

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025
7:00 PM, Whitewater Township Hall
5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690
Phone 231-267-5141/Fax 231-267-9020

Topic: Parks and Rec Advisory Committee Meeting
Time: May 20, 2025, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

1. Roll Call of Committee Members
2. Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. **Public Comment:** Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the committee. Public comments shall be carried out in accordance with the following rules and procedures:
 - a. Comments shall be directed to the Committee, with questions directed to the Chair.
 - b. Any person wishing to address the Committee shall speak from the lectern and state his/her name and address.
 - c. Persons may address the commission on matters that are relevant to township Parks and recreation issues.
 - d. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding the time needed to answer Committee members' questions.
 - e. Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes.
5. Approval of April 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes
6. Correspondence: Emails
7. Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:
[PRAC PROJECT LIST / GRANTS GOOGLE SHEET](#)
[PRAC PROJECT GOALS TIMELINES GOOGLE SHEET](#)
[PRAC ONGOING PROJECT SCHEDULES 2024 - 2030](#)
8. Unfinished Business:
 - 1) Hi Pray Bleacher Replacement project: Received, Will be assembling May 31/Hi Pray Cleanup volunteer event.
 - 2) Joint PRAC/Board meeting – SCHEDULED JUNE 5TH @ 6:30PM
 - 3) By Laws Review; Final draft/review & vote
 - 4) 5 year Rec Plan/ Survey questions (draft); special workbee meeting scheduling
9. New Business:
 - 1) Park Manager; Mike Dwyer no longer employed by Whitewater township; updates on status/plans (Jill)
 - 2) May 31st Hi Pray cleanup/bleacher assembly; food/bev ideas, tools needed, contact volunteers directly, volunteer forms, etc.
10. Next Meetings: Joint Board/PRAC June 5, 2025; PRAC Regular meeting June 17, 2025
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

Whitewater Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with

disabilities who are planning to attend. Contact the township clerk at 231-267-5141 or TDD 800-649- 3777.

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Whitewater Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 15, 2025

Call to Order

7:04pm Township Hall

Roll Call of Members

Present: Melton, Hubbell, Voice, Buczkowski

Absent: Cosgrove(Alt), Koester(Board Liaison)

Others present:

Set/Approve Agenda

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Buczkowski, Seconded by Hubbell to approve March 18th regular meeting minutes. All Aye. Motion passes

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence

Unfinished Business

- 1) Discussed board decision regarding Hi Pray Bleacher Replacement
- 2) Drafted changes for By Law revisions
- 3) Election of officers

Motion made by Buczkowski to re-elect Melton for Chair position, Seconded by Hubbell

Voice call vote:

Hubbell: Yes

Voice: Yes

Buczkowski: Yes

Melton: Yes

Motion made by Buczkowski to re-elect Hubbell for Vice-Chair position, Seconded by Voice
Voice call vote:
Voice: Yes
Buczkowski: Yes
Hubbell: Yes
Melton: Yes

Motion made by Melton to elect Voice for Secretary position, Seconded by Buczkowski
Voice call vote:
Buczkowski: Yes
Hubbell: Yes
Melton: Yes
Voice: Yes

New Business

- 1) Joint PRAC/Board meeting date options: May 15th or May 27th @ 6:30pm
- 2) 5 Year Rec Plan discussion; does board want to invest in professional services or have PRAC do revisions internally with some assistance on GIS maps, formatting, public survey, etc.

Next Regular Meeting

Either May 15th or May 27th or May 20th (dependent on board decision on date)

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24pm

Melissa Melton
(acting) Secretary, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

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Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

FW: Priority Health/NFC Healthy Cities Grant Funding for Williamsburg

4 messages

Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
To: Melissa Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>
Cc: Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 11:01 AM

Fyi to share with PRAC

Linda Slopsema

Supervisor, Whitewater Township

supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov
(231)267-5141 ex 23

From: Caroline Ackel <caroline@nfchq.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:10 AM
To: supervisor@whitewatertownship.org
Subject: Priority Health/NFC Healthy Cities Grant Funding for Williamsburg

Hi Linda,

I hope you are doing well. My name is Caroline Ackel, and I'm reaching out on behalf of National Fitness Campaign and Priority Health to share an important opportunity to enhance wellness in Williamsburg communities. If you're not familiar with our organization, NFC has partnered with over 600 leading communities nationwide to transform community wellness through outdoor fitness infrastructure.

Through our partnership with Priority Health, we provide Grant Funding resources and support to help cities like Williamsburg plan, build, and launch Fitness Courts®—world-class outdoor wellness hubs designed to promote health and fitness for people of all ages and abilities. Williamsburg looks like a great fit for this program, and I'd love to explore how we can bring this opportunity to your community!

Take a look at this [3-minute video](#) showcasing our nationwide impact.

Nearly a dozen Michigan communities and organizations, including [Grand Blanc Township](#), have joined the Campaign and are seeing the benefits.

I'd love to chat about how we can work together to bring this opportunity to Williamsburg.

You can schedule a briefing call here: <https://calendar.nfchq.com/jordanchilds-526/30>

Please note that the Grant Committee requests attendance from the leading elected official, head of Municipal Finance and Administration, or Parks and Open Space to qualify for funding and participation in the Statewide Campaign.

NFC will connect with Michigan communities over the next three weeks to offer a 30-minute briefing call to discuss the Campaign and explore potential alignment. This is an opportunity to learn about the Healthy Cities Grant and how your community can join the statewide wellness initiative. I'm excited to connect soon!

Take care,



Caroline Ackel | Partnership Development Representative

caroline@nfchq.com

www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com

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Melissa Melton <mammelon@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 8:57 PM

To: Brandon Hubbell <brandon@gtfruit.com>, Amber Voice <ambercvoice@gmail.com>, Gary buczkowski <gbuczowski.1226@gmail.com>, Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>, Thomas Cosgrove <tac9414447@gmail.com>, Mike Dwyer <parkmanager@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

FYI

Thank you!
Melissa Melton

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Date: April 22, 2025 at 11:01:57 AM EDT

To: Melissa Melton <mammelon@gmail.com>

Cc: Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Subject: FW: Priority Health/NFC Healthy Cities Grant Funding for Williamsburg

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Brandon Hubbell <b.hubbelfarms@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 6:05 PM

To: Melissa Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>
Cc: Brandon Hubbell <brandon@gtfruit.com>, Amber Voice <ambercvoice@gmail.com>, Gary buczkowski <gbuczkowski.1226@gmail.com>, Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>, Thomas Cosgrove <tac9414447@gmail.com>, Mike Dwyer <parkmanager@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Looks cool

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Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
To: Melissa Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>
Cc: Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Sat, Apr 26, 2025 at 9:24 PM

I booked a consultation for the grant opportunities. Scheduled for May 7th.

Jill

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Caroline Ackel | Partnership Development Representative

caroline@nfchq.com

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Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

Dates for Joint PRAC Meeting

3 messages

Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
To: TOWNSHIP BOARD <TOWNSHIPBOARD@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
Cc: Melissa Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 1:22 PM

Hello,

Would either May 15th or May 27th at 6:30pm work for the board to meet with PRAC?

Thank you,

Jill

Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>
To: Linda Slopesma <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>, Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Sun, Apr 27, 2025 at 10:06 PM

Linda- here is draft Agenda and additional questions PRAC would like to discuss at the Joint Meeting:

DRAFT Agenda:

- 1) CURRENT PROPERTIES OVERVIEW; current state, suggested upgrades/maintenance, etc
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 - Fix low areas;fill, culverts,
 - no gates stopping vehicle traffic
 - no resolution from board on access to neighboring property owners
 - Bridge needs replacement
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Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
To: Mel Melton <mammelon@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 12:19 PM

Added to the agenda for 5/8 to determine date and solicit content for meeting.

Any packet reference material will need to be to me 10 days in advance of meeting for timely packet issuance 1 week prior to meeting.

thanks

Linda Slopsema

Supervisor, Whitewater Township

supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov
(231)267-5141 ex 23

From: Mel Melton <mammelon@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2025 10:07 PM
To: Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>; Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Dates for Joint PRAC Meeting

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Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

Memo and items for our May meeting

1 message

Gary buczkowski <gbuczowski.1226@gmail.com>
To: Melissa Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

Sun, May 11, 2025 at 2:28 PM





Hi Mel, Please find attached WWT PRAC List of Projects MEMO 5-21-2025. Note I have combined many of our projects into a site-specific project list. I suggest PRAC should be in agreement on format like this prior to our joint meeting with the Board. These are my thoughts and not necessarily yours or other committee members and I am willing to alter these documents according to your and or other member input. It would be helpful if everyone could come prepared on the 20th to discuss their concerns regarding this information. If we get consensus on these, I recommend they be sent to the Board prior to our joint meeting.

Secondly, I have included Rec. Master Plan items to discuss. I have updated the schedules as we have done little to this point. If our goal is to get Board approval next January, we need to get going ASAP. Once again if other members could come prepared to discuss this info it will help make the process better.

Call me with any questions or concerns.

