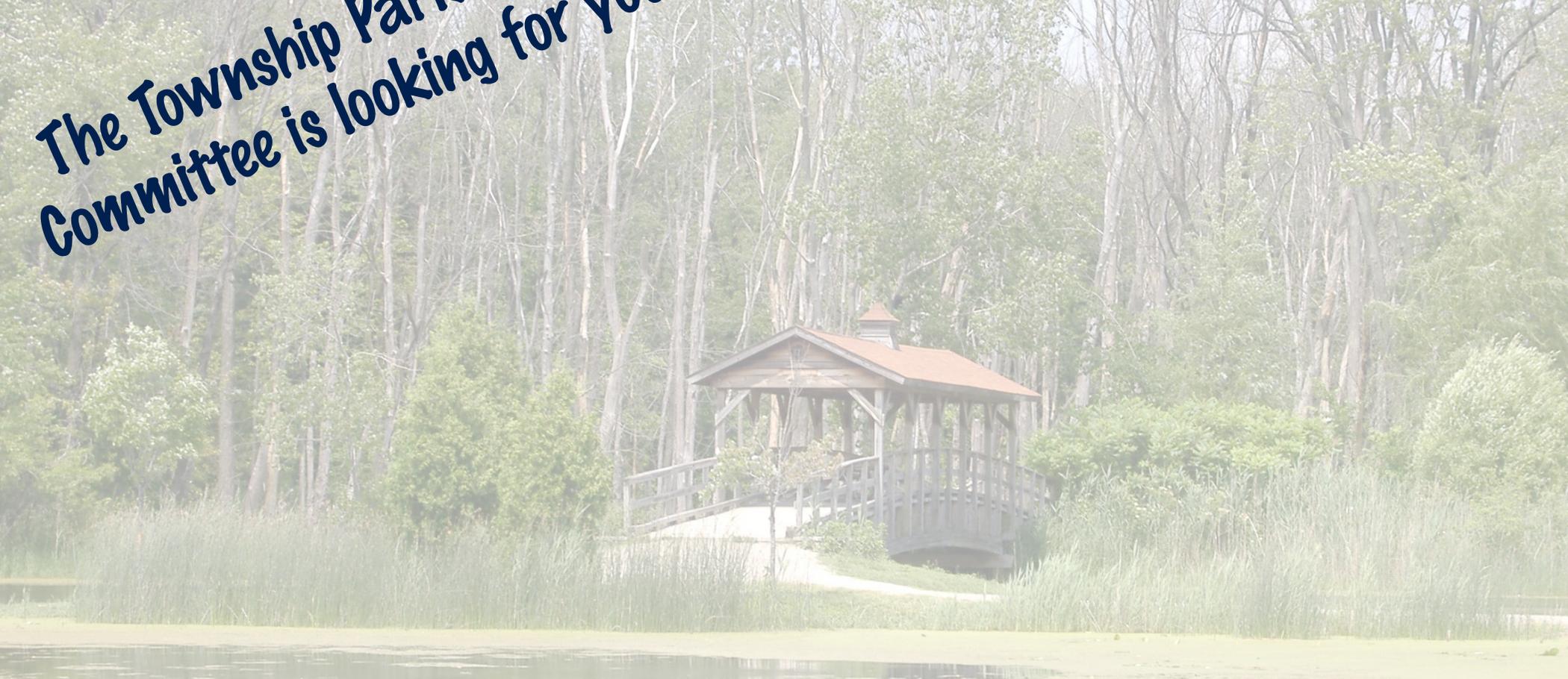




**The Township Parks & Recreation
Committee is looking for your input!!**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
5-YEAR RECREATION MASTER PLAN



**Public Workshop
Ralph C. Richardson Center
Wednesday, October 29, 2008
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

What are your priorities for park facilities over the next five years?
What types of facilities or events would you like to see offered?
Where would you like to see parks and recreation improvements?

Please plan on attending the forum to brainstorm potential improvements, goals, and guidelines for parks and recreation in the Township. We will use your input in the development of the Township's new 5-Year Recreation Master Plan.

For more information, please contact Emily England, Director of Senior Services/
Parks and Recreation at 248.926.0063 or eengland@commercetwp.com.

Charter Township of Commerce
5-Year Recreation Master Plan

Public Workshop

October 29, 2008

Ralph C. Richardson Center

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

AGENDA

The goal for tonight's workshop is to generate a prioritized list of issues, needs, and wants for parks and recreation in Commerce Township over the next five years.

- Welcome and Overview of Agenda (5 minutes)
- Brief Introduction to the Master Planning Process and Work to Date (10 minutes)
- Brainstorming Session (small groups at tables) (20 minutes)
- Critical Issues and Needs/Wants (present to large group) (45 minutes)
- Next Steps (5 minutes)
- Use Dots to Identify 3 Priorities (5 minutes)

**Commerce Township Recreation Master Plan
Public Workshop
October 29, 2008
Ralph C. Richardson Center**

MEETING NOTES

Commerce Township held a public workshop in order to gather input and generate a prioritized list of issues, needs, and wants for parks and recreation in the Township over the next five years. Approximately 25 people attended the workshop. Leah Groya, Wade Trim, provided attendees with a brief overview of the master planning process, schedule, and the work that's been completed to date. Leah also reviewed the agenda, the objective for the workshop, and how the meeting was going to be facilitated. Attendees were put into one of five groups and asked to take 20-25 minutes to discuss and brainstorm various parks and recreation issues/needs/wants amongst themselves prior to discussing with the large group.

Attendees were then asked to present their ideas, needs, and concerns to the group as a whole. All comments were documented on flip charts and posted around the room. After each group spoke and all comments were noted, each person was given 3 sticker dots. Each person was asked to place their dots next to the three items they felt were most important and/or critical. Every idea will be documented in the Master Plan, but it is helpful to get an understanding of what attendees viewed as the "hot issues".

The end result of the workshop was a prioritized listing of attendees' ideas concerning parks and recreation in Commerce Township (total number of stickers identified in parenthesis). Several of the comments gathered at the workshop were similar in nature and were therefore consolidated. Those that received at least one "sticker" are listed at the top. Below that, the ideas are listed in no particular order of priority.

- Soccer Fields (25)
 - Game Fields
 - Practice Fields
 - 927 Kids
 - Protection during storms
 - \$35k currently in outdoor field fees (schools)
 - \$110k currently in indoor field fees
 - Scheduling of fields is difficult
- More Bike Trails - Rails to Trails - Fitness Trails – Improve Connectivity to the Local and Regional System Connect to State Park with Trails (10)
- Ice Skating Rink (Outdoor) (4)
- Restrooms Needed at Parks (Not Port-O-Johns!) - Barrier Free (5)
- Dog Park (Dodge Park) (3)
- Need Additional Parks and Recreation and Maintenance Staff and Program Director (3)
- Improve Visibility/Safety - North Side of Dodge Park and All Parks (2)
- Outdoor Education/Nature/Learning Center (2)
- Organize Volunteers and Communicate What Needs Done at the Parks (2)
- Outdoor Event Space (2)
- Arts Programs (1)
- Splash/Spray Park (1)
- Picnic Areas/Pavilions (1)
- Disc Golf (Maple Glen) (1)
- Adult Soccer Programs (1)
- Proud Lake Out-Lot Land Swap (1)
- Skate Park and Bike Park(BMX) (1)
- Improve Park Signage (1)

- Improve Universal Access at All Parks and Facilities for Handicapped (at Schools Too) (1)
- Maze/Labyrinth (1)
- Multi-Purpose Open Space for Markets, Etc., with Parking (1)
- Lighted Ball Fields for Adults (1)
- Forest Management (1)
- Challenge Course - High and Low Ropes, Zip Lines (1)
- Benches and Bleachers with EMS Phone Numbers and Locations
- Grills
- Concerts
- Invasive Species Management
- Improve Fishing Access at Long Park- Promote Good Stewardship - Dredge Lake?
- Informal Open Space - Multi-Use Fields
- Southern End of Township Needs Parks/Activities
- DDA Area – Possible Land Swamping/Acquisition
- Indoor Multi-Sport Building
- Storage Facilities are Needed at Parks
- Concessions
- Tennis
- Parking/Access Needs Improved at Parks
- Historic Restoration and Preservation and Education (i.e. CCC areas and Byers Barn)
- Sledding Hills
- Small Boat/Kayak Launch
- Lightning Warning System
- Safety Paths (Wide)
- Public Beaches
- BMX/Trials Course
- Improve Cooperation with Schools
- P.R./Marketing – Improve Web Site, Brochures, Promote Location of Parks
- Year Round Activities
- Critter Proof Trash Cans

Next steps in the planning process include drafting of goals, guidelines, and a capital improvements schedule; allow review of the draft plan for 30 days; hold a public hearing; and, Township Board consider adoption of the plan by December/January. Attendees were encouraged to stay tuned for announcements regarding the draft plan and to attend the public hearing.

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP RECREATION SURVEY
ON-LINE POLL: CONDUCTED 10/9/08 THROUGH 11/5/08
[FREQUENCY OF SURVEY RESPONSES – 462 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS]

1. There are several recreational programs and activities offered in Commerce Township, including recreational activities in general, educational, sports, social, and enrichment activities. Overall, how much do you think MOST members of our community participate in the recreational programs or activities offered?

