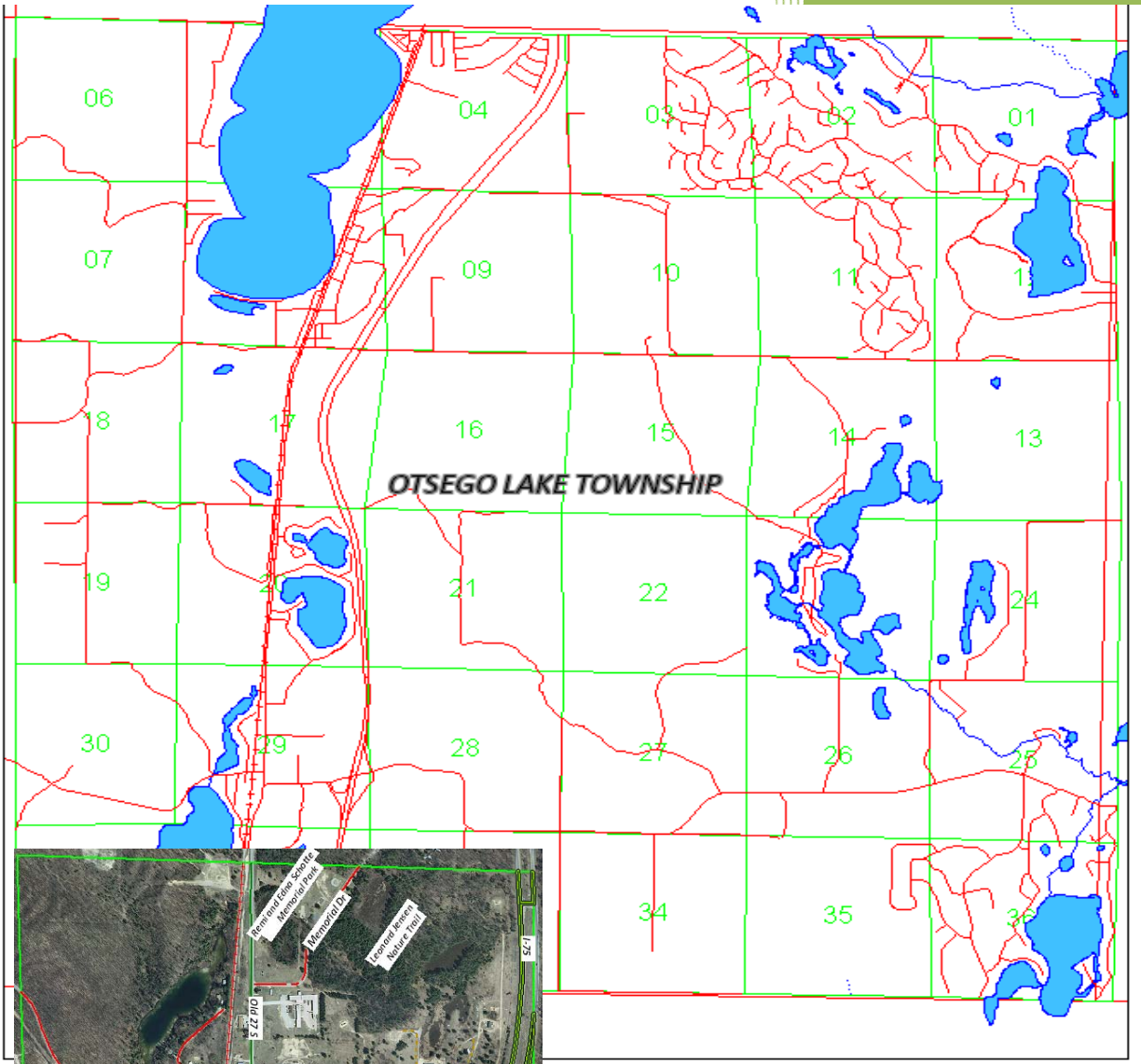


2012-2016

Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan



Adopted: January 19, 2012

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Recreation Plan

Introduction

Because of the recreational opportunities in Otsego Lake Township, the abundance of natural resources and the desire to make recreation a key component, the Township created a Recreation Plan 2006.

In past years, the Township has provided recreation services and facilities to residents and visitors. The mix of Township owned, along with publicly and privately owned facilities, offers a wide range of passive and active recreational opportunities. A description of these facilities is included in the recreation inventory, which begins on the page six (6). Otsego Lake Township plans not only to continue providing recreation services to its residents and visitors, but to maintain the existing facilities, keeping them compliant and updating where necessary, with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which mandates accessibility standards for citizens who have mobility difficulty.

As a recreation service provider, the Township recognizes the importance of planning for future recreation services and facilities. A major factor in the provision of any service is the question of how projects will be funded. One possible source of funding for recreation projects is through grants available from Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

To become grant eligible for MDNR funding, a community must have an approved recreation plan. Components of a MDNR approved recreation plan include:

- Community Description
- Recreation Inventory
- Administrative Structure
- Description of the Planning Process
- Action Program
- Basis for the Action Program
- Plan Review and Adoption

Grants and Capital Improvement Plan

A Recreation Plan can be used as a guide for future public investment and service decisions, such as the local budget, grant applications and administration of utilities and services. Many communities find it beneficial to prioritize and budget for capital improvement projects, such as infrastructure improvements, park improvements, etc. A Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is one tool which is often used to establish a prioritized schedule for all anticipated capital improvement projects in the community. A CIP includes cost estimates and sources for financing for each project, therefore can serve as both a budgetary and policy document to aid in the implementation of a community's goals defined in the Recreation Plan.

