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**INTRODUCTION**

Bedford Township began updating its Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2017 to identify the parks and recreation needs of the community through the year 2022. This update builds on the ideas set forth in the previous plans, makes recommendations for meeting the community's future recreation needs and presents an implementation strategy for the Township's parks and recreation system improvement.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for the Township's parks system. It provides the Township with a roadmap and a guide to develop the parks through 2022 and beyond. It is also intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to remain eligible for grant programs.

**PLANNING PROCESS**

The process used to generate the plan consisted of three major phases which are described below.

1. **Where are we now?** This phase involved a review of demographics and the planning context to provide a foundation for the planning process. In this phase, Township parks and facilities were inventoried and mapped to document existing resources and begin to assess their conditions. The information is organized into three main categories: community description, administrative structure and parks inventory.

2. **Where do we want to be?** The second phase in the planning process consisted of an analysis of the Township's parks system to determine deficiencies and needs. A variety of public engagement efforts were initiated to solicit ideas and suggestions from the community about their recreation preferences. Public participation was sought through an online questionnaire and a public meeting. Input was also solicited from Township officials and staff.

3. **How do we get there?** Once needs were identified, the final phase involved developing an action plan to support the community's vision for the parks system and provide for park planning and development projects. Recommended projects were summarized in a capital improvement plan, accompanied by a financing strategy for implementation. This phase also included preparation of a full draft of the Plan, which was presented to the Park Commission as well as the public for review and comment prior to adoption.
The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) suggested format

**Figure 1. Planning Process**

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| How do we get there? | Master Plan |

**PLAN ORGANIZATION**

The Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan follows the format suggested by the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (2012). It begins with a description of the **Planning Process** which was used to develop the plan. The plan then presents a **Community Description**, providing information on both the social and physical characteristics of the community. The Township **Administrative Structure** is next described, including information on budget and funding. A detailed inventory of **Existing Parks** follows this section and describes the existing recreational facilities located in and around Bedford. The **Needs Assessment** section presents the basis for action including park land comparison, park condition, recreation trends and input received from Township officials, staff and residents, which helped in formulating the plan’s **Goals and Objectives**. The **Action Program** then provides an action plan and strategies for implementation. Finally, the **Supporting Documents** include the resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by the Bedford Township Board of Trustees.
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Bedford Township is a community located in south central Monroe County, Michigan, immediately north of the Ohio border. It is sometimes referred to as Toledo’s largest suburb. However, it is part of both the southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio region, a region that is characterized by the Great Lakes, the transportation industry, agricultural production and small towns. It includes the unincorporated communities of Temperance, Lambertville and Samaria.

REGIONAL SETTING

Bedford Township covers a total area of approximately 25,130 acres and 39 square miles. It is bordered by Whiteford Township to the west, Ida Township to the north, Erie Township to the east and by Toledo, Ohio to the south. Figure 2 below illustrates the geographic location of Bedford Township in relation to surrounding areas. Bedford Township lies within the urban growth corridor which extends from Detroit to Toledo. It is considered part of the Toledo metropolitan area and experiences its greatest urbanization pressure from the Toledo area.

Figure 2. Regional Setting

The 2010 Census identified the mean travel time to work for Bedford residents at 24 minutes, with over 55 percent of residents commuting to Ohio for work, 32 percent to Monroe County locations or in Bedford and 13 percent to Ann Arbor, Detroit, or other areas.
POPULATION, DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

An understanding of the community being planned for, its demographics and the resources it has to offer, is the foundation of a well-designed Master Plan. Understanding the current demographics of Bedford will help community officials better understand their constituents and help guide future changes.

Population Trends and Projections

Bedford has experienced steady growth from 7,918 in 1950 people to the 2010 population of 31,085, giving Bedford the largest growth of any community in Monroe County (Figure 3). The 2010 population was 31,085, an increase of 8.7 percent since 2000.

Population Comparisons

Between 2000 and 2010, Bedford has increased in population by 2,479 residents or 8.7 percent. This rate of residential growth far exceeded the Southeast Michigan rate of residential decline of 2.7 percent. Similar communities in proximity to Bedford Township mostly witnessed population increases. In Monroe County, Frenchtown Township lost population (1.7%) in the last decade while Monroe Township gained 8 percent. In Lucas County, Ohio, both Sylvania (8.5%) and Springfield (13.3%) Townships gained population.

Figure 3. Population, 1950 - 2010

Figure 4. Population Comparison of Selected Communities, 2000 - 2010
Population Projection

Population projections developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimate steady growth for the Bedford area, with a 16.3 percent increase in population between 2010 and 2040 (Figure 5). By 2040, Bedford Township is projected to have an additional 5,096 residents – giving Bedford the largest growth of any community in Monroe County.

Population Distribution

The population distribution maps of Bedford Township reveal that the largest population densities are located in the southern portions of the Township. The areas in the northern portions of the Township are more rural and contain much smaller populations. The east and west portions of the Township contain similar portions of the population.

Source: U.S. Census, Census 2010
Age

One of the most significant demographic changes in Bedford Township as well as in Monroe County and the southeast Michigan region as a whole over the next 30 years will be the change in age composition with the aging of the population. In 2000, 10.9 percent (3,114 persons) of Bedford Township residents were age 65 or better. By 2010, this number had increased to 14.9 percent (4,643 persons). By 2040, it is expected that 27.4 percent (9,902 persons) of the population will be in this age category, an increase of almost 113.3 percent (5,249 persons).

The large growth of older persons will have an impact on housing, employment, education, public services, health care, transportation and many other aspects of society which affect parks and recreation services.

Age Composition

The percentage of residents age 19 and under in Bedford Township saw a decrease of 7 percent between 2000 and 2010 (a decline of 617 residents).

Similar to Bedford Township, Monroe County and southeast Michigan also saw decreases in the number of residents age 19 and below during the same time period. Since 2000, Monroe County saw a total decrease of 6.9 percent of residents age 19 and below while southeast Michigan saw a 3.7 percent decrease.

The percentage of residents age 65 and older in Bedford Township increased by 4 percent between 2000 and 2010. Monroe County also saw a steady increase of 2.3 percent during the same period, while southeast Michigan reported an increase of 1.3 percent.
Median Age
Compared to Monroe County (40.3) and southeast Michigan (38.7), Bedford Township (42.7) has a higher median age. The median age of Bedford residents has increased 5.2 years since 2000, outpacing both the County and the southeast Michigan region.

Education
Statistics taken in 2010 indicate that over 92 percent of residents have a high school diploma or higher, approximately 4 percent more than southeast Michigan residents.

In addition, 23 percent of Township residents have a Bachelor’s or advanced degree, compared to 28 percent of southeast Michigan residents.

Bedford School District
Student enrollment in the Bedford School District has seen an overall decrease since 2000 when the average daily enrollment was reported to be 5,404 students. The 2013 school year reported the average daily enrollment of 4,721 students. The highest count for the average daily enrollment was in 2005 with 5,434 students reported.

Annual enrollment of students from Bedford has continued to decrease over the last 8 years.
Housing

Bedford Township consists mostly of single family homes. According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the estimated percentage of single family homes in the Township was 82.4 percent in 2010 (10,233 units). Duplex made up 2.4 percent (299 units), townhouses or attached condos, 2.6 percent (323 units) and multiple unit apartments accounted for 6.2 percent (767 units). Manufactured homes accounted for the remainder and included 6.4 percent (796 units).

While residential growth in Monroe County has experienced a decline since 2004, Bedford Township exhibited an increase of 16.5 percent units between 2000 and 2010, mostly reflected in single family residential growth. In addition, there have been 284 new units permitted between 2010 and 2014.

Housing Tenure

Most residents of Bedford Township live in the units that they own. The U.S. Census Bureau indicated that in 2010, 81.6 percent of Bedford Township residents owned their residences while 13.5 percent of residents rented. The remainder, 4.5 percent included seasonal/migrant or vacant units.

Housing Value

In 2000, the median housing value in Bedford (in 2010 dollars) was $183,930. By 2010, the median housing value fell to $174,800 – a decrease of 5 percent. Meanwhile, median gross rent decreased 0.9 percent from $797 in 2000 (2010 dollars) to $790 in 2010. Table 1 below, demonstrates the decline of housing value from 2000 to 2010. The decrease in Bedford’s median housing value was more substantial than that of Monroe County but less than the southeast Michigan region as a whole. Only a slight decline in median gross rent was experienced by Bedford Township, which was less than that of Monroe County and southeast Michigan.

Table 1. Housing Value (in 2010 dollars)

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<td>2000</td>
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<td>Bedford Township</td>
<td>$183,930</td>
<td>$174,800</td>
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<td>$797</td>
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<td>Monroe County</td>
<td>$167,041</td>
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<td>Southeast Michigan</td>
<td>$174,166</td>
<td>$160,544</td>
<td>-$13,622</td>
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Source: SEMCOG Community Profile
**Economic Characteristics**

**Employment Trends**
Bedford Township has a wide variety of employment opportunities and has experienced significant growth in its employment base, especially with regards to higher paying industrial jobs, as well as jobs in the retail and service sectors. Among the largest employers located in the Township are the Bedford Public Schools and several manufacturers, including Michigan Tube Swagers, Inc. and Rolled Alloys. In addition, many residents are employed elsewhere in the county or region, including Toledo, Monroe, Detroit and Ann Arbor. As the Township continues to grow and to attract industrial and retail development, employment opportunities will also continue to expand.

**Median Household Income**
According to Census data, the 2010 median household income for Bedford Township residents was $64,941, approximately 34 percent higher than the southeast Michigan average of $53,242.
ENVIRONMENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

The natural features of Bedford Township have played a major role in influencing growth and development. Like much of Michigan’s southern Lower Peninsula, the Township’s landscape was formed through glacial action. The movement of the glaciers shaped the topography and created many different types of soils. Plant communities, in turn, developed in response to soil conditions.

Geology, Topography and Soils

Monroe County and Bedford Township owe their general lack of topographic relief to ancient lake beds. The bedrock in the Township is directly overlain by a layer of clay till, deposited as a till plain by receding glaciers. This till layer is covered by glacial lake bed sediments, composed of various textures, but primarily lake plain clay and lake plain sand. Beach ridges, deposited as ancient Lake Erie successively rose and fell over time, left long sandy ridges running roughly parallel to the present Lake Erie shoreline.

The Township is relatively flat with a gentle slope from west to east. With the exception of the southeast corner of the Township, which is characterized by a small area of level silty loam, Bedford soils are predominantly sandy and loamy, nearly level and susceptible to wetness and flooding. According to the Soil Survey of Monroe County (USDA, 1981), there are three major soil associations in Bedford Township: Oakville-Tedrow, Pewamo-Selfridge-Blount and Lenawee-Del Rey. A large percentage of the soils are considered either prime farm land soils or soils of local importance (Figure 15). Prime farmland are those areas with soils considered by the USDA as having the best combination of physical and chemical properties for producing food, forage, fiber and oil seed crops. In addition to prime farmland, state and local soil conservation agencies have identified “farmlands of local importance” which are considered nearly as productive as prime farmland. In Bedford Township, the farmlands of local importance are generally sandier soils which have especially high potential for the production of vegetable and other specialty crops.

Figure 15 also identifies farmland enrolled in the State Farmland and Open Space Preservation program (P.A. 116). This program enables a farm owner to enter into a development right agreement with the State of Michigan. The agreement ensures that the land remains in agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years and is not developed for any non-agricultural use. In return for maintaining the land in agricultural use, the landowner may be entitled to certain tax benefits and the land is not subject to special assessments for sanitary sewer, water, lights or non-farm drain projects.

Wetlands, Drainage and Flood Zones

Bedford Township is located in an area drained by an extensive network of small creeks and drains which flows from west to east in Lake Erie (Figure 16). Except for several dug ponds, there is little open water in the Township. The creeks and drains which account for the majority of the drainage within Bedford are: Indian Creek, Halfway Creek, Bragden Ditch, Reed Run, Hooper Run, Spring Brook, Tracy Run and Bay Creek.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has mapped the presence of flood hazard zones in Bedford Township. For flood insurance purposes, the Township was mapped and divided into different flood hazard areas based on the frequency or probability of flooding. The 100-year flood zones have a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year, while the 500-year flood zones have a 0.2 percent chance. The mapped floodways are the areas most severely affected by flooding and thus to contain high velocity waters during flood events.
Figure 15. Prime Farmland

Source: USDA National Resources Conservation Service, Soil Survey, Monroe County
Figure 16. Natural Features

Source: MIRIS and updated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map data
Woodlands

Prior to 1800, much of the Bedford area was forested with both upland dry (white oak, black oak, pin oak) and mesic (beech, sugar maple, basswood) forests, with some areas covered by lakeplain prairie. Today, there are only a few scattered remnants of the large prairies and oak openings that once existed and which have become increasingly rare throughout the region. More common are the forested areas, although even forested land are mostly scattered fragmented woodlots rather than large, unbroken areas of natural habitat.

Forested areas in the Township today consist primarily of upland hardwood forests (oak-hickory) in higher elevations and on sandier soils and lowland hardwood forests (elm-ash-maple) located in poorly drained areas, in floodplains and along streams. The northwest quarter of the Township contains the largest forested areas, along with scattered areas of shrubs, grassland and wetlands.

Historic Sites

Bedford Township contains some historic sites and buildings of local and state significance. The Bedford District No. 6 School on East Sterns Road, known as Banner Oak School, is listed on the State Register of Historic Places. The schoolhouse’s period of significance is listed as 1866-1900. There are also many historic cemeteries and burial grounds.
EXISTING LAND USE

According to the existing land use/land cover map (Figure 17), residential development is the most prominent land use, covering about 44 percent of the Township. Over one-fifth of the Township is in agricultural use (23%), with other uses classified as recreational (2.4%), institutional (1.3%), commercial and office (1.3%) and industrial (1.2%). Overall, based on 2010 aerial photographs, 56 percent of the Township’s land cover is open space and 31 percent woodlands, with the remainder (13%) primarily impervious or including small bare areas and water bodies.

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<td>Trees</td>
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Source: SEMCOG Land Cover data was derived from SEMCOG’s 2010 imagery.

*: Acreages are approximate and for planning purposes only

Source: Updated from 2000 SEMCOG Land Use/Cover data.
Figure 17. Existing Land Use/Land Cover

Source: Updated from 2000 SEMCOG Land Use/Land Cover data
Parks and recreation in Bedford Township is jointly administered by the Bedford Township Board, the Park Commission and the Community Recreation Board. The Township’s parks system was established under the authority of Act 156 of 1917.

Figure 18. Bedford Parks and Recreation - Organizational Chart

The Township Board’s role is to allocate funding and resources to the Park Commission. The Commission, which consists of five elected members, is responsible for establishing park rules and policies, for maintaining the Township's parks and park facilities and for planning for future recreational needs. The Park Commission meets twice a month. The Township Board appoints a non-voting liaison to the Commission.

Recreation programming is conducted by the Bedford Public Schools Community Education Program on behalf of the Bedford Board of Education, the Bedford Township Park Commission and the Bedford Township Board. The Community Education Recreation Department is responsible for developing, organizing and administering recreation programs for the Township.

Bedford Parks are funded primarily through the Township’s general fund. A 5-year 0.25 mil assessment for capital improvements and land acquisition was approved by residents in 2001 and expired at the end of 2006. A 0.30 millage renewal proposal failed to receive voter-approval in 2006 and again, a smaller 0.175 millage failed to receive voter-approval in both 2008 and 2010.

The total park budget for the year 2016-2017 was $188,010.00. While most revenues were supported from the Township’s general fund contributions ($137,862.00), other revenues came from rental fees, contributions and other sources.
Table 4. Bedford Township 2016-2017 Parks and Recreation Budget

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Volunteer efforts within the parks take a variety of forms. Ongoing park maintenance projects are accomplished through the efforts of community service workers in conjunction with the County's Sheriff and Adult Probation departments. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have conducted a variety of projects within the parks, as have various church youth groups. The Lions Club has also contributed volunteer efforts. The Bedford Township Beautification Committee has performed improvement projects, landscaping and planting and maintenance of flowerbeds. The skateboarders who use Parmelee Park have volunteered time and effort to improve and maintain the skateboard facilities at that park. In addition, the 3B Baseball league has voluntarily made improvements to the Township parks’ ball diamonds.
EXISTING PARKS

In order to adequately assess the need for future recreational facilities, a detailed recreation inventory of the facilities within and around Bedford Township was updated for this plan. The previous recreation plan served as a starting point and the Park Commission assisted in updating the list of recreational facilities present. Table 5 and 6 present the inventory of all the regional and local recreational facilities available to Bedford Township residents and Figure 19 depicts their location.