[N=457]

- 39% A lot
- 42% Some ----- **81% TOTAL PARTICIPATE**
- 15% Only a little
- 1% Not at all
- 3% Undecided/Don't know

2. Thinking about the **number of recreational programs, activities and facilities** provided in Commerce Township, do you believe that overall,

[N=437]

- 46% Many more programs, activities and facilities are needed
- 37% Somewhat more programs, activities and facilities are needed - **83% TOTAL MORE NEEDED**
- 10% Enough programs, activities and facilities are available now
- 1% Too many programs, activities and facilities are available now
- 6% Undecided/Don't know

What other programs, activities or facilities do you think should be provided that are not currently offered? **[WRITE-IN UP TO 3 RESPONSES]**

3A to 3C: *See Open Ended Responses*

4. Thinking about the **number of parks** in Commerce Township, do you believe that overall,

[N=458]

- 30% Much more parkland is needed
- 44% Somewhat more parkland is needed ----- **74% TOTAL MORE NEEDED**
- 23% Enough parkland is available now
- Too much parkland is available now
- 3% Undecided/Don't know

Is there a specific location within the township where you think more parkland should be set aside and developed? **[WRITE-IN UP TO 3 LOCATIONS]**

5A to 5C: *See Open Ended Responses*

6. Overall, how would you rate the job being done providing recreational programs and facilities in Commerce Township -- would you give a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of only fair or poor?

[N=456]

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8% | Excellent | |
| 49% | Pretty good | ----- 57% TOTAL POSITIVE |
| 32% | Only fair | |
| 6% | Poor | ----- 38% TOTAL NEGATIVE |
| 5% | Undecided/Don't know | |

7. What stands out for you as the main reason why you offered a positive rating of (Excellent/Pretty good)? **[WRITE COMMENT]**

See Open Ended Responses

8. What stands out for you as the main reason why you offered a negative rating of (Only fair/ Poor)? **[WRITE COMMENT AND CONTINUE]**

See Open Ended Responses

9. Based on what you may know or have heard or read about recreational programs and facilities that are provided in other parts of Oakland County or in other counties, would you say that the programs provided in Commerce Township are better, worse, or about the same as programs provided in other areas?

[N=443]

| | | |
|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2% | Much better | |
| 14% | Somewhat better | ----- 16% TOTAL BETTER |
| 29% | About the same | |
| 36% | Somewhat worse | ----- 44% TOTAL WORSE |
| 8% | Much worse | |
| 11% | Undecided/Don't know | |

10. What would you say is better about the programs provided in your area? **[WRITE COMMENT THEN GO TO Q. 12]**

See Open Ended Responses

11. What would you say is worse about the programs provided in your area? **[WRITE COMMENT AND CONTINUE]**

See Open Ended Responses

12. Do you think that current recreational programs, activities and facilities have enough funding to provide what is needed and wanted in Commerce Township, do you think that more funding is needed, or, do you think that too much funding is already provided?

[N=433]

| | |
|-----|---|
| 16% | Much more funding needed |
| 40% | Somewhat more funding needed ----- 56% MORE FUNDING NEEDED |
| 20% | Enough funding provided |
| 2% | Too much funding provided |
| 22% | Undecided/Don't know |

The following is a list of several specific types of **physical recreational activities**. Please mark the answer that most accurately describes you and/or your family's participation . . .

| | Currently Participate | Future Interest in Participating | Not Interested | Undecided Don't know |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>[N=414]</i> Walking or Hiking | 79% | 16% | 5% | --- |
| <i>[N=354]</i> Jogging | 47% | 20% | 29% | 4% |
| <i>[N=398]</i> Soccer | 71% | 8% | 17% | 4% |
| <i>[N=390]</i> Bicycling | 75% | 21% | 2% | 2% |
| <i>[N=330]</i> Cross Country Skiing | 14% | 39% | 42% | 5% |
| <i>[N=328]</i> Ice hockey | 15% | 20% | 56% | 9% |
| <i>[N=311]</i> Field hockey | 2% | 18% | 66% | 14% |
| <i>[N=316]</i> In-line hockey | 9% | 22% | 57% | 12% |
| <i>[N=376]</i> Golf | 60% | 20% | 18% | 2% |
| <i>[N=311]</i> Disc Golf | 5% | 31% | 53% | 11% |
| <i>[N=328]</i> Skateboarding | 14% | 22% | 55% | 9% |
| <i>[N=353]</i> Ice skating | 40% | 36% | 21% | 3% |
| <i>[N=344]</i> Rollerblading | 41% | 31% | 23% | 5% |
| <i>[N=362]</i> Tennis | 41% | 33% | 21% | 5% |
| <i>[N=367]</i> Baseball | 44% | 18% | 35% | 3% |
| <i>[N=342]</i> Softball | 31% | 27% | 38% | 4% |
| <i>[N=351]</i> Basketball | 38% | 25% | 32% | 5% |
| <i>[N=337]</i> Football | 24% | 26% | 42% | 8% |
| <i>[N=343]</i> Volleyball | 24% | 38% | 33% | 5% |
| <i>[N=363]</i> Picnicking | 65% | 23% | 9% | 3% |
| <i>[N=360]</i> Fishing | 54% | 24% | 18% | 4% |
| <i>[N=363]</i> Boating | 52% | 26% | 17% | 5% |
| <i>[N=321]</i> Equestrian | 5% | 25% | 58% | 12% |

Are there any other **physical recreational activities** that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? **[WRITE-IN UP TO 3 ACTIVITIES]**

36A to 36C: *See Open Ended Responses*

The following is a list several specific types of **non-sport recreational activities**. Please mark the answer that most accurately describes you and/or your family's participation.

| | Currently Participate | Future Interest in Participating | Not Interested | Undecided Don't know |
|---|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| [N=350] Computer & technology classes | 20% | 39% | 32% | 9% |
| [N=359] Arts & craft classes/activities | 25% | 45% | 23% | 7% |
| [N=362] Fitness classes (aerobics, dance) | 32% | 47% | 16% | 5% |
| [N=365] Outdoor youth camps | 28% | 44% | 21% | 7% |
| [N=346] Plays & other stage productions | 15% | 43% | 32% | 10% |
| [N=366] Concerts | 28% | 54% | 12% | 6% |
| [N=325] Senior trips, activities, meals | 3% | 26% | 57% | 14% |

Are there any other **non-sport recreational activities** that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? **[WRITE-IN UP TO 3 ACTIVITIES]**

44A to 44C: *See Open Ended Responses*

The following list includes several specific types of **recreational facilities**. For each facility listed, please mark the answer that best represents your opinion related to the amount of each facility available.

| | Many More Should be Developed | TOTAL More Should be Developed | Enough are Available | Undecided Don't know |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| [N=392] Soccer fields | 61% | 77% | 14% | 9% |
| [N=354] Ice skating facilities | 17% | 64% | 12% | 24% |
| [N=340] Skateboarding area | 13% | 45% | 19% | 36% |
| [N=342] Baseball fields | 13% | 42% | 43% | 15% |
| [N=333] Softball fields | 12% | 38% | 45% | 17% |
| [N=347] Indoor swimming pools | 21% | 49% | 36% | 15% |
| [N=350] Outdoor swimming pools | 29% | 62% | 18% | 20% |
| [N=349] Tennis courts | 15% | 54% | 30% | 16% |
| [N=325] Gymnasiums | 10% | 34% | 37% | 29% |
| [N=348] Outdoor basketball courts | 16% | 53% | 26% | 21% |
| [N=340] Outdoor volleyball courts | 15% | 50% | 24% | 26% |
| [N=331] Community centers | 16% | 49% | 29% | 22% |
| [N=322] Senior centers | 6% | 27% | 35% | 38% |
| [N=353] Nature areas | 28% | 66% | 24% | 10% |
| [N=367] Sledding & Toboggan runs | 33% | 80% | 10% | 10% |
| [N=355] Outdoor theatre & bandstand | 23% | 66% | 14% | 20% |
| [N=342] A spray park | 24% | 56% | 17% | 27% |
| [N=360] Hiking/walking trails | 39% | 76% | 19% | 5% |
| [N=370] Bicycle paths | 47% | 82% | 15% | 3% |
| [N=349] Mountain biking trails | 32% | 63% | 18% | 19% |
| [N=325] Horseback/Equestrian trails | 9% | 28% | 29% | 43% |
| [N=334] Golf courses | 10% | 33% | 53% | 14% |
| [N=327] Disc golf courses | 8% | 28% | 30% | 42% |
| [N=335] Park pavilions | 21% | 63% | 22% | 15% |
| [N=328] Football fields | 8% | 30% | 42% | 28% |
| [N=349] Dog runs & play areas | 20% | 54% | 25% | 21% |

Are there any other **recreational facilities** for either physical or non-sport recreation that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? [**WRITE-IN UP TO 3 FACILITIES**]

71A to 71C: *See Open Ended Responses*

72. There are no plans for a recreation millage proposal being considered by Commerce Township officials. However, some people have suggested that a millage renewal proposal should be placed on the ballot that would dedicate the revenue generated from property tax assessments to fund Parks and Recreation operations and otherwise provide recreational programs, activities, and facilities for Township residents, which voters could approve or disapprove. Thinking about such a proposal, do you believe the Board of Commerce Township Trustees

