



Fruitport Charter Township  
**DRAFT**  
Parks and Recreation Master Plan  
2021-2025



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## Executive Summary

### Introduction

This document, the Fruitport Charter Township Recreation Plan, is intended to guide present and future recreational resource development within the township, including park land, parks facilities, recreational programs, and public open spaces.

This plan, in addition to serving as a guide for recreation facilities and program development, is prepared to satisfy the requirements set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Recreation plans are required by the MDNR for state and federal grant eligibility.

### Community Description

Fruitport Charter Township (hereinafter called Fruitport Township) is located in the Southwest – South Central quadrant of Muskegon County, approximately five miles east of Lake Michigan. It is bounded on the south by Ottawa County, to the east by Sullivan Township, to the west by the City of Norton Shores, and to the north by the City of Muskegon and Muskegon Charter Township. It encompasses the Village of Fruitport. Fruitport Township had an estimated population of 14,386 in 2019 with a percentage change of 5.7% from 2010. More precise population numbers for 2021 will be known when the 2020 Census is released.

Fruitport Township is a small, irregularly shaped township of approximately 30 square miles characterized by a relatively flat terrain with large pockets of wooded land, cultivated fields and lowlands/high water table. Much of the eastern portion of the township is rural and sparsely populated. However, its favorable location adjacent to the Greater Muskegon Metropolitan Area, to the Tri-Cities Area (Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, and Spring Lake), and its proximity to the Grand Rapids metro area make it an increasingly desirable place to live. Commercial development along the western portion of the township has exploded during the past 10 years.

North/South access to the township is provided by U.S. 31, a limited access, high-speed expressway, on the western edge of the township. East/west access is provided by I-96, which bisects the township in a northwest/southeast direction. The Tri-Cities area of Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, and Spring Lake is located immediately to the south of Fruitport and Grand Rapids is approximately 25 miles to the east.

The following Parks and Recreation plan is an outgrowth of the increasing demand for recreational programs and facilities as the Fruitport area continues to grow. A well-conceived strategy of acquisition of land, development of facilities, expansion of programs and the continuation of on-going operation and maintenance capabilities will assist the township in meeting future recreational and leisure-time needs as they develop.

A variety of factors including past and current trends in population growth and economic development, as well as the physiographic amenities, will play an important role in developing the Fruitport Township Recreation Plan. The Grand Rapids to Holland and Muskegon triangle is

experiencing significant changes and growth. The cities of Grand Haven, Norton Shores, Spring Lake and Ottawa County have seen tremendous growth in the past decade. That trend is project to continue in future years.

Actual development, as opposed to projected development, may shift dramatically to one area or another or may not spread uniformly over the entire area, making projections somewhat difficult the next few years. However, we are certain growth will continue at a higher-than-normal rate for most of the area and recreational needs will increase at a proportional or slightly higher rate.

This Parks and Recreation plan will attempt to account for conditions that currently exist and are anticipated to continue.

Fruitport Township consists of twenty-nine (29) sections. The western border of this irregularly shaped township begins at the corner of Sheridan Road and Harvey Street and extends south beyond Judson Road. The southern border continues east to the intersection of Wilson and Maple Island Roads, from which the eastern border is formed by a stair-step pattern traveling north on Maple Island Road, west onto Mount Garfield Road, north towards Wolf Lake Road, west on Cline Road, north on Brooks Road. Finally, the northern township border begins north of the Brooks Road/Broadway Avenue intersection and runs parallel with Broadway Avenue until it reaches Harvey Street.

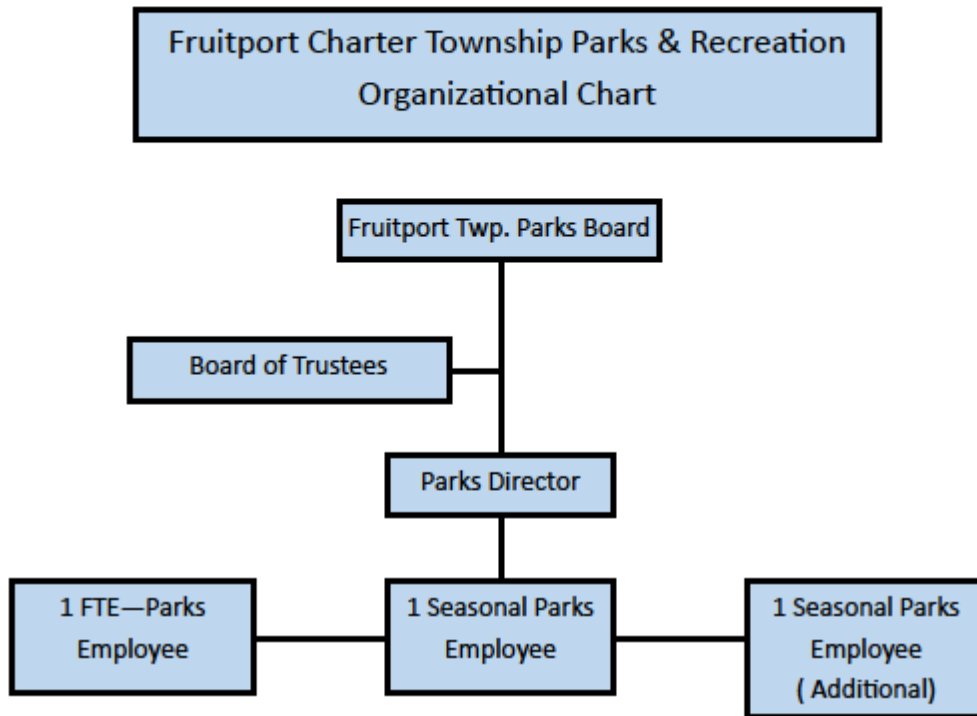
## Administrative Structure

The Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission is an elected body responsible for the maintenance, operation, and development of the township recreation facilities. It is comprised of five members elected by the township residents and a Director appointed by the Commission. The Commission reports to the Township Board. The Township Parks and Recreation Commission authorized the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission meet regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM, except December. All meetings are held in the Fruitport Township Hall located at 5865 Airline Road in Fruitport, Michigan.

The Parks and Recreation Commission have a part-time Parks and Recreation Director who coordinates the planning, execution and management of all township park facilities and equipment. Any use by the community groups or School Community Education Department is coordinated through the director. School District recreation facilities are generally coordinated though the Community Education Department of Fruitport Community Schools.

The Parks and Recreation Commission staff maintains all fields and facilities at South Fruitport Park, Pine Park, and Sheringer Soccer Park. The youth clubs often assist in minor maintenance upgrades at all fields. At Beach School, park staff has, in the past, prepared the fields for play. (This is the School Districts responsibility.)



## Relationships

### Relationships with Other Public or Private Organizations

The Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission has partnered with the Fruitport Youth Club, Beach Youth Club, and the Fruitport Youth Soccer Club to provide field marking for these clubs and periodically they have co-funded various improvements for the Fruitport Township Parks facilities.

### Volunteers

In past years, Fruitport Township has benefited from volunteer labor and funds that the various youth clubs in the Township have expended on behalf of the parks. The following table summarizes the degree of assistance these groups have given the township:

Township Park Recipient	Contributor	Amount	Assets Received
Sherigner Park	Fruitport Soccer Club	\$ 75,000.00	Fencing, site clearing, grubbing, and parking area sub-base
Sherigner Park	Fruitport Soccer Club	\$ 250,000.00	Soccer fields, sidewalks, parking lot, lighting, construction
Sherigner Park	Fruitport Soccer Club	\$ 45,000.00	Soccer field
South Fruitport Park	Football Club	\$ 7,000.00	New Scoreboard
Pine Park	Youth Club	\$ 4,500.00	3 Portable electronic boards, football concession addition, T-ball field
Miscellaneous Parks	Youth Club	\$ 75,000.00	Painting, electrical, fencing, cleanup, general maintenance work

### Park Budget and Funding

#### Annual and Projected Budgets

The Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission submits an annual report and budget to the Township Board for approval. Most of its funding is provided through the Township General Fund with the remainder coming from donations. In 2021 fiscal year, the township budget was approximately \$130,000 in General Fund dollars. Funding for park and recreation activities has been increased by \$10,000 in 2021. A portion of the annual budget is earmarked annually for an improvement project. The remainder goes for staffing, maintenance, equipment and materials. See the table below for Current Annual and Projected Budgets)

Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission does not currently have any additional funding sources of any substance.

Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation	
Annual and Projected Budget	
Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2022
\$130,000	\$130,000

## Resource Inventory

### Recreation Programming

The Fruitport Township Commission currently has the Fruitport Soccer Club as its sole recreational programming. Other recreational programming is mainly provided for by the Fruitport School District and the Fruitport Youth Clubs. The Fruitport Youth Club and the Beach Youth Club provide programming in the township for the various soccer, football, softball, baseball and cheerleading youth teams. These clubs operate on a volunteer basis with members of the community. They are incorporated and have been active for several decades. In fact, some of the existing little league fields have been constructed by these small groups of dedicated individuals with extensive contributions of time, effort, and some funds. The Township Parks continually receive maintenance improvements from Youth Club volunteers in the form of labor and equipment upgrades. The Parks and Recreation Commission have attempted to have one or two of its members from these Youth Clubs, as part of the Commission membership.

