

Appendix C

Community Input Survey – Full Report

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Total Responses: 546 | Completed Responses 378 (69%)

1. What is your residential status in the Charlevoix area?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Primary residence is in the City		29.0%	149
I live in Charlevoix Township		22.4%	115
I live in Marion Township		10.3%	53
I live in Hayes Township		9.2%	47
Seasonal or weekend residence		8.0%	41
Other:		6.8%	35
I live in Norwood Township		5.5%	28
Rent property in the City		3.5%	18
Own property in, but do not reside in the City		2.9%	15
I live in Eveline Township		2.3%	12
Total Responses			513

1. What is your residential status in the Charlevoix area? (Other:)

#	Response
1.	Visit often
2.	Share an 81 year old family cabin in Hayes Township.
3.	Oakland Co.
4.	Parents w/ primary residence in the City
5.	We live in Marion Township but only in the city as well
6.	Marion
7.	non resident - previous resident
8.	Moving back to charlevoix county within the year.
9.	Former Charlevoix resident
10.	I grew up in Marion Twp and visit frequently
11.	Parents live in South Arm Township.
12.	live in east jordan work in charlevoix
13.	My Great Grand parents settled in CHARLEVOIX about 1860! I spent all summer for 10 years with Grandma Metta Wallace and Step-Grandpa, William H. ("Bill") Wallace from 1947-1957.
14.	6 month resident
15.	South Arm Twnshp
16.	Work year round in Charlevoix.
17.	Hamburg Township
18.	Family that lives there -come to visit every summer
19.	south arm township
20.	Parents live in Charlevoix Twp.
21.	Potential future resident of Charlevoix
22.	Work in Charlevoix, Live in Petoskey
23.	Live in Petoskey, work in Charlevoix
24.	Do not live but work and do all bussiness there
25.	I live in Marion township and own property in the city
26.	I work in Charlevoix
27.	Ellsworth address. Charlevoix schools and employment
28.	I work in Charlevoix
29.	Antrim county, Atwood
30.	Antrium County, Ellsworth
31.	Banks Township

32. Work in Charlevoix

33. Atwood

2. Are you a registered voter in the City of Charlevoix?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		45.0%	227
No		55.0%	277
Total Responses			504

3. What is your age?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 18		11.9%	61
18 - 24		7.2%	37
25 - 34		11.3%	58
35 - 44		16.6%	85
45 - 54		21.1%	108
55 - 64		17.8%	91
65 or older		14.1%	72
Total Responses			512

4. Considering all area parks and recreational facilities owned and operated by the City of Charlevoix as referenced on the map above, how often have you visited the following facilities in the past year?

	10 or more times	5 - 9 times	1 - 4 times	Not at all	Total Responses
9-East Park	289 (64.9%)	76 (17.1%)	51 (11.5%)	29 (6.5%)	445
5-Michigan Beach Park Marina	231 (51.7%)	106 (23.7%)	89 (19.9%)	21 (4.7%)	447
1-Mt McSauba Recreation Area	193 (44.2%)	66 (15.1%)	94 (21.5%)	84 (19.2%)	437
13-Ferry Beach Park	187 (42.0%)	54 (12.1%)	141 (31.7%)	63 (14.2%)	445
15-Depot Beach	176 (39.6%)	108 (24.3%)	132 (29.7%)	29 (6.5%)	445
15-Depot Beach	141 (31.8%)	79 (17.8%)	156 (35.2%)	67 (15.1%)	443
8-Robert Bridge Memorial Park	109 (25.0%)	68 (15.6%)	110 (25.2%)	149 (34.2%)	436
10-Veteran's Park	106 (24.3%)	74 (16.9%)	133 (30.4%)	124 (28.4%)	437
12-Carpenter Ave Ball fields	96 (22.0%)	27 (6.2%)	87 (20.0%)	226 (51.8%)	436
Lake to Lake Trail	64 (14.9%)	42 (9.8%)	104 (24.2%)	219 (51.0%)	429
6-Water Tower Park	51 (11.9%)	32 (7.4%)	112 (26.0%)	235 (54.7%)	430
2-Charlevoix Golf Club	48 (11.0%)	24 (5.5%)	89 (20.3%)	277 (63.2%)	438
7-Hoffmann Park	40 (9.3%)	36 (8.4%)	122 (28.4%)	232 (54.0%)	430
4-West Dixon Park	28 (6.5%)	24 (5.6%)	110 (25.6%)	268 (62.3%)	430
14-Coast Guard Park	19 (4.4%)	26 (6.1%)	88 (20.6%)	295 (68.9%)	428
3-Elm Street Tennis Courts	17 (3.9%)	14 (3.2%)	49 (11.3%)	354 (81.6%)	434
11-Community Skate Park	16 (3.7%)	11 (2.5%)	30 (6.9%)	376 (86.8%)	433

