

# Grant Township



## Recreation Plan

January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2015



# Community Description

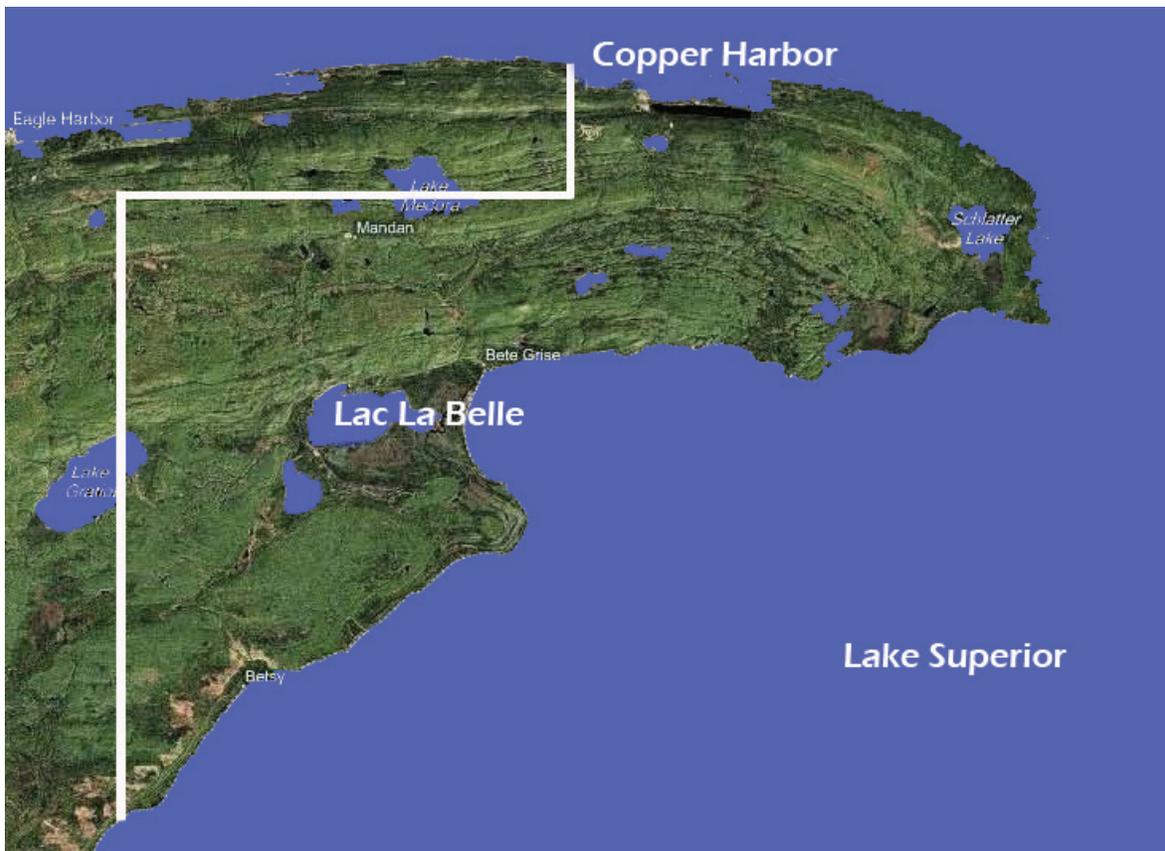
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Grant Township is located at the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula in Keweenaw County, Michigan. For the purpose of this plan, the “community” is defined as the area encompassed by Grant Township’s legal boundaries shown on map below. This recreation plan focuses only on Grant Township. Citizen input for this plan was solicited from township residents as well as persons living outside the township boundaries.

The development of this plan was initiated by the Grant Township Board of Trustees to assist them in applying for grants from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2015.

This plan addresses current and projected recreational needs for all forms of recreational activities. Grant Township has approximately 200 registered voters and approximately 600 individuals or organizations who own property in the township.

The goal of this plan is to address the needs of full-time residents as well as seasonal residents, and to be mindful of the needs of visitors and those who make their living by serving visitors and tourists.



# Administrative Structure

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Management responsibilities for the Township's recreational facilities are delegated to the Township's Board of Trustees. They are responsible for conducting all planning of future recreational improvements as well as coordinating township employees or volunteers to conduct maintenance on existing facilities.

Grant Township spends approximately \$5,000 annually on recreational projects, including all maintenance and capital expenditures. In the past, large capital expenditures for recreational activities have been paid with donations. Among those who assist the township with recreation through monetary donations or volunteer labor are:

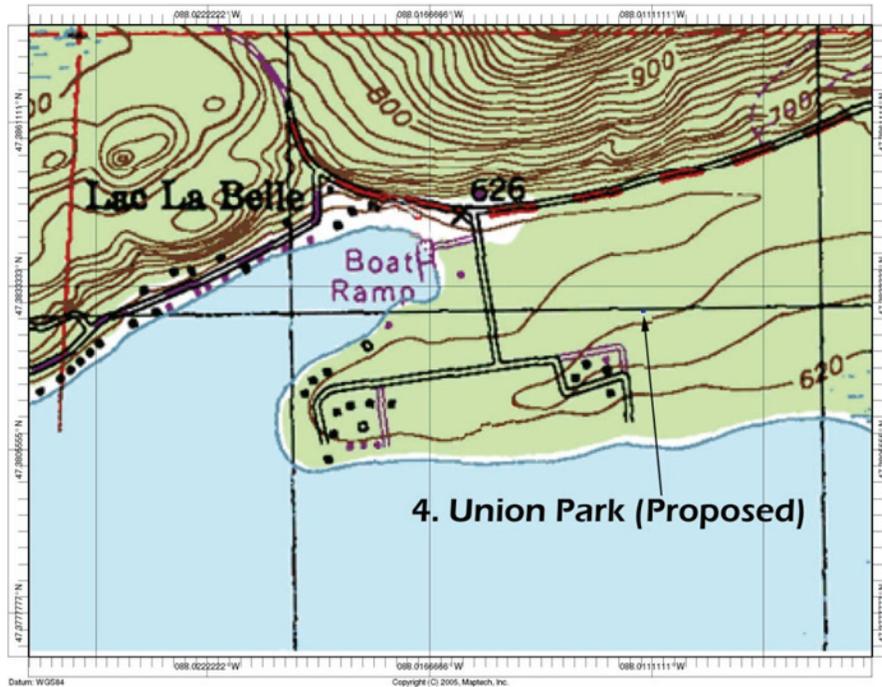
- Copper Harbor Improvement Association ([carborharbor.org](http://carborharbor.org))
- Copper Harbor Trails Club ([copperharbortrails.org](http://copperharbortrails.org))
- Copper Harbor Downtown Development Authority

