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On February 5, 2014, the Marquette County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the draft plan. Notification of the public hearing was announced in the local newspaper of general circulation on January 6, 2014. No members from the public were present and no comments were provided. The Marquette County Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Marquette County Board of Commissioners provide a resolution of final adoption.

The Marquette County Board adopted the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018 on February 18, 2014 in accordance with the Guidelines as provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management Division. Copies of the adopted Plan were submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and to the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission.
Community Description

Nearly all municipalities in Marquette County participate in recreation planning at their local level. County participation with local units is primarily through review and recommendation regarding recreation plans that local units produce. Further, recreation features that affect more than one jurisdiction such as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, receive support from the County both in staff and other resources. The Marquette County Recreation Plan focus is primarily on County owned facilities (scattered in several municipalities throughout the County) and coordinating with the “host” communities.

County facilities draw recreation participants from throughout the County and beyond. As such it is necessary to widely gather input to provide a product that meets County-wide needs.

Administrative Structure

Roles of Commissions
The Marquette County Planning Commission’s role in recreation is first and foremost, development of the County Recreation Plan. Once the plan is created, they are involved in implementation primarily by way of recommending grant applications to the County Board. The Marquette County Forestry Commission, by way of authority granted by the County Board, monitors monthly budgets funded by the Forest and Recreation Fund.

General Operating/Staffing
The daily administration and maintenance of County recreation facilities is the responsibility of the Resource Management and Development Department. The Department allocates 2.45 full time equivalents to the operation and maintenance of the facilities (1.8 Perkins Park, .24 Harbor, .31 Sugarloaf, .1 Little Trout Lake). Other staff from the Planning and Building Code divisions assist with plan development, grant application process, project specifications, construction supervision and similar duties. Additional maintenance staff is made available to supplement recreation staff when necessary.
Funding Sources
Funding for Marquette County Recreation sites resides in the County Forest and Recreation Fund. Revenues in support of recreation activities are of primarily three sources; 1) generated by timber sales in the County Forest, 2) user fees generated by campers at Perkins Park and boaters at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge and 3) grants.

Forest and Recreation Fund Administration
Overall authority over the Forest and Recreation Fund resides with the County Board through the budgetary approval process. The County Board has delegated wide ranging authority to the Forestry Commission which the Board appoints. Planning staff of the Resource Management Department is responsible for direct oversight of facilities on a day-to-day basis.

Recreation Budget
The following table represents the current year, 2013 budget and the 2014 budget recommendation.
Capital Budgeting
Capital projects are typically of two types; 1) capital programming and 2) capital improvement.

Capital programming are projects that are infrequent but substantial purchases such as replacement of picnic tables or fire rings, observation deck preserving/staining, etc.

Capital improvement budgeting funds are set aside in support of matching funds that are guaranteed in various grant applications.

Programming
The County does not provide specific activity programming at its facilities. Of the six county-owned facilities, four are unstaffed day-use facilities and one (Big Bay Harbor) is staffed only on-call. Perkins Park is staffed seasonally. Lack of personnel impacts operating regular programming at these sites. The availability of county facilities, however, does facilitate coordination of activities and events sponsored by volunteer organizations, schools and others at our sites.

Volunteer Support
Various organizations have provided support at County recreation sites. The Boy Scouts have assisted with projects in the County Forest, Sugarloaf Mountain and at Perkins Park. The Audubon Society has aided in Kirtland Warbler surveys in the County Forest and trail hiker organizations have assisted at Sugarloaf Mountain to name a few.

Relationships with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
Many groups, agencies, and organizations utilize County recreation facilities. For the last several years, County staff has teamed up with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide an educational opportunity for middle school students in the Gwinn School District featuring a field trip to the County Forest to learn about forest management and observe artificially created Kirtland Warbler habitat. The County also provides “no fee” licensing of a snowmobile trail through the Forest.

Perkins Park in Big Bay is another County facility utilized by various agencies and organizations. The Park is used as a “base of operation” for the Big Bay 550 Snowmobile Club Fishing Derby every winter and the Big Bay Sportsman Club sponsors a tournament every spring. The Park serves as the end point of the Big Bay Relay, a running race from Marquette to Big Bay facilitated by the Noquemanon Trail Network. Perkins Park has been utilized by the

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<th>Account</th>
<th>Revenue</th>
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<td>Actual 2013</td>
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<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>$93,428</td>
<td>$93,860</td>
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<td>Harbor</td>
<td>$14,527</td>
<td>$16,220</td>
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<td>Sugarloaf</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Little Trout Lake</td>
<td>None</td>
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Department of Natural Resources for lake access in both summer and winter as part of the *Becoming an Outdoor Woman* program. There also exists a “symbiotic relationship” between a local Boy Scout Troop and the Park. Fees are waived for a fall weekend and the scouts perform a community service project while they are there.

Bay Cliff Health Camp, a non-profit therapy and wellness center for children and adults with physical disabilities, use both the harbor and park during their sessions. The Marquette Area Public School system sends students to Bay Cliff (and utilize the park/harbor) every year. Powell Township schools have an annual picnic at the park.

**Recreation Inventory**

**County Owned Recreation Facilities**

The County of Marquette owns, operates, and maintains four recreational facilities: Sugarloaf Mountain, Perkins Park, the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge, and Little Trout Lake Park, and owns nearly 10,000 acres of multi-use forest land. (Approximately 9,500 acres in the County Forest and 420 acres at the Honor Camp.)
Sugarloaf Mountain Natural Area

Sugarloaf Mountain is owned by Marquette County and located in Marquette Township. Sugarloaf Mountain is one of the most popular scenic overlooks on the central Upper Peninsula coastline. According to the Marquette County recreation survey, Sugarloaf Mountain was one of the top ranking park and recreation facilities in the County.

Sugarloaf Mountain Natural Area consists of a 3,200 foot trail of pathway and stairway segments that lead to the mountain’s summit 470 feet above Lake Superior. There are viewing platforms on the mountain’s summit, which provide a spectacular view of the rugged coastline and surrounding forestlands for miles. Marquette County owns 120 acres at the site, which includes the paved parking lot, the trail system, and some land west of County Road 550. The Marquette County Board has demonstrated their commitment to the preservation and improvement of the recreation area by funding several development projects. Recent improvements to the facility include upgraded stair and railing systems and repairs to the parking area.

Perkins Park

The 45-acre park is located along the west shore of Lake Independence in Powell Township near the town of Big Bay. The Park has 73 campsites, 49 of which provide electrical hookups. Of those 49 sites, 28 have
water and sanitary hookups. The south and central areas collectively provide 24 campsites without utilities. Two sites can receive electrical power through adjacent sites.

The south campground has 20 primitive tent campsites. There are no individual utility hookups, however, there are 3 water spigots spaced in the area to accommodate campers. In addition to the campsites, there is a swimming beach, bathhouse, playground and day use area, boat launch, fish cleaning station, restrooms and a barrier free trail. The park is open for use from mid-May to mid-October.

In 1994 a master plan for the park was developed. The plan recommended five phases of improvements that would renovate the entire park, significantly enhance the facilities, and increase use of the park. With state grants and matching funds from the county, the first three phases are complete. In January, 2008 an updated master plan was produced.

The 2008 Master Plan for Perkins Park evaluated the previous Park developments, requested input from the most recent customers about their camping experience at Perkins Park and makes recommendations for future phased development that will increase and diversify park use.

**Big Bay Harbor of Refuge**

The Big Bay Harbor of Refuge is located on Lake Superior one-half mile north of the town of Big Bay. The harbor development was a result of a statewide program to construct protective harbors around the Great Lakes so that no boater was more than 30 miles from a protective harbor. The harbor consists of a break wall, mooring bulkhead, boat launch, and a harbormaster’s building. Previous improvements to the harbor include the installation of a water and sewer line, renovations to the restrooms to meet ADA compliance standards, the replacement of a gas dispensing system and repairs to erosion on the east end of the mooring bulkhead. Most recently (summer 2013) a subsiding sidewalk was replaced and minor repairs to the mooring bulkhead were made. A state funded dredging grant authorized in 2013 was utilized to improve harbor function.

The harbor has a 275 foot long sheet pile and concrete mooring bulkhead. The bulkhead has 10 slips for seasonal and transient boaters. Water and power are available at each slip. The west end of the bulkhead has fuel and sewage pumping, restrooms, and shower facilities are available for slip renters. A boat launch and parking lot is open to day-use boaters.

The facility is currently used by small and large watercraft. Larger boats tend to use the bulkhead for broadside moorage. Smaller craft tend to use the undeveloped east end of the
basin where individual boat owners have constructed wooden docks extending from the sand bank. Craft are also allowed to anchor in the basin.

As a protective harbor, the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge has significant importance to the boating population along the south shore of Lake Superior. Storms can develop rapidly and catch boaters by surprise. By design, the harbor is available for shelter and to allow them to refuel.

In February 2007, an engineering study was completed to evaluate the condition of the existing land facilities and measure and evaluate the current rates of sand shoaling and dredging frequencies. Recommendations were made for improvements in maintenance and structural modifications to the land facilities. Further recommendations were made to improve and modify the existing breakwater structures in order to reduce/minimize periodic dredging activities and associated costs.

In late 2012 the State surveyed Michigan Harbors for dredging needs. The Statewide survey indicated a serious problem existed. The Governor and legislature approved funding of an Emergency Dredging Program for 2013. Big Bay Harbor of Refuge was included in the program and dredging was performed in October/November of 2013.

**Honor Camp Property**

The Honor Camp property is 420 acres in size and is located in the northwest corner of Sands Township. The parcel is accessed off Highway U.S. 41 in Harvey by Silver Creek Road. The site is primarily wooded and Marquette County utilizes the property as multi-use forest which includes recreation, wildlife, and timber harvest operations. Site features include Silver Creek, a portion of Silver Creek road (County Road NKA), a 1.5 mile looped trail north of the buildings, and another trail loop for about 1/6 mile south of the buildings. In 2001, all buildings and property, including the north loop trail head, within a forty-acre parcel were conveyed to Teaching Family Homes. Teaching Family Homes is a non-profit organization that works with troubled youth and their families. Teaching Family Homes, under license with Marquette County has installed several exercise stations along the north loop. The facility is open to the public.

