



SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
LOCATION: TOWNSHIP HALL, 7525 HIGHLAND ROAD, WHITE LAKE, MI 48383 (PLEASE
NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2022 – 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A. Minutes of September 14, 2022
- 6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
- 7. NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**
A. Parks & Recreation Survey Results- Discussion
B. Groya Consulting - Parks & Recreation Master Plan - Update
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9. STAFF REPORT**
- 10. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 11. NEXT MEETING DATE:** November 9, 2022
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

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**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting

White Lake Township Annex, 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383
September 14, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL: Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison
Kathleen Aseltyne
Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Deb Deren, Vice Chair
Rhonda Grubb

Absent: None

Also Present: Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner
Sherri Barber, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Deren moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2022 as presented. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Beckett & Raeder – Stanley Park Design Discussion

Brian Barrick from Beckett & Raeder (BRI) was in attendance. He provided an overview of the presentation he was going to share with the Committee.

Much of the spring and summer were spent on the grant administration process. U.S. Fish and Wildlife identified endangered species at Stanley Park. This was elevated to a formal review. BRI drafted a biological assessment (BA). U.S. Fish and Wildlife went through the BA and issued an opinion, which was essentially a permit for the work. This fall or winter the Township should receive a project agreement from the National Park Service (NPS) through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The goals of the park design were to preserve the natural features with some subtle improvements for access and activities. He discussed the phasing of the project. BRI had conceptual designs based on updated topographic and wetland surveys.

Construction costs had escalated between 30 and 40 percent since the first estimate was done 18 months ago. The Phase 1 cost estimate was \$1,687,954.58. He provided some options for deferring some of the costs, which could result in a new project estimate of \$1,350,000.

The next steps were to continue design development, geotechnical investigations, preliminary engineering, and discuss budget strategies.

Trustee Voorheis was concerned with the number of trees being removed. She asked for more information about the trees being proposed for removal, and if the Committee could design around trees. Brian stated most of the trees slated for removal were by the roadway. BRI tried to design around the trees for minimal impact.

Member Aselyne was impressed. She asked about the proposed boardwalk materials. Brian stated there were many material options. In an effort to be cost conscious, treated lumber was proposed.

Member Deren stated if the exercise stations were costly, a few of them could be eliminated. She added the pier was 55 feet and asked if it could be reduced. Brian responded the pier needed to go out to about three to four feet deep water.

Steve Woodward (953 Schuyler) stated the water was currently about as low as it gets and suggested examining the current lake level.

Kim Turner (971 Schulyer) noted if the pier went too far, it could impact the travel pattern from Mud Lake. He added the floating dock would need to be removed at the end of the year.

Staff Planner Quagliata stated if the Committee was supportive of the design direction, staff and BRI would move ahead and come back to the Committee with updates at a future meeting. The Committee was supportive of proceeding in the direction discussed.

B. Hunting Area Control Ordinance – Amendment

Staff Planner Quagliata discussed the previous map versus the proposed map showing prohibited hunting areas. He stated the purpose of the amendment was protection of Township property.

Nick Hubbard (795 Bonita Drive) noted people could not currently hunt in subdivisions and hunting was regulated by the State. Member Aseltyne stated she encountered someone near her property who had an app they used to figure out where hunting was allowed.

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Township property on Elizabeth Lake Road and Hitchcock Road needed to be added to the map.

Steve Woodard (953 Schuyler) would like to see the red line moved 450 feet into Mud Lake. Staff Planner Quagliata stated this may be possible in a future amendment.

Member Aseltyne moved to recommend to the Township Board the amendment to the hunting area control ordinance as presented by staff. Trustee Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the amendment would be placed on the October 18 Township Board meeting agenda.

C. Fisk Farm Halloween Event – October 15, 2022

Staff Planner Quagliata stated he and the Supervisor's Office were working with the Historical Society to help with the event. The Township planned to handle the trunk-or-treat portion of the event, which would lead into the rest of the Historical Society activities at the event. Member Aseltyne would like to see more recycling; she said many plastic bottles, etc. were thrown away at the Fisk Farm Festival. Staff Planner Quagliata stated there had been some discussion about a movie at the event, but both the Historical Society and Township agreed there was already enough planned for the Halloween event; a movie night could be a separate event in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Township received a request for a Hawley Park rental and the individual wanted to know if they could have a video game truck. The Committee did not have a problem with it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported the Township Board would approve the Capital Improvement Plan at its regular September meeting. He was at the Fisk Farm Festival with a tent set up to obtain input on the 5-Year Recreation Plan update. There were approximately 420 survey responses. He added about 40 to 50 people stopped at the tent. He stated field rental revenue had increased for baseball/softball fields. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Supervisor approved some maintenance projects at Hawley Park, Stanley Park, and Vetter Park.

Staff Planner Quagliata would like the Committee to hold a meeting on October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to meet with Groya regarding the 5-Year Recreation Master Plan update. He added the Township was considering applying for a grant for the renovation of the current building at Stanley Park.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis did not have anything to report.

Member Aselyne reported she was impressed with the Fisk Farm Festival. She thought the Committee could have something later on in the day with a band, etc. – or maybe this was redundant with the Family Fun Day event. Combining the two events may be a good idea. Member Grubb liked the idea but thought getting people more familiar with the other parks was the reason for hosting events elsewhere. Staff Planner Quagliata noted the ultimate goal was to have one event per season, to go along with the Four Seasons Playground motto.

Member Deren had no report.

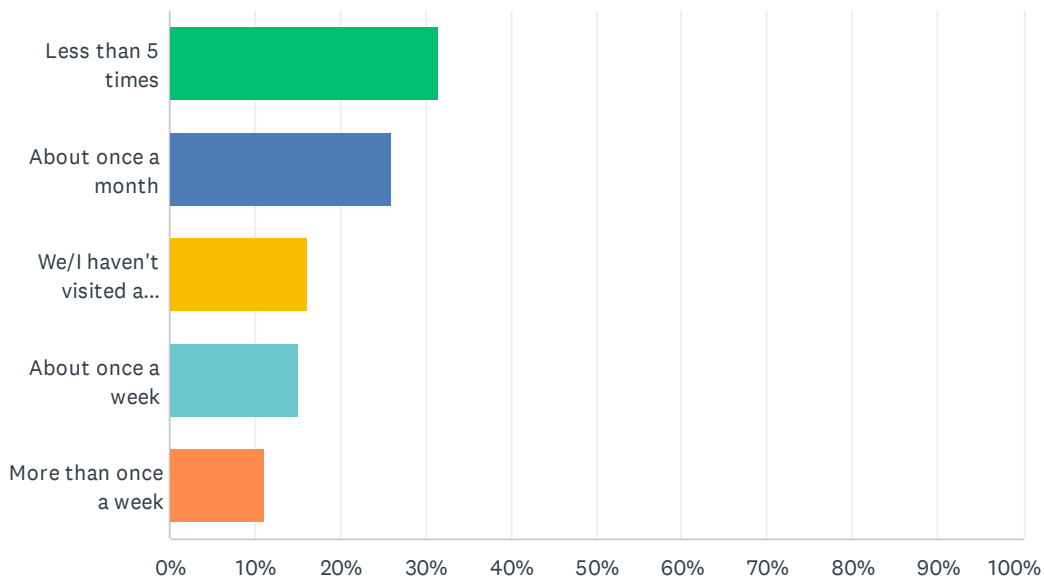
Chairperson Carlock reminded everyone to promote the Hess Hathaway events and to take part in those events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Q1 Within the past year, how many times have you or a member of your household visited a White Lake Township park facility or trail?