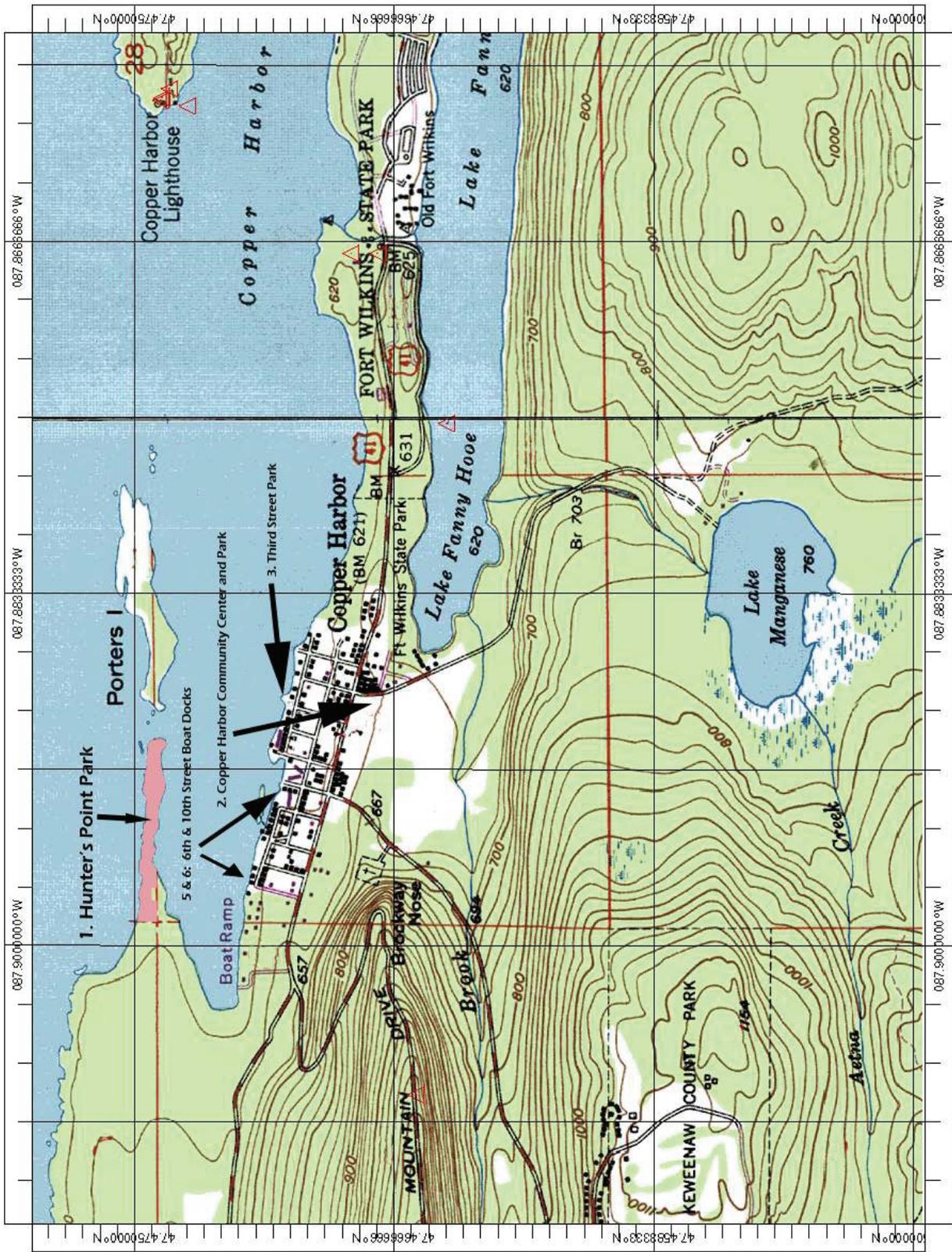
The Improvement Association and the Trails Club are both supported through memberships and through donations of money and labor. The Downtown Development Authority captures a small amount of tax base that lay within the plat of the Copper Harbor. All three organizations collaborate with Grant Township on recreational projects depending on what resources are needed to successfully complete it.

# Recreation Inventory

Facility Name	Classification	General Description
1. Hunter's Point Park	World Class Natural Area	Hunter's Point is a rocky spit of land that helps form the harbor of Copper Harbor. The park features approximately 4,800 feet of shoreline. It provides a barrier-free boardwalk and platform from which to view of Lake Superior; barrier-free restrooms; and interpretative signage of local flora and fauna.
2. Copper Harbor Community Center and Park	Regional Park	This three-acre park in the heart of Copper Harbor's business district has an outdoor pavilion with barbeque pit. The park also features a community center with a tourist information area and restrooms.
3. Third Street Mini Park	Mini-Park	This park features a viewing platform with benches on the harbor. Its approximate size is 60 by 100 feet.
4. Union Park	Undeveloped	This proposed park is located next to the Lac La Belle Fire Hall.
5. 6th Street Dock	Public Dock	This dock features an area to tie up a small outboard watercraft and a boardwalk to 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
6. 10th Street Dock	Public Dock	This facility allows small inboard watercraft to tie up.

