

Lake Charter Township Park and Recreation Plan Community Survey Results Report

Lake Charter Township Parks Committee Meeting
November 10, 2021

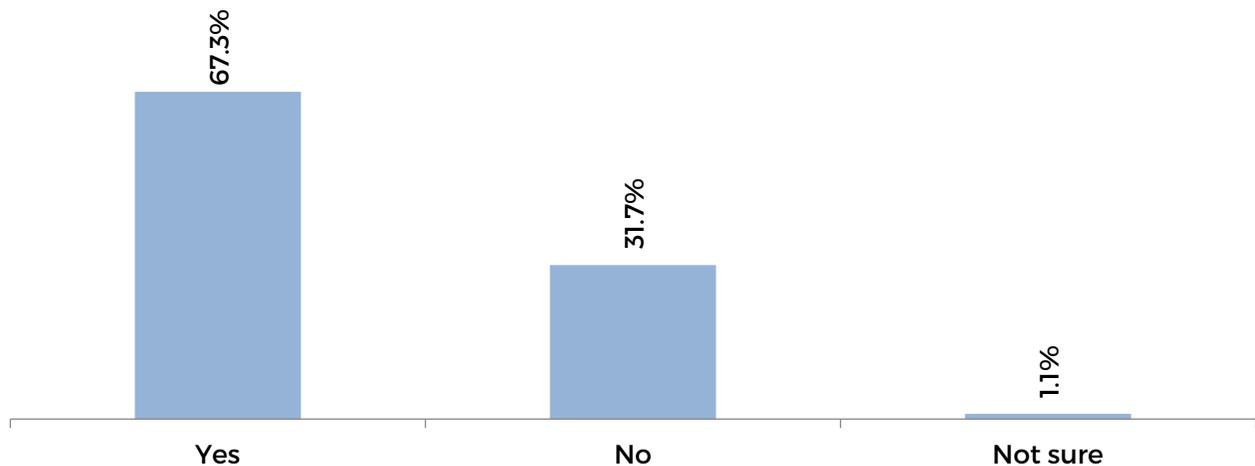
INTRODUCTION

In October 2021, the Lake Charter Township Park and Recreation Plan Community Survey was issued to gather public input on the state of park and recreation amenities and programs in the Township. There were 461 responses to the survey, which provide quantifiable data to help inform the goals and information in the plan. The following are the results of the survey.

RESULTS

1. Do you live in Lake Charter Township?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	67.3%	308
No	31.7%	145
Not sure	1.1%	5
If you do not live in Lake Charter Township please indicate where you live.		131
Answered	458	
Skipped	3	



Other Responses

1. Buchanan
2. City of Bridgman
3. 4233 Post Court
4. Three Oaks

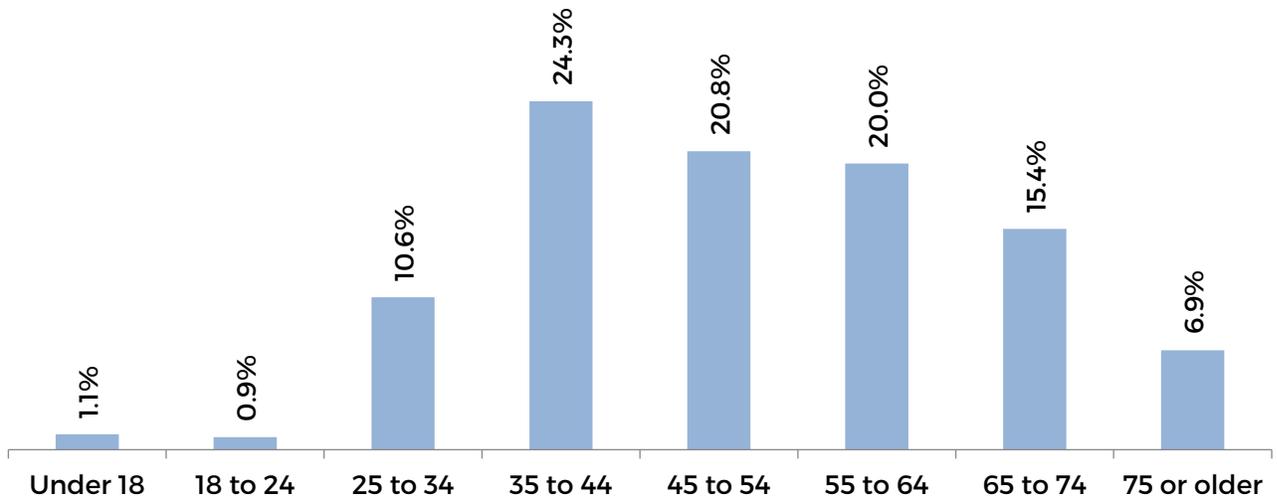
5. Baroda Twp property owner Lake Twp
6. Buchanan
7. Eau Claire
8. Bridgman
9. Stevensville
10. City of Bridgman
11. Baroda Township
12. Lincoln Township
13. Bridgman city
14. Baroda Township
15. 11567 Snow Rd
16. Oronoko
17. Oronoko
18. City of Bridgman
19. Chikaming
20. Glendora Buchanan
21. Baroda
22. Live in Sawyer
23. Bridgman
24. 3568 lemon creek road
25. Sawyer
26. Sawyer
27. City of Bridgman
28. Berrien Springs
29. Coloma Township
30. Sawyer
31. Oronoko Twp
32. Bridgman City Limits
33. City of Bridgman
34. City of Bridgman
35. City of Bridgman
36. 4629 Hickory Drive
37. Bridgman
38. Benton Township
39. Stevensville, Lincoln Twp
40. Benton Harbor
41. Bridgman
42. City of Bridgman
43. City of Bridgman
44. Baroda Township. But own a business in Lake Charter & kids go to Bridgman schools.
45. Bridgman
46. Baroda
47. Berrien Springs
48. Barida

49. Bridgman City
50. Baroda
51. Three oaks
52. Bridgman
53. Bridgman
54. Bridgman
55. Sawyer
56. City of Bridgman
57. Bridgman
58. City of Bridgman
59. City of Bridgman
60. Bridgman
61. City of Bridgman
62. city of Bridgman
63. Saint Joseph Township
64. Baroda
65. Bridgman City
66. Chikaming
67. City of Bridgman
68. Bridgman
69. St Joseph township
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71. City of Bridgman
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75. City of Bridgman
76. City of Bridgman
77. Niles township
78. City of Bridgman
79. Three Oaks
80. Baroda Township
81. Bridgman
82. Bridgman
83. City of Bridgman
84. South Bend, IN
85. Berrien Springs
86. Bridgman city
87. Bridgman
88. Bridgman
89. City of Bridgman
90. Chickamauga Township
91. City of Bridgman
92. Berrien Springs
93. City of Bridgman

94. City of Bridgman
95. Lincoln Township
96. Bridgman
97. City of Bridgman
98. Bridgman
99. Baroda
100. Chikaming
101. Buchanan twp
102. Chikaming
103. St. Joseph, MI
104. Bridgman City
105. Sawyer
106. just down thr road from park
107. City of Bridgman
108. Bridgman
109. City of Bridgman
110. Weesaw Township
111. Bridgman
112. baroda township own property in lake
113. Village of Baroda
114. Chikaming Township
115. Bridgman city limits
116. Bridgman
117. Bridgman
118. Bridgman City
119. Sawyer
120. City of Bridgman
121. Bridgman
122. Baroda
123. Bridgman, Mi
124. Bridgman
125. City of Bridgman
126. long time Lincoln Township resident
127. Bridgman City
128. Bridgman City
129. St. Joseph Charter Twp
130. New Buffalo
131. Lincoln Township