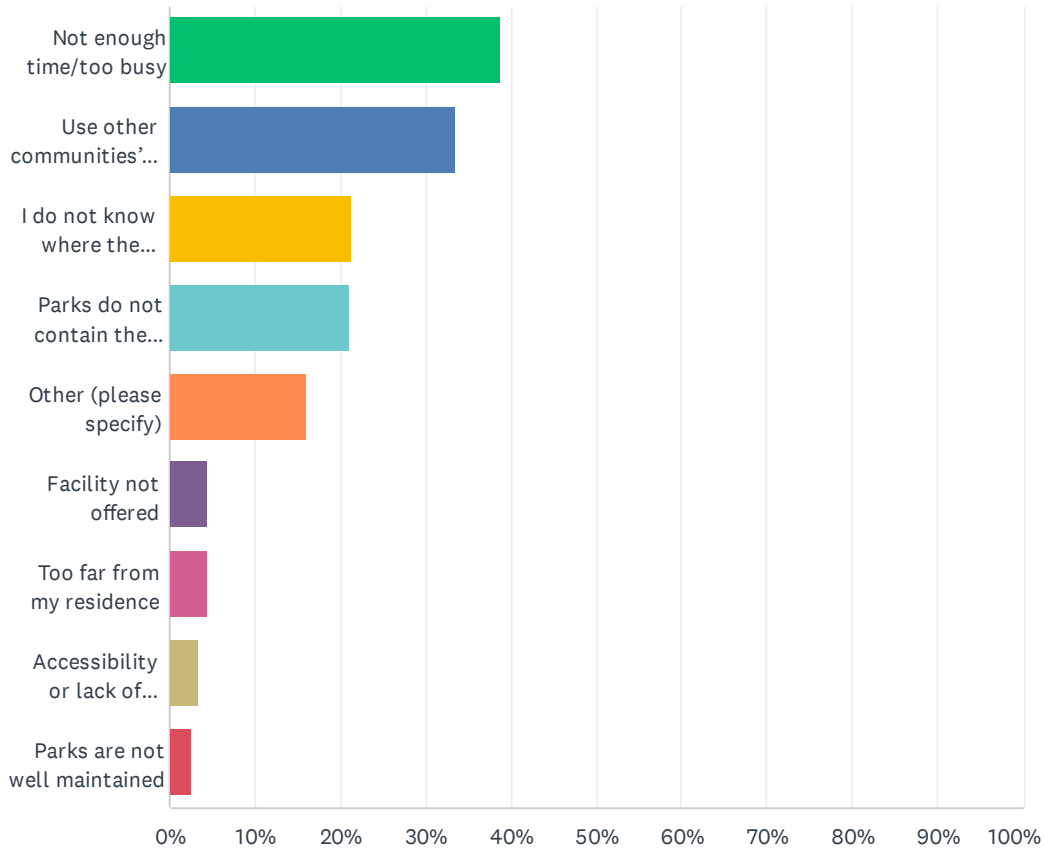
Answered: 441 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 5 times	31.52%	139
About once a month	26.08%	115
We/I haven't visited a Township Park or Trail in the past year	16.10%	71
About once a week	15.19%	67
More than once a week	11.11%	49
TOTAL		441

Q2 What reasons prevent your household from using White Lake Township parks and facilities more often? Check all that apply.

Answered: 407 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not enough time/too busy	38.82%	158
Use other communities' parks, facilities or programs	33.42%	136
I do not know where the Township parks are	21.38%	87
Parks do not contain the facilities we need/enjoy	21.13%	86
Other (please specify)	15.97%	65
Facility not offered	4.42%	18
Too far from my residence	4.42%	18
Accessibility or lack of transportation	3.44%	14
Parks are not well maintained	2.46%	10
Total Respondents: 407		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Lack of sidewalks leading up to the park	9/14/2022 5:46 PM
2	not interested	9/14/2022 4:13 PM
3	Personal mobility problems	9/13/2022 8:25 PM
4	I live on brendel across from Stanley	9/13/2022 10:00 AM
5	Not interested in using baseball fields or children's playgrounds.	9/13/2022 9:39 AM
6	organized activities to draw me out to experience new things and introduce me to to the amenities of the various parks.	9/12/2022 6:59 PM
7	Knee replaced- can't walk to good.	9/12/2022 6:45 PM
8	I love the parks and hikes with friends.	9/12/2022 6:42 PM
9	I'm happy with Vetter park, but the trees are over growing the walk path and the baseball diamond are in sad condition.	9/12/2022 6:37 PM
10	Need to finish Stanley park with bench.	9/12/2022 5:44 PM
11	Have no desire	9/1/2022 4:40 PM
12	with 3 small children, I need restrooms available	8/24/2022 9:21 AM
13	I prefer my backyard	8/23/2022 4:33 PM
14	Just moved here	8/23/2022 4:28 PM
15	More splash pads	8/23/2022 2:27 PM
16	Fear of bikes on horse trails	8/20/2022 8:48 AM
17	Family gone...we live on the lake.	8/18/2022 10:41 PM
18	We use a white lake parks all the time!	8/18/2022 7:32 PM
19	No dog park	8/18/2022 10:28 AM
20	Take my Grandchildren often to Scralets Park	8/17/2022 8:40 AM
21	Just not a thing we do anymore since our kids are older now	8/17/2022 8:15 AM
22	No need. Live on a lake, with a private park.	8/17/2022 8:04 AM
23	we go every day	8/17/2022 7:28 AM
24	We use State Parks.	8/17/2022 6:41 AM
25	cost of gas	8/16/2022 11:19 PM
26	Nothing prevents me from using white lake township parks	8/16/2022 10:27 PM
27	No bike paths for those close to us	8/16/2022 9:25 PM
28	We need access to family friendly outdoor scapes. Playgrounds, parks, etc. We love the trails.	8/16/2022 8:39 PM
29	Equine parking is too small for horse trailers if you want to do a group ride. Also asphalt for Equine parking?? Not fond of going here because of parking issues	8/16/2022 8:20 PM
30	I don't want to buy stickers for all my cars - should have a card or app instead	8/16/2022 5:17 PM
31	Live in the rural part of the township. That is my park.	8/16/2022 5:05 PM
32	I as often as I like which is often.	8/16/2022 2:44 PM
33	Personal safety at nature parks	8/16/2022 1:43 PM
34	I go every day, actually.	8/16/2022 1:32 PM
35	We use often.	8/16/2022 1:10 PM
36	Not interested	8/16/2022 12:31 PM

