

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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The Goals and Objectives provide the overriding ideas and thoughts regarding the planning, development and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities and recreational opportunities within the community. Goals and Objectives were developed independently by each community to reflect the uniqueness of each governmental area, while also including goals and objectives for cooperative support and development of regional and overlapping recreational opportunities.

This section includes Goals and Objectives for the communities of:

- City of Ferrysburg
- City of Grand Haven
- Grand Haven Charter Township
- Spring Lake Township
- Village of Spring Lake

## **City of Ferrysburg Goals and Objectives**

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**Goal Number 1:     *To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b.     To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c.     To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

**Goal Number 2:     *To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b.     To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c.     To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

**Goal Number 3: To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment for all.**

**Objectives:**

- a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.
- c. To make improvements to the parks based on the priorities as determined by the City of Ferrysburg.

**Goal Number 4: *As residential growth continues within the City, the parks and natural areas owned continue to grow in significance. The City will continue to provide and expand diversified recreational and natural experiences for the residents.***

**Objectives:**

- a. To acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands.
- b. To develop individual site utilization plans for each park property.

**Goal Number 5: *To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.***

**Objectives:**

- a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.
- b. To minimally charge, as necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

**Goal Number 6:**     ***To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Trail System within the City for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

**Objectives:**

- a.     To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages to Coast Guard Park, North Ottawa Dunes, North Beach Park, and the proposed 100 acre Spring Lake Township Park to the north.
  
- b.     To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. The study shows proposed regional routes for the North Bank Trail, and the US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.
  
- c.     To maintain a master plan for pathway development which includes both the City pathways and regional proposed pathways.
  
- d.     To improve orientation, route and information signage along the pathways.
  
- e.     To create additional trailhead parking locations, linkages, and small rest parks along the pathways.

**Goal Number 7:**     ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

**Objectives:**

- a.     To continue to support the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority, NORA, which provides public recreation programming for the community.
  
- b.     To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.
- d. To encourage the development of the “Blue Water Trail” system along the Grand River including kayak launches, signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.
- f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

**Goal Number 8:     *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the City residents and visitors.***

***Objectives:***

- a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize the City’s website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

**Goal Number 9:     *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

***Objectives:***

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

## City of Grand Haven Goals and Objectives

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The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

**Goal Number 1:**     ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To provide facilities and open park lands for recreational opportunities for all ages.
- b.     To allow for persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy nature preserves, parks, and recreational facilities and programming.

**Goal Number 2:**     ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all mental and physical abilities.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To renovate existing facilities and develop new facilities that meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b.     To renovate existing facilities that integrate accessible accommodations to be used seamlessly by all community users and not cause a separation of users based on abilities.

**Goal Number 3:**     ***As growth continues with and surround the City, our public outdoor areas continue to grow in significance and usage. The City will continue to provide diversified outdoor experiences for the residents.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     The City will retain all dedicated park lands for the use and enjoyment of community users. The City will not convert existing park lands into non-recreational uses.
  
- b.     The City will continue to protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas including woodlots, natural vegetation, and river and lake frontage.
  
- c.     The city will purchase, or receive as gifts, additional park lands as deemed appropriate to continue to expand recreational lands for the use of City residents.

**Goal Number 4:**     ***To continue to provide, as much as possible, maximum use of the parks and facilities by residents.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission to the facilities.
  
- b.     To provide for general public recreational opportunities for all community users regardless of economic status.
  
- c.     To minimally charge for special events, private events and athletic field maintenance in order to keep the facilities available for general public use.

**Goal Number 5:**     ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To continue to support public recreation programming for the community through the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA).

- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.
- d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous.
- f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.
- g. To encourage the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway, Sidewalk, and On-Street Systems within the City and surrounding communities for the purpose of facilitating healthy lifestyles through exercise and enjoyment of the environment, as well as link neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial areas.

**Goal Number 6:      *To support, as appropriate, non-profit organizations and citizens who choose to provide recreational facilities and programming for the residents.***

***Objectives:***

- a. To provide a balance of programming for all ages, cultures and abilities within the community.
- b. To provide programming to address social concerns such as senior and preschool populations, after school programs, and community health.

- c. To continue to support programs and special events which are jointly supported by public schools, non-profits, and civic organizations.
- d. To encourage recreational and cultural events which also support economic development within the community.
- e. To encourage and support park facility development within the parks by citizens and non-profits organizations.

## **Grand Haven Charter Township Goals and Objectives**

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The Goals and Objectives section of the plan provides goals for the future of parks and recreation within the community. These goals have been written for the plan based on public input for current and future recreational opportunities. Each goal is further defined by the Objectives that follow. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these goals. These goals are not given in a priority order, and the numerical numbering is for identification only.

**Goal Number 1:     *To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Township is comprised of persons of all ages.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b.     To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c.     To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally gather and enjoy the parks.

**Goal Number 2:     *To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b.     To develop and upgrade new and existing facilities that will meet the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c.     To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

**Goal Number 3:     *To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.***

**Objectives:**

- a.     To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b.     To maintain, to the best of its ability, the existing park facilities.
- c.     To enhance and make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

**Goal Number 4:     *As residential growth continues within the Township, the natural areas owned by the Township continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage. The Township will continue to provide diversified natural experiences for the residents.***

**Objectives:**

- a.     To protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas within all of the Township's parks, recreational facilities, and natural preserves.
- b.     To seek property acquisitions in order to expand the existing parks, recreation facilities, and natural preserves within the Township, as well as create new parks, recreation facilities, and natural preserves.
- c.     To develop a plan that will encourage gifts of land to the Township or the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for additional park lands and preserves.

**Goal Number 5:     *To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.***

**Objectives:**

- a.     To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.

- b. To minimally charge, as required, for the boat launch operation, special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

**Goal Number 6:**     ***To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway System within the Township for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

**Objectives:**

- a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages.
- b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department in 2008. The study shows proposed regional routes along Lake Michigan Drive, and Mercury Drive along the Grand River as well as more newly proposed US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.
- c. To support future ballot issues for additional funding for pathway system development and maintenance.
- d. To maintain a master plan for pathway development which includes both the Township System and regional proposed pathways.

**Goal Number 7:**     ***To continue to support Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA) which is jointly supported by the regional governmental agencies and public schools. Encourage non-profit organizations to provide recreational programming, maintenance and special events within the community.***

**Objectives:**

- a. To assist, as funds allow, the non-profit organizations through the development and maintenance of recreational facilities that support the athletic leagues and special events.

**Goal Number 8:**     *Seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing public parks and recreation facilities.*

**Goal Number 9:**     *To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission and continue to nurture the relationship between the Township and the County.*

***Objectives:***

- a.     To support the County's acquisition and development of public recreation lands along Lake Michigan known as the North Coastal Greenway. Within Grand Haven Charter Township, these parks currently include Rosy Mound Natural Area and Kirk Park. The County parks along Lake Michigan provide lake access to all Township residents as well as attract users from throughout the larger West Michigan community.
  
- a.     To support the County's acquisition and development of public recreation lands along the Grand River known as the Grand River Greenway.
  
- b.     To support the County efforts to retain Hiawatha Forest, a 365 acre site east of Kirk Park, as a natural area with hardwoods and pines.

**Goal Number 10:**    *To support and encourage the discussion of an expanded regional recreation authority with neighboring cities, townships, and school districts.*

***Objectives:***

- a.     To plan and provide for active and passive recreational facilities based on regional need and use through the authority.
  
- b.     To provide programming staff and community recreation programs through a regional recreation authority.
  
- c.     To provide funding to support the regional recreation authority.

**Goal Number 11:    *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the township residents and visitors.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b.     Utilize the Township's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

**Goal Number 12:    *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b.     To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

## **Spring Lake Township Goals and Objectives**

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**Vision:**        ***Spring Lake Township strives to be the location of choice to live, learn, work, and recreate.***

**Goal Number 1:**        ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Township is comprised of persons of all ages.***

***Objectives:***

- a.        To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b.        To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c.        To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

**Goal Number 2:**        ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.***

***Objectives:***

- a.        To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b.        To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c.        To develop new facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

**Goal Number 3:     *To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b.     To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.
- c.     To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

**Goal Number 4:     *As residential growth continues within the Township, the parks and natural areas owned by the Township continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage. The Township will continue to provide and expand diversified natural experiences for the residents.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands.
- b.     To develop individual site utilization plans for each park property.
- c.     To develop a plan, consistent with the *Spring Lake Township Resource Inventory*, that will encourage gifts of land to the Township or the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for additional parklands and preserves.
- d.     To create and maintain a Green Infrastructure Plan based, in part, on a natural features inventory.
- e.     To continue to seek out opportunities to enhance waterfront access to Spring Lake, Lake Michigan, Little Black Lake, and the Grand River.

**Goal Number 5:     *To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.
- b.     To minimally charge, as necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

**Goal Number 6:**     ***To continue the development and maintenance of the Non-Motorized Trail System within the Township for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

**Objectives:**

- a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages as determined by the Spring Lake Township bike path map approved by the Recreation Committee and Township Board.
- b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. The study shows proposed regional routes for the North Bank Trail, and the US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.
- c. To maintain a master plan for pathway development and maintenance, which includes both the Township System and regional proposed pathways.
- d. To improve orientation, route and information signage along the pathways.
- e. To create additional trailhead parking locations, linkages, and small rest parks along the pathways.
- f. To participate in "Trail Towns" program to promote local businesses located near the pathways.

**Goal Number 7:**     ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

**Objectives:**

- a. To continue to support the Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission, who provides public recreation programming for the community.
- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River

Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.

- d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River, Spring Lake and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.
- f. To continue to work cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding state owned recreation properties within the Township.
- g. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

**Goal Number 8:     *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the township residents and visitors.***

***Objectives:***

- a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize the Township's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

**Goal Number 9:     *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

***Objectives:***

- a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

## **Village of Spring Lake Goals and Objectives**

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**Goal Number 1:     *To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Village is comprised of persons of all ages.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.
- b.     To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.
- c.     To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

**Goal Number 2:     *To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To develop facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.
- b.     To renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).
- c.     To integrate ADA accommodations in all new facilities in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation     of users based on abilities.

**Goal Number 3:     *To retain and maintain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.
- b.     To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.

- c. To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

**Goal Number 4:    *To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

***Objectives:***

- a. To continue to support public recreation programming for the community.
- b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.
- c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand river and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.
- d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.
- e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.
- f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

**Goal Number 5:    *To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the Village residents and visitors.***

***Objectives:***

- a. Maintain and improve promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.
- b. Utilize technology to provide access to and promote recreational opportunities.

**Goal Number 6:     *To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

***Objectives:***

- a.     To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.
- b.     To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

## **ACTION PLAN**

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The Action Plan section provides the intended direction for making improvements towards accomplishing the Goals and Objectives. The Action Plan includes specific projects, desired land acquisitions, as well as other larger planning and organizational actions that have been identified through the planning process. The projects given within this Section are the ones that have been best identified at the time of the writing of this plan, however, it is very likely that additional projects or means of accomplishing goals will become apparent as time progresses. Therefore, this document is meant as a guide, and it is the overall Goals and Objectives that will continue to provide the framework in the future.