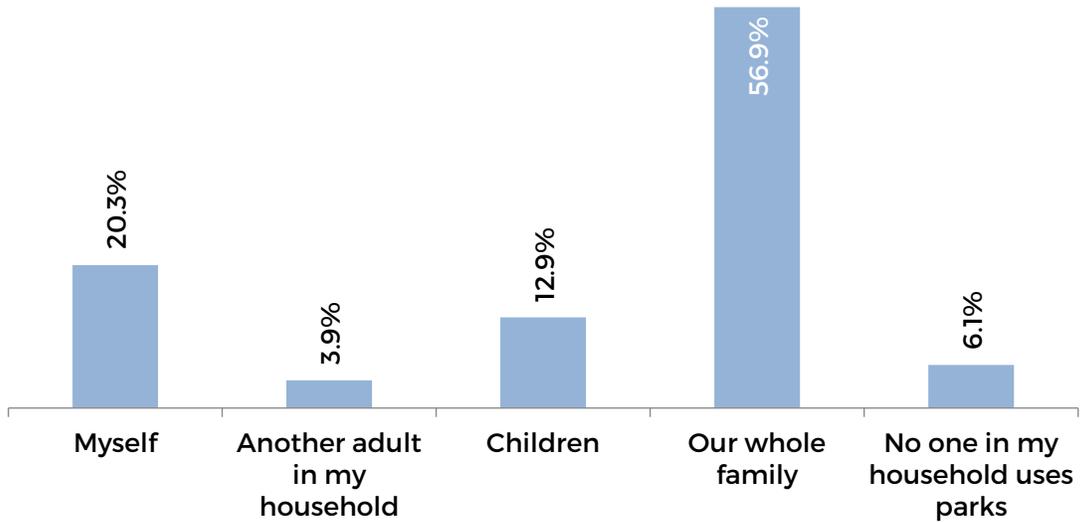
2. What is your age?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 18	1.1%	5
18 to 24	0.9%	4
25 to 34	10.6%	49
35 to 44	24.3%	112
45 to 54	20.8%	96
55 to 64	20.0%	92
65 to 74	15.4%	71
75 or older	6.9%	32
Answered	461	
Skipped	0	



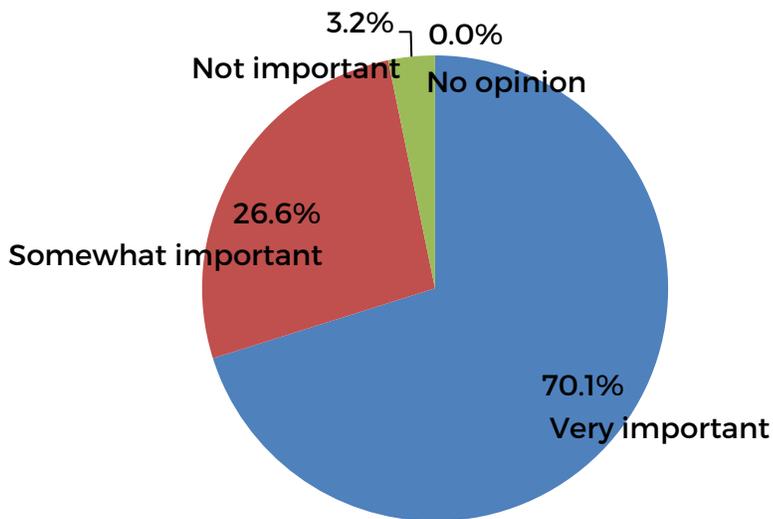
3. Who in your household is the most active user of parks?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Myself	20.3%	93
Another adult in my household	3.9%	18
Children	12.9%	59
Our whole family	56.9%	261
No one in my household uses parks	6.1%	28
Answered	459	
Skipped	2	



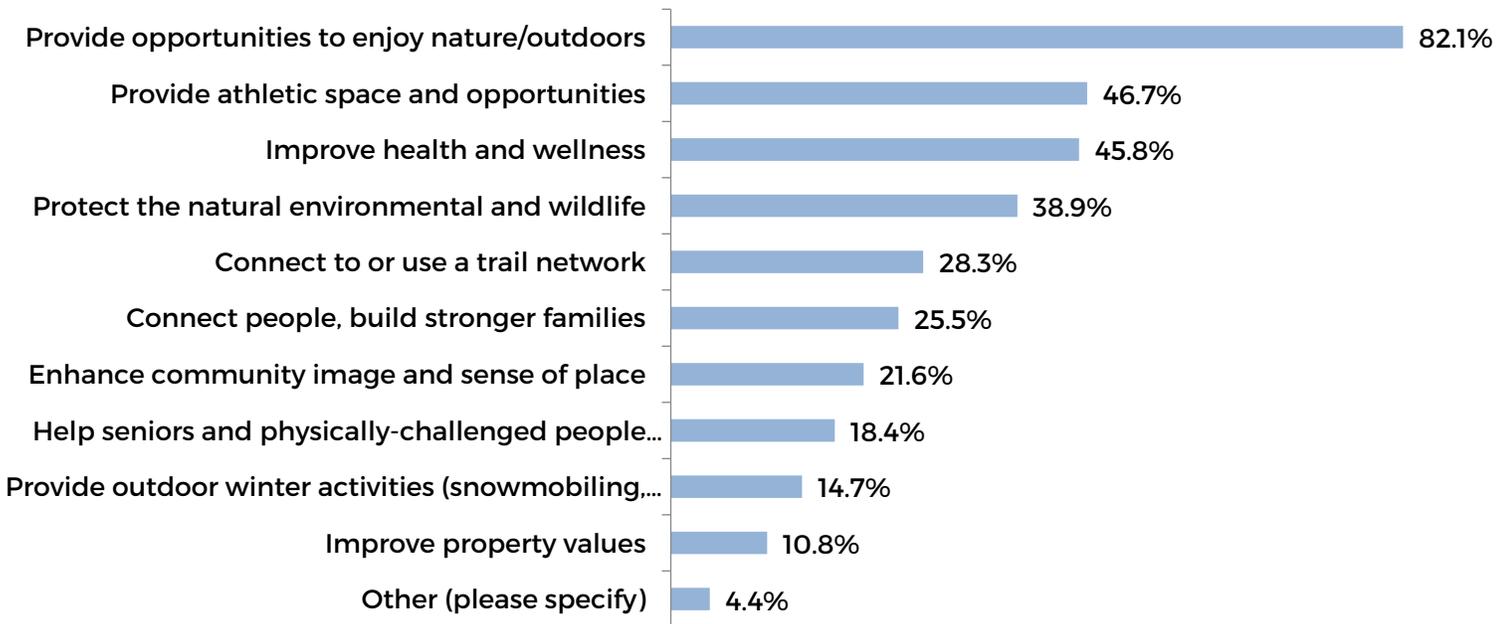
4. How important are parks, trails, and open space to you and/or your household's quality of life? (Scale of 1 Not Important – 3 Very Important.)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	70.1%	303
Somewhat important	26.6%	115
Not important	3.2%	14
No opinion	0%	0
Weighted Average	2.67	
Answered	432	
Skipped	29	



5. Which of the following benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you? (Please select your top three.)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors	82.1%	357
Provide athletic space and opportunities	46.7%	203
Improve health and wellness	45.8%	199
Protect the natural environmental and wildlife	38.9%	169
Connect to or use a trail network	28.3%	123
Connect people, build stronger families	25.5%	111
Enhance community image and sense of place	21.6%	94
Help seniors and physically-challenged people remain active	18.4%	80
Provide outdoor winter activities (snowmobiling, cross country skiing, etc.)	14.7%	64
Improve property values	10.8%	47
Other (please specify)	4.4%	19
Answered	435	
Skipped	26	