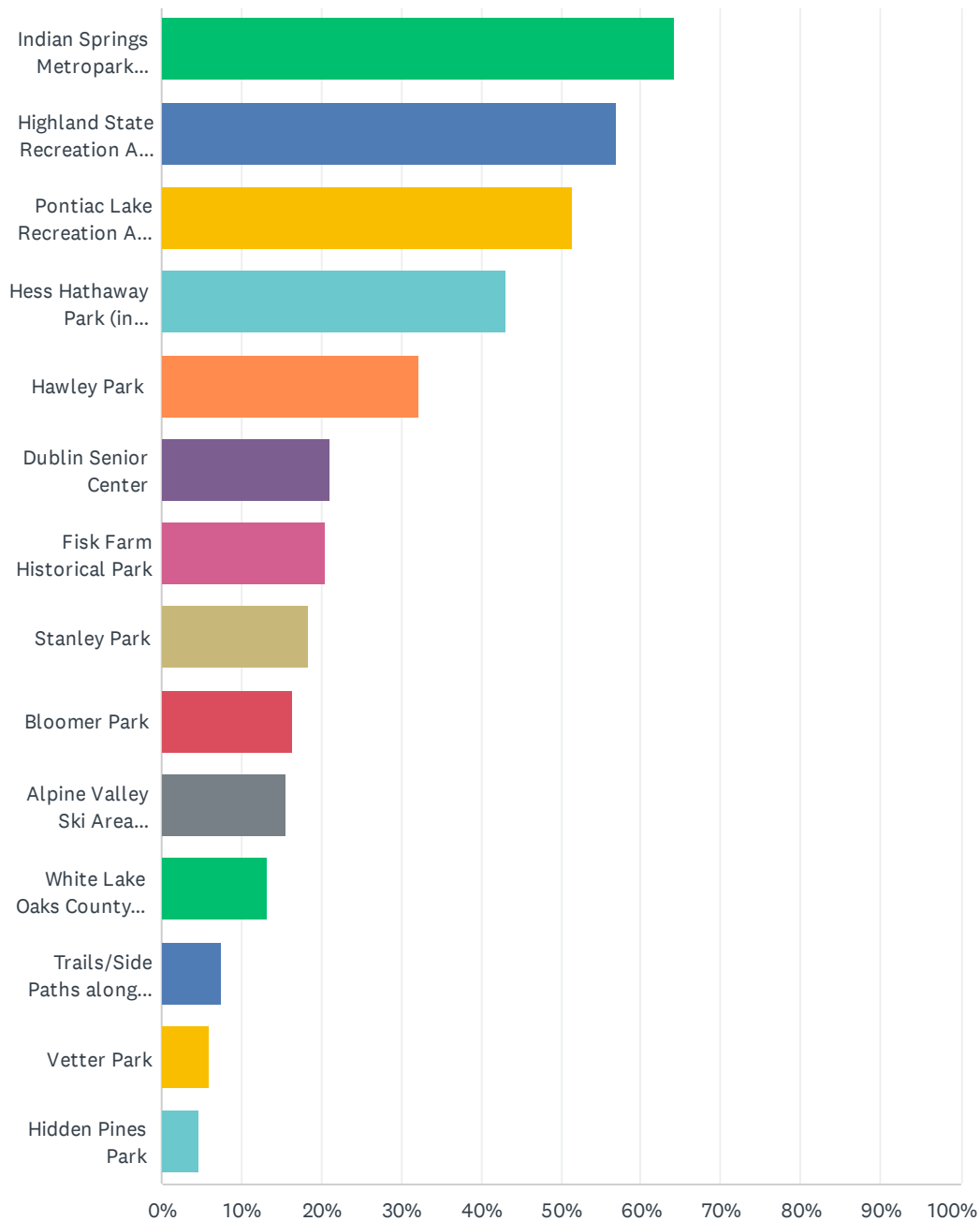
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37	No contiguous sidewalks to ride/get there	8/16/2022 12:00 PM
38	i work	8/16/2022 11:57 AM
39	I use the parks often	8/16/2022 11:04 AM
40	Would like Scarlett's park set up at one of our parks	8/16/2022 10:53 AM
41	Need more walkways in general around white lake	8/16/2022 10:17 AM
42	Don't want to	8/16/2022 9:27 AM
43	Retired	8/16/2022 9:13 AM
44	Horse staging area too small	8/16/2022 9:03 AM
45	More areas and events for kids	8/16/2022 8:52 AM
46	No large dog park areas	8/16/2022 8:20 AM
47	I use only state parks, metro parks and side paths for cycling	8/16/2022 7:52 AM
48	Use State parks	8/15/2022 11:42 PM
49	Need a local dog park	8/15/2022 10:55 PM
50	I use the state parks nearby to ride in	8/15/2022 10:02 PM
51	Lack of sidewalks down major roads	8/15/2022 7:55 PM
52	Beach	8/15/2022 7:03 PM
53	We visit the local state park, Highland Rec., because of the vast hiking trail network.	8/15/2022 6:40 PM
54	Pontiac state rec area is closer	8/15/2022 5:51 PM
55	Would enjoy a dog park! Need more activities. No more "minimalist" mentality for our parks.	8/15/2022 5:36 PM
56	Lack of paths/ trails to the parks and in the parks	8/15/2022 5:22 PM
57	Seniors need a good area to walk need an indoor walking track since we lost access to high school	8/15/2022 5:06 PM
58	Just moved here	8/15/2022 4:59 PM
59	Not interested.	8/15/2022 4:55 PM
60	Other facilities are more on route from other places	8/15/2022 4:31 PM
61	Tics during summer months	8/15/2022 4:29 PM
62	Currently the only park I use is the Pontiac Lake State Park. Would be very helpful if only connected all the parks.	8/15/2022 2:34 PM
63	Waiting on the park to open off of Elizabeth lk rd to kayak. It sucks to have to walk down to the water instead of drive	8/15/2022 1:10 PM
64	State & Metro Parks have more to offer but I do like community parks such as Scarlet' Place in Commerce	8/15/2022 12:41 PM
65	Live on a lake and use the lake more often for recreation.	8/15/2022 10:34 AM

Q3 Which park/facility has your household used over the past year? Choose all that apply.

Answered: 418 Skipped: 25



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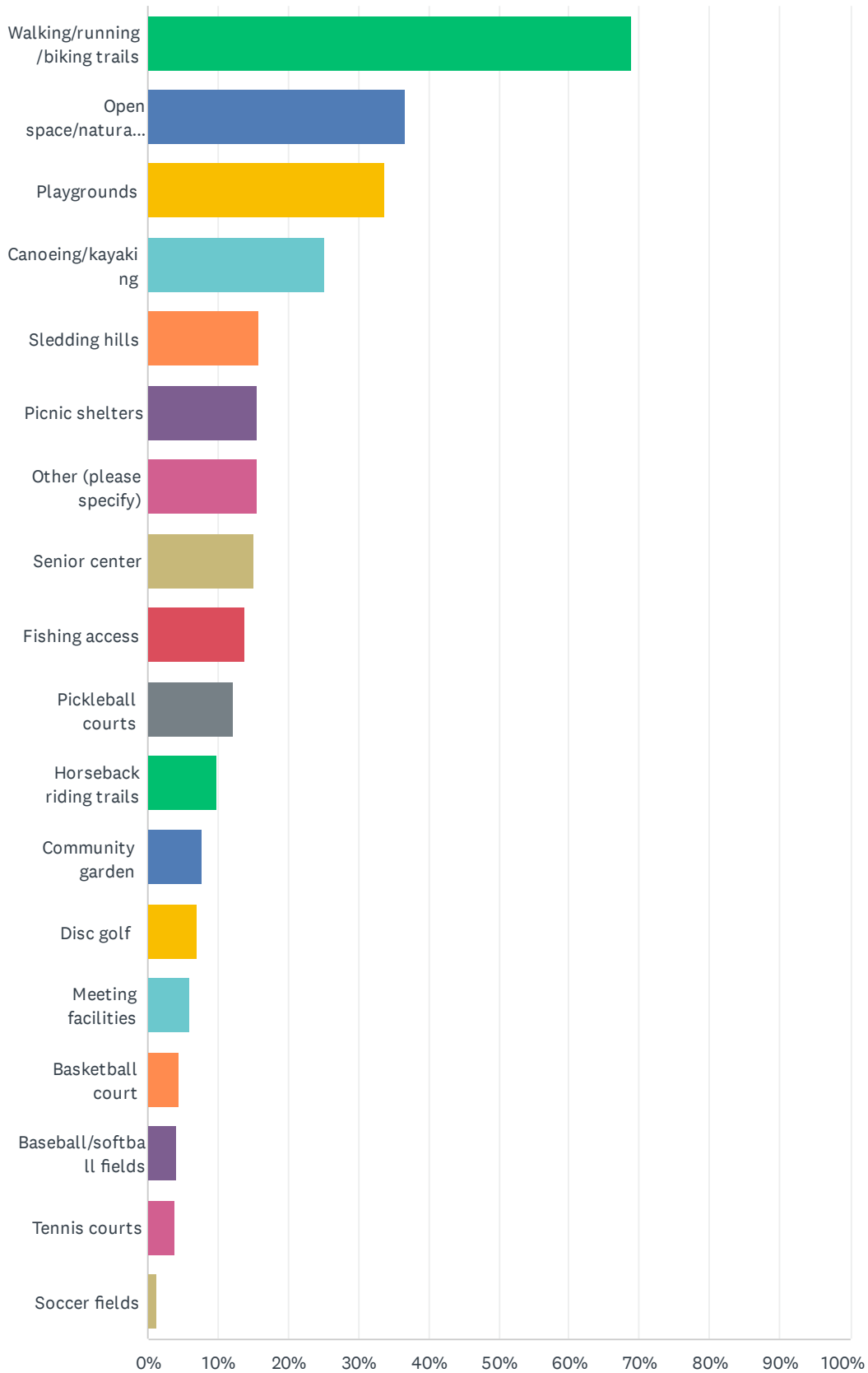
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Indian Springs Metropark (Metropark owned)	64.11%	268
Highland State Recreation Area (State owned)	56.94%	238
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area (State owned)	51.44%	215
Hess Hathaway Park (in Waterford Township)	43.06%	180
Hawley Park	32.30%	135
Dublin Senior Center	21.05%	88
Fisk Farm Historical Park	20.57%	86
Stanley Park	18.42%	77
Bloomer Park	16.51%	69
Alpine Valley Ski Area (privately owned)	15.55%	65
White Lake Oaks County Golf Course (County owned)	13.16%	55
Trails/Side Paths along M-59	7.42%	31
Vetter Park	5.98%	25
Hidden Pines Park	4.78%	20
Total Respondents: 418		

Q4 Which (3) amenities from the list below (some of which we offer and some of which we don't currently offer) are most important for you or your household? Please select only 3 amenities.