The residents of Bedford Township are offered a wide variety of parks, recreational facilities and programs. This chapter provides an inventory and description of these parks and recreational facilities and programs. A listing of the private recreational facilities is also included. The tables present the State and regional facilities available to Bedford Township residents, as well as the Monroe County parks, Bedford Township parks, Bedford School facilities and the private facilities within Bedford Township.

REGIONAL PARKS

A variety of regional recreational facilities and opportunities are available to residents of Bedford Township. Table 5 provides the name of the major regional parks and recreational facilities in southeast Michigan. These parks generally are large facilities with a large service area and with opportunities for camping, swimming, boating, hiking, golf and other activities which are generally beyond the ability of a local community to provide.

There are several regional level facilities in Monroe County, including Sterling State Park, Erie State Game Area, Petersburg State Game Area, as well as other State game areas, boat launch sites, historic sites and other areas of interest. The State-owned facilities provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, boating and hiking — opportunities which would be difficult or impossible for the Township to provide.

The Monroe County Parks provide large areas for active sports, picnicking, special events, exercise and play. Vienna Park, located in the eastern part of Bedford Township, consists of 57 acres with restrooms, parking, ball diamonds, picnic sites, play equipment and open space.

The Toledo Metroparks and City of Toledo parks also provide a wide variety of regional recreational opportunities for Bedford residents.
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Figure 19. Parks and Community Facilities

See Table 6, page 26 for park identification and description.
PARKS LOCATED IN BEDFORD

Bedford Parks

Bedford Township operates six community parks: Carr’s Grove, Parmelee, Samaria, White, Indian Creek and Lewis Ansted. The Township owns most of this park land with the exception of Indian Creek Park, which is owned by the Bedford Community Schools. The community parks have been developed to offer their visitors a wide range of recreational opportunities including play areas, picnic areas and active sports. The parks range in size from 5 to 48 acres and are fairly well-distributed throughout the Township, with three parks in the northeast quarter and three in the southwest quarter (see Figure 20).

Bedford Township also owns 15 neighborhood parks and tot-lots. These facilities are, for the most part, undeveloped, dedicated green space; although a few (Colonial – Cranbrook and Silas & Julia Smith) contain some play equipment and other facilities. These parks, which range in size from 0.1 to 8.7 acres, are intended mainly to serve the need of nearby residents or preserve open space.

The remaining recreational facilities within the Township are not directly under the jurisdiction of the Bedford Township; however, they help meet some of the community’s recreational needs.

Monroe County Parks

As mentioned, there is one Monroe County Park within Bedford Township: Vienna Park. It is fairly large (57 acres) and offers a wide range of recreational opportunities, including walking, picnicking, play grounds, field sports and disc golf.

Bedford Public Schools

The service area of the Public Schools closely approximates the boundaries of Bedford Township. The district contains a High School and Middle School on adjacent grounds and three elementary schools located throughout the Township and including Monroe Road Elementary, serving the northwest area of the Township, Jackman Road Elementary, serving the southeast area and Douglas Road Elementary, serving the remainder of the Township. The elementary schools all have outdoor play areas, which are available for the use of residents outside of school hours. Volunteers recently helped installed a unique “pirate ship” inclusive playground at Douglas Road Elementary which earned a PlayCore’s Inclusion National Demonstration Site award. Bedford High School has a full range of facilities which are also available to the public and used for community education programs and activities. In addition, the Bedford Schools own a large natural area which is an important site for hiking and nature study.

Subdivision and Mobile Home Community Parks

Several of the residential subdivisions in the Township, as well as the mobile home parks, provide play areas and open space. These sites are generally 1 to 2 acres in size and, for the most part, are small spaces which do little to serve the recreational needs of the local residents or the larger community.

Private Parks and Recreation Facilities

Private recreational facilities include large golf courses, riding stables and campgrounds. There is also a private swim club and a bowling alley in the Township. The Francis Family YMCA, built in collaboration with the Public Schools and the community, helps to meet the indoor recreational needs of residents. In addition, Bedford includes New Bedford Academy, a public charter school located on Secor Road in Lambertville and State Line Christian School, a private school located on Lewis Avenue in Temperance, both of which includes some recreational amenities with playgrounds and play fields.
Parks Inventory

Samaria Park

White Park
Indian Creek Park

Lewis Ansted Park
### Table 6. Local Parks

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**County Park**

| Vienna Park                 | Baseball Diamonds (5), Play Structure (2:5-12 yr. olds, 2-5 yr. olds), Swing Set (1), Shelter Areas (5), Basketball Court, Picnic Tables (24), Disc Golf Course (18 hole), Bleachers (5), bike Rack, Horseshoe Areas (2), Grills (13), Nature Area, Soccer Fields (6). | 57      | A   |

**Schools**

<p>| Bedford Senior/Junior High | <strong>Outdoor</strong>: Girls Softball Diamond (2), Track (paved), Practice Walls for Tennis (4), Basketball Hoops (4), Baseball Diamond w/ backstop, Bleachers &amp; Scoreboards, Football Fields, Community Stadium w/track, bleachers &amp; lights, Soccer Stadium w/bleachers &amp; lights, Tennis Courts w/ bleachers &amp; lights (6), soccer fields (2), Community Education soccer fields (10), Nature trails, Outdoor Learning Center with pond. <strong>Indoor (Sr.)</strong>: Competitive Gymnasium w/ bleachers, Basketball Courts (1 main court or 2 cross courts for basketball or volleyball), Wrestling Room, Girls and Boys P.E. Locker Rooms, Climbing Ropes, Varsity Sports Locker Room. | 152.9   | 23  |
| Douglas Road Elementary     | Softball Diamond (2), Multi-Purpose Room, Locker Rooms, Mountain Climber (3), Horizontal Ladder (2), 7 Foot Slide, Swings (8 seats) (3), Swing Set (4 seats ), “Pirate Ship” Inclusive Playstructure, Fitness Court, Basketball Court (3 hoops), Gymnasium &amp; Basketball Court, Bunker Hill Climber, Saddle Mates (12), 6 Foot Slide (3), 8 Foot Slide, Swing Sets (6 seats), Climber w/ slide, 10 station fitness path. | 11.5    | 24  |
| Jackman Road Elementary     | Softball Diamonds (2), Gym, Concrete Pipes (6), Balance Beam, Catwalk Climber, Swing Set (6 seats), Climb-Over, Basketball Hoops (parking lot) (2), Jungle Gym, 6 Foot Slide (2), 3 Level Balance Beam, Swings (8 seats), Kiddy Swing Set (6 seats), Horizontal Ladder. | 20.1    | 25  |</p>
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ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND GRANT ASSISTED PROJECTS

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing access to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the MDNR Guidelines was used to evaluate the accessibility of the Township community parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 as follows:

1. None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines,
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines,
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines,
4. The entire park meets accessibility guidelines and
5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

Each of the developed parks and properties was evaluated using the ranking system noted above. The specific elements that were evaluated include parking, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, the activity areas themselves and support facilities such as restrooms and surfacing. Table 7 presents the results of this evaluation.

Table 7. Accessibility Assessment

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<td>Parmelee Park</td>
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<td>Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. While there are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route to the playground, no accessible routes are provided to the other activity areas.</td>
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<td>Samaria Park</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. While there are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route to the play areas, there are no accessible routes to the shelter, ballfield, or basketball court.</td>
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<tr>
<td>White Park</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. There are barrier-free, signed parking spots and accessible routes to some of the park activity areas. Accessible routes are lacking to the basketball courts and the tennis/pickleball courts.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Indian Creek Park</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. There are barrier-free, signed parking spots and an accessible route provided at the west end of the park. Some of the narrow bridges are planned to be removed and/or replaced with updated and wider pedestrian bridges.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lewis-Ansted Park</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>The entire park meets accessibility guidelines. The park was recently developed and meets accessibility guidelines.</td>
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Bedford Township has been awarded several MDNR grants since 1973. Grant funding from the state has been instrumental in acquiring and developing recreation facilities on park properties. Table 8 presents a description of all MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted park facilities. Post-Completion Forms have been filled for each grant project and submitted as required.

### Table 8. Grant History

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parks</th>
<th>Date + Grant #</th>
<th>Type of Grant</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Project Features</th>
<th>Condition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Samaria</td>
<td>1973 26-00424</td>
<td>LWCF Acquisition</td>
<td>$9,000.00</td>
<td>10.75 acres of land</td>
<td>Park has been developed and is currently fully operational</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>White Park</td>
<td>1985 26-01382</td>
<td>LWCF Development</td>
<td>$17,915.81</td>
<td>Two tennis courts</td>
<td>Tennis courts are used and being maintained in good condition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carr’s Grove Community Center</td>
<td>1989 BF89-528</td>
<td>BF Development</td>
<td>$79,425.00</td>
<td>Renovate community center utilizing energy-efficient and barrier-free design to bring facility into compliance with current mechanical, electrical and plumbing codes</td>
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<tr>
<td>White Park</td>
<td>2001 26-01573</td>
<td>LWCF Development</td>
<td>$59,000.00</td>
<td>Playground improvements including accessible surface, gate, path and sign</td>
<td>Fully accessible play area installed and fully usable, as well as gate, pathway and signage</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lewis- Ansted Park</td>
<td>2012 26-12801</td>
<td>LWCF Development</td>
<td>$56,500.00</td>
<td>Trail development and native prairie plantings</td>
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BF: Recreation Bond Fund  
LWCF: Land and Water Conservation Fund
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A critical component in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs and desires of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. Needs and preferences provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives that lead to an action plan. To assess needs and desires, consideration was given to current recreation trends and input from community stakeholders, public officials, staff and residents of Bedford Township.

PARK ACREAGE COMPARISON

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends a minimum amount of park land to adequately serve a given population. The NRPA guidelines provide minimum park land standards that are applicable nationwide for park planning purposes. While the NRPA standards are useful benchmarks addressing minimum park acreage, a parks and recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community.

According to the NRPA, parks are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood, community and regional parks. The mini, neighborhood and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of community residents. Their service area are based on walking distances as shown on the right. In Bedford, all Township parks may be considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the suggested amount of close-to-home park land is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks serve a broader area. For Bedford Township residents, regional parks include the city, county and state-owned recreation facilities described in the preceding pages of this section. According to the NRPA standards, the suggested amount of regional park land is 15 to 20 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Table 9 presents a comparison of the NRPA suggested park land standards based on Bedford’s 2010 population (31,085). According to the 2010 population, the Township currently does not meet the minimum standards for close-to-home park land. However, when considering the school grounds, the amount of park land does meet the minimum standards. Moreover, when adding in the private parks and recreation facilities as well as the county parks, it is clear that there are a lot of recreational opportunities available to Bedford residents within a reasonable driving distance.

Figure 20 and 21 illustrate the service areas associated with the neighborhood and community parks within the Township. The Township is generally well-served by the community parks with the exception of the northwest corner and the south portion. Neighborhood parks are more scattered. Many neighborhoods could benefit from additional dedicated park land within walking distance to their residents. This would particularly be true for those areas of the Township with higher population numbers such as the general area bounded by Dean, Lewis, Smith and Secor Roads.
Table 9. Comparison to Suggested Park Land Acreage Standards

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type of Parks</th>
<th>NRPA Standard Acres/1,000 Population</th>
<th>NRPA Standard Applied</th>
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<tr>
<td>Close-to-Home Park Land</td>
<td>6.25 - 10.5 Acres</td>
<td>194 - 327 Acres</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regional Parks (County Parks)</td>
<td>15 - 20 Acres</td>
<td>466 - 622 Acres</td>
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<td>Schools</td>
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<td>237 Acres</td>
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<td>Subdivision &amp; Manufactured Home Park Open Spaces</td>
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<td>43 Acres</td>
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<td>Private Parks &amp; Recreation Facilities</td>
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<td>570 Acres</td>
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Figure 20. Neighborhood Park Service Area
Figure 21. Community Park Service Area
National and State Recreation Trends

Recreation trends on a national level and in Michigan provide insight into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and therefore may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The Outdoor Foundation regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. According to the Outdoor Foundation, nearly 50 percent of Americans (142 million) ages six and older participated in outdoor recreation in 2015. Table 10 lists the top five outdoor activities.


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<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Participation Percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Running, Jogging &amp; Trail Running</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>51.5 million</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Freshwater, Saltwater &amp; Fly Fishing</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>45.7 million</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Road Biking, Mountain Biking &amp; BMX</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>43.1 million</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Car, Backyard &amp; RV Camping</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>40.0 million</td>
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<td>5. Hiking</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>37.2 million</td>
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Source: Outdoor Participation Report, 2016, the Outdoor Foundation

These trends are consistent with trends observed in Michigan. According to a telephone survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2013-2017 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the top ten outdoor recreation activities are:

1. biking (all types);
2. camping;
3. fishing;
4. walking outdoor (including dog walking);
5. hiking (all types);
6. playing outdoor games/sports;
7. hunting or trapping;
8. swimming (all types);
9. boating; and
10. visiting playgrounds.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of Bedford can be summarized as follows:

- Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors.
- There is a trend towards establishing community-wide non-motorized transportation systems to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian recreation use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable community. Bedford Township has recognized the importance of connectivity and has stated community goals to move in that direction in its 2015 Township Master Plan.
- Bedford Township contains a central activity node which includes community parks, schools, the Library, Township Hall and other community facilities such as the YMCA. Connections to this central node is desirable to maximize the community’s recreation potential.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To develop a master plan that reflects the recreation preferences, needs and values of Bedford Township residents, the planning process included community outreach. Public input was received through a residents’ survey and public meetings taking place at the Park Commission bi-monthly meetings.

During the month of March 2017, Bedford Township residents were invited to provide ideas and suggestions for the Township's parks and recreation system through an online survey available from the Township's website. The survey was advertised in the Township newsletter, through flyers, at community events and in the Monroe Evening News. The online questionnaire was designed to solicit feedback on a broad spectrum of issues for the community. More than 320 surveys and comments were received and compiled. Key findings from the surveys are outlined below. A complete tally of the responses gathered is attached in the appendix of this report.

Community Park Visitation and Preference

The top three parks in terms of visitation and preference are:

1. White Park;
2. Indian Creek Park; and

New Parks Facilities and Recreation Amenity Preference

In general, respondents top five choices for preferred recreation amenities in order of importance are:

1. Walking/bicycling paths or trails (59%);
2. Playground structures (46%);
3. Sled Hill (41%);
4. Picnic areas/shelters and outdoor swimming pool (30%); and
5. Baseball/softball fields (29%).

Respondents preferred top three park facilities/types are:

1. Bicycle trails and walking paths;
2. Nature preserves with nature areas and hiking trails; and
3. Neighborhood parks with playgrounds and benches.

Community Park Improvements

The top priorities for possible park improvements are:

1. Maintain/renovate existing parks;
2. Develop more paths and trails in the parks;
3. Develop more pathways throughout the Township to connect parks; and
4. Develop new facilities at existing parks.
**Community Park Suggested Improvements**

A summary of specific suggestions for park improvements are presented in Table 11 on the next few pages. The improvements were noted from the survey and subsequently prioritized by the Park Commission at a meeting which took place on June 12, 2017. The starred items represent the voted priorities.