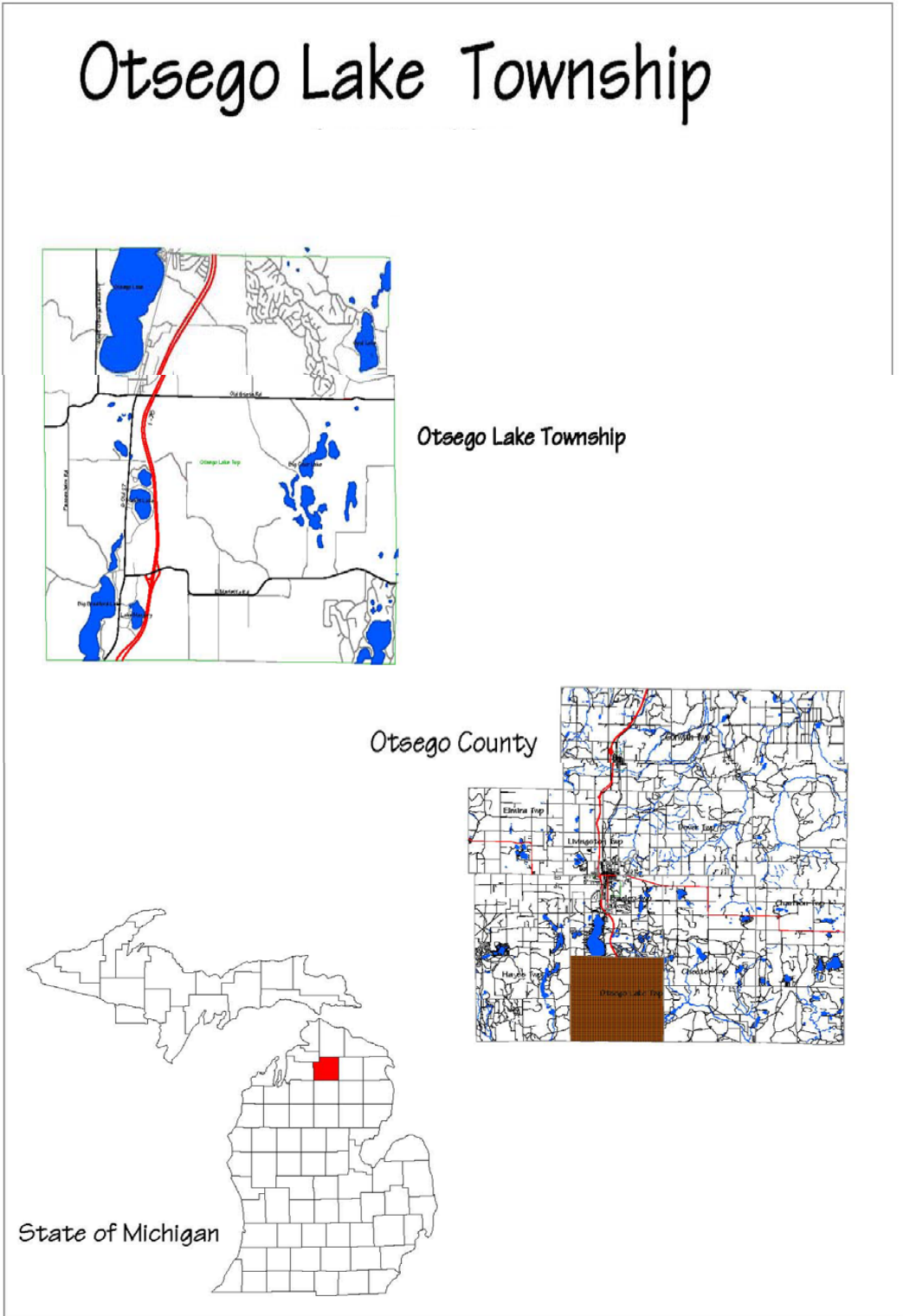
Location and Regional Setting

Otsego Lake Township is located along the southern border of Otsego County, which is situated in the north central part of northern Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Otsego Lake Township is a standard geographic township in area, (approximately 36 square miles), with 32.7 square miles of land area.

The Township is bounded on the north by Bagley Township, the west by Hayes Township, the east by Chester Township all in Otsego County, and on the south by Maple Forest Township in Crawford County. The City of Gaylord is approximately six (6) miles north of the Otsego Lake Township border. Figure one (1) illustrates the township's proximity to a number of other communities in Michigan.

A more detailed description of the Township along with socio-economic characteristics, natural environment data and existing land use patterns can be found in the Otsego Lake Township Master Plan.

Figure 1: Location Map



Inventory of Recreation Facilities in Otsego Lake Township

An inventory of existing recreation facilities located in Otsego Lake Township is provided below. Sites are grouped according to jurisdictional ownership. Township owned facilities are listed first, then other public sites, and finally privately owned recreation sites. Each listing is followed by a brief description of that location. Figure two (2) illustrates the location of the public sites.

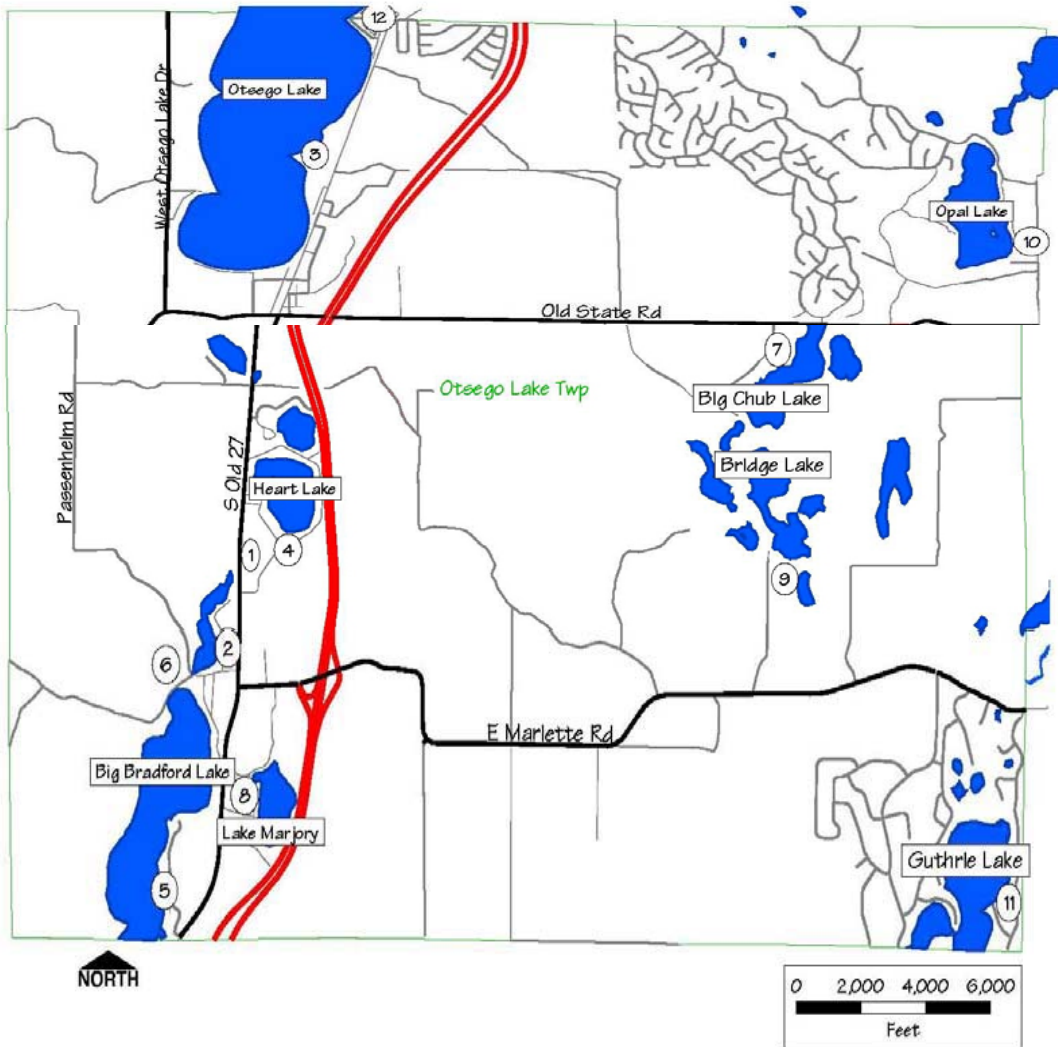
Otsego Lake Township owns one property which is currently being used for recreational purposes. Table one (1) contains information on this facility.