Within this document, an Action Plan is provided for each of the five communities which includes a Capital Improvement Schedule of projects as well as other relevant action items for the communities. These have also been combined in order to provide a community-wide view of the Action Plans.

### **Consolidated Land Acquisition List**

A consolidated list of potential desired land acquisitions has been prepared and is included on the following pages. These are also included individually within each of the five community Action Plans.

### **Consolidated Capital Improvement Project List**

A consolidated list of potential capital improvement projects has been prepared and is included on the following pages. These projects are also included individually within each of the five community Action Plan sections.

### **Grand River Harbor Park Location Map**

The Grand River Harbor Park Location Map has been re-included within this section of the plan in order to provide a reference map for proposed project locations.

## **Community Potential Property Acquisitions List**

The community has identified several pieces of property that are desired to expand the recreational resources and opportunities. Some of these are very specific parcels, such as parcels adjacent to existing parks, while others are desired resources without specific parcels identified. This list consolidates all of the parcels allowing them to be viewed as a whole in hopes that through expanded knowledge, greater opportunities and awareness for acquisition may be gained.

### **Community-Wide Recreation Complex**

For more than fifteen years, the community as a whole, through various venues, has been discussing the need for a large sports complex with a combination of athletic fields, tournament facilities, and potentially an indoor active sports facility. In all of these discussions, the need for a large tract of land is needed ranging in size from approximately 80 to 100 acres depending on the land configuration, soil conditions, natural resources on the site that require protection, as well as the number of facilities to be constructed. Identifying and acquiring this land is a major part of determining the potential success of such a facility.

### **City of Ferrysburg**

Hartger Parcel located within the boundaries Kitchel-Linquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve, to convert the privately held in-holding into preserve land.

Residential property west of Fire Barn Park for improved access, parking and expansion of green space and enhanced use areas and facilities. This property would enlarge the boundaries of the existing park, resolve conflicts between activities at the park and the residential use, and provide additional off-street parking.

Public access site for a boat launch on the Grand River or Spring Lake at a location to be determined.

### **City of Grand Haven**

Parking Lot property to provide additional public parking for Bicentennial Park, waterfront and stadium.

Acquisition of the residential property adjacent to East Grand River Park which will allow for the construction of a new expanded ADA accessible restroom building and expand the existing parking lot. The park currently surrounds the house on three sides.

Acquisition of the parking lot located adjacent to the park at the corner of Beechtree St. and Waverly Ave. to provide additional parking for the park.

A new neighborhood park location in the southeast area of the City at a location yet to be determined.

### **Grand Haven Charter Township**

Grand Haven Charter Township continues to focus on the acquisition of lands adjacent to Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve in order to expand the natural based recreational resources within this unique and naturally rich area of the Township.

Parklands in southwest quadrant of Township are desired as the Township currently does not own any parklands in this area of the Township. As this area is currently the least developed, it is anticipated that overtime demand for greenspace in this southwest area will increase.

### **Spring Lake Township**

Eagles Campground on Little Black Lake for additional waterfront park land and a possible public campground.

Land parcels to be determined along M104 to provide a viewshed to Lloyd's Bayou and to provide a trailhead parking area.

Land parcels to be determined along the Grand River and Spring Lake to provide additional waterfront access and pocket park opportunities along the multipurpose pathways.

### **Village of Spring Lake**

The Village of Spring Lake is currently not seeking to purchase additional park lands at this time, as they are currently focus on a program of redevelopment within their existing parks.

## Community Potential Projects List

Below is the consolidated list of potential projects for the five communities that allow for viewing the projects on a community-wide basis. Each of these lists are also provided in individual governmental write ups which consolidate the property acquisitions, projects, short summaries, and other relevant information for each agency.

### Action Program City of Ferrysburg

Park Location	Project	Comments
Fire Barn Park	Additional Parking Connecting Accessible Pathways Accessible Seating Options at Fields Additional Seating Irrigation of Sports Fields Small Picnic Shelter Play Area Replace Court Surfaces Improve Lighting	
Coast Guard Park	Phase 2 Improvements Entrance Area Improvements West Park & Amphitheater Park Equipment Splash Pool	
Non-Motorized Path	Benches Van Wagoner Road	
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	Parking and Trails	
Street End Improvements	4th Street Observation Deck Lavinia St. End Cove St. End Virginia (Cecelia) St. End Park at the end of Virginia St. Park on Cecelia Lane Gruenbauer St. End Reenders St End Doric St. End	
Site to be Determined	Kayak Launch	
City Hall Park	Site Master Plan New Play Area Benches Connecting Accessible Pathways Small Picnic Shelter Lawn Play Field	

**Action Program  
City of Grand Haven**

Park	Project	Comments
Bicentennial Park	Parking Lot	Property Acquisition to serve park, waterfront and stadium
Bolt Park	Play Structure and Sidewalk Modification	
Chinook Pier Park	Accessible walk to playground	
Chinook Pier Park	Lighting Upgrade	
Chinook Pier Park	Drinking Fountain	
City Beach Park	Replace Accessible Beach Mat	
East Grand River Park	Property Acquisition	Property Acquisition for barrier free restrooms and parking
East Grand River Park	Accessible Restrooms & Parking	
Flahive Boat Launch	Complete Boat Launch Per Design	
Harbor Island	Non-motorized Path Repair	Includes Extension, Landscaping, and Irrigation
Harbor Island	New Campground	
Lighthouse Connector Park	Accessible Restrooms	Replace outdated restrooms and utilities at location of current restrooms
Lighthouse Connector Park	Pier Accessibility Improvements	
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Master Plan Redevelopment	Core Area Drives and Parking, Pedestrian Routes, and Green Spaces
North Shore Fisherman's Lot	Resurface Parking Lot	
Olde Towne Pocket Park	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Old Shell Property on south side of South Channel of Grand River
Sluka Park	Property Acquisition	Lot at Beechtree and Waverly
Waterfront Stadium	Replacement of Stadium	
BMX Park	New BMX Facility	Location to be Determined
East End Waterfront Trail	Non-Motorized Pathway	Connector pathway from East Grand River Park
Linear Park (South Channel)	Pathway Renovation	Replace bike path, landscaping, irrigation (Art Park), picnic tables, grills
Linear Park (South Channel)	Art Park	Construct seven concrete pads with or with/out lights for sculptures
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Enhance Skate Park	Modify existing fencing, add lighting, increase flat surface, "Dog Bowl"
Off Leash Dog Parks	Fenced parks in north & south ends	Location to be Determined
Five Mile Hill	Signage & Trail Development	
Harbor Island	Fish Cleaning Station	
Highland Park Reserves	Trail System, Decks, Steps, Signage	
Klemple Park/Grant St.	Overlook Deck	Includes property survey
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North Shore Dunes	Nature & Hiking Trails	
Sluka Park	In-Line Skating Rink	
Sluka Park	Park Facilities	Basketball, Picnic area, Landscaping, Outfield Fence, Parking, Lighting
Southeast Neighborhood Park	Property Acquisition	Location to be Determined
William Hatton Park	Lighting & Site Amenities	

**Action Program  
Grand Haven Charter Township**

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Pottawattomie Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
Mercury Park	Tree Replacement Plantings (Phased)	
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Launch	Power Off/On Enforcement Signs	
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Hofma Preserve	Larger Sign at Sleeper St. Entrance	
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Pottawattomie Park	Accessible Walk to Play Equipment	
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Hofma Park	Restripe Lot for Angled Parking	
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Hayes Street	Kayak and Canoe Launch	
Hofma Preserve	Nature/Interpretive Center & Signage	
Brucker Street End	Street End Improvements	
Buchanan Street End	Street End Improvements	
Undetermined	Multi-Use Fields and Park	
Undetermined	Disc Golf	
Undetermined	Dog Park	
Mercury Park	Light Softball Field	
Mercury Park	Higher Fences at Player Areas	
All	Update On-Line Reservation System	
Hofma Park	Light Softball Field	
Pottawattomie Park	Historical Interpretation Signage	
Pottawattomie Park	Kayak and Canoe Launch	
Bayou Bridges	Memorial Viewing & Fishing Platform	Millhouse & Pottawattomie Bayou Bridges on Mercury Drive
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**Action Program  
Spring Lake Township**

Park Location	Project	Comments
Black Lake Park	Development of Master Plan	Joint Plan with Norton Shores
Black Lake Park	Natural Features Inventory	Joint Inventory with Norton Shores
Vacant Grand River Lands	Development of Master Plan	
Non-Motorized Pathway	M104 from Krueger St. to Fruitport Rd	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Improve Wayfinding Signage	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Create Pathway Maintenance Fund	\$50,000 per year for 10 years
All Parks	Universal Access Audits & Strategy	Develop Implementation Strategy
Rycenga Park	Restroom Renovation & Expansion	
Rycenga Park	Water Outlets at Shelters	
Rycenga Park	Expanded Irrigation System	
Rycenga Park	Walkway to Basketball Surface	
Rycenga Park	Resurface entrance drive & parking lot	
All Parks	Secure Storage of Equipment	
Water Tank Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing	Community served by school courts

