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I. Introduction

Recreation, parks and open space are important to the residents in the Frankenmuth area. In this community these amenities add to the quality of life for residents and they are an important economic component of this tourist town. Recognizing this concern, community officials have led an effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan aimed at improving and developing recreational resources in the Frankenmuth area.

Broadly speaking, Frankenmuth officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on future recreational and parks projects within the area. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and parks improvement projects. In accordance with the State of Michigan recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this updated plan covers the five-year period 2014-2018. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).



New signage and pavement in Memorial Park

This document is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, services and implementation. Population shifts, new development and changing attitudes towards leisure have added additional demands upon the community's existing parks and recreation system, thus increasing the need for both short and long range planning. Recommendations such as land acquisition, and facility expansions and construction, and even the design of a neighborhood park improvement, will require additional study or involvement of residents in order to address the site-specific details. This plan lays the foundation upon which these activities can build.

Implementation strategies are identified over the next five years, at which time the plan will again be updated. The delineation of these improvements will aid Frankenmuth in grant solicitation from the DNR and long range capital improvement budgeting. Additionally, during the next five years, it is important for the community to refer to the plan and make appropriate priority adjustments as conditions change and funding opportunities arise.

Remembering the Value of Public Parks

According to the National Park and Recreation Association, parks and recreation have three values that make them essential services to communities:

1. Economic value

- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to parks increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- Parks and recreation programs and facilities provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies from sports tournaments and special events such as arts, music, and holiday festivals. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to local and regional economies. This indirect economic value is in addition to direct revenues that are gained from park facilities and programs. This is especially important in Frankenmuth, where the tourism industry is the largest component of the local economy.

2. Health and Environmental benefits

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Parks and recreation programs and services contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

3. Social importance

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- Parks have a value to communities that transcend the amount of dollars invested or the revenues gained from fees. Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to every community.

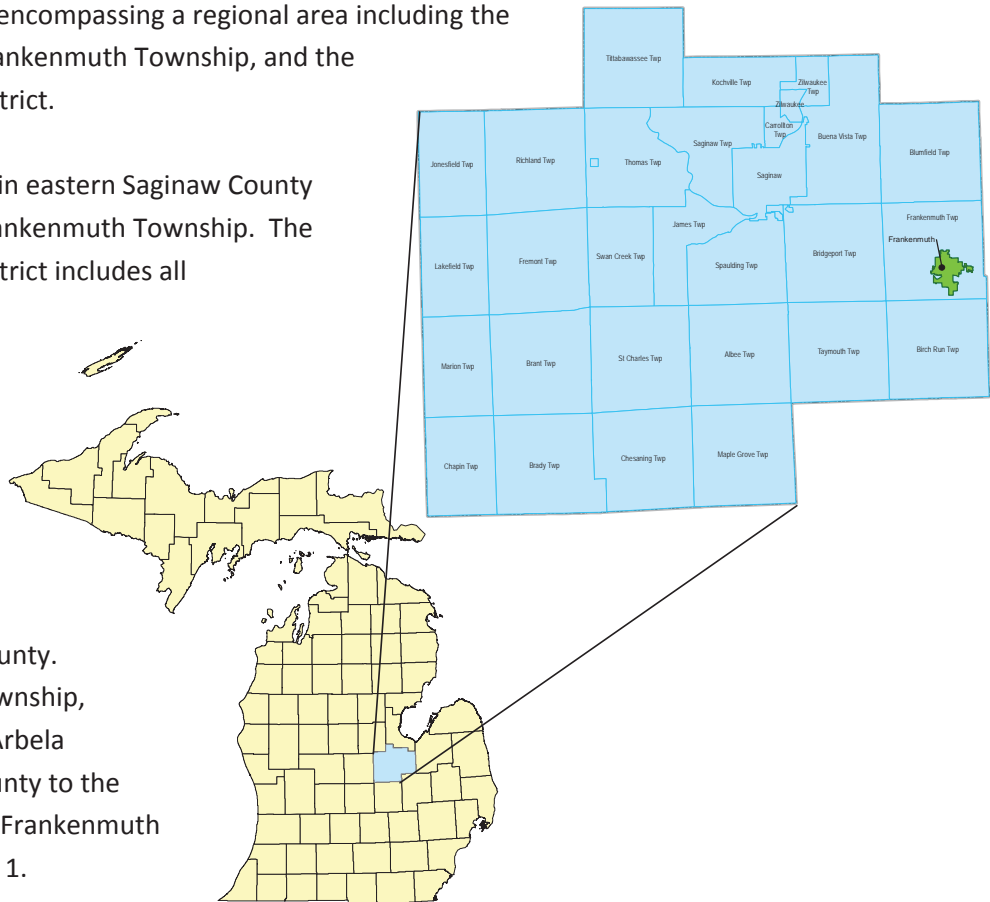
II. Community Setting

This plan covers all aspects of recreation for the greater Frankenmuth area. This includes the greater Frankenmuth area, including the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District. Frankenmuth is a small town in Saginaw County that is well known as a tourist community featuring a German Bavarian theme. The City of Frankenmuth serves as the shopping and commercial center for the greater Frankenmuth community. The outlying communities are largely rural and agricultural. Residents in these communities tend to work in the greater Bay City, Saginaw, and Flint metropolitan areas.

The City of Frankenmuth serves as the primary local recreation provider for Frankenmuth Township and residents within the Frankenmuth School District because these areas are rural in nature and they have limited park facilities of their own.

This plan is an update of the 2008-2013 Frankenmuth Area Recreation Master Plan encompassing a regional area including the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District.

Frankenmuth is located in eastern Saginaw County and is entirely within Frankenmuth Township. The Frankenmuth School District includes all of the City of Frankenmuth and Frankenmuth Township and parts of six other townships. These are Blumfield Township, Buena Vista Township and Birch Run Township in Saginaw County. Portions of Denmark Township, Tuscola Township, and Arbela Township in Tuscola County to the east are also part of the Frankenmuth School District. See Map 1.



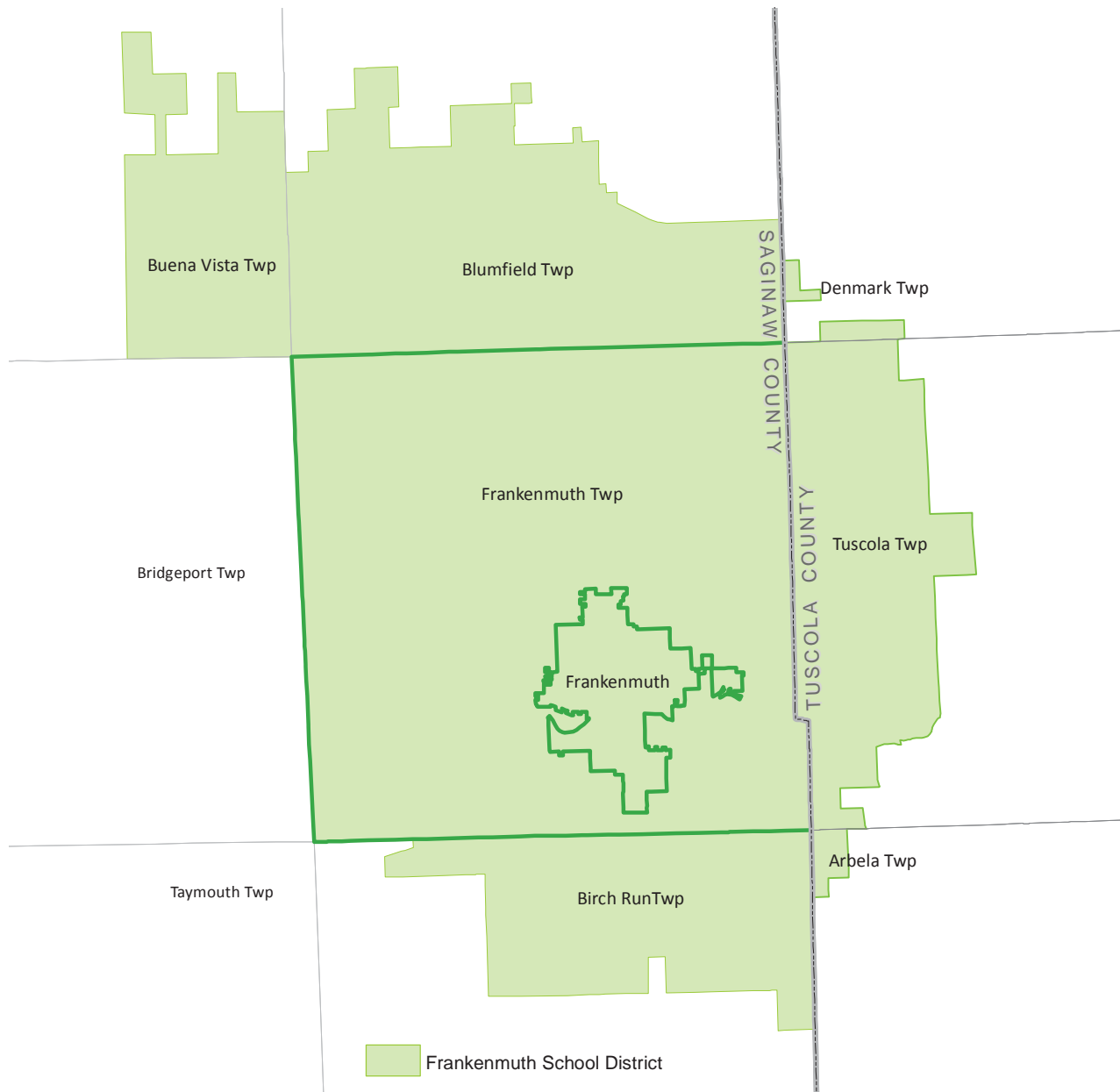


Figure 1- The Frankenmuth School District encompasses all of the City of Frankenmuth and Frankenmuth Township. It also includes portions of Birch Run Township, Buena Vista Township, and Blumfield Township in Saginaw County and parts of Denmark Township, Tuscola Township and Arbela Township in Tuscola County.

According to the U.S. Census, the 2010 population of the City of Frankenmuth is 4,944. This is an increase of 109 from the 2000 Census. The 2010 U.S. Census population of Frankenmuth Township is 1,959 which is a decrease of 64 from the 2000 Census when the population was 2,023.

The population of the Frankenmuth School District was 9,277 in 2012, according to data from Standard and Poor's School Evaluation Service. In 2013, the Frankenmuth School District has expanded to include a portion of Buena Vista Township. So, the current population of the Frankenmuth School District is even larger than 9,277. Since the school district population of 9,277 includes the City of Frankenmuth and Frankenmuth Township (as well as portions of other communities), it would also serve as the service population for the Recreation Plan.

Frankenmuth as a Tourist Destination

For decades, Frankenmuth has been a destination for visitors in Michigan. According to Bridge Magazine, approximately three million people visit "Michigan's Little Bavaria" each year. The City's park system is an important component in the success of the City as a destination. Heritage Park, located on the Cass River, is host to the majority of the City's special events, including the Bavarian Festival, Oktoberfest, the Summer Music Festival, Autofest and the Volksläufe. The School District facilities are used for ball tournaments and as the staging area for events such as the Rotary Club Fahrrad bicycle tour.



The Frankenmuth Auto Fest is a huge annual event in Heritage Park that brings thousands of visitors to Frankenmuth. Over 2000 cars are on display along with other special events and activities.

Because these events draw people from across Michigan, the Midwest, and the entire United States, the Frankenmuth Parks have an extremely large service population. The Frankenmuth Parks attendance figures for some

of the major annual events in the parks are listed below. Please note that there are dozens of other events that vary from year to year that bring in visitors from across the country, as well. Since 2001, Heritage Park has hosted several national dog shows. Several hundred dogs of a specific breed are showcased with various events in the park for several days. The owners stay in local hotels, campgrounds, etc. and they have a tremendous financial impact on the local economy.

Although not the site of organized special events, other parks, particularly in the downtown area of Frankenmuth, offer amenities to local residents and visitors. In good weather, it is common to see people fishing the banks of the Cass River and using the paved pedestrian walk along Gunzenhausen

Street. The Veterans Memorial at Willkommen Park is a common resting point for tourists walking through town.

In 1999 the Michigan Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center at Michigan State University completed a 10-year profile of visitors to Frankenmuth. This research concludes that most of the groups coming to Frankenmuth were comprised of family members.

The largest age group in terms of visitors is between the ages of 45 and 54 years old. This is similar to the median age of residents in the City, which according to the 2010 U.S. Census is 50.1 years. Because the age groups are similar for both residents and the majority of visitors, recreational needs can also assumed to be similar. However, tourists are probably looking for more special events in the parks than are the residents.

According to the 1999 Study, each group visiting Frankenmuth spent an average of \$310. The economic impact of tourism in Frankenmuth is great and directly affects those businesses typically associated with tourism like hotels and restaurants. It is important to note that tourist dollars also impact the smaller, neighborhood commercial uses such as gas stations, grocery markets and drug stores.