Other Responses

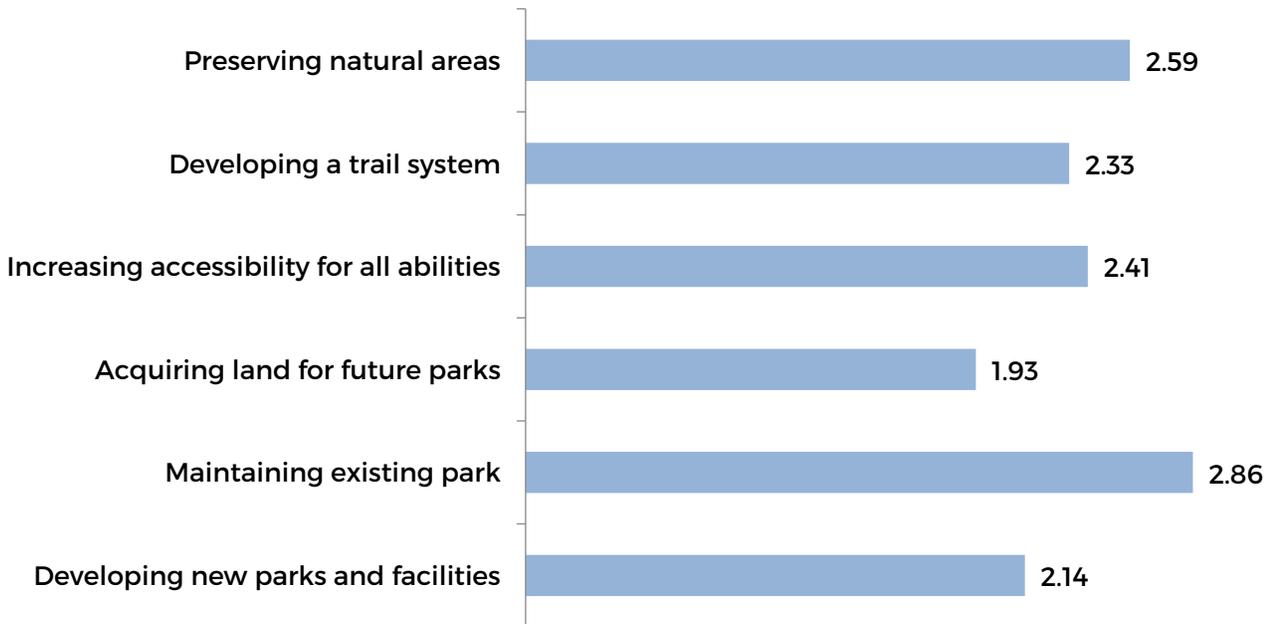
1. Being able to rent for family reunions, parties, etc
2. A safe place for the kids to run and play
3. Watching my grandchild play & be happy
4. Rental pavilions
5. Bike Trails & Dog Parks
6. Nothing

7. I am a big supporter of trail and connectivity in Berrien County. We have a huge lack of trails.
8. Open the Livingston rd to nature walk. Stop the deer hunting John Gast is allowing to his close friends by giving personal permission
9. Playground and spaces for children to enjoy
10. Something for the kids beside all the bars and winery's!!!
11. Connecting is the BIG idea for me county and SWMI wide
12. how about an outdoor ice rink just flood an area no big buildings plz
13. Provide places to exercise dogs
14. Space for children to play
15. Playground equipment
16. All of the above
17. Disc golf
18. Provide facilities so family and friends can get together for special occasions and picnics.
19. Playground equipment

6. How important are the following in improving the park and recreation facilities in Lake Charter Township? (Scale of 1 Not Important – 3 Very Important.)

Answer Choices	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Total	Score
Developing new parks and facilities	33.7% (146)	50.1% (217)	12.9% (56)	3.2% (14)	433	2.14
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	88.0% (382)	10.6% (46)	0.7% (3)	0.7% (3)	434	2.86
Acquiring land for future parks	24.6% (106)	48.7% (210)	21.8% (94)	4.9% (21)	431	1.93
Increasing accessibility for all abilities	53.0% (228)	38.6% (166)	4.9% (21)	3.5% (15)	430	2.41
Developing a multi-use trail system	48.2% (208)	39.6% (171)	9.5% (41)	2.8% (12)	432	2.33
Preserving natural areas	64.6% (277)	30.1% (129)	4.9% (21)	0.5% (2)	429	2.59

Other (please specify)					13	
Answered						436
Skipped						25

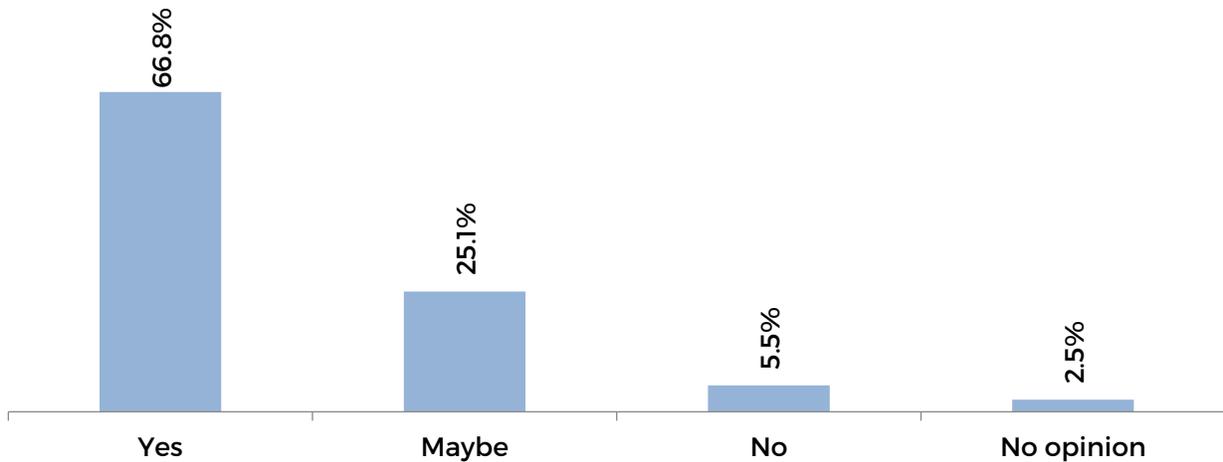


Other Responses

1. Updating facilities, playgrounds, bathrooms,
2. We need a dog park somewhere.. So many people have dogs and it would be nice to have a place.
3. Disc Golf
4. Bike Trails and Dog Parks
5. Safety/visibility on trails. When walking alone on more secluded trails, as a woman I feel vulnerable and insecure. Safety features would be a huge benefit.
6. To have a winter use facility
7. Providing dog friendly spaces
8. Splash pad would be a great addition for many
9. Biking Trails off the road
10. We need a splash pad at Lake Township Park
11. Handicap accessible
12. Allow pets to exercise their owners and allow others to see people's pets
13. Installing some biking trails

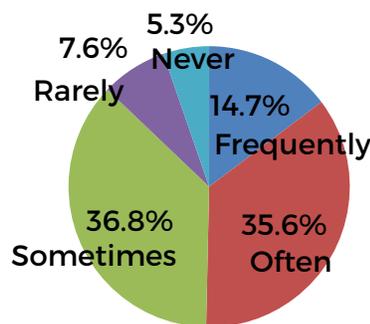
7. Would you or anyone in your household benefit from the addition of parks, trails, and/or recreation facilities in Lake Charter Township?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	66.8%	290
Maybe	25.1%	109
No	5.5%	24
No opinion	2.5%	11
Answered	434	
Skipped	27	