According to recreation survey respondents, trail development was considered very important. This particular survey showed greater preference for non-motorized trail development.
**County Owned Forestland**

The Marquette County Forest consists of approximately 9,500 acres of managed forest in Sands and Forsyth Townships in close proximity to the community of Sawyer. It is a multi-use forest, producing forest products and providing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Some of the recreational opportunities include hunting, fishing, ORV riding, horseback riding, snowmobiling, berry picking, and bird watching (Kirtland Warbler of note). Marquette County’s mission for the County Owned Forest is to manage and protect its resources on a sustainable basis while maximizing its public benefits.

**Little Trout Lake**

The 111 acre park is located in Forsyth Township, near Gwinn, West Branch Township, and Sands Township. The park is a recreation site developed by the United States Air Force for its personnel and their families but since the Air Force Base closed in 1995, it has become a recreation site for the residents of Forsyth, West Branch, and Sands Townships, the Community of Sawyer and other Marquette County residents.

The park consists of a 10 acre lake with a small swimming beach, pavilion for outdoor grilling and picnic tables, concession building, and a restroom facility. The restroom is in the process of being upgraded through a Recreation Passport Grant. Other small amenities include an outdoor volleyball court, outdoor basketball court, horseshoe court, recently updated playground equipment and a variety of picnic tables. Camping was once permitted at the park, but now Little Trout Lake is a day-use facility.
### Table 2 Recreation Facility Inventory

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<th>Name of Park/Facility</th>
<th>Classification</th>
<th>Misc. Description</th>
<th>Acre-age</th>
<th>Accessibility</th>
<th>Service Area</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sugarloaf Mountain Natural Area</td>
<td>Natural Resource Area</td>
<td>Scenic overlook. Trails leading through natural forest surroundings to viewing platforms.</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Regional</td>
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<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Regional Park</td>
<td>Campground, swimming beach, picnic area, boat launch</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Regional</td>
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<tr>
<td>Big Bay Harbor of Refuge</td>
<td>Special Uses Area</td>
<td>Boat launch, picnic area, mooring facility</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Regional</td>
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<td>Honor Camp Property</td>
<td>Open Space</td>
<td>Multi-use forest includes recreation trails, wildlife and timber management.</td>
<td>420</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>County</td>
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<td>County Forest</td>
<td>Open Space</td>
<td>Multi-use forest includes recreation, trails, wildlife and timber management.</td>
<td>9,485</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Little Trout Lake</td>
<td>Community Park</td>
<td>Picnic area, pavilion, playground equipment and swimming beach.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Community</td>
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**Accessibility**

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet the accessibility
2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet the accessibility guidelines
3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet the accessibility guidelines
4 = the entire park meets guidelines
5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

### Previous Grant Assistance

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grants program has played an integral part in meeting the recreation needs of Marquette County residents and visitors to our area. The County has received assistance through most of the available grant sources: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond Fond, and most recently, the Recreation Passport Grant Fund. Federal recreation money managed by the State, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, has also been utilized at County facilities. The following table lists grants received, their purpose, and the status of project completion and grant close-out.
Table 3 Status Report on Grant-Assisted Recreation Acquisitions & Development

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<th>Grant #</th>
<th>Park Name</th>
<th>Scope Item and Current Condition</th>
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<td>26-00057</td>
<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Two unit bathhouse with toilets, showers, change courts, utilities, boat launching ramp, access road for campgrounds and picnic area, grade and seed the beach and picnic areas.</td>
<td>Closed</td>
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<tr>
<td>26-00698</td>
<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Picnic area water system, site improvement, beach area, and Land and Water Conservation Fund sign</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF87-043</td>
<td>Sugarloaf Natural Area</td>
<td>Develop a summit platform, spur trail, and parking lot at Sugarloaf Mountain Natural Area.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF90-216</td>
<td>Honor Camp Access Road</td>
<td>Acquisition of approximately 168 acres of land to provide better access to the 460 acre county recreation facility.</td>
<td>Withdrawn</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF90-218</td>
<td>Shooting Complex</td>
<td>Acquisition of 160 acres of land for a public indoor/outdoor shooting facility.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF92-084</td>
<td>Shooting Sports Complex</td>
<td>Development of a public shooting sports facility with multiple range capability to be located at the county forest site.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF95-189</td>
<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Construct boat ramp, fishing pier, boardwalk, floating docks, fish cleaning station, and two parking areas, bank stabilization and landscaping</td>
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<tr>
<td>CM99-169</td>
<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Construction of two shower/restroom facilities, demolition of an existing restroom and conversion of existing bathhouse to incorporate a pavilion at this County campground.</td>
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<tr>
<td>26-01604</td>
<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Construction of larger pull-through campsites and utility extension to sites, road reconfiguration, berm and vegetative screen, picnic area relocation, nature observation trail.</td>
<td>Closed</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF04-089</td>
<td>Sugarloaf Mountain</td>
<td>Upgrade existing trail and stair system to provide improved access to Sugarloaf Mountain and scenic viewing opportunities of Lake Superior.</td>
<td>Closed</td>
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<tr>
<td>TF08-028</td>
<td>Perkins Park</td>
<td>Development to include universally accessible improvements including a new park entrance building, campsite redevelopment, trail, universal access to Lake Independence, native landscaping, and universal design for playground.</td>
<td>Closed</td>
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<tr>
<td>RP12-416</td>
<td>Little Trout Lake Park</td>
<td>Development to include repurpose existing concession building into a public toilet facility and improve picnic space. Project will include sustainable elements and universal design features.</td>
<td>Active</td>
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Data Source: Grants Management Department of Natural Resources 2013

Public Input and Planning Process

Public Input
The County of Marquette owns and operates several recreation facilities. It is the goal of this Plan, thru public input, to develop, maintain, and utilize these facilities in a manner consistent with wants and needs as identified by County residents and other users of the facilities.

A multi-faceted process was utilized in seeking public participation in this planning initiative. The project kick-off was at the November 6, 2013 meeting of the County Planning Commission. Simultaneously an internet survey (via Survey Monkey) was initiated to reach a broader population segment. The survey address was posted on the County website (see Appendix A-2 for a copy of the survey). A third approach for gathering input regarding County recreation facilities came from being placed on agendas and attending Planning Commission or Board meetings in those municipalities in which County facilities are located. Through this process it
was intended to determine how best our recreation facilities compliment or augment recreation opportunities in these municipalities and how recreation planning on the County level can be coordinated with local plans. Input was solicited and business cards with the survey address distributed.

State guidelines require an opportunity of adequate length for the public to review and comment before the Plan is locally adopted. An advertisement announcing the release of the Plan appeared in the Mining Journal on January 6 beginning a 30 day review period followed by a February 5, 2014 public hearing before the Marquette County Planning Commission and a presentation to the County Board at their February 18, 2014 meeting.

Planning Process
There were three major components that went into development of this Plan; 1) public input from public meetings (Appendix A-1) and survey, 2) assessment of relevant demographics, and 3) a Recreational Facility Accessibility Survey (Appendix A-3).

Survey Results
Based on the response rate of the survey and the information gathered, recreation is very important to the residents of Marquette County. Questions on the survey started out with questions specific to County owned facilities, which included Sugarloaf Mountain, Perkins Park, Big Bay Harbor of Refuge, Little Trout Lake, Honor Camp Property, and County owned forest. The survey then moves away from County owned facilities and asks the respondents to tell something about themselves by selecting a recreational activity they participate in regularly and if they do not participate in these activities, why not. Demographic information was also gathered to gain an understanding of who the respondents are. The following are the major survey findings:

Sugarloaf Mountain
Respondents were asked how many times in the last twelve months did they or members of their household visit Sugar Loaf Mountain. 354 respondents answered the question.
- 345 or 97.5% of the total respondents said they or members of their family visited Sugarloaf Mountain in the past 12 months.
Respondents were then asked to rate the facility.
- 40.1% rated Sugarloaf Mountain as excellent
- 53.3% rated Sugarloaf as good
- 6.3% rated Sugarloaf as fair
- 0.3% rated Sugarloaf as poor
Respondents were asked to suggest changes (more than one option could be selected per respondent). Out of 245 respondents to the question:
- 100% selected “leave as is, no changes necessary” and yet
- 18.4%, or 65, selected other option(s) by writing in the space provided. The leading two suggestions were for more parking (14) and for restrooms (11).

Perkins Park
Respondents were asked how many times in the last twelve months did they or members of their household visit Perkins Park. 340 respondents answered the question.
- 134 or 37.9% of the total respondents said they or members of their family visited Perkins Park in the past 12 months.
Respondents were then asked to rate the facility.
• 21.2% rated Perkins Park as excellent
• 66.0% rated Perkins Park as good
• 11.3% rated Perkins Park as fair
• 1.4% rated Perkins Park as poor

Respondents were asked to suggest changes (more than one option could be selected per respondent). Out of 160 respondents to the question:
• 36.2% selected “leave as is, no changes necessary”
• 53.1% selected “create more privacy between campsites with trees and vegetation.”
• 18.6% selected create group sites
• 7.3% selected “increase the amount of camping spaces for RV’s”
• 5.7% selected “increase the size of camping spaces for larger RV’s”
• 5.7% selected “increase the amount of campsites for tents”
• 17.5%, or 32, selected other option(s) by writing in the space provided. The leading two suggestions were to allow ORVs in the park (4) and a desire for better park patrol (4).

Big Bay Harbor of Refuge
Respondents were asked how many times in the last twelve months did they or members of their household visit Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. 329 respondents answered the question.
• 119 or 36.2% of the respondents said they or members of their family visited Big Bay Harbor of Refuge in the past 12 months.