## Maps





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# Accessibility Assessments

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1. Hunter's Point Park: the developed portion of the park meets accessibility guidelines
2. Copper Harbor Community Center & Park: the center meets accessibility guidelines; the park does not
3. Third Street Mini Park: some of the park meet accessibility guidelines
4. Union Park: not developed
5. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Dock: the dock meets accessibility guidelines
6. 10<sup>th</sup> Street Dock: the dock does not meet accessibility guidelines

## Description of the Public Input Process

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Grant Township sought public input for the creation of this recreation plan by soliciting public comment at public meetings and by conducting a survey that was available through the Internet. A summary of comments received at a public hearing are presented in this section, as are the results of the online survey.

The public hearing was held on February 26, 2009 at Grant Township Hall in Copper Harbor. Sixteen citizens attended the meeting. After a presentation by a representative of U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. on recreation plans, public comments and ideas were received. The public meeting was advertized on February 19, 2009 in the Houghton Daily Mining Gazette.

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### **The following list is a summary of citizen ideas received during a public workshop held in Copper Harbor on 2/26/09**

#### **Parks – Copper Harbor**

- Band Shell
- Parking On Third Street South Of Us 41-Includes Handicapped Parking
- Barrier Free Sidewalk From Fourth Street To Visitors Center
- Expand, Improve Park To Make It More Useable

#### **Parks – Lac La Belle**

- Develop Union Park
- Install Fishing Pier
- Playground Equipment

## **Potential Land Acquisitions**

- Ice Rink
- Sledding Hill
- 27 Hole Disc Golf Course
- Multi-Purpose Sports Field For Baseball, Soccer, Basketball
- Rustic Or Primitive Campground
- Acquisition Of Lake Front Property To Provide For Public Swimming, Boat Launch Etc.
- Proposed And Existing Trail Systems

## **Trail Related Proposals**

- Barrier Free Pathway From Fort Wilkins To Hunter's Point Should Accommodate Non Powered Traffic
- Interpretive Nature Trails
- Bike Trail For Families And Novice Riders
- Paved Bike/Cross Country Ski Trail Connecting Copper Harbor, Lac La Belle And Delaware
- Improve And Expand Nordic Ski Trail System; Some Trails Could Be Multi Use
- Trails For Sled Dogs And Horses
- Improve And Expand Biking And Hiking Trails
- Construct A Single Track Hiking Biking Loop From Copper Harbor To Keweenaw Point
- Backcountry Ski Runs/Snow Board Terrain Park
- Facility For Storage/Maintenance Of Trail Grooming Equipment

## **Water Related Proposals**

- Provide Family Swimming Where Water Is Warm
  - Develop Swimming At Lake Manganese (Fort Wilkins Responsibility)
  - Deepwater Access For Boats At Copper Harbor
  - Additional Longer-Term Dockage At Copper Harbor
  - Facilities For Keweenaw Water Trail Users-Landing/Docking Site
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IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP IN GRANT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING SUBJECT OF HEARING

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON SS

YVONNE ROBILLARD

Being first duly sworn, says that he/she is the agent of the Publisher of The Daily Mining Gazette, a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news, which is a duly qualified newspaper, and that annexed hereto is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper in which the order was published on the following dates:

FEBRUARY 19, 2009



Yvonne Robillard  
Agent of the Publisher of the Daily Mining Gazette

Subscribed and sworn before me this 27<sup>th</sup>  
Day of March A.D., 2009

Catherine O'Connell Ricci  
Notary Public, Houghton County, Michigan

Acting in and for the County of Houghton Michigan

CATHERINE O'CONNELL RICCI  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI  
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:  
AUG 10, 2012



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IN THE MATTER OF GRANT TOWNSHIP FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

STATE OF MICHIGAN

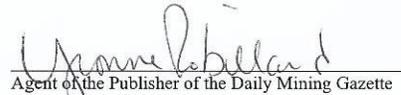
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AUGUST 27, 28, 29, 2009



  
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Day of September A.D., 2009

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI  
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:  
AUG 10, 2012

The proposed Recreation Plan was on display through the month of September and for the first week of October. Two public comments were received during the comment period:

1. "I did not find any reference to the "road ends" in the plan. Copper Harbor should improve public access to the water by developing the rights of way to the water."
2. "Please include the building of additional rest room facilities for the Copper Harbor Park. That would also make a nice project."

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OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 2009



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Day of October A.D., 2009

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As required, Grant Township advertised the October 13, 2009 meeting where it considered and adopted the new plan.

Shortly after the February 26 public meeting, U.P. Engineers & Architects mailed a postcard to all landowners in Grant Township publicizing the availability of an online survey that would allow residents to express their opinions and priorities for recreation projects in the township. The questions and a

numerical summary are presented at the end of this section. Incidentally, approximately 600 postcards were mailed out and 108 people participated in the online survey (and another 12 people submitted a printed copy of the survey through the U.S. Mail). That is a response rate of approximately 20 percent. In a world where a response rate of 3 percent to a direct-mail appeal is seen as “excellent,” a 20 percent response rate is far beyond expectation.

On the following pages is a summarization of the on-line survey.