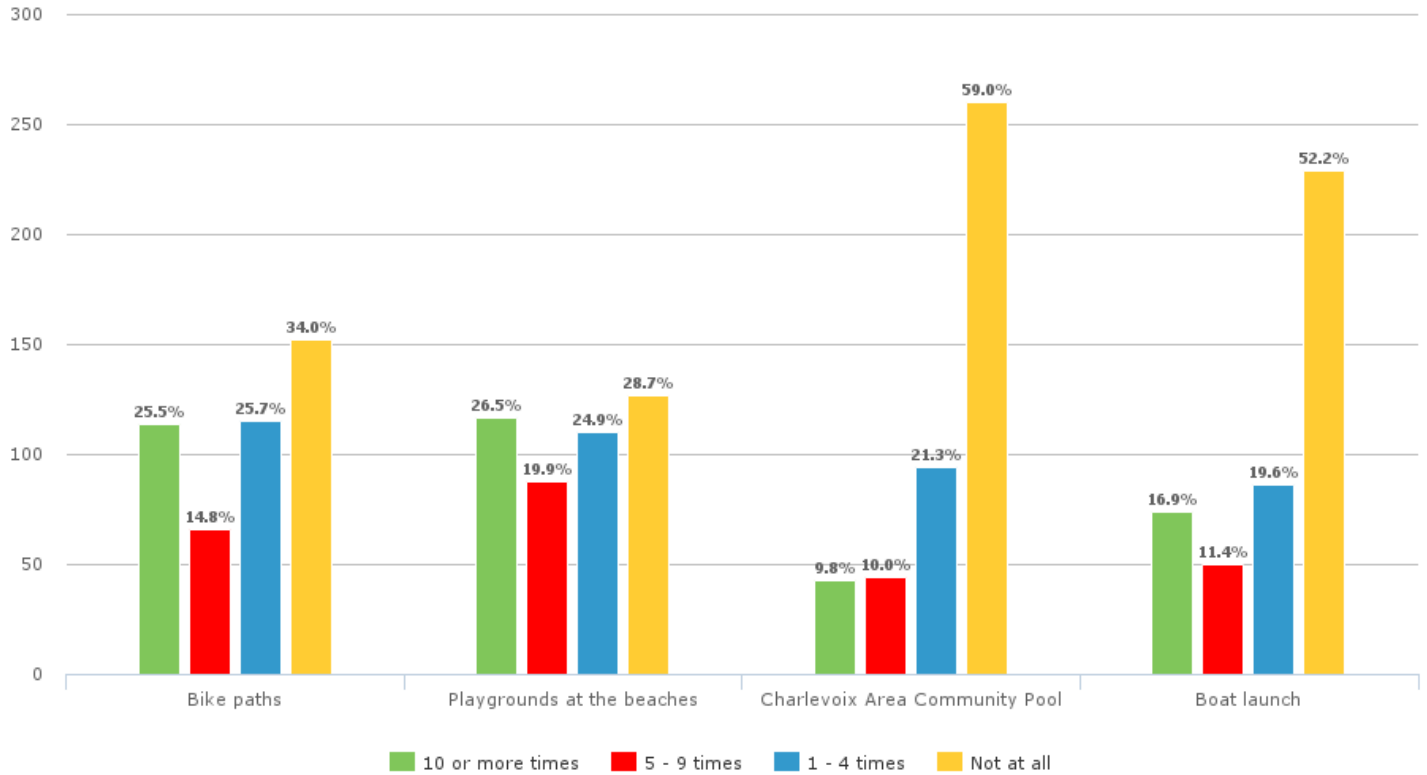
5. Based upon your responses in Question 4, why do you visit area parks and recreational facilities?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Walking		68.5%	307
Swimming		65.4%	293
Music/Entertainment		62.5%	280
Participating in other annual events/festivals/arts		60.7%	272
Picnics		44.9%	201
Nature enjoyment/Bird Watching		44.0%	197
Boating (includes jet skis, sailboats, etc.)		42.9%	192
Playgrounds		39.5%	177
Skiing/Snowboarding		34.6%	155
Bicycling		32.6%	146
Sledding		31.9%	143
Running /Jogging for exercise		29.9%	134
Canoeing/Kayaking/Paddleboard		27.2%	122
Watching organized sports or activities		26.8%	120
Baseball/Softball		25.4%	114
Fishing		24.1%	108
Golf		23.9%	107
Participating in organized sports or activities		23.7%	106
Snowshoeing/Cross Country Skiing		17.4%	78
Pavilion Rental		17.0%	76
Ice Skating		15.2%	68
Basketball		15.0%	67
Summer Day Camps		12.9%	58
Frisbee/Disc Golf		12.5%	56
Tennis		12.1%	54
Participate in organized races/marathons		9.8%	44
Skateboarding/rollerblading		6.2%	28
Volleyball		6.0%	27
Other:		5.6%	25
Pickleball		2.2%	10
Total Responses			448

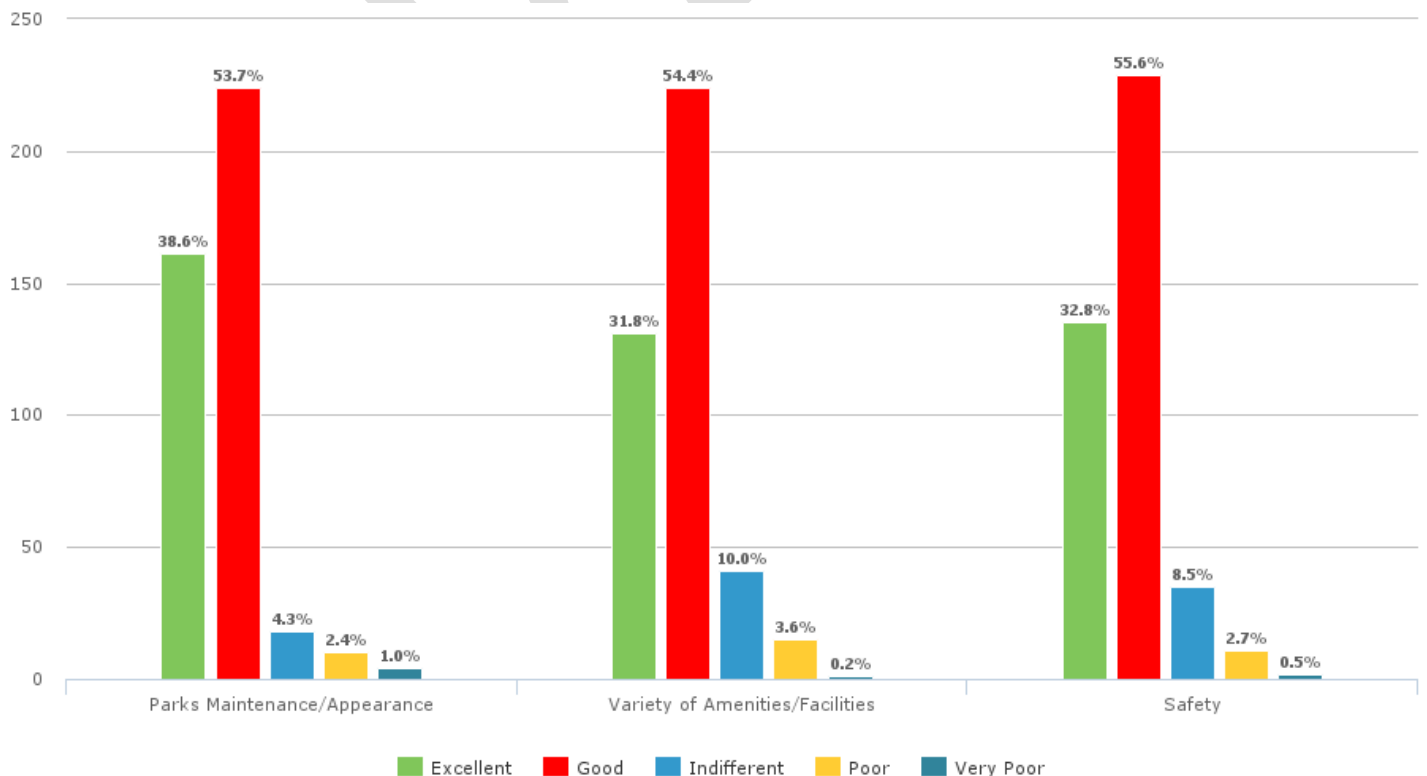
5. Based upon your responses in Question 4, why do you visit area parks and recreational facilities?
(Other:)

#	Response
1.	Just relaxing and enjoying the area or painting.
2.	church service
3.	work and family
4.	We visited every year until my husband died in 2012.
5.	Nature hikes
6.	Walked my dog.
7.	summer day camp for grandchildren
8.	I like them
9.	
10.	Go for walks
11.	Generally just taking in the beauty of CVX
12.	to relax
13.	sunsets
14.	dog walking!
15.	enjoying nature at its best
16.	enjoy the view: please de clutter and maintain these areas
17.	Enjoy the view (what's left of it). Take a deep breath, relax, and chill.
18.	enjoy the views (what's left of them), open spaces (what's left of them), people watch and chill.
19.	School trips/events
20.	People watch
21.	Spend time with family
22.	Dog walking
23.	Work/Maintenance
24.	chill
25.	