Respondents were then asked to rate the facility.
• 10.8% rated the Big Bay Harbor as excellent
• 70.3% rated Big Bay Harbor as good
• 18.2% rated Big Bay Harbor as fair
• 1.7 % rated Big Bay Harbor as poor

Respondents were asked to suggest changes (more than one option could be selected per respondent). Out of 104 respondents to the question:
• 35.6% selected “leave as is, no changes necessary”
• 46.2% selected “create a picnic area”
• 29.8% selected “fish cleaning station”
• 27.9% selected “create campsites”
• 26.0% selected “provide kayak lockers”
• 9.6 % selected “increase amount of slips available”
• 12.5%, or 13, selected other option(s) by writing in the space provided. Only two suggestions were made: more dredging (4) and better access to the restrooms (2).

Honor Camp Property
Respondents were asked how many times in the last twelve months did they or members of their household visit Honor Camp Property. 327 respondents answered the question.
• 46 or 14.1 % of the respondents said they or members of their family visited the Honor Camp Property in the past 12 months.

Respondents were not asked to rate the property.

Respondents were asked to suggest changes (more than one option could be selected per respondent). Out of 307 respondents to the question:
• 22.7% selected “leave as is, no changes necessary”
• 68.2% selected “make trail head accessible without trespassing on Teaching Family Homes Property”
• 27.3 % selected “make trails non-motorized”
• 20.5% selected “make trails motorized”
• 0.7%, or 2, selected other option(s) by writing in the space provided.

County-Owned Forest (9,500 acres of forest surrounding K.I. Sawyer)
Respondents were asked how many times in the last twelve months did they or members of their household visit County-Owned Forest. 326 respondents answered the question.
• 105 or 32.2% of the total respondents said they or members of their family visited the County-Owned forest in the past 12 months. Respondents were not asked to rate the property. Respondents were asked to suggest changes (more than one option could be selected per respondent). Out of 98 respondents to the question:
  • 44.9% selected “leave as is, no changes necessary”
  • 35.7% selected “develop non-motorized trails”
  • 23.5% selected “develop motorized trails”
  • 15.2%, or 8, selected other option(s) by writing in the space provided. Leading suggestions were trails (3) and “sell the property” (2).

Little Trout Lake Park
Respondents were asked how many times in the last twelve months did they or members of their household visit Little Trout Lake Park. 293 respondents answered the question.
  • 67 or 22.9% of the total respondents said they or members of their family visited Little Trout Lake Park in the past 12 months.
Respondents were then asked to rate the facility.
  • 7.5% rated Little Trout Lake Park as excellent
  • 29.9% rated Little Trout Lake Park as good
  • 44.8% rated Little Trout Lake Park as fair
  • 17.9% rated Perkins Park as poor
Respondents were asked to suggest changes (more than one option could be selected per respondent). Out of 55 respondents to the question:
  • 76.4% Restrooms
  • 32.7 New playground equipment
  • 56.4 Improve quality of lake
  • 36.4 Fishing pier

Participation in Recreational Activities
The top ten activities respondents participated in the most on a regular basis in order of prevalence are:
1. Hiking 6. Cross-country skiing
2. Mountain biking 7. Fishing
3. ORV riding 8. Camping
5. Snowshoeing 10. Bird watching

A copy of the complete survey along with a report of the complete responses is available in Appendix A-2.

Demographics
Though no longer required in a Recreation Plan, there is still relevance to the County in data related to the make-up of the population (particularly as it relates to age and physical capabilities) in determining trends that might affect long-term considerations in the development/redevelopment of County facilities. Following are tables and descriptions utilized in our analysis.

Community Population
The County of Marquette is the largest county in the State of Michigan (1,873 square miles), and the most populated county in the Upper Peninsula with a population of 67,077 (U.S. Census 2010) (see Figure 1). The median age is 39.4 years old with nearly equal male and female composition and the dominant race is white.
As in the rest of the United States, the population of Marquette County is aging. The number of people aged 65 or older is at an all-time high. Unfortunately, the County’s population is aging at an even faster pace than the nation or the State. This is coupled with a decline in the youngest part of the population, to the point that the population of people aged 65 and older will exceed the population of people under the age of 15 for the first time in the County’s history.

**Persons with Disabilities**

Census Bureau figures show that in 2012, 10.4% of the population in Marquette County, or 4,495 persons between the ages of 16 to 64 have one or more of the following disabilities: Physical, sensory, mental, self-care or going outside the house.

A person is considered to have a disability if he or she has difficulty performing certain functions such as seeing, hearing, talking, walking, climbing stairs or lifting and carrying. Disabilities also include difficulty in performing daily activities or participating in social roles such as schoolwork and working at a job.

Source: American Community Survey, 2012 3-year sample for Marquette County.
The likelihood of having a disability increases with age. The U.S. Census reports that in 2012 populations 65 years and over in Marquette County has a disability rate of 33.2%. As the population in Marquette County continues to age there will be an increase in citizens with disabilities.

The County of Marquette has addressed this issue by seeking ways to upgrade county owned facilities to accommodate and enhance the recreational experience for disabled citizens.

In 1994, a Master Plan was developed for county owned Perkins Park. The master plan recommended 5 phases of improvements to the park. Marquette County implemented three of the 5 phases. All three of the phases included accessibility improvements. Today, the fishing pier is wheelchair accessible with a bumper railing at a specific height that allows individuals in wheelchairs to fish comfortably. Additional handicapped parking was created immediately adjacent to the boat launch and fish cleaning station. Phase II of the master plan launched improvements to the park’s showers and restroom facilities. Additional improvements were made to the park office, which is also in compliance with ADA accessibility guidelines. Phase III included the development of wheelchair accessible trails, pull through campsites, and enhancements to day use facilities.

The Big Bay Harbor of Refuge also received improvements that make access easier for individuals with disabilities. Several years ago restrooms were upgraded to meet ADA requirements. Most recently, the sidewalk along the mooring bulkhead was widened to make it more accessible.

In the fall of 2013 the County of Marquette initiated a study regarding accessibility at County-owned recreation facilities. The Accessibility Report for County Parks and Recreation Facilities (see appendix A-3) was received on November 26, 2013. As can be seen in the Action Program of this Plan update, a number of deficiencies were identified that we intend to mitigate during this planning period.
Goals and Objectives

A goal states a general concept or desired end. Objectives are more specific ways in which the goals are accomplished.

Goal: Improve and maintain County recreation facilities in order to provide desired recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the area.

Objectives:
- Provide and promote recreational areas for passive and active recreation.
- Utilize facility master plans in determining and prioritizing capital investment.
- Use federal and state assistance programs to develop recreational facilities.
- Encourage more efficient use of existing facilities before building new facilities.
- Perform regular maintenance to prolong use of existing facilities.

Goal: Incorporate Universal Design in new facilities and when upgrading existing amenities.

Objectives:
- Implement findings of the Accessibility Report for County Parks and Recreation Facilities performed in November 2013.
- Adherence to American with Disabilities Act Requirements in future development and grant specifications.

Goal: Incorporate recreation planning as a component of the County Comprehensive Plan.

Objectives:
- Continue use of surveys and public meetings to solicit public opinion on recreation needs and facilities.
- Complete studies/master plans of Perkins Park, Big Bay Harbor of Refuge, Sugarloaf Mountain Natural Area and Little Trout Lake.
- Include County-wide trail initiatives such as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and Noquemanon Trail System in comprehensive planning.
Goal: **Promote cooperation among governmental units, other public and private organizations and businesses in developing recreational programs and facilities.**

Objectives:
- Review proposed recreation plans for consistency with the County Comprehensive Plan.
- When feasible, participate in local governmental recreation planning efforts.

Goal: **Continue provision of Harbor of Refuge for safety of Great Lakes boaters.**

Objectives:
- Provide moorage, fuel and other essential services to boaters.
- Monitor harbor water depths and solicit assistance to maintain sufficient draft depths.
Through public input in the planning process, various “needs” were identified. From there, strategies were developed as to how County facilities could be best improved/modified to meet these needs. The following schedule shows how County and grant funding can be combined in successfully attaining our goals.

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September 19, 2013

Mr. Steven J. DeBrabander, Manager
Grants Management
Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Dear Mr. DeBrabander:

Enclosed please find the completed Self-Certification Reports for the grants listed in your August 20, 2013 letter. If there is any other information that you need, please let us know.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Cathy Smith
Office Manager

Encl.
Mr. James Kippola, Manager
Forestry, Recreation and Planning
Marquette County
234 W. Baraga Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

Dear Mr. Kippola:

SUBJECT: 26-00057, Perkins Park
26-00218, Perkins Park
26-00698, Perkins Park
26-01604, Marquette County Perkins Park Development
CM99-169, Perkins Park Development
TF04-089, Sugar Loaf Mountain Enhancements
TF08-028, Perkins Park Improvements
TF87-043, Sugar Loaf Natural Area
TF95-189, Perkins Park Development

You are receiving this letter and attachments because your local unit of government has received funding from one or more of the following grant programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR):

- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program
- "Protecting Michigan's Future" Recreation Bond (BF) Program
- Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) Grant Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

The DNR is required to have inspections completed of grant-assisted sites every five (5) years. The purpose of these inspections is to verify the following items:

- The land encumbered for public outdoor recreation has not been converted to another use.
- The land is open to the public and well-maintained.
- A recognition sign for the program that provided funding is present on the land (not a requirement for Recreation Bond Fund grants).

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Mr. James Kippola  
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August 20, 2013  

These are commitments that each Grantee made when signing the project agreement. 

With thousands of grant-assisted sites located throughout the state, DNR staff is not able to complete all of the required inspections. Therefore, we are requesting your assistance in completing a self-certification inspection of your grant-assisted lands. The DNR will be verifying a random selection of these inspections. 

Enclosed with this letter is the following information: 
1. A list of all public outdoor recreation grants received by your unit of government from the DNR. 
2. Individual scope items that were funded for each grant. 
3. A map of the project area representing the land encumbered under the program which is committed to public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. NOTE: Please contact us if you believe the map of the project area is incorrect. 
4. A blank inspection form to be completed by you for each grant. 