Gary

4 attachments

-  **WWT 2026-2030 Master Plan survey questions 1-30-2025.docx**
25K
-  **WWT Memo to Board Rec Master Plan update 1-29-2025.docx**
27K
-  **WWT PRAC List of Projects MEMO 5-21-2025.docx**
3026K
-  **WWT Rec Plan text thoughts 1-31-2025.docx**
4290K



Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

OMA

1 message

Wendy <clerk@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>
To: Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 3:15 PM

Thank you for your e-mail, in the interest of ensuring FULL COMPLIANCE with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA) we should refrain from discussing matters of BOARD business via e-mail when a quorum of the board even COULD BE involved in the conversation.

I recommend that you defer this conversation to the next scheduled public meeting where it can be addressed openly and appropriately.

Thank you for understanding.

I would like to have OMA/ Robert's Rules training to be held shortly here in the Township.

Wendy Hoeksema

Whitewater Township Clerk

Ph (231)267-5141 ext 24

Fax(231)267-9020

[5777 Vinton Rd](#)

PO Box 159

Williamsburg MI 49690

clerk@whitewatertownship.org

NOTEnew address of clerk@whitewatertownshipmi.gov

From: Mel Melton <mammelton@gmail.com>**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2025 2:53 PM**To:** Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>**Cc:** Jill Koester <treasurer@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>; Wendy <clerk@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>; Tim Arends <trustee02@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>; Randy <trustee01@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>**Subject:** Re: Fw: Public Comment from Mark Taylor for 4-18 meeting

Linda- thank you for passing this along, I have forwarded to the PRAC as well.

I understand and appreciate his frustration over the lack of attention to our roads (I just tried to ride my road-bike the other day and every road I took was BAD - so I completely agree). However, this doesn't change the fact that there are other things in our community that also need attention. He may not be acquainted with all the details, and maybe the board isn't either, so I wanted to make a few comments. While he 'represents' one road, our baseball (and softball) fields represent 250 kids' and their families.

These bleachers are well over 35-40 years old. They are warped, splintering, and do NOT meet today's safety standards. We have actually had at least 3 "clean up/maintenance" sessions over the years (that I am aware of) to try to pressure wash, sand, stain, flip and even replace boards....just to get these 'ok' for our community to have seating at their son/daughter or grandson/daughter's little league games.

The previous Twnshp board had approved these funds in last year's budget, which did not get spent or done in time, which is why it fell into this years. This board did make a MOTION that passed to purchase these bleachers on April 7th meeting. The PRAC has also committed to doing a volunteer-event to help assemble these bleachers as well.

We look forward to hearing when these bleachers are scheduled to be delivered so we can finalize planning on this.

Thank you,

Melissa Melton

PRAC Chair

On Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 4:22 PM Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov> wrote:

You should include this in correspondence at your next meeting since it pertains to the PRAC project. This directly relates to the state of Michigan requirement for us to have a 6-year Capital improvement plan making sure, we prioritize the needs of the community and do not make one-off decisions which has been the past behavior of the board.

Community sensitivity is understandable to all projects selected.

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From: Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:29:09 PM

To: Linda Slopsema <supervisor@whitewatertownshipmi.gov>

Subject: Public Comment from Mark Taylor for 4-18 meeting

Letter to the Whitewater Township Board....this letter is to inform the Board that the citizens of this community are very concerned and disappointed to spend \$25,000 - \$35,000 of our taxpayers money on 3 sets of bleachers that have minor wear on seating. There are 5 seats per bleacher times 3 that can be sanded and refinished or replaced with aluminum seating for less than \$5,000. Allocation of funds can be better utilized on more important projects for our community. We highly request the board reconsider other resources and be better stewards of funding projects that would serve more of the citizens of Whitewater Township....especially Skegemog Point Rd north of M72. We have suffered with eroding road for 20+ years with nothing being done except some pot holes filled after car tires have been

damaged due to the severity of its condition. We appreciate your time and effort to resolve the most serious issues as a priority in your agenda.

Thank you for reading and hearing us.

Mark Taylor and the 100+ property owners on Skegemog Point Rd.

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Whitewater Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Bylaws

The following rules of procedure are hereby adopted for the Whitewater Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to facilitate the performance of its duties as outlined by the Whitewater Township Board of Trustees and General Ordinance No. 48.

SECTION 1: Membership

- A. Membership Size** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of five (5) members and may have two (2) alternate members.
- B. Membership Terms of Office** Members are appointed by the Whitewater Township Board of Trustees for staggered three year terms and expire on December 31. Members are expected to serve until their term expires and a successor has been appointed as provided above.
- C. Membership Departure** Members who are unable or unwilling to serve the entire terms for which they were appointed or who do not wish to be considered for reappointment shall provide sixty (60) days advance written notice of that fact to the Whitewater Township Board of Trustees so that a successor may be appointed and approved in a timely manner that does not require the Committee to function with less than the five (5) members provided.
- D. Membership Qualification** All members shall be either qualified electors of the Township of Whitewater or a property owner within the Township.
- E. Liaisons** The Township Board Representative (including agents or consultants) shall have the ability to participate in discussions of the Committee during their meetings.
- F. Park Manager** The Township Park Manager shall attend meetings, update PRAC on current projects or needs, have the ability in discussions of the Committee during their meetings.

Section 2: Officers

- A. Selection and Tenure** At the first regular meeting each January, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall select a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. All officers shall serve a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election for consecutive terms for the same office. The newly elected officers shall assume their responsibilities at the next regular meeting. If due to unforeseen circumstances, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is unable to elect officers at the January meeting, those officers whose terms as officers have expired and who remain as active members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall continue their services as officers until elections are held.

- B. Chairperson** The chairperson shall prepare the agenda for the meetings, shall preside at all meetings and perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Township Board of Trustees.
- C. Vice Chairperson** The Vice Chairperson shall act in the capacity of the chairperson in his/her absence.
- D. Secretary** The Secretary shall be responsible for secretarial duties, including signing official committee documents, taking roll call, recording any motions and votes, taking record of the meeting discussions, recommendations and actions taken by the Committee in form of draft meeting minutes.

SECTION 3: Meetings

The business of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

- A. Regular Meetings** Meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month. All meetings shall take place at Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, MI 49690 at 7:00 P.M. When a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday or upon a day resulting in a conflict, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall, if possible, select a suitable alternate meeting date in the same month as the originally scheduled meeting. If a meeting is to be held at a location other than the Township Hall, notice shall be posted at the Township Hall and on the Township website.

Notice of regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings shall be posted at the Township Hall each year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and on the Township website.

- B. Special Meetings** Special meetings may be called by written request to the clerk, by the Chairperson, or by at least two members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Such notice shall state the purpose, time and location of the special meeting and shall be posted at the Township Hall and on the Township website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
- C. Agenda** The chairperson shall be responsible for preparing a tentative agenda, with the input of the board representative, for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings. The agenda may be modified by quorum of the Committee. In the instance of a special meeting, the agenda may be modified only with all members present at the meeting and in agreement.
- D. Quorum** Three (3) members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.
- E. Voting** Actions or motions placed before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting, as long as a quorum is present. Voting shall be by voice vote; by consensus, or a roll call vote shall be

required if requested by any Committee member or directed by the Chairperson. Except in the case of conflict of interest, all Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members, including the Chairperson shall vote on all matters.

- F. Public Records** All meetings, minutes, records, documents, correspondence and other materials of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be open to public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, except as may otherwise be provided by law.
- G. Parliamentary Procedure** Parliamentary procedure in Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

SECTION 4: Duties of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall perform the following duties:

- A.** Prepare, review and update a Recreation Plan as a guide for development of recreation areas within the Township's jurisdiction.
- B.** Prepare an annual report to the Township Board of Trustees of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the Township Board related to parks and recreation.
- C.** Perform other duties and responsibilities or respond as requested by the Township Board or the board liaison to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

SECTION 5: Absences and Removals

- A.** To be excused, members of the Committee shall notify the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chairperson when they intend to be absent from a meeting. Failure to make this notification prior to the meeting shall result in an unexcused absence.
- B.** Members may be removed by the Township Board of Trustees for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing.

SECTION 6: Conflict of Interest

During the Declaration of Conflict of Interest portion of the agenda, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member (s) shall disclose the potential conflict of interest to the Committee. Failure of a member to disclose a potential conflict of interest as required by these bylaws constitutes malfeasance in office.

In the event that a conflict is declared, the member shall remove themselves from the meeting table until the agenda item is concluded.

SECTION 7: Compensation

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Members, the Board Liaison and will receive compensation on a per meeting basis as determined by the Township of Whitewater Board of Trustees. Advisory Committee Members may receive reimbursement for travel and expenses with recommendation by the Advisory Committee and approval by the Township Board of Trustees.

SECTION 8: Order of Business

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members
3. Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda
4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (s)
7. Correspondence
8. Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

SECTION 10: Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any time following a recommendation of the majority of the membership of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. A copy of amended Bylaws to be sent to the Clerk to have on file and sent to the board for their reference.

Adopted by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on May 20, 2025

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WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP 2026 RECREATION ATTITUDE AND INTEREST SURVEY

Q1. Have you or any members of your household visited any Whitewater Township Parks during the past 24 months?

YES

NO Please proceed with question Q-2

Q1a. If yes to question Q-1, Which Park does someone in your family frequent the most and how often? (Check only one at each Park Location)

BATTLE CREEK NATURAL AREA

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

HI PRAY PARK

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

LOSSIE ROAD TRAIL PARK

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

PETOBEGO PARK

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK

A few times a month

- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Never

Q2. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Whitewater township?