6. How often have you used the following specific amenities in the past year?



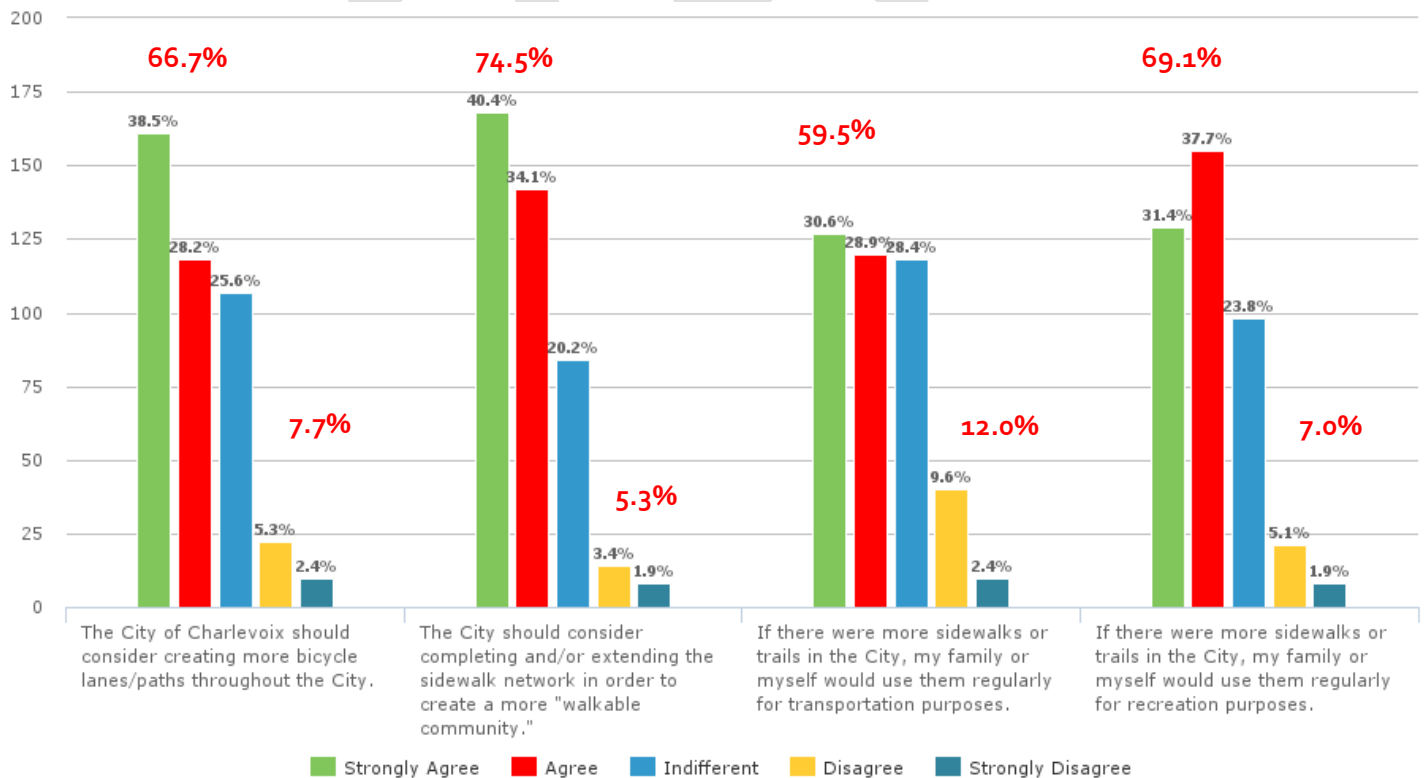
7. Please provide your overall opinion regarding the following aspects of City operated parks and recreation facilities.



8. Please provide your opinion regarding these statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Indifferent	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
The City of Charlevoix should promote public access to lakes.	210 (50.5%)	146 (35.1%)	48 (11.5%)	7 (1.7%)	5 (1.2%)	416
	85.6%			2.9%		
The City of Charlevoix should promote public access to trails.	227 (55.1%)	150 (36.4%)	32 (7.8%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.5%)	412
	91.5%			0.7%		
It is important to preserve and protect the various water bodies that surround the City of Charlevoix.	333 (80.0%)	74 (17.8%)	8 (1.9%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.2%)	416
	97.8%			0.2%		
It is important to provide outdoor recreational facilities, athletic fields, and courts within the City's park system.	262 (63.1%)	123 (29.6%)	27 (6.5%)	2 (0.5%)	1 (0.2%)	415
	92.7%			0.7%		
It is important that Charlevoix's parks have non-motorized pathways and trails.	237 (57.4%)	120 (29.1%)	49 (11.9%)	6 (1.5%)	1 (0.2%)	413
	86.5%			1.7%		
Public greenspace is an important element of the City's parks.	274 (65.9%)	109 (26.2%)	30 (7.2%)	2 (0.5%)	1 (0.2%)	416
	92.1%			0.7%		

9. Please provide your opinion regarding these statements.



10. Considering the resources and funds available, which of the following is most important for the City operated parks and recreation facilities in the next 5 years?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Enhance existing parks		68.1%	273
Keep Charlevoix parks as they are now.		19.5%	78
Acquire more park space		12.5%	50
Total Responses			401

11. What kind of improvements need to be made at Mt. McSauba?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Improved parking area		50.8%	165
Updates to lift at hill		48.6%	158
Lodge Improvements		44.6%	145
Updated rental equipment		26.2%	85
Improved lighting		21.8%	71
Other:		16.0%	52
Total Responses			325