**Table 1
Facilities Owned and/or Operated By Otsego Lake Township**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Facilities</i>	<i>ADA Compliance</i>
Remi & Edna Schotte Memorial Park/ Leonard Jensen Nature Trail	24.8 acres	Pavilion/Accessible Route From Parking Area Parking Area/Designated Parking Spaces at the Pavilion Picnic Tables/Accessible Playground Playground Equipment/Toddler Through Pre Teen Restroom/Accessible Facility Hiking Trails Grills Drinking Fountain Baseball Diamond Basketball Court Horseshoe Pit	X X X X

Additionally, the Township in cooperation with the County Road Commission, maintains a bike lane the full length of Memorial Drive.

Figure 2: Publicly Owned Recreation Site Locations, Otsego Lake Township



KEY for Figure 2 Recreation Site Locations, Otsego Lake Township:

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Remi & Edna Schotte Memorial Township Park/Leonard Jensen Nature Trail | 8. Lake Marjory |
| 2. Otsego Lake Township Hall | 9. Bridge Lake |
| 3. Otsego Lake State Park | 10. Opal Lake |
| 4. Heart Lake | 11. Guthrie Lake |
| 5. Big Bradford Lake | 12. Arbutus Beach |
| 6. Little Bradford Lake | |

Table two (2) contains information on other publicly owned land in Otsego Lake Township. There are seven (7) State owned facilities in the Township. All of these facilities are located adjacent to water and provide boat ramps and public access to the water bodies.

**Table 2
Public Recreation Facilities in Otsego Lake Township**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location Key</i>	<i>Facilities</i>
Otsego Lake State Park	3	Park with 156 campsites 1000 feet sand beach Fishing dock Boat Launch
Heart Lake	4	Public access Public fishing site
Big Bradford Lake	5	Public access Public fishing site
Little Bradford Lake	6	Public access Public fishing site
Big Chub Lake	7	Public access Public fishing site
Lake Marjory	8	Camping-Lake Marjory State Forest Campground (Currently closed) Public access Public fishing site
Bridge Lake	9	Public access Public fishing site
Opal Lake	10	Public access Public fishing site
Guthrie Lake	11	Public access Public fishing site
Lakeview Road end	12	Public access on Otsego Lake

There is a range of privately owned recreational and cultural opportunities within the Township. Table three (3) is a listing of these facilities.

Table 3 Privately-owned Recreation Facilities in the Township	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Facilities</i>
Michaywe' Association	Golf Course Cross Country Skiing Hiking Trails Clubhouse -private members only Pool - private members only
Guthrie Lake Association	Clubhouse with pool – private members only Lake access

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all areas of public service and accommodations became subject to barrier free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs. The ultimate goal is to provide recreation opportunities that include everyone regardless of physical or mental impairment. When evaluating the accessibility of parks and facilities, barriers should be recognized from the perspective of the participant. These perspectives aid in preparing the design and planning future improvements to both current and existing facilities. Therefore, we can determine whether a site, building, and/or facility comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

Transition Plan

Capital improvement expenditures are targeted for comprehensive accessibility projects. All new playground equipment, site furnishings, landscaping and facilities included in the capital improvements plan shall be designed and installed in compliance with the latest adopted U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barrier Compliance Board and U.S. Department of Justice standards.

Community Events

There is a number of community events held in the Otsego County area throughout the year. The following is a listing of the community events:

<i>Community Event</i>	<i>Month of Event</i>
Snowcross	January and March
Otsego Lake Fly-in	June
Otsego Regional Air Show	June
Alpenfest	July
Par-Three Shoot out	July
Michaywe' Art Festival	August
Otsego County Fair	August
Thunder Over Waters	September
Oktoberfest	October

Other Otsego County Recreational Facilities

Residents of Otsego Lake Township can also utilize recreational facilities outside the township bounds. Information on recreational opportunities outside of Otsego Lake Township was obtained from the Otsego County Recreation Plan by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. There are a number of additional public and private recreational facilities in Otsego County. County/State parks and campgrounds offer a wide range of recreational activities from picnicking and baseball to hiking and swimming. The local public schools within the county also all have recreational facilities. Ten (10) other sites offer water recreational opportunities that are not classified as campgrounds or local government and private parks.

These public access sites have boat launches, parking areas, and toilets. All are maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In addition, there are many privately owned recreational facilities open to the public. The county recreation plan also indicates there are approximately twenty (20) resorts for anglers and hunters scattered throughout the county, some of which are located in Otsego Lake Township.

Trails

There are numerous recreational facilities classified as trails that are in or run through Otsego County. These trails include approximately one hundred forty-five (145) km of walking, hiking, biking and cross country skiing trails and approximately ninety-three (93) miles of signed and groomed snowmobile trails.

Fairgrounds

The Otsego County Fairgrounds are located on Old 27 north of Gaylord. The fairground facilities consist of exhibit buildings, grandstand, track, and food booths. The fairground is used for an annual fair, a car show, snow-cross and a flea market.

Regional Recreational Opportunities

Several communities in the surrounding area have varied recreational opportunities. To the north, the City of Gaylord has a number of recreation facilities such as a golf course, a historical museum, athletic fields, elk viewing and many resorts.

Additionally, Gaylord has the Otsego Regional Airport, the Otsego County Fairgrounds and the Sportsplex, which has a community hockey rink, walking track and indoor pool. There are also ski clubs, State groomed cross country trails, and over twenty-five (25) golf courses in the region. Nearby Antrim and Crawford Counties offer a number of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities, similar to those found in Otsego County.

Administrative Structure and Funding

Otsego Lake Township established a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in August of 2007. Working with the Otsego Lake Township Board, it helps oversee the development of recreation facilities and programs within the Township. The Committee serves as a community sounding board on recreation matters and brings the concerns of the residents to the Township Board for consideration.

