



## ACTION PROGRAM

With goals and objectives established, Yankee Springs Township developed a 5-year action program to implement the vision, policies, and improvements outlined in the Plan. The Township Park Action Program specifies improvements for each fiscal year, with projects in year one being the highest priority and projects in year five being the lowest priority. Further, each action program item relates to a goal and/or objective, the category of which is noted next to each. Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision-makers but also to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects. Costs of each project will be determined at the time of implementation.

The project list is not a fixed element and it is neither all-inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from the online survey, focus groups, Township staff, and Parks

and Recreation Committee. Future circumstances, especially the availability of funding and cost, may change priorities or require the reprioritization of items. The responsibility of implementing this Action Program ultimately falls on the Township Board, Township staff, and the Parks and Recreation Committee. However, partners and local stakeholders will also play an important role in ensuring that the Action Program is implemented.

While not specifically identified in the following matrix, this Action Program also supports a variety of programming at Yankee Springs Township Park and future park facilities. Park programming may be an extension of current programming activities such as the Gun Lake Women's Club park readings or may include new events such as movies or live music. The Township is also open to league use of its baseball and soccer fields. As such, programming year-to-year may change depending on interest and demand for facilities.

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## FY 2023-2024

- Add two to four additional pickleball courts to Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Expand the basketball court to full court size and make ADA improvements, including fencing at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Determine potential routes for trail connection between Yankee Springs Township Park and Yankee Springs State Recreation Area. (Non-motorized Facilities)
- Begin to acquire trail easements and agreements. (Non-motorized Facilities)
- Plant additional trees and shrubs around parking lots in Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)
- Add a park kiosk and signage to Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Maintain/resurface paved walking trail loop in Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)
- Purchase and install ADA accessible playground equipment at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- General park maintenance. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)

## FY 2024 -2025

- Add an additional pavilion/picnic shelter at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Build a new park maintenance/storage building at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Plant additional trees and shrubs at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)
- Build pad and screening for porta john placement at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- General park maintenance. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)

## FY 2025-2026

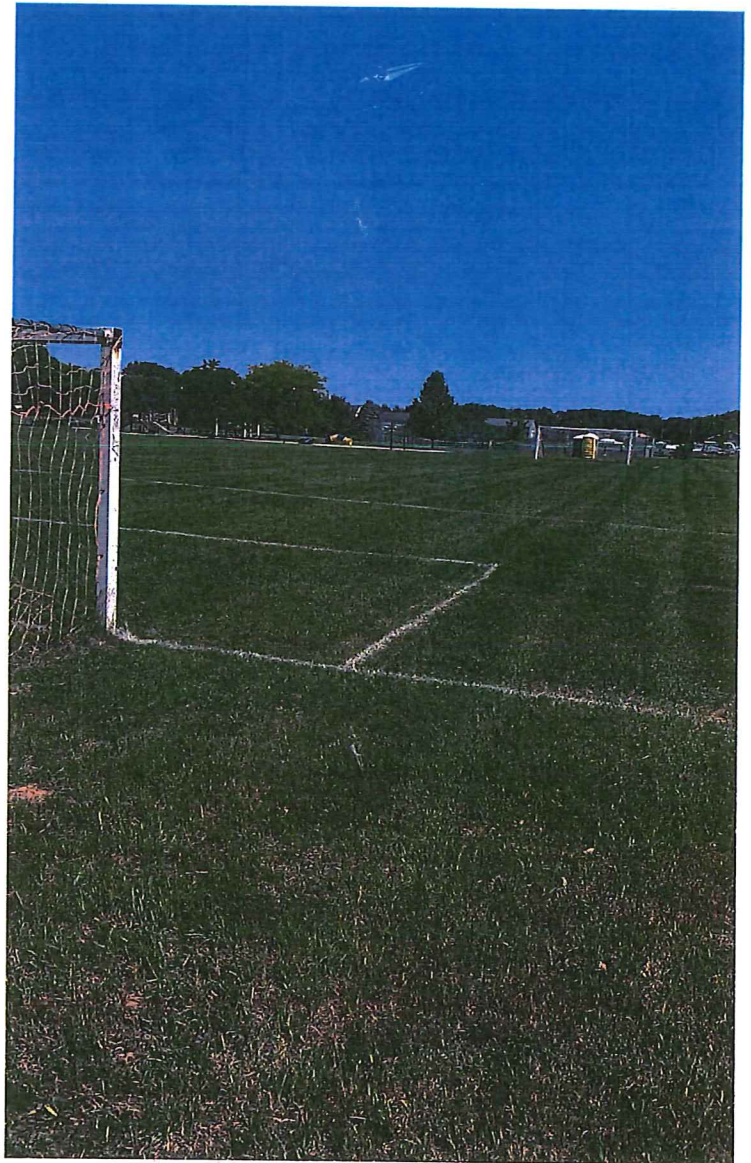
- Acquire additional park property. (Land Acquisition)
- Plant additional trees and shrubs at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)
- General park maintenance. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)

### FY 2026-2027

- Establish a trail between Yankee Springs Township Park and Yankee Springs State Recreation Area. (Non-motorized Facilities)
- Establish a dog park at Yankee Springs Township Park or future park property. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Plant additional trees and shrubs at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)
- General park maintenance. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)

### FY 2027-2028

- Construct a permanent bathroom facility at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Improvements)
- Plant additional trees and shrubs at Yankee Springs Township Park. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)
- General park maintenance. (Parks & Recreation Maintenance)

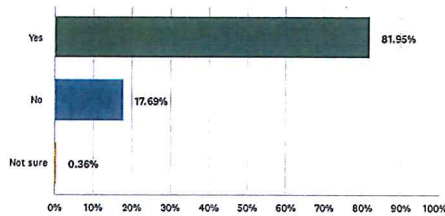


**Appendix A**

**COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

Q1. Do you live in Yankee Springs Township?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 0



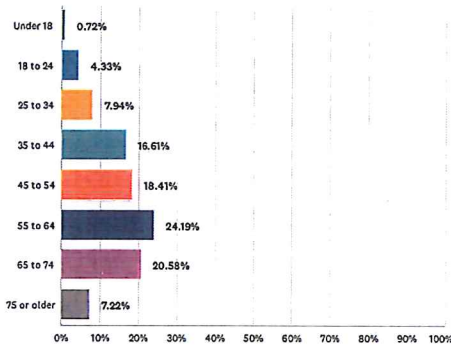
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.95%	227
No	17.69%	49
Not sure	0.36%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>277</b>