11. What kind of improvements need to be made at Mt. McSauba? (Other:)

#	Response
1.	enforcing dogs on leashes
2.	Mt. McSauba is a FABULOUS place that needs to get some attention!!!
3.	use of the ice skating should be free.
4.	I don't believe improvements need to be made. Maintain what is existing. This is a very leading question.
5.	Block the ladders on the snow making guns. Seen people climbing them while disc golfing.
6.	Nothing
7.	More summer activities
8.	The summer camp needs to work on program development. It seems to continually be focused on ease for the staff and not functionality for the community.
9.	Not familiar with this park
10.	Trail maintenance and improvements
11.	The ice skating should actually be open in the winter improve it majorly and it was will get more use
12.	Larger variety of lesson times for winter sports
13.	Correctly built and maintained terrain park
14.	fix disc golf so it doesn't go across walking trails
15.	the city golf course should be under the parks and recreation department
16.	More rails/tricks for snowboarders and skiers
17.	important to protect Mt. McSauba area the way it is for the future
19.	Na
20.	Annual ski carnival before snow melts and event has to get cancelled.
21.	Trail signage for biking and hiking.
22.	Unknown. But it would be foolish to give up control to another entity.
23.	Maintain the disc golf course. Should not be left to a "club "
24.	Eliminate the disc golf course
25.	it is fine.

26.	No opinion
27.	bathroom facilities at the Lodge
28.	I am not sure anymore. My kids are grown and i am not able to go there
29.	
30.	Price
31.	new management
32.	Improve trail system and hiking access to lake
33.	More trash collection facilities
34.	
35.	If you had better lifts could operate summer amenities like zip lines/alpine slides. Very common at ski areas in off season.
36.	Be open more
37.	Protect the area from development
38.	Improve the ice rink. That would be so much fun if you operated that at night for pickup hockey.
39.	More snow making equipment.
40.	Extend bunny hill (left side looking uphill) lift a few feet to allow exit onto flat area. As is skiers must let go while still on hill incline which is difficult for a beginner and results in pile ups.
41.	scale back on the misuse of the natural areas. Leave them as they were. No more clear cutting of the ecosystem
42.	Needs some new Personel, there is never anything new or changing at the hill in the winter. Time to get a new mananger that is young and knows and is willing to do what the kids desire for the resort.
43.	More appealing
44.	I've never used the park.
45.	Sledding tow rope
46.	Greater organization of/at camp. Less like daycare, more like a camp.
47.	152mm Long Tom artillery gun
48.	addition of public restrooms
49.	camping area
50.	More Seating
51.	LET US HAMMOCK OVERNIGHT AT DUNES
52.	

12. Would you support increased funding for Charlevoix Parks and Recreation?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		81.3%	322
No		18.7%	74
Total Responses			396

13. What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to the City's operated parks and recreational facilities?




Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Recreational pathways for walking, biking, etc		45.6%	180
Restrooms		41.8%	165
Kayak/Canoe Launch/Paddleboard		40.8%	161
Dog Park		39.7%	157
Natural Areas		35.4%	140
More public access to the waterfront		32.4%	128
Playground Equipment		21.8%	86
Gym Space		20.8%	82
Art		20.5%	81
Wayfinding signs		16.7%	66
Shuffleboard		10.6%	42
Other:		10.6%	42
Basketball Courts		9.1%	36
Tennis Courts		8.9%	35
Disc Golf		8.6%	34
Pickleball		8.1%	32
Volleyball		6.8%	27
No Changes		6.1%	24
Soccer Fields		5.8%	23
Baseball Diamonds		4.3%	17
Total Responses			395

13. What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to the City's operated parks and recreational facilities? (Other:)

#	Response
1.	Water Safety information
2.	lifeguards at beaches
3.	Soccer golf
4.	Please add more pickleball courts. There are not enough to play on, and they are not always in good condition.
5.	hand rails going to beach at Lake Michigan Beach
6.	Please relocate skating rink to downtown. Could skate them go to restaurants for dinner. Please. Please also consider grooming trails for snowshoe/cross country skiing at city course. Please! Would really like that.
7.	city golf course
8.	Bring back the Koi Ponds and the lighthouse my grandfather built.
9.	more bike racks at parks/playgrounds
10.	more transient dock slips
11.	Ice skating in a park downtown
12.	Ice rink in park by marina
13.	Wheelchair and handicap enhancements.
15.	Bring back jumping into Chanel
16.	a few shade trees in east park
17.	rebuld the golf course clubhouse
18.	Bike paths if it would make it so they are not on the roads! Dangerous
19.	Small boat dockage
20.	The parks are great and need very little improvement.
21.	3 season / wind shield pavilion

22.	More Historical Markers
23.	bike park, skate park of better quality; indoor ice arena
24.	I'd like to see lifeguards at the beaches again. Shuffleboard is fun but not a necessity.
25.	Changing rooms at the beach!
26.	Keep DOGS off Beaches
27.	Expand skatepark
28.	motor & non-motor packed (not paved) trails/mt. biking & snowmobiling
29.	Handicapped accessible beach path, closer parking (right now the handicapped spots are far from the beach), boundless playground.
30.	Community Sailing club
31.	maintain what we have to a high level
32.	Perhaps make the tennis courts pickleball courts and have the township courts as tennis on,y, since the city courts do not have an adequate back court area.
33.	usexisting tennis courts for pickleball that are not deep enough for tennis
34.	please restore and maintain what we already have. Quit giving it away , or filling it with "ammenities"
35.	We have run out of space for people. No more "facilities" or "amenities" which have ruined the open spaces that were once highly versitile.
36.	More seating at stage
37.	Brochures or other improved public notification of park availability and uses.
38.	Water feature at beaches
39.	Anti-Aircraft instalations
40.	camping sites
41.	Stargazing area (kept open at night)
42.	music shops

14. Planned events at Robert Bridge Memorial Park and East Park are:

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Just right		77.5%	296
Not enough		12.0%	46
Too much		10.5%	40
Total Responses			382

15. Should the City of Charlevoix have an ice rink that is more centrally located to the downtown area?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		60.4%	232
No		39.6%	152
Total Responses			384

16. Do you or does a member of your family have a disability?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		10.9%	43
No		89.1%	353
Total Responses			396