Answered: 437 Skipped: 6

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/running/biking trails	68.88%	301
Open space/natural areas	36.61%	160
Playgrounds	33.64%	147
Canoeing/kayaking	25.17%	110
Sledding hills	15.79%	69
Picnic shelters	15.56%	68
Other (please specify)	15.56%	68
Senior center	15.10%	66
Fishing access	13.96%	61
Pickleball courts	12.13%	53
Horseback riding trails	9.84%	43
Community garden	7.78%	34
Disc golf	7.09%	31
Meeting facilities	5.95%	26
Basketball court	4.58%	20
Baseball/softball fields	4.12%	18
Tennis courts	3.89%	17
Soccer fields	1.37%	6
Total Respondents: 437		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Dog friendly paths	9/14/2022 4:38 PM
2	Dog access	9/14/2022 4:24 PM
3	there is enough	9/14/2022 4:13 PM
4	Roller/Ice rink	9/14/2022 2:15 PM
5	restaurants	9/12/2022 7:13 PM
6	organized activities(crafts, trips, etc....)	9/12/2022 6:59 PM
7	Golf	9/12/2022 6:46 PM
8	Mountain bike	9/12/2022 5:46 PM
9	Golf Course	9/5/2022 11:36 AM
10	We need Pickle Ball Courts	8/29/2022 12:49 PM
11	Dog park	8/26/2022 12:52 PM
12	Benches along walking trails and edges of open natural spaces	8/26/2022 12:48 AM
13	restrooms	8/25/2022 12:56 PM
14	Splash pad	8/24/2022 11:38 PM

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15	Splash pads/water parks for the kids.	8/23/2022 3:55 PM
16	Dog park	8/23/2022 3:52 PM
17	Community concerts	8/23/2022 3:41 PM
18	Dog park please!!!!!!	8/23/2022 2:30 PM
19	Pool	8/23/2022 2:17 PM
20	Dog parks	8/23/2022 1:57 PM
21	Wooded trails/Birdwatching	8/18/2022 12:15 PM
22	Dog park area	8/18/2022 10:28 AM
23	Dog Park	8/17/2022 8:40 AM
24	Gun Range	8/17/2022 6:41 AM
25	B	8/16/2022 10:08 PM
26	Golf driving range	8/16/2022 5:34 PM
27	Golf course	8/16/2022 3:18 PM
28	I don't have any issue with the way the parks are. Let's not over-develop them.	8/16/2022 2:44 PM
29	Beach facilities	8/16/2022 1:43 PM
30	Beach	8/16/2022 12:31 PM
31	Sidewalks along all roads to make the township walkable	8/16/2022 12:00 PM
32	golf	8/16/2022 11:57 AM
33	Baach, Fishing	8/16/2022 11:30 AM
34	Things for my grandkids to enjoy	8/16/2022 9:13 AM
35	Mountain biking single track	8/16/2022 9:07 AM
36	Dog park with large open area	8/16/2022 8:20 AM
37	Dog parks	8/16/2022 8:09 AM
38	Equine Staging Area and camping	8/16/2022 7:47 AM
39	Beach, gaga pits, modern clean restrooms	8/16/2022 7:27 AM
40	Sand volleyball courts	8/16/2022 6:30 AM
41	Safe connector trails/paths that connect to other parks	8/15/2022 11:51 PM
42	Camping	8/15/2022 11:42 PM
43	Sidewalks especially along main roads to and from the high schools	8/15/2022 11:22 PM
44	Community pool	8/15/2022 10:56 PM
45	Dog park	8/15/2022 10:55 PM
46	Nature Centers	8/15/2022 10:33 PM
47	Dog park	8/15/2022 9:16 PM
48	Swimming	8/15/2022 9:02 PM
49	Public beach	8/15/2022 8:50 PM
50	We need a disc golf course ☺	8/15/2022 8:43 PM
51	Camping	8/15/2022 7:39 PM
52	Beach	8/15/2022 7:03 PM

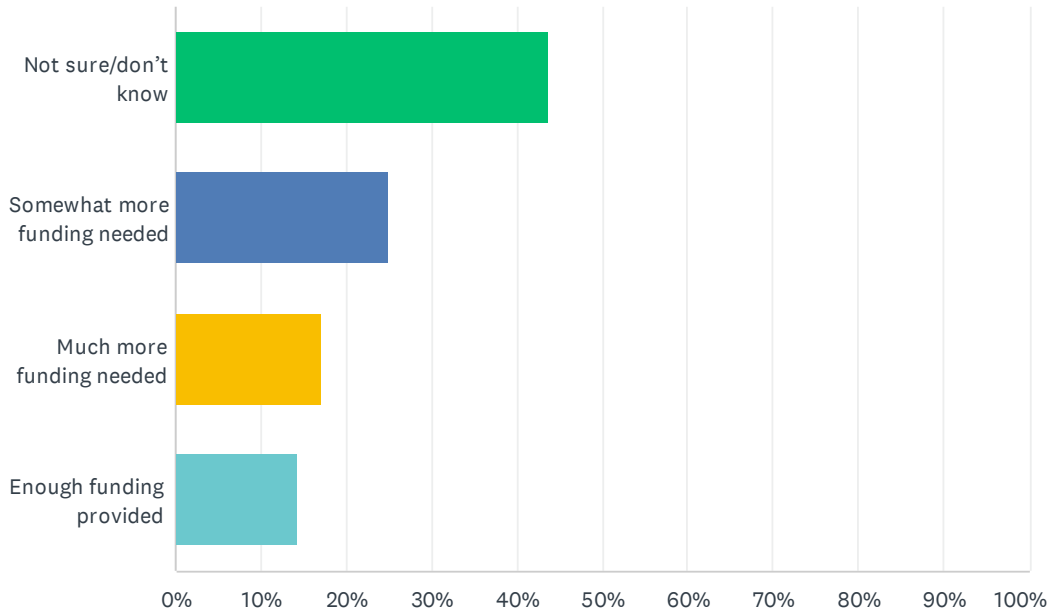
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53	Water feature	8/15/2022 6:52 PM
54	Snowmobile atv trails	8/15/2022 5:49 PM
55	DOG PARK!!! (Disipointed this is not even a option on the list?? When this has been in the top 5 during the last two Parks & Rec. public workshops.	8/15/2022 5:36 PM
56	Dog park	8/15/2022 5:32 PM
57	Restrooms	8/15/2022 5:27 PM
58	Golf	8/15/2022 4:53 PM
59	Splash pad	8/15/2022 4:52 PM
60	Dog park	8/15/2022 4:49 PM
61	Splash pad	8/15/2022 4:46 PM
62	Dog park	8/15/2022 4:41 PM
63	Dog run	8/15/2022 4:41 PM
64	Dog park	8/15/2022 4:33 PM
65	restrooms	8/15/2022 4:32 PM
66	Drove down access for Stanley Park. Having knee issues it's not handicap accessible	8/15/2022 1:10 PM
67	Mountain bike specifically	8/15/2022 11:53 AM
68	Porta Jon at Bloomer!	8/15/2022 11:51 AM

Q5 Do you think that current park facilities and programs in the Township have enough funding, or, do you think that more funding is needed?