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- POOR

Q3. Please select all the recreational activities you or someone in your household enjoy doing.

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Camping
- Golfing
- Fishing (including Ice)
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Horse Riding
- ORV / ATV
- Paddle Water Sports (Kayak canoe)
- Paddle Sports (Tennis Pickleball)
- Picnic / BBQ
- Skiing Downhill
- Skiing Cross Country
- Skating Ice
- Snowmobile riding
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming
- Walking / Jogging / Running

Wildlife observation

OTHER (PLEASE LIST UNDER THE COMMENTS SECTION)

Q4. Based on question Q-3 Please list your families top 3 recreational activities. #1 being your highest and #3 being your lowest ranked activity.

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

Q5. Please indicate park facilities outside of Whitewater Township that you or someone in your family frequents to meet their recreational needs. Choose more than one if it applies

Acme Township

Clearwater Township

Elk Rapids Township

Elk Rapids Village of

Eastbay Township

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation

State Parks

Traverse City Parks and Recreation

Other _____

Q6. Based on question Q-5 Please list your families top 3 recreational activities your family turns to other communities for. #1 being your highest and #3 being your lowest ranked activity.

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

Q7. Please **RATE** if YOU or any member of your HOUSEHOLD has a need for each of the parks and recreational facilities listed below. 1 being your top choice / 5 being not at all

ATHLETIC FIELDS (SOCCER, FOOTBALL etc.) 1 2 3 4 5

BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELDS 1 2 3 4 5

DISC GOLF 1 2 3 4 5

FISHING DOCK / PIER 1 2 3 4 5

IMPROVED NATURE TRAILS 1 2 3 4 5

LAKE ACCESS SWIMMING /BEACH 1 2 3 4 5

IMPROVED NATURE TRAILS 1 2 3 4 5

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS 1 2 3 4 5

OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS 1 2 3 4 5

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS 1 2 3 4 5

PICNIC SHELTERS / EVENT PAVILION 1 2 3 4 5

PLAYGROUNDS 1 2 3 4 5

PAVED WALKING / BIKING PATHS 1 2 3 4 5

VOLLEYBALL COURT 1 2 3 4

OTHER (PLEASE LIST UNDER THE COMMENTS SECTION)

Q6. Which PARK do you think should receive the most attention from the Township over the next five years? 1 being your top choice 5 being least choice

BATTLE CREEK NATURAL AREA 1 2 3 4 5

HI PRAY PARK 1 2 3 4 5

LOSSIE ROAD TRAIL PARK 1 2 3 4 5

PETOBEGO PARK 1 2 3 4 5

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK 1 2 3 4 5

Q7. Counting yourself, how many people reside in your household.

1

2

3-4

4 or more

Q8. Please indicate the number persons with the following **Ages** within your household.

UNDER 5 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 5-9 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 10-19 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 20-34 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 35-64 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 65-74 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 75 YRS AND OLDER 1 2 3 4 5

Please comment on anything we have missed, or any thoughts you might have regarding Parks and Recreation facilities and or programs in Whitewater Township.

Please mail your completed survey to: **Whitewater Township**

PO Box 159

Williamsburg MI 49690

You May also drop your survey off at the: **Township Wall Drop Box**

5777 Vinton Road

Williamsburg MI 49690

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MEMO

TO: Whitewater Township Board

FROM: Melissa Melton

DATE: May 21, 2025

RE: Whitewater Township Recreation Plan update 2025

BACKGROUND: Whitewater Township's Recreation Plan is an essential part in the delivery of recreation and leisure services for the community. The current five-year Recreation Plan is set to expire at the end of the 2025 calendar year. The Parks and Recreation Committee will begin the update of the plan with the goal of having it ready for Board approval in January of 2026.

IMPLICATIONS: PRAC has determined that existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan does not need to be re-written in its entirety but rather update to address how the community has changed since 2020 and or how recreation needs have changed.

Assessing community needs will come primarily from a newly created community attitude and interest survey. The current thought is to have that survey available prior to the beginning of the summer season. The survey could be included with the summer tax bill. Residents could pick up a survey at the Township Hall with proof of residency. All surveys would be hand coded to prevent duplicate surveys from the same legal residence. Completed surveys would be mailed back to the township offices or dropped off in the drop-off box at the Town Hall.

The survey would be written in such a way that respondents would rank their preferences and those responses would be tracked and analyzed accordingly. This level of detail, would require an outside survey analyst.

Text narrative would be generated by PRAC members along with graphic imagery. Grand Traverse County GIS would be utilized to update community mapping. The final document would be formatted by an outside graphic individual.

ADA facilities assessment would be conducted by an outside organization. (*Disability Network Northern Michigan*)

The following is a list of tasks, potential costs:

Assume 2021-2025 Rec. Master Plan is on Word and available.

Edit 2020 document and add 2025 data	PRAC
Survey question writing 10- 15 questions	PRAC
Review survey questions outside consultant	\$ 150
Graphic design & format survey questions incl. printing cost.	\$ 300
Survey mailed with Summer Tax Bill	Clerk
Analyze survey results & graphic presentation	\$7500
Facility ADA assessment	\$900
Map updates 5 X \$38	\$200
Graphic design & doc. prep. 60hrs. X \$ 40	\$2400
Review document for missing information	\$300
Printing Doc. For public review 15 copies	\$684
Document update public & Board 4hrs. X \$ 40	<u>\$160</u>
	\$ 12,594

The following is a schedule to complete the tasks listed above prior to the DNR Deadline of 2026 submittal February 1,2026.

Review document to determine what needs updating and what is missing	May
Update missing data and information	May
Identify outside consultant for survey analysis	May June
Write survey questions	May June
Outside consultant review of survey questions	June
Revise survey question based on consultant comments	June
Print Survey	July
Site ADA assessment (Outside Consultant	July
Survey questions to residents in tax bill	July
Mail survey question or pickup Town Hall	July Aug
Residents respond to survey	September
Analyze survey response and prepare graphics (Outside Consultant)	September
Assemble rough draft document	September
Document to graphic designer	September
Draft Document to Board	October
Board approves preliminary Document	November
Public review and Comment	November December
Document update based on Board and Public Comment	December
Board Final Approval	January

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MEMO

TO: Board

FROM: Melissa Melton

DATE: May 21, 2025

RE: Whitewater Township 2025 PRAC Capital Improvements List

BACKGROUND: The Whitewater Township Parks and Recreation Committees capital improvement list of projects was generated from two sources:

1. Results and findings based on the 2020 Recreation Plan
2. Any new community capital needs identified after the adoption of the 2020 Rec. Plan. In some cases, these items might be a new project(s) or an existing capital asset in need of updating.

This list of capitals allows both PRAC and the Board to prioritize project based on community funding resources. In addition, the updating of the Recreation Plan scheduled to be completed later this year may or may not narrow the list based on the communities' current needs.

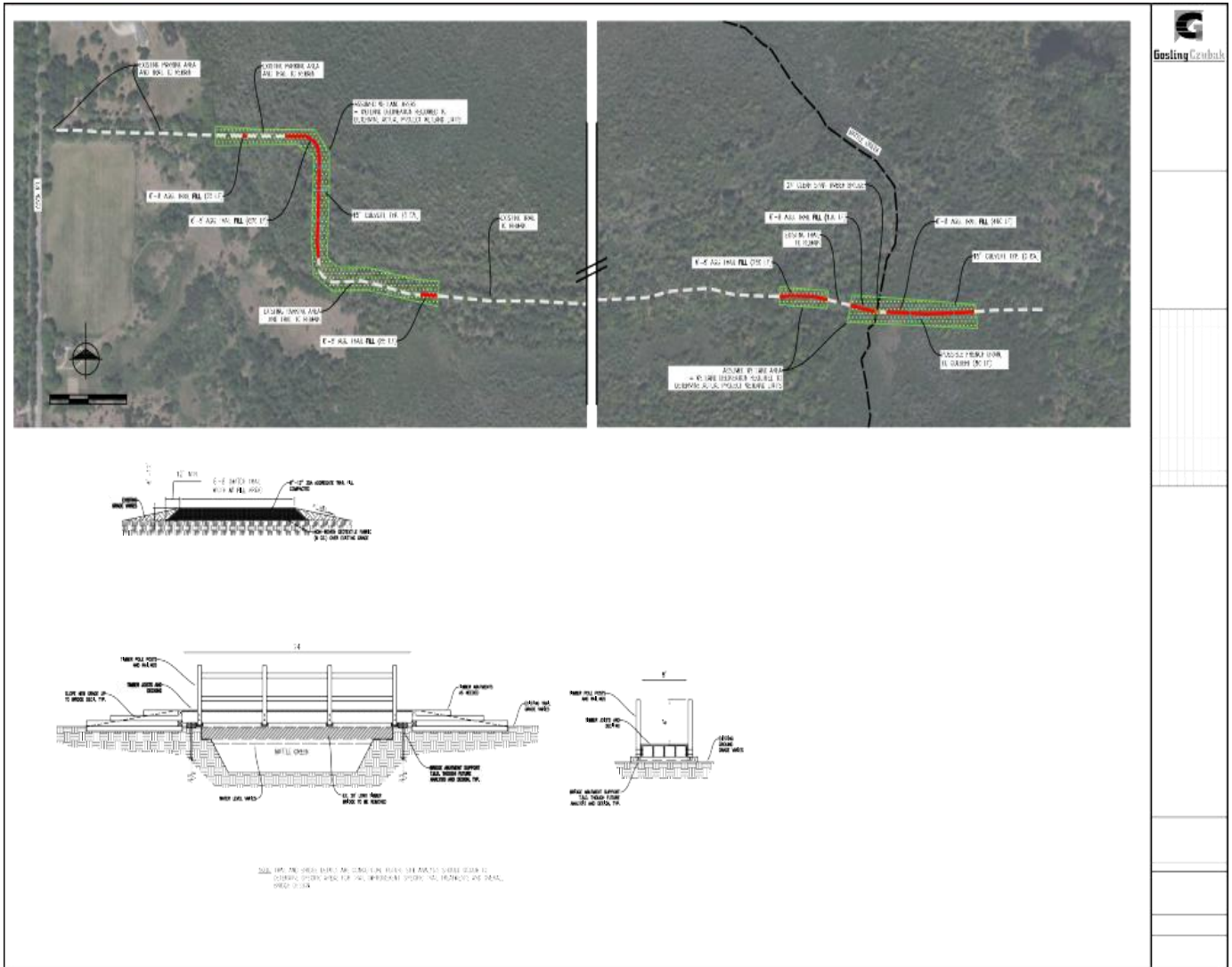
Given the Townships limited financial resources, individual capital projects will need to be combined into a larger site-specific project for the purposes of outside grant funding. Specific timing of grant applications for these site centered projects will be dependent on the local match resources available at any time. It is crucial that Whitewater Township maximize its own dollars with matching outside funding for the betterment of the citizens of the community

