



**BERGLAND
TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN
2020-2024**



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Introduction

Bergland Township is in Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula, located in the most southern region of Ontonagon County and on the northern shores of Lake Gogebic. The township is shaped by its mining history, large expanses of nationally managed and privately owned forests.

The 2020-2024 Bergland Township Recreation Plan has been developed to guide the recreation improvements in the Township over the next five years. The plan provides an overview of the community, an inventory of existing recreational facilities, and a framework for continued improvement and development of recreation facilities in Bergland Township. The goal of the plan is to establish a program of improvements that meet the needs of the community but are also affordable and achievable for the Township. A five-year plan also qualifies Bergland Township to apply for Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grants.

The Bergland Township Planning commission, in consultation with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR), developed this recreation plan. Public comments and suggestions were taken under consideration during the development of the plan. The plan will continue to be updated, as needed, to address changing priorities of the community and its residents. The Township Board adopted the Bergland Township Recreation Plan on December 19, 2019.

Community Description



Location

Bergland Township is in the southwest corner of Ontonagon County in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan (Figure 1). The southern part of the Township is on the north shore of Lake Gogebic, the second largest inland lake in Michigan. Bergland Township is bounded on the east by Matchwood Township, north by Carp Lake Township, west by Wakefield Township, and to the south by Marenisco Township.

The Township has two unincorporated communities, Bergland and Merriweather. Bergland is situated at the junction of highways M-28 and M-64. Merriweather is located three miles west of Bergland off M-28. Bergland plays an important part in the recreation activities surrounding Lake Gogebic and draws large numbers of residents from other local counties. The area also attracts vacationers from lower Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri for fishing, hunting, and all-season trail use.

Population, Housing, and Socioeconomic Characteristics

Bergland Township was organized in 1912 with the area's main economic industry being lumber extraction and milling. After the sawmill closed, many residents were employed by the White Pine Copper Mine, located 12 miles north of Bergland on M-64. The mine closed in 1995 which caused many residents to leave the area and tourism became the main economic industry for the Township.

The 2010 U.S. Census Bureau reported that the population of Bergland Township was 467 persons. The Township's estimated 2017 population is 485 persons. Median age is 62.9 years, with 209 residents over the age of 65. Analyzing population age distribution aids in determining the types of recreation and community facilities needed. Table 1 summarizes the general age distributions of Township residents according to the 2017 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.

Bergland Township Ontonagon County, Michigan



Data from Michigan's Open Data Portal
 Created by WUPPDR November 2019
 Web Mercator Projection



Figure 1: Bergland Township

Table 1: Bergland Township Population Distribution, 2017

Population Distribution		
	Persons	Percent of Total
TOTAL POPULATION	485	
Male	253	52.2%
Female	232	47.8%
Under 5 years old	0	0%
5 to 19 years old	42	8.7%
20 to 64 years old	234	48.2%
65 years and over	209	43.1%
Households		
Total Households	231	
Households with individuals under 18 years	22	9.5%
Households with individuals 65 years and over	127	55.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

In recreation planning and programming, special consideration should be given to the over 65 age group to address accessibility. There are more residents in the 20 - 64 age range than over 65 and adolescents over the age of 5. Because of a strong representation by these age groups, this merits continuation of recreation facility planning and maintenance to meet their demands. The high influx of tourists to the area each summer and winter also creates an additional demand on local recreational facilities. Additional socioeconomic characteristics are identified in Tables 2 and 3, including income and poverty levels.

Table 2: Income Distribution, 2017

Income	
Median Household	\$33,438
Median Family	\$52,083
Per Capita	\$26,875

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Table 3: Persons with income below poverty level, 2017

Persons with Income below Poverty Level		
2017 ACS	Totals	Percent of Total
All Ages	80	16.7%
Under 18 Years of Age		26.3%
Over 18 Years of Age		15.9%
Families		11.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Land Use, Recreation, and Zoning

Bergland Township consists of a mix of land uses, including urban areas with a mix of single family residential and commercial properties, and forest land. The townsite of Bergland has the highest concentration of commercial, recreational, and single-family residential land use, while the Merriweather area is primarily single family residential and commercial properties.

The Township contains 31,000 acres of the Ottawa National Forest Land, and 29,374 acres of commercial forest. The Ottawa National Forest owns approximately 40-50% of the land in the Township. Commercial forest is found in the areas of the east shore, north and west of Bergland Township. The recreation areas lie in the southern section, along the shores of Lake Gogebic. Agriculture does not play a role in the land use of the Township.

Economy

Bergland Township was founded primarily as a lumbering town with several neighboring mining communities' (Wakefield and White Pine). Over the last 100 years, the loss of these businesses, the railroad, and the local school consolidation has severely impacted the community's economy. While Bergland's industrial economy has slowed, the Bergland area and Lake Gogebic heavily rely upon the tourism industry. During the summer months, there is an influx of tourists that visit the Township and utilize the parks. Several fishing tournaments are held along with various other recreation activities sponsored by the Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations. In the winter, ice fishing and snowmobiling also attract many tourists to Bergland Township. ORV trails are a major attraction for Ontonagon County and are used year-round by ATVs, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicles. The snowmobile trail systems connect to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, the counties of Houghton, Baraga, and Gogebic, and south to Wisconsin.

The Township is also located near major ski hills in the Western Upper Peninsula, namely the Porcupine Mountains, Indianhead, Blackjack, and Powderhorn Ski Hills. Some visitors of these ski resorts utilize the local businesses in the Township, such as motels and restaurants.

Transportation Systems

Bergland Township has two main thoroughfares bisecting the Township. State Highway M-28 passes through the center of the Township going west and east. It is also serviced by U.S. Highway 64 north to Silver City and south to U.S. Highway 2 near Marenisco Township. The Township's secondary roads, which are a mix of paved and gravel roadways, are maintained by the Ontonagon County Road Commission. The U.S. Forest Service maintains the road network accessing the forest management areas and recreation sites within the Ottawa National Forest and throughout the Township. The nearest commercial airport is about 32 miles away in the City of Ironwood (Gogebic-Iron County Airport) while the closest major airport is about 142 miles away in Duluth, Minnesota (Duluth International Airport).

The Township is also close to a significant trail network for both motorized and non-motorized recreation. The multi-use Sidnaw to Bergland Route (approximately 50 miles) begins in southern Houghton County and ends at Bergland Township. The Pioneer Trail, which connects Bergland to Greenland Township, is a 40-mile trail that begins in the Township and is also a multi-use trail. The motorized network is supplemented by county road connector routes, which allow ORV traffic.

Geology and Topography

About two-thirds of Ontonagon County is dominated by rock formations of Precambrian age. The remaining area, occupying most of the southern part of the county, is underlain by late Precambrian or early Paleozoic Jacobsville Sandstone. The bedrock strongly influences the topography of the overlying glacial materials. The topography near Bergland Township ranges from nearly level till plains to steep bedrock hills and escarpments. Near Lake Gogebic are gently rolling clay till plains, which have large drainageways. Currently, on-site inspection of soils, slope, and geology is essential when planning for development. A specific site may have limitations for septic tank or drain field installations due to poorly drained soils, or bedrock near the surface may pose a problem for basement construction.

Climatic Conditions

Bergland Township's climate is generally classified as humid continental; summers are warm and can be humid while winters are cold and snowy. The warmest month is July, which has an average temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit and an average high temperature of 78 degrees Fahrenheit. The coldest month is January, which has an average temperature of 11 degrees Fahrenheit with temperatures below zero not uncommon. According to the National Climatic Data Center, the average snowfall is about 155 inches of snow, though it can range to a low of 100 inches and a high of 275 inches. The Township experiences its first frost near the end of August and last frost around mid-June. Depending on the elevation of certain areas within the Township, the average growing season is approximately 75 days.

Water Resources

The two townsites in Bergland Township, Bergland and Merriweather, are both on the north shore of Lake Gogebic. While most of the shoreline has been developed with cottages, camps, and homes, it still provides opportunities for recreational development near the lakeshore.

Administrative Structure

The Bergland Township Board is responsible for all administrative and operational functions of the Township. Current board members are Dave Roberts – Supervisor, Michele Hillier – Clerk, Wendy Savola – Treasurer, Mike Minto – Trustee, and Mark Gregory – Trustee. The current Planning Commission was formed November 2016 and has Michigan state and local statutory authority for planning the zoning for Bergland Township. Current commission members are Tina Dale – Chairperson, Mark Gregory – Secretary, and members Maggi Brown, Lorraine Fruik, and Pat MacArthur. The relationship of the Planning Commission and Township Board and staff has been an independent process, with plans and Planning Commission decisions created from Township expressed needs as well as Planning Commission recognition of requirements. Cooperative relationships with the Township and local organizations have been extremely limited, to the extent of communication on an as needed basis.

Both Bergland Township and Merriweather Parks are included in the Township’s General Fund Budget. The Township supports and maintains recreation facilities through camp rental fees, which are divided by a percentage between the General Operations account (60%) and a park Repair, Replace, and Improve (RR&I) account (40%). The General Operations account is utilized for general maintenance and power expenses. The RR&I account is used for major park repairs, developments, and projects. In 2019, the Township collected \$7,756 in camping rental fees. The amount of funds varies from year to year, depending on the number of camp rentals. For 2020, the Township currently has a budget line item of \$11,976 in the General Fund Budget from anticipated camp rental fees.

Township Organizational Chart

The Township staff are supervised by the Township Supervisor, who is a full member of the Bergland Township Board. Figure 2 provides an overview of the Township’s Administrative Structure. Township staff and onsite park hosts are responsible for the maintenance of all parks and recreation areas owned or operated by the Township, including mowing lawns, cleaning existing buildings, and keeping areas clear of debris.

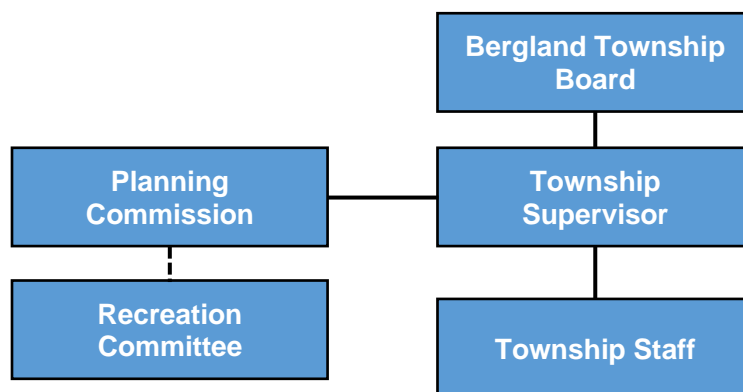


Figure 2: Bergland Township Administrative Structure

Recreation Inventory

Bergland Township maintains access to a couple of recreation facilities for both residents and visitors. The following recreation inventory describes the facilities that are currently in the Township and nearby (Figure 3). Additionally, accessibility assessments and rankings are provided for each site based on the parameters outlined in the “DNR guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans” as follows:

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

Based on this inventory, the need for improvements and additional recreational facilities can be fully evaluated. The Recreation Committee completed accessibility assessments. Any accessibility deficiencies found in the assessment will be addressed in future site project upgrades, as funding becomes available.

Seven Principles of Universal Design

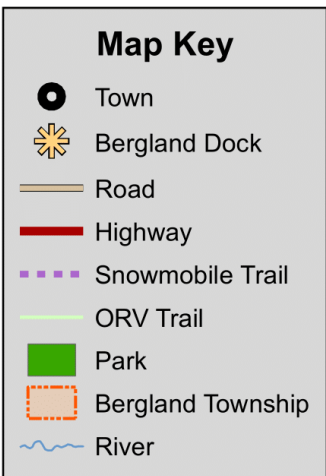
1. **Equitable Use:** The design is useful and marketable to any group of users
2. **Flexibility in Use:** The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.
3. **Simple and Intuitive Use:** Use of the design is easy to understand.
4. **Perceptible Information:** The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user.
5. **Tolerance for Error:** The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintentional actions.
6. **Low Physical Effort:** The design can be used efficiently and comfortably.
7. **Size and Space for Approach and Use:** Appropriate size and space is provided for approach and use.

Previous DNR Grants for Township Recreation Assets

The only property to receive funding from the DNR to the Township is Bergland Township Park

- Project Number: 26-00934 (1977)
- Source: Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Grant Amount: \$18,151.20
- Project Description: Development of toilet/shower facility, campground, equipment and lighting, baseball field improvements, engineering, sewer and water connections, tennis court and fence, arch, survey.

Recreation Sites Bergland Township Ontonagon County



Data from Michigan's Open Data Portal
GCS WGS1984 & Web Mercator
Created by WUPPDR October 2019



Figure 3: Bergland Township Recreation Sites

Recreation Sites Maintained by Bergland Township

Bergland Township Park

Located on the north shoreline of Lake Gogebic, the park is divided into separate sections. The upper park has a baseball field, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, picnic tables, two pavilions, a food stand with kitchen, camping sites, and toilet and shower facilities. The camping area is supervised by a host and maintained by the Park Manager. There are 28 camping sites with 20- or 30-amp electric hookups. The lower park consists of a swimming area and beach, which has deteriorated over the past few years. The lower park also has picnic tables, a pavilion, and a playground with a swing set, slide, and monkey bars.

Access to the lower park lacks an accessible trail and is limited to one access road. The trail to the upper park has a steep slope, deep steps, uneven surface, and exposed tree roots. Boat lake access at the park is provided by a DNR owned boating access site called Bergland Dock.

Accessibility assessment: 2 (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)



Merriweather Park

Merriweather Park is a small community recreational area located in the community of Merriweather. The park offers a basketball court, outhouse, and a covered pavilion picnic area that currently does not have a concrete pad. Limited roadside parking is available for park users.

Accessibility assessment: 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)



Recreational Sites within Ontonagon County

Bergland Township is one of the many recreational providers in Ontonagon County. There are several additional recreational facilities within or are near Bergland Township that provide opportunities to residents and visitors. A non-comprehensive list of nearby recreational amenities includes the following:



Bergland Dock (Photo: Keweenaw Report)

Bergland Dock

Owner: Department of Natural Resources

Type of Facility: Boating Access Site

The Bergland Dock is next to the Bergland Township Park on Lake Gogebic. The boating access site has a hard-surface ramp that can accommodate all trailerable watercraft. A courtesy pier was installed in 2016 to assist with launching and provide limited space for short-term only mooring. An aggregate path connects the pier to the

park's lower pavilion. Other amenities provided include paved parking and an outhouse. In September 2019, the Bergland Dock boating access site was closed temporarily for six weeks to complete paving and other site improvements. Investments in the updated project total \$260,000.

Bergland Cultural and Heritage Center and Museum

Owner: Bergland/Matchwood Historical Society

Type of Facility: Museum

The Bergland Cultural and Heritage Center and Museum is in the Bergland townsite, near the Bergland Township Park. The museum is in the National Forest Service's former Bergland Ranger Station, in the old Ranger house and small garage. The old Forest office is now the Forest Service Museum, which houses historical artifacts and includes a life-sized stuffed Smokey the Bear. The administrative site was constructed in 1936 and one of the first offices built for the Forest Service. Both museums have exhibits on the history of the local area, a native plant garden, a walking trail, and picnic tables. The historical society also holds a community event which features local artisans.



Bergland Heritage Center (Photo: Bergland Museum and Heritage Center)

Bergland Ski Trail

Owner: National Forest Service

Type of Facility: Trail

Size: 3.5 miles of trails

The Bergland Ski Trail, open to cross country skiing and snowshoeing, is located one mile north of Bergland near the corner of M-64 and Bergland Road. The 3.5 miles of ski trails are of varying difficulty through hardwood forests with pockets of hemlock trees. The trail is regularly groomed in the winter, weather permitting.