#	IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU LIVE.	DATE
1	2364 Vista Point Drive	7/30/2022 9:59 PM
2	Wayland Township on Gun Lake	7/30/2022 5:12 PM
3	Gun Lake - Orangeville Twp	7/30/2022 2:28 PM
4	Thomapple	7/30/2022 12:50 PM
5	Parker dr	7/30/2022 12:43 PM
6	Village of Middleville	7/30/2022 12:39 PM
7	Wayland township	7/30/2022 11:53 AM
8	Orangeville township	7/29/2022 8:40 AM
9	Thefis Dr	7/28/2022 11:37 AM
10	England point, Orangeville Twnshp	7/28/2022 11:06 AM
11	N Payne lake dr	7/18/2022 7:59 PM
12	Orangeville twns. Grandkids live in Yankee springs twns	7/18/2022 10:39 AM
13	Orangeville Township	7/16/2022 4:20 PM
14	Orangeville Township	7/15/2022 7:19 AM
15	wayland twp	7/15/2022 6:16 AM

16	Shelbyville	7/14/2022 4:06 PM
17	Caledonia	7/14/2022 12:46 AM
18	Irving township	7/14/2022 12:02 AM
19	Middleville	7/13/2022 11:49 PM
20	Orange l'ill twnshp	7/13/2022 9:37 PM
21	Rutland township	7/13/2022 8:19 PM
22	Thomapple township	7/13/2022 7:32 PM
23	Gun lake	7/13/2022 1:40 PM
24	Thomapple Township	7/13/2022 7:10 AM
25	By baypointe	7/12/2022 11:54 PM
26	Shelbyville	7/12/2022 10:28 PM
27	Delton , but had a business on gun lake for 25 years	7/12/2022 10:09 PM
28	Orangeville Township on the lake	7/12/2022 9:57 PM
29	Orangeville (Shelbyville)	7/12/2022 9:55 PM
30	Orangeville (Shelbyville)	7/12/2022 9:54 PM
31	Grandville	7/12/2022 9:35 PM
32	Orangeville township	7/12/2022 9:23 PM
33	Middleville	7/12/2022 12:33 PM
34	Orangeville Township	7/11/2022 3:43 PM
35	Orangeville Township	7/11/2022 3:17 PM
36	Shelbyville	7/11/2022 11:14 AM
37	Robbins Bay	7/9/2022 2:34 AM
38	Eagle, mi	7/8/2022 10:01 PM
39	MA	7/8/2022 9:43 PM
40	Florida	7/7/2022 8:21 PM
41	Grand Rapids	7/6/2022 12:30 PM
42	Oak Brook, IL	7/5/2022 7:58 AM
43	Orangeville	7/3/2022 8:24 PM
44	Crown Point, Indiana	7/2/2022 11:41 AM
45	Kent County	7/2/2022 9:09 AM
46	Alaska	7/2/2022 9:05 AM
47	Alaska	7/2/2022 8:53 AM
48	Grand Rapids	7/2/2022 8:43 AM

Q2 What is your age?

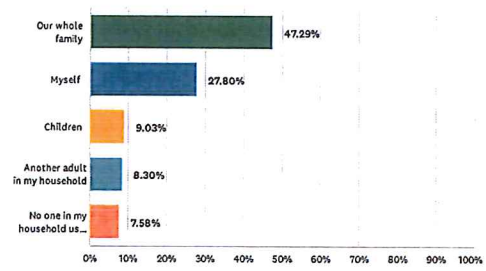
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.72%	2
18 to 24	4.33%	12
25 to 34	7.94%	22
35 to 44	16.61%	46
45 to 54	18.41%	51
55 to 64	24.19%	67
65 to 74	20.58%	57
75 or older	7.22%	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>277</b>

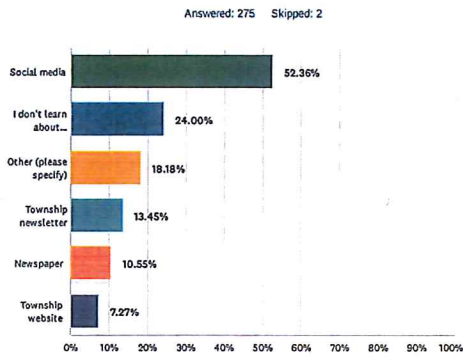
Q3 Who in your household is the most active user of parks?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Our whole family	47.29%	131
Myself	27.80%	77
Children	9.03%	25
Another adult in my household	8.30%	23
No one in my household uses parks	7.58%	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>277</b>

**Q4 How do you learn about activities or events occurring in Yankee Springs Township or at Yankee Springs Township Park? Select all that apply.**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Social media	52.36% 144
I don't learn about activities or events occurring in Yankee Springs Township	24.00% 66
Other (please specify)	18.18% 50
Township newsletter	13.45% 37
Newspaper	10.55% 29
Township website	7.27% 20
<b>Total Respondents: 275</b>	

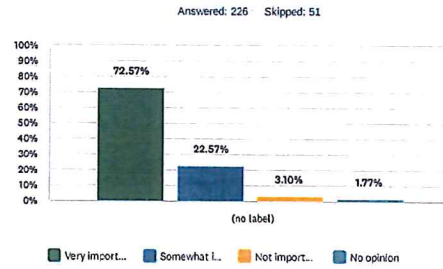
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Friends	7/30/2022 9:59 PM
2	Signs	7/30/2022 3:28 PM
3	Park activity	7/30/2022 2:21 PM
4	Sign posting	7/30/2022 2:16 PM
5	Yard signs	7/30/2022 12:43 PM