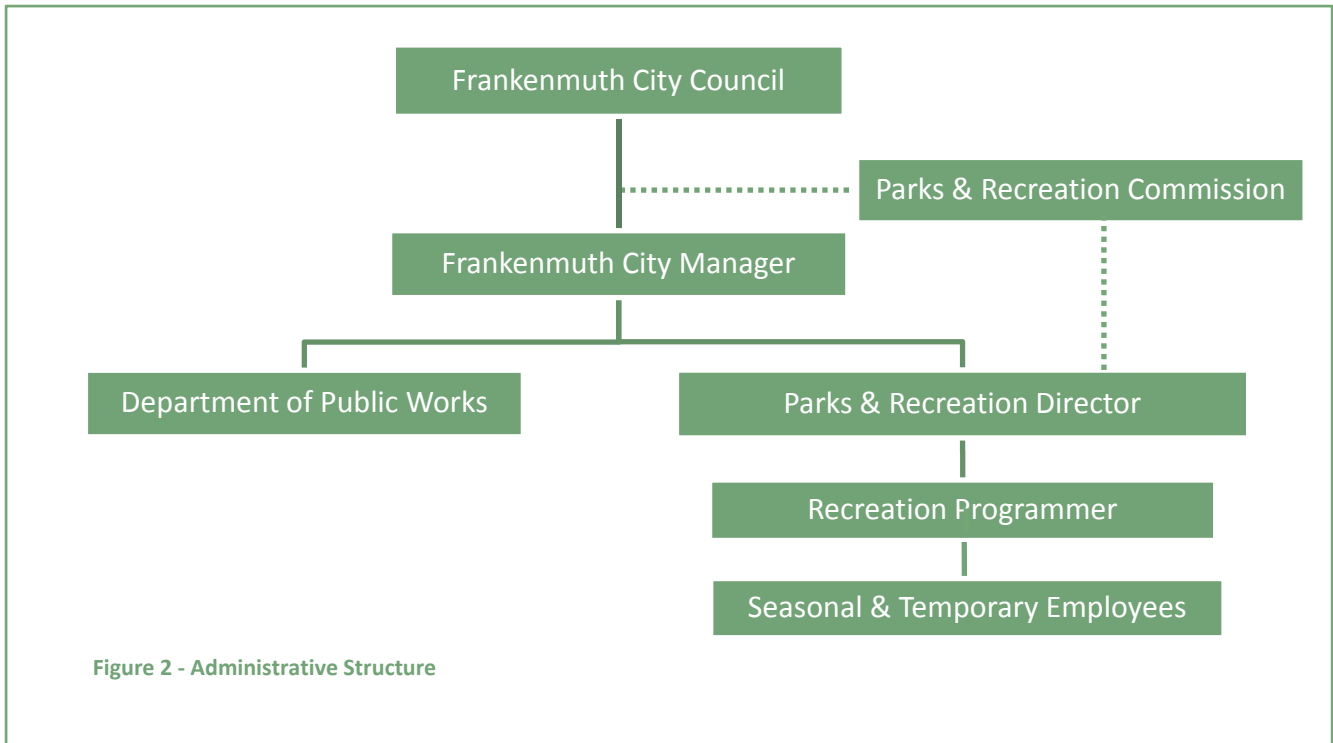
III. Administrative Structure

Frankenmuth is organized as a Home Rule City in the State of Michigan. The City Council is comprised of a Mayor and six council members. Day-to-day operations of the City are handled by the City Manager. The City Manager delegates parks and recreation operations to the Parks and Recreation Director. The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for the policy and financial decisions relating to parks and recreation in the City.

The Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission was enabled by PA 156 of 1917, the Recreation and Playgrounds Act. The Commission meets monthly and is comprised of 10 members that are appointed by the City Council. Individuals must be a resident of the Frankenmuth School District in order to be eligible to be on the Commission. Three of the members have specific requirements:

- A member of the Frankenmuth Board of Education
- A member of the Frankenmuth Township Board of Trustees
- A member of the Frankenmuth City Council

The Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and the Frankenmuth Civic Events Council (CEC) each have an ex-officio (non-voting) position on the Commission.



Within the Parks and Recreation Department, the Director has a full-time assistant who is largely responsible for recreation programs. Several part-time and seasonal employees are hired to assist with programs and maintenance. The City’s Department of Public Works also provides grass mowing and other maintenance of the parks.

An overview of past and current budgets for expenditures in the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Department is listed in the chart below.

<u>Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Financial Overview</u>				
	Actual 10-11	Actual 11-12	Actual 12-13	Budget 13-14
Parks Operations & Maintenance.	\$ 433,815	\$ 428,071	\$ 443,786	\$ 421,500
Recreation Programs	\$ 29,807	\$ 31,309	\$ 35,160	\$ 37,500
Capital Improvements	\$ 75,907	\$ 74,682	\$ 39,919	\$ 36,000
TOTAL	\$ 539,529	\$ 534,062	\$ 518,865	\$ 495,000

Current sources of revenue for the park and recreation department include facility rental income, recreation program income, the City General Fund, an annual contribution from Frankenmuth Township and miscellaneous sources such as grants and donations. See Figure 3.

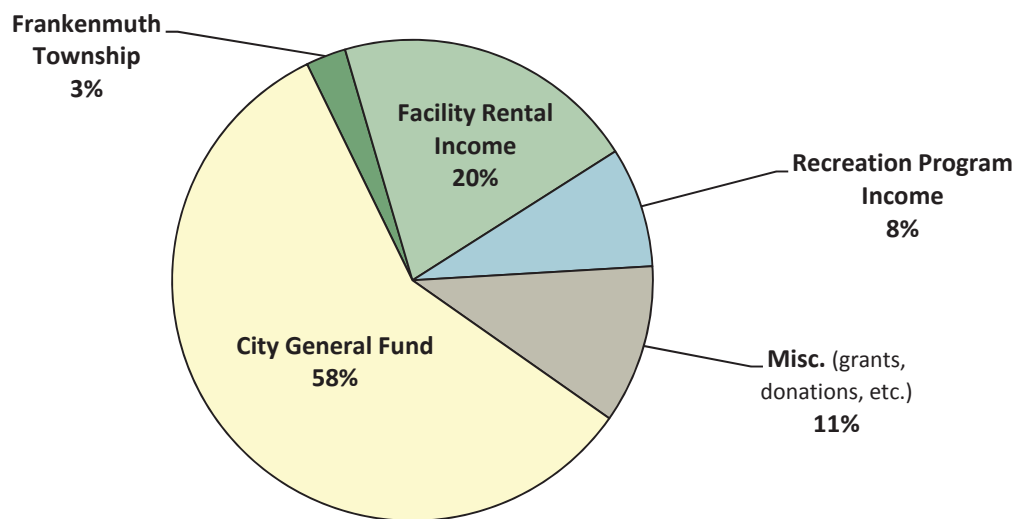


Figure 3 - Sources of Revenue

Role of Partnerships/Volunteers

Several groups work with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide recreation programming for the Frankenmuth area. The City relies on several Frankenmuth School District facilities for its recreation programs. Gymnasiums are used for both youth and adult indoor sports and special events. Parks and Recreation also uses some of the ball diamonds at the schools for youth baseball/softball leagues.

The Frankenmuth Soccer Association runs a large volunteer based soccer program for youths age 4 - 19. The Soccer Association uses soccer fields located behind St. Lorenz Church. These fields have been leased to the City. The Frankenmuth Baseball/Softball Association uses the City and School District's ball diamonds for tournaments and has local leagues for youth baseball and softball.

Other volunteer and civic groups that regularly work with the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Department in planning and organizing festivals and special events include:

- Frankenmuth Jaycees (World Expo of Beer, Volksläufe)
- Frankenmuth Civic Events Council (Bavarian Festival)
- Frankenmuth Rotary Club (AutoFest)
- Frankenmuth Women's Club (concerts at the Schau Platz)

Civic groups in Frankenmuth are very active and have a long tradition of assisting with the City parks programs and facilities. The Noon Rotary Club has provided funding for many facilities in the Parks system including the Frankenmuth Scout Building and the Harvey Kern Pavilion. A newer Morning Rotary Club has helped fund

improvements and upgrades at the Frankenmuth Scout Building. The Frankenmuth Jaycees have contributed funds for playground facilities as well as contributing funding and manpower for maintenance and repairs. Many of the businesses in town provide sponsorships for programs or special events, as well.

The City of Frankenmuth is blessed with many volunteers that assist with youth recreation programs such as the coaches for youth sports, and numerous special events throughout the year. Altogether, these City sponsored programs use between 50 and 85 volunteers per year. Most of them serve as coaches or assist with specific one-day events.



The City uses Frankenmuth School District ball fields for its youth baseball and softball leagues.

Volunteers assist with various park maintenance and capital improvement projects. In recent years, the Cass River Greenway Committee has assisted with an annual Cass River clean-up project that includes from 30 to 50 volunteers. They have also assisted with development of the Cass River Water Trail. The Frankenmuth Jaycees have assisted with the installation of playground equipment.

Hundreds of community members volunteer to assist with the partnership programs and events described above. For example, the Frankenmuth Soccer Association has up to 100 volunteers annually that serve as coaches, referees, board members, etc. The Frankenmuth School District sponsors various sports camps during the summer that are run by volunteer coaches and assistants. The clubs that sponsor the special events described above rely upon volunteers to help run their events and festivals.

IV. Recreation & Resource Inventories

In order to plan for parks and recreation in the future, the types of facilities that currently exist in Frankenmuth need to be examined. It is also helpful to compare these existing facilities to various standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the community. This inventory was completed by updating the inventory used in the previous plan. The consultant and City recreation staff worked together to complete any updates or revisions. They also completed an accessibility review of each park's facilities.

The Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Space from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) defines 7 types of parks that may be applicable to Frankenmuth.

A **Mini-Park** is less than 5 acres in size and is less than 1/4 mile from a residential setting. It is used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs. **Neighborhood Parks** are generally 5-10 acres in size and they serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. Their service area is generally ¼ to ½ mile. **School-Parks** can combine parks with school sites to help meet the recreational space needs for the community. **Community Parks** serve a broader purpose than Neighborhood Parks. They have more amenities and usually serve two or more neighborhoods within ½ to three miles and are generally 30 - 50 acres in size. A **Special Use** facility is oriented toward single-purpose use. A **Natural Resource Area** is land set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. A **Large Urban Park** is typically 50 to 75 acres and its focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

The inventory includes 19 city parks, four school parks, and various other recreation properties. Thirteen of the City parks are open space or woodlands that were preserved as part of the requirements of residential subdivision development in the City. The other 6 parks have levels of development varying from mini-parks with a couple of pieces of playground equipment to large urban parks with pavilions, walking paths, and multiple sports facilities. An inventory chart is given on the following page.



Native American Memorial in Memorial Park

Frankenmuth Parks Inventory

City Parks	Acreage		Classification *		Service Area **		Accessibility ***		Ball Diamonds	Basketball	Football/Soccer	Picnic Area	Playground Equipment	Playfield (open)	Pavilion/Shelter	Restrooms	Multi-use Path (miles)	Other	
	SU	MP	C	N	US	NA	1	2											3
Cross Park	4.0		SU	C	1								yes					historic log cabin, nature trails	
Eastgate Court	0.8		MP	N	NA								yes						
Genesee Park	0.5		MP	N	1							yes							
Gunzenhausen Park	2.5		MP	N	2							yes							
Hanover Park	1.0		MP	N	NA								yes					storm water detention	
Hartlan Park	5.0		MP	N	NA								yes						
Heritage Park	36.1		LUP	US	3	3	2	1	yes	2	yes	6	3	0.9				sand volleyball, festival facilities, canoe launch	
Keineth Park	2.0		MP	N	2							yes							
Kingsbrook Park	2.5		MP	N	NA								yes						
Krafft Park	2.0		MP	N	NA								yes						
Maplecrest Park	1.8		MP	N	NA								yes					storm water detention	
Memorial Park ^a	38.0 ^a		LUP	C	3				yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				bandshell, rose garden, disc golf, dog park horseshoe plts, boat launch, sledding	
Summergreen Park	1.6		MP	N	NA								yes					storm water detention	
Sunburst Park	1.4		MP	N	1							yes							
Vitany Park	2.0		MP	N	1								yes					storm water detention	
Wilkommen Park	0.5		MP	US	3													Veterans Memorial	
Woelzlein Nature Preserve	6.4		NRA	N	NA													woodland	
Woodland Acres Preserve	1.7		NRA	N	NA													woodland	
Zehnder Park	3.3		CP	SD	2	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	1							Scout Building	
Other City Properties																			
Cass River Rock Ramp/Dam	0.7		SU	C	NA								yes					canoe launch	
Gunzenhausen Street Walkway	1.2		SU	US	4								yes					0.2	
School Facilities																			
Frankenmuth High	17.3		SP			1	2												gymnasium, outdoor track
List Elementary	14.0		SP			2	3	1				yes	yes	yes					gymnasium, 8 outdoor tennis courts
Rittmueller Middle	24.7		SP			3	4	2					yes						gymnasium
St. Lorenz Lutheran	29.5		SP			2	3	3				yes	yes	yes					gymnasium, outdoor track
Privately Owned Recreation Facilities																			
Adventure Park at Frankenmuth	4.0																		outdoor ropes, zip line, adventure course
Beyer Rd. Bridge/Park	2.0								yes				yes						historical bridge, canoe launch
Frankenmuth Jellystone Park	24.1						1					yes	yes	1	yes				250 campsites, volleyball, mini-golf
Fortress Golf Course	136.5												yes	1	yes				18 hole public golf course
St. Lorenz Churchgrove Park	21.1											yes	yes	3	yes				30 campsites, nature trails
St. Lorenz Soccer Fields	12.7							6				yes	yes						10 yr. lease from church for community use
Zehnder's Splash Village	na																		indoor water park and hotel

* CP = Community Park; LUP = Large Urban Park; MP = Mini-Park; NRA = Natural Resource Area; NP = Neighborhood Park; SP = School Park; SU = Special Use; NA = Not Applicable
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 ***Approximately 32 acres are leased from Frankenmuth School District ** N = Neighborhood; SD = School District; C = Co. county; US = United States ***See Page 2 for Accessibility explanation.

It should be noted that some of the parks do not meet the general size requirements as described in the previous paragraph that explained the different type of parks. This is because the specific parks have been classified using specific features available and the service area as a more important factor than total acreage. For example, Zehnder Park is classified as a Community Park even though it is only 2 acres in size. This is because it offers the Scout Building which is used by the entire community and is available for use by outside groups or persons that wish to rent it.

The City's two flagship parks are the 36-acre Heritage Park and the 38-acre Memorial Park. Although somewhat smaller than typical large urban parks, they are classified as such in Frankenmuth because they meet broad based community needs for recreation and they preserve some unique landscapes in the area.

Heritage Park is the location of numerous festivals in Frankenmuth that draw thousands of tourists. It is used as a local recreation spot for softball leagues, its riverfront walkway, picnicking, and pickup basketball games. The park is surrounded on three sides by 3,000 feet of Cass River frontage, leaving a large portion of the park in the flood plain. Seasonal flooding is a common occurrence in certain areas of the park. The Harvey Kern Community Pavilion is the most recent major addition to Heritage Park. Completed in 2006, Kern Pavilion is a multi-use 28,000 square foot facility that is used primarily for festivals and special events from April through October. It is also used for roller hockey, dodge ball, and other sports in the colder months.

Memorial Park is located behind the school district campus. It is known for its hilly terrain, meandering brook, and mature vegetation. The hills provide for great winter sledding. Horseshoe pits and a rose garden are located in Memorial Park as well as the Palmer Schau Platz, which is the band shell where free Sunday night concerts are held throughout the summer. Recent additions to Memorial Park include an 18-hole disc golf course and the Hund Platz (dog park).