Lake Gogebic State Park



*Lake Gogebic State Park Sign
(Photo: Skye Marthaler)*

Owner: Department of Natural Resources

Type of Facility: Large campground, beach, playground, and trails

Size of Park: 360 acres

Amenities at this park include modern and rustic campsites, modern restrooms, a picnic area with fire pits and grills, a picnic shelter, sanitation station, a sandy beach, a paved boat launch, and the two-mile Lake Gogebic Forest Trail. The park offers activities such as fishing, paddling sports, boating, swimming, and hiking.

Lake Gogebic County Park

Owner: Gogebic County

Type of Facility: Campground, boat launch, and playground

Size of Park: 133 acres

Located on Lake Gogebic's southwestern shore, this county-owned park provides access to Lake Gogebic. Available facilities include 53 camping sites, a boat launch, swimming beach, restrooms, a play field, and playground equipment.

Trap Hills in Ottawa National Forest

Owner: National Forest Service

Type of Recreation: Hiking trails with rustic camping and nature viewing options

The Trap Hills area of the Ottawa National Forest. accessible by the Gogebic Range and North Country Trails, offers a wide array of recreational opportunities, such as hiking and backpacking. The Trap Hills are comprised of large tracts of undisturbed forest, rugged slopes and ridges, streams, waterfalls and ponds. This area is home to a wide range of rare and

endangered species, including Eastern Timber Wolf, Peregrine Falcon, Fairy Bells, and Braun's Holly Fern.

Ontonagon County Park

Owner: Ontonagon County

Type of Facility: Large campground, beach, and playground

Size of Park: 84 acres (44 undeveloped)

Located in the southwest corner of Ontonagon County in Bergland Township, this park is one of four public campgrounds on Lake Gogebic. It is the County's only developed recreation facility. The park is supervised by a host and maintained by County staff. Low rates make this park very popular. It offers a swimming beach, boat ramp, fish cleaning shack, pavilion, playground, vault toilets, water hand-pump, and 43 campsites, most with 30-amp electric hookups.

Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park

Owner: Department of Natural Resources

Type of Park: Campground and minimally developed forestlands

Size of Park: 60,000 Acres

This is the largest state park in Michigan and one of the largest old-growth, hardwood-hemlock forests east of the Mississippi River. Thus, it is a major attraction in the Great Lakes region. Most of the park is maintained as a wilderness area and is prohibited by law from any type of modern development.

One section of wilderness is set aside as a study area, which may not be modified in any way. The Park also features more than 90 miles of hiking trails, a ski hill, and 63 backcountry camping sites.

Some eastern areas of the park contain modern trails, roadways, and other facilities. Cabins, primitive "backcountry" campsites, and rustic and modern campgrounds are available. The modern campground, Union Bay, accommodates recreational vehicles and has electrical hookups. The park overall provides a wide variety of developed and undeveloped recreational activities and facilities, from swimming, paddling, lake and stream fishing, biking, and metal detecting to a boat launch, a picnic shelter, and a concession stand.



Lake of the Clouds at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in autumn (Photo: Michigan DNR)

North Country National Scenic Trail

Owner: Varies with section

Type of Facility: Hiking trail

Size: 57 miles in Ontonagon County (4,600 miles total)

This hiking trail, which is part of a larger continuous trail between North Dakota and New York, leads through a variety of terrain types and settings. Some segments are marked, but undeveloped and minimally maintained by volunteers; others are gravel or paved pathways; and still others, namely where segments cannot be acquired from private landowners, are merely roadway shoulder routes. The concept, however, is very attractive to both long-distance and local hikers. The trail traverses most of the county's east-to-west length.

Gogebic Ridge Trail

Owner: National Forest Service

Type of Facility: Hiking Trail

Size of Facility: 8.6 miles

Located in the Ottawa National Forest off Forest Road 250 near Merriweather, this trail was constructed by the Youth Conservation Corps in 1977. The trail leads east from the road towards Weary Lake, then goes north, crossing M-64. From there it leads east over Cookout Mountain, then to Sandhill Creek, and ending at its junction with the North Country Trail.

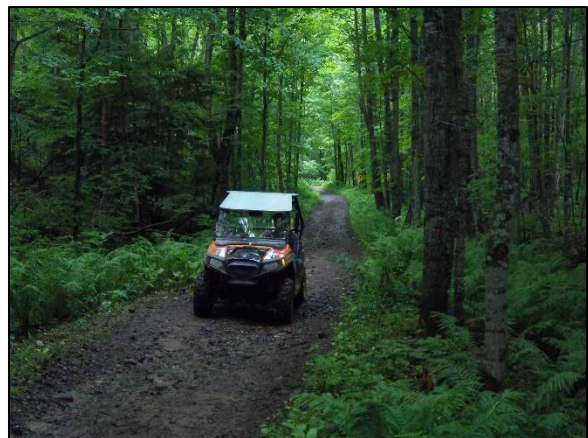
ORV Trails

Owner: Varies; administered by DNR; MI-TRALE performs most construction and maintenance

Type of Facility: Trails

Size: 255 miles (including county road connector routes)

All designated trails near Bergland Township and throughout Ontonagon County are full multi-use (both motorized and non-motorized) and allow for equestrian use. This trail network includes major routes such as the Pioneer or "P" Trail from Rockland to Bergland, the Bergland – Sidnaw Trail or "SB," the 40-mile Bill Nichols or "BN" trail from Greenland to Houghton, and the Land O'Lakes-Bruce Crossing or "LL" among others. The primary trail network runs across publicly owned land and DNR easements on private land. Trails are supplemented by several county road connector "preferred routes" that allow ORV traffic with some county-level restrictions. Designated National Forest Roads also function as ORV routes. Although all ORV trails allow vehicles up to 65" with a state ORV sticker, some of the trails are closed to motorcycle usage. ORV trails are generally conducive to



ORV trails near Lake Gogebic (Photo: Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce)

equestrian traffic. The DNR is primarily responsible for administration and law enforcement. Law enforcement is also provided by the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department with DNR funding. MI-TRALE currently carries out most construction and maintenance.

Snowmobile Trails

Owner: Owner varies

Type of Facility: Trails

Size of Facility: 350 miles

Due to the region's reputation for heavy snowfalls, its network of trails is very popular. The snowmobile trail network is even more extensive than the ORV network; however, there is much overlap between the two networks, with trails designated for each type of traffic marked by unique signs. As a rule, all ORV trails allow snowmobiles, but the reverse is not true. Like ORVs, the primary trail network runs across publicly owned land and DNR easements on private land, and the DNR is primarily responsible for administration. Also, as with ORV routes, law enforcement is provided by the DNR and Sheriff's Department.



*Snowmobile trail
(Photo: Michigan DNR)*

Recreation Goal

The goal of Bergland Township is to define an affordable and achievable recreation improvement program for the township that will provide for the needs, health, and wellness of residents and visitors and increase use and user satisfaction at township facilities. Bergland Township is active in pursuing recreation improvements at all its recreational sites in order to provide a wide range of needs related to its diverse range of residents and long winter months. Needs in the township include updating facilities and expanding and extending the use of existing facilities. The township also encourages non-motorized improvements (shoulders or separate pathways) as feasible with all road constructions/improvements.

Action Program

To expand and extend the use of facilities and add to the current recreational facilities in the Township, several projects have been proposed. These projects were identified in previous plans and through community input. Recreation projects were identified based on results from a community survey (Appendix A) and according to the current and projected needs of Bergland Township determined by the recreation committee. The projects are addressed in the following five-year capital improvement schedule. The capital improvement schedule will be reviewed annually by the recreation committee and Township Board and acted upon based on available funding and changing priorities or needs. It is the intent of Bergland Township to review and amend this plan and implementation schedule as needed to support local efforts in recreational programming.

Table 4: Bergland Township Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Year	Project	Cost	Funding Source
2020	Bergland Township Park Updates	\$20,000	MDNR/Township/Other
Currently, the Township Park has a few accessibility tasks that need to be mitigated to allow individuals with mobility challenges to fully utilize this asset. A walkway needs to be constructed to increase accessibility to facilities at the park, as well as a complete bathroom upgrade (paint and ADA accessible) and installation of Wi-fi to increase connectivity at the park. Playground area also needs updates, including removal of the wooden perimeter and installation of other safety improvements. Many of these upgrades were considered as priority goals the Township should pursue.			
2020	Continue working relationship with DNR/Bergland Dock	\$4,000	MDNR/Township
The DNR owns the Bergland Dock, a boating access site within the Township park. The Planning Commission wants to cooperatively partner with the DNR to improve pier recreation opportunities. Proposed projects at the pier would include creating ADA accessible and safe fishing opportunities from the pier.			
2020	Bergland Township Park – Update Kitchen Facilities	\$1,000	MDNR/Township/Other
Current kitchen facilities at the park are dated and rotting. Updates would include replacing the serving areas and installing shelves. Potential revenue stream/rental structure			
2020	Market Bergland Township recreation facilities to tourists and residents with road signage	\$1,000	MDNR/Township/Other
While residents are aware of the recreational facilities in Bergland Township, many respondents to the survey stated that they had not been to Merriweather Park or they did not indicate if they had been there or not at all. To increase and attract the community's and visitor's awareness of Merriweather Park and other sites in the Township, road and trailside signage should be installed.			

Year	Project	Cost	Funding Source
2020	Merriweather Park - Improve pavilion facilities	\$1,500	MDNR/Township/Other
<p>The Merriweather Park pavilion is used by the community for local gatherings and events; however, it is relatively undeveloped. Proposed projects include installing solar motion lights in the pavilion and a solar spotlight near the flagpole, purchasing picnic tables, and pouring a concrete pad for the pavilion. Enhancing this space will encourage community members to better utilize the space that is within walking distance and it can house community and family events.</p>			
2020	Build partnerships with Local Organizations	None	Township/Other
<p>Reach out to various organizations in the region, including but not limited to the DNR, Lake Gogebic Lake Association, snowmobile associations, and Chamber of Commerce, to determine and discuss cooperative projects within the Township.</p>			
2021	Bergland Township Park - Install fish cleaning station	\$25,000	MDNR/Township/Other
<p>Due to its proximity to Lake Gogebic and Bergland Dock, fishing is a popular activity at the Township park and on the lake. According to survey responses, it is the second most popular water related activity. A fish cleaning station would provide anglers an opportunity to process fish prior to leaving the area and a place to properly dispose fish waste. Construction would be dependent on fish stocking rates/population in Lake Gogebic.</p>			
2021	Bergland Township Park - Dredge Beach	\$5,000	MDNR/Township/Other
<p>Swimming access and beach use are two of the many activities that draws visitors to the park. However, the survey responses indicate a need for improving and enhancing the beach area at the park. To do so, the Township intends to work with the DNR to dredge the current beach to clean-up silt and aquatic plants, and fill with clean sand as needed. This would create a sandy beach and swimming area at the park.</p>			
2021	Bergland Township Park - Organize beach clean-up and park beautification	\$800	Township/Volunteers/Campers
<p>According to survey results, respondents mentioned that the park needed brush cleared and vegetation trimmed. Projects would range from planting flowers or shrubs, clearing brush, and keeping beach area clean. Park beautification would attract campers and visitors to the park facilities and aesthetically improves the park.</p>			
2021	Build Volleyball Pits	\$3,000	Township/Other
<p>While the Township Park is near the Bergland townsite, there are opportunities for recreational opportunities within the town site itself near local neighborhoods. A sand volleyball court is proposed to be constructed on a lot across and west of the Township Fire Hall and Bergland Bay bar. Currently it is gravel parking pad but could be repurposed into a volleyball court.</p>			

Year	Project	Cost	Funding Source
2022	Clean-up/Repair Sidewalks in Township	\$3,000	Township/Volunteers/Other
Survey respondents indicated that walking is the top recreational activity in the Township. Current sidewalks in populated centers need to be cleaned up and assessed for repairs for walkability throughout the two townsites in the Township. By repairing the sidewalks in the townsites, it would encourage residents to walk to either park or throughout town.			
2022	Bergland Township Park – Campsite Reconfiguration	\$6,000	Township/Other
In the upper park, some camping spaces are not the adequate size for larger recreational vehicles. To accommodate these vehicles and more campers, spaces/parking pads need to be longer and the sites may need to be configured. This would potentially increase users and diversify the kinds of vehicles the park campground can hold.			
2022	Bergland Township Park – Construct walking paths in park	\$1,500	MDNR/Township/Forest Service/Volunteers
The Bergland/Matchwood Historical Society Museum and Heritage Center is located west of the Township Park and has a walking trail near the building. This trail provides access to the native plant garden and nearby picnic tables. The trail connecting the park to the museum needs to be improved and opened up. Expanding walking paths would provide a way for visitors to visit the museum from the park or vice versa, expanding the assets that are available in Bergland.			
2022	Create short-term or overnight mooring capabilities on Lake Gogebic near existing dock	\$10,000	MDNR/Township
Motorized boating is ranked as the second most participated recreational activity by survey respondents. However, there currently are no short-term or overnight boat mooring options at the Township park. This excludes boaters from utilizing the Township park for day and dock use. By constructing mooring opportunities, motorized boat owners could moor their boats and camp at the park, without having to trailer their boat out of the water each night.			
2022	Merriweather Park – Update Basketball Court and Playground	\$2,500	MDNR/Township
The basketball court and playground are the only outdoor recreation opportunities that are available in the Merriweather location. Equipment is dated and updates would provide safer opportunities for residents.			
2022	ATV/UTV Washing Station	\$5,000	MDNR/Township/Other
According to the recreation survey, ATV/ORV use was one of the top recreational activities in Bergland Township due to nearby motorized trails. An ATV washing station can not only help keep motorized wheeled vehicles clean and prevent the spread of invasive species and provides drivers a place to wash off before visiting restaurants and other places in town.			

Year	Project	Cost	Funding Source
2023	Develop site plan for community garden plot	\$200	Township/Schools/Other
<p>A community garden in Bergland Township would provide residents access to fresh, seasonal vegetables as well as serve as an educational resource for the community. The site could be used for community education for residents interested in learning sustainable gardening practices along with schools as a learning opportunity. Bergland Township can be described as a “food desert” as the community does not have a grocery store within its limit. There is no public transportation available to residents to assist with reaching nearby stores in Marenisco, Bruce Crossing (Stannard Township), or Wakefield.</p>			
2023	Plant community garden with Ewen-Trout Creek school	\$2,000	Township/Volunteers/Other
<p>The community garden also provides an educational opportunity for local schools. Ewen-Trout Creek K-12 School is the closest school to Bergland Township, located 14 miles east. While transportation is needed to get students to the Township, the community garden provides learning opportunities to students. It can be used as an outdoor classroom or part of in-class curriculum, teaching students about gardening practices and food resources.</p>			
2024	Bergland Township Park – Construct band shell	\$75,000	MDNR/Township/Others
<p>While local organizations and business support and organize local events, the Township currently does not have regularly community event programs. A proposed band shell can increase the cultural enrichment of the community and provide an opportunity to invite musical or theatrical acts to the area. This potential project can also help form partnerships with local artists and music events, such as the Porcupine Mountains Music Festival, as an additional venue. Additionally, the band shell would provide a venue for private rental events, such as weddings.</p>			

Sources of Funding

The Township budget and park rental fees provides funding for the operation and maintenance of parks and allocates money for future development. If a MDNR Recreation Grant is obtained for the development and improvement of the Township’s recreational needs, this allocation will be used as the matching local share. As recreational facility uses in the Township grow, the accounts that allocate money for operation and maintenance will increase as required.