6	Word of mouth	7/30/2022 11:53 AM
7	Word of mouth	7/29/2022 4:20 PM
8	Facebook	7/26/2022 10:50 PM
9	Friend	7/26/2022 11:38 AM
10	gfwc	7/26/2022 11:37 AM
11	But it's not consistent they need better communication	7/25/2022 5:46 PM
12	Friends	7/24/2022 9:43 PM
13	Previously involved	7/16/2022 1:57 PM
14	Word of mouth	7/15/2022 3:55 PM
15	neighbor	7/15/2022 8:14 AM
16	GFVC-Gun Lake Area Women's Club	7/15/2022 7:19 AM
17	Friends	7/14/2022 7:09 AM
18	Belong to GFVC	7/13/2022 9:10 PM
19	Live near the park	7/13/2022 1:40 PM
20	See them across the street at the park.	7/13/2022 5:12 AM
21	Going to th he park every weekend and the gun lake web site	7/12/2022 9:35 PM
22	GFVC Gun Lake Area	7/12/2022 7:09 PM
23	Word of mouth	7/12/2022 12:33 PM
24	Word of mouth from friends and neighbors	7/12/2022 12:23 PM
25	Communication is weak	7/12/2022 12:15 PM
26	I see them happening when I walk the park with our dog	7/12/2022 8:09 AM
27	Word of mouth	7/11/2022 8:32 PM
28	Word of mouth	7/11/2022 6:29 PM
29	GFVC Gun Lakes Women's club	7/11/2022 3:17 PM
30	Gfvc	7/11/2022 12:43 PM
31	Ffers	7/9/2022 6:19 PM
32	Nextdoor Gun Lake	7/9/2022 2:34 AM
33	Word of mouth at the twp office	7/7/2022 4:48 PM
34	No	7/7/2022 4:21 PM
35	Word of mouth	7/6/2022 10:08 PM
36	Township board meetings	7/6/2022 12:30 PM
37	Neighbors	7/5/2022 4:25 PM
38	Signage along the roads	7/5/2022 1:59 PM
39	Friends	7/5/2022 11:28 AM
40	Word of mouth	7/5/2022 10:31 AM
41	TK Schools	7/5/2022 9:18 AM
42	Neighbors	7/5/2022 9:07 AM
43	word of mouth	7/5/2022 7:58 AM

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44	Get very little info on activities	7/1/2022 1:21 PM
45	Friends	7/2/2022 11:37 AM
46	Friend on the parks committee	7/2/2022 9:39 AM
47	Park advertising	7/2/2022 9:05 AM
48	Park advertising	7/2/2022 8:53 AM
49	Gun lake next door	7/2/2022 8:51 AM
50	I use it mainly to play Pickleball and daily walks. Our association uses it for yearly meeting	6/30/2022 2:02 PM

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Q5 How important are parks, trails, and open space to you and/or your household's quality of life?

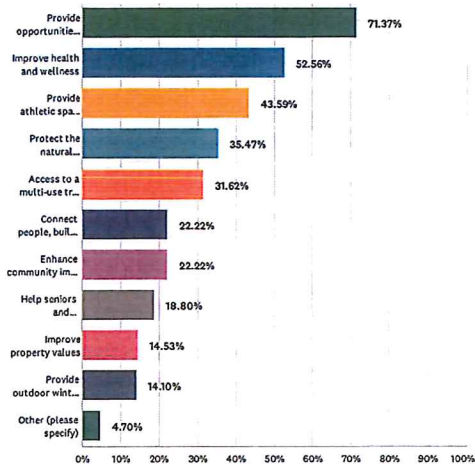


	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	72.57% 164	22.57% 51	3.10% 7	1.77% 4	226	2.66



Q6 Which of the following benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you? Select your TOP THREE.

Answered: 234 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors	71.37% 167
Improve health and wellness	52.56% 123
Provide athletic space and opportunities	43.59% 102
Protect the natural environmental and wildlife	35.47% 83
Access to a multi-use trail network	31.62% 74
Connect people, build stronger families	22.22% 52
Enhance community image and sense of place	22.22% 52
Help seniors and physically-challenged people remain active	18.80% 44
Improve property values	14.53% 34
Provide outdoor winter activities (snowmobiling, cross country skiing, etc.)	14.10% 33
Other (please specify)	4.70% 11
Total Respondents: 234	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Place to walk dogs	7/30/2022 2:20 PM
2	Parks are lame	7/30/2022 1:30 PM
3	Childrens activities	7/30/2022 11:55 AM
4	These area are free from traffic	7/25/2022 5:51 PM
5	Just a way to wash more tax money	7/16/2022 9:14 PM
6	Pickleball!	7/14/2022 8:24 PM
7	We dont need more government parks.	7/13/2022 6:41 PM
8	Beautification of our area	7/11/2022 3:21 PM
9	A space for my kids to ride bikes and roller blades, this is the closest safe place nearby to do this since we live on a dirt road with no access to paved surfaces.	7/11/2022 2:11 PM
10	A place for pets to enjoy with their owners would be great	7/5/2022 9:19 PM
11	Walking and bicycle trails for electric and non electric bicycles	7/5/2022 1:10 PM

Q7 How important are the following in improving the park and recreation facilities in Yankee Springs Township?

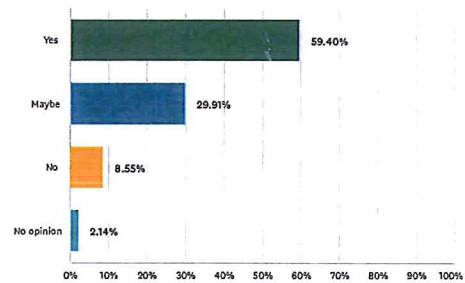
Answered: 235 Skipped: 42

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Improve and maintain existing township park	76.07% 178	20.51% 48	2.14% 5	1.28% 3	234	2.71
Preserving natural areas	66.52% 155	27.47% 64	3.43% 8	2.58% 6	233	2.58
Developing a multi-use trail system	51.52% 119	35.50% 82	9.52% 22	3.46% 8	231	2.35
Increasing accessibility for all abilities	46.75% 108	40.26% 93	6.93% 16	6.06% 14	231	2.28
Developing new parks and facilities	39.91% 93	42.92% 100	12.45% 29	4.72% 11	233	2.18
Acquiring land for future parks	30.13% 69	41.05% 94	23.58% 54	5.24% 12	229	1.96

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Provide exercise for young people to keep them away from drugs and other bad influences.	7/30/2022 10:15 PM
2	Bike trails along roads or trails	7/20/2022 2:31 PM
3	Local roads with walking and bicycle designated areas on sides of roads	7/5/2022 1:10 PM
4		7/5/2022 8:00 AM
5	If you're going to expand the park, I would like to see it in a way that nature is totally preserved. Not full of stuff.	7/3/2022 2:56 PM
6	Really would like a bike trail to connect park to state park for safety	7/2/2022 9:45 AM

Q8 Would you or anyone in your household benefit from the addition of parks, trails, and/or recreation facilities in Yankee Springs Township?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.40% 139
Maybe	29.91% 70
No	8.55% 20
No opinion	2.14% 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>

