



# **2024-2028 RECREATION PLAN**

## **PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN**

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# Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

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# CHAPTER

# 1

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION



Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

## Introduction

Presque Isle Township has an abundance of natural resources, which offer recreational opportunities to residents and visitors. The township recognizes the importance of recreational planning and works with volunteers and public and private agencies to complete projects. In conjunction with the township's facilities, the county, state, and privately-owned recreational facilities provide the area with a wide variety of recreational activities and programs.

In 2016, Presque Isle Township worked with McKenna Associates to prepare a recreation plan. Recreation plans that have been approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources allow the Township to be eligible for State of Michigan recreational grant funding. In December 2022, Presque Isle Township contracted with

the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to update its recreation plan. This recreation plan was prepared for Presque Isle Township-owned, leased, and operated recreational facilities and programs.

The intent of the Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan is to:

- Maintain and improve the current recreation-related facilities and services
- Enable Presque Isle Township to apply for and obtain available funding
- Assist with implementation of projects
- Improve accessibility to facilities and activities through compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Universal Design Standards

## Regional Location & Topography

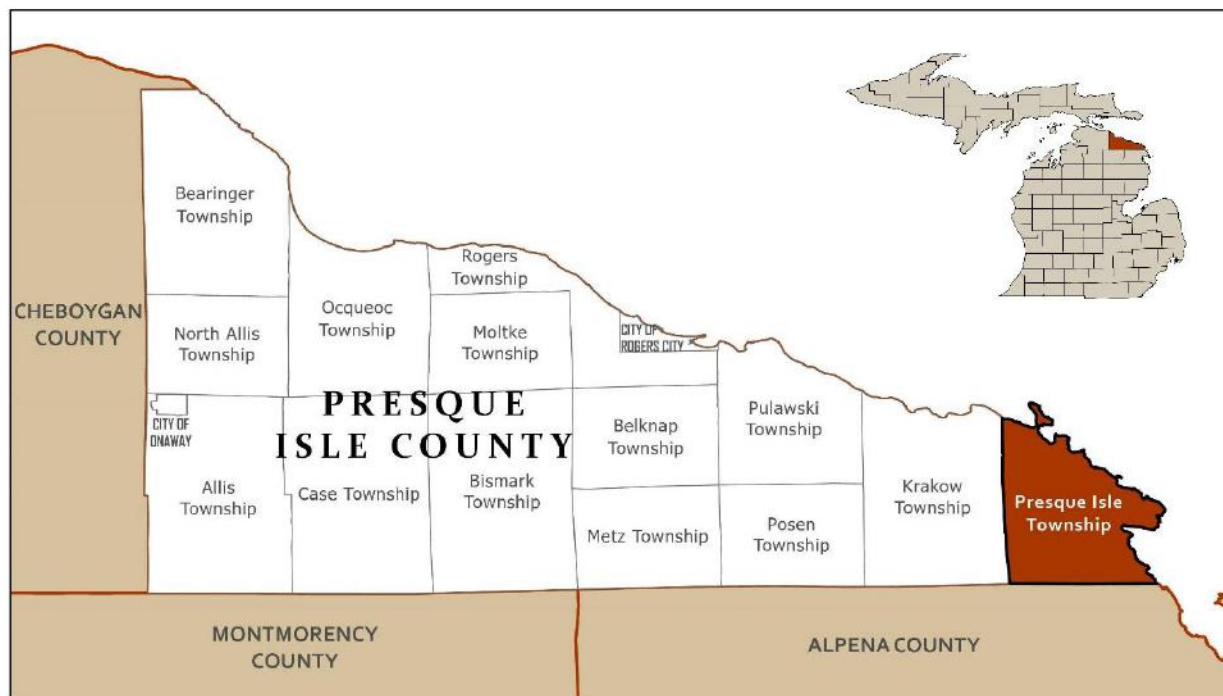
Presque Isle Township covers approximately 47.2 square miles in the southeastern section of Presque Isle County within Michigan's Northeastern Lower Peninsula. About 35.6 square miles of the township is land area (22,784 acres) and about 11.6 square miles is water. The township is triangular in shape and is bordered by Lake Huron to the north and east, Alpena County to the south, and Krakow Township to the west (**Figure 1-1**).

The township is not close to Michigan's large urban areas. It takes a little over four hours to

drive to Detroit and Lansing, and about three hours to drive to the Bay City/Saginaw region. However, the township is close to the recreation and resort areas in Northern Michigan, Mackinaw City and the Straits, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Gaylord, Indian River, and Cheboygan.

Presque Isle Township is relatively flat due to glaciation and inundation by glacial Lake Huron. The township is approximately 580 feet above sea level, while it is about 660 feet above sea level near the Lake Huron shoreline.

**Figure 1-1 Location Map**



## A Brief History of Tourism & Recreation in Presque Isle Township

Tourism and recreation have been a significant part of Presque Isle Township's history beginning with the Native Americans and pioneers who were drawn to the township's woodlands, wetlands, water, and wildlife.

First, the Old and New Presque Isle Lighthouses are renowned tourist attractions. In 1840, the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse was built, and the harbor light operated until 1871. The Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park features two main structures, a keeper dwelling, and a light tower.

Next, the Fireside Inn and Presque Isle Lodge are some of the first known establishments that sparked recreational tourism in the township. The Fireside Inn was constructed in 1908 and began receiving steady guests by mid-July 1909. The Presque Isle Lodge was built in 1920 and was the fourth largest resort/hotel in the area.

Third, Rockport State Park is one of Michigan's most unique state parks, which encompasses 4,237 acres in Presque Isle and Alpena Counties.

Within Presque Isle Township, the state park is designated as a Dark Sky Preserve, and contains hiking trails, sinkholes, fossils, beaches, a historic ghost village, and shipwrecks. Historically, Rockport State Park operated as a quarry from 1914 until the end of the 1950's. The loading dock foundations used to load the freighters with stone still stretch into Lake Huron.

More recently, the US 23 Heritage Route was established under the Michigan legislature in 1993. The US 23 Heritage Route is a Pure Michigan Byway, which begins in Standish and travels 200 miles up the Lake Huron shoreline to Mackinaw City. The route offers scenic views as well as sites of historical, recreational, and cultural significance. Furthermore, the township has six designated Michigan Historical Markers: Range Light, Old Lighthouse, New Lighthouse, Burnham's Landing, Kauffman House, and Presque Isle Lodge. Public lands also provide green spaces within the township.



In addition, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary protects nearly 100 historic shipwrecks in Lake Huron. The sanctuary has impacted Presque Isle Township since 2014 through

signage, buoy markers over shipwrecks, providing publicity for the lighthouses, and offering glass bottom boat tours.

## Population, Housing, & Transportation

According to the 2021 American Community Survey, Presque Isle Township has a population of 1,743 people. There are 1,698 total housing units with 828 classified as occupied and 870 classified as vacant. Out of the vacant housing units, 799 are classified as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Based on the township's average household size of owner-occupied units of 2.13, the estimated seasonal population would

be approximately 1,702 persons. However, this estimate does not include persons who stay at private lodging places, campgrounds, or at homes with family or friends, which makes it difficult to obtain a seasonal population estimate. U.S. 23 travels through the center of the township to connect residents to Alpena, Cheboygan, and Gaylord.

## Geology & Soils

Presque Isle Township's bedrock consists of a thin line of bell shale through the center of the township with dundee limestone to the north and traverse group to the south.

The township has two soil types: Summerville-Alpena-Ruse Association and Carbondale-Lupton-Tawas-Roscommon Association. The Summerville-Alpena-Ruse Association is found in larger concentrations throughout the township and predominantly consists of nearly level to undulating loamy soils that range from well-drained to very poorly drained. Generally, these soils are suitable for recreational activity with only slight to moderate soil limitations. The Carbondale-Lupton-Tawas-Roscommon Association is found in smaller concentrations in the township, particularly in the southern sections. These soils are predominantly organic, wet most of the year, and are found in drainage channels, marshes, and swamps. Recreational activity is severe to very severely limited on this soil type.

Karst features can be found in Rockport State Park (**Figure 1-2**). Karst topography is characterized by sinkholes, underground streams, and caves. These features occur when the limestone bedrock gradually dissolves and the surface rock collapses into the cavity, which causes tremors that may be reported as earthquakes. It takes several decades for new sinkholes to appear on the surface. Due to the moist terrain within the bedrock and the partially subterranean shaded location, the sinkholes host plant communities that are not found in the surrounding surface areas. In addition, karst features have a direct connection to the groundwater and put the township's groundwater at risk for contamination due to illicit dumping.

Additionally, all of Presque Isle County's drinking water is from groundwater that is provided through subsurface aquifers. These aquifers are highly vulnerable to surface contamination from septic systems, abandoned wells, barnyards, feedlots, pastures, croplands, and road corridors.



**Figure 1-2 Location of Sinkholes in Presque Isle Township**



## Surface Water

Presque Isle Township is part of the Ocqueoc River Watershed and Lake Huron Coastal Watershed. The Lake Huron Coastal Watershed occurs along the northern and eastern coasts of the township.

Lake Huron is the largest surface water resource in Presque Isle Township. It is the second largest of the five Great Lakes in surface area (23,000 square miles) and has the greatest length of shoreline at 3,827 miles due to its many islands and inlets. Over the last century, Lake Huron's fishery has undergone significant shifts due to aquatic invasive species, such as sea lamprey, zebra mussels, quagga mussels, round goby, and alewives.

In addition, Grand Lake and Long Lake are predominant water resources in the township. Approximately two-thirds of Grand Lake is located within the township with the remaining one-third located in Krakow Township. The lake is 5,874 acres in size and encompasses 19 islands. It has a maximum depth of 25 feet and is about eight miles long. Conversely, the northern half of Long Lake is located in Presque Isle and Krakow Townships, and the southern half is located in Alpena County. Long Lake has a surface area of 5,652 acres and is approximately 7.8 miles in length with a maximum depth of 25 feet. Presque Isle Township also has numerous smaller water resources, such as Lake Esau and the Bell River.

## Upland & Lowland Woodlands

Woodlands provide wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities, prevent erosion, and act as a noise buffer. In Presque Isle Township, woodlands account for over 13,000 acres with upland forests covering 6,641 acres and lowland forests covering about 6,704 acres. The township's upland forest types include aspen/birch stands, pine (red, jack, and white), oak (red and white),

and northern hardwoods (sugar maple, red maple, American beech, and basswood). The township's lowland forest types include lowland hardwoods (black ash, slippery elm, balsam poplar, aspen, and red maple), and lowland conifers (northern white cedar, black spruce, balsam fir, white spruce, and eastern tamarack).

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## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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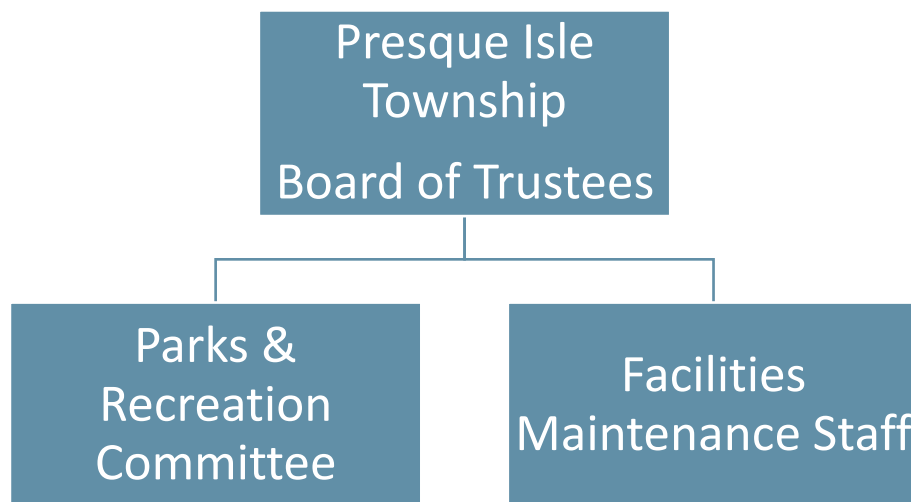
Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

## Administration

Presque Isle Township is governed by a five-member elected Board of Trustees consisting of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two trustees (**Figure 2-1**). The Township employs an Administrative Assistant and a part-time facility manager to maintain the township parks and facilities.

In 1995, the Board of Trustees created a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; however, the committee lacked the authority to operate the township parks system or administer the community resources. In 2009, the township reorganized the administration of the park system by creating a six member Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Figure 2-1 Administrative Organizational Chart**



## Relationships with Other Agencies & Volunteers

Presque Isle Township works with numerous agencies and volunteers to operate and improve the recreational facilities within the township. Some of the groups are listed below.

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|--|---|
| 1. Presque Isle Harbor Association       | 12. Presque Isle Community Men's Club                     |
| 2. Grand Lake Sailing                    | 13. Presque Isle Community Women's Club                   |
| 3. Presque Isle Yacht Club               | 14. Michigan Nature Association (Spitler Shore Sanctuary) |
| 4. Friends of Rockport State Park        | 15. Headwaters Land Conservancy                           |
| 5. Friends of Thompson Harbor State Park | 16. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary                 |
| 6. Friends of Presque Isle Library       | 17. Alpena Chamber of Commerce                            |
| 7. Grand Lake Association                | 18. Roger City Chamber of Commerce                        |
| 8. Long Lake Improvement Association     | 19. Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan           |
| 9. Grand Lake Sportsmen's Club           |   |
| 10. Presque Isle Township Museum Society |   |
| 11. Huron Pines (Emily Hunt Preserve)    |   |

## Parks & Recreation Funding

The Township Treasurer, the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee, develops the annual parks and recreation budget (**Table 2-1**). Much of the revenue for maintenance and improvements comes from the general fund, restricted general fund for parks and recreation, Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, and the tower climb admission fee and gift shop

sales from both the New and Old Lighthouses. The revenue from the tower climb fees and the gift shop sales goes toward maintaining Old and New Lighthouse Parks. The Township Board can accept grants and purchase land for recreational purposes. The Parks and Recreation Committee votes on event allocation funding only.

**Table 2-1 Presque Isle Township Parks & Recreation Budget, 2023-2027**

	2023	2024*	2025*	2026*	2027*	2028*
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Budget</b>	\$23,500	\$25,000	\$26,200	\$27,500	\$28,500	\$30,300
Source: Presque Isle Township *Projected budget may be subject to change						

## Recreation Grant History

Presque Isle Township received and successfully completed three grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grants program.

1. **Old Presque Isle Lighthouse, 1993, Grant # TF93-018:** Acquisition of approximately 28 acres, including 1,000 feet of Lake Huron shoreline.
2. **Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park, 1996, Grant # TF96-029:** Develop 21 acres including 1,630 feet of Lake Huron frontage for water access and general park purposes, including road and parking, trails, visitor center renovations, and site improvements.
3. **Range Light Park Development, 2012, Grant # 26-01723:** Development to include disability access via a 300-foot boardwalk to a raised and covered pavilion in Range Light Park.

CHAPTER

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# RECREATION INVENTORY



Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan



## Inventory Method & Classification System

Presque Isle Township contains a great variety of natural resources including Lake Huron, inland lakes, rivers/streams, and many different types of recreation areas. Staff from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) visited each recreation facility to do an on-site assessment in order to update the park's information, accessibility rating, and photos from previous years. In addition, information from state and local government agencies, volunteer groups, and local Chambers of Commerce was used to update the plan's information.

An evaluation of each park's accessibility was completed during the onsite inventory. This assessment visually evaluated the accessibility of facilities and routes to facilities for persons with mobility constraints. Barrier-free accessibility in parks and recreational facilities is important for current and future programming as it makes these spaces more inclusive and easier for all to use. The assessment followed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' scale for evaluating park accessibility in the 2021 *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plans* on a scale of 1 to 5.

### DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design







New Presque Isle Lighthouse			
Location: 4500 East Grand Lake Road			
Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
99	Special Use: Outdoor concerts, meeting room, events	2	Barrier-free parking is designated, and the site has seasonally accessible outhouses. The keeper's houses and lighthouse tower do not have barrier-free accessible stairs. Garrity Hall is fully accessible.

## Description

The New Lighthouse Park is located approximately one mile north of the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse. Ownership of the property was officially transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to Presque Isle Township during a ceremony on June 16, 1998. The Federal Government operates and maintains the lighthouse's active navigational aid and its associated electronic and lighthouse equipment. The New Presque Isle Lighthouse has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983 and a State Historical Marker was dedicated on July 6, 1991 (Site NO. L1562).