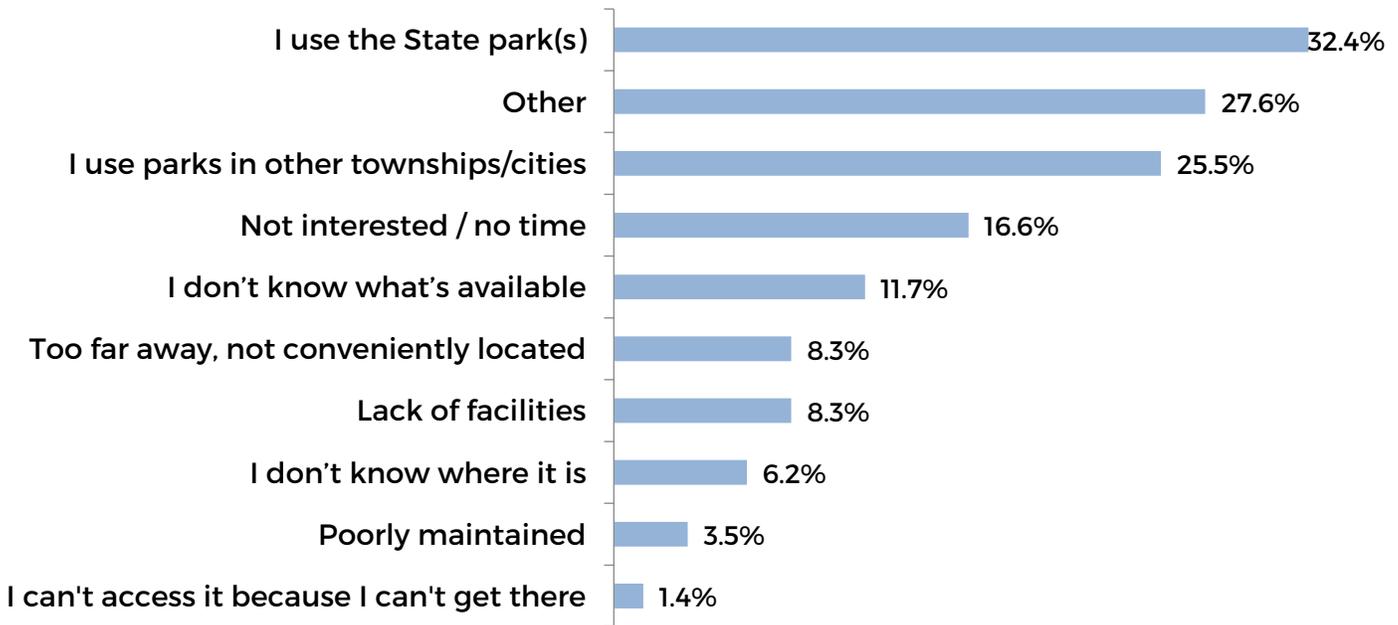
8. How often do you use the Lake Charter Township Park?'

Answer Choices	Responses	
Frequently (once a week or more)	14.7%	64
Often (2-3 times a month)	35.6%	155
Sometimes (a few times each year)	36.8%	160
Rarely (less than once a year)	7.6%	33
Never	5.3%	23
Weighted Average	2.53	
Answered	435	
Skipped	26	



**9. If you do not currently use park in Lake Charter Township, what is the reason?
(Please select all that apply.)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
I use the State Park(s)	32.4%	47
Other	27.6%	40
I use parks in other townships/cities	25.5%	37
Not interested / no time	16.6%	24
I don't know what's available	11.7%	17
Lack of facilities	8.3%	12
Too far away, not conveniently located	8.3%	12
I don't know where it is	6.2%	9
Poorly maintained	3.5%	5
I can't access it because I can't get there	1.4%	2
Answered	145	
Skipped	316	



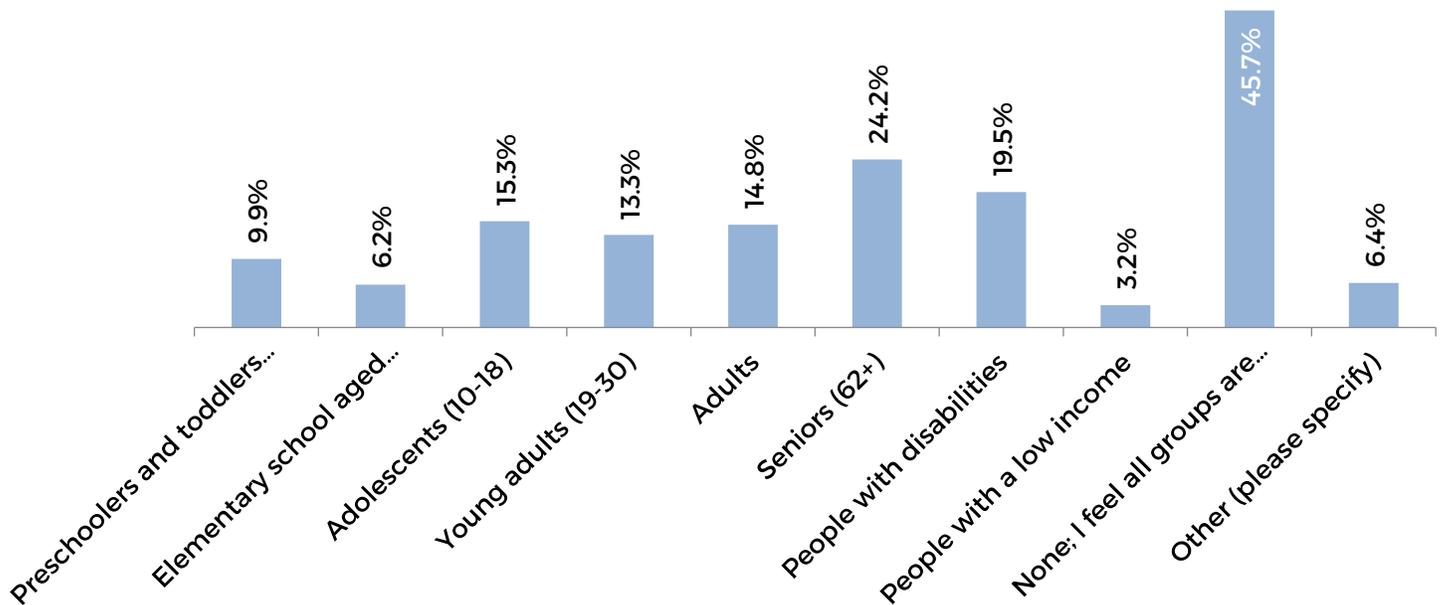
Other Responses

1. Use Weko Beach
2. Lack of time
3. Spend alot of time at Weko Beach
4. No trails!!
5. No reason
6. No dogs allowed
7. Doesn't have walking trail to use all year around.

8. More or less personal scheduling is the issue. Not that we are not interested.
9. We use the parks multiple times a week
10. Walk my dog near the house
11. Not enough time in my day
12. Basketball courts!!
13. Does not provide the facility I would like. Such as a Pickle Ball court or Basketball court.
14. The pony field needs attention bad!!!!!!
15. Can't use both dog and kid park at same time.
16. There's no dogs allowed. I've never even taken a walk there because of this and I live less than a mile away.
17. It's trashed with broken parts nit very kid friendly or safe.
18. I would use it more if dogs were allowed
19. I am not interested in a "developed" park. I am interested in nature experiences, trails, dunes, the Lake Michigan beach, forests.
20. Does not allow dogs, even on leash
21. I use the beach
22. We have a home in Bridgman and Lake Charter Township Park is just to far. Please improve parks in the Bridgman town area so residents can enjoy parks without having to drive far away to Lake Charter Township Park.
23. Family used the parks and school playgrounds when they lived here. My spouse and I are in the habit of attending a health club.
24. We go to Weko Beach for walks
25. I used it when our daughter was small. Now we go to Weko or Livingston Road beach.
26. Not pet friendly
27. Just moved into Sawyer
28. COVID
29. We use parks for xc skiing
30. I just haven't thought about it lately. My children are grown and my grandchildren live in Florida.
31. Seniors, unable to walk without help. Used the current park when our children were small.
32. Would use more if had sidewalks to connect
33. Children are grown and therefore our use is limited
34. I use the parks
35. Son cannot ride his bike there - unsafe
36. Will not allow son to ride it bike there
37. I use other community parks as Lake Township hates dogs and does not allow them at THEIR parks
38. Dogs are not allowed. It would be nice to be able to walk dog around the park since most of the Township area doesn't have sidewalks
39. I Don't have kids in sports
40. Just learned about it