Recommendations for recreation planning are made by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to the Township Board, which has final authority for recreational policy, administration, and funding. The Committee is responsible for updating the recreation plan. The Township Board must adopt the recreation plan and approve any amendments to the plan.

The Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee consists of five members: chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, two (2) alternate members with one (1) Board member representing the Township Board.

The Otsego Lake Township Board consists of five members: supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two trustees.

The Township Supervisor is the chief executive officer of the township and chairs the board of trustees. The Township Clerk is responsible for keeping the Township records, paying bills, voter registration, and cemetery records, while the Treasurer is charged with keeping the Township's financial records, including receipt of tax payments and management of investments. The Fire Chief is responsible for overseeing all activities of the Fire Department/First Responder Service.

Volunteers are an integral part of the recreational projects in Otsego Lake Township. On a project by project basis, volunteers are solicited to provide some of the labor for the Township “in-kind” match. The routine park maintenance is handled by the Township staff, contractors, and volunteers, all operating under the direct authority of the Township Board.

Other recreational facilities and activities utilized by local residents are administered both formally and informally by organizations serving multiple jurisdictions. Otsego Lake Township is located partially within the Gaylord Schools district and partially within the Crawford-AuSable School district, making recreational facilities and activities of both school districts available to Township residents. Township youth may also participate in non-school related recreation organizations. Since both school districts have facilities of their own, they are not directly part of this plan. This plan does include provisions to continue and enhance the working relationship with Michigan Department of Natural Resources as related to the state-owned recreation facilities located within Otsego Lake Township.

Otsego Lake Township's recreational activities and facilities are primarily funded through the Township's general fund. Table four (4) illustrates recreation spending for the past three (3) years, in comparison to the Township's total budget. For the proposed 2011-2012 budget, \$30,000 has been budgeted as a Park and Recreation line item, demonstrating that the Township Board consistently allots funding for recreational purposes.

**Table 4
Township Budget and Recreation Expenditures
2009 – 2012 Budget**

Fiscal Year Ending March 31	2012-2011	2011-2010	2010-2009
Total Township	\$659,749	\$676,361	\$650,771
Expenditures			
Recreation	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Source: Otsego Lake Township Balance Sheets, 2009-2012			

Description of the Recreation Planning Process

Revisions to the existing Recreation Plan, created in 2005 by the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission, began in the spring of 2011. The Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee updated the document to reflect the accomplishments of the past five (5) years.

To encourage public participation in the recreation planning process, all meetings with the Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee were open to the public and posted at the Township Hall. Throughout the summer months, at least one (1) member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee attended a meeting for each association within the Township. A short power point presentation was shown and handouts were given for public comment. Public appreciation for the Township's efforts was expressed.

Association meetings attended and public comments made are as follows:

<i>Association</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting Place</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Otsego Lake Association	July 2, 2011	Bagley Township Hall	Expressed appreciation
Heart Lake Association	July 2, 2011	Otsego Lake Township Hall	Expressed appreciation, Suggested dog park, Fencing around basketball court, Tennis courts, Work on Nature Trail
Guthrie Lake Association	July 2, 2011	Guthrie Lake Club House	Expressed appreciation
Fawn Lake Association	July 9, 2011	Otsego Lake Township Hall	Expressed appreciation
Bradford Lake Association	July 30, 2011	Otsego Lake Township Park	Expressed appreciation, Suggested water spouts, Ice rink, Tennis courts, Work on walking/bike path to Gaylord
Michaywe' Owners' Association	September 24, 2011	Michaywe' Club House	Expressed appreciation, Asked about facilities closer to Michaywe'

Finally, interested citizens were invited to attend a public hearing on December 29, 2011. Notice was published in The Gaylord Herald Times, on the Township website, as well as posted in local public places. One (1) interested citizen attended the public hearing. After the public hearing, the complete document was finalized for initial submittal to MDNR.

Recreation Goals

Otsego Lake Township, because of its environmental attributes, expanses of state land, and low population density, currently enjoys a favorable reputation as an outdoor recreation area. To sustain and increase the current level of recreational activities for all age groups, the Township should continue to encourage the growth of open-space recreation.

- Develop multi-purpose pathway in the commercial area and throughout the Township.
- Provide additional active recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents and visitors of all ages.
- Encourage operation of public and private camping facilities at designated locations of the Township.
- Through zoning and review procedures, proposed subdivisions, site condominiums, planned unit developments, commercial and industrial developments should be encouraged to provide or participate in the development of neighborhood parks.
- Maintain open space and scenic vistas by encouraging PUD, clustering, and conservation easements.
- Maintain existing and establish new trails for horseback riding, bike, motorized recreational vehicle, cross-country ski, and walking use in the Township.
- Encourage a designated and regulated snowmobile route through Otsego Lake Township to connect the community to regional state designated snowmobile trails.

Otsego Lake Township has a system of parks, ball fields, and recreational facilities. To meet the needs of a growing population and the increased tourist activity, it is important to improve and expand these recreational facilities. Recreational facilities should continue to be developed to meet the needs of the whole community, all age groups, and income levels.

- Encourage the consideration of recreational facilities as an integral part of community development plans.
- Ensure ADA compliant playground equipment for Township parks.
- Provide more public beach and water access in a park and picnic area setting for residents, seasonal residents, and visitors.

Community-wide programs that provide opportunities for year-round recreation, personal enrichment, art, musical, and theatrical groups are contributors to the quality of life and attractiveness of the Township. It is important to ensure accessibility to adequate public recreation facilities and cultural activities for area residents and visitors. Coordinated programs and facilities that reflect the character and desires of the community can play a key role in attracting new commercial and industrial activities.

- Construct a senior center with a large seating capacity to accommodate a wide variety of educational, recreational, and social activities.
- Encourage community arts and crafts, musical and personal enrichment programs for all age groups and for seasonal and year round residents.
- Encourage cultural facilities and events that meet the needs of the entire community.

Township Park Improvements

Working with the current Recreation Plan, numerous improvements have been made at the Township Park and nature trail. The parking area has been re surfaced with asphalt creating a barrier free accessible route to the pavilion. A new barrier free restroom facility has been constructed, also with an accessible route from the pavilion. New playground equipment has been installed for toddlers through preteen with a base of sand for safety and play. A basketball court has been installed and improvements have been made to the existing horseshoe pits, hiking trails and baseball field along with new signage for better awareness.

Action Program

The action program is presented below in two (2) tables that describe the development of new facilities and the maintenance to existing facilities. Anticipated funding sources will be in the form of cash from the Township general fund, in-kind labor, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grants. Sources of the grants are: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), and other appropriate grant programs.