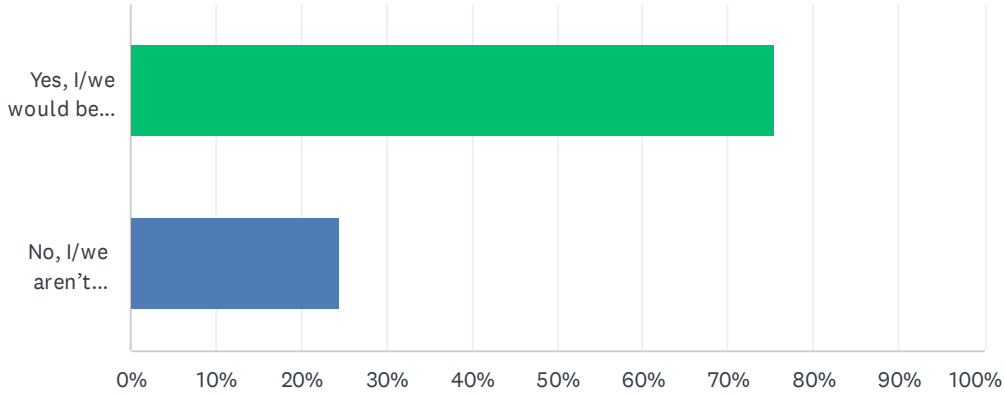
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not sure/don't know	43.81%	191
Somewhat more funding needed	25.00%	109
Much more funding needed	16.97%	74
Enough funding provided	14.22%	62
TOTAL		436

Q6 White Lake Township has held a few Special Events every year such as concerts, Family Fun Day, Fisk Farm Festival, Trunk-or-Treat, Tree Lighting, etc. Are these types of events of interest to you/your household?

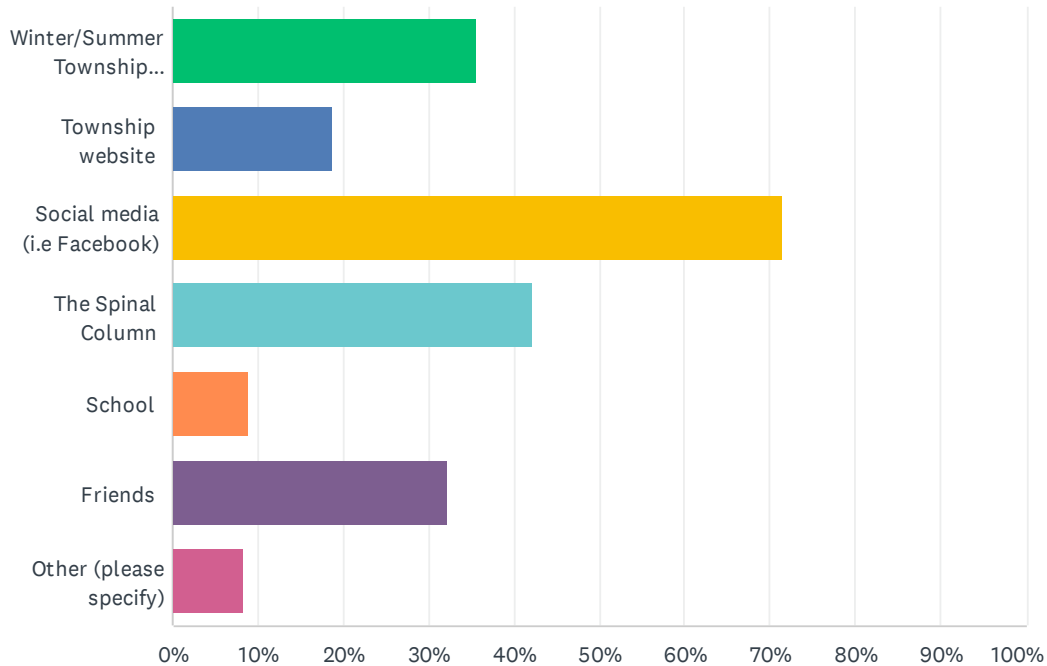
Answered: 431 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I/we would be interested in attending Special Events	75.41%	325
No, I/we aren't interested in attending Special Events	24.59%	106
TOTAL		431

Q7 Where does your household find out about things going on in the Township? Check all that apply

Answered: 438 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Winter/Summer Township Newsletter	35.62% 156
Township website	18.72% 82
Social media (i.e Facebook)	71.46% 313
The Spinal Column	42.24% 185
School	8.90% 39
Friends	32.19% 141
Other (please specify)	8.22% 36
Total Respondents: 438	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I am a member of the WLHS and we host many of events you mention, therefore I'm helping promote them.	9/14/2022 8:26 PM
2	Monthly Parks & Rec meetings; WLTwp monthly meetings	9/13/2022 8:25 PM
3	the Senior center	9/12/2022 7:06 PM
4	flyers at the Senior center.	9/12/2022 6:59 PM
5	at the senior center	9/12/2022 6:51 PM

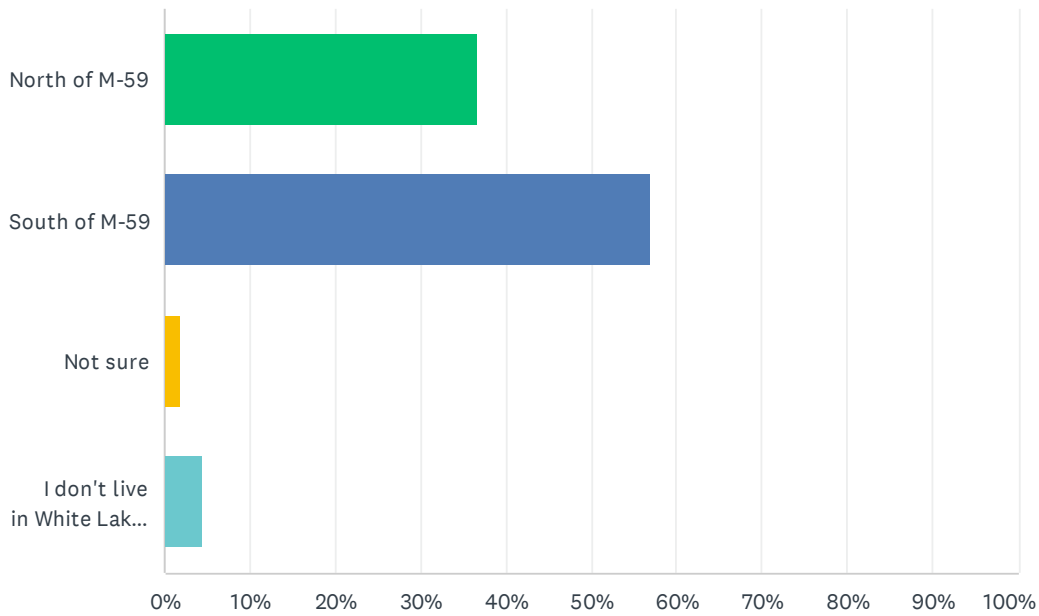
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6	the Senior center	9/12/2022 6:37 PM
7	classes at the Dublin Senior center- we talk	9/12/2022 6:31 PM
8	flyers at the Senior center.	9/12/2022 6:24 PM
9	I work for the TWP.	9/12/2022 5:54 PM
10	We do not know what is happening in White Lake.	9/6/2022 9:10 PM
11	Local equestrian club	8/26/2022 2:19 PM
12	From Homeonwers Assocaition	8/20/2022 8:57 AM
13	radio	8/19/2022 11:14 AM
14	Email	8/17/2022 9:37 PM
15	We don't really see news.	8/17/2022 8:42 AM
16	neighbors website	8/17/2022 7:28 AM
17	Library	8/17/2022 5:48 AM
18	BMX bike area	8/16/2022 10:08 PM
19	Signs	8/16/2022 12:31 PM
20	facebook	8/16/2022 11:52 AM
21	Facebook	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
22	Library	8/16/2022 10:58 AM
23	We need more info, newsletter....	8/16/2022 9:27 AM
24	Library	8/16/2022 9:12 AM
25	Posted signs on M59	8/16/2022 8:52 AM
26	Township sign in front of two office	8/16/2022 7:32 AM
27	Library	8/15/2022 10:45 PM
28	Sign in front of township offices	8/15/2022 10:02 PM
29	Library newsletter	8/15/2022 7:55 PM
30	Sign in front of police station	8/15/2022 7:39 PM
31	Twp. newsletter is nothing more than a free mailing for the elected officials.	8/15/2022 5:36 PM
32	Facebook	8/15/2022 5:08 PM
33	The library	8/15/2022 5:03 PM
34	Not enough communication is sent out!	8/15/2022 1:10 PM
35	Haven't heard of them	8/15/2022 11:53 AM
36	Email from Township, and Township meeting attendance	8/15/2022 10:34 AM

Q8 Do you live north of M-59 or south of M-59 in White Lake Township?