10. Which groups do you feel are under-served by current recreation services and amenities? Please check all that apply.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Preschoolers and toddlers (under 5)	9.9%	40
Elementary school aged children (5-9)	6.2%	25
Adolescents (10-18)	15.3%	62
Young adults (19-30)	13.3%	54
Adults	14.8%	60
Seniors (62+)	24.2%	98
People with disabilities	19.5%	79
People with a low income	3.2%	13
None; I feel all groups are adequately served	45.7%	185
Other (please specify)	6.4%	26
Answered	405	
Skipped	56	



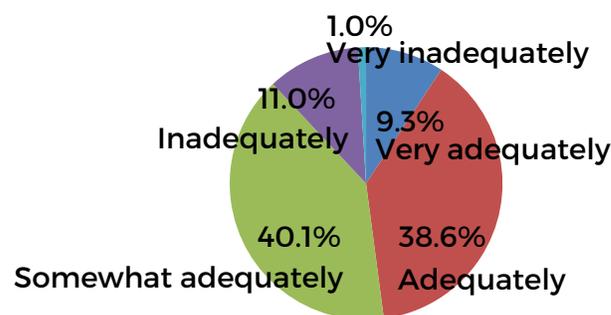
Other Responses

1. Dog owners
2. NA
3. Can you bus in the people that live in the senior centers to get outside?
4. Pet owners
5. Bikes and dogs
6. Don't care
7. Nature walk on Livingston has not been taken care of for years.

8. I wonder about the safety of some of the playground equipment
9. Kids in general don't have anything to do in this town because we cater to all the alcoholics in the area over the children.
10. I feel there are significant opportunities for improvement across age and income demographics
11. Not sure
12. None
13. Not sure
14. People with dogs
15. No opinion
16. I don't know
17. People who enjoy biking
18. I don't know. We moved to Bridgman after retiring 5 years ago and I don't know much about the parks.
19. New to area so cannot answer
20. Tennis courts
21. No opinion
22. I think we need more walking trails and sidewalks!
23. Pet owners
24. Children 8-12 grandchildren were not challenged w/playground
25. People with dogs
26. Dogs

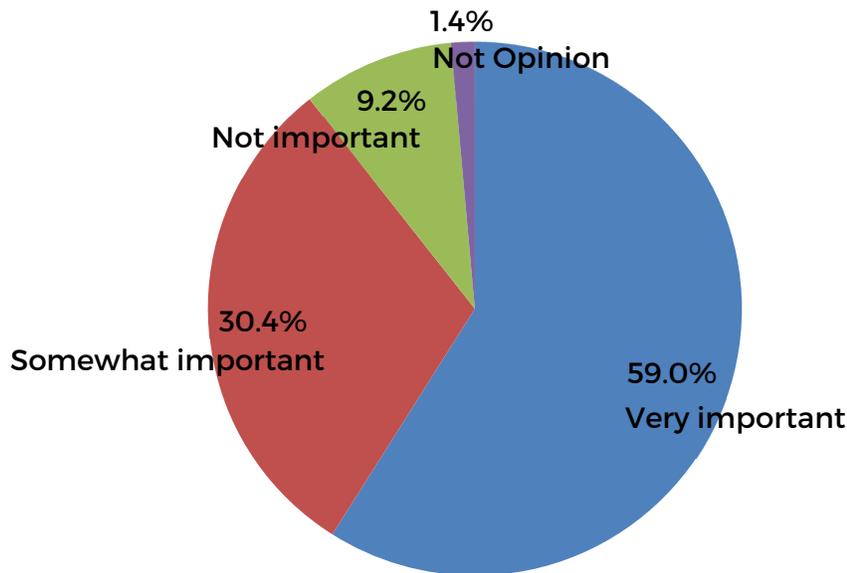
11. How adequately do you feel that the community is served by area programming (camps, sports leagues, outdoor education, etc.)?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very adequately	9.3%	38
Adequately	38.6%	158
Somewhat adequately	40.1%	164
Inadequately	11.0%	45
Very inadequately	1.0%	4
Weighted Average	3.44	
Answered	409	
Skipped	52	



12. How important is pedestrian connectivity (sidewalks, trails, pathways, crossings, etc.) to you and/or your household?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	59.0%	250
Somewhat important	30.4%	129
Not important	9.2%	39
No opinion	1.4%	6
Weighted Average	2.47	
Answered	424	
Skipped	37	



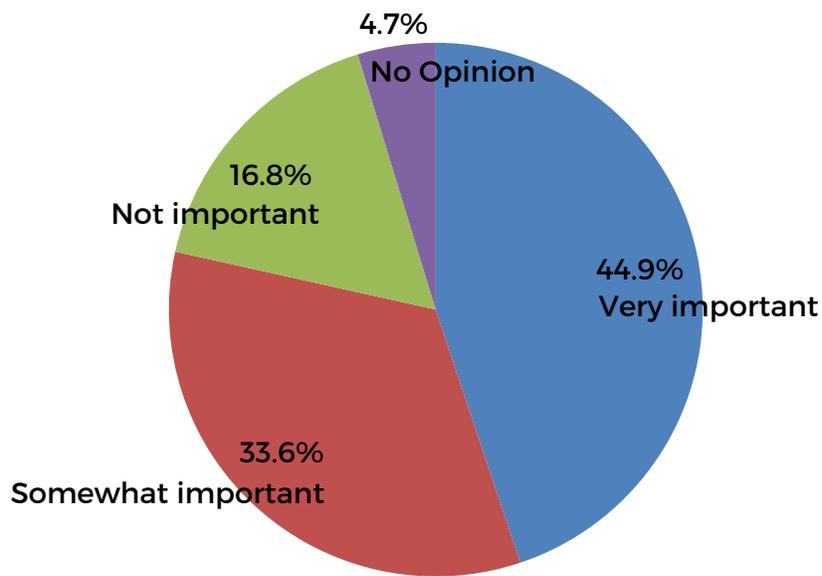
Other Responses

1. Pedestrian & bike trail along Red Arrow Hwy
2. To keep pedestrians off roadway of cars + inside the park
3. We need a walking/biking trail down Gast road from town to the park.
4. I love walking!
5. Disc Golf
6. It would be great to have sidewalks that connect to downtown Bridgman for access to Weko Beach
7. With the exclusion of the linear park. That is a waste of money that will primarily be used for the tourists.
8. We share a car & bike there but if feels unsafe to do so without a bike path
9. I feel a path, sidewalk, or widened road shoulder is needed to connect BHS and LTP. Currently, it is unsafe to walk along Gast Rd due to heavy, high speed traffic
10. Trails only; no desire for sidewalks
11. We need bike trails in this area!