Description	Match	Source
Township Funds	--	Township
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)	--	GLRI
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	75/25 grant	MDNR
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	50/50 grant	MDNR
Recreation Passport Grants	75/25 grant	MDNR
Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)	75/25 grant	MDNR
ORV Trail Improvement Fund	--	MDNR
Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund	--	MDNR
Community Foundation/Fundraising/Other (local organizations and businesses)	Varies	Other

Description of Planning Process

The Bergland Township Planning Commission recognizes the need for a recreation plan to effectively maintain current recreational resources and identify opportunities for recreational investments to enhance and improve recreational assets for Township residents and visitors. They felt that the approval of an updated recreation plan would be an important step to the financing and future completion of Township recreation projects. The Planning Commission, which also served as the recreation plan committee, represented the interests of the Township as a whole and facilitated the recreation plan update process. The commission contracted with Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) to work with the committee in updating this plan.

On June 24, 2019 the recreation committee held a kick-off meeting and met with WUPPDR to overview the plan update process. The committee discussed opportunities for public engagement and input. The committee determined that a community survey was the most effective means of gathering public input from its wide array of stakeholders.

A survey of Township residents and individuals that utilize Bergland Township recreational facilities, which include but are not limited to non-resident property owners, campground guests, and patrons at local businesses, was conducted to gather public opinion to inform the plan's recreation goals, action plan, and project justifications. A copy of the survey can be found in Appendix A. Beginning on August 9, 2019 the survey was distributed to residents by paper copy and hosted online using Survey Monkey. Links to the survey were provided on the Township's website as well as WUPPDR's website, Facebook, and Twitter pages (Appendix B). Paper surveys were mailed with Township water bills and available at "high traffic" locations such as the Township Fire Hall, park, Antonio's Restaurant, Hoop'n Holler Tavern, and Bergland Bay Bar. The survey generated responses from 84 participants (survey results in Appendix C). Based on survey results and needs identified by the committee, a list of prioritized recreation projects was created.

A public draft of the recreation plan was made available online on the Township's website and WUPPDR's website, Facebook, and Twitter pages. Printed copies were made available at the Township Fire Hall in Bergland and WUPPDR offices in Hancock. Notices (Appendix D) were published in the Ottawa Shopper on November 21, 2019 and The Ontonagon Herald on November 27, 2019 announcing the 30-day public review period and announcing the date and location of a public comment session. Residents were instructed to submit written comments to WUPPDR via mail or email by December 18, 2019. No comments were received during the public commenting period.

A public hearing was held on December 19, 2019 to receive public comment on the draft recreation plan. Appendix F provides a copy of the agenda and minutes. At the Township Board meeting following the public hearing, the 2020-2024 Bergland Township Recreation plan was adopted by the board (Appendix F).

Appendix

Appendix A: Bergland Township Recreation Survey

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Appendix A: Bergland Township Recreation Survey

Bergland Township Recreation Survey

Survey is also available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BerglandTwpRec

The Bergland Township Recreation Committee seeks public input to plan improvements to recreation sites in the Township. The purpose of this short, 10-minute, survey is to collect feedback from residents and visitors on the types of recreation opportunities they would like the Township to maintain, develop, and/or improve. The results of the survey will help develop the Township's *Five-Year Recreation Plan*.

The survey includes questions about your recreation interests and preferences for improvements to recreation sites owned by the Township. Participation is voluntary, and responses are confidential. The results from this survey will be published as part of the Township's Five-Year Recreation Plan.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Angela Yu, Assistant Regional Planner, at (906) 482-7205 x118 or ayu@wuppd.org. Thank you for your time and thoughtful responses!

Sincerely,
The Bergland Township Recreation Committee

How to Return the Survey

Completed surveys should be returned to the Recreation Committee through any of the following options:

Mail or Drop Off:

Attn: Recreation Committee
Bergland Township Offices
101 Pine Street
Bergland, MI 49910

OR

Attn: Angela Yu
Western Upper Peninsula Planning &
Development Region
400 Quincy St., 8th Floor
Hancock, MI 49930

Response Deadline

For your feedback to be included, please complete and return the survey no later than **September 6, 2019.**

Township-Owned Recreation Facilities

While Bergland Township residents and visitors have access to a wide variety of parks, campgrounds, and trails through non-profit organizations, county, and state and federal government properties, the Township only *owns* **two** recreation assets/facilities:

1. Bergland Township Park



2. Merriweather Park



Bergland Township Recreation Survey - 2019

1. Are you a resident of Bergland Township?

- My **permanent residence** is in Bergland Township
- I have a **seasonal residence** in Bergland Township and live in _____ for most of the year
- I **am not** a resident of Bergland Township

2. Overall, how important are recreational experiences to your household’s quality of life?

- [] Extremely important [] Very important [] Somewhat important [] Not so important [] Not important at all

3. It is important to understand recreation trends in the Township. Using the table below, please indicate if members from your household currently or recently participated in the following recreation activities. Indicate your response for each site by placing an “X” inside the appropriate response option.

Recreation Activity	<u>Yes</u> , someone from our household participates in this activity	<u>No</u> , but we are interested in this activity	<u>No</u> , and we are not interested in this activity.	I don’t know
ATV/off road vehicles				
Baseball/softball				
Basketball				
Beach activities				
Bicycling				
Bird Watching				
Boating (motorized)				
Camping (tent)				
Camping (RV)				
Canoeing/kayaking/other non-motorized boating				
Climbing				
Dancing				
Disc-golf or Frisbee				
Exercise Classes				
Fishing				
Foraging				

Recreation Activity	<u>Yes</u> , someone from our household participates in this activity	<u>No</u> , but we are interested in this activity	<u>No</u> , and we are not interested in this activity.	I don't know
Gardening				
Geocaching				
Hiking				
Hockey				
Horseback riding				
Horseshoes				
Hunting				
Ice skating				
Indoor Recreation				
Playgrounds				
Picnicking				
Photography				
Quilting				
Running/jogging				
Sailing				
Skateboarding				
Skiing				
Sledding				
Snowmobiling				
Snowshoeing				
Soccer				
Swimming				
Tennis				
Visiting historical sites				
Volleyball				
Walking				
Other:				

4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of recreational opportunities in Bergland Township?
 Extremely satisfied Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Not so satisfied Not satisfied at all
5. The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback from residents and visitors on the types of recreation opportunities they would like the Township to maintain, develop and/or improve. Please list the **3** forms of recreation you'd like the Township to focus on.
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
6. Below is a list of potential recreation goals for the Township to prioritize by park. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where "1" = "Low Priority" and "5" = "High Priority". Indicate your response for each goal by placing an "X" inside the appropriate response option.

Project	1 = Low Priority	2	3	4	5 = High Priority
Bergland Township Park					
Add additional picnic tables					
Build a fish cleaning station near boat landing					

Enhance/improve beach area					
Enhance/increase camping opportunities (e.g. provide additional sites, Wi-Fi access, etc.)					
Improve pull-through and easy access RV service					
Restroom facilities upgrade					
Build walking path from upper park to lower section					
Construct volleyball court					
Construct archery range					
Park beautification (e.g. vegetation trimmed)					
Playground Update					
Repurpose ball fields and tennis courts					
Promote horseshoe pits					
Other:					
Merriweather Park					
Enhance/improve playground facilities					
Purchase new picnic tables					
Install a cement pad for pavilion					
Install solar lights in pavilion					
Other:					
Trail Systems					
Extend ORV trail to west end of business cluster					
Convert railroad to motorized trails					
Other:					

7. How important is it to you to have wireless internet connection access when participating in recreational activities?
 Extremely important Very important Somewhat important Not so important Not important at all
8. Please indicate if you visited any of the following Township recreation sites this year. Indicate your response for each site by placing an “X” inside the appropriate response option.

Recreation Site	Yes, I visited this year	No, I did not visit this year	I do not know if I visited this year
Bergland Township Park			
Merriweather Park			

About You

9. What is your age? _____
10. How many persons in your household fall into each of the following age groups (including yourself)?
0-5____ 6-12____ 13-19____ 20-29____ 30-39____ 40-49____ 50-64____ 65+____
11. Does anyone in your household have a disability or require specialized recreation? Specialized recreation refers to accommodations or modifications made to recreation facilities and equipment to remove barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from using the facilities or equipment. Yes No
- If “yes”, please explain: _____
12. Please provide any additional comments or explanations for your responses that you think would be helpful in developing recreation opportunities in Bergland Township:

Thank you! Your input is important to help identify and prioritize recreation projects throughout the Township.

Appendix B: Recreation Survey Notification

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the page WUPPDR (@WUPPDR). The post is titled "2019 Bergland Township Recreation Survey" and is powered by SurveyMonkey.com. The text of the post reads: "Bergland Township is seeking public input for its 5-Year Recreation Plan. Help plan facility upgrades, access, and uses for the Township's recreation sites over the next five years. If you're a Bergland Township resident or use their recreational facilities (e.g. Bergland Township Park), we want your feedback and to hear your ideas! A printed version of the survey is available at Township offices and area businesses. The survey is available through September 6." Below the text is a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BerglandTwpRec>. The post features a SurveyMonkey logo and a graphic of a survey form on a tablet. The post has 74 people reached and 2 engagements. The left sidebar shows navigation options like Home, About, Photos, Reviews, Events, Videos, Posts, Services, Shop, Groups, Notes, Offers, Jobs, Community, and Promote. The right sidebar shows visitor posts from Western Region, Brad Barnett, and Ron Fulger. At the bottom of the post, there are buttons for Like, Comment, and Share, and a "Comment as WUPPDR" field.

The screenshot shows the website for Bergland Township Michigan. The navigation menu includes Home, Government, Parks and Rec, and Community. There are two main content boxes: "Township Board" and "Planning Commission". The Township Board lists: Supervisor- Dave Roberts, Clerk- Michele Hillier, Deputy Clerk- Pat MacArthur (Water/sewer billings), Treasurer- Wendy Savola, Deputy Treasurer- Sue Barnaby, Trustee- Mike Minto, and Trustee- Mark Gregory. The Planning Commission lists: Chairperson- Tina Dale, Secretary- Mark Gregory, Member- Maggi Brown, Member- Tim Long, and Member- Pat MacArthur. Below the Planning Commission box is a link for "Planning Commission Meeting Schedule". At the bottom of the page, there is a blue button labeled "Take the Rec Plan Survey" which is circled in red. The footer contains the text: "Copyright © 2019 Bergland Township Michigan | Powered by Astra Maintained by Pat MacArthur".

Appendix C: Bergland Township Recreation Survey Summary and Full Results

The Township received 84 responses to the 2019 Bergland Township Recreation Survey. Printed copies of the survey were available to the residents at a variety of locations throughout Bergland Township and accessible online. Additionally, paper surveys were mailed to township residents.

Nearly half of the respondents were permanent residents of Bergland Township (47.5%). The rest either did not live in the Township (21.3%) or were seasonal residents (31.3%). Seasonal residents came from a variety of locations, including lower Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Placentia, California. According to the responses, these data represent approximately 205 people. Children under the age of 18 make up about 19.0% of these people, while adults over the age of 65 make up 22.9%. Majority of people were between the ages of 50 to 64 years old (29.3%). Four people reported that they have a disability or require specialized recreation. These included age-related impairments, including the use of a cane/walker, need for railings, paved walking paths, and ramps. One individual stated that they had Multiple sclerosis, which made it difficult for them to climb trails for restroom access.

When asked about how satisfied they were about the quality of recreational opportunities in the Township, 48.0% responded that they were “Somewhat Satisfied,” 24.0% responded “Very Satisfied,” and 13.3% responded “Not so satisfied.” Of the two Township recreation sites, Bergland Township was visited the most (84.4%), though 34.8% of respondents also visited Merriweather Park.

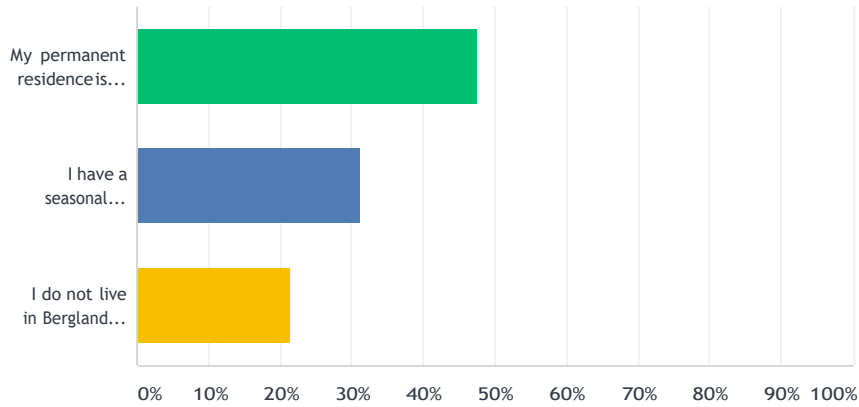
Respondents were asked to list recreation opportunities they would like the Township to maintain, develop, and/or improve. The top five activities were the following: ATV/ORV trails, fishing, motorized boating, walking/hiking, and snowmobiling. Other activities mentioned included beach maintenance, swimming, biking, RV camping, camping, and picnicking.

Respondents were then asked whether any members of their household participated in any of the activities. The top five were walking (86.7%), motorized boating (83.5%), fishing (80.3%), visiting historical sites (72.2%), and swimming (71.8%). The activities with the least amount of participation include sailing (6.0%), geocaching (4.6%), hockey (4.6%), skateboarding (4.5%), and disc golf/Frisbee (3.0%).

Many of the top and bottom “priority” recreation activities aligned with the activities that respondents actually participate in. Residents favor investment in the activities that they already do. When asked to prioritize a list of potential recreation focus areas for the Bergland Township Park, respondents indicated that they wished to see the Township enhance/improve the beach area (46.6% indicated this is a high priority), upgrade the restroom facilities (43.1% high priority), and build a fish cleaning station near the boat landing (41.3% high priority). For Merriweather Park, respondents indicated high priority goals as installing a cement pad (27.0%) and solar lights (24.6%) in the pavilion. Respondents also indicated that extending the ORV trail to the west end of the business cluster and potentially converting the railroad to an ORV trail were high priorities (51.5% and 48.6% respectively). However, respondents did not highly prioritize projects focusing on constructing volleyball courts (49.3%), archery ranges (47.8%), or repurposing ball fields/tennis courts (40.3%).