16. Please indicate which of the following upgrades are needed in the City's operated parks and open spaces to make them more accessible.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Indifferent	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
Flatter, easier grades	7 (17.1%) 51.2%	14 (34.1%)	17 (41.5%)	3 (7.3%) 7.3%	0 (0.0%)	41
Accessible playgrounds	13 (31.7%) 65.8%	14 (34.1%)	13 (31.7%)	1 (2.4%) 2.4%	0 (0.0%)	41
Accessible parking	18 (40.9%) 79.5%	17 (38.6%)	8 (18.2%)	1 (2.3%) 2.3%	0 (0.0%)	44
Accessible waterfront access (beach mats, etc.)	12 (28.6%) 71.5%	18 (42.9%)	11 (26.2%)	1 (2.4%) 2.4%	0 (0.0%)	42
Accessible restrooms	17 (40.5%) 73.8%	14 (33.3%)	11 (26.2%)	0 (0.0%) 0.0%	0 (0.0%)	42
Paved Trails	11 (28.2%) 64.1%	14 (35.9%)	9 (23.1%)	3 (7.7%) 12.8%	2 (5.1%)	39
Accessible spectator viewing areas.	12 (28.6%) 71.5%	18 (42.9%)	11 (26.2%)	1 (2.4%) 2.4%	0 (0.0%)	42

26.	Biking trail and Camp McSauba- however I think they should bring back BB gun and archery
27.	Everything
28.	I love the City golf course and my family and I play it as often as we can. My kids learned to play golf there and now I hope my grandchildren will in the future.
29.	There locations. No matter where you are in the city you are always near a park. They are easy to access, clean and functional.
30.	Traditional parks, waterfront amenities, easy access.
31.	Clean
32.	Availability of public waterfront areas.
33.	The downtown area, especially the trout stream.
34.	Can choose a park depending on the weather. Too windy at Michigan beach, go to Depot
35.	The beauty
36.	Variety of beautiful natural areas -- woods, dunes, water -- and access to them.
37.	Here's what I like best: they are beautiful and close to home.
38.	The beaches, but they need to be cleaned up especially Michigan beach the most used beach.
39.	The views
40.	Lake access Walking and bike trails
41.	Variety
42.	Natural settings, summer offerings for kids, downtown access
43.	That they are well maintained
44.	The variety of options.
45.	Park availability.
46.	The untouched and natural areas.
47.	Many options
48.	Very nice dog walking areas.
49.	The varied kinds of facilities
50.	There are a wide variety and they are spread throughout the Charlevoix area
51.	I like all of it, but if I have to pick I would say Mt McSauba. It's fantastic in the summer and winter. I know it has not made money for years, but some things are just worth paying for. The kids of this community deserve it and it's something that makes Charlevoix unique.
52.	clean
53.	Concerts.
54.	The variety. I feel like we live in heaven with all of the different options available.
55.	The variety
56.	That there is interest and availability
57.	I like the wide variety of parks and recreation opportunities the City provides. The downtown is so picturesque, in large part, due to the parks and green space fronting Round Lake. How different our town would look if the east side of Bridge Street were shoulder-to-shoulder buildings like the west! I also like that the City has done a good job of providing public facilities and access in balance with being responsible with taxpayer dollars and public property. The City should maintain control of its properties and not relinquish control to groups that do not have to answers to voters or taxpayers.
58.	You can relax and have fun. They are very clean
59.	variation of the system
60.	I think parks are great. Need to maintain what we have first before adding more - like the city tennis courts!
61.	the beauty
62.	Always close proximity to water, safe, ease of access, clean and maintained
63.	Close to the water
64.	Walking to boats. Concerts in the park.
65.	Spacious, entertainment
66.	They are very well maintained
67.	I like that they are spread out through the town (north side, downtown, south side).
68.	Lakeshore access. Trails for bicycling including mountain biking at Mt. McSauba.
69.	The water!

70.	I just love this area and like being able to enjoy all of the seasons.
71.	well spaced around the city and lots to do
72.	I love the ski hill!! And the amazing beaches
73.	natural areas and open space
74.	The beautiful views wherever you go.
75.	Ferry Beach including basketball courts
76.	They are kept up very well
77.	natural beauty
78.	Access, restrooms
79.	Mutt mitts. We usually bring our dog. Water tower park is very nice with a lot to use and do. My McSauba is very natural and beautiful.
80.	Beaches and swimming.
81.	There are many compared to other cities/towns. Many options for my children to play. Many beaches.
82.	Mt. McSauba snowboarding lessons was awesome for my daughter, she thoroughly enjoyed it and would love to go again next year. We also love the sledding hill, Michigan Beach, Ferry Beach, and of course East park for festivals and entertainment.
83.	The Accessibility.
84.	I enjoy the various parks to enjoy summer with friends and family.
85.	Relaxation.
86.	Convenience
87.	Beaches
88.	The areas are clean and well maintained. Many activities for all ages.
89.	Picnic areas
90.	This is such a beautiful place. People will enjoy it no matter what is done.
91.	We love the city golf course
92.	The variety of parks we have give a diversity for people and the ability to enjoy their individual needs. Ferry and MI Beaches have playgrounds and sand, Depot has smaller playground and a quieter atmosphere and the McSauba beach is more rustic and natural. I would discourage the lake parks to be built exactly the same.
93.	Variety and access to beach, trails, and waterways.
94.	Available
95.	The numerous activities that are available to the Charlevoix community.
96.	Clean
97.	open space to enjoy
98.	Water and view access
99.	I like that we have public beaches I like that we have a golf course I like East Park
100.	I like the way we use the space we have in the parks. The disc golf course was a nice addition for younger people, and should be the cement pads need to be completed. The downtown parks and beaches are beautiful and don't need any updating for summer activities.
101.	East park is beautiful and a destination in itself. I like the bike paths but they could be enhanced and extended to allow bicycling through town. I love all the natural greenery the parks provide - seems a respite from all the commotion. I really appreciate the concerts on Thursdays at East Park!
102.	Ferry Beach and east park. My grandkids love the geyser display.
103.	I enjoy walking/strolling in the parks with my husband and dog. We stop to relax and 'people watch'. It's wonderful to see families playing together. We also enjoy the concerts and events in the parks. There is always something going on downtown in East Park, making it a fun place to be.
104.	Music at East park Bike trails Beaches
105.	Water access
106.	The beach areas and the nature trails at Mt McSauba.
107.	The variety that is available. Each park offers something different than the others, so if my family is looking for warmer water and a more family friendly beach we consider Depot beach, but if we want to be near the channel and on Lake Michigan we go to Lake Michigan beach. Mt. McSauba has nice trails, while Ferry beach has a good pavilion. Every beach is unique and not too far from the city, which is awesome.
108.	Water views - lots of neighborhood parks in lieu of a few large ones