**Table 11. Park Improvement Suggestions**

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<th>Suggested Park Improvements</th>
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<td><strong>Carr Park</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><em>Maintain/renovate existing facilities</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>• Move portable toilets to better location and increase upkeep</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Better signage communicating age range of park and behavior expectations – better enforcement of use rules</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Pave parking lot</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Refurbish safety surface under play equipment</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Repair/replace play equipment and site furnishings</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Resurface/renovate tennis courts and basketball court</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Refurbish ball diamond</td>
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<td>• Increase park clean-up</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Update shelter</td>
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<td>• Add gates to parking lot entrances, its busy there so this would be safer</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>New facilities</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>• Add another shelter</td>
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<td>• Add handicapped seating in close proximity to play area</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Add new benches and picnic tables, especially by playground area</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Add walking paths for walking, running or rollerblading or a water feature for kids</td>
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<td>• Add permanent restrooms</td>
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<td>• Expand play equipment options (swings)</td>
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<td>• Add a formal track</td>
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<td>• Add a sand Volleyball</td>
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<td>• Add a baseball field</td>
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<td>• Lighted courts</td>
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<td>• Add a dog park</td>
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<td>• A path for walking for adults</td>
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<td>• Add pickle ball courts</td>
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<td>• Add shade to playground area</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
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<td>• Sponsor community events such as concerts, picnics, BBQs, for an attendance fee perhaps; with wrist bands for food and beverages; have community food truck night, more benches, bathrooms, summer splash pads</td>
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<td>• Have organized meets for tennis leagues in summer</td>
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<td>• Maintain shelter</td>
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<td>• Paint/replace benches</td>
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<td>• Update Frisbee golf</td>
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<td>• Repair and update skate park area</td>
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<td>• Improve baseball field</td>
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<td>• Improve access drive and expand parking area</td>
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<td>• Add trash cans in Frisbee golf area and provide mapped course</td>
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<td>• Better upkeep</td>
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<td>• Replace/add nicer bleachers/seating</td>
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<td><strong>New facilities</strong></td>
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<td>• Provide a dog park</td>
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<td>• Add benches and picnic tables</td>
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<td>• Add permanent bathrooms</td>
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<td>• Add splash pad</td>
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<td>• Add walking trails with mileage posts</td>
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<td>• Add play equipment (swings)</td>
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<td>• Add pickleball courts</td>
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<td>• Add pathways</td>
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<td>• More policing the park</td>
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<td>• Add pedestrian access from Monroe Street and purchase Civic Club property when available</td>
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<td>• Being back summer fest here!</td>
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<td><strong>Maintain/renovate existing facilities</strong></td>
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<td>• Improve the natural trail</td>
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<td>• Plant additional shade trees by playground equipment</td>
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<td>• Better general upkeep</td>
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<td>• Improve baseball field</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Trim and maintain wooded area</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Improve and expand parking area</td>
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<td>• Repair/update play equipment</td>
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<td>• Refurbish safety fall area by play equipment</td>
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<td><strong>New facilities</strong></td>
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<td>• Add off-leash dog area</td>
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<td>• Add permanent bathrooms</td>
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<td>• Add more ball games</td>
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<td>• Add a paved walking trail</td>
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<td>• Add a splash pad</td>
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<td>• Add sledding hill and ice skating</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
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<td>• More policing/monitoring of the park</td>
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**White Park**

| • Improve tennis courts and pickle ball courts (repair tennis court surfaces, replace tennis for pickle ball courts, replace pickle ball court for tennis) | *    |
| • Add grills                                      | *    |
| • Improve walking paths (drainage)                | *    |

**Maintain/renovate existing facilities**

| • Remove portable toilets and open existing restrooms all the time |      |
| • Add buffer to screen adjacent residences           |      |
| • Add shade trees throughout park and around playground area |      |
| • Upgrade ball fields (homerun fences, infield, dugouts, more bleacher seating) |      |
| • Pave and expand parking (dust control)            |      |
| • Repair/replace play equipment (oil swings)        |      |
| • Better general upkeep (need for dog waste bag dispensers, additional trash cans, additional mowing) |      |
| • Repair drinking water fountain                    |      |
| • Improve basketball courts (consider lighting, backboard) |      |
| • Repair perimeter fencing                          |      |
| • Improve site drainage                             |      |
| • Update baseball concession/restroom building      |      |

**New facilities**

| • Light additional ball fields                     |      |
| • Add a paved walkway                              |      |
| • Add a splash pad, water park                    |      |
| • Add an off-leash dog area                        |      |
| • Add permanent restrooms                         |      |
| • Add additional, unique, playground equipment     |      |
| • Add a sand volleyball court                     |      |
| • Add remote control car area                      |      |
| • Add benches along pathway and drinking water fountain |      |

**Other**

| • Move portable restrooms closer to play area      | *    |
| • Sponsor a bike safety patrol                      |      |
| • Sponsor events such as summer food truck nights to bring out community |      |
| • Add bike dirt jumps in back area                 |      |
## Suggested Park Improvements

### Indian Creek Park

**Maintain/renovate existing facilities**

- Improve/upgrade ball fields (infield)
- Repair/replace bridges and make them accessible
- Better general upkeep (need for dog waste bag dispensers, more trash cans, more mowing, weeding
- Improve/upgrade soccer fields
- Improve access drive and parking area
- Add shade trees
- Improve site drainage
- Manage the woodland
- Provide map for nature woodland trails

**New facilities**

- Add drinking water fountain
- Add workout stations along path and/or outdoor exercise equipment for adults
- Add benches
- Add a new shelter
- Add paved pathways
- Add permanent restroom
- Add off-leash dog area
- Expand playground and add play equipment
- Add splash pad
- Add butterfly garden area
- Add ball fields and create a baseball complex to host tournaments (need for 6 to 8 fields)

### White and Indian Creek Park

- Improve the pathways, make ADA accessible and multi-use
- Formalize trails in the wooded areas
- Add signage and enforce rules
- Add more exercise equipment

### Ansted

**Maintain/renovate existing facilities**

- Plant prairie grasses and wildflowers in the middle areas
- Add more shade trees
- Improve existing pathways to make them accessible
- Consider adding a pond/water feature

**New facilities**

- Add an off-leash dog area
- Add picnic areas/shelter
### Suggested Park Improvements

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<td>• Add a sled hill</td>
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<td>• Add more benches along pathways</td>
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<td>• General upkeep (add drinking water fountain, dog waste bag dispensers, trash cans, resting stations,</td>
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<td>• Add more trails in the wooded areas</td>
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<td>• Add portable restrooms</td>
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<td>• Add playground</td>
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<td>• Expand park to the northeast</td>
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<td>• Add a disk golf course</td>
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<td>• Add paved pathways</td>
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### Other

- Increase safety with the use of camera
- Develop a park master plan

### All

- Basketball hoops lowered for PreK-2nd graders at Carr’s Grove, White and Samaria
- Add a sledding hill would be fun too (like Munson Park in Monroe or Sidecut park in Maumee)
- Add an off-leash dog park
- Seek new millage for park maintenance and improvement
- Establish a “Friends-of-the Parks” group for support
- Dedicate maintenance crew for park maintenance under the Park Commission authority
- Connect Lambertville to Temperance with walking trails through parks
- Paved bike and walking paths connecting parks
- More kids playgrounds
- Get concession and bathrooms at Vienna Park
- Add shade trees/shading structures to parks
- Add water features for additional summer fun
- Add shaded walking trails in Bedford would be amazing
- Add permanent restrooms
**Key Findings and Conclusions**

A summary of the parks and recreation issues and needs follows. It considers public input, recreation trends and an examination of the park facilities and recreation programs.

**Existing Park Improvements**

The maintenance and upgrade of existing community parks is recognized as a priority for Bedford Township to retain its high quality parks. This entails ensuring that existing park facilities and equipment are safe, functional and well-maintained. It includes replacing and upgrading aging park equipment and furnishings, ensuring safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones, removing barriers to universal access, maintaining and refurbishing parking and trail surfaces, athletic field care and general park upkeep and stewardship.

**New Park Facility Development**

There is also a desire to continue developing new park facilities that respond to the needs of Township residents. Desired facilities include walking/bicycling paths or trails, a sled hill, an off-leash dog area/park and more support facilities such as picnic shelters and restrooms at various locations.

**Path and Trail Development**

There is a lack of connectivity in Bedford Township. The development of connections and pathways to form an interconnected, park system linking parks as well as community facilities, schools and neighborhoods is recognized as a priority for the Township. Coordination with the Township Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, County Road Commission and other stakeholders will be necessary to realize a Township-wide system.

**Administration and Operation**

A quality parks and recreation system is dependent on the prudent use of available funds. While Bedford Township currently subsidizes most parks and recreation capital improvements, future improvements should be carefully considered. Park projects that have the potential of generating revenues to offset the cost of capital investment and on-going operation and maintenance should be given a higher priority.

**Partnerships and Collaboration**

Parks and recreation resources in Bedford Township are operated and provided by public and private entities. Continued collaborations and partnerships with the various public and private recreation providers (County, schools, YMCA, area golf courses and other private recreation providers) in Bedford Township will continue to yield more effective parks and recreation services that maximize the area’s recreation potential.
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were formulated to provide direction and a long-term vision for the Bedford Township parks system. The goals and objectives are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed by the public, Township officials and staff as well as to address the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources of the area. In addition, they consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources and recreation trends.

While the goals for Bedford Township parks and recreation express intent and purpose, the objectives that follow are more specific and address the manner in which the goals may be achieved.

GOAL 1. PARK MAINTENANCE GOAL

Maintain and renovate existing facilities to provide clean, safe, attractive and functional park environments.

Objectives:
A. Ensure park facilities and equipment are clean;
B. Replace/upgrade aging park equipment as needed;
C. Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
D. Remove barriers to universal access;
E. Refurbish athletic fields as needed;
F. Refurbish parking and trail pavement surfaces;
G. Plant trees and shrubs to create shade and supplement wooded areas;
H. Maintain park maintenance equipment and keep storage areas in good condition; and
I. Continue general park upkeep and stewardship.

GOAL 2. PARK DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Develop park facilities that respond to residents’ recreational needs and are financially sustainable.

Objectives:
A. Ensure that capital project expenditures maximize return on investment;
B. Develop support facilities as needed such as picnic shelters, playgrounds, restrooms, benches and signage;
C. Improve recreation opportunities in the parks with new facilities such as a sled hill, dog park and additional nature trails and other amenities;
D. Consider park land acquisition and donation that:
   • are adjacent to existing parks,
   • provide linkages and pathway opportunities,
• are of a sufficient size to provide a variety of active and passive recreation,
• are easily accessible to most Township residents,
• have historic significance or appeal, and
• offer unique natural areas and provide wildlife areas.

GOAL 3. NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM GOAL

Develop and maintain a Township-wide non-motorized transportation system.

Objectives:
A. Work with the Township Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission to develop a Township-wide non-motorized transportation system;
B. Continue to coordinate with Monroe County Planning, Monroe County Road Commission, adjacent communities and other stakeholders for non-motorized connectivity; and
C. Consider requiring developers to dedicate and construct pathways in new developments in cooperation with the Planning Commission and Township Board of Trustees.

GOAL 4. ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONAL GOAL

Provide for sustainable parks and recreation services with fiscally sound administrative and operational strategies.

Objectives:
A. Increase maintenance equipment as needed to support additional services and seek dedicated park maintenance personnel;
B. Develop a maintenance plan and schedule for each park to include routine and preventive maintenance tasks, scheduled improvements and emergency repairs;
C. Nurture existing partnerships with public and private recreation providers to support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
D. Increase public awareness of Bedford Township parks and recreation services through additional communication and education;
E. Seek a new millage for park maintenance and improvement;
F. Establish a “Friends of the Parks” group which could be active in providing additional support for park project and funding; and
G. Continue to aggressively pursue grants for park land and trail acquisition and development.
ACTION PROGRAM

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of desired improvements which can be considered as long-term projects to be accomplished for each park or activity. It also provides a reasonable capital improvement schedule focusing on projects to be accomplished within the next five years. This is based on a realistic budget and outlines a list of recommendations that are desired, important, or necessary to be accomplished in a shorter time frame.

DESIRED IMPROVEMENTS

The following outlines the desired improvements which represent the long-term preferred vision for each park or activity. The improvements are grouped by park or activity and address the goals and objectives. Illustrations showing the suggested park improvements are also included.

1. Maintain and upgrade existing park facilities (all parks)

   These activities include replacing or repairing old equipment and facilities which are in a state of disrepair, are outdated or dangerous. They also include improving the appearance of the Township parks through appropriate landscaping and maintenance. All upgrades must meet safety and accessibility standards. Proposed activities include:

   • Repair and improve park signs;
   • Remove/replace outdated play equipment;
   • Maintain safety surfaces under play structures to regulated depth and fall zone;
   • Refurbish athletic field surfaces as needed;
   • Refurbish parking areas, walkways and court game pavement surfaces as needed;
   • Replace park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
   • Maintain buildings, structures and picnic shelters in good condition with roof repair, exterior painting and other upgrades;
   • Manage existing vegetation with removal of dead trees and supplement with new tree/shrub plantings; and
   • Continue general park upkeep and stewardship.
2. Maintain and improve Carr’s Grove Park

Because of the high number of park visitors, its prime location within walking distance from Downtown Temperance and high visibility from Lewis Road, Carr’s Grove Park is a high priority for future park improvements. Suggested actions to maintain and improve the park include:

- Prepare a site development plan for the park which would include:
  - Reorganization of the parking area,
  - Relocation of portable restrooms/installation of permanent restroom,
  - Removal of the chain link fence and replacement with a more aesthetically pleasing low fence,
  - Development of a central community gathering place,
  - Improvement of the pedestrian connection to Downtown Temperance; and
  - New park facilities such as a walking path, picnic shelter/area, sand volleyball, pickleball courts, dog park;
- Repair/replace outdated play equipment;
- Refurbish ball field;
- Resurface/renovate tennis courts and basketball court; and
- Update existing picnic shelter.

Figure 22. Carr’s Grove Park Suggested Improvements
3. **Maintain and improve Parmelee Park**

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Parmelee Park include:

- Repair/replace outdated and add new play equipment;
- Refurbish ball field;
- Improve both the vehicular and pedestrian circulation within the property including the access from Dorr and Monroe Streets and parking area;
- Replace/add park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
- Add trash cans in Frisbee golf area and provide a map of the course;
- Add a pathway with mileage posts;
- Renovate or replace existing picnic shelter;
- Consider adding new facilities such as a dog park and permanent restrooms; and
- Consider purchasing Civic Club property when available.

*Figure 23. Parmelee Park Suggested Improvements*
4. Maintain and improve Samaria Park

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Samaria Park include:

- Repair/remove/replace outdated play equipment;
- Refurbish ball field;
- Replace/add park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
- Consider adding pedestrian access to Samaria Road sidewalk;
- Plant additional shade trees by playground area; and
- Improve the existing nature trails and maintain/manage wooded area.

Figure 24. Samaria Park Suggested Improvements
5. Maintain and improve White Park

White Park and Indian Creek Park are centrally located in the Township and are tied to the Library and the Bedford Schools properties. They are part of the community’s central activity node and should be a high priority for future park improvements. Suggested actions to maintain and improve White Park include:

- Repair/replace outdated play equipment;
- Move portable restrooms closer to play area;
- Continue to upgrade ball fields (homerun fences, infield, dugouts, bleacher seating);
- Update concession building;
- Improve tennis courts/pickleball courts (done during summer 2017);
- Pave parking area;
- Replace/add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountain, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
- Add grills around picnic shelters;
- Add a sign with the area’s mapped pathways;
- Improve general drainage in the park and along the walking path; and
- Consider adding new facilities such as permanent restrooms, remote control car area and dog park.

Figure 25. White Park Suggested Improvements
6. Maintain and improve Indian Creek Park

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Indian Creek Park include:

- Repair/replace outdated and add new play equipment and site furnishings;
- Refurbish ball fields (infield);
- Improve soccer fields;
- Improve access drive and parking area;
- Improve the pathway surface to make it more accessible and multi-use;
- Add mileage posts along the pathway and provide a sign with the area’s mapped pathways;
- Upgrade and improve the bridges over the Creek;
- Replace/add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountain, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
- Improve the existing nature trails and maintain/manage wooded area; and
- Consider adding new facilities such as workout stations/exercise equipment for adults along the path, a new picnic shelter, permanent restrooms and dog park.

Figure 26. Indian Creek Park Suggested Improvements
7. Maintain and improve Lewis Ansted Park

Suggested actions to maintain and improve Lewis Ansted park include:

- Add park furnishings such as benches, drinking fountain, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
- Plant prairie grasses and wildflowers in the central park area;
- Add more shade trees along the pathway;
- Consider adding a water feature;
- Continue to expand and develop more pathways with mile markers; and
- Consider adding new facilities such as a picnic shelter, playground, portable restrooms, dog park and other facilities.

Figure 27. Lewis Ansted Park Suggested Improvements
8. Promote the development of a Township-wide system of pathways

There is a strong desire for walking and biking paths in Bedford Township. A Township-wide system could connect parks, community facilities, schools, neighborhoods and other destinations. Actions to develop this system include:

- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to develop a Township-wide plan in cooperation with the Monroe County Road Commission, Monroe County Parks, SEMCOG and adjacent communities;
- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to set priorities for the establishment of the Township-wide system;
- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to encourage developers to dedicate and construct pathways in new developments and along section road frontages;
- Provide access points along the path system with parking area and site amenities such as map, benches, bike racks, mile markers and directional signs;
- Develop a marketing strategy for the path system to attract support and sponsors including the development of a pathway brochure and a walking club.

