

FENTON TOWNSHIP

PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

2023-2027



GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Introduction

Fenton Charter Township is a developed township located within Genesee County in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The township is known for its many inland lakes and proximity to the City of Flint. Fenton Township started the update process to their 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan in the hopes to create a usable document that will guide development of acquired lands and plan for the extension of the LAFF Pathway. Staff and members of the community would also like to use this plan to promote conservation of waterways and increase the sense of community the various parks and recreation opportunities provide to the community.

Fenton Township previously adopted Parks and Recreation Plans in 1998 and 2014. The 2014 plan was amended in 2016, however, ultimately expired in 2018. Previous goals of the recreation plans included:

1. Identifying the Fenton Township recreation needs and opportunities in an effort to establish a comprehensive community recreation initiative that provides a range of positive experiences.
2. Addition of recreational facilities not presently available in the township to complement the existing system of facilities and natural features.
3. Development of recreational equipment and infrastructure throughout the Fenton Township park system to improve park aesthetics, foster community pride, and improve the recreational opportunities available to township residents.
4. Development of a connected pedestrian pathway system throughout the area to encourage interaction and participation, improve pedestrian safety, and strengthen linkages between area parks.
5. Improve the quality of accessibility to the township-owned public beach in order to improve water-based recreational opportunities for township residents, including the disabled.

This 5-year plan includes goals, objectives, and action programs identified for 2023 to 2027 by analyzing the progress of previous goals and the input based on stakeholder meetings held by staff and the Planning Commission. The following document aligns with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans.

Chapter 1: Community Description

Fenton Charter Township is located in Genesee County, Michigan approximately 8 miles south of the City of Flint. US-23 runs north and south through the township, roughly dividing the township in half. The township has a total area of 27.5 square miles, of which 23.9 square miles is land and 3.7 square miles is water. The following information was obtained from the U.S. Decennial and American Community Survey Census data.

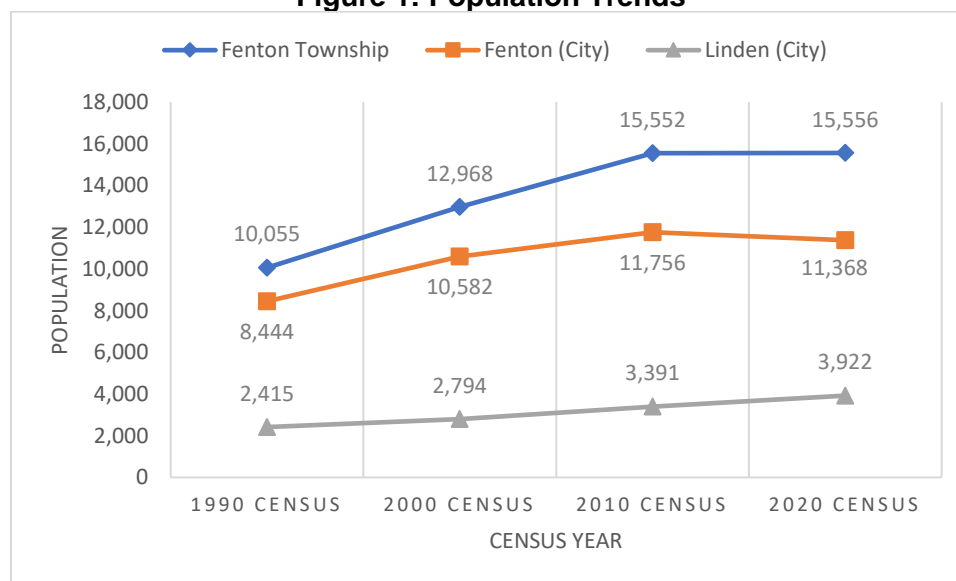
Population Characteristics

Table 1 and Figure 1 depict the population trends from 1990 to 2020. In 2020, Fenton Township's population was 15,556, this was an increase of 54.7 percent since 1990 and a 0.03 percent increase since 2000. Like Fenton Township, the City of Linden saw an increase since 1990 and 2000. Similar to Fenton Township, the City of Fenton saw an increase in population since 1990, however, saw a decrease in population since 2000. Genesee County has seen an overall decrease in population from 1990 and 2000.

Table 1: Population Trends						
	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change 1990-2020	% Change 2000-2020
Fenton Township	10,055	12,968	15,552	15,556	+54.7%	+0.03%
City of Fenton	8,444	10,582	11,756	11,368	+34.6%	-3.3%
City of Linden	2,415	2,794	3,391	3,922	+62.4%	+15.7%
Genesee County	430,459	436,141	425,790	406,770	-5.5%	-4.5%

Source: U.S Decennial Census 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020

Figure 1: Population Trends



Age

Table 2 shows the age distribution of Fenton Township, the City of Fenton, the City of Linden, and Genesee County. It is important to note, that 54.1 percent of Fenton Township's population sits in the age ranges 40 to 59 years old and 60 to 79 years old. The City of Linden is similar to Fenton Township with 44.8 percent of its population in the same age categories. The City of Fenton follows Genesee County with the majority of their populations in the 20 to 39 years old and 40- to 59-year-old ranges.

Table 2: Age Distribution								
	Fenton Township		City of Fenton		City of Linden		Genesee County	
Under 5	954	6.1%	668	5.9%	252	6.4%	23,961	5.9%
5-19	2,696	17.4%	2,204	19.4%	896	22.8%	77,310	19.1%
20-39	2,898	18.6%	3,217	28.3%	817	20.7%	100,001	24.6%
40-59	4,216	27.2%	2,689	23.6%	926	23.6%	106,375	26.0%
60-79	4,171	26.9%	1,879	16.6%	835	21.2%	81,402	20.0%
80+	621	4.0%	711	6.3%	196	4.9%	17,721	4.3%
Source: US Census 2020 American Community Survey								

Race

Table 3 depicts the number and percentage of races within the township. As seen below, Fenton Township is predominantly white with over 92 percent of the population identifying as white.

Table 3: Race		
	#	%
Total Population	16,843	-
White	15,550	92.3%
Black or African American	115	0.7%
Asian	57	0.3%
Other Races	130	0.8%
Two or More Races	106	0.6%
Three or More Races	51	0.3%
Source: U.S. Census 2020 American Community Survey		

Disabilities

Table 4 depicts the percentage of those in Fenton Township that have disabilities related to hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living. The largest percentage of those living with disabilities in the township are those 75 years and older.

Table 4: Disabilities						
	Hearing Difficulty	Vision Difficulty	Cognitive Difficulty	Ambulatory Difficulty	Self-care Difficulty	Independent Living Difficulty
Under 18	0.1%	0.0%	1.8%	0.7%	0.7%	4.3%
18-34	1.6%	0.7%	4.3%	1.6%	0.5%	4.2%
35-64	2.1%	1.1%	2.8%	3.7%	1.5%	3.2%
65-74	6.0%	1.7%	1.2%	3.7%	1.5%	15.4%
75+	12.3%	1.8%	7.3%	27.4%	11.6%	4.3%
Source: U.S. Census 2016 - 2020 American Community Survey						

Income

Table 5 depicts the median household income and the per capita income of the township, Genesee County, and the State of Michigan. Per capita income is the average income earned per person in a given area in a specified year. As seen below, Fenton Township has a significantly higher household income and per capita income compared to the county and the state, with Fenton Township's 2020 median household income and per capita income being almost two times the amount of the county and over 1.5 times the amount of the state, respectively.

Table 5: Income		
	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
Fenton Township	\$98,064	\$134,763
Genesee County	\$50,269	\$69,011
State of Michigan	\$59,234	\$80,803
Source: U.S. Census 2016 – 2020 American Community Survey		

Employment

Table 6 depicts the employment in Fenton Township, Genesee County, and the State of Michigan. The largest industry in the township, at 25.9 percent, is education, health, and services. This is due to Mott Community College and various other primary education schools such as Lake Fenton Community Schools, Lake Fenton High School, and Torrey Hill Intermediate School. The second largest industry in the township is manufacturing, at 22.3 percent. This is due to General Motors' presence in the township as well as in Genesee County as a whole.

Table 6: Employment						
	Fenton Township		Genesee County		State of Michigan	
Industry	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total civilians employed (16+ years)	7,108	-	171,063	-	4,658,357	-
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, & Mining	24	0.3%	1,014	0.6%	52,798	1.1%
Construction	283	4.0%	10,053	5.9%	257,038	5.5%
Manufacturing	1,587	22.3%	29,800	17.4%	865,163	18.6%
Wholesale Trade	228	3.2%	3,573	2.1%	110,651	2.4%
Retail Trade	887	12.5%	22,962	13.4%	499,752	10.7%
Transportation	189	2.7%	7,687	4.5%	207,259	4.4%
Information	57	0.8%	1,979	1.2%	62,541	1.3%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate & Rental/Leasing	658	9.3%	8,131	4.8%	260,053	5.6%
Professional, Scientific, Management & Administration, Waste Management Services	507	7.1%	14,277	8.3%	451,320	9.7%
Education, Health, & Service	1,838	25.9%	42,822	25.0%	1,089,747	23.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	427	6.0%	15,705	9.2%	427,660	9.2%
Public Administration	142	2.0%	4,832	2.8%	160,798	3.5%
Other Services	281	4.0%	8,228	4.8%	213,577	4.6%
Source: U.S. Census 2016-2020 American Community Survey						

Physical Features

Existing Land Use

Fenton Charter Township adopted a master plan in 2018, which depicts the current land use in the township. Open space still makes up a huge part of the land use for the township. Vacant land still makes up approximately 16.36 percent of the parcels located in the township.

Transportation

US-23 bisects Fenton Township into east and west parts. The major highway, built to interstate standards primarily provides access to the employment centers in the Flint, Ann Arbor, and Detroit Metropolitan areas. Access to US-23 is provided with primary county roads at Thompson, Silver Lake, and Owen Roads. A rest area for northbound US-23 is located 1½ miles north of the Silver Lake Road exchange.

Primary county roads traveling east to west include Owen, Silver Lake, Lahring, Rolston, Lobdell, and Thompson Roads. North to south primary roads include Linden, Torrey, North, and Fenton Roads.

Price's airport is located south of the City of Linden in Section 29. It is a privately owned and operated Class B Airport. Bishop International Airport is located approximately 6 miles north of Fenton Township and serves as the area's major airport.

The CN North American/Grand Trunk Railway passes through the southern half of the township in a northwestern/southeastern direction.

Topography

The Saginaw Lobe of the Cary Glacier extended south over all of Fenton Township and shaped the landscape as it exists today. As the glacier receded, materials such as silts, sand, gravel, and cobbles were deposited over the landscape to a depth of 1 to 200 feet. The glacial moraine, on the far southern edge of the township, contains the highest elevations within Genesee County. Fenton Township's landscape is generally level to gently rolling and tends to be poorly drained with many wetland depressions. Wetlands comprise over 6 percent of the total land area while natural lakes comprise another 10 percent.

Water Resources

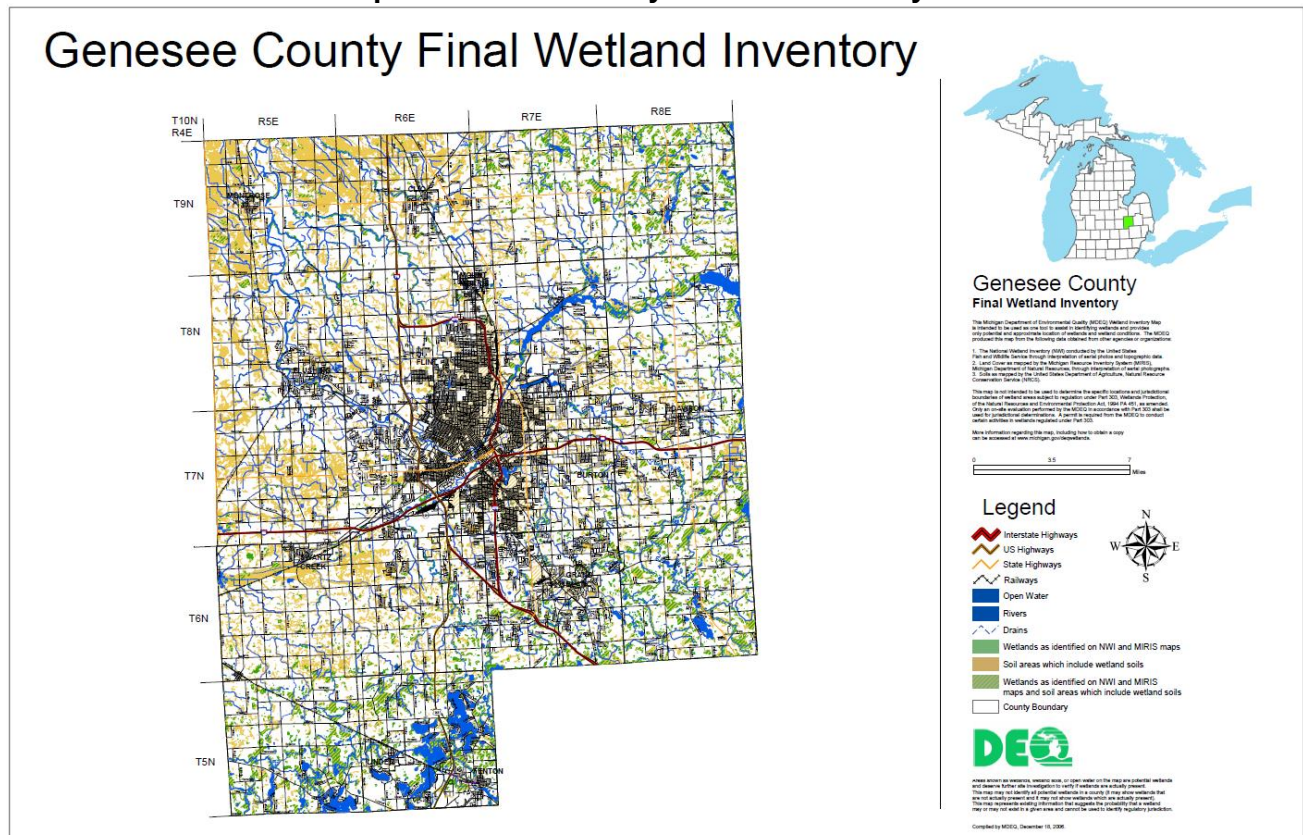
The lakes in Fenton Township have played a major role in the township's development. Lakefront property tends to be built out and developed to higher densities in the township. There are 18 lakes in the township that are 11 acres in size or greater. Those of most notable size include Lake Fenton, Silver Lake, Loon Lake, Lake Ponemah, Pine Lake, and Byram Lake. There are two public boat launches in the township, one on Lake Fenton and the other on Lake Ponemah. There are two public beaches; one is owned and maintained by the township and is located behind the Township Hall and the other at Linden Park, which is part of the Genesee County Parks System.

The portion of the Shiawassee River runs through Fenton Township. According to the National Water Quality Monitoring Council, the Shiawassee River and its streams are maintained by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The portion that runs through the township is known as Shiawassee River at US-23, Fenton Township, Section 23. The Shiawassee River has been designated as both a State Water Trail by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in December of 2018 and a National Water Trail by the U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, in October of 2020. The designation covers eighty-eight miles of the Shiawassee River from Holly, Michigan to Chesaning, Michigan. Genesee County is home to two State and National Water Trails, the other being the Flint River. There are currently nine State Water Trails in Michigan and only five National Water Trails in Michigan out of thirty-three in the United States.

The township is serviced by both public water systems and private wells. In recent years, there has been detection of elevated levels of arsenic in the groundwater that supplies the private wells. As of 2006, the highest allowable concentration of arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb) in public water systems. There are currently no regulatory requirements regarding arsenic levels in private wells. EGLE does test for arsenic in samples provided to them for a fee.