The lighthouse is the tallest on Lake Huron and is generally considered to be one of the most picturesque out of the surviving Great Lakes lighthouses. The tower may be climbed for a fee when the gift shop is open. The grounds contain a picnic pavilion at the tip of the scenic point. The former garage has been renamed Garrity Hall and has been renovated to include heat, a kitchen, and a meeting room. Portions of the property near the Presque Isle State Harbor have non-motorized trails.

The New Lighthouse was built in 1870, and its conical tower stands 113 feet high, which produces a focal plane of 123 feet above the mean low water level of Lake Huron. Adjoining the tower and connected to it by an enclosed walkway is the original brick and gable-roofed Keeper's House. The base is surmounted by a round iron watch room and a ten-sided cast





iron lantern. The light was first turned on at the beginning of the 1871 navigation season and was automated by the Coast Guard in 1970. The Coast Guard removed the original lens, a Third-Order Fresnel manufactured by Henry LaPoute of Paris, in May 2003 and it is on display in the annex to the 1870 Keeper's Cottage. The Federal Government retains ownership of the lens. In 1988, the tower was re-bricked and restored to its original condition. The 1905 house was erected as a more spacious residence for the keeper and his family, and is used as a museum that the Presque Isle Township Museum Society operates.

In 2001, a major restoration project was completed to restore and preserve the Keeper's House with the assistance from a CMI Grant. The Township matched 25% of the grant to fund the \$246,123 grant project. In 2003, the Township was awarded a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) Waterfront Redevelopment Grant for \$91,500 to renovate the lens and reconstruct the lantern room. In 2018, Presque Isle Township partnered with the Presque Isle Township Museum Society to establish the



Presque Isle Township Lighthouses Restoration Fund at the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

In 2022, lighthouse restoration funds, lighthouse gift shop funds, Township recreation committee funds, and Township facility budget funds were used to replace cracked bricks and repair window lintels.

## Old Presque Isle Lighthouse

Location: 5295 East Grand Lake Road

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
20.7	Special Use: Weddings, events	2	There is a designated accessible parking area. The cottage's second floor and light tower are not barrier-free due to the facility's historic nature. Seasonally accessible outhouses are available.

## Description

The Old Lighthouse Park is located east of Presque Isle Harbor. The site has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973 (Ref. NO. 72000957), and a State Historical Marker was erected and formally dedicated on June 19, 1965 (Site No. P24577). In 1995, the site was transferred from the Stebbins Family to Presque Isle Township with assistance from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Program and private donors.



The park provides trails and picnic areas. Visitors may ring a bell, access the museums, and tour the Keeper's Cottage. Admission is charged to climb the lighthouse tower.

In the 1830's, ships engaging in coastal trade used Presque Isle Harbor for shelter and as a loading/unloading dock for cordwood used in their boilers and to get clean drinking water. This prompted the Federal Government to appropriate \$5,000 for a lighthouse at the harbor entrance. Materials were brought by boat and Jeremiah Moors of Detroit constructed the lighthouse with a conical tower of 30 feet tall, 18 feet in diameter at the base, and nine feet at the top. The tower walls are four feet thick and blocks of stone were carved to form the circular stairway to the top. Equipment for the lighting was furnished by John Scott, who certified the lighthouse and dwelling on September 7, 1840. Upon its completion, Henry L. Woolsey was appointed its first keeper, and the light was manned until 1871.





Range Light Park			
Location: East Grand Lake Road (North of 638 Hwy, South of Presque Isle Harbor)			
Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
6.7	Regional Park: Public swimming	2	The walkway and pavilion area were constructed with universal design standards and meet barrier-free accessibility standards. The beach, playground, Range Light, and other structures do not have barrier-free accessibility pathways.

## Description

The park is located on both sides of Grand Lake Road consisting of a public beach, swings, and picnic pavilion. In 1870, Presque Isle Range Lights were constructed to mark the channel into Presque Isle Harbor and guide recreational watercraft into the harbor/marina. The original forward-range light was restored and returned to the site in 2003 and 2004, but has not been open to the public. A boardwalk and picnic pavilion were constructed with the aid of a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and officially opened in 2015.



Presque Isle Township Hall			
Location: 12653 East Grand Lake Road			
Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
5	Community Facility: Meetings, gym, events	3	There is a designated accessible parking area. The Township Hall includes barrier-free entryways, walkways, a gymnasium, and a meeting room.

## Description

The Township Hall provides office and meeting space for the Township Government as well as a gym. The gym is used for recreational sports, meetings, voting polls, and events. The Township Hall has a complete kitchen that can be rented for weddings, parties, and other private social events.



Presque Isle Township Park			
Location: Across from the Presque Isle Township Hall on East Grand Lake Road			
Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
9	Undeveloped	1	The park is in the development planning phase.

## Description

The Township plans to develop the property into a park. A committee is actively investigating development opportunities.

## Yakitan Road Park

Location: Yakitan Road (approximately one mile west of the Presque Isle Township Hall)

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
10	Undeveloped	1	The park is in the development planning phase.

### Description

The site is a former landfill that remains undeveloped.

## Quarry Overlook

Location: End of Dump Road in Section 4 (south of Lotus Pond off Grand Lake Road)

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
10	Undeveloped	1	The park is in the development planning phase.

### Description

The site is a former landfill that is planned to be developed into a park and quarry view.

## Anishinaabe Trail

Location: Whiskey Point Road to Presque Isle Harbor along Grand Lake Road

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
5	Active Transportation	5	The paved trail was constructed with universal design standards.

### Description

Presque Isle Township partnered with the Presque Isle County Road Commission to receive a Transportation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$127,193. The grant was used to pave six foot shoulders on both sides of a 2.83 mile portion of the trail system from Whiskey Point Road to the

Kauffman House. Construction was completed in May 2004 for a total cost of \$265,789. Matching funds were contributed by the township, corporate sponsors, local organizations, citizen donors, and fundraisers.



## Kauffman Park

Location: Kauffman Boulevard Road End

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
0.8	Undeveloped	1	The park is in the development planning phase.

### Description

On April 5, 1960, Russell and Mildred Kauffman dedicated approximately 0.8 acres with the intent the land be developed as a Presque Isle Township park. The property remains undeveloped except for a launch site to Lake Esau.

## Other Public Recreation Facilities

### Spitler Shore Nature Sanctuary

Location: Kauffman Road (west of South Albany Point)

### Description

In December 2017, the Michigan Nature Association acquired the nature sanctuary along the shore of Lake Huron's 'Shipwreck Alley.' The site consists of approximately 51 acres and is primarily composed of aspen, cedar, and balsam fir. Red pine, red oak, and birch are also found at this site. The sanctuary was donated by Gerald Spitler, who desired the property remain open to the public and

be conserved in its natural state with a trail system. The Lake Huron bottomlands immediately offshore, including those areas adjacent to the sanctuary, are part of the 4,300 square mile Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which protects one of America's best preserved and nationally significant shipwreck collections. The wreck of the *Albany* is in the bay offshore of the nature sanctuary.

### Emily Hunt Nature Preserve

Location: Shubert Hwy. (two miles west of US-23)

### Description

The Emily Hunt Nature Preserve is managed by Huron Pines. This preserve offers opportunities for the public to learn about stewardship, best practices, and land management. There is a small

parking lot at the trailhead. In March 2019, the Thunder Bay Audubon Society donated 428 acres to Huron Pines.

### Presque Isle State Harbor

### Description

The Presque Isle State Harbor is clean marina certified and provides 120 slips (45 seasonal, 75 transient). It is one of the last state harbors for fuel until Mackinaw City and includes a boat

launch and day use dockage, restrooms, showers, grills, a dog run, a fishing pier, and a swimming beach.

## Besser Natural Area

### Description

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources maintains this 134-acre tract in the southeastern portion of Presque Isle Township along more than 4,000 feet of Lake Huron shoreline at False Presque Isle Harbor. The site is the location of the Village of Bell, an abandoned lumbering era village. The Bell Cemetery was restored and re-dedicated in 1989.

A stand of virgin pine on the site is maintained as a memorial to the lumbermen who spared the trees. The site also has a one-mile hiking trail to a small lagoon. A large freestanding chimney, which was previously attached to the Kamp Kairphree lodge for girls and women aged 8 to 18 (1922-1927) can be viewed from the trail.

## Rockport State Recreation Area

### Description

This 4,237-acre recreation area is located in the southeast corner of Presque Isle Township as well as in Alpena Township, Alpena County. The Besser Natural Area is located in Rockport State Recreation

Area. The park houses unique sinkholes, a deep water protected harbor, a 300-acre old limestone quarry, a boat launch, a picnic area, and an outhouse.



## Water Access Sites

Sites are in addition to the major marinas and harbors

It should be noted there are numerous informal lake access or road-end sites within the township that are not listed. Many of these sites are maintained by the Presque Isle County Road Commission.

### Inland Lake Access Sites

- Long Lake – DNR operated and the County
- Grand Lake – DNR operated
- Lake Esau – owned by Presque Isle Township and the County
- Grand Lake and Long Lake Sites – Located along US-23, MDOT-owned, Road Commission maintained

## Lake Huron Access Sites

- Presque Isle State Harbor
- Rockport State Recreation Area Boat Launch
- New & Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park
- Besser Bell Natural Area
- Thompson's Harbor State Park
- Bell River Access
- Presque Isle Township Range Light Park

## Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

### Description

Designated in 2000, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is one of 15 sites and two marine national monuments managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries as well as one of two in the Great Lakes to protect one of the best preserved and nationally significant shipwreck collections. The 4,300 square mile site is headquartered in Alpena, Michigan and is one of the most treacherous stretches of water within the Great Lakes System due to its unpredictable weather, murky fog banks, sudden gales, and rocky shoals. The site has been named 'Shipwreck Alley,' and nearly 100 shipwrecks have been found in the sanctuary. NOAA and the State of Michigan co-manage the sanctuary and work with various partners to encourage sustainable tourism and foster greater awareness of the Great Lakes and their rich maritime heritage. The sanctuary's Great

Lakes Maritime Heritage Center has become a major tourism destination in the region with more than 10,000 square feet of interactive exhibits and its ability to host events and programs (e.g. Thunder Bay International Film Festival and Maritime Festival).

On September 5, 2014, NOAA released a final rule and environmental impact statement expanding the boundaries of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary from 448 square miles to 4,300 square miles to include the waters of Lake Huron adjacent to Michigan's Alcona, Alpena, and Presque Isle Counties and to the Canadian border (**Figure 3-1**). Divers and non-divers both enjoy the shipwrecks through chartered diving, glass-bottom boat tours, snorkeling, fishing tours, stand-up paddleboarding, and kayak and canoe rentals.

## Presque Isle District Library

### Description

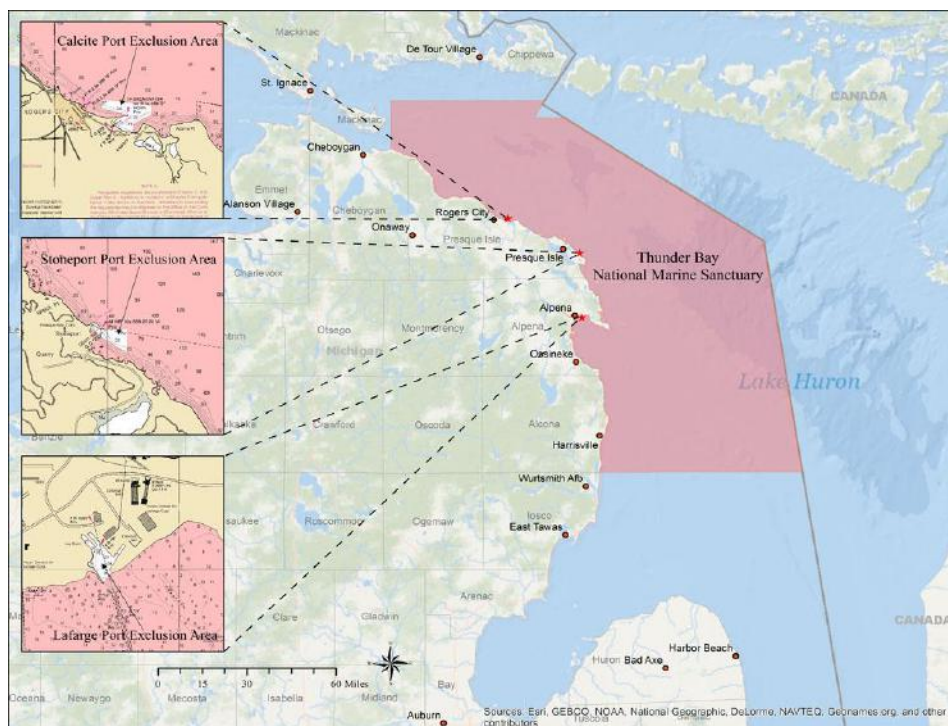
The District Library has locations in Rogers City, Onaway, Posen, Presque Isle Township, and Millersburg.

## US 23 Heritage Route

### Description

The US 23 Heritage Route extends 200 miles from Standish to Mackinaw City. Each county along the route has an active Heritage Route Team and participates in an overseeing Management Council, which works toward implementing projects in the US 23 Heritage Route Management Plan. The Presque Isle County Heritage Route Team consists of volunteers interested in tourism and history.

**Figure 3-1 Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Atlas Map**



Source: [http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/images/tbnms\\_expan\\_map1.jpg](http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/images/tbnms_expan_map1.jpg)

## Huron Blueways

### Description

The Huron Shores Coastal Water Trail is comprised of 200 miles of scenic views along Lake Huron from Standish to Mackinaw City. Key trail destinations in

Presque Isle Township include Presque Isle Harbor, Old & New Presque Isle Lighthouses, Range Light Park, and various shipwrecks.

## Sunrise Coast Birding Trail

### Description

The Sunrise Coast Birding Trail is a designated bird watching trail with several parks and viewpoints along the coast of Lake Huron.

## Private and Semi-Private Recreation Facilities

### Presque Isle Harbor Association

### Description

The Presque Isle Harbor Association is a private membership Home Owners Association that includes a clubhouse with a pool, game room, gym & exercise room, North Bay beach/beach house,

Grand Lake common area with boat launch, swimming beach, picnic area, playground, boat rentals, a 60-site modern campground, Lake Esau Park, Burnham's Landing Park, and nature trails.

## Presque Isle Yacht Club

### Description

The Presque Isle Yacht Club is a private membership organization, which promotes activities, tourism, and comradeship among

boaters. The yacht club donated complimentary bikes for use by visiting boat owners, which are tended by the Portage Store & Deli.

## Presque Isle Lodge

### Description

The Presque Isle Lodge is a privately-owned bed and breakfast lodge that hosts special events between Lake Esau and Grand Lake in Presque

Isle Township. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Grand Lake Association Park

### Description

The park is maintained by the Grand Lake Association and offers a tennis court, basketball

court, volleyball court, and playground equipment. The historic Kauffman House is used as a gift shop.

## Camp Chickagami

### Description

Camp Chickagami is a 100-acre private recreational group camp on the north end of Lake Esau. The camp is owned by the Episcopal Church Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and contains Fletcher Hall (meals

and indoor recreation), St. Andrew's Chapel, a beach, fields, trails, campfire sites, three lodges, and cabins and dorm units.

## Parker House

### Description

Located on four acres, the Parker House offers rental cabins, a dock on Long Lake, a restaurant, and an ice cream shop.

## Fireside Inn

### Description

The Fireside Inn is a historical site that offers rental cabins on Grand Lake. It has a restaurant, tennis courts, volleyball, ping-pong, horseshoes,

shuffleboard, a playground, canoeing, kayaking, walking trails, and a 9-hole disc golf course.

## Grand Lake Hotel

### Description

The Grand Lake Hotel offers cabins and cottages for rent, a tennis/pickleball court, a firepit, a

sundeck, and a dock. Boats are not supplied, but rental companies can be found in the area.