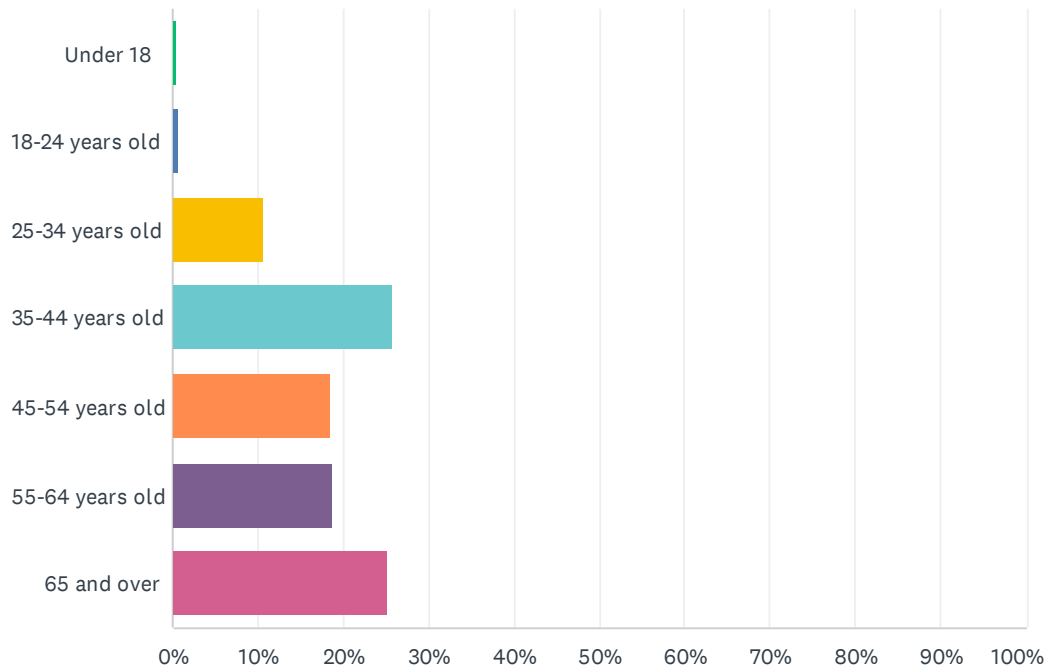
Answered: 439 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North of M-59	36.67%	161
South of M-59	56.95%	250
Not sure	1.82%	8
I don't live in White Lake Township	4.56%	20
TOTAL		439

Q9 What is your age?

Answered: 442 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.45%	2
18-24 years old	0.68%	3
25-34 years old	10.63%	47
35-44 years old	25.79%	114
45-54 years old	18.55%	82
55-64 years old	18.78%	83
65 and over	25.11%	111
TOTAL		442

Q10 Please make any additional comments that you think would be helpful.

Answered: 142 Skipped: 301

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Don't charge for the Metroparks.	9/15/2022 10:43 AM
2	Keep as many green spaces as possible. Getting too many strip malls that are now empty. White Lake is losing its rural feel.	9/15/2022 6:45 AM
3	Need better sidewalk solutions so that the family can ride their bikes to/from the park. Parks are great, but we have to drive to/from because of lack of sidewalks or lack of properly maintained sidewalks (i.e. bridge between Sunset & Firestation.	9/14/2022 5:46 PM
4	Safe walking/running paths would be nice, a roller hockey rink that is kept up would be great since there are a lot of local kids who play, and things geared towards tween/teens instead of focusing on playgrounds, older kids need something to do in this area.	9/14/2022 2:15 PM
5	Better bathroom facilities (Hide the port-a-potty) and hand cleaning would be nice.	9/13/2022 8:25 PM
6	More activities, restaurants, shopping, etc.	9/12/2022 7:13 PM
7	there should be welcome packets to new residents with all this in it.	9/12/2022 7:06 PM
8	programs at the Dublin center are great, love to see more	9/12/2022 6:59 PM
9	park for handy capped people	9/12/2022 6:45 PM
10	I have been to White Lake, living and visiting for two years and I am enjoying the parks and the general.	9/12/2022 6:42 PM
11	Dublin Community Senior center is an excellent center full of great people and activities! Love the trail around in the back of the center as well.	9/12/2022 6:31 PM
12	We need a larger senior center	9/12/2022 6:24 PM
13	Get with Alpine and create bike/hike trail system in that area	9/12/2022 5:41 PM
14	Many of my neighbors do not know about this survey or what the plan (or even what) for Stanley Park is.	9/9/2022 3:26 PM
15	Mailing on what events are happening in the area would be great. Not much of a newspaper reader if it is i. The spinal column	9/9/2022 7:25 AM
16	Some of the areas in Hawley park are not well maintained since the new landscaping company took over. Flower area around the flag is completely overgrown.	8/29/2022 8:55 AM
17	It would be wonderful to have sidewalks along Bogie Lake road.	8/28/2022 3:18 PM
18	We love the natural feel of the parks in White Lake. We love the walking trails and views of the lakes.	8/27/2022 8:00 AM
19	Moved to White Lake for equestrian property and available trail options, would like to see safe riding options preserved for the next generation.	8/26/2022 2:19 PM
20	A pamphlet with park locations, description of activities, trail map, facilities, and hours of operations would be nice	8/26/2022 12:48 AM
21	Clean restrooms	8/25/2022 12:56 PM
22	Single track mountain bike trails in addition to paved/limestone trails would be nice	8/23/2022 8:41 PM
23	Most White Lake staff members are helpful and pleasant. The parks need more staffing and programming. More access to bodies of water too. I like the pet waste stations.	8/23/2022 4:36 PM

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24	Excited to check out the parks now that i live here.	8/23/2022 4:28 PM
25	I love the current situation in White lake, my children and I frequently visit the white lake parks. Indian springs being our favorite.	8/23/2022 3:55 PM
26	We would visit the township parks a lot more if we had walking/biking trails along major roadways to get to the parks (ie. Bogie Lake Road, Elizabeth Lake Road, Oxbow Lake Road, etc.)	8/23/2022 2:27 PM
27	Would love to have a lazy river/water slides or toboggan run added locally. Also some fun playground equipment like at Scarlett's playground in commerce.	8/23/2022 1:50 PM
28	Just moved to White Lake from West Bloomfield and we're still using park facilities in other municipalities to entertain our 2 year old son. I wish there were more kid friendly spaces in White Lake. Scarlett's Park, Hess Hathaway and even the play area next to the Commerce Library are lovely.	8/22/2022 12:02 PM
29	With grandkids, a nice playground closer by would be nice. Unfortunately Hawley and Indian Springs need to be updated.	8/19/2022 7:09 AM
30	More playgrounds	8/18/2022 8:20 PM
31	I do not feel the township needs to offer anymore amenities. I enjoy the state parks that We are lucky to have and already pay taxes on. All residents already have plenty of amenities	8/18/2022 8:11 PM
32	We use many white lake parks on literally a daily basis!	8/18/2022 7:32 PM
33	I just believe we need a dog park in this area.	8/18/2022 10:28 AM
34	Highland camp needs the pavilion finished. The lumber has been sitting in the field for years. That has to be a lot of money being wasted if not assembled.	8/17/2022 10:23 PM
35	Highland Rec needs a bigger horse staging area	8/17/2022 4:30 PM
36	The Township does not enforce park rules and allows dogs to run at large in the parks. The Township receives more than enough funding for parks and recreation. Taxpayers should not be burdened with more taxes for government provided recreation. If a resident wants "recreation", they should pay for it themselves.	8/17/2022 2:59 PM
37	The Sidewalks that run along side of M59 are atrocious, unkept, and dangerous. Waterford, Highland, Hartland all have better sidewalks along M59.	8/17/2022 2:23 PM
38	Bike / walking trails throughout the township would be greatly appreciated. Would be nice to be able to walk or ride without having to ride on the roads.	8/17/2022 12:49 PM
39	Thank you for all you do!	8/17/2022 8:42 AM
40	When I lived in Waukesha County near Milwaukee, dog parks where everywhere. I had two less then 8 miles from where I lived.	8/17/2022 8:40 AM
41	drive down kayak launches where available.....some kayaks are heavy and its not easy to carry or wheel to launch areas	8/17/2022 8:30 AM
42	The parks give us the opportunity to refresh our state of mind to realize the important part nature plays in our day to day lives.	8/17/2022 7:28 AM
43	Need more horse safety signs. Too many of us are getting hurt. Thank you	8/17/2022 7:15 AM
44	Would love to see facilities programs of interest to teens. We use Huron valley parks/rec for their great programs, but would love to stay closer to WL if decent options offered.	8/17/2022 5:48 AM
45	Have been taking care of my mom in Royal Oak for the last 3 years, so I don't get to spend much time at home, enjoying the parks	8/17/2022 12:30 AM
46	White Lake offers the best parks for horseback riding, I sure hope WhiteLake considers the needs of the people who live in the area with horses.	8/16/2022 10:27 PM
47	We need bike paths in this township- we live close to the library, Stanley park, etc. but my kids are not safe to bike or walk there. It's a huge miss for White Lake!	8/16/2022 9:25 PM
48	play structure needed at Hidden Pines Park	8/16/2022 9:17 PM