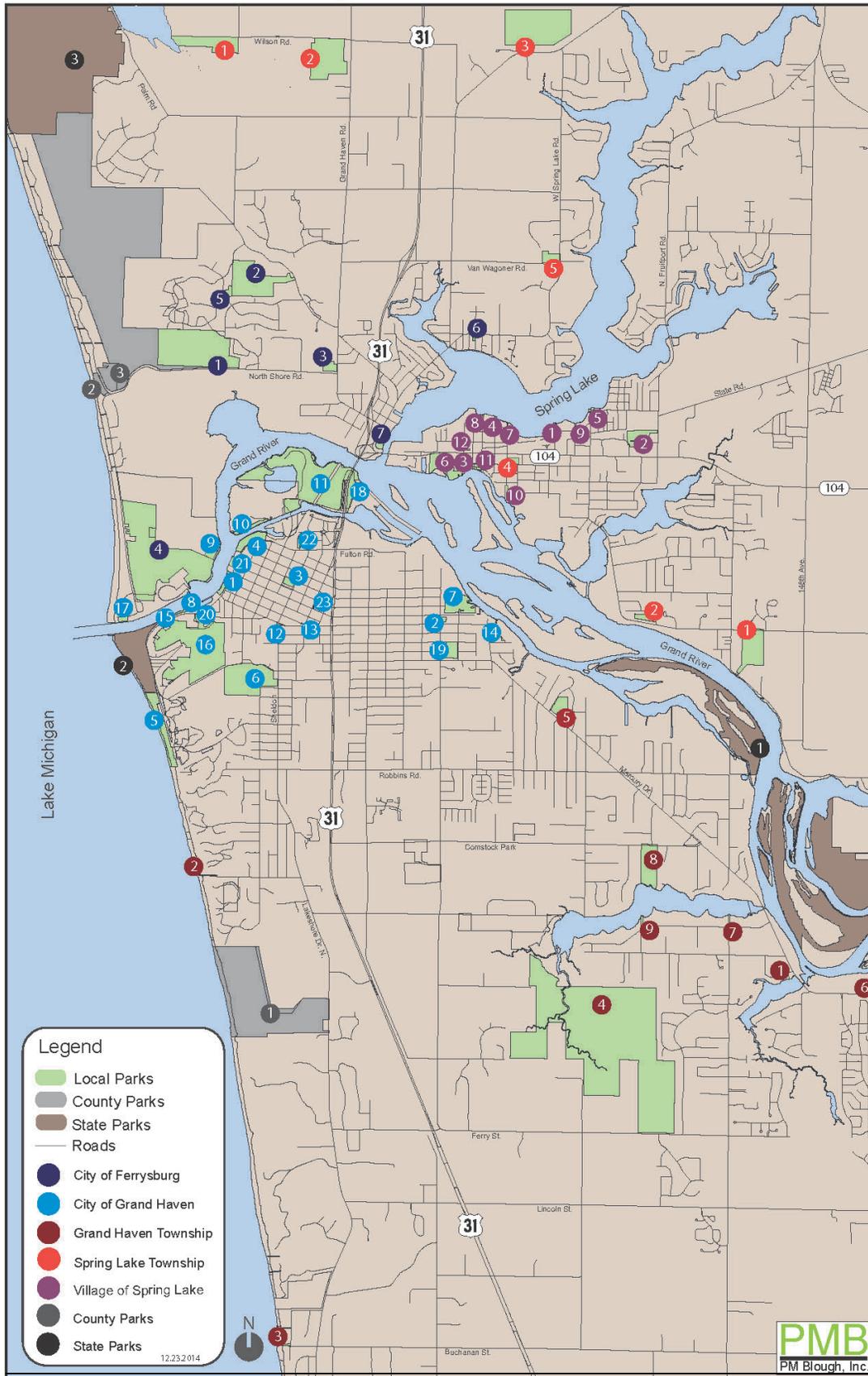
**Other Planning Items**

- Conduct an annual joint meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee
- Complete Green Infrastructure Plan and/or Natural features Inventory to identify important natural elements of the Township
- Work with other municipalities home to the North Bank Trail to develop a long term maintenance endowment fund.
- Support adjacent municipalities to complete regional bike path systems that benefit Spring Lake Township.
- Work with the Road Commission to make the Township roads more bike and pedestrian friendly.

**Action Program  
Village of Spring Lake**

Park Location	Project	Comments
Central Park	Park Redevelopment	
	Pickleball	
	Basketball	
	Hockey	
	General Park Improvements	
	Accessible Restrooms	

# Parks of the Grand River Harbor Region



**Legend**

- Local Parks
- County Parks
- State Parks
- Roads
- City of Ferrysburg
- City of Grand Haven
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- Spring Lake Township
- Village of Spring Lake
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- City of Ferrysburg**
  1. Coast Guard Park
  2. Ferrysburg Nature Preserve
  3. Firebarn Park
  4. Kitchel-Lindquist Dunes Preserve
  5. Mike Herman Park
  6. Sunnyside Prk
  7. William Montague Ferry Park
- City of Grand Haven**
  1. Bicentennial Park
  2. Bolt Park
  3. Central Park
  4. Chinook Pier
  5. City Beach Park
  6. Duncan Woods
  7. East Grand River Park
  8. Escanaba Park
  9. Grand Haven Musical Fountain
  10. Harbor Island Linear Park
  11. Harbor Island
  12. Johnston Park
  13. Klaver Park
  14. Klempel Park
  15. Lighthouse Connector Park
  16. Mulligan's Hollow
  17. North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot
  18. Rib Robinson Park
  19. Sluka Field
  20. Veterans Memorial Park
  21. Waterfront Stadium
  22. William Hatton Park
  23. Willow Park
- Grand Haven Township**
  1. Bignel Park
  2. Brucker Access
  3. Buchanan Access
  4. Hofma Park & Preserve
  5. Mercury
  6. Odawa Battle Point Park
  7. 152nd Access
  8. Pottawatomie Park
  9. Shiawassee Access
- Spring Lake Township**
  1. Black Lake Park
  2. Disc Golf Course
  3. Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve
  4. River Run Park
  5. Rycenga Park
  6. Spring Lake Township Park
  7. Water Tower Park
- Village of Spring Lake**
  1. Alden Street End
  2. Central Park
  3. Cutler Stree Park
  4. Jackson Street End
  5. Lakeside Beach
  6. Mill Point Park & Boat Launch
  7. N. Buchanan Street End
  8. N. Division Street End
  9. Parkhurst Street End
  10. S. Buchanan Street End
  11. Tanglefoot Park
  12. Whistle Stop Playground
- County Parks**
  1. Rosy Mound Natural Area
  2. North Beach Park
  3. North Ottawa Dunes
- State Parks**
  1. Grand Haven State Game Area
  2. Grand Haven State Park
  3. PJ Hoffmaster State Park

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## **City of Ferrysburg Action Plan**

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### **Potential Property Acquisitions**

The City of Ferrysburg has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Hartger Parcel located within the boundaries Kitchel-Linquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve, to convert the privately held in-holding into preserve land.

Residential property west of Fire Barn Park for improved access, parking and expansion of green space and enhanced use areas and facilities. This property would enlarge the boundaries of the existing park, resolve conflicts between activities at the park and the residential use, and provide additional off-street parking.

Public access site for a boat launch on the Grand River or Spring Lake at a location to be determined.

## Potential Projects List

Below is a list of the potential projects identified through the Planning Process for the community's parks.

### Action Program City of Ferrysburg

Park Location	Project	Comments
Fire Barn Park	Additional Parking Connecting Accessible Pathways Accessible Seating Options at Fields Additional Seating Irrigation of Sports Fields Small Picnic Shelter Play Area Replace Court Surfaces Improve Lighting	
Coast Guard Park	Phase 2 Improvements Entrance Area Improvements West Park & Amphitheater Park Equipment Splash Pool	
Non-Motorized Path	Benches Van Wagoner Road	
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve Street End Improvements	Parking and Trails 4th Street Observation Deck Lavinia St. End Cove St. End Virginia (Cecelia) St. End Park at the end of Virginia St. Park on Cecelia Lane Gruenbauer St. End Reenders St End Doric St. End	
Site to be Determined City Hall Park	Kayak Launch Site Master Plan New Play Area Benches Connecting Accessible Pathways Small Picnic Shelter Lawn Play Field	

## Potential Project Summaries

### Fire Barn Park

Fire Barn Park is an active park located adjacent to the City's Fire Barn with facilities that were constructed for the most part, several decades ago, and are in need of revitalization. The park is very busy on a daily visit and is used for league athletic play as well as individual resident recreation. The renovation of the park will bring the worn facilities up to current standards, increase ADA accessibility, increase overall usability, and complete much needed upgrades.

### Coast Guard Park Phase II Improvements

Phase II Improvements will continue the development of Coast Guard Park based on the Master Plan. This next phase of improvements will include entrance area improvements, a new amphitheater to provide an outdoor performance venue, a splash park, and additional park equipment. Coast Guard Park is a popular park and is busy daily for league recreational

activities, group picnics and events, as well as individual recreation within the park. All of these new facilities will expand the opportunities for recreational visitors.

### **Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements**

Continued improvements to the Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements including the addition of benches along the pathway to provide for resting points as well as the expansion of the pathway along Van Wagoner Road.

### **Ferrysburg Nature Preserve**

The Ferrysburg Nature Preserve is currently a beautiful wooded nature preserve that has limited access. The proposed projects will provide for a small vehicle entrance off from Dogwood Drive into a small parking lot and the development of a trail system. These developments will provide greater access for the public to these natural resources.

### **Street End Improvements**

The City has identified nine street ends that are located on Spring Lake that provide public access to the water for the residents. The City continues to strive to develop these street ends to expand public access to the water throughout the City.

### **Kayak & Canoe Launch**

The City would like to develop a canoe and kayak launch located on either Spring Lake or the Grand River in order to provide public drop-in boat launch access to the water. Currently the City does not have any facilities of this type. A piece of waterfront property large enough in size to provide for the launch and parking needs to be acquired.

### **City Hall Park**

City Hall is located in a former elementary school building which is serving well as a City Hall and community center. The City Hall also includes a large parking lot and the "old playground" from the school. The City plans to redevelop the playground into a City park beginning first with a new master plan for the site which will convert the playground into a park with suitable public facilities such as a play area, small picnic shelter, lawn play field, benches, picnic areas, outdoor court, and accessible walkways.

## **City of Grand Haven Action Plan**

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### **Potential Property Acquisitions**

The City of Grand Haven has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Parking Lot property to provide additional public parking for Bicentennial Park, waterfront and stadium.

Acquisition of the residential property adjacent to East Grand River Park which will allow for the construction of a new expanded ADA accessible restroom building and expand the existing parking lot. The park currently surrounds the house on three sides.

Acquisition of the parking lot located adjacent to the park at the corner of Beechtree St. and Waverly Ave. to provide additional parking for the park.

A new neighborhood park location in the southeast area of the City at a location yet to be determined.

## Potential Projects List

### Action Program City of Grand Haven

Park	Project	Comments
Bicentennial Park	Parking Lot	Property Acquisition to serve park, waterfront and stadium
Bolt Park	Play Structure and Sidewalk Modification	
Chinook Pier Park	Accessible walk to playground	
Chinook Pier Park	Lighting Upgrade	
Chinook Pier Park	Drinking Fountain	
City Beach Park	Replace Accessible Beach Mat	
East Grand River Park	Property Acquisition	Property Acquisition for barrier free restrooms and parking
East Grand River Park	Accessible Restrooms & Parking	
Flahive Boat Launch	Complete Boat Launch Per Design	
Harbor Island	Non-motorized Path Repair	Includes Extension, Landscaping, and Irrigation
Harbor Island	New Campground	
Lighthouse Connector Park	Accessible Restrooms	Replace outdated restrooms and utilities at location of current restrooms
Lighthouse Connector Park	Pier Accessibility Improvements	
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Master Plan Redevelopment	Core Area Drives and Parking, Pedestrian Routes, and Green Spaces
North Shore Fisherman's Lot	Resurface Parking Lot	
Olde Towne Pocket Park	Canoe & Kayak Launch	Old Shell Property on south side of South Channel of Grand River
Sluka Park	Property Acquisition	Lot at Beechtree and Waverly
Waterfront Stadium	Replacement of Stadium	
BMX Park	New BMX Facility	Location to be Determined
East End Waterfront Trail	Non-Motorized Pathway	Connector pathway from East Grand River Park
Linear Park (South Channel)	Pathway Renovation	Replace bike path, landscaping, irrigation (Art Park), picnic tables, grills
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Off Leash Dog Parks	Fenced parks in north & south ends	Location to be Determined
Five Mile Hill	Signage & Trail Development	
Harbor Island	Fish Cleaning Station	
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Mulligan's Hollow Park	Refrigerated Ice Rink	
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Southeast Neighborhood Park	Property Acquisition	Location to be Determined
William Hatton Park	Lighting & Site Amenities	

## Potential Projects Summaries

### Bicentennial Park Parking Lot

Acquisition of the nearby parking lot to provide additional parking for the park, waterfront, and waterfront stadium, as public parking is often limited during busy days and during events.