Q1 Are you a resident of Bergland Township?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 4



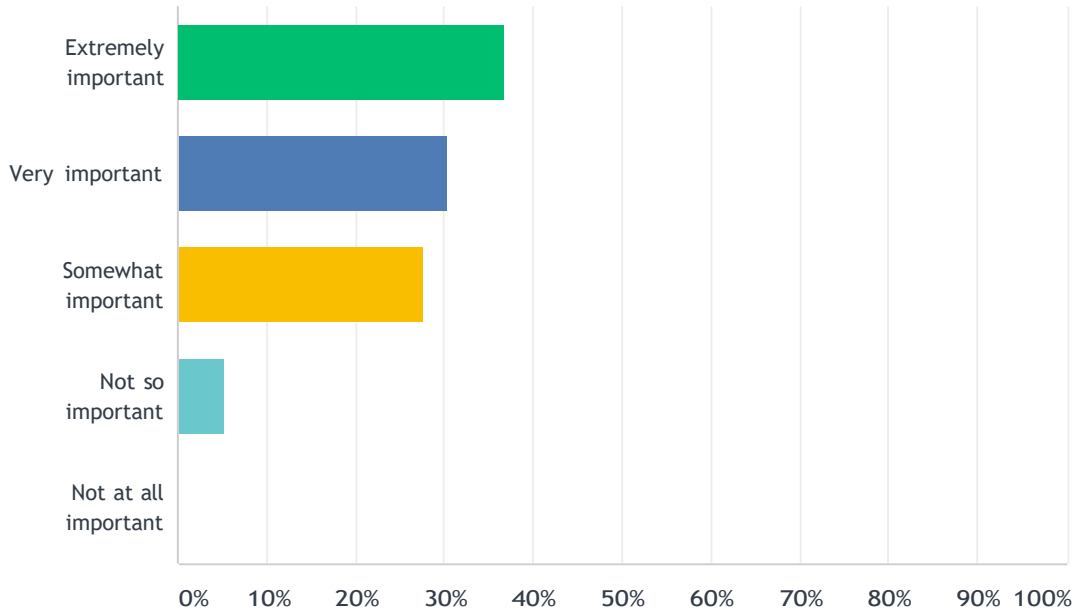
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My permanent residence is in Bergland Township	47.50%	38
I have a seasonal residence in Bergland Township	31.25%	25
I do not live in Bergland Township	21.25%	17
TOTAL		80

#	IF YOU HAVE A SEASONAL RESIDENCE IN BERGLAND TOWNSHIP, WHERE DO YOU LIVE FOR MOST OF THE YEAR?	DATE
1	Placentia, CA	9/18/2019 2:48 PM
2	Green Bay, WI	9/18/2019 2:45 PM
3	Hamburg Township, MI	9/18/2019 2:38 PM
4	Wisconsin	9/16/2019 6:32 PM
5	Whitmore Lake, MI	9/16/2019 4:41 PM
6	Lower Michigan	9/16/2019 4:14 PM
7	Hamburg, MI	9/16/2019 3:45 PM
8	Amberg	9/12/2019 8:29 PM
9	Boone, Iowa	9/12/2019 8:26 PM
10	Baraga	9/12/2019 8:23 PM
11	Frankfort, Illinois	9/12/2019 8:19 PM
12	Waukesha, WI	9/12/2019 7:58 PM
13	Illinois	9/12/2019 7:56 PM
14	Wisconsin	9/12/2019 7:34 PM
15	Illinois	9/12/2019 7:32 PM

16	Merriweathers	9/12/2019 6:57 PM
17	Fruitland Township, Michigan	9/12/2019 5:22 PM
18	Reedsburg, WI	9/12/2019 5:18 PM
19	Illinois	9/12/2019 5:12 PM
20	Camp here every summer for 2 to three months	9/12/2019 3:55 PM
21	Winona, MN	9/5/2019 1:53 AM
22	Niles, MI	9/4/2019 6:59 PM
23	Williamston, MI	8/29/2019 8:54 PM
24	Bryant, WI	8/29/2019 8:48 PM
25	Fox Lake, Illinois	8/29/2019 8:32 PM
26	Cambridge wisconsin	8/29/2019 11:44 AM
27	Rantoul, IL	8/13/2019 11:50 AM
28	Lansing MI	8/9/2019 10:59 PM

Q2 Overall, how important are recreational experiences to your household's quality of life?

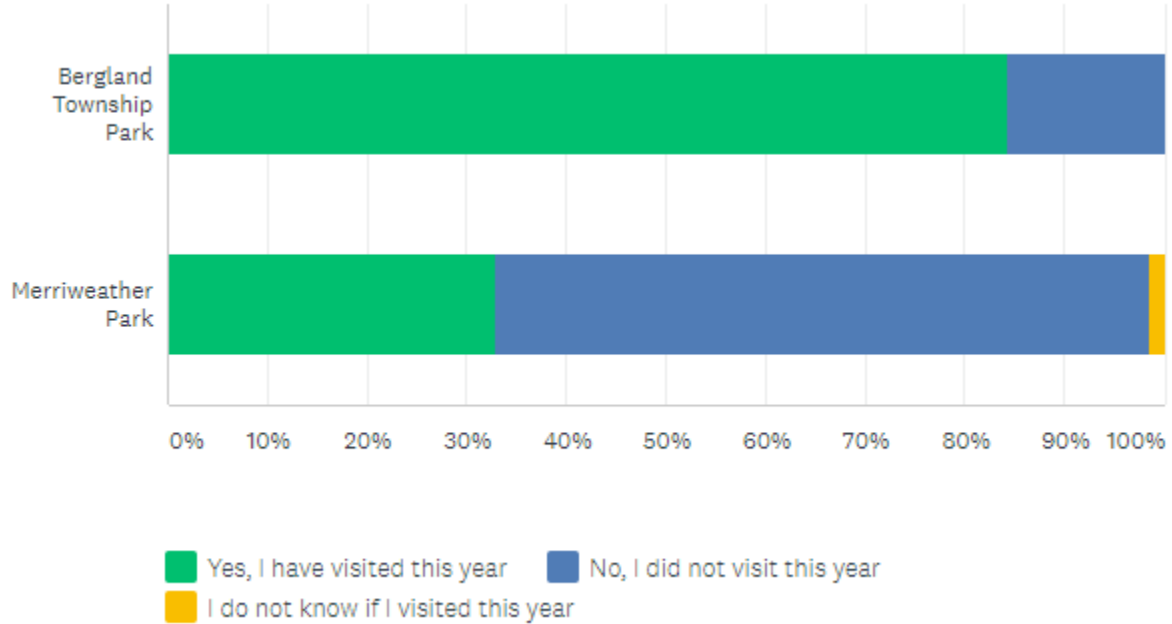
Answered: 76 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	36.84%	28
Very important	30.26%	23
Somewhat important	27.63%	21
Not so important	5.26%	4
Not at all important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		76

Q3 Please indicate if you have visited any of the following Township recreation sites this year.

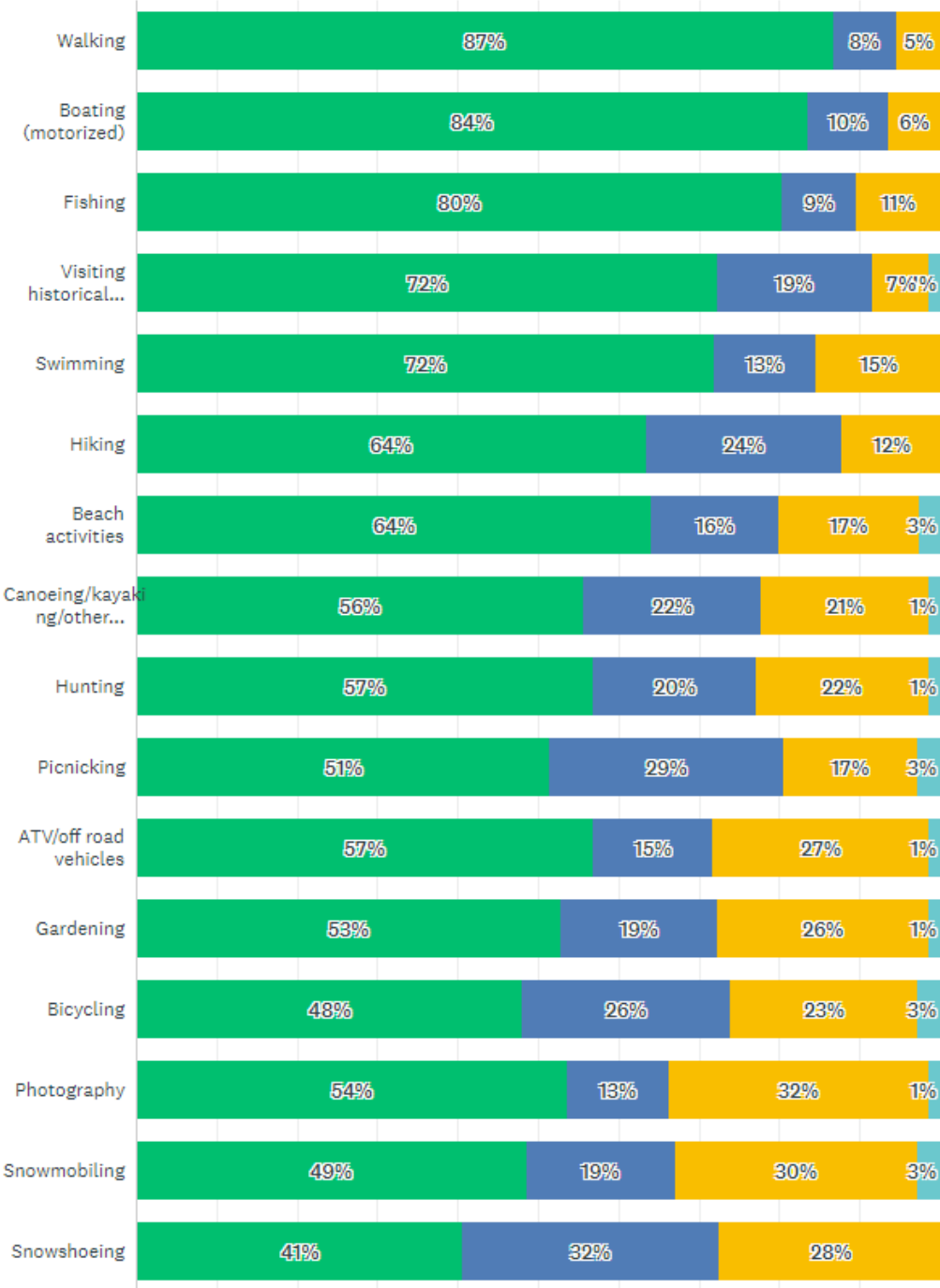
Answered: 78 Skipped: 6

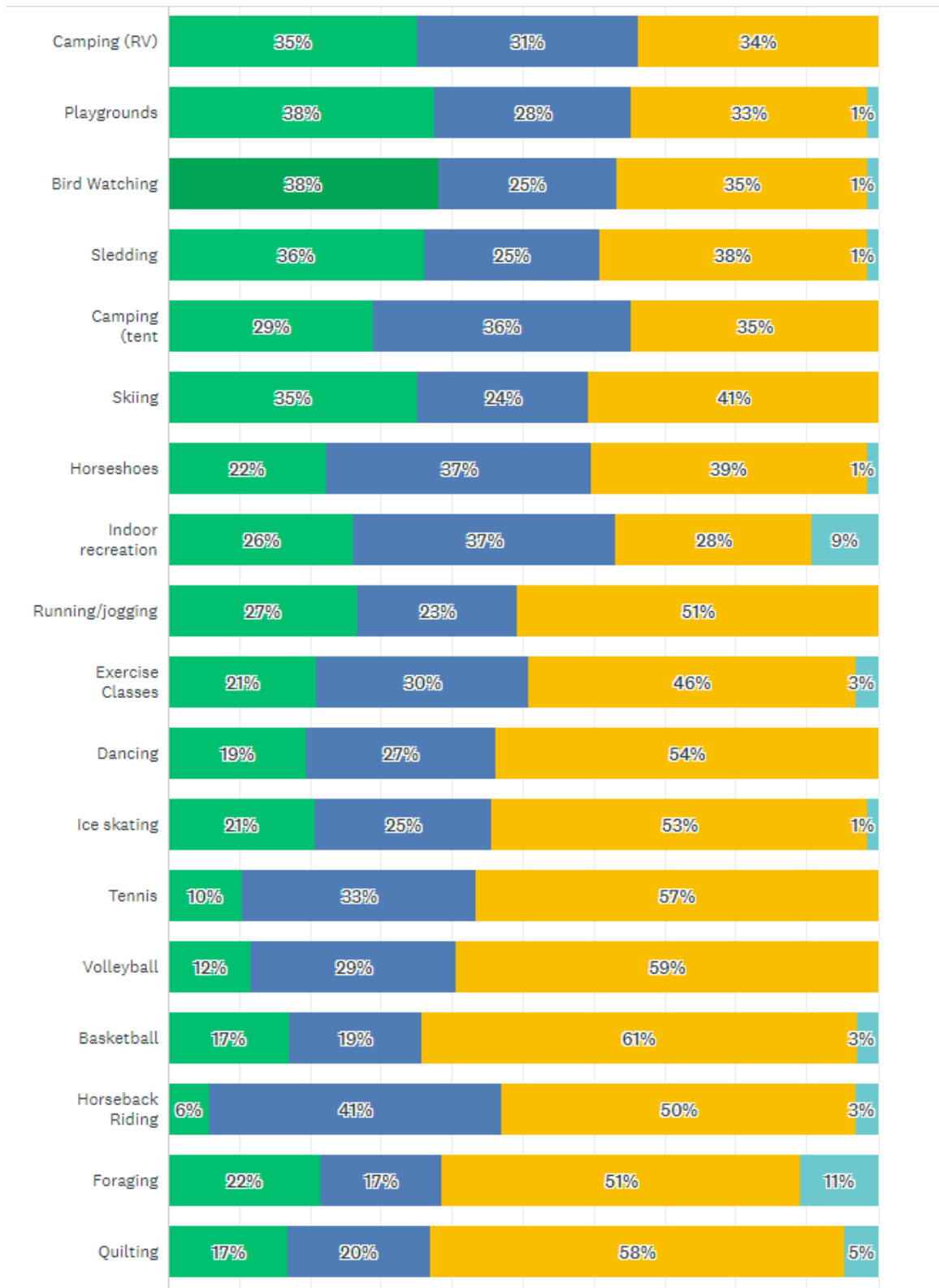


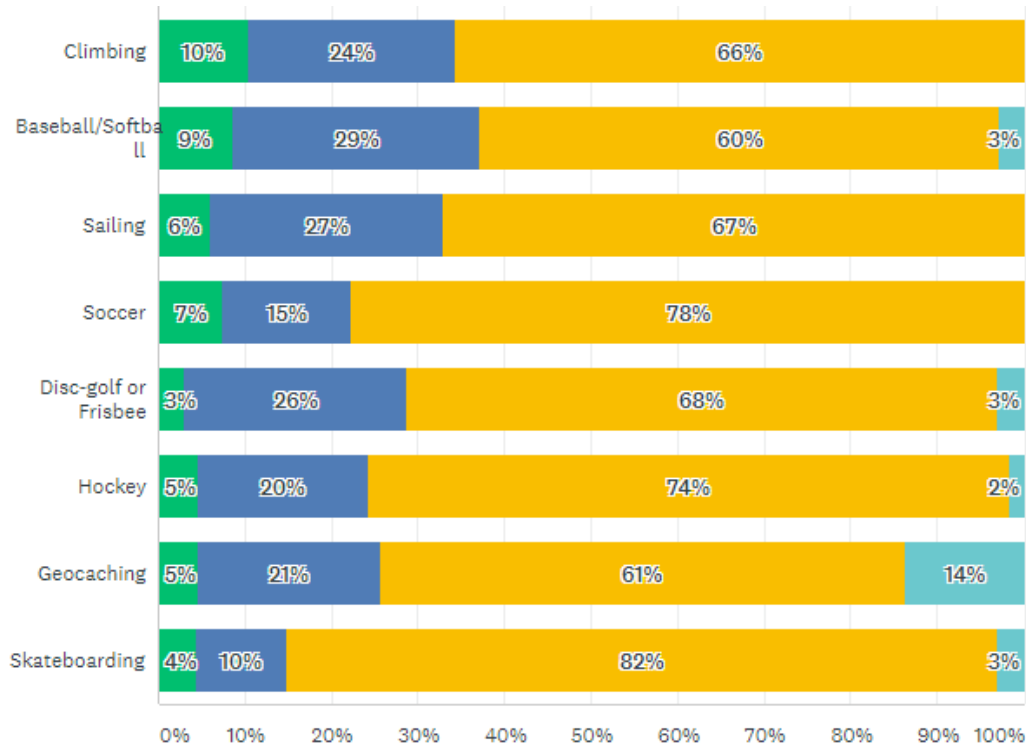
	YES, I HAVE VISITED THIS YEAR	NO, I DID NOT VISIT THIS YEAR	I DO NOT KNOW IF I VISITED THIS YEAR	TOTAL
Bergland Township Park	84.42% 65	15.58% 12	0.00% 0	77
Merriweather Park	32.84% 22	65.67% 44	1.49% 1	67

Q4 It is important to understand recreation trends in the Township. Using the table below, please indicate if members from your household currently or recently participated in the following recreation activities.