#	IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.	DATE
1	Grandchildren would benefit for sure.	7/30/2022 10:15 PM
2	We would love a dog park to be added!	7/30/2022 5:23 PM
3	Would love to see a path from Yankee Springs Township Park to Yankee Springs state park, safe for bicycling	7/30/2022 3:32 PM
4	Would like dog park area	7/30/2022 2:20 PM
5	We travel near and far for good playgrounds for the kids, including venturing into neighboring towns and counties. It would be so nice to stay in Barry county for all of our park going adventures.	7/30/2022 12:48 PM
6	Attract and encourage my Grandchildren to be outdoors more.	7/29/2022 9:37 AM
7	A connecting trail is very important	7/27/2022 6:19 PM
8	We need safer bike riding opportunities in the area	7/26/2022 11:43 AM
9	Depends on activities	7/25/2022 5:51 PM

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10	We spend a lot of time in the out of doors, therefore we are looking for safe areas to do so	7/20/2022 2:31 PM
11	Helps make winter less temble.	7/16/2022 11:30 AM
12	While not affiliated. Development of multi use trails in the township feels redundant to the state park. If they were to be developed they should focus on accessibility as the state park trails are not feasible for those with mobility limitations.	7/16/2022 8:23 AM
13	Would give me trail options	7/16/2022 7:54 AM
14	Autistic daughter loves to be outside and experience new things	7/15/2022 11:57 AM
15	Husband has walker. Only local park where path is paved and maintained for such use.	7/15/2022 7:23 AM
16	We would love to see a trail around the lake.	7/14/2022 10:47 PM
17	The more options, the better!	7/14/2022 4:09 PM
18	I enjoy the park down the road for walking trail, and courts	7/14/2022 12:34 PM
19	More opportunities to use outdoor recreation facilities	7/14/2022 7:13 AM
20	More walking trails	7/13/2022 1:42 PM
21	Enjoy using outdoor opportunities	7/13/2022 12:58 PM
22	We walk and run the trails in Yankee Springs everyday.	7/13/2022 7:25 AM
23	Really enjoy the trails	7/12/2022 11:52 PM
24	More opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, meet people and promotes mental and physical well being.	7/12/2022 10:49 PM
25	Love walking my dog	7/12/2022 10:32 PM
26	Would welcome the opportunity to access a multi-use trail around Gun Lake	7/12/2022 12:29 PM
27	M179 is dangerous to trek on foot or bike, would love a trail system to keep off main roads	7/11/2022 10:24 PM
28	All 6 of us enjoy biking and hiking, but Chief Noonday is so busy. We often strap bikes on the car and go somewhere with less traffic. It would awesome to be able to access trails right from the house.	7/11/2022 8:38 PM
29	More biking trails for kids to ride bikes around	7/11/2022 8:12 PM
30	We visit frequently and love to have opportunities to walk and play tennis/pickleball.	7/8/2022 9:47 PM
31	I love to walk and new trails would be nice.	7/8/2022 9:23 PM
32	We need more safe places to walk	7/7/2022 8:25 PM
33	Give us more places to exercise and take the grandkids to play	7/7/2022 2:26 PM
34	The addition would enhance real estate values and be used by my household of 5 people between the ages of 1 and 60	7/6/2022 11:46 AM
35	We would benefit and be safer with a bike/walking trail around the lake specially down chief noonday.	7/6/2022 5:48 AM
36	We use the park for walking, running, and dog exercise more than once a day. I also attend a Zumba class during the summer. The more locations for these activities the better!	7/5/2022 1:51 PM
37	Safer than biking on the road	7/5/2022 11:31 AM
38	My wife and I would walk the trails	7/5/2022 9:36 AM
39	Walking and biking trail	7/5/2022 9:30 AM
40	Would like other options and more about current	7/4/2022 1:24 PM
41	Will help our family!	7/3/2022 8:26 PM
42	My husband and I walk, hike and play tennis and pickle ball. We love the flower gardens there and the birds!	7/3/2022 2:56 PM

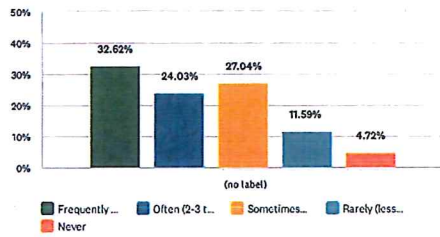
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43	We would love bike paths around the lake. Roads get a bit scary at times with speeders.	7/2/2022 11:40 AM
44	Trails to avoid the busy roads	7/2/2022 10:29 AM
45	We need more pickleball courts!!	7/2/2022 9:45 AM
46	Love walking nature trails	7/2/2022 9:30 AM
47	Feel a bike trail from park to state park very important and necessary. 179 is very dangerous to bike on. Also think more Pickleball courts would be a benefit.	6/30/2022 2:16 PM
48	A trail system for walking and biking would be nice.	6/30/2022 12:22 PM
49	Me and my family enjoy visiting a variety of parks and trails and would like more in option to recreate SAFELY in YS	6/22/2022 12:29 PM

Q9 How often do you use the Yankee Springs Township Park?

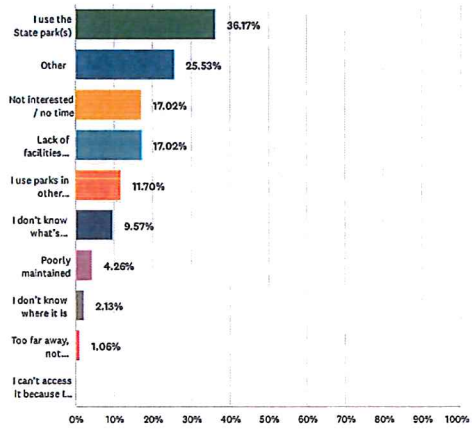
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	FREQUENTLY (ONCE A WEEK OR MORE)	OFTEN (2-3 TIMES A MONTH)	SOMETIMES (A FEW TIMES EACH YEAR)	RARELY (LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR)	NEVER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	32.62%	24.03%	27.04%	11.59%	4.72%	233	2.32
	76	56	63	27	11		

Q10 If you do not currently use Yankee Springs Township Park, what is the reason? Select all that apply.