### Bolt Park Play Structure and Walkway

Installation of a new neighborhood play structure with connecting walkway to provide a play space within the park for neighborhood children to enjoy.

### Chinook Pier Park Lighting Upgrade and Drinking Fountain

Improve the existing site lighting to provide for better year round use and provide a new drinking fountain for public use.

### **City Beach Accessible Beach Access**

Currently the City provides a beach mat walkway system for improved ADA accessibility into the beach and provide greater access near the Lake Michigan water's edge. The walkway is in need of replacement due to the walkway's deterioration. The new walkway will also improve the ADA accessibility with a more even surface.

### **East Grand River Park Restroom, Parking Expansions, & Boat Launch Completion**

Acquisition of the adjacent residential property and removal of the house to create additional parkland will allow for the development of a new expanded restroom building providing for better ADA accessibility. The additional land area will also allow for additional parking and vehicle circulation for the Flahive Boat Launch.

### **Harbor Island Bike Path Repair**

The bike path on Harbor Island is reaching an age where the surface is in need of repairs and resurfacing. This project will repair and resurface the pathway where needed.

### **Harbor Island Campground**

This project is the construction of a new campground to be owned and operated by the City to provide for additional camping within the City. The campground would be in walking distance of the downtown, beach, and have access to the Grand River.

### **Lighthouse Connector Park Restrooms & Improved Accessibility**

Two projects will improve this popular waterfront public park. The current restroom facility, operated by the MDNR, is an old building that is in need of renovation and does not meet current ADA standards. A new building in the same location will provide newer facilities which meet the current standards which are also easier to maintain. The existing walkway surface has numerous areas that are uneven or raised edges which require renovations to increase ADA accessibility.

### **Mulligan's Hollow Park Redevelopment**

Based on the new park master plan, the City is redeveloping the park. The inner core of the park is the vehicle circulation and parking which requires upgrading in order to better organize and separate the traffic, parking, and pedestrians. The park features are located around this inner core and the renovation of these facilities are also included in the master plan and will be phased in as funds allow.

### **North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot Resurfacing**

The North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot is an asphalt paved parking lot that is in need of resurfacing. It is used daily by people accessing the north pier at the mouth of the Grand River to walk out on the pier to view Lake Michigan or to fish.

### **Olde Towne Pocket Park Kayak & Canoe Launch**

This park is located on the old Shell property on the south side of the South Channel of the Grand River. A new kayak & canoe launch will provide a launch in the downtown area with access to both the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

### **Sluka Park Parking Lot Expansion**

Acquisition of the adjacent parking lot at the corner of Beechtree St. and Waverly Ave. to provide additional parking for Saluka Field as parking is often limited during league play.

### **Waterfront Stadium Replacement**

Waterfront stadium is a popular downtown venue for a variety of events including viewing for the Musical Fountain as well as a concert and events seating for performances that take place on the "stage area" between the seating and the river. The replacement of the stadium will provide a more modern performance venue.

### **BMX Park**

A new BMX Park is desired for pedal bike action within the community. A location for the facility has not been determined.

### **East End Waterfront Trail**

The East End Waterfront Trail will be the construction of a trail along the Grand River from East Grand River Park to the Harbor Island area.

### **South Channel Linear Park Renovations and Art Park**

The park is in need of renovation due to its age and the fact that it remains a popular park and linkage along the Grand Haven waterfront. Renovations will include repaving of the pathway, landscaping with irrigation, picnic tables, grills, and a new Art Park sculpture area. The Art Park will include seven concrete pads for outdoor sculptures with or without lighting.

### **Mulligan's Hollow Skate Park Enhancements**

Enhance the existing skate park with modifications to the existing fencing, the addition of lighting, increasing the flat surface area, and adding a "Dog Bowl".

### **Off Leash Dog Park**

Provide a new Off Leash Dog Park in the community at a location yet to be determined.

### **Five Mile Hill Trails**

The Five Mile Hill area is used informally by the community for outdoor recreation hiking. Proposed are the addition of formalized trails with signage.

### **Harbor Island Fish Cleaning Station**

Harbor Island has a boat launch and dock facility which includes usage by many fishing boats. The addition of a fish cleaning station will provide a location for fisherman to clean their catch upon their return.

### **Highland Park Reserves**

The Highland Park Reserves is a wooded natural area with informal trails used recreationally by the local community. Proposed are a more formalized trail system with trails, boardwalks, observation decks, signage and maps.

### **Klemple Park/Grant St. Overlook Deck**

Klemple Park is a .17 acre mini-park that includes Grand River water frontage. The addition of an overlook deck will enhance waterfront access.

### **Mulligan's Hollow Park Refrigerated Ice Rink**

Currently Mulligan's Hollow Park annually floods an ice rink that is a naturally cooled ice rink enjoyed for community skating and hockey. Skating is often limited by weather conditions. A formal refrigerated ice rink will expand usage by stabilizing the weather conditions with the refrigerated rink and provide a more formal rink size and shape.

### **North Shore Dunes Nature Trails**

The North Shore Dunes property is a beautiful wooded sand dune property. The addition of formalized trails with signage and maps will enable expanded usage by the community.

### **Sluka Park Development**

Additional facilities are proposed for Sluka Park to further develop it as a neighborhood park including an in-line skating rink, basketball court surfaces, small shelter and picnic area, outfield fence, lighting, and other related park facilities.

### **William Hatton Park**

Improvements to the park to include lighting and additional site amenities.

## **Grand Haven Charter Township Action Plan**

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### **Potential Land Acquisitions**

Grand Haven Charter Township has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Grand Haven Charter Township continues to focus on the acquisition of lands adjacent to Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve in order to expand the natural based recreational resources within this unique and naturally rich area of the Township.

Parklands in southwest quadrant of Township are desired as the Township currently does not own any parklands in this area of the Township. As this area is currently the least developed, it is anticipated that overtime demand for greenspace in this southwest area will increase.

## Potential Projects List

The Potential Project List provides a list of each of the projects identified within the planning process in a priority order, with the projects of highest priority listed first. This list will assist the Township in the identification of needed funds for the development of park facilities and recreational opportunities and is meant as a guideline that may be adjusted to meet changing recreational goals and objectives.

### Action Program Grand Haven Charter Township

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Other	Splash Pad	
Other	Zip Line	
Other	Ropes Courses	
Other	Shuffleboard	

## **Potential Project Summaries**

### **Hofma Park Stabilization along Entrance Drive**

Installation of a retaining wall on the west side of the entrance drive will reduce erosion and stabilize the vegetation along the drive.

### **Mercury, Bignell, & Pottawattomie Parks: Tree Plantings**

Each of these three parks has large older trees providing an existing shady canopy. As these trees age, and die, there are currently limited trees to take their place to maintain the shade canopy. The grass is currently mowed, eliminating new seedlings from growing naturally. Each of these parks requires new tree plantings to insure the future of the shade canopy.

### **Hofma Preserve Update of Grills**

New updated grills with ADA accessible surfaces will be installed at the pavilion to provide better grilling opportunities. The current grills are out dated and are not ADA accessible.

### **Boat Launch Power Off/On Enforcement Signs**

Install signage to increase the awareness regarding the damage to the launch caused by boat owners powering their boats on and off their trailers. Signage will also include the required rules prohibiting these actions.

### **Hofma Park Additional and ADA Parking at Soccer Field**

Construct additional parking at Hofma Park to accommodate athletic field use. Currently park users are parking off the roads into the natural areas in undesignated parking areas due to the lack of adequate parking. This unauthorized parking also creates access issues along the road by narrowing the travel area on the road surface. Provide ADA accessible parking within the redesign of the site parking.

### **Hofma Preserve Larger Sign at Sleeper St. Entrance**

Install a larger more visible sign at the Sleeper Street entrance to provide better public visibility and access to the park.

### **Hofma Park and Pottawattomie Park Barrier Free Picnic Tables**

Provide barrier free picnic tables on an accessible surface to provide expanded picnic facilities within the parks. The current individual tables are not accessible tables.

### **Pottawattomie Park Barrier Free Access to Play Equipment**

New, barrier free play equipment with transfer stations was installed approximately 5 years ago. This will provide barrier free access from the parking area to the play equipment. Proper landings around the transfer stations will also be included.

### **Hofma Park and Preserve: Barrier Free Accessible Trail Loop**

Create a barrier-free trail loop within the preserve connecting to existing parking and restroom facilities. Currently there are not any barrier-free trails within Hofma Park and Preserve. Additional benches are needed along all of the trails for resting as well as offering opportunities to view wildlife and plants. An expansion to the existing Hofma Park parking is required to provide for concurrent uses of the trail areas as well as the active sports areas. The current parking has also increased from vehicles coming to use the park as a trailhead for the larger non-motorized pathway system that runs along the south boundary of the park.

### **Baby Changing Stations in Park Restrooms**

Baby Changing Stations will be added to the park restrooms at Mercury, Pottawattomie, and Hofma Preserve and Park to provide the public with a location to change baby diapers.

### **Park Brochures**

Park brochures for each of the parks or for the parks as a whole would be useful in communicating to the residents what facilities and recreational opportunities are available in each of the parks. These brochures could be posted in the parks, printed as handouts, and available as PDF's on the Township's website.

### **Hofma Park: Additional Winter Parking**

Additional parking during the winter months is needed due to increased usage of the trails. The current area is small due to current snow plowing practices. Solutions need to be reviewed and planned.

### **Hofma Park: Restripe Parking for Angled Parking**

The current drive is configured as one-way traffic. Restriping the parking for angled parking could increase the number of parking spaces within the park and increase the ease of vehicle circulation.

### **Hofma Park: Ferris Entrance Drinking Fountain and Picnic Table**

The Township's Non-Motorized Pathway runs through the park along Ferris Street. Creating a rest stop along the pathway will provide residents an opportunity to find water as well as a place to rest and picnic along the pathway. There are no other rest stops along this pathway in this area of the Township.

### **Signage at Park Entrances Identifying Amenities**

Additional signage at all of the park entrances identifying the park facilities and recreational opportunities will provide residents better knowledge regarding the parks and the potential that they may visit the parks more often.

### **Pottawattomie Park Additional Parking**

Pottawattomie Park is a very popular and busy park within the Township providing; three large rental pavilions, access to Pottawattomie Bayou, fishing, picnic facilities, play areas, and a soccer field. The intensive overlapping facility use often fills the parking lots to overflowing. Additional parking will provide for the growing use and keep vehicles from spilling over into the natural areas or blocking drives.

### **Hayes Street Drop-in Boat Launch**

This project will require a joint effort with the City of Grand Haven and will provide a new boat launch for small drop in water craft such as kayaks and canoes. Public access is limited to the Grand River, and this site would provide a unique location for small boat launching. This project has been listed in three previous plans and remains a project of interest.

### **Hofma Park and Preserve: Interpretive Center & Signage**

This proposed project would be the construction of an interpretive center within the preserve to provide outdoor educational opportunities at the park. To further this project, a study needs to be completed regarding facilities that are desired, programming and staffing requirements, as well as funding alternatives. This center could be as simple as a series of outdoor signs or a nature center building. The Hofma Preserve provides over six miles of nature trails and is the primary natural area within the central area of the Township. It is the primary natural area owned by the Township which contains a variety of ecosystems and native plant areas. Interpretive signage will provide educational opportunities as residents explore the natural areas along the existing trail system.