Please note that: 

The placement of a permanent recognition sign is required for the MNRTF, LWCF and CMI programs and is vital to the future success of these programs. Recognition signs must be installed in the project area in a prominent place where they are easily viewed by the public. It is imperative that we (DNR and local government) work together to do all we can to increase public knowledge of the successes and benefits these programs have achieved. 

The current pricing is $209.80 for the MNRTF program sign and $251.80 for the LWCF sign. There are also smaller program medallions available for each of these programs, although they are not required. Currently, signs are not available under the CMI program. Signs may be made available depending on the demand for those signs. 

If your project site does not currently have a MNRTF or LWCF program recognition sign, please go to the website below to order a sign: 


Please Note: In an effort to fulfill these inspection requirements, the DNR is also requiring inspections forms to be submitted when you send us five-year recreation plan. While we realize that initially this may lead to some duplication, it will assure that we are able to stay up-to-date with these inspections. 

Thank you in advance for complying with these important program requirements and completing your self-certification inspection. Please complete the inspection and return the completed inspection form with the original signature (no photocopies or scanned copies) to us for each grant-assisted site by September 20, 2013.
PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR RECOGNITION SIGN AND EACH SCOPE ITEM (FOR DEVELOPMENT GRANTS) WITH THE FORM. We appreciate your efforts and will note your compliance with this request when evaluating and scoring future grant applications.

If you have any questions, please contact DNR, Grants Management at 517-373-9125 or you may contact me directly at the number below. Our mailing address is: Grants Management, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909-7925.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Steven J. DeBrabander, Manager
Grants Management
517-241-3637
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CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

[Signatures]

James Kipple

Cathy Smith

Date: 9/19/13

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**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT**

**POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**


**GRANT TYPE:**
- [ ] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
- [ ] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
- [x] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
- [ ] RECREATION PASSPORT
- [ ] BOND FUND

**GRANTEE:** Marquette County

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-00057

**PROJECT TITLE:** Perkins Park

2 unit bathhouse w/toilets; Showers; Change courts; Utilities; Boat

**PROJECT SCOPE:** launching ramp; Access road; Grade & seed the beach & picnic areas

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**Address:** 2341 W. Baraga Ave

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**Email:** jkippole@myco.org

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

- Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [ ] Yes [x] No

- Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [ ] Yes [ ] No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Approx May 15 to Oct 15
**Public Outdoor Recreation Grant**

**Post-Completion Self-Certification Report**

Grant Type: □ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund  □ Clean Michigan Initiative  □ Recreation Passport  □ Bond Fund

(Except select one)  □ Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Grantee:** Marquette County

**Project Number:** 26-09218  **Project Title:** Perkins Park

**Project Scope:** 37 stall parking lot; Service drive to the bathhouse

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GRANTEE: Marquette County

PROJECT NUMBER: CM99-169  PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Perkins Park Development
Restroom/shower buildings (2); Plumbing/elec.; Bathhouse renovation;
PROJECT SCOPE: Plumbing/elec.; Demolition, sewer connections

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)       Marquette County
Central Person               James Kippola
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PROJECT NUMBER: TP04-089  PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Sugar Loaf Mountain Enhancements

PROJECT SCOPE: Stairway & boardwalk access enhancements

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## Public Outdoor Recreation Grant

**Post-Completion Self-Certification Report**

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**Grant Type:**
- [X] Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- [ ] Land and Water Conservation Fund
- [ ] Clean Michigan Initiative
- [ ] Recreation Passport
- [ ] Bond Fund

**Grantee:** Marquette County

### Project Number: TF09-028  
**Project Type:** Development

**Project Title:** Perkins Park Improvements

- Park entrance building; Campsite redov.; Access. pathways; Universal
- Project Scope: Access to Lake Independence; Landscaping; Access. Play equip/surfacing

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**Project Number:** TF87-043  
**Project Title:** Sugar Loaf Natural Area  
**Project Type:** Development

**Project Scope:** Summit platform; Spur trail; Parking lot

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  **FSA, Metal Handrails**

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GRANTEES: Marquette County

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PROJECT SCOPE: Boat launch site; Day use parking area

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<td>Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.</td>
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

- **24/7**
- **May 15 - Oct 15**
- **Always ON-WINTER
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

[Signatures and dates]

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925
Appendix A: Planning and Public Input Process

A-1 Host Community Meetings
A-2 Internet Survey
A-3 Recreational Facility Accessibility Survey
A-4 Notice of Availability, Notice of Public Hearing

Appendix B: Plan Adoption Documents

B-1 Governing Board Resolution
B-2 Planning Commission Resolution Recommending Adoption
B-3 Letter Transmitting Adopted Plan to County Planning Agency
B-4 Letter Transmitting Adopted Plan to Regional Planning Agency

Appendix C: Plan Certification Checklist

C-1 Certification Checklist
October 31, 2013

Art Ontio, Chairman
Forsyth Township Planning Commission
186 Flint St.
Gwinn, MI 49841

Dear Mr. Ontio:

County of Marquette Planning staff is initiating a process to update and replace our current Marquette County Recreation Plan.

Two Marquette County recreation areas are located within Forsyth Township boundaries; Little Trout Lake Park located on Sawyer and approximately half of the Marquette County Forest, a multi-use managed tract of land south and west of Sawyer.

As part of our planning strategy we are visiting municipalities where our land and facilities are located to see how County resources present there can best serve the citizens of the County and your community. Further, consideration can be given as to how our vision for use of our land and facilities can be coordinated to complement recreation planning being performed by Forsyth Township.

Planning staff desires the opportunity to be placed on the November 11, 2013 agenda of the Forsyth Township Planning Commission in order to solicit your input regarding our Recreation Plan update.

Sincerely,

Alan Feldhauser
Senior Planner
County of Marquette
AF/jo
AGENDA
December 12, 2013
GWINN CLUBHOUSE

1. Call to Order – 7 P.M.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: September 12, 2013

4. Public Comment

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Public Hearings
   
   A. Case 15-13 & 16-13 – Barry Bahrman Conditional Use Permit & Site Plan Review
      i. Corner of M-94 and Avenue C, parcel #’s 52-05-101-027-00 & 52-05-102-001-10
      ii. Sawyer Fast Stop gas station
   
   B. Case 17-13 & 18-13 – MJ Van Damme Conditional Use Permit & Site Plan Review
      i. 301 Avenue A, parcel # 52-05-266-001-06
      ii. Contractor Storage Yard
   
   C. Case 19-13 – Mike McKeen – Conditional Use Permit
      i. 262 N Bodenus Drive, parcel # 52-05-020-071-00
      ii. Light Kennel Activity – 3 dogs

7. Communications/Reports
   
   A. Eric Anderson – Marquette County Planning Department
      i. County Recreation Plan
   
   B. Zoning Ordinance Update report

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

THIS NOTICE IS POSTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PA 267 OF 1976 AS AMENDED (OPEN MEETINGS ACT), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA).

The Forsyth Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten (10) days notice to the Forsyth Township Board.
SANDS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
November 12, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER:
B. PLEDGE:
C. ROLL CALL:
D. SET/AMEND AGENDA:
E. PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 min each) (20 min total)
F. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Herbicide Ordinance Amendment Hearing
G. PUBLIC COMMENT: (20 min total)
H. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:
   1. TREASURER’S REPORT –
   2. APPROVE MINUTES –
   3. BUDGET REPORT–
   4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE –

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT
   a. Fire Chief’s Report
   b. Replace CO gas meter $680.

2. AMBULANCE
   a. Ambulance coordinator report
   b. T-shirt purchase ?

3. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT
   a. Letter re Co Rec plan
   b. MTA Legal Institute (attorney attendance)
   c. Water Study Group
   d. Well testing
   e. Planning Commission appointments

4. CLERK’S REPORT
   a. Approval of ZBA training attendance (query)
   b.
   c.

5. LANDFILL / SANITATION
   a.
   b.

6. ZONING
   a. Report
   b. Reappointment of ZBA member
   c. Flood Plain participation

7. LIBRARY
   a.

8. GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING
   a.
   b.

9. COUNCIL ON AGING
   a.

10. PARKS & RECREATION
    a. Progress summary –
11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
   a.

12. CEMETERY
   a.

J. OLD BUSINESS:
   1. FD truck decision
   2. Act 217
   3. Reyes Holding

K. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Review of gym rental policy
   2.
   3.

L. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:
   1.
   2.
   3.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT:

N. ADJOURNMENT:
ATTENDANCE FOR SANDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF:

November 12, 2013

Not a requirement, a request: Please print your name.
Thank you

Toni Yelle
Bob Kolbo
Justin Yelle
Shelly Olson
David Kolbo
Jim Fox
Jim Fox
Mike Clark
Mary Cook
Jill Churchill
Clara Churchill

A-1 Host Community Meetings 5 of 13
A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM by Supervisor B. Yelle

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL: Ben Yelle, Lee Yelle, Cheryl Schram, Darlene Walch, Joe Wixtrom. Absent: None
Employees in Attendance: Rickey Wilson, Carolyn Kerkela, Jim Noe, Randy Yelle, Jane Noe.
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: David Kallio, Roni Yelle, Bob Kallio, Nancy Olsen, Mark Churchill, Jill
Churchill, Dan MacDonald, Al Feldhauser, Justin Yelle, Gary Todd, Clara Churchill.

D. AGENDA: D. Walch motioned, L. Yelle supported, to accept agenda with the additions under I1C-
FEMA grant application and D- ventilation/moisture control system at station #2, I1 2c – Resignation letter,
K2 – Laramie Road Repair, and moving item 3a to the first Public Comment. Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Motion
carried.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mark Churchill gave a history of the road conditions on Laramie Road and read a statement he prepared
asking that the road be graveled to fix some of the problems that come with the spring melt.

Al Feldhauser, Planner for Marquette County, said the County is updating its 5 year Recreation Plan and he
gave information on County recreation areas in Sands Township. The County supports the Township
Recreation Plan and encourages residents to use recreation land and facilities throughout the County. He
also encouraged people to complete the recreation survey on the County’s website.