Answered: 82 Skipped: 2







■ Yes, someone from our household participates in this activity
■ No, but we are interested in this activity
■ No, and we are not interested in this activity. ■ I don't know

	YES, SOMEONE FROM OUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATES IN THIS ACTIVITY	NO, BUT WE ARE INTERESTED IN THIS ACTIVITY	NO, AND WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THIS ACTIVITY.	I DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Walking	87% 65	8% 6	5% 4	0% 0	75	1.19
Boating (motorized)	84% 66	10% 8	6% 5	0% 0	79	1.23
Fishing	80% 61	9% 7	11% 8	0% 0	76	1.30
Visiting historical sites	72% 52	19% 14	7% 5	1% 1	72	1.38
Swimming	72% 56	13% 10	15% 12	0% 0	78	1.44
Hiking	64% 47	24% 18	12% 9	0% 0	74	1.49

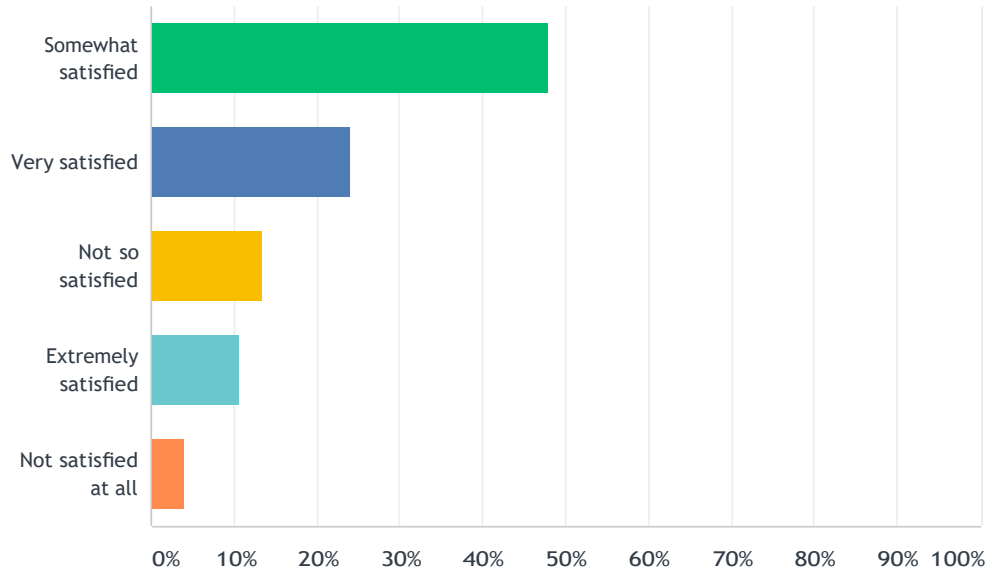
Beach activities	64% 48	16% 12	17% 13	3% 2	75	1.59
Canoeing/kayaking/other non-motorized boating	56% 40	22% 16	21% 15	1% 1	72	1.68
Hunting	57% 42	20% 15	22% 16	1% 1	74	1.68
Picnicking	51% 37	29% 21	17% 12	3% 2	72	1.71
ATV/off road vehicles	57% 42	15% 11	27% 20	1% 1	74	1.73
Gardening	53% 38	19% 14	26% 19	1% 1	72	1.76
Bicycling	48% 35	26% 19	23% 17	3% 2	73	1.81
Photography	54% 38	13% 9	32% 23	1% 1	71	1.82
Snowmobiling	49% 34	19% 13	30% 21	3% 2	70	1.87
Snowshoeing	41% 28	32% 22	28% 19	0% 0	69	1.87
Camping (RV)	35% 26	31% 23	34% 25	0% 0	74	1.99
Playgrounds	38% 27	28% 20	33% 24	1% 1	72	1.99
Bird Watching	38% 26	25% 17	35% 24	1% 1	68	2.00
Sledding	36% 25	25% 17	38% 26	1% 1	69	2.04
Camping (tent)	29% 20	36% 25	35% 24	0% 0	69	2.06
Skiing	35% 25	24% 17	41% 29	0% 0	71	2.06
Horseshoes	22% 15	37% 25	39% 36	1% 1	67	2.06
Indoor recreation	26% 17	37% 24	28% 18	9% 6	65	2.20
Running/jogging	27% 19	23% 16	51% 36	0% 0	71	2.24
Exercise Classes	21% 14	30% 20	46% 31	3% 2	67	2.31
Dancing	19% 13	27% 18	54% 36	0% 0	67	2.34

Ice skating	21% 14	25% 17	53% 36	1% 1	68	2.35
Tennis	10% 7	33% 22	57% 38	0% 0	67	2.46
Volleyball	12% 8	29% 20	59% 41	0% 0	69	2.48
Basketball	17% 12	19% 13	61% 43	3% 2	70	2.50
Horseback Riding	6% 4	41% 28	50% 34	3% 2	68	2.50
Foraging	22% 14	17% 11	51% 33	11% 7	65	2.51
Quilting	17% 11	20% 13	58% 38	5% 3	65	2.51
Climbing	10% 7	24% 16	66% 44	0% 0	67	2.55
Baseball/Softball	9% 6	29% 20	60% 42	3% 2	70	2.57
Sailing	6% 4	27% 18	67% 45	0% 0	67	2.61
Soccer	7% 5	15% 10	78% 52	0% 0	67	2.70
Disc-golf or Frisbee	3% 2	26% 17	68% 45	3% 2	66	2.71
Hockey	5% 3	20% 13	74% 49	2% 1	66	2.73
Geocaching	5% 3	21% 14	61% 40	14% 9	66	2.83
Skateboarding	4% 3	10% 7	82% 55	3% 2	67	2.84

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Fishing, ATVing	9/18/2019 2:53 PM
2	Fishing, ATVing	9/18/2019 2:25 PM
3	Band-shell type programs: music/plays/dancing	9/12/2019 8:05 PM
4	A grocery store would be fantastic!!	9/12/2019 7:10 PM
5	Skiing - Cross Country	9/12/2019 6:43 PM
6	ATV - we've got enough! Who wants the dust?; Skiing - Very interested, cross-country only	9/12/2019 4:16 PM
7	Camping - when fishermen-women, campers are all in their lot it gets very crowded/ (there large lot) could become parking space, so trucks and boats don't have to be on the road.	9/12/2019 4:01 PM

Q5 Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of recreational opportunities in Bergland Township?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Somewhat satisfied	48.00%	36
Very satisfied	24.00%	18
Not so satisfied	13.33%	10
Extremely satisfied	10.67%	8
Not satisfied at all	4.00%	3
TOTAL		75

Q6 The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback from residents and visitors on the types of recreation opportunities they would like the Township to maintain, develop and/or improve. Please list the 3 forms of recreation you'd like the Township to focus on.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 19

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Recreation Priority #1	100.00%	65
Recreation Priority #2	90.77%	59
Recreation Priority #3	73.85%	48

#	RECREATION PRIORITY #1	DATE
1	ATV and UTV trail system	9/18/2019 2:55 PM
2	RV camping	9/18/2019 2:51 PM
3	Boat landing - maintain	9/18/2019 2:47 PM
4	ATV off road vehicles	9/18/2019 2:45 PM
5	Fishing	9/18/2019 2:41 PM
6	Better beach	9/18/2019 2:33 PM
7	More horseback	9/18/2019 2:30 PM
8	Clean up blight so people can enjoy then go with options	9/18/2019 2:26 PM
9	Camping	9/18/2019 2:19 PM
10	Bergland town park	9/16/2019 6:40 PM
11	Fishing	9/16/2019 4:48 PM
12	fishing	9/16/2019 4:24 PM
13	Walking/hiking	9/16/2019 4:22 PM
14	Fishing	9/16/2019 3:55 PM
15	Quilting	9/16/2019 2:27 PM
16	Hunting	9/16/2019 2:14 PM
17	Improve Township Parks	9/13/2019 2:05 AM
18	fix walkway from lower park to upper park	9/12/2019 8:33 PM
19	ATV/off road vehicles	9/12/2019 8:28 PM
20	Snowshoe	9/12/2019 8:25 PM
21	ATV trails	9/12/2019 8:21 PM

22	Fishing	9/12/2019 8:10 PM
23	ATV access to the west (possible trailhead)	9/12/2019 8:07 PM
24	not recreational but fill potholes on roads	9/12/2019 8:01 PM
25	Areas for walking	9/12/2019 7:57 PM
26	improve park	9/12/2019 7:56 PM
27	the township need to improve all recreation activities to improve the quality of life here in Bergland. Right now you need to work on snowmobiling, fishing, boating to bring people to the community/	9/12/2019 7:44 PM
28	Horseshoes	9/12/2019 7:32 PM
29	ATV trails	9/12/2019 7:28 PM
30	Camping - improve and expand it generates funds to support it	9/12/2019 7:15 PM
31	Grocery store - sorry this is not recreation	9/12/2019 7:11 PM
32	ATV trail from Bergland to Merriweather	9/12/2019 7:08 PM
33	RV camping	9/12/2019 7:04 PM
34	Snowmobiling	9/12/2019 7:01 PM
35	Camping	9/12/2019 6:57 PM
36	Boating, provide Marina facilities in Bergland	9/12/2019 6:50 PM
37	Walking trails	9/12/2019 6:45 PM
38	Trail systems	9/12/2019 6:43 PM
39	Biking	9/12/2019 6:41 PM
40	Fishing	9/12/2019 5:24 PM
41	Nice beach area - boat landing	9/12/2019 5:21 PM
42	Fishing	9/12/2019 5:15 PM
43	ATV	9/12/2019 5:11 PM
44	ATV	9/12/2019 5:08 PM
45	Snowmobiling	9/12/2019 4:58 PM
46	ATV	9/12/2019 4:12 PM
47	Put in new faucets ect. in showers they are rusty :(9/12/2019 4:08 PM
48	Camping	9/12/2019 3:58 PM
49	Walking trails	9/12/2019 3:50 PM
50	Get the blight gone first then people will come to town!	9/12/2019 3:44 PM
51	Walking/Bicycle trails	9/12/2019 5:43 AM
52	Snowmobile trail along M28 from Bergland to Walleye Lodge	9/8/2019 1:56 PM
53	Boating	9/5/2019 2:01 AM
54	Hiking trailheads	9/4/2019 7:03 PM

55	Camping	9/2/2019 11:35 PM
56	ATV/Off Road vehicles	8/29/2019 8:57 PM
57	Repair Bergland dock, put benches for fishing	8/29/2019 8:53 PM
58	Walking	8/29/2019 8:42 PM
59	Improve campground pull throughs & sewer	8/29/2019 8:39 PM
60	UTV Access	8/29/2019 8:35 PM
61	Beach-swimming	8/29/2019 11:51 AM
62	Hiking/biking trails	8/26/2019 3:40 PM
63	ATV/Off Road Vehicles	8/13/2019 11:57 AM
64	Atving	8/10/2019 5:47 PM
65	Fishing	8/9/2019 11:04 PM

#	RECREATION PRIORITY #2	DATE
1	ATV trailhead	9/18/2019 2:55 PM
2	Fishing	9/18/2019 2:51 PM
3	Swimming area - maintain; clean including beach	9/18/2019 2:47 PM
4	Walking trails	9/18/2019 2:45 PM
5	Boating	9/18/2019 2:41 PM
6	Bathrooms down by the beach area	9/18/2019 2:33 PM
7	More fishing charters	9/18/2019 2:30 PM
8	Don't start anything till its cleaned up	9/18/2019 2:26 PM
9	Fishing	9/18/2019 2:19 PM
10	Increased lake access	9/16/2019 6:40 PM
11	Walking	9/16/2019 4:48 PM
12	walking	9/16/2019 4:24 PM
13	Fishing	9/16/2019 4:22 PM
14	Walking	9/16/2019 3:55 PM
15	Dog park	9/16/2019 2:27 PM
16	Fishing	9/16/2019 2:14 PM
17	Improve docks	9/13/2019 2:05 AM
18	wifi becasue it keeps me from driving all the way home every mouth	9/12/2019 8:33 PM
19	Snowmobiling	9/12/2019 8:28 PM
20	Boating	9/12/2019 8:25 PM
21	Boating	9/12/2019 8:21 PM

22	Walking	9/12/2019 8:10 PM
23	Accessibility to the old dock for fishing/launching/mooring	9/12/2019 8:07 PM
24	More ATV-UTV trails	9/12/2019 8:01 PM
25	focus on snowmobile/ATV trails	9/12/2019 7:56 PM
26	ATV/off road	9/12/2019 7:32 PM
27	Swimming beach	9/12/2019 7:28 PM
28	improve signage and snowmobile and ATV route in Town	9/12/2019 7:15 PM
29	Swimming at Bergland Dock	9/12/2019 7:08 PM
30	Beach	9/12/2019 7:04 PM
31	ATV/ off roads (tracks and side roads should be ok for use to get from one trail to next.	9/12/2019 7:01 PM
32	Snowmobiling	9/12/2019 6:57 PM
33	Trail, removal of trail tracks and continued maintenance	9/12/2019 6:50 PM
34	Lake health	9/12/2019 6:43 PM
35	Sledding	9/12/2019 6:41 PM
36	Water quality	9/12/2019 5:24 PM
37	Jet ski rentals	9/12/2019 5:21 PM
38	Boating	9/12/2019 5:15 PM
39	Snowmobiling	9/12/2019 5:11 PM
40	Snowmobiling	9/12/2019 5:08 PM
41	Boating	9/12/2019 4:58 PM
42	Running, jogging	9/12/2019 4:12 PM
43	Put in another toilet for men's B.R.	9/12/2019 4:08 PM
44	Fishing	9/12/2019 3:58 PM
45	Exercise group	9/12/2019 3:50 PM
46	Beach for swimming	9/12/2019 5:43 AM
47	ATV	9/5/2019 2:01 AM
48	Snowshoeing trails	9/4/2019 7:03 PM
49	Fishing	9/2/2019 11:35 PM
50	Picnicking	8/29/2019 8:57 PM
51	Campground improvements, bathrooms	8/29/2019 8:53 PM
52	Swimming	8/29/2019 8:42 PM
53	Parking of snowmobilers; plow town lots	8/29/2019 8:39 PM
54	Snowmobiling	8/29/2019 8:35 PM
55	Snowmobile trails	8/29/2019 11:51 AM