Schedule for Capital Improvements			
<i>Existing Facilities</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Improvement</i>	<i>Cost and Anticipated Funding Source</i>
Remi & Edna Schotte Memorial Township Park	2012	Walking Track	\$15,000 LWCF, Local grants, Township
	2012	Seasonal Ice Rink	\$8,000 Local grants, Township
	2012	Adult Fitness Equipment	\$7,000 Local clubs, Foundations and Township
	2013	Tennis Court	\$65,000 MNRTF, Local grants, Township
	2014	New volleyball court	\$7,000 MNRTF
	2014	Shuffle board court	\$7,500 MNRTF, Foundations and Township
	2015	Water Play Area	\$10,000 Local grants, Township
	2016	New Soccer Field	\$20,000 LWCF, MNRTF, Soccer Association and Township
Leonard Jensen Nature Trail	2012	Plant Markers, Additional Wood Chips Spread, GPS Trails	\$5,000 Local grants, Township

Rationale for planned Township Park and Hall improvements

With each new improvement to the Township Park, more residents are becoming aware and the facilities are being used more and more. A tennis court with a walking track around it, adult fitness equipment, a shuffle board court and volleyball court are some of the facilities planned for the future.

With the senior population comprising a significant portion of the Township, there is the possibility of an increased demand for senior services and facilities. The Township is continuing to investigate incorporating some of the senior facility, programming and service needs within the existing Township Hall.

Capital Improvements Schedule for Proposed New Trail Facilities

<i>New Facilities</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Development</i>	<i>Cost and Anticipated Funding Source</i>
Multipurpose Non-motorized Pathways	2013	Along Old 27 from Waters north to connect with Otsego Lake State Park and continue to Township line (for continuation in Bagley Township)	Anticipated cost: \$480,000 MDOT, MDNR, local foundations/grants and Township
	2014	Along Old 27 from Waters south to connect with the State Forest Campground and continue to Township (for continuation in Crawford County)	Anticipated cost: \$180,000 MDOT, MDNR, local foundations/grants and Township
	2015	Along Old State Road east of Old 27 to Township border	Anticipated cost: \$540,000 MDOT, MDNR, local foundations/grants and Township
	2016	Along Mancelona Road west to Township border	Anticipated cost: \$180,000 MDOT, MDNR, local foundations/grants and Township

Rationale for New Trails

There is a need and interest to provide non-motorized pathways that connect from the downtown area of Waters to the State Park, State Forest Campground and ultimately to connect into a regional trail system. The safest trails for pedestrians and bicyclists are trails which are separate from the vehicular routes. Trails throughout northern Michigan are used extensively both by local residents and tourists.

Plan Review and Adoption

The Recreation Plan was reviewed by the Otsego Lake Township Board; additional public comments were accepted as part of a Public Hearing held on December 29, 2011.

The Recreation Plan was adopted by the Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on January 16, 2012 and by the Otsego Lake Township Board on January 19, 2012. Copies of the minutes when the Plan was adopted are included at the end of the Recreation Plan.

Plan Adoption and Implementation

Public Hearing

A public hearing on the proposed Recreation Plan for Otsego Lake Township was held on December 29, 2011. Notice of the review period was published in the Gaylord Herald Times on November 23, 2011. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Gaylord Herald Times, on December 21, 2011. Copies of the notices are reproduced at the end of this section. During the review period, the proposed plan was available for review on the Township's web site, at the Otsego County Library or by contacting the Otsego Lake Township Clerk.

The purpose of the public hearing was to present the proposed Recreation Plan and accept comments from the public. In addition to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members and Township Board members, one (1) member of the public attended.

The public hearing began with a brief explanation of the planning process. Plan development included Park and Recreation meetings and presentations to Township Associations for input.

Plan Adoption

The Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee formally adopted the Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan on January 16, 2012. The Otsego Lake Township Board formally adopted the plan on January 19, 2012 by official resolution. A copy of the resolution is on page twenty-five (25) and minutes from the meetings on pages twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23) are also attached.

A copy of the Recreation Plan Certification is provided on page twenty-six (26).

The adopted plan was transmitted to the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments on February 24, 2012. (See copy of transmittal on page twenty-nine (29).)

Copies of the minutes from the Association meetings attended for public input are also attached beginning on page thirty (30).

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING – DECEMBER 29, 2011**

The Otsego Lake Township Board and the Park and Recreation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the Recreation Plan at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 29, 2011, at the Otsego Lake Township Hall, 10584 Old 27 South in Waters. All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the Plan.

Copies of the Plan are available for review at the Otsego Lake Township offices, the Otsego County Library in Gaylord or online at www.otsegolaketownship.org. Written comments may be submitted in advance to the Otsego Lake Township Clerk, P.O. Box 99, Waters, MI 49797, delivered to the Township Offices at 10584 Old 27 South, or may be submitted at the Public Hearing. For additional information, contact Lorraine Markovich at the Township Office (989)732-6929, ext. 3.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2012

Present: Christine Wohlfeil, Lorraine Markovich, Don Tubbs, Marcia Taylor, Dani Coutant

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall by Chairperson Wohlfeil. Motion by Dani to approve the October 13, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Marcia. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. Recreation Plan adoption. Christine presented the committee with proposed Recreation Plan for the committee to review. Marcia made motion to approve the Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan, with the addition of Alpenfrost, February 10th and 11th, added to Community Events. Seconded by Lorraine. Motion approved.
Dani to provide minutes of the Guthrie Lakes Association, July meeting when input presentation was made. Minutes will be submitted with the Recreation Plan.
2. 2012 Budget. The budget for 2012 is \$30,000.00. Lorraine is to inquire about a rollover of unused funds from the 2011 budget, to be added to the 2012 budget.
3. 2012 projects. Projects that the committee are considering, and not limited to, include; Walking trail behind the Memorial, Ice skating rink behind the Memorial, Fitness equipment, Fencing for the bleachers at the ball diamond, Tree/plant markers and more wood chips for the Nature Trail, Water pad.

Old Business:

1. Bleachers. Bleachers for the ball diamond have been purchased, and will be installed after a protective fence is erected.
2. Irrigation system. The new well has been installed, but not yet in operation nor has the water been tested. Christine will talk to Paul again about the irrigation system – if existing system is still operational or needs to be replaced.
3. Tree markers. Dani is to order the tree markers, and get prices on 4"x4" and 5/4"x6" treated lumber for installing the markers.
4. Marcia will talk to Mr. Facchinetti, about repairing the flag pole at the Memorial. Marcia will also be researching ice rinks, and finding what ground preparation is necessary for installation.
5. Don will be obtaining bids for a walking path behind the Memorial. Bids are for a 6'x50'x100' oval, and include different surfaces
6. Lorraine is to find information on 10 station fitness equipment.
7. Christine will find out how much property the Township owns behind the Memorial.