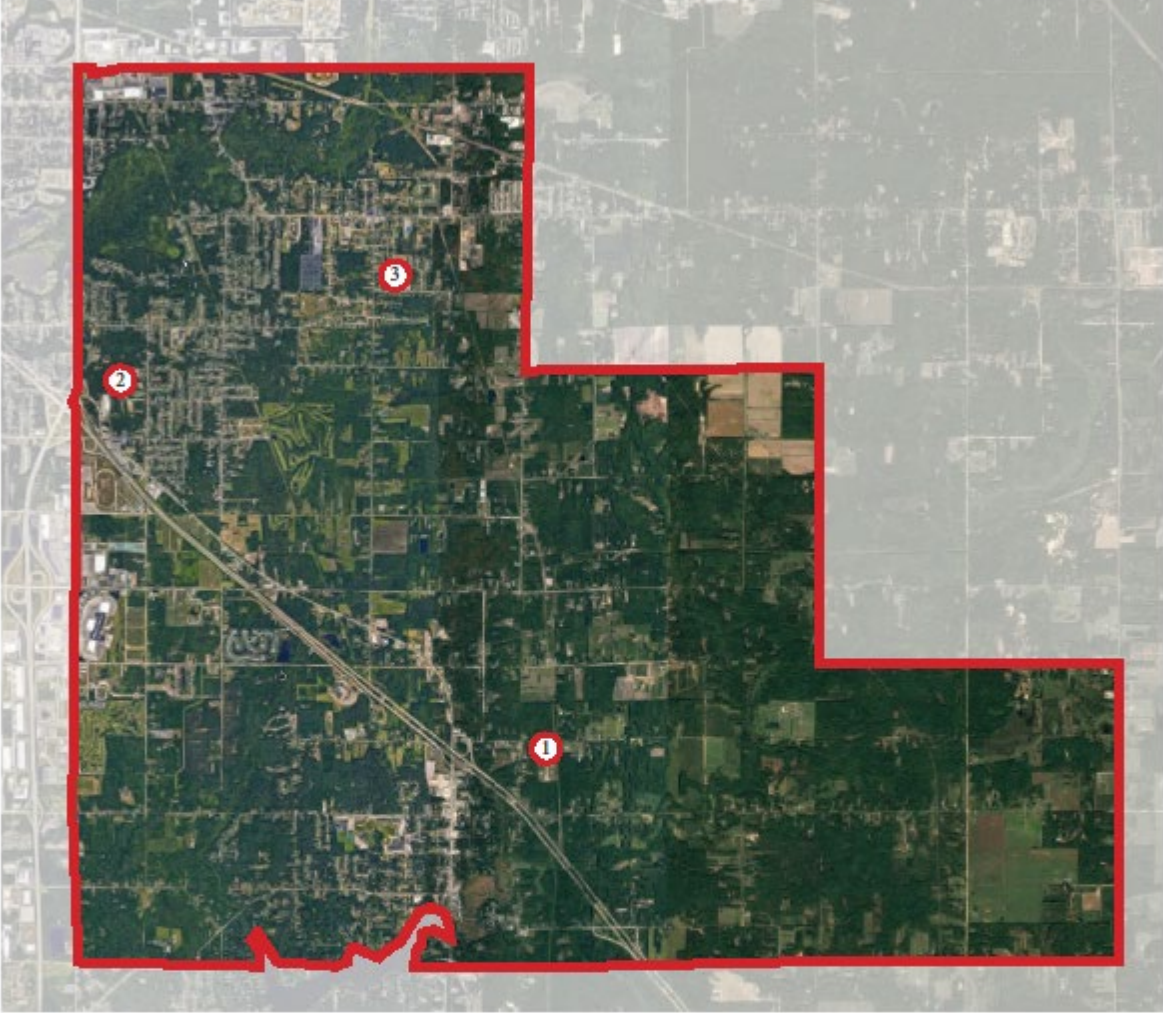
### Recreation Inventory

Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Director and their consultant, Prein & Newhof, conducted an extensive tour of the township and the recreational facilities located within its jurisdiction.

Fruitport Township currently operates three recreational facilities within the township, South Fruitport Park, Pine Park, and Sheringer Soccer Park. The next few pages show an Overall Park System Map that identifies the location of the Township's parks and recreational facilities and detailed individual park maps that summarize the location, size, and amenities of each facility.



Overall Parks Inventory Map



- Fruitport Township Parks**
- 1. South Fruitport Township Park
  - 2. Pine Park
  - 3. Sheringer Soccer Park

### South Fruitport Park (Farr Park)

Located at 4143-4917 E. Farr Road in Fruitport, Michigan. Farr Park is approximately 20 acres in size and is designated for recreational baseball and football. The amenities of the park include one slow-pitch baseball diamond, four little league diamonds, football field, bleachers, press box, restroom-concession building, maintenance building, playground, and gravel parking lots.





### Pine Park

Pine Park is approximately 23 acres in size and is located at the corner of Quarterline Rd. and Emens Dr. in Muskegon, Michigan. The park has a regulation football field, basketball court, two tennis courts, a pony league field, two little league fields, t-ball field, press-box, paved parking, gravel parking, shuffleboard, playground, picnic area, and a grass field with enough room for three small soccer fields.





### Sheringer Soccer Park

Sheringer Soccer Park is a Fruitport Township Park located one and a half miles east of Beach School in Fruitport, Michigan. Sheringer Park is approximately 20 acres in size, has soccer fields of varying sizes, paved parking, gravel parking, and portable restrooms. The complex is surrounded by residential development and was formerly owned by the Fruitport Public School System. The Fruitport Township 4-H Club has used the park for horseback riding for many years.



### Township Parks and Recreation Resources

Name	Type	Acres	Accessibility Rating	Amenities
South Fruitport Park	Youth Sports Complex	20	1	Ballfields, Football Field, Concessions, Restroom Building, Playground, Gravel Parking
Pine Park	Youth Sports Complex	23	2	Ballfields, Football Field, Concessions, Restroom Building, Playground, Open Space, Paved Parking
Sheringer Soccer Park	Soccer Complex	20	4	Soccer Fields, Portable Restroom, Paved and Gravel Parking

Accessibility Scores:

- 1 = None of the facilities/ park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = Some of the facilities/ park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = Most of the facilities/ park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

**Grant-Assisted Parks**

<b>GRANT ASSISTED PARKS</b>				
<b>PROJECT #</b>	<b>PARK NAME</b>	<b>PROJECT YEAR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GRANT STATUS</b>
#26-00928	Pine Park Development	1976	Tennis Courts, Ice Skating, Tot Lot, Shuffleboard Courts	Closed
#BF-91-253	Beach School Community Park	1991	Parking, Ball Fields, Picnic Shelter, Restroom/Concession	Closed
#CM-00-38	Pine Park Restroom	2000	Restroom Building	Closed
#TF10-014	Sheringer Soccer Park	2011	Park Improvements	Closed

The beginning of the project number indicates the funding source as follows:

26 = Land and Water Conservation Fund

BF = Recreation Bond Fund

CM= Clean Michigan Initiative

TF = Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

**Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities**

During the summer of 1976, Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission completed work on a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant at Pine Park. Tasks of the grant included the construction of (2) tennis courts, ice skating, tot lot, and shuffleboard courts.

The Fruitport Parks and Recreation Commission received a Clean Michigan Initiative Grant in 1991 to construct a barrier free restroom building connected by concrete pathway and parking.

In 2011, the Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation Commission received Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to make park improvements at Sheringer Soccer Park.

## Planning Process

### Public Input

Fruitport Charter Township values the opinions and views of its residents and helped develop the following process to gather the community's thoughts by:

- The consultant, Prein & Newhof, worked with Fruitport Township Parks Commission over the course of several months via phone, email, and face to face meetings.
- Sending digital and hard copies of the survey to residents asking specific questions of the current parks and their dreams for the future.
- The Draft Plan was made available for public for 30 days to allow for public comment.
- Held a public hearing prior to adopting the park plan on 9/27/2021.

### Survey Summary Results

There was a total of 321 responses to the survey. 195 responses were given online, while 126 were filled out by hand. The survey results show that 68% of residents are willing to support a  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  mil levy for a specific park project, and 71% of residents support are in favor of expanding the parks system. Pine Park is the most visited (80%), then South Fruitport Park (68%), and then Sheringer Soccer Park (43%). Most residents rated the cleanliness and appearance of the parks system as "Good" with 68%, followed by "Fair" with 24%, "Excellent" with 6%, and "Poor" with 2%. An overwhelming 82% of residents believe the parks system enhances their quality of life. A bulk of people taking the survey were between ages of 45-54, have lived in the township for 31-51 years, and prefer to be notified through Email or E-Newsletter. 36% of people responding have a child under 18 currently in their household.

After reviewing the responses to question 6, the most commented on topics are:

- Parks are close to home, easily accessed, and readily available.
- The parks are great areas for children to play, especially Pine Park.
- The parks are clean/maintained and offer quiet space to enjoy nature.

After reviewing the responses to question 7, the most commented on topics are:

- Not enough bike paths.
- Sheringer Soccer Park needs restrooms/ concession building.
- Farr Park fields, parking lot, and facilities need updating.

After reviewing the responses to question 14, the most commented on topics are:

- More walking/bike paths throughout the township. Specifically, to link residential areas to points of interest like the parks and the mall.
- More playgrounds and possibly a splashpad within the Township parks.
- Expanding the parks system or improving current parks.
- The need for dog parks.

## Top 3 Future needs:

- Expanded Bike Paths
- Designated Walking Areas
- Additional Picnic Areas

## Top 5 reasons parks are visited:

- Close To Home
- Sport Activities
- Safe
- Quiet/Peaceful
- Natural Setting

## Top 5 desired recreation activities:

- Splash Pad
- Playgrounds
- Disc Golf
- Pickleball
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment

## Top 5 most desired recreation enhancements:

- Natural Hiking Trails
- More Bike/ Walking Trails
- Kayak/ Canoe Launches
- Swimming/ Beaches
- Festival & Concert Venues





## Goals and Objectives

The information received from the public survey was reviewed, calculated, and analyzed to identify the communities' goals and objectives. The Fruitport Township residents who participated in the survey have provided valuable feedback regarding their wishes and desires for the recreational facilities and activities within the Township. The following goals and objectives were formulated based on the total number of surveys that were filled out.

**Goal 1: Improve existing Fruitport Township parks and recreation facilities and programs to provide adequate opportunities for year around recreation for all members of the Fruitport Community including the elderly and disabled.**

### **Objective: Improve Sheringer Soccer Park**

- Expand and complete paving of the existing parking areas to keep spectators, players, and parents from parking on Sheringer Road and blocking traffic flow.
- Construct designated walking areas or sidewalks at Sheringer Soccer Park to provide better access.
- Add lighting to parking areas and fields for night use.
- Add restrooms, concessions area, storage, picnic pavilion, and playground.
- Connect the park to the municipal water system.
- Connect the park paths to the surrounding streets and walkways.

### **Objective: Improve Pine Park**

- Pave Pine Park driveway and parking lot.
- Improve surface of the tennis courts.
- Add lighting to parking areas and fields for night use.
- Provide additional picnic tables in the park.
- Install directional signage to Pine Park.
- Design and construct designated walking area (track) at Pine Park, which would include mile markers.

### **Objective: Improve South Fruitport Park (Farr Park)**

- Add lighting to parking areas and fields for night use.
- Improve parking configuration and layout, including paved parking.
- Install directional signage to South Fruitport Park – Farr Park

**Goal 2:** Look for opportunities to acquire more land in the township for recreation while the property is still undeveloped, available, and affordable.

- Explore the possibility of expanding existing park facilities.
- Consider working with the Village of Fruitport for additional park facilities and water access.
- Consider purchasing land in Fruitport Township to develop a Dog Park if the right property is available.
- Consider purchasing land in Fruitport Township to develop a Community Center if the right property is available.

**Goal 3:** Provide non-motorized connections (Designated Walking Areas and Bike Paths) to and within recreational facilities, schools, and residential areas in order to provide safe, pleasant, and satisfying recreation experiences.

**Objectives: Expand Bike Paths**

- Construct or expand designated bike paths at all (3) existing Township Parks.
- Develop a bike path that would connect all (3) existing Township Parks.

**Objectives: Expand Designated Walking Areas**

- Construct or expand designated walking areas at all (3) existing Township Parks.
- Construct walking track, including mile markers, at Pine Park.
- Add a walking path around the Sheringer Soccer Park fields.
- Expand designated walking areas that would provide greater resources for the whole community, including senior citizens, school children, and those interested in fitness or a leisurely walk.

**Goal 4:** Explore the possibility of a recreational millage or long-term funding as a means to enhance or maintain recreational facilities.

## Action Program

Through the knowledge of the Parks Board along with the input provided by the public survey it is apparent that the residents in Fruitport Township support the millage, support park improvements/expansion, and love having the parks system. Although non-motorized trails and designated walking paths is a high priority and will continue to be, park improvement and expansion are important as well.

### Communications

According to the survey results, the public prefer to be contacted with a mix of modern and traditional methods. The top three methods include E-mail/Newsletter, direct mail, and through the website. The township is planning to continue to improve all communication methods with a focus on digital means.