[N=409]

70% Should place it on the ballot
11% Should Not place it on the ballot
19% Undecided

73. If a recreation millage renewal proposal were placed before the voters in Commerce Township, do you think a **MAJORITY** of the township's voters would

[N=409]

58% Vote "Yes", to approve the recreation millage renewal
15% Vote "No", to oppose renewing the recreation millage
27% Unsure

74. **How about yourself?** If a recreation millage renewal proposal were placed before the voters in Commerce Township, would You

[N=406]

75% Vote "Yes", to approve the recreation millage renewal
9% Vote "No", to oppose renewing the recreation millage
3% Unsure
13% Not Registered to Vote

Finally, the remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

75. Are you currently registered to vote at your Commerce Township home address?

[N=405]

87% YES
13% NO

76. In what local public school district do you reside and pay taxes?

[N=405]

12% Huron Valley Schools
 84% Walled Lake Consolidated Schools
 4% Undecided/Don't know

77. Please indicate the range in which your age falls.

[N=409]

1% 9 years of age or younger
 1% 10 to 13 years
 <1% 14 to 17 years
 <1% 18 to 24 years
 2% 25 to 29 years
 7% 30 to 35 years
 23% 36 to 40 years
 49% 41 to 49 years
 9% 50 to 55 years
 4% 56 to 64 years
 4% 65 and over

78. How many years have you lived in Commerce Township?

[N=393]

8% 2 years or less
 14% 3 to 5 years
 28% 6 to 10 years
 26% 11 to 15 years
 9% 16 to 20 years
 15% Over 20 years

79. Thinking about Commerce Township as a square cut into four quarters, in which of the four quarters do you live?

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <p>NORTHWEST</p> | <p>NORTHEAST</p> |
| <p>Wixom / Glengary Rds</p> | <p>Oakley Park Road</p> |
| <p>SOUTHWEST</p> | <p>SOUTHEAST</p> |

Bogie Lake Road (between Northwest and Northeast)
Benstein Road (between Southwest and Southeast)

[N=392]

33% Northwest
 29% Northeast
 25% Southeast
 13% Southwest

80. Please indicate the sex of the person completing this questionnaire.

[N=401]

54% Female
 46% Male

Open Ended Responses

Q3A-C. What other programs, activities or facilities do you think should be provided that are not currently offered? [WRITE-IN UP TO 3 RESPONSES]

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Soccer Fields (Mentioned 301 Times) | 301 | 40.40% |
| Bike Trails (Mentioned 56 Times) | 56 | 7.52% |
| Baseball Diamonds (Mentioned 21 Times) | 21 | 2.82% |
| Public Parks (mentioned 18 Times) | 18 | 2.42% |
| Community Center (Mentioned 16 Times) | 16 | 2.15% |
| Playground Areas (Mentioned 15 Times) | 15 | 2.01% |
| Dog Park (Mentioned 14 Times) | 14 | 1.88% |
| Skate Park (Mentioned 13 Times) | 13 | 1.74% |
| Volleyball Courts (Mentioned 13 Times) | 13 | 1.74% |
| Walking Trails (Mentioned 13 Times) | 13 | 1.74% |
| Hiking trails (Mentioned 12 Times) | 12 | 1.61% |
| Tennis Courts (Mentioned 12 Times) | 12 | 1.61% |
| Side Walks (Mentioned 11 Times) | 11 | 1.48% |
| Basketball (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 1.21% |
| Community Events (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 1.21% |
| Community Pool (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 1.21% |
| Football (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 1.21% |
| Ice Hockey (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 1.21% |
| Adult Leagues (Mentioned 8 Times) | 8 | 1.07% |
| Ice Skating (Mentioned 8 Times) | 8 | 1.07% |
| Practice Fields (Mentioned 8 Times) | 8 | 1.07% |
| Concerts (Mentioned 7 Times) | 7 | 0.94% |
| Family Activities (Mentioned 7 Times) | 7 | 0.94% |
| Pool (Mentioned 7 Times) | 7 | 0.94% |
| Spray/Water Park (Mentioned 7 Times) | 7 | 0.94% |
| Connected Sites (Mentioned 5 Times) | 5 | 0.67% |
| Fishing (Mentioned 5 Times) | 5 | 0.67% |
| Fitness (Mentioned 5 Times) | 5 | 0.67% |
| Youth Sports Programs (Mentioned 5 Times) | 5 | 0.67% |
| Education Classes (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 0.54% |
| Runners Club (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 0.54% |
| Senior activities (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 0.54% |
| Swim Club (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 0.54% |
| Teen Activities (mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 0.54% |
| Children's Programs (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Golf (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Lacrosse (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Library (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Nature Park (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Pavilions (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Restroom Facilities (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Roller Hockey (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Senior Center (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |

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|---|---|-------|
| Softball Diamonds (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Sports Teams (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Youth Activities (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 0.40% |
| Arts (singing, acting, etc) (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Athletic Fields and Courts (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Computer Courses (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Disc Golf Course (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Equestrian (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Lake Access (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Natural Space (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Picnic Areas (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.27% |
| Something like Clara Miller with a little of everything | 1 | 0.13% |
| 4th of July Parade in the Park | 1 | 0.13% |
| A down town shopping area | 1 | 0.13% |
| A large community park like Brighton or Milford. Locate at Commerce/Carroll Lake on the S/E corner. Buy out a couple small houses for more space. Additional parking or an ice cream parlor in the vacant building on the N/W corner. | 1 | 0.13% |
| A more visible park setting that generates interest by passers by. | 1 | 0.13% |
| An all sports park as in Drake Park in West Bloomfield | 1 | 0.13% |
| Better care of the parks we have | 1 | 0.13% |
| Better Communication to the Public | 1 | 0.13% |
| Boat Launches | 1 | 0.13% |
| Boating classes, for youth and adults | 1 | 0.13% |
| Complete Dodge Park | 1 | 0.13% |
| Conservation | 1 | 0.13% |
| Cross Country Trails | 1 | 0.13% |
| Early Childhood Center | 1 | 0.13% |
| Field Hockey | 1 | 0.13% |
| Fireworks for July 4th | 1 | 0.13% |
| Girls Football | 1 | 0.13% |
| Girls Volleyball | 1 | 0.13% |
| Halloween Parade in the Park | 1 | 0.13% |
| Historical informational programs | 1 | 0.13% |
| In-Line Hockey | 1 | 0.13% |
| Lake Maintenance | 1 | 0.13% |
| Land Acquisition for future recreational development | 1 | 0.13% |
| Language classes | 1 | 0.13% |
| Mommy and Me Classes | 1 | 0.13% |
| Musical Theatre | 1 | 0.13% |
| Off Road Bike Opportunities | 1 | 0.13% |
| Paintball | 1 | 0.13% |
| Parking | 1 | 0.13% |
| Pottery Class | 1 | 0.13% |
| Performing Arts Center | 1 | 0.13% |
| Public Beach | 1 | 0.13% |
| Restaurants | 1 | 0.13% |
| Roller Skating | 1 | 0.13% |
| Rugby and Cricket | 1 | 0.13% |
| Sailing | 1 | 0.13% |

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|--|-----|---------|
| Save Proud Lake Recreation area at Wise Road | 1 | 0.13% |
| Swing Dancing | 1 | 0.13% |
| There is not a great sense of community | 1 | 0.13% |
| Upgrades to Dodge #5 park | 1 | 0.13% |
| Winter Activities | 1 | 0.13% |
| | 745 | 100.00% |

Q5A-C. Is there a specific location within the township where you think more parkland should be set aside and developed?

[WRITE-IN UP TO 3 LOCATIONS]

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| Wise Road (Mentioned 19 Times) | 19 | 7.42% |
| Dodge Park #5 (Mentioned 18 Times) | 18 | 7.03% |
| M-5 and Pontiac Trail (Mentioned 12 Times) | 12 | 4.69% |
| Anywhere (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 3.52% |
| North West (Mentioned 9 Times) | 9 | 3.52% |
| North Side (Mentioned 7 Times) | 7 | 2.73% |
| Proud Lake Area (Mentioned 7 Times) | 7 | 2.73% |
| Walled Lake (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 1.56% |
| Wherever full size soccer fields can be accommodated (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 1.56% |
| Near Central High School (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.17% |
| Bicentennial Park (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.78% |
| Carey Rd & Commerce Rd (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.78% |
| Commerce Village (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.78% |
| Mill Race Park (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.78% |
| West Bloomfield (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.78% |
| White Lake (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 0.78% |
| 14 mile near Decker | 1 | 0.39% |
| A place where people can fish | 1 | 0.39% |
| A public beach near a lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| Adjacent to our lakes for more limited public access | 1 | 0.39% |
| Along the Martin Pkwy - keep it green. | 1 | 0.39% |
| An area along the new Martin Parkway | 1 | 0.39% |
| AREA NEAR COOLEY LAKE ROAD, DUCK LAKE, AND CAREY ROAD | 1 | 0.39% |
| Area traversed by Wise, west of Union Lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| Areas closest to West Bloomfield | 1 | 0.39% |
| Around new township offices | 1 | 0.39% |
| Around the golf courses | 1 | 0.39% |
| Around the lakes | 1 | 0.39% |
| Around WLN | 1 | 0.39% |
| Bass Lake Rd. area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Baypoint Golf Course | 1 | 0.39% |
| Benstein | 1 | 0.39% |
| Better parkland, | 1 | 0.39% |
| Between Pontiac Trail & Oakley Park, Welch & Haggerty | 1 | 0.39% |
| Bike path going all the way down Carroll Lk. Rd. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Bloomer Park | 1 | 0.39% |
| Bogie Lake & Commerce Rd | 1 | 0.39% |
| Bogie lake Road and Cooley | 1 | 0.39% |
| By any lakes or rivers | 1 | 0.39% |
| Clara Miller park | 1 | 0.39% |
| Clara miller park for one | 1 | 0.39% |
| Clean up the existing one across from the new Medical Building on Commerce Road | 1 | 0.39% |
| Clean up around Northern | 1 | 0.39% |