As previously stated, wetlands comprise over 6 percent of the total land area while natural lakes comprise another 10 percent. Map 1 is a map of Genesee County Wetlands Inventory provided by EGLE (formerly known as DEQ). Fenton Township is located in the southern portion of the county. The township has a large portion of land classified as wetlands.

Map 1: Genesee County Wetland Inventory



Soils

A generalized soil survey was completed for Genesee County by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service in April 1972. The survey categorizes the soils of Fenton Township into four broad soil associations. The characteristics of each soil association are as follows:

- **Miami-Metea-Muck association: Undulating to rolling well-drained loams and loamy sands that have a clay loam to loamy sand subsoil, on uplands; and very poorly drained muck soils, in potholes and swales.**

Upland soils of this association differ in limitations for recreational use according to their slope. Gently sloping areas are slightly limited, but the steeper slopes are severely

limited for most kinds of construction by a high-water table and the instability of the organic matter.

- ***Celina-Conover-Miami association: Level to sloping, somewhat poorly drained to well-drained loams that have a clay loam subsoil; on uplands.***

The major soils in this association differ in their limitations for highways and residential development. The somewhat poorly drained Conover soils have severe limitations for streets and buildings because of a seasonal high-water table and the hazard of frost heaving. The seasonal high-water table also hinders the operation of septic tanks. The better-drained Celina and Miami soils provide fair to good foundation material for buildings and roads, but because of the slope, some cutting and filling is generally required for building sites and roads. The Celina and Miami soils vary in their limitation for septic tank disposal fields, and they generally require on-site investigation.

- ***Del Ray-Lenawee association: Level to gently sloping, somewhat poorly drained and poorly drained silt loams and silty clay loams that have a silty clay loam subsoil; on lake plains.***

Soils of this association are severely limited as sites for highways and residences because of their moderately high clay content. Highways and foundations are subject to frost heaving. Cracking and other displacements are caused by alternate wetting and drying of the soil material. Moderately slow permeability and a seasonal high-water table hinder the operation of septic tank disposal fields in these soils. These problems are more serious on the poorly drained soils of this association.

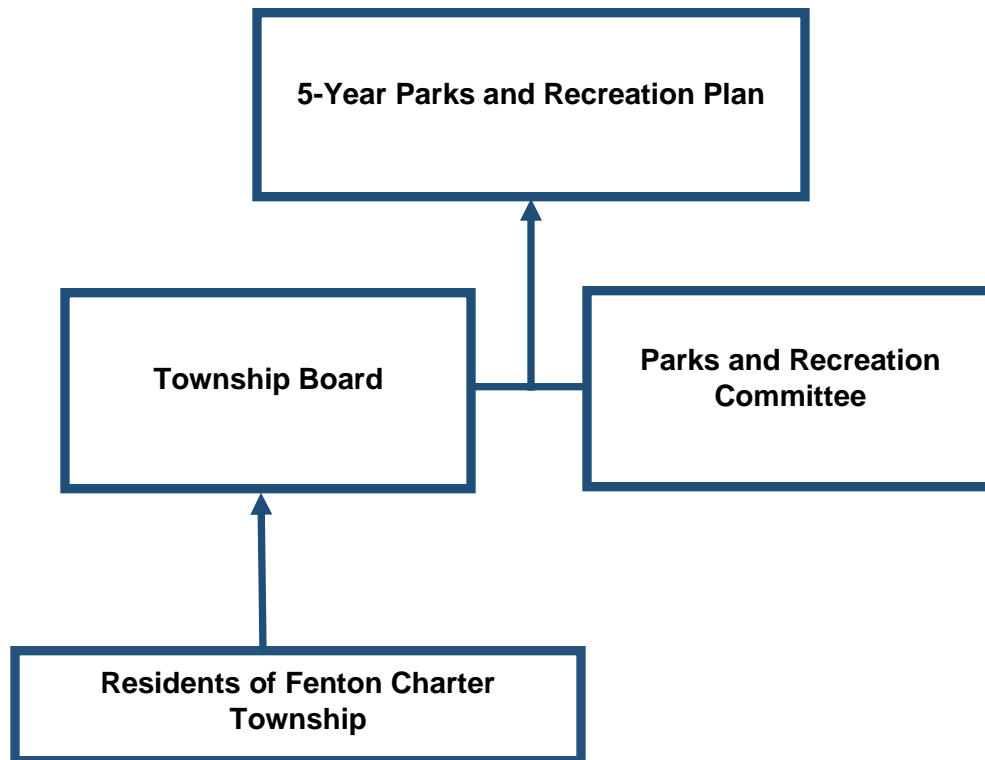
- ***Boyer-Spinks-Ceresco-CoHoctah association: Nearly level to gently sloping, well-drained loamy sands that have a dominantly sand to sandy loam subsoil, on outwash plains and terraces; and level, somewhat poorly drained, poorly drained, and very poorly drained fine sandy loams underlain by fine sandy loams to sand; on bottom lands.***

Upland soils are suitable sources for all material and are only slightly limited for roads and buildings. Septic tank disposal fields normally function well because these soils are well drained. River-bottom soils, mainly Ceresco and CoHoctah, are severely limited for buildings because of the high-water table and the hazard of flooding.

Part of the initial planning process for potential recreational areas should include consideration and evaluation of existing soil types. This should be a contributing factor in determining the potential recreational use of an area.

Chapter 2: Administrative Structure

Fenton Charter Township is a municipal corporation within Genesee County. The township elects its town board trustees and supervisor, and the town board is given the task with appointing a parks and recreation committee that makes recommendations to the board of trustees and oversees park functions.



Staff

Fenton Township currently does not have a dedicated staff for parks and recreation. The 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan is currently supervised and implemented by the Zoning Administrator.

Budget

Currently, there is no budget for the development and maintenance of the parks and recreation offered within the township. The parks and recreational areas are being maintained through volunteers.

Funding Resources

Fenton Township has not previously received any funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for parks and recreational facilities.

Volunteer Activities

Fenton Township relies heavily on volunteers from a range of local organizations to assist with recreational activities.

The following are a list of current volunteer groups:

- Jet Basketball League organizes basketball games for 4th to 6th grade. Volunteers are coaches, referees, scorekeepers, and concession stand attendees.
- AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) is a local soccer club that organizes youth soccer. Volunteers assist with registration, coaching, and fundraising.
- Lake Fenton Youth Football – Volunteers assist with fundraising for the teams as well as coaching and officiating games.
- Heartland Lacrosse League – Volunteers include parents and local community members in the Heartland/Fenton area that support lacrosse. Volunteers help coach and fundraise for the league. The group also works with the school district to ensure playing surfaces are adequately maintained.

The township may also consider increasing a relationship with the local schools to obtain volunteers from student organizations such as the Key Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society.

Relationship to Lake Fenton Community Schools

There are various recreation opportunities provided by the schools within the township, which is indicated in Parks and Recreation Inventory. As recommended in Goal 2, the relationship between the township and the local school district can help increase the volunteer base as well as help create a sense of pride and community through interaction with one another. Building and maintaining the relationship with the Fenton Community Schools can also help identify missing activities the schools may not provide already for recreation. With many undeveloped parks, the township and schools could take the existing inventory and provide activities that may be difficult for the school district to provide.

Relationship to Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR)

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District (otherwise known as SLPR) includes the City of Fenton, Fenton Township, and the City of Linden. SLPR is an organization charged to operate and provide recreational programming opportunities for community members. Fenton Township has a Township Trustee as representation on the SLPR Board. The SLPR mission is to establish, maintain, and operate a system of parks, recreational facilities, and program opportunities that enhance the education, physical health, personal well-being, and social interactions within the Fenton, Linden, and Lake Fenton communities. As stated in Chapter 6 Action Programs, the township would like to instill a quarterly joint meeting between various groups including representatives of the SLPR in order to create a consistent flow of information between the various groups that manage the parks and recreational activities in the community.

Relationship to Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition (SRWTC)

The Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition (SRWTC) is a registered 501c3 organization that was formed in the fall of 2017 to organize the activities under the plan submitted to the U.S. National Park Service for consideration of the Shiawassee River as a National Water Trail. Fenton Charter Township is a formal member of the coalition with appointed representation to the coalition. When the coalition first formed, there were eleven organizations represented. Currently, the coalition represents 34 organizations along the Shiawassee River. Of those organizations, 21 are local units of government, including Fenton Charter Township.

Chapter 3: Parks and Recreation Inventory

The following chapter depicts the existing parks and recreation facilities that are in use today in Fenton Township. The MDNR's Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans requires a community to take inventory of those park facilities that it owns and operates. The Township Parks and Preservation Inventory include an aerial map of the areas, the red outlines on the aerial maps are indicating the property boundaries.

Barrier-Free Compliance and Parks Conditions

The following summarizes the accessibility of the township's parks and recreation facilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessible Guidelines (ADAAG). All construction since 1990 was required to comply with these guidelines. A general ranking for each park was determined through site visits and aerial photographs:

Accessibility Level 1 – None of the facilities or park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Accessibility Level 2 – Some of the facilities or park areas meet accessibility guidelines. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.

Accessibility Level 3 – Most of the facilities or park areas meet accessibility guidelines. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved; some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.

Accessibility Level 4 – The entire park meets accessibility guidelines. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are easily accessible.

Accessibility Level 5 – The entire park was developed or renovated using the principals of universal design. The universal design approach enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

Township Parks and Facilities

An inventory of all existing parks and recreation facilities owned by Fenton Township was conducted using the previous recreation plan, the county GIS, and site visits.

Thompson Road Regional Dog Park

The Thompson Road Regional Dog Park is located on Thompson Road between Fenton and Torrey Roads. It was acquired by the township in 2012 from the Genesee County Land Bank. A majority of the park is undeveloped other than the dog park located along the eastern side of the property. During the stakeholder meeting, which is further discussed in Planning Process and Public Engagement, community members discussed various opportunities to develop the park. Conceptual plans are located in Appendix B, Concept Plans for Thompson Road Regional Dog Park. Located on Map 2 indicated as item B.

Size: 34.84 acres

Recreation Facilities:

- Dog park
- Unpaved parking area

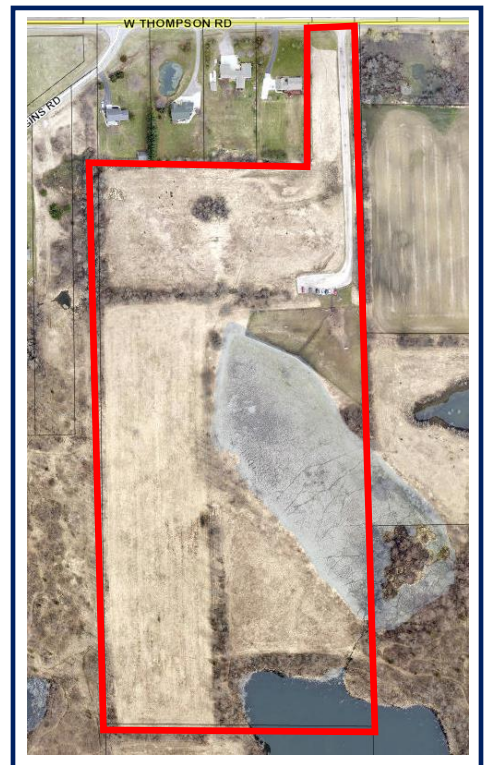
Support Facilities: None

Accessibility: 1, the existing unpaved parking area and access to the dog park is not accessible for those with physical disabilities.

DNR Recreation Grants: None

Stakeholder ideas for future development identified in public engagement events:

- Connect to water and sanitary sewer services to provide for barrier-free, accessible bathrooms
- Paved walking and biking trail in tandem with a disc golf course
- Soccer fields
- Half-court basketball fields
- Sand volley ball
- Dual use man-made pond or splash pad area for summer months and ice skating in the winter months
- Summer events such as movies in the park with food trucks
- Wash stations at the dog park
- Warming huts and shelters throughout the park
- Pavilions and concession stands
- Barrier-free parking
- Fitness stations
- RC cars and airplane racing areas



Fenton Township Civic Community Center and Mantawauka Park

Fenton Township Civic Community Center is the site of the Township office located at 12060 Mantawauka off North Long Lake Road and Bowles. This park is located behind the township office on the north end of Lake Fenton. The Mantawauka Park is open to the public and has several facilities with 100 feet of frontage of beach along the lake. Located on Map 2 indicated as item A.

Size: 3.88 acres

Recreation Facilities:

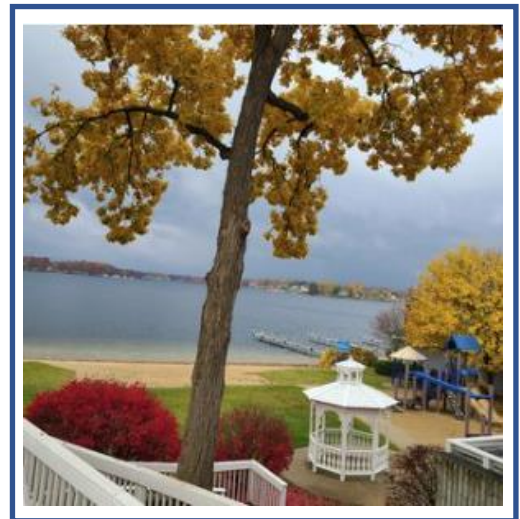
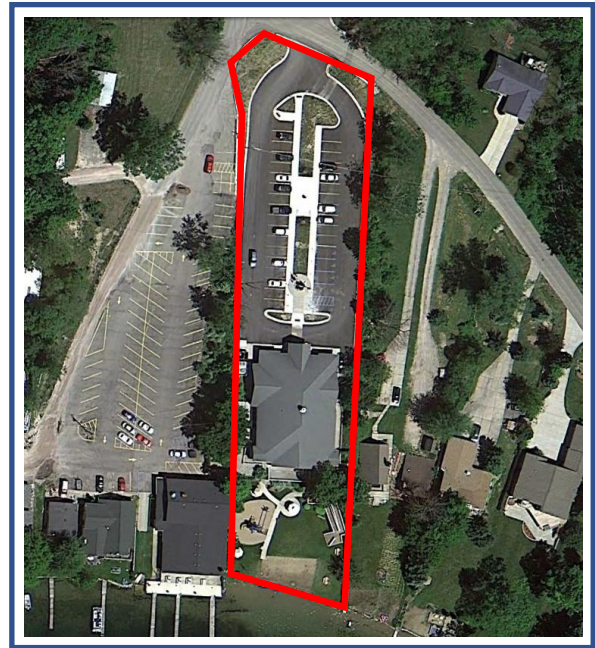
- Meeting and banquet rooms
- Kitchen
- Swimming beach
- Picnic area
- Playscape
- Park benches
- Gazebo
- Covered and uncovered picnic tables

Support facilities:

- Paved parking
- Restrooms
- Kitchen

Accessibility: 4, All facilities meet ADA guidelines

DNR Recreation Grants: None



Blue Gill Island

Blue Gill Island is located on Silver Lake and is northwest of the Silver Lake Park. Blue Gill Island is currently an undeveloped natural resource area. Located on Map 2 indicated as item C.

Size: 4.47 acres

Recreational Facilities: None

Support Facilities: None

Accessibility: Not applicable as the property is currently undeveloped and is only accessed via water crafts.

DNR Recreation Grants: None



Emerald Pointe Preserve

Emerald Pointe Preserve is located along the east channel connecting Squaw Lake and Lake Ponemah and is an undeveloped natural resource area. Located on Map 2 indicated as item D.