### Park Development

According to the survey 71% of residents support park system development and expansion, with an amazing 67.5% in support of a tax increase to do so. The most important park developments and new activities that the township will look to expand upon include: more walking paths, improved playgrounds, and possibly a dog park.

### Trail Development

The trail system in Fruitport Township needs to be improved. The survey shows the people consider expanding bike paths to be the main priority going forward. They want to see more trails and in general and for them to connect to places of interests. The priorities will include the residential areas, other communities, and to park properties.

# APPENDICES

## **Appendix A**

### **Supplemental DNR Attachments**

**Survey Results**

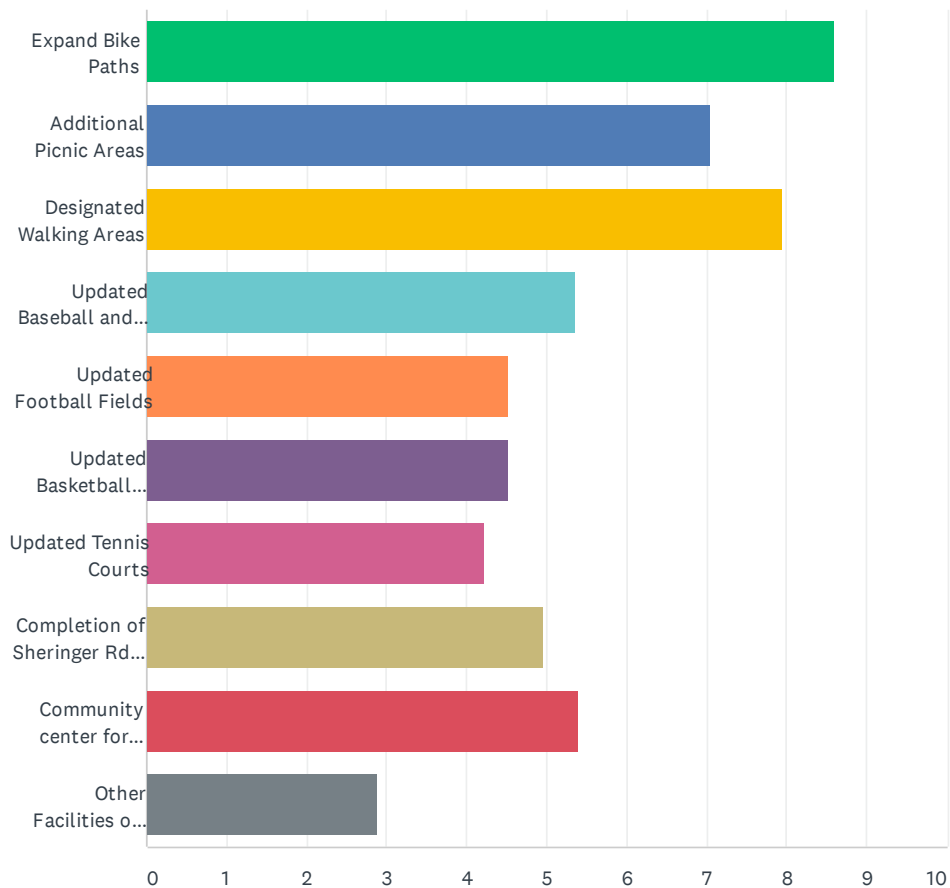
**Public Notices**

**Public Meeting Agenda / Minutes**

**Formal Resolution to Adopt the Plan**

Q1 Which projects should Fruitport Township Parks and Recreation concentrate its resources on for future needs? Please rate 1-10 in order of personal preference. (1 being the highest priority)

Answered: 192 Skipped: 3



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	SC
Expand Bike Paths	50.79% 96	19.58% 37	10.05% 19	6.35% 12	2.65% 5	2.12% 4	3.70% 7	1.59% 3	1.06% 2	2.12% 4	189	
Additional Picnic Areas	4.44% 8	17.22% 31	33.33% 60	18.33% 33	8.89% 16	5.00% 9	2.78% 5	2.78% 5	4.44% 8	2.78% 5	180	
Designated Walking Areas	22.34% 42	32.98% 62	14.36% 27	11.17% 21	3.72% 7	4.26% 8	6.91% 13	1.06% 2	2.66% 5	0.53% 1	188	
Updated Baseball and Softball Fields	0.56% 1	6.70% 12	8.38% 15	12.29% 22	18.99% 34	20.67% 37	12.29% 22	11.73% 21	5.59% 10	2.79% 5	179	
Updated Football Fields	3.37% 6	3.37% 6	5.06% 9	5.06% 9	14.61% 26	16.29% 29	17.98% 32	12.92% 23	11.24% 20	10.11% 18	178	
Updated Basketball Courts	1.11% 2	2.22% 4	2.22% 4	11.11% 20	8.33% 15	21.67% 39	21.11% 38	18.89% 34	11.67% 21	1.67% 3	180	
Updated Tennis Courts	2.21% 4	2.21% 4	3.31% 6	7.18% 13	13.81% 25	11.60% 21	14.36% 26	20.44% 37	19.89% 36	4.97% 9	181	
Completion of Sheringer Rd Soccer Complex (Field Improvements, restrooms, parking, etc.)	4.92% 9	4.92% 9	10.93% 20	10.38% 19	10.93% 20	9.29% 17	11.48% 21	16.94% 31	12.57% 23	7.65% 14	183	
Community center for indoor activities (Banquets, meetings, non-contact sporting events, etc.)	6.56% 12	9.29% 17	11.48% 21	15.85% 29	13.66% 25	3.83% 7	3.28% 6	7.10% 13	22.40% 41	6.56% 12	183	
Other Facilities or Programs	5.99% 10	1.80% 3	3.59% 6	2.99% 5	4.79% 8	4.79% 8	5.39% 9	4.79% 8	7.78% 13	58.08% 97	167	



Q2 If you ranked "Other," on the previous question, please enter it here:

Answered: 82 Skipped: 113

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Walking/hiking paths	8/1/2021 2:06 PM
2	Leaf site	7/31/2021 9:52 AM
3	Playgrounds	7/29/2021 3:04 PM
4	pickleball courts	7/29/2021 7:38 AM
5	Walking areas	7/28/2021 8:11 AM
6	NA	7/27/2021 6:42 PM
7	na	7/27/2021 2:41 PM
8	N/A	7/27/2021 5:21 AM
9	Unsure	7/26/2021 8:36 PM
10	Frisbee golf	7/24/2021 4:11 PM
11	Consider more "green space" and less cement.	7/23/2021 8:07 AM
12	n/a	7/22/2021 5:36 PM
13	water front access or community pool	7/20/2021 8:40 PM
14	Community Garden	7/19/2021 3:47 PM
15	Parks	7/19/2021 3:09 PM
16	Pickle all courts	7/18/2021 3:50 PM
17	Proper not lame skatepark	7/17/2021 5:32 PM
18	Lower taxes	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
19	park improvements	7/15/2021 6:23 PM
20	I'd love to see the property out by Sternberg and Sheridan turned into a park with playground and picnic area	7/15/2021 11:37 AM
21	More parks	7/15/2021 11:29 AM
22	Improve bathrooms at Pine park, change weird shuffle board pavement to level pavement add a pavillon over it.	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
23	Library expansion or new building	7/14/2021 6:00 PM
24	None	7/13/2021 4:07 PM
25	nature areas or local parks	7/12/2021 4:33 PM
26	Na	7/12/2021 3:46 PM
27	Boat Launch and Pamona Park Upgrades	7/12/2021 1:41 PM
28	Fitness classes	7/12/2021 1:26 PM
29	NA	7/11/2021 10:12 PM
30	-	7/11/2021 7:18 PM
31	We don't need update everything is in good condition	7/11/2021 7:17 PM
32	Na	7/11/2021 7:09 PM
33	Dog parks	7/11/2021 2:35 PM
34	Sidewalks that lead to the parks	7/11/2021 1:40 PM
35	Dog park	7/9/2021 11:06 AM

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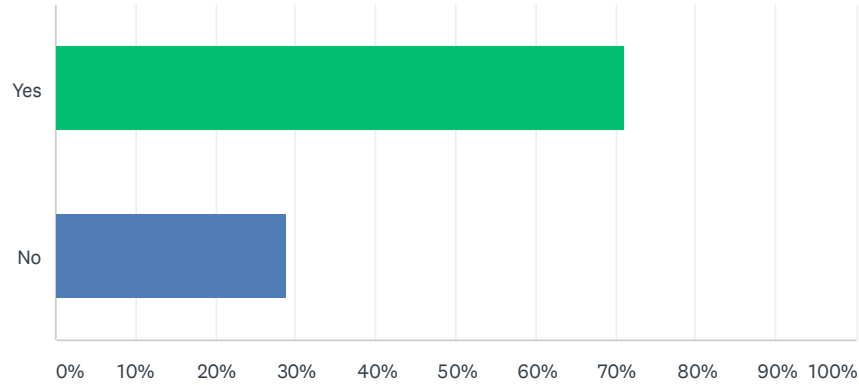
36	Pickle Ball courts, kayak launches	7/8/2021 7:57 PM
37	Boat ramp	7/8/2021 3:10 PM
38	Splash pad!	7/8/2021 1:13 PM
39	Municipal Marina	7/8/2021 11:34 AM
40	Pickleball courts	7/8/2021 11:23 AM
41	Community Group Exercise Programs, Pool	7/8/2021 8:34 AM
42	Update Bathroom facilities at Pine Park	7/7/2021 4:28 PM
43	Not applicable	7/7/2021 11:41 AM
44	indoor swimming	7/7/2021 9:52 AM
45	NA	7/7/2021 8:50 AM
46	Update playgrounds, consider a splash pad	7/6/2021 9:30 PM
47	future park out in Cloverville	7/6/2021 4:35 PM
48	Dog park	7/6/2021 2:15 PM
49	None of the above	7/6/2021 12:59 PM
50	.	7/6/2021 12:48 PM
51	Playground with facilities	7/6/2021 12:31 PM
52	Splash Pads and playgrounds	7/6/2021 12:23 PM
53	Update pine park playgrounds	7/6/2021 10:03 AM
54	N/a	7/6/2021 9:45 AM
55	?	7/6/2021 9:28 AM
56	Pickelball. Ourts	7/6/2021 9:07 AM
57	Sidewalk connecting Norris subdivision to the village bike path.	7/6/2021 8:08 AM
58	Nothing	7/6/2021 7:06 AM
59	Hiking trails and natural areas would be amazing.	7/5/2021 10:08 PM
60	Disc golf, better play grounds	7/5/2021 10:00 PM
61	Better snow plowing	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
62	leashed dog parks signage	7/5/2021 7:40 PM
63	Pickleball courts	7/5/2021 7:17 PM
64	Na	7/5/2021 7:03 PM
65	Xxx	7/5/2021 4:14 PM
66	NA	7/5/2021 4:13 PM
67	Additional Sidewalks	7/5/2021 3:47 PM
68	Na	7/5/2021 11:55 AM
69	Outreach program	7/5/2021 11:27 AM
70	N/a	7/5/2021 10:45 AM
71	Kayak launch, beach area at pamona or splash pad	7/4/2021 10:28 PM
72	Indoor track	7/4/2021 8:54 PM
73	Summer music night	7/4/2021 6:21 PM
74	None. Just trying to satisfy 18 of 18 on survey	7/4/2021 2:36 PM
75	Senior facilities	7/4/2021 1:23 PM
76	9-hole frisbee course.	7/4/2021 1:13 PM

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77	Updated Park by the Mall area or downtown Fruitport with wall ability	7/4/2021 10:51 AM
78	Add disc golf course	7/4/2021 10:07 AM
79	Construct a new park near Mt. Garfield / Harvey st area as part of the DDA development and spending program.	7/4/2021 9:42 AM
80	Playground	7/4/2021 9:38 AM
81	Swimming Beach at Pomona park or splash pad	7/3/2021 8:56 PM
82	Additional Parks	7/3/2021 1:26 PM

Q3 Would you support a ¼ or ½ mill levy for 1 year for a specific park project? (To the average home 1 mill = approx. \$60, therefore ¼ mill = \$15, and ½ mill = \$30.)