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| Clean up Mill Race Park and make it more accessible | 1 | 0.39% |
| Close proximity to schools | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Road | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce & Carey area or Northern Commerce | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce and Carroll lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce and S. Commerce | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Rd., west of Bogie Lk Rd. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Rd/Carroll Lake Rd | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Road & South Commerce Road | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce road and s. commerce road | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Road Area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce road between Carey and Duck Lk. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Road near Country Oaks Elementary school | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce Township | 1 | 0.39% |
| Commerce and Caret Road | 1 | 0.39% |
| Corner of Benstein and Sleeth Roads | 1 | 0.39% |
| Country oaks elem. area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Cut down trees and create usable park space. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Decker and Pontiac trail | 1 | 0.39% |
| Downtown Walled Lake lakefront | 1 | 0.39% |
| Duck Lake Road | 1 | 0.39% |
| East of Decker | 1 | 0.39% |
| East of proud lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| East side of township | 1 | 0.39% |
| Flat areas for soccer fields | 1 | 0.39% |
| Glengary and Benstein area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Glengary/Benstein Area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Haggerty and Pontiac trail | 1 | 0.39% |
| Hickory Glen | 1 | 0.39% |
| Hickory Glen Park Area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Huron River (anywhere) | 1 | 0.39% |
| Huron Valley Hospital environs | 1 | 0.39% |
| In new Township Dev. Area | 1 | 0.39% |
| In the Charms and Wixom Rd. area | 1 | 0.39% |
| In Western and Northern Commerce Twp | 1 | 0.39% |
| In White Lake area | 1 | 0.39% |
| In-between Martin and Welch, Pontiac Trail & Oakley Park | 1 | 0.39% |
| Just finish the Dodge Park renovations please!!!! | 1 | 0.39% |
| Lake front area (create public beach) | 1 | 0.39% |
| Lake Sherwood area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Lake Sherwood/Cranberry Lake area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Large area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Local summer only swim/recreation clubs | 1 | 0.39% |
| Longs Farm | 1 | 0.39% |
| Longs Orchards | 1 | 0.39% |
| Lower straight lakes | 1 | 0.39% |
| Major league depth field in North Commerce | 1 | 0.39% |

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| Make certain that there is enough parkland as part of new library/M-5 project. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Maple Glen | 1 | 0.39% |
| Marshes of the existing lakes | 1 | 0.39% |
| More golf courses | 1 | 0.39% |
| Nature park across from Bubbles & Squeak | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near Bodies of water (lakes, rivers, creeks) | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near Bogie lake and Wise | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near commerce Rd. (Wise) and duck lake road?? | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near Duck Lake Rd. and Commerce | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near Huron Valley Hospital | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near lakes for community beach access | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near Sleeth and Benstein | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near the northwest corner of the township | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near the Wal-Mart | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near Walled Lake Northern | 1 | 0.39% |
| Near wetlands | 1 | 0.39% |
| New area at Martin and Oakley | 1 | 0.39% |
| New martin road extension area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Northeast corner of commerce near Northern HS maybe | 1 | 0.39% |
| NW corner of Commerce Road & Carey | 1 | 0.39% |
| Oakley park and Haggerty | 1 | 0.39% |
| Oakley park and Welch | 1 | 0.39% |
| Off Glengary, behind the police and fire station | 1 | 0.39% |
| Off of wise road between Union Lake and Carroll Lake roads | 1 | 0.39% |
| On Wise Rd Between Commerce and Union Lake Rd | 1 | 0.39% |
| Parkland does not have to be DEVELOPED-it can be a natural area and natural habitat that is simply preserved for the public's enjoyment, and protected from development and destruction | 1 | 0.39% |
| Parkland on waterfront | 1 | 0.39% |
| Pontiac Trail and Haggerty Area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Public waterway entrances to all lakes | 1 | 0.39% |
| Railroad line | 1 | 0.39% |
| Require more new neighborhoods to include parks within their boundaries for residents to gather and safely get to. We have no safe routes to walk or ride bikes to parks. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Richardson and Union Lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| Richardson center | 1 | 0.39% |
| Schools | 1 | 0.39% |
| Section 24 DDA district | 1 | 0.39% |
| Sleeth/Benstein area | 1 | 0.39% |
| South Commerce & Oakley Park Area | 1 | 0.39% |
| South Commerce and Commerce road area | 1 | 0.39% |
| South commerce rd north of Oakley park | 1 | 0.39% |
| South Commerce Road | 1 | 0.39% |
| South end | 1 | 0.39% |
| South of Northern High (currently woods on Long's farm) | 1 | 0.39% |
| Southwest | 1 | 0.39% |

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| Southeast corner of Beck/Maple. Abuts Metala Park and WL Western. Ideal spot for nature park to tie in with proposed rails-to-trails conversion | 1 | 0.39% |
| Southeast part of the township | 1 | 0.39% |
| Southern Commerce township | 1 | 0.39% |
| Southern location of commerce township | 1 | 0.39% |
| Southwest corner of Benstein and Sleeth | 1 | 0.39% |
| State land between wise and commerce roads | 1 | 0.39% |
| State land off Wise road | 1 | 0.39% |
| SW corner of Union Lake & Wise | 1 | 0.39% |
| SW of Commerce and S. Commerce Roads | 1 | 0.39% |
| Take back 2 land between 15 Mile Rd and 14 Mile Rd on both sides of M-5 and integrate the parks with small areas dotted with retail and small businesses connected with walking/bike paths; put walking bridges over the roads to connect these areas. | 1 | 0.39% |
| The condo development at the high school that fell apart | 1 | 0.39% |
| The currently for auction property near Bogie Lk Rd and Cooley Lk Rd. | 1 | 0.39% |
| The golf courses destroyed by the DDA | 1 | 0.39% |
| The land that was golf courses should also have parcels set aside as parks | 1 | 0.39% |
| The old utility corridor behind Hill and Dale and Lincolncrest could be a recreational right of way that connects from Welch Road to South Commerce. This could provide a pedestrian pathway for residents to access the paved trail that goes through Hickory Glen. | 1 | 0.39% |
| The parklands should be in there natural settings/areas | 1 | 0.39% |
| The parts | 1 | 0.39% |
| The Proud Lake Recreational area on the south side of the street | 1 | 0.39% |
| There are 2 woods behind Hawk Lake where trails could be added. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Underdeveloped subdivisions- Hills of Bogie Lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| Union Lake and Commerce Lake area. There is nothing. | 1 | 0.39% |
| Upland areas -- preserve diversity | 1 | 0.39% |
| Use the natural settings of the land | 1 | 0.39% |
| We have enough park land, it just needs to be developed | 1 | 0.39% |
| We need one site with several fields, concession etc. for the CW3 soccer club! | 1 | 0.39% |
| West end of Sleeth rd. | 1 | 0.39% |
| West of Haggerty | 1 | 0.39% |
| West of the hospital | 1 | 0.39% |
| Where the old drive-in used to be - 8305 Richardson | 1 | 0.39% |
| Where the old township hall used to be - 2840 Fisher Ave | 1 | 0.39% |
| Wherever a pool/water park area can be located | 1 | 0.39% |
| Wildlife corridors | 1 | 0.39% |
| Wixom Road area | 1 | 0.39% |
| Wolverine Lake | 1 | 0.39% |
| | 256 | 100.00% |

Q7. What stands out for you as the main reason why you offered a positive rating of (Excellent/Pretty good) for the job being done providing recreational programs and facilities in Commerce Township?

More bike trails, good soccer program

More facilities but not more options; I would like to see more offerings for kids

Support for youth sports programs. Bike path program is a good one - bike paths, such as the new one

Being built along South Commerce Road, not only connect parks and natural areas, they provide walkways (and safety) for residents attempting to get from one area to another without a car. A rating of "2" rather than 1 is given because of the Township's lack of adequate support and funding for historic preservation at Byers Homestead - Although this site is categorized as a park, it is much more than that. It is not a baseball field or a park bench, and it should be moved off the bottom of the Township's list of priorities, before the integrity of the buildings and charm of the site is lost.

Allowing programs like LAA baseball and LA Hawks football the space they need to provide 1 youth sports

Apparent intent of Twp Board is a positive. Over development by DDA is a negative.