## Grant Township Recreation Plan Survey

1. Please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statements about your community.					
	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Rating Average	Response Count
My community needs to expand or improve its recreational opportunities.	6.5% (7)	79.6% (86)	13.9% (15)	1.66	108
I think it is important to preserve our community's natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations.	2.8% (3)	94.4% (101)	2.8% (3)	1.92	107
Grant Township should create more recreational opportunities by purchasing or leasing lands.	12.1% (13)	67.3% (72)	20.6% (22)	1.47	107
I wish my community was more walkable, ski-able, bike-able, and less auto dependent.	13.2% (14)	70.8% (75)	16.0% (17)	1.55	106
I would like to see more multi-use trails in my community.	12.3% (13)	77.4% (82)	10.4% (11)	1.67	106
My community needs to be more accessible for people with disabilities.	10.4% (11)	52.8% (56)	36.8% (39)	1.16	106
Grant Township should investigate partnering up with other local units of government to provide more recreation opportunities.	13.2% (14)	78.3% (83)	8.5% (9)	1.70	106
<b>answered question</b>					<b>108</b>

## Grant Township Recreation Plan Survey

1. Please indicate the degree to which the various issues below are major priorities in your community.						
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
Grant Township needs to better publicize current recreational opportunities.	1.9% (2)	17.3% (18)	<b>59.6% (62)</b>	21.2% (22)	3.00	104
Grant Township needs to better maintain Recreational Lands it already owns.	0.0% (0)	23.3% (24)	<b>58.3% (60)</b>	18.4% (19)	2.95	103
Grant Township can support its tourism-based economy by focusing more on all kinds of recreational opportunities.	2.0% (2)	10.8% (11)	<b>56.9% (58)</b>	30.4% (31)	3.16	102
Grant Township already spends too much money on recreation.	28.3% (28)	<b>62.6% (62)</b>	9.1% (9)	0.0% (0)	1.81	99
Grant Township should focus more on creating parks than trails.	16.0% (16)	<b>56.0% (56)</b>	25.0% (25)	3.0% (3)	2.15	100
Grant Township should focus more on creating trails than on parks.	5.1% (5)	28.6% (28)	<b>48.0% (47)</b>	18.4% (18)	2.80	98
Grant Township needs bigger and better signage for existing recreational opportunities.	7.0% (7)	35.0% (35)	<b>46.0% (46)</b>	12.0% (12)	2.63	100
					<b>answered question</b>	<b>104</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>	<b>4</b>

## Grant Township Recreation Plan Survey

1. When you think of your favorite recreation places, how important are the following characteristics?						
	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Rating Average	Response Count
Abundant natural resources/scenic views	1.0% (1)	2.9% (3)	34.6% (36)	<b>61.5% (64)</b>	3.57	104
Near the water	2.9% (3)	26.0% (27)	<b>45.2% (47)</b>	26.0% (27)	2.94	104
People watching opportunity	<b>83.5% (86)</b>	8.7% (9)	5.8% (6)	1.9% (2)	1.26	103
Feeling of seclusion/privacy	11.5% (12)	24.0% (25)	<b>39.4% (41)</b>	25.0% (26)	2.78	104
Sense of historic importance	10.7% (11)	26.2% (27)	<b>42.7% (44)</b>	20.4% (21)	2.73	103
Variety of activity	7.7% (8)	<b>38.5% (40)</b>	34.6% (36)	19.2% (20)	2.65	104
Availability of food/drink	<b>35.9% (37)</b>	32.0% (33)	20.4% (21)	11.7% (12)	2.08	103
Authentic place	8.7% (9)	<b>35.9% (37)</b>	32.0% (33)	23.3% (24)	2.70	103
Exercise opportunity	17.5% (18)	22.3% (23)	<b>30.1% (31)</b>	<b>30.1% (31)</b>	2.73	103
Sports/physical activities	17.5% (18)	27.2% (28)	<b>28.2% (29)</b>	27.2% (28)	2.65	103
Meeting/social gathering place	18.3% (19)	<b>38.5% (40)</b>	30.8% (32)	12.5% (13)	2.38	104
Outdoor activities	2.9% (3)	15.4% (16)	35.6% (37)	<b>46.2% (48)</b>	3.25	104
Combination of child and adult appropriate recreation opportunities	7.8% (8)	29.1% (30)	<b>41.7% (43)</b>	21.4% (22)	2.77	103
			Other (please specify)			21
			<b>answered question</b>			<b>104</b>

## Grant Township Recreation Plan Survey

1. Please indicate the degree to which the various issues below are major priorities in your community.						
	Not a priority	Low priority	Mid-level priority	High priority	Rating Average	Response Count
Grant Township should improve regional cooperation in general terms of recreation planning and creating opportunities.	5.8% (6)	9.7% (10)	38.8% (40)	<b>45.6% (47)</b>	3.24	103
Grant Township should consolidate services/facilities when possible.	4.9% (5)	22.5% (23)	<b>47.1% (48)</b>	25.5% (26)	2.93	102
There is a strong need for additional public recreational infrastructure (roads, trails, rest rooms, utilities, etc)	7.8% (8)	14.6% (15)	37.9% (39)	<b>39.8% (41)</b>	3.10	103
					<b>answered question</b>	<b>103</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>	<b>5</b>

Grant Township Recreation Plan Survey

1. What recreational opportunities/facilities should my community focus on? (Be specific)		Response Count
		82
	<i>answered question</i>	82
	<i>skipped question</i>	26

What recreational opportunities/facilities should my community focus on? (Be specific)

1. accessible parking on 3rd street. landscaping in copper harbor park development of public ice rink advertising more on public functions, especially out of area.
2. hiking trails with parking and accurate signs, toilet facilities, information signs along the route to be walked.
3. public music, boating/diving, water access, mountain biking, kyaking astronomy
4. Purchase Harbor Lake(a.k.a. Fake Lake) for a primitive camping Grant Township recreation area, not just for camping, but for year-round events for extra space for the township to attract events under their control. Events such as outdoor concerts, car shows, outdoor events, etc...
5. Less maintenance intensive facilities are needed, i was surprised at the wish list at the beginning of the survey. The township and county does have funds to support operation and maintenance of such a list. Lets go with more natural and wilderness focused facilities that require little operation and maintenance funds. There are already a very nice selection of road side parks and pavilions.
6. kayaking cc skiing snowshoeing bicycling hiking fishing golf less expensive/primitive camping
7. Parks with swings park at Bette Gris. Have better toilet facilities.Have a bicycle trail near the lake at Lac La Belle where feasible.
8. Boating
9. Preservation of the natural beauty of Keweenaw County. Commercialization will destroy the reason many of our "long term" tourists come to Copper Harbor and surrounding areas. Yes, we do need infrastructure improvements such as rest room facilities at trail heads etc. We do need modern places for people to stay, eat, and shop and need to support our local merchants, but we also have to be careful that we do not become a " tourist trap" like Gatlinburg, Tenn or Frankenmuth, MI. We are a remote area and the peace and quiet should be preserved as much as possible. Hiking, cycling, and other low environmental impact activities should be the emphasis of programs.
10. Copper Harbor park improvements: BAND SHELL above all, attractive maintained landscaping (sod, irrigation system), ice rink with lighting & warming hut, sled hill, increased accessible parking off the highway. Copper Harbor is the primary economic base and center of tourism in our county and especially our township. Copper Harbor is the priority recreational area in our township, this is where the majority of our county and township resources should be used. Our focus on silent sports recreation, our uniqueness and our solitude is why people come here to vacation and get away.
11. We have a very scenic area. The key in my opinion is finding the correct balance between government owned property and private ownership, so in the future there is a tax base. Also in following in the balance theme, the trails are important to the future growth to the tourism industry, but we need activities (playground etc), scenic lookouts to meet all age groups of the vistors and residents of grant township (ages 2- 90).