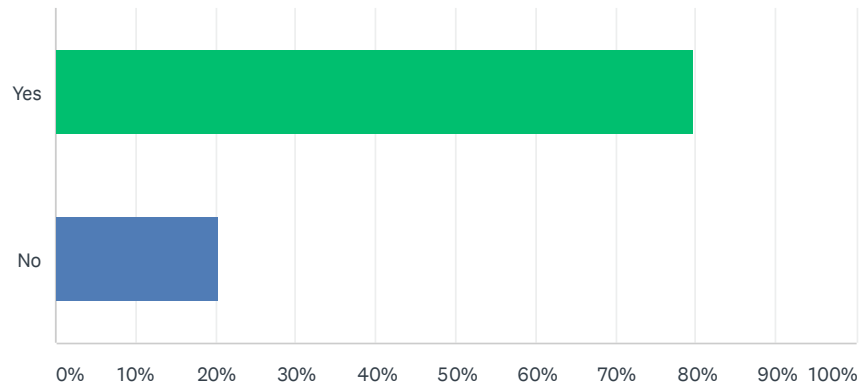
Answered: 194 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.13%	138
No	28.87%	56
TOTAL		194

### Q4 Are you in support of the expansion of the township parks system, including the acquisition of new park properties?

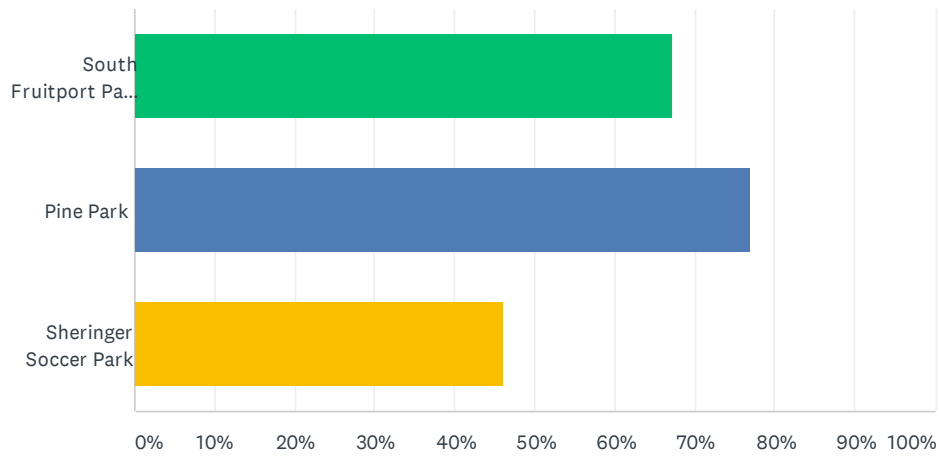
Answered: 193 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.79%	154
No	20.21%	39
TOTAL		193

## Q5 Which parks/recreation facilities have you visited?

Answered: 161 Skipped: 34



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
South Fruitport Park (Farr Park)	67.08%	108
Pine Park	77.02%	124
Sheringer Soccer Park	45.96%	74
Total Respondents: 161		

## Q6 What do you like about the existing recreation facilities in Fruitport Township?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 68

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Tennis courts.	7/31/2021 4:16 PM
2	They are small and quiet	7/31/2021 9:52 AM
3	Easy acces	7/29/2021 3:04 PM
4	grassy area, bathrooms, shelter	7/29/2021 12:46 PM
5	We like Pomona park. Playground for kids.	7/29/2021 11:21 AM
6	maintenance/upkeep	7/29/2021 7:38 AM
7	A nice playground and fields for youth sports	7/28/2021 7:32 PM
8	Condition	7/28/2021 8:11 AM
9	Close to home	7/27/2021 5:22 PM
10	space to get outside and enjoy nature	7/27/2021 2:41 PM
11	We just moved here but so far they seem to be relaxing areas for families to have fun outdoors	7/27/2021 5:21 AM
12	Most seem to be well taken care of.	7/26/2021 9:33 PM
13	The grass and trees	7/26/2021 8:36 PM
14	None	7/26/2021 7:35 PM
15	Nothing	7/26/2021 6:10 PM
16	Bike trail	7/24/2021 4:25 PM
17	Safe feeling	7/24/2021 4:11 PM
18	Green space.	7/23/2021 8:07 AM
19	Pine Park is a great facility	7/22/2021 4:16 PM
20	n/a	7/20/2021 8:40 PM
21	They are kept clean	7/20/2021 7:08 PM
22	Muskegon	7/20/2021 6:51 PM
23	The soccer field has ample parking, clean, many other schools use, draws a lot of residents to it	7/19/2021 4:32 PM
24	Plenty of space	7/19/2021 3:47 PM
25	Playgrounds, open space, walking areas	7/19/2021 3:09 PM
26	Availability to all residents	7/18/2021 9:58 PM
27	Sheringer is being kept up and looks nice	7/18/2021 1:49 PM
28	Not much really. Need more	7/17/2021 5:32 PM
29	I haven't used them	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
30	They are located in easy areas to access. They are pretty well maintained. Many visitors from other areas are impressed with Pine Park when the visit for baseball.	7/16/2021 3:22 PM
31	ease of access	7/15/2021 6:23 PM
32	Activities	7/15/2021 4:54 PM
33	Playgrounds, picnic areas, waterfront walking/biking	7/15/2021 11:37 AM
34	Soccer field is beautiful. Love the paving of the back parking lot.	7/15/2021 9:20 AM

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35	Size of Pine Park with two parking lots and a variety of sports and playground. Sheringer soccer fields are good quality, but need bathrooms/ concessions to match the quality	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
36	Nature	7/14/2021 8:12 PM
37	Close to our home. Kids played sports there	7/14/2021 6:00 PM
38	Pine park is awesome	7/13/2021 4:07 PM
39	Bike paths	7/13/2021 2:17 PM
40	playground equipment, picnic areas, etc	7/12/2021 4:33 PM
41	The playground and parking	7/12/2021 3:46 PM
42	Pamona Park Boat Launch, Pamona Park Fishing Pier, Pamona Park Amphitheater	7/12/2021 1:41 PM
43	Short driving distance	7/12/2021 1:26 PM
44	Nothing	7/12/2021 7:20 AM
45	NA	7/11/2021 10:12 PM
46	-	7/11/2021 7:18 PM
47	They are good shape no need for updates	7/11/2021 7:17 PM
48	Ok	7/11/2021 7:09 PM
49	Spring Lake bike path	7/11/2021 5:01 PM
50	Close, wooded areas for winter skiing, snowshoeing	7/11/2021 3:29 PM
51	The gathering of community!	7/11/2021 3:21 PM
52	The variety	7/11/2021 2:35 PM
53	N/A	7/11/2021 1:40 PM
54	Accessible	7/11/2021 12:09 PM
55	easy access, ample parking	7/11/2021 11:05 AM
56	Proximity to home	7/10/2021 7:50 PM
57	Pomono Park has a Theatre, place for Music	7/9/2021 7:00 PM
58	The water	7/9/2021 11:06 AM
59	Well maintained	7/9/2021 10:36 AM
60	Space	7/9/2021 9:17 AM
61	Easy in and out	7/8/2021 7:57 PM
62	Available to the public	7/8/2021 3:10 PM
63	Convenient	7/8/2021 11:34 AM
64	Facilities for kid's rec programs.	7/8/2021 8:34 AM
65	They are large and allow for many games to be played at one time.	7/7/2021 8:36 PM
66	Small parking lots strategically located around the fields so you're never far away from a field.	7/7/2021 7:10 PM
67	Safe environments	7/7/2021 4:28 PM
68	Atmosphere	7/7/2021 11:41 AM
69	Only have visited Pomona park, love the shelter, concert area.	7/7/2021 11:15 AM
70	bike path	7/7/2021 9:52 AM
71	Closeness, facilities, amenities	7/7/2021 8:50 AM
72	Fruitport Charter Township	7/7/2021 6:13 AM
73	The lawns are beautifully maintained.	7/6/2021 8:30 PM
74	Clean and quiet	7/6/2021 8:19 PM
75	Newer playground equipment is nice	7/6/2021 4:59 PM



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76	large, plenty of sports fields	7/6/2021 4:35 PM
77	Nothing in particular	7/6/2021 3:54 PM
78	Most are fairly well kept up.	7/6/2021 3:14 PM
79	Decent baseball fields, most are fairly well kept up	7/6/2021 3:13 PM
80	Family Oriented	7/6/2021 2:06 PM
81	.	7/6/2021 12:48 PM
82	Location	7/6/2021 12:31 PM
83	Well maintained	7/6/2021 12:23 PM
84	Bathrooms open full time during the day	7/6/2021 10:03 AM
85	Clean. And we'll maintained.	7/6/2021 9:45 AM
86	They're so nice to have available	7/6/2021 9:07 AM
87	Ample parking	7/6/2021 8:08 AM
88	A place in our community for the kids and families	7/6/2021 8:01 AM
89	Available opportunities for youth	7/6/2021 7:14 AM
90	It is nice to have access to those places	7/6/2021 7:06 AM
91	Quality of fields	7/5/2021 10:47 PM
92	Good areas for children to play	7/5/2021 10:08 PM
93	Clean and up to date	7/5/2021 10:00 PM
94	Not sure	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
95	Community	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
96	parking areas/walk areas	7/5/2021 7:40 PM
97	Locations	7/5/2021 7:17 PM
98	Nothing, They need to be updated	7/5/2021 7:12 PM
99	Pavilion, parking, picnic area, play area	7/5/2021 7:03 PM
100	bike paths	7/5/2021 5:29 PM
101	Clean, bathroom are open, picnic areas	7/5/2021 4:13 PM
102	Close in proximity	7/5/2021 3:47 PM
103	When they are kept up and updated, they make our community beautiful	7/5/2021 2:29 PM
104	Great spots to take the kids to get out and play at	7/5/2021 1:40 PM
105	Like shaded areas, and they are generally quiet	7/5/2021 12:53 PM
106	They're ok and probably could use some upgrades	7/5/2021 11:27 AM
107	Cleanliness	7/5/2021 10:45 AM
108	Youth programs	7/4/2021 7:39 PM
109	Pomona park	7/4/2021 6:44 PM
110	Fruitport	7/4/2021 6:21 PM
111	Clean. Safe	7/4/2021 2:36 PM
112	Multi-use	7/4/2021 1:23 PM
113	Adequate for the area.	7/4/2021 1:13 PM
114	Clean	7/4/2021 10:58 AM
115	Nothing	7/4/2021 10:51 AM
116	We visited Farr Park for the first time this year. I like that there is a concession stand/ bathrooms, the baseball fields are kept up, as well as the other fields.	7/4/2021 10:20 AM