### **Shiawassee Avenue, Brucker Street, & Buchanan Street - Street End Improvements**

The northern end of Shiawassee Avenue right-of-way provides access to Pottawattomie Bayou. The current public access will be renovated to provide an ADA accessible pathway and seating within the right-of-way for residents to gain access to the southern side of the Pottawattomie Bayou. The access is utilized primarily by the surrounding neighborhood to gain access to viewing the Bayou or fishing.

Both Brucker and Buchanan Street ends provide public access to the Lake Michigan beach. Both currently have limited development, but are popular public access points. Both beach sites will benefit from better access and the public will benefit from increased ADA accessibility. Preliminary site design will determine the actual proposed development at these sites.

### **Location Undetermined: Multi-Use Fields and Park**

The development of a larger multi-use sports park has been desired as a need to support the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority programs as well as the local non-profit athletic associations for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and football. The current area-wide facilities

are inadequate to meet the current and growing athletic needs. The facility will most likely be funded as an area wide facility, and is therefore rated as a lower priority when prioritized directly with Township development priorities.

#### **Location Undetermined: Disc Golf Course**

As part of the recreation planning process it was determined that the construction of a new disc golf course is desirable. However, there currently are not any public disc courses in the area, with the nearest in either Muskegon or Grand Rapids. The facility can be open to the public at most times, and will not require an admission fee, thereby furthering the goals to provide multi-generational opportunities, recreation for all ages, and at low or no cost to the visitor.

A possible location for the course is the sixty acre property adjacent to Hofma Preserve which will become the property of the Township through a trust. Construction of a course in this location would allow for the utilization of existing parking, restroom, and picnic facilities.

#### **Location Undetermined: Dog Park**

Increased pressure is being placed on the Township parks by both resident and non-residents dogs as other parks within the area continue to ban dogs. This increased usage has developed an interest in further investigating the development of a dog park within the community.

#### **Mercury Park Lighting of Softball Field**

The existing softball field at Mercury Park is utilized by adult softball league play. The lighting of the field will allow for extended seasonal play in the spring and fall for after work leagues.

#### **Mercury Park Higher Fences Around Player Areas**

Higher fences around the player areas will provide additional protection to the players from foul or miss thrown balls.

#### **Update On-Line Reservation System**

Updating the On-Line Reservation System on the Township's Website will allow for better public access to information regarding shelter availability, ability to place a rental reservation, as well as pay for the rental. It will also help to reduce staff time in assisting persons with reservations.

#### **Hofma Park Softball Field Lighting**

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#### **Pottawattomie Park Historical Interpretation Signage**

The history of Pottawattomie Park has a historical background which includes Native Americans, early fur traders, settlers, and Girl Scouts prior to becoming a public park. Interpretive signs will provide public information and education regarding these previous land uses.

### **Pottawattomie Park Kayak and Canoe Launch**

The existing park facilities and the park's location on the Pottawattomie Bayou provide a good location for the installation of an ADA accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch. The launch would provide access to the Bayou, the connecting Grand River, the developing Grand River Water Trail, as well as extended paddle trips even out to Lake Michigan. The launch would be for non-motorized hand launched water craft.

### **Memorial Viewing Platform under the Mercury Drive Bayou Bridges**

Construct and dedicate a memorial viewing platform under both bayou bridges along Mercury Drive.

### **Non-Motorized Pathway Retaining Wall Stabilization along Lakeshore Drive**

Stabilize the existing retaining wall on the east side of the non-motorized pathway along Lakeshore Drive. This will reduce further erosion and stabilize the pathway.

### **Grand Haven Charter Township Non-Motorized Pathway Planning**

The existing Non-Motorized Pathway System is an extremely popular and important transportation system within the Township. The pathway system serves both as a recreational resource for activities such as walking and biking, but also as a transportation network, as the Township does not have public sidewalks.

Planning discussions included looking at priorities for future expansion of the system. The map of the current system was overlaid with the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Plan for review. Priorities from the Parks and Recreation Committee include:

1. Adding a pathway on 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Mercury Drive south to Lincoln Street.
2. Adding a pathway on Buchanan St from US-31 west to Lakeshore Drive.
3. Adding a pathway connector on 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street.
4. Adding a pathway connector on 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Buchanan Street and Ferris Street.
5. Adding a pathway on Groesbeck Avenue from 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue west to the end.
6. Adding a pathway on Sleeper St from 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Hofma Preserve.
7. Adding a pathway on Lincoln Street from Lakeshore Drive west US-31.
8. Adding a pathway on Lincoln Street from US-31 east to 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue
9. Adding a pathway connector on US-31 between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street.

10. Adding paved shoulders on M-45 from Lakeshore Drive east to US-31.

### **Regional Recreational Planning**

Since the last planning document the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Programs, NORP, has become the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), and continues to provide recreational programming for area residents. NORA is financially assisted by the Township and utilizes Township ball fields, soccer fields, and in-line rink. Additionally, several volunteer programs including the Tri-Cities area soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse and football are provided. The YMCA also provides organized leagues for basketball and swim team. Most of these activities utilize either facilities of the various governmental agencies or the public schools. NORA is currently strategizing towards the development of additional Northwest Ottawa Area facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Committee continues to support the efforts of NORA in the concept of regional facility planning and for the shared development of a regional active sports park to provide additional needed sports fields for existing leagues, and newly developing sports.

### **Strengthen Relationships with Neighboring Governmental Agencies**

The Parks and Recreation Committee continues to support the strengthening of relationships with neighboring governmental agencies, and in particular with the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission. Ottawa County has several park properties within the Township and has included expansion of recreation lands within the Township as a County goal. The Township is also seeking the acquisition of additional park land in the southwest quadrant of the Township and would like to request any assistance that the County might be able to give in locating an available piece of land.

Relationships with the City of Grand Haven and neighboring Townships are also important to seek benefits from shared development and political support.

## **Spring Lake Township Action Plan**

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The Action Plan section provides the intended direction for making improvements towards accomplishing the Goals and Objectives. The Action Plan includes desired land acquisitions, potential projects, as well as other larger planning and organizational actions that have been identified through the planning process. The projects given within this Section are the ones that have been best identified at the time of the writing of this plan, however, it is very likely that additional projects or means of accomplishing goals will become apparent as time progresses. Therefore, this document is meant as a guide, and it is the overall Goals and Objectives that will continue to provide the framework in the future.

### **Potential Property Acquisitions**

Spring Lake Township has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

Eagles Campground on Little Black Lake for additional waterfront park land and a possible public campground.

Land parcels to be determined along M104 to provide a viewshed to Lloyd's Bayou and to provide a trailhead parking area.

Land parcels to be determined along the Grand River and Spring Lake to provide additional waterfront access and pocket park opportunities along the multipurpose pathways.

## Potential Projects List

The Potential Projects List provides a list of the projects identified by the Township during the planning process as potential projects that will improve the recreational opportunities within the community.

### Action Program Spring Lake Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
Black Lake Park	Development of Master Plan	Joint Plan with Norton Shores
Black Lake Park	Natural Features Inventory	Joint Inventory with Norton Shores
Vacant Grand River Lands	Development of Master Plan	
Non-Motorized Pathway	M104 from Krueger St. to Fruitport Rd	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Improve Wayfinding Signage	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Create Pathway Maintenance Fund	\$50,000 per year for 10 years
All Parks	Universal Access Audits & Strategy	Develop Implementation Strategy
Rycenga Park	Restroom Renovation & Expansion	
Rycenga Park	Water Outlets at Shelters	
Rycenga Park	Expanded Irrigation System	
Rycenga Park	Walkway to Basketball Surface	
Rycenga Park	Resurface entrance drive & parking lot	
All Parks	Secure Storage of Equipment	
Water Tank Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing	Community served by school courts

#### Other Planning Items

Conduct an annual joint meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee  
 Complete Green Infrastructure Plan and/or Natural features Inventory to identify important natural elements of the Township  
 Work with other municipalities home to the North Bank Trail to develop a long term maintenance endowment fund.  
 Support adjacent municipalities to complete regional bike path systems that benefit Spring Lake Township.  
 Work with the Road Commission to make the Township roads more bike and pedestrian friendly.

## Potential Project Summaries

### Black Lake Park

Black Lake Park is a newly acquired parcel of land adjacent to the existing Black Lake Park of Norton Shores. The first step will be the development of a new master plan for the park including an inventory of the natural features and relationship to the adjacent park.

### Vacant Grand River Lands

The Township currently owns undeveloped parcels along the Grand River. A new master plan for these parcels will be completed to determine the appropriate uses, resource protection, and facility development.

### Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements

The Township's non-motorized pathway system is well established with a next phase of development planned along M104 from Krueger Street to Fruitport Road. Additionally it is desired to improve wayfinding signage regarding pathway routes, distances, nearby parks, businesses, and attractions. As the pathway ages, there are concerns regarding the long term

maintenance and upkeep of the pathway. It is desired to create a Pathway Maintenance Endowment Fund to plan for the perpetual care of the system.

### **Universal Access Audits & Strategy**

The Township continues to improve Universal accessibility within its parks. To this end, the goal is to complete a thorough Universal Access Audit in each park and to then create an in-depth strategy for designing, funding, and implementing the improvements to upgrade the recreational accessibility.

### **Rycenga Park Improvements**

Rycenga Park is a large active use park within the community. The Township continues to improve ADA accessibility within the park as well as expand recreational facilities. Proposed improvements include renovating and expanding the restrooms to improve ADA accessibility and to better serve the busier days in the park. New water outlets are desired at the shelters to provide water for public use, as well as use for cleaning of the shelters. An expanded irrigation system will improve the turf surfaces on the play surfaces. A new walkway connecting to the basketball court to the existing pathway system will provide ADA accessibility to the courts. Also being planned is the resurfacing of the entrance drive and parking lot.

### **Secure Storage**

To improve the park maintenance operations additional secure storage is needed for the storage of equipment and materials.

### **Tennis Court Resurfacing at Water Tank Park**

The tennis courts at Water Tank Park have aged and are need of resurfacing.

## **Other Recreational Planning Items**

### **Annual Joint Meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee**

Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake are located adjacent to each other, and continue to jointly share in providing services for residents where it is mutually beneficial, it is a goal to annual hold a joint meeting to discuss recreational goals and objectives, as well as share information regarding future parks and recreational efforts.

### **Green Infrastructure Plan**

Complete the development of a Green Infrastructure Plan complete with a Natural Features Inventory to identify important natural elements within the Township for the purpose of making better decisions regarding land acquisitions, parks, land development, and greenway preservation.

### **Multi-purpose Pathways and Bike Lanes**

The Recreation Committee identified the following multi-purpose pathways and bike lanes as priorities within the community. The Committee emphasized that safety, density served, and linkages were the critical factors in determine the most important bike paths, and that the M104 pathway from Krueger to Fruitport Road was the top priority over the other path segments.