12. non-motorized trails
13. Restrooms / Change Rooms / Trash receptacles
14. Perhaps a fishing walk way or pier along the little Gratiot by the bridge. I'm not sure what is really available.
15. Warming shelters at trail head Drinking water
16. More rustic campgrounds and more single track biking trails.
17. Keep things natural, and maintain the local history. Curtail modern development, avoid being like everywhere else. Keep our isolation unique.
18. We should be focusing on our trail systems and related facilities. Mountain biking, hiking, xc skiing should be a priority as well as developing a disc golf course and primitive campground.
19. As a member of the Copper Harbor Trails Club board, I am in support of a increase of non-motorized, multi-use trails. Our club is currently focused on mountain biking/hiking/skiing/snowshoe trails, however I am greatly in favor of separate trail systems for horseback riding/dog sledding as well. I have worked on/off in Copper Harbor for 6 years and currently own land just outside of Grant Township in Eagle Harbor Township. I believe these two governing bodies, as well as the State DNR, have an opportunity to create one of the regions, and possibly nations, most dynamic and unique trail systems. Our club is working with several public and private entities to develop sustainable and secure trails. We see the potential for hundreds of miles of non-motorized trails, with primitive campsites along the way and in destination towns, to allow adventure and eco-vacation travelers a world-class outdoor experience. You could associated it with many Nordic and Swiss regions in Europe, who have trails that link small villages and travelers will bike or ski from hut to hut. The Keweenaw certainly has the potential to be an major outdoor recreation destination, visible on a much larger scale than current. I work for trails because my wife and I intend to live in Copper Harbor some day, and we would not only like to have trails for our own use, but we have many friends who live and work in the village and we would like to see their livelihood maintained and improved. We feel the classic Copper Harbor business model is weakening, and a new product must be introduced. While a trail system has been in place for many years, the potential for growth is exponential. The beauty and ruggedness of Grant Township and surrounding areas are it's greatest resource, and tapping that resource for sustainable, low-impact trail development will be a significant economic boon for many years to come.
20. Canoe dock at the end of 8th street, Copper Harbor would be great; acquiring land for hiking/skiing/biking (soft sports) trails in the vicinity of Copper Harbor, before it is all privately owned, should also be a priority.
21. Non-motorized opportunities including cross country skiing trails that serve as bike/hike trails in the summer. Continue developing the Keweenaw Mtn Lodge as a winter cross country ski resort. Also develop maritime recreational opportunities - the marina, deep water access, and water trails. The Keweenaw is a very unique place (in terms of the geology, terrain, and natural setting) and as such there is a huge potential for tapping into the money available in outdoor recreation: biking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing in a way that will preserve this place for future generations. Trails should be

developed to create the least impact on the landscape though. Keep the trails as narrow as possible. Wide trails are like highways in the woods and take away from the experience.

22. Family friendly pathways/trails and parks that are maintained well for the safety of the users. A large play area with at least two basketball areas. Flat land acquisition for the "field of dreams" - ball games, soccer, running etc. Show improvements in what is already owned. Better launching areas for the kayaks and canoes. Redo the tennis court going in the right direction - use as ice rink in winter. Create and maintain a better children's play area in the Copper Harbor school area.
23. biking, hiking/walking, and ski trails.
24. Anything to promote non-motorized recreation and protect the natural beauty and semi-wilderness of the area.
25. The Grant Township that we live in includes the land in between Mount Bohemia and Smith Fisheries Road. I am aware that several acres of land are for sale within those boundaries, some of which has been purchased and 'no trespassing' signs have already gone up. Those former logging roads were once used by off-road enthusiasts (snowmobile, atv, and dirt bike) and mountain bikers. We used those roads to bike and snowshoe to Mount Houghton. Now that they are being purchased, our opportunities for enjoyment, recreation, and livelihood are decreasing. Some of those roads also connected to the county trail system. I would like to see more land acquisition to keep the back country accessible the public. Our family also enjoys mountain biking in both Houghton and Keweenaw counties. We have commented in the past that the above land in Grant Township that I first spoke of would make a great mountain biking trail system.
26. safe trails throughout the county, portapotties/benches at various spots - feel the mountain lodge in Copper Harbor could be utilized more - especially in winter for sledding, etc. for families.
27. cycling trails, hiking trails, Kayaking
28. I would love to see more trails built for both hiking and biking.
29. Multi-usage, non-motorized trails
30. cross country skiing, road biking, fishing, mt. biking
31. Safe Cycling trails for beginners/young riders Groomed Skate skiing XC trails Non-motorized Trails connecting communities
32. Offering CHALLENGING trails that set Grant Township apart from the rest of Michigan's intermediate systems. However, a couple of miles of beginner terrain (NOT a field - but trails) is also necessary to bring a more diverse crowd to the area. Grant Township is a long drive for many people, and it is in competition with other BIG and CHALLENGING trail systems. Also, land acquisition is very important. There are a lot of people who put a lot of time and effort into developing trails and other resources for Grant Township, and having that taken away because of land ownership issues is disconcerting.
33. Maintain the excellent facilities that already exist, without forgetting to continuously improve. It was very nice to see the trolley running around last summer, between the mountain lodge and the harbor, perhaps this could be a more regular deal.