Figure 28. Bedford Township Non-Motorized Transportation Concept Plan
9. **Continue to assess opportunities for future park land acquisition**

Consider acquisition and dedication of new park land as follows:

- Land that preserves natural features which would provide a setting for passive activities;
- Land that is easily accessible from most existing and future Township residents;
- Land that provides linkages; and
- Work with the Township Board and Planning Commission to ensure park land needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage developers to set aside land appropriate for community park land and pathways.

11. **Provide for the efficient administration of parks**

A means of increasing revenues where possible should be continually explored to support the desired capital improvement projects and to maintain the existing and future park facilities to a high quality standard. Actions include:

- Add staff and maintenance equipment as needed;
- Increase public awareness of the Bedford Township Community Parks and Parks Commission;
- Maintain existing and forge new partnerships with public and private recreation providers that support efficient and effective service and program delivery;
- Coordinate public-private partnerships with area businesses to benefit recreation opportunities for Township residents;
- Continue to aggressively pursue state and federal grants for park land and pathway acquisition and development;
- Build a *Friends of Bedford Township Parks* group to provide support for park project and funding; and
- Explore and submit proposals to private foundations for park land and pathway acquisition and development.
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides a limited amount of money for parks and recreation. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in conjunction with SEMCOG funds the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis. Activities which may apply to Bedford Township include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles including new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses; and
- Provision of safety and educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling.

Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) continue to be the primary funding sources for park land acquisition and development. The new Recreation Passport grant also offers some state funding to local units of government.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of park land for natural resource-based preservation and recreation. Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request was $15,000 and the maximum was $300,000 in 2017. Applications are typically due April 1st.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, which distributes funds to the MDNR for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has recently been on trail way systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests were $30,000 and maximum grant requests were $150,000 in 2017. The match percentage is 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are typically due on April 1st.

The Recreation Passport grant program offers funding for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests were $7,500 and maximum requests were $45,000 in 2017. The local match obligation is 25 percent of the total project cost. Applications are usually due on April 1st as well.

Other funding conducted in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Forest Resources Division (Community Forestry Grants). Municipalities may use Community Forestry grants for projects that address urban forestry needs such as tree inventories, management plans, tree planting, educational workshops, training materials and Arbor Day activities.
Grant requests may be up to $20,000 depending on the project type and applications are usually due in September.

**Apply for Other Grant Funding**

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways, walk/bike ways, or greenway-related facilities such as Bikes Belong Coalition. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: facility, education and capacity building. Requests for funding can be up to $10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Consumers Energy also offers tree planting grants for up to $3,000 to local municipalities in its coverage area.

**Increase Support for Parks**

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the Township will be able to provide in the future. The survey of residents conducted as part of this planning effort indicated that 81 percent of respondents would support a millage for the operation, maintenance and development of Bedford Township parks.

A specific park or project millage could be re-considered in the future for general or specific projects such as park development, pathway development or maintenance.

**Seek Other Sources of Funding**

Bedford Township should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should continue to be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park land acquisition and development.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
COMMUNITY SURVEY

The planning process for the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan included community input into the plan which was received through an online survey and public meetings. The survey took place during the month of March and received 321 responses. Township residents were invited to provide opinions and ideas for the Township Community Park’s future development. The survey was advertised through a flyer and postings at both Township Hall and on the Township’s website, as well as a formal notice published in the Monroe Evening News. It was posted on the Township’s website. The online questionnaire was designed to solicit feedback on a broad spectrum of issues for the community parks. A complete tally of the responses gathered follows.

1. **How many times have you or a member of your household visited our community parks in the past year?** Refer to the map on next page for the park location.

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2. **How would you rank the parks? Please mark each of the parks on a scale of 1 to 6 where 1 is your most favorite and 6, your least favorite.**

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### Carr Park

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<th>Most Enjoyable Feature</th>
<th>Suggested Improvements</th>
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<td>Playground, Family Reunion</td>
<td>community Center, nice size</td>
<td>Apply recycle asphalt to S Parking lot. Remove name plaque ball diamond - really!!</td>
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<td>Picnic, play equipment for children</td>
<td>Shade, play equipment, picnic area, good parking</td>
<td>Repeating renewal of soft surface under play area</td>
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<td>Take kids to play on equipment</td>
<td>Great play stuff</td>
<td>Maintain broken play equipment, some benches and tennis courts</td>
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<td>Playing with my kid</td>
<td>The tire swing is my kids favorite</td>
<td>Better seating handicapped seating in close proximity to play areas</td>
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<td>allow grandchildren to play</td>
<td>the items for the grandchildren to play with</td>
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<td>Kids play equipment/jungle gyms</td>
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<td>Fix up tennis courts and have organized Meetups for leagues in summer</td>
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<td>live just down the street. So location</td>
<td>The equipment for kids to play on</td>
<td>the porta johns could be placed in a different spot and kept up better.</td>
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<td>Family events and just visit</td>
<td>Pavilion and playscape</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Playground equipment</td>
<td>New benches and picnic tables closer to the play equipment</td>
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<td>Playground for grandchildren</td>
<td>Excellent playground equipment, Shady benches</td>
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<td>Play on equipment</td>
<td>Playscape</td>
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<td>eating at picnic area, seating on benches</td>
<td>Pavilion</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Well planned for visit with children, lots of shade</td>
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<td>Kids to play</td>
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<td>LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT IN FRONT OF THE PARK!! Also, needs more benches.</td>
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<td>No dust when parking</td>
<td>Shaded from sun</td>
<td>Update equipment</td>
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<td>Shaded</td>
<td>Treehouse</td>
<td>More picnic areas</td>
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<td>Let the kids play</td>
<td>play ground</td>
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<td>Nice weather</td>
<td>lots of activities, many different kids to play, nicely up-kept, close to home</td>
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<td>Have kids play on playground and basketball</td>
<td>Fun play equipment</td>
<td>Upgrade basketball and tennis courts</td>
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<td>My children</td>
<td>The large play structure</td>
<td>More seating in play area for parents</td>
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<td>Take my children to the playground</td>
<td>Playground</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
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<td>Better benches for parents. The ones at Carr and White are at odd distances from the ground and</td>
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<td>Be their hero from age zero camp and a play date for preschoolers</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Put something by the top of the Rockwall. You have to go by it to get to the big slide. It’s a straight drop, very high, very dangerous. Little kids walk by it whether it’s listed or older or not. That set is a lot more fun so the younger kids are going to go in it. It’s fairly safe for them besides that one giant drop.</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
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<td>Some slides are loose, I already called, add a walking trail</td>
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<td>playground for kids</td>
<td>playscape</td>
<td>The park always looks dirty and there were cigarette butts all over the pavilion area</td>
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<td>Fun and exercise</td>
<td>Playgrounds</td>
<td>More walking paths for running or rollerblading or a water feature for kids</td>
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<td>Recreation</td>
<td>Playground Equipment</td>
<td>Restrooms other than Porta potties</td>
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<td>Play</td>
<td>Playground equipment</td>
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<td>play on the playground</td>
<td>The playground</td>
<td>Maintenance on the basketball court, tennis courts and ball diamonds</td>
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<td>Children's area, tennis</td>
<td>Children's play area</td>
<td>Tennis courts need help</td>
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<td>Favorite park when my children were under 10yrs</td>
<td>Shade! Play equipment.</td>
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<td>Feel safe</td>
<td>Playground</td>
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<td>Kids love it</td>
<td>It’s a great park for the kids and nice that it has a shaded area.</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Nice playground</td>
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<td>Play</td>
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<td>Maybe &quot;soft mulch&quot;</td>
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<td>Nice in summer heat</td>
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<td>Shaded play area</td>
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<td>Cleaned up and basketball court needs fixed</td>
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<td>kids to play</td>
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<td>Reunion</td>
<td>Building and playground</td>
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<td>Temperance Days</td>
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<td>Great Play land</td>
<td>Township sponsored concerts, picnics, BBQs, for an attendance fee perhaps. Wrist bands for food and beverages.</td>
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<td>The lawn and weeds. Also the large pile of mulch that sat all summer in a pile</td>
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<td>Because this is the largest playground, it is the most used. Maintaining this equipment is needed. This park also gets very hot in the summer - having shade here is vital. Consider putting up another shelter - or check into a shelter covering for the playground itself - playgrounds out in New Mexico have this for</td>
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playgrounds to keep them cooler in the middle of the day. Other improvements would be enforcement of rules of use.

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<td>bring young ones there to play on playground equipment</td>
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<td>Tennis courts are dangerous, not enough room behind the back line, could easily twist and ankle and need resurfacing, maybe a pickle ball court</td>
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<td>not too busy! hidden gem!</td>
<td>leaves picked up in fall so I can play disc golf without losing discs</td>
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<td>Small playset for young kids</td>
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<td>let BMX bikes on the ramps! the 6” extension s being the coping allows for bicycle pegs. I know because I helped suburban rails build it.</td>
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<td>Trash cans throughout course</td>
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<td>It doesn't sit on a main road.</td>
<td>A board or sign with a map of the disc golf, improvements to the skate park</td>
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<td>Wooded area along with playground</td>
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<td>Skateboarding</td>
<td>My son loves to go skateboarding and it is awesome that we have a park so close to us, but it is run down and some of the ramps are bordering on</td>
<td>Fix, update, replace skate ramps</td>
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<td>Make the park great! All disc golf levels better playground equipment.</td>
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<td>Grad Party, Ballgame, Community Ed, Cheer</td>
<td>Skate park &quot;sad.&quot; Disc Golf seems to attract shady looking individuals which is &quot;too close&quot; to playground. Skate park (when it was opened) PLEASE improve the skateboard area. I have elementary-aged boys and that is a perfect place for us to go as a family.</td>
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<td>Being outdoors/walking</td>
<td>Scenic Trees</td>
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<td>On my bike route</td>
<td>Shade trees. Better parking lot/road maintenance, new benches.</td>
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<td>Watching games Clean it up a bit. Get nicer bleachers/ seating</td>
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<td>Baseball practice, playground with kids</td>
<td>Improve baseball field. Also, I have left the park before due to foul language being used at skate park. I sometimes feel unsafe for my children because of the rampant drug use. I would say every time guys are playing Frisbee golf I have seen or smelled weed being smoked.</td>
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<td>The large area for these sports Skate park needs attention, lots of unattended kids.</td>
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<td>Park expanded...stop monopoly control certain organizations have over facilities...One organization should not be given rights to a township park as the primary authority...</td>
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<td>Don't usually visit, although it is 1 mile from my home</td>
<td>Shade, skate park</td>
<td>Increased police patrol or surveillance system. This park has been a &quot;party&quot; parks my WHOLE life. Cars drive erratically and there is always broken glass everywhere. Patrons sit in their cars for long periods (drug use?) The skate park is great, but definitely needs MORE support. I would hate to see that have to go.</td>
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their kids scream for their attention & misbehave with each other. The last time I had to tell a dad that he really needed to help his kid because they were soaked in urine. From some short conversations, most of this group seems to have their kids for Wednesday night Ohio court ordered visitation, dump their kids in the playground, head to the basketball court, get stoned, hang out with their new girlfriends & completely ignore their kids. Really a sad situation & I wish I knew what to do.