Election of Officers:

1. Motion by Dani to re-appoint Christine as Chairperson. Seconded by Marcia. Motion approved.
2. Motion by Christine to re-appoint Dani as Secretary. Seconded by Marcia, Motion approved.

3. Motion by Don to appoint Marcia as Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Lorraine. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting, February 20, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

Dani Coutant, Secretary

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES, JANUARY 19, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wagar with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members present and five audience members.

CLERKS REPORT

A motion was made by Brown to approve the minutes of the last meeting with corrections to the General Fund treasurer report ending November 30, 2011. Seconded by Baker, motion carried. A motion was made by Jacobs to pay bills for the General Fund of \$19,895.83, Fire Fund \$6,118.51 and Trash fund \$15,162.00. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. It is time to renew our township and fire department insurance policies. We have two quotes; one from our current carrier Burtham and Flower Insurance and the second is from Ted Hartman Agency represented by Ken Garnaat. The period covered is February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013. The quote from Burnham and Flower Insurance is \$13,127. The Hartman Agency is \$13,689.85. After discussion and comparing both policies, a motion was made by Markovich to continue with Burnham and Flower Insurance for \$13,127.00. Seconded by Baker, motion carried.

TREASURER' S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,179,199.85
Receipts	21,325.37
Disbursements	18,527.82
Ending Balance	\$1,181,997.40

TAX ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,793.05
Receipts	866,365.98
Disbursements	7,795.17
Ending Balance	\$867,363.86

FIRE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 216,807.05
Receipts	26.83
Disbursements	5,285.89
Ending Balance	\$ 211,547.99

TRASH FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 43,487.64
Receipts	4.59
Disbursements	15,141.00
Ending Balance	\$ 28,351.23

A motion was made by Baker to approve the treasurers report as read, seconded by Brown, motion carried. Since the Trash Fund is on a calendar fiscal year and the budget is on an April 1st to March 31st fiscal year we need to transfer funds from the tax account to cover January 1 through March 31, 2012. A motion was made by Jacobs to move monies into the trash account to make up the difference in the fiscal year. Seconded by Brown, motion carried. Since Jerry Brown has been appointed as the Deputy Treasurer in place of Laura Boerema her name needs to be taken off of the signature cards for all bank accounts and to replace it with Jerry Brown.

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

The Parks and Recreation has been working on completing the new parks and recreation plan. Chairperson Wohlfeil presented the completed the plan for 2012 through 2016 as approved at the last Park and Recreation meeting. It was presented to the township board and a motion to adopt a resolution to accept the plan was made by Baker, seconded by Brown. Roll call vote; Baker, aye; Jacobs, aye; Wagar, aye; Markovich, aye and Brown, Aye. Motion to adopt the resolution passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Report given by Chief Shelly. There were 32 runs this month. For the year there were 284 runs. This total is up considerably over past years. EMS training will be on blood borne pathogens and fire training is on search and rescue and air pak refresher.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Brown reported on the Appreciation Dinner for the Fire Department given by the township board and held at Michaywe Inn the Woods. Thanks to Mike Thompson for conducting training for both the board and fire department on Preparing for Disaster.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Report given by member Baker. At the meeting on January 5th the commission discussed the Discovery Center sign and the Dumpster ordinance revision.

Baker would like the planning commission review the billboard ordinance and see if some change can be made as it pertains to the Discovery Center billboard. Also discussed appointing Constable Brown to the position of Enforcement Officer, leave the pay of the constable as it is now so there is enforcement of our ordinances.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park committee member Donald Tubbs position expired on December 31, 2011. He needs to be appointed to a new two year term ending December 31, 2013. A motion was made by Markovich to reappoint Tubbs to a new two year term. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee will be looking into the possibility of paving the road at the cemetery. The committee is planning on making the Veterans Memorial Service an annual event and to be held on Labor Day Sunday each year.

2012 ROAD MAINTENANCE

We have received contracts from the road commission totaling \$231,265.00. This would involve Timber Valley Road in Michaywe, 8 miles of public roads split with the following platted subdivision: Guthrie Lakes, Michaywe, Heart Lake, Fawn Lake Bradford Lake and Arbutus Beach Highlands and to place 8 miles of fog seal over the newly completed roads in the platted subdivisions. A motion was made by Baker to sign the contracts with the road commission. Seconded by Brown, motion carried.

BRADFORD LAKES ASSOCIATION

The roll for the milfoil treatment has been reviewed and corrected where needed by our assessor. We need to set a date for a public hearing and publish in our local newspaper and notify residents affected by the special assessment notification by first class mail at least ten days before the hearing. A tentative date for the public hearing is February 25, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

There is an excess of funds in the Trash Account of approximately \$28,000.00. The board discussed applying the excess to next year's trash assessment or purchasing trash cans for all residents in the special assessment district.

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret Black is interested in doing taxes for seniors and low income residents of Otsego Lake through the non-profit organization Friends of Waters. If the board approves she would like to be at the hall on February 23, March 8 and 22 and April 5 during the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. After discussion the board agreed to have her do taxes during these times.

The speaker system in the hall is getting older and not working as well as it could. Possibly we could put in a wireless system. Constable Brown will look into getting together some styles and prices and bring to the board.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on February 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, Otsego Lake Township, Otsego County has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2012 and 2016, *and*

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held by the Otsego Lake Township Board on December 29, 2011 at the Otsego Lake Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, *and*

WHEREAS, Otsego Lake Township, Otsego County has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, *and*

WHEREAS, after holding the public meeting, the Otsego Lake Township Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Otsego Lake Township Board hereby adopts the Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Otsego Lake Township, Otsego County.

(Yeas: 5 Nay: 0 Absent: 0)

I, Lorraine Markovich, Otsego Lake Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Otsego Lake Township Board at a regular Meeting thereof held on the 19th day of January 2012.

Otsego Lake Township Clerk



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

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 461, P.A. 1994, 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.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: Otsego Lake Township Park and Recreation Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Otsego Lake Township	Otsego	January 2012

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p>

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

Date of the Notice November 23, 2011

Type of Notice Newspaper Notice, Flyers Locally Posted

Plan Location Township Office, Township Website, County Library

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 30 Days

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)

Date of Notice December 21, 2011

Name of Newspaper Gaylord Herald Times

Date of Meeting December 29, 2011

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

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: January 19, 2012

2. Official resolution of the Otsego Lake Township Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 19, 2012

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 24, 2012

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 24, 2012

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

Otsego Lake Township

(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Romaine Markovich
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2.24.12
Date

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

Date

By: _____
Grants Management Date

Transmittal to the Otsego County Planning Commission

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP

February 24, 2012

Otsego County Planning Commission

Gaylord, MI 49735

ATTN: Planning Commission Chair/Randy Stults

RE: Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan

Otsego Lake Township is transmitting by mail, one (1) copy of the Adopted Recreation Plan, Otsego Lake Township for your Records/Files.