Size: 27.61 acres

Recreational Facilities: None

Support Facilities: None

Accessibility: Not applicable as the property is currently undeveloped

DNR Recreation Grants: None



Torrey/Grove Park Preserve

Torrey/Grove Park Preserve is located on the corner of Torrey Road and Grove Park Road. This area is preserved for a natural resource area. Located on Map 2 indicated as item E.

Size: 14.67 acres

Recreational Facilities: None

Support Facilities: None

Accessibility: Not applicable as the property is currently undeveloped.

DNR Recreation Grants: None



Foley Property Donation

Foley Park Donation is located along Silver Lake Road and north of the CN North American/Grand Trunk Railway, was donated to the township, and is currently undeveloped. The Parcel ID of the park is 06-27-200-002. Located on Map 2 indicated as item F.

Size: 35.56 acres

Recreational Facilities: None

Support Facilities: None

Accessibility: Not applicable as the property is currently undeveloped

DNR Recreation Grants: None



Silver Lake Road Property

The township owns the property located at 4344 Silver Lake Road. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is located on the east side of the property. The west half of the property is vacant. The township has indicated possible future use of the west side of the property for parks and recreational opportunities. The property abuts the City of Linden to the west. Located on Map 2 indicated as item G.

Size: 18.65 acres in total

Recreation Facilities: None

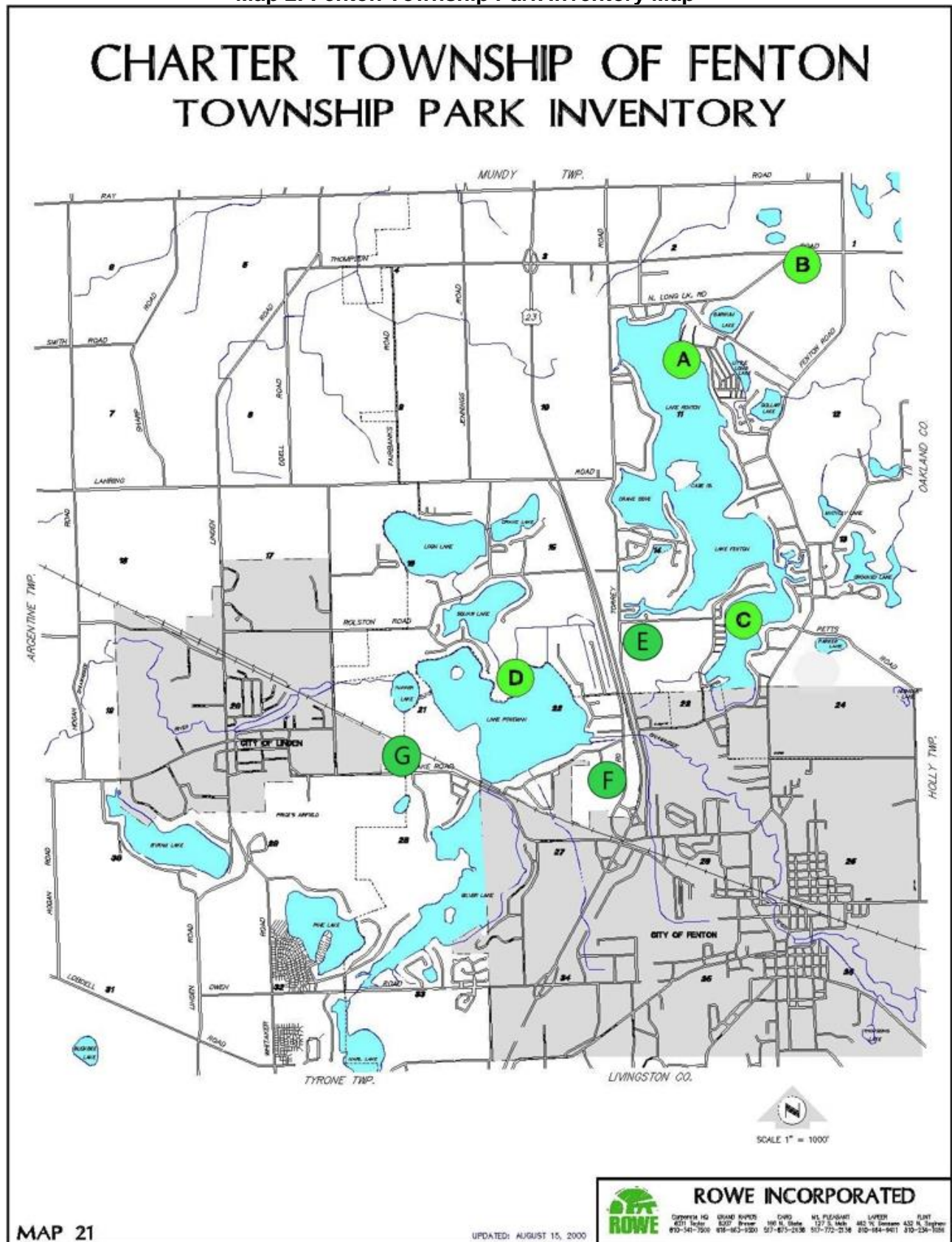
Support Facilities: None

Accessibility: Not applicable as the property is currently undeveloped

DNR Recreation Grants: None



Map 2: Fenton Township Park Inventory Map



Genesee County Parks with Fenton Township

Linden Park and Clover Beach

Linden Park and Clover Beach are located along Byram Lake with 1,200 feet of frontage on the lake.

Size: 144.18 acres

Recreational Facilities:

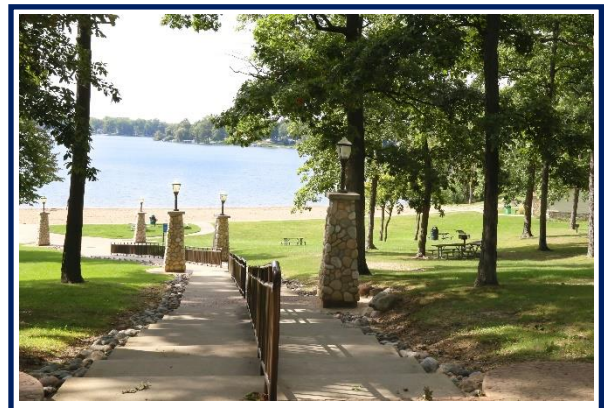
- Ball fields
- Basketball courts
- Tennis and multi-purpose courts
- Pavilions
- Swimming beach
- Picnic areas
- Play equipment areas
- Trails

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Accessibility: 3

- Some paved pathways provided
- Barrier-free accessible parking provided



Deer Run AYSO Soccer Park

Deer Run AYSO Soccer Park is located on the northeast corner of Linden and Owen Roads from US-23. The complex enters from the south and exits from the north.

Size: 81.25 acres

Recreational Facilities:

- Sixteen soccer fields

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking
- Concessions

Accessibility: 2

- Some paved pathways provided



MDNR Public Launch Sites

Lake Fenton Public Access Launch

The Lake Fenton public access launch is located off Torrey Road on Grove Park Road on the southwest side of Lake Fenton.

Size: 2.88 acres

Recreational Facilities:

- Two boat launch areas
- Docks

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Accessibility: 3

- Barrier-free parking areas available



Lake Ponemah Public Access Launch

The Lake Ponemah public access launch is located off North Road on the east side of Lake Ponemah.

Size: 16.12 acres

Recreational Facilities:

- Kayak and boat launch
- Dock

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Accessibility: 2

- Paved parking provided



School Facilities

Lake Fenton High School

The Lake Fenton High School is located on the corner of Lahring and Jennings Roads.

Size: 89.69 acres

Recreational Facilities:

- Eight tennis courts
- Baseball fields, soccer field, softball fields, & practice fields
- Football field & stadium
- Track
- Auditorium
- Gymnasium
- Open Space

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking
- Concessions

Accessibility: 3

- Paved pathways to recreational facilities



Lake Fenton Middle School

Lake Fenton Middle School is located on the corner of North Long Lake and Torrey Roads.

Size: 26.35 acres

Recreational Facilities:

- Baseball fields
- Soccer fields
- Football field & stadium
- Track
- Gymnasium
- Open space

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking
- Concessions



Accessibility: 3

- Paved pathways to recreational facilities and barrier-free accessible parking provided

West Shore Elementary and Torrey Hill Intermediate School Campus

West Shore Elementary School and Torrey Hill Intermediate School Campus is located at the corner of Torrey Road and Lahring Road.

Size: 30.93 acres

Recreational Facilities:

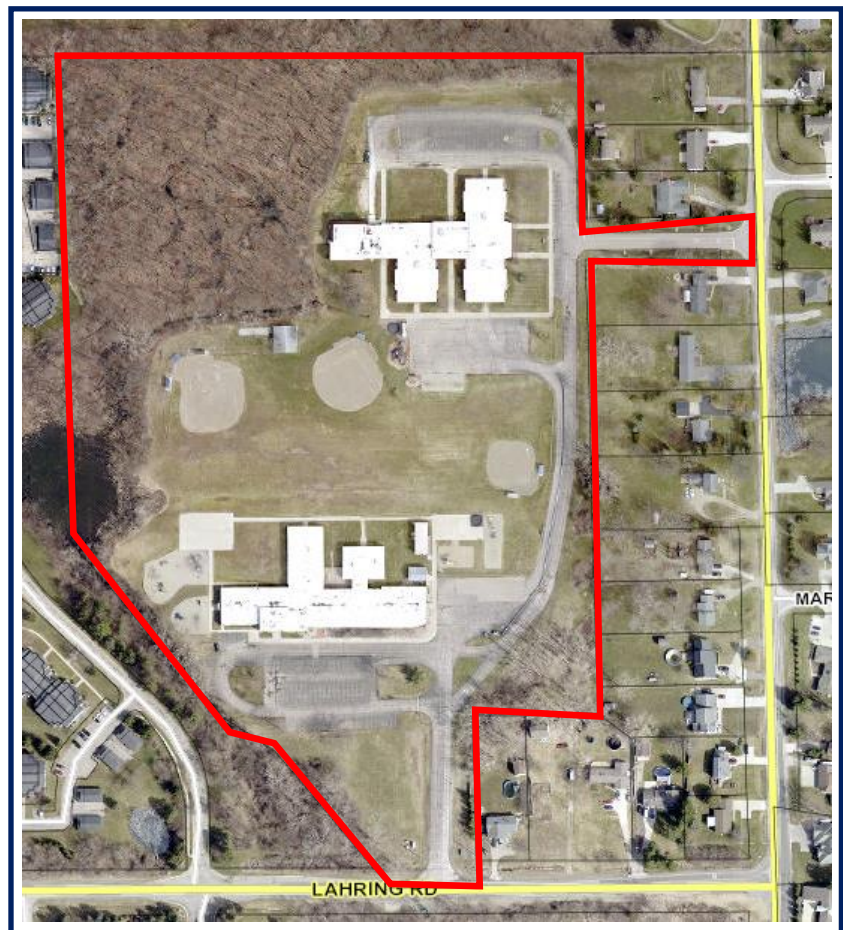
- Basketball courts
- Three playground areas
- Ball diamonds
- Open space

Support Facilities:

- Restrooms
- Parking

Accessibility: 3

- Barrier-free accessible parking provided
- Paved pathways to playground equipment

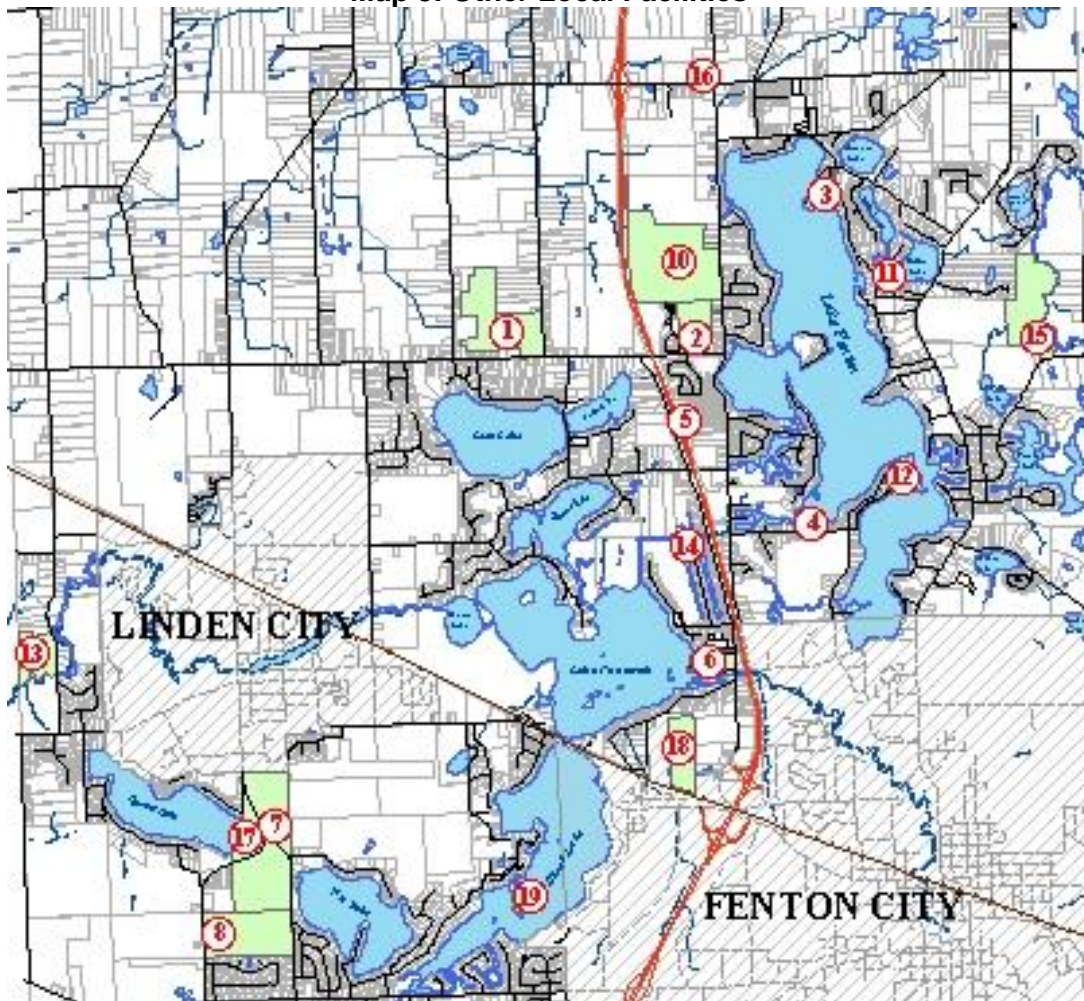


Other Local Facilities

The following is a comprehensive list of the public and private recreational areas and facilities within Fenton Township. The inventory will be used as a basis for determining the need for specific recreation facilities in the township.

As in many communities in Michigan, the local school districts provide a valuable resource of facilities and programs for local community recreation. For this reason, facilities provided by school districts have been included in the Local Recreational Inventory. Private recreational facilities can relieve demand and use pressures on public facilities. While private facilities are generally pay-per-use, they can include a wide range of uses, including golf courses, sports fields, batting cages, rifle ranges, etc.

Map 3: Other Local Facilities



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| 1. Lake Fenton High School | 7. Linden Park/Clover Beach County Park | 14. Private Park |
| 2. West Shore & Torrey Hill | 8. AYSO Deer Run Soccer Park | 15. Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club |
| 3. Township Center Park | 9. Lake Fenton Middle School | 16. Fenton Lanes |
| 4. Lake Fenton DNR Access | 10. Fenton Farmers Golf Club | 17. Linden Park/Clover Beach County Park |
| 5. Michigan Department of Transportation Rest Area | 11. Private Park | 18. Foley Park |
| 6. Lake Ponemah DNR Access | 12. Private Park | 19. Blue Gill Island in Silver Lake |
| | 13. Linden Sportsman Club | |

Michigan Department of Transportation Rest Area

Located along US-23, this rest area provides picnic tables and other restroom facilities for travelers.