Answered: 94 Skipped: 183



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I use the State park(s)	36.17%	34
Other	25.53%	24
Not interested / no time	17.02%	16
Lack of facilities	17.02%	16
I use parks in other townships/cities	11.70%	11
I don't know what's available	9.57%	9
Poorly maintained	4.26%	4
I don't know where it is	2.13%	2
Too far away, not conveniently located	1.06%	1
I can't access it because I can't get there	0.00%	0
<b>Total Respondents: 94</b>		

#	OTHER	DATE
1	Portable bathrooms frequently dirty.	7/30/2022 10:15 PM
2	I use	7/30/2022 12:49 PM
3	Wheelchair accessibility	7/30/2022 11:55 AM
4	Old age	7/29/2022 4:23 PM
5	I exercise elsewhere.	7/15/2022 10:25 PM
6	It would be nice if I could safely ride my bike there	7/13/2022 9:13 PM
7	Lazy	7/13/2022 8:19 PM
8	Baseball Fields	7/13/2022 8:19 AM
9	I did not know about this park but will check it out.	7/13/2022 7:18 AM
10	I live on the South side of Gun Lake	7/12/2022 9:25 PM
11	Live out of state	7/8/2022 9:47 PM
12	I used to go there to play Pickleball, but the township failed to add adequate courts.	7/7/2022 8:25 PM
13	Lack of time	7/7/2022 7:37 PM
14	I live on the lake.	7/7/2022 4:51 PM
15	NCT	7/6/2022 10:14 PM
16	State Game area during non hunting season	7/6/2022 4:26 PM
17	I will use Caledonia p	7/5/2022 9:19 PM
18	Non- outhouse bathroom facilities	7/5/2022 1:10 PM
19	I used it more before pickle ball people took it over a few years ago.	7/5/2022 9:54 AM
20	Would like more programming geared towards seniors	7/5/2022 9:15 AM
21	I hike the trails in the recreation area and state land.	7/5/2022 8:24 AM
22	I only live here in the summer time	7/2/2022 10:26 AM
23	Just not enough time right now	7/2/2022 8:47 AM

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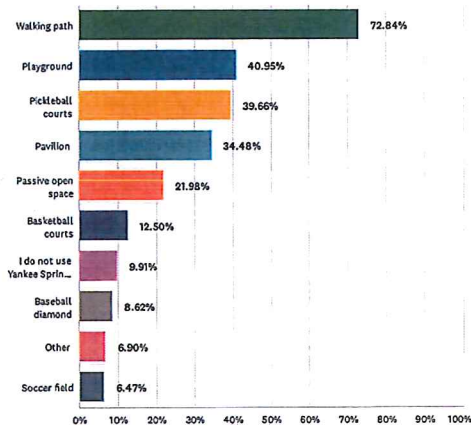
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24	Too busy	7/2/2022 8:01 AM
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Q11. If you use Yankee Springs Township Park, what features or amenities do you use? Select all that apply.

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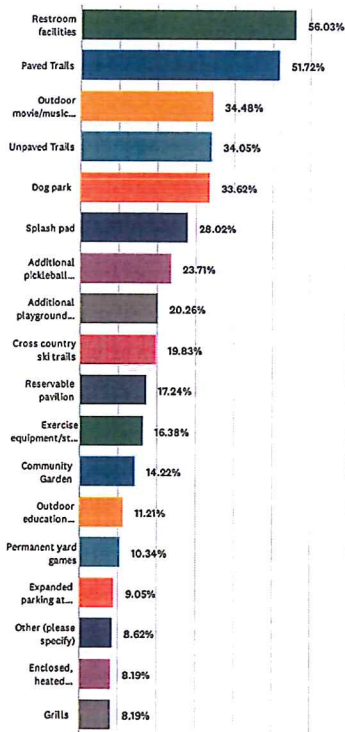
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Walking path	72.84%	169
Playground	40.95%	95
Pickleball courts	39.66%	92
Pavilion	34.48%	80
Passive open space	21.98%	51
Basketball courts	12.50%	29
I do not use Yankee Springs Township Park	9.91%	23
Baseball diamond	8.62%	20
Other	6.90%	16
Soccer field	6.47%	15

Total Respondents: 232

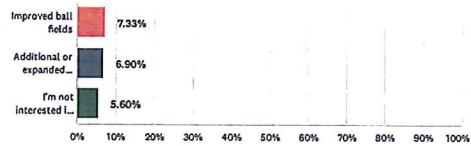
#	OTHER	DATE
1	Need more things to do for pre-teens. Like a long balance beam, other structured activities.	7/30/2022 10:15 PM
2	Events	7/30/2022 11:55 AM
3	Tennis courts the most	7/28/2022 11:47 AM
4	Tennis courts	7/28/2022 11:43 AM
5	Tennis court area	7/24/2022 9:50 PM
6	None	7/15/2022 10:25 PM
7	exercise	7/15/2022 8:21 AM
8	tennis court but plan to learn and play pickle ball	7/14/2022 12:34 PM
9	Free exercise classes	7/13/2022 6:15 PM
10	Tennis court	7/11/2022 6:33 PM
11	Pavilion	7/11/2022 12:47 PM
12	Tennis court	7/8/2022 9:47 PM
13	Seeing the beautiful gardens	7/7/2022 5:00 PM
14	I use Caledonia dog park as we do not have one	7/5/2022 9:19 PM
15	Tennis Courts	7/5/2022 7:28 PM
16	Tennis court	7/3/2022 2:56 PM

Q12 What future parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in? Select your TOP FIVE.

Answered: 232 Skipped: 45



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Restroom facilities	56.03% 130
Paved Trails	51.72% 120
Outdoor movie/music night	34.48% 80
Unpaved Trails	34.05% 79
Dog park	33.62% 78
Splash pad	28.02% 65
Additional pickleball courts	23.71% 55
Additional playground equipment	20.26% 47
Cross country ski trails	19.83% 46
Reservable pavilion	17.24% 40
Exercise equipment/stations	16.38% 38
Community Garden	14.22% 33
Outdoor education program	11.21% 26
Permanent yard games	10.34% 24
Expanded parking at Yankee Springs Township Park	9.05% 21
Other (please specify)	8.62% 20
Enclosed, heated community room/center	8.19% 19
Grills	8.19% 19
Improved ball fields	7.33% 17
Additional or expanded basketball courts	6.90% 16
I'm not interested in any new recreation amenities, facilities, or services	5.60% 13
Total Respondents: 232	