As a family we have enjoyed the trails, and have played baseball every year with Lakes Athletic Assoc.

My kids have played football in the park and at Central High School. The parks and facilities are well maintained.

As a family we take part in rec. activities and have enjoyed them.

As I do more research there are more parks then I expect trying to find them is a bit of a challenge

Availability, cleanliness, sense of security

Because back when both my children played ball for commerce, I've saw steady improvement with the fields and the park's conditions.

Because I was a part of the community focus group held at the Richardson center, and soccer fields were one of the top 2 or 3 priorities what happened?

Bike path is awesome

Building soccer fields

Commerce is a friendly community.

Commerce is interested in keeping the outdoors lovely. I appreciate the care given to the environment.

Commerce Township is working hard to provide parks and rec. that meet the needs of the community. Soccer is a sport that is very popular among young kids, is affordable and a good source of exercise. The more we can promote this, especially in this tough economy, the better for our kids' future, which is our future.

Commerce township keeps growing and there are always more things being added.

Current biking infrastructure is a start, would like to see more options making it safer to bike commute or ride to other recreational areas.

Current paths near Dodge Park V

CW3 soccer program

Dodge Park, Proud Lake, Clara Miller, etc.

Enjoy living in Commerce and opportunities

Fields are always in good condition and generally there are port a potties. Might like to see 2 more permanent facilities like West Bloomfield.

Glen Wingblad running the Intercity Colt League for baseball. Commerce & Walled Lake offer 1 facilities for the Older boys 15-18. Your cooperative efforts between the High Schools and the parks & rec. appears to be intact and working. Would like to see the same cooperative effort from Waterford.

Good recreational facilities

Good relationship with sports clubs

Great parks in good locations.

Hickory glen is an A1 park. There is good coordination with walled lake schools.

I am a walker and am enjoying the walking trail along S. commerce very much, I'm hoping that it can be added onto to connect to other areas of the community, specifically the area between Dodge park and Walled Lake Northern to provide safe areas for our families to walk from the high school to Leo's on Carroll Lake or CVS to the park.

This will encourage us to be more active and as parents we will feel safer having our children walk, run or bike

along a path instead of walking along the dangerous shoulder of the road. This would be a beautiful thing!!

I am pretty happy with everything, except my daughter plays soccer and we feel that more soccer fields are needed I believe the Dodge Park is being turned into a soccer complex, but I'm waiting to see I have worked with the park and rec. group for over 5 years and found them to be good to deal with, fair and responsive. I haven't encountered an issue with not being able to see what is available either through children's school and/or mailings/website

I just think that I see a relatively large amount of kids in programs using the many recreational spaces we have in the township

I know that Dodge park is being developed into Soccer facilities. So I know that they are starting to move in the right direction.

I like the parks and bike trails. BUT, I think more soccer fields are necessary.

I like the way that they are trying to keep the natural landscape and also providing the amenities needed within a community. I would love to see a more developed "downtown" area along Sleeth/Commerce.

I like what I've seen with the new park (yet unopened) off South Commerce Road. Richardson Center and its park are wonderful too.

I spend 1 of time at Hickory Glen cycling. It is great to see the hikers, bikers and joggers. Plus all of the baseball, softball and football at the park is wonderful!

I think Dodge Park will be an A1 recreational area once it's complete. I am happy to see the bike trails being built and utilized.

I think that there is a variety of activities for kids and adults to do in the area

I think the recreational sports are wonderful! The only thing lacking is communication on whether or not the new park off of South Commerce Road is open.

If I had said "fair", you probably would've tried to make more "park area", which is already being made, and kind of ticking me off. Dodge Park #5 was fine the way it was, and it didn't need any so-called "improvement".

Improvements are Being Made (Mentioned 11 Times)

Lakes Athletics (Mentioned 5 Times)

Large Parks that are now connected by the many bike and walking trails

Library offerings

Looks like more of sport activities going on at the parks most days

Love the open spaces available, aware that new park and trail is being built, feel the township is trying to add more services and does not want to sell valuable assets.

Most programs are offered through the school district, not Commerce itself

My son plays sports in many facilities in Commerce Township.

New Dodge park.

Of the limited programs being offered, the Township does a good job.

Organization and communication.

Our current parks are kept up and there are enough of them around so they are not too crowded.

Parks are clean but more soccer fields are needed

Parks are maintained well (Mentioned 21 Times)

Paths connecting the park systems

Paved bike trails, Hickory Glen mountain bike trail, new soccer fields

Positive Remarks – In General (Mentioned 3 Times)

Programs for sports and recreation are generally available, but 2times require long drives.

Quality Parks Board, they work for the all in the township.

Re development of Dodge Park near Commerce. Bike path extension to Dodge Park (it needs to be extended Much further west)

Richardson Community Center

Seeing dodge park developed, seeing baseball with commerce little league and lakes area baseball, seeing football with lakes area hawks.

Size and potential for outdoor recreation community health *no more expensive health clubs please* (needs development for specific activities i.e. soccer to start because of low cost then eventually outdoor skating with warming building).

Sports fields & programs

Sports leagues / teams are available for nearly all young kids who want to play

Stake holders involved

Starting to create paths for walking & biking.

Thankful for what we have

That the new park opening at Dodge Park shows that the Twp. is making an effort to improve our community. Also the newer bike path on S. Commerce Road shows improvement but would improve greater to add soccer fields at Dodge Park and to expand the bike paths over the entire township.

The availability of ballparks trails and play areas and their excellent upkeep.

The availability of youth sports opportunities in the twp.

The baseball fields are in great shape. Hickory Glen is in the best shape.

The boy's baseball and girl's softball leagues are run very smooth. We have 1 of fun.

The City of Commerce (as in the management of the city) seems to care about its community.

The community center offers a lot

The constant concerns of the parks at this time as property is being picked up by developers. Parks are a big part of our youth development

The current expansion of dodge park and the walkway/trail extending from it is wonderful! I do understand that there is only so much that can be done but I do hope the plan include more and better soccer facilities for children and adults.

The current facilities at Maple glen park and Dodge park

The development of the park area around Carroll Lk and Commerce Rds

The existing bike path which ends at Richardson center needs to be extended east and south to serve more of the community

The focus of league structure in team sports has a good balance between learning/development and winning.

The improvements currently being made at Dodge Park V and the walking path currently being constructed along S.Commerce Rd are good examples of what stands out to me.

The new bike trail and Dodge park project.

The new bike trail on South Commerce

The park at Richardson Center

The parks I use seem to be fairly well maintained, and have more than enough equipment.

The parks we have are very maintained very well and the play structures are in great shape. Would like to see more shade trees left when building a park. Usually they clear cut every tree and plant young trees that don't offer shade or character to the park.

The parks we have were planned out well.

The play structures at the parks, the cleanliness of the parks.

The size of the parks and the amount of people they can hold. Would like to see restrooms at the parks.

The township has done a good job with the areas of open space devoted to recreation. This survey shows they want to do even a better job. After all our image in the area is tied to our reputation for having open space; that is why people like to move to Commerce.

The township seems to have fought hard to protect the land off of Wise Road rather than allowing it to be developed.

There are various parks, and plenty of baseball & softball fields and a football facility.

There are a number of parks available, and the maintenance/amenities at those parks is admirable.

There are baseball & softball fields many communities do not have this. But I think they need to be better maintained and soccer fields are needed. Also walking trails through wooded areas are avail.

There are many activities; however, I would like to see more space for soccer fields, the current facilities are always overcrowded. I would also like to see a boys and girls lacrosse program. This sport is becoming more and more popular, and we could use a program.

They're building more parks, putting in bike paths and seem to want to do more for the kids.

Variety of Programs (Mentioned 14 Times)

Very good baseball fields

We do have 2 parklands, but we need more in the north end of the township, especially sports fields!!

We do have quite a few parks but could always use more--I like open green spaces and to have places for my kids to play sports (like soccer with CW3)

We have a lot of kids and parents that want to get involved,

We have had plenty of sporting opportunities available to us.

We have kids and use many of the parks but mainly parks in other towns (Milford, Hess Hathaway) b/c the parks in Commerce are too small or don't have play lots or pools or soccer fields. It would be great if there was a dog park to take dogs to.

We have things to choose from

We use Richardson park a great deal. It is an A1 facility.

Well the programs are offered however the facilities need to improve like more soccer fields in a park setting similar to Maple Glen for CLLB.

What parks there are are well maintained, but more are needed.

What parks we do currently have are well maintained and taken care of for the use of families.

When I go to the parks everything looks nice and clean

When we go to the parks, the maintenance seems 2.

You can go biking, swimming, boating, play soccer, play baseball and soccer, playgrounds, canoeing, and walk throughout the beautiful area.

You have done a great job of establishing and augmenting facilities in the past two years. These efforts really help to make it a better area to live in. Previously, I considered bicycling to be unsafe and inconvenient. Now it is much better. Regarding soccer, we have enjoyed the use of township facilities, and that also will be much improved. To enjoy these benefits you have given us fully, however, we need additional facilities, as described above. I therefore ask you to keep going with the great job you are doing.

Zoner had been getting more parkland

Q8. What stands out for you as the main reason why you offered a negative rating of (Only fair/ Poor) for the job being done providing recreational programs and facilities in Commerce Township?