### Festivals & Events

#### February

- Grand Lake Sportsmen's Club Ice Fishing Contest
- Reel Fun Fishing Tournament

#### May

- Memorial Weekend 5k Run
- Memorial Day Breakfast

#### June

- Wooden Boat Show – Presque Isle State Harbor
- Long Lake Lights Festival
- Pie and Game Night
- Fireside 500 Boat Race

#### July

- Grand Lake Sportsmen's Club Fishing Contest
- Concerts at the New Lighthouse – Every Wednesday
- Presque Isle Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic – New Lighthouse
- Presque Isle FUN Raisers Fireworks Display
- GLA Ice Cream Social
- Grand Lake Sailing Regatta

#### August

- Meteors and S'mores –Rockport State Recreation Area
- Poker Run
- Grand Lake Sailing Regatta
- Grand Lake Association - Arts & Crafts Show

#### October

- Lake Huron Discover Tour – US 23 Heritage Route
- Autumn Lights Festival – second week of October
- Pumpkin Stroll

#### December

- Community Christmas

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CHAPTER

# 4

## PLANNING PROCESS



Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

## Planning Process

The development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Parks and Recreation Committee was the lead entity in developing the recreation plan. The Parks and Recreation

Committee, Planning Commission, and Township Board of Trustees meetings were open to the public with time allocated for comments. A timeline for the recreation plan update can be found below.

## Schedule

<b>August 2022</b>	Presque Isle Township contracts with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to assist with updating the township's master plan and discusses future updates to the Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan.
<b>September 2022</b>	NEMCOG Staff drafts the public survey for the master plan update.
<b>November 2022</b>	NEMCOG Staff added recreation-related questions to the survey per Presque Isle Township's request. Presque Isle Township includes flyers about the public survey in the winter tax bill mailings.
<b>December 2022</b>	The public survey is made available to the public, and is advertised and posted on Facebook & Instagram pages, including <i>Presque Isle Township Parks &amp; Recreation</i> , <i>Pure Presque Isle</i> , and <i>Presque Isle Happenings</i> . Presque Isle Township contracts with NEMCOG to assist with updating the township's recreation plan.
<b>January 2023</b>	NEMCOG Staff closes the public survey.
<b>September 2023</b>	The Parks and Recreation Committee and NEMCOG Staff review draft recreation plan chapters and discuss facility needs.
<b>October 2023</b>	The Parks and Recreation Committee and Planning Commission review and update the recreation plan's goals, objectives, and action plan.
<b>November 2023</b>	<p>A public notice about the plan's availability for a 30-day public review and public hearing was published in the <i>Presque Isle County Advance</i> and was posted on social media and at the Township Hall.</p> <p>The draft plan was posted for a 30-day public review period on NEMCOG's and Presque Isle Township's websites, and hardcopies were available at the Township Hall, the Presque Isle Harbor Association Clubhouse, and the library.</p>
<b>December 2023</b>	The public hearing was held during a joint meeting between the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission. Public comments were received in regards to updates to the recreation inventory, action items, and the community description. The Parks and Recreation Committee responded to the comments. The Planning Commission passed a resolution to adopt the plan with amendments, and to recommend the Township Board adopt the amended plan. <b>The Township Board passed a resolution to adopt the recreation plan.</b>

## Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is vital to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was offered to citizens to gain input for the development of a new master plan, which included several questions about recreational facilities and services in the township. The survey was open for approximately three months and had

422 people who participated, although not every person completed all the survey questions. The survey results can be viewed in Appendix A-1 or by contacting the Planning Commission. The Parks and Recreation Committee felt the community was well-represented throughout the process.

## Planning Documentation

Documentation for the planning process can be found below:

### Public Input Survey Outreach

Posts About Photos Mentions

Dec 3, 2022 · 🌐

You may have seen it in a tax bill newsletter... Presque Isle Township is drafting the next 5-Year Master Plan and your input is needed via an online survey.


First: We want to know what YOU think, because we value your opinion about Presque Isle's future goals, policies & strategies.

Second: We know your time is precious, so we suggest that you allow 15-30 minutes to complete the survey before 12/31/22.

Third: It's easy! Just click the link below or scan the QR code to access the survey. You can skip any questions that don't interest you or add your own suggestions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PresqueIsleTwp>

(Paper copies of the survey are available at the township office.)



Posts About Photos Mentions

Dec 7, 2022 · 🌐

24 DAYS REMAIN to complete the PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN SURVEY. Your responses, along with those from your PI neighbors and/or property owners, are extremely important!


Want to know more about the prior Master Plan before taking the 15-30 minute survey? You can view the 2014-2019 Master Plan online at:

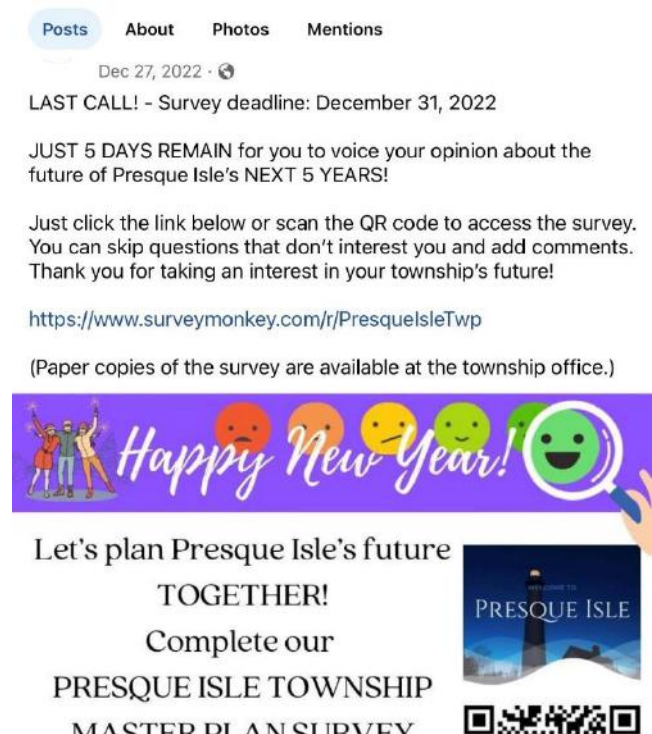
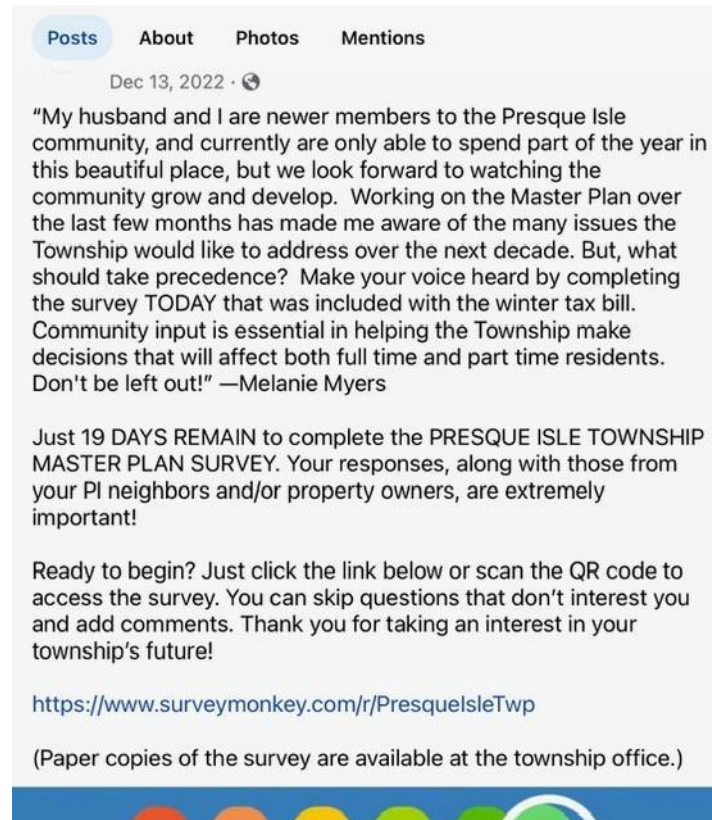
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Ready to begin? Just click the link below or scan the QR code to access the survey. You can skip questions that don't interest you and add comments. Thank you for taking an interest in your township's future!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PresqueIsleTwp>

(Paper copies of the survey are available at the township office.)



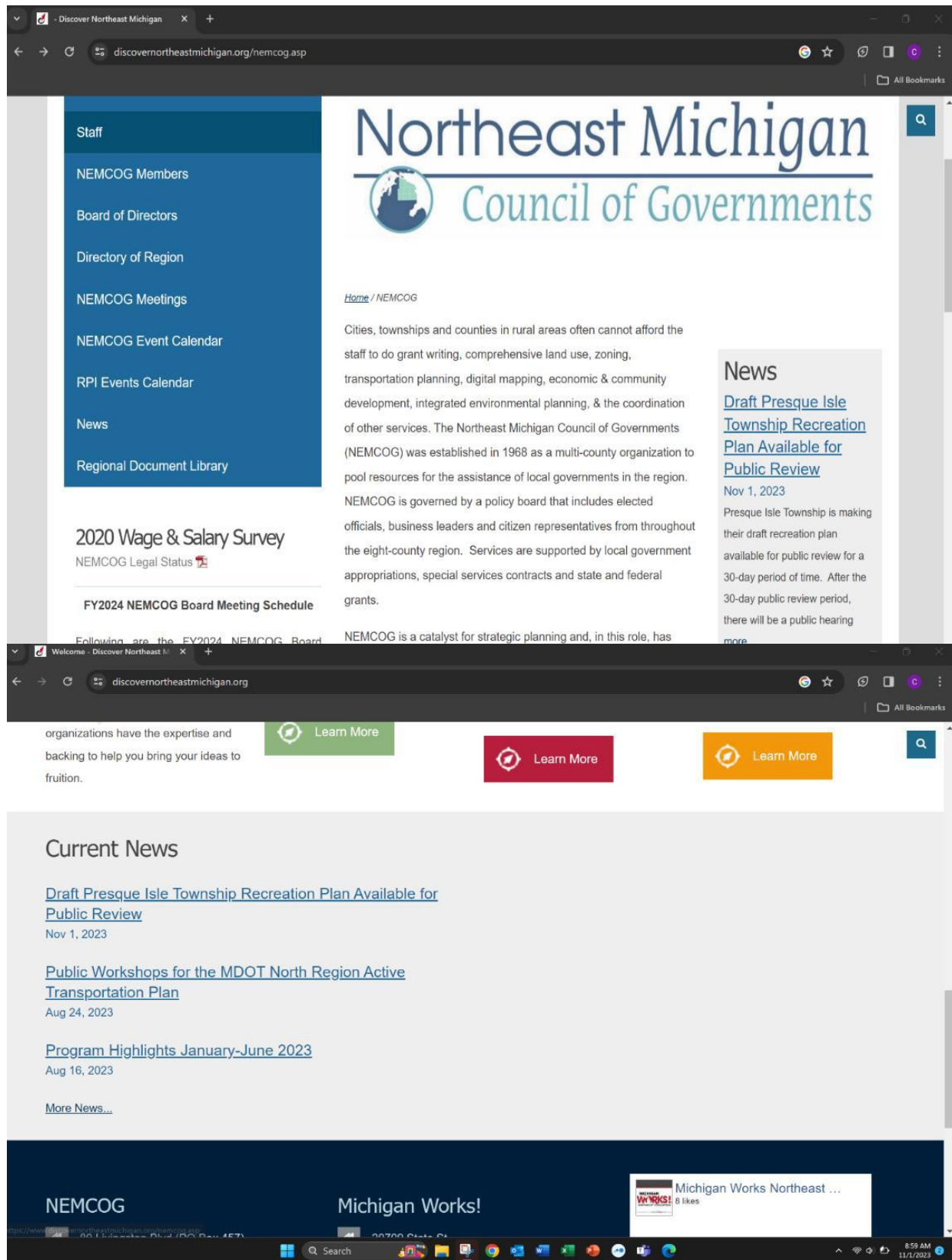


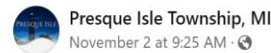
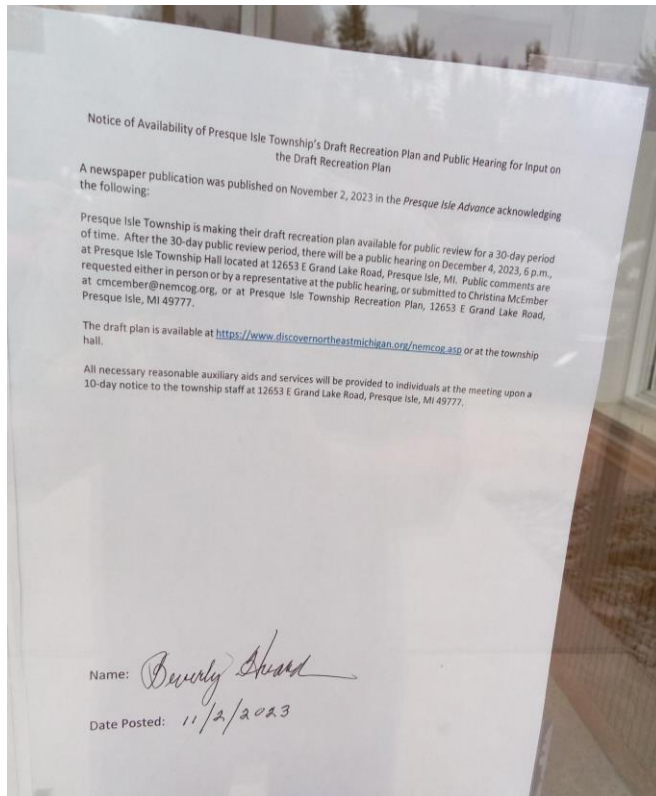


## Notice of Draft Plan's Availability for a 30-day Review Period & Public Hearing Notice

The top screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL [discovernortheastmichigan.org/article.asp?ait=nv&nid=609](https://discovernortheastmichigan.org/article.asp?ait=nv&nid=609). The page features a dark blue header with navigation links: COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, MICHIGAN WORKS!, PROSPERITY COLLABORATIVE, and DOCUMENT LIBRARY. Below the header is a white banner with the "DISCOVER Northeast Michigan EAST OF EXPECTED" logo. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home / News / Draft Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan Available for Public Review. The article title is "Draft Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan Available for Public Review". The text states: "Presque Isle Township is making their draft recreation plan available for public review for a 30-day period of time. After the 30-day public review period, there will be a public hearing on December 4, 2023, 6pm, at Presque Isle Township Hall located at 12653 E Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, MI. Public comments are requested either in person or by representative at the public hearing, or submitted to Christina McEmber at [cmember@nemcog.org](mailto:cmember@nemcog.org), or at Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan, 12653 E Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777. The draft plan is available by clicking below or at the township hall. All necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services will be provided to individuals at the meeting upon 10 days' notice to the township staff at 12653 E Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777." A link "Download the Presque Isle Township Draft Recreation Plan" is provided. The article was created on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

The bottom screenshot shows the same website with the URL [discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp](https://discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp). The header and banner are identical. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home / Community / Planning & Community Development / Recreation Plans. The section title is "Recreation Plans". The text explains: "The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires communities to have a DNR-approved recreation plan in order to qualify for DNR Recreation Grant programs. Recreation Plans are valid for a five year period. NEMCOG staff works with local communities to create recreation plans as well as assists these communities with the grant application process. There are many steps involved in creating a DNR-approved recreation plan, and NEMCOG staff works closely with Planning". To the right of the text is a map of Island Park, Michigan, showing various land use zones and a "WILDLIFE SANCTUARY". To the left of the main content is a blue sidebar with links: Community Development by County, Community Development Resources, Community Development Projects, Master Plans, Zoning Ordinances, Recreation Plans, Environment & Natural Resources, Joint Land Use Study, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Solid Waste Plans. To the right of the main content is a "Recreation Plan News" section with a link "Draft Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan Available for Public Review" and the date "Nov 1, 2023".