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<td>For the price we pay, I wish we could fix something about the horrible smell of the water. Wash a dish &amp; the entire place stinks of egg water. We live across the street &amp; our water doesn't smell at all.</td>
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<td>Get rid of port-a-potties and open facilities.</td>
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<td>Upgrade the baseball diamonds for the kids. Cities with sizes comparable to ours have immaculate ball diamonds with dirt infields and level grass outfields. My child doesn't even play baseball and I think they need upgrading. Also, update the tennis courts and pickle ball courts.</td>
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<td>redo the courts... bad shape</td>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Facilities</td>
<td>Dirt/clay infield</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Please make the swings not squeak!</td>
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<td>To play pickleball with friends</td>
<td>Meeting new people with the same interest</td>
<td>Add at least 2 more pickleball courts. The tennis courts are rarely used and in poor condition.</td>
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<td>3b game</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>More parking &amp; a splash pad</td>
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<td>Trails for walking</td>
<td>Walking trail</td>
<td>Paved trail</td>
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<td>Baseball, tennis, walking, playground</td>
<td>Having so many features in one place</td>
<td>Paved trail, off leash dog area</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
<td>Openness</td>
<td>More trees for shade on playground</td>
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<td>Brought my daughter to play (she is 1.5 years old)</td>
<td>Small slides/walking trail</td>
<td>Longer trail that connects to Indian Creek</td>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Baseball games</td>
<td>Get rid of the crap stone and make them nice baseball fields</td>
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<td>Walking path</td>
<td>Variety of features provided appeals to a wide range of</td>
<td>Bike safety patrol (volunteer or min wage summer job for &quot;Adopt A Park&quot; members?)</td>
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<td>Taking grandkids to play area</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Dog park</td>
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<td>Closest to my house</td>
<td>Fun for the kids</td>
<td>It would be nice to have a paved path for biking and roller blading on</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Tire swing</td>
<td>Restrooms</td>
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<td>Play area, baseball games, walking path</td>
<td>All of it</td>
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<td>Proximity and nice playground</td>
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<td>The park</td>
<td>Parking ball fields r to dusty need better stone</td>
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<td>dog poop is terrible the Consear road parking needs trees trimmed</td>
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<td>Kids play area</td>
<td>Paved walking path and parking</td>
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<td>Open area around main roads, playground,</td>
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<td>Dino/ alligator toy is broken. More swings</td>
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<td>Its location</td>
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<td>Play structures</td>
<td>More shade trees e a bike path for my little ones</td>
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<td>Bleachers restrooms</td>
<td>More garbage. Parking issues</td>
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<td>Better dugouts for the fields (brick)</td>
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<td>Baseball games, playground</td>
<td>Baseball field</td>
<td>More parking for baseball games</td>
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<td>Trails around exterior of park for running</td>
<td>Distance of trails</td>
<td>Paved paths for bikes/rollerblades similar to Wildwood in Sylvania.</td>
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<td>Visiting with friends</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Paving the walking path and adding actual restroom facilities</td>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Baseball fields</td>
<td>Lesson likelihood of fields and surrounding areas flooding.</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>playground and the open area</td>
<td>Parking lot, walking path is awful!</td>
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<td>to play with fam</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Paved walking, biking riding path vs gravel</td>
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<td>Walk run and kids to play</td>
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<td>Please pave the track on white park and Indian creek.</td>
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<td>To play and have picnic</td>
<td>The playground</td>
<td>Keep up on the lawns and fix drinking fountain.</td>
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<td>kids to play</td>
<td>seating for adults while kids</td>
<td>More equipment and paved walking trails, lights on trails</td>
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<td>The condition of the park</td>
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<td>Park</td>
<td>Parking expanded...stop monopoly control certain organizations have over facilities...</td>
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<td>Baseball games</td>
<td>Baseball fields</td>
<td>Decreasing the dust in the parking areas</td>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Bringing dogs</td>
<td>Upgrade bathrooms</td>
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<td>Walking Trail and Softball Game</td>
<td>Walking Trail</td>
<td>Sand Volleyball Pit. Fix the parking lot</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Why did you remove remote control car area? It was good.</td>
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<td>Baseball League/dog walking</td>
<td>Lighted fields/walking trail</td>
<td>Lights around walking trail, better basketball courts/lighted</td>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Clean</td>
<td>More parking!!</td>
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<td>Baseball games</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Baseball diamonds</td>
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<td>dog walking</td>
<td>wooded path area</td>
<td>Have a dog park</td>
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<td>Letting our kids play on playground, walking around walking trail</td>
<td>playground and trail</td>
<td>Installing a permanent bathroom; making sure all of playground equipment is working</td>
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<td>play with kids</td>
<td>playground</td>
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<td>The gravel is difficult to push a stroller for walks.</td>
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<td>play with kids/football games</td>
<td>playground close to ball fields</td>
<td>more bleacher seating/don’t allow 3B baseball to have all rights to the field and concessions (we pay taxes too and T-Birds were treated very unfairly)</td>
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<td>baseball season</td>
<td>pretty clean</td>
<td>parking is a huge issue, bathrooms, bugs near diamond 6</td>
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<td>Play time and picnic</td>
<td>The playground equipment</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>To let the kids play</td>
<td>Playground equipment and basketball court.</td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td>To run</td>
<td>Track</td>
<td>Water stations</td>
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<td>Spend time with kids</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Improve trail walking. Paved parking.</td>
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<td>baseball games</td>
<td>lights on fields</td>
<td>asphalt parking lot, upgraded bathrooms</td>
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<td>Playground with shade</td>
<td>Play structures</td>
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<td>walk</td>
<td>part shade part sun</td>
<td>grade the stone down frequently, kids dig it up, pile it up by baseball diamonds</td>
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<td>baseball games and walking feature</td>
<td>the fields</td>
<td>fix fencing at perimeter, walking trail needs repair, more lighting for more night games</td>
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<td>Recreation</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>Pave the walking trail. Would love to push a stroller or ride a bike at my favorite park</td>
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<td>My Son’s baseball</td>
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<td>would like to see the paths and parking lots in the parks paved at least in areas of higher traffic. It is difficult to get around with a stroller, wheelchair or walker</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Equipment</td>
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<td>pickle ball</td>
<td>pickle ball</td>
<td>splash pad</td>
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<td>Walk the trail</td>
<td>It’s clean and the other walkers are friendly.</td>
<td>Either pave the trail or tamp down the loose gravel.</td>
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<td>walk dog</td>
<td>combination of open area and woods and gravel</td>
<td>off leash area for dogs</td>
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<td>pathway</td>
<td>walking on the trail for exercise</td>
<td>the trail and the trees, shade especially when it's a hot day</td>
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<td>leisure time, community sports events</td>
<td>park is well laid out</td>
<td>tennis courts badly need repair, many people attempt to use them but find them disappointingly maintained</td>
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<td>Walking dog</td>
<td>Walking path</td>
<td>Better drainage</td>
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<td>baseball, walking, playground, basketball</td>
<td>Walking path</td>
<td>Paved path for bike riding or strollers. Gravel is not compacted very well in some parts and makes walking a little difficult.</td>
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<td>baseball, walking trails, kids play area</td>
<td>baseball fields</td>
<td>cut the grass more than once a month (please)</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>Large area</td>
<td>Splash Pad</td>
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<td>dog walking</td>
<td>Shaded walking path with NO DISC GOLF</td>
<td>Don’t pull all of the garbage cans in the off-season...dogs poop all year long!</td>
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<td>Baseball / Basketball / Playground</td>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Parking during baseball</td>
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<td>Walk</td>
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<td>Fix basketball back board</td>
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<td>For the kids to play</td>
<td>Playground</td>
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<td>Play at playground</td>
<td>Like openness of this park and better tennis courts</td>
<td>Add trees so it’s not so hot</td>
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<td>A run</td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>More barbecue facilities</td>
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<td>Playing with kids</td>
<td>Swing sets</td>
<td>The swings need to be oiled very noisy.</td>
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<td>grandchildren wanted to ride</td>
<td>things for grandchildren to ride.</td>
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<td>close to kids' grandparent's home</td>
<td>playground equipment</td>
<td>add shade equipment gets hot in summer, have summer food truck nights to bring out community, summer splash pads</td>
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<td>Pickleball</td>
<td>2 fairly new courts</td>
<td>Make certain that the courts get yearly maintenance regarding surface cracks etc.</td>
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<td>Tennis courts and walking trail</td>
<td>Walking trail</td>
<td>Fix tripping hazard cracks in tennis courts</td>
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<td>Playground, walking trails</td>
<td>All the gathering places around the playground</td>
<td>People cleaning up after their pets on the walking trail!</td>
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<td>Playground and running</td>
<td>Walking/running track</td>
<td>Paved paths instead of gravel</td>
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<td>Pickle Ball, walking</td>
<td>Pickle ball</td>
<td>convert all the tennis courts to Pickle Ball, Pickle ball players need a place on line as to when and where to meet and they come</td>
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<td>playground, sporting events</td>
<td>playground, trails</td>
<td>dog park.</td>
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<td>Playground/Sporting Events</td>
<td>Playground</td>
<td>See maintenance comments pertaining to Indian Creek</td>
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<td>walking</td>
<td>some picnic spots, have played tennis and in past did sons RC cars there</td>
<td>bike areas</td>
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<td>Walking/ baseball</td>
<td>Walking track</td>
<td>I always wonder why we can’t have an updated baseball facility/bathrooms</td>
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<td>Kids to play</td>
<td>Climbing features</td>
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<td>Adam</td>
<td>Newer equipment and fix broken things and potty closer to park</td>
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<td>Ball games walking</td>
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<td>Sports/Recreation</td>
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<td>Sporting events, parties/picnics and exercise</td>
<td>More and better maintained parking, more porta-potties in more areas, permanent restroom/changing facility</td>
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<td>Kids love it</td>
<td>Sunny on cool days. Also dry's quick after it rains.</td>
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<td>Lots to do</td>
<td>Jungle gym</td>
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<td>reduce over crowding</td>
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<td>walking, exercise</td>
<td>Walking path, although often crowded with joggers</td>
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<td>Kids</td>
<td>nice path, although often crowded with joggers</td>
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<td>To run</td>
<td>benches on path, more water fountains,</td>
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<td>playground and walk</td>
<td>Update parking. Very dusty and rocky</td>
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<td>playing on playscapes</td>
<td>Awesome and well-kept equipment</td>
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<td>To bike around the trails</td>
<td>The outer gravel trail.</td>
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<td>Running and Basketball to walk/run path</td>
<td>Add dirt jumps for bikes in the back area.</td>
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<td>Playground, walking trail</td>
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<td>Running trail; playground</td>
<td>Pave the trail....Stone too thick!!!!</td>
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<td>tennis</td>
<td>Better drainage needed (floods often); need more restrooms</td>
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<td>get rid of pickle ball court and have a tennis court again</td>
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<td>please fix the equipment, some things are just broken and are dangerous</td>
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<td>pickle ball courts</td>
<td>little water park</td>
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<td>The landscaping could be kept up better and the playground equipment is starting to wear out</td>
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<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Courts need some improvement</td>
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<td>Exercise</td>
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<td>Fill in low spots on track. Remove trees that have fallen on the fence on the southern boundary.</td>
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<td>Restroom facilities other than Porta potties</td>
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<td>Close to my home</td>
<td>playground</td>
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<td>Close to family member house. Baseball diamonds. Son used to play ball there</td>
<td>I like the trail to walk on.</td>
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<td>Walking dog</td>
<td>I like that the playground draws people from the community and the baseball fields.</td>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Concessions</td>
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<td>Clean baseball diamonds</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
<td>and nice park to play while other kids are at practice</td>
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<td>We like that this park has everything</td>
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<td>This park gets very crowded.</td>
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<td>Parties</td>
<td>Yellow jacket/insect management, parking</td>
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<td>Pace the trail or smooth it out</td>
<td>too thick</td>
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<td>Ballgame, community Ed Walks</td>
<td>Parking, dust.</td>
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<td>dog walk and running</td>
<td>multi use path</td>
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<td>have lunch</td>
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<td>play with the grandkids and have lunch</td>
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**Indian Creek Park**

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<td>Sports</td>
<td>Open space</td>
<td>More park benches, another pavilion</td>
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<td>Pokémon go</td>
<td>Big open fields and trails</td>
<td>Better taken care of paths and bathrooms that aren't portable</td>
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<td>Biking in Woods, Running</td>
<td>Woods</td>
<td>More paths for biking</td>
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<td>Soccer/ walk</td>
<td>The park is clean</td>
<td>Field need improvement</td>
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<td>Long walking trail</td>
<td>PLEASE keep soccer fields maintained, particularly the Travel Soccer fields. It's embarrassing to host events at times...</td>
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<td>trails and soccer fields</td>
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<td>Lacrosse/Soccer/walking</td>
<td>Ample Parking</td>
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<td>Soccer ALL levels for 14 yrs.</td>
<td>Open spaces, enclosed by tree line cuts down on wind.</td>
<td>Enforcement of dog leash rule. Dog feces everywhere, completely unacceptable. More, more, more trash cans, including fenced area behind stadium. Trash in this park is excessive and mowers run over, leaving many pieces or sharp plastic (water bottle lids.) Parking lot is awful. Especially when we drive by large piles of stone that sit for months at a time, while we dodge potholes that can damage a car.</td>
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<td>walking/running trails and birding.</td>
<td>the habitat is good along the sides of the park for wildlife.</td>
<td>Ban dog walkers that ignore signs and won’t clean up after their pets or use a leash.</td>
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<td>walk, kids play, sporting events</td>
<td>trails</td>
<td>better road/parking lot. Paved trails or a nice bike trail. A real bathroom facility by the stadium. dog park</td>
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<td>Sporting Events/Walking trail</td>
<td>Walking trail</td>
<td>The Maintenance of this property and ALL township park properties are completely unacceptable. The grass is often uncut, weeds unmaintained. The soccer fields are like playing in a pasture. The baseball diamonds are not maintained. Weeds are growing through the stone which should be dirt etc... For the size of this township and the cost per community ed sports we lack in every area compared to surrounding township's recreational areas.</td>
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<td>Running</td>
<td>Large running loop</td>
<td>Don’t put so much gravel on the paths, it's difficult to run and walk on when gravel is so deep</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
<td>Trail through the woods</td>
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<td>walks</td>
<td>not out in the open</td>
<td>outdated</td>
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<td>Exercise and dog walking</td>
<td>Large</td>
<td>Water fountain and a fenced in area for dogs to run off leash.</td>
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<td>Walking my dog, visit with friends</td>
<td>Nice sized walking path, really enjoy the trail through the woods</td>
<td>Enforce leash policy; too many dogs off leash while there. Add a drinking fountain and trash can</td>
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<td>Sports or trail running</td>
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<td>Walking/Running</td>
<td>Openness</td>
<td>Marked trails in the woods. Better bathroom facilities</td>
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<td>By ball fields</td>
<td>Amount of equipment</td>
<td>It needs more shading or splash pad!</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
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<td>Better Restrooms</td>
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<td>Sporting events and exercise</td>
<td>Walking path</td>
<td>Paved entrance/parking or at least better maintained, more trash receptacles, more port-o-potties in more areas, permanent restroom/changing facility.</td>
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<td>Dog walking</td>
<td>Walking path</td>
<td>Bigger playground</td>
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<td>Run / Walk</td>
<td>Nice trails when not overloaded with rocks</td>
<td>Gym equipment more park equipment</td>
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<td>run trail</td>
<td>off pavement</td>
<td>keep weeds down and enforce dog leash laws</td>
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<td>Proximity to home, walking trails</td>
<td>Trails</td>
<td>Drainage (underdrain)</td>
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<td>Running</td>
<td>large trail to run</td>
<td>Either pave the trail with rubber or smooth it out. Too thick to run on</td>
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<td>Bike around trails</td>
<td>The trials that are in the woods behind it</td>
<td>Trails that reach further into the woods</td>
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<td>walking jogging</td>
<td>trails in woods.</td>
<td>clear trails and better drainage in woods.</td>
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<td>to walk/run</td>
<td>length of path</td>
<td>more garbage cans, as people are not disposing of dog waste properly</td>
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<td>Biking</td>
<td>Woods, open space</td>
<td>Paved path, crushed stone too thick</td>
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<td>Running trail; cross country and soccer practices and meets</td>
<td>Convenient access to YMCA</td>
<td>Grass needs to be mowed regularly (weeds get out of control); better drainage needed (floods often); need more restrooms</td>
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<td>running</td>
<td>trails</td>
<td>fix the bridge</td>
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<td>soccer/community ed</td>
<td>wide open spaces</td>
<td>repair/replace the east bridge - it's an accident waiting to happen, fill in divots on soccer fields - very dangerous to kids, add some gravel and grade the parking lot</td>
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<td>Track</td>
<td>Fill in low spots on track.</td>
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<td>dog walking / running</td>
<td>multi use path</td>
<td>stop the school dumping piles i.e. soil, rock, burning</td>
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<td>walk</td>
<td>lots of parking available</td>
<td>Spray for mosquitoes! Bugs are way worse there! Grade down stone fill in muddy/low areas, mow frequently</td>
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<td>Running on Walking Path</td>
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<td>Add some permanent stationary exercise equipment for adults. Chin up bars, push up rails,</td>
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<td>Walks, ballgames, soccer.</td>
<td>Walking path</td>
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<td>Doggie doo bags, scattered with trash can next to bag site.</td>
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<td>A few more benches so us seniors can rest more often</td>
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<td>bridge is always crowded, grass isn't usually maintained and ground is very uneven on soccer and baseball fields.</td>
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<td>family walk</td>
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<td>pave the path...no paved paths in town for kids to ride bikes</td>
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<td>Running the trail around it, picnic lunches</td>
<td>The beautiful open space and the trail around the park.</td>
<td>Would love to see a better playground for kids here.</td>
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<td>The space allotted for these sports</td>
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<td>Pave part of lot and some of the path to make it more accessible</td>
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<td>off leash area for dogs</td>
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<td>the walking trail and wide open space</td>
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<td>Better drainage and stop off leash dogs</td>
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<td>fix up the softball infields(to many weeds)</td>
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<td>Walking/walking dog</td>
<td>Nicely maintained paths</td>
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<td>Keep garbage cans at bridges in off season for people to dispose of garbage</td>
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<td>Add workout stations around the running track</td>
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<td>Maintain fields and refresh/replace kids play area equipment</td>
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<td>walking/jogging</td>
<td>ability to connect easily with White Park in one direction and the wooded area in the other direction.</td>
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<td>walking</td>
<td>clean paths, community, nice detour through the woods when dry. just keep up on the maintenance as you are</td>
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<td>On my bike route.</td>
<td>Trails that connect to Jr. High, Sr. High, YMCA, a person can do a lot of biking/walking without having to go on a road. Pave some of the paths for bikes.</td>
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<td>Walking trail Paved trails for rollerblading</td>
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<td>Trails More walking trails</td>
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<td>Walk</td>
<td>wood trails Map of trails, more wooded trails</td>
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<td>Soccer</td>
<td>walking trail Better lawn care and mosquito/tick spraying</td>
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<td>Soccer games</td>
<td>Soccer field The bridges are too narrow. Need replaced with sturdier and wider bridge. High traffic during weekends</td>
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<td>TBALL</td>
<td>Ball fields Restrooms</td>
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<td>Walking &amp; running, walking my dogs</td>
<td>Walks, trees Low water areas raised with stone, butterfly garden area</td>
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<td>close to family member home</td>
<td>walking trail none at this time</td>
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<td>Sports</td>
<td>Nothing The whole thing</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
<td>Walking &amp; kite flying Please update bridge over ditch by Douglas Rd.</td>
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<td>Community Education</td>
<td>The sports fields are huge and a great walking and running path The lawn and new playground equipment. Very outdated</td>
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<td>Baseball games and walks</td>
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<td>Sports</td>
<td>Adding more to the playground. So many families utilize this park for comm Ed.</td>
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<td>X country and Bedford soccer stadium</td>
<td>X country Create a baseball complex with 4-6 fields that are NOT under the control of 3B and can be used by local competitive teams as home fields for games and practice fields. Use these premier diamonds to host tournaments for baseball--6-8 fields would be better. Use the remaining land for soccer/football fields to be used by local clubs and community education.</td>
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<td>Walking trail</td>
<td>Walking trail goes from Indian to White, which gives a larger walking area Wooded area to walk through</td>
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<td>Baseball, walking path</td>
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<td>Walking</td>
<td>Woods Improve baseball diamonds</td>
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<td>Practice</td>
<td>Location Equipment is old</td>
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<td>walk</td>
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<td>walking exercise</td>
<td>I cut through the woods from the library to use Indian Creek because I want to enjoy the woods</td>
<td>Wish we could have a park that is more wooded such as Wildwood</td>
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<td>Exercise</td>
<td>Trails</td>
<td>Too much stones put down. Harder surface like Pearson Park</td>
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<td>Kids to play on community ed sports. Very clear not for 3B baseball.</td>
<td>Clean</td>
<td>Playground is good. Soccer and baseball need grass &amp; dirt. Not weeds and rocks.</td>
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<td>run trail</td>
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<td>Running</td>
<td>Multi-use trail/path</td>
<td>Packing the material used down, so that the trail is not &quot;moveable&quot;. When running on this type of surface, your foot slips and can cause rolling of ankles. The material is not packed down enough over the entire walking path. The path is also not a truly multi-use trail, nor is it usable to everyone. It is not ADA accessible; the surface would not allow a wheelchair or even a motorized wheelchair to be used on the path. However if this was to be a multi-use trail - an 8 foot width would be needed, so it could be a true multi-use trail. Problems that could occur with a paved path can be avoided with rules that are made clear. Please refer to Sylvania Olander park system rules for help with this, or Huron Clinton Metropark rules of use. These rules are enforced by signage - and by ordinance officers/police department.</td>
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<td>Run or walk</td>
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<td>For kids’ sports, but also to walk the trail and to relax while walking dog.</td>
<td>The track</td>
<td>Without impacting the aquatic environment, the weeds need trimmed from the creeks and ditches.</td>
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<td>Walk</td>
<td>Trails / usually an active park</td>
<td>need to redo trails and clean up tree limbs, basketball court grounds are broken, weeds grow up under bleachers</td>
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<td>running</td>
<td>beautiful parks with great running paths</td>
<td>fine people who let their dogs run loose every morning and on the weekends</td>
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<td>running / walking - walking dog</td>
<td>trails</td>
<td>do not add gravel to trails. too much make the footing loose</td>
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<td>I would love to have a dog park or a fenced in area for dogs. Of course, the problem are folks who don't clean up and keeping the surface from turning to mud, so it's probably high maintenance.</td>
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<td><strong>Hiking</strong></td>
<td>very little people and cool walk in the woods</td>
<td>more natural areas</td>
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<td>quiet walk</td>
<td>love walking in the wooded area</td>
<td>more trees and vegetation</td>
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<td>To see it</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Sell it.</td>
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<td>Dog walks</td>
<td>calm, quiet walk</td>
<td>very little people and cool walk in the woods</td>
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<td>To see how close it comes to my property!!!</td>
<td>Zero</td>
<td>more trees and vegetation</td>
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<td>Dog walks and training</td>
<td>Love walking in the wooded area</td>
<td>Put up a privacy fence that border all the private property so I don’t have to see all the dogs that are off leashes and to keep all the people of my property.</td>
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<td>walk the dog and myself</td>
<td>less crowded, nice path</td>
<td>more benches with shade, water fountain, trash cans on path, resting station perhaps near the back end.</td>
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<td>Walking trail</td>
<td>peaceful and beautiful place to walk</td>
<td>More wooded area to walk in</td>
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<td>Walking Path</td>
<td>Need dog park</td>
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<td>Walking trail</td>
<td>Walking trail thru woods</td>
<td>Anstead Park needs a little love. When I went there it was a large dry area with a small wooded area on the eastern end.</td>
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<td>Pave the path</td>
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<td>trail through the woods.</td>
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<td>Section with trees</td>
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<td>Paths are very nice</td>
<td>The wooded area should have been larger. It can extend down closer to the power lines. That would extend the nature experience for visitors.</td>
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<td>Walking dog</td>
<td>I love the trail through the woods, just wish it was longer</td>
<td>Add picnic tables, gazebo and drinking fountain. Make use of the land in the center of the walking trail with fun things for people to do. Playground?</td>
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<td>walking</td>
<td>very peaceful</td>
<td>expand if that is possible in the north or east</td>
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<td>Walk</td>
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<td>D-Golf course inexpensive improvement</td>
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<td>Running/walking/walking dog</td>
<td>Quiet nature of the park</td>
<td>Prairie grass restoration in the middle areas. This will maintain the area and not allow erosion. This path was packed down enough, but not enough to allow multi-use of wheelchair accessible people or people with walkers. One time while running at this park a gentleman was using a walker and could barely push it. However he was out and trying to enjoy the park but couldn't because he couldn't walk anywhere! ADA</td>
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accessible pathways would allow more people to enjoy the park. Again, paved pathways bring other issues, however there are many paths in the area that are paved and do not have issues. Signage and enforcement are needed when it comes to paved trails. Please refer to Sylvania Olander Park systems or the Huron Clinton Metroparks for their rules of trail use.