M104 from Fruitport to Krueger-Separated multi-purpose pathway (High Priority).

168<sup>th</sup> Ave. from W. Spring Lake Rd. to Van Wagoner Rd-Separated multi-purpose pathway only if partially developed privately via adjacent new development (Medium Priority).

174<sup>th</sup> Ave from Taft to Wilson-Bike lanes only to match up to with bike lanes on Grand Haven Rd. in Norton Shores. (Medium Priority).

Palm Drive-Bike lanes only to match up to with bike lanes on Blake Lake Road in Norton Shores. (Medium Priority).

Rannes Road-Separated multi-purpose pathway (Low Priority).

M104 from Krueger east to 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Separated multi-purpose pathway on south side of M104 (Low Priority).

### **Cooperative North Bank Trail Maintenance Fund**

The North Bank Trail, 18 miles in length, extends from Spring Lake to Coopersville. The desire is to work cooperatively with the other governmental units which jointly own portions of the North Bank Trail to develop a long term maintenance endowment fund to secure the perpetual repair and maintenance funds needed to sustain the trial long term.

### **Support Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Routes**

Continue to support adjacent governmental agencies to complete the regional non-motorized pathway systems that link to the Township's pathways and provide benefits to the community.

## **Support the Non-Motorized Transportation Efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission**

The Ottawa County Road Commission continues to integrate Non-Motorized transportation facilities into the overall transportation system of the County. Spring Lake Township supports these efforts and intends to continue to support these efforts in order to create roads within the Township which are more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

## Village of Spring Lake Action Plan

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### Potential Property Acquisitions

The Village of Spring Lake is currently not seeking to purchase additional park lands at this time, as they are currently focus on a program of redevelopment within their existing parks.

### Potential Projects List

The Potential Projects List provides a list of the projects identified by the Township during the planning process as potential projects that will improve the recreational opportunities within the community.

**Action Program**  
**Village of Spring Lake**

Park Location	Project	Comments
Central Park	Park Redevelopment Pickleball Basketball Hockey General Park Improvements Accessible Restrooms	

### Potential Project Summaries

#### Central Park Redevelopment

The potential projects identified are for the redevelopment of Central Park which has been a focus for recreation within the Village for many decades. The park and facilities are utilized for a variety of league activities, family picnics, special events, and daily recreation. The current facilities have out lived their life expectancy and a master plan has been completed for the redevelopment of the park with new modern facilities which also improve the ADA accessibility for the park. The new park facilities will be phased into the park as funding allows.

## PLANNING PROCESS

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### **Regional Joint Planning Effort**

There are many potential benefits to coordinated recreational planning amongst governmental agencies including increased efficiencies in providing park and recreation opportunities, access to increased funding sources, greater protection and identification of natural resources, greater potential for identifying creative ways of accomplishing recreation goals, public media coverage, expanded public support, economic advantages, and shared long term vision and goals. In striving to begin to plan and understand the local community recreational opportunities available, as well as the planning efforts underway, five communities have joined together within this plan to develop a joint five year community recreation plan. These communities include the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake. This is the first joint recreational planning effort of these five communities as a unified plan.

### **Establishment of Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee**

The five communities established a Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee in which each community could assign one or two representative individuals. The Committee was chaired by Spring Lake Township who hosted the meetings and oversaw the development of the planning document. The five communities determined that the best way to complete a joint recreation plan was to retain a recreation consultant to assist in the plan development. The five communities jointly retained the firm of PM Blough, Inc. to assist in the development of the recreation inventory, public input, the planning process, and the writing of the plan document. The Committee met periodically throughout the process to guide the planning effort and the Committee members served as liaisons between the Committee and their respective communities.

### **Recreation Inventory**

A comprehensive inventory was completed of the recreational facilities within the five governmental jurisdictions. The results of this inventory are included in the Recreation Inventory section of this document and are broken into resources by each governmental unit as well as summarized as a whole community. Of significant relevance was the creation of an overall regional mapping of public park sites onto one map and the creation of a unified park facilities inventory chart, both of which had previously not existed and will also be used as community information resources. Individual park sheets were also created for each park in a unified manner which can also be used for additional uses beyond the plan such as local websites and informational handouts.

### **Community Recreation Survey**

As part of the planning process to gather public input, a public survey was developed and made available to the public. The format of the survey was an electronic survey, facilitated through Survey Monkey, with paper copies also available upon request. The link to the survey was shared via public announcements, direct emails, Facebook, newspaper articles and public advertisements. The electronic format allowed residents direct access to providing input without requiring attendance at preset meeting dates or times, or means of transportation.

A total of 25 questions were offered for resident responses, with many of the questions offering opportunities for open ended responses. The survey was open for public comment for approximately six weeks in 2014 from mid-August through the end of September. A total of 803 responses were received with respondents from all of the governmental units, ages primarily over the age of 18 to over 75 years of age, and included many thoughtful comments from residents.

The full survey results are included in Appendix A of this document.

### **Documentation of Administrative Structures for Each Community**

The five communities each operate under their own independent administrative structures which provide for administration, funding, operation, programming, development, and planning of the parks within the community. Based on this autonomy, independent summaries of each of the governmental unit structures was documented and written. These appear in the Administrative Structure section of the plan.

### **Development of Goals & Objectives**

As each of the five communities are independent and uniquely different, they each developed a series of Goals and Objectives for providing for parks and recreation within their communities. These goals and objectives often share similar characteristics and wording from community to community which further emphasis the unity felt within the expanded community in providing the best opportunities for the residents and visitors. The Goals and Objectives for each of the communities are shown in the Goals and Objectives Section of this plan.

### **Development of the Action Plan**

Independent Action Plans were developed for each community through processes which included staff, community, and elected official input. These resulted in the development of a consolidated community wide Potential Property Acquisition List and a Consolidated Potential Project List, as well as individual Action Plans for each community. The consolidated lists allow for the communities to readily view the thoughts and planning for recreation on a community-wide basis.

### **Development and Review of Draft Plan**

A draft plan document was written and compiled for public review and comment prior to formal adoption by the local units of government.

### **Thirty Day Public Comment Period**

Once the draft document was completed, the plan was made available for not less than thirty days for public review by all of the residents in all five of the communities. This was made possible by a joint public notice in the local Grand Haven Tribune newspaper and placement on local governmental public notice posting sites. Draft copies of the plans were made available at all five governmental offices and electronic copies were available on city, village, and township websites.

# Public Notice for Thirty Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearings

## PRINTED COPY

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A NEW JOINT FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Entitled: "Explore the Grand Region, A Community Parks & Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019" for the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and Village of Spring Lake.

The public is invited to offer comment on the proposed new joint five year recreation plan for northwest Ottawa Grand River area which includes the communities listed herein. The public comment period will be open from January 9, 2015 to February 9, 2015. Comments may be submitted in writing by residents to any of the communities listed, or given publicly at any of the public hearings. A public hearing will be held in each of the communities prior to final plan adoption on the following anticipated dates during their regularly scheduled City Council, Village Council, and Township Board Meetings.

Grand Haven Charter Township  
February 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.  
Spring Lake Township  
February 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.  
City of Ferrysburg  
February 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.  
City of Grand Haven  
February 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.  
Village of Spring Lake  
February 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.

At the conclusion of the public comments and hearing, it is the intent to adopt the plan by all five communities and submit the plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval. Draft copies of the plan can be viewed during normal business hours at the office of:

Grand Haven Charter Township- 13300 168th Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Spring Lake Township- 106 S. Buchanan St., Spring Lake, MI 49456

City of Ferrysburg- 17290 Roosevelt Rd, Ferrysburg, MI 49409

City of Grand Haven- 519 Washington, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Village of Spring Lake- 102 W. Savidge St., Spring Lake, MI 49456

Each municipality will also place an electronic copy on their website for viewing. Written comments will be received at the municipal offices as listed above between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The municipality will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services at this hearing, such as signers for hearing impaired persons and audio tapes of printed materials for visually-impaired persons, upon receipt of three days' prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the municipality by contacting the respective Clerk of their municipality.

Dated: January 5, 2015  
January 9, 2015

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

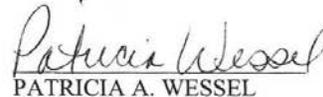
### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OTTAWA

JENNIFER HOSMAN, being first duly sworn, says that she is the OFFICE CLERK of the Grand Haven Tribune, a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news, which is a duly qualified newspaper. And that annexed thereto is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published.

JANUARY 9, 2015

  
JENNIFER HOSMAN

Scribed and sworn before me on  
the 12th day of JANUARY, 2015

  
PATRICIA A. WESSEL

Notary public in and for Ottawa County  
State of Michigan  
My commission expires: August 31, 2017

**Public Hearings and Plan Adoption**

A public hearing was held at each of the five governmental units prior to formal adoption. Copies of the public notices, minutes of the public hearings, and the formal adoption resolutions are compiled in the following pages by Community.

**Transmittal of the Plan to the MDNR**

The plan was transmitted to the MDNR by each of the five communities. Completed "Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan Certification Checklist." are included for each community with the Public Hearing and Plan Adoption Information.

**Transmittal to Regional Planning and County**

Copies of the plan were transmitted to West Michigan Regional Planning and Ottawa County Planning Department. Copies of the transmittal letters appear later in



February 27, 2015

Mr. David Bee, Director  
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission  
1345 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 255  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4670

RE: Transmittal of Community Recreation Plan  
Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan  
in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019

Dear Mr. Bee,

PMB respectfully submits the following Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019 on behalf of the City of Ferrysburg, the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

PM Blough, Inc.

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Pamela Blough, PLA, FASLA

Cc: City of Ferrysburg  
City of Grand Haven  
Grand Haven Charter Township  
Spring Lake Township  
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PM Blough, Inc. PO Box 102, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417 Phone: 616.402.2398

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February 27, 2015

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Ottawa County Planning Commission  
12220 Filmore Street, Rm 260  
West Olive, MI 49460

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# City of Ferrysburg

## Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

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### Support of the Ferrysburg Recreation Commission

Ferrysburg Recreation Commission  
Meeting Notes  
January 15, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at Ferrysburg City Hall by Chairperson Gitchell at 5:30 p.m.
2. Present: Jean Gitchell, Rebecca Hopp, Ann Holman  
Absent: Vince Deur.
3. Public comments: None.
4. The consensus of Commission Members was to approve the November 13, 2014, meeting notes as printed.
5. Commission Members reviewed the draft 2015-2019 Community Recreation Plan. Members commented that it was a good and helpful having the five (5) communities Recreation Plan in one document.
6. The consensus of Commission Members was to schedule a public hearing at the February 16 City Council meeting on the 2015-2019 Recreation Plan.
7. Chairperson Gitchell indicated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving on the Recreation Commission will be in April 2015.
8. Public Comments: None.
9. Members' report/comments: None.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Craig Bessinger  
Acting Secretary

## **Additional Notice of Public Hearing**

CITY OF FERRYSBURG  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
PROPOSED RECREATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given of a Public Meeting to be held by the Ferrysburg City Council on Monday, February 16, 2015, at or after 7:30 p.m. at Ferrysburg City Hall, 17290 Roosevelt Road, Ferrysburg, Michigan.