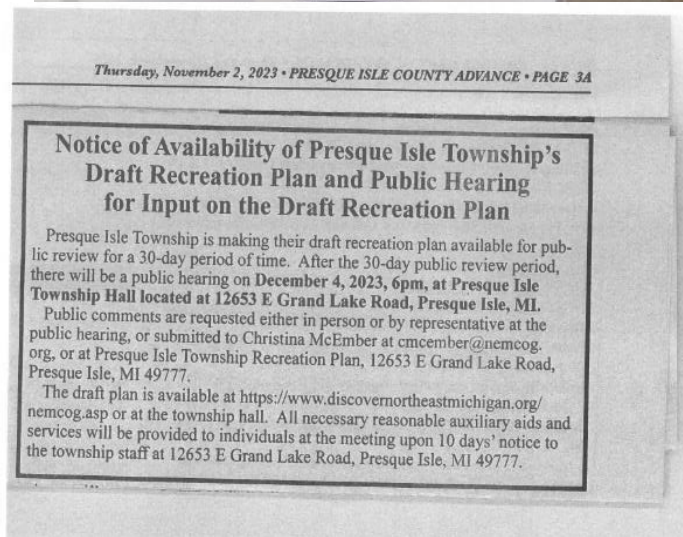
## Notice of Availability of Presque Isle Township's Draft Recreation Plan and Public Hearing for Input on the Draft Recreation Plan

A newspaper publication was published on November 2, 2023 in the Presque Isle Advance acknowledging the following:

Presque Isle Township is making their draft recreation plan available for public review for a 30-day period of time. After the 30-day public review period, there will be a public hearing on December 4, 2023, 6 p.m., at Presque Isle Township Hall located at 12653 E Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, MI. Public comments are requested either in person or by a representative at the public hearing, or submitted to Christina McEmber at cmcember@nemcog.org, or at Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan, 12653 E Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777.

The draft plan is available at <https://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/nemcog.asp> or at the township hall.

All necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services will be provided to individuals at the meeting upon a 10-day notice to the township staff at 12653 E Grand Lake Road, Presque Isle, MI 49777.





## Signed Public Hearing & Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

### Planning Commission Adoption Resolution

## PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

### RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

#### Presque Isle Township Planning Commission

- WHEREAS,** Presque Isle Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2024-2028, and
- WHEREAS,** An online recreation survey was published on December 3, 2022 and remained open for public input until January 4, 2023 providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and
- WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the *Presque Isle County Advance* which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and
- WHEREAS,** Presque Isle Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Presque Isle Township Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan <sup>with amendments</sup> and recommends to the Township Board adoption of the Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Presque Isle Township.

Yeas: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 0

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Presque Isle Township Planning Commission held on December 4, 2023.

Signature

*Chair Thomas J. Guyer*

*Presque Isle Township Planning Commission*

Date

*12.4.2023*

**Signed Township Board Meeting Minutes**

**Township Board Adoption Resolution**

**Presque Isle County Submittal Letter**

**Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) Submittal Letter**

CHAPTER

# 5

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES



Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

## Goals & Objectives

After reviewing input from the community and the township's demographic characteristics, the Parks and Recreation Committee developed the following goals, objectives, and action items to provide

guidance in the development of recreational projects and programs within Presque Isle Township.

### Goals & Objectives Key

#### Responsible Parties

PC	Planning Commission
RC	Parks & Recreation Committee
Staff	Facilities Manager
TB	Township Board

Focus Area	Goals & Objectives	Priority Level	Responsible Party
Planning	<b>Goal 1: Maintain an active Parks and Recreation Committee.</b>		
	1. Annually review the Capital Improvement Plan to assure equipment, maintenance, and improvements exceeding \$5,000 are identified in the plan.	High	TB, RC, PC, Staff
	2. Cooperatively work with state, county, nonprofit, and other agencies in planning for parks and recreation opportunities.	High	RC, PC, TB
	3. Maintain an active Parks & Recreation Plan with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	4. Identify methods to gather citizen input for parks and recreation-related decision-making.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	5. Develop plans for recreational facilities and trails on unutilized/underutilized township-owned property.	Medium	RC, PC, TB, Staff
	<b>Goal 2: Develop stable funding sources, and practice sound fiscal management of parks and recreation facilities.</b>		
	1. Leverage funding sources for capital improvements, operations, and maintenance (e.g. local sources, state and federal programs, local businesses, etc.).	High	RC, PC, TB, Staff
	2. Coordinate recreation-related development with state, county, and other agencies for acquisition, disposal, lease agreement, donation, and exchange of publicly-owned lands in the Township.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	<b>Goal 3: Promote the township's parks and recreation facilities.</b>		
	1. Develop and promote year-round recreation programs.	Medium	RC, Staff
	2. Promote the Township's winter recreation and surface water facilities and activities.	Medium	RC, Staff

Focus Area	Goals & Objectives	Priority Level	Responsible Party
Maintenance & Future Improvements	<b>Goal 1: Maintain and improve township recreation facilities.</b>		
	1. Ensure crucial maintenance tasks take place at the New Lighthouse, Old Lighthouse, and Range Light.	High	RC, PC, TB, Staff
	2. Annually identify facility maintenance and equipment upgrades and improvements.	Medium	RC, PC, TB, Staff
	3. Improve ADA accessibility at all parks.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	<b>Goal 2: Expand parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of all segments of the population and year-round conditions.</b>		
	1. Implement plans for undeveloped park facilities.	High	RC, PC, TB, Staff
	2. Improve lake and river access sites to provide a variety of recreational opportunities.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	<b>Goal 3: Improve access to and accessibility within recreational facilities.</b>		
	1. Expand the Anishinaabee Trail.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	2. Identify areas to accommodate a multi-modal countywide path.	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	3. Expand and maintain hiking, biking, and snowmobile trails and signage.	Medium	RC, TB, Staff
	<b>Goal 4: Protect natural and cultural features (e.g. karst topography, forests, natural drainage ways, historical structures, etc.).</b>		
	1. Work with state, county, nonprofit, and other agencies to continue to protect and preserve publicly-owned land.	High	RC, PC, TB
	2. Identify and encourage the preservation of historical and cultural sites (e.g. the Old and New Lighthouse, Range Light, Kauffman House, Besser Bell Natural Area, Presque Isle Lodge, Fireside Inn, etc.).	Medium	RC, PC, TB
	3. Develop and utilize recreational sites in a manner that results in a greater appreciation of the Township's natural resources.	Medium	RC, TB

## Action Plan

The Action Plan provides proposed improvements to each site with anticipated cost estimates, funding sources, completion years, and priorities. It should be noted that these anticipated items may change due to

unforeseen circumstances, such as changes in market conditions, unavailable funding, changes in priorities, etc.



Action Plan Key	
Funding Source	
D/P	Non-Profit Organizations, Private Contributions, Donations, or Partnerships
EGLE	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (e.g. Clean Michigan Initiative and Coastal Management Fund Grants)
LRF	Lighthouse Restoration Fund
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources (e.g. Recreation Passport Grant, Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land & Water Conservation Fund)
MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation (e.g. Transportation Alternatives Program)
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
TWP	Township General Fund

New Lighthouse				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
High	Improved playground equipment	~\$20,000	MDNR, TWP	2024-2026
High	Parking lot improvements	~\$8,000	MDNR, TWP	2025
High	Improved restrooms & septic	~\$12,000	EGLE, MDNR, TWP	2025
High	Improvement of the Swath area	~\$2,000	EGLE	2024-2026
Medium	Install universally accessible digital technology to educate and enhance visitor's experience	~\$6,000	MDNR, TWP, SHPO, D/P	2024-2026
Low	Construct a replica of the historic garage	~\$18,000	SHPO, MDNR, LRF, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Construct a replica of a privy	~\$6,000	SHPO, MDNR, LRF, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Construct a replica of an oil house	~\$8,000	SHPO, MDNR, LRF, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Construct a replica of a cistern	~\$4,000	SHPO, MDNR, LRF, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Develop an amphitheater	~\$80,000	MDNR, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Install a story walk	~\$2,500	MDNR, SHPO, TWP, D/P	2026-2028

Old Lighthouse				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
High	Install a story walk	~\$2,500	MDNR, SHPO, TWP, D/P	2024-2026
High	Improve and/or add additional vault toilets	~\$10,000	EGLE, MDNR, TWP	2025
Low	Construct a maintenance garage	~\$25,000	MDNR, TWP	2024-2028

Range Light Park				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
High	Install a beach volleyball court	TBD	TWP, D/P	2024
High	Install playground equipment	~\$20,000	MDNR, TWP	2024-2026
Medium	Install an ADA paddlesport launch	~\$15,000	EGLE, MDNR, TWP, D/P	2025-2027

Presque Isle Township Park				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
High	Develop, construct, and grade parking lots and walking paths	~\$18,000	MDNR, TWP, D/P	2025-2028
Low	Develop and construct pickleball courts, a playground and a dog park	TBD	MDNR, TWP, D/P	2024-2028

Yakitan Road Park & Quarry Overlook				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
High	Work with EGLE to ensure the sites are free of potential contaminants	TBD	EGLE, TWP	2024-2026
Medium	Work with the MDNR to construct a shooting range.	TBD	MDNR, TWP	2024-2028
Low	Analyze the available recreational opportunities in the township and gather public input to determine the best recreational opportunities for the sites	TBD	TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Develop plans for the best utilization of the sites	TBD	TWP, D/P	2024-2028

Kauffman Park				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
Medium	Analyze the available recreational opportunities in the township and gather public input to determine the best recreational opportunities for the sites	TBD	TWP	2024-2026
Low	Develop a plan for the best utilization of the site	TBD	TWP, D/P, MDNR	2026-2028

Trail Improvements				
Priority	Proposed Improvement	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Year
Low	Expand the Anishinaabee Trail.	TBD	MDOT, MDNR, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Identify locations for and install ADA paddlesport launches	~\$15,000	EGLE, MDNR, TWP, D/P	2024-2028
Low	Improve signage along township-owned trails.	TBD	TWP, D/P	2024-2028

## Basis for Action

1. Presque Isle Township has a significantly older population with individuals aged 65 years and older comprising about 37.3% of the population compared to the State of Michigan at 24.2%. The majority of migration into the township is from persons aged 60 years and older. Therefore, this large population has the time and desire to participate in age appropriate recreational activities and should be given consideration during the planning process. In addition, approximately 31.7% of the township's population is under the age of 45 and have very little access to age appropriate recreational activities and programs due to the township's rural nature.
2. Natural beauty and history are found throughout Presque Isle Township, and it is important to consider how people will get to the park & recreation site, if they are able to move freely within the site, and if they are able to pay required fees.
3. The township has about 46.2% of its homes classified as vacant or seasonal and should plan for seasonal recreational opportunities accordingly.

*Figures obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-year estimates.*

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# Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

## Appendix

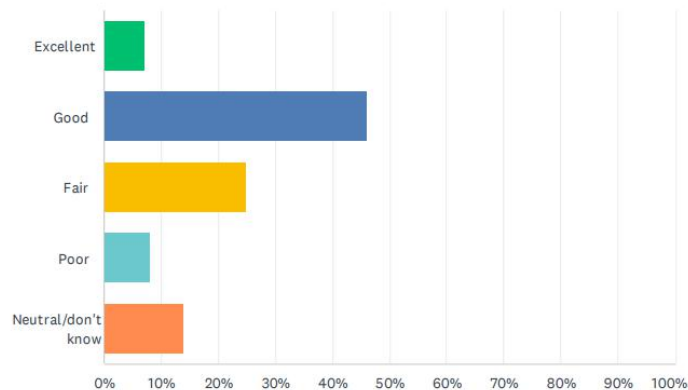
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## Public Input Survey

Relevant survey results were obtained from the Presque Isle Township Master Plan Survey 2022. Full survey results can be obtained from the Planning Commission.

Q27 How would you rate the Township's efforts to protect the natural environment?

Answered: 325 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	7.08%	23
Good	46.15%	150
Fair	24.92%	81
Poor	8.00%	26
Neutral/don't know	13.85%	45
TOTAL		325



## Q28 Are there other services or activities that you would like to see the Township provide that are not already being provided?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 339

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	1/1/2023 3:37 PM
2	We enjoy the activities provided by the township and would enjoy seeing them continue.	12/31/2022 8:18 PM
3	Central information website	12/31/2022 10:20 AM
4	With the sudden surge of residents moving here, I am finding more trash on the beaches, roads, & nature trails. We do have people cleaning up, but we may need to do it more often.	12/31/2022 1:35 AM
5	More summer concert/nature series	12/30/2022 12:13 PM
6	Fireworks on July 4th.	12/29/2022 12:20 PM
7	An improved fitness center for the community to keep strong in the rugged outdoors.	12/28/2022 4:15 PM
8	None	12/28/2022 9:23 AM
9	None	12/28/2022 9:03 AM
10	Too many to list and likely no funding to do so. A concerted effort to "open" government and involve community members should be made a priority.	12/28/2022 6:55 AM
11	Structured activities for children and young teens.	12/27/2022 9:39 PM
12	There should be better coordination of the management of township properties with other public/private lands involving the PIHA, DNR/State, Huron Pines, land/nature conservancies, museum societies, NGO's, etc. At this time, land management is far too piecemeal and fragmented.	12/27/2022 2:17 PM
13	No	12/24/2022 9:47 AM
14	Pickleball courts	12/24/2022 9:43 AM
15	Pickleball courts.	12/24/2022 9:23 AM
16	Pickleball court	12/23/2022 6:56 PM
17	Trash pickup. Leaf/brush pickup. Water, Sewer.	12/23/2022 5:09 PM
18	Providing more education on ways to protect property, lakes, natural areas. I'm shocked at the number of new homes that have cleared their land of trees and put up large seawalls, both of which are damaging to wildlife and lake health.	12/23/2022 1:51 PM
19	no	12/23/2022 11:51 AM
20	Need to repair park facilities and fencing, provide trash and recycling containers on park grounds, as well as year round restrooms so people don't leave used tissue and waste on trails.	12/22/2022 9:52 PM
21	"Taxation without representation" exists in Michigan. As part time residents we pay a lot in taxes and have no vote in decision-making. And we use/receive a fraction of the services paid for by full time residents.	12/22/2022 12:34 PM

22	Need an economic development team to attract/retain businesses to the community.	12/20/2022 4:17 PM
23	I think they should focus on the jobs, goals and responsibilities they have now before trying to expand. Any expansion would probably just be more tasks poorly done.	12/20/2022 12:04 PM
24	Parks for adult and children use	12/19/2022 4:05 PM

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25	Parks and Rec - what do they provide for the community for what they are paid Central calendar of events	12/18/2022 1:57 PM
26	Natural area's stewardship; invasive species control; water quality	12/18/2022 11:16 AM
27	More arts programming.	12/18/2022 7:04 AM
28	On line platt maps	12/17/2022 11:08 PM
29	Sponsor guided/informative nature hikes	12/17/2022 10:33 AM
30	walking paths	12/15/2022 7:54 AM
31	I'm not happy how the township cuts down the wild flowers on the side of the roads	12/13/2022 5:13 PM
32	N/a	12/13/2022 4:30 PM
33	A dog park would be nice	12/13/2022 11:07 AM
34	Take the Harbor back from the DNR and manage it.	12/13/2022 9:12 AM
35	Enable hall to be used for Wellness Activities - Yoga, Tai Chi Used Book Sale, Dances, Farmers Market, Art Fair, Entertainment This could be a source of revenue	12/12/2022 6:07 PM
36	Better code enforcement	12/12/2022 1:11 PM
37	Supporting more volutneer and nonprofits to supplement services like natural resource protection and debris cleanup.	12/11/2022 1:55 PM
38	Expanded recycling program. (Although I believe that it is the county that provides that??) During high vacation times, the receptacles tend to overflow right after each weekend. Possibly additional pickup days.	12/11/2022 11:43 AM
39	need to address phragmite and invasive species at Grand Lake outlet, Lotus Pond, and other wetland areas	12/10/2022 10:24 AM
40	Natural gas please	12/9/2022 2:54 PM
41	Power charging stations for future electric vehicles. Better lighting of parking lots at the new and old light houses.	12/8/2022 11:44 AM
42	Safe, fun areas for middle school aged youngsters to gather.	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
43	Brush chipping into mulch, which could be given back to residents. We like to garden, topsoil is scarce	12/7/2022 5:14 PM
44	No	12/7/2022 4:31 PM
45	Protect what we have and stop trying to make it the next Traverse City. We moved here to get away from the city and enjoy the relaxed natural environment we have now. DON'T CHANGE IT! We have what we need with a trip to Rogers City or Alpena. We don't need to bring big business or industry here.	12/7/2022 12:23 PM

46	FYI seawall protection is already governed by the state.	12/6/2022 3:51 PM
47	No	12/6/2022 11:28 AM
48	Fireworks	12/6/2022 4:26 AM
49	High speed internet	12/5/2022 11:11 AM
50	There are numerous activities offered in this area so people can be as busy and involved as they choose to be. As for medical services, that is a challenge, but do we want offices - of any kind - taking over this rural area?	12/5/2022 11:11 AM
51	No... But (example) I would suggest continued efforts to manage funds collection for the fireworks... Not so much concern for growing the township as protecting and maintaining the existing functions that have kept it being a great place... (unique in Michigan)	12/5/2022 9:34 AM
52	More weekend events all year mostly in the summer	12/4/2022 4:43 PM
53	More recycling containers in summer.	12/4/2022 12:09 PM