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<td>Out in the country</td>
<td>Sledding hill. Consider making it a dog park. We have lots of parks, but none for dogs.</td>
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<td>Would love a playground or water feature for kids or a dog park</td>
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<td>Some spots need more gravel</td>
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<td>choice of wooded path besides open area and gravel pathway</td>
<td>off leash area</td>
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<td>None</td>
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<td>There is nothing here. This is the park to go to if you want to be kidnapped by a weirdo</td>
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<td>Didn't even know it had been completed!</td>
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<td>More kids playground activities = better.</td>
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<td>Playground equipment</td>
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<td>Pokestops</td>
<td>Good for finding Pokémon</td>
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<td>Love the walking paths at the parks!</td>
<td>The walking paths and the friendly folks using them.</td>
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<td>walking</td>
<td>Well-drained walking paths; NO DISC GOLF</td>
<td>Keep this park simple as it is now; don't mow down wildflowers</td>
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<td>Love the parks we have for community sports, child play, walking. See note about how things could be improved. Thanks</td>
<td>More walking paths, sidewalks and some bike paths. Not enough sidewalks in the township. Residential streets are a disaster. Difficult to walk, run, bike, push strollers. Would be nice to have roadside paths or walkways for such use. Many drivers are not respectful of walkers, bikers, etc.</td>
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<td>Walk and jog</td>
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<td>Get concession and bathrooms</td>
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<td>Play with children</td>
<td>Well maintained and enjoyable play structures</td>
<td>Basketball hoops lowered for PreK-2nd graders; would love a bike trail at either Carr or White Park; a sledding hill would be fun too (like Sidecut park in Maumee)</td>
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<td>quit wasting money we don't need all these. We all have yards we all don't live in apartments.</td>
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<td>To explore it</td>
<td>The path</td>
<td>Maybe some more trees in the open sections.</td>
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<td>Most beautiful and contains walking, running and play areas</td>
<td>Trail, woods</td>
<td>Pave the path, stone too thick!!!</td>
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<td>Walk</td>
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<td>Adding shades to parks, adding water features for additional summer fun, shaded walking trails in Bedford would be amazing (in addition to those behind the library which aren't distance marked)</td>
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<td>Walks, walk dogs, children’s play area</td>
<td>Tree areas are nice, shade, openness, trails, paved rode into park nice</td>
<td>Make a butterfly garden! Tennis courts, Homerun fences for ball games</td>
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9. Please indicate to what extent each of the following recreation facilities/amenities are important to you. Mark each of the following amenities on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not important at all and 5 is extremely important.

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**Your Suggestions (please specify)**

- Love the choices that you have provided. Helps us think of the many options that may be available.

- It should not be the Township’s responsibility to provide all. Remember all parks have residential neighbors. If you have a dog, not my problem. Need to serve a majority for a majority of time. Look what has happened with skate park. You served a small group who grew up and left and now you have to take care of. Tell those who "want" to get a mileage passed and then you can talk business.

- All older residential streets are in horrible state of disrepair and dangerous for running, walking, biking and pushing strollers. Perhaps something could be done through the parks effort to add additional paths/sidewalks.

- Diversify offerings. Disk Golf is dangerous to people walking as golfers aren’t always courteous.

- Companies are doing excavation around Toledo area. Bring the soil into one of the parks to build a sledding hill for winter and an exercise hill during the summer. Free fill would keep cost down and make it nice for all the neighborhoods.

- Sidewalks to get to the park (Carr / Indian) would be the number one issue. Park usage would go up if you didn’t have to drive to them every time to use. Make it safe for residents to utilize.

- Keep the grass cut. Fill hole in the fields. Put drainage in the fields. Our athletic fields need a lot of help. The worst part of our park in this area

- I find it hard to associate which park is which in this survey. A picture of the park or entrance and sign of the park would make this survey more understandable for me to give you better answers.

- Sledding hill and fishing pond are GREAT ideas!

- More natural areas for hiking and birding
Music at parks at lunchtime, or evenings.

Interactive programs if we could ever have a wooded park to take moonlight walks. Programs to introduce kids to nature and how they are important in taking care of it. Yoga in the park.

With the expansion of Bedford we need to invest money into public parks with activities for the kids. I like the idea of an outdoor swimming pool and fishing pond for the summer, as well as the sledding hill and cross country ski trails for the winter. I’m less interested in the skateboarding and BMX bike facilities only because they have a skate park at Parmelee and it hasn’t been taken care of at all. I also wouldn't put any more money into disk golf because Bedford already has a few courses.

More places to grill

Butterfly gardens, plant gardens, improved paths for walking and baseball diamonds with homerun fences at 1 park like White Park. Bird houses along trails for nature appreciation. Tennis courts kept up at all parks.

I don't understand why money is not allocated at weed treatment at Indian Creek. I truly believe that mowing could be decreased if weeds were under control. And again Trash Cans everywhere.

I think Ansted would be perfect for shuffle board, Bocce ball, sledding hill, fish pond, sand volley ball and picnic area

Outdoor concert venue would be wonderful, splash pads (doesn't need to be a whole pool) would be great, marked trails lovely. Community nights at a park with food trucks, music would be great. Moved here from an area that had all of these things and we miss them!

I think pickleball is becoming appealing to middle aged and even older people. These people are a large segment of the community and with additional pickleball courts and a minimal amount of organization; Bedford Parks could see a big increase in usage and attendance. I have found pickleball enthusiasts to be very self-sufficient.

The kids/teens need activities too. The ranges, bmx, skate park, bb and soccer, all gives them something to do. We need that. I would love to see somewhere to sled in Bedford!

Sled hills = resounding YES! I have seen these at other parks in Ohio and they are extremely popular. We always have to travel outside of Bedford for these.

Any improvements to our parks just improve our community and give options for young people to get and stay active. All ages really...

Splash pad

Paved walking or bike/skate trail

With population increasing in our towns we need varied leisure options. I go to Wildwood to go biking! Big Senior population that support schools, need supports here.

Paved trails

Off leash dog area

Well maintained grounds

Longer walking trails for all of the 5k and walks we now have in Bedford! Maybe more shelters at Indian Creek as well as playground equipment for same reasons.

Clean up white park to have a decent baseball field. Outlying communities have much nicer and have a lower income than a fair amount of Bedford patrons

Dog park

I would love to see a space in our community where we can allow our dogs to run and be off leash. I visit one of our parks every single day to walk my dog and I come across very large dogs off leash almost daily. I would love to have an area where dogs can run off leash, but have it sectioned off according to the size of the dog. (Area for dogs 10-25 lbs, separate area for dogs 25-50 lbs and another for dogs over 50 lbs

I would love to see the baseball facilities updated so Bedford can host tournaments. We have the ability to bring in money that way.

Paved paths for biking. And make a sled hill in our flat town

Would love to see water park/splash park. We visit Rolling Hills all the time and love it

Love the ideas above! A sled hill would be wonderful and I never thought of a fishing pond! Go Bedford! Outside movie night under the stars would be fun too.
You need grass and dirt. Rocks and weeds are a deterrent for everything mentioned above. If 3B wants the fields have them build their own or pay enough to make the improvements. The parks should be for public use or public organized sports.

**Nature viewing**
- All great ideas I wasn't thinking of. I would really like to have big fishing pond and sledding hill
- Outdoor splash pad. Much like the one in St. Joseph, MI downtown.
- Dog park and Paved trails for rollerblading/biking
- Splash pad/park
- Swimming like rolling hills

You create a space for the community to come together and enjoy this town. More life would be given. Visit carter park, BG!! Amazing, we travel out of our way to enjoy that park.

**Would love a manmade sled hill**
- Put some money into updating Parmelee skate park. This is a great place for kids of all ages that have interests outside of the typical "all American" sports to have fun and socialize. My boys and I visit almost daily and is a great place to keep my other son occupied while his older brother is at football games and practice.

**Sledding hill would be great. Everyone has to drive bad roads for 30 mins to find one.**

**Baseball, football facilities that are premier complexes**
- Walking, running, hiking trails
- Bike/rollerblading paths
- Public Pool

**Consider a dog park.**

**Fenced Dog park**
- Start an event like a summer park concert series, some sort of family friendly entertainment that could help produce revenue for new equipment and upkeep. They do something like this in Hillsdale Michigan and it is slot of fun.

**Bedford needs a fenced in dog park**
- Fix the baseball fields at white park. Zero need for a home run fence. What a waste of money. Put up a privacy fence at Ansted park to keep people and dogs off my property.
- Dog park--off leash.

**Bedford needs a sledding hill at one of their parks. A paved biking/walking trail would be nice. I think a local fishing area would be used often.**

**Get a life, entertain yourself but not with everybody else's $**
- Would absolutely love it if we had a splash pad for kids!
- Improve surface of walking trails---More and better walking trials
- shuffle board would be neat addition to white park

**it does not seem like the city and the community work together. Some football teams don't have a place to play. Not enough baseball diamonds to support the kids who need them.**

**Definitely pool at park with lesser traffic, a fishing pond would be so perfect at Indian Creek,**

**It would be nice to see some of these features in our parks. If I had to choose one to see in the near future, it would be the bike trails. Our family is always wishing to ride somewhere that isn't our neighborhood. I remember bicycling all around my city when I was growing up.**

**Over haul the parks to match the active lifestyles people have.**

**Top 2 improvement requests from my family...Clear the Samaria park trail & add trees by the playground.**

**I would love to have more sites for walking in Bedford. When I want to take a walk, I either walk in my neighborhood or I go to Wildwood in Toledo. Somewhere closer to home to take a walk (other than White Park) would be great.**

**It would be amazing if there were the ability to create a place for concerts that would provide community and entertainment**
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<th>American ninja warrior obstacles to exercise on</th>
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<td>Paved bike paths connecting areas of the township and existing parks are my family's number one priority for our park system.</td>
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<td>When Todd Bork was alive he had a vision of a stage for community concerts wouldn't it be awesome to see his vision come true in his memory. Imagine our schools hosting choir, band or orchestra nights or other locals showing their talent.</td>
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<td>Anything that will get people to be outside more during all the Michigan seasons would be great. I would especially love to see an open leash dog park as well as a paved bike trail throughout town due to lack of sidewalks. Riding on country roads is not always safe for people.</td>
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<td>Update the skateboard park. Have local skateboard/bike shops host contests.</td>
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<td>There are many bikers in the area and would be a good idea to create a purely mountain bike trail maybe with some small jumps and going through a forest. It could be built with purely volunteer hours and maintained by volunteers also. Also a good addition would be to add bike dirt jumps near Temperance so all the kids that live near there could have a place to play around instead of hanging around stores. That could also be volunteer maintained.</td>
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<td>Walking and biking are very popular. Look at making our trails larger and more of them.</td>
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<td>Ice Skating pond and a public swimming pool</td>
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<td>A sledding hill and a dog park would be awesome!</td>
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<td>More walking paths</td>
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<td>Bike trails would be nice through the township. The stone you currently have is too thick, roads have no burn. It would be nice to have somewhere to bike as a family.</td>
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<td>more paved trails in parks with kids’ activities. Many parents have strollers and some family members use wheelchairs and walkers which can be difficult to maneuver</td>
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<td>Our parks need a paved trail. The current trails are not usable when it snows or rains.</td>
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<td>Pickle ball courts at all locations and a splash pad at some locations.</td>
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<td>I'm so excited about the above amenities. Hope we can build them!</td>
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<td>Our parks are generally nice, but the appearance and upkeep need some attention. They could also have nicer facilities as well. We happened to be in Winnetka, IL a few weeks ago and were at their parks. They could give some inspiration to the park board and are kept up wonderfully.</td>
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<td>More walking paths.</td>
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<td>off leash dog park</td>
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<td>A water or splash pad for kids would be preferred over a pool but a pool or pond to swim would also be really awesome</td>
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<td>I am part of a group building mountain bike single track trails at Oak Openings. It would be great if we could build up a park with trails that could be used year round. It would be a dirt trail with obstacles for hiking, biking and cross country skiing. Trail would be great if we could get about 5 miles of trails.</td>
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<td>the tennis courts should be maintained while they are still viable; doing so would be a better investment that allowing continued deterioration. People of all ages attempt to use the courts now, finding them disappointing.</td>
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<td>We need more walking trails preferably in the woods and there are no bike paths to enjoy</td>
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<td>Area to have dogs off leash</td>
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<td>Dog park would be nice, dirt running trails through woods</td>
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<td>Walking trails would benefit from signs asking people to stay to the right.</td>
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<td>Real restrooms at each park.</td>
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<td>Would like to see a splash pad w/ locker rooms installed in one of the local parks for a nominal hourly or daily fee.</td>
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10. Which type of facilities or park would you be most likely to visit? Choose one only.

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<td>Nature preserves with nature areas and hiking trails</td>
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<td>Neighborhood parks with playgrounds and benches</td>
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<td>Bicycle trails and walking paths</td>
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<td>Indoor community center with gymnasium and fitness classrooms</td>
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<td>Dog park</td>
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Other (please specify)
- I can't pick only one. We enjoy all listed.
- One w/sled hill
- All the above depending on which day and what activity I wanted to do
- All of the above
- Skate park
- Community swimming pool
- Nature preserves with nature areas with hiking/biking trails. Some form of playground and picnic area included, but not main focus.
- Dog park might get people off trails who don’t leash their dog!!
- Bandstand
- Our parks provide a nice mix of each, Ansted and its location would be a great place for concerts.
- A stage for concerts
- Skateboarding
- Swimming pool
- Bicycle trails are desperately needed in Bedford
- Nature trails and playgrounds
11. How would you rank the following possible improvements to the overall Bedford Township parks system? Please mark each of the suggested improvements on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is least priority and 5 is top priority

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Your Suggestion

More than anything, we need sidewalks connecting subdivisions to commercial areas to parks. Please consider making this a more walkable community.