F. PUBLIC HEARING: HERBICIDE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
B. Yelle opened the Public Hearing at 7:18.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

B. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to postpone any amendments to the ordinance because information
is coming from the state regarding the definition of pesticide vs herbicide and what the law says regarding
spraying along roadsides. Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Motion carried.

H. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing closed at 7:22

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. TREASURER’S REPORT – General Fund $266,361.82 Trust & Agency $0.00
   Fire Fund $26,993.50 Ambulance Fund $78,084.12 Parks/Rec $94,660.64 Sanitation $36,559.55
   Taxes $7,182.08 Road Repair Fund $128,328.10
C. D TOTALS: Ambulance $204,404.16 Roads $344,554.90 Fire Dept $166,253.04
   General Fund $746,413.11.
   Money Markets: Fire $44,365.75 Cemetery Perpetual Care $2,516.08 Road Repair Fund $125,412.50

2. APPROVE MINUTES: D. Walch motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve minutes of the 10/8/13
   regular meeting as presented. Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Motion carried.

3. BUDGET REPORT: L. Yelle gave report and reported no need for amendments at this time.
4. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve accounts payable as presented; General Fund checks #29295 - #29359 totaling $34,788.92 and Tax Collections checks totaling $14,752.80. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT
   Fire Chief’s report- Chief Rickey Wilson read report.
   a. C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to approve the purchase of a CO gas meter for $680. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   b. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to approve the Fire Department applying for a FEMA grant and asking for $46,615.25 worth of equipment, with the Township responsible for 10% of the cost. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   c. D. Walch motioned, C. Schram supported, to approve the purchase and installation of a ventilation control system for Fire Hall 2. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2. AMBULANCE:
   a. R. Wilson gave report.
   b. L. Yelle motioned, J. Wixtrom supported, to accept the letter of resignation from Becky Wilson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT-
   a. C. Schram motioned, D. Walch supported, to pay the Township’s share of Kevin Koch’s expenses to attend the MTA Legal Institute on January 28th. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   b. L. Yelle motioned, D. Walch supported, to form a Township water “ad-hoc committee” subcommittee of David Kallio, Jim Noe, Dan MacDonald, and Rickey Wilson, with David Kallio as the spokesperson on the Marquette County water study group, and additionally presenting to the County Board the possibility of having Dan MacDonald as an addition to the study group as an expert in the water field. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   c. B. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to have the water quality in wells at the old dump site and in areas of the Sands Plain be tested, with Paul Sirois gathering the samples. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   d. C. Schram motioned, B. Yelle supported, to advertise in the Mining Journal for upcoming Planning Commission re-appointments. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Motion carried.

4. CLERK’S REPORT-
   a. L. Yelle reported a phone query had been conducted to gather approval to send ZBA members to a MSU sponsored training on November 7.

5. LANDFILL- No Report

6. ZONING - R. Yelle read report.
   a. B. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to re-appoint Robert Vietzke to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
   b. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to not participate in FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. LIBRARY- No Report.
8.  GROUNDWATER AND WELL TESTING—
   a. Jim Noe gave report and reported water levels rising slightly since the May testing.

9.  COMMISSION ON AGING- L. Yelle gave report.

10. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE- Bob Kallio gave report.

11. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE — No Report

12. CEMETERY - No Report

J. OLD BUSINESS —
   a. B. Yelle motioned, C. Schram supported, to postpone the decision on the Fire Department’s brush truck. Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Motion carried.
   b. B. Yelle gave information he received from Kevin Koch regarding Act 217 Forest Lands.
   c. No update on the Reyes Holding Appeal.

K. NEW BUSINESS —
   a. D. Walch will review the gym rental policy and present suggested changes to the Board at the next meeting.
   b. L. Yelle motioned, B. Yelle supported, to place Laramie Road on the list of roads to be repaired. Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Motion carried.

L. OTHER/ CORRESPONDENCE: None

M. PUBLIC COMMENT:
The Churchill Family and Gary Todd thanked the Board for putting Laramie Road on the list for repairs.

N. ADJOURNMENT: B. Yelle adjourned meeting at 8:40 PM.

Lee Yelle, Clerk

Benjamin Yelle, Supervisor
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013 – 7 P.M.  
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

NOTE: Pursuant to the Township Board adopted Code of Conduct, Planning Commission members are obligated to disclose any potential or actual conflict of interest with any item placed on this agenda.

1. Call Meeting to Order.

2. Roll Call.

3. Approval of the Agenda.

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – October 23, 2013

5. Public Comment.

   a. Site Plan & Special Use Review #111313 – 1 KBIC Convenience Store, 3475 US-41 West, Applicant – Bayland Builders, Inc.
   b. Former Northwoods Supper Club Reuse Proposal – Discussion
   c. Marquette County Recreation Plan Update - Discussion

7. Old Business.
   a. Proposed Scenic Residential & Forest Preserve Zoning District Provision Uses – Discussion
   b. Proposed Marquette Township Zoning Map Amendment – Discussion

8. Correspondence.
9. Reports.
10. Announcements.
11. Public Comment.
12. Additional Comments by Planning Commissioners.

*Next meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2013
POWELL TOWNSHIP
P.O. Box 38
Big Bay, MI 49808
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
   PLEDGE

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. AGENDA

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

8. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Master Plan Time Line
   B. Remove number language from “Family” definitions in Zoning Book
   C. Recommend to the Powell Twp. Board two light Industrial Park Sites “Old Johnson Sand
Pit and latter part of Hungry Hallow Road.”

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. County of Marquette Resource Management/Development Dept. – Mr. Feldhauser
   1. Planning Commission input in regards to County of Mqt. Recreation Plan
      Update on Perkins Park and Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.

B. Meeting Dates

10. BOARD COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT
Powell Township  
P.O. Box 39  
Big Bay, MI 49808  
Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2013  
Draft

Call to Order:  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Diane Burns.

Roll Call:  
Members present – Carol Burns, Diane Burns, Jim Gratz, Doris Childers, Denise Hudson and Deborah Moore.  
Members absent – Paul Bauchaine

Approval of Minutes:  
Motion to approve 10/1/13 minutes (Carol Burns/Deborah Moore) Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:  
Approval of agenda with no additions

Public Comment:  
Mary Ellen Krieg stated there has been an update to the Open Meetings Act in relationship to posting meetings on the Township website and provided information regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Correspondence:  
Reviewed correspondence from CUPPAD regarding a training series that is provided.

Zoning Administrator:  
Joe Stanley provided report. 4 new permits have been received.

Old Business:  
A. Master Plan Time Line – The time line was reviewed. The survey is available online.

B. Remove number language from “Family” definition in Zoning Book – Motion to remove the number language from the “Family” definitions in the Zoning Book. (Carol Burns/Diane Burns) Discussion held.

Vote: Yes – Diane Burns, Carol Burns, Denise Hudson, Doris Childers  
No – Deborah Moore, Jim Gratz

Chairperson, Diane Burns held a revote for clarification.

Vote: Yes – Diane Burns, Carol Burns, Denise Hudson, Doris Childers  
No – Deborah Moore, Jim Gratz.

Motion Passed
C. Recommend to the Powell Twp. Board two light Industrial Park Sites “Old Johnson Sand Pit and latter part of Hungry Hallow Road” – Motion to recommend to the Powell Twp. Board the following areas for Industrial Park Sites:
- Brown Deer Road
- Gravel Pit on Co. Rd. 510 by AAA gravel pit
- Powell Township property on Co. Rd. 510
- Plum Creek Area
- Old Johnson’s Sand Pit
- Latter part of Hungry Hollow Road

(Diane Burns/Deborah Moore) Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

A. County of Marquette Resource Management/Development Dept. – Mr. Feldhauser
Presentation provided to receive input from residents and Commission regarding the County of Marquette Recreation Plan that involves Perkins Park and the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge. Survey is available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mqtcountryrecreation

B. Meeting Dates – Motion to set 2014 meeting dates to the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (Diane Burns/Deborah Moore) Motion approved unanimously.

Board Comment:
Deborah Moore stated there is a EMS/Fire Dept. Christmas party being held on December 14th, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Inn for members and a guest. Donations are being accepted.

Reminder that the Tree Lighting will take place on December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Santa will be arriving also.

Adjournment:
Motion made to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (Deborah Moore/Doris Childers) Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting Schedule:
Regular Meeting – December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya M. Beerman
Recording Secretary, Powell Township
Q1 Have you or any members of your family ever visited Sugarloaf Mountain, located on County Road 550 in Marquette Township?

Answered: 354     Skipped: 0

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Q2 In the past 12 months, how many times did you or members of your family visit Sugarloaf Mountain?

Answered: 331     Skipped: 23

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Q3 How would you rate the facility?

Answered: 334     Skipped: 20

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Q4 What changes, if any, would you like Marquette County to make to Sugarloaf Mountain?

Answered: 245     Skipped: 109

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### Q5 Have you or any members of your family ever visited Perkins Park?

Answered: 340     Skipped: 14

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Total Respondents: 340

### Q6 In the past 12 months, how many times did you or members of your family visit Perkins Park?

Answered: 210     Skipped: 144

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Total Respondents: 210

### Q7 When visiting Perkins Park, was it for day-use, camping or both?

Answered: 212     Skipped: 142

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Total Respondents: 212
Q8 How would you rate Perkins Park?

Answered: 212     Skipped: 142

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Q9 What changes, if any, would you like Marquette County to make to Perkins Park? (check all that apply)

Answered: 177     Skipped: 177

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Q10 Have you or any members of your family ever visited Little Trout Lake Park
Marquette County Recreation Survey

Q11 How many times have you or members of your family visited Little Trout Lake Park in the past 12 months?

Answered: 66     Skipped: 288

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Q12 How would you rate Little Trout Lake Park?

Answered: 67     Skipped: 287

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Q13 What changes, if any, would you like Marquette County to make to Little Trout Lake Park located at K.I. Sawyer?

Answered: 293     Skipped: 61

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Lake Park? (check all that apply)

Answered: 55     Skipped: 299

Q14 Have you or any members of your family ever visited the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge?