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54	I would like more virtual information. Meetings should always have a virtual option. Many people are land owners that live down state.	12/4/2022 8:15 AM
55	No, I love the area just the way it is	12/4/2022 7:33 AM
56	Have a great clear hiking trail map to the sink holes	12/4/2022 6:10 AM
57	I would like information relating to the quarry plans and further development, if any. This is a Highly Critical issue that has not been addressed in any of the questions this far. While we all need to be good neighbors, the future of the quarry is of immediate concern and a major impact on the entire Presque Isle community.	12/3/2022 10:23 PM
58	Park near the marina	12/3/2022 9:17 PM
59	Public Pavilion(s) at the harbor, a covered area with tables at harbor to rent for birthday parties for example,	12/3/2022 9:01 PM
60	Children's Playground area	12/3/2022 8:57 PM
61	Parks, trails	12/3/2022 7:46 PM
62	PLs work on protecting the natural environment. This place has people squatting and trespassing on private property often in summer. More human trash and human fecal matter on beaches than ever. Keep this place special. People don't come here for jobs and great shopping. It's the natural beauty and quiet and wildlife. PLs no tv trails. It will have a massive ripple effect that's not good. Contract out with Huron pines. They have done a marvelous job in Rogers city.	12/3/2022 7:33 PM
63	Restaurant / bar / hiking trails / downhill ski hills	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
64	No, If it ain't broke, don't fix it. We moved here for the peace and quiet to get away from people and problems. Stop creating more problems. You don't have to always be doing something. Just let it ride.	12/3/2022 3:57 PM
65	Don't live there so are not sure.	12/2/2022 11:22 AM
66	Office open during published hours.	12/2/2022 9:49 AM
67	Re: #27, Is there a quarrying operation in early stages behind the township hall?	12/1/2022 10:03 PM



68	More oversight of the marina and trails near lighthouses	12/1/2022 5:50 PM
69	Lot markers in the development	12/1/2022 12:42 PM
70	A sincere attempt to increase public participation in community decisions via increased communication.	11/15/2022 10:37 AM
71	More garbage and recycling disposal	11/12/2022 6:06 PM
72	orv trails. we have none. and snowmobile	11/12/2022 2:56 PM
73	Greatful for all you do! Thank you	11/12/2022 11:02 AM
74	No	11/11/2022 5:13 PM
75	Maybe senior activities or programs	11/11/2022 3:26 PM
76	Snow, bike and cross county trails from south 23 to north 23. It would be nice to have access all the way to Rogers City. It's a couple townships but all within the same county.	11/11/2022 12:02 PM
77	Holiday activities, youth activities, senior activities like PIHA provides	11/11/2022 11:24 AM
78	More community activities.	11/11/2022 10:42 AM
79	Bait shop with reliable hours. More grocery, more restaurants, a pharmacy	11/11/2022 10:27 AM
80	Notification to residents on all local websites PI Uncensored, PI Happening and what ever else. When the PIH WATER recently went down, the Notification process was a CLUSTERF. WE don't follow the PI Water, Clubhouse, Websites. Make it Better.	11/11/2022 10:12 AM
81	More recycling bins in the summer. Internet would be nice. Oversight of municipal water. Ski/snowshoe trails. Sledding hill	11/11/2022 9:33 AM

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82	no	11/11/2022 8:56 AM
83	Mixed use Trail for snowmobile and ORV. Use the power lines, we have the access but DNR and twsp shut it all down Many of us locals used them to travel to Posen but would love sone added to Rogers city and Alpena.	11/11/2022 8:06 AM

**Q29 What recreational activities do you and/or your family enjoy? (Please check all that apply.)**

Answered: 320 Skipped: 102

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Archery	18.75%	60
Baseball/Softball	15.31%	49
Basketball	15.00%	48
Beach Combing	57.81%	185
Bicycling	68.75%	220
Bird Watching	51.25%	164
BMX Bikes	2.19%	7
Board Games	38.75%	124
Boating/Sailing	66.88%	214
Camping	35.94%	115
Canoeing	44.38%	142
Card Playing	44.38%	142
Concerts	56.25%	180
Cooking	45.00%	144
Cook-Offs	22.19%	71
Curling	2.81%	9
Dancing	13.13%	42
Dark Sky Viewing	58.13%	186
Disc Golf	13.13%	42
Drone Flying	12.19%	39
Exercise	50.31%	161
Festivals	46.25%	148
Fishing	61.25%	196
Football	17.50%	56
Gardening	54.06%	173
Geocaching	10.31%	33
Golfing	25.00%	80
Hiking	61.56%	197
Hockey	10.94%	35
Horseback Riding	13.75%	44
Horseshoes	9.38%	30
Hunting	30.63%	98



Ice Skating	24.06%	77
Inline Skating	4.06%	13
Kayaking	60.62%	194
Kite Flying	16.88%	54
Lectures/Talks	27.19%	87
Marine Sanctuary	39.38%	126
Martial Arts	2.50%	8
Movies	43.44%	139
Museums	43.13%	138
Natural Resources	53.13%	170
ORV/ATV Riding	24.06%	77
Paddle Boarding	29.69%	95
Photography	35.31%	113
Pickleball	21.56%	69
Picnicking	32.19%	103
Playgrounds	29.38%	94
Rockhounding	31.25%	100
Running	17.81%	57
Scuba Diving	11.88%	38
Shooting Sports (skeet, targets)	18.44%	59
Shuffleboard	9.69%	31
Skateboarding	3.13%	10
Skiing (Cross-Country)	30.94%	99
Skiing (Downhill)	16.88%	54
Snorkeling	25.31%	81
Snowmobiling	27.19%	87
Snowshoes	30.63%	98
Soccer	11.56%	37
Swimming	55.63%	178
Tennis	13.44%	43
Theaters (live & cinema)	34.06%	109
Tree Planting/Care	25.00%	80
Volleyball	14.69%	47
Walking	73.13%	234

Wildlife/Nature Viewing	68.44%	219
Windsurfing	4.38%	14
Other (please specify)	5.00%	16
Total Respondents: 320		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Fencing	12/31/2022 11:36 AM
2	Running	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
3	If the township decides to put in pickle ball courts, please do not put them next to tennis courts. The pickle ball plastic balls cause too many injuries when people trip on them.	12/26/2022 8:29 PM
4	Arc trail riding	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
5	Corn hole	12/21/2022 7:18 PM
6	Shuffle board	12/19/2022 4:25 PM
7	Sky watching/stargazing...dark skies are a must! Don't add street lighting or at the least, choose downcast minimal lighting to maintain a dark sky! We've always brought our kids & grandkids to get away from the busyness of organized sports and their regular activity commitments...relax and enjoy the area in a laidback manner.	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
8	Arts, library, live music, poetry and fiction readings or workshops. Fine arts.	12/18/2022 7:08 AM
9	Sailing	12/13/2022 7:05 PM
10	Reading	12/4/2022 9:41 AM
11	art shows	12/3/2022 9:05 PM
12	Snow / down hill skiing	12/3/2022 4:10 PM
13	Sewing and quilting, crafts	11/11/2022 10:32 PM
14	O	11/11/2022 11:04 AM
15	Snow shoeing	11/11/2022 9:33 AM
16	bowling	11/11/2022 9:01 AM

## Q30 How often do you visit the following recreational facilities?

Answered: 310 Skipped: 112

	NEVER	ONCE A MONTH	2+ TIMES PER MONTH	ONCE PER WEEK	2+ TIMES PER WEEK	TOTAL
New Presque Isle Lighthouse Park	4.26% 13	48.85% 149	20.98% 64	12.46% 38	13.44% 41	305
Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park	10.30% 31	61.13% 184	15.95% 48	5.32% 16	7.31% 22	301
Range Light Park	37.20% 109	43.69% 128	8.87% 26	4.78% 14	5.46% 16	293
Public Access Site - East Grand Lake	53.74% 158	34.69% 102	6.12% 18	3.06% 9	2.38% 7	294
Public Access Site - Lake Esau	68.44% 206	21.59% 65	3.32% 10	3.65% 11	2.99% 9	301
Anishinaabee Trail along Grand Lake Road	54.18% 162	23.41% 70	5.69% 17	5.69% 17	11.04% 33	299

## Q31 What improvements do you feel are needed at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse Park?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 320

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Return of the gift shop that has more items for sale.	1/1/2023 3:44 PM
2	WiFi	12/31/2022 10:50 PM
3	We enjoy the hiking paths and would enjoy more. More playground equipment would be nice. A pier into the lake would be nice.	12/31/2022 8:24 PM
4	None	12/31/2022 7:52 PM
5	Redo the tree markers along the trails	12/31/2022 10:56 AM
6	Coffee shop or deli so visitors can eat and enjoy the area, with indoor seating	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
7	Porcupine control, restroom improvement, storm damage repairs	12/31/2022 10:07 AM
8	Rebuild original structures like the old barn. New grills and picnic tables.	12/30/2022 6:19 PM
9	Would like to see a return to the old style light rather than the blinking LED	12/30/2022 4:23 PM
10	No immediate recommendations	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
11	Cell service, internet, available information regarding hours and fees, more bike racks, improved trail markers, and repairs to museum front porch (very unsafe and unsightly). Also, if the area between the museum and Lake Huron MUST be cleared, please do a better job of it. It is an unsightly mess.	12/29/2022 12:22 PM
12	Road around lighthouse	12/29/2022 7:01 AM
13	History placards	12/28/2022 5:39 PM
14	Preserve	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
15	Continue to preserve	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
16	Continuous road grading and widening, debris cleanup, woodland maintenance, year-round restrooms.	12/28/2022 7:09 AM
17	While the section of land that was cleared (between the front of the keepers house) was highly debated, it really no longer matters-it just looks terrible. It needs significant improvement. It would be a great spot for an educational native plantings site, with an emphasis on attracting children to wander it safely. Visit the Otsego Conservation garden for an example.	12/27/2022 9:53 PM
18	Completion of trail system, including additional gravel on trails, repair of existing trail signage and posting of new signage along the new Lake Huron trail. The many piles of tree debris along the trails needs to be removed (it looks very unsightly at this time). Complete the cedar shingle repair of the roof of the lighthouse museum/gift shop building. Better utilization of the meeting center building for public presentations, festivals, etc. instead of an equipment/vehicle storage facility.	12/27/2022 2:41 PM
19	None needed	12/26/2022 8:29 PM
20	Basic maintenance	12/26/2022 7:58 AM
21	Open bathrooms for concerts.	12/24/2022 9:51 AM
22	Bigger play ground for kids	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
23	More playground for children	12/23/2022 2:12 PM
24	none	12/23/2022 11:54 AM

25	Address the mole and skunk issue making the grassy areas a mess. Place trash cans near the pavilion, as well as a sanitary all-year bathroom facility so people don't use that area as an open dump. Enhance the plantings of native trees, grasses and flowers.	12/22/2022 10:12 PM
26	Fix road at lakeside pavilion. I feel the car would go into Lake Michigan where it is eroding.	12/21/2022 8:43 PM
27	More picnic facilities	12/21/2022 7:18 PM
28	Maintain these valuable historic resources!	12/20/2022 12:10 PM
29	Children's playground Structural repairs as identified in past studies before they progress beyond repair	12/19/2022 4:25 PM
30	We enjoy the park as is. Keep it dark sky!	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
31	More activities Playground equipment Social Hall Picnic tables	12/18/2022 2:03 PM
32	Invasive species control	12/18/2022 11:20 AM
33	Possible food trucks, swimming beach	12/17/2022 11:40 PM
34	More walking trails.	12/14/2022 9:47 PM
35	Playground. Love the trails and would love more.	12/13/2022 6:12 PM
36	More benches and picnic tables	12/13/2022 4:50 PM
37	I would like to see upgraded facilities	12/13/2022 4:33 PM
38	Out house open for winter	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
39	Happy with the recent improvements. Continued maintenance of lighthouse for safety and longevity.	12/12/2022 10:47 AM
40	A few benches along the trails for folks who need to take a load off occasionally. Adequate trash barrels at points like the pavilion. (I'm pleased that Presque Isle is generally litter-free, which is a tip of the hat to our visitors and residents who keep it that way. The periodical road cleanup projects have kept the roadsides clean, which (I believe) inspires people to keep it that way. Possibly puppy-poop-pickup bag dispensers at trail heads.	12/11/2022 12:57 PM
41	road circling the lighthouse is in terrible shape	12/10/2022 10:29 PM
42	more informational signs like the one at the 40 mile lighthouse	12/10/2022 10:28 PM
43	Get the fresnel light back	12/9/2022 10:39 PM
44	Maintain	12/9/2022 2:59 PM
45	Pave all roads, better parking lot lighting, boardwalk to lake directly in front of keepers lighthouse, more historical artifacts on the grounds	12/8/2022 11:49 AM
46	More activities	12/7/2022 6:58 PM
47	None	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
48	A pavilion for picnics and sitting in the shade while watching the boats	12/7/2022 5:18 PM
49	Can't think of anything.	12/7/2022 4:40 PM
50	a couple more picnic tables, especially for special events	12/7/2022 3:18 PM
51	Restrooms opened in summer	12/7/2022 12:56 PM
52	None. Lovely as it is with regular maintenance to preserve history.	12/7/2022 12:25 PM
53	Band shelter	12/7/2022 4:35 AM
54	Better picnic areas - pave road to North Shore viewing and around light house.	12/6/2022 4:34 AM
55	Unknow, I've never been there.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
56	Much is going on always.	12/5/2022 9:42 AM
57	Not many... The new path along the east/north on Lake Huron was a nice add.	12/5/2022 9:37 AM



58	playground	12/5/2022 7:04 AM
59	Continue maintenance of the New Lighthouse structure	12/4/2022 12:57 PM
60	Keep the towers in good repair.	12/4/2022 12:12 PM
61	More summer concerts	12/4/2022 8:47 AM
62	None other than preservation	12/4/2022 7:36 AM
63	None	12/4/2022 6:20 AM
64	None. You guys are doing great	12/4/2022 12:09 AM
65	Covered garbage cans. More of them.	12/3/2022 8:35 PM
66	New swings for the kids	12/3/2022 8:01 PM
67	Keep the trails natural. Keep tree roots. Don't keep widening the paths. It's beautiful and charming the way it is. Block off paths better with larger boulders so rvs don't keep using them and tearing them up. Maybe put signs and cameras up to catch folks doing this. We do have a group of rebels out here who simply will not follow the rules. The parks are beautiful you have done a wonderful job	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
68	Public Restrooms, vending machines, improved or properly maintained roads and parking. At least from May to October.	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
69	Fire pit near pavilion	12/3/2022 1:25 PM
70	N/A	12/2/2022 11:27 AM
71	Just make it the best it can be! Small smart touches can go a long way!	12/2/2022 10:26 AM
72	Upgrade Garrity Hall event center, repairs to the 1905 House and providing year round public restrooms.	12/2/2022 10:01 AM
73	Restrooms updated playground	12/1/2022 5:53 PM
74	Pave the road around the lighthouse.	12/1/2022 2:41 PM
75	Safety rail at end of point road Enlarged septic system for event use Parking area for Foghorn Pavilion events	11/15/2022 11:01 AM
76	Just maintain it	11/13/2022 12:31 PM
77	The parking lot that some people use is the harbor parking lot. You can then walk the harbor to pick up the trail that runs by the blue break wall. The DNR took down the restaurant but failed to also take down the enclosed 6 ft fence storage shed that housed a dumpster for the restaurant. It is an eyesore and unsafe for young children to be around. The County should tell the DNR to remove it. It would look so much better there.	11/12/2022 3:36 PM
78	None	11/12/2022 2:28 PM
79	Wheelchair swing, more benches	11/12/2022 1:27 PM
80	None	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
81	Nothing	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
82	Just regular maintenance	11/11/2022 10:32 PM
83	More picnic space & continuing trail care	11/11/2022 7:41 PM
84	Better much in low areas of paths.	11/11/2022 5:46 PM
85	None	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
86	Repair of keepers house, upkeep of trails,	11/11/2022 4:30 PM
87	Erosion control at Foghorn pavillion. Dogs should be on leashes and owners should clean up after them.	11/11/2022 4:29 PM
88	Fix the porch at the 1905 Museum. Create some kind of formal gathering place for concerts.	11/11/2022 3:33 PM