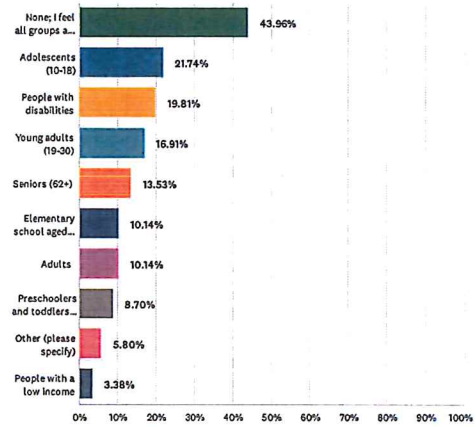
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Use the soccer field for playground equipment for Ages 5-12 and another for ages 13+ with Pavilion w bathrooms and picnic tables for parents & grandparents to sit at to watch their children.	7/30/2022 10:15 PM

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2	Community pool	7/30/2022 12:40 PM
3	Activities like craft shows- art in the park - sales	7/30/2022 12:18 PM
4	Ice-skating rink in winter	7/29/2022 9:37 AM
5	It would be nice if they had skating in the winter months	7/25/2022 5:51 PM
6	More Structured activities Zumba yoga pickleball tournament etc	7/24/2022 9:50 PM
7	Water access for drinking and maybe sprinkling	7/15/2022 8:21 AM
8	I think it would be really nice for the teens to have small skateboard park, there is plenty of room and the only place they have now is the street.	7/14/2022 2:30 PM
9	maybe frisbee golf course	7/14/2022 12:34 PM
10	Stop wasting taxpayer money	7/13/2022 6:41 PM
11	No more pickleball courts	7/13/2022 8:40 AM
12	NO dog park	7/12/2022 10:49 PM
13	Better grass. Fields are hard as a rock and not easy to use.	7/12/2022 9:57 PM
14	Trail to/from park that connects with the State Park in the area	7/12/2022 8:43 AM
15	Additional paved trails for walking and bicycle riding that can be picked up from existing park	7/5/2022 1:10 PM
16	Adult outdoor exercise equipment.	7/5/2022 9:54 AM
17	More flower gardens	7/3/2022 2:56 PM
18	Dog waste disposal	7/2/2022 10:29 AM
19	Bike trail	7/2/2022 9:45 AM
20	Bike path connecting park to state park	6/30/2022 2:16 PM

Q13 Which groups do you feel are under-served by current recreation services and amenities? Select all that apply.

Answered: 207 Skipped: 70



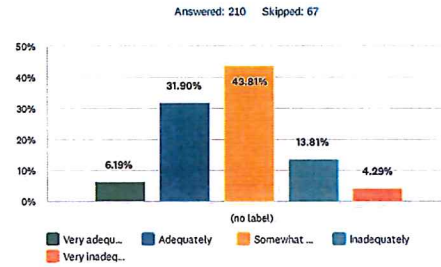


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None; I feel all groups are adequately served	43.96% 91
Adolescents (10-18)	21.74% 45
People with disabilities	19.81% 41
Young adults (19-30)	16.91% 35
Seniors (62+)	13.53% 28
Elementary school aged children (5-9)	10.14% 21
Adults	10.14% 21
Preschoolers and toddlers (under 5)	8.70% 18
Other (please specify)	5.80% 12
People with a low income	3.38% 7

Total Respondents: 207

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Seniors need a community gathering place. Pre-teens need exercise appropriate for their age.	7/30/2022 10:26 PM
2	I don't really know.	7/15/2022 10:28 PM
3	I am not there enough to know	7/15/2022 8:25 AM
4	Do Veterans get in the park free?	7/14/2022 1:33 PM
5	no opinion	7/14/2022 12:38 PM
6	We dont need this in yankee springs	7/13/2022 6:48 PM
7	Don't use enough to make an opinion	7/11/2022 6:02 PM
8	Dogs and dog owners	7/10/2022 6:48 PM
9	I think we need more playground equipment	7/7/2022 5:04 PM
10	People with pets	7/5/2022 9:26 PM
11	Not sure	7/5/2022 8:25 AM
12	More Pickleball and basketball courts will further benefit adolescent and young adults. Currently I suspect intimidated by number of older adults on the PB courts so don't play as much as would like	6/30/2022 2:17 PM

Q14 How adequately do you feel that the community is served by area programming (camps, sports leagues, outdoor education)?



	VERY ADEQUATELY	ADEQUATELY	SOMEWHAT ADEQUATELY	INADEQUATELY	VERY INADEQUATELY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	6.19%	31.90%	43.81%	13.81%	4.29%	210	3.22
	13	67	92	29	9		

#	IF YOU SELECTED INADEQUATELY OR VERY INADEQUATELY ABOVE, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY:	DATE
1	Schools have the teams and fields they need. YSTP doesn't need to duplicate what schools have, but need to help in other areas.	7/30/2022 10:26 PM
2	I have not heard of anything but yoga	7/25/2022 5:55 PM
3	Not sure	7/24/2022 9:51 PM
4	There are no camps, leagues or outdoor activities that I am aware of.	7/20/2022 2:38 PM
5	A summer parks program would be great for kids.	7/15/2022 8:25 AM
6	There is no coordination between townships in sharing and advertising services across artificial township and county lines when we all live in the Gun Lake Community. Everyone is duplicating rather than sharing and planning together.	7/15/2022 7:27 AM
7	by others, not yankee springs tp.	7/14/2022 12:38 PM
8	More equipment and classes would be great	7/14/2022 7:16 AM
9	If there are programs and activities we don't hear about them.	7/13/2022 7:32 AM
10	I don't know of any camps or sports leagues that use this outdoor park	7/12/2022 10:23 PM
11	Not super familiar with what is offered	7/12/2022 4:53 AM
12	Not aware of such programs.	7/11/2022 3:50 PM
13	I don't know of any	7/11/2022 3:23 PM
14	I am not aware of any of the above mentioned using the park	7/9/2022 6:27 PM
15	Have not seen any evidence of organized ball leagues	7/5/2022 9:26 PM

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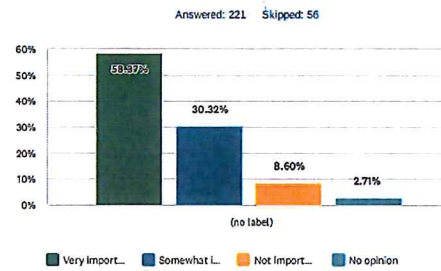
16	More recreational leagues	7/5/2022 4:56 PM
17	Activities year round for seniors and retirees	7/5/2022 1:16 PM
18	I really don't know how much and what is offered.	7/5/2022 8:30 AM
19	More sports leagues for seniors	7/2/2022 10:32 AM
20	Not aware of any youth camps	7/2/2022 10:17 AM
21	I am not aware how camps apply to township park	7/2/2022 9:34 AM

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Q15 How important is pedestrian connectivity (sidewalks, trails, pathways, crossings, etc.) to you and/or your household?