Answered: 329     Skipped: 25

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Q15 In the past 12 months, how many times did you or members of your family visit the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge?

Answered: 121     Skipped: 233

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Q16 How would you rate the rate the facility?

A-2 Internet Survey
Q17 What changes, if any, would you like Marquette County to make to the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge? (check all that apply)

Answer Choices

1. Leave as is, no change necessary: 35.58% (37)
2. Increase the amount of slips available: 9.62% (10)
3. Provide a kayak locker: 25.96% (27)
4. Create a picnic area: 46.15% (48)
5. Create campsites: 27.88% (29)
6. Provide a fish cleaning station: 29.81% (31)

Total Respondents: 104
Q18 Have you or any members of your family ever visited the Honor Camp property located off Silver Creek Rd. in Chocolay Township?

Answered: 327 Skipped: 27

Yes

No

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Q19 In the past 12 months, how many times did you or members of your family visit the Honor Camp Property?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 307

Never

Once

2 or more times

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Q20 What changes, if any, would you like Marquette County to make to the Honor Camp property?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 310

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Q21 Have you or any members of your family ever visited the Marquette County Forest (9,500 acres of managed forest surrounding K.I. Sawyer)?

Answered: 326     Skipped: 28

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Q22 In the past 12 months, how many times did you or members of your family visit the County Owned Forest?

Answered: 105     Skipped: 249

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Q23 What changes, if any, would you like Marquette County to make to the County Forest? (check all that apply)

Answered: 98     Skipped: 256

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Q24 Please select the activities that you or any members of your household participate in on a regular basis.

Answered: 314  Skipped: 40
Marquette County Recreation Survey

Cross Country skiing
Fishing
Camping
Hunting
Bird watching
Dog walking
Boating
Kayaking
Marquette County Recreation Survey

Q25 If there are any recreational activities that you would like to participate in but don't, please indicate which activity and why.

Answered: 31     Skipped: 323

Q26 Are any members of your household disabled?

Answered: 317     Skipped: 37

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Q27 What special recreational considerations do they want or need?

Answered: 14     Skipped: 340

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Q28 What is your gender?

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Q29 What is your age?

Answered: 307     Skipped: 47

Q30 What Township or City do you live in?

Answered: 312     Skipped: 42

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Marquette County Planning Department  
Accessibility Report for County Parks and Recreation Facilities  
November 26, 2013  

Sites Surveyed:  
Little Trout Lake Park, Sawyer  
Big Bay Harbor of Refuge  
Perkins Park, Big Bay  
Sugarloaf Mountain  

Surveyor: Rod DesJardins, Accessibility Specialist  

Site visits were conducted at Little Trout Lake on November 8 and at the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge, Perkins Park and Sugarloaf Mountain on November 20. Sites were evaluated using the Americans with Disabilities Act Architectural Guidelines (ADAAG), 2010 edition.  

State, County and Municipal Facilities are covered by Title II of the American’s with Disabilities Act. Title II entities are not required to retrofit existing buildings and facilities, but if they undertake alterations or improvements to existing buildings or facilities, they are required to make the altered portions accessible and compliant with ADA standards.  

There are currently no ADA standards for Camping Facilities, Picnic Areas or Beach Access Routes; however, new standards for these facilities will become part of the Architectural Barriers Act on November 25, 2013. The ADA and the ABA standards are the same for all other facilities, but the ABA standards only apply to federal facilities or ADA Title II Facilities that receive federal funding.  

However, the new standards for Camping Facilities, Picnic Facilities, Trails, Viewing Areas and Beach Access Routes that become part of the ABA on November 25, 2013, will eventually be incorporated into the ADA standards as well and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has stated that these new standards for “developed outdoor areas” will be used as criteria for all future MDNR Trust Fund and Recreation Passport grant applications.  

As part of this survey report, information is provided in relationship to these new standards for the “accessible” camp sites at Perkins Park as well as the beachfront swimming area there and at Little Trout Lake. Title II facilities will not be required to comply with these standards until they do become part of the ADA, but any future MDNR grant applications will be evaluated based on compliance with these new standards.  

This report notes only the exceptions to ADA standards. Anything not listed as an exception is deemed to be in compliance with the ADAAG. Some of the ADA checklists included as part of this report have been edited to remove pages that are not applicable.  

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN  
Sugarloaf Mountain, as a recreation facility, consists of a paved parking lot and a short trail to the stairs that are built onto the side of the rock. ADA compliance for a recreation facility is not required if the terrain prohibits readily achievable barrier removal and this is certainly the case at Sugarloaf. The only part of the site that could be surveyed for accessibility would be the parking lot and the short trail to the base of the stairs. Neither of these is in compliance with the
ADAAG, however, it would be illogical to make the trail and parking lot accessible when the site itself is not. There are, consequently, no recommendations for this site.

LITTLE TROUT LAKE

Little Trout Lake Park is located on the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base and it contains a basketball court, covered pavilion with what looks to be an equipment rental counter or concession area, beach volleyball court, swimming beach, horseshoe pits and a picnic gazebo with 16 picnic tables and 8 play structures dispersed throughout the site. There is also an unused shower/toilet building and the remains of several tent camp sites. The doors on the shower/toilet building were welded shut and the camp sites were overgrown. These two portions of the facility were, consequently, not evaluated.

**SUMMARY:** This facility lacks accessible parking and accessible access routes to and between the various features in the park. The play structures are dispersed throughout the park so the ADA requirements checklist for “Play Areas” cannot be used. All of the play structures are ground level and 3 of the 8 should be on an accessible route. There are no elevated play structures. All of the structures have access space surrounding them as required by Section 1008 of the ADAAG, however, the surface type around each play structure does not comply with Section 1008. There are no transfer systems on any of the equipment.

The only other exception to the ADAAG on the site was the service counter in the pavilion. Section 904.4.1 of the ADAAG requires a portion of the service counter to be no higher than 36”.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. If and when this park is upgraded or improved, the parking lot should be regraded, paved and painted with marked spaces to include at least one van accessible site (or more if the parking lot is enlarged).
2. Accessible routes should be added to and through all the park features. If not paved, 3/8” limestone aggregate is recommended for a surface. Specifications for parking and accessible routes are provided in Enclosure (1) ADA Checklist - Approach and Entrance (truncated).
3. The existing play structures should be evaluated for safety as well as accessibility. If they are improved or replaced, the new structures must comply with ADAAG requirements for play areas. Those requirements are included as Enclosure (2). Compliance is very expensive and made even more expensive if the structures are dispersed.
4. If the pavilion is improved or upgraded, the service counter should be lowered.
5. The new ABA requirements for picnic areas and a beach access route are discussed at the end of this report.

BIG BAY HARBOR OF REFUGE

The Big Bay Harbor of Refuge consists of a boat launch with two loading docks, a 300’ quay wall with gas dock and a combination of seasonal and transient moorage. There is also a harbormaster office building which includes a shower room and unisex restroom and a parking lot. There are some removable wooden boat docks to the east of the quay wall and as these were accessed from a different road they were not considered part of the facility. The site was evaluated as a recreational boating facility using the ADAAG standard of 40 feet per slip which works out to a total of 7.5 slips.
SUMMARY

The parking lot is not striped; therefore, there are no designated accessible parking spaces nor signage. It is meant for vehicles and trailers as well as for vehicles making it hard to estimate the number of spaces, but it is certainly fewer than 25.

The Harbormaster Office is not accessible due to a step to the porch and another step to the door. The service counter is not accessible and there were a few exceptions in the restroom. The doors for both the restroom and shower room are too hard to pull. There were also some maintenance issues (frost heaving) that made the accessible route to the pier an exception. See Enclosure (3) ADA Checklist – Approach and Entrance and Enclosure (4) ADA Checklist – Toilet Rooms.

The boat launch is also inaccessible due to the width and slope of the boarding docks. See Enclosure (5) ADA Checklist – Recreational Boating Facilities

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Stripe and install signage for at least one van accessible space in the parking lot. See Enclosure (3) for specifications.
2. Repair the frost heaved sidewalk on the SE corner of the building that results in a 2 inch drop.
3. If and when the facility is upgraded, reconfigure the front of the building to remove the steps at the porch and the door.
4. Replace the round door knobs with levers. Adjust the door closers for the restroom and shower room so they open with < 5lbs pull.
5. Modify the service counter to make a portion of it 36” in height.
6. Making the boat launch loading docks accessible would require a substantial reconfiguration and reconstruction of the site. If they are altered or improved in any way, they need to be made accessible. See Enclosure (5) for specifications.
7. Correct the accessibility exceptions in the restroom. (Enclosure (4)

PERKINS PARK

Perkins Park is a county owned camping and beach front facility located on Lake Independence in Big Bay. There are 75 camping units, an office, one rest room facility, one combination restroom/shower facility, one pavilion with restrooms and showers, two parking lots, a fish cleaning station, sanitary pump out, children’s play area, boat launch, fishing pier, swimming area, a rental cabin and a “rent-a-tent.” Six of the camping units are designated accessible. The facility exists on undulating terrain and the camp sites and facilities are served by a combination of paved road, improved gravel road, cement sidewalk and crushed stone pathways. This was not a difficult facility to survey, however, is a difficult facility to prepare a report for.

Rather than attach another dozen ADA checklists as Enclosures, I have only listed the exceptions to ADA standards for this facility. ADA Checklists for the Approach and Entrance, Toilet Rooms and Recreational Boating Facilities were used for the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge and included as Enclosures to provide technical specifications for these areas.

The other most commonly used ADA checklist is Priority 2 – Access to Goods and Services. It was not needed throughout this survey, however, as there were only two items (service counters) that were exceptions. A link to a complete list of ADA checklists can be found at the end of this report which provides comprehensive specifications for all the individual items.
surveyed. Sites within the park were evaluated individually or in logical combinations. Exceptions and recommendations are notes under each subheading.

**Park Office Building**

This appears to be the newest building in the facility and is fully accessible with two exceptions.

This main parking lot for the facility is paved but not striped. Consequently, there are no designated accessible parking spaces or signage. There appears to be approximately 50 spaces.