If there are anything, they are either not publicized to residents, or not publicized well-enough. There is no "Heart of the City" as Burnsville, Minnesota and others cities and towns are building. Where is our town center where we gather and celebrate?

Poor communication of events and programs

Poor facilities and no real programs

Although there are areas for children to play (soccer, football, etc), there are not enough to run multiple games.

Further, concessions stands would be a GREAT way to increase funding at any of these locations.

Although there are many parks and facilities there are not many programs utilizing these places. That I know of.

Apparently lack of long term planning

Areas are slim and undeveloped

As a long term resident, none of the current parks are highlighted or utilized well for local activities.

Because I am a resident and I do not KNOW what the programs are! How are they advertised? I don't know of ANY (interested more in children's programs) other than lots of stuff for seniors at the Richardson Center!

Because there are no programs

Boring!

Can not compete with other communities programs

Commerce Twp. is a natural beauty - don't make this community a retail/business area which is along M-5. This community is unique due to the lakes/wetlands/wild life - lets keep this natural beauty our community preserved.

Compared to other neighboring communities and those out of state I think we are moving in the right direction but we are so behind!

Compared to where we lived in West Bloomfield, there seem to be very few places to play or picnic nearby.

Comparatively with West Bloomfield Commerce has fewer township facilities and parks that are inviting to the community. It would be nice to have football and soccer fields.

Conditions of the fields are 4 compared to other comm.

Current facilities are antiquated and 4ly maintained. We need modern parkland well groomed with area for several sports, restrooms and more centrally located.

Every time in the past 3 years that I've checked the website for info on this, it's been outdated information. There's nothing for us beyond the (wonderful) stories in the park program in the summer. We participate in sports through Wixom.

Facilities that exist need attention and lack of facilities to promote development of activities (soccer, walking, etc)

For a sport that has an incredible number of kids playing, a lack of proper soccer facilities hinder in the development of those players.

Having come from Wixom area, much more offered

High tax cost/4 value, failure to protect existing options while taxing for new. tear down golf courses and pay with tax dollar and then collect recreation millage.

How long will it take to make improvements to the park along Commerce Road? Before starting new projects, please finish the current ones.

I am missing for my 4 yr old a park close by where he can cycle and play around lower straight lakes, and where it is safe, maybe in winter lights on the playgrounds. There is no question for my daughter of 16, which means she has to go to Howell every day so she can enjoy her horse riding, a long way to go!!

I am not aware of programs offered by Commerce Twp. If there are 2 then they are not publicized effectively.

We currently utilize Lakes Athletics Association for baseball for my child and we appreciate usage of the parks.

I would like to see more Township backed programs for kids and adults.

I am not fully involved in all the activities, but I don't see this as extremely strong area compared to other communities in the area. I am not trying to be negative.

I believe from a Nature Park perspective- we are set with 2 great parks. From a township growth standpoint on the sports/rec. view, we have 1 of work to do in providing residents with a clear view of choices and the facilities to handle the interest from both a practice/game perspective.

I don't see much information about programs/family activities.

I find our family going to other cities/townships to participate in activities, due to the lack of programs/things offered in our own

I hear P&R is the holdup

I just don't feel there are activities for my preschool age children like I see at other Parks/Recs, unless I don't know where to look....I would like them to offer classes to put my children in to explore and learn

I know very little about what is going on. Communications seems limited to the "Tax time" newsletter.

I lived in West Bloomfield for a few years and after we moved to Commerce Township we continued to use both the parks in West Bloomfield. Since our children were young when we moved to Commerce Twp we continued to use the activities offered by the WB Parks & Rec. We now use 2 of the Novi Parks & Rec activities.

I see little to no advertising being done. For example, I know of the West Bloomfield Parks & Rec Department.

Does Commerce Township even have a Parks & Rec department?

I see the wonderful baseball fields off of Glengary road and see nothing close to comparable for soccer.

I think we need to develop the land we all ready have

I very rarely see anything advertised for a commerce twp event

If there are programs out there, they aren't very well advertised.

If they are being offered, I never hear about them.

I'm comparing Commerce Parks to those of Drake Park and Novi's location near the police station. These are locations with high visibility and that offer a large scale location to foster activity. I've visited the Dodge Park #5 location in the past and found the grounds to be nice, but it was so secluded that most people would pass by without a second thought. New improvements may facilitate visitors but that remains to be seen. Hickory Glen is a nice area, but it's visibility is also limited.

I'm unaware of activities the township offers, other than library programs

It seems like everything is only for seniors. My kids are almost all grown now. I would just like to have more bike paths

It seems that most of the parks capture more needs for smaller kids (2-6) and not the bigger kids(6-12).

Lack of communication... I have no idea what is available, planned, considered, etc.

Lack of organized sporting through Township Parks and rec. Look to Oak Park or Canton to as a measuring stick

Lack of sidewalks for bike riding. Bike trails in only a small portion of the township. Virtually no outdoor children's facilities for soccer fields especially

Lawn maintenance is 4 at many facilities - Fisher road, Clara Miller. We have water, let's use it!

Library offerings are good. If there are other offerings they should be communicated better.

Library sub par to other communities and lack of sidewalks on major roads (this is a hazard for our kids and residents)

Limited access for CW3 soccer fields

Many fields are in 4 condition -- people don't necessarily know about the facilities so they need more information on where they can go.

Maybe there are things going on, but communications are lacking. A ticker board or a central communications announcement would be beneficial.

Most programs offered are private organization and not sponsored by the township.

My daughter is very active in athletics and we never play games or practice at a Commerce Twp facility with the exception of the Richardson Center.

Need more personnel because it is too big a job to do parks and the Sr. center.

Need more quality soccer facilities, including lighted fields for night activities

Need More Soccer Fields (Mentioned 50 Times)

No funding or park commission

No outdoor swimming facilities need more soccer fields.

No pathways that connect the parks to neighborhoods. Needs to be side walks and paths on major roads like Commerce, Wise, Union Lk, Richardson, etc

No publicity as to what is offered.

Not 1 of parks offering a variety of different sports.

Not aware of many activities

Not enough facilities to support the local soccer programs such as CW3

Not enough knowledge of the activities offered.

Not enough practice fields, especially soccer fields. I've coached a soccer team the last 3 yrs, and were always fighting over fields and practice space with other soccer & flag football teams. Very rarely do we get a full length field to practice on. Usually it's just a piece of grass at a school, that all we can do is drills. When we need a full field to practice game plays.

Not enough public athletic fields available for youth programs. Tax payers are being charged to use school athletic fields.

Not enough space - also community awareness of what is available needs to be raised

Not enough space for the influx of families moving into area

Not much is being offered -- or at least, not much that's publicized.

Not much is offered

Nothing near our house

Only programs I know of are soccer/baseball. Only the facilities are offered by the twp

Other than continuing ed programs where is the communication about other rec programs in the township area?
Not a very good communication plan if there is one.

Other than the senior program I don't even know what programs are offered. They seem like they are run by clubs not Parks & Rec. We lived in Farmington Hills previously and they had a huge program and people knew what they offered.

Our children do not have enough soccer fields or playing times for this sport.

Our taxes are so high and I don't get anything back.

Programs are too expensive

Robert Long Park has too many people throwing trash, running dogs without leashes, extensive invasive species (e.g. phragmites), rising water levels killings the trees.

Sport facilities are 4ly maintained and don't offer elite fields or facilities

The amount of tax dollars generated by the township should ensure that our kids have opportunities to play.

The fields that my kids must practice on varies weekly due to improper drainage, and too many teams needing the same fields.

The parks are just now being designed to offer activities for families. There isn't enough parks with things to do, ie: tennis courts, soccer fields, playgrounds; volleyball courts and basketball nets

The soccer community is growing exponentially and the space provided is not enough.

There are many children involved in sports and trying to find practice fields, especially after school, is very difficult to arrange.

There are not adequate number or quality soccer fields in Commerce Twp.

There are very few activities and I don't hear about them. I hear about Wixom, Farmington Hills and see what is available in Livonia. We are not even close.

There are very few community organized actives

There does not seem to be enough options for families when it comes to recreational facilities/parkland and up until recently there did not seem to be any development or upgrade to existing areas. The bike path and Dodge Park developments are moves into the right direction, however.

There has been too much developing of existing parks. Hiking trails are as important as sports fields.

There is no "parks commission" Only an ad-hoc committee. Thus no budget and no control, no power.

There is not enough advertisement for the park areas. It seems like going to a garage sale with only the park name on the outside of the drive.

There is not much going on and not 1 of facilities available for any specific activities

There isn't much offered, as far as organized programs, but that's okay; just don't let us get any more over-developed and congested.

There needs to be more community coordination, maintenance and supervision in the parks.

There should be more sports facilities for the community and local sports clubs.

They are doing a great job by updating Dodge park but they also need more soccer fields to accommodate the Growing soccer club needs in the area. We really need an entire soccer complex to allow all of the club teams to have a true home field to play on.

Too few community building activities - that attract all ages. More outdoor events. And insufficient fields for sports: soccer or baseball.

Township has no master plan. Most parks maintained by sports leagues and teams.

Until Dodge Park is finished, there is not one playable soccer field in the township, besides the schools. We have many other baseball, softball and even a football field, but no soccer.