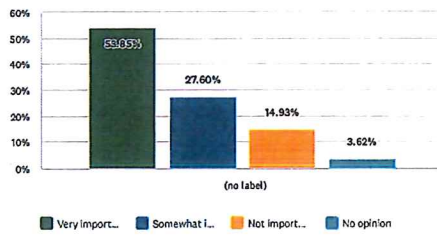


	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	58.37% 129	30.32% 67	8.60% 19	2.71% 6	221	2.44

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**Q16 How important is having a nonmotorized trail that provides a connection between the Yankee Springs Township Park, Yankee Springs Recreation Area, and the M-179 business corridor?**

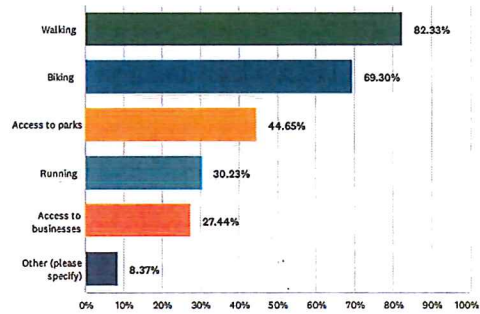
Answered: 221 Skipped: 56



	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	53.85% 119	27.60% 61	14.93% 33	3.62% 8	221	2.32

**Q17 If a nonmotorized trail was developed along M-179, how would you use it? Select all that apply.**

Answered: 215 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking	82.33% 177
Biking	69.30% 149
Access to parks	44.65% 96
Running	30.23% 65
Access to businesses	27.44% 59
Other (please specify)	8.37% 18
Total Respondents: 215	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Walk the dog	7/30/2022 5:28 PM
2	I wouldn't	7/30/2022 1:33 PM
3	Golf cart	7/30/2022 1:21 PM
4	None	7/26/2022 10:57 PM
5	Would not use	7/18/2022 9:41 AM
6	Not	7/16/2022 9:16 PM
7	Cross country skiing	7/16/2022 11:32 AM

8	It would make me more comfortable driving without having to worry about bikers and walkers on the road	7/15/2022 8:25 AM
9	I probably wouldn't	7/14/2022 9:16 PM
10	Roller skating	7/13/2022 8:20 PM
11	Dirt bike	7/13/2022 6:48 PM
12	Beach	7/12/2022 4:53 AM
13	Wouldn't use	7/11/2022 6:02 PM
14	Picking up trash	7/11/2022 3:23 PM
15	I would probably never use it.	7/7/2022 4:53 PM
16	Should include pedal assist bikes for seniors	7/5/2022 1:16 PM
17	This would be awesome! Super scary walk, only way around the lake.	7/5/2022 8:03 AM
18	Scoters for kids	7/2/2022 10:27 AM

Q18 Please use the space below to provide additional comments regarding parks and recreation in Yankee Springs Township.

Answered: 53 Skipped: 224

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lacking for seniors who don't play tennis, basketball, or pickleball. Need community Center not a bigger parking lot, as there is plenty of grass to park on without additional cost. Just put up a sign that says More Pkg on grass. Use the \$100k for the community not parking.	7/30/2022 10:26 PM
2	We would LOVE to have a fenced in dog run area with a waste station!	7/30/2022 5:28 PM
3	Grateful for how well the township park is maintained	7/30/2022 3:34 PM
4	Organized softball league for Seniors.	7/30/2022 2:36 PM
5	I love the parks and I am very appreciative that they are there and very well maintained for my family to use	7/30/2022 2:23 PM
6	Activities in a park help provide things to do for bored kids from getting into trouble elsewhere	7/30/2022 12:36 PM
7	Please keep the tennis courts	7/28/2022 11:51 AM
8	They need more activities in our area especially with price of gas and traffic	7/25/2022 5:55 PM
9	The Great Lakes energy power line corridor would be an excellent place for bike and hiking trails. It's done elsewhere.	7/20/2022 2:38 PM
10	Just more BS for this group that is running our township and lies	7/16/2022 9:16 PM
11	Park activities and events should be published on the digital sign at the fire barn and posted on an events board at the park.	7/15/2022 8:25 AM
12	Improve parks without tax increase.	7/15/2022 6:53 AM
13	Hopeful this yields some fun new stuff in the area	7/14/2022 7:30 PM
14	N/A	7/14/2022 4:10 PM
15	N/A	7/14/2022 1:33 PM
16	Working toward a connected path around the entire lake would be great!	7/14/2022 10:12 AM
17	Love having this park and the more improvements the better, I'd really like bathroom facilities at the park.	7/14/2022 7:16 AM
18	How about we lower taxes around here and work with the state to improve gun lake state park.	7/13/2022 6:48 PM
19	We are not "lake" people. Quite often we feel the whole township is not included in the plans. We have a beautiful township use it all for recreation.	7/13/2022 7:32 AM
20	Thank you to those who work to make the park a wonderful place to go to walk my dog, play pickle ball and meet neighbors.	7/12/2022 11:08 PM
21	No dog park please. There are enough unleashed dogs at the park as it is, and it would become unsafe for my toddlers. I live on Parker Dr, and use the park almost daily, weather permitting.	7/12/2022 10:54 PM
22	We need to focus on providing more recreational use. Indoor Rex center would be awesome for families and seniors. Our taxes are very high in this township, therefore I would like to see it put to good use. Not for the employees who spend a few hours a day to have a new building!! Let's give back to the community!!! What about a community pool??	7/12/2022 10:23 PM
23	Not enough pathways around the lake	7/12/2022 10:05 PM
24	Yes trails are needed	7/12/2022 9:26 PM