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49	need more horse back riding trails and equestrian camping facilities should be open for camping later in the year	8/16/2022 9:15 PM
50	Please don't over build natural areas of White Lake. It's ok to have some area undeveloped to keep the natural beauty of the township.	8/16/2022 8:33 PM
51	Pontiac equine parking is very hard to see from road and very small area for parking	8/16/2022 8:20 PM
52	Would love to see sidewalks on cedar island rd	8/16/2022 7:43 PM
53	I think Stanley Park has a lot of potential and look forward to it's development.	8/16/2022 7:08 PM
54	Please keep horse trails!! So important to many	8/16/2022 6:25 PM
55	We notice that White Lake Parks have LOTS of room for pickleball courts!	8/16/2022 6:20 PM
56	Never put Basketball courts in /around people's home. I am sick and tired of the noise of the balls behind my home. I used to enjoy my backyard. Not any more. Please move the courts out of Hawley park. It's right behind our home. Whoever thought that was a good idea should have their heads examined.	8/16/2022 5:58 PM
57	There should be a trail/bike path along White Lake Rd in the utility easement to get to the parks and for bikes to safely travel	8/16/2022 5:17 PM
58	Walking paths needed to and from school complex	8/16/2022 5:02 PM
59	I welcome the idea of new township parks/facilities. However, I do not like the idea of destroying or rezoning of current natural areas to create additional housing areas or homes. I like the idea of creating additional hiking/bike trails, or smaller recreational areas such as sports fields/courts. I do not think White Lake Township should look to remove natural areas for additional housing.	8/16/2022 4:20 PM
60	I would most love to see sidewalks/bike paths along Elizabeth Lake Road and Union Lake Road. I would love to be able to bike from my house to the library area.	8/16/2022 2:23 PM
61	Please post No Camping/No Long Term Parking signage and enforce.	8/16/2022 1:32 PM
62	Need new horse staging area and campground in Highland Recreation area.	8/16/2022 12:34 PM
63	Don't raise tax	8/16/2022 12:31 PM
64	The township is being overdeveloped regarding housing. Every piece of land is turning into some type of housing. We need sewers wherever possible. Septic tanks are failing all around me.	8/16/2022 12:27 PM
65	It's an embarrassment that our k-12 schools do not have potable water. Amazing anyone would move here given that fact.	8/16/2022 12:00 PM
66	Horse trails are a priority. We need more before the land is designated for other uses.	8/16/2022 11:52 AM
67	Curious about the trails/side paths along M59. Are you talking about the overgrown, crumbly, dangerous (from the high-speed drivers) 'bike paths' along M59?	8/16/2022 11:25 AM
68	We need to keep green space and stop developing every free piece of land. People live here for a more rural feel, not a big busy city. And please, noose fast food, if anything it would be nice to have a nicer restaurant or a Trader Joe's or specialty grocery store.	8/16/2022 11:04 AM
69	Highland recreation needs its own equestrian staging area, and campground... its dangerous for horses camping during nonhorse events with regular campers. And the staging area needs more room	8/16/2022 10:42 AM
70	Looking forward to our civic center development and all the activities that will bring for residents	8/16/2022 10:37 AM
71	I think I'm general more walking/biking paths around white lake. Elizabeth Lake Road near library and down oxbow and down bogey lake road would be beneficial.	8/16/2022 10:17 AM
72	Protect Horse trails and enlarge staging area	8/16/2022 9:03 AM
73	I wish there was more that involved families with children I find we often go to commerce/novi/Livonia for fun events. White lake puts on great events when we have them we just don't have them often enough. It's great to be able to meet other local families and	8/16/2022 8:52 AM

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connect with our community. I wish we had better play areas for kids now and as they grow with actives to do to keep them out of trouble and keep the community clean. Basketball courts, canoeing, tennis would be great if they were not all additional cost like they are more thru programs & school.

74	Better staging areas for horse riders, easier access for trailers, more water stations for day time riders who don't have the means to transport large amounts of water.	8/16/2022 8:39 AM
75	A new staging area at highland recreation with no asphalt	8/16/2022 8:24 AM
76	Need large dog park similar to Orion Oaks	8/16/2022 8:20 AM
77	More sidewalks in white lake	8/16/2022 8:12 AM
78	Sidewalks would be great. Especially by Lakeland HS for safety and running/walking. Concerts in the park would be fun but with more lively bands like Milford. What we have at Hess seems like it is geared for little kids or seniors.	8/16/2022 8:09 AM
79	Mountain biking and gravel/road cycling is very important to our family. We use the parks which have cycling trails and paths multiple times a week. A safe path from Highland State Rec to Pontiac Lake State Rec is very important and is helpful to all those who even just walk along the highway. A sidewalk full of road debris literally next to the highway with no barriers is not a safe path. Connecting communities and neighborhoods with safe paths is vital to the health and growth of a town. Please look at the Bentonville to Fayetteville, Arkansas greenway as an example. Besides their hundreds miles of mountain bike trails, their communities are connected safely and their home values have tripled in the last decade.	8/16/2022 7:52 AM
80	Our family are avid Mt bikers. I think developing more parks and trails in white lake is very important.	8/16/2022 7:48 AM
81	Safe passage between parks would be great.	8/16/2022 7:32 AM
82	More parks with updated playgrounds would be great. Hawley play structure is near unusable. It needs updated very badly.	8/16/2022 7:16 AM
83	For safety reasons the Highland rec needs a new staging area for the horses	8/16/2022 7:07 AM
84	Family of 5 with 3 kids. Love to see more from the parks BUT not sure we can afford to at this time. Times are tight and our home taxes are high (for the area as we've been told more than a few times by tax professionals).	8/16/2022 6:30 AM
85	We live between two very well know mountain bike trails (Pontiac Lake & Highland Rec) and the fact that you cannot safely ride from one to the other is doing our community a disservice. Teggerdine is far to dangerous for a hiker/biker to travel on. Imagine if walking/biking trails connected us to Clarkston, Commerce (Hickory Glenn) & to Milford. Now that would be amazing! I love seeing all of the people walking along Commerce Rd by the library or in Milford but we are unable to do that here in WLT. The paths along side M59 are embarrassing and have never used them. They are overgrown with vegetation, covered with debris & beyond neglected. It doesn't exactly project a good first impression of our community.	8/15/2022 11:51 PM
86	Sidewalks are important To my family as we would like to walk, run and bike to other locations from our house. I also have 3 kids who will be able to walk to their high school but there are currently not side walks. This is not safe and needs to be addressed with the growing community!	8/15/2022 11:22 PM
87	White Lake needs a community pool, not another spray n play!	8/15/2022 10:56 PM
88	I think sidewalks on Bogie Lake Road, especially between Lakeland high school and Walled Lake northern high school, would be very beneficial. The high school kids use that road for running cross country and track all the time. The sidewalks would make it much safer for them.	8/15/2022 10:55 PM
89	Would love a local dog park- would be willing to pay extra (yearly fee?) to be able to access a dog park. Not sure I am aware of the White Lake parks and what is offered . Always aware of what the Library offers - maybe piggyback with their communication ?	8/15/2022 10:55 PM
90	I didn't know of half of the township parks, let alone where they are located. I will check for a map on the township website.	8/15/2022 10:45 PM
91	Please don't over-develop any of them.	8/15/2022 10:41 PM