Three maps are included at the end of this section. The first is a park location map for the City and school park facilities. The second and third maps are aerial maps for the City's two largest parks, Heritage Park and Memorial Park.



Hund Platz Dog Park in Memorial Park

Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible, based on the ADA guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five (5) point system ranging from one (1), meaning none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to five (5), meaning the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Figure 4
MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities

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

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of Frankenmuth’s parks was conducted during the fall of 2013. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regards to access, circulation in relation to the park facilities. As noted in the inventory listing, some of the parks do not meet all criteria for handicap accessibility. Other parks have facilities that have been developed according to the principles of universal design, such as the canoe launch in Heritage Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission will continue its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of the parks when improvements are made, particularly at the larger parks which see thousands of visitors each year. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

School Facilities

The Frankenmuth School District operates three schools on one large campus - Frankenmuth High School, List Elementary School, and Rittmueller Middle School. Various indoor and outdoor recreational facilities are located on the school properties including gymnasiums, playgrounds, and sports fields. The school facilities and Memorial Park blend together seamlessly. St. Lorenz Lutheran School includes indoor gymnasium, outdoor sports fields, and a ¼ mile track.

Other Recreational Facilities

Several semi-public/private entities with recreational facilities are located in the Frankenmuth area. They provide additional recreational facilities and services to area residents. They include:

- Adventure Park at Frankenmuth – Treetop ropes and adventure course.
- Beyer Rd. Bridge Park – Historical Gugel bridge over the Cass River, fishing, and a canoe/kayak launch site (located in Frankenmuth Township).
- Frankenmuth Jellystone Park – Private campground with miniature golf and indoor pool.
- Fortress Golf Course – Championship 18-hole course.
- St. Lorenz Churchgrove Park – Private campground, woodlot, nature trails, and park .
- St. Lorenz Soccer Fields – 12 acre property leased to the City for community soccer fields.
- Zehnder’s Splash Village – Indoor water park that is part of a hotel that sells day use passes.

Past MDNR Grant History

The City of Frankenmuth has received three state or federal recreation related grants for its parks. In 1976, it received \$10,939 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to construct tennis courts in Memorial Park. In 1991, Heritage Park received \$140,000 from the Recreation Bond Fund for park improvements, including the multi-use path. In 2009, the City constructed a universally accessible canoe/ kayak launch in Heritage Park with the help of a \$35,300 grant from the Natural Resources Trust Fund. All of these facilities have been well-used and are still operational.



The Harvey Kern Pavilion is popular for many festivals and special events.

Natural Resource Inventory

The most significant natural resource in Frankenmuth is the Cass River. It flows from east to west across the southern portion of the City and the Township. The Cass River flows into the Shiawassee River and eventually into the Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay.

In Frankenmuth, the Cass River is used for fishing, recreational boating, paddle sports, commercial river boat tours, and as a scenic backdrop for many of the community events in the City. In 2013, the first annual triathlon was held using the Cass River for the swimming portion of the competition.

There are scattered stands of woodlands in Frankenmuth and Frankenmuth Township which are also an important natural resource. Most of the land in the Township has been cleared for agricultural purposes, which is a valuable asset for the economy of the community.

Comparison to Standards

General industry standards suggest a minimum of 5 to 10 acres of park land per 1,000 citizens. This translates to approximately 46 to 92 acres for the Frankenmuth community. Frankenmuth has 113 acres of park land for its 9,247 citizens, indicating that Frankenmuth has adequate park land for its citizens.

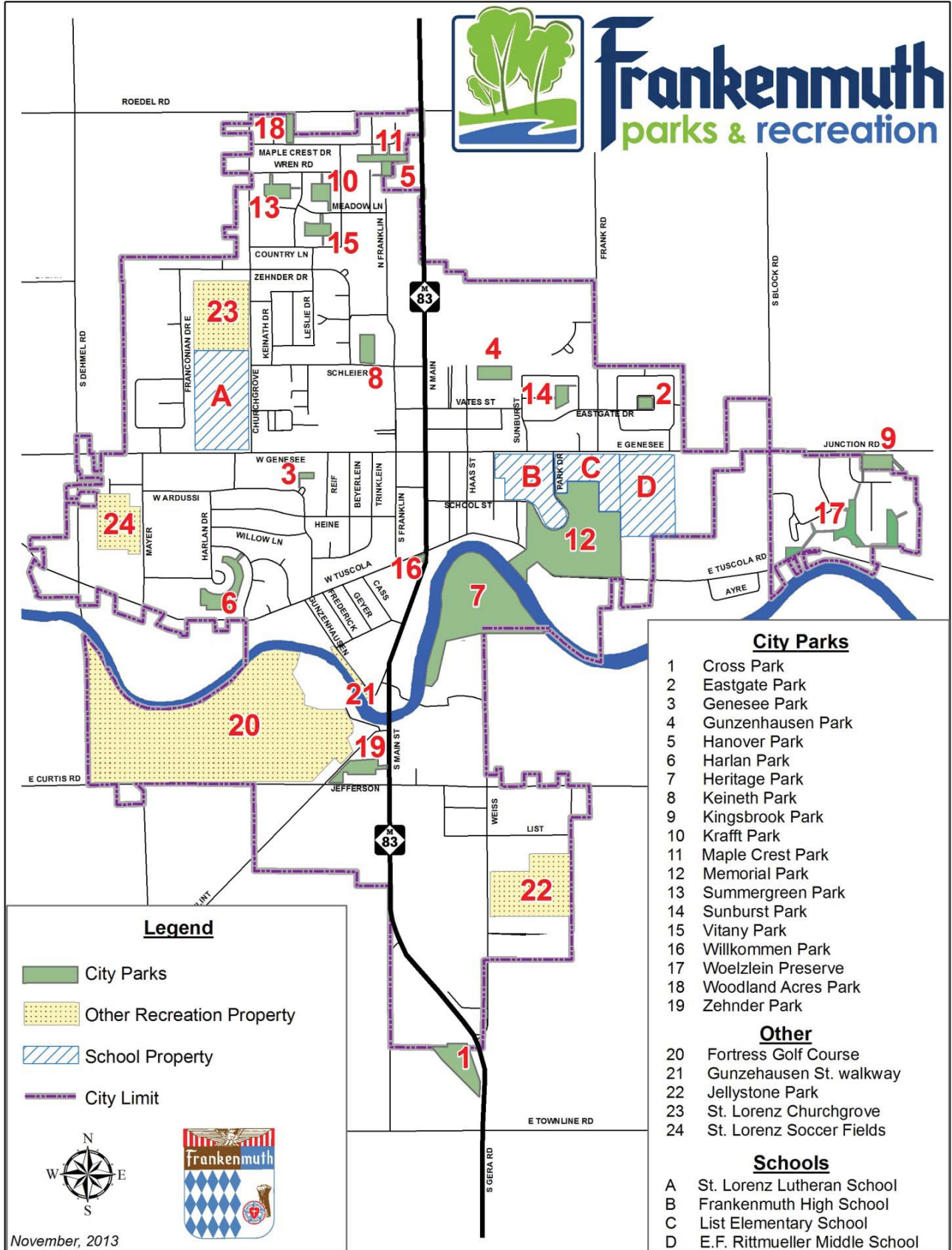
More recent park guidelines indicate that the “level of service” desired by the community must also be taken into consideration. If Frankenmuth resident’s needs are met with the existing amount of park land and facilities, then that amount is sufficient. However, there may be additional needs based upon the unique recreational demands of this community. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. The Parks and Recreation Commission needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves in order to provide the level of service desired by the residents.



The Memorial Park Rose Garden is a popular spot for weddings in Frankenmuth.



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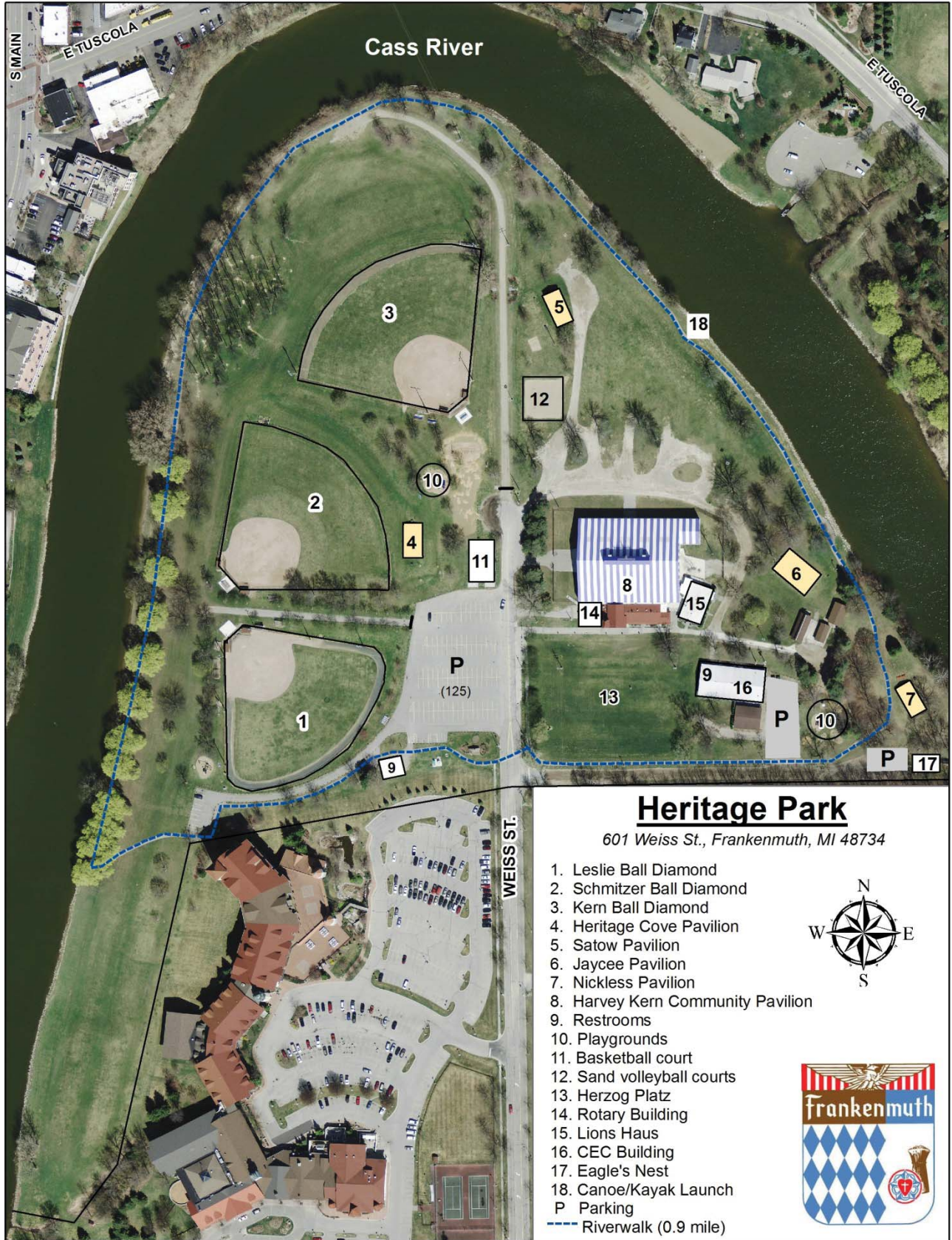
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Memorial Park

- 1. Rose Garden (850 E. Tuscola)
- 2. Hund Platz (Dog Park)
- 3. Horseshoe Pits
- 4. Tennis Courts
- 5. Palmer Schau Platz (Band Shell)
- 6. Restrooms (235 Park Drive)
- 7. Playground
- 8. Boat Launch (531 E. Tuscola)
- 9. Disc Golf Course (1st tee)





V. Community Input

To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission offered two opportunities for public input along with a 30 day period for review and comment on the draft plan.

The first opportunity for public input through a community survey and the second opportunity was a public hearing held on January 29, 2014.

The community survey was available for approximately 3 weeks from November 20, 2013 – December 13, 2013. It was well publicized to the Frankenmuth community with a variety of methods:

- The Frankenmuth News carried a front page story about the survey.
- A paper copy of the survey was sent with all property tax notifications in November of 2013. Recipients were encouraged to complete the survey online or on paper.
- The schools included stories about the online survey in their newsletters.
- The City of Frankenmuth included a link on its main website and the Parks and Recreation Department website.
- The survey was publicized on the School District and the City's Facebook pages.
- The City sent e-mail blasts with the survey link to over 700 e-mail recipients.



Universally accessible canoe and kayak launch at Heritage Park

This notification and publicity information is included in Appendix A.

Survey Results

About the respondents

Six hundred eighteen people responded to the survey. This is more than twice as many people who responded to the 2008 online survey which received 287 responses. Sixty percent of the respondents were from the City of Frankenmuth, 17% were from Frankenmuth Township, 13% were from the

Frankenmuth School District but not within the City of Frankenmuth or Frankenmuth Township and 9% were from outside of the area.

In terms of age, 37% of the respondents were aged 46 to 65. Thirty-four percent were age 31- 45. Fifteen percent were over 65. Thirteen percent were between 18 and 30 and 1% of the respondents were under 18. Twenty percent were aged 19 to 35. Two percent were 18 or younger and 5% were age 66 and higher.

Respondents were heavy park users. More than 55% of the respondents had visited a Frankenmuth park 10 or more times in the previous year. Another 24% said they had visited a park 4 – 9 times. Sixteen percent had visited a park 1 – 3 times and 4% of the respondents had not visited a park at all.

A summary of the results to the survey is contained in Appendix A. The following paragraphs discuss significant results and provide a brief summarization of the open-response questions. It should be noted that there were a very high number of responses to each of the questions that had an open-ended response. Four questions each received over 150 written responses and two of those received more than 300 written responses. All of the open ended responses are on file and available for review with the Parks and Recreation Department in Frankenmuth.

Why Visit Parks in Frankenmuth?

Respondents were offered 13 different reasons for visiting parks in Frankenmuth and then asked to select all that applied to them. The most popular reason was for festivals, concerts, and special events. The second most popular response was walking and biking and the third most popular was watching an organized sporting event, which was selected by 51% of the respondents.