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25	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input for our local parks system.	7/12/2022 12:32 PM
26	We've only lived in the area for 1 year and are so impressed with the improvements to the park in just 1 year. The maintained gardens always got our attention and now everything is so nicely maintained. The pickle ball courts are fantastic and we LOVE to see the ball Diamond look like a ball Diamond to function as one for our youth. I see so much family connectivity there. Kudos to your efforts and thank you for showing pride in our community with the improvements.	7/12/2022 8:45 AM
27	I would love a way to safely get along M179 to get to other trails and businesses. I'm not comfortable most times taking the road myself, not alone my kids.	7/11/2022 6:36 PM
28	Please put in a dog park. Considering most homes in the area are on the lake with smaller yards, this would be a GREAT addition.	7/10/2022 6:48 PM
29	We need more pickle ball courts and a volleyball court	7/10/2022 8:14 AM
30	I am extremely grateful for the well maintained park.	7/9/2022 6:27 PM
31	I love the Yankee Springs Township park and use it almost daily to walk. Thank you for all the work you do to maintain it!	7/8/2022 9:28 PM
32	I would love more play equipment. Permanent bathrooms. Community gardens. Pathway plowed in wintertime. Music and activities in the summer months.	7/7/2022 5:04 PM
33	The township has done a great job with this park. It is a safe space for our children to play. Considering the rampant ATV and golf cart use on our public roads as well as big 4x4 trucks that are lawless in the county.	7/7/2022 4:27 PM
34	I think the YS park is a great facility. I don't use it as much because I often go on longer walks	7/6/2022 4:31 PM
35	I'm very thankful to have this park and love to see the hard work such as the planting and maintenance to keep our area well maintained.	7/6/2022 9:41 AM
36	Having a nonmotorized trail along M-179 is long overdue in our community.	7/6/2022 5:51 AM
37	I would like to see a dog park, I have talked to persons in Caledonia park and they feel we could benefit from one also	7/5/2022 9:26 PM
38	I am on the board in our condo community and we try to pass info along in our quarterly newsletter so very much appreciate any info that is available.	7/5/2022 4:32 PM
39	YSTP is a hidden gem. The time and love that goes into maintaining the gardens and activity spaces is appreciated.	7/5/2022 1:53 PM
40	Slow traffic down on Payne lake road; it's like walking or bicycle riding on 131 !!!!! Cars do not slow or allow space for walker or bicyclist- signs would be a great start alerting drivers that pedestrians etc should be recognized and right away	7/5/2022 1:16 PM
41	The problem with non-motorized is the scooters and bikes. They go so fast and are intimidating to walkers or very slow joggers/walkers.	7/5/2022 9:57 AM
42	Additional pickleball courts and wider walking path would be ideal!	7/5/2022 9:11 AM
43	A non motorized trail down M179 would be a huge plus. On Payne Lake, our kids have to use that to walk to friends and family, and even with a shoulder, it is terrifying.	7/5/2022 8:03 AM
44	I love it!!	7/3/2022 8:27 PM
45	A trail would be amazing to have at the park	7/3/2022 7:23 PM
46	I love the fact that there are trees and open spaces as well. More trees would be wonderful to attract more nature. I also love the courts.	7/3/2022 2:59 PM
47	Dog disposal station would be ideal and my reduce the amount of waste left in the park. A year round bathroom for visitors that do not live close. A dog park for the increasing number of pets in the area.	7/2/2022 10:32 AM
48	We love the park!	7/2/2022 10:27 AM
49	Love that you are doing Yoga and Zumba, nice enhancements to this area	7/2/2022 10:17 AM

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50	Biking is so important for this area and it's not safe for families to bike along m179- a paved path for bikes and walking to connect to the state park is vey much needed !!!	7/2/2022 9:57 AM
51	Ninja warrior course for older kids	7/2/2022 9:29 AM
52	We love the park! We go often to use the play set and ride our bikes. My family also uses the pickle ball courts and pavilion to have picnics.	7/2/2022 8:32 AM
53	I live near the park and see it daily. It is so wonderful to see the increase in utilization over the past few years. I feel increased access and courts will definitely not be wasted. Restrooms will help especially young children and older adults if money is also budgeted for a maintenance person.	6/30/2022 2:17 PM

**Appendix B**

**FOCUS GROUP SUMMARY**

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## Yankee Springs Parks and Recreation Plan

### Focus Group Summary

September 2022

This summary provides a general overview of the discussions from the focus group meetings. Three focus group meetings were held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to gather additional input for the parks and recreation plan update process. The focus group participant groups included local Michigan Department of Natural Resources leadership, Gun Lake Area Women's Club, and survey respondents who provided their contact information. The focus group questions and discussions were informed by the online community survey that was distributed during the month of July and presented to the Committee in August of this year. The Committee should consider the focus group discussions when evaluating and reviewing goals and objectives. The following is a summary of those discussions and comments by each focus group.

- Local DNR Leadership:
  - The trail connection between the State Park and Township Park has been discussed before and the DNR is supportive of connectivity.
  - There are multiple trail route alternatives and loop options which can be determined through engineering and design.
  - The DNR has different zones for different recreational uses. These will need to be determined for some routes. Also, Massasauga Rattle Snake protected areas will need to be avoided.
  - Cost of alternatives differ and will impact overall cost of trail project.
- Gun Lake Area Women's Club (GLAWC):
  - GLAWC is very passionate about the park and feels a strong connection to the community.
  - Uses discussed for the pavilion and other amenities include Reading in the Park program, recreation, and other gatherings.
  - GLAWC maintains the berms in the park with flowers and gardens.
  - More parking is needed at times.
  - Not everyone knows where the park is; signage and awareness are lacking.
  - Programming in the park would encourage more locals to use it (music or events).
  - Amenities and programming that would attract teenage kids would be beneficial.
  - Expanding amenities that keep people active (pickleball, exercise equipment, etc.)

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- An added pavilion would get used.
  - Bathrooms would be nice.
  - A barrier-free playground like Orangeville would be nice.
  - ADA improvements are needed.
  - Park is beautiful but some maintenance is needed.
- Survey Respondents
    - Many in the group use pickleball; it would be nice to have a few more courts.
    - A longer walking path is desired.
    - All courts get used, replacing them with something else would not be desired.
    - Bathrooms would be nice.
    - If there was a dog park, people would use it.
    - ADA improvements needed.
    - The park should not be overfilled with too many amenities that would reduce green space.
    - Parking lot is rarely full; evaluate parking needs before expanding lot into green space.
    - Baseball and soccer fields seem to be rarely used.
    - More things to do for teenage kids.
    - Trail connections would be great.
    - M-179 is not safe for kids or anyone but the most serious bikers.
    - Drinking water is needed near courts.

Most participants of the focus group meetings love Yankee Springs Township Park and generally agree that the Township has done a great job building out and maintaining the park. Most were also very supportive of general barrier-free/universal design improvements, a second pavilion, additional courts, and restroom facilities. A trail connection and non-motorized trail connectivity in the Township was also widely supported. While more nuanced, small improvements such as signage, kiosk, drinking water, and benches were also frequently discussed. Many also supported the idea of planning to host community events or programming at the park.