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117	N/A	7/4/2021 10:12 AM
118	Clean	7/4/2021 10:07 AM
119	I do not go to any of them. None are near my house. We live in township, but always have to go to Pomona Park in the village. A new park is needed.	7/4/2021 9:42 AM
120	Open space	7/4/2021 9:38 AM
121	The green space at pine park is great but getting there is difficult due to no bike paths	7/4/2021 9:00 AM
122	Dirty restrooms	7/4/2021 8:57 AM
123	That they exist	7/4/2021 7:11 AM
124	Unsure	7/3/2021 8:56 PM
125	They exist.	7/3/2021 4:12 PM
126	proximity	7/3/2021 1:26 PM
127	Farr park has decent bathrooms and nice concession area	7/3/2021 1:19 PM

## Q7 What do you not like about the existing recreation facilities in Fruitport Township?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 75

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nothing	7/29/2021 3:04 PM
2	Muskegon	7/29/2021 2:07 PM
3	Nothing	7/29/2021 11:21 AM
4	n/a	7/29/2021 7:38 AM
5	Not enough bike paths or places for kids to walk to school	7/28/2021 7:32 PM
6	No bathrooms or concession at Sheriger	7/28/2021 6:58 PM
7	Sand	7/28/2021 8:11 AM
8	mainly for youth sports	7/27/2021 6:42 PM
9	Some could be updated with newer amenities	7/27/2021 5:22 PM
10	not easily accessible / connected by bike paths	7/27/2021 2:41 PM
11	Not sure on what there is to do during the winter months	7/27/2021 5:21 AM
12	Not enough areas for dogs	7/26/2021 8:36 PM
13	There's nothing wrong with the current facility	7/26/2021 7:35 PM
14	Everything	7/26/2021 6:10 PM
15	Not enough parking	7/24/2021 4:25 PM
16	Lots of garbage at times	7/24/2021 4:11 PM
17	more trails for biking and walking	7/22/2021 5:36 PM
18	mostly focused on organized youth sports activities	7/22/2021 4:16 PM
19	n/a	7/20/2021 8:40 PM
20	Limited or no sidewalks or bike paths leading to them	7/20/2021 7:08 PM
21	Muskegon	7/20/2021 6:51 PM
22	Ball fields need some updates	7/19/2021 4:32 PM
23	Falling behind on maintenance/upgrades	7/19/2021 3:47 PM
24	Small, outdated	7/19/2021 3:09 PM
25	Lack of playground equipment, lack of areas for families to gather	7/18/2021 9:58 PM
26	Farr fields are run down	7/18/2021 1:49 PM
27	First there is little if any promo or public information about the park system. It is unclear if there is any programming to encourage use of parks	7/17/2021 5:32 PM
28	High taxes	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
29	Not enough parking Or nice bathrooms	7/17/2021 11:45 AM
30	Parking can be a problem sometimes.	7/16/2021 3:22 PM
31	lack of upkeep	7/15/2021 6:23 PM
32	Update facilities	7/15/2021 4:54 PM
33	I'd love more parks, splash pads, beaches/waterfront areas	7/15/2021 11:37 AM
34	Farr Fields are in TERRIBLE condition. It's embarrassing for area teams to visit that field	7/15/2021 9:20 AM

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35	bathrooms at pine park are old. No pavillon at Pine Park and weird uneven payment that is not useful. no bathrooms at Sherringer and only one driveway in and out.	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
36	Bathrooms	7/14/2021 8:12 PM
37	Poor or no bathrooms	7/14/2021 6:00 PM
38	Safe, easy to walk	7/13/2021 4:07 PM
39	Too few bike paths	7/13/2021 2:17 PM
40	Lack of public restroom facilities	7/12/2021 6:39 PM
41	dated, dirty	7/12/2021 4:33 PM
42	No walking path	7/12/2021 3:46 PM
43	Not enough paved paths	7/12/2021 1:41 PM
44	Occasionally not kept attractive and maintained	7/12/2021 1:26 PM
45	Nothing	7/12/2021 7:20 AM
46	Needs updating	7/11/2021 10:12 PM
47	/	7/11/2021 7:18 PM
48	I do not want higher taxes for this, they are in good shape	7/11/2021 7:17 PM
49	Na	7/11/2021 7:09 PM
50	Lack of parking	7/11/2021 3:29 PM
51	NA	7/11/2021 3:21 PM
52	The variety	7/11/2021 2:35 PM
53	No bike or walking paths to arrive at Fruitport township parks. Rycenga and Pomona are closest to where we live. Township parks are much further.	7/11/2021 1:40 PM
54	Old	7/11/2021 12:09 PM
55	take my life in my hands every time I walk in my neighborhood!	7/11/2021 11:05 AM
56	Run down looking, unkept.	7/10/2021 7:50 PM
57	Don't really know	7/9/2021 7:00 PM
58	Dirty	7/9/2021 11:06 AM
59	Bathrooms and drinking fountains didn't work	7/9/2021 9:17 AM
60	More care and upgrades needed	7/8/2021 7:57 PM
61	I'd like the boat launch to be free to Fruitport residents	7/8/2021 3:10 PM
62	Showing age	7/8/2021 11:34 AM
63	Removql or Pamona Park tennis courts	7/8/2021 11:22 AM
64	Need more bike and walking trails	7/8/2021 8:34 AM
65	They need to be improved beginning with better access to the fields. Weed control is needed and paved parking would be nice.	7/7/2021 8:36 PM
66	Farr field needs updating to compare to Pine Park.	7/7/2021 7:10 PM
67	Farr Field is no where near the Pine Park facility	7/7/2021 4:28 PM
68	That you are trying to expand and tax me more. Bad idea	7/7/2021 11:41 AM
69	no indoor swimming during winter	7/7/2021 9:52 AM
70	Old, outdated, closed in, lack of amenities	7/7/2021 8:50 AM
71	Fruitport Charter Township	7/7/2021 6:13 AM
72	The playground by the library feels dated. A rubberized ground would be way nicer than sand. Softer to fall on and less messy.	7/6/2021 8:30 PM
73	Nothing	7/6/2021 8:19 PM

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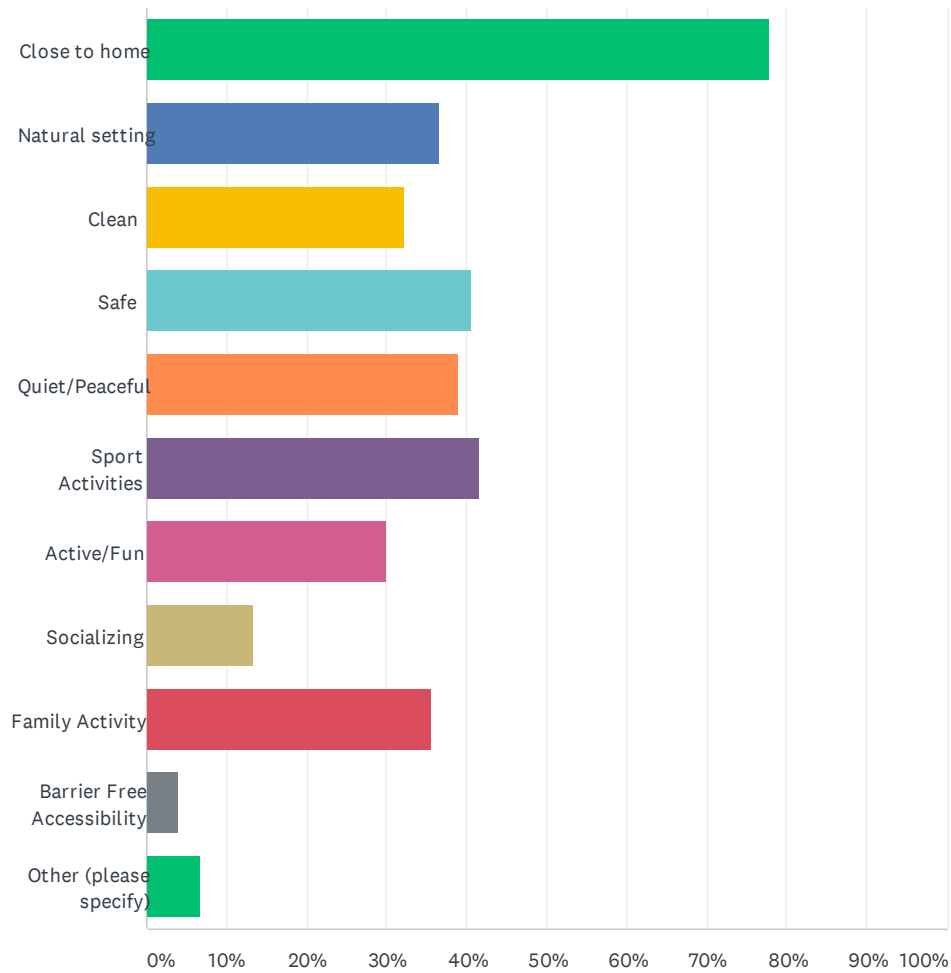
74	Too much focus on sport league activities, not enough hiking trails or bike paths, not always very well kept, drug activity near Pine Park is alarming	7/6/2021 4:59 PM
75	could use something in Cloverville	7/6/2021 4:35 PM
76	N/a	7/6/2021 3:54 PM
77	Scoreboards, lack of bleacher space and maintenance, Field maintenance (football) sound/PA systems	7/6/2021 3:14 PM
78	Pine Park Football field condition and scoreboard and PA system, lack of picnic areas, bleacher maintenance, bathroom maintenance,	7/6/2021 3:13 PM
79	Dog leashing not inforced	7/6/2021 2:06 PM
80	.	7/6/2021 12:48 PM
81	Lack of upkeep or updates and no bathrooms available so have to leave	7/6/2021 12:31 PM
82	Not updated and not top of the line	7/6/2021 12:23 PM
83	That pine park is maintained	7/6/2021 10:03 AM
84	Nice family areas	7/6/2021 9:45 AM
85	N/A	7/6/2021 9:07 AM
86	Bathrooms	7/6/2021 8:08 AM
87	Most need updating. Soccer fields need bathrooms and concessions	7/6/2021 8:01 AM
88	Decisions without approval	7/6/2021 7:14 AM
89	Lack of bathrooms	7/5/2021 10:47 PM
90	There are not enough of them and no hiking trails or natural areas	7/5/2021 10:08 PM
91	Needs more for younger children and adults	7/5/2021 10:00 PM
92	No playgrounds or picnic areas	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
93	soccer fields	7/5/2021 7:40 PM
94	Need to be kept up and tennis courts need fixed	7/5/2021 7:17 PM
95	I like every thing	7/5/2021 7:03 PM
96	Drugs deals at Pine park.	7/5/2021 4:13 PM
97	Outdated restrooms	7/5/2021 3:47 PM
98	We need a bike path that connects Cloverville to the school block in Fruitport. Many bike paths could be accessed be adding that addition, and it would improve the safety for our children so they could ride bikes to school/sport events.	7/5/2021 2:29 PM
99	Not a lot of walk ability/sidewalks/bike trails/trails/ etc.	7/5/2021 1:40 PM
100	Would like nicer grassy areas. Also would like them to be more dog friendly	7/5/2021 12:53 PM
101	Lack of bathrooms at Sheringer	7/5/2021 11:27 AM
102	Our bike paths are in need of repair	7/5/2021 8:00 AM
103	Not updated, no walking areas	7/4/2021 8:54 PM
104	Fruitport	7/4/2021 6:21 PM
105	Sheringer road soccer complex could really use restrooms.	7/4/2021 2:36 PM
106	Covers a wide range of activities	7/4/2021 1:23 PM
107	The lake access at Pomona Park is atrocious.	7/4/2021 1:13 PM
108	Nothing	7/4/2021 10:58 AM
109	Lack of walking trails, lack of amenities in the southwest area of the township	7/4/2021 10:51 AM
110	Farr road park needs some more parking spaces.	7/4/2021 10:20 AM
111	N/A	7/4/2021 10:12 AM
112	Not enough to do	7/4/2021 10:07 AM