- 12. Not sure I know what this means.
- 13. It would be nice to walk from my house to town, but not safe now-sidewalks would change my life
- 14. We need more, encourage more walking

13. How important is having a nonmotorized trail that provides a connection between the Lake Charter Township Park and the City of Bridgman?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very important	44.9%	171
Somewhat important	33.6%	128
Not important	16.8%	64
No opinion	4.7%	18
Weighted Average	2.19	
Answered	381	
Skipped	80	



Other Responses

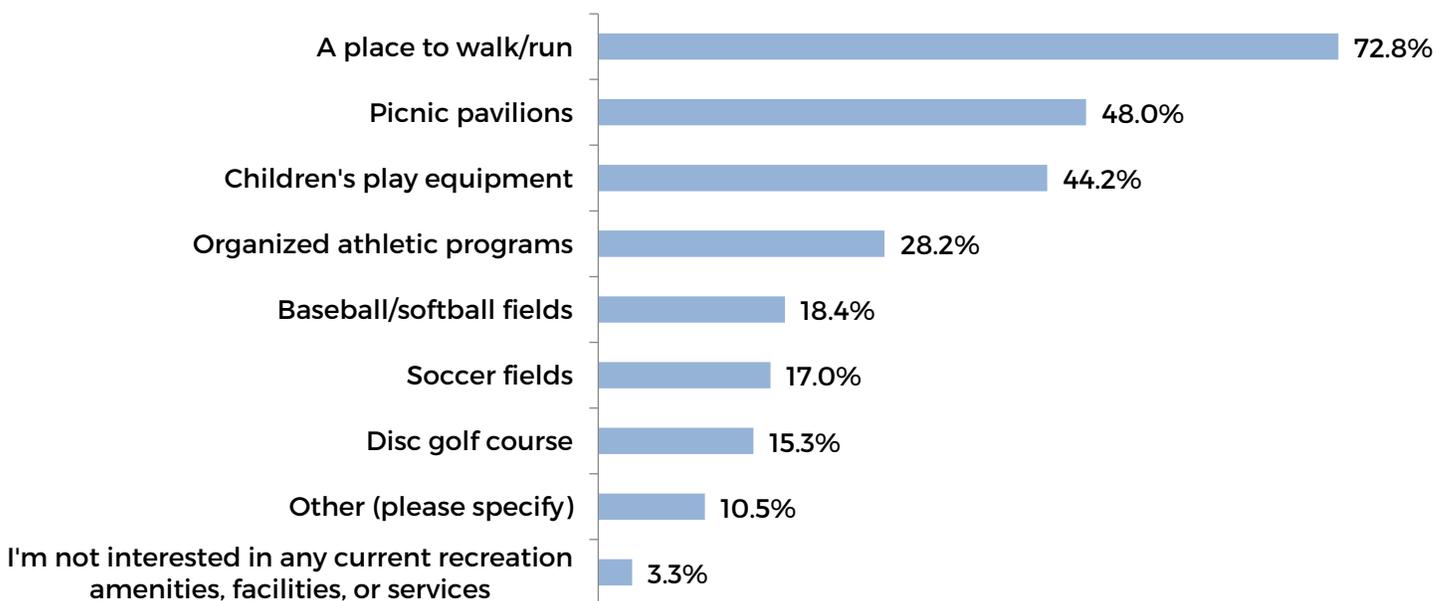
- 1. Pedestrian & bike trail along Red Arrow Hwy
- 2. WE NEED THIS!!!
- 3. Very, very important---would allow residents to take advantage of our beautiful area; speed limit on current roads in Lake Township make riding and walking in streets dangerous
- 4. Safe Bike trails would be great for our community (both city and townships)
- 5. It is dangerous for youth and adults to bike or walk to the park on Gast rd without shoulders. The park is used by numerous youth participating in the

athletics held there. This would give safe access to schools and all of the Bridgman area.

6. I still do not understand why are area--LT and the surrounding--have not caught on to a growing need for a bike culture. Go up north and see the commerce generated by bikers. We NEED that here. That's what young families like to do--road biking and MTB.
7. Great idea!
8. Make a bike lane on Gast Rd and SLOW DOWN THE TRAFFIC. 35 mph should be the max.
9. Through woods yes, along road no

14. What current parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in? (Please select your top three.)

Answer Choices	Responses	
A place to walk/run	72.8%	305
Picnic pavilions	48.0%	201
Children's play equipment	44.2%	185
Organized athletic programs	28.2%	118
Baseball/softball fields	18.4%	77
Soccer fields	17.0%	71
Disc golf course	15.3%	64
Other (please specify)	10.5%	44
I'm not interested in any current recreation amenities, facilities, or services.	3.3%	14
Answered	419	
Skipped	42	



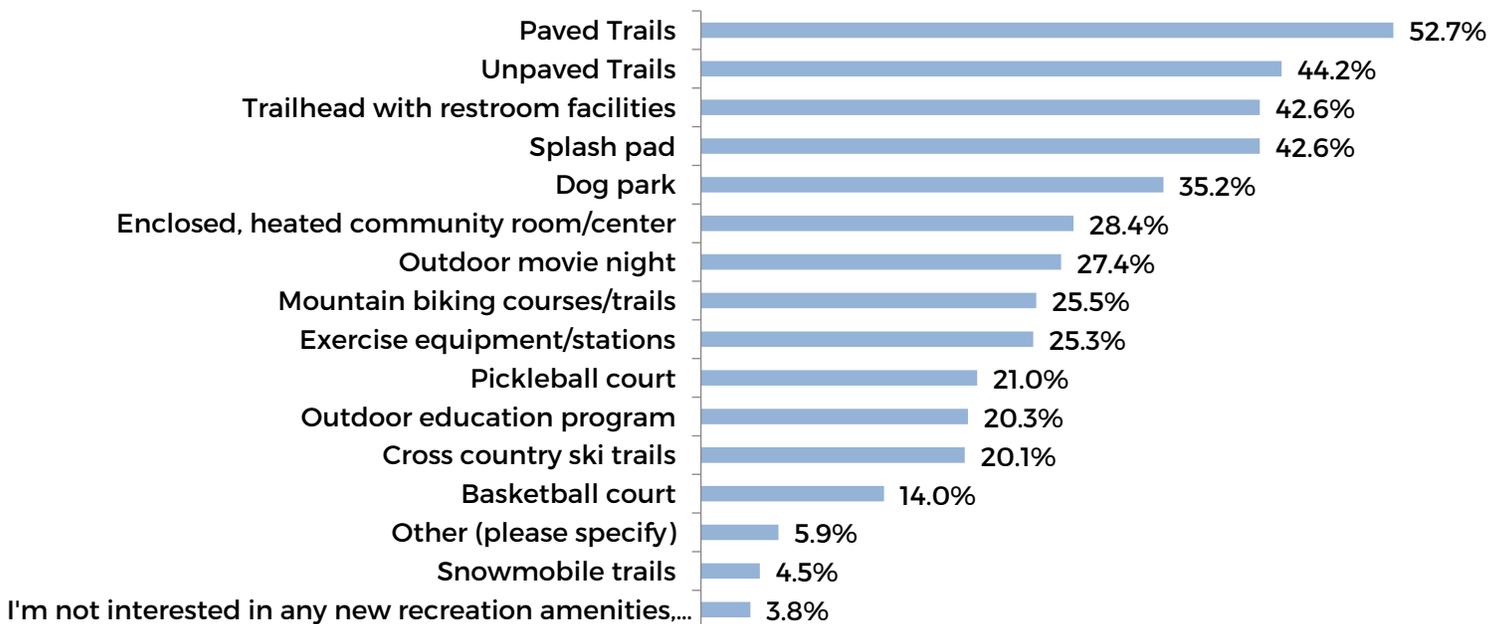
Other Responses

1. Place to take my dog
2. T
3. Pickleball
4. Horseshoe pits
5. Pickleball courts
6. Organized activities for kids
7. Pavilions with ceiling fans? Lake/fishing, Gazebo, Bathrooms
8. Miniature golf
9. Paths for bike riding
10. Hiking opposed to walking with varying elevations
11. Nature trails
12. A splash pad for summer cooling off
13. Paved bike paths
14. I would like a dog park with equipment
15. Mountain bike trails
16. Pickleball courts
17. Bike trails and dog park
18. Green space
19. Fishing pond
20. Football field
21. Fishing pond
22. Places for kids to safely play and hangout.
23. Better equipped for those with walking disabilities
24. Splash Pad
25. https://www.presspubs.com/osceola/news/omc-officially-opens-fitness-trail/article_fcaecba-3db5-11e4-a2b4-afd56efdcd8a.html
26. Don't use lake township parks
27. Dogs being allowed, even if it's on leash
28. Exercise equipment like pull up bars
29. A place to walk with dog
30. New to area
31. We need bike trails!
32. Viewing nature – plants & birds
33. Outdoor volleyball court
34. bike trails
35. A place to bike
36. Pet areas
37. bike trails
38. We have tons of acreage please please give a little space for those who walk their dog as part of their fitness program.
39. Mountain bike trails
40. Need mountain bike trails
41. pickle ball courts
42. Fishing