We don't have community programs - like West Bloomfield Puppets in the Park or nature hikes. If they are offered, our community lacks the communication tools to get the word out. We do have 2 fabulous parks, but as a parent promoting healthy living, we do not have the sidewalks or bike paths to connect us to them. Commerce Road would be ideal.

We have 1 of land but the development for use has been slow coming. The addition of the bike path from Dodge connecting through the Wolverine trail is a step in the right direction. Make the park land usable.

We have eliminated golf courses but offered no substitute. The many kids in the area have no place to go. The ball teams have no practice areas. There is no place but single lane roads to ride bikes safely. The soccer teams have no practice or game fields except inadequate school fields. To be a top notch area to live our kids and adults need outdoor recreational facilities.

We have great organizations already in our community that offer teams for kids and the township needs to work with these organizations and get them the facilities that they need. We have traveled to many communities that have awesome facilities and it would lift our teams to a higher caliber/reputation.

We have such a huge number of families in Comm Twp and the surrounding areas that play soccer and yet we have no quality public fields available compared to ample amounts of baseball fields.

We know nothing about anything going on in the community for programs. Unless you sign up for different soccer/baseball/football through the grapevine there is not much attention given to the different clubs in the area. Although my daughter's practice soccer in Commerce I do not feel that Commerce has encouraged the growth of soccer. Same with football. There are no soccer fields that are useable for games. We end up renting terrible fields from the Walled Lake School District for a ridiculous price. As to Commerce Township promoting different events, I never hear anything of that.

We need a summer concert in the park series

We often visit communities close to here that offer community soccer fields

Well, we play soccer as do thousands of other families and good surfaces are hard to come by in Commerce and schools are reluctant to allow use of their fields. Improving soccer facilities brings cash into the community. Look at the tournaments in Canton, Traverse City, New Brunswick, Ohio. Soccer involves more kids than other sports and is a positive activity to keep kids busy, provides employment and could give Commerce a name as a destination. Soccer is a year-round sport. Makes sense to promote it.

What available, not kept up well

When compared to other communities, we are missing parks and sports fields (esp. soccer and baseball)

When I am looking to enroll my kids in recreational/sports activities - we go through Huron Valley Schools generally or drive to West Bloomfield. We are lacking the recreational infrastructure to support them in Commerce

Would like more support from township in working with local teams to provide fields for kids sports.

You are never aware of anything going on and it seems like most activities are either geared to children or to seniors.

Q10. What would you say is better about the programs provided in your area?

Access and opportunities.

Accessibility to these areas and programs

All levels of Sports for Youth are to be commended

All of the sports leagues, nature trails, etc.

Always well organized

Availability of opportunity

Baseball fields

Bridges and roads are getting better

Building soccer parks for example, but we could use more.

Coaching, fields, everything.

Everything

Football and Baseball opportunities related to other areas

Free usage

Great baseball programs

Great family parks

I think the organizations that are running youth leagues on your fields are better organizations than those in other areas, but the facilities could be improved with some help from the township. The youth organizations have done more, but it is difficult to put so much into improving grounds that do not belong to the organization.

I would have to say we have a wider variety

I'm just partial to Commerce Twp.

More diverse. Commerce doesn't just support standard sports (baseball, soccer, etc.) but offers areas for residents to embrace a healthy lifestyle.

More parks, and in better shape.

More participation and land area set aside for programs and recreation.

More sessions offered of the same program

More sports options.

More to offer. Football leagues, and baseball leagues along with softball

More untouched land in commerce

Most of ours are run by Moms & Pops - They are closer to the kids.

Progress on Development

Softball

Sports opportunities for our kids.

The beautiful trees and nature that has been left untouched around the area. You can enjoy being at a soccer game and be part of nature instead of lots and lots of shopping and concrete jungle around.

The great volunteer coaches in our sports organizations--and having places to hold the practices and games

The organizations who run them do a great job.

The parks

The sports clubs are pretty strong

There appear to be many more park areas available than in other cities

There are or there is going to be large, natural parks planned or that already exist.

There is a lot available

They are more organized and kid friendly.

Variety of programs for all ages (Mentioned 4 Times)

Waterford has waterparks- winter sports, Oakland Yard, summer activities, golf activities. Farmington and Northville have indoor/outdoor tennis facilities.

We are very happy with the program provided

We have more of parks available whereas other communities do not.

We have many different options, classes, programs available. How can you not find something to do.

We have more park territory here.

Well maintained and visually inviting

Well organized

Your step program for baseball, from Pinto thru Palamino is one of the best around, and your cooperative effort with the high schools to offer first class facilities for the older players is more. Players coming out of your league are simply better ball players than other communities! Waterford needs to take a lesson.

Q11. What would you say is worse about the programs provided in your area?

As I said before other than private clubs, I am not sure what the Rec Dept. offers

Canton Township has many more services available for residents as well as a fitness center that is state of the art with an indoor pool/water slide. They also have outdoor water activities, music in the park and other activities for the entire community

Commerce has always been dependant on WL Comm. Ed due to facilities. It would be nice to have Commerce Twp. suppliment with outdoor activities, nature areas and improved hiking/biking.

Communication/Awareness of Programs (Mentioned 26 Times)

Compared to Northville, West Bloomfield, Novi, no comparison. There parks are green, lawns lush, etc. Canton and Livonia offer a community center with a pool for a fee, but still we don't even come close.

Compared to West Bloomfield whose parks are far better developed and Waterford whose Rec programs are well advertised, Commerce could improve.

Even if I enroll in activities within Commerce - we are generally driving to other townships to utilize their facilities.

Fields are not close to residents of the township. In comparison, Huron Valley Rec has fields in downtown Milford, very little drive time for parents

How far advanced other programs are compared to CW3. Novi, Troy, West Bloomfield seem to have superior programs from fields, programs, leadership, involvement.

I believe Walled Lake, West Bloomfield and Huron Valley district have 1 more things going on. If you are going to increase the programs we need to see a booklet on a regular basis.

I do not believe that Commerce Township has provided the committment & tax dollars for recreational fields along the lines of other communities. Please understand that the Township is also growing, has huge parcels of Nature Parks which is a great asset, and is in the process of evaluating its needs and land. I just feel this is our opportunity to plan our future for this community to have 1st class fields, facilities and recreational programs- along the lines with Livonia, Farmington Hills, Lake Orion, West Bloomfield, Clarkston, etc. There would not be a community in SE Michigan that could compare on both a Nature Park & Recreational Park/Field perspective to Commerce.

I don't see the township offering programs similar to what West Bloomfield does.

I see the WB Parks and Recs book and it provides many interseting activities year round that we could do similarly here in Commerce.

I wrote this earlier and feel strongly that there is a greater sense of community in other cities. We have friends in West Bloomfield and I am really impressed at the events at Marshbank and Drake Park. We are fast growing city full of young families yet there are few (other than sports) ways that the community can come together.

If we offer programs for kids, they are not communicated to the residents. Did we have a fire station open house in October?

Know that Wixom is involved and affiliated with many programs. I don't think that Commerce is as involved or affiliated.

Lack of diversity of sports that are supported. 4 upkeep of those public facilities that are provided with the exception of the playground at the Richardson Center.

Lack of enthusiastic PARks and rec team. Commerce has a high number of 35-45 yr old residents and no organized sporting activities

Lack of good soccer fields (Mentioned 48 Times)

Maybe the word worse isn't the best. I just think it is difficult for Commerce because there is really no down town.

It is tough to get a sense of community in Commerce because of no central area. I find it difficult to know about all the things going on in commerce. There is no on central spot that I am aware of to know the activities that is going on around the township

Maybe when we get our parks finished...

Need for more cycling routes and sport fields

Need more playgrounds

No budget, no control, no authority, lack of facilities, trails and fields

No year round swim team although the Tridents are trying to get going. Needs more publicity. The school district is charging a ransom for the use of soccer fields and there are none other available to us at this time.

Not enough (Mentioned 33 Times)

Novi, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Milford all have 1 programs. We do NOT!

Organized facilities are not available. There are parks and you can't get on them to practice because they're full or they won't let you.

Other communities offer more activities at a single location. Farmington Hills offers soccer, hockey, track, sand Volleyball and a new skate park at the same location.

Overall involvement and centralization. Everything seems so scattered all over compared to the other communities. Places like West Bloomfield and Southfield have great civic center complexes. There are great parks for soccer and family outings.

Poor Quality (Mentioned 11 Times)

Senior program not sufficient.

The current park land is not used well, I could not find park maps on the web site, or walking trail maps on the site.

None of the current parks seem to have much activity focus except for football and baseball.

The lack of coordination between areas of recreation and historical site use; not taking full advantage of this asset.

People who have not been in the township for a period of time and come bac to visit are shocked by the density Of the expansion of building rather than increasing the value of the area by preserving its sports/ recreation and open space reputation.

The time frame of developing

The volunteer groups are great! but there is not enough coordination/direction/participation from the township.

They are under staffed over all (except to ball league volunteers) and need more supports.

There are many cities that offer much more or the chidlren of the community in regards to sports: lit soccer, baseball and football fields all kept up to high standards so that children don't get hurt.

we currently don't have outdoor movie / camp out nights, or outdoor concerts

We have no real programs or facilities offered to residents. Look at the complexes in Novi, Northville and Livonia.