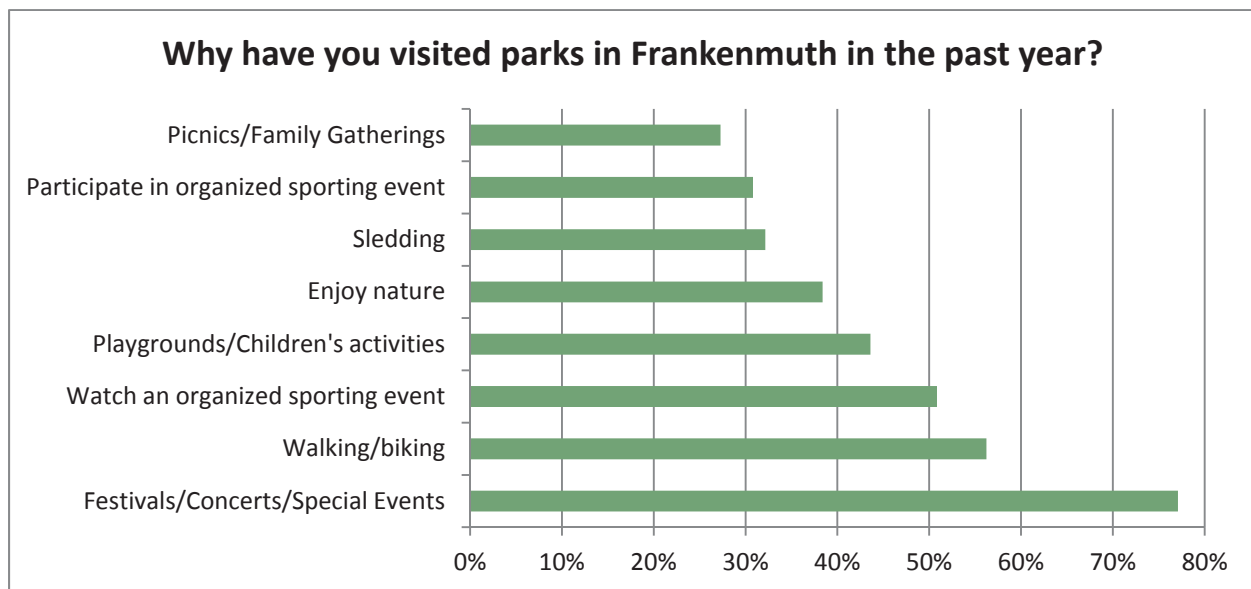


Figure 5 - The seven most popular reasons for visiting a park in Frankenmuth. Other less popular reasons included boating, other fitness activities, dog park, disc golf, and fishing.

What Improvements are Needed?

Respondents were offered 10 possible improvements for parks in Frankenmuth and asked which they would like to see added. The most popular responses were walking/biking paths in parks, indoor fitness facility, and indoor walking track. All responses are shown in Figure 6.

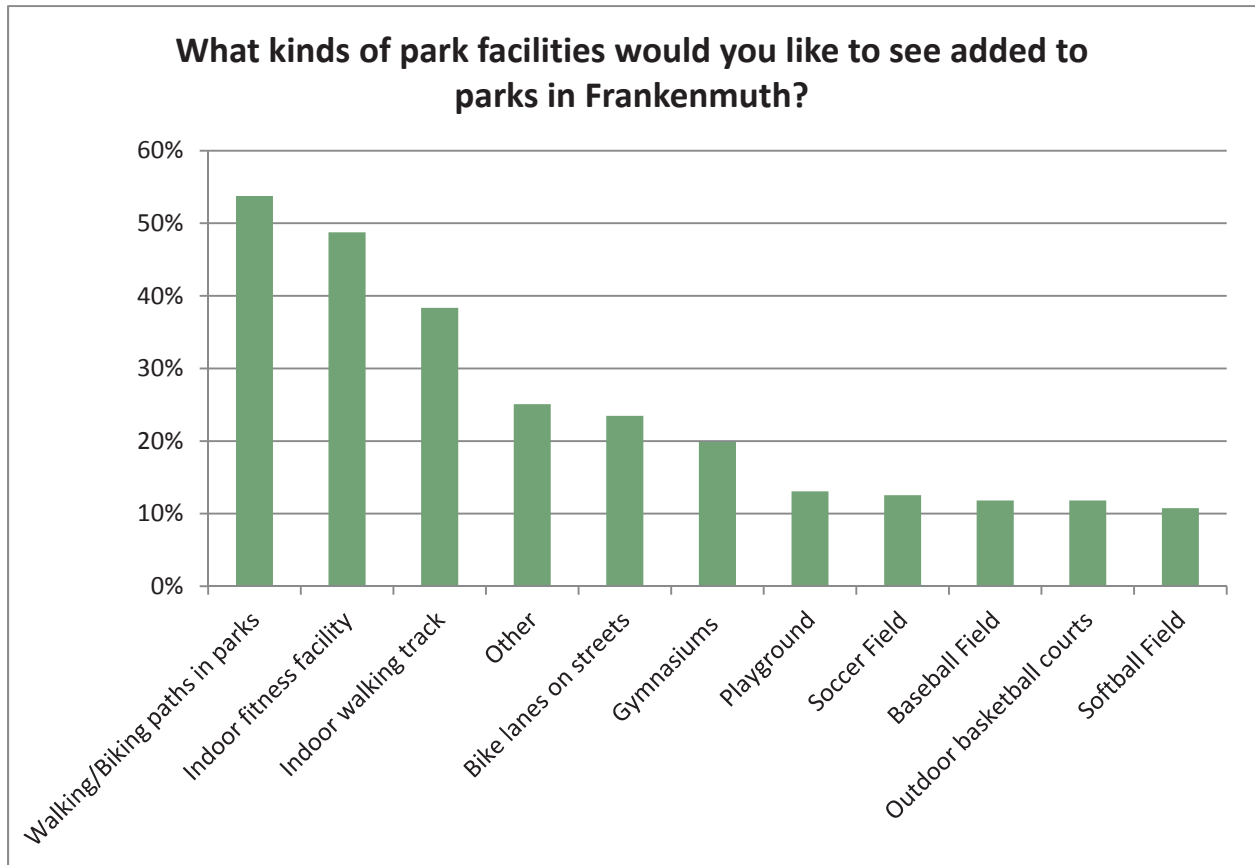


Figure 6 - The facility that most respondents said was needed in parks in Frankenmuth was walking/biking paths in parks.

Approximately 140 respondents wrote in other facilities they wanted to see added to the parks in Frankenmuth. Several responses were very common:

- Pool/swimming pool/community pool – 30 responses
- Indoor pool/indoor swimming pool – 18 responses
- Indoor/outdoor pool – 3 responses
- Splash pad/sprinkler/spray park – 12 responses
- More disc golf course holes – 4 responses

Qualities of Parks

Survey respondents were asked to rate three different qualities of the parks in Frankenmuth: park maintenance/appearance, variety of amenities/facilities, and safety. All three qualities were given high scores by the respondents, with park maintenance and appearance scoring the best. More than 90% of respondents felt that park maintenance and appearance in Frankenmuth was good or very good. See Figure 7.

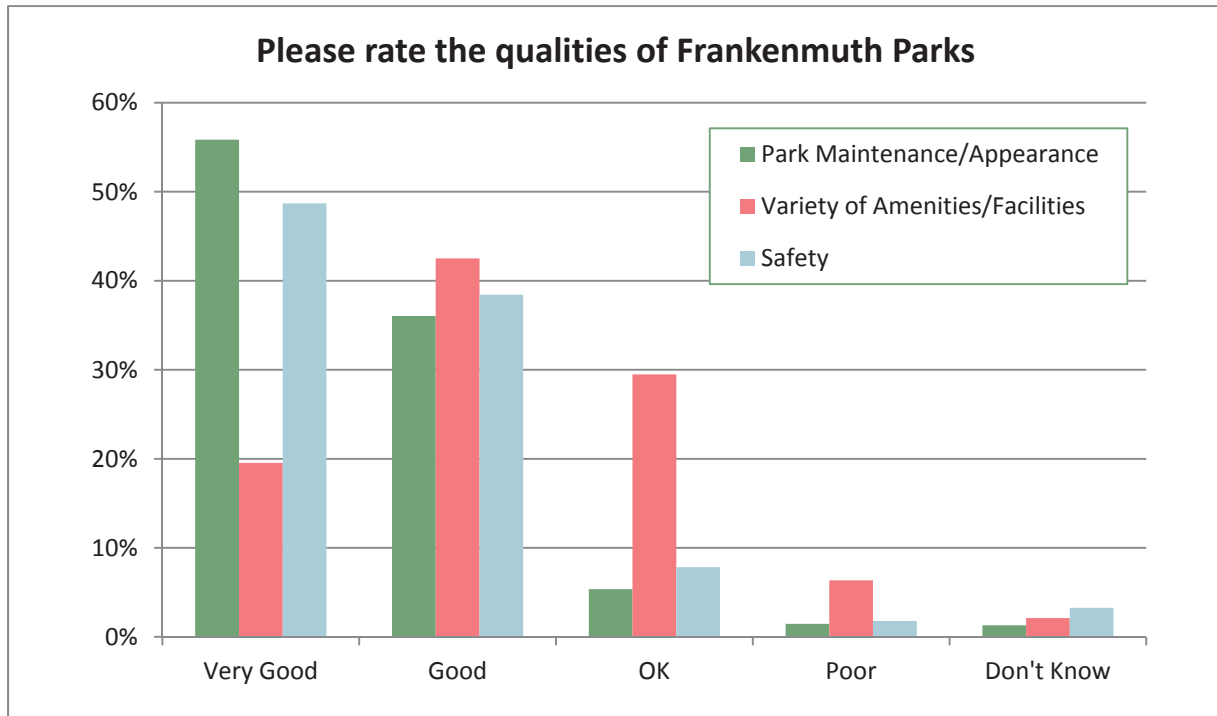


Figure 7 – Respondents were very satisfied with park maintenance and safety in Frankenmuth Parks.

Recreation Programs

Survey respondents were asked to evaluate nine different sports programs in Frankenmuth. The most common response for each question was “don’t know”. This is to be expected because the majority of citizens in the area do not have direct experience with any one specific program. Of those who had an opinion, youth soccer received the highest score with nearly 90% of respondents rating it as excellent or good. Youth football was also rated very strong with 87% rating it as excellent or good. Health and fitness classes received the weakest scores with approximately 42% rating them as excellent or good, 36% rating them as marginal and 22% rating them as inadequate. See Figure 8.

Figure 8
Assessing recreational programs offered in Frankenmuth

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Marginal</i>	<i>Inadequate</i>
Youth soccer	41%	49%	10%	1%
Youth football	37%	49%	9%	4%
Youth baseball/softball	25%	48%	20%	7%
Special events (daddy-daughter dance, punt-pass-kick, etc.)	24%	59%	15%	2%
Youth basketball	22%	47%	22%	9%
Adult sports leagues	16%	53%	23%	8%
Youth sports camps	13%	54%	21%	12%
Summer day camps	12%	45%	31%	12%
Health and fitness classes	9%	34%	36%	22%

** "don't know" responses were not included in the calculation of the percentages for this chart*

Survey respondents were asked an open ended question about what recreation programs they would like to see added in Frankenmuth. Nearly 200 respondents offered a specific suggestion. (Approximately 30 replied “none”, “don’t need more”, “satisfied”, etc.) More than 40 respondents mentioned swimming or pool. Some of the other recreational programs mentioned were health and fitness classes for adults, indoor sports/fitness facility, disc golf league, nature education, tennis, and senior citizen activities.

Protecting Natural Resources

Respondents felt strongly about the importance of natural areas and recreational opportunities along the Cass River. More than 90% agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that “the preservation of natural areas has a positive effect on the quality of my life.” More than 85% strongly agreed or agreed that “It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities along the Cass River”. See Figures 9 and 10.

Value of Open Space

Open spaces within and in close proximity to urban centers increase livability and enhance property values.

Open spaces are essential for leisure activities, organized sports and cultural endeavors.

The mental and physical health benefits of parks and green spaces have been demonstrated and can be proven to be preventative measures that impact positively on health care and health care costs.

Cass River Watershed

The Cass River Watershed encompasses an area of 908 square miles (approx. 578,812 acres), contains 1352 miles of rivers and streams and hundreds of miles of county drains. The Cass River flows to the Saginaw River and eventually to Saginaw Bay. Located in Michigan's Lower Peninsula's Thumb Region the watershed includes portions of Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Saginaw, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. Communities in the watershed include Bridgeport, Cass City, Caro, Frankenmuth, Marlette, Millington, Tuscola, Vassar, and Ubyly.

The Cass River Greenway Committee is an effort by a group of local volunteers, assisted by professional resources and municipal leaders, working to enhance recreational opportunities and the environmental well-being of the Cass River Corridor.



The preservation of natural areas and water resources in our community has a positive effect on the quality of life

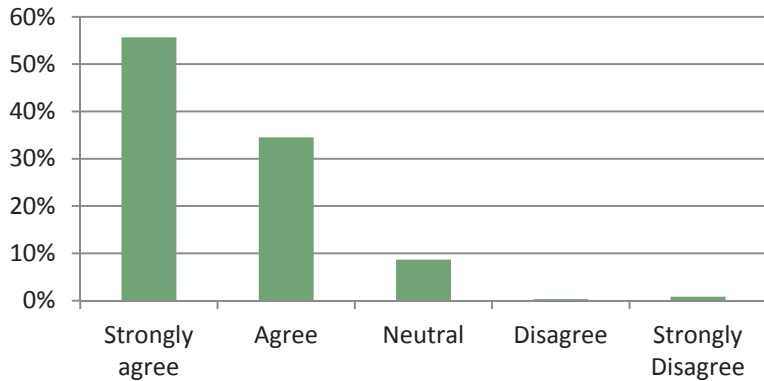


Figure 9 – Respondents agreed that preserving natural areas and water resources was important to the quality of life.

It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities along the Cass River

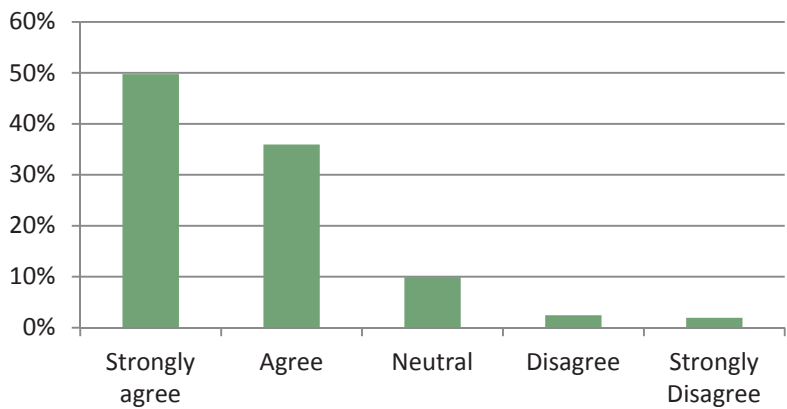


Figure 10 – Enhancing natural resources and recreational opportunities along the Cass River was important to survey respondents.