Fenton Farms Golf Course

The golf course offers an 18-hole course with a Pro Shop and a restaurant.

Linden Sportsman Club

The sportsman club includes a trap field, gun range, archery course, and a dining hall.

Fenton Lanes

Fenton Lanes is a bowling alley that offers 25 lanes. Various bowling leagues, parties, and youth programs occur at this location.

Comparison to Recreation Standards

The MDNR adopted a set of standards to determine the need for certain recreational facilities based on the population of a community. **Error! Reference source not found.** compares the existing facilities located in Fenton Township to the state's recreational standards. This approach is to determine the deficiencies in the current recreation in the township by taking the total population of the township (15,556) and dividing it by the MDNR standards depicted by the number of units of a certain recreational item over an identified population to create a number of required recreational items. The additional need column takes the requirement that was calculated minus the existing facilities provided in the township and by the local schools to determine the number of units of additional need for that recreational item in the township.

Table 7: Fenton Township Recreational Inventory, 2022 and State Recreation Standards					
Recreational Item	Current Township Facilities	School Provided Facilities	MDNR Standards (units/1,000 population)	Requirement per Local Population	Additional Need
Park Area	125.5 acres	144 acres	10/1,000	155	26.5 acres
Soccer Fields	16	4	1/10,000	2	None
Hiking Trails (miles)	-	-	1/5,000	3	3
Playground	1	3	1/3,000	5	1
Football	-	2	1/20,000	1	None
Outdoor Volleyball	-	-	1/5,000	3	3
Outdoor Basketball	-	-	1/5,000	3	3
Outdoor Tennis	2	8	1/2,000	8	None
Outdoor Ice Rink	-	-	Outdoor – depends on climate	N/A	Best as part of multi-purpose facility
Trails (walking & biking)	-	-	1 system per region	Variable	Variable
Baseball	-	5	1/30,000	1	None
Softball Diamonds	-	3	1/5,000	3	None
Field Hockey	-	-	1/20,000	1	1
Beach Areas	2	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Swimming Pools	-	-	1/20,000	1	1
Badminton	-	-	1/5,000	3	3
Natural Resource Areas	2	-	Variable	Variable	-

There is no water trail designation in the MDNR Recommended Classification System for Recreation, Open Space and Trails. However, the Shiawassee River was designated a State and National Water Trail with multiple launch site locations located in Fenton Township and other municipalities in Genesee County. This should be noted when reviewing the existing and current need of launch sites along the Shiawassee below.

1. Strom Park, City of Fenton
2. Bush Park, City of Fenton
3. Lake Ponemah DNR Kayak/Boat Launch, Fenton Charter Township
4. Linden Millpond, City of Linden
5. Downtown Linden, west of Bridge Street
6. McCaslin Lake Road Launch Site, Argentine Township

There is also a potential launch site being discussed located along Hogan Road next to the Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Regional Facilities

On a regional scale, Fenton Township is located within a 30-mile radius of numerous state recreational and game areas. The township lies within the boundaries of the Genesee County Parks System, which contains over 10,000 acres of recreational area. Two of these county parks, the Genesee Recreation Area and the Holloway Reservoir Regional Park, provide over 9,500 acres of recreational areas that includes such activities as swimming, boating, and hiking. The remaining five major Genesee County Parks contain over 800 acres which offer similar kinds of facilities to county residents.

Map 4: Regional Facilities



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| 1. Linden County Park | 12. Mounds Off-Road Vehicle Area |
| 2. Flushing County Park | 13. Goldenrod Disc Golf Course |
| 3. Bluebell Beach and Flint River Bike Path | 14. Richfield County Park |
| 4. Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad | 15. Holloway Dam Public Access Fishing Site and Canoe Launch |
| 5. Stepping Stone Falls and Picnic Area | 16. Walleye Pike Boat Launch |
| 6. Bluegill Boat Launch | 17. Wolverine Campground and Buttercup Beach |
| 7. Administrative Offices | 18. Toboggan Hill |
| 8. Buell Lake County Park | 19. Elba Equestrian Complex |
| 9. For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum | 20. Hogbacks Area |
| 10. Davison Roadside County Park | 21. Zemmer Park |
| 11. Everett A. Cummings Events Center | |

In 2021, the State of Michigan announced the creation of a new state park to be located at the Chevy Commons Complex in Genesee County along the Flint River. In March of 2022, \$30.2 million was designated for the development of the state park. These funds were made available due to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In October of 2022, the City of Flint, Genesee County Parks, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources held an open house at the Mott Park Clubhouse to discuss with residents the new state park. Once completed, the new state park will become Michigan's 104th state park and the first state park in Genesee County. This state park was created in part of the Michigan's Blue-Ribbon Park Plan which stated a chief goal was to establish state parks in major urban areas. The DNR Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson stated the availability of ARPA funding was key to gaining momentum on this project. The proposed 234-acre state park will be located along a stretch of the Flint River. The proposed plan will have five park units and three trail connections.

Other regional recreational facilities in Oakland, Livingston, and Lapeer Counties are depicted in Table 8. These parks and facilities are under the direct authority of the State of Michigan. The different color shading depicts the county each park is located in. Oakland County is indicated in orange, Livingston County is indicated in green, and Lapeer County is indicated in yellow.

Table 8: Regional Recreational Inventory (State Operated)

Recreation Facility	Acres	Boat Launch	Camping	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Pavilions/ Shelters	Picnic Area	Playground	Swimming
Bald Mountain State Park	4,637	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dodge No. 4 State Park	139	Y	-	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Groveland Oaks Campground	N/A	Y	Y	-	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Highland State Park	5,524	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holly State Park	7,470	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marsh Bank State Park	N/A	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-
Ortonville State Park	3,205	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y
Pontiac Lake State Park	3,700	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Proud Lake State Park	3,614	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seven Lakes State Park	1,378	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brighton State Park	4,913	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Recreation Facility	Acres	Boat Launch	Camping	Cross Country Skiing	Fishing	Pavilions/ Shelters	Picnic Area	Playground	Swimming
Island Lake State Park	3,466	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kensington State Park	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Metamora – Hadley State Park	683	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y

Chapter 4: Planning Process and Public Engagement

Fenton Charter Township has developed this 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan as a tool to help guide development of the various existing parks and recreation areas such as the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park and extension of the LAFF non-motorized trail. The Planning Commission as well as the community have emphasized the importance of non-motorized connection throughout the township with the Planning Commission enforcing the addition of sidewalks for new construction in hopes to connect various parts of the LAFF trail.

To comply with and exceed the MDNR's Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, the Fenton Charter Township staff planned and published notice for two stakeholder meetings that were used to receive feedback related to the existing plan and to encourage stakeholders to share what they would like to see added into the updated plan.

Comparison Approach

Comparison of Existing Recreation to MDNR Standards

Error! Reference source not found. depicts the existing recreational opportunities offered in the township compared to the MDNR recommended criteria for local and regional recreation, open space, and trails. This comparison approach is different from the systems approach, depicted below in the stakeholder meetings, since this includes an inventory of existing recreation compared to adopted state standards and evaluates the need for certain recreation based on the community's population. Based on the 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, Fenton Township has a population of 15,556.

As seen in **Error! Reference source not found.**, the additional need column indicated that the following recreational items are required based on state-adopted standards. **Error! Reference source not found.** shows there is presently 125.5 acres of open space under the control of the Township, of which 34.7 acres is the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park. However, 90 acres of the 125.5 acres of open space are located in nature preserves. An additional 115 acres of open space is owned and maintained by the Lake Fenton Community Schools. While efforts are made to encourage township residents to utilize school facilities whenever possible, during school hours and extracurricular activities, the availability of these facilities for public use is limited. For this reason, it appears that there is demand for recreational park land that is owned, developed, and maintained by the township. The recreational items include 3 miles of hiking trails, one playground, three outdoor volleyball courts, three outdoor basketball courts, one field hockey field, one swimming pool, and three badminton courts.

Systems Approach

Community Survey

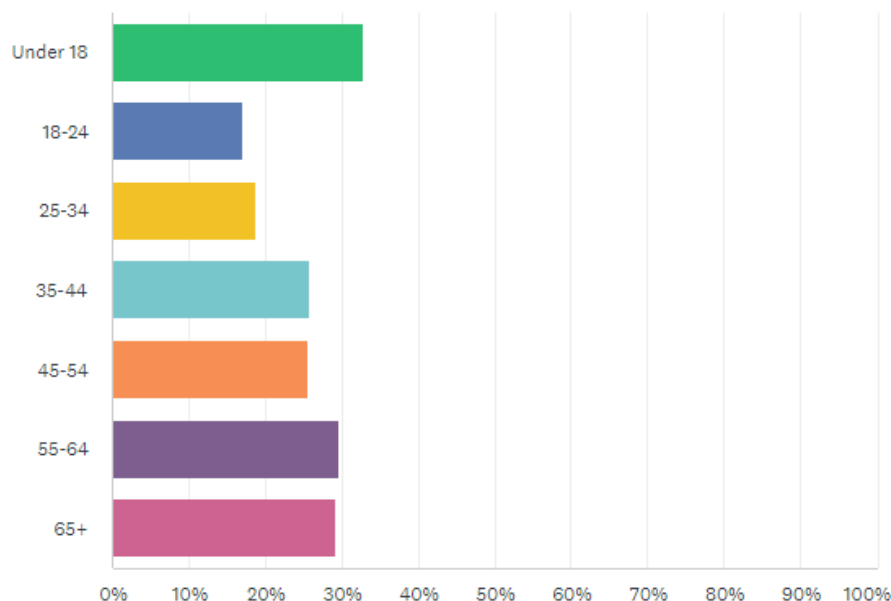
Fenton Township conducted a community survey from September 28, 2022, through January 12, 2023. The survey was available online as well as in paper format at the Township Hall. Overall, a total of 454 responses were collected for the survey, all being collected online. The community survey was published on Fenton Township's website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages. Copies of the township's social media posts as well as a copy of the survey can be found in Appendix A.

Of 453 respondents, 69.32 percent were township residents. The next most common connection to Fenton were those that visit the township frequently (26.71%), followed by those in surrounding municipalities such as the City of Linden, City of Fenton, and Tyrone Township (5.96%), and those who work in the township (5.08%). Only 4.64 percent of respondents own a business in the township.

The second question asked how many people are in your household, of which 41.19 percent answered two (2) people, 21.15 percent answered four (4) people, 16.74 percent answered three (3) people, 12.56 percent answered five (5) or more, and 8.37 percent answered one (1) person.

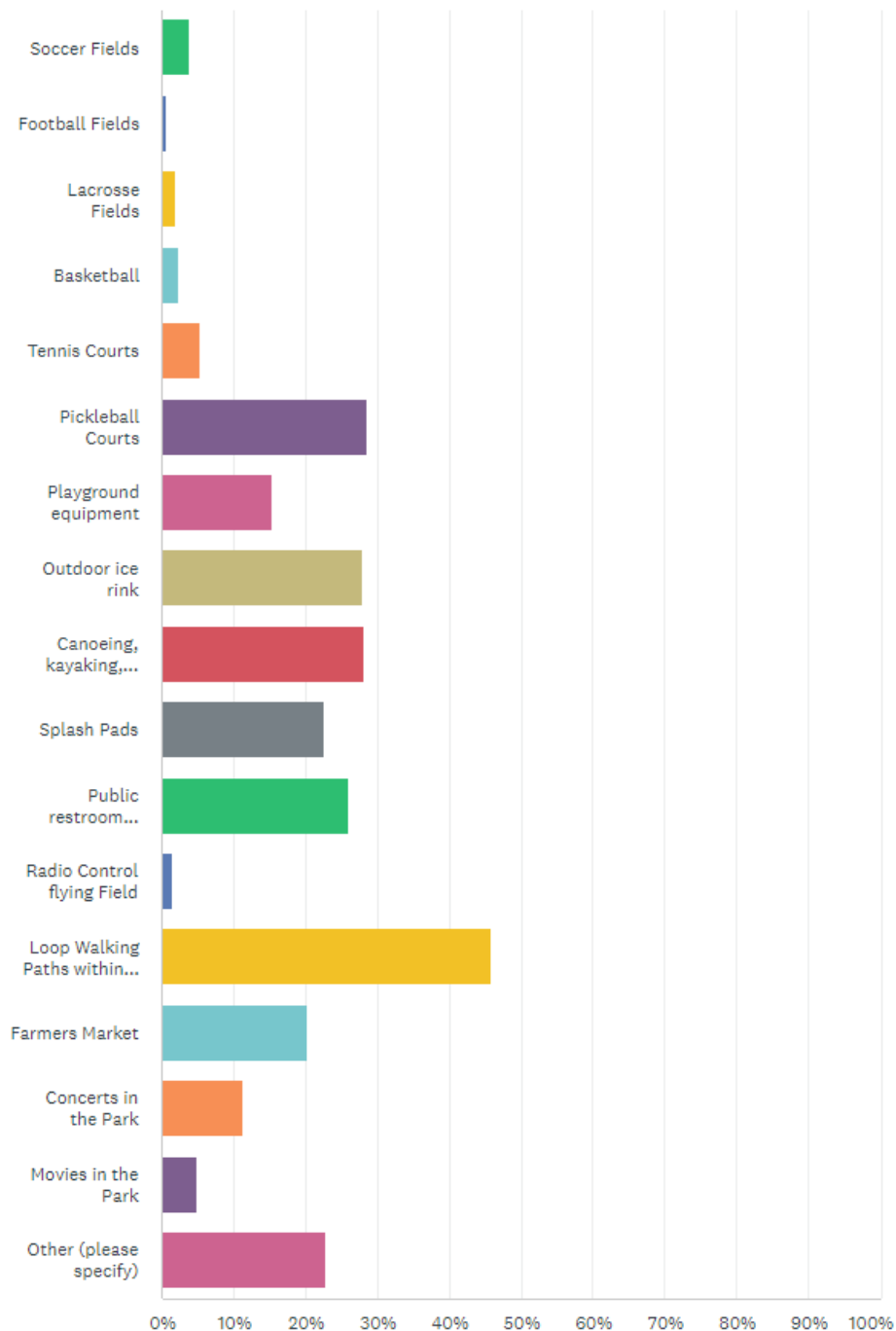
Question three asked the age groups of those in your household. Respondents were able to select multiple age categories; 32.82 percent of respondents answered Under 18; 29.74 percent answered 55 to 64 years old; 29.30 answered 65 and older; 25.77 percent answered 35 to 44 years old; 25.55 percent answered 45 to 54 years old; 18.72 percent answered 25 to 34 years old; and 16.96 percent answered 18 to 24 years old. According to the U.S. Decennial Census, the median age of the township is 47.5 years old.

Figure 2: Question Three



The MDNR operates two boat launches in the township, one located on Lake Fenton and the other on Lake Ponemah. Question four asked about the need for the township to provide additional accessible kayak launches to the various lakes in the township; 45.25 of respondents answered yes, 23.40 percent answered no, and 30.24 percent answered unsure.

Question five asked respondents to select the top three items that the township could improve or add to their recreational opportunities. Participants could select the same item up to three times or could pick three separate items. The top three items included loop walking paths within parks (45.81%), pickleball courts (28.63%), and canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding (28.19%).

Figure 3: Question Five

Question six asked if the township should provide non-motorized trail development over developing other recreation facilities; 64.54 percent of respondents answered yes, 20.93 percent answered no, and 13.00 percent answered unsure.