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113	There is a lack of connectivity to the parks. A bike path should be constructed along mt Garfield and Kendra road to Farr, then to Pomona Park. This connects a business district to a school (Calvary) then to downtown and Pomona. Kendra road needs a reconstruction.	7/4/2021 9:42 AM
114	Not much do to there other than baseball, softball, soccer	7/4/2021 9:38 AM
115	The tennis courts in pine park, and the lack of bike paths on or around s Sheridan drive	7/4/2021 9:00 AM
116	Dirty restrooms	7/4/2021 8:57 AM
117	We need a swimming beach or splash pad	7/3/2021 8:56 PM
118	They need updating.	7/3/2021 4:12 PM
119	They are all way too small for jogging and walking.	7/3/2021 1:26 PM
120	Need more / updated playground equipment	7/3/2021 1:19 PM

### Q8 Why do you visit Fruitport Charter Township parks? Check all that apply.

Answered: 180 Skipped: 15



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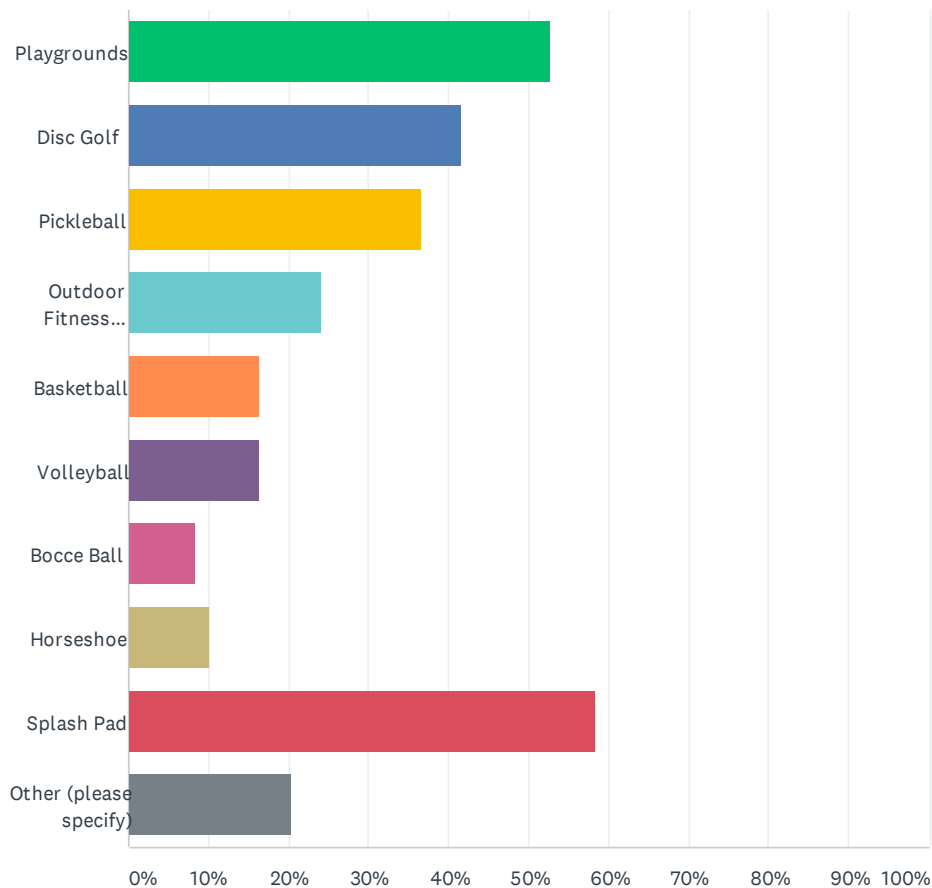
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Close to home	77.78%	140
Natural setting	36.67%	66
Clean	32.22%	58
Safe	40.56%	73
Quiet/Peaceful	38.89%	70
Sport Activities	41.67%	75
Active/Fun	30.00%	54
Socializing	13.33%	24
Family Activity	35.56%	64
Barrier Free Accessibility	3.89%	7
Other (please specify)	6.67%	12
Total Respondents: 180		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I really don't since I don't have kids in sports	7/27/2021 6:42 PM
2	Stopped in a few times while bike riding	7/17/2021 5:32 PM
3	Haven't used	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
4	exercise/walk dogs and view wildlife	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
5	Fishing and Boating	7/12/2021 1:41 PM
6	Do not visit township parks due to distance and inaccessibility by foot or bike	7/11/2021 1:40 PM
7	biking	7/10/2021 11:28 PM
8	Playground	7/7/2021 8:50 AM
9	Playground	7/6/2021 9:30 PM
10	No	7/6/2021 8:38 PM
11	We haven't. We normally go to Pomona park	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
12	To fish from lakeshore, but it's awful.	7/4/2021 1:13 PM



### Q9 Select all recreation activities that you would want to see more of in Fruitport Charter Township Parks. (Provide comments)

Answered: 178 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Playgrounds	52.81% 94
Disc Golf	41.57% 74
Pickleball	36.52% 65
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	24.16% 43
Basketball	16.29% 29
Volleyball	16.29% 29
Bocce Ball	8.43% 15
Horseshoe	10.11% 18
Splash Pad	58.43% 104
Other (please specify)	20.22% 36
Total Respondents: 178	

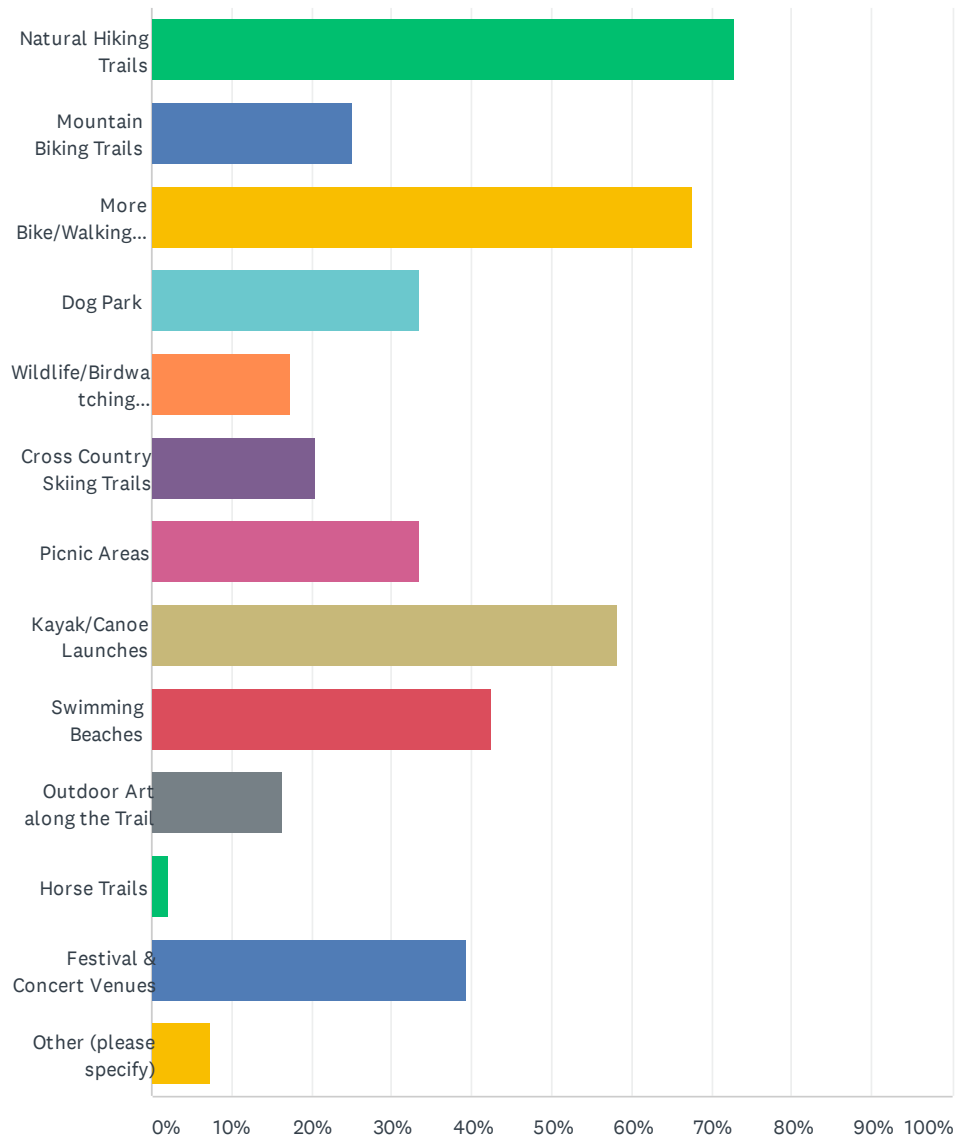
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1	Trails	7/27/2021 6:42 PM

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2	bike paths and accessibility to the rest of Muskegon county across 96 and 31	7/27/2021 2:41 PM
3	Dog areas	7/26/2021 8:36 PM
4	Nothing wrong with current facilities	7/26/2021 7:35 PM
5	Bike path leading to parks. Safety is #1 and riding bikes on Shettler or Sheridan is not safe!	7/20/2021 6:51 PM
6	Walking paths like at Ryzenga park	7/18/2021 9:58 PM
7	Skatepark if not lame.	7/17/2021 5:32 PM
8	Lower taxes	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
9	nature trails or hiking trails	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
10	Tennis court	7/14/2021 8:12 PM
11	Kayak Launch	7/12/2021 1:41 PM
12	Soccer	7/12/2021 1:26 PM
13	We have adequate one alrwydy	7/11/2021 7:17 PM
14	N/A	7/11/2021 1:40 PM
15	SAFE walking paths!	7/11/2021 11:05 AM
16	bike trail connecting Musketawa to Fruitport / Springlake bike trail system. If it was placed properly, it may help Fruitport village business as well.	7/10/2021 11:28 PM
17	Racquetball	7/9/2021 7:00 PM
18	Cornhole	7/9/2021 3:30 PM
19	Kayak launch like at Black lake	7/8/2021 7:57 PM
20	Municipal Marina	7/8/2021 11:34 AM
21	Tennis Courts. The only tennis courts in township are at Middle School and inaccessible when school is using them.	7/8/2021 11:22 AM
22	Open (grassy) areas for family activities like frisbee, playing catch, kickball, etc.	7/7/2021 8:36 PM
23	swimming	7/7/2021 9:52 AM
24	Hiking trails and bike paths	7/6/2021 4:59 PM
25	Dog walking parks	7/6/2021 2:06 PM
26	None of the above.	7/6/2021 12:59 PM
27	Ping pong	7/6/2021 9:07 AM
28	Hiking	7/5/2021 10:08 PM
29	Hiking or walking trails	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
30	Walking trails similar to Rycenga	7/4/2021 7:39 PM
31	WebCam at the boat launch. So I can login and see how many people are waiting to launch the boat	7/4/2021 6:44 PM
32	Yoga, exercise classes	7/4/2021 6:21 PM
33	Bike trails	7/4/2021 9:38 AM
34	Swimming beach at Pomona park	7/3/2021 8:56 PM
35	Softball and baseball	7/3/2021 7:42 PM
36	Trails, fishing, swimming.	7/3/2021 1:26 PM