They host baseball tournaments, soccer tournaments and the like. This brings in revenue to businesses all summer long and creates a better community atmosphere.

We have to drive further to participate in many rec programs within other communities.

We have to go through other cities.

We need more trails in our area.

West Bloomfield always seems to have organized events planned for families/children

West Bloomfield has many more programs than Commerce Twp currently operates.

West Bloomfield is very good at promoting what they have to offer for parks and rec. No other surrounding community really does that.

West Bloomfield, Clarkston, and other surrounding areas seem to have more structured leagues and activities.

Q36A-C. Are there any other physical recreational activities that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? [WRITE-IN UP TO 3 ACTIVITIES]

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| A place to take off from | 1 | 0.60% |
| Airsoft battles | 1 | 0.60% |
| Archery (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 1.20% |
| Art Fairs | 1 | 0.60% |
| Basketball | 1 | 0.60% |
| Beach Volleyball | 1 | 0.60% |
| Bicycling (Mentioned 10 Times) | 10 | 5.99% |
| Boys and Girls club lacrosse teams | 1 | 0.60% |
| Camping (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Canoeing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Continuation of biking path network | 1 | 0.60% |
| Cross country ski | 1 | 0.60% |
| Dancing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Develop programs and activities for all ages at these historic sites/ This will attract people to Commerce | 1 | 0.60% |
| Disc golf courses | 1 | 0.60% |
| Dog Park (Mentioned 5 Times) | 5 | 2.99% |
| Down Hill skiing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Educational programs for kids, fun events | 1 | 0.60% |
| Excercise trail (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Fitness club type activities | 1 | 0.60% |
| Flag football | 1 | 0.60% |
| Fly remote air planes (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Go cart racing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Going to the beach | 1 | 0.60% |
| Golf course | 1 | 0.60% |
| Guided walking tours of natural areas | 1 | 0.60% |
| Gymnastics | 1 | 0.60% |
| Handall Courts | 1 | 0.60% |
| Help restore these sites and connect them to the paths | 1 | 0.60% |
| High Ropes Course | 1 | 0.60% |
| Historical sites | 1 | 0.60% |
| historical tours | 1 | 0.60% |
| Horseshoes | 1 | 0.60% |
| Hot air ballooning | 1 | 0.60% |
| Hunting (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Ice boating | 1 | 0.60% |
| Ice hockey | 1 | 0.60% |
| Indoor swimming (Mentioned 2 Times) | 1 | 0.60% |
| Indoor tennis | 1 | 0.60% |
| Kayaking (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Kickball (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 1.20% |
| Kite flying | 1 | 0.60% |
| Lacrosse (Mentioned 6 Times) | 6 | 3.59% |

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| Marked nature trails | 1 | 0.60% |
| Nature Center | 1 | 0.60% |
| Nature programs | 1 | 0.60% |
| Nature watching | 1 | 0.60% |
| Off-road Mountain Biking | 1 | 0.60% |
| Orienteering/geocaching (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Outdoor Exercise classes | 1 | 0.60% |
| Playgrounds | 1 | 0.60% |
| Public swimming pool | 1 | 0.60% |
| Race rc cars (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 1.20% |
| Racketball | 1 | 0.60% |
| Rock Climbing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Rollerblading | 1 | 0.60% |
| Rowing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Sailing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Seasonal & holiday activities | 1 | 0.60% |
| Shooting/Gun/Archery Range (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Sidewalks for walking from up and down oakley park to other areas | 1 | 0.60% |
| Skate Park (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 1.20% |
| Snowboarding | 1 | 0.60% |
| Snowmobiling | 1 | 0.60% |
| Snowshoe (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 1.20% |
| Soccer (Mentioned 34 Times) | 34 | 20.36% |
| Sport camps specifically designed for young kids | 1 | 0.60% |
| Swimming (Mentioned 15 Times) | 15 | 8.98% |
| Swing Dancing | 1 | 0.60% |
| Thumb Twiddling | 1 | 0.60% |
| Tobaganing Sledding (Mentioned 6 Times) | 6 | 3.59% |
| Volleyball | 1 | 0.60% |
| Walking trail | 1 | 0.60% |
| Waterpark (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 1.80% |
| Waterski slalom course access | 1 | 0.60% |
| Yoga classes | 1 | 0.60% |
| | 167 | 100.00% |

***Q44A-C. Are there any other non-sport recreational activities that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future?
[WRITE-IN UP TO 3 ACTIVITIES]***

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| Concerts in the Park (Mentioned 6 Times) | 6 | 10.34% |
| Movies in the Park (Mentioned 4 Times) | 4 | 6.89% |
| Foreign languages (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 5.17% |
| Environmental programs (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 3.44% |
| Halloween Party (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 3.44% |
| music Instruction (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 3.44% |
| Nature tours (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 3.44% |
| Art classes (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 3.44% |
| Art fairs and Commerce Township Museum or historical society | 1 | 1.72% |
| Astronomy nights | 1 | 1.72% |
| Babysitting classes | 1 | 1.72% |
| Ballroom dancing | 1 | 1.72% |
| Band camp | 1 | 1.72% |
| Baton twirling | 1 | 1.72% |
| Bicycle education classes | 1 | 1.72% |
| Camping in a tent | 1 | 1.72% |
| Chess | 1 | 1.72% |
| College prep | 1 | 1.72% |
| Community movie nights | 1 | 1.72% |
| Cooking/baking | 1 | 1.72% |
| Cultural Heritage opportunities (dance, history, language, cooking) | 1 | 1.72% |
| Daily summer activities for kids | 1 | 1.72% |
| Dances | 1 | 1.72% |
| Digital Camera Classes | 1 | 1.72% |
| Ecology lectures | 1 | 1.72% |
| Family activities | 1 | 1.72% |
| Gardening | 1 | 1.72% |
| Holiday ceramics classes | 1 | 1.72% |
| Home maintenace and repairs classes | 1 | 1.72% |
| Children's Holiday Activities -- treasure hunts, easter egg hunts, parties | 1 | 1.72% |
| Meals on wheels | 1 | 1.72% |
| More cultural activites, arts offerings | 1 | 1.72% |
| Musical Theatre | 1 | 1.72% |
| Nature classes | 1 | 1.72% |
| Parades | 1 | 1.72% |
| Photography/scrapbooking | 1 | 1.72% |
| Public transportation for seniors | 1 | 1.72% |
| Regular festivals | 1 | 1.72% |
| Swing dancing | 1 | 1.72% |
| Teen Activities (i.e. Pick-up Capture-the-Flag, Dance Party, etc.) | 1 | 1.72% |
| Theatre classes for youth and teens | 1 | 1.72% |
| Volunteering in the community | 1 | 1.72% |
| Yoga | 1 | 1.72% |
| | 58 | 100.00% |

Q71A-C. Are there any other recreational facilities for either physical or non-sport recreation that were not listed that you or other members of your family would be interested in now or in the future? [WRITE-IN UP TO 3 FACILITIES]

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| More Soccer Fields (Mentioned 13 Times) | 13 | 25.49% |
| Soccer Fields Outdoor (Mentioned 3 Times) | 3 | 5.88% |
| Dog Park (Mentioned 2 Times) | 2 | 3.92% |
| A Swim Club or Community Pool | 1 | 1.96% |
| Airsoft Camps/Buildings | 1 | 1.96% |
| Archery Range | 1 | 1.96% |
| Artificial lake or wetland | 1 | 1.96% |
| Arts center | 1 | 1.96% |
| Bike paths/sidewalks | 1 | 1.96% |
| Bycycle paths to get round town safely | 1 | 1.96% |
| Camp sites | 1 | 1.96% |
| Canoe and row boat routes | 1 | 1.96% |
| Citywide garage sale | 1 | 1.96% |
| Community gatherings | 1 | 1.96% |
| Community led weekly play groups. | 1 | 1.96% |
| Community theatre | 1 | 1.96% |
| Developed and stocked fishing areas connected by pathways | 1 | 1.96% |
| Drop in gym facility for young children. | 1 | 1.96% |
| Excercise Trail | 1 | 1.96% |
| Football Fields | 1 | 1.96% |
| Ice Skating | 1 | 1.96% |
| Indoor baseball facility | 1 | 1.96% |
| Indoor football facility | 1 | 1.96% |
| Indoor pool | 1 | 1.96% |
| More Librarys | 1 | 1.96% |
| Outdoor pool | 1 | 1.96% |
| Pavilion for family reunions | 1 | 1.96% |
| Reach agreement with Walled Lake Schools for use | 1 | 1.96% |
| Rollerblading trail | 1 | 1.96% |
| Running trails through woods | 1 | 1.96% |
| Soccer Fields Indoor | 1 | 1.96% |
| Stregth building exercise stations along a trail | 1 | 1.96% |
| Swimming, indoor and out | 1 | 1.96% |
| Watershed planning | 1 | 1.96% |
| Waterski slalom courses | 1 | 1.96% |
| Wi-Fi availability for Commerce Township | 1 | 1.96% |
| | 51 | 100.00% |



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APPENDIX



Resolutions of Adoption
Letters of Transmittal
Certification Checklist