IMPLICATIONS: The following is the list of current PRAC projects in no given priority along with a five-year funding plan chart:

Lossie Road Trail Improvements: Improve the existing 1.75-mile walking trail between Cook Roads and Skegemog Point Road by filling in low wet spots with crushed stone on geotechnical fabric. Also replacing the existing single board bridge crossing over Battle Creek with a five-foot-wide bridge, installing bollards to prevent vehicles from accessing certain portions of the trial, upgrading the parking area on Cook Road to include handicap parking. See drawing below.

	<i>WW</i>	<i>Grant ARPA</i>
Feasibility Engineering	6,000	
Engineering C-Doc's, Bid Package, Construction Admin.		44,000
Erosion control		1,500
General Conditions / Mobilization		8,500
Construction Gravel in West end Wet areas		30,000
Remove and replace existing Foot Bridge		27,000
Culverts and drains		6,000

Grading and restoration	10,000
Bollards	10,000
	<u>137,000</u>
	12,800
	<u>149,800</u>
Parking engineering	14,000
Improve Cook Road Parking area to include one ADA	20,000
	183,800

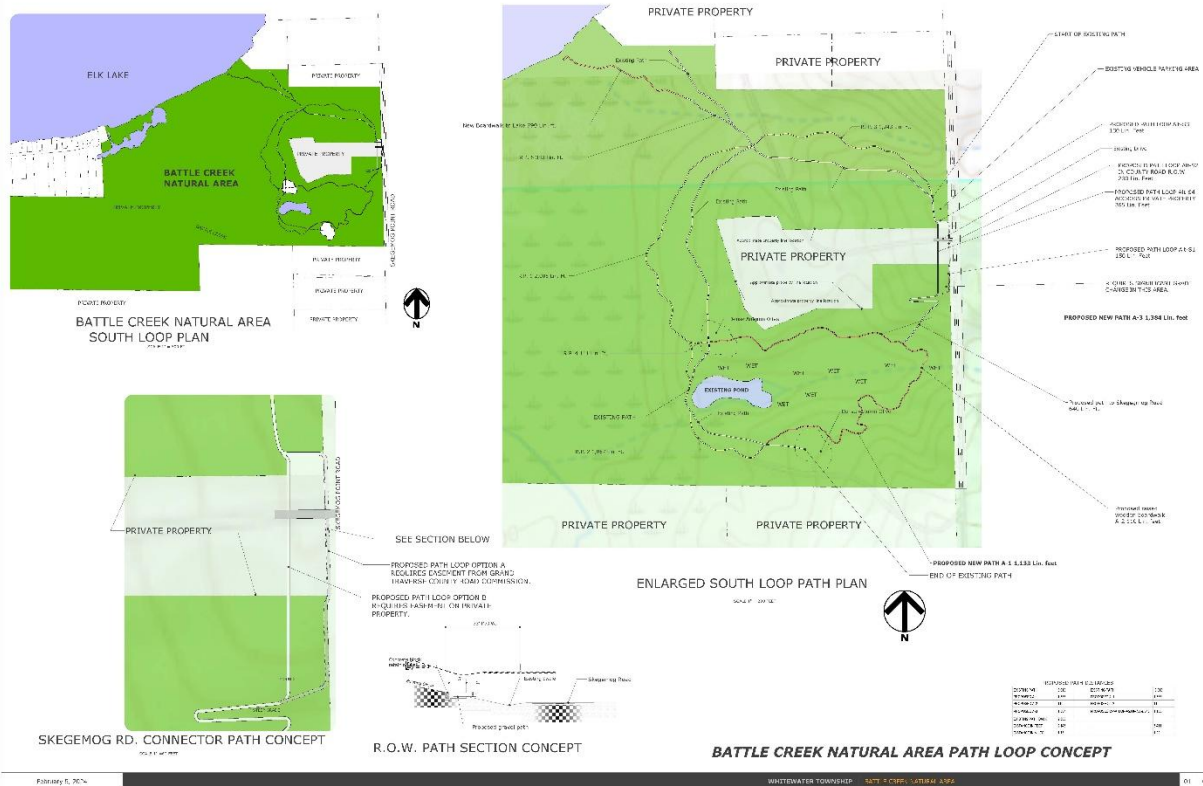


Battle Creek Natural Area Improvements: Battle Creek Natural which is located east of Skegemog Point Road. Currently the site has a path which runs from the existing parking area of Skegemog Point Road west and then south around a man-made pond on the southern side of the site. This path with a total length of 7/10 of a mile is covered with turf grass and varies in

width from five to twelve feet and ends in an open field. A secondary path comes from the previously described path at about the quarter mile mark and runs northwest 350+/- feet. This path is also covered in turf grass and dead ends at the edge of a wetland area. From a user perspective, it is not desirable to hike out to the end of a path and turn around and follow the same course back to the starting point. Whenever possible, loop paths should be considered. The only exception to this rule is when the path ends at a point of unique interest such as a lake or overlook.

The existing paths in Battle Creek Natural area are most likely remnants of access ways or drives created by previous landowners. Their width and alignment do not allow for emersion into the natural areas of the site. Furthermore, the ongoing maintenance cost of the turfgrass does not add value to the hiking or walking experience. **Planned Improvements Phase 1:** Re-alignment of the existing path network into a more natural setting. This new path would be constructed to the latest path construction standards and require less yearly maintenance. Extend the existing path south of the pond back east to Skegemog Point Road and then north along the west side of the road. Getting back to Skegemog Road would require crossing a drainage swale and most likely require a bridge or boardwalk structure. Once on the north side of the drainage swale, a path would be constructed back west to a point where it intersects the existing path north of the existing pond. These path improvements would result in what is called a lollipop **configuration** which is more desirable than the current dead-end path. In addition to the above Options the existing parking area should be improved to include a van accessible drop off area and appropriate signage to comply with current ADA requirements. **Phase 2:** Construct a boardwalk from the existing trail to the shores of Elk. **Phase 3:** Construct a boardwalk from the existing pond to the Lossie Road Trail.

		<i>WWT</i>	<i>Grant</i>	
Engineering C-Doc's, Bid Package, Construction Admin.	20,000	20,000		
Erosion control	1,500	1,500		
General Conditions / Mobilization	10,000	10,000		
Tree Removal	22,000	22,000		
Re-Route existing trail into more natural setting	14,135	14,135		
Construct new Loop Trail South end	17,071	17,071		
Construct Boardwalk across low area and creek	27,500	12,500	15,000	
	<u>112,206</u>	<u>97,206</u>		
Two years inflation factor 2024 -2026 7%	7,854	7,854		
	<u>120,060</u>	<u>105,060</u>		
Contingency 10%	12,006	12,006		
	<u>132,066</u>	<u>117,066</u>	15000	132,066



Whitewater Campground Park This facility has the potential to be the Jewel of the Chain of Lakes Water Way with updates and or improvements to key park amenities. In addition to improving the camping experience for many out-of-towners these improvements would be available to residents and raise the sense of pride in the community. **List of improvements:** Improve the beach sand area, construct a new group pavilion, construct shade shelters for family gatherings, construct a park gathering place, construct a permanent toilet facility, make the beach and new structures ADA accessible, install new playground equipment for children 2-5 yrs. old, make the playground ADA accessible and CPSC compliant, construct a sand volleyball court, construct a new rangers station, upgrade the electrical services for camp sites, construct a primitive camp site area.