34. Grant Township should focus in projects they can afford to develop and, once developed, properly maintain. I believe the Township is too small to be all things to all people. The Township should actively support the development of the large DNR holdings on Keweenaw Point. The fact that little has been done out there since the acquisition is disappointing,
35. Bike trails: both on-road and off-road Fishing Pier Cross country ski trails
36. A good majority of land in Grant Twp is owned currently by large timber management corporations not based in this area. While sustainable logging practices may be included where applicable, land acquisition projects to guarantee the future public access for the trails needs to be a top priority before the opportunity could be lost....it will never be any easier or more affordable to acquire than it is right now! Plans need to move forward regarding the proposed non-motorized loop on the State property acquired on Keweenaw Point in 2002...this has the potential to provide a world-class user experience for hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers and paddlers as a multi-day route inclusive of primitive back-country campsites along the way. As documented in the 2004 Citizens' Advisory Committee's recommendations submitted to the DNR, this 25+ mile route would parallel the Lake Superior shoreline as close as feasible, with planned access to highlighted areas along the way such as High Rack Bay, Keystone Bay, Fish Cove, the mouth of the Montreal River/ Falls and the Montreal River corridor...the trail would both start and finish in Copper Harbor and link to the existing human-powered trail system. While the State now owns over 8000 acres of this land, it lies 100% within Grant Twp. and perhaps there is a way to jump start the momentous trail building project in some sort of partnership between the two entities. Another multi-entity project includes the Keweenaw Coastal Wildlife Corridor project and development of a ridge-line human powered trail that would link Grant Twp (Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in particular with Eagle Harbor Township. While this project will be inclusive of some land acquisitions to "connect the dots" a good majority of the desired parcels are already either in municipal or conservancy ownerships from whom support for the project has been received. This project will serve the principals of conservation, including preservation of the viewscape looking south from Borckway Mountain Drive (a federally designated National Scenic Byway), protection of a major fly-way for the annual raptor and songbird migrations and protection for the head waters for the Grant Twp well head protection area in particular, while providing a low impact, sustainable means of recreation and an economic resource. Acquisition of some of this timber-management owned property would also lend support to the proposed phase II development of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Nordic Ski Center. Although primarily within Eagle Harbor Twp, this property is located immediately west and adjacent to the Mountain Lodge property. It's 1100'+ elevation above sea level, north and east facing aspects make it a "snow catcher" ...essentially the 1st place to get and last place to lose the snow for a guarantee of a long XC ski season. It's hardwood forest and gradually undulating terrain have been identified as "the prime" location to develop the proposed second phase for "skate ski" trails in addition to more "classic ski" trails. Opportunities for other summer trail and even equestrian trails exist.
37. Trails, parking areas, playground updating for the kids
38. All of those mentioned in item 3

39. skiing walking biking
40. cross country skiing, hiking trails, nature trails, and rustic cabin rentals.
41. Cross country ski trails, biking trails, multi-use trails.
42. Skiing, parks and trails.
43. PUBLIC MARINA SERVICES, WITH POWER, WATER, AND PUMPOUT FACILITIES IN THE LAC LA BELLE / BETE GRIS AREA. GROOMED CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MOUNT BOHEMIA, TO COMPLIMENT THE ALPINE SKIING OPPORTUNITIES.
44. Safe trails to scenic and historic places
45. Develop Union Park Fishing dock
46. More kayak 'trails' with nice put-in and take-out opportunities, both in Lake Superior and surrounding inland lakes. The bike trails are world-class and wonderful, it would be nice if they were even more connected and clearly marked (more than once I've met people who are lost on them).
47. Hiking/snowshoe trails; dedicated lands/sanctuaries for bird watching.
48. All the street right of ways in Copper Harbor that terminate at the Harbor's edge should be designated as public access points to the waters edge. Tenth street dock, Sixth street dock, and Third streets waterside park public access sites were established in the past. There have been arguments for and against the right of the public to use the remaining accesses as originally legally intended in the past. Now that Grant Twp is putting a plan in place creates a perfect time to finally re-establish the intended public access. I expect there will be continued argument over this issue by waterfront land owners but now would be the time to finally resolve this. I'm not proposing that parks or docks be established at any of the remaining street ends only that legal public right of way access to the Harbor shoreline is not contested or denied.
49. Hunting and fishing. I would like to see a community sponsored fishing tournament.
50. mountain biking, skiing
51. Improve fishing at Lake Medora and other inland lakes, repair bridges on ATV/snowmobile trails
52. Family-oriented activities and non-motorized trails (i.e. paved or mine rock surfaces) connecting communities in Grant Twp. for biking, cross-country skiing, hiking . . . separated from snowmobile trails. Additional rustic campgrounds, near trails.
53. Judging by the number of seniors (age 50+) here and as visitors, let's make it easier for them to get around. Low stress access points and trails to walk are always a welcome sight to them.
54. I would like to see a formal multi-use trail system that can be utilized by diverse groups/clubs (ie: horse trails, motorized atv use trails, bikers, hikers, etc...) that can connect the various communities and access the abundant natural resource opportunities we have in the Keweenaw. There is a tremendous economic benefit by providing these types of recreational opportunities and community access with minimal environmental impact.
55. parks, hiking trails, and water access