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92	I think our parks are well maintained and beautiful places to visit.	8/15/2022 10:33 PM
93	We de	8/15/2022 10:02 PM
94	Please consider sidewalks on Bogie Lake Road. It would be great to connect all the way to Lakeland. We are a big running, walking, biking community and sidewalks for all of these neighborhoods to access seems like a safe idea. I live off of Bogie Lake and Cedar Island and I hate that kids are walking a narrow dirt road to and from school. Sidewalks are a safer option for all.	8/15/2022 9:41 PM
95	Definitely need a playground and skate park for these kids	8/15/2022 9:24 PM
96	None	8/15/2022 9:16 PM
97	We really enjoy the parks that offer playgrounds and have been really happy with our experiences!	8/15/2022 8:58 PM
98	Please please please let's get a disc golf course! I have so much help for free! Loryn Fabrick 2488964045	8/15/2022 8:43 PM
99	I think the addition of sidewalks along Bogie Lake Rd would be wonderful. My children attend the schools at the Lakeland campus.	8/15/2022 8:19 PM
100	We love our local parks ... it was what made us build in this area 14 years ago.	8/15/2022 8:11 PM
101	Would love to see swings at Vetter park	8/15/2022 8:09 PM
102	I'm not sure what my age has to do with the survey bc my whole family's ages is why we do many events etc. sidewalks down Boogie lk would be the best to connect near by subdivisions and schools.	8/15/2022 7:55 PM
103	My family really enjoys attending community events. We use to live in Oakland Township and miss the events they would hold.	8/15/2022 7:51 PM
104	We love to see natural spaces preserved and utilized by residents.	8/15/2022 7:49 PM
105	Please don't over build White Lake. One of the reasons we love living here is because it is not built up like neighboring communities.	8/15/2022 7:48 PM
106	White lake doesn't seem to have very many kid/family friendly parks. We use other community parks for hiking, fishing, biking, and playgrounds, splash pads. It would be nice to have something in our own community.	8/15/2022 7:41 PM
107	A dog park would be awesome too!!	8/15/2022 7:39 PM
108	We would love more sidewalks on our streets to be able to walk and ride our bikes to mire places. Especially along Bogie and sidewalks all the way down 59.	8/15/2022 7:22 PM
109	Four season, well marked trails in natural forests are our favorites, as well as playgrounds with danger elements (12 and 5 year old in the house).	8/15/2022 7:20 PM
110	We need more sidewalks	8/15/2022 7:11 PM
111	Please fix Stanley park with swimmable beach, trails	8/15/2022 7:03 PM
112	We desperately need connecting sidewalks! We live in Autumn Glen and would love to bike or walk to school, stores, library etc but cannot bc we have no connecting sidewalks. This is an outdoor community we should not build business and neighborhoods with sidewalks leading in or out that do not connect to other things. Union lake and Williams lake are a death trap without sidewalks!!	8/15/2022 7:03 PM
113	Would like running and biking paths along Bogie and Cooley.	8/15/2022 7:02 PM
114	We would really like to see a developed parks and rec program with offerings similar to Waterford Township.	8/15/2022 6:52 PM
115	We would love to have a dog park space with natural shade, water, and swimming access. Orion Oaks Dog Park is a grand space our community could take ideas from. Do not copy Milford Dog Park.	8/15/2022 6:40 PM
116	Side walks and street lights	8/15/2022 6:23 PM

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117	We work in White Lake and live JUST south of the white lake/Commerce border. Commerce has so many trail options for biking and running. I would love to see White Lake add some options. A sidewalk connecting Lakeland and Northern would be a dream.	8/15/2022 6:21 PM
118	I think it would be really important for there to be a sidewalk down bogie lake road. There are many students between Lakeland and northern. I have see a lot of kids walking the road and they need a space to walk. A few years back a Cc runner from Lakeland was hit by a car right outside Lakeland. This community needs to supprt being a biking/running:walking community	8/15/2022 5:57 PM
119	Would be nice to have a snowmobile/atv seasonal trail system	8/15/2022 5:49 PM
120	Website is dated and hard to use when the township website is actually up and working. (I haven't been able to access it for months)	8/15/2022 5:46 PM
121	Parks & Rec committee needs "new blood!" They're super boring! Township shouldn't perpetrate that they are hosting events that actually hardworking volunteers/residents are doing. For example the Historical Society events or the tree lighting (residents want to do that without the Supervisor pretending he did it). Parks & Rec should host their own original new events.	8/15/2022 5:36 PM
122	Should have bathrooms at all the parks, need to promote the events and parks more/ better - need paths to get to the parks and in the area	8/15/2022 5:22 PM
123	They have restricted hours for using indoor walking track at Lakeland. Seniors need this especially in the winter. It was a God send to us. So many people our age used that.	8/15/2022 5:06 PM
124	I would love more walking/biking trails throughout the township	8/15/2022 5:02 PM
125	If I had to choose between more commercial development and houses and more parks, I would pick parks. We don't have the street infrastructure to support more houses! Traffic is terrible and the grocery stores can't keep up! You should have plenty of millage money to support parks, fire/police, library and etc with all these new developments. You are turning the White Lake M59 corridor into Waterford and it needs to stop!	8/15/2022 4:55 PM
126	I use Highland Rec, most days, love nature.	8/15/2022 4:53 PM
127	Would love to see more family friendly events	8/15/2022 4:52 PM
128	People gather in dog parks	8/15/2022 4:49 PM
129	Would love to see the township look into adding disc golf to some of the parks. It's great exercise and something all ages can do. Even 9-hole courses would get use (like Gilbert Willis Park in Wixom)	8/15/2022 4:46 PM
130	Would love to see dedicated bike paths that possibly connect the State Parks and Indian Springs...keeping bikers off the roadways would be so much safer! Would ultimately love to see some way to connect White Lake to the amazing trail system in Commerce, Milford! Check out the Paint Creek trail that runs from Rochester to Lake Orion, it would be a model I would definitely follow!	8/15/2022 4:37 PM
131	Bigger playgrounds with more climbing structures for older kids.	8/15/2022 4:36 PM
132	Please try to keep more natural beauty instead of chopping a bunch of trees down for an underutilized area.	8/15/2022 4:35 PM
133	We need a good dog park	8/15/2022 4:33 PM
134	Love Teeple Lake Beach!!	8/15/2022 4:29 PM
135	Our family would like to see more family gathering events, updated playground equipment, and open areas for dog runs would be nice.	8/15/2022 4:27 PM
136	We really appreciate the picnic tables in Stanley Park and hope your he kayak/canoe launch and a small playground could be placed there soon. Can more sand please be added to the sandbox at Harley Park—it has been very low for the last 3 years.	8/15/2022 3:53 PM
137	I think that a major way that White Lake could improve its recreational offerings is to connect recreation areas with safe sidewalks and bike paths. For example, hawley Park has a nice path, but it;s so small. But building safe connections between Hawley Park, Highland Rec., the new park by the library, etc. would be a major benefit for community members to make the most of hte recreational spaces. Just making the current parks more safely accessible from	8/15/2022 2:31 PM

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many locations in the area would be a huge improvement since we lack safe sidewalks in most of the area.

138	We really need to connect our parks. For example, those of us south of 59 have no safe way to get to Pontiac Lake and/or Indian Springs by bike. Because of the lack of sidewalks in White Lake, some other type of safe connect path is needed.	8/15/2022 1:38 PM
139	See above! Please open the drive down access for kayaking at Stanley Park.	8/15/2022 1:10 PM
140	Interest in parks is welcoming.	8/15/2022 12:41 PM
141	Restroom/ porta Jon facilities	8/15/2022 11:51 AM
142	There needs to be more entertaining playground features. Also, maintained clean bathroom facilities that are located near a play area instead of dirty portable bathrooms with no way to clean hands are definitely needed.	8/15/2022 10:46 AM