Question seven asked what other topics would you like addressed in the Fenton Township Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan Update. The responses to this question can be found in Appendix A.

Stakeholder Meeting

On November 10, 2022, Fenton Township hosted two stakeholder meetings, the first with local community group leaders and residents of the township, the second at the Fenton Township Planning Commission. The various community groups that were present included Keepers of the Shiawassee, LAFF trail and Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation members, Thompson Road Regional Dog Park volunteers, and the Fenton Township Zoning Administrator. This approach to public participation is described as a systems approach, as it is a way to gain information from citizens in forms such as community surveys and public discussion. The recommendations from the systems-based approach helped craft the goals described in Chapter 5: Goals and Objectives.

At the stakeholder meetings, the initial results of the community survey and the previous plan goals were discussed. Input from both groups indicated a greater need for feedback on the community survey that went live in September. Stakeholders and community members shared the survey link to various other Facebook pages and social media pages in November to boost the number of responses to the survey. To date, the survey has collected 120 responses. The results of the survey can be found in Appendix A. The group leaders, residents, and the Planning Commission had very similar ideas and wishes when discussing the future development of the recreation in the township.

The major takeaways from the general discussion included increased communication, increased development that does not impact the natural environment, and increased availability for those with disabilities. The first takeaway discussed with the stakeholder groups was the deficits in communication between the various local groups and the township as well as a lack of communication of the township and surrounding municipalities. Related to Goal 4, the township has an interest in increasing the local communication as well as a regional communication to increase the number of visitors to the parks. The second takeaway from the stakeholder groups was the negative effects of current development surrounding the various lakes and rivers in the township. The group also discussed the negative effects of invasive species such as Japanese Knotwood and Phragmites. The last takeaway indicated the increase of availability for those with disabilities. Various items were discussed including barrier-free parking and barrier-free restrooms located at parks and along water trails. Other items discussed were maintaining paved pathways and creating events that participants of all abilities are able to enjoy.

The discussion behind the development of the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park included various activities that could be included in the park as it develops. The list of ideas for the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park are included in Appendix C.

Draft Plan and 30-day Review Period

A draft plan was prepared for review of township staff and the Planning Commission. Upon review, the plan was posted on December 11th, 2022, and advertised with a legal notice in the Tri-County Times Newspaper on December 11th, 2022. A copy of this notice is included in Appendix D.

The public, as well as the Township Board had the opportunity during the 30-day adoption period to make recommended changes and comments about the plan.

Public Hearing

Comments were compiled from the 30-day review period and the plan was revised. A public hearing was posted on December 11th, 2022, and advertised with a legal notice in the Tri-County Times Newspaper on December 11th, 2022. A copy of this notice and minutes from the entire meeting is included Appendix E and F.

Final Plan Adoption

Comments were compiled from the 30-day public hearing and the plan was revised. The plan was adopted by the Township Board on January 17th, 2023. A copy of the resolution and minutes from the entire meeting is included in Appendix G. A copy of the plan was sent to the County and the regional planning authority. Transmittals are included in Appendix H.

Chapter 5: Goals and Objectives

This chapter is intended to guide Fenton Township's decision-making and prioritization for future development, maintenance, use, and conservation of the parks and recreation opportunities that were listed in Parks and Recreation Inventory in Chapter 3. The goals and objectives were crafted based on previous plans as well as the stakeholder meetings hosted on November 10, 2022. The stakeholders involved were Planning Commission members, the Zoning Administrator, members of the public, members of the Keepers of the Shiawassee, members of the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation group, and volunteers from the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.



Fenton Charter Township Hall

A goal is a destination that has been established by community input. Goals are the broadest level which are overarching and general.

An objective is a mile marker along the pathway toward achieving a goal. Objectives carry the purpose of the goal.

An action program is the intended outcome of the goal. Action programs can also include organizational, stating, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions.

Goal 1: Increase recreational opportunities for all ages to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

Basis for Goal: Many members of the public expressed the need and support for developing a pathway system that provides a safe environment for walking, bicycle use, paddling, and connectivity that promotes physical activities for all ages, abilities, and supports economic prosperity through alternative transportation routes. During the stakeholder meeting, gaps were identified in recreational opportunities for those with disabilities as well as aging community members. Stakeholders suggested creating more opportunities for those of an older generation with a lessened mobility to still be able to enjoy the parks and recreation areas offered by the township.

Objective 1.1: Provide opportunities for recreational activities that can be shared by all members of the community no matter age or ability.

Objective 1.2: Provide family-friendly based recreational uses by creating events and activities for users in both summer and winter months.

Objective 1.3: Support the development of trails within Fenton Township based on the 2014 Regional Non-Motorized Trail Plan for Genesee County and the 2018 Regional Land & Water Trails Report.

Goal 2: Provide recreational opportunities that create a sense of community for those within the township and for those visiting the township.

Basis for Goal: The stakeholders and Planning Commission members expressed that Fenton Township should not only create an inviting place of recreation for those who live within the township but as well as those in surrounding municipalities. The type of community Fenton Township wants their parks and recreation to be perceived as is one of in-person interconnectedness, with active participation and volunteerism that promotes safety and wellbeing of others.

Objective 2.1: Identifying further recreation needs not already provided to establish these needs in the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park and the vacant parcel located to the west of the DPW building.

Objective 2.2: Create a sense of community that takes pride in maintaining existing recreational facilities.

Objective 2.3: Improve the quality of accessibility to the township-owned public beach to improve water-based recreational opportunities for township residents, including those with disabilities.

Objective 2.4: Improve the township's ability to program and maintain recreational facilities through a volunteer program that uses various organizations and various school programs such as the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Student Councils.

Goal 3: Increasing safety of water recreation users and preserving water bodies and waterways related to the water-based community.

Basis for Goal: Stakeholders and staff identified the presence and importance of water-based activities in the township. As well as identifying the character of the community as a water-based community. Stakeholders and staff want to see an increase in safety and awareness related to motorized and non-motorized recreation on the lakes and rivers and the importance of preservation of essential waterways.

Objective 3.1: Increase knowledge of safety precautions and procedures related to water activities.

Objective 3.2: Inform the public on current water activities and water-related events throughout the township.

Objective 3.3: Support the Shiawassee River designation as a State and National Water Trail by encouraging the preservation of waterways.

Objective 3.4: Increase awareness and education behind the dangerous invasive species located along the natural waterways in the township.

Goal 4: Consistent communication throughout the township related to the parks and recreation opportunities within the township.

Basis for Goal: The Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, staff, and members of the public would like to see improvements to the current communication between all parties. As well as during the stakeholder meetings with the public, the Planning Commission would like to see a consistently updated place where information pertaining to the parks and recreation in the township can be shared online for access to community members and those visiting the township.

Objective 4.1: Establish regular joint meetings with dedicated group leaders from Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation, Keepers of the Shiawassee, Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, Fenton Charter Township Planning Commission, local school board members, and Fenton Township Zoning Administrator to cultivate relationships and provide information between different organizations all related to the recreation in the township.

Objective 4.2: Establish a relationship with the Tri-County News outlet to bring local news attention to parks and recreation in the township and any associated events planned at the township parks.

Objective 4.3: Establish a partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to have township events on the MEDC event portal page and events calendar to increase awareness of community events.

Objective 4.4: Establish and maintain a partnership with surrounding municipalities such as the City of Fenton, City of Linden, and Argentine Township to communicate various community events encompassed in the parks and recreational areas.

Chapter 6: Action Programs

Below are action programs related to Goals and Objectives. The following action programs are prioritized based on short-term and long-term priority to help guide development and maintenance of parks and recreation within the township. These action programs can also help indicate future needs and provide an idea for township staff when applying for grant funding. Fenton Township previously has not received any MDNR grant funding.

Table 9: Action Program

Action Program	Priority	Associated Goal
Creation of a community calendar that provides a single source of information online regarding all parks and recreation opportunities in the township.	ST	2 & 4
Creating a map of all-season activities at parks to be available at the township as well as online.	ST	1 & 4
Host special events at the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park such as movie nights in tandem with food trucks to attract users of all ages.	ST	1 & 2
Host water-based events such as Moon Light Paddles for paddle boarders and kayakers.	ST	2 & 3
Incorporate warming huts and shelters at parks including the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park.	ST	1
Incorporate dual use activities into parks and recreation activities.	ST	1, 2, & 3
Establish barrier-free accessible public restrooms at existing parks and along major waterways such as the Shiawassee River.	ST	1
Include waste receptacles and recycling bins and easier access to those on waterways.	ST	3
Expand the Recreation Committee to include representatives of the various recreational groups in the community and work to develop programming for the township parks.	LT	1, 2, & 3
Expand the existing LAFF trail to the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park and the property located to the west of the DPW building.	LT	1 & 2
Creating a bank of volunteers that actively and consistently volunteer for community events.	LT	3 & 4
Quarterly Joint Meetings with community group leaders to discuss upcoming events, concerns in the community, etc.	LT	4
Maintain a partnership with the Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership (MILP) in order to protect the inland lakes.	LT	3 & 4
Increase education on invasive species and education on how to report the invasive species to the MDNR.	LT	3
Addition of recreational items identified in Error! Reference s ource not found..	LT	1 & 2
Support the Shiawassee River State and National Water Trail maintenance and enhancements efforts.	LT	3
Identify areas in the township that could increase the development of pathways as outlined in the Genesee Regional Trail Alignment Plan.	LT	1
<i>ST – Short Term, LT – Long Term</i>		

Funding for Parks and Recreation Projects

General Fund

Continue to allow for re-investment in facilities to avoid future increased maintenance costs and ensure revenue streams when possible.

User Fee

Continue to charge reasonable fees to participants of recreation programs and key facilities. Evaluate the fees annually to ensure they are providing the appropriate amount of funding to allow the programs to continue.

Special Millage

A property tax millage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects such as parkland improvements and facility upgrades. A millage is an effective method to divide costs over time among all the taxpayers in the community to provide matching grant funds or finance projects outright. A millage allows more flexibility in how the money is used than a bond.

Bonds

Several bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.

Michigan Department of Transportation

The **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** provides funding for numerous types of projects that support the enhancement of transportation facilities and promote safe and efficient multi-modal transportation methods. This is a reimbursement program that originally comes from the federal level and is administered by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). A minimum of 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants

The **SPARK grant** is a limited funding with two application periods in 2023 for recreation projects between \$100,000 and \$1 million with no match requirement. Projects must demonstrate a response to Covid impacts and be able to be completed by end of 2026. Cannot be combined with any other federal funding.

The **Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)** provides funding assistance for state and local outdoor recreation needs, including land acquisition and development of recreation facilities. This assistance is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. These are grants between \$15,000 and \$300,000 with a required minimum local match of 25 percent. Final engineering and construction services are covered at a maximum of 15 percent.

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** provide grants to local units of government to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation. At least 50 percent match on either acquisition or development projects is required from local government applicants. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS), which grants final approval.

The **Michigan Recreation Passport Grant** program is funded by sales of 'passport' opt in participation for those wishing to access or support Michigan parks as part of their license renewal. Eligible projects are targeted for renovation and improvement to existing parks. Grants range from \$7,500 to \$150,000 with a minimum 25 percent local match, with the anticipation that the maximum grant amount will increase as revenue from sales of the Recreation Passport also increases.

The **Michigan Iron Belle Trail** is funded through a reimbursement grant program.

All projects will meet Americans with Disabilities Act access requirements, use AASHTO design standards (reduced width may be allowed on a case by case basis). Applicants/Co-Applicants are units of government, established trail authority, or eligible non-profit on the trail. Trail segment is on the proposed trail route (Iron Belle Map: www.michigan.gov/ironbelle). Applicants will have site control (after planning, if route is being determined) and will be the manager of the trail segment. Maximum ask: \$50,000

ELIGIBLE SCOPE ITEMS: Engineering/Design Assistance, Development Costs and Trail Signage, Trail Marketing, Capacity. Yearly application (year to year, short-term, due March 15)

Other DNR grants include specialized opportunities such as the **Urban and Community Forestry (UCF)** program, funded through the USDA Forest Service's State and Private Forestry program and the Water Trail Designation Program. Local units of government, nonprofit organizations, and schools are eligible to apply. Projects include street and park tree management and planning activities; urban forestry training and education events; tree plantings; and Arbor Day celebrations.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Projects eligible for **CDBG** funding must be in a low to moderate income service area and/or provide access to the disabled to qualify. Investments using CDBG funds must provide a documented benefit to low to moderate income households. Projects eligible for funding include public infrastructure improvements and those that provide ADA accessibility.

MEDC Patronicity Crowd Funding

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has developed an additional way of securing funding for community development projects by using crowdfunding to support developments. Communities, non-profits, and municipalities can submit projects by applying to the patronicity campaign. The projects that meet the programs parameters and successfully crowd-fund their goal will receive a matching grant from the MEDC of up to \$50,000.

<https://www.patronicity.com/puremichigan>

Michigan Community Revitalization Program (MCRP)-MEDC

MCRP is a program available from the MSF, in cooperation with MEDC, designed to promote community revitalization that will accelerate private investment in areas of historical disinvestment, contribute to Michigan's reinvention as a vital, job-generating state, foster redevelopment of functionally obsolete or historic properties, reduce blight; and protect the natural resources of the state. The focus of the MCRP is to encourage and promote capital investment and redevelopment of brownfield and historic preservation sites located in traditional downtowns and high-impact corridors.

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA)

This direct loan and grant program provides funding for essential community facilities in through the Rural Development program. Example projects include pavilions with shared use as a Farmers Market at trailheads. Yearly applications are accepted. Further information regarding the Rural Business Development Grants can be found by searching the code 7CFR Part 4280, Subpart E at the National Archives and Records Administration Code of Federal Regulations website.

Michigan Natural Resources Tree Planting Grants

Through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, there are three tree planting grant programs that will assist in funding landscape enhancements at the park and reforestation projects. Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project cost.

United States Department of Transportation – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant

Maximum grant amount is \$25 million; with no more than \$100 million going to one state. The grant is used to develop equitable access to multimodal transportation in communities. Current programs that qualify for this grant include the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

Donations

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is a method of preserving open space that is guaranteed through formal documentation. Rather than obtaining fee simple or complete ownership, an organization or community can purchase or acquire by gift an 'easement' to the property.

National Park Service – State Historic Preservation Programs

This fund is intended to support preservation of historic sites across the country. Eligible entities include local and state municipalities, federal, and tribal representation. Grants are awarded annually and based upon needs of the community.

Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships

Reduced funding at the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities, as well as between two or more public entities to accommodate specialized large-scale recreation demands.

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity established as a mechanism through which land, cash and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan.

National Forest Foundation – Matching Awards Program (MAP)

Provides funding for results-oriented “on-the ground” projects that enhance outdoor experiences in forests and grasslands. Match is 1:1 and applications are due in January of every year for Round 1 and June for Round 2. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) non-profits, universities, and federally recognized Native American tribes.

Harry A. & Margaret D. Towsley Foundation

Provides funding for projects in arts/culture, education, environmental support, civic and community activities, and health and human services. The geographic area of primary interest is Michigan. Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) non-profits, community groups, non-political committees, and local capital improvement projects. Capital project request may not exceed 10 percent of the total cost of the project. Foundation does not support organization on an annual (or ongoing) basis and encourages self-sufficiency and financial sustainability.

Home Depot – Community Impact Grants

This grant offered through Home Depot. Grant awards go up to \$5,000 to 501 (c)(3) designated organization (for at least one year) and tax-exempt public service agencies in the United States. Grants are normally given in the form of Home Depot gift cards to purchase tools, material, or services.

Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund

Developed in 2015, the purpose of the fund is to develop rails to trails routes throughout the United States and multi-use trails. Annually, the fund disperses \$85,000 through a competitive grant application for the purpose of development or acquisition. Average grant is between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

AARP Community Challenge

Community grant program is available for all 501 (c) non-profit organizations, government entities, and other types of organizations based on a case-by-case basis. The program seeks to improve public spaces, civic engagement, inclusion, and transportation. Submission dates for grant program are April of the calendar year.

These grant funding opportunities can be accessed through the *Michigan Foundation Directory*.

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Appendix

Appendix A: Community Survey

On September 28, 2022, the Township made public a survey regarding the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan Update. The anonymous survey was published on the Townships website, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The survey was also shared via hard copy at the Township Hall. The survey was pushed out to other entities including the City of Linden, City of Fenton, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, Fenton Community & Cultural Center, and Grow Linden to be placed on their various websites and social media pages. The survey had over 450 responses by January 12th, 2023. Below is a copy of the survey. The results of the public survey were used to craft the goals, objectives, and action program for the township to help guide development, maintenance and enjoyment of the parks and recreation opportunities within the township.

Fenton Township Parks & Recreation 5-year Plan Survey

October 2022

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts regarding Fenton Township Parks and Recreation. The township is currently undergoing an update to its Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan. Responses to this survey are completely anonymous. Survey results, including comments, will be shared at public meetings of the Fenton Township Planning Commission and Township Board.

If you have any questions about this survey, or about the Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan update in general, please contact the Township Hall at (810) 629-1537.

Please submit all paper copies of this survey to Fenton Township located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430 by December 1st, 2022.

1. Which of the following best describes you (select all that apply)?

- ☐ I am a township resident
- ☐ I own a business in the township
- ☐ I work in the township
- ☐ I visit the township frequently
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

2. How many people are in your household?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | |

3. What are the age groups of those in your household? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Under 18
 - ☐ 18-24
 - ☐ 25-34
 - ☐ 35-44
 - ☐ 45-54
 - ☐ 55-64
 - ☐ 65+
4. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) operates boat launches for Lake Fenton and Lake Ponemah. Is there a need for the township to provide additional accessible kayak launches to these lakes?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Unsure
 - ☐ Comments: _____
5. Please select the top three items listed below, that you believe Fenton Township could improve or add to their recreational opportunities?
- ☐ Ball fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.)
 - ☐ Playground equipment
 - ☐ Outdoor courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball, etc.)
 - ☐ Outdoor ice rink
 - ☐ Outdoor swimming pools
 - ☐ Canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding
 - ☐ Cross country and downhill skiing
 - ☐ Water skiing
 - ☐ Senior Programming
 - ☐ After School Programming
 - ☐ Splash pad
 - ☐ Public restroom facilities
 - ☐ Other (please specify): _____
6. Do you believe the Township should prioritize non-motorized trail development over developing other recreation facilities?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Unsure
 - ☐ Comment (Please specify any recreational development you believe should be prioritized.) _____

7. What other topics would you like addressed in the Fenton Township Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan update?

8. If you would like to be involved in the future Parks and Recreation Plan events, please provide an email contact below:

Survey Summary

Question seven: What other topics would you like addressed in the Fenton Township Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan update?

- Being from Linden, the non-motorized path has been amazing for whole families to enjoy. This should definitely be a priority. Teens do not have a lot to do; it would be nice to see something they could safely enjoy. Another area to the dog park for a single dog at a time would be nice for dogs who are new and learning about the space and other dogs.
- Keep rivers natural and not let people put their boat slips and docks blocking waterways and ruining nature.
- Building a skate park.
- ATV trails
- Add new or update kayak launches on the Shiawassee River. Maybe something behind the Fenton Community Center.
- Bike trails from Fenton to Linden
- I would like to see an indoor sports complex to take the family to in the winter. With swimming, basketball courts, etc.
- Dog Park
- Shaded seating options
- All of the roads should have bike lanes or sidewalks.
- Development of property next to DPW for use as a Park
- Better bathrooms at Bush Park and Fenton Township beach
- Dog Park support. Provide more support.
- Connecting Owen Road to Linden Road with a sidewalk so people can walk and run to the Orchard, park, or Clover Beach. More walk accessible.
- Disc Golf
- I believe more events/activities during the winter months would be beneficial to our community. Ice skating rinks, snow sculpture competitions, or even a light festival that we could call "Fenton Festival of Lights" would be sure to get the community excited!
- Bike paths
- Biking, walking paths and other opportunities for residents to gather (farmers markets, outdoor movies, makers market, etc.)
- Making sure residents are aware of the Parks and Rec and what they offer. I have lived in Fenton Township for 8 months and have not heard one word about Fenton Township Parks and Recreation until this survey.
- Non-motorized path would help with making the township more walkable especially on the Fenton Road Corridor.
- Add onto Thompson Road Park.
- Bike paths and hiking paths
- River beauty preservation
- Coordinate trail systems and recreation sports leagues with surrounding communities.
- There is not a place for teenagers to hang out! A movie theater, ice rink, skate park, something for them to do!
- Outdoor pools

- More places for youth to get outside and active. The new skate shop in Linden has shown a huge interest in skateboarding and inline/roller skating, but there are no parks and parking lots tend to kick them out.
- Fishing and fly fishing
- Pickleball courts
- Walking bike paths are needed
- Outdoor pickleball courts. Develop farmers market-more vendors, quality items
- It would be nice to have more things for families to do
- Outdoor activities
- People running the dog park between Linden and Fenton need any help possible to make it more usable. Shelter from the wind, tables, benches, and more wood chips for the ground. Signage spots.
- Music in the park events. Bicycle safety programs
- Multi-use indoor facility focused on pickleball with exterior lighted pickle ball courts.
- New parks with walking and biking paths
- Additional kayak launches
- Programming that teaches pickleball, cornhole and horseshoes
- Regular maintenance of pathway development and recreational opportunities
- Increase walkability
- Include exercise equipment in the parks to encourage physical activity
- Expansion of the LAFF trail
- Attach empty land at 225 W Caroline Street and South Adelaide to Rackham Park and develop plans for best public use
- Sustainability, earth-friendly solutions, diversity, Wi-Fi accessibility, recycling
- Pavilion picnic areas available to rent for large family or group events
- Cross country ski trails that are safe from traffic
- A large outdoor performing arts pavilion or shell. Someplace that the Fenton Community Orchestra can perform outdoors, the Shakespeare in the Park can perform, etc. Bush Park or behind the FCCC. Parking, restrooms, nice grass area for the audience.
- Soccer fields
- An art pavilion/bandshell in Rackham Park
- Waste management along trails and in parks
- Sidewalk on Fenton Road, to connect downtown to Thompson Road
- Creating more greenspace and less buildings and neighborhoods.
- Better bike trails and better bike lanes going to major shopping outlets
- Nature trails
- Kayak launch at Hogan

Social Media Screen Grabs

Fenton Township Website



Fenton Township Twitter



Fenton Township Instagram and Facebook



Social Media Post for November

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PARKS & RECREATION PLAN



5-YEAR UPDATE

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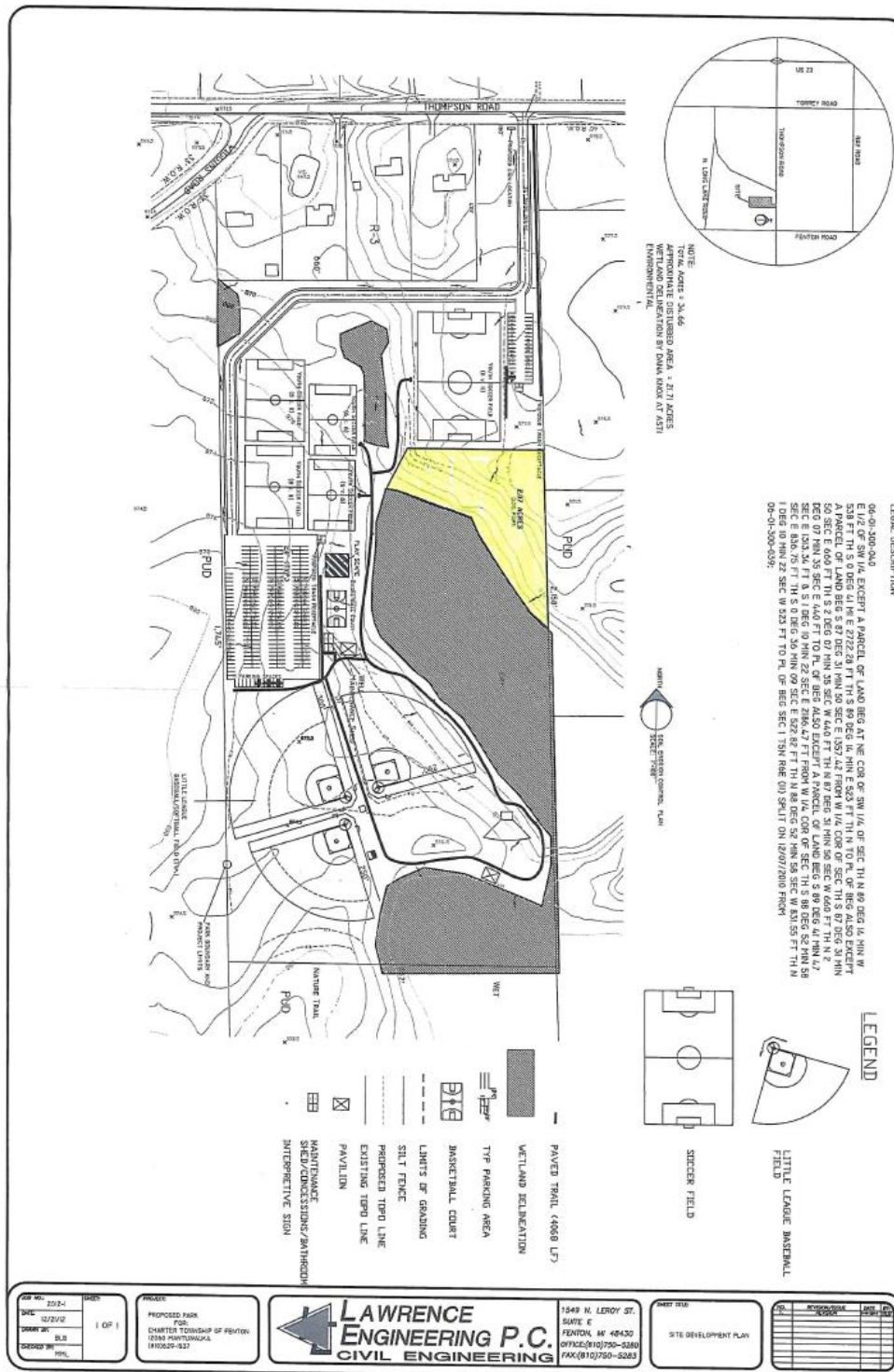
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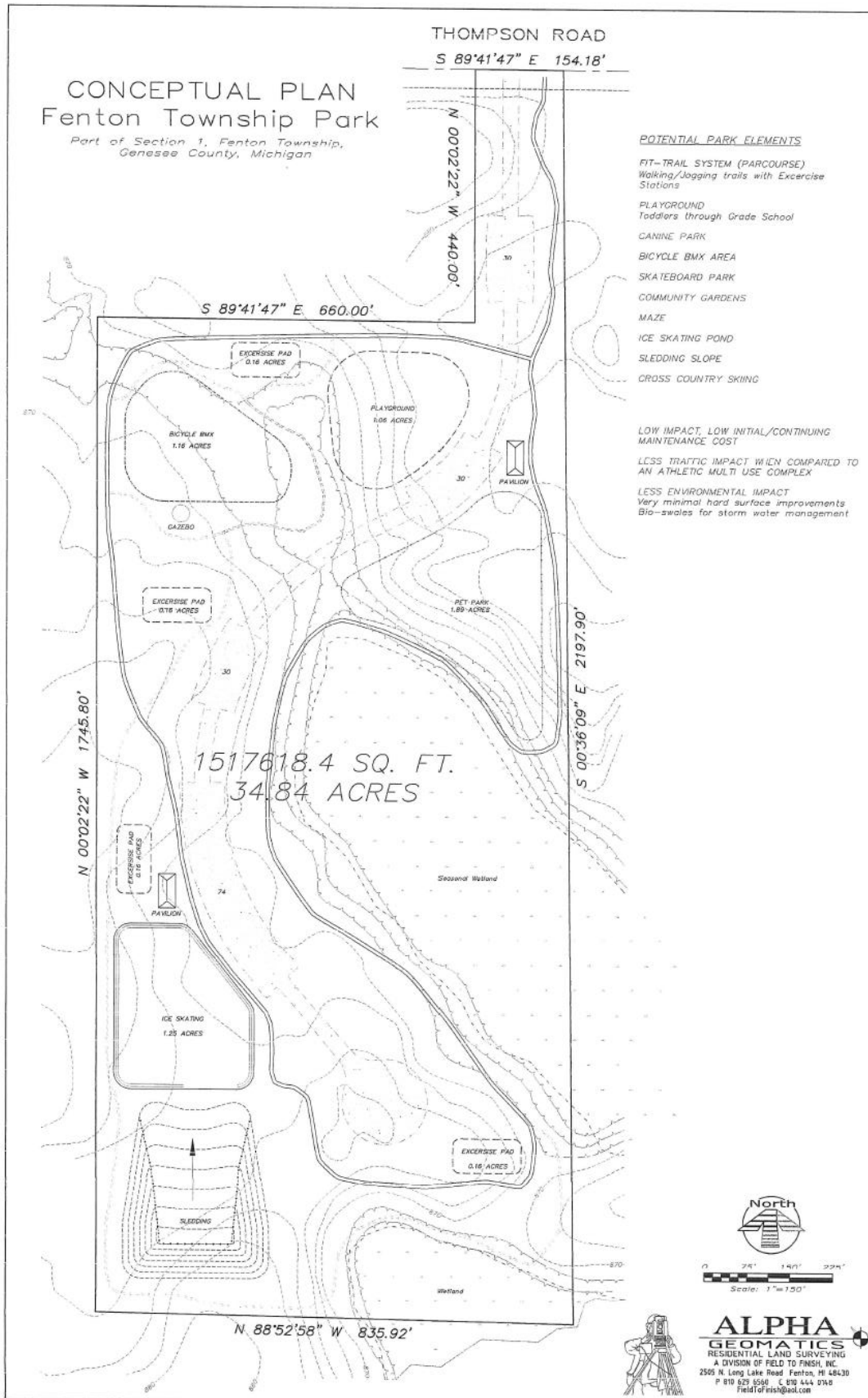


Concept Plan for Silver Lake Park



Concept Plans for Thompson Road Regional Dog Park





Appendix C: Stakeholder Meeting Notes

During the stakeholder meetings on November 10, 2022, the following list was created of the ideas discussed by the participants of possible recreation activities to include into the Thompsons Road Regional Dog Park.

1. Pavilions
2. Water and sewer infrastructure for barrier-free public restrooms
3. Three-sided roof shelters in dog park area
4. BMX track
5. RC car and RC airplane areas
6. Electricity for holding events
7. Barrier-free paved parking areas
8. Disc golf course
9. Paved walking/biking path
10. Fitness stations
11. Dual use activities (ex. Splashpad in the summer and ice rink in the winter)
12. Sand volleyball
13. Community garden
14. Natural landscaping – exclusion of invasive species
15. Go-cart racing
16. Donated memorial benches
17. Dirt bike trail
18. Waste receptacles
19. Corn hole tournaments
20. Picnic tables
21. Half-court basketball

Appendix D: Notice of Draft Plan for 30-Day Public Comment Period**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT PERIOD
FENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP 5 -YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**

December 11th, 2022

Fenton Charter Township has recently updated its 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. This is a notice of the initiation of the 30-day review period prior to the public hearing for the draft plan. A draft of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for Fenton Charter Township is available for review at the Township Hall located at 12060 Mantawauka Dr. Fenton, MI 48430 from December 11th, 2022, until January 12th, 2022. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Comments should be submitted to:

Fenton Township 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Comments
Fenton Charter Township Planning Commission
12060 Mantawauka Dr.
Fenton, MI 48430

The public hearing on the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan is scheduled for January 12^h, 2022, at 6 p.m. at 12060 Mantawauka Dr. Fenton, MI 48430.