109.	Nice variety of parks and most highlight the natural beauty of the area. The lawn at East Park is well maintained. Please don't overdevelop the parks at the expense of greenspace.
110.	They're beauty.
111.	Convenience. No fee.
112.	The variety of parks that are available is exceptional for such a small community. Very little is needed, other than minor improvements to restrooms, landscaping and general maintenance. Sidewalk and bike path access is adequate, considering most side streets and shoreline drives have light enough vehicle traffic that bicycle and pedestrian traffic does not cause problems.
113.	the water
114.	In the summer there are so many great parks and beach areas to stay and enjoy. Events and picnics in so many good locations. In the winter there is Mt McSauba which is so good, so friendly.
115.	Water access; views; playgrounds
116.	enjoyable for any age group. there is always something to do.
117.	Access to water and Bike trails in township
118.	Charlevoix is a beautiful town. It is nice that the parks are maintained. Sunday morning after Venetian one would never guess that there were tens of thousands of people the day prior.
119.	The water access, Pavillion and location to town.
120.	The trails and bike paths. The accessibility of waterfront and parks. The disc golf course.
121.	Beautiful beaches that are free to access.
122.	beautiful scenery. clean parks.
123.	I love that Chalevoix parks work to showcase the beautiful area that we live in and have a variety of opportunities for enjoyment.
124.	The landscape in the parks is well maintained & they are clean. Always impressed with the prompt clean up during Venetian. Great green space downtown
125.	I like the fact that they are all over town and maintained nicely.
126.	The access to water
127.	The variety!
128.	There natural state and the walking areas. Trees and green space.
129.	we are gifted by nature
130.	The golf course!
131.	Our golf course which is a wonderful asset for we residents.
132.	Beautiful
133.	Bridge park and East park are great. I love the usage of it for Venetian. Music every night and the beer tent is a nice addition! :)
134.	Charlevoix has a lot of beautiful parks & beaches available to use
135.	Love that Charlevoix has SO many beaches that are easily accessible, well-maintained and have nice facilities for parties, picnics and such. Also, enjoy the Park Ave. outdoor space- very nice to have quiet space in any city.
136.	There are many parks and a large variety.
137.	lots of activity and opportunity.
138.	Love Depot Beach because of its history and location. A lot of recreational opportunities are available for a small city.
139.	Being able to use as myself and family and friends need.
140.	We have many, close, and attractive park, beach, and recreation spaces compared to most communities. My family can easily walk or ride a bike to several spots.
141.	For the most part they can be enjoyed by all. I don't think the old water tower area can be made accessible. Except for the tennis court area, I think they are all very well maintained.
142.	great facilities for a city our size
143.	Lots of water access Well maintained
144.	I used to like the open spaces, and the spectacular views of Round lake which are now obscured by "features, memorials and amenities". What does the City of Charlevoix have against open expanses of green grass? Does every square inch have to be developed? Oh well, what's gone is gone. Please no more.
145.	I like that you have a large virility given the seasons we enjoy here in the north. I do think that the maintenance personnel taking care of grounds though need to have closer supervision to provide for better looking Parks. East Park is Beautiful, green grass ok bathrooms, and decent entertainment. Bath rooms at Ferry Beach are discussing, if you are not going in

them you need to start, they are grouse. I like that you have built infrastructure at the Ball Parks and Ski Hill but the length of use and amount of use is too low for the amount invested in those locations. The hours at the ski hill have been that way except for adding Friday and deleting Wednesday, the same for the last 30 years, they are not working unless it is Ski Lesson nights, other times the hill is Dead. It is a shame driving by the ball fields for three months of Nice weather and only seeing about four weeks of real use. Again a lot of investment for little use.

146. Variety of activities offered.
147. The parks are extremely well maintained!
148. It's well groomed and cared for.
149. I think the golf course and ski hill are amazing benefits of Charlevoix!
150. The looks. The city workers do a fantastic job of keeping the parks maintained.
151. That there are recreational activities available year round.
152. I like that, for such a small town, we do have quite a few little park areas around town.
153. We are lucky to have parks and beaches right in town and we don't have to drive a long distance to enjoy them.
154. Accessible. Are spaced around the city.
155. They are clean and well maintained.
156. I think they are great & well maintained. Family appreciates the positive atmosphere in the mcsauba ski program.
157. It is very welcoming to see people out enjoying the area and walking to and fro.
158. The convenience of them all
159. Clean, conveniently located, restrooms quiet
160. The people
161. Lots to do locally.
162. McSauba is kid centered and affordable for local children. Wonderful space and staff for kids to hang out in a safe environment.
163. I enjoy having many options for myself and family to enjoy throughout the entire year and changing seasons. Having a young family, what I enjoy most are kid friendly locations to encourage outdoor activities.
164. Clean and kid friendly
165. The music and family entertainment available. They have very community building feel to them.
166. Each beach/destination is a little unique. Having different playgrounds, shorelines, trails etc.
167. We have enough.
168. They are beautiful, large and clean.
169. The parks are beautiful and we have many beaches to enjoy our water.
170. That they are kept virtually spotless after events
171. The Golf course, downtown marina and Michigan Beach are beautifully maintained
172. Art fairs, events, accessibility to water and beaches.
173. Variety of activities and locations
174. The view! This is one of the most beautiful places in the world.
175. Clean most of the time
176. Very welcoming for families
177. East park improvements over the years are nice. Stop now before you do too much. Keep it a simple green space to relax.
178. That we have a parks and rec. department, the facilities are nice, and accessible.
179. How many there are.
180. The parks are always clean, and there is easy access to every park.
181. Clean and well kept
182. there nice
183. For the most part they are clean
184. Nice and spacious, usually clean, lots of activities.
185. How open they are
186. pretty
187. Variety and spaced throughout the city.
188. well maintained and clean
189. I like that we can all go out whenever we want and enjoy the outdoors of Charlevoix and I do not agree with 10 o'clock at the dunes because in the middle of summer the sun doesn't set until like 9:30 and it is still light out at 10 so I have gotten locked in and had to walk home.

190.	the grass
191.	everything
192.	Everything is beautiful
193.	I love the wide amounts of open space, peaceful surroundings, and the aesthetically pleasing areas. When you go there, you can simply just relax, and you don't have to worry about doing anything.
194.	I like the wide range of locations.
195.	That they are easy to get too and well took care of
196.	They are easily accessible and spacious.
197.	they are walking distance from many different points of the city and are kept nicely reserved with good care
198.	I like that most are near water, because that is the best resource we have and the biggest tourist attraction.
199.	clean restrooms, minimal liter, wide open, green grass, fountain
200.	Easily accessible disc golf course.
201.	The natural environment and trails that are provided
202.	I love being able to get together with friends.
203.	That is available to everyone and its free to just go and hangout
204.	The views of Charlevoix's beauty
205.	It's peaceful and just depicts Michigan at it's semi-natural state.
206.	They are kept clean and up to date on a weekly basis. They're open 24/7 and easily accessible.
207.	Proper care
208.	They are not cluttered and there are enough scattered throughout the town to choose from.
209.	open areas to mess around in
210.	How nicely they are maintained.
211.	You can hammock there and it's concealed
212.	I like that we have several beaches available for public use, and that there are several places with hiking trails.
213.	The open space to just hangout.
214.	Thats theirs a place in this tourist run city where a person can just lay out on grass or throw/kick a ball around and just not feel crowded.
215.	you can do what ever you want in them
216.	I like the live music at the pavilion in East Park. It adds to the aesthetic of the town, and that is surely something we need.
217.	By the water
218.	The variety of venues, and the mix of developed and not-as-developed locations.
219.	the scenery
220.	the beauty , and the easy access.
221.	I love how people of all ages can enjoy them.
222.	They are pretty and you can do lots of things there
223.	good
224.	How available they are to everyone.
225.	I like that there is enough to do outside and many different activities to do.
226.	I like that the amount of parks and rec we have here.