This Recreation Plan has been prepared to meet the DNR guidelines. One such guideline requires a copy of the adopted Recreation Plan be transmitted to the County Planning Agency.

Thank you for your attention in the matter.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Markovich
Otsego Lake Township Clerk

Transmittal to the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP

February 24, 2012

Northeast Michigan Council of Government
80 Livingston Blvd Ste 8/PO Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

ATTN: Diane Rekowski, Executive Director

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Sincerely,

Lorraine Markovich
Otsego Lake Township Clerk

Heart Lake Association Meeting July 2, 2011

Opened the meeting at 10:00 am ----Attendance: 33

Introductions Dates to Remember

August 6th Garage Sale 9-4pm

Thunder over waters – Labor Day Weekend, September 4th

Picnic Reminder- Today at 12:30pm at the park

- Pictures and updates posted on the Heart Lake Association's Facebook page

Financial report:

Balance Carried Forward: \$5176.42

Annual Deport \$576.00

Annual Expenses - \$574.02 (picnic, Thunder Over Waters, newsletter....)

Balance on Hand as of 6/30/11 \$5178.40 (29 families paid)

John Soma made a motion to pass and it was seconded

Water Report

The water clarity is down to 17 ft from 35 ft last year. Bradford Lake has found Zebra mussels and Eurasian Mille foil which is a weed. We have not found anything on Heart Lake. Encouraging proper clean up of boats before leaving or coming into the lake is encouraged. 2 years ago we had 25 ft of clarity then the next year 35 years so it fluctuates and it does not appear to be an issue.

Crawfish population is up of an aggressive breed. Look for Rust covered spots on their backs.

Fish Report

750 lbs of suckers were taken out of the lake by the DNR. They were given to the VFW who pickled them. A Pike was caught that was over 3ft long. They put over 4000 Trout this year. Next year the DNR will try again to populate the trout. Too many Pike at this time.

Township report:

Completed the West Otsego Lake Drive resurfacing

Closing of Post Office is being discussed and a possible "Village Post Office" could be put in a local store. Over 300 people a week use post boxes and it would/could drive traffic to a local business.

Trash: Change was made and American Waste from Kalkaska bought out by Arrow. New regulation only allows garbage drivers to drive 11 hrs on a shift only which because we are at the end of the line we may have to wait for the next day. Andy is the new contact at Arrow Transportation.

Park Update on Behalf of TWP Parks & Rec (Marcia Taylor)

Bleachers at the park coming for the baseball area along with dugout benches

New pavilion across the street
Park & Recreation Team

Future Park Ideas submitted for consideration: Irrigation system, fitness equipment for children and adults, Tennis Court behind the memorial flag poles, walking path around court, fencing around basketball court, additional parking, lighting and restroom, walking and bike path connection townships (rails to trails),

Tennis Court was a majority suggestion from this group (6 families)

Dog Park suggested (4 people)

1 thought we should not have bought bleachers

4 want a dog park

3 want a fence or net behind basketball court to catch runaway balls

5 wants rails to trails to move forward

2 people have tripped over stumps on walking trail and want stumps removed

1 person wanted us to do something about the mosquitoes on trail

4 said trail was overgrown

1 person said plant markers were missing

Round Table:

Garbage Pickup is now late Monday's around 5pm

Reminder to use appropriate fertilizer for being near water

Miss Thunder Over Waters K-2nd grader pageant

Association gave \$100 towards Fireworks to Thunder Over Waters

Early Fall-Wine Tasting event at the Keg this fall to help raise funds for Thunder Over Waters

Hear Lake Drive Road Resurfacing – Suggested a letter from residents

Elections:

Motion was made to keep existing leadership - passed

President: Marcia Taylor

Treasure: Liz Waggoner

Secretary: Heidi Magyar

Guthrie Lake Association



Enchanted Forest Property Owners Association

Post Office Box 40, Waters, Michigan 49797 989-732-1942

February 20, 2012

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in reference to the EFPOA July 2, 2011 Annual Board Meeting. Mrs. Danny Coutant came to the board and asked if she could get on the agenda so she could give a presentation on the Otsego Lake Township parks and recreations. She was able to approach the membership to explain and showed a slide presentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Hodder".

Laura Hodder

EFPOA Acting Secretary

For 2011 Annual Meeting

Fawn Lake Property Owners' Association Proposed Annual Meeting — July 9, 2011

President Bill Buhl called the Fawn Lake Property Owners' Association's 2011 Annual Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., at the Otsego Lake Township Hall, Waters, Michigan.

President Buhl acknowledged the passing of Christine Elgart and Joyce Rapp.

President Buhl asked those attending to introduce themselves.

Attending the meeting were: Mrs. Dillenbeck, Mr. Farkas, Mr. Parison, Mr. Kuch, Mr. Green, Mrs. Podczervinski, Ms. Wing, President Buhl and Mrs. Buhl, Vice-President Newberry and Mrs. Newberry, and Secretary Stults.

Richard Green moved the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes be approved as printed. Phyllis Wing gave support. Motion passed.

There was a special presentation given by the Donald Tubbs representing the Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee regarding recreation in Otsego Lake Township and work towards developing a new five year Recreation Plan for the Township.

Comments from the floor were opened.

John Parison commented less that 50% of the property owners in the subdivision pay dues and belong to the Property Owners' Association. He asked, don't they care about the lake and the value it brings to our property or is it the \$30 annual dues? What can be done to increase participation? There was a lively discussion including suggestions to sending invoices to property owners that have not paid dues or a reminder notice being mailed. Secretary Stults did review past efforts to gain additional members that resulted in minimal new members. There was no outcome for any action as no one offered to take on this type of project.

Dick Green suggested that some work is needed at the North Shore access to the lake regarding trimming some trees to allow better access and maintenance. Secretary Stults asked Mr. Green to see him to review the needed maintenance.

Tom Kuch shared an article "Bass Harvest" addressing management of bass in the lakes. Weed management in the lake was also discussed.

Comments from the floor were closed.

Treasurer's Report

Stults presented the Treasurer's Report from Treasurer, Mary Commons.

Income July 10, 2009 to July 9, 2011 \$ 1070.00

Total available cash \$ 4,658.05

Expenses July 10, 2011 to July 9, 2011 \$ 817.14

Current cash on hand \$ 3,840.91

Anne Podczervinski moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Dick Green seconded the motion. Motion passed. A discussion did address the amount of cash the Association has on hand and why it is sound to have a reserve in this amount.