The ramp leading to the front door appears to meet the 1:12 slope criteria but, in fact, it does not. The slope increases from 1:12 at the bottom to 1:9 at the top. Moreover, the ramp’s configuration requires access and egress directly into the middle of the inbound traffic lane. An “eyebrow curb” at the bottom was apparently included, but as this is part of the accessible route, and not a “curb ramp,” it requires a maximum slope of 1:20. In reality, it is closer to 1:8.

**Recommendations:**

1. Designate, stripe and install signage for two accessible parking spaces, one of which is van accessible, in the Office Parking Lot. See ADA Checklist for Approach and Entrance for specifications. Even though the area of the parking lot closest to the front door would be the most desirable location, it has a grade that exceeds the 1:48 maximum side slope for accessible parking spaces. The area where the Campground vehicles were parked is the flattest area of the lot adjacent to the front door and the accessible spaces should be created there.

2. When and if this facility is improved or upgraded, a new ramp should be installed that meets the 1:12 slope requirement and doesn’t require access and egress into traffic.

**Combination Restroom/Shower Facility**

This is the newest of the restroom facilities in the park and is located immediately east and downslope from the Office Building Parking Lot. This facility is fully accessible with one exception. There is no accessible route to it. Access from the main parking lot is via a chipped trail that meets accessibility guidelines for width and surface, but that does not meet the 1:20 slope guidelines. There is a single unpaved parking space on the south side of the facility adjacent to a paved sidewalk. It has accessible signage, is 60” wide and correctly sloped, however, there is a 4” drop at its east end. Anyone attempting to access this facility, other than from that one parking space, would not be able to.

**Recommendation:**

1. When and if this facility is upgraded or improved, create accessible routes from the parking lot and from the camping units.

**Fishing Pier and Boat Launch**

No exceptions. These two facilities are accessed via accessible route from the parking lot that serves the Beach Pavilion.

**Beach Pavilion/Restroom and Shower Facility**

*(Includes Fish Cleaning Station)*

This multi-use facility is older than the facility nearest the Main Entrance and, though mostly accessible, a number of exceptions were noted.
The parking lot, which also serves the beach, fishing pier and boat launch, is paved, but not striped. There is room for approximately 50 parking spaces. There is signage designating two accessible spaces at the NW corner of the parking lot, on either side of the entrance to the fish cleaning station. The accessible route to the pavilion is in the SW corner of the parking lot and meets surface and width requirements. This route is a combination chipped trail and sidewalk. On the East-West leg of this route another trail crosses it causing some erosion that narrows the accessible route to the pavilion. In addition, the paved portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the building has a severe cross slope where a driveway leads to a maintenance door.

The picnic tables in the pavilion are not accessible.
The restroom doors require more than 5 lbs of pull (10-15 lbs)
All the toilets seats in the two restrooms are 16” in height.
The shower stall in the men’s room is only 30” in width.
I could not gain access to the fish cleaning station, however, I know of no specifications for such a facility other than those for access to goods and services (ADA Checklist Priority 2). The door hardware was accessible and it appears the station has a lowered work area and sufficient maneuvering space to make this facility accessible.

**Recommendations:**

1. Relocate the two accessible parking spaces to the SW corner of the parking lot, closer to the accessible route to the pavilion. Correct the erosion of the chipped path.
2. When and if this facility is upgraded or improved, change the grade on the sidewalk portion of the accessible route to remove the excessive cross slope or relocate the accessible route, perhaps combining it with a beach access route.
3. Equip with accessible picnic tables.
4. Adjust restroom door closures.
5. If and when this facility is upgraded or improved, redesign men’s restroom/shower facility to increase the width of the shower door.

**Play Area**

There are two different accessible routes to the play area located south of the pavilion. There are four ground level and one elevated play structures in this area. Only one structure has an accessible route directly to it—the swing set for larger kids. There are no transfer systems and no ramps and the surface materials are inadequate. Consequently, none of the individual play structures is accessible nor is the play area as a whole. However, it only needs to be made so if it is altered or improved. In that case, the altered portion needs to be made accessible. This is problematic from a compliance standard. If you replace two of the structures, for instance, they need to be of an accessible design. However, a large portion of the accessibility guidelines for play areas involve what percentage of the play area itself is accessible.

Without a doubt, play areas are the most difficult recreation facilities to make accessible and they are by far the most expensive, because of the ramps, railings, transfer systems, clear ground space and surface materials required. In most cases, the surface material alone is more expensive than all the equipment for the entire play area. For planning purposes, Enclosure (6) is the ADA Checklist for Play Areas.

**Recommendation:** Maintain this equipment as is. If and when this play area is upgraded or improved, consider an MDNR Recreation Passport grant to make the entire play area accessible.
North End Restroom

This is easily the oldest facility in the park and the only portion of it—the only fixture in it—that is accessible is the lavatory sinks. There is no accessible route or entrance to either side, the doors are too narrow and they have round handles. The stall doors are only 22” wide, there are no handrails and the stalls are of insufficient size. This building is very old and run down.

Ironically, it is located in the most accessible end of the park and in an area with the full hook up sites.

Recommendation: Due to the age, design and disrepair of this structure, it is not practical to reconfigure this building to make it accessible. It should be given a high priority for replacement if and when it is scheduled to be improved or upgraded. Replacement appears to be the most cost effective option.

Rental Cabin and “Rent-A-Tent”

The rent-a-tent platform was not evaluated for accessibility as it was not erected and it is not on an accessible route. A substantial bridge structure would be necessary to make it accessible.

Regardless of a sign indicating an accessible ramp entrance, neither the ramp nor this structure are accessible. The ramp’s height above the ground requires it have a railing. This rental cabin would have to be evaluated using the criteria for guest lodging and motel rooms. A brief inspection indicated that it is bi-level and none of the fixtures, doorways or other features are accessible. It was not surveyed.

Recommendation: Remove the Accessible ramp sign.

Accessible Camp Sites 40-45

These are advertised and offered as accessible camping sites but they are not. There are no accessible, adjacent parking spaces of required size, slope and surface, the surface of the sites is not firm or stable and the terrain exceeds the maximum slope requirements of the new ABA guidelines. Compliance with these standards is not yet required as this is not a federal or federally funded facility but consideration should be given to upgrading these or other sites to full accessibility.

Recommendation: Stop advertising these sites as accessible. When and if the campground is upgraded or improved, accessible camping sites should be added.

ADA Checklists

For a complete selection of the ADA Checklists used in this survey, go to the following website:

http://www.adachecklist.org/checklist.html

Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, (ABA) Amendment for Outdoor Developed Areas

The ABA was recently amended to include requirements for the following Outdoor Developed Areas:

- Camping Facilities
- Picnic Facilities
- Viewing Areas
- Trails
- Beach Access Routes
Both Little Trout Lake and Perkins Park have undeveloped beach access areas, at least from the point of accessibility. In addition, Perkins Park has 75 camp sites and Little Trout Lake has picnic areas disbursed throughout the facility.

These new guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas went into effect November 25, 2013, and they only affect federally owned or federally funded facilities or programs. They have, however, been adopted by the Michigan DNR for their own facilities and grant programs. Any upgrades or improvements planned for any of these recreation facilities should comply with the new ABA standards. These standards are so new that no survey instruments are available yet, however, they will soon be made available through the National Center for Accessibility. The scoping requirements and standards can be reviewed at the following website:

http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/outdoor-developed-areas/final-guidelines-for-outdoor-developed-areas/text-of-the-guidelines

Enclosures (1) Little Trout Lake ADA Checklist, Priority 1 – Approach and Entrance (truncated)
(2) ADAAG Section 1008 – Play Areas
(3) Big Bay Harbor of Refuge ADA Checklist, Priority 1 – Approach and Entrance
(4) Big Bay Harbor of Refuge ADA Checklist, Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms
(5) Big Bay Harbor of Refuge ADA Checklist, Recreational Boating Facilities
(6) ADA Checklist – Play Areas
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The County of Marquette has prepared a draft Recreation Plan that will help guide the next five years of recreation development and maintenance of County-owned recreation facilities. County-owned recreation facilities include Perkins Park, the Big Bay Harbor of Range, Sugarloaf Mountain, Honor Camp property, Little Iron Lake and the County Forest surrounding K.J. Sawyer. A draft plan is available for review on the Marquette County website at http://www.co.marquette.mi.us/. A copy is also available at the Peter White Library reference desk.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marquette County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the draft recreation plan on February 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 241 of the Courthouse Annex Building, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette. The public is invited to attend the meeting to comment on the draft plan. Any questions or comments regarding the draft plan may be directed to the Marquette County Resource Management and Development Department, 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855 or phone (906) 315-2671.
RESOLUTION

MARQUETTE COUNTY RECREATION PLAN 2014-2018

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has reviewed the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018 which recognizes various County recreation needs, and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has accepted the Capital Improvement Schedule that proposes a variety of improvements to enhance Perkins Park, Sugarloaf Mountain, Big Bay Harbor of Refuge, Little Trout Lake, the County Forest and the Honor Camp Property, and

WHEREAS, a five-year recreation plan is required to be eligible to apply for recreation grants administered by the Department of Natural Resources' Grant Management Division, and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning Commission opened its regular meeting of February 5, 2014 to accept public comment regarding the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018 as its official recreation planning document.

The following aye votes were recorded: 10

The following nay votes were recorded: 0

Signature

Gerald O. Corkin, Chair
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Date: Feb 11, 2014
To: Gerald Corkin, Chair  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

From: Charles Bergdahl, Chair  
Marquette County Planning Commission

Re: Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018

Date: February 7, 2014

**Background:**

In 2013 the Planning Commission and Resource Management Planning staff began updating the County Recreation Plan. These plans must be updated every 5 years and a current plan kept on file with the Department of Natural Resources in order to maintain County eligibility for various grant programs.

Public input to the process was solicited through several means, an on-line survey and attending meetings of Township Boards or Planning Commissions in which County recreation facilities are located among the most prominent.

The County also had an accessibility survey performed at all County recreation facilities to identify improvements that would make recreation opportunities available to those of all capabilities.