89	Better signage. More notable facts regarding shipwrecks. A brochure visitors can pick up. And more and more but I don't have time to talk about right now	11/11/2022 2:45 PM
90	Better use of the pavilion	11/11/2022 12:06 PM
91	None! Love the improvements to the Huron Trail and the new trail! Signage for both lighthouses on 23.	11/11/2022 11:32 AM
92	More activities-concerts, festival's	11/11/2022 10:48 AM
93	Gift/ice cream shop	11/11/2022 10:33 AM
94	Grade ALL of Those ROADS TO the water.	11/11/2022 10:18 AM
95	Improving walking trails	11/11/2022 10:08 AM
96	update the pavilions	11/11/2022 10:08 AM
97	Get rid of that awful strobe light! I know this is the Coast Guard responsibility, but we need the Township support to help effect the change.	11/11/2022 9:52 AM
98	Bathrooms after hrs. Smoother trails	11/11/2022 9:33 AM
99	Maintain it	11/11/2022 9:00 AM
100	Trail maintenance	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
101	Paved road	11/11/2022 8:40 AM
102	Large Community fire pit for big fall events.	11/11/2022 8:13 AM

## Q32 What improvements do you feel are needed at the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 334

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/1/2023 3:44 PM
2	WiFi	12/31/2022 10:50 PM
3	Besides visiting the lighthouse, I don't really find anything else to do there.	12/31/2022 8:24 PM
4	None	12/31/2022 7:52 PM
5	Last time I was at this park, the stocks were falling apart. I feel like this has is an occurring situation throughout my life here. Repairs need to be made when they start looking rough.	12/31/2022 11:55 AM
6	none	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
7	Storm damage repairs	12/31/2022 10:07 AM
8	More picnic tables. New grills and picnic tables.	12/30/2022 6:19 PM
9	None	12/30/2022 4:23 PM
10	Brush and trees obstruct view from water. Needs proper brush removal and pruning.	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
11	First and foremost, REMOVE the offensive statue of the black person holding a lantern. It has no place in a public park and the patently false written explanation is an embarrassment to the Township!! Beyond that, cell service and internet are needed. Also, the landscaping needs serious improvements.	12/29/2022 12:22 PM
12	None	12/28/2022 5:39 PM
13	Preserve	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
14	Continue to preserve	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
15	Same as New.	12/28/2022 7:09 AM
16	None	12/27/2022 9:53 PM
17	Glass replacement of the lighthouse cupola (due to the hail damage). The split rail fence needs either major repair or replacement, possibly in a joint venture with the DNR. The broken "stocks and pillory" need to go along with the black-faced jockey. These are silly artifacts left over when the lighthouse was in private ownership and have nothing to do area history. The blackfaced jockey is hugely offensive and an embarrassment to African American guests. These artifacts have nothing to do with area history.	12/27/2022 2:41 PM
18	None needed	12/26/2022 8:29 PM
19	None.	12/24/2022 9:51 AM
20	Clean up on trails through the woods	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
21	More walking paths nearby	12/23/2022 2:12 PM
22	none	12/23/2022 11:54 AM
23	Permanently remove the stockade and black face jockey that has nothing to do with our local history and is offensive. Hire a professional landscaper to re-establish the flower gardens and make the facilities accessible for all. Put a sign by the parking area east of the gate so families don't have to park on the road when the gate is locked.	12/22/2022 10:12 PM
24	Maintain these valuable historic resources	12/20/2022 12:10 PM

25	Structural repairs as identified in past studies before they progress beyond repair	12/19/2022 4:25 PM
26	We enjoy as is, but is often blocked off from cars. We loved the pumpkin stroll !!!	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
27	Picnic tables	12/18/2022 2:03 PM
28	Removal of racist statue	12/18/2022 11:20 AM
29	None	12/17/2022 11:40 PM
30	Walking trail to the shoreline.	12/14/2022 9:47 PM
31	More benches and picnic tables	12/13/2022 4:50 PM
32	Maybe keep trees trimmed so we can always see it	12/13/2022 4:33 PM
33	None, it's nice the way it is	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
34	Signage to the parking lot and trail. When it's closed the people park on the road and is very dangerous.	12/13/2022 9:17 AM
35	Continued maintenance for safety and longevity.	12/12/2022 10:47 AM
36	(See #31)	12/11/2022 12:57 PM
37	more informational signs like the once at the 40 mile lighthouse	12/10/2022 10:28 PM
38	Fix trail between harbor and lighthouse.	12/9/2022 5:00 PM
39	Maintain better	12/9/2022 2:59 PM
40	Pave all roads, better maintenance on the trails, parking lot lighting	12/8/2022 11:49 AM
41	More activities	12/7/2022 6:58 PM
42	Prevent snowmobiles, ATV's access	12/7/2022 6:15 PM
43	None	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
44	Love the bell!	12/7/2022 5:18 PM
45	The Lighthouse needs to be restored.	12/7/2022 4:40 PM
46	Gate should be open more often	12/7/2022 12:56 PM
47	Same as above	12/7/2022 12:25 PM
48	Fix the split rail fence, fix broken turnstyle	12/6/2022 4:34 AM
49	Unknown, I've never been there.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
50	working on it all the time.	12/5/2022 9:42 AM
51	None	12/5/2022 9:37 AM
52	Continue maintenance of the Old Lighthouse structure	12/4/2022 12:57 PM
53	Keep it maintained	12/4/2022 12:12 PM
54	It is perfect the way it is	12/4/2022 8:47 AM
55	None other than preservation	12/4/2022 7:36 AM
56	None	12/4/2022 6:20 AM
57	Easier access.	12/4/2022 12:09 AM
58	Covered garbage cans.	12/3/2022 8:35 PM
59	It's lovely. I'm not sure what there is to improve on. Again, pls don't widen the path and remove all the tree roots etc. People do not use wheelchairs down the trails. Keep them natural as possible	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
60	Not sure. Been here 63 years and never use it. Not very userfriendly.	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
61	N/A	12/2/2022 11:27 AM



62	Just make it the best it can be! Small smart touches can go a long way!	12/2/2022 10:26 AM
63	Year round access to park and year round public restrooms.	12/2/2022 10:01 AM
64	Remove racist statue Open road for year-round access	11/15/2022 11:01 AM
65	Same, just maintain it	11/13/2022 12:31 PM
66	Leave open to atvs and snowmobiles	11/12/2022 6:12 PM
67	Some new plays round equipment would be wonderful.	11/12/2022 3:36 PM
68	Need to fix the tree need to trim dead branches and let the new growth grow.	11/12/2022 2:28 PM
69	None	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
70	Nothing	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
71	Just regular maintenance	11/11/2022 10:32 PM
72	Trails	11/11/2022 7:41 PM
73	It is perfect	11/11/2022 5:46 PM
74	None	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
75	Trail upkeep	11/11/2022 4:30 PM
76	None that I can think of.	11/11/2022 4:29 PM
77	Maybe some trails along the shoreline	11/11/2022 3:33 PM
78	Paved road would be nice	11/11/2022 1:46 PM
79	Please let it be as accessible as the New Lighthouse. So many people can't walk far from where they park.	11/11/2022 11:59 AM
80	Fix the stanton ( wheelie thing as you enter the yard). Improvements to the gardens/grounds. The stocks are fun but not historically in keeping with the grounds use.	11/11/2022 11:32 AM
81	Year round access to the lighthouse by car	11/11/2022 10:48 AM
82	Improve walking trails	11/11/2022 10:08 AM
83	Keep it the same its Historical	11/11/2022 10:08 AM
84	Remove the locked gate. Happy f the new lighthouse park can remain open, so can the old one.	11/11/2022 9:52 AM
85	Same	11/11/2022 9:00 AM
86	Trails and there are issues with atvs on trails that are for pedestrians. We have encountered them both at old a new lighthouse trails while we were walking	11/11/2022 8:50 AM
87	Paved road	11/11/2022 8:40 AM
88	Access, it's now closed for six months and we can't access it on snowmobile anymore since they blocked it off.	11/11/2022 8:13 AM



### Q33 What improvements do you feel are needed at Range Light Park?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 358

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/1/2023 3:44 PM
2	I wish it could be expanded, but I don't know how the township would be able to do that.	12/31/2022 8:24 PM
3	None	12/31/2022 7:52 PM
4	none	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
5	New grills and playground equipment.	12/30/2022 6:19 PM
6	None	12/30/2022 4:23 PM
7	None	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
8	Where is it?	12/29/2022 7:01 AM
9	None	12/28/2022 5:39 PM
10	Preserve	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
11	Continue to preserve	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
12	Restrooms.	12/28/2022 7:09 AM
13	None	12/27/2022 9:53 PM
14	Looks pretty good to date.	12/27/2022 2:41 PM
15	None needed	12/26/2022 8:29 PM
16	Na	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
17	Foot shower to rinse off feet before getting back in car	12/23/2022 2:12 PM
18	none	12/23/2022 11:54 AM
19	This seems to be one of the better maintained parks. Could use crosswalk stripes and signage to improve safety for those parking across the street.	12/22/2022 10:12 PM
20	Maintain what is there. Kill the poison ivy	12/20/2022 12:10 PM
21	We like it, just don't use it often as we have Grand Lake swimming frontage. We have referred many people to that area.	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
22	Playground equipment picnic tables	12/18/2022 2:03 PM
23	Removal of unattractive sign	12/18/2022 11:20 AM
24	N/a. Never thought it was accessible	12/17/2022 11:40 PM
25	None	12/14/2022 9:47 PM
26	None	12/13/2022 4:50 PM
27	So gorgeous there! Maybe more developed beach	12/13/2022 4:33 PM
28	None	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
29	None.	12/12/2022 10:47 AM
30	Pave all roads	12/8/2022 11:49 AM
31	More activities	12/7/2022 6:58 PM

32	Make visitors park across the street as they block access when they pull into range light	12/7/2022 6:15 PM
33	None	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
34	None, it's fantastic and unfortunately, it doesn't get a lot of use.	12/7/2022 4:40 PM
35	Unknown	12/7/2022 12:25 PM
36	Picnic area	12/6/2022 4:34 AM
37	Unknow, I've never been there.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
38	none	12/5/2022 9:42 AM
39	I don't know where it is	12/5/2022 7:27 AM
40	None	12/4/2022 12:12 PM
41	None needed there either	12/4/2022 8:47 AM
42	None	12/4/2022 7:36 AM
43	None	12/4/2022 6:20 AM
44	None	12/4/2022 12:09 AM
45	Improved beach maintenance.	12/3/2022 8:35 PM
46	Speed bump on road. Lower speed limit. Beaches need serious restoration. No dogs on beach as they are peeing on and crushing the rare plants. The signage needs to be replaced as you cannot read it. Sand dunes need protection with picket fences. New trees need to be planted etc. Huron pines would Be helpful	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
47	Don't know, only used it twice. Seems like its a duplication of park space that is already underused.	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
48	N/A	12/2/2022 11:27 AM
49	Just make it the best it can be! Small smart touches can go a long way!	12/2/2022 10:26 AM
50	None	11/13/2022 12:31 PM
51	None	11/12/2022 3:36 PM
52	None	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
53	Nothing	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
54	None	11/11/2022 10:32 PM
55	Water by road/upper bathroom to rinse sand from feet.	11/11/2022 5:46 PM
56	None	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
57	Handicap access to beach	11/11/2022 4:30 PM
58	Move the big blue sign that is blocking the historical markers	11/11/2022 4:29 PM
59	Nothing the pavilion is lovely	11/11/2022 11:32 AM
60	None	11/11/2022 10:48 AM
61	Better access to playground and upgrade playground. Love the bathrooms	11/11/2022 9:33 AM
62	None	11/11/2022 9:00 AM
63	None	11/11/2022 8:40 AM
64	Wheel chair access into the water?	11/11/2022 8:13 AM

### Q34 What improvements do you feel are needed at the public access site on East Grand Lake?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 362

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/1/2023 3:44 PM
2	Larger launch area	12/31/2022 8:24 PM
3	None	12/31/2022 7:52 PM
4	Never been	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
5	None	12/30/2022 6:19 PM
6	Don't know/never used	12/30/2022 4:23 PM
7	None	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
8	None	12/28/2022 5:39 PM
9	None	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
10	None	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
11	Where is this?	12/28/2022 7:09 AM
12	Put the dock in as soon as possible and leave it in as long as possible.	12/27/2022 9:53 PM
13	Better signage and a bench overlooking the water.	12/27/2022 2:41 PM
14	None needed	12/26/2022 8:29 PM
15	None.	12/24/2022 9:51 AM
16	Na	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
17	.	12/23/2022 2:12 PM
18	none	12/23/2022 11:54 AM
19	Safer parking along the road and trash cans as well as dog waste disposal cans would help.	12/22/2022 10:12 PM
20	You have not provided enough description here to know where you are referring	12/20/2022 12:10 PM
21	NA we don't use.	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
22	That the ramp area is more accessible and comfortable for senior citizens or people with disabilities.	12/18/2022 7:08 AM
23	Rock pier at boat launch, move dock further out, widen launch for more boat's to enter and exit. Rock pier would cut down on waves around dock	12/17/2022 11:40 PM
24	Boat wash to keep out invasive species.	12/15/2022 8:06 AM
25	No e	12/13/2022 4:50 PM
26	N/a	12/13/2022 4:33 PM
27	Outhouse cleaned and maintained	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
28	One issue that was raised at a recent watershed meeting was the need to rinse boats, motors and trailers when going from lake to lake. Not sure how a vessel can be washed down without fresh water - not from the potentially infected lake. Having a simple washdown station would be a positive reminder for boaters to properly wash down. Possibly add a fish-cleaning station with a barrel for disposing of entrails? One common gripe is fish guts left near haul-out sites.	12/11/2022 12:57 PM

29	a longer dock	12/10/2022 10:28 PM
30	Larger boat launch, Pave	12/8/2022 11:49 AM
31	Two slip dock	12/7/2022 5:51 PM
32	None	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
33	None	12/7/2022 4:40 PM
34	None	12/7/2022 12:25 PM
35	Better seating/benches. BBQ grill. Redeveloped small boat launch	12/7/2022 10:11 AM
36	Those using that site shouldn't interfere with the land adjoining land owners ability to enjoy his property.	12/6/2022 3:55 PM
37	Paving	12/6/2022 4:34 AM
38	Unknow, I've never been there.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
39	none	12/5/2022 9:42 AM
40	It is good	12/5/2022 7:27 AM
41	None	12/4/2022 12:12 PM
42	None	12/4/2022 8:47 AM
43	None	12/4/2022 7:36 AM
44	I've never used it	12/4/2022 6:20 AM
45	None	12/4/2022 12:09 AM
46	Location identification. I'm not sure where it is.	12/3/2022 8:38 PM
47	N/A	12/3/2022 8:35 PM
48	Not sure as I do not use	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
49	N/A	12/2/2022 11:27 AM
50	Just make it the best it can be! Small smart touches can go a long way!	12/2/2022 10:26 AM
51	Signage? Where is this?	11/15/2022 11:01 AM
52	None	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
53	None	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
54	None	11/11/2022 10:32 PM
55	More parking	11/11/2022 7:41 PM
56	None	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
57	N/a	11/11/2022 11:32 AM
58	There needs to be public docks installed.	11/11/2022 9:54 AM
59	Never go there	11/11/2022 8:40 AM
60	If possible another dock to park at when loading and unloading instead of blocking the very busy launch	11/11/2022 8:13 AM



### Q35 What improvements do you feel are needed at the public access site at Lake Esau?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 361