Old Business

None

Annual Meeting
July 9, 2011

Fawn Lake
Property Owners' Association

New Business

Secretary Stults indicated that the water test for Fawn Lake would be taken near the end of the summer to make sure warm summer weather does not adversely impact the E.coli level found in the lake water.

President Buhl thanked the John Marsack family, Debbie Green, Donna Finkbeiner, Rich Wheeler, Tom Koch, Larry Newberry, Phyllis Wing and others for the projects they have worked on and continue to be a part of, for the Association during the past year. Additional help is always needed for projects.

Election of Four Board Members was conducted by paper ballot. Elected to the Board for two-year terms ending with the 2013 Annual Meeting are Bill Buhl, Donna Finkbeiner, Phyllis Wing and Randy Stults.

Being no additional items for the good of the Fawn Lake Property Owners' Association, President Buhl adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Stults, Secretary
Fawn Lake Property Owners' Association

**Bradford Lakes Association, 28th Annual Meeting & Picnic
July 30, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President Gary Johnson at 1 p.m. Welcomed members and guests, requested moment of silence to remember those we have lost, including Chuck Batway this past year and past president Gary Kellogg just last night.

Reported on progress of Eurasian milfoil control program which was implemented thanks to generous donations by lake residents. Township will be asked to provide a special assessment (as voted by our membership) to continue the program over a five year period.

On behalf of the township parks and recreation planning committee, Lorraine Markovich distributed forms showing improvements to our Park in recent years (paved parking lot, second ,smaller pavilion across the road, rest room facility, replacement of picnic tables etc.) and requested comments and suggestions for future planning.

Not an election year, no further business, meeting adjourned and lunch served
Submitted by L. Greenwood Corresponding Secretary

**1535 Opal Lake Road
Gaylord, MI 49735
989.939.8919
www.michaywe.com**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 24, 2011 @ 8:00am - Michaywé Clubhouse – Bridgeview Room

I. Call to Order & Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Directors in Attendance: Michael Buckley, Dick Gardner, John Stellman via conference call, Tad Latuszek, Jay Welter, Carolyn Smith, and General Manager Todd Chwatun

The Directors present constituted a quorum. Glen Roberts was absent.

There were approximately 11 Members and guests in attendance.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, support was given by Mr. Welter, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner to approve the August 27, 2011 Executive Session Minutes and the August 27, 2011 Regular Session Minutes as presented, support by Mr. Latuszek, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. President's Report

Mr. Buckley presented a summary of the following topics:

- a. Resort Auctions
- b. Development Density
- c. Tax Sales
- d. Trees
- e. Committee Chairs

V. General Manager's Report <SEE ATTACHMENT>

VI. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Stellman provided the Treasurer's Report for the financial information through August 31, 2011, Mr. Gardner made a motion to file the Treasurer's Report, support was given by Ms. Smith, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

VII. Committees of the Board

a. Chili Cook Off <SEE ATTACHMENT> – Mr. Buckley presented the report submitted by event Co-Chairs Tom & Jan Harrington and Graydon & Lora Blank. It was reported that the event generated a profit of \$343 from which \$157 was donated to Opal Lake Park. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Buckley thanked the Harringtons and Blanks for co-chairing the event and he also thanked Mark & Sally Hall for agreeing to Chair the 2012 Chili Cook Off.

b. Classic & Antique Car Exhibit <SEE ATTACHMENT> – Mr. Buckley reported that the Classic & Antique Car Exhibit had 74 attendees and generated a profit of \$634 which will go to the pond restoration project. Mr. Buckley thanked Dick & Joyce Thams for allowing the use of their facilities for this event.

c. Pond Restoration – Ms. Smith spoke about the three contractors that have met with the Pond Restoration Subcommittee to discuss options for the rehabilitation

of the pond in front of the Michaywé Clubhouse. The group has also met with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to learn of any permitting or other requirements that may be necessary during the project. Ms. Smith stated that much more work is necessary and progress will be reported at subsequent meetings.

d. Roads Committee <SEE ATTACHMENT> - Mr. Gardner described potential road improvement activities that may take place in Michaywé during 2012. Preliminarily it appears as if the improvements will be funded by the Otsego County Road Commission, Otsego Lake Township, and Bagley Township.

IX. Communications <SEE ATTACHMENT>

The Board reviewed the communication received during the past month.

X. Continuing Business

a. Michaywé Forward Program – Mr. Gardner introduced a final draft of the Michaywé Forward Program 2 as was approved at the August 27, 2011 Board Meeting.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the Michaywé Forward Program 2 as presented, support was given by Ms. Smith, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

b. Board Meeting Schedule – 2012 – Mr. Buckley presented a tentative Board Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2011 and all of 2012 and asked if there were any objections by the Board.

XI. New Business

a. Tennis Program – Dave Johnson – Mr. Dave Johnson, a professional tennis instructor, was present to provide information to the Board to see if Michaywé has an interest in allowing him to conduct tennis lessons on the Michaywé tennis courts.

XII. Open Forum – Members and topics discussed are listed below:

- Kristine Wohlfel from the Otsego Lake Township Parks & Recreation Department made a brief presentation to provide information about the facilities available in the township.
- Dan Stone – Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces
- Bill Fish - Tennis
- Bob Robinson – Parks
- Conrad Code – Fire Protection Dry Wells & Marketing

XIII. Board Member Comments

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

At 11:20am, with no more business to come before the Board, Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn, support by Mr. Gardner, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Chwatun – General Manager

Otsego Lake Association

Minutes Pending

2095 PUBLIC NOTICES

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
Public Comment

Otsego Lake Township is presenting for public comment our Park and Recreation Master Plan for 30 days as of November 23, 2011. Copies of the plan are available for review at the Otsego Lake Township website www.otsego-lake-township.org, the Otsego County Library and the Otsego Lake Township Hall during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to Otsego Lake Township Clerk, PO Box 99, Waters, MI 49797 or delivered to the Township Offices at 10534 Old 27 South. For additional information, contact Lorraine Markovich at the Township Office (888)732-6829, ext. 3.

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2095 PUBLIC NOTICES

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 29, 2011

The Otsego Lake Township Board and the Park and Recreation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the Recreation Plan at 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 29, 2011, at the Otsego Lake Township Hall, 10534 Old 27 South in Waters, MI. Interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the Plan.

Copies of the Plan are available for review at the Otsego Lake Township offices, the Otsego County Library in Gaylord or online at www.otsego-lake-township.org. Written comments may be submitted in advance to the Otsego Lake Township Clerk, P.O. Box 99, Waters, MI 49797, delivered to the Township Offices at 10534 Old 27 South, or may be submitted at the Public Hearing. For additional information, contact Lorraine Markovich at the Township Office (888)732-6829, ext. 3.

Lorraine Markovich, Clerk
Otsego Lake Township

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