- 43. Bike paths
- 44. Bike trails

15. What future parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in? (Please select your top five.)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Dog park	35.2%	149
Paved Trails	52.7%	223
Unpaved Trails	44.2%	187
Cross country ski trails	20.1%	85
Mountain biking courses/trails	25.5%	108
Pickleball court	21.0%	89
Basketball court	14.0%	59
Splash pad	42.6%	180
Outdoor education program	20.3%	86
Trailhead with restroom facilities	42.6%	180
Snowmobile trails	4.5%	19
Exercise equipment/stations	25.3%	107
Outdoor movie night	27.4%	116
Enclosed, heated community room/center	28.4%	120
I'm not interested in any new recreation amenities, facilities, or services	3.8%	16
Other (please specify)	5.9%	25
Answered	423	
Skipped	38	



Other Responses

1. Update outdoor grills
2. fireplace already meets this need. Also need a solid drive to get wood to fireplace - can be paved or stones.
3. Miniature golf
4. Tennis Courts
5. Bike trail leading to the park
6. skate park / pump track
7. Skate park
8. A skate park please!
9. Shaded play areas for kids, more park equipment for really young children
10. Splash Pad
11. Indoor facility would be nice for floor hockey/soccer/ or other sports that could keep kids busy
12. New Buffalo township park is a wonderful example of a great park. It accommodates many age groups
13. Maintain what we have do not expand any parks!!!
14. Skate Park
15. Lighting for some of the sports fields.
16. Outdoor community pool
17. outdoor ice rink just frozen water no ice machines
18. Bike trails
19. A place for kids to hang out after school.
20. Not sure yet
21. Camping
22. Outdoor Volleyball court! Please!
23. Dune facilities to protect the environment
24. Fishing access.
25. Bike paths

16. Comments

1. Take a look at Veterans Park near Montevallo Alabama.
2. Lovely job so far. Good to have this survey. Thank you.
3. Township park is beautiful and well maintained. Would love dog park there as well as pickleball court and exercise stations.
4. I would LOVE to see additional running trails!!
5. Connect bike & Pedestrian trails along Red Arrow Hwy north & South...
6. Love the open the land in our area. Don't want the community to grow too much. Keep as much nature as possible. Bike trails would be great-Red Arrow is dangerous. It's a beautiful area-we LOVE it!
7. update the grills
8. It's a very clean + welcoming place to have get togethers
9. Our park is very well taken care of. (Thank you)

10. It would be great to have the walking/running/biking trails like they have in the South Haven and Grand Haven areas
11. I would love for dogs to be welcomed at the park on a leash. We spend so many days each year for baseball, softball, and soccer at the park and would love to have the option to bring our dog.
12. I love Lake Township park but I would love for the play equipment to be more regularly sprayed for bees and wasp nests and to have curse word graffiti checked and cleaned off of kids play equipment more frequently. The pavilions are always clean and beautiful though!
13. SPLASH PAD!!!
14. Please build a paved trail from Lake Township Park to downtown Bridgman traveling down Gast Road. So many people walk on/ride bikes on the road which is fairly dangerous due to cars.
15. I think the park is great but I wish there was better equipment for smaller kids. I have a 2 year old and while she can play on the play equipment now it's not exactly the safest because it's all designed for kids that are older and there are a lot of things she cannot play on. She is mainly just going down smaller slides and getting on the swings. She still loves it and has fun but I wish there was something a little more friendly for real young kids.
16. We need people to head designing committees...
17. Appreciate your asking for community input.
18. I'd like to see that people are able to walk their dog on the paved road with doggy bags available. I would like to see a nonmotorized trail down Red Arrow connecting to Warren Dunes and connecting to future trails north and south.
19. Our park is lovely, and it seems very under-utilized. Perhaps programming to take advantage of what exists already may be better than investing more money in a park that few folks seem to use.
20. "Splash pad, Disc golf, Pickleball PLEASE :-)"
21. Please consider the addition of a pickleball court and basketball court.
22. Think the park is very nice - I grew up in Lake Township, live in Coloma now, but kids go to Bridgman schools. My personal opinion - I'd rather have a well kept current park system over a non-well kept newer/bigger park system.
23. .
24. Skate/bike park
25. A safe bike trail would be great, since the back roads aren't always the best to ride on. It would be great if each city could have connecting bike trails paved to be used in the warmer weather and used as cross country trails in the winter. South Bend has done a very nice job. Get people out of the house and moving"
26. Use this money for something else.
27. I love Itp! It provides so much diversity for people using it. It is very well maintained and constantly being improved. Kudos to the board and committee in their leadership and vision. A trail to the park is #1 for me. It will allow many more to access the park safely and get some much needed exercise and fresh air! Thanks for asking!

28. First, the baseball fields need a major overhaul. Out of all the parks the little leagues visit, ours is the most dilapidated. It needs new concession facilities and major maintenance on the fields, a nice bathroom near the fields. Second, as mentioned above, our area needs more biking opportunities for families and adults, see Chikaming and Andrews trails OR the Van Buren trail that connects a state park to South Haven.
29. I would love a bike and or a walking trail to the park. I feel like making a loop from the City of Bridgman side walks on California, then turn down snow road. After that go down Gast road to the city limits. I feel like this would open up the park to so many more people by allowing a safe area to walk or bike to it. With how narrow these roads are it's not safe for me to walk or bike there with my children.
30. I don't live in Lake Township but love the park. Have been there for school cross country meets.
31. We need a really nice skatepark like Niles and St. Joe, and we would like an r/c track for remote control off-road racing like R/C Funpark in Granger.
32. The Disc Golf course is the best in the area and the recent improvements made by the League players are incredible!
33. The preservation and thoughtful use of land/space should be be thought of in combination with all infrastructure and growth opportunities within the community
34. Maintenance of current parks is very good.
35. Livingston rd property and lake access. Need attention.
36. I'd like to see the Township parks leadership be more interactive with the Weko Beach leadership. Weko Beach was a mess this summer. The trails from Weko into Warren Dunes are a DISASTER and have been for several years. It has severely hampered my ability to hike in the dune shoreline. If there is grant money available I'd like to see it go to restore the hiking trails behind Weko, particularly along Tanner Creek, before we invest in a linear park. The loss of trees and loss of a lane of traffic on Red Arrow Hwy is not a win for local people. The work everyone has done to bring up Lake Township Park has been very successful. Congratulations! It's been so successful that the traffic on Gast Rd. has quadrupled in recent years. Every time I see anyone riding a bike or walking down Gast to the park, I cringe. There are a handful of drivers who drive excessively fast on Gast and a LOT of drivers who don't yield to any kind of pedestrian presence.. like when I pick up my mail! I would like to see a traffic survey done by the county and the speed limit dropped to 35 mph. Believe me, this will be a pain for me but I'll take it to slow the traffic on this busy road that used to be quiet and rural. If (and only if) the speed limit is dropped, a bike lane along Gast to the park would be nice. What ever happened to the beach access at Livingston Rd? Could it be developed into a primitive hiking area? Weko has gotten so busy I don't even try to visit in the peak summer months. Please, no trails for snowmobiles, atv's or other noisy, disruptive sports. We've got enough of that already. With any new or developed trails, PLEASE allow doggos. There are LOTS of dog enthusiasts around as shown by the attendance