### Q10 Select all recreation enhancements that you would like to see in Fruitport Charter Township. (Provide comments)

Answered: 191 Skipped: 4



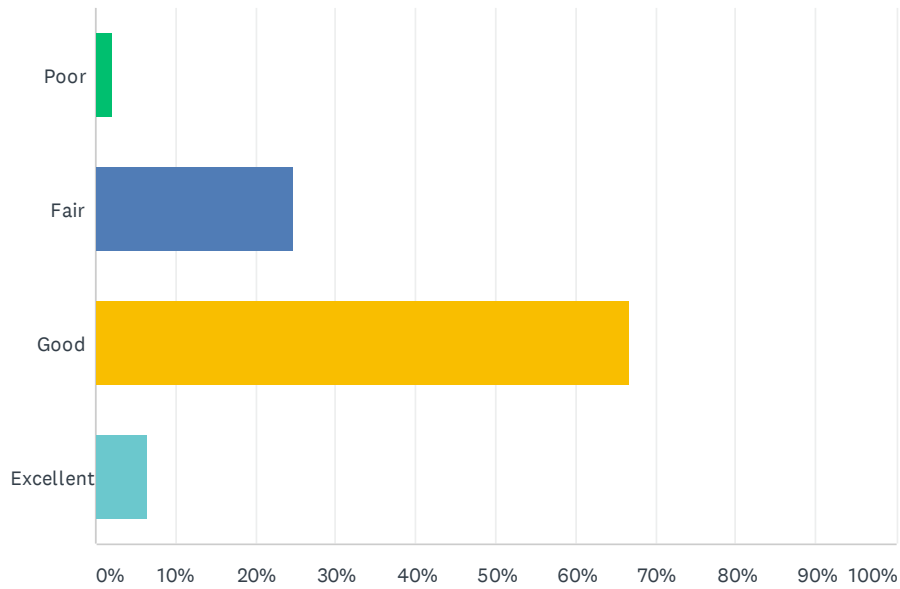
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Natural Hiking Trails	72.77%	139
Mountain Biking Trails	25.13%	48
More Bike/Walking Trails	67.54%	129
Dog Park	33.51%	64
Wildlife/Birdwatching Platforms	17.28%	33
Cross Country Skiing Trails	20.42%	39
Picnic Areas	33.51%	64
Kayak/Canoe Launches	58.12%	111
Swimming Beaches	42.41%	81
Outdoor Art along the Trail	16.23%	31
Horse Trails	2.09%	4
Festival & Concert Venues	39.27%	75
Other (please specify)	7.33%	14
Total Respondents: 191		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	bike paths across 96 and 31	7/27/2021 2:41 PM
2	More biking or walking/jogging lanes on busy roads. We need to be able to be active.	7/20/2021 6:51 PM
3	Snowshoeing trails	7/18/2021 9:58 PM
4	Lower taxes	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
5	fishing piers/docks	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
6	We have adequate spaces	7/11/2021 7:17 PM
7	N/A	7/11/2021 1:40 PM
8	Running trails	7/11/2021 12:09 PM
9	Municipal Marina	7/8/2021 11:34 AM
10	None of the above	7/6/2021 12:59 PM
11	Need more info of what is available	7/6/2021 11:24 AM
12	Bike paths throughout the township	7/4/2021 10:12 AM
13	Disc golf course	7/4/2021 10:07 AM
14	Softball and baseball parks	7/3/2021 7:42 PM

### Q11 Please rate the overall cleanliness and appearance of the Fruitport Charter Township Parks system.

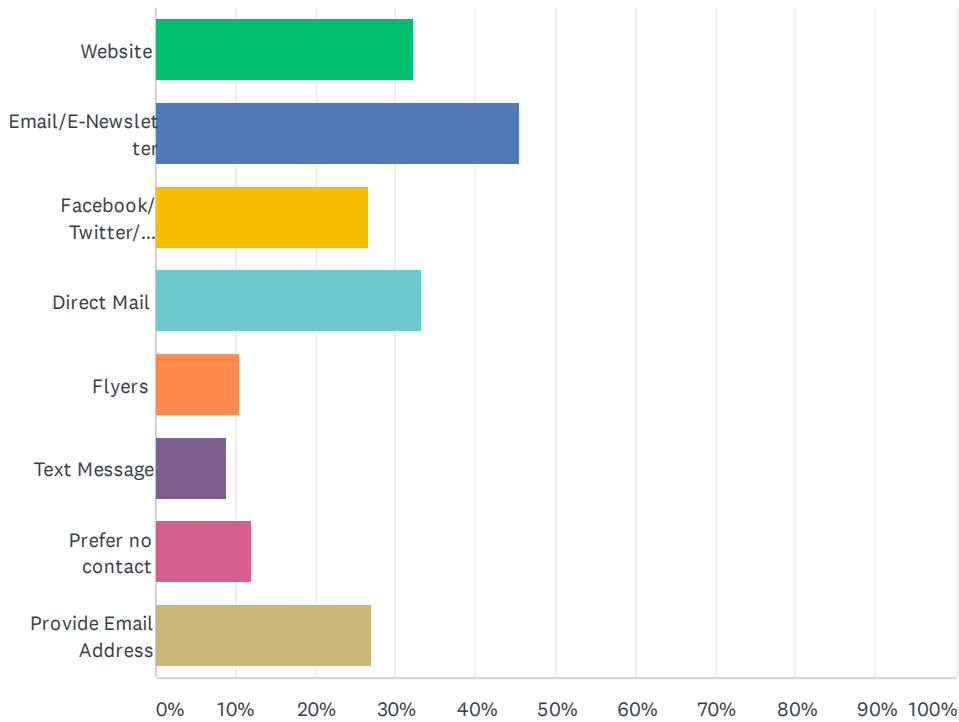
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Poor	2.15% 4
Fair	24.73% 46
Good	66.67% 124
Excellent	6.45% 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186</b>

### Q12 How do you prefer to be contacted about park related activities and services? Check those that you use. (Provide email if you want to receive updates)

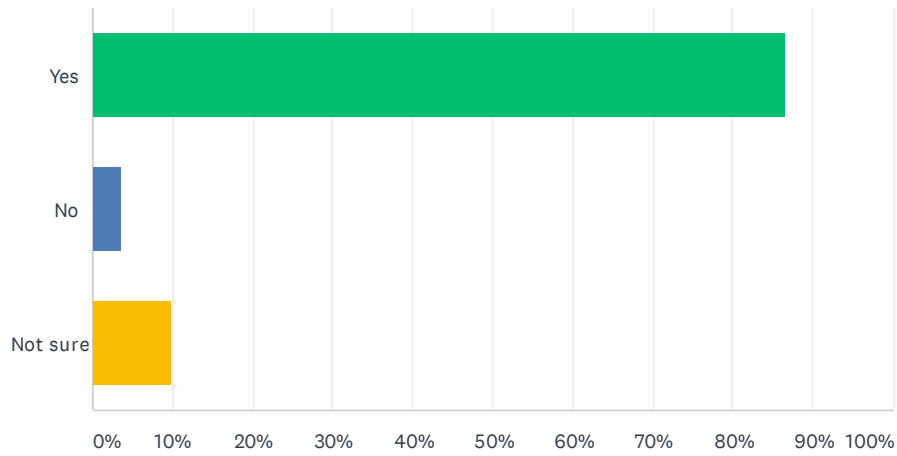
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website	32.29%	62
Email/E-Newsletter	45.31%	87
Facebook/ Twitter/ Instagram	26.56%	51
Direct Mail	33.33%	64
Flyers	10.42%	20
Text Message	8.85%	17
Prefer no contact	11.98%	23
Provide Email Address	27.08%	52
Total Respondents: 192		

### Q13 Do you believe the parks system enhances the quality of life in Fruitport Charter Township?

Answered: 195 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.67%	169
No	3.59%	7
Not sure	9.74%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>195</b>



## Q14 If you have anything you would like to add that we haven't touched on, please include your thoughts and ideas below.

Answered: 60 Skipped: 135

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have nothing	7/29/2021 3:04 PM
2	would love a community hall type that could be rented	7/29/2021 12:46 PM
3	n/a	7/29/2021 7:38 AM
4	Would love to see a swim area at Pomona park	7/27/2021 6:42 PM
5	connect Fruitport to the rest of Muskegon County need safe bike routes across 96 and 31 and paths that connect to Downtown Muskegon	7/27/2021 2:41 PM
6	An indoor facility for the community to be able to continue being active during the bitter cold winter months	7/27/2021 5:21 AM
7	There are very few walking paths in town. This is very dangerous and it makes it an embarrassing place to live.	7/26/2021 6:10 PM
8	Bike paths are nice, but expropriating land from homeowners is not acceptable. Also, Fruitport property taxes continue to increase for public use areas, and Fruitport is no longer an affordable place to live.	7/23/2021 8:07 AM
9	n/a	7/20/2021 8:40 PM
10	Please more sidewalks and bike paths leading to parks and schools, etc, and in the more heavily populated areas of the township.	7/20/2021 7:08 PM
11	Again, bike lanes so families can enjoy the outdoors. It isn't safe to ride on Shettler, Sheridan, Airline rd. Leaving suburbs to get to parks is dangerous. We need to encourage fitness in Fruitport.	7/20/2021 6:51 PM
12	Green space helps keep us healthier	7/19/2021 3:47 PM
13	None	7/19/2021 3:09 PM
14	Would love to see more bike paths throughout the township on heavily traveled roads such as Airline, Sternberg, Dangl, Shettler, and Sheridan	7/18/2021 9:58 PM
15	Participatory public involvement absolutely essential	7/17/2021 5:32 PM
16	Let me spend my money on things I want, that happens by lowering taxes.	7/17/2021 1:22 PM
17	I'd love to see the blueberry fields near Sternberg either turned into parks or used for farming.	7/15/2021 11:37 AM
18	Elementary kids from Shettler should go to Pine park for field day, even if they need to be bussed over there. Kids need exposure to the parks	7/15/2021 7:34 AM
19	Please consider adding a sidewalk in the Shettler/Sheridan area.	7/14/2021 8:12 PM
20	Promotion of our library. Pamona park	7/14/2021 6:00 PM
21	Dog friendly waking trails, but not really a dog park.	7/14/2021 5:16 PM
22	A bike path on Walker and Pontaluna would help kids get to school and connect to the SL bike path	7/13/2021 2:17 PM
23	Would be great to have some kind of water cleanup near the Boat Launch at Pamona Park. The weeds get bad around there and sometimes dead fish and trash wash up on the shore.	7/12/2021 1:41 PM
24	NA	7/11/2021 10:12 PM
25	-	7/11/2021 7:18 PM
26	No	7/11/2021 7:09 PM
27	Walking trails to the mall.	7/11/2021 2:35 PM
28	Seek investment / sponsored funding of a paved bike trail connecting Musketawa to Fruitport /	7/10/2021 11:28 PM