Have school fully utilize school property so they don't overrun "park" system. Collaborate but groups need to provide for their own majority use need. You could use tot lots for "specialty" parks or if the Township sells, $$$ belongs to the parks.

Each park has nice features which are why I believe people choose to visit the park [s] they do. Each park does not need every feature/offering. Anstead is the most nature-oriented. Please keep it simple there.

Restroom facility at Indian for the softball / soccer fields. Add small concession stand to generate revenue.

We need to put the resources into the field

I find going to one of the many parks you already have is enough. Maintain them. If I want a giant park to go to I just go to Toledo's parks.

The township should invest more time in the sport fields at Indian Park, rather than player parents bringing weedwackers and lawnmowers to prep fields for games.

We don’t need more cut grass fields. But buy if it’s going to be natural land

Would LOVE to see a park with more woods to hike through. I know we can't have a Wilwood but maybe something on a smaller scale with at least a 3mile hike sure would be nice.

I've never been to L. Ansted Park so I can’t comment

6 choices on a 5 point ranking system?

Clean up & update existing neighborhood parks

Bike trails

White park needs revamping. Especially the fields and bathrooms

Open space for dogs to run safely

Dog park

Our schools need to be priority, including sidewalks on Jackman & Dean Roads, connecting the neighborhoods closest to the high school & jr high

I would love to have more hiking trails! We love to take our dog on hikes through the woods. I also love the idea of a dog park where dogs are allowed off leash in a designated area, but I think it's important to have it sectioned off according to dog size

each park has its own personality, but adding to many things into our existing parks may cause overuse

Bike paths off the roads would be awesome

Wow, I feel terrible that I didn't even know about Ansted Park, but am very interested in its possibilities.
Clean up and fix what we have

Nature Park

Add bird watching areas

Promote parks more, find ways to utilize more/better

Paths for roller blading

You can't acquire new property if your current ones aren't functioning to their fullest potential.

Pave the trails.

The problem in my view is stewardship of the parks...those we have are not taken care of properly or maintained despite arguments stating otherwise; good ole boys network should be abolished in Bedford. Start fresh...don't dishonor the contributions of those who have invested in the community, especially in parks, but neither allow them to protect their sacred cows and shift their weight in an effort to maintain control ...it's a sad commentary. If that can't be done, new land, new parks, new facilities, new leaders

Long distance bicycling paths would be nice.

Dog park

I feel Ansted Park was a waste of township money and shouldn't be developed

I think we need to take care of what we have already and use folks wanting to do service projects to help out or highlight some volunteer work days for community to help out.

As mentioned previously, would love to see a splash pad or some kind of water play area for the community.

acquire new land is very vague, like approve this millage and we will figure out how to spend it later.

There has been a lull due to finances which is understood. Now is the time to get back to work and provide detailed responsible improvements to the community. The more we do insightful and detailed communication with the residents the more they will support and invest our excellent parks system. Moderation is the key to bringing are parks back to the forefront of our communities interest for investment.

having an indoor space for gym, fitness classes would be great. especially the gym for basketball & volleyball. This town is in desperate need of additional gym space.

I'd love to see a "town center" developed with a mix of commercial, residential and park land, co exists, to include an amphitheater.

It would be a wonderful addition to have a more wooded park similar to the Toledo Metroparks.

Maintaining what we have is Priority #1!!! However improving what we have is also a needed thing. Bringing the paths up to standard use - making them true multi-use trails/paths

Update Parmelee skatepark.

It would be a good idea to add more bike lanes and sidewalks for kids to get around the township easier. Also there are many bikers in the area who would help build/maintain a mountain bike trail.

dog park in one of these would be nice. Ansted seems to have plenty of space for one.

pickle ball courts

off leash dog park

If we could connect some of the parks to create a great hiking and biking trail.

since the township has many areas without sidewalks, the parks are a big asset to the health and wellness of the community and its desirability for new township residents. Hockey is very popular among many residents; an outdoor ice rink would be a beneficial improvement

bike trails or bike lanes connecting parks

Community center would be awesome with a gym for cold weather. Having a walking circle or something would be cool too.

I love the idea of a dog park. We have great parks and I wouldn't change anything but adding restrooms.
12. Would you support a millage for the operation, maintenance and development of Bedford Township’s parks?

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13. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

I would fully support a millage for more sidewalks connecting residential areas to community assets.

I so very much appreciate you’re giving residents a chance for their input!

Be a separate entity from Township. Pull into your fold the Beautification Committee. Develop a "friends of the Park Commission." You should have at least X1/mo. voice at township meeting. Community Education should not have a majority use of parks. It’s too bad the opportunity to keep property at Dean/Douglas is gone. Keep up the good work!

Parks Board discusses with road commission the need for repair to older residential streets which are hazardous and devalue properties in the entire township. Not conducive to walking, running, biking or pushing strollers, which is a necessary feature for all ages and families.

Keep one park as a place to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature! Please and Thank you!

I would want to see what parks you would develop to support.

Before purchasing more land for another small park consider building a bigger park that would be better for all the community (adding to existing with purchase of additional land).

Cross country at other schools has generated a lot of revenue for those park system in parking fees - very short usage. Need to develop a good CC course and take advantage of the ability to generate revenue. Why give monies to Monroe and AA area?

Have a park fun day - concession stands, simple games, generate revenue for park improvements without raising taxes. Movie nights outside on the big screens for the kids.

Do simple things to generate revenue.

The park board need to visit other parks in the area. Like Sylvania pacesetter park. That is a nice park. Also support the local sport team and give them a nice park to be proud of.

Regardless if bike trails aren’t able to be funded the main streets definitely need to be more safe to accommodate bikes. Dean road is one of the worst offenders for people on bikes with ditches on both sides and on coming cars there really isn’t any room for bikes to get over any more or a car to drive safely to give the bikers the room the need.

More live music concerts in the parks. All kinds. Connecting music with nature and families is what makes a community come together.

Native plants and natural areas.

I think the township needs to start supporting the school district. No kids = no one at parks. Seriously!

We need to look at surrounding cities and see what opportunities they offer. Our park system and athletic fields/courts are quickly becoming outdated. People are actively looking else where so that their kids have more options.

The community would really benefit from a Rec Center, with quality ball diamonds, tennis courts, swimming pool and splash pad, etc.

More hiking trails

Many volunteers would help with creating new areas of interest at our parks. Teaching our youth to value the outdoors & to participate in recreation regularly is a bonus to their development. Sitting at a computer-iPod or cell phone for all their after school hrs entertainment is not healthy. More interesting offerings in our parks will get them in motion! Kids would be thrilled to help work at our parks to make improvements. Costs for labor could be greatly reduced.

If you do designate a dog park, could violations be issued to those who do not obey leash laws at the other parks please. Dogs and golf balls are posing SERIOUS safety hazards for our children.
**Enforce rules regarding pets. Too many dogs running loose and owners not cleaning up after them.**

**More access to handicapped and elderly population**

**Hold people accountable that don’t put their dogs on leashes at the parks!**

**Splash pad could be fun for summer months. Invite food trucks to the area on weekends in the summer.**

The community comes together in tragedy in a awesome way. i’d like the same to happen throughout the entire year. I think the space at Ansted needs to be used. How about family type movie nights in the summer. Food vendors could stop by.

**Different ages (i.e. seniors, DINKS, kids) use parks for different reasons. There are a number of playground options available so should consider expanding use for other customer types by adding outdoor music venues (which would be enjoyed by all), trails, etc**

In neighboring communities there are pickleball organizations and I’m sure information and advice would be readily available to the Board from them.

**For me to be able to have a group of Pickle ball players meeting 4-6 times a week. All a pickle ball player needs is to look on line on, a calendar that has times and where to meet.** [https://toledopickleball.com/](https://toledopickleball.com/) is willing to put Bedford on their website.

Keep the cemetery, sell the rest of Lewis Ansted Park, it was a scam to begin with. Use the money and purchase wooded or wetland/wooded mix, anything but a soybean field like Anstead.

Whole family likes idea of sled hill(s). Also add merry-go-round at playground(s).

**My support of a millage would completely depend on what is specified to go to**

I do like that the parks have playground equipment for kids…I don’t have kids yet but I feel it’s important to maintain those as well

Maintain and improve the existing park properties before adding new.

**I wish I could safely bike in my town. I live in Lambertiville.**

A dog park would be an awesome addition.

**Redoing white park baseball fields and redoing the bathrooms. Bathrooms could be fairly inexpensive if donations were made for time and supplies**

**Paved bike trails through the woods**

**Enhancing the park settings, paths, & sidewalks at our SCHOOLS.**

Let the kids have their park for skating, basketball and disc Golf. Keep that away from the hiking parks and dog walkers please.

**I am all for continuing to make improvements to Ansted Park. I think Temperance has needed a walking trail and I’m so pleased that we have one. Now I’d just like to see it have picnic tables, a pavilion, drinking fountain, restroom**

Many people feel the bathrooms should be improved at White Park in the ball field. Please make it a desirable place to host tournaments.

**Bathrooms!!**

**Bike paths connecting parks**

Anything that can get us outdoors and everyone in our family enjoys. Love the outdoors

A sledding hill would be awesome.

Thank you, for the opportunity to fill out the survey and keeping our parks beautiful for our children!

I’ll support the millage if a very clear plan is laid out. What’s the cost, whose paying for it, who benefits from it and what's the long term expense to maintain

Consider putting bigger and better practice batting/pitching cages and more of them.

**Add more porta potties closer to fields 1, 2 and 6 for baseball games at White park.**

**Safety. Maybe install an emergency phone at each park.**

Parks have gotten a lot better over the past 5 years but people don’t use them much. Create more diversity/options that are popular. Paved paths would bring more Bedford residents to the parks instead of Bedford residents driving to Sylvania to use wildwoods paved paths. There is nowhere to bike/rollerblade in Bedford unless on the side of the roads or in neighborhoods.
It would be nice to have more community wide events at parks-chili or rib cook off, charity, spring/fall festival
One park at a time, don’t go so big that the community won’t support your efforts. Have a detailed plan and show us how your are going to make the community a better place.
More opportunities for families to do healthy activities outside together in our community.
Sensory friendly and disability access.
Already stated
Fenced dog park
A Community Pool where you could join for a membership to support it.
Toledo park are better and don’t not cost Bedford anything
Details of the millage would need to be specified before I could say I would or would not.
Fenced in dog park with fountain facilities and improvement to white park bathroom facilities
Like the idea of sled hill and fishing pond
Privacy Fence at Ansted Park
Would support it if we had a dog park and a park to ride horses
Our family often travels to spray/splash parks in Wayne County (part of their metro park system). I know this would cost money to build and maintain….but I think it would attract folks and be a big hit for our township. Perhaps a small fee for those living outside township.
An outdoor pool for the community would be fantastic. Even a splash pad for little ones.
you have to have details behind an idea. I think the last 2 millage’s that were voted down did not have enough detail or very little.
put a bandstand in and have “Concert in the park”, performances by schools, local talented kids….A fishing pond, this will help with local developing a hobby and boy scouts ECT...
Bedford has many awesome and great parks and I, unfortunately, don’t know what each of them has to offer. The things you asked about in this survey include great ideas and hopefully mean you’re working to start building up our parks and community.
Nothing other that what I already suggested, which is a place for adults to walk/exercise other than White Park. That park is very busy during softball season. Another site would be greatly appreciated!
Yes, but it has to be done with intelligent moderation to bring community awareness and trust. Once that is established through open, detailed communication and finance Bedford will rally behind its parks system once again.
indoor gym facility, fitness classrooms, connecting paths between parks and to school, library, YMCA, etc. would be great. The narrow roads around here are dangerous for walkers and bikers.
I just moved here. It shouldn't be this hard for me to find a park with decent trails.
Many township residents use the High School and Junior High campus for recreation. I am curious if it is possible that benches, lighting be considered through grants to make this a more safe and park-like option for Bedford? Saline High School is a good example of this concept.
I did not know Anstead park was open and have been looking forward to going!
The Township has great parks. Perhaps if more public events at each park would take place people would see how wonderful they are. We look forward to the RWB rib festival this summer and hope more things like this can take place.....outdoor concerts, family bonfires, organized summer games for the families..
ADA accessible grants - allowing our parks to better serve those in the community. Working with the school district and those neighbors who surround the parks to accept the growth of the parks. Especially with Ansted park - there are quite a few neighbors who have lots of "NO TRESSPASSING" signage in the woods. Granted this is their property - but I feel more people would be FOR the parks, if they knew the parks are a good thing for the community and do not depreciate the value of their property.
Pacesetter park in Sylvania has a beautifully kept skatepark. I have spoken to the owner and employees at Just Skate Toledo, who have helped with the design and implementation of Pacesetter as well as helping to build and indoor skatepark.
Adding a single purpose mountain bike trail with obstacles such as jumps, drops and berms would be a good
choice as a future improvement.
a paved track for biking and rollerblading would be nice.

Connectivity is very important for the future of Bedford. The youth as well as the older adults in Bedford want more walking, biking and family activities. The parks help with this.

A public swimming pool, residents would pay a discounted fee either for season pass or per visit, non-residents would pay more

Please consider getting rid of really high Rock walls, or put something that would keep a child from so easily falling through the opening at the top. If a child fell from the one at carr park, they would probably die. It’s incredibly dangerous. Especially for the younger kids who are going to play there regardless of signs because they are so much more fun. Older kids could easily fall through the hole as well. Maybe there is a tunnel shape that could be put there with a straight horizontal piece of plastic at the top so kids could climb up, but would be caught if they fell. That would be better than nothing.

I would just truly like to reiterate that it would be nice to see some permanent stationary work out equipment for adults at one of the parks. It would be nice to be able to run and get a workout outside in the park.

There are several grants out there to be had. You need to form committee of people who have diverse knowledge and some grant writing skills

Addition of broad bicycling lanes along roadways linking two parks and schools.

bike paths

Connecting pathways for family bike trails would be most important. Hiking too. Crushed stone has to go, unless it can be more compact with solid surface underneath. Bedford has no curbs, few sidewalks and probably our most regret of moving here is to not have an opportunity out to ride bikes safely with our family. Improvements in this area are extremely important to us.

please just make sure the existing equipment is maintained in a safe manner. My primary concerns are the dangerous bridge at Indian Creek and the need for more mulch around the play equipment to protect children from falls.

Pickle ball courts at parmليب park

I would definitely consider a millage for the parks. They increase the quality of life for residents and instill pride and appreciation for living in a community with such great facilities. It will also attract younger families to Bedford township who will be motivated to keep improving their neighborhoods and community.

Offer some community ed classes at the parks like disc golf or tennis.

Oak Opening is using volunteers to help build their trail.

The community needs to provide better maintenance to protect the current investment in the parks. Adding to the community recreation resources will continue to make the township attractive to new residents and families.

Survey is great idea. Don’t add features that would be expensive or difficult to maintain(ie swimming pool).

I would support a millage if the money was used for paved bike trails and walking paths. You should look into grant money to create a long distance trail to possibly connect us to Ann Arbor.

keep up the good work

my biggest complaint is the tall grass at White park in the spring and summer i like the idea of a sled hill

Thanks for serving on the Park Commission!

more enforcement of current rules ordinances laws
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PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION
NOTICE OF DRAFT PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability of Draft Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Public Review and Comment

A draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Bedford Township is available for public review and comments at the locations listed below. Any interested public can send comments to the Township Park Commission or will be given an opportunity to comment at the following public hearings:

- Bedford Township Park Commission: **Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the Bedford Township Hall, 8100 Jackman Road; and/or
- Bedford Township Board of Trustees: **Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the Bedford Township Hall, 8100 Jackman Road.

The Township will accept any written comments on the plan until November 10, 2017. Please direct your comments to Connie Velliquette, Park Commission Chair, c/o Clerk’s Department, Bedford Township, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182 or via email to xtemperance@gmail.com.

The plan is available for consultation at the Township Hall (8100 Jackman Road), at the Township’s Library (8575 Jackman Road), and on the Township’s website bedfordmi.org.

October 6, 2017
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2017
Bedford Township Hall
8100 Jackman Road
7:00 P.M.

Present: Connie Velliqueste, Chair, Sally Dunn, Lew Smith, Jerry Goodridge & Joan Dunton.
Also Present: TC Clements, Jon Gutierrez, Lucie Fortin
Excused: None.