- at the Bridgman council meeting that tried to close access to Weko Beach for dogs. Thanks for reaching out. Looking forward to your plans!
37. Would be nice to be able take dogs there to walk but not have to be in a completely separate area like in a dog park.
 38. I feel the parks currently are geared towards small children. That was wonderful when they were small, but we don't have anything for the 14 & older crowd. A skate park can be utilized by a wide age group, and by skate boarders, bmx bikes, roller bladers & scooters. Kiwanis park is a fantastic example of a local park that's got something for everyone. To create a similar environment in Bridgman would be an asset to our community.
 39. The township park could use more trees around the kids play areas. They get extremely hot when it's hot outside and this causes the amount of days they are useful in the summer to be greatly reduced. Also, all the play equipment seems to be geared for the same age group. The play equipment could use to have a greater variety of sizes and options.
 40. The Pony League baseball field is in desperate need of attention. The pitcher's mound is a joke, bordering on unsafe.
 41. PLEASE SOMETHING ENCLOSED FOR THE WINTER AND RHE KIDS TO BE ABLE TO USE
 42. Lake township park is an amazing amenity. I would love to see a hiking or bike trail in the area, and our family would greatly enjoy a splash pad. Thanks for considering residents' usage of park facilities!
 43. It would be great to do more for the kids in this town that isn't based around all the bars and winery's that we keep adding. I'm not sure how we can keep the kids safe and active with all the drunks driving around in this town local and none local. What exactly is there for kids to do outside here besides playing at the run down playground that hasn't been updated since I was a kid? You guys even took away the skate park there's literally nothing for kids to do here besides run around and get into trouble.
 44. Would love a splash pad in Lake Township Park
 45. A walking path through wooded areas would be nice or even if just a portion.
 46. If outdoor education is being considered I'd love to be a part of it. My M.S. is in Environmental Education and though I haven't used it in some time, I'd love to be involved. -Sam Truesdell (samanthatrues@gmail.com)
 47. We have enjoyed having our kids grow up using Lake Twp Park. We would love to see improvements and trail connections.
 48. Would use much more if dogs were allowed.
 49. If you are going to have rules at weko. Stick to them. Some employees do, some don't. Conflict between employees. Everyone should be treated equally. No " I don't like him or her" type.
 50. Love the parts mostly Snow Road and I love that dogs are not allowed. Children need a safe place to play and not have to be confronted with an animal coming at them.
 51. I would like the parks within the city of Bridgman to be improved.

52. Parks are a resource that greatly enhance a community - there are so many upgrades that can be done to LTP that would encourage year round use - it would be a huge investment to our community and much needed!
53. The park on Gast rd is beautiful and has been well kept. Thank you for all the work you've done with it.
54. Having a safe place to walk and enjoy nature with my furry friend would be great! Also, an indoor recreation area open year round could benefit children if it had the right attractions in it. A splash pad would be great, too and keep families in our own town instead of venturing to others!
55. The parks are great to have , the quality is good relative to the small size community we have.
56. I would like to see Red Arrow Hwy. continue what has been done in Union Pier. I think Harbert is going to continue the walking/bike trail. I am very nervous about riding my bike on our country roads and would like to see space set aside for bikes and walkers on our roads.
57. This park has always been an important part of our family, Girl Scout, and outdoor fun! I would love to see a building that could be enclosed happen!
58. My family loves spending time at the parks, and the township does as amazing job keeping them well maintained.
59. The park is great and beautifully maintained keep the vehicles from rutting the landscape
60. I feel we should preserve more land as natural areas and make them accessible for hiking. There should also be an educational program for children and adults to learn about ecology and how to protect our environment.
61. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input!
62. I think our park in Lake Twp is very nice and appreciate the upgrades that have already been made. Continually making improvements is necessary to keep up with our growing community and needs. We have wanted to rent the pavillions for our annual family reunion and graduations but never have because there wasn't a "full kitchen" available. (We use Royalton because of this.) I feel our park is a diamond in the rough. So much potential, but lacking vision of future. So glad to see this survey come through. Thank you for listening.
63. Please improve recreational facilities in the City of Bridgman.
64. walking
65. Even if I don't avail myself of the facilities, I support development and opportunities
66. Like the new all season parking area and work on the back 40
67. I would love a youth baseball league & also value fun play equipment (not cookie cutter play equipment that most parks have). A nature playground with water features, trees right climb, monkey bars, swings would be fun!
68. I would love to have a splash pad at Lake Township Park. A miniature golf course would be nice, too.
69. Frequently use baseball fields to practice infield and pitching drills with my grandson. Would like to have trail connecting the park with Bridgman.

70. Wonderful disc golf course. Thank you!
71. We moved to Bridgman five years ago from Muskegon County. While we love living here, our lack of bicycle trails is appalling. It is terribly dangerous to ride bicycles on our roads. There are very few shoulders for riding, and no trails. If you want to encourage visitors and residents to engage in the community, create a bike trail from downtown Bridgman to Berrien Springs with parking areas at each terminus and you will be amazed at the useage. People would love to travel between breweries and wineries on bicycles.
72. I think our Lake Township Park is a very nice facility and have used it many times with my own children and with my grandchildren.
73. Develop parking at the Livingston road beach next to cook.
74. I believe any additional trails of all kinds are important. As well as the idea of a splash pad and volleyball court.
75. My use of the park is minimal but I totally support whatever you want to do to help bring family and friends together and to have fun and exercise in the outdoors.
76. Update better bathroom facility
77. easy access to the pond at the ball park . Would be nice for people with disabilities .
78. This is a wonderful place to live, but not very pedestrian friendly just outside of town, sadly. Also, although the roads are characterized as bike trails, doesn't really seem safe to me, so I don't ride my bike.
79. "IMPORTANT: Do not allow the Weko patrols to drive their 4-wheelers on crowded beaches. Saw an officer being distracted by greetings almost hit a toddler who did not (of course) expect motorized traffic next to the lake. The look of horror on the parents' faces was bad enough: such a fatality would be worse than a drowning because it is easily preventable. There's no need to drive on crowded beaches where misconduct is easily observed from the parking lot or via foot patrol. Thank you for the survey."
80. It would be wonderful to have an indoor walking/community center. A safe environment for being active in the winter. Walking area for seniors in our section of county.
81. Lake Township seniors need an area to walk with their dogs. Dogs provide seniors with a reason to get out and move around and get exercise. As it is now we have to go to another community to walk, yet we have one of the largest parks around. Sad.
82. All of these questions would be better answered with "at what cost?" I love living in a township that uses their money wisely and keeps my taxes low. I would want additional amenities that are low cost, low upkeep and can be used by many (I would think unpaved trails would fall in here maybe? I love seeing how much lake twp park gets used. I am happy with recent upgrades (adding parking outside and leaving the park side entrance open). That said, I don't think lake needs another park, just continue to maintain the park we have.

83. Question 13 did not load correctly or wasn't built correctly. Have a QR code on your flyer next time. Best way to increase park usage is to increase the number of working class residents. Best way to do that is to increase the multi family zoning and let some affordable apartments be built.
84. A space to walk and exercise dogs would be huge. The only options now are to walk on busy country roads or drive into town and walk the dog. Would be nice to access the park or a certain area for dogs.
85. It would be great to have a paved bike trail to New Buffalo from Bridgman.
86. We would love to have pickle ball courts at the park.
87. Mountain biking trails would be a great addition for the local community and would also bring revenue in from visitors coming to use the trails. Like other trail systems in the area, a new trail could be built and maintained with the help of volunteers and also trail building groups such as NIMBA.
88. Would like to see continued development and maintenance, the park is well done and used by all age groups. Good job.
89. Assuming that the linear park along red arrow highway is completed in the future from New Buffalo to St Joseph, the Township will want to connect a paved trail to red arrow.