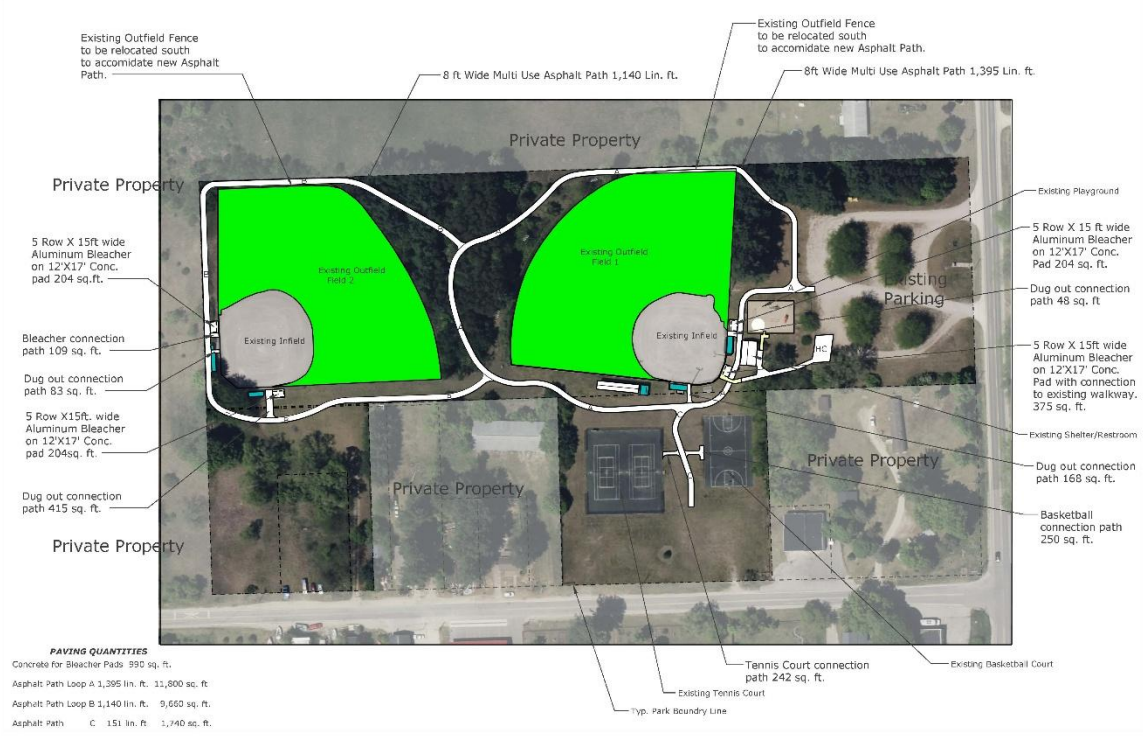
	WW	Grant
Feasibility Engineering	5,000	5,000
Engineering C-Doc's, Bid Package, Construction Admin.	50,000	50,000
Erosion control	4,000	4,000
General Conditions / Mobilization	15,000	15,000
Beach Grading	20,000	10,000
Picnic shelters 3-4	50,000	25,000
Large Picnic pavilion	110,000	40,000
Concrete walkways 400 X 5 ft 2,000sq. Ft X \$18	36,000	18,000

Stone Retaining wall on beach	30,000	15,000	15,000
Excavation for pathways and walks	24,000	12,000	12,000
Stone for asphalt pathway 80 cu yards X\$130	12,000		12,000
Asphalt surface 375 X 8ft wide 3,000 sq. ft 5.45 /sq/ft	17,000		17,000
Grading and restoration/ seeding	12,300		12,300
Native flower plantings	10,000	4,000	6,000
Sand Volleyball court	20,000	5,000	15,000
Ranger Station	25,000	10,000	15,000
Permanent Toilet facility boat launch	240,000	93,235	146,765
Primitive Camp site area	18,000	10,000	8,000
Camp site electrical upgrade	100,000	50,000	50,000
Misc. Amenities (wheel stops, Benches, P. tables & Benches	30,000	25,000	5,000
Playground improvements	93,000	46,500	46,500
	921,300		
Contingency 10%	92,130	87,980	4,150
	1,013,430	506,715	
State Grant			506715
Other Grants		-75,000	75,000
		431,715	581,715
			1,013,430



Hi Pray Park serves as the communities athletic facility. Lighted ballfields serve a regional area greater than the Whitewater Township Community. The benefits of this regional drawn allow locals to participate in team sports which would not be possible due to Whitewaters limited community size. **List of Improvements:** Construct a asphalt walking path, make the existing playground ADA accessible and CPSC compliant. Re-surface the existing tennis courts and basketball court. Note based on priority and available funding this re-coating may need to be done as a separate item sooner than later. The existing surfaces has reached its end life cycle with cracking that may affect play and or user safety.

		<i>WW</i>	<i>Grant</i>	
Feasibility Engineering	5,000	5,000		
Engineering C-Doc's, Bid Package, Construction Admin.	35,000	35,000		
Erosion control	4,500		4,500	
General Conditions / Mobilization	13,160		13,160	
Tree Removal Stump Grinding	18,000	18,000		
Move outfield Fence diamond one south 10-15ft	14,000	14,000		
Excavation	15,500		15,500	
Stone placement pathway	64,000	28,000	36,000	
Asphalt placement	43,000	8,000	35,000	
Grade restore and seed	14,000		14,000	
Playground ADA & CPSC	24,798	12,399	12,399	
Tennis B Ball Re-Surface	46,000	23,000	23,000	
	296,958			
Contingency 10%	29,695	19,928	9,767	
	<u>326,653</u>	<u>163,327</u>	<u>163,326</u>	326,653
Other Grants		<u>-30,000</u>		
		133,327		



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Section 1 The Whitewater Township Community description

Introduction

The Whitewater Township community recognizes the importance of investing in parks and recreation for the betterment of all its citizens. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by Whitewater Township provides a guide to recreational development for the next 5 years. This plan emphasizes property owned by the Township includes parks, natural areas, trails, and other recreational amenities located within its jurisdictional boundaries. The plan has been created with the understanding that protecting unspoiled rural character of the Township is as important as meeting the communities' needs for recreational facilities. All those involved with creation of this plan recognize its importance in obtaining future grant funding to assist with the advancement of recreational opportunities for the citizens of Whitewater Township, surrounding communities and visitors to the Grand Traverse Region.

Location

Whitewater Township is located in northeastern Grand Traverse County in the State of Michigan. The township totals 31,594 acres of which 49% is recreational land, and water comprises nearly 11% of the total. The land is primarily rural with agricultural, forest, residential and recreational areas. Commercial and industrial areas currently comprise a small portion of the Township along highway M-72. Whitewater Township is bordered on the west by Acme and East Bay Townships (Grand Traverse County), on the south by Union Township (Grand Traverse County), on the east by Clearwater and Kalkaska Townships (Kalkaska County), and on the north by Elk Rapids Township (Antrim County).

School children are served by the Elk Rapids School District located to the north in Antrim County. Mill Creek Elementary (part of Elk Rapids schools) is located with the township of Whitewater.

Insert WWT Boundary Map from WWT Master plan pg 27

Demographics

Community demographics provide insight and understanding of the people who call Whitewater Township home. While the following statistics provide only a generalized view of local residents, it helps provide more understanding of the community and potential preferences. To provide greater meaning to Whitewater Township statistics, comparisons to other areas are also provided to provide context and contrasts.

Insert Age Chart from WWT Master plan pg 28

Insert Income Chart from WWT Master plan pg 29

Insert Educational Attainment Chart from WWT Master plan pg 30

Insert Income Population projection Chart from WWT Master plan pg 55

General Landscape Character

Whitewater Township is unique because it offers a diverse landscape with man-made features built on natural terrain with lakes and streams. The land itself is the product of glacial activity. Geologists estimate that the last ice sheet receded from the area thousands of years ago, carving out the deep

lakes and leaving rolling hills and sandy soils. The topography of Whitewater Township is such that higher elevations are found to the south. Rainfall that does not soak into the ground or evaporates, flows into streams and creeks that flow into Lake Michigan. Streams and creeks generally carry water northward into Elk Lake (and ultimately into the East Grand Traverse Bay in Elk Rapids) or south to the Boardman River (and ultimately into the West Bay of Grand Traverse Bay near Downtown Traverse City).

Map 1 shows the topography of Whitewater Township. Darker shades illustrate higher elevations, while lighter ones show lower elevations. There is about 500 feet of elevation difference between the lowest areas and the highest areas.

Map 2 shows the watershed associated with the Boardman River in southern Whitewater Township. Water in the blue areas drains south, and west toward downtown Traverse City, where it empties into West Bay. The Boardman River is noteworthy because it is among Michigan's top ten trout streams. It is also designated as one of sixteen Natural River systems in Michigan. Natural River designation includes requirements for how land within the river corridor can be used.

Substantial efforts have been underway to remove dams and return the Boardman River to a more natural state. According to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, this dam removal project is the largest in Michigan's history and one of the most significant in the Great Lakes Basin. The benefits of dam removal and the return to natural conditions include restoring aquatic habitats and improved outdoor recreation opportunities.

The Township Landscape is broken down into five Regions

Breaking down Whitewater Township's diverse natural and man-made landscape reveals at least five distinctive and unique regions that look, feel, and function differently from others. These areas uniquely combine natural characteristics with the presence (or absence) of human activity. The following five regions of Whitewater Township are identified on **Map 3**. The realization that Whitewater Township is blessed with an abundance of natural landscape resources will play a significant role in future development decision making.