18. What would you do to improve parks and recreation in Charlevoix?

There were 235 response(s) to this question.



#	Response
1.	Many of the restroom facilities at the public beaches need to be improved and open longer into the year. It would be great to have some more sidewalks and trails to connect our existing assets. Connect township Rec areas to city sidewalks.
2.	Parks and Rec should be more involved within the community. Offer additional programming year round.
3.	Lifeguards are a must
4.	The restroom conditions in a lot of public spaces are very poor. And not kept clean at all. Especially at the beaches.
5.	Nicer bathroom facilities. Concession stand at Depot Beach.
6.	Life guards
7.	I feel the loss of the lifeguards at the beaches. Not only were they an important safety factor but they helped enforce the preservation of the beaches and equipment that is there. I have seen some abuse of playground equipment and the rules at the beaches.
8.	Update pavilions, update bathrooms at the beaches and keep them clean and supplied with toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Update bathrooms at Mt. McSauba.
9.	I would like to look at improving the lift at Mt McSauba.
10.	Hire the lifeguards back
11.	Ice skating downtown instead of McSauba.
12.	Have more public events
13.	bike path or bike lane all the way into and through town, enclosed dog park/dog run would be great.
14.	TBall games should not begin at 7:30pm and be ending around 8:45 for 5 year olds. 5:30 and 6:30 starts would be much better. No later then 6 & 7. Organization of teams and information flow for practices and games always seems last minute. (flag football & t-ball) Why not post rosters and all schedules online like Charlevoix Soccer, Little League, or Youth Golf do on their sites? Utilize Facebook/Twitter for any weather or scheduling issues like McSauba does...most of the time.
15.	Be more diverse in the groups doing the parks and rec planning.
16.	I think the baseball fields need some updating. Seems like the infields should be updated.
17.	More green space
18.	Na
19.	Add public restroom at McSauba (not portapotty) for use after hours/ when lodge closed

20.	Bring lifeguards back to all public beaches
21.	nothing
22.	More lake access to everyone.
23.	Add a dog park and more walking/biking trails
24.	Keep pets to a certain area. I have a child who is afraid of animals.
25.	The recreation activities organized by the city are very enjoyable but they often give little advance notice of dates and details. More organization and publicity would be helpful. I'd also love to see them find a way to offer a wider variety of opportunities. I'm very impressed by the way Zeeland, MI has offered a huge variety of sports/activities by being the clearinghouse or contractor for citizens/teachers ect to act as subcontractors with class offerings. No extra staff needed; just a change in how they view what their role is.
26.	Improve ferry beach. The pier being closed off looks awful. Either fix it or get rid of it.
27.	Enhance the parks, i.e. new basketball hoops.
28.	The bathrooms at the ferry Beach Park by the marina are very poor. Frequently there is no toilet paper in the women's restroom
29.	Add more
30.	I am very happy with the parks and don't see any needed improvements.
31.	The city needs a full time, degreed parks & Recreation director. Charlevoix is way behind in providing multi-use, non-motorized trails and walkways. Park Ave. especially in the summer months is downright dangerous for bikers, runners and walkers.
32.	Paved bike path
33.	Great as is. Continue to maintain well.
34.	Crosswalks for pedestrians on US31. I've seen several close calls where pedestrians have walked right in front of traffic. They think they have the right way but there are no set times when they can cross. Mainly the crosswalk at Olson's and 31 and the South side of the bridge.
35.	More restrooms
36.	Sidewalks and bike trails -- it's dangerous to walk or bike in many areas of the city and outskirts . Also, please repair the wooden steps that provide access along and to Michigan Beach. They not only provide access, they are/were an attractive and rustic amenity. In addition, it's my understanding that the Recreation Director is a part-time position. To give parks the proper attention, I believe it should be a full-time, 'degreed' position.
37.	pls improve city tennis courts, they are a disaster and accident waiting to happen. We play at the township courts.
38.	The parks themselves could use improvement, but more than that, we MUST improve access. I live in the Charlevoix Estates on M-66, and there is no safe way to access Ferry Beach or the downtown area. We can only go to Fisherman's Island along the snowmobile trail or go to Michigan Beach along that same trail. Even so, this necessitates crossing Marion Center (no pedestrian lights) and US 31, which has no pedestrian lights. Particularly when it comes to the highway by the Estates, including the post office and the K-Mart plaza, a pedestrian crossing IS A NECESSITY. I want to walk to Ferry Beach with my one-year-old daughter in her stroller, but I have no way to warn or stop traffic on M-66, which travels in excess of the posted speed limit of 45 MPG. Before we add amenities that our community cannot safely access, an investment needs to be made in making access safer for pedestrians.
39.	Clean up this whole town. It's gross. Also make Venetian shorter again.
40.	Food trucks
41.	Bathrooms room for all people
42.	More physically impaired accessible playground equipment
43.	New playground equipment at Mt. McSauba;
44.	More weekly maintenance.
45.	Ferry beach is in desperate need of a bigger, newer play ground for children. New swings would also be nice. This beach/park is my least favorite. Also, a better sledding hill would good. I have been at Mt McSauba for many years with my children and now grandchildren and I am concerned with the lack of ski patrol in the hill. There are too many skiers, snowboarders and bump jumpers out of control and narrowly missing each other.
46.	Increase physical accessibility to the restrooms and music venues. There are too few parking spaces and inadequate bathroom facilities for persons with disabilities.
47.	Snowmaking for sledding Ice rink in east park
48.	not much.
49.	Michigan beach needs to be maintained better along the wall, grass areas, cement steps. The beach cleaner machine needs to utilized more. Bring back lifeguards.

