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Date of Notice October 3, 2020

Name of Newspaper Sun and News

Date of Meeting November 10, 2020

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recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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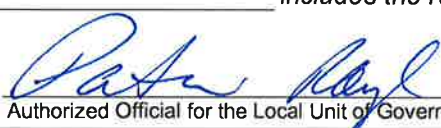
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Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/27/21  
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Date of the Notice October 3, 2020

Type of Notice Newspaper

Plan Location Thornapple Township Hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 37 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 October 3, 2020

Name of Newspaper Sun and News

Date of Meeting November 9, 2020

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 Supervisor 1-27-2021  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

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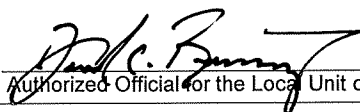
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1.27.21  
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