Please contact Mike Deem, Fenton Charter Township Zoning Administrator if you have any questions concerning this notice or the plan. He can be reached at mdeem@fentontownship.org or by calling (810) 629-9736.

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Appendix E: Notice of Public Hearing**NOTICE OF
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Appendix F: Minutes from Public Hearing**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON PLANNING COMMISSION****MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Marko, Pfeiffer, Lewis, McGuirk, Mustola

Zoning Administrator Deem

Absent: Tucker

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda:

Motion by: Cypher

Seconded by: Mustola

Ayes: Lewis, Pfeiffer, Mustola, Marko, Cypher, McGuirk

Nays: None Absent:

Tucker

Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

SUP15-001 Fred H. Hensler LLC Review of a SPECIAL USE PERMIT for the rental and sales of automobiles at 12272 Fenton Road, parcel #06-03-200-028.

Mr. Deem informed the Planning Commission that Mr. Hensler was out of town and requested that SUP15-001 be postponed until the January Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Deem also informed the Planning Commission that the fire truck and trailers have been removed from the property.

Motion to POSTPONE SUP15-001, a review of a SPECIAL USE PERMIT for the rental and sales of automobiles at 12272 Fenton Road, parcel #06-03-200-028 to allow the applicant an opportunity to comply with the conditions of approval.

Motion by: Cypher

Seconded by: Mustola

Ayes: Mustola, Cypher, Pfeiffer, McGuirk, Marko, Lewis

Nays: None Absent:

Tucker

Motion approved.

R22-006 Jeff Nichols, 15135 Pinewood Trail: Request for a Conditional Rezoning of 15135 Pinewood Trail from AG, Agriculture to C-2, General Commercial for marine sales and service establishment, parcel #'s 06-28-200-043 and 06-28-200-035.

Jeff Nichols, Aqua Sports Marine, explained that his company has been around for nearly 35 years and looking to locate at 15135 Pinewood Trail. They have five full-time employees and three part-time employees. Their hours of operation are 10 am- 6pm Monday through Friday and 10 am- 3pm on Saturdays. They sell inboard ski boats only and do not sell or service pontoon boats. Their business will operate out of the barns. It is their goal to keep the character of the property and provide natural landscaping. The large barn could easily hold 60 boats. They currently have 40 boats on their lot. The secondary barn could hold another 22 boats. Having an active business would help protect property values versus having an empty run down barn as a neighbor. Their busiest time of the year is

September through November. The existing driveway is dirt and they will maintain the driveway so that dust does not become an issue.

Mr. Deem reviewed the request stating that the property is currently zoned Agriculture and a marine sales and service establishment is not allowed under this zoning classification. The applicant is requesting a conditional rezoning to C-2, General Commercial, with the condition that the allowed uses are limited to marine sales and service establishment. Mr. Deem reviewed the Master Plan and noted that this area has been classified as Medium Density Residential. The proposed use is inconsistent with this classification.

Chairperson McGuirk opened the public hearing.

Wendy Domke, 15046 Pinewood Trail, spoke in opposition of the rezoning request, citing concerns about property value depreciation, traffic, and noise.

Phil Hagerman, 15247 Curtwood Trail, explained that he is the owner of the property and based on his research, the proposed use would not negatively affect property values. The proposed use would be less intrusive than other potential agricultural uses such as a pig farm or landscape company. The traffic would be limited to daytime working hours and would not be at night. The applicant has been in business for 30 years and is a benefit to the community.

Jim Lombardi, provided support for the applicant stating that he has known Mr. Nichols for 22 years and he is a man of his word.

Jose Molero, 16159 Silver Shore Drive, spoke in support of the applicant and noted that Mr. Nichols will keep the front lot natural and undeveloped, providing a scenic spot along the new bike trail.

Ken Ardle, 15130 Heritage Lane, noted that he sent an email to the Planning Commission with a number of concerns regarding the proposed use including property values, noise, and traffic. Mr. Ardle also questioned that if this property became zoned commercial, how much more property along Silver Lake Road would become commercial.

Mike Skaff, 15108 Pinewood Trail, spoke in opposition of the request. Mr. Skaff noted that the property was zoned agricultural and was located in a residential area. A commercial use would be inconsistent with the surrounding area. The use will generate traffic, noise, and the storage of boats would be an eyesore.

Thomas Burke, 15100 Heritage Lane, spoke in opposition of the request and expressed concerns about wetlands, stormwater management, property values, and traffic.

Sharon McAndrew, 15155 Pinewood Trail, explained that she was unsure of the request and was concerned about other potential uses for the property if the request is denied. Ms. McAndrew stated that Mr. Nichols said that he would landscape the property to protect the views of the neighbors. There would be less traffic than if this were a wedding venue.

Phil Hagerman spoke again to provide the history of the site, stating that this property has been used for a commercial business for horse shows and training. The traffic the barn generated was more than Mr. Nichols boat business will ever generate.

Noah Morgan, 15102 Pinewood Trail, spoke in opposition of the request, stating that no one wants a boat dealership next to them. There are already two other boat dealerships that have shrink-wrapped boats out for everyone to see. The property across the street requested rezoning to allow outdoor storage and was denied. A boat dealership does not fit in a residential area.

Brad Shea, General Manager for Aqua Sports Marine, explained that they sell premiere brand of boats and their clients expect quality and a well maintained property when the shop. Their goal is to keep the front lot natural and undeveloped. Their yearly boat sales is less than 100 boats. The amount of traffic generated would be insignificant and they have just five employees.

Gary Domke, 15046 Pinewood Trail, questioned if the applicant would be servicing boats in addition to sales and if the service would be outdoors.

Ross Merchant, 4214 Silver Lake Road, spoke in opposition of the request, explaining he did not want this area of Silver Lake Road to go commercial and expressed concerns about traffic.

Richard, spoke in opposition of the request citing property values, potential crime, noise, and traffic.

Mr. Skaff spoke again to ask for clarification if there will be outdoor storage.

Chairperson McGuirk closed the public hearing.

Chairperson McGuirk asked Mr. Deem to clarify what a conditional rezoning is.

Mr. Deem explained that a conditional rezoning is a change in zoning that has limits versus what would otherwise be allowed in that zoning district. This conditional rezoning would limit the allowed uses to a marine sales and service establishment. The Planning Commission makes a recommendation to the Township Board, who will then hold two meetings to review the request. The Township Board will have final say on the request. If the request is approved and in the future, a different use would like to move in, a new rezoning would be required. Mr. Deem further explained that the Master Plan has identified this area for Medium Density Residential, which is inconsistent with a commercial use. The Township is currently review the Master Plan and this is an area that will be closely looked at due to recent developments in the area. The Master Plan will be developed with public input and any potential

Chairperson McGuirk asked the applicant to clarify if they will have outdoor storage. Mr. Nichols explained that they have outdoor storage at a different facility. Any outdoor storage would be temporary due to late drop-offs or scheduled pick-ups.

Commissioner Mustola questioned how many boats would they have on site. Mr. Nichols answered that they would keep up to 40 boats on lot. Boats that would be brought in to be winterized would then be moved off site.

Commissioner Lewis asked how long do boats sit outside before they are winterized and leave the site. Mr. Nichols stated that on average, the boats would be kept for five days. The winterizing season is September to December. The plan is for boats to be kept inside until clients come to pick them up.

Commissioner Lewis asked if service would be done inside or outside. Mr. Nichols answered that service would be done inside. The existing secondary barn would meet their needs for service work.

Chairperson McGuirk asked the applicant their plans for the front lot. Mr. Nichols responded the front lot and the old raiding area would all remain natural and undeveloped.

Commissioner Lewis asked about the access to Pinewood trail. Mr. Nichols responded that they would close that access, or leave it only for emergency service access.

Commissioner Cypher asked about potential environmental issues with washouts. Mr. Nichols answered that they sublet out full detail work off site.

Commissioner Marko expressed concern with the request as the current Master Plan has identified this area as Medium Family Residential. This is an area the Planning Commission will have to look at during the current Master Plan Review.

Chairperson McGuirk asked the public if there were other concerns that haven't been addressed.

Gary Domke questioned how they could winterize the boats inside. Mr. Nichols confirmed that all winterization would occur inside. They had a capacity to store approximately 85 boats inside.

Ross Merchant asked the Planning Commission what the Township's long-range plans are for this area. Mr. Deem responded that the Township's Master Plan provides a long-range land use plan for the Township and this area has been identified as Medium Density Residential. The Township is currently in the process of review the Master Plan and there is a potential for the classification for this area to change. Any changes would only occur with input from the public and the Planning

Commission would encourage anyone interested in participating in the Master Plan Update to sign up for our mailing list on the Township website.

Wendy Domke asked if there was any property along Silver Lake Road that was planned for commercial. Mr. Deem responded that there was not.

Mr. Nichols stated that there are maps available on the Township website that show the property as commercial. Mr. Deem explained that the Assessing Department does have maps that show the property as commercial. For the Assessing Department, properties that generate income will show up as commercial. Agricultural uses such as active farms would show up as commercial.

Chairperson McGuirk closed public comment and asked Mr. Deem to give a timeline of the Master

Plan. Mr. Deem stated the process should take about a year, with the new plan adopted around December 2023. The first public input session would be scheduled in late January or early February.

Chairperson McGuirk explained to the public the role the Master Plan plays in rezoning requests.

When followed, the Master Plan provides the Township protection when considering rezonings. If the Township approves requests inconsistent with the Master Plan, it opens the Township to lawsuits if other inconsistent uses are denied. In this case, the proposed use is inconsistent with the Master Plan.

Mr. Deem reviewed the standards for approval for a rezoning:

- a. The requested amendment is in compliance with the Township Land Use Plan or that a mistake in the plan, or changes in conditions or township policy have occurred that are relevant to the request. If the Planning Commission recommends approval of a request that is not in compliance with the current plan due to a mistake or change in conditions or policy, it shall immediately initiate an amendment to the plan to address the identified mistake or change.
- b. The property cannot be reasonably used as it is currently zoned and the proposed request represents the most suitable alternative zoning classification based on the Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Mustola explained that the Planning Commission is required to follow the Master Plan and this area is meant for residential. A commercial zoning is not consistent with the Master Plan. Chairperson McGuirk agreed.

Commissioner Cypher expressed concerns about other potential uses for the site that would be worse than a boat dealership. Mr. Hagerman added that he has interest from a pig farmer and landscape company for the property.

Chairperson McGuirk asked Mr. Deem what would be allowed under the zoning ordinance. Mr. Deem responded that a landscape company would require a Special Use Permit. A use such as a pig farm would be unlikely to conform to Michigan's Right To Farm Act standards for siting a new pig farm next to a residential area.

Motion to RECOMMEND APPROVAL to the Township Board for R22-006 a request for a Conditional Rezoning of 15135 Pinewood Trail from AG, Agriculture to C-2, General Commercial for marine sales and service establishment, parcel #'s 06-28-200-043 and 06-28-200-035 with the following Conditions:

1. Use Limited to Marine Sales and Service Establishment;
2. No Outdoor Storage; and
3. No Outdoor Service

Motion by: Lewis

Seconded by: Cypher
Ayes: Lewis, Cypher
Nays: Mustola, Pfeiffer, McGuirk, Marko
Absent: Tucker

Motion failed.

Motion to RECOMMEND DENIAL to the Township Board for R22-006 a request for a Conditional Rezoning of 15135 Pinewood Trail from AG, Agriculture to C-2, General Commercial for marine sales and service establishment, parcel #'s 06-28-200-043 and 06-28-200-035.

Motion by: Mustola

Seconded by: Pfeiffer
Ayes: Mustola, Cypher, Pfeiffer, McGuirk, Marko, Lewis

Nays: None Absent:
Tucker

Motion approved.

Mr. Deem added that the Township Board would next hear this case on January 3, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

R22-001 Chris Garner, Brookwood Fenton LLC.: Requesting final site plan approval to for a 224-unit age-restricted community at the corner of Lahring Road and US-23, parcel #06-10-300-012.

Chris Garner, Brookwood Fenton LLC, stated that they were in front of the Planning Commission seeking Final Site Plan approval. They have a few outstanding county and state permit approvals that they are working on, but anticipate approval soon.

Mr. Deem reviewed the staff report and noted three items for the Planning Commission to follow up on from preliminary site plan review:

1. The timing of the clubhouse construction;
2. The entryway landscaping; and 3. The sidewalk along Lahring Road.

Mr. Deem informed the Planning Commission that the landscape plan required more detail to confirm that the required 300 square feet has been provided. The applicants have also included a 4-foot sidewalk along Lahring Road.

Chairperson McGuirk asked the applicant when the clubhouse would be constructed. Mr. Garner responded that the clubhouse would be part of phase 1 and the goal would be to begin construction early in the process to limit conflicts with other construction.

The Planning Commission discussed the sidewalk along Lahring road and noted it would match the interior sidewalks.

Chairperson McGuirk opened public comments.

Todd Forsberg, 2265 W Thompson Road, noted that the proposed road paving detail did not meet the Township Zoning Ordinance specifications and pointed out that the driveways were not long enough to park a car without interfering with the sidewalk.

The Planning Commission discussed the road detail and noted that the Township Engineer will confirm if they meet the Township and Genesee Road Commission standards. The Planning Commission discussed the driveway issues and suggested that it could be addressed in the by-laws. The applicant agreed to include language in the by-laws requiring residents to keep the sidewalks clear of obstructions.

Motion to GRANT FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL for R22-001 Chris Garner, Brookwood Fenton LLC., a 224-unit age-restricted community at the corner of Lahring Road and US-23, parcel #06-10-300-012 with the following Conditions:

1. The clubhouse to be constructed during phase I;
2. Provide revised landscape plan for entryway;
3. Must comply with all relevant Genesee County and State of Michigan Agencies;
4. Confirm the road profile meets Township Standards; and
5. Include bylaw restriction to keep sidewalks clear from parked cars.

Motion by: Cypher

Seconded by: Pfeiffer

Ayes: Lewis, Cypher, Mustola, McGuirk, Marko, Pfeiffer

Nays: None Absent:
Tucker

Motion passed.

2023 Fenton Township Parks and Recreation Plan: Review Draft 2023 Parks and Recreation Plan to authorize distribution of plan for 30 day comment period.

Mr. Deem explained that there is a required 30-day review period for public comment prior to adoption of a Parks and Recreation Plan. Since the Township does not have a Parks Commission, the Planning Commission is asked to authorize the distribution of the plan and begin the 30-day review period.

Motion to authorize the distribution of the 2023 Fenton Township Parks and recreation Plan for the 30day comment period. Motion by: Mustola

Seconded by: Pfeiffer

Ayes: Mustola, Cypher, Pfeiffer, McGuirk, Lewis, Marko

Nays: None Absent:
Tucker

Motion approved.

Jim Lombardi: Tiny Homes Presentation.

Jim Lombardi presented a concept for a tiny home community on Linden Road, south of Thompson Road. Proposed homes would be a minimum of 850 square feet and be consistent with the R-6 zoning requirements. Approximately 20 homes would fit on the eight-acre parcel. The concept would include community gardens and a greenhouse. The proposed development would help address entry-level housing in the Township.