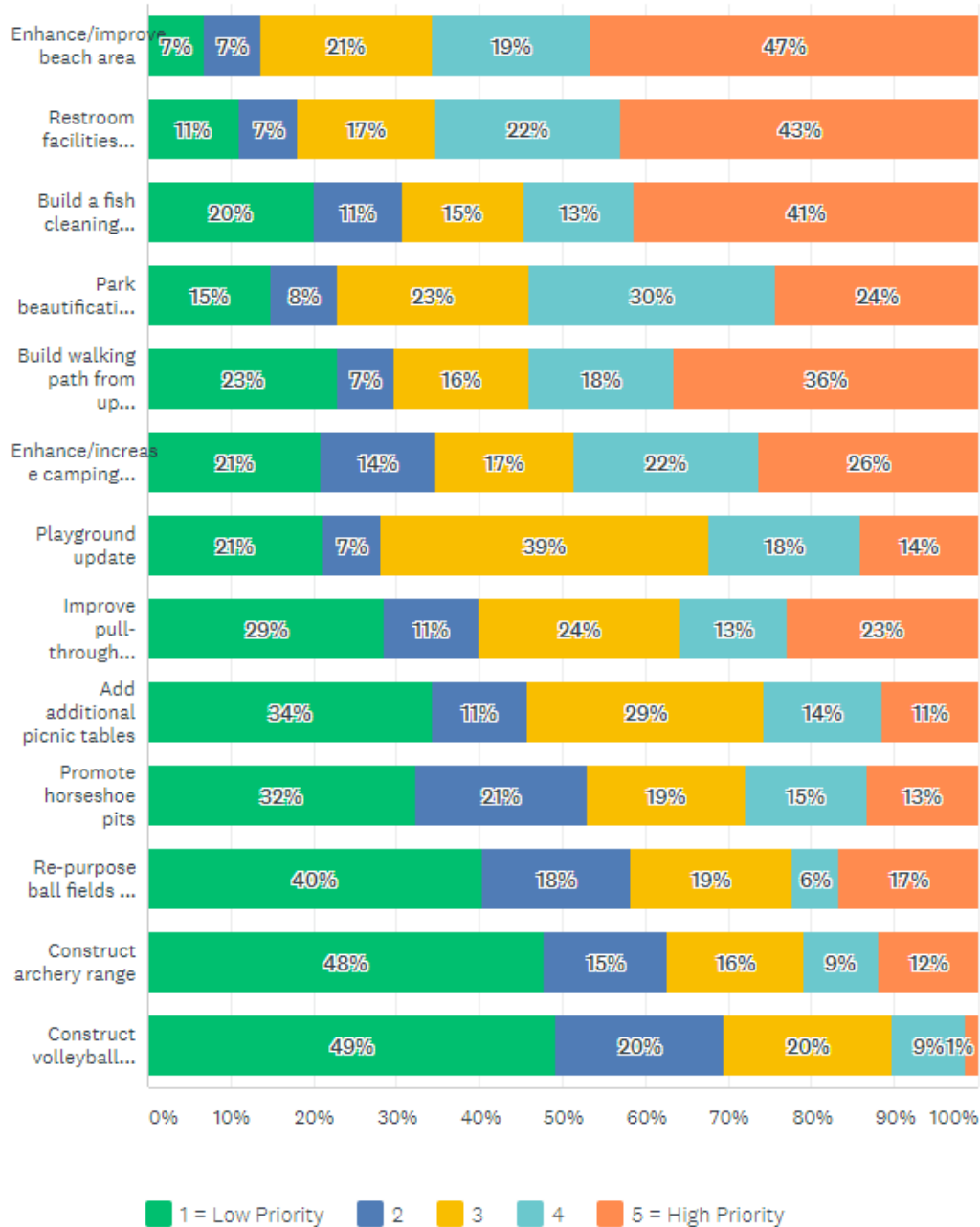
56	Fishing	8/26/2019 3:40 PM
57	Boating	8/13/2019 11:57 AM
58	Snowmobiling	8/10/2019 5:47 PM
59	Hunting	8/9/2019 11:04 PM

#	RECREATION PRIORITY #3	DATE
1	ATV recreation park	9/18/2019 2:55 PM
2	Bird watching/hiking	9/18/2019 2:51 PM
3	Shooting range (Trap) develop an area	9/18/2019 2:47 PM
4	Picnicking area	9/18/2019 2:45 PM
5	Beach	9/18/2019 2:41 PM
6	Boating	9/18/2019 2:19 PM
7	Biking	9/16/2019 4:48 PM
8	bike riding	9/16/2019 4:24 PM
9	Horseshoes	9/16/2019 4:22 PM
10	Bike riding	9/16/2019 3:55 PM
11	Walking trail	9/16/2019 2:27 PM
12	Skiing	9/16/2019 2:14 PM
13	Walk/Bike Trails	9/13/2019 2:05 AM
14	Over nite boat mooring for campers only. More people would stay if they could leave boat in water when they come with campers or boat they have no way to put boat in water.	9/12/2019 8:33 PM
15	Boating	9/12/2019 8:28 PM
16	Softball	9/12/2019 8:25 PM
17	Swimming	9/12/2019 8:21 PM
18	Swimming	9/12/2019 8:10 PM
19	Indoor recreation for rainy/snow bound days (months!)	9/12/2019 8:07 PM
20	Ice Skating	9/12/2019 7:32 PM
21	Stop all the business sponsored fishing contests	9/12/2019 7:15 PM
22	Promote a store in Bergland	9/12/2019 7:08 PM
23	Bicycling	9/12/2019 7:01 PM
24	Boating	9/12/2019 6:57 PM
25	Upgrade and develop campground and beach area	9/12/2019 6:50 PM
26	Fishing	9/12/2019 6:41 PM
27	Trails	9/12/2019 5:24 PM

28	Kayak rentals	9/12/2019 5:21 PM
29	ATV	9/12/2019 5:15 PM
30	Fishing	9/12/2019 5:11 PM
31	Fishing	9/12/2019 5:08 PM
32	ATVs	9/12/2019 4:58 PM
33	Gravel pads for campers	9/12/2019 4:08 PM
34	Activity	9/12/2019 3:58 PM
35	Use the lake for more than fishing	9/12/2019 3:50 PM
36	Community Garden	9/12/2019 5:43 AM
37	Snowshoeing	9/5/2019 2:01 AM
38	water access	9/4/2019 7:03 PM
39	ATV	9/2/2019 11:35 PM
40	Canoeing/Kayaking	8/29/2019 8:57 PM
41	Parking lot at dock (park)	8/29/2019 8:53 PM
42	Playgrounds	8/29/2019 8:42 PM
43	Boating	8/29/2019 8:35 PM
44	Community get togethers	8/29/2019 11:51 AM
45	Picnic areas	8/26/2019 3:40 PM
46	Snowmobiling	8/13/2019 11:57 AM
47	Fishing	8/10/2019 5:47 PM
48	Boating	8/9/2019 11:04 PM

Q7 Below is a list of potential recreation goals for the Township to prioritize for Bergland Township Park. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where “1” = “Low Priority” and “5” = “High Priority”. Indicate your response for each goal.

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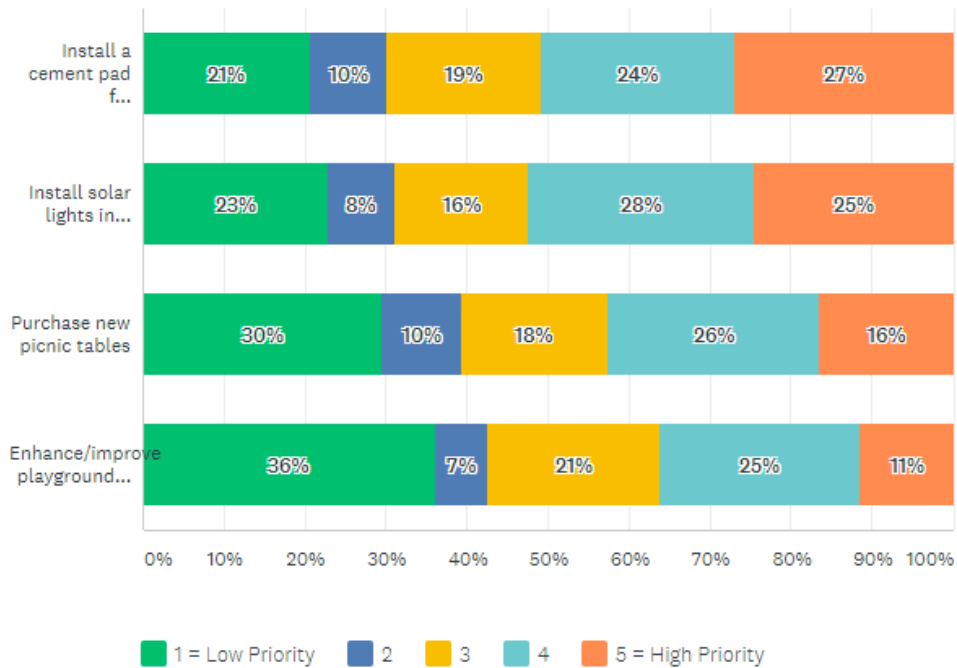


	1 = LOW PRIORITY	2	3	4	5 = HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Enhance/improve beach area	7% 5	7% 5	21% 15	19% 14	47% 34	73	3.92
Restroom facilities upgrade	11% 8	7% 5	17% 12	22% 16	43% 31	72	3.79
Build a fish cleaning station near boat landing	20% 15	11% 8	15% 11	13% 10	41% 31	75	3.45
Park beautification (e.g. vegetation trimmed)	15% 11	8% 6	23% 17	30% 22	24% 18	74	3.41
Build walking path from upper park to lower section	23% 17	7% 5	16% 12	18% 13	36% 27	74	3.38
Enhance/increase camping opportunities (e.g. provide additional sites, Wi-Fi access, etc.)	21% 15	14% 10	17% 12	22% 16	26% 19	72	3.19
Playground update	21% 15	7% 5	39% 28	18% 13	14% 10	71	2.97
Improve pull-through and easy access RV service	29% 20	11% 8	24% 17	13% 9	23% 16	70	2.90
Add additional picnic tables	34% 24	11% 8	29% 20	14% 10	11% 8	70	2.57
Promote horseshoe pits	32% 22	21% 14	19% 13	15% 10	13% 9	68	2.56
Re-purpose ball fields and tennis courts	40% 29	18% 13	19% 14	6% 4	17% 12	72	2.40
Construct archery range	48% 32	15% 10	16% 11	9% 6	12% 8	67	2.22
Construct volleyball courts	49% 34	20% 14	20% 14	9% 6	1% 1	69	1.93

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Referring to construct archery range - shooting range	9/18/2019 2:55 PM
2	Repurpose ball fields - make ATV park and tents	9/18/2019 2:33 PM
3	Referring to repurpose ball fields and tennis courts: keep-new/younger population might like them	9/18/2019 2:30 PM
4	Building a fish cleaning station is too costly	9/12/2019 7:15 PM
5	Bigger camping sites	9/12/2019 7:04 PM
6	Build marina to allow access from Lake to town	9/12/2019 6:50 PM
7	Bigger fishing pier	9/12/2019 6:41 PM

Q8 Below is a list of potential recreation goals for the Township to prioritize for Merriweather Park. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where “1” = “Low Priority” and “5” = “High Priority”. Indicate your response for each goal.

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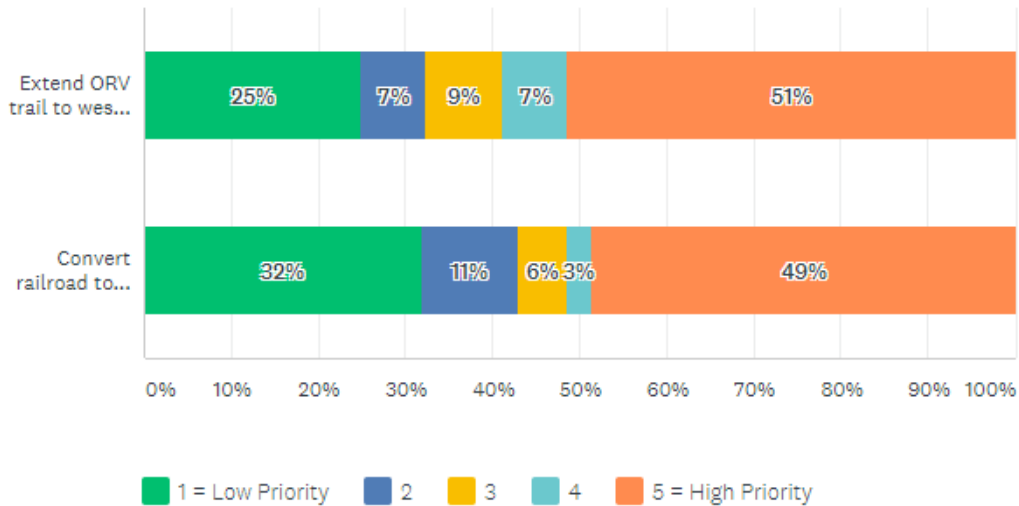


	1 = LOW PRIORITY	2	3	4	5 = HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Install a cement pad for pavilion	21% 13	10% 6	19% 12	24% 15	27% 17	63	3.27
Install solar lights in pavilion	23% 14	8% 5	16% 10	28% 17	25% 15	61	3.23
Purchase new picnic tables	30% 18	10% 6	18% 11	26% 16	16% 10	61	2.90
Enhance/improve playground facilities	36% 22	7% 4	21% 13	25% 15	11% 7	61	2.69

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	ATV trail through Merriweather	9/18/2019 2:55 PM
2	Side panels for use in colder weather (5)	9/12/2019 7:01 PM
3	Really want ball fields, tennis courts, and to promote horseshoe pits	9/12/2019 4:21 PM
4	Need more kids in Merriweather	8/29/2019 11:51 AM

Q9 Below is a list of potential recreation goals for the Township to prioritize for the local trails systems. Indicate how you would prioritize each goal using the provided scale where “1” = “Low Priority” and “5” = “High Priority”. Indicate your response for each goal.

Answered: 73 Skipped: 11



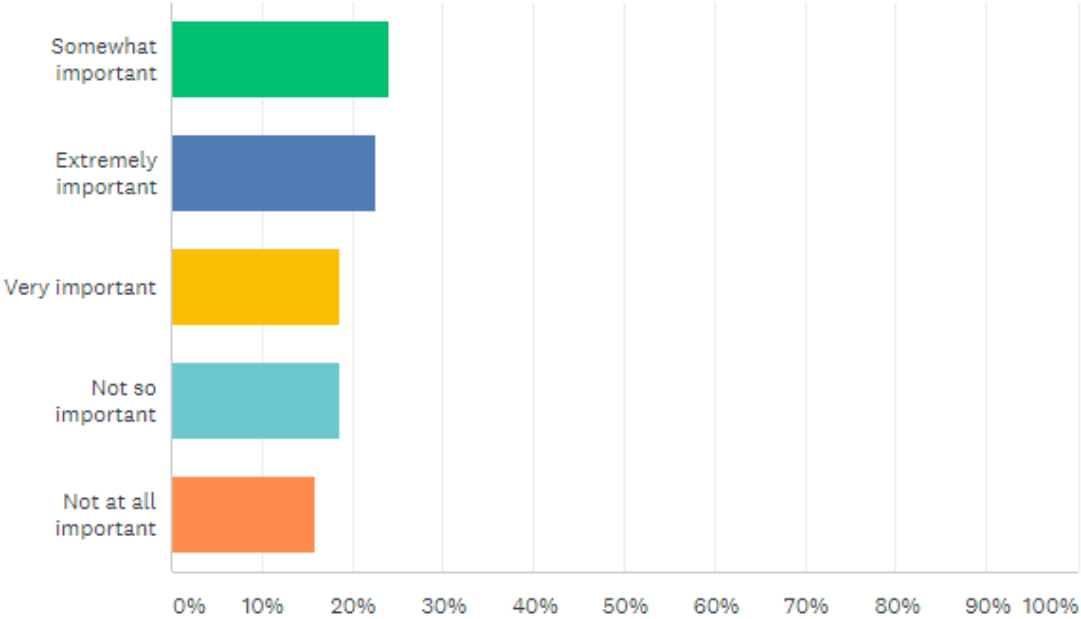
	1 = LOW PRIORITY	2	3	4	5 = HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Extend ORV trail to west end of business cluster	25% 17	7% 5	9% 6	7% 5	51% 35	68	3.53
Convert railroad to motorized trail	32% 23	11% 8	6% 4	3% 2	49% 35	72	3.25