Acquiring More Park Land

The survey asked respondents if they would support the acquisition of four different types of park land in Frankenmuth: natural/woodland areas, river frontage, paths and trails, and open space for athletic fields. The majority of respondents supported the acquisition of all four types of park land. The strongest support was shown for paths and trails at 82%.

Sports Complex/Recreation Facility

Groups within the Frankenmuth community have spent a few years exploring options for a recreational facility. Many community residents continually express a need for such a facility but leaders and stakeholders have struggled with how to build, finance, and operate such a facility. Further, there is discussion as to whether this facility should include indoor recreation, outdoor recreation, or both. Three questions were asked in the survey regarding development of a sports facility. The first two asked whether respondents supported the development of a public indoor and outdoor facility and the third question asked about using tax dollars as one of the sources of funding for such a facility. Survey respondents most strongly supported the development of a public indoor sports facility at 70%. Approximately 64% supported the development of a public outdoor sports complex and approximately 60% supported the use of tax dollars as one of the sources of funding for construction of such a facility. See Figure 11.

Figure 11 Sports Complex in Frankenmuth			
	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
I support the development of a public indoor sports facility in Frankenmuth.	70%	20%	10%
I support the development of a public outdoor sports facility in Frankenmuth.	64%	21%	15%
I support the use of tax dollars as one of the sources of funding for construction of this facility.	59%	28%	14%

Likes and Improvements

The survey asked respondents in an open ended question what they liked best about the parks in Frankenmuth. Three hundred eighty-six respondents provided an answer. The most common responses were:

- Clean/cleanliness
- Well-maintained/appearance
- Safe/safety
- Variety
- Natural beauty/nature setting

Each of these responses was mentioned by dozens of respondents and they show that the Frankenmuth community is pleased with the aesthetics of its parks.

The survey then asked what could be done to improve parks and recreation in Frankenmuth. Three hundred thirty-seven people provided a response. The responses to this question were more varied than for the previous question. Some of the items mentioned in other questions were mentioned again. The more popular answers included:

- Pool – mentioned by approximately 40 respondents
- Sports facility/fitness center – mentioned by approximately 40 residents
- Walking paths
- More bathrooms



Disc golf is a popular activity in Frankenmuth.

VI. Goals and Objectives

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overarching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. The action items are the last level and identify specific projects and programs. The action items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions.

The Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the characteristics of the overall community, input received throughout the year, and a community-wide recreation survey in late 2013. The goals and objectives below are considered to be consistent with and reflective of the vision, goals, objectives and policies of the 2010 City of Frankenmuth and Frankenmuth Township Joint Growth Management Plan, specifically the sections relating to recreation and natural resources.



The Frankenmuth Woodcarvers Guild Building in Heritage Park

GOAL 1 – RECREATION PROGRAMS

Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness.

Objective - Provide both passive and active recreational programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.

Objective - Continue sharing facilities between the City of Frankenmuth and the Frankenmuth School District. Use this partnership to consider additional opportunities to meet the recreational needs of the community.

Objective - Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs, leagues, and special events. Explore options for new and expanded partnerships to provide additional recreational opportunities.

Comments and justification - Due to limited resources and staffing, recreational programming in the Frankenmuth community is provided by several different organizations and entities. Many of them work with the Parks and Recreation Department in some capacity. The Parks and Recreation Commission wishes to continue facilitating and enhancing these relationships, where feasible, so as to meet the needs of residents without offering duplication of services.

GOAL 2 – FACILITIES

Continue to improve Frankenmuth's recreational amenities to offer local residents and visitors facilities that inspire a sense of pride, are attractive, and are functional for a variety of uses.

Objective - Promote and enhance the financial stability of the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Department, keeping in mind the need for long-term maintenance of facilities.

Objective - Provide practical outdoor areas for individual passive recreation opportunities.

Objective - Continue to explore and support options for development of an indoor Community Recreation Center that can be economically successful and equitably financed.

Comments and justification - Many respondents to the survey reported that what they liked best about Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation was the overall upkeep, maintenance, and aesthetics of the facilities. The Frankenmuth community prides itself in beautiful public and private greenspace and the parks are no exception. As the Parks and Recreation Department has developed and acquired more facilities, there is increasing need for funding for ongoing maintenance and upgrades. The Parks and Recreation Commission wants to keep the facilities attractive and functional for generations to come.

Respondents to the survey felt there was an unmet need in terms of an indoor recreation facility. Funding and maintaining such a facility seems to be beyond the capabilities of the City at this time. However, the City is supportive of some type of partnership that might be able to bring such a facility to fruition.



The tennis courts in Memorial Park are used by the school district and many members of the community.

GOAL 3 – PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNICATION

Promote effective interaction, involvement and communication among the many entities involved in providing and using recreational facilities in the Frankenmuth community.

Objective - Continue to work with community partners and organizations wishing to promote and use the parks for festivals and events while maintaining a balance with the needs of the local residents.

Objective - Consider direct and indirect economic impacts to the community when considering events and activities.

Comments and justification - Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation is frequently challenged to find a balance between the needs of festival promoters who wish to use the parks to increase tourism in town and the needs of local residents who want the parks for their normal recreational use. The staff and commission will need to continue to keep open lines of communication with citizens, festival promoters, and business owners so as to achieve an acceptable balance of uses for its facilities.



Community recreation activities at Kern Pavilion in Heritage Park.

GOAL 4 – DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of the Frankenmuth area.

Objective - Continue to add amenities to Frankenmuth park facilities for all age groups based upon community input and need.

Objective - Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

Objective - Insure that improvements and upgrades to park facilities are handicap accessible, where feasible.

Comments and justification - According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the City of Frankenmuth has a very high median age of 50.1 years which is more than 10 years higher than the state median age of 40. Some of this difference is accounted for by the presence of two nursing homes in Frankenmuth.

However, there are many active older senior adults in Frankenmuth who are not part of the nursing home population that are looking for recreational facilities and opportunities. Several comments were received as part of the survey which spoke to the need for active senior activities. Further, as the large

Baby Boom population (persons born between 1946 - 1964) continues to age, the need for facilities and activities for older adults will only continue to grow.

Frankenmuth wishes to be sensitive to the needs of all of its residents, thereby developing recreational facilities and programs for all those who wish to enjoy them, including people with disabilities. Senior citizens represent a special needs population in Frankenmuth. They also have an increased need for handicap accessible facilities as well.

GOAL 5 – CASS RIVER

Facilitate the public use of the Cass River and protect the peaceful, safe, and environmentally sustainable use of private and public property within the Cass River corridor.

Objective - Educate the public, especially recreational users of the Cass River, regarding safety, shoreline and near-shore habitat protection, and private property rights.

Objective - Develop long range plans to help guide activities and property use along the river.

Objective - Enhance the public recreational use of the Cass River.

Comments and justification - This goal and accompanying objectives reflect the desire of the survey respondents, the Joint Growth Management Plan and the Cass River Greenway Committee. Many feel the Cass River is an untapped resource that can be enjoyed for active and passive recreation. However, residents and stakeholders realize that preserving the natural environment and improving the river quality are important as well.



Cass River interpretive sign in Heritage Park

GOAL 6 – LAND PRESERVATION

Retain public land for future generations.

Objective - Retain existing park land and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.

Comments and justification - The Frankenmuth community is proud of its parks and recreational facilities and realizes they are part of the quality of life in Frankenmuth. Their use also contributes to the larger economic picture in this tourism community. New parcels of land may need to be acquired so specific facilities can be added or so that special natural features can be preserved.

GOAL 7 - TRAILS

Provide trails and multi-use paths for recreational and transportation use.

Objective - Develop a trail system and non-motorized transportation plan for the Frankenmuth community.

Objective - Where possible, connect local trails to regional trails and destinations.

Objective - New developments shall provide easements for trail corridors that will connect with trail corridors on adjacent properties and as part of a regional system.



Cass River and Heritage Park Riverwalk

Objective - Provide paths along the Cass River.

Comments and justification - All forms of non-motorized transportation are becoming increasingly important across the United States. Multi-use paths, trails, and bike lanes are used for recreation and transportation. The need for more pedestrian/biking trails was noted in the Joint Growth Management Plan and it was expressed as the most needed improvement by respondents to the community survey. Paths can be used for active and passive recreation and they are just one of many ways that can increase the health and fitness of a community.

In Frankenmuth, multi-use paths can be used to reduce congestion in the busy tourist center of town and they can be used to link some of the major features and attractions within the community. For example, a pedestrian bridge across the Cass River near the north end of Heritage Park would connect the park and its many festivals to the Main Street business district as well as provide an alternate transportation route for citizens wishing to visit the park.

VII. Action Program

With goals and objectives in place, the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission was able to develop a 5-year action program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Program details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Projects were assigned a priority of 1 through 5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important. Each action item relates to one or more of the numbered goals from Section V. Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers but also to enable the City, Township, or School District to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects.



Sledding is a very popular winter activity in Memorial Park.

The project list is not a fixed element and is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from the online survey, City staff, commission members, and the community open house. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The action plan is shown in the table on the following pages.

Financing potential improvements

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a myriad of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. Appendix C contains a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.

Frankenmuth Community Recreation Plan Action Items

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Comments
Memorial Park			
New playground equipment	1	1, 2	Replace old and unsafe equipment
Renovate boat launch	1	2, 5	Launch is narrow, shallow, and fills with sediment
Add parking	2	2	Parking needed near Rose Garden for weddings, sporting events, and concerts
Add restroom/storage building	2	2	Provide on-site storage and restrooms for Rose Garden & sports use
Improve drainage and grass in open field	3	1, 2	Additional space needed for sports
Add trees	3	2, 4	Replace trees and provide additional shade
Replace deteriorated foot bridges	3	2	Several foot bridges across creek are in need of repair or replacement
Add viewing/fishing location on river	4	5	Wildlife viewing and fishing opportunity near boat launch
Install restroom and drinking fountain at the boat launch	5	2, 4	No facilities available at the site
Add multi-use path through park	5	7	Community wants more walking and biking opportunities
Heritage Park			
Repave existing riverwalk	1	1, 2	Existing pavement is over 20 yrs. old. This path is used frequently and is important to the community
Secure parking for large events	1	3, 6	Ensure parking availability for special events for the future
Extend riverwalk to Covered Bridge	2	1, 5, 7	Crucial link to residents in neighborhoods and visitors downtown
Replace ball diamond lights and entire electrical system on west side of park	2	2	Outdated and low capacity
Add accessible routes to ball diamonds and other activity areas	2	1, 4	Some highly used facilities are not accessible to some users or spectators with disabilities
New roof and paint on the CEC building	3	2	Deteriorated
Improve Kern Community Pavilion	3	3, 4	Sports netting, permanent heat, front doors, flooring for sports, acoustical treatments
Pave driveways	4	2	Improve aesthetics and functionality, decreased maintenance

Frankenmuth Community Recreation Plan Action Items

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Comments
Cass River			
Support renovation of dam and enhance recreational opportunities with it	1	4, 5	Proposed rock ramp may provide many more recreational opportunities
Develop long range plans to guide property use along river	2	5	Enhance recreational opportunities and improve water quality in the river
Improve access to the river with launch/fishing sites	3	5	Increase public access to the river is desired
Connect Gunzenhausen river walk to Heritage Park	4	1, 5, 7	Community would like more multi-use paths and links neighborhoods to Heritage Park
Develop multi-use path near river	4	2, 5, 7	Take advantage of natural areas along river and enhance fitness and transportation opportunities
Other			
Encourage additional bike facilities on City streets	1	1, 7	Community would like more bike opportunities
Renovate Scout Building and parking lot	2	2, 3	Aging facility for both scouts and community use
Improve signage at all parks	2	2, 4	Improved identification of parks and facilities in parks
Support development of a recreation center	3	3, 6	Need additional outdoor sports fields and indoor sports/fitness facilities
Review neighborhood parks development ordinance	3	2, 6	Determine how neighborhood parks development fits with goals and objectives of the recreation plan.
Replace outdated playground equipment at neighborhood parks	4	1, 2	Ongoing updates of aging equipment to improve safety
Acquire property for additional recreation opportunities	4	6	As it becomes available or feasible, acquire property for use by the entire community
Partner with YMCA or similar organization to provide indoor recreation center with swimming pool	4	2, 3	Regional cooperation may be needed to make project feasible
Increase biking connectivity to other communities and regional bike trails.	4	1, 2, 7	Adds functionality and transportation uses.

VIII. Summary of the Planning Process & Adoption

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Frankenmuth has developed a Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. Frankenmuth is a very unique community for its size in that its parks serve the local residents *and* provide an important economic contribution to the tourism based community by hosting dozens of festivals and special events.

This plan is the latest effort by the Frankenmuth area to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township and the Frankenmuth School District eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.



Antique Fire Muster in Heritage Park

The City of Frankenmuth contracted with planners from Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist them with completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Data was collected about the participating communities including maps, demographics, park information and an inventory of existing facilities. This data was collected from a number of resources such as: city staff, the existing Frankenmuth Recreation Plan, Saginaw County GIS Authority, various web sites (census, city and school district) and through field observations. This information helped to determine where the community was deficient or providing a surplus of various recreation facilities in comparison to various national standards.

Community input was collected via an online and written survey that was available in late 2013. Based upon the existing information and the community input, the City staff reviewed the existing goals and objectives for parks and recreation in Frankenmuth. Then, they updated the action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan.

The consultant completed the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document and it was shared with the Parks and Recreation Commission in December of 2013. Then, the draft was made available for review at the Parks and Recreation office, Frankenmuth Township and Frankenmuth School District offices and on the City of Frankenmuth's web site for at least 30 days. This reviewing opportunity was

advertised in the *Frankenmuth News*. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held prior to adoption of the plan. This meeting was held on January 29, 2014 at the Frankenmuth City and Township governmental center.

After the public meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission adopted a resolution recommending approval of the plan by each participating community. In the following weeks the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District each adopted the joint recreation plan. Copies of the advertisements and the resolutions are included in Appendix D & E.