The City of Ferrysburg and the Ferrysburg Recreation Commission, with the assistance of consultant Pam Blough, have completed a draft Recreation Plan. The proposed Recreation Plan will serve as a guide in making decisions about parks and recreation facilities acquisition and development.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to receive comments and suggestions on the draft five (5) year Recreation Plan for years 2015-2019 regarding the community's parks and recreation needs.

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Public Meeting and to participate in the discussion.

Debbie Wierenga  
City Clerk

February 9, 2015

## Minutes of Public Hearing

CITY OF FERRYSBURG  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at Ferrysburg City Hall by Mayor Pro-tem Hopp at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem Hopp gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-tem Hopp led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Present: Rebecca Hopp, Regina Sjoberg, Kathleen Kennedy, Scott Blease, Michael DeWitt.

Council Member Absent: Dan Ruiter, Chris Larson

Also present: City Manager Bessinger, City Clerk Wierenga and twelve citizens.

15-014 Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Blease, moved to excuse Mayor Ruiter. The motion passed unanimously.

15-015 Council Member Kennedy, seconded by Council Member Blease, moved to approve the January 19, 2015, City Council meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

15-016 Mayor Pro-tem Hopp opened at 7:39 pm a public hearing on a Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019. Comments were given. Mayor Pro-tem Hopp closed at 7:47 pm the public hearing.

15-017 Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Blease moved to approve a resolution to adopt the Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019. The motion passed, 4 yeas, 1 nay (Sjoberg).

15-018 Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Sjoberg, moved to approve a request filed by Daniel Downs to amend the Special Land Use Permit for Bilz Plumbing and Mechanical to construct a 30' by 50' addition on the north side of the existing building, parcel no. 70-03-16-326-018, commonly known as 235 Second Street. If approved, this will amend the site plan previously approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting held on May 4, 2000, and by City Council at their meeting held on May 15, 2000. The motion passed unanimously.

15-019 Council Member Blease, seconded by Council Member Kennedy, moved to approve a recommendation from the Harbor Transit Multi-Modal Transportation System (HTMMS) to approve the 2015/2016 millage rate at .60000 mills. The motion passed unanimously.

15-020 Council Member Kennedy, seconded by Council Member DeWitt, moved to adopt a resolution regarding leasing a portion of the premises at 17290 Roosevelt Road to Jen Bradshaw and to authorize the Mayor Pro-tem and City Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement. Roll call vote: 5 yeas. Motion Passed.

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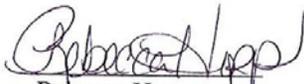
15-021 City Council Members discussed the Keeping of Animals. Public comments were given. Consensus of City Council Members was to revise the draft ordinance presented to allow goats, chickens and rabbits.

15-022 City Council Member discussed the water/sewer rates.

The City Manager, the City Council Members, and the Mayor reported on several current items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Rebecca Hopp  
Mayor Pro-tem

  
Debbie Wierenga  
City Clerk

# Adoption Resolution by the Ferrysburg City Council



## CITY OF FERRYSBURG

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IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY  
2015-2019

For City of Ferrysburg  
Ottawa County

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2015 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Ferrysburg City Council is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the governmental members began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the planning area were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 16, 2015 at Ferrysburg City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Ferrysburg, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Ferrysburg City Council voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ferrysburg City Council hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

Offered by Council Member DeWitt.

Seconded by Council Member Blease.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 1

Absent: 2

Resolution Adopted



I, Debbie Wierenga, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Ferrysburg, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Ferrysburg City Council at its regular meeting held on February 16, 2015, at or after 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Wierenga  
Debbie Wierenga, City Clerk

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**City of Grand Haven**  
**Public Hearing and Plan Adoption**

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**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN**  
**GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015**  
**(Excerpt)**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. concerning the final draft of "EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019."

Mr. Terry Casey, 838 S. Harbor owner, noted the recreation plan included restroom facilities in the Lighthouse Connector Park. The goal for restrooms was met with the plan to rebuild the current facilities in the state park. He asked that references to the Lighthouse Connector Park restrooms be removed from the recreation plan.

Ms. Pam Blough, PMB PLaCE Studios, assured council the draft recreation plan had already been updated to reflect the correct restroom location.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

**15-041** Moved by Council Member Fritz, seconded by Council Member Monetza, to approve the final draft of "EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019." This motion carried unanimously.

Council thought it was wise to have a comprehensive regional plan. It was a good vehicle for grant applications and would give direction to the Parks & Recreation Board. Costs for the plan were kept down due to the collaboration of other communities. The plan would also help the North Ottawa Recreation Authority.

**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 16, 2015, and that notice of the meeting was given pursuant to Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

  
Linda L. Browand, City Clerk

## Adoption Resolution of City Council

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**EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION:  
A COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN  
IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY  
2015-2019**

*For City of Grand Haven  
Ottawa County*

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2015 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Ferrysburg, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grand Haven is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

WHEREAS, the governmental members began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the planning area were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 16, 2015, at Grand Haven City Hall, 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan, to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*, and

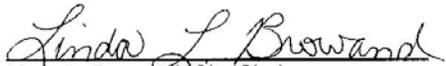
WHEREAS, the City of Grand Haven has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Grand Haven, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City Council of the City of Grand Haven voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Grand Haven hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

Yeas: Monetza, Hierholzer, Scott, Fritz, and McCaleb  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE

I, Linda L. Browand, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Haven at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
Linda L. Browand, City Clerk  
City of Grand Haven, Michigan



# Grand Haven Charter Township

## Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

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### Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

**Board members present:** French, Larsen, Behm and Kieft.

**Board members absent:** Hutchins, Meeusen and Redick.

Also present were Manager Cargo and Planner Fedewa.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve January 26, 2015 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve February 4, 2015 Special Joint Board/Planning Commission Minutes
3. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$236,481.13 (*A/P checks of \$124,651.29 and payroll of \$111,829.84*)
4. Approve Sounds of Summer License Agreement with "Walk the Beat", a local, non-profit organization
5. Approve Millhouse Court Water Main Construction Bid to Northern Pipeline Contactors, Inc. (*\$32,115.50*)
6. Approve Appointment of David Gignac to Planning Commission for a term ending August 31, 2017

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Supervisor French to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015 - 2019

Supervisor French opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) spoke regarding the proposed regional recreation plan and recommended specific changes to the document.

Planner Fedewa reviewed the plan and recommended certain amendments/additions to

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the draft.

Supervisor French closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve and adopt the proposed rezoning of parcels 70-07-12-300-033 and 70-07-12-300-036 from R-2 Single Family Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD) pursuant to the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the attached report. This approval is conditioned upon the following:
  - a. Approval and compliance with all requirements of the OCRC, OCWRC, and MDEQ. Copies of approvals and/or permits must be submitted to staff and made part of the file. No building permits shall be issued until all permits have been obtained.
  - b. Sidewalk shall be installed within 5 years of the first occupancy permit issued in Phase 1, or prior to the issuance of the first occupancy permit for Phase 2—whichever is later.
  - c. Individual certificates of occupancy shall not be granted until the sidewalk and landscaping for that unit is installed. Sidewalks and landscaping shall comply with the plan dated 12/30/2014.
  - d. Combine parcels 70-07-12-300-033 and 70-07-12-300-036.
  - e. The Developer shall enter into a PUD Contract with the Township. The Contract shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to final approval of the development.
  - f. The Developer shall enter into a Special Assessment Lighting District (SALD) Agreement with the Township. The Agreement and Resolution adopting the SALD shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to final approval of the development.
  - g. The Developer shall enter into a Special Assessment Agreement for private road maintenance with the Township. The Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to final approval of the development.

This is the second reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Kieft, French, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Hutchins, Meeusen and Redick.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 15-02-01 approving a one-year license agreement with Republic Services for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, French, Larsen, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Hutchins, Meeusen and Redick.

2. The Board instructed staff to postpone a vote adopting the Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015 – 2019 until the amendments discussed at the public hearing were incorporated.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
  - i. Clerk Larsen noted that the Personnel Committee Meeting for February was cancelled.
  - ii. Clerk Larsen noted that the Ottawa County Clerks Association is meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Clerk Larsen noted that a lunch meeting with election workers will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Manager's Report, including:
  - i. Cargo noted his decision to waive bids pursuant to Administrative Policy 5.11a for Flygt pumps at a cost of \$15,745.
  - ii. Cargo provided the January Ordinance Enforcement Report.
  - iii. Cargo provided the January Building Report.
- d. Others

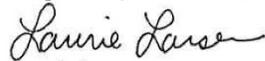
X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor

## Township Board Meeting Minutes

### GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

#### WORKSESSION – 6:00 p.m.

1. The Board discussed Retiree Medical Health plan and instructed staff to complete the following:
  - a. Discontinue the retiree health insurance program through a buyout of the current program of the seventeen (17) full-time, non-union staff currently covered;
  - b. Utilize the buyout figures calculated by Watkins Ross as delineated on page six of the February 5<sup>th</sup> memorandum;
  - c. Allow the employees a choice of either placing the monies in a pension account or a Retirement Health Savings Account;
  - d. Meet individually with each employee to assist them in a choice and assist the employees to avoid any potential tax liability;
  - e. Determine a pay-out period of between one and three years based upon budget considerations, employee tax liability, and other factors; and,
  - f. Prepare the necessary budget amendments to implement the aforementioned.
  - g. Report back to the Board within a month of options employees choices and appropriate paperwork.

The Board also noted that it would continue the current Retiree Medical Health plan for the four (4) current retirees and the six (6) full-time IAFF union members and instructed staff to transfer the monies necessary to cover these OPEB costs from the existing special revenue account into a trust account.

2. The Board reviewed the 2015 Project List with Superintendent Cargo and added the following amendments:
  - a. Deadline for “Review of Internal Controls” will be June of 2015; and,
  - b. Deadline for the “Purchase of hand-held GPS location device” will be July of 2015.

#### REGULAR MEETING

##### I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

##### II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

##### III. ROLL CALL

**Board members present:** French, Larsen, Meeusen, Behm, Hutchins, Redick and Kieft.

**Board members absent:**

Also present was Manager Cargo.

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IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Hutchins to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve February 9, 2015 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$232,587.40 (*A/P checks of \$147,463.71 and payroll of \$85,123.69*)
3. Approve Appointment of Trustee Behm to Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending 11/30/2016
4. Approve 2015 Dust Palliative Contract with "Michigan Chloride Sales" (*\$30,560*)
5. Approve Contract with "Utility Financial Solutions" for 2015 Water/Sewer Cost of Service Rate Study (*\$17,600*)

**Motion** by Kieft and seconded by Meeusen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by French and supported by Behm to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-02-02 which approves the "Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015 – 2019". **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, and French

Nays:

Absent:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by French and supported by Hutchins to enter closed session at 7:05 p.m. both to consider the contents of a written opinion from the Township attorney, and to consider the purchase or lease of real property. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, French, and Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

**Motion** by Larsen and supported Behm to exit closed session at 7:28 p.m. **Which motion carried**

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
  - i. Larsen noted that a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 in the main conference room.
- c. Managers Report, which included:
  - i. January Legal Review

- ii. January Law Enforcement Review
- d. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) thanked staff for following through on amendments to the regional Parks and Recreation Plan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Karl French

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor

## Adoption Resolution of the Township Board

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Township of Grand Haven, 13300 168th Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan.