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Create a trail head and ORV park	9/18/2019 2:55 PM
2	Very against motorized trail idea	9/16/2019 6:40 PM
3	Please do not convert railroad to motorized trail	9/16/2019 4:48 PM
4	We already have a motorized trail north of M28 for this purpose. The last thing we need is side by side ripping up and down the lake shore creating dust and noise for everyone on the north side of the lake. No thank you, we definitely do not need this.	9/16/2019 4:22 PM
5	Use existing trails for motorized travel	9/16/2019 2:14 PM
6	Converting would be too dusty and noisy	9/12/2019 8:33 PM
7	ORV Trails to the west	9/12/2019 7:32 PM
8	Make 64 more rider friendly for ATV (5)	9/12/2019 7:01 PM

9	Absolutely not! Think of the homeowners adjacent to the tracks!	9/12/2019 4:21 PM
10	no to both for motorized trail a walking trail would be nice. to many homes along the railroad that have pets and kids	9/8/2019 1:56 PM
11	Open park access to ATVs again	8/29/2019 8:35 PM
12	Create hiking and biking trails	8/26/2019 3:40 PM
13	Keep the rail for economic possibilities at the W Pine mine.	8/9/2019 11:04 PM

Q10 How important is it to you to have wireless internet connection access when participating in recreational activities?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Somewhat important	24.00%	18
Extremely important	22.67%	17
Very important	18.67%	14
Not so important	18.67%	14
Not at all important	16.00%	12
TOTAL		75

Q11 What is your age?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 12

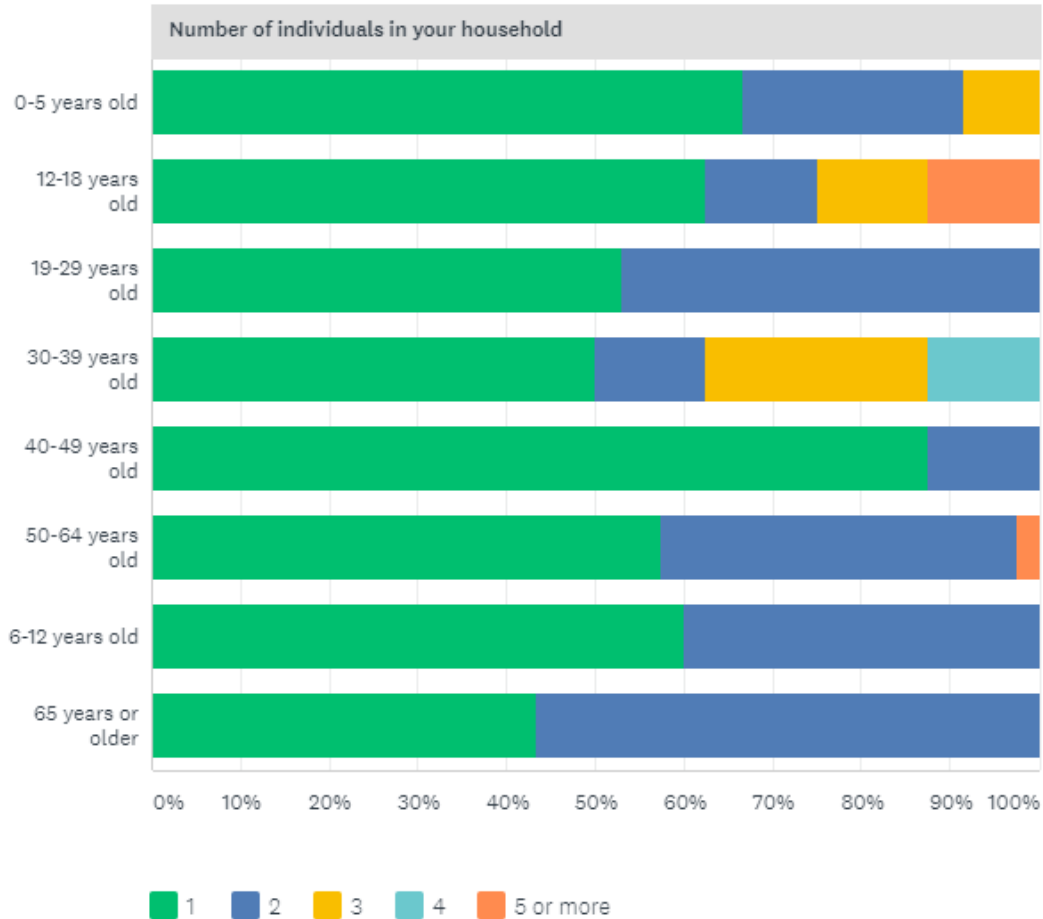
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2	65+	9/18/2019 2:51 PM
3	63	9/18/2019 2:47 PM
4	70	9/18/2019 2:45 PM
5	56	9/18/2019 2:41 PM
6	50	9/18/2019 2:34 PM
7	72	9/18/2019 2:30 PM
8	67	9/18/2019 2:27 PM
9	90	9/18/2019 2:20 PM
10	70+	9/18/2019 2:15 PM
11	50	9/16/2019 6:42 PM
12	23	9/16/2019 4:49 PM
13	52	9/16/2019 4:24 PM
14	56	9/16/2019 4:23 PM
15	50	9/16/2019 3:56 PM
16	50	9/16/2019 2:28 PM
17	58	9/16/2019 2:14 PM
18	76, 79	9/12/2019 8:34 PM
19	53	9/12/2019 8:28 PM
20	59	9/12/2019 8:25 PM
21	78	9/12/2019 8:22 PM
22	66	9/12/2019 8:13 PM
23	76	9/12/2019 8:10 PM
24	65	9/12/2019 8:07 PM
25	60	9/12/2019 8:02 PM
26	74	9/12/2019 7:57 PM
27	38	9/12/2019 7:56 PM
28	67	9/12/2019 7:44 PM
29	70	9/12/2019 7:38 PM
30	35	9/12/2019 7:37 PM
31	68	9/12/2019 7:32 PM

32	70	9/12/2019 7:28 PM
33	58	9/12/2019 7:20 PM
34	72	9/12/2019 7:15 PM
35	68	9/12/2019 7:11 PM
36	79	9/12/2019 7:08 PM
37	32	9/12/2019 7:04 PM
38	58	9/12/2019 7:01 PM
39	28, 24	9/12/2019 6:57 PM
40	64	9/12/2019 6:50 PM
41	61	9/12/2019 6:45 PM
42	71	9/12/2019 6:42 PM
43	65	9/12/2019 5:24 PM
44	51	9/12/2019 5:21 PM
45	58	9/12/2019 5:15 PM
46	46	9/12/2019 5:12 PM
47	65	9/12/2019 5:08 PM
48	62	9/12/2019 5:03 PM
49	57	9/12/2019 4:58 PM
50	50	9/12/2019 4:13 PM
51	52	9/12/2019 3:58 PM
52	Over 60	9/12/2019 3:52 PM
53	56	9/12/2019 3:50 PM
54	64	9/12/2019 3:44 PM
55	56	9/8/2019 1:56 PM
56	76	9/6/2019 5:58 PM
57	62	9/5/2019 2:02 AM
58	25	9/4/2019 7:04 PM
59	47	9/2/2019 11:36 PM
60	63	8/29/2019 8:58 PM
61	77	8/29/2019 8:53 PM
62	61	8/29/2019 8:50 PM
63	49	8/29/2019 8:48 PM
64	65	8/29/2019 8:45 PM
65	64	8/29/2019 8:42 PM
66	71	8/29/2019 8:39 PM

67	58	8/29/2019 8:36 PM
68	47	8/29/2019 11:52 AM
69	79	8/26/2019 3:41 PM
70	51	8/13/2019 11:57 AM
71	44	8/10/2019 5:47 PM
72	64	8/9/2019 11:05 PM

Q12 How many persons in your household fall into each of the following age groups (including yourself)?

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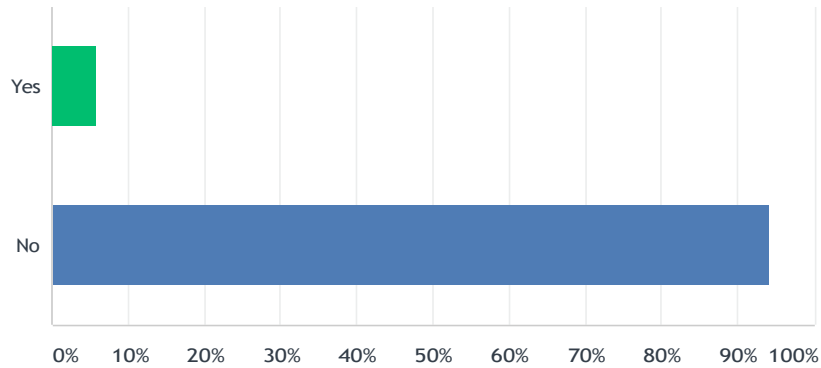


	1	2	3	4	5 OR MORE	TOTAL
0-5 years old	66.7% 8	25.0% 3	8.3% 1	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	12
12-18 years old	62.5% 5	12.5% 1	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	12.5% 1	8
19-29 years old	52.9% 9	47.1% 8	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	17
30-39 years old	50.0% 4	12.5% 1	25.0% 2	12.5% 1	0.0% 0	8
40-49 years old	87.5% 14	12.5% 2	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	16

50-64 years old	57.5% 23	40.0% 16	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	2.5% 1	40
6-12 years old	60.0% 3	40.0% 2	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	5
65 years or older	43.3% 13	56.7% 17	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	30

Q13 Does anyone in your household have a disability or require specialized recreation? Specialized recreation refers to accommodations or modifications made to recreation facilities and equipment to remove barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities from using the facilities or equipment.

Answered: 69 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	5.80% 4
No	94.20% 65
TOTAL	69

#	IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	M.S. hard climbing trails up to bathrooms	9/18/2019 2:34 PM
2	Need railings/paved walking paths	9/12/2019 7:37 PM
3	Ramps near stairs	9/12/2019 4:58 PM
4	Uses cane/walker to walk	9/4/2019 7:04 PM

Q14 Please provide any additional comments or explanations for your responses that you think would be helpful in developing recreation opportunities in Bergland Township:

Answered: 48 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	ATV/ORV trail system connecting both sides of Township - should be top priority	9/18/2019 2:56 PM
2	I DO NOT want to see the railroad west of Bergland converted to a motorized trail. There are trail north of M-28 already. We do not need the added noise, dust at the lake shore. A walking trail would be great! No more ATVs please.	9/18/2019 2:42 PM
3	Site number 1 could be 2 lots. Maybe 1 lot/ 1 parking lot for boats and trucks, the big camper is way to far from the power, they should be charged more, other people have to park on the road half the time or they park boats and trucks in other lots there as taking up 2 lots. Come take a look at site number 1 (not fair). Site number 1 have space lots of it not being used.	9/18/2019 2:36 PM
4	Bergland/Lake Gogebic is a beautiful area that should be upgraded and current to travelers and locals.	9/18/2019 2:20 PM
5	Work with DNR to improve lake. Very rare to find a crayfish anymore. What happened to them. Too many bass, and even largemouth bass now.	9/16/2019 6:44 PM
6	It would be very detrimental if the railroad tracks were turned into an ORV trail. There are many houses, including ours, along the shoreline and we would like to be able to enjoy the view and natural beauty of the area instead of the whirring of machinery. We travel from downstate to Bergland to get away from the noise and machines in order to connect with nature and the beauty of the area. As we have been coming here my entire life, it would be such a disappointment to see the tracks transitioned to a trail. This is something that hurts the appeal of the town as a place to visit, a place to have a vacation home, or even as a place to move to permanently. There are plenty of trails in the area so I do not believe another one is needed, especially since it provides no value add.	9/16/2019 4:58 PM
7	There are enough ORV trails in the area that we do not need the current R/R tracks converted for this use. It would be very disruptive as the tracks run right along the lakeshore and adjacent to peoples homes. It would have a negative impact on the community.	9/16/2019 4:29 PM
8	Please consider the residents/property owners on the north side of the lake. We do not want the existing railroad grade converted to motorized use. Horse trail, walking, hiking, birdwatching is what this should be used for. Improve the existing trail north of M28 for motorized use if needed.	9/16/2019 4:26 PM
9	I would prefer that the railroad not be turned into a motorized trail. There are plenty of ATV trails already. The added noise/dust etc from atvs on the trail would be very disruptive to those of us who come there for fishing, relaxing and peace and quiet. If the tracks get converted, a walking/bike path would be more ideal.	9/16/2019 4:01 PM
10	Get me trustworthy township members	9/16/2019 2:29 PM

11	There is no need to pull up railroad tracks on the North end of the lake.ATV/UTV snowmobiled have access on existing trail networks	9/16/2019 2:16 PM
12	Please do not put in a ORV/snowmobile trail along the north shore!!! It is residential and QUIET!	9/13/2019 2:08 AM
13	Hire someone to cut brush between upper and lower camp ground a all brush in front of lower campground, so campers can see lake and get air moving through both campgrounds.	9/12/2019 8:34 PM
14	it would be nice to have an ATV trail from Merriweather to Bergland so you don't have to trailer.	9/12/2019 8:29 PM
15	fund raisers to help get the work done!	9/12/2019 8:25 PM
16	Do something to control the geese population especially in the parks and swimming areas.	9/12/2019 8:10 PM
17	Please pull down the black plastic at the boat launch that was put up how many years ago and fix the pot holes! How many people use the Bergland boat launch and it looks awful. Clean up the boat launch area - take the black plastic down, fill the holes, make a beach and a nice area for tourists by the lake.	9/12/2019 8:03 PM
18	Bergland needs to bring not only recreational activities to the area but needs to be working on bringing businesses (stores, etc) to the area to improve the quality of life.	9/12/2019 7:45 PM
19	Why not take down the old decrepit building first and repair the roads. Improving recreational sites is like putting perfume on a pig.	9/12/2019 7:40 PM
20	Fix the roads getting to the parks and boat landing so our visitors are not wrecking their vehicles and boats/trailers	9/12/2019 7:20 PM
21	focus on projects that generate funds to support it and not have taxpayers support facilities for tourists that spend very little money that actually goes into Township funds.	9/12/2019 7:16 PM
22	A store to sell supplies for campers and tourists.	9/12/2019 7:09 PM
23	Larger campsites! Can't fit new camps, boat, and vehicle in site and have a campfire. Lawn mowed? Keep campsites grass-gravel too dirty - kids happier with grass.	9/12/2019 7:05 PM
24	Developing recreational opportunities in the Township no only serves residents, but it attracts non-residents which provides economic stimulus to the area.	9/12/2019 6:50 PM
25	It would be nice to have a t-pier in Bergland Township Park. A lot of folds like to fish at the end of the pier but only room for a few.	9/12/2019 6:43 PM
26	Work with DNR, Lake Association ect. on cooperative projects.	9/12/2019 6:43 PM
27	Recreation opportunities bring people, people spend money, the community prospers.	9/12/2019 5:25 PM
28	Fishing, snowmobile, ATV, hunting, boating, swimming. Lower the water kills for seasonal residence!	9/12/2019 5:16 PM
29	Would like to see fish cleaning station in the Bergland Park.	9/12/2019 5:09 PM