Appendix A





Public Input

Composite on-line survey summary











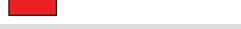





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1) How many times have you visited a Frankenmuth park in the last year?

	Count	Percentage	
Not at all	23	03.78%	
1 - 3	98	16.09%	
4 - 9	145	23.81%	
10 or more	343	56.32%	
	609		

2) Why have you visited parks in Frankenmuth in the past year? Please check all that apply.

	Count	Percentage	
Participate in an organized sporting event	183	30.81%	
Watch an organized sporting event	302	50.84%	
Boating/Canoeing/Kayaking	115	19.36%	
Other fitness activities (pickup sports, etc.)	110	18.52%	
Playgrounds/Children's activities	259	43.60%	
Enjoy nature	228	38.38%	
Fishing	52	08.75%	
Picnics/Family Gatherings	162	27.27%	
Walking/biking	334	56.23%	
Sledding	191	32.15%	
Festivals/Concerts/Special Events	458	77.10%	
Disc Golf	94	15.82%	
Dog Park	101	17.00%	
Other (list available upon request)	39	06.57%	
	594		

3) What kinds of park facilities would you like to see added to parks in Frankenmuth? Please check all that apply.

	Count	Percentage	
Walking/Biking paths in parks	300	53.76%	
Indoor walking track	214	38.35%	
Bike lanes on streets	131	23.48%	
Playground	73	13.08%	
Baseball Field	66	11.83%	
Softball Field	60	10.75%	
Soccer Field	70	12.54%	
Gymnasiums	111	19.89%	
Outdoor basketball courts	66	11.83%	
Indoor fitness facility	272	48.75%	
Other (see list on next page)	158	28.32%	
	558		

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Question 3 Other responses:

Swimming Pool (63)
Splash pad / sprinkler/spraypark (14)
More disc golf (5)
Skateboard area (4)
Ice rink/ice hockey(4)
Indoor batting cages-baseball/softball (3)
More indoor basketball courts (2)
Indoor Tennis(2)
Racquet Ball (2)
 Rec center
 Indoor facilities that promote health in inclement weather
 indoor soccer
 Indoor turf
 Climbing Wall
 Rehab tennis courts & Add lights
 Driving Range/Batting Cage Combo
 expand the Heritage Park walking/bike path
 More benches along the walk in Heritage Park - too far apart for old folks
 Walking bridge over river to Pavilion
 Trails along river
 Hiking Trail: Bridgeport to Vassar along Cass River
 bike/walk path down curtis road
 bike/cross country ski/snowshoe trails not in city proper
 fitness path
 existing bike lanes open and clear of lawn/leaf debris in the fall and all year

Nature Center (4)
Additional restrooms (3)
Better boat launches (2)
 public dock access
 new boat launch park side of the river next to the kayak launch
 Access to Cass River
 more paved parking
 Water fountains
 duck pond
 new sand in horseshoe pits.
 Shuffleboard
 non-organized activities
 Rope toe or conveyor for beginning snowboarders
 Free, open and quiet non-designated space.
 Open Space
 More trees with long term tree plan so people can give trees
 where applicable notices IDing trees and plants
 Art, Music like Jazz
 won't use it no more taxes
 Just take better care of what we have.
 You can't take care of what you have
 During difficult economic times, you have more than enough to maintain
 NOT a indoor facility paid for by tax payer dollars
 Very blessed with current status
 satisfied
 There is plenty available now

4) Please rate the following qualities of Frankenmuth Parks:

	Very Good		Good		OK		Poor	
Park Maintenance / Appearance	57%	344	37%	222	5%	33	1%	9
Variety of Amenities / Facilities	20%	120	43%	261	30%	181	6%	39
Safety	50%	299	40%	236	8%	48	2%	11

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5) Please assess the following recreational programs offered in Frankenmuth:

	Excellent		Good		Marginal		Inadequate	
Youth Soccer	41%	142	49%	171	10%	35	1%	2
Youth Baseball/softball	25%	91	48%	174	20%	72	7%	24
Youth Basketball	22%	68	47%	142	22%	67	9%	28
Youth Football	37%	106	49%	141	9%	27	4%	11
Adult Sports	16%	52	53%	169	23%	74	8%	24
Special Events	24%	73	59%	179	15%	46	2%	7
Health & Fitness	9%	26	34%	102	36%	107	22%	65
Youth Sports Camps	13%	34	54%	137	21%	54	12%	30
Summer Day Camps	12%	27	45%	99	31%	69	12%	27






6) What recreation programs would you like to see added in Frankenmuth?

228 Responses (list available upon request)

7) The preservation of natural areas and water resources in our community has a positive effect on the quality of life.

	Count	Percentage	
Strongly agree	340	55.65%	
Agree	211	34.53%	
Neutral	53	08.67%	
Disagree	2	00.33%	
Strongly Disagree	5	00.82%	

8) It is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities along the Cass River.

	Count	Percentage	
Strongly agree	306	49.76%	
Agree	221	35.93%	
Neutral	61	09.92%	
Disagree	15	02.44%	
Strongly Disagree	12	01.95%	




9) I would support the acquisition of the following types of park land in Frankenmuth:

	Agree		Disagree		Not sure/ Don't Know	
Natural/woodlands	68%	407	13%	76	19%	113
River Frontage	68%	410	12%	75	19%	116
Paths & Trails	82%	495	10%	58	9%	54
Open space for athletic fields	55%	329	20%	116	25%	149




Frankenmuth Recreation Survey Results – Fall 2013

10) The Frankenmuth community has expressed a need for a sports complex that would include outdoor athletic fields and an indoor fieldhouse with gymnasiums and an indoor walking track. The concept is that the facility would be used for both local recreation and a tournament facility. Please offer your opinion about the statements regarding such a facility.




10a) I support the development of a public INDOOR sports facility in Frankenmuth.

	Count	Percentage	
Agree	426	70.07%	
Disagree	123	20.23%	
Not Sure/Don't Know	59	09.70%	





10b) I support the development of a public OUTDOOR sports complex in Frankenmuth.

	Count	Percentage	
Agree	384	63.89%	
Disagree	127	21.13%	
Not Sure/Don't Know	90	14.98%	

10c) I support the use of tax dollars as ONE OF the sources of funding for construction of this facility.




	Count	Percentage	
Agree	358	58.69%	
Disagree	168	27.54%	
Not Sure/Don't Know	84	13.77%	

11) Where do you live?

	Count	Percentage	
City of Frankenmuth	373	60.45%	
Frankenmuth Township	106	17.18%	
Within the Frankenmuth School District but not in the City or Frankenmuth Township	81	13.13%	
None of the above	57	09.24%	
	617		

FOR CITY RESIDENTS ONLY:










12) In August of 2012, Frankenmuth voters were asked to pass a 26-year, 0.9-mill tax to fund a \$7 million Frankenmuth Recreation Center. The athletic facility was proposed for 38 acres on the northeast corner of Weiss and Jefferson. How did you vote on this proposal?

	Count	Percentage	
Yes	174	46.90%	
No	134	36.12%	
I did not vote	63	16.98%	









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FOR NO VOTERS:

12a) Please let us know what you did not like about the proposal. Please check all the reasons that you voted no.

	Count	Percentage	
Our community does not need a facility like this.	48	35.82%	
The proposed facility was too large.	24	17.91%	
The proposed facility did not include the type(s) of activities that I wanted.	36	26.87%	
The facility was too focused on sports tournaments.	65	48.51%	
I had concerns about the proposed ownership/management of the facility.	79	58.96%	
Public tax dollars should not be used to build an indoor recreation facility.	76	56.72%	
I do not support any new taxes.	53	39.55%	
25 years was too long to be paying for such a facility.	49	36.57%	
Other (please specify)	47	35.07%	

FOR NO VOTERS: 12b) What is the ONE main reason you voted no on this proposal?

	Count	Percentage	
Our community does not need a facility like this.	9	08.82%	
The proposed facility was too large.	3	02.94%	
The proposed facility did not include the type(s) of activities that I wanted.	9	08.82%	
The facility was too focused on sports tournaments.	8	07.84%	
I had concerns about the proposed ownership/management of the facility.	13	12.75%	
Public tax dollars should not be used to build an indoor recreation facility.	30	29.41%	
I do not support any new taxes.	13	12.75%	
25 years was too long to be paying for such a facility.	5	04.90%	
Other (please specify)	12	11.76%	

FOR YES VOTERS: 12c) What is the main reason you voted FOR this proposal?






154 Responses (Available for review at the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Office)

FOR ALL RESPONDENTS: 13) What do you like best about the parks in Frankenmuth?

14) What could be done to improve parks and recreation in Frankenmuth?

(Responses available for review at the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Office)

15) What is your age?

	Count	Percentage	
Under 18	5	00.82%	
18 - 30	82	13.38%	
31 - 45	210	34.26%	
46 - 65	224	36.54%	
Over 65	92	15.01%	

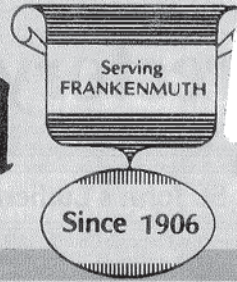
Appendix B

Public Input Publicity and Notification

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FRANKENMUTH, MI

Community input needed for parks and recreation plan

The Frankenmuth community is known for many of its attributes, including a stellar education system, a vibrant tourism industry, tidy streetscapes and neighborhoods, top-notch public safety and more.

Area residents can also add the community's parks and recreation offerings.

Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Director Daren Kaschinske said the community's recreational facilities are under review and residents have an opportunity to voice their opinion on what they would like to see in the future.

Every five years, the parks and recreation staff and commission revise its future plan. The plan helps to guide improvements to the park facilities and recreational programs over the next several years.

"This is a joint plan that will not only cover the City of Frankenmuth, but Frankenmuth Township and the entire Frankenmuth School District as well," Kaschinske said.

An online survey has been developed to gather community input. To access the survey, residents are encouraged to visit www.frankenmuthRecSurvey.com or the city's website, which is www.frankenmuthcity.com.

Kaschinske said the survey can be completed in approximately five minutes.

The deadline to fill out the survey is Tuesday, December 10.

"The survey asks several questions to assess current recreation programs and park facilities. It also addresses future recreation development and some follow-up questions from the August 2012 Rec Center millage proposal, which city voters turned down by 62 percent of the vote," Kaschinske pointed out. "The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to know what the majority of residents did not like about that proposal."

The survey also gives people the opportunity to give open-ended comments to improve the parks and recreation facilities in Frankenmuth.

Feedback gathered from the survey will be used over the next couple months to help develop the recreation plan. The plan could involve anything from improvements to sports facilities to establishing more biking and walking paths and increased access to the Cass River.

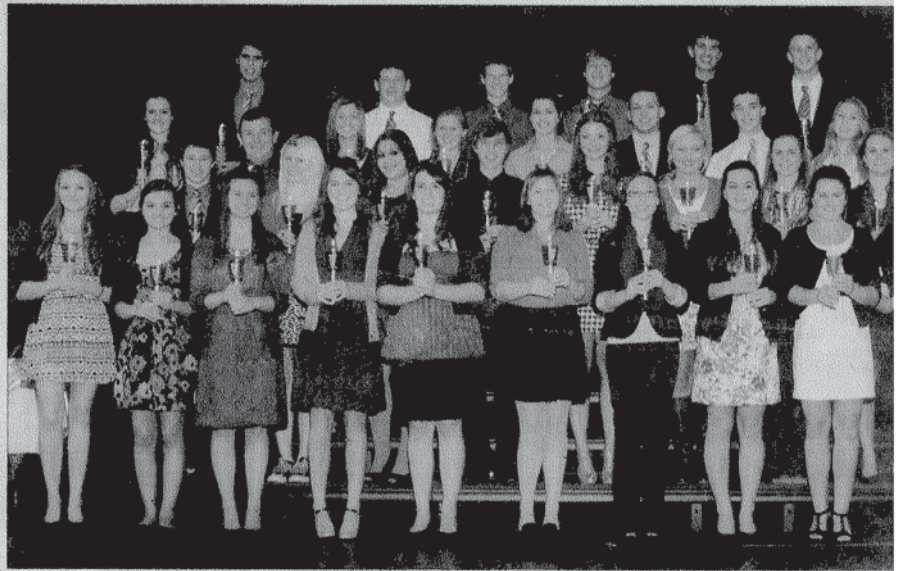
The last recreation plan was approved in 2008. It is updated every five years to give an accurate assessment of the community's needs and help plan for the future. Having a current plan also makes Frankenmuth eligible for state

and federal recreation grants.

"Several items from the 2008 plan have been accomplished over the past five years. Some of the major improvements completed during that time include repaving Park Drive and the addition of parking in Memorial Park, construction of the canoe launch in Heritage Park, planting over 125 shade trees in the parks and installation of a large playground in Heritage Park," Kaschinske listed.

Some other items from the 2008 plan that the commission hopes are accomplished soon are additional bicycle lanes on city streets, renovation of the Cass River dam into a rock ramp/fish passage, replacing the playground structure in Memorial Park and a redesign of the Cass River boat launch.

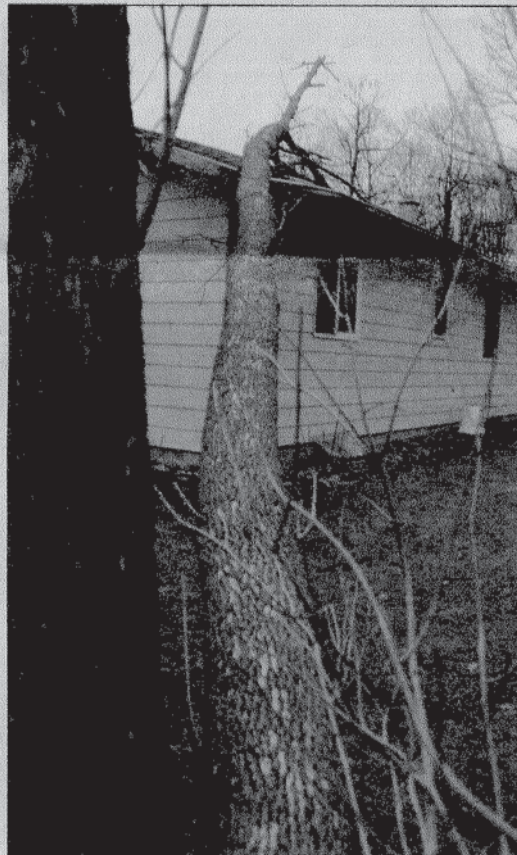
For more information, contact Daren Kaschinske at the parks and recreation office, 652-3440.