The Planning Commission discussed the concept and noted that tiny homes were included in the previous Master Plan. There is a need for entry-level housing in the Township. The proposed location may not be appropriate for the proposed use as it is zoned AG and is identified as low density residential. The concept would fit better in a higher zoned area, east of US-23 or in the new Thompson Road Corridor area.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

MINUTES:

November 3, 2022 Special Planning Commission Meeting

November 10, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion by: Pfeiffer

Seconded by: Mustola

Ayes: Mustola, Cypher, Pfeiffer, McGuirk, Lewis, Marko

Nays: None Absent:
Tucker

Motion approved.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Appendix G: Minutes from Township Board to Pass Resolution of Adoption**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON TOWNSHIP, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING****JANUARY 17, 2023****FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER****12060 MANTAWAUKA DRIVE, FENTON, MICHIGAN**

Clerk Krug called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer. Clerk Krug led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Krug called the roll.

Present: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Absent: Lorraine

Also Present: Attorney Belzer, Operations Manager Broecker, Zoning

Administrator Deem, Fire Chief Volz, Assessor Wilson

Present via Zoom: Township Engineers Allen and Melissa Lawrence

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON:

Clerk Krug stated that, due to the absence of the Township Supervisor, the board needs to appoint a temporary chairperson for tonight's meeting.

Motion to appoint Clerk Krug as temporary chairperson.

Motion by: Reid

Seconded: Katrak

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Clerk Krug will serve as temporary chairperson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the 1/17/23 Fenton Township Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by: Tucker Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. The agenda is approved.

MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for the 1/3/23 special meeting and the 1/3/23 regular meeting stand approved as presented.

EXPENDITURES:

It was noted that the expenditure report is extensive for this meeting. Approximately 500 property owners in the expired Lake Ponemah and Squaw Lake special assessment districts are receiving payments for leftover funds. Motion to approve invoices and expenditures for all funds totaling \$554,407.44 for payment as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. The expenditures are approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed Street Lighting Special Assessment District – Fairways of Spring Meadows; Hearing of Necessity

Chairman Krug stated that the owner/developer of the Fairways of Spring Meadows condominium subdivision has petitioned for a street lighting special assessment district. The estimated cost of the project is \$8,190 for street light installation, \$2,016 per year for operation & maintenance of the street lights, plus administrative costs. This is a public hearing on the creation of the special assessment district.

The board will accept public comment on the following:

The creation of the special assessment district

The proposed boundaries of the district

The necessity of the improvement

The plans for the improvement

The cost estimates for the improvement

There was no public comment. Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

WHEREAS, the township board of the Charter Township of Fenton received petitions signed by more than 50% of the total land area of the proposed special assessment district described hereinafter, and accordingly, determined to proceed under the provisions of PA 188 of 1954, as amended, to secure plans and estimates of cost together with a proposed special assessment district for assessing the costs of the proposed street lighting project to schedule a public hearing upon the same for this date, and

WHEREAS, the plans, estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district were filed with the Township Clerk for public examination and notice of the hearing upon the same was published and mailed in accordance with law and statute provided as shown by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the Township Clerk, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid notices, a hearing was scheduled this 17th day of January 2023 commencing at 6:30 p.m. and all persons given the opportunity to be heard in the matter, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the township board believes the project to be in the best interests of the Township and of the district proposed to be established therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That this township board does hereby determine that the petitions for the Fairways of Spring Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District were properly signed by the record owners of land whose land area constitutes more than 50% of the total land area upon the proposed special assessment district.

That this township board does hereby approve the plans for the installation, operation and maintenance of street lights in the Fairways of Spring Meadows condominium subdivision and the estimate of costs for the completion thereof of \$8,190.00 for installation and \$2,016.00 per year for operation and maintenance, (not including administrative costs).

That this township board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as the Fairways of Spring Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District, within which the costs of such improvements shall be assessed according to the benefits, the following described area within said township:

All units in the Fairways of Spring Meadows Condominium Subdivision

That on the basis of the foregoing, this township board does hereby direct the Supervisor and assessing officer to make a special assessment roll in which shall be entered and described all the parcels of land to be assessed with the names of the respective owners thereof if known, and a total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land which amount shall be the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against the parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the special assessment district. When the same has been completed, the Supervisor or assessing officer shall affix thereto his certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this resolution and the applicable state statutes.

That all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 as presented.

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Chairman Krug stated that, in anticipation of the adoption of the previous resolution, a special assessment roll has been created, certified and filed with the Township Clerk. Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has, in accordance with the resolution of the Fenton Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$4,016.25 for 2023 and \$2,016.00 per year for each year thereafter covering all parcels of land in the Fairways of Spring Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such special assessment district, and has affixed thereto his certificate as required by said resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular working hours of regular working days from the present date until the public hearing upon the same and shall further be examined at such public hearing.

That the Fenton Township Board shall meet at 7:30 p.m. on February 7, 2023 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, within the township, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.

That the Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in the Tri-County Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing, with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons having an ownership interest in property within the Fairways of Spring Meadows Street Lighting Special Assessment District as shown on the

current assessment roll of the Township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with the law and statute provided.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 as presented. Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

2023 Local Road Improvement Projects

Chairman Krug opened a public hearing to gather citizen input regarding potential local road improvement projects in 2023.

There is no public comment. Chairman Krug closed the public hearing.

Based on preliminary discussions with Lawrence Engineering and Genesee County Road Commission staff, the following roads will be considered for 2023 improvement projects:

Asphalt Paving/Resurfacing

Butcher Road	Fenton Road to Gage Road
Whittaker Road	Lobdell Road north 0.25 miles
Whittaker Road	Linden Road to County Park Entrance
County Park Entrance	Whittaker Road to Harp Drive

Limestone Resurfacing (includes ditching where applicable)

Ray Road	US-23 to Torrey Road (Cost shared with Mundy Twp.)
Hogan Road	Silver Lake Road to Rolston Road
Dalhart Drive/Madison St.	North Long Lake Road to end
Roberts Drive	Ponemah Drive to Lakeview Drive

Bridge Replacement

Hogan Road Bridge over the Shiawassee River

Chairman Krug stated that the Township will review cost estimates provided by the Genesee County Road Commission and bring recommendations back to the board at a future meeting.

REPORTS:

Fire Department 4th Quarter & Annual Report

Fire Chief Volz reviewed 4th quarter and annual Fire Department statistics.

	<u>Oct-Dec, 2022</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>
Total alarms	176 (25-Tyrone Twp.)	681 (77-Tyrone Twp.)
Series 100 - Fires	14	44
Series 300 - EMS	72	294
Series 400 - Haz cond	7	33
Series 500 - Service calls	22	77
Series 600 - Good Intent	49	177
Series 700 - False alarms	10	51
Series 800 - Weather, etc.	1	4
Series 900 - Complaints	1	1

The board thanked Chief Volz for his report.

Ordinance Enforcement 4th Quarter Report

The board briefly reviewed the 4th quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Pat Shaw. Dog control, junk vehicles and blight were the categories with the highest number of complaints during the last quarter of 2022. For the 3-month period, Mr. Shaw responded to a total of 51 complaints and conducted 345 site inspections.

Office Staffing Update

Operations Manager Broecker reported that, with the number of new developments already or nearly under way, and the anticipated development on the Thompson Road corridor, it has been determined that the Township needs additional clerical support in the Building and Planning/Zoning departments. With concurrence from the Personnel Committee, the Township posted a full-time position in December. The interview process is nearly complete and a hiring recommendation is expected to be brought to the board at the 2/7/23 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Rezoning #R22-006, Jeff Nichols, parcels 06-28-200-043 & 06-28-200-035, (15135 Pinewood Trail); conditional rezoning from AG to C-2 for marine sales and service establishment; 2nd Reading & Vote on Adoption

The board reviewed a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to conditionally rezone property on Pinewood Trail from AG to C-2, to allow a marine sales and service establishment, which was introduced at the 1/3/23 meeting. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the zoning amendment and, after considerable public comment both for and against the proposed rezoning, ultimately recommended denial of the rezoning as it is not consistent with the Master Plan future land use of residential.

Treasurer Tucker noted that a great deal of public comment was received regarding this request, during both the Planning Commission public hearing and the ordinance introduction at the 1/3/23 Township Board meeting. He emphasized that the board's decision regarding the proposed rezoning is not any of the following:

Based on whether the board believes it to be a good idea or a bad idea.

Based on whether more people are for or against it.

A reflection on the applicant or the property owner.

The primary criteria for any rezoning request is compliance with the Master Plan. The land use designation for the subject property in the current Master Plan is *medium density residential*. Since the proposed rezoning involves a commercial use, it is not consistent with the Master Plan, which was the basis for the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial.

Motion to deny a proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to conditionally rezone parcels 06-28-200-043 and 06-28-200-035 from AG to C-2.

Motion by: Tucker Seconded: Katrak

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. The proposed ordinance is not adopted.

Treasurer Tucker added that the Master Plan is currently in the process of being updated. He encouraged the public to be involved in the process at the upcoming public forums. Zoning Administrator Deem that the first open house for the Master Plan project will be 2/9/23.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed New Hire - Fenton Township Fire Department

Fire Chief Volz reported that he had a new applicant for joining the Fenton Township Fire Department. John Wilder is a local resident and is eager to join the department. He has

successfully completed all pre-employment screenings and Chief Volz requested that the board approve his hiring.

Motion to approve the hiring of John Wilder as a member of the Fenton Township Fire Department.

Motion by: Goupil

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried.

Mr. Wilder was sworn in by Operations Manager Broecker. The board congratulated and welcomed the newest member of the Fire Department.

Resolution No. 2023-03, Adoption of Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan 2023-2027

The board reviewed a memo from Zoning Administrator Deem reporting that the Planning Commission held a public hearing to take public comment on the 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan has an inventory of Parks and Recreation facilities and opportunities in Fenton Township, operated by the Township, County, State, Schools, and other recreation groups. The Goals and Objective section of the plan was developed with public input from stakeholders and the Planning Commission. Included in the Action Plan are short term and long-range goals. One example of a short-term goal is to provide barrier-free accessible public restrooms. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission passed a motion to recommend the adoption of the 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Plan.

Doug Schultz of Rowe Professional Services confirmed that plan update process followed the guidelines developed by the State of Michigan. Adoption of the plan will make the Township eligible for grants from the State of Michigan.

Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Fenton has made investigations of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation lands, facilities, and services, and has therefore developed the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan 2023-2027 (the "Plan"), and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with an action plan of improvements for the next five years, and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the Plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific action programs for the next five years, and

WHEREAS, the Plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making the Charter Township of Fenton eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Fenton Township Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing on the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to provide an opportunity for citizen comments, and subsequently recommended adoption of said Recreation Plan to the Fenton Township Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton does hereby adopt the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan 2023-2027.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution No. 2023-04, Schedule Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll - Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District

Operations Manager Broecker reminded the board that the first bid for the Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District was rejected because it was nearly double the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) estimate of \$435,000. GCRC rebid the project in December and the low bid of \$514,765.55, while much lower than the initial bid, still results in a total assessment that is 16% higher than the original estimate.

Because the revised cost exceeds the original estimated cost by more than 10%, PA 188 requires the board to hold a hearing to give property owners an opportunity to provide input on whether or not the project should move forward. As discussed at the 1/3/23 meeting, an informal survey has been mailed to all property owners in the special assessment district in an effort to obtain input from as many owners as possible. The results of the survey will be provided for the public hearing. If it is determined to move forward, that same hearing can include a review and confirmation of the special assessment roll. A resolution has been prepared to schedule the public hearing.

Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has, in accordance with the resolution of the Fenton Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$530,965.55 covering all parcels of land in the Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such special assessment district, and has affixed thereto her certificate as required by said resolution, and

WHEREAS, the total cost in said special assessment roll exceed the previous estimated cost by more than ten percent (10%), and

WHEREAS, Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, requires that, if an actual incremental cost increase exceeds the estimate costs by 10% or more, notice shall be given and a hearing afforded to the record owners of property to be assessed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination on the Township's website from the present date through the date of the public hearing upon the same.

That the Fenton Township Board shall meet at 6:30 p.m. on February 7, 2023 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, within the township, to:

Receive comment from property owners in the special assessment district regarding the continuation of the project given the increase in costs.

Review the special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.

That the Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in the Tri-County Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing, with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons having an ownership interest in property within the Golden Shores Street Improvement Special Assessment District as shown on the current assessment roll of the Township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with the law and statute provided.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-04 as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Kesler

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Resolution No. 2023-05, Schedule Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll - Enid Boulevard Improvement Special Assessment District

Operations Manager Broecker reminded the board that the first bid for the Enid Boulevard Improvement Special Assessment District was rejected because it was nearly double the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) estimate of \$280,000. GCRC rebid the project in December and the low bid of \$289,000.00 is only 3% above than the original estimate. The next step in the process is to schedule a public hearing on the special assessment roll.

Operations Manager Broecker presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of the township has, in accordance with the resolution of the Fenton Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, prepared a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$289,003.00 covering all parcels of land in the Enid Boulevard Improvement Special Assessment District according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such special assessment district, and has affixed thereto her certificate as required by said resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That said special assessment roll shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be available for public examination on the Township's website from the present date through the date of the public hearing upon the same.

That the Fenton Township Board shall meet at 6:30 p.m. on February 7, 2023 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center located at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, within the township, to review the special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.

That the Township Clerk shall cause notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in the Tri-County Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing, with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause notice of such hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons having an ownership interest in property within the Enid Boulevard Improvement Special Assessment District as shown on the current assessment roll of the Township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with the law and statute provided.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 as presented.

Motion by: Reid

Seconded: Goupil

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Schedule Public Hearing - Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate - Miller Industries, LLC

Operations Manager Broecker advised that the Township Board approved an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (tax abatement) in 2015 for Performance Fabricators, (Miller Industries) for their industrial site on Thompson Road. Now that Miller Industries is expanding, they have submitted an application for an abatement on the new construction and equipment.

PA 198 of 1974 requires a public hearing on the application, as well as notification of all taxing authorities for the subject property. Mr. Broecker recommended scheduling the hearing for the 2/7/23 board meeting.

Motion to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday February 7, 2023 to consider the application of Miller Industries, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for an expansion of their existing industrial facility located at 3070 Thompson Road.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Robert Krug, Chairman Pro-Tem

Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Posted 01/18/23

Appendix H: Township Board Resolution**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON****RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03**

A resolution to adopt the Fenton Township 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Plan

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Fenton has made investigations of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation lands, facilities, and services, and has therefore developed the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan 2023-2027 (the "Plan"), and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with an action plan of improvements for the next five years, and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the Plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific action programs for the next five years, and

WHEREAS, the Plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making the Charter Township of Fenton eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Fenton Township Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing on the Five-year Parks and Recreation Plan to provide an opportunity for citizen comments, and subsequently recommended adoption of said Recreation Plan to the Fenton Township Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton does hereby adopt the Fenton Township Parks & Recreation Plan 2023-2027.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 as presented.

Motion by: Tucker

Seconded: Reid

Ayes: Krug, Tucker, Goupil, Katrak, Kesler, Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Lorraine

Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF GENESEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton, County of Genesee, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 17, 2023, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Thomas Broecker, Deputy Clerk

Appendix I: Transmittal Letters to the County and Regional Planning Agencies



LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO: Genesee County Metropolitan Planning
Commission
1101 Beach Street, Room 223
Flint, MI 48502-1470

DATE: February 1, 2023

JOB NO.: 22c0281

RE:

Attn: Mr. Derek Bradshaw, Director

Shipped via: ☐ By 10 am next business day
☐ By end of next business day
☒ Standard delivery

cc:

If shipping via UPS please
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