30	Keep up the ball court and finish pavilion in Merriweather. Only outside court in township. Kids use it a lot	9/12/2019 5:05 PM
31	Finish Merriweather Park.	9/12/2019 5:00 PM
32	In reference to recreation activities: Something that would enhance every single one of the items on this list is a general store on one of the items on this list. A general at the site of Nondine's Store. Check-out the one a Copper Harbor and see how nice one like that would be in Bergland...last stop before the Porkies. About you: This section of the survey is totally uncalled for. The validity of your questions are based on the perspective offered by an interested person, willing to offer input to something you deem important. Let's leave it at that...	9/12/2019 4:25 PM
33	i think they should focus on putting or getting a general dollar store up where the old Noridine store was.	9/12/2019 4:13 PM
34	An ATV, UTV (area) for camping and pitstops. There are a lot of these vehicles that come around the park, (like the space (baseball field)) for tents for these people who would stay over and spend money here. Advertise fish clean spot down by the parking lot for boats. Water and power 30 amp top park.	9/12/2019 4:09 PM
35	We come here because it's beautiful, clean, nice people, great fishing and because it's not as expensive. We come from Wisconsin and really enjoy it here.	9/12/2019 3:59 PM
36	the Township is fine the way it is!	9/12/2019 3:52 PM
37	Focus on cleaning up the blighted building in town so visitors and residents will be willing to come to town to enjoy the recreational activities you want to improve.	9/12/2019 3:45 PM
38	I do not believe the RR tracks should be completely converted to a motorized vehicle trail. It could be from Wakefield to the Hoop, then come down Old M28 like it already does, cross 28 to the already existing snowmobile trail, then back across 28 where it can access the snowmobile shop & the Walleye Lodge. The north shore is RESIDENTIAL and a straightaway between the Hoop & town. They will be flying down this trail 24/7 which will have a devastating effect on the 66+ house's along the tracks. The trail will be in our front yards and between us & the lake. There will be so much dirt & dust & fumes & noise our yards will be unusable and our windows will never be open. Our property values will go down. I believe the homeowners, taxpayers & other residents who use this space for quiet enjoyment need to be considered & be a priority. Those who do not live on the tracks don't care because it doesn't affect them - but if those same people lived on the tracks, they would not want this. I believe there is a compromise where everybody could be happy.	9/12/2019 6:03 AM
39	Need a trail on M28 to all homes, Merriweather to Bergland. More trails more money to locals.	9/8/2019 1:58 PM
40	Real estate values are depressed enough without running an ATV/snowmobile trail along the north shore in basically a residential area. The are all kinds of trails north of M28. If you want to improve Bergland put in a convenience store in the spot where we had a store.	9/6/2019 6:10 PM

41	Take your trail north of 28 just like the snowbeats let the ATV clubs buy ins just like the snowmobile clubs do (note: writing very intelligible; mailed in survey)	9/6/2019 6:08 PM
42	All is good! Can't wait until we head to Bergland again.	9/4/2019 7:05 PM
43	Beautify the town! Roads, sidewalks, dumpy houses, people do not want to go to a town looking like a dump!	8/29/2019 8:53 PM
44	Get the geese out of the park. You cannot walk without stepping in geese poop!! Extend and clean up the beach area. Have clean restrooms. Empty trash on a regular basis. Grand kids love park but cannot keep out of the poop!	8/29/2019 8:45 PM
45	To much priority given to seasonal campers over residents/property owners.	8/29/2019 8:36 PM
46	Biking is a universal activity. There are no biking trails in the area (such as those in Boulder Jct). Riders take to the roads and that is a very dangerous situation.	8/26/2019 3:42 PM
47	Providing better ATV trail access to and from Bergland to the west, along the west shore of the lake and to the north.	8/13/2019 12:02 PM
48	Tourism is great but we need manufacturing businesses for family sustaining employment.	8/9/2019 11:06 PM

Appendix D: Public Review and Public Hearing Notification and Affidavits of Publication

The screenshot shows the website for the Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region (WUPPDR). The header includes the organization's name, contact information for Michigan Planning Region 13, and social media links for Facebook and Twitter. A navigation menu contains links for HOME, PROGRAMS & SERVICES, RESOURCES, RPI, SURVEYS, CONTACT, and WHAT WE DO. A search bar is located on the right side of the header.

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Notice of Public Review, Public Comment Period, and Public Hearing

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COUNTY OF ONTONAGON
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Agent of the Publisher of the Ottawa Shopper

Subscribed and sworn before me this 22nd
Day of November A.D., 2019



Notary Public, Ontonagon County, Michigan
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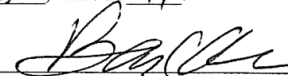
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Ontonagon County, Michigan
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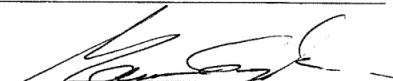
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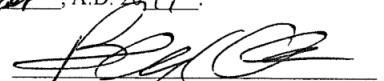
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Appendix E: Agenda and Minutes from Public Hearing

Bergland Township Board and Planning Commission

Recreation Plan Draft Meeting Agenda

19 December 2019, 6 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discuss Draft Plan
4. Public Comment
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn

Bergland Township Board and Planning Commission
Recreation Plan Public Hearing
December 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Public Attendance: Mike and Anna Flood, Nancy Hillier, Rosalie Kessler, Mary Lou Massie, Dave Anderson, James Bucknell, Wally Saubert came in late as did Tom Paulman.

Tina Dale opens the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Planning Committee of Mark Gregory and Tina Dale who is running the Public Hearing are present.

Bergland Township Board in attendance by roll call: Michele Hillier Clerk, David Roberts Supervisor, Wendy Savola Treasurer, Mark Gregory Trustee, and Mike Minto Trustee.

Tina Dale explains that the Recreation Plan was developed with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development from the results of a Recreation Survey conducted during the summer, with additional input from the Planning Commission and Bergland Township Board.

The deadline to submit the Recreation Plan to the Michigan DNR is 2/1/2020, with grant deadline for MDNR is 4/1/2020. The DNR and other granting sources require a five year Recreation Plan is seek funds to improve or develop recreation opportunities and facilities in Bergland Township.

The Public at the Public Hearing had not read the Recreation Plan, Clerk Michele Hillier gave out the 3 copies available.

Tina Dale reads through the list of projects from the Recreation Plan, with a suggested time table for commencement. This list can be found in the attached copy of the Recreation Plan.

Jim Bucknell questions if the beach dredging project includes a beach re-sanding after the dredging, so that the beach is usable again. Add language to support this. Jim Bucknell also mentions that a fish cleaning station will only be needed if the lake has more fish in it. There should be a discussion with the DNR to stock the lake with bigger fish and more variety. If people do not catch anything, they will not come back.

Tina Dale explains the steps after the approval of the Bergland Township Board and will then move to the State for approval and then be able to seek grants for the projects in the list from the DNR and other sources.

Mike Minto compliments and thanks the Planning Committee for the work done on the Recreation Plan.

Dave Anderson asks about the railroad track being turned into a trail. The railroad track is abandoned and declared ready for demolition. There is no known time table for when this will happen at this time. The Rails to Trails program will happen; this is outside the purview of the Bergland Township Board.

Mr. Anderson had no idea what a Recreation Plan was and its purpose. Mark Gregory states that the Recreation Plan is a list of Projects designed to bring in people to the area for Recreation Activities. Mr. Anderson does not care to get an ATV Trail.

Mark Gregory makes a motion to close the Public Hearing, Second by Wendy Savola, Roll call vote all Aye, Public Hearing closed at 6:23 PM.

Appendix F: Agenda, Minutes, and Adoption Resolution

MEETING AGENDA

December 19, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

REPORTS:

- 1) Treasurer
- 2) Supervisor
- 3) Utilities Supervisor
- 4) Zoning Administrator
- 5) Planning Commission

APPROVE MONTHLY BILLS: Board Members sign Treasurer's Warrant Sheet

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Payment received from Mark and Mary DeGrave for the Sewer Line Break.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vote on the Rec Plan
2. Discuss and vote on the Poverty Guidelines Resolution
3. Discuss the amount of Fire Fund and Cemetery Fund rent paid to the General Fund
4. Discuss the timely receipt of Invoices to Clerk for payment – request to add penalties
5. Discuss Planning Commission having Quorum at meetings
6. Discuss the Water/Sewer Billing Clerk

ADJORN

Bergland Fire Hall
Bergland Township Board Meeting
December 19, 2019
6:30 PM

Public Attendance: Tom Paulman, Wally Saubert, Tina Dale, Nancy Hillier Rosalie Kessler, Mary Lou Massie, Mike and Ann Flood, Dave Anderson and Attorney James Bucknell.

Clerk Michele Hillier opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call showed all Board Members: Wendy Savola, Mark Gregory, Mike Minto, Michele Hillier and David Roberts present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rosalie Kessler is glad that Bergland Township is working for grants and asks why Bergland does not have Christmas decorations up while all the other towns do. Xcel Energy will not allow anything to be placed on the power polls; the other towns have different power companies or own the poles. The Board will take the comment under advisement for the future.

MINUTES:

Nancy Hillier questioned the minutes about the General Fund using a surplus, thought there was not one. Clerk Michele Hillier advised to look at the Budgets sheets included with the minutes that the General Fund had not budgeted all the anticipated income, the increases for the line items came from this surplus.

MOTION by Mike Minto Second by Mark Gregory, to accept the previous meeting minutes of November 21, 2019. All Yes, Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

TREASURER:

No questions. MOTION by Mark Gregory, Second by Mike Minto, to accept Treasurers Report. All yes, Motion Carried.

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor David Roberts reports that on December 16, 2019 he and Attorney James Bucknell went to court for the Bobby Nelson case, a cleanup order was granted. Nelson has until to April 15, 2020 to clean it up, after that date the Township can go in unrestricted and cleanup to the Township's specifications, the only thing the Township cannot take are properly licensed vehicles. Supervisor Roberts called the tree service twice about the wood on Railroad street, have not heard back again. Ray Forster's judgement stands, got caught in a "game" with the Judge and was held in contempt. The insurance agent came through during a meeting on December 17, 2019 taking pictures of the smoke detectors, fire extinguishers. The Agent will be sending information to the Fire Chief about driving records and such. Tom McCarthy had a hearing about the old hotel. He has until January 13, 2020 to have a signed contract for the take down of the old hotel with a demolition company. Dave Roberts gave Tom Paulman numbers for two more people. Messages have been left with several companies.

UTILITES SUPERVISOR:

Wally Saubert reports that on last Friday a water main broke at the corner of M64 and Woodland Avenue. About 9 hours were spent fixing it. If it was not for Tom Paulman and Casey Yesney it would not have been fixed. The township truck needs new tires, Wally have been getting stuck a lot this winter, the tires are bald. The Insurance Agent told Wally that the exits need to have lighted exit signs. The groomer took down a pole near the Fire Hall; it will be replaced on December 20, 2019. All

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the fire hydrants are buried under the snow, it came so fast, and Wally cannot shovel out by hand. Supervisor Roberts gives permission to talk with Yesney boys who have equipment to dig them out.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Tom Paulman gave a Fire Department report first: for the fire hydrants just dig out to below the bonnet. During the Insurance meeting, the Agent advised that several townships charge for the Fire Department to assist with an ambulance support call. This fee is divided between those who respond to call. Stannard Township charges \$150.00. The Agent will be providing a report on this.

For Zoning, two tickets were issued to be filled with the court by Attorney James Bucknell. Mr. Bucknell has not filled them yet. One ticket is for the Gogebic Range Banks property and the School Property. Treasurer Wendy Savola reports that she has a new address for the old school owners. Tom and Wally went out to the trailer outside of town, no one was there. The next time leave a note, and then the Township will send the sheriff. It is in violation.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Nothing new to report, the Recreation Plan is listed in new business.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mark Gregory questioned what the EFTPS liability check was, it is the payment of Federal withholding made every month. MOTION, Mike Minto Second by Wendy Savola to approve monthly bills, Roll Call Vote: All yes, Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Payment was received from Mark and Mary DeGrave for the sewer line break on their property in the amount of \$1010.00, bill paid in full.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MOTION by Mark Gregory for the approval of the Recreation Plan Resolution presented by the Planning Committee, Second by Mike Minto, Roll Call Vote: All Aye, Motion carried.
2. MOTION by Mark Gregory, to approve the Poverty Guidelines for tax purposes, Second by Wendy Savola, Roll Call Vote: All Aye, Motion carried.
3. Discuss the amount of rent paid to the General Fund by the Fire Fund and Cemetery Fund as they are separate funds. Clerk Michele Hillier suggests that the Cemetery Fund pay \$200 in annual rent, and the Fire Fund pay \$1,000 annual rent. MOTION by Wendy Savola to charge rent of \$200 from the Cemetery Fund and \$1,000 from the Fire Fund, Second by Mark Gregory, All Aye Motion Carried.
4. Clerk Michele Hillier informed the Board that there is policy that bills should be submitted within 7 days, there have been two bills submitted very late, one three months and the other a year late. Wally questioned this, he has never submitted late. Clerk Michele Hillier reports that the two bills were from Tina Dale Chairperson of Planning Commission. Tina Dale states that any bills she gets are turned over immediately. Clerk Michele Hillier asks where is the bill for the printing of the Rec Plans from the School. Tina Dale reports that the printing was pro bono, which was not communicated to Clerk Michele Hillier. Mike Minto advises to monitor the situation, and there is a policy, it needs to be followed. Mark Gregory advises that an email should be sent to the Clerk as well when an order is made. Wally is very good about telling when he orders things.

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6:30 PM

5. Clerk Michele Hillier reports that during her work in reviewing, organizing, correlating the Zoning Ordinances and Resolutions of Bergland Township, Clerk Michele Hillier could not find a current Planning Commission Ordinance for the way the Commission is being run at this time. Clerk Michele Hillier contacted Planning Commission Secretary Mark Gregory to find information on this topic. Mark Gregory reports that the Planning Commission meeting minutes show that the number was reduced from 7 to 5, with a letter to be sent to the Board from Tina Dale. Clerk Michele Hillier reports that this letter is not in the Township files, the Board meeting minutes do not show a vote on the new Planning Commission Ordinance and there is no signed copy in the files or proof of publication. The Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Planning Commission Ordinance and then vote on it and publish it at the next Board Meeting.
6. Clerk Michele Hillier gives the list of the 2020 Board Meeting dates on the third Thursday at 6:30 PM. MOTION by Wendy Savola, Second by Mike Minto to approve the meeting schedule, VOTE All Aye. Schedule of 2020 Board Meetings Passed. Motion carried. Clerk Hillier is waiting hear what dates work for the Budget Workshops.
7. Clerk Michele Hillier reports that the Water/Sewer Billing Clerk is not timely responding to messages from customers with questions about accounts. As the Billing Clerk Pat MacArthur was not present, this discussion is tabled for another meeting. Mike Minto suggests that perhaps a meeting should be had with the parties involved prior to the board meeting.
8. Clerk Michele Hillier reports that 4H contacted the Township to run an ad in their new plat books and receive complimentary books. MOTION by Mark Gregory to run the ad, Second by Mike Minto, Roll Call Vote: All Aye. Motion Carried.
9. Clerk Michele Hillier reports that Hannula Insurance sent the renewal packet for the insurance renewal with some recommended increases. The Board advised to pay the premium as currently billed, than review the changes and make a decision at the next board meeting of January 16, 2020 and be billed for the changes at that time.
10. Attorney James Bucknell presented the renewal for the Beautification of Bergland LLC License, pay the fee and renew.

Attorney James Bucknell brings up about the tires on the township truck, no specific permission was given; Supervisor Roberts says Wally can get new tires.

MOTION by Michele Hillier, Second by Mark Gregory, to adjourn meeting, All Yes, Motion Carried 7:20 pm.

Resolution of Adoption

BERGLAND TOWNSHIP FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN 2020-2024 Bergland Township Board

WHEREAS, the Bergland Township Board has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2020 through 2024, and

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

WHEREAS, residents of Bergland Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 19, 2019 at the Township Fire Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Bergland Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2020-2024, and

WHEREAS, the Bergland Township Board has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Bergland Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Bergland Township Board voted to adopt said Bergland Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2020-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Bergland Township Board hereby adopts the Bergland Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2020-2024.

Motion made by Mark Gregory Seconded by Mike Minto to approve this resolution.

AYES 5

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0

ABSTAIN 0

Seal here (if available)

I, Michele Hillier, Bergland Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Bergland Township Board at a Meeting thereof held on December 19, 2019

Signature

Michele Hillier