FHS 2013 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the following Frankenmuth High School seniors who were inducted into National Honor Society November 6. These students have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service. The following students were inducted: Julia Bender, Brooke Bowden, Claire Carter, Layne Davis, Kaitlyn DeGrace, Stegen Ebmeyer, Lu Farago, Michael Frahm, Carly Hammond, Jessica Harris, Shannon Hutchinson, Riley Kaiser, Jeffrey Knapp, Kristin Kueffner, Kristen Loesel, Maria Martuch, Ethan Maurer, Joshua Pendleton, Meghan Reider, Angela Sajel Roller, Emily Sievert, Emma VanVoorhees, Nicholas Volk, Doyle Webb, Abbie Wiles, Nathan Worden, Noah Zimmerman.

(Photo courtesy of...)



SUNDAY'S NIGHT HIGH WINDS ... caused wide-spread power outages and structural damage to a few homes in the area, including this ash tree that fell on the home of Bob and Linda Rogner on Roedel Road. Fallen trees also damaged homes on Curtis and Junction Roads, just west of town. (News photo)

River Place to host the 40th Holiday Celebration & Candle

To kick off the Christmas season in the community, the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau will present the 40th Annual Holiday Celebration & Candlewalk on Friday, November 29.

"Tradition and deep-rooted beliefs bring us together in Frankenmuth to celebrate family and friends, support one another, and thank God for his promises. By reminding ourselves that Christmas is truly about the birth of Christ, we will add warmth to the air and to our hearts," Chamber President and CEO Jamie Furbush said.

The celebration will begin at the Frankenmuth River Place Festival Platz. Directional signs are placed throughout the area for the convenience of attendees.

Visitors and community members alike will be welcomed by the Frankenmuth Gemütlichkeit Club singers beginning at 6pm. The 24-year-old club will be singing traditional Christmas carols.

"Here you and your family will enjoy the sound of Christmas carols, as you enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies provided by McDonald's of Frankenmuth, Krogers, Kern's Sausage Company and Zehnder's of Frankenmuth," Furbush said.

At 6:30pm, listen to the Christmas story told by local clergy accompanied by music from St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.

The Frankenmuth Girl Scouts carrying the Star of Bethlehem. It will begin at the River Place Festival Platz and make a loop through River Place, over the beautifully lit pedestrian bridge and down South Main Street to the Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center.

Handheld luminary candles will be sold for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 for the ceremony or in advance at the Frankenmuth Visitor Center.

The walk will conclude at the Visitor Center with a program honoring the United States military heroes. This stars and stripes gathering is sponsored by Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club.

The event will conclude with the official lighting of the Community Tannenbaum

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Appendix C

Programs and Agencies Providing Funding for Parks and Recreation

SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
 - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection – very important
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$100,000 (\$200,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

- Administered by MNRTF
- Minimum 25% match
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$45,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and indoor* recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot Go to “Projects and Programs”.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Relatively simple application form and requirements
- Due in August/September
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

Objectives

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$50,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- Due annually on May 1
- www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal

Other grant programs to consider:

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions
TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/deq - Go to "Water", then "Surface Water" and then to "Non-point Source Pollution".

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments (Examples)

Frankenmuth Community Foundation
Wickson Link Foundation
Nickless Foundation

Wickes Foundation
Strosacker Foundation
Gerstacker Foundations

For more complete lists of foundations, search online databases that can be found at nccs.urban.org or foundationcenter.org

KEEP IN MIND...

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash,
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think "regional" projects.
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Appendix D

Public Review and Public Meeting Advertisements



Season's Greetings

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Recreation survey to shape the department's future

The Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Department recently sought public opinion on its land and programs.

Daren Kaschinske, the parks and recreation director, was pleased with the total number of responses, as well as, the thoughtfulness of the responses.

"Planners from the Spicer Group, who are assisting with the plan, are very pleased with the number of responses for a community of this size," Kaschinske said. "Of the 618 total respondents, 60 percent of them live in the City of Frankenmuth, followed by 17 percent from the Frankenmuth Township and other areas of the school district (not in the city or township) at 13 percent."

The Frankenmuth School District is made up of Frankenmuth City and Township residents and portions of five other surrounding governmental units.

By comparison, Ypsilanti Township, a community of 53,000 people, did a recreation

survey in 2012 that received only 478 responses.

The reason for the survey is to assist the department and its board, the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission, in updating its five-year community recreation plan.

The News recently received the results from the survey. A draft of the plan is available for review for the next 30 days - through January 29. It is available for review on the city's web site or at the City & Township Government Center, 204 West Genesee Street.

A public meeting to discuss the plan is set for Wednesday, January 29, at 7 pm at city hall.

"Comments on the plan are welcomed. The commission is using information from the recent community survey to develop the plan," Kaschinske said.

The survey was open to the public, on line, November 20 through December 13. Paper copies were also mailed with property tax notifications.

"The most notable findings from the survey were the types of park facilities that people would like to see added in the future. Walking/biking paths in the parks were the overwhelming favorite, followed by an indoor fitness/recreation center and indoor walking track," Kaschinske pointed out.

Other responses were less definitive. One interesting item to note due to Frankenmuth's interest in swimming in the past, approximately 60 respondents (10 percent) wrote in a pool as a facility to what they would like to see added in the community.

A total of 82 percent think more park property should be acquired for paths and trails. Overall, most people (approximately 70 percent) think that more property should be acquired for park land in general.

As attention to the Cass River continues to increase, thanks to the Cass River Greenway Committee, respondent connection to the Cass River is more visible. A total of 85 percent felt it is important to enhance the natural resources and recreational opportunities along the Cass River.

"Given Frankenmuth's standards for cleanliness and security, the appearance, maintenance and safety of the parks received high reviews," Kaschinske said. "More than 90 percent of the respondents felt that park maintenance and appearance in Frankenmuth was 'good' or 'very good,' or 'excellent.' Park safety received a similar score."

With regards to recreation programs, overall, the clear majority (80-90 percent) of residents felt that recreation programs of various types were 'good' or 'excellent.' One area that showed room for potential improvement or expansion was the health and fitness classes. Nearly 60 percent of the respondents felt those programs were 'marginal' or 'inadequate.'

In August 2012, an independent group proposed an indoor recreation center millage, which 62 percent of city voters turned down. The parks and recreation commission was looking for more information on why that proposal was voted down or what voters did not like about the proposal.

This survey found that 70 percent of residents "support the development of an indoor



WINTER IS HERE! The season of winter "officially" arrived at 12: but don't tell that to the hard-working Frankenmuth Department plow drivers. The month of December has been very cold, with Above two of three DPW plows travel west on East Genesee Street encrusted red berries are found on trees in front of the Bavarian I



A Christmas Light

It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old -
Joy to the world,
Peace on Earth, good will to men.

For 2,000 years we have longed for
Prayed for and fought for peace
How many years and
How many wars yet to come?
The Bible says it will never end
That war will be with us always.
The light of peace is fragile,
As delicate as the heartbeat
Of a newborn babe
The light, the living light of
Jesus Christ, is the only hope
In a darkened world.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come -
To give us new hope,
A light to guide us
and a peace beyond understanding.

We will never be alone,
Though we walk
In the shadows of death.
Our hand is in yours

See REC, back page

Chamber Kickoff Dinner



FSA Hall of Fame is February 8 at Lodge

The 27th annual Frankenmuth Softball Association Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Saturday, February 8, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge.

This year's three player honorees will be Kim Kern, Mary Engel and Mike Spagnuolo. The FSA will also recognize the Frankenmuth High School softball and baseball scholarship winners. They are Class of 2013 graduates Cassidy Bender and Kelsey Bender, and Zachary DeSimpelare, Zachary Heyse and Jordan Stainforth.

Special recognition will also be given to the Tiffany's Food & Spirits men's fastpitch team for winning the 2013 Michigan Amateur Softball Association (MIASA) Class B State Championship. The hall committee will also recognize Rummel Studio, including Willy Rummel (retired) and current owner Karen Zahradler.

The Hall of Fame is an honor society consisting of the finest players, coaches, sponsors and other special contributors to the game of softball and baseball in the Frankenmuth area.

The hall committee encourages the entire community to attend the Hall of Fame Banquet to honor these individuals and participate in an evening of fun and reminiscing.

The evening will begin at 5pm with social hour, with dinner at 6pm, followed by the inductions and presentations.

Tickets are \$33 each and may be reserved by calling Jim Petreys at 652-6221. Tickets may also be purchased at the Frankenmuth City and Township Governmental Center, 240 West Genesee Street. No tickets will be available at the door.

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Rec survey: People want more walking/biking trails in parks

parks and recreation's website, www.frankenmuthcity.com and follow the link to parks.

Following are a few selected results from the nine-page compiled for the commission:
56 percent of the respondents said they have visited a Frankenmuth park 10 times or more per year.

Out of 594 responses to why they visited the parks, 458 special events (77 percent), Walking and biking garnered 33 responses (56 percent) and 302 (50 percent) visited a park to watch an organized sporting event.

Overall, there were nearly 50 different responses from Geocatche, weddings, relaxing and reunions to fireworks, Relay For Life, disc golf and bird viewing the river boats.

In addition to more walking and biking paths in parks, other facilities persons would like to see added to the park system include bike lanes on streets, baseball, softball and soccer fields, gymnasiums, outdoor basketball courts, playgrounds, shuffleboard and driving range/bunting cage combination.

Overall, there were about 100 responses to the above question.

recreation center." Furthermore, 59 percent of respondents support the use of tax dollars as ONE OF the sources of funding for construction of a recreation center.

On the other hand, when those surveyed were asked why they voted against the millage, the top three responses were 1. concerns about the ownership/management of the facility, 2. taxpayers did not want tax dollars used as (the main) funding source for the facility and 3. the facility was too focused on tournaments.

The commission will continue to study the survey results and doesn't have any plans to pursue an indoor recreation center at this time," Kaschniske stated.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Dan Bade thanks all the people who took the time to fill out the survey and give comments.

"This is very helpful information for us in our plans for the future," Bade said.

More detailed results from the survey are available on the

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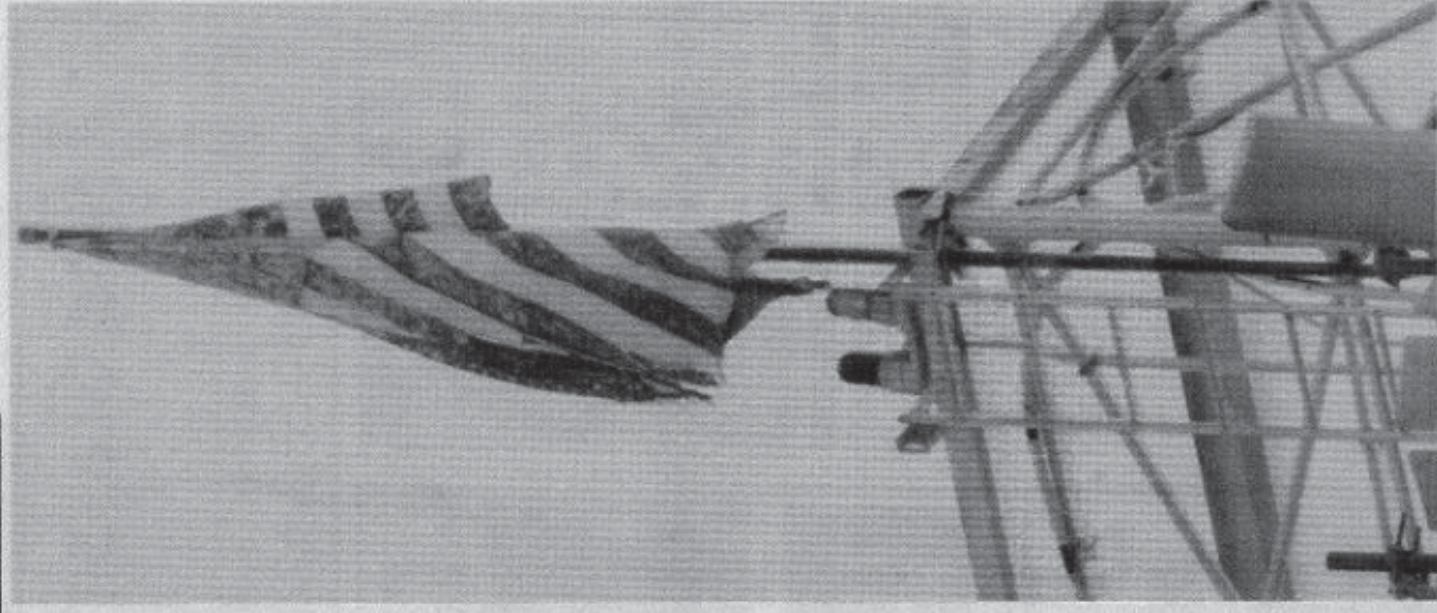
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FROZEN FLAG: The weekend's wet and then frozen precipitation glazed over everything in its path, including the American flag high atop the Star of the West Milling Company's silo, located in the middle of Frankenmuth. (News photo)

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Parks and Recreation

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The City offers 18 parks containing over 100 acres of land. The parks offer different environments and facilities for enjoyment by the public. The parks are used for recreation, family gatherings, picnics, and other social events. Selected park buildings and facilities may be reserved by contacting us.

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of programs, throughout all seasons, for all ages. For recreation information, contact (989) 652-3440.

Recreation Plan available for public review

The proposed Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan is available for public review until January 29, 2014. A copy of the draft plan is available for review by [clicking here](#) or by visiting the Parks & Recreation office during normal business hours.

This 5-year community recreation plan is being prepared jointly for the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed plan may submit written comments to Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation, 240 W. Genesee, Frankenmuth, MI 48734, parks@frankenmuthcity.com, or at a public meeting on January 29, 2014 at the Frankenmuth Government Center.