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/1/2023 3:44 PM
2	none	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
3	Will there be a Lake Esau after LaFarge is finished with its mining?	12/31/2022 1:51 AM
4	None	12/30/2022 6:19 PM
5	Don't know/never used	12/30/2022 4:23 PM
6	None	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
7	None	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
8	None	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
9	Where is this?	12/28/2022 7:09 AM
10	A fishing platform.	12/27/2022 9:53 PM
11	Better signage. A bench overlooking the water would be nice.	12/27/2022 2:41 PM
12	None needed	12/26/2022 8:29 PM
13	Na	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
14	.	12/23/2022 2:12 PM
15	none	12/23/2022 11:54 AM
16	Better signage and landscaping...it is pretty nondescript looking.	12/22/2022 10:12 PM
17	None	12/20/2022 12:10 PM
18	NA we don't use	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
19	That the ramp area is more accessible and comfortable for senior citizens or people with disabilities.	12/18/2022 7:08 AM
20	Boat launch skid	12/13/2022 10:59 PM
21	None	12/13/2022 4:50 PM
22	N/a	12/13/2022 4:33 PM
23	None	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
24	One issue that was raised at a recent watershed meeting was the need to rinse boats, motors and trailers when going from lake to lake. Not sure how a vessel can be washed down without fresh water - not from the potentially infected lake. Having a simple washdown station would be a positive reminder for boaters to properly wash down. Possibly add a fish-cleaning station with a barrel for disposing of entrails? One common gripe is fish guts left near haul-out sites.	12/11/2022 12:57 PM
25	Maybe a bench	12/10/2022 6:20 AM
26	None	12/8/2022 11:49 AM
27	Parking signs	12/7/2022 5:51 PM
28	None	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
29	None	12/7/2022 4:40 PM



30	None	12/7/2022 12:25 PM
31	Better seating/benches. BBQ grill. Redeveloped small boat launch	12/7/2022 10:11 AM
32	Privy Dock	12/6/2022 10:17 AM
33	Unknow, I've never been there.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
34	Never used	12/5/2022 7:27 AM
35	Smooth out parking area	12/4/2022 12:57 PM
36	None	12/4/2022 12:12 PM
37	None	12/4/2022 8:47 AM
38	Dock	12/4/2022 8:10 AM
39	None	12/4/2022 7:36 AM
40	No idea where it is	12/4/2022 6:20 AM
41	Signs	12/4/2022 5:59 AM
42	A dock and privacy fence separating the lot next door.	12/4/2022 12:09 AM
43	Location identification. I'm not sure where it is.	12/3/2022 8:38 PM
44	N/A	12/3/2022 8:35 PM
45	Not sure	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
46	Never been there.	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
47	N/A	12/2/2022 11:27 AM
48	Just make it the best it can be! Small smart touches can go a long way!	12/2/2022 10:26 AM
49	Signage? Where is this?	11/15/2022 11:01 AM
50	None	11/13/2022 12:31 PM
51	Na	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
52	?	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
53	None	11/11/2022 10:32 PM
54	None	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
55	Didn't know there WAS public access to Lake Esau	11/11/2022 11:32 AM
56	A bench	11/11/2022 10:48 AM
57	Lake access is unattractive and eery. Dock is scary	11/11/2022 10:33 AM
58	Slide	11/11/2022 9:33 AM
59	keeping water levels up	11/11/2022 9:01 AM
60	Never go there	11/11/2022 8:40 AM
61	Fine as is	11/11/2022 8:13 AM

## Q36 What improvements do you feel are needed to the Anishinaabee Trail along Grand Lake Road?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 351

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/1/2023 3:44 PM
2	never been	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
3	More information about the trail to the public	12/31/2022 10:07 AM
4	I wish it were longer.	12/31/2022 1:51 AM
5	Widen the road or shoulder from the marina to the lighthouses.	12/30/2022 6:19 PM
6	Don't know/never used	12/30/2022 4:23 PM
7	Clean rocks and other debris off path for cycling and running	12/30/2022 12:19 PM
8	Where is it?	12/29/2022 7:01 AM
9	Lane markings	12/28/2022 6:10 PM
10	None	12/28/2022 5:39 PM
11	More signs	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
12	More signs	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
13	Continue road shoulder widening to New Lighthouse Park.	12/28/2022 7:09 AM
14	For a bike path to be truly safe for young children it needs to be separated from the road, and paved. The path should connect, at the very least, Besser Bell and both Lighthouses.	12/27/2022 9:53 PM
15	Continuation of the trail from the marina to the New Lighthouse (or at least past the bend in the road).	12/27/2022 2:41 PM
16	Na	12/24/2022 7:53 AM
17	.	12/23/2022 2:12 PM
18	Wider walking and bike lanes. It's not safe with traffic.	12/22/2022 10:12 PM
19	Continued maintenance of bike / walking path.	12/22/2022 12:38 PM
20	Continue the trail from the harbor to the lighthouse	12/20/2022 12:10 PM
21	More publicity to make visitors more aware of its importance.	12/19/2022 6:58 PM
22	Ideally - circle the entire grand lake area	12/19/2022 4:25 PM
23	NA we haven't used.	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
24	Benches	12/18/2022 2:03 PM
25	Extension to south	12/18/2022 11:20 AM
26	I do not know where it is.	12/15/2022 8:06 AM
27	N/a	12/13/2022 4:33 PM
28	Ticket vehicles parked on it, or getter yet separate it from the road.	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
29	Speed limit	12/13/2022 9:17 AM
30	Fresh markings and improved signage would be good. While it already provides a safer margin for walkers and cyclists, it often just looks like a wide shoulder. It would be great if the trail	12/11/2022 12:57 PM

could also be extended along 638, creating a network that would include a route to and from the Grand Lake Outlet area.

31	some repaving	12/10/2022 10:29 PM
32	extend it	12/10/2022 10:29 AM
33	Better maintenance	12/8/2022 11:49 AM
34	I would like to see the trail go all the way from Whiskey Point to US 23.	12/7/2022 7:51 PM
35	None	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
36	What trail? It's completely overgrown.	12/7/2022 4:40 PM
37	Unknown	12/7/2022 12:25 PM
38	Extending the bike lane to Besser Nature area	12/7/2022 10:11 AM
39	Unknow, I've never been there.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
40	Extend from Besser to Whiskey point	12/5/2022 10:02 AM
41	none	12/5/2022 9:42 AM
42	Don't know where it is	12/5/2022 7:27 AM
43	Make the trail longer, starting at New Lighthouse Park from the north	12/4/2022 12:57 PM
44	Link to map on we site.	12/4/2022 12:16 PM
45	None.. signs look great. Thanks for repairing them!	12/4/2022 12:12 PM
46	Keep it maintained. Perhaps extend it to Besser Bell or all the way to other trails. It would be ideal to have a bike path that goes all the way from Alpena, through Presque Isle and attach to the bike path in Rogers.	12/4/2022 9:41 AM
47	Never been there, so not sure	12/4/2022 8:47 AM
48	First time I very heard of it	12/4/2022 8:10 AM
49	None	12/4/2022 7:36 AM
50	Hiking map	12/4/2022 6:20 AM
51	Signs	12/4/2022 5:59 AM
52	None	12/4/2022 12:09 AM
53	Not use	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
54	None	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
55	Signage Trail markers	12/3/2022 1:25 PM
56	N/A	12/2/2022 11:27 AM
57	Just make it the best it can be! Small smart touches can go a long way!	12/2/2022 10:26 AM
58	Enforce a speed limit of 25 mph.	12/1/2022 2:41 PM
59	Pavement marking? Does the trail veer off the road at any point?	11/15/2022 11:01 AM
60	The trail should be painted again with bike stencils. There is a ton of trash from all the roofing trucks that were in our area all summer....the trail is littered on both sides in the woods	11/12/2022 3:36 PM
61	Na	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
62	None	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
63	Better signage	11/11/2022 5:46 PM
64	New pavement	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
65	Guard rails	11/11/2022 4:30 PM

66	Remark the shoulder with new paint	11/11/2022 3:33 PM
67	Better signage	11/11/2022 2:45 PM
68	Didn't know there was a trail.	11/11/2022 11:32 AM
69	Keep the trails groomed and clean for better quality walking.	11/11/2022 10:08 AM
70	None	11/11/2022 8:40 AM
71	Mix use..... People are rarely walking it and we have a growing, aging community who use SXS to enjoy nature. Snowmobile too.	11/11/2022 8:13 AM

### Q37 What additional recreational facilities would you like to see in Presque Isle Township?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 219

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Campground	24.14% 49
RV Park	14.29% 29
Public Access on Lake Huron	33.00% 67
Public Access on Inland Lakes	16.26% 33
Children's Activities	29.06% 59
Youth Development Activities (pre-teen and teen)	27.09% 55
Disabled Access	30.54% 62
Access for Senior Citizens	38.42% 78
Other (please specify)	14.78% 30
Total Respondents: 203	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Indoor public space for year round access, walking/ biking paved trail along Grand Lake Road and 638 and Kauffman - its getting too dangerous with cars and walkers/bikers AND golf carts	12/31/2022 10:21 AM
2	Again, it all depends on how things are done. I have seen amazing campgrounds in Canada, where they keep most of the trees and natural plants. However, I don't know where you would put one. I'm bummed that our dunes are getting trashed by people camping on them, where camping is not allowed. I believe we have public access on all the lakes. Maybe sell memberships to the club house, so that it is for the whole community?	12/31/2022 1:51 AM
3	Fitness Center	12/28/2022 4:17 PM
4	None	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
5	None	12/28/2022 9:09 AM
6	Pickleball courts!	12/24/2022 9:45 AM
7	Several great restaurants at the Harbor.	12/22/2022 12:38 PM
8	Small public RV park with lake access would be nice.	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
9	large Social hall	12/18/2022 2:03 PM
10	Indoor exercise center	12/13/2022 7:12 PM
11	Dog park	12/13/2022 11:13 AM
12	Keep things as they are!	12/12/2022 1:18 PM
13	Would love to see the addition of adaptive kayak/canoe launches. This would be a great help to seniors and those with disabilities who want to paddle our beautiful waters. (Most units are floating, so minimal structural impacts.)	12/11/2022 12:57 PM
14	senior center	12/10/2022 10:29 PM
15	None	12/7/2022 6:15 PM
16	Park or playground with volleyball and or baseball field	12/7/2022 6:05 PM
17	Shooting Sports range	12/7/2022 5:34 PM
18	None, we have all of the above.	12/7/2022 4:40 PM
19	Gym	12/7/2022 2:37 PM



20	Concerts at the harbor would be nice, during the Summer.	12/4/2022 1:15 AM
21	Disc golf course	12/3/2022 8:35 PM
22	I personally like it just the way it is.	12/3/2022 7:42 PM
23	None. Most of these facilities are underused.	12/3/2022 4:04 PM
24	Paved nature trail for disabled access, amphitheater, exercise trail, marked arboretum	11/15/2022 11:01 AM
25	None	11/13/2022 12:31 PM
26	None	11/12/2022 8:47 PM
27	Not sure	11/12/2022 11:05 AM
28	Less public access on inland lakes	11/12/2022 8:45 AM
29	Snowmobile trails	11/11/2022 5:17 PM
30	Trails for ATV/ORV	11/11/2022 8:31 AM

## Q38 Please use this space to make any additional comments to help plan for the future of Presque Isle Township:

Answered: 115 Skipped: 307

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Maintain the natural beauty of the area. Limit new development. Do NOT turn it into a Traverse City.	1/1/2023 3:47 PM
2	Please do not add a public campground or RV park! The PIHA has a campground and Long Lake has a county campground. One of the benefits to moving to the area was that there is no public campground in the area. I do not want the extra lake traffic, noise, pollution, and population associated with a public campground!	12/31/2022 8:27 PM
3	Do not turn Presque Isle into a Traverse City destination. This will destroy the beauty and the natural northern appeal that Presque Isle has and is. More problems are created with more issues and more money to fix the problems created. Having fixed income and affordability should not be overlooked or swept under the carpet and not acknowledged as the future planning must consider many aspects of the those existing and living in the area.	12/31/2022 7:59 PM
4	More restaurants, gas stations, and a grocery store	12/31/2022 4:39 PM
5	Keep up the great work!	12/31/2022 3:34 PM
6	Create a mission statement, have a clear vision of the future of Presque Isle so that everyone can work towards it	12/31/2022 10:24 AM
7	A popular activity I participate in elsewhere that I would love to see up north is group hikes, especially night hikes with solar lights along the path. It's a great way to get familiar with the trails before venturing out on my own	12/31/2022 8:56 AM
8	Ha, I think that I probably made myself pretty clear that I hope to keep our "Nature". I know the library has had the DNR out to teach people about our wondrous native plants, etc... I hope to be able to catch more of those classes in the future.	12/31/2022 1:56 AM
9	Presque Isle is a beautiful place and everything should be done to protect its natural beauty! All new development should be heavily scrutinized to ensure it blends in with the natural beauty and takes all known environmental protections necessary to preserve the beauty for future generations.	12/30/2022 6:46 PM
10	Get rid of leash law for dogs as long as they are under control my other means (eg electrical collars )	12/30/2022 6:21 PM
11	Preservation of the natural shoreline habitat, especially for migrating birds and butterflies should be the lodestar in township planning. Structures that can be easily seen from the water/that distract from or disturb/disrupt the natural shoreline view around should be strictly prohibited. Encourage non-vehicle modes of travel, for example, with better bike and wheelchair infrastructure such as lanes and bike-parking facilities. Prioritize containing/minimizing light pollution by restricting use of LED lights (harmful to migrating birds and insects such) and incentivizing red lights around homes. Require all lights be downward focused.	12/30/2022 4:29 PM
12	Keep the rural/natural character of the township. Many here like the non-exponential growth compared to other areas (we can visit Traverse whenever we want and then return home). Most important improvements are access to reliable technology and services that don't require a drive into Alpena (like grocery basics/gas). Thank you for asking.	12/30/2022 12:42 PM
13	Limited and carefully thought out development for the future. There is a real need to protect the idyllic character of PI and to facilitate growth at the same time.	12/30/2022 12:26 PM
14	Please consider hiring a full-time facilities manager. Matt does a good job, but there is a lot that needs to be done and he cannot do everything working part-time. Restoration projects at the lighthouse parks could be funded with grant money, but there does not appear to be any	12/29/2022 12:23 PM

effort at long-range planning and applying for these funds. Since many grants are funded through federal and state tax dollars, obtaining grants from these sources would help to return tax dollars back to PI.

15	NEED A NEW HARBOR RESTAURANT!	12/29/2022 12:05 PM
16	No commerce, leave it natural	12/29/2022 7:02 AM
17	Keep new development closed	12/28/2022 5:39 PM
18	Are there any pipelines going in or around the Township that present a future concern?	12/28/2022 4:18 PM
19	Preserve the area with no new development	12/28/2022 9:27 AM
20	We need to preserve the uniqueness of the community and nature wildlife for generations to come.	12/28/2022 9:11 AM
21	Encourage participation in governmental affairs by actively recruiting and systematically rotating board/committee members. Make it easy to "get involved!"	12/28/2022 7:20 AM
22	Priority should be improving and maintaining natural resources -because those cannot be regrown easily or quickly. Plus, the natural beauty will bring visitors and this economic growth.	12/27/2022 9:58 PM
23	We came to press kill because of the remoteness, the access to Lake Huron, the natural beauty of the area. Low population density is also a plus. We hope it will stay that way.	12/26/2022 8:30 PM
24	Allow campers on undeveloped owner lots. Keep the country COUNTRY	12/26/2022 12:03 PM
25	Less government regulations and quit trying to tell people how to live their lives. It's no secret the \$500 fee for short term rentals and the regulations that go with it help the community in any way at all. You're taking more money out of the people that are taking the risk of renting and you give them nothing but headaches & problems. 1 bad egg doesn't ruin the whole dozen; back off and let people live their lives. Tom Guyer sucks.	12/26/2022 8:01 AM
26	PLEASE consider resisting further efforts to destroy what we love (the peace, natural beauty, low population density) of this area. The proposed condos are NOT in keeping with what brought us to Presque Isle. I understand some people see change as a good thing. They want to move from big cities and then want all the conveniences of those cities. But that ruins it for those of us who love nature and a quiet life. Please consider us, too!	12/24/2022 9:57 AM
27	We want pickleball courts!! 6-8 of them - there is a large group of people who play all the time and have to attend alpena to play. The township should have courts!	12/24/2022 9:46 AM
28	Pickleball courts and better food options at the harbor would be amazing. Better bike trails and road shoulders for biking between grand lake, lake Esau and the harbor would be nice too.	12/24/2022 9:25 AM
29	Please protect Grand Lake from quarry expansion.	12/23/2022 7:00 PM
30	It's a beautiful area and space now, doesn't need development. Minimize any regulations.	12/23/2022 11:56 AM
31	I am really concerned about the number of new building sites that are clear cutting their lots. The township is allowing the natural beauty to be stripped and way too much fill to be dumped. We need to seriously be working to make our township climate resilient. Stripping the land and destroying the natural topography will ultimately result in more shoreline erosion, loss of trees, and damage to property when the water levels rise again. Being the place in Michigan where anything goes because there is no enforcement of local ordinances will eventually destroy the natural beauty and rich history of the community.	12/22/2022 10:20 PM
32	The PI Harbor should be improved with restaurants, closer lodging including townhouses and hotels, and other complementary commercial facilities. It is a pathway for downstate and out of state visitors for boating, with a unique and dramatic setting. We can maintain our rural charm but make this a commercial attraction and hub for PI.	12/22/2022 12:43 PM
33	Find the right balance between economic development/growth and natural resource conservation so that tax base can grow, jobs can be created, and the natural environment protected.	12/20/2022 4:21 PM
34	You need to be planning for the succession of your officials. The supervisor and zoning administrator are not healthy enough to serve in the future. Plan now so you don't find yourselves in a desperate situation in a few years.	12/20/2022 12:12 PM