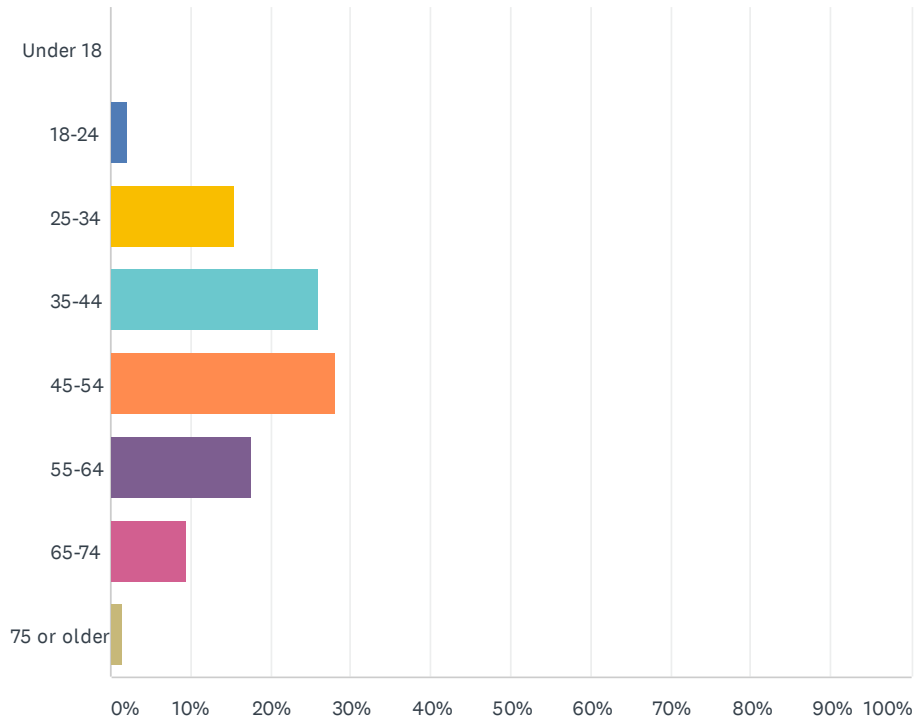
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Springlake bike trail system. If it was placed properly, it may help Fruitport village business as well.

29	Thank you!	7/9/2021 11:06 AM
30	no	7/8/2021 3:10 PM
31	Thank you	7/8/2021 8:34 AM
32	These areas MUST be safe. Making them nice is important but if they're not safe, they will fall into disrepair. We probably need to increase our millage for public safety but one seems to require the other.	7/7/2021 7:10 PM
33	N/A	7/7/2021 4:28 PM
34	Thank You	7/7/2021 11:41 AM
35	where can one donate funds	7/7/2021 9:52 AM
36	There is a lack of playgrounds in fruitport parks.	7/7/2021 8:50 AM
37	A splash pad would be truly wonderful!	7/6/2021 8:30 PM
38	Ottawa County has one the best parks systems around. Muskegon County has one of the worst. This puts the township at a disadvantage. Check with other communities to see what investments have worked or not worked for them before investing in Fruitport.	7/6/2021 4:59 PM
39	Enforce dog leashing	7/6/2021 2:06 PM
40	.	7/6/2021 12:48 PM
41	N/a	7/6/2021 12:31 PM
42	Thanks so much for beginning this process. We have a beautiful town that could really be capitalized on	7/6/2021 12:23 PM
43	None	7/6/2021 9:45 AM
44	I nice nature trail incorporating Norris creek would be nice	7/6/2021 8:08 AM
45	I think that the parks system could enhance the quality of life of fruitport residents if there were more numerous parks and natural areas available.	7/5/2021 10:08 PM
46	Nothing to add.	7/5/2021 8:10 PM
47	Build bike path for township area near mall	7/5/2021 7:40 PM
48	Need a sidewalk by shelter and beach schools. Shelter to sheirdan for kids walking to school.	7/5/2021 4:13 PM
49	Sidewalks on hrs Ravenna road by beach school	7/5/2021 11:55 AM
50	Just the WebCam at the boat launch please be very nice	7/4/2021 6:44 PM
51	Method to allow township residents to enjoy the same privileges that village residents enjoy...ie, launch fees at Pomona park	7/4/2021 6:21 PM
52	Bike path from village toward PJ Hoffmaster working with Norton Shores.	7/4/2021 2:36 PM
53	None	7/4/2021 1:23 PM
54	Dog park would be great	7/4/2021 10:58 AM
55	N/A	7/4/2021 10:07 AM
56	A more robust and connected parks system is definitely needed. People will pay for quality parks.	7/4/2021 9:42 AM
57	Please expand our parks system!	7/4/2021 9:38 AM
58	I would support an increase tax support a library expansion	7/4/2021 9:00 AM
59	I would like to see the Township partner with the Village for Residents and Seniors to get discount Launch Permits at Pomona Park.	7/4/2021 6:43 AM
60	Spring lake is so beautiful! We need a beach on it, similar to the beach in spring lake village (off lake street).	7/3/2021 8:56 PM

## Q15 What is your age?

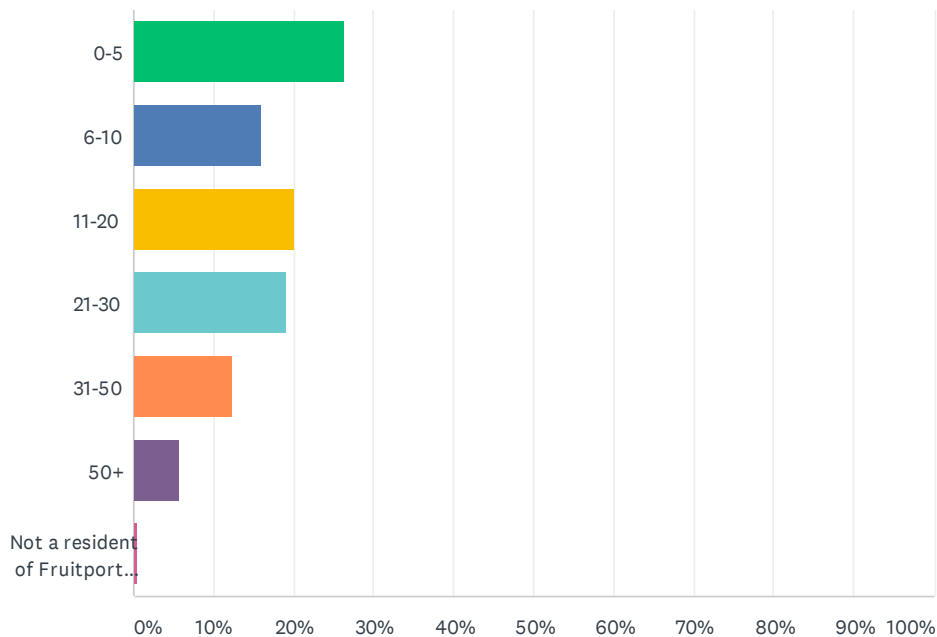
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	2.07%	4
25-34	15.54%	30
35-44	25.91%	50
45-54	27.98%	54
55-64	17.62%	34
65-74	9.33%	18
75 or older	1.55%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>193</b>

## Q16 How many years have you been a Fruitport Charter Township resident?

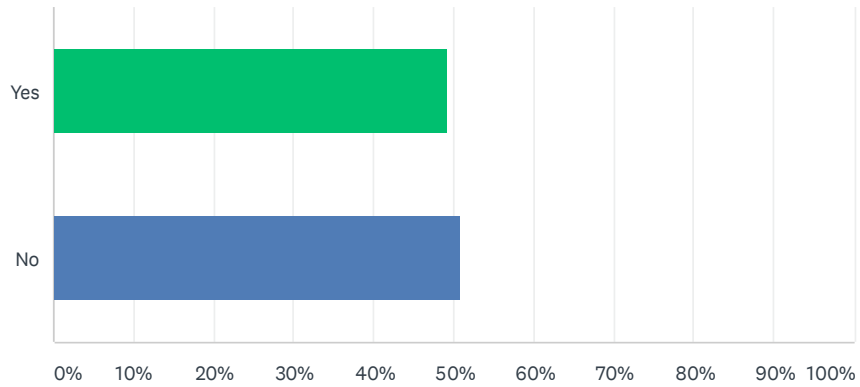
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	26.29%	51
6-10	15.98%	31
11-20	20.10%	39
21-30	19.07%	37
31-50	12.37%	24
50+	5.67%	11
Not a resident of Fruitport Charter Township	0.52%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>194</b>

### Q17 Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

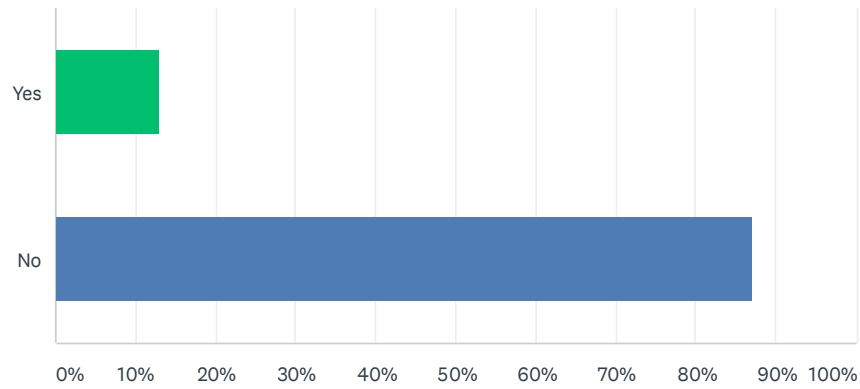
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.22%	95
No	50.78%	98
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>193</b>

### Q18 Is there anyone living with you who are elderly, disabled, or with special needs?

Answered: 193 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.95%	25
No	87.05%	168
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>193</b>



# NOTICE

## FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION 2021-2025 FIVE YEAR PLAN SURVEY

Fruitport Charter Township is updating its Parks and Recreation Plan,  
and we want to hear from you!

The survey will be available from  
**Thursday, July 1st to Saturday, July 31st**

The survey will also be available at the following locations:

In Your Summer Tax Bill  
Township Office  
The link & QR Code Provided Below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fruitportparks>







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## FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION 2021-2025 FIVE YEAR DRAFT PLAN

Fruitport Charter Township is updating its Parks and Recreation Plan,  
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The Draft Plan will be available from  
**Friday, August 27th to Saturday, September 25th**

The Draft Plan will also be available at the following locations:

Township Office  
Township Website