Inset Map 1 pg 34 WWT Master Plan

Inset Map 2 pg 35 WWT Master Plan

Inset Map 3 pg 36 WWT Master Plan

Region 1 – Northern Forests.

Generally, south of M-72, the landscape is heavily wooded, with trees extending across a gently rolling terrain. Tree species include northern hardwoods (maple, birch, oak, beech, etc.). Much of the land south of M-72 is part of the Pere Marquette State Forest, which extends throughout more than a dozen counties on the western side of Michigan's lower peninsula. Permanent and seasonal homes on larger lots, along with seasonal roads and recreational trails, are found throughout this region. Also, within the Pere Marquette State Forest and Whitewater Township, the Sand Lakes Quiet Area is a place where motorized activity is banned. This area is nearly 2,800 acres, and the terrain includes rolling hills and lakes. Walking trails extend more than seven miles, and places to camp are provided in this area. Outdoor activities include cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and wildlife watching.

Map 4 illustrates the extensive land holdings of the State of Michigan in Whitewater Township, depicted in a shade of green. Whitewater Township, encompassing 34,957.99 acres, is significantly impacted by state land holdings, which include 15,044.8 acres. This represents approximately 43% of Whitewater Township.

Insert map 4 from WWT Master Plan page 38

Region 4 – Extensive Wetlands.

Interspersed in the rural agricultural area and elsewhere are large tracts of land with ponds, standing water, and wetlands. Wetlands are valuable natural assets because they clean the water, recharge water supplies, reduce flood risks, and provide fish and wildlife habitats. State and federal laws require permits before dredging or placing fill material in wetlands, or construction activity in a regulated wetland. The presence of wetlands in and of itself is not unusual in the Midwest, but the amount of land locally identified as a wetland is. According to the National Wetlands Inventory, produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Whitewater Township has about 2,640 acres of wetlands (or about 7.5% of Whitewater Township). This is depicted in greater detail on **Map 5** (blue areas are wetlands). It should be noted that this map is intended to show the large areas of wetlands in the area and is not a substitute for site-specific wetlands studies to determine the boundaries of regulated wetlands for permitting requirements. One area of extensive wetlands in Whitewater Township is the Petobego Natural Area and another is south of Elk Lake and Miami Beach Road where Battle Creek empties into Elk Lake. Both of these areas are visible on **Map 5**.

Insert map 6 from WWT Master Plan pg. 41 & Make it “Map 5”

Floodplains

Related to the issue of wetlands is the matter of land subject to periodic flooding. The floodplain is the land next to a water body, such as a lake, river, stream, or creek that is subject to flooding when significant rain events combine with other conditions to force water above normal levels. Floodplains have been mapped nationally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are associated with a 100-year flood event. In other words, land included in the 100-year flood plain has a one percent chance of flooding in any given year. The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance. In return, communities agree to adopt and implement local floodplain management regulations that contribute to protecting lives and reduce the risk of new construction and substantial improvements from future flooding. The recently completed 2022 Grand Traverse County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan contains important floodplain-related information for all of Grand Traverse County. From a land use perspective, the identification of 100-year floodplain boundaries helps understand general limitations on future development. The 100-year floodplain boundaries are depicted in greater detail on **Map 6**. This map is provided for general reference only and is based on the new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that became effective in April 2023. However, any questions about whether a particular property is in the regulatory flood plain should be made using actual FIRM maps by qualified individuals. It should also be understood that while flooding potential is an obvious and important limitation for how land can be used and built upon, land in the 100-year floodplain can be developed provided flood mitigation measures are met and compensated for. Whitewater Township is participating in the NFIP (pursuant to General Ordinance 53) and has an agreement with Grand Traverse County to enforce all Floodplain Management elements as FEMA requires. Grand Traverse County acts through its County Construction Code Office.

Insert map 7 from WWT Master Plan pg. 43 & Make it “Map 6”

Trails

One significant trail in Whitewater Township is the Iron Belle Trail which connects Belle Isle (in the Detroit River near Downtown) to Ironwood Michigan in the western Upper Peninsula. The Iron Belle Trail is 2,000 miles long and it crisscrosses more than half of Michigan's counties along two distinct hiking and biking routes. The biking route utilizes many of the state's existing bike paths, bike lanes and designated biking routes as it travels up the east side of the state. The hiking route (which goes through Whitewater Township) utilizes sidewalks, trails, and the 1,000-mile plus North Country National Scenic Trail traveling up the west side of the Lower Peninsula. The trail is still under development and is more than two-thirds complete. When done, it will be the longest state-designated trail in the nation. The west leg of the Iron Belle Trail travels through southern Whitewater Township. An illustration of all trails in Whitewater Township is provided on **Map 7**. It should also be noted that TART (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc.) is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The mission of this organization is to provide and promote a trail network that enriches people and communities throughout the greater Grand Traverse region. The TART Trail network is within and near Whitewater Township. The Boardman/Ottaway River Trail is a 24-mile trail that crosses Supply Road west of Williamsburg Road. TART has many active trail development projects in and around the region. Another significant trail project in the area that is now underway is the Nakwema Trailway. When complete, this project will close a 45-mile gap between Charlevoix and the TART Trails' networks in Acme. This project begins near the Deepwater Point Natural Area/Acme Bayside Park and continues north along US 31 through Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood, and Charlevoix

Insert map 7 from WWT Master Plan pg. 43 & Make it “Map 6”

Bike Route

Just to the west of Whitewater Township is U.S. Bicycle Route 35. U.S. Bicycle Route 35 is a 500-mile route that runs from Indiana through Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, generally follows the Lake Michigan shoreline and through the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Insert map 9 from WWT Master Plan pg. 47 & Make it “Map 7”

Off-Road Vehicles and Snowmobiles

Northern Michigan is a popular destination for people who wish to ride off -road vehicles (ORVs). Clubs and organizations exist to promote this activity. The State of Michigan has more than 4,000 miles of ORV routes on public land. A portion of this network is included in Whitewater Township (just north of Sand Lakes Road in the southern part of the township). This network is shown on the following map titled Traverse City ORV Route, and ORVs of all sizes are permitted on this system with an ORV license and trail permit. The Traverse City ORV route creates a loop extending from Kalkaska to points southwest toward East Bay Township and Paradise Township, **Map 8**. Another category of recreational travel involves snowmobiles. Snowmobiles are allowed to operate in the right-of-way of a public highway if operated at the extreme right of the open portion of the right-of-way and with the traffic flow on the road. Snowmobiles also have access to a network of trails throughout Michigan with a certificate of registration, registration decals, and a trail permit sticker. As shown, the Grand Traverse Area Snowmobile Club (part of the Michigan Snowmobile & ORV Association) has developed a trail route that connects the Kalkaska area with areas south of Traverse City and extends well south of Fife Lake, **Map 9**.

Insert ORV Route map from WWT Master Plan pg. 41 & Make it “Map 8”

Insert Snowmobile Map from WWT Master Plan pg. 52 & Make it “Map 9”

Boating and Water Sports Recreation

Boat traffic can travel from Baggs Landing on Lake Skegemog or from Whitewater Township Park on Elk Lake to Elk Rapids or through the Torch River into Torch Lake. This water tributary offers inlet into the Northwest Michigan Chain O Lakes system, a system that consists of 14 lakes and is over 75 miles long. There is also access through designated locations within township parks to the Chain of Lakes Water Trail hosted by Paddle Antrim.

Insert Chain of lakes water trail Map from Paddle Antrim and make it “Map 10”

Natural Resources

The biggest attraction to the Grand Traverse region is the natural resources of the area including Grand Traverse Bay, many inland lakes, rivers, streams and forested areas and extensive state forest land. The Township has several inland lakes including Elk and Skegemog Lakes, which are the largest. Others include Island Lake, Truax Lake, the five Sand Lakes, Twin Lakes, Bullhead Lake, Roots Lake, Dollar Lake and Strombolis Lake. The North Branch of the Boardman River flows through the southeast portion of the Township. Major creeks flowing through the Township include Williamsburg Creek, Battle Creek, Tobeco Creek, Mabel Creek and Bissel Creek.

Fish and Wildlife Resources

Fishing has always been popular in the area and the lakes offer both warm and cold-water species. Many types of trout including brown, brook, rainbow and lake trout, along with Atlantic salmon, are found in the Elk, Skegemog and Torch chain of lakes and connecting streams. Many types of panfish are present in area lakes along with walleye, bass, pike and muskellunge. Wildlife of many types are found in this area including whitetail deer, black bear, porcupines, bobcats, fox, coyotes, skunks, rabbits, opossum, weasel, mink, muskrat, beaver, otter, badgers, woodchuck, woodcock, grouse, wild turkeys and squirrels. Ducks, geese, swans, loons and other waterfowl abound in the area lakes, and many types of song birds and birds of prey including Bald Eagles and Osprey are seen in the area.

Climate

Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay have a moderating effect on the weather with cooler summers and warmer winters near the Bay. Increased snow, or lake effect, is also prevalent in the township because of close proximity to Lake Michigan. The difference in weather conditions from season to season contributes to the enjoyment of diverse recreational activities in all four seasons. As Stuarts of the land we recognize that climate change is “real”. How that change affects what we do in the future in the delivery of recreational services will need to be addressed sooner than later.