Information gathered was refined into an implementation plan and made available for public review. A “Notice of Availability” was published in the Mining Journal. The Plan was posted on the County website and “hard copies” made available at Peter White Public Library and the County Resource Management Department. The public process culminated in a hearing before the Planning Commission on February 5, 2014.

**Request and Recommendation**

The Marquette County Planning Commission is requesting the County Board of Commissioners review and adopt the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018 and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution recognizing adoption.
MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 6:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS:
   - REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013.

3. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 20 minutes total)

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.
   - Total expenditures for the period January 31, 2014 through February 13, 2014 of $817,664.64;
   - Biweekly Payroll for the period ending February 1, 2014 of $714,452.68.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   - MSP commendation for E911 Dispatchers Jim Shaw & Cheryl Grove.
   - CUPPAD notice of an intended project.

10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Treasurer and Land Bank Authority Annual Reports.
    b. Appointments: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
    d. Local Food Supply Plan Approval.
    e. Vehicles for Building Codes.
    f. Budget Amendments.
    g. Acceptance of Soil Erosion Program.
    h. Resolution: Community Mental Health General.
    i. Space Needs Proposal Recommendation.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. (time limit 5 minutes per person).

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. ADJOURNMENT.
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- Call to Order by Chair at 6:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Pence, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Seppanen, Commissioner Pellow and Chairman Corkin. Absent and excused: None.


Background: In 2013 the Planning Commission and Resource Management Planning staff began updating the County Recreation Plan. Public input to the process was solicited through several means. Information gathered was refined into an implementation plan and made available for public review. The public process culminated in a hearing before the Planning Commission on February 5, 2014. Senior Planner Al Feldhauser attended the meeting to answer questions concerning the Recreation Plan.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to adopt the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018 and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution recognizing adoption. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. A roll call vote was conducted. Ayes: Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Seppanen, Commissioner Pence, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Heikkila and Chairman Corkin. Motion adopted.

14. ADJOURMENT. There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Peter Dishnow
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners
WHEREAS: the County of Marquette has performed a County-wide survey of recreation interests to assess recreation needs and

WHEREAS: an accessibility study was performed on all County recreation facilities to insure recreation opportunity was available for residents and visitors of all capabilities and

WHEREAS: staff attended public meetings in all jurisdictions (Forsyth Township, Marquette Township, Powell Township, Sands Township) where County recreation facilities are located to coordinate activities with local jurisdictions and

WHEREAS: a public comment period of at least 30 days followed by a public hearing was utilized to solicit public input and

WHEREAS: the Recreation Plan meets all the requirements in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources booklet Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans (IC 1924 rev. 01/13/2012).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Marquette County Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018 to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

SIGNED: Charles Bergdahl, Chairman
Marquette County Planning Commission
To: Planning Commission

From: Staff

Re: Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018

Date: January 30, 2014

A draft Recreation Plan that will help guide the next five years of recreation development and maintenance of County owned recreation facilities was released for public review on January 6, 2014. Release of the Plan was announced in the Mining Journal and on the County’s website. A “hard copy” of the Plan was made available at the Peter White Public Library.

A public hearing will be held at your regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2014. Staff will be present to support discussion and collect comments regarding the draft Plan.

After consideration by the Planning Commission, a resolution to the County Board of Commissioners would be in order recommending adoption of the Recreation Plan (sample attached).
AGENDA

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
February 5, 2014
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex – 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2014

4) Public Comment

5) Approval of Agenda

6) Public Hearings
   a. Marquette County Recreation Plan

7) Communications
   a. Marquette City Planning Commission Minutes 12-17-13
   b. US-41 Corridor Advisory Group Minutes
   c. City of Ishpeming Notice of Public Hearing
   d. CUPPAD – Michigamme Township Grant

8) Monthly Reports

9) Old Business
   a.

10) New Business
    a. Forsyth Township Map Amendment
    b. Sands Township Map Amendment
    c. A-95 CUPPAD Economic Development Planning
    d. Work Program Committee
    e. Hazard Mitigation Plan

11) Announcements

12) Public Comment

13) Adjournment
Marquette County Recreation Plan

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 5, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Marquette County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Bergdahl at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners present were Michelle Jarvie-Eggart, Norman Holmes, Mike Touchinski, Chuck Bergdahl, Bob Struck, and Greg Seppanen. Pete Mackin was absent. Staff present: Thyra Karlstrom and Jackie Olinske.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Touchinski to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mrs. Karlstrom asked that an additional item be added to New Business: 10f. A95- Marquette County Aging Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Jarvie-Eggart, seconded by Commissioner Touchinski to approve the agenda with the addition of 10f. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
   a. Marquette County Recreation Plan: Chairman Bergdahl opened the public hearing. There was no public present. Mrs. Karlstrom reported that the plan was released for public review on January 6, 2014 via the Mining Journal, the County website, and a hard copy at Peter White Public Library. Staff have received no additional public comments and recommend the Planning Commission forward the plan to the County Board for review and adoption. A motion was made by Commissioner Seppanen, seconded by Commissioner Struck to direct the Chairman to sign the resolution and forward the Marquette County Recreation Plan to the Board of Commissioners for review and adoption. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bergdahl closed the public hearing.

7. COMMUNICATIONS: A motion was made by Commissioner Seppanen, seconded by Commissioner Struck to file the communications. Motion carried unanimously.

8. MONTHLY REPORTS: It was the consensus of the Commission to file the monthly reports.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:
   a. Forsyth Township Map Amendment: Mrs. Karlstrom reported that in 2008 this Commission approved the rezoning of the subject parcel from R-3 to PA for the purpose of building a new library. Subsequently the millage did not pass so the Library Board is requesting the parcel be rezoned back to R-3 so the parcel can be sold. Staff recommends support. A motion was made by Commissioner Struck, seconded by Commissioner Jarvie-Eggart to support the requested rezoning. Motion carried unanimously.

   b. Sands Township Map Amendment: Mrs. Karlstrom reported the amendment is to rezone a portion of a 40 acre parcel from Commercial to Forestry & Agriculture with the easterly 600' of the parcel fronting the highway remaining Commercial with an exception of the south 66'. The proposed rezoning maintains the intended future land use of the area. Staff recommends support with the modification to exclude the southern 66' of the eastern 600' from the rezoning. A motion was made by Commissioner Seppanen, seconded by Commissioner Jarvie-Eggart to support the requested rezoning with the modification. Motion carried unanimously.

   c. A-95 CUPPAD Regional Commission Economic Development Planning Grant Application: Mrs. Karlstrom stated that this grant opportunity helps to provide technical assistance to not only Marquette County but also all the townships and cities within Marquette County and this is an extremely valuable service for all. Staff believes this project is consistent with the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan and recommends support. A motion was made by Commissioner Struck, seconded by Commissioner Holmes to support this grant application. Motion carried unanimously.

   d. Work Program Committee: Mrs. Karlstrom and Commissioners discussed the selection of an ad hoc work program committee. The committee is needed to discuss the 2015 Work Program. It was the consensus of the Commission to appoint Commissioners Seppanen and Mackin to the 2015 Work Program Committee.

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Marquette County Recreation Plan

e. **Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Discussion was held regarding the status of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is “in progress” and is to be completed by July 31, 2014. Currently the plan is over 300 pages long and it is staffs’ goal to significantly reduce the size. Mrs. Karlstrom indicates that the Plan update will rely heavily on GIS analysis specifically of structures in fire and flood hazard areas. The Commissioners reviewed two maps showing structures in fire and flood hazard areas. Commissioners’ suggestions included “bulleting” action items within the plan.

f. **A-95 Marquette County Aging Services:** Mrs. Karlstrom reported that this request is for a small grant by the Commission on Aging. The main funding for RSVP comes from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging. Staff believes this project is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and recommends support. Commissioner Holmes asked where the local funding comes from. Mrs. Karlstrom stated she would research that question and have a reply for the March meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Seppanen, seconded by Commissioner Struck to support staff recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:40 Chairman Bergdahl adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Olinske
Support Staff
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February 28, 2014

Marquette County Planning Commission
234 W. Baraga Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855

In Re: Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018

Dear Chairman Bergdahl:

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, at their regularly scheduled meeting of February 18, 2014, adopted the Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018.

Per requirements as established in the Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans, the County is forwarding to you, the County Planning Agency, a copy of the adopted plan.

Sincerely,

Alan Feldhauser
Senior Planner
County of Marquette
Enc.
AF/jo
February 28, 2014

Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development
2415 14th Avenue South
Escanaba, MI 49849

In Re: Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2018

Dear Mr. VanSteen:

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Marquette County Recreation Plan
Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST
By Authority of Parts 10, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1984, as amended, submission of this
information is required for eligibility to apply for grants.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

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### PLAN INFORMATION

| Name of Plan: Marquette County Recreation Plan 2014-2016 |
| List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan |
| County | Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body |
| County of Marquette | Marquette | February 2014 |

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### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

- [ ] **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**
- [ ] **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**
  - [ ] Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
  - [ ] Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
  - [ ] Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
  - [ ] Programming
  - [ ] Current Funding Sources
  - [ ] Role of Volunteers
  - [ ] Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
    - Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only
    - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of
      - Participating Communities
      - Articles of Incorporation
- [ ] **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**
  - [ ] Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
  - [ ] Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
  - [ ] Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
  - [ ] Accessibility Assessment
  - [ ] Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- [ ] **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**
- [ ] **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**
# 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS
- Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

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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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- Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

# 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

# 8. ACTION PROGRAM

# 9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

## PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level **governing body** (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

### APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:
For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body **dated**: February 18, 2014

2. Official resolution of the Marquette County Planning Commission **Commission or Board**, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, **dated**: February 5, 2014

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency **dated**: February 28, 2014

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency **dated**: February 28, 2014

## OVERALL CERTIFICATION

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for County of Marquette (Local Unit of Government) above and as set forth by the DNR.

[Signature]

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2-25-14

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

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

**DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL**

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community(ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

[Signature]

By:

[Date]

Grants Management

[Date]