56. I am happy with the current opportunities/facilities
57. Eclectic outdoor music presentation
58. More trails. Food & Drink Stands for the Fireworks is a must.
59. Hunter's Point phase 2 acquisition and development. Longer term, I would love to see as much as possible of Keweenaw Point east of Copper Harbor and North of Bete Gris permanently preserved for public access and non-development (possibly as a park).
60. Fishing, skiing, and keeping the intense tourism at Copper Harbor where it has always been and keep the rest of the township in low intensity tourism.
61. While the goal is to enhance the tourism awareness of the area, which brings in revenue for business to sustain itself, providing services for the tourists, there has to be a balance in preserving the natural beauty of the county and health of the resources we use. With regional cooperation and planning, involving all the communities of the peninsula, and tax payer input, success can be achieved. Involvement and communication will advance programs in a more cooperative fashion.  
ps. sorry for not being to specific.
62. Hiking trails, non-motorized trails, canoeing and fishing opportunities, rustic type camping opportunities in Keweenaw point area and lakeshore.
63. Silent sport activities like biking hiking and paddle sports. Improving access to remote lakes and lake superior locations for fishing and paddling.
64. Expand trails for hiking and snow shoeing. Public swimming area, preferably within State Park boundaries. Sledding hill for winter. Miniature golf course. Maintain & improve Keweenaw Mt. Lodge facilities and golf course. Drinking water access in Grant Township park. Bathroom facilities in places other than Community Center building. Resting benches scattered throughout the trails system. Increase emphasis on the "quiet sports." Make trail system dog friendly. (Marquette City Parks have some trails that are posted for dogs OFF leash.)
65. 1. South Shore residents need a community center/gathering place for meetings and recreation. They are scattered for 20 miles at least along the Lake Superior shoreline and have common concerns such as meetings to discuss issues such as safety and keeping the beaches clean. They also need an indoor place for social events regardless of the weather. This is a high priority need. 2. Focus on quiet types of recreation such as kayaking, snowshoeing, and mountain bike riding; and keep these activities separated from noise-making recreation such as snowmobileing and jet skis. Need more bike paths so bikers can ride safely instead of sharing a narrow one lane highway. Many people crave quiet places away from noise and commercialism. Grant Township and Keweenaw Co should focus on their unique history & natural beauty and not try to immitate cities and Disney Land type parks!
66. Leave things well enough alone.

67. Put everything in Copper Harbor, leave the out lying areas to a wilderness experience.
68. I would like to see anew community hall with exercise and social activities. Also, some safe area to walk / bike along our local roads . possibly a bit lower speed limit. People do not have to travel at 55 or 60+. It's frightening.
69. Silent sports; hiking, biking, x-c skiing, snowshoeing, kayaking and other low impact activities. All things that people could do to enjoy the natural beauty and scenic offerings Grant Twp has. We could also use improvement of our Twp park. It has the potential to draw people to the area with a little work....festivals, music and other events.
- Keweenaw Coastal Wildlife Corridor Project with Eagle Harbor Twp and The Nature Conservancy. 2. The Keweenaw Trail Project with Eagle harbor Twp, Grant Twp, Houghton Twp & WUPPDR. 3. General Trail (Motorized and Non-Motorized) Creation and maintenance.
70. Support all government and NGO projects that protect and preserve land. Apply for and support as many grants as possible to buy land and trail easements ASAP. Keweenaw Tip, Bete Grise Preserve, Keweenaw Coastal Wildlife Corridor, Copper Harbor trail system, etc. Separate trails for motorized and self-powered sports and link to trail systems in other townships. Winter and summer uses need to be clearly defined and signed. Maps and signs so people know where they can go without trespassing. Boat washing, truck, ATV, bike washing stations and educational signs (e.g. firewood) to help prevent the spread of animal and plant invasive species. Lac La Belle Community Center. Recycling center or program for resident and tourist trash.
71. Enjoyment of nature without adverse environmental impact.
72. Would like to see more trails for snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, motor or non-motor sports.
73. More family oriented things to do with children.
74. WE REALLY NEED HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT AT LAC LA BELLE.
75. I feel one overlooked natural resource we have in abundance is the NIGHT SKY. I feel very strongly that any plans for the area should be strongly influenced by the need to keep lighting to a minimum, and to make sure that all lighting is in compliance with IDA model lighting ordinance standards (website: [www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)), so that the beauty of the night is available to all visitors.
76. Community / Recreation Center
77. Lac La Belle VFD needs an additional bay on its fire hall - this is number 1 to me. Second would be a community center attached to our fire hall. This facility could provide important oppertunities to our community such as, a indoor place for community events such as our SSA meetings & events. It could possibly be used as a community exercise facility as well. Other events such as small anniversary parties, birthday parties and family gatherings could be accommodated. It could provide an oppertunity for the the Fire Department to hold fund raising activities also.

78. Roadside parks
79. We need the community center at Lac La Belle to facilitate community events and family gatherings. Improve the boat launch at Lac La Belle to include slips and a possible pavilion, handicapped access, and a place for families with kid to fish.
80. An addition to the Lac La Belle fire hall to be used as a community center. A groomed cross country ski trail in Lac La Belle, possibly into the Deer Lake area. Turning Union Park in Lac La Belle into an actual park, with some play ground equipment and RUSTIC camp sites and access to the water. Also a small boat launch and fishing dock. Designated motorized and non-motorized trails, in Copper Harbor, Helltown Lac La Belle, Bete Gris, Betsey & Gay, purchase the land if necessary. Hiking and biking trails that are NEW trails, NOT closed off snowmobile / 4-wheel trails. In Helltown, Lac La Belle, Bete Gris, Betsey & Gay Motorized and non-motorized trails up Mt. Houghton, in Lac La Belle. Motorized trail out to the South Point of Bete Gris, there is already a non-motorized trail.
81. Lac La Belle area needs a community center for local taxpaying residents. There currently is no adequate facility to use as a gathering place that works for any time of the year.
82. availability of fresh bait (minnows)
83. Quiet/silent sports. Eco friendly, non motorized.
84. I don't want fees. I don't to have to buy a sticker.
85. environmentally sensitive activities; tranquility and quiet
86. A place to swim in Lake Superior, away from motor boating
87. Trails are parks; parks have trails, they are the same.
88. There is room for a wide variety of recreational pursuits in Grant Township, especially in regard to motorized and human-powered (non-motorized) trails. While access for each group to the prime locations and attractions within the Twp should be inclusive as much as feasible, special considerations must be taken for environmental sustainability, aesthetics and for obvious safety reasons. Many residents and visitors to the area are attracted by the solitude that Grant Twp has to offer and the ability to "get away from it all"...it's important not to diminish its attractiveness for both quality of life and economic resource reasons. In particular, the success of a vast majority of off-road human-powered activities, including also backcountry camping, are dependant on a lack of noise, dust and exhaust. Each user group must essentially have their own permanently designated trail systems for both summer and winter use, some of which may require conservation easements or land acquisition to guarantee future public access. Special considerations for equestrian trails should also be included, as this user group does not really fit well into either user group's "shared" or "multi-use" trails. Being a tourist based economy, Grant Township must strive to impliment and maintain a balance between economics and the environment first and foremost.
89. golf, skiing, hiking, camping, swimming, biking, (all sorts of physical activities for a variety of age groups, as well as those people with physical handicaps.