Rural Character

As the Township plans recreational opportunities that will meet the needs of the community, the Township recognizes that protecting and preserving the rural character of our parks and their natural resources is an integral part of the recreational planning process.

Develop chart of all past grant funding awards and insert here

Section 2 Administrative Governance Structure

Current Funding Sources

The parks and recreation function in Whitewater Township is divided financially into a Park Fund budget and a Recreation Fund budget. The Park Fund budget is for operations, maintenance and capital improvements at Whitewater Township Park. Revenues for this fund come exclusively from user fees and items sold. Transfers can be made from the Township General Fund, if necessary. Grant funding has been another source of revenue from time to time. The Recreation Fund budget is for operations, maintenance and capital improvements for all other parks and recreation facilities in the Township. Revenues for this fund come primarily from the General Fund. There is minimal revenue from fees. Grant funding has been another source of revenue from time to time.

Create Recreation Fund chart with the past five years of revenue and expenditures

Staff Description and Organizational Chart

The Whitewater Township Board is responsible for parks and recreation planning and program implementation. The five-member elected Township Board consists of the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees. The Township Board meets in regular monthly sessions and schedules special meetings as necessary.

In 2012, Ordinance No. 48 was adopted by the Whitewater Township Board. In Section II, Purpose, it states “An Ordinance to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) for the Township of Whitewater for the purpose of preparing, reviewing and updating a Recreation Plan for the Township Parks and Recreation areas as a guide for recreational development within the Township for consideration by the Township Board. Further, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall recommend recreation programs, acquisitions and improvements to the Township Board as well as other duties that the Township Board may assign. In 2025 the Board assigned the Township treasurer to be the Board liaison between PRAC and the Board.

Develop an organizational chart of Board / Employees / Volunteers

Relationships with Other Agencies

Whitewater Township recognizes and works with other agencies that are involved in recreation and water quality. These agencies include: The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Acme Township, Milton and Clearwater Townships, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, TART Trails, Michigan DNR, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), Conservation Resource Alliance, Elk-

Skegemog Lakes Association, Paddle Antrim, Rotary Good Works, and Elk Rapids Youth Baseball.

Parks and Recreation Mission and Goals

- To protect and preserve Whitewater Township parks and recreational areas for all future generations of residents, the cleanliness and purity of its water, land and air; and to maintain, as much as possible, the unspoiled rural characteristics of township parks, including their forests, wetlands, water bodies, panoramic views, ridge lines, wildlife habitat and other landscape features. To protect historically, archaeologically and `
- To protect the township's natural resources through cooperation with various environmental organizations that are active in the area.
- To meet the community need for recreational facilities including parks, playing fields and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state.
- Provide safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Whitewater Township.
- Continue to improve and upgrade Whitewater Township recreational facilities so as to offer community parks that residents can be proud of.
- Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The Township will continue to provide spaces for all residents to enjoy the natural environment through the provision of open and easily accessed areas. Plan for a variety of recreational needs and preferences, and develop recreational opportunities for all residents, including complying with physical needs-based recreational standards.
- Provide Park and recreation facilities to help improve the health and fitness of Whitewater Township residents.
- All Whitewater Township owned property, and parks will be consistently and continuously maintained to ensure enjoyable user experiences for all, with improvements and updates being regularly assessed. Support and maintain existing Township recreation lands and facilities and explore future opportunities for waterfront access and utilization in the Township, as funding becomes available.

- Develop systems to meet future recreational needs of the Township.
- To continually improve the quality of and the opportunities for recreation in Whitewater Township by reassessing community recreation needs, trends and characteristics.

Section #3 Park Facilities and Inventory

Park Facilities owned and operated by Whitewater Township

Develop map showing all WWT Parks

Accessibility Assessment

The decision makers and planners of Whitewater Township recognize that it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these facilities and any programs provided. Each of the five park properties owned by Whitewater Township was evaluated for its current level of accessibility. This evaluation was done by an independent organization (Disabilities Network of Northern Michigan) in the summer of 2025. Each of the five parks owned by Whitewater Township was evaluated on a scale of 1-5. *See table below*

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of these facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

Park Facilities owned and operated by Whitewater Township Inventory

During the Spring of 2025, Township staff and PRAC members conducted a detailed inventory of the Park facilities owned and operated by the Township. This inventory also included an evaluation of all amenity conditions at the time of inspection. The following is a table of parks and associated amenities.

Whitewater Township Park

Location: Whitewater Township Park (WTP) is located on Park Road east of Elk Lake Road in section 15 of T28N, R9W. This is in the north central portion of the township on the west shore of Elk Lake near the south end of the lake.

Size: 117 acres.



Physical Features: Whitewater Township Park is a rolling parcel on the banks of Elk Lake that has a mixed vegetation cover with red pine plantation plantings, re-growth mixed forest, open area with scrub vegetation and turf areas. It is the only public campground and boat launch on Elk Lake in Grand Traverse County.

Activities: Camping, boating, fishing, playgrounds, picnicking, pavilion rental for group events, swimming, volleyball, hiking, cross country skiing, nature observation, trailhead to access Chain of Lakes Water Trail (www.paddleantrim.com/chain-of-lakes-water-trail/). (See Appendix K. for Whitewater Township Park Trail Map.)

Overall Accessibility Score: ??????

Whitewater Park Facility and Amenity Inventory

Amenity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Main Access Road				
Parking Lot				
Park Greater Building				
Waste Dump Area				
Camping Restroom				
Playground				
Viewing Deck				
Stairs down to Lake				
Camping area drives				
Camp Sites				
Wooden bridge				
Electrical hook-up boxes				
Boat launch pad				
Boat launch Docks				
Boat launch Restrooms				
Beach				
Vehicle Barricades				
Benches				
Picnic Tables				
Park signage				
Entry Sign				
Trash Receptacle				

Battle Creek Natural Area Park

Skegemog Point Road



The Battle Creek Natural Area is located at the south end of Elk Lake and includes 255 acres with approximately 2300 feet of lake frontage. The property lies 3.5 miles northeast of Williamsburg on the west side of Skegemog Point Road about one mile north of M-72. The Lossie Road Nature Trail crosses the south end of the property

providing two points of public access in addition to the main entrance located on Skegemog Point Road. The creek contributes approximately six billion gallons of clean water to Elk Lake and is especially important to water quality because of the size and quality of the wetland complex surrounding it. The wetlands are a valuable asset in the Elk Lake watershed and contributed to the naming of Battle Creek as a DNR-designated trout stream. Exceptional habitat and wildlife viewing opportunities are found throughout the Natural Area. Raptors, neo-tropical migrating songbirds, and a variety of waterfowl make use of the habitat provided by the creek and the large pond at the south end of Elk Lake.



These winter yards provide critical thermal protection, food and cover for white-tailed deer during winters.

Size: 255.12 acres

Physical Features: The Battle Creek Natural Area includes a variety of diverse habitats and vast ecological systems. Battle Creek is a designated trout stream and one of the largest tributaries of Elk Lake. There is a footbridge

spanning the creek along Lossie Road Nature Trail to provide safe crossing of the creek. Battle Creek widens into a large pond prior to flowing into Elk Lake and provides rich habitat and breeding grounds for a wide variety of wildlife including fish, waterfowl, amphibians, and reptiles. Huebner Pond and Dam is located in the southeast portion of the property on a tributary of Battle Creek and provides scenic viewing. Other features include wetlands, a red pine plantation, upland forest and approximately one-half mile of frontage on Elk Lake. This is one of the longest undeveloped shorelines remaining on Elk Lake. The shoreline is low, forested and offers expansive views. *(See Appendix O for Battle Creek Natural Area Boundary Map)*

Overall Accessibility Score: ???

Battle Creek Facility and Amenity Inventory

Amenity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Access Road				

Parking lot				
Natural Trail				
Benches				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				
Entry Sign				
Park signage				

Petobego Natural Area Park

Angelle Road

Location: The property is located in the northwest corner of T28N, R9W, sections 8 and 17, in Whitewater Township. Access is on Angell Road west of Elk Lake Road. The property is adjacent to existing state-owned lands contained in the Petobego State Game Area and portions are within the State Game Area boundary.

Size: 250 acres.

Physical Features: There are several ecological communities critical to the preservation of the natural, scenic and recreational resources of Tobeco Creek watershed within the area. Tobeco Creek flows through the property northward into the Petobego State Game Area which includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond. There is approximately 7,500 feet of Tobeco Creek frontage, riparian wetlands, and uplands on both banks of Tobeco Creek. There is a wide diversity of wetland types which include emergent marsh, cedar swamp, and northern shrub thicket which host a variety of important wetland dependent plants and animal species. Forested wetland areas provide necessary thermal cover for white-tailed deer. The adjacent upland slopes and grasslands provide habitat for nesting waterfowl, neo-tropical passerine birds, upland game and non-game species.

Accessibility Score: ??????

**Petobego Natural Area Facility and
Amentitiy Inventory**

Amentity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Parking lot				
Natural Trail				
Benches				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				
Entry Sign				
Park signage				

Hi Pray Park

Elk Lake Road and Old 72 Road

Size: 12 acres.

Physical Features: “Hi” Pray Park is primarily a flat parcel with turf areas and a wooded area that is predominately pine.