35	No major changes that take away from the natural beauty, the quiet, the lack of traffic congestion, and please please please, never ever allow a marijuana shop in our area.	12/19/2022 7:02 PM
36	In order for significant improvements and changes \$\$\$\$\$\$ to be realized, a grant writer(s) is (are) mandatory. Taxes will NEVER support the "wish list" generated by this survey.	12/19/2022 4:32 PM
37	Keep "Up North" woodsy and/or classic "lake life" vibe in new businesses, public areas, and especially architecture and structures. This is what people come here for...leave all the hustle & bustle of city life behind. Be mindful of keeping dark skies for stargazing!!!	12/18/2022 3:01 PM
38	Growth is inevitable, so better planning (and applying design standards) to minimize the environmental and visual impacts is necessary. Out of scale home on North Bay was a serious planning failure	12/18/2022 11:22 AM
39	Thanks for making this survey, which demonstrates your willingness to poll the people for their ideas. Thank you!	12/18/2022 7:08 AM
40	Took years to get ramp installed at east grand lake, previous talk about Rock pier never happened, could be wrong if there was any discussion	12/17/2022 11:45 PM
41	I am most upset at how seasonals (summer and holiday visitors) misuse the recycling facilities and trash the road sides. I dread the holidays and summer for that reason. There should be fines and penalties enforced.	12/17/2022 11:27 PM
42	Need to carefully balance limited development (restaurants, retail, services) with maintaining natural beauty and "undeveloped" feel of the area.	12/17/2022 10:39 AM
43	Sign a contract with GFL that includes recycling pickups at your home like other cities, communities in Michigan. Have an occasional pickup for household items to include mattresses, small household furniture, and chemicals like unused paint so the do not end up in regular trash.	12/14/2022 9:51 PM
44	Be the watchdog to protect Lake Esau and Lotus Pond from the mining project nearby. Our lakes are our future. Any accidental chance of losing these resources must be avoided.	12/13/2022 7:18 PM
45	Please insure responsible and limited development of this beautiful, unspoiled corner of Michigan	12/13/2022 7:06 PM
46	Opportunities to develop clubs of interest (meeting place) for activities like a chess club, bird watching club, etc. So people could meet and explore that have similar interest.	12/13/2022 11:18 AM
47	We were surprised last year during the salmon run that the DNR poisoned the Trout River and left all the dead salmon on banks. Children and wildlife could and DID handle the poisoned carcasses.	12/13/2022 7:04 AM
48	Growth is inevitable and necessary for community survival. One of the township's missions is to ensure growth is planned wisely and infrastructure is in place beforehand and maintained during.	12/12/2022 6:13 PM
49	We love Presque Isle for the natural beauty and small community feel. We love that Presque Isle is quieter and not touristy. We have access to amazing natural resources (lakes, shorelines, dunes, woods, dark skies) and feel that township growth should preserve these while benefiting all in the community. With more social media presence and promoting of the area, there seems to be an increased interest in PI. We all know how wonderful Presque Isle is and we want to share this while also keeping it a secret :) to avoid becoming something too crowded and busy.	12/12/2022 11:03 AM
50	Keeping natural resources protection in the forefront for all planning.	12/11/2022 1:57 PM
51	Love the nature and character of Presque Isle Township. The township can certainly grow, but with careful planning, it won't lose the character that has drawn so many here.	12/11/2022 12:59 PM
52	limited and controlled growth, and a lake sheriff that is less of a nuisance	12/10/2022 10:31 PM
53	Get the dramatic people off Presque Isle Happenings website- No condos/no paved roads/ no new non local giant homes on water front	12/10/2022 12:49 AM
54	Thank you	12/9/2022 3:00 PM
55	More activities and things to do	12/7/2022 6:59 PM

56	Would like to see at least a second or third boat-in restaurant near the south end of Grand Lake. There are some residences on Grand Lake that do not have boats, as well as empty lots. It may be a source of income to utilize these areas for rental dock space, for example like a VRBO for dock space, or even a township public dock site that could be metered by the day/week/month/season.	12/7/2022 5:45 PM
57	A welcome packet for new property owners explaining the number one rule is to BE NICE to everyone.	12/7/2022 5:20 PM
58	Most of the people who come to Presque Isle like it pretty much the way it is.	12/7/2022 4:43 PM
59	We feel totally blessed to be in this area. Too much development or improvement could be detrimental. We are not against sharing the natural areas or Lighthouses with vacationers or tourists as long as they respect what we have. Protecting the waters and natural hiking areas is important to us.	12/7/2022 3:23 PM
60	A bike path/shoulder should be on all of e grand lake. Not ending at whiskey point.	12/6/2022 3:58 PM
61	Maintain the rural nature of the area. Have a limit on the size of new building. Too many people are building homes that are too large. Township just wants more taxes so they can yet again remodel the township hall. This is the country and people are here to enjoy nature. If they want amenities they should live in a city.	12/6/2022 11:31 AM
62	Lighten up on restrictions and ordinances.	12/6/2022 4:36 AM
63	Fire fighting capability on Long Lake Hwy side of Long Lake. Medical facility and services in township. Shopping center.	12/5/2022 11:18 AM
64	Thank you for asking for input from the residents of PI as you prepare the PIT Master Plan. May God grant you His wisdom to develop a plan that balances the need to protect this piece of paradise and meet the basic needs of its residents.	12/5/2022 11:15 AM
65	Please set a goal to preserve the special and unique place we currently have. Particularly maintain and protect the lake areas, trees and natural aspects of our township. Avoid large scale growth and development. Avoid multi use housing and chain stores/companies. Support owners of existing and unique businesses like Birch Hill, Sand Bay, Portage store, etc.	12/5/2022 9:43 AM
66	We have many visionaries. Need their inout	12/5/2022 9:43 AM
67	We come to Presque Isle for the nature. Clear cutting on the lake breaks our hearts.	12/5/2022 8:06 AM
68	Keep it native and rural. Not interested in this looking like the western side of the state. More trails would be nice	12/5/2022 7:28 AM
69	I'd like to see more activities for those of us on the lakes	12/4/2022 4:47 PM
70	Conservation of the natural resources (lakes, woods) should be a priority -- always. Finding a way to provide broadband internet service throughout the township at a reasonable cost.	12/4/2022 1:01 PM
71	High speed internet is a big one for us.	12/4/2022 12:19 PM
72	1) Remove the lighted sign in front of the TWP Hall. It's an eyesore and not consistent with the rustic environment that PI has to offer or with our dark sky designation. 2) bring in quaint restaurants and businesses and avoid pole barns and storage buildings visible from the roads.	12/4/2022 12:16 PM
73	I am glad you are asking. Please keep the balance of beauty, charm, friendly, low /no poluting. Please keep hotels, box stores, condo development out of Presque Isle. I love this place because it is NOT Harbor Springs or Traverse City. It would be a good thing to have an urgent care type place and a year round grocery. I would also keep the committee going that is thinking about the quarry property. When that business leaves, what goes in that spot could be a community setting, camp ground, county park or even a wind farm. That space could be a down town which would give business opportunities to the year round residents.	12/4/2022 9:56 AM
74	Must have virtual capability for all meetings. Better cell phone and internet coverage for residents.	12/4/2022 8:17 AM
75	I think advertise the what is available like the trials (atv/snowmobile/walking)	12/4/2022 8:12 AM
76	We bought our future retirement home on Lake Esau mainly because of the beauty of this area. We do not in any way support development! If people can't drive 20 minutes to the grocery store, they should not live here. This place is a treasure. Let's keep it this way	12/4/2022 7:38 AM



77	Another convenience store would be nice. More housing choices. Public access to Grand Lake for swimming & also Lake Huron for swimming.	12/4/2022 6:28 AM
78	Please don't lose what makes PI special by trying to be another Traverse City, Petoskey or Harbor Springs. And for Heaven's sake please don't emulate Alpena! Their leadership has turned a once great town into a place that has lost its shine and personality.	12/4/2022 12:13 AM
79	Thank you for the effort put into this survey. It's clear that it is a thoughtful collective effort. I look forward to learning about the responses and the next steps.	12/3/2022 10:29 PM
80	Review destruction of communities by short term rentals in western Michigan. Transients are detrimental to elderly residents, children, grand children, single women. They harm the environment, wildlife leave from the noise and properties are not maintained as owners live in far away towns and have no interest in our community.	12/3/2022 8:12 PM
81	People that move here and live here full time and those that vacation here seasonally love the area as it is ! It has been unspoiled by man and has a primitive feel. That's THE draw here for folks!! Again ,, we have not been developed and that's what attracts the majority of folks that come here! We enjoy the beauty and quiet. We escape the craziness of busy city's and suburbs. We enjoy the sounds of nature when walking on the trails. Presque Isle is a getaway from the hustle and bustle of the real world and all of its stressors. This is what makes it luxurious to live here ! The majority of people choose to live without big box stores and amenities near by. Alpena and Rogers city have all that I need personally and it's worth the drive. It's close enough. I Hear this from anyone else I talk to when I ask them what brought them to Presque Isle. I pray it doesn't change too much. I work here in the association and hear the same sentiment from most folks.	12/3/2022 7:55 PM
82	Meaningful development is fine but development just for the sake of development isn't worth it	12/3/2022 7:39 PM
83	A downhill ski resort would be great	12/3/2022 4:11 PM
84	Please stop trying to turn this in to the west side of the state. That's why we are here. Occasionally, we go to Petosky and when we get home, we are glad we are back. Government doesn't have to always be doing something. We are a family that believes in less government and its intrusion.	12/3/2022 4:07 PM
85	Slow but well intentioned growth. Support full time residential living atmosphere.	12/3/2022 1:26 PM
86	People shouldn't influence other people (residents) in a letter about never putting in a road all around Grand Lake.	12/2/2022 11:31 AM
87	Keep up the great work and thank you for this opportunity to comment. Smart building, eco focus, great design, and putting smart touches into everything is what PI is all about and should be all about in the future!	12/2/2022 10:28 AM
88	Cars and trucks do not observe the speed limit of 35 mph in the heavily residential/business stretch on E Grand Lake Rd. The speed limit needs to be reduced to 25 mph and it needs to be enforced from the fire station to the intersection of E Grand Lake Rd and Highland Pines.	12/1/2022 2:43 PM
89	Music festival	12/1/2022 12:46 PM
90	Develop township map indicating points of interest and public grounds	11/15/2022 11:04 AM
91	We are new full time residents. Moved here bc our former area (Leelanau county) is now too busy with tourists. We understand development and change is inevitable but we don't want to be held hostage in the summer from huge crowds of visitors.	11/14/2022 1:01 PM
92	Try to make township more appealing to younger families	11/12/2022 6:18 PM
93	I am concerned about the damage to Grand Lakes bottom from wake boats that are churning it up. See Article below: LANSING, MI — Powerful wakes thrown by specialized boats which people surf behind is drawing scrutiny from state officials, who are recommending restrictions on where and how the boats can operate on Michigan's inland lakes. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing larger shoreline buffers and lake depth requirements for people operating "wake boats," a type of heavy-draft inboard motor powerboat designed for wakesurfing, a watersport that's growing in popularity. This is a real problem for shallower lakes such as our beloved Grand Lake. I hope the township explores this real life issue.	11/12/2022 3:39 PM
94	Stop the fire works. Think about what the trash is doing to nature and our lakes.	11/12/2022 2:28 PM

95	Plenty of summer activities~ Would like better marked, accessibility for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. Thank you	11/12/2022 11:06 AM
96	Slow down. It's not the west side of the state. People are here for the beauty and the LACK of over development!!!	11/12/2022 8:47 AM
97	maybe add a casino	11/11/2022 8:59 PM
98	Encourage participation of community & cordiality	11/11/2022 7:42 PM
99	The main roads in the townships are terrible. Thompson's harbor should be opened to snowmobiles for a trail that passes through on the power lines at the very least. The township does not need any additional ordinances	11/11/2022 5:19 PM
100	I would hope we can preserve the existing/historical qualities of the area. It would be very bad if we became like the west side of the state; expensive, over built up, etc. We need to preserve the quiet, historical and quant aspects we had and love...	11/11/2022 4:22 PM
101	No development- Leave things alone - PI is one of the few areas where development has not taken iover	11/11/2022 3:43 PM
102	I vacationed her for 25+ years and decided early on I wanted to retire here. While I'm not retired I had the opportunity to move here and took advantage of that. I couldn't be more happy with that decision so far. I don't want to see this area exploited. There are plenty of opportunities for housing and retail growth in either Rogers City or Alpena. I'm happy to travel to get to services and stores. This area is magical spot in the world and it needs to stay that way. We need to work to keep it a beautiful and peaceful place to live.	11/11/2022 3:40 PM
103	Be very very careful about growth and change. Once the township goes forward with development, there's no turning back. This is a very beautiful special place that needs to be tended and cared for with the beauty and the isolation in mind. If you want to live with all the city conveniences, moved to the city. If you want to live out here where it's quiet and beautiful with nature. Then we need to encourage the township to leave things alone or go really slow	11/11/2022 2:46 PM
104	We do not need condos , low income housing etc. in the township. We have plenty of available lots for sale that are very reasonable with city water within the development.	11/11/2022 1:48 PM
105	Thank you for surveying the tax payers and visitors to the area! We don't need huge changes to make this a better place for everyone.	11/11/2022 12:08 PM
106	I love the naturalness of this area and hope it is maintained. I think people move here for that reason. They know they'll have to look elsewhere for medical, office, shopping, etc. it's so very special because the charm of this area is preserved. Please keep it that way. And no more condos.	11/11/2022 12:01 PM
107	I think you should allow smaller homes to be built, modular, container, homes that are more affordable. You should allow larger garages to house an RV or develop into a guest house.	11/11/2022 10:35 AM
108	We live here because of the seclusion and while we love the events and would love to see more happen, it's a fine line. We would not want to see the area over run into a tourist trap or short-term vacation spot where crime, noise and pollution follow with no pride of ownership. The people who come here know are aware and take care with the wildlife. This is valuable. That quickly gets lost with short term vacationers.	11/11/2022 10:26 AM
109	Time for the current Township Leadership to retire and allow the nextgeneration to plan the future-they are the ones who will be livong here then! Speeding must be addressed on East Grand Lake Rd- especially early am when the pickup trucks going to work at Larfage all but run you off the road. This is true at any shift change TRASH on Grand Lake Rd- not only the bottles and cans beigb thrown but all the "free" stuff left on the road side	11/11/2022 10:15 AM
110	No commercial property or multi housing	11/11/2022 10:03 AM
111	Growth is not always better. The appeal of grand lake is its small community.	11/11/2022 9:56 AM
112	Better internet. Get rid of water company	11/11/2022 9:34 AM
113	Contain/ control growth	11/11/2022 9:12 AM
114	I feel like we are behind the ball on trail systems for ATV and ORV. In the last decade side by sides and ORV have become so popular that without a trail system but with so many people	11/11/2022 8:33 AM

bringing them up for vacation or the summer months they are just riding the roads which is causing a problem for our roads, safety, and

115	Please open the power line through Thompson harbor towards Posen as a mix use trail. It used to be open until current DNR who hates anything recreational and from I hear working at all shut it down. Added boulders, gates and everything. To block a few older local people from use that had been using it long before.	11/11/2022 8:16 AM
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# Presque Isle Township Recreation Plan

Appendix

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## Post Completion Self-Certification Reports

**The post completion self-certification reports for the three grants received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources can be found [here](#).**



**Old Presque Isle Lighthouse, 1993, Grant # TF93-018**  
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**Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park, 1996, Grant # TF96-029**  
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**Range Light Park Development, 2012, Grant # 26-01723**  
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