90. An opportunity for more skiing would bring more investment and people to enjoy the beautiful area we live in.
91. Provide more designated ATV trails. Stock abundant forage fish and predator fish in Medora Lake to sustain fishing for the future.
92. Having trails/parks/facilities that are available year-round is important to me. Having trail systems that are well marked and easily connected is key.
93. We need a rifle range, and public land to hunt on.
94. Maintenance of bridges on ATV/snowmobile trails. very important.
95. Want a nice place to enjoy with my family so we can spend time together in the outdoors and enjoy being together.
96. Cloistered commercial-retail area to encourage active guest participation.
97. clean, litter free, learning experience, non-motorized trails separate from ATV/snowmobile trails.
98. There is a need to keep the cannal between Lake Superior and Lac La Belle maintained and to prevent erosion within.
99. if copper harbor wants to sustain its self with city trash, thats fine, leave the undeveloped out lying area i.e. lac la belle, bete geis, betsy area a bedroom enviroment, residential alone. (more people, more problems, more problems the more the township got to raise taxes, and inferstructure.) We dont go detroit to throw crap around.
100. Natural, historic and scenic places and public access to them are our biggest assets in Grant Twp. Improvement and expansion of trails and accessibility to our natural places and historic sites will provide economic and recreational opportunities to visitors and locals alike. We need to keep the scenic, natural environments here for people to enjoy...it's what we are all about.
101. Need for community center which could include out-door tennis courts and basketball courts.
102. need for a community center for local taxpayers

# Goals and Objectives

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Based upon the survey of citizens and input during the public meeting, the Grant Township Board of Trustees created the following the following mission statement for its recreation program:

*Grant Township wishes to protect its natural environment for the enjoyment of current and future generations.*

Additionally, the township board set the following goals to assist it in focusing on the most important recreational opportunities available to the township:

1. Develop, improve, and maintain non-motorized trails
2. Improve and maintain recreational lands and infrastructure that the township owns
3. Acquire land surrounding existing township parks to accommodate future expansion
4. Consider the creation of a community recreation facility in the Lac La Belle area
5. Improve access to lakes for camping, fishing, boating, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming
6. Publicize current recreational opportunities through electronic means and printed maps and brochures
7. Improve wayfinding signage for recreational opportunities
8. Explore opportunities to create a Recreational Authority

The township board wishes it to be known that it supports many of the specific suggestions presented by citizens. Although the board is cognizant that it could create an “Action Program” as part of this recreation plan that would lay out specific projects for specific time periods, the board decided to forego an Action Plan and consider specific projects as they are presented by citizens or organizations. The township board agrees that any specific project must meet at least one of the eight goals listed previously.

**RESOLUTION # 19-2009  
GRANT TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**RESOLUTION  
To Authorize Submittal of Recreation Plan dated January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
To December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**WHEREAS, the Grant Township wishes to make available and accessible to its citizens the recreational lands in Grant Township, and**

**WHEREAS, a draft of the Recreation Plan has been presented to the public and public comments have been received and presented in the plan, and**

**WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to adopt a new five-year recreation plan, and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant Township Board authorizes Supervisor Ken Stigers to submit the Recreation Plan that is dated January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2015 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on behalf of Grant Township.**

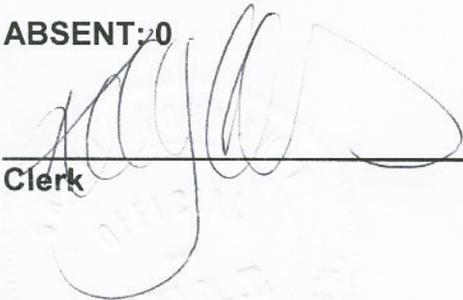
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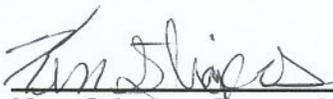
**Members present: Ken Stigers, Karen Karl, Kelly Coltas, Ned Huwatschek, Art Davis**

**AYES: 5 - Ken Stigers, Karen Karl, Kelly Coltas, Ned Huwatschek, Art Davis**

**NAYS: 0**

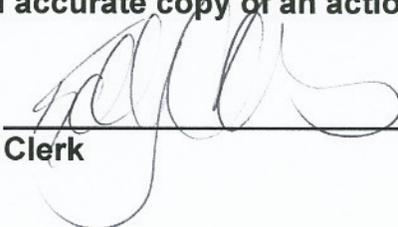
**ABSENT: 0**

  
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Clerk

  
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Ken Stigers, Supervisor

**Upon a motion made by Kelly Coltas, seconded by Art Davis, the following Resolution was adopted:  
#19-2009**

**I hereby certify this Resolution as a true and accurate copy of an action taken by the Grant Township Board on October 13, 2009.**

  
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Clerk