PRESENT: French, Larsen, Meeusen, Behm, Hutchins, Redick and Kieft.  
ABSENT:

After certain matters of business had been discussed, Supervisor French announced that the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution to adopt the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*. Following discussion, the following resolution was offered by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm.

### RESOLUTION NO. 15-02-02

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Grand Haven has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2015 through 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Grand Haven has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake; and,

**WHEREAS**, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Grand Haven is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governmental members began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, residents of the planning area were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on February 9, 2015 at Grand Haven Charter Township Board Room to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*; and,

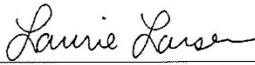
**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Grand Haven has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, after the public hearing, the Grand Haven Charter Township Board voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Grand Haven Charter Township Board hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019, as amended*.

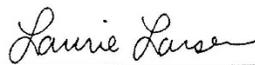
Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, and French  
Nays:  
Absent:

RESOLUTION DECLARED: Adopted  
ADOPTED ON: February 23, 2015

  
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Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015. I further certify that public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Michigan Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.

  
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Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk

# Spring Lake Township

## Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

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### Minutes of Public Hearing

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
February 9, 2015**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at the Spring Lake Township Hall at 106 S. Buchanan, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

**6:00pm Work session:** 2015/16 Budget; Fire Department Capital Replacement Plan

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board:**

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

**2. Invocation and Pledge:**

Supervisor Nash opened the meeting with a spiritual reading and the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Public Comment:**

Public comment was opened at 7:10pm and closed at 7:11pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the addition of 13a Closed Session to Discuss Potential Leasing of Property; and minor changes to correct the agenda, switch items 8 and 11, change the second item 10 to 10a. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the consent agenda. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve January 12 & 26, 2015 Regular/Closed Session Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive January 2015 Financials

**6. Dutch Girl Brewery Liquor License Request**

Kelly Rozema Finchem would like to open a micro-brewery at 14964 Cleveland St, next to Alles Tire. A preliminary step to obtaining the necessary liquor license from the state is a public hearing and an approved resolution by the Township Board. Kelly Finchem was present to describe her new venture and answer any questions the Board may have. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Homan to set the public hearing for the 2/23/2015 Board of Trustees meeting, at 7:00pm, to be held at Fire Station #2 at 14964 174<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spring Lake, MI 49456. The motion carried unanimously

### **7. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Chickens**

The Planning Commission had drafted, and sent to the Board for consideration, a zoning text amendment ordinance specifically pertaining to the regulation of animals. The amendment would take the special use process out of the keeping of chickens (hens). After some discussion, some clerical changes were made to the section relating to the keeping of chickens as follows: C2 – change parcel to lot; C4 – had in the first sentence “in the side or rear yard” after enclosure and delete the second sentence; C6 – Take out “and fenced enclosure” from the first sentence. Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to adopt the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance as revised. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

### **8. Boards and Commission Appointments**

Supervisor Nash re-appointed Dennis Masson to the Planning Commission, term to expire on 3/31/2018. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Mierle to approve the appointment. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to re-appoint Doug Noren to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to re-appoint Joan Board to the Recreation Committee, term, to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Nash, support by Lindquist to appoint Crystal Morgan to the Recreation Committee, term to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to re-appoint Margaret Shay to the Wetland Review Board, term to expire 3/31/2018. The motion carried unanimously.

### **9. Board Reports**

A time for information sharing was given to various Board members.

### **10. Board Salary Resolutions**

Every year, 30 days prior to the annual meeting, the Board passes salary resolutions for compensation to be considered and voted on by the electors at the annual meeting. This year again, the Board approved all resolutions with no change to the salaries.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the Supervisor remain at \$15,600.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to have the salary for statutory duties of the Clerk remain at \$30,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the Treasurer remain at \$12,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the 4 Trustees remain at \$4,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

### **10a. 2015 Goals**

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to accept as presented the Spring Lake Township 2015 Strategic Plan with Goals and Objectives. The motion carried unanimously.

### **11. Recreation Plan Public Hearing**

The 5 units of government that comprise northwest Ottawa County collaboratively hired PM Blough, Inc to create a 5 year community parks and recreation plan. This also included a parks and recreation plan for each individual municipality. The next step in the process is to hold a public hearing to give residents a chance to voice their thoughts on the plan. The plan was available for viewing on line and at the administrative offices of all municipalities involved. Pam Blough, from PM Blough, Inc was presented the document, specifically as it pertained to Spring Lake Townships section.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 8:14pm. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to close the public hearing at 8:15pm. No comments were received.

After some discussion a **motion** was made by Lindquist, with support by Mierle to approve the section on the Spring lake Township Goals and Objectives with the inclusion of the Township mission statement; 4e – add Little Black Lake; 7e – add Spring Lake; and include a provision for maintenance. A roll call vote carried with Nash being the dissenting vote. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to adopt the Resolution of “A Community Parks and Recreation Plan of Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019”. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

#### **12. Cemetery Road Bids**

Bids for extending the cemetery drive to the west were received and opened. Kevin Kieft from Prein & Newhof prepared the bid tabulation and Notice of Award. The recommendation is to award the contract to Tiles Excavating, who was also the low bidder at \$31,722.60. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to award the bid to Tiles excavating for \$31,722.60. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

#### **13. Reports**

A time for information sharing was given to the Supervisor and Manager.

#### **13a. Closed Session**

**Motion** to go into closed session at 9:20pm to discuss potential leasing of property was made by Lindquist and supported by Mierle. With a roll call vote the motion carried.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:29pm.

#### **14. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk

## Adoption Resolution

15-4

### EXCERPTS OF MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, held at the Spring Lake Township Hall, 106 South Buchanan Street, Spring Lake, Michigan, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: None.

The Supervisor stated the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution concerning the adoption of the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*. The following resolution was offered by Lindquist and supported by Terpstra:

#### Resolution Adopting *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*

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WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Board of Trustees of Spring Lake Township voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015-2019*.

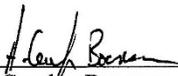
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YES: Boersma, Koster, Homan, Lindquist, Mierle, Terpstra.

NO: Nash.

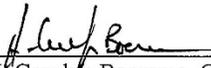
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: February 9, 2015

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution relative to the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, which Resolution was adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015. I further certify that public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Michigan Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.

  
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# Village of Spring Lake

## Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

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### Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

#### DRAFT MINUTES

Monday February 16, 2015  
7:00 P.M., Barber School  
102 West Exchange Street  
Spring Lake, Michigan

**1. Call to Order**

President **MacLachlan** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**Present:** Bennett, MacLachlan, Nauta, Powers, Van Strate.

**Absent:** Meyers and Miller.

On a motion by **Nauta**, seconded by **Bennett**, to excuse the absence of Council Members **Meyers** and **Miller**.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

On a motion by **VanStrate**, seconded by **Bennett**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**5. Consent Agenda**

A. Approved payment of the bills (checks numbered 56351 – 56433) in the amount of \$395,255.62.

B. Approved the minutes for the January 19, 2015 Council meeting.

C. Approved the appointment of Mr. Andrew Dull to the CBDDA Board with a term expiring 11/2019.

D. Approved a contract with Hydro Designs, Inc. to perform the Village's Cross Connection Control Program for an amount not to exceed \$4,752 over the course of 36 months.

- E. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015-02, a Resolution approving a disbursement policy for accounts payable checks.
- F. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015-03, a Resolution approving the Harbor Transit millage rate of .6 mills.
- G. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015 – 04, a Resolution to establish a “Beautification Committee” to oversee volunteer efforts, annual and perennial plantings, rain garden maintenance and tree inventory throughout the Village.
- H. Approved the adoption of Resolution 2015 – 05, a Resolution to establish a “Friends of Barber School” committee to oversee volunteer efforts and make recommendations regarding the oversight and management of Barber School.
- I. Approved the annual Waste Hauler licenses.
- J. Approve a grant submission to the MDNRTF for improvements to Central Park.

On a motion by **Nauta**, seconded by **Bennett**, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**6. General Business**

- A. Council held a Public Hearing for a Joint 5-year Community Recreation Plan

The Village collaborated with Spring Lake Township, Grand Haven Township, as well as the Cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg to hire PM Blough to formulate a comprehensive plan. This collaborative effort will better position NW Ottawa County for future grants. The deadline to complete the plan and submit it to the State of Michigan is March 1, 2015 so the timeline is rather tight.

President **MacLachlan** opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

There was no public comment.

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Nauta**, the Village Council closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Nauta**, Village Council adopted Resolution 2015 -01, a Resolution to Adopt a Multi-jurisdictional Parks &

Recreation Master Plan titled: Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County 2015-2019.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**7. Department Reports**

- A. Village Manager
- B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director
- C. OCSO
- D. 911
- E. Fire
- F. DPW
- G. Sewer

**8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council**

No old business to discuss at this time.

**9. New Business and Reports by Village Council**

No new business to discuss at this time.

**10. Status Report: Village Attorney**

No report from the Village Attorney

**11. Statement of Citizens**

Amanda Price gave a brief update regarding the House of Representatives and what is going on in Lansing.

**12. Adjournment**

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **VanStrate**, the Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

\_\_\_\_\_  
James MacLachlan, Village President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Burns, Village Manager

## Adoption Resolution

**VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE  
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**COUNCIL MEMBER BENNETT, SUPPORTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER NAUTA, MOVED THE  
ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2015-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PARKS & RECREATION  
MASTER PLAN TITLED:**

**EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION:  
A COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN  
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2015-2019**

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Yes: 5

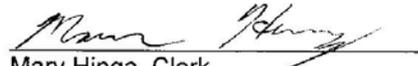
No: 0

Absent: Meyers & Miller

I, Marv Hinga, Village Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Spring Lake at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16th day of February, 2015.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Dated: February 16, 2015

  
Marv Hinga, Clerk  
Village of Spring Lake

# Certification Checklists



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

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City of Ferrysburg (Local Unit of Government)

Craig Bessinger Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

February 27, 2015 Date

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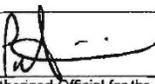
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**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

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*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

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 February 27, 2015  
 Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government      Date

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 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
 RESOURCES  
 PO BOX 30425  
 LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

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 Grants Management      Date



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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PLAN INFORMATION		
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List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Ferrysburg	Ottawa	February 2015
City of Grand Haven	Ottawa	February 2015
Grand Haven Charter Township	Ottawa	February 2015
Spring Lake Township	Ottawa	February 2015
Village of Spring Lake	Ottawa	February 2015

PLAN CONTENT
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- 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**
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    - Date of the Notice January 9, 2015
    - Type of Notice Grand Haven Tribune Public Notice
    - Plan Location Each Community Government Office, Websites
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  - Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)
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    - Date of Meeting February 9, 2015 and February 6, 2015 (Five Meetings Total)
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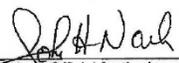
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*Christine Burns* February 27, 2015  
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## **Appendix A: Community Parks & Recreation Survey**

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