Memorial Park



Rose Garden



Mother-Son Bowling

Please go to Special Events - Family Events for registration form

Registration Deadline : Friday, Jan 3rd



Theme: Red Carpet Gala



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- Christmas Tree Collection**
Place your Christmas Tree by your refuse and recycling materials on any of the first three Wednesdays in January and they will now be collected by our refuse/recycling contractor on these regular trash days. Christmas Trees must be kept free of any tinsel, wires, bags, ornaments, etc.
- Recreation Plan available for public review**
The proposed Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan is available for public review until January 29, 2014. A copy of the draft plan is available for review by [clicking here](#) or by visiting the Parks & Recreation office during normal business hours. This 5-year community recreation plan is being prepared jointly for the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed plan may submit written comments to Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation, 240 W. Genesee, Frankenmuth, MI 48734, by email, or at a public meeting on January 29, 2014 at the Frankenmuth Government Center.
- Monthly Tree Branch/Brush Collection** will not occur again until Monday, April 7, 2014. During the interim, we are kindly requesting that you not place brush by the curb any sooner than the weekend prior to the beginning of the pick-up in April.
- Winter taxes are due February 14, 2014**
Payment of taxes may be made at Frankenmuth City Hall (Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm). You may also pay your taxes at any Frankenmuth Credit Union location.
- The Frankenmuth Fire Department** reminds residents to be prepared this winter when driving. [Click here for more information on how to be prepared!](#)



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Parks & Rec seeks public input

The Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission is developing a five-year recreation plan for the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township and the Frankenmuth School District.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan at 7pm Wednesday, January 29, at the Frankenmuth Governmental Center, 240 West Genesee Street.

Last month, the parks and recreation commission conducted an online survey, filled with questions and other comments about the department. The results were shared in the News.

A copy of a draft plan is available for review at www.frankenmuthcity.com. It can also be viewed at the parks and recreation office during normal business hours.

Anyone interested in speaking on the proposed plan is welcomed at the meeting. Written comments may be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission, 240 West Genesee Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734 and must be received prior to the meeting. Contact Parks and Recreation Director Daren Kaschinske at 652-3440 for further information.

additional 30 new members, bracket, the incoming chairman.



ZEHNDER'S SNOWFEST 2014... is off to cold start, with the World Class snow sculptors beginning in earnest on Tuesday and the State of Michigan carnival beginning today (January 21). Photo by Zeahnder's Snowfest.

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Frankenmuth and Birch Run fire departments form mutual aid pact

The community of Birch Run probably shares more in common than any other community neighboring Frankenmuth.

The school districts blend closely, including rivalries; both have major ties to tourism, and many family surnames are shared by the two towns.

Recently, the two fire departments have come together for the betterment of service between Frankenmuth and Birch Run.

Frankenmuth Fire and Birch Run Fire departments have agreed to a new automatic mutual aid response area. Birch Run Township has already realized savings through this pact, thanks to building the new township water tower at the intersection on Birch Run and Dehmel roads and by improving apparatus, equipment, staffing, training, fire inspections and the mutual aid agreement.

"The ISO Public Protection Classification Program plays an important role in getting lower insurance prices on your properties," BRFD Chief Dave Matzke said.

PFED Chief John Deterding said "our new automatic mutual response area in any reported structure fires, Kathleen Road and north Frankenmuth will automatically be dispatched along with Birch Run Fire," Deterding said. "Birch Run will be dispatched to any reported structure fires up to Curtis Road in Frankenmuth Township."

This is a result of home owners calling about their home owners insurance premiums which would be reduced if these types of mutual response agreements were in effect for areas within five road miles of neighboring departments fire stations.

"This is a win for all involved. It is not about geography and in whose area, it is about customer service in times of need," Deterding explained. "People just want a fire department on the scene when they need one and dispatching the closest one is the right thing to do."

Since this agreement has been in effect, there have been two calls in the Birch Run area and one in Frankenmuth which benefited from this. An example from summer 2013 was the Bierlein fire on south of Travelers Road.

while the BRFD was approximately eight miles, needed to get through the town and up M-83. Deterding said his department has started discussions with Blumfield Township Fire Department to the north about a similar agreement for those homes along Bradley Road. Meanwhile, Matzke encourages Birch Run township and village residents to check with their insurance companies for lower prices. It has been almost 20 years since Birch Run has had its last ISO rating.



LAY-IN! The Frankenmuth varsity boys' basketball team hosted Bridgeport Tuesday evening, losing 36-29. Above, Eagle Brady. Photo by Zeahnder's Snowfest.

Appendix E

*Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Resolutions of Adoption*

Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes
Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Frankenmuth Government Center - 7:00 P.M.

Parks & Recreation Commission Members Present - Ed Foltz, Ed Bergman, Dan Wortman, Gary Zeilinger, Anne Webb, Sue Daoust, Willie Beck, Tom Bierlein, Joe Chowaniec

Parks & Recreation Commission Members Absent – Dan Bade, Charlie Graham

Others Present: Daren Kaschinske (P & R staff), Janelle Wright (P & R staff), Brent Weiss (Civic Events Council), Joanne Kuhne, Kathy Bauer, Jerry Thompson, Greg Rummel (public/residents)

Vice Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda –Moved by Chowaniec, supported by Wortman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on proposed 2014-2018 Community Recreation Plan for Frankenmuth City, Township, and School District

3 residents were present for the public hearing.

Frankenmuth resident Joanne Kuhne proposed that Frankenmuth work cooperatively with YMCA in either Flint or Saginaw to establish a satellite facility in Frankenmuth that would include a swimming pool. She also would like to see a restroom and drinking fountain installed at the boat launch. These were the same comments that she submitted in writing.

Hearing no other public comments, Webb closed the public hearing.

Approval of minutes - Moved by Daoust, supported by Foltz, to approve minutes of the December 18, 2013 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Parks & Recreation Commission officers for 2014 - Nominations were accepted for officer positions. Beck nominated Wortman for secretary. Foltz nominated Webb for vice chair. Foltz nominated Dan Bade for chair. Hearing no other nominations for any of the positions, nominations were closed. Moved by Bierlein, supported by Chowaniec, to elect Wortman as secretary, Webb as vice chair, and Bade as chair by unanimous consent. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of comments on Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan – The Commission reviewed the comments on the draft plan (see attached) received throughout the 30-day review period and during the public hearing. The Commission included all the comments as changes to the draft plan, with the exception of indicating a specific property for parking near Heritage Park.

Moved by Foltz, supported by Wortman, to recommend the Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan to City Council, School Board, and Township Board for adoption as amended.

Monthly Reports:

Civic Events Council - Brent Weiss reported new website operational, cornhole tournament, fun run, euchre tournament.

City Manager – Kaschinske distributed a written report from Graham. Chowanec, Foltz and Webb P&R Commission terms were extended through 12/31/16. At the 2/4/14 City Council meeting will consider approval of a resolution approving the Spicer Group Bike Route Report. The 2/4/14 City Council meeting will also consider approval of a resolution approving a concession agreement for a water sports rental business in Heritage Park.

Parks & Recreation Director - Janelle Wright reported successful implementation of Snowman contest. Zehnder's, Tiffany's, Satow's, McDonald's and Kaffee House provided prizes.

Kaschinske reported that Greg Rummel is investigating the possibility of a 'mud run' or 'adventure race' in Heritage Park as a fundraiser for the Military and Space Museum. The dates under consideration are July 12 or 19. Rummel described the event and his plans. The Commission was concerned about parking for racers, grass repairs in time for other events, covering all costs associated with the race, and getting Council's approval because it is a new event. Moved by Bergman, supported by Wortman, to preliminarily approve the concept of this race and invite Rummel back next month to discuss more details with the proposal and possible final approval of the event. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding future use of Eagle's Nest in Heritage Park by Woodcarver's Guild – Kaschinske explained some of the club's concerns about rent credits and future rent. The club has requested that they be granted rent credits for the improvements made to the Woodcarver's Pavilion on Main St. The initial indication is that the Commission will likely approve those credits as part of next year's lease for the building.

Update on discussion regarding ownership of CEC grass parking lot property – Kaschinske informed the Commission of meetings that have taken place on this subject over the last few months. He requested comments and/or suggestions for City Council regarding this issue.

Discussion regarding adding permanent heat in Kern Pavilion - Kaschinske reported a donor is willing to contribute a significant portion (half) of the cost to add a radiant heating system in Kern. Webb reported the sooner P & R Board approves the donation, the larger the percentage of the initial cost of radiant heat will be sponsored/donated. The cost of fuel for the heating system will be covered by user groups. Any contribution from P&R will be discussed in the preparation of this year's budget.

Discussion regarding grant application for boat launch renovation - Kaschinske reported that we have an opportunity this year to apply for a grant to upgrade boat launch to make it more user friendly, and possibly include a restroom and picnic area. The local match for this grant would come from the Community Foundation or other donors. Kaschinske will attempt to prepare an application within the next month so that it is ready for the April 1 deadline.

Request to extend RV parking (camping) for Portuguese Dog show in 2015 - Moved by Foltz, supported by Daoust to not extend camping prior to the beginning of the Portuguese Dog show's previously agreed upon lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2014 Bringin' Back the 80's Festival - Moved by Foltz, supported by Bierlein, to approve the 2014 Bringin' Back the 80s Festival lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2014 World Expo of Beer - Moved by Foltz, supported by Bergman, to approve the 2014 World Expo of Beer lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of lease of park facilities for 2014 Volksläufe - Moved by Chowaniec, supported by Bierlein, to approve the 2014 Volkslaufe lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of budget sub-committee - Vice chair Webb appointed Bade, Bierlein, Zeilinger and Webb to budget sub-committee. A meeting date will be set for this group to review prior to the February P&R meeting.

Approval of the December 2013 financial reports - Moved by Foltz, supported by Chowaniec to approve the December 2013 financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Beck

2014-2018 Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan

Summary of written public review comments

(Dec. 18, 2013 – Jan. 29, 2014)

- 1) Community setting (pg. 3) - “Frankenmuth is located in eastern (not northeastern or southeastern) Saginaw county.”
- 2) Granting sources list (appendix C, pg. 3) - tweak the three or four private ones (i.e. Consumers Energy, Wickes, etc.) “These are examples” and direct them to the web site that lists an inclusive list of funding sources - the list is really long and most people have no idea.

Suggested Action Items

- 3) Specifically indicate the CEC grass parking lot property in P&R Rec Plan.
- 4) At the Memorial Park boat launch, install a restroom/outhouse and a drinking fountain.
- 5) Work with YMCA or other similar organization to work cooperatively on indoor recreation center with swimming pool (satellite YMCA in Frankenmuth).

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF
FRANKENMUTH AREA RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District operate cooperatively to provide recreation in the Frankenmuth area; and

WHEREAS, the Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Commission, with representatives from the Frankenmuth City Council, Frankenmuth Township Board, and Frankenmuth School Board, has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2014 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been developed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, public input was received via a survey that was available in November of 2013, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas and express opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the Frankenmuth area; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from December 30, 2013 through January 29, 2014 at the Frankenmuth City and Township Governmental Center and online at City of Frankenmuth's website; and


WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 29, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the Frankenmuth City and Township Governmental Center provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Commission has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and plans to use the document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District adopt the Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan.

(Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Absent: 1) Action: Carried

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true resolution adopted by the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Frankenmuth at a regular meeting thereof held on the 29th day of January, 2014.



DANIEL WORTMAN, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24

**FRANKENMUTH AREA RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY THE FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL**

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WHEREAS, the Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Commission has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and has recommended adoption of the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKENMUTH, that:

The Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan is hereby accepted and adopted as a guideline for recreation improvements for the Frankenmuth Area.

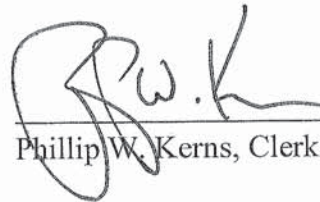
AYES: Cramer, Grossi, Loeffler, Rupprecht, Schmitzer, Schoenow & Zeilinger.

NAYS: NONE.

I, Phillip W. Kerns, the duly qualified Clerk of the City of Frankenmuth, Saginaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Frankenmuth on the 12th day of February 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 13th day of February, 2014.

Seal



Phillip W. Kerns, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**FRANKENMUTH AREA RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
BY THE FRANKENMUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District operate cooperatively to provide recreation in the Frankenmuth area; and

WHEREAS, the Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Commission, with representatives from the Frankenmuth City Council, Frankenmuth Township Board, and Frankenmuth School Board, has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2014 and 2018; and

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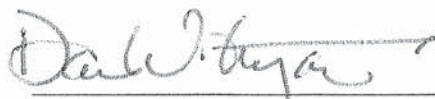
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Frankenmuth Board of Education, hereby adopts the Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the Frankenmuth area.

(Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Absent:) Action: Passed

Harris, Maurer, Uebler, Wortman, Zehnder, Zimmer - Ayes

Ettema - Abstained

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true resolution adopted by the Frankenmuth Board of Education at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of February, 2014.



DANIEL WORTMAN, SECRETARY

Township of Frankenmuth

240 W. Genesee Street • P.O. Box 245 • Frankenmuth, MI 48734

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2014-02-17

FRANKENMUTH AREA RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKENMUTH

PRESENT: Hildner, Marshall, Frahm, Bierlein, Humpert.

ABSENT: None.

WHEREAS, the City of Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Township, and the Frankenmuth School District operate cooperatively to provide recreation in the Frankenmuth area; and

WHEREAS, the Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Commission, with representatives from the Frankenmuth City Council, Frankenmuth Township Board, and Frankenmuth School Board, has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2014 and 2018; and

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WHEREAS, the Frankenmuth Parks & Recreation Commission has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and has recommended adoption of the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Township of Frankenmuth, hereby adopts the Frankenmuth Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the Frankenmuth area.

This resolution was offered by Frahm, and seconded by Marshall.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

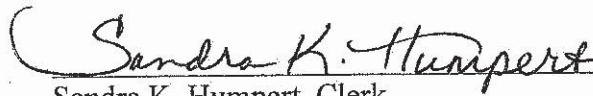
Absent: 0

Action: **Resolution adopted.**

Dated: February 17, 2014



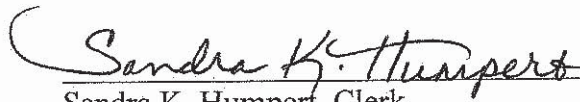
Tim Hildner, Supervisor



Sandra K. Humpert, Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP CLERK

I, Sandra K. Humpert, as clerk of the Township of Frankenmuth, hereby certify the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Township Board, at its regular meeting held on Monday, February 17, 2014, at the City & Township Government Center, 240 W. Genesee St., Frankenmuth, Michigan.



Sandra K. Humpert, Clerk
Frankenmuth Township
Dated: February 17, 2014
Resolution No. 1-2014-02-17