Accessibility Score: **?????**

**Hi Pray Park Facility and Amenity
Inventory**

Type	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Elk Lake Rd Parking				
Park Sign Elk Lake Rd.				
Shelter / Restroom				
Playground				
Ballfield East Turf				
Ballfield East Infield				
Ballfield East Fencing				
Ballfield East Dugouts				
Ballfield East Bleachers				

Ballfield West Turf				
Ballfield West Infield				
Ballfield West Fencing				
Ballfield West Dugouts				
Ballfield West Bleachers				
Basketball Court				
Tennis Courts				
Batting Cage				
Park Fencing				
Park Signage				
Park Benches				
Picnic Tables				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				

Lossie Road Trail Park

Between Skegemog Point Road & Cook Road

Size **????**

Location: Lossie Road Nature Trail begins at Cook Road where a stone marker has been placed honoring Edra “Mickey” Galligan, township supervisor 1985 to 1992, for her diligent efforts in acquiring Lossie Road Nature Trail from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission in 1992. The trail is a short distance south of the southwest corner of Elk Lake and continues east and slightly south to Skegemog Point Road. Physical Features: Lossie Road Nature Trail is a narrow linear park bordering a mixture of wooded and open areas.



Trail length: Approximately 3 miles one way.

Overall Accessibility Score:

***Lossie Road Trail Facility and Amentitiy
Inventory***

Amenity	Quantity	Condition	Access	Notes/ Suggested Action
Parking lot				
Natural Trail				
Benches				
Trash Receptacle				
Vehicle Barricades				
Entry Sign				
Park signage				
Foot Bridge				

Parks and Natural Areas within Whitewater Township but not under control of the Township.

Petobego Natural Area

Location: The property is located in the northwest corner of T28N, R9W, sections 8 and 17, in Whitewater Township. Access is on Angell Road west of Elk Lake Road. The property is adjacent to existing state-owned lands contained in the Petobego State Game Area and portions are within the State Game Area boundary.

Size: 250 acres.

Physical Features: There are several ecological communities critical to the preservation of the natural, scenic and recreational resources of Tobeco Creek watershed within the area. Tobeco Creek flows through the property northward into the Petobego State Game Area which includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond. There is approximately 7,500 feet of Tobeco Creek frontage, riparian wetlands, and uplands on both banks of Tobeco Creek. There is a wide diversity of wetland types which include emergent marsh, cedar swamp, and northern shrub thicket which host a variety of important wetland dependent plant and animal species. Forested wetland areas provide necessary thermal cover for white-tailed deer. The adjacent upland slopes and grasslands provide habitat for nesting waterfowl, neo-tropical passerine birds, upland game and non-game species.

Petobego State Game Area

A portion of the state-owned land that makes up the Petobego State Game Area is in Whitewater Township and is adjacent to the north boundary of the Petobego Natural Area. Tobeco Creek flows northward from the Natural Area into the State Game Area that includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond (both of which are of state-wide significance as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory), eventually emptying into Grand Traverse Bay.

Sand Lakes Quiet Area

Sand Lakes Quiet Area is a large natural area owned by the State of Michigan featuring five small lakes accessible by trail only. Several miles of nature trails traverse through the

roughly 2,000 acre parcel. The area is used extensively for hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, camping and nature viewing. With the interior of the Quiet Area closed to motor vehicles, a parking lot is located at the entrance for visitors. Vault toilets are available for park users.

Pere Marquette State Forest

Approximately 13-14,000 acres of forested land, lakes, rivers and streams, including the North Branch of the Boardman River, are available for hiking, fishing, hunting, nature viewing, and canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Shore to Shore Trail

This trail, used for horseback riding and hiking, runs from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron and passes through the southern end of the Township. It is a primitive trail with no facilities or accommodations.

VASA Trail

A portion of the VASA hiking, biking and skiing trail and the mountain biking annex passes through a small portion of the Township.

Baggs Landing Boat Ramp

A State of Michigan owned facility with concrete launching ramp and parking lot on Skegemog Lake. Vault toilets are located near the facility.

Samels Centennial Farm

The Samels Centennial Farm is a 64 acre parcel located on Skegemog Point Road and bordering Skegemog Lake on the east. On the National Register of Historic Places, the site has yielded artifacts of many Indian cultures, some dating back to 9,000 BC. The family has entered into a trust agreement with the Archaeology Conservancy to preserve the entire farm, including the archaeological sites. A local group, the Samels Family Heritage Society,

Section #4 Citizen Engagement & Planning

The Whitewater Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting agenda and packets are posted on the Township website. Meetings are open to the public with recorded meeting minutes.

During the spring and summer of 2025, an Attitude and interest survey was open for the public. The survey was advertised on the Township website, flyers were handed out at the annual yard waste removal dump site and advertised in the local newspaper. The survey itself was available online on the Townships website. Hard copies were available during business hours to be picked-up at the Township Hall and if requested were mailed to interested residents.

The Township received **????** survey responses. Responses provided valuable feedback regarding current and future facilities interest. In addition to specific questions on the survey, residents were given space to provide additional comments an any requestion topic. A copy of the survey and results and those additional comments can be found in the appendix of this plan.

Parks and Recreation Attitude and Interest Survey Questions

Q1. Have you or any members of your household visited any Whitewater Township Parks during the past 24 months?

YES

NO Please proceed with question Q-2

Q1a. If yes to question Q-1, Which Park does someone in your family frequent the most and how often? (Check only one at each Park Location)

BATTLE CREEK NATURAL AREA

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

HI PRAY PARK

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

LOSSIE ROAD TRAIL PARK

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

PETOBEGO PARK

A few times a month

Once a month

Several times a year

Never

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK

A few times a month

- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Never

Q2. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Whitewater township?

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- POOR

Q3. Please select all the recreational activities you or someone in your household enjoy doing.

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Camping
- Golfing
- Fishing (including Ice)
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Horse Riding
- ORV / ATV
- Paddle Water Sports (Kayak canoe)
- Paddle Sports (Tennis Pickleball)
- Picnic / BBQ
- Skiing Downhill
- Skiing Cross Country
- Skating Ice
- Snowmobile riding
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming
- Walking / Jogging / Running

Wildlife observation

OTHER (PLEASE LIST UNDER THE COMMENTS SECTION)

Q4. Please indicate park facilities outside of Whitewater that you or someone in your family turns to meet your recreational needs. Choose more than one if it applies

- Acme Township
- Clearwater Township
- Elk Rapids Township
- Elk Rapids Village of
- Eastbay Township
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation
- State Parks
- Traverse City Parks and Recreation
- Other _____

Q5. Please **RATE** if YOU or any member of your HOUSEHOLD has a need for each of the parks and recreational facilities listed below. 1 being your top choice / 5 being not at all

- ATHLETIC FIELDS (SOCCER, FOOTBALL etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
- BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELDS 1 2 3 4 5
- DISC GOLF 1 2 3 4 5
- FISHING DOCK / PIER 1 2 3 4 5
- IMPROVED NATURE TRAILS 1 2 3 4 5
- LAKE ACCESS SWIMMING /BEACH 1 2 3 4 5
- IMPROVED NATURE TRAILS 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS 1 2 3 4 5
- OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL COURTS 1 2 3 4 5
- PICNIC SHELTERS / EVENT PAVILION 1 2 3 4 5
- PLAYGROUNDS 1 2 3 4 5
- PAVED WALKING / BIKING PATHS 1 2 3 4 5
- VOLLEYBALL COURT 1 2 3 4

OTHER (PLEASE LIST UNDER THE COMMENTS SECTION)

Q6. Which PARK do you think should receive the most attention from the Township over the next five years? 1 being your top choice 5 being least choice

BATTLE CREEK NATURAL AREA 1 2 3 4 5

HI PRAY PARK 1 2 3 4 5

LOSSIE ROAD TRAIL PARK 1 2 3 4 5

PETOBEGO PARK 1 2 3 4 5

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK 1 2 3 4 5

Q7. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

1

2

3-4

4 or more

Q8. Please indicate the number persons with the following **Ages** within your household.

UNDER 5 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 5-9 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 10-19 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 20-34 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 35-64 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 65-74 YRS 1 2 3 4 5

AGES 75 YRS AND OLDER 1 2 3 4 5

Please comment on anything we have missed, or you have thoughts regarding Parks and Recreation in Whitewater Township.

Survey question analysis in the form of graphical representation

Usage

Any Whitewater township park?

How often?

Park amenities are most often used

Other Parks usage

Other Park facilities outside of Whitewater Township

Why other Parks

What activities or amenities should Whitewater Township plan for or develop

Survey question analysis in numerical form

Usage

Any Whitewater township park?

How often?

Park amenities are most often used

Other Parks usage

Other Park facilities outside of Whitewater Township

Why other Parks

What activities or amenities should Whitewater Township plan for or develop

Listed Survey Other Comments

Develop

Section #5 Goals & Objectives

Develop

Section #6 Action Plan

Develop

Appendix

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Hi-Pray Park Cleanup!



**Hot Dogs for
volunteers at
lunchtime!**

We need your help!

Join us on **May 31st, Any timeframe
between 9 A.M.-2 P.M.** at the
Hi-Pray Park, Williamsburg MI for

BALL FIELD UPGRADES & PARK CLEANUP

Adults bring rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.

Contact Melissa Melton with any questions
Email: mammelton@gmail.com