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair Velliqueste, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Goodridge, seconded by Dunn to approve the agenda of the November 13, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 Park Board meeting, all ayes. Motion carried.

4. Secretary’s Report: A Thanksgiving card from Mannik & Smith, a renewal notice from MParks, StoneCo pricing sheet for 2018, the affidavit of publication for the public hearing regarding the new master plan, and a Dick’s Sporting Goods catalog.

5. Treasurer’s Report: Expenses for period $11,419.80. Remaining fund balance $25,153.70. Motion to approve treasurer’s report made by Smith, seconded by Goodridge. Roll Call: all ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Public Hearing and board discussion on five-year master plan: Hearing opened at 7:05. Motion to close public hearing made by Dunn, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:06. Board members haven’t had any additional comments, Mannik & Smith haven’t received any comments or complaints either. Fortin made the adjustments that were brought up by the board at the 9/25/17 meeting. Clements suggested contacting the grant writing committee to see if there’s a way to get more funding for future projects in the five-year plan. Motion to support adoption of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Township Board made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried.

7. Community Education: Basketball leagues are starting, registration numbers were high, and space was an issue. They are hoping to have access to TRE for games.

8. Comments from the Public: None.

9. Old / New Business:
   a. Carr’s Grove Park: All is well. Allied Paving and Courtsmith were contacted about prices for tearing the tennis courts out, and having either two new tennis courts, or one tennis court and two pickleball courts.
   b. Sambius Park: Water leak in men’s restroom had to be fixed by a plumber, because township maintenance couldn’t fix it. Wettle said new awnings should be hung by Thanksgiving. Michigan DEQ said the water passed inspection, and another water check will be done on 11/15 by the county.
   c. White Park: Shelter renovation is complete.
   d. Parmelee Park: Phase 2 of the Skate Park check has been issued. A tree had been set on fire, and because it posed a safety hazard, Goodridge had to hire a tree company to remove it.
   e. Indian Creek: Invoice for the 48” wide accessible bridge was received. The beech tree was planted on 11/5.
   f. Armstrong Park: Shelter Construction Update. Everything is marked and ready to be setup. Velliqueste brought in a sign for the Monarch garden, showing that it is an official Waystation for the conservation of Monarch butterflies.
   g. Bedford Blast meeting: Smith and Goodridge met with Sheppard and two others from Bedford Blast. They would need the fields Mondays to Thursdays for 2-3 hours per day, with about 22 games in April-June. They agreed to supplement porta-potties at the parks. They may ask to use lights at Parmelee. They asked if they could spray for weeds and apply pesticides by a licensed contractor. They’d like to have the first application

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in the fall months. They asked that if other teams use the fields, that they would contribute to the maintenance or upkeep as well. They would like to build wooden dugouts, and a home run fence at Parmelee. They agreed to mow the diamonds they use. They asked if they could put up sponsor signs to show who’s donated. They would provide financial statements showing their income and expenditures. They asked for use of the civic club area for parking. Smith said before and after photos would be needed to show their improvements. Bedford Blast would have to contact the civic club about using their property. The board would allow sponsor signs, within certain size limits and that simply state that the business/person donated for maintenance and improvements at the ball diamond. The board will not allow Bedford Blast to charge fees to others using the fields, but the board may be implementing a fee for everyone renting fields. If lights are used, the board may charge for electricity. The board would allow licensed spraying for weeds.

h. Wheeler Property: There has to be a parking lot, and some type of trail for the park board commission to accept the property. Pete Zauns is trying to get approval from the Attorney General for a parking lot and small trail. The board feels having this land as a nature preserve would be a valuable asset to the community. Dunn said Eagle scout candidates could build wooden benches for the sides of the trail, and possibly bird houses. Smith suggested bat houses also. Velliquette said that Paul Pircro is in favor of the board accepting the property.

i. Approval of dates and times for the 2018 Park Board meetings: Velliquette asked board to consider meeting once per month, and holding special meetings if something else comes up. Motion to table approval of meeting schedule until November 27th meeting made by Dunn, seconded by Goodridge, all ayes. Motion carried.

10. Comments from the Public: None.

11. Commissioner’s Comments: Dunton has the White Park bathroom and concession keys, and will make copies to distribute to the rest of the board to add to their hall keys. Goodridge asked about the lease terms on the concession stand at Parmelee.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dunton, seconded by Smith, all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Velliquette.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Dunton, Park Board Secretary
BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
November 21, 2017  
7:00 pm

PRESENT:  
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk  
Paul Francis, Treasurer  
LaMar Frederick, Trustee  
TC Clements, Trustee  
Rick Steiner, Trustee  
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:  
Phil Goldsmith, Leonard, Graham & Goldsmith

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Bedford resident Logan Tisdale.

PUBLIC HEARING  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN  
Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing for the approval of a resolution to adopt the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

Lucie Forcin, from Mannik & Smith Group spoke, explaining the process which has been going on since January of 2017, to renew the Bedford Township Parks & Recreation 5-year master plan. She further stated this will allow the Park Commission to apply for grant opportunities which has benefited the township with the receipt of 5 grants in the past. She then answered board members questions.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to close the public hearing for the approval of a resolution to adopt the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements to approve the resolution to adopt the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the years of 2018 through 2022, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA  
The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the November 14, 2017 Township Board Minutes.
- The General, Savings, Pooled Funds & CD Report.
- Approval to appoint James Nyhan to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2019.
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Approval to appoint Michael Sprott to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2019.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri. Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

PUBLIC COMMENT
Connie Velliquette, Chair of the Bedford Park Commission, thanked the board for their support of the parks.

STAFF REPORTS
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR A 4:1 DEPTH TO WIDTH RATIO WAIVER PER THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 84, SECTION 301.600 – PARCEL NO. 5802-021-036-00

Joe Kane, Assessing Department, spoke, explaining the issue and the plan the developer has worked with both the Building Dept. and the Planning Dept. to change the parcel to have 4 lots, and mentioned this has been approved by the BZA. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the 4:1 depth to width ratio waiver on parcel no 5802-021-036-00, this is not unprecedented and within the guidelines of the land division ordinance under "private roads, public roads, driveways and frontage", on vacant land currently located within an undeveloped PUD and described as 5802-021-036-00, located on the east side of Douglas road, north of the intersection of Consant Road, Lambertville, mi 48144 conditioned upon setting up a driveway maintenance agreement to include all four properties, properly installing a stop sign at the west end of the private driveway at Douglas road, properly displaying each dwelling address at the entrance and at each dwelling site. Practical difficulties being the property is heavily infiltrated with bedrock making it difficult to develop, the terrain and Indian Creek at the entrance, the properties all meet the 90' frontage requirement at Douglas road. These variances will not be valid unless the PUD plan and PUD agreement are revoked and the property is rezoned to the underlying zoning of R-1, single family residential and approved by the township board, and there will be no street sign permitted, as what is now a road will be a private drive. In addition, comments from the MCRC stated another curb cut due to safety and traffic issues on Douglas road, would not be permitted. Further stating the MCRC will not maintain the private driveway. As well, the Bedford Township Fire Department supports the four homes off one driveway. The owner/developer shall create a homeowner's association, maintenance agreement and easement agreement for all four lots developed. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO HIRE ANGIE DEC AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ELECTIONS CLERK FULL-TIME POSITION EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 5, 2017

Hershberger spoke, stating Ms. Dec has been working in her department as a seasonal employee since October, and is requesting the board approve hiring her as the Administrative Assistant/Elections clerk effective December 5, 2017 at a salary of $38,811.50, plus benefits to replace Nancy Gin who will be assuming the position of Deputy Clerk on December 5th. She further stated that Ms. Dec has been a quick learner and a hard worker during the time she has been employed by the township. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve hiring Angie Dec as the Administrative Assistant/Elections Clerk to a full-time position.
in the Clerk’s Department, with a starting salary of $38,811.50, plus benefits, effective December 5, 2017. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvleri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SALARY FOR NANCY GIN, DEPUTY CLERK

Hershberger spoke, stating she is requesting the board approve the salary of $47,127.90 for the new deputy clerk, Nancy Gin. She further informed the board that Ms. Gin has been working in the Clerk’s Department for 4 years, full-time for 2 years, and has been trained in all aspects of her new position of Deputy Clerk. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the salary of $47,127.90 for the new Deputy Clerk, Nancy Gin, effective December 5, 2017. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvleri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-$67,986.07, Fire District-$2,770.16, Park Fund-$2,786.29, Library Operating Fund-$37,15, Indian Acres SAD-$1,015.38, Mohawk Trails SAD-$2,414.55, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-$378,310.60, & Trust and Agency Fund-$87,50 for a total of $455,407.70. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvleri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST TO AMEND ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 400.1920 “STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, NON-COMMERCIAL TRAILERS AND EQUIPMENT”, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 400.209 “CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS” TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Frederick spoke, explaining the need for this amendment is to give clarity to the definition of trailers and RV’s and assist the Ordinance Department in determining ordinance violations with regard to trailer and RV storage on property. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the amendment of Article XIX, Section 400.1920 “Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Non-commercial trailers and Equipment to insert clarifying language regarding the storage of such recreational vehicles and to amend Article II, Section 200 “Construction of Language and Definitions” to add definitions regarding Recreational Vehicles for the following reasons:

1. The Bedford Township Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments and recommended approval of the amendments;
2. The Monroe County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments and recommended approval of the amendments;
3. The amendments clarify that occupancy of a recreational vehicle or non-commercial trailer while stored on a premise is not permitted absent special approval; and,
4. The amendments clarify the definition of vehicles used for recreational purposes.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvleri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None
REQUEST TO AMEND ARTICLE XXII, SECTION 400.2200 “BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS” TO ADD C-2 SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT AS A PERMITTED ZONING DISTRICT FOR OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY

Frederick spoke and explained this amendment will allow for additional permitted uses in C-2 Shopping Center districts. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner that Article XXII, Section 400.2200, “Board of Zoning Appeals Jurisdiction” be amended to add C-2 Shopping Center District be added as a permitted zoning district for outdoor assembly for the following reason:

1. The addition would offer additional opportunities for the community for outdoor assembly;
2. The addition would not change the process for approval of an outdoor assembly;
3. The Township Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the amendment;
4. The Monroe County Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the amendment

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR FINAL PUD APPROVAL FOR ADLER ESTATES ON PARCEL NUMBERS 5802-030-100-10 AND 5802-030-099-08

Frederick spoke, and explained the request for final PUD approval of Adler Estates, which will consist of 21 units. Brad Greeley, developer of Adler Estates, spoke to the board, further explaining the process and answering board members’ questions. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri that approval of the Final Planned Unit Development and Final Site Plan Approval for Phase I of Adler Estates on Parcel Numbers 58 02-030-100-10 and 58 02-030-099-08, located off Adler Road, south of Clegg Road subject to satisfaction of the requirements of the review letters from Mannik/Smith Group, Monroe County Road Commission, Monroe County Drain Commission and the Bedford Fire Department and development of a street lighting plan in Phase I and submission of the PUD Agreement and Plan to Township Counsel for review and approval for the following reasons:

1. The development as submitted satisfies the Township Master Plan;
2. The development has been recommended for approval by the Township Planning Commission;
3. The development satisfies the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Future Use Map;
4. The development has been recommended for approval by the Monroe County Planning Commission;
5. The uses are consistent with surrounding uses;
6. The development meets the requirements of the current underlying zoning district.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None
REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NUMBERS 5802-203-100-10 AND 5802-030-099-08 FROM R-2A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
Frederick spoke, stating that with final approval of Adler Estates PUD the underlying parcels need to be changed from their current R-2A designation to PUD. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements that Parcels 58-02-030-100-10 and 58-02 030-099-08 be rezoned from R-2A Single Family Residential to PUD, Planned Unit Development for Adler Estates, a 95-unit site condominium PUD project off Adler Road south of Clegg Road for the following reasons:
1. The Township Board has approved, subject to conditions, the Final PUD and Final Site Plan for Phase I of Adler Estates; and,
2. The development as designed provides a less dense use than that permitted under R-2A Single Family Residential as a platted subdivision;
3. The PUD zoning district is compatible with the Township Master Plan; and
4. The PUD zoning district is compatible with the Monroe County Comprehensive Future Use Map;
5. The Bedford Township Planning Commission recommends approval;
6. The Monroe County Planning Commission recommends approval.
Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hersberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LIFE LINE AMBULANCE
Francis spoke explaining this resolution needs to be approved in order to set up an installment purchase of the Life Line Ambulance. He further mentioned the resolution needs to be approved by not only the township, but the vendor and Monroe Bank and Trust as well. The interest rate is 2.25% and will be for 4 years. Attorney Goldsmith spoke, stating the resolution had been prepared by bond council and approved by township attorneys. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the resolution authorizing an installment purchase agreement for the Life Line Ambulance, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hersberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW OUTDOOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FOR TEMPERANCE, LAMBERTVILLE AND SAMARIA
Pirrone stated this request is for replacement of worn out and torn holiday banners to be placed in Temperance, Lambertville and Samaria. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve the purchase of new outdoor holiday banners from Bronner’s Commercial Display at a cost of $1,682.00, plus shipping. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hersberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine, commented at length regarding the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department contract.
Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel, stated he was speaking on behalf of the Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, suggesting a “new” way to propose millages in the township.

EPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tiernan – questioned the status of implementing expanded ambulance service by the fire dept. Porrone and Chief Massingill responded to the question.

Steiner – mentioned he had attended a fire training exercise when the dept. received a call and he was amazed at the quick response from our fire dept. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Clements – thanked the board for the approval of the Park Board’s master plan and mentioned the hard work and dedication of the Park Board. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Frederick – commented on the Medical Authority’s decision regarding ambulance service, stated he had spoken to the Mike Bosanac at the county regarding DTE’s plan for the reduction in valuation and the effect on the county. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Hershberger – thanked outgoing Deputy Clerk Garnet Francis for her years of service, stated her new deputy, Nancy Gin will be an excellent replacement. thanked the election workers for the great job they did at the November election using new equipment, stated the camera being used tonight is part of the new visual equipment, and thanked George Welling for the long hours he’s been working to get everything up and running. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Francis – reminded residents that tax bills will be mailed out on the 1st of December and will be due and payable without penalty until February 14, 2018. He then told a short story regarding Thanksgiving.

Porrone congratulated Detective Moody, our new Monroe County Sheriff’s Dept. Bedford Substation head, he will be meeting with the fire chief and ordinance dept. to work on a disaster plan for the township office, he has been meeting with the Senior Center staff to discuss a new location for the Bedford Senior Center, appreciates the assistance from SEMCOG to look for grant monies for bike and walking trails, the sheriff’s dept. is working hard on the business break-in issues, responded to Logan Tisdale’s comments, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Trudy I. Hershberger  Garnet Francis
Bedford Township Clerk  Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary
PARK COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Resolution In Support of the Adoption of the
Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan

WHEREAS, the Bedford Township Park Commission has undertaken the update of its five-year parks and recreation plan which describes the community’s physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford Township Park Commission reviewed the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the course of several meetings held on April 24, May 8, June 12, September 25, and November 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan’s goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified by a survey of residents conducted in March 2017 and input from Township officials, community stakeholders, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been made available by Bedford Township for public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Bedford Township Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community and a public hearing was held on November 13 to provide another opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedford Township Park Commission recommends the adoption of the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Bedford Township Board of Trustees.

Motion by: Sally Dunn
Supported by: Jerry Goodridge

Votes in favor: All (5)
Votes opposed: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Bedford Township Park Commission at a meeting held on the 13th day of November, 2017.

[Signature]
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
BEDFORD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Bedford Township Park Commission voted to recommend the adoption of said Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the Bedford Township Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedford Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Motion by: Frederick
Supported by: Clements

Votes in favor: 7
Votes opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 0

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Bedford Township Park Commission at a meeting held on the 21th day of November, 2017.

[Signature]
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
BEDFORD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
November 22, 2017

Robert Pevan
Director
Monroe County Planning Department
125 East Second Street
Monroe, MI 48161

Re: Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Dear Mr. Pevan:

The attached Bedford Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the Bedford Township Board of Trustees on November 21, 2017. The plan will be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their review and approval.

The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Bedford Township Park Commission.

Please feel free to contact Bedford Township or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan. The Grants Section requests that you copy any comments directly to them at: Grants Management, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lucie Fortin, AICP, PLA
Community Planner/Landscape Architect

cc: Connie Velliquette, Chair, Bedford Township Park Commission, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182
November 22, 2017

Tyler Kiltman
Planner
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400.
Detroit, MI 48226

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