50.	Love that ice rink idea. Better rental equipment would be a must. I still love the fire place idea too! Wifi??
51.	East park needs more day to day type use. Right now it is designed around special events and concerts and seems unused at other times.
52.	more family/youth activities at each park to bring more people to the parks and get them familiar with the facilities Charlevoix has
53.	You raise seasonal price for boat launch without any form of improvement. Barrier dock lights are out, parking lot is covered in debree and rocks and not enough police presents to check for parking tags
54.	I would utilize the pier at Ferry beach. I would put a railing up and let people walk out on it. I think it would be a nice spot for pictures too. I realize some people could jump over a railing and jump in the water, but they can jump that barrier now any ways.
55.	Outdoor fireplace in East Park
56.	Before anything else, you need to improve the traffic congestion problem during the summer months in Charlevoix. Block two sides of the cross walks on Bridge and Clinton Streets, and alternate the ones blocked by weeks, otherwise the merchants on one side will surely complain! I do not come to downtown CVX in summer because of the TRAFFIC! Fix it!!!
57.	better parking for handy cap and restrooms
58.	Improve ways to get through town. It's to congested during the summer. Put more parking in. Put carnival back by beaver islander. So you can park. Put a food place at depot beach.
59.	Just continue the great maintenance.
60.	Update Mt McSauba
61.	more picnic tables and grills at Lake Michigan Beach Park, improved bathrooms at Ferry Beach (located at the concession building), hand rails on the steps leading to the beach at Michigan Beach , better parking at Depot
62.	For the most part, I think the focus should be on maintaining and improving what the City already has. Mt. McSauba is in dire need of some attention - it's a wonderful facility, but it really needs updating and maintenance. I do not think the City should give up control of the Mt. McSauba recreation area. We have heard that the County is considering a new building that would house a senior center. If that comes to fruition, it may be an opportunity for the City to acquire the current senior center property.
63.	include the city golf course, and share the costs.
64.	Repair the city tennis courts. More entertainment in the park.
65.	just keep clean and available to all
66.	Sinage, incorporate art or history.
67.	More activities near water , concerts , ect .
68.	Can I help to fix up the landscaping at the 'welcome to Charlevoix' sign next to the bridge. It's an eye sore and all visitors take their pictures in front of it! I'll help design, plant, etc. Lake Mi beach needs better playground equipment.
69.	More shady areas to sit and read.
70.	Na
71.	Not have a festival in them every weekend
72.	More bike racks at the parks/playgrounds (i.e, Depot Beach). Increased access to launch kayaks, paddle boards on the north side. Option to buy an affordable season family pass for the ice skating rink.
73.	Take part in volunteering for trail maintenance. Increase trails for mountain biking.
74.	Softball field needs improvement. Announcer needed at games. Concessions need improvement. Too many arts/craft shows in the parks. Is it necessary EVERY weekend? Move venetian beer tent out of East park..relocate to bridge park (if needed at all). It's not conducive to family activities.
75.	The parks are great as they are!
76.	I would resurface city tennis courts!
77.	provide recycling and more stations where they offer dog poop bags and garbage cans. Also hand sanitizer by these garbage cans.
78.	enhance their attractions and make them look more attractive
79.	We REALLY need a bike/walking path down the west side of mercer, possibly connecting with the school or at least to the bike path. There are SO many people using that road for exercise and biking. The cars drive very fast and make it dangerous for pedestrians.
80.	Eliminate the disc golf course at Mt.McSauba.Provide a conservation easement on Lake Michigan Beach and Mt.McSauba.
81.	Nothing

82.	Update some playgrounds. Add more things for the teens/ young adults.
83.	classic car show
84.	More nature trails
85.	cleaner facilities, bathrooms
86.	Better playground equipment at Michigan Beach
87.	A few items in the park just need maintenance and would love to see it kept up for continued use.
88.	I am unsure, but I would be willing to help with improvement if there were feasible options for helping.
89.	Do you send out emails for programs registration deadlines or upcoming events? I've never seen one. It would be great to get it delivered to my inbox! I'd also love to know more about places to go snowshoeing or running. Do you have trail maps?
90.	Improve the boating side of Ferry Beach. Grass and weeds way too high.
91.	Return the lighthouse color to white. It cannot be seen easily from out in lake Michigan.
92.	More things to do at certain parks and more parks to keep the population of people there at a low number.
93.	Too many events.
94.	More walking paths
95.	Restrooms
96.	More restrooms, more signage to local places
97.	Tennis courts in bad shape Improved playground equipment Replace merry go round on Mi. Beach.
98.	I am really fine with the way it is now.
99.	I applaud that there will be renovations at Michigan Beach for the handicapped and particularly the young children that are handicapped.
100.	Tom, as you will now know, I am paralyzed. I would love some more wheelchair friendly things, mats to the beach, etc. Even more than that, making the downtown accessible in the winter would be a major improvement. That is just as important as parks in the summer. Getting downtown is part of the recreation in Charlevoix, yet in the winter, the city does nothing to make it possible to get around in a wheelchair. I can go to two restaurants, Kelseys and the Weathervane-- because they have their own parking. I have to call ahead to see a movie. The city does a terrible job clearing snow. Then, parking: If you have a van accessible spot, put hash marks on the passenger side---we do not get out on the driver's side. thanks, Dick
101.	Have price for activities for township residents, especially when they live right next to destinations (i.e. Mt. McSauba)
102.	Add more senior activities.
103.	Make the girls softball Fields safer to play on
104.	More bike paths leading into the city, particularly along M-66.
105.	life guards
106.	More sand areas
107.	Move some of them out of downtown--there are far too many things in downtown and it ruins ingress/egress for residents Rebuild the Golf Club clubhouse Upgrade Mt. McSauba--get some adult friendly lift mechanism in place Drastically upgrade the wayfaring signage in the whole city and it's parks, and the golf course
108.	The only park that has a use in the winter is Mt McSauba. There needs to be a reason to go downtown. A small skate park in the downtown area will spread people out a bit, and be an attractive addition when people drive through town and see a light up rink with some people skating. Just seeing ANY activity downtown would be a welcome sight. We need to have safer and better biking pathways in the downtown area. Bikers not allowed on the sidewalk, and not much room for them on the street. We have amazing pathways to get to the outskirts of Charlevoix, but not much downtown.
109.	Although I don't use the ski hill or skating rink myself, I think they need updating and improving. The Charlevoix Twp Park on mc Sauba could use better trails, less free dogs (why are the dog rules in town and here never enforced?), and some beach maintenance.
110.	Connect bike path along 32 rather than on surface roads by Mt Mcsauba
111.	More beach amenities
112.	I think the lifeguards at Michigan Beach were great. I miss them being there to monitor beach users for safety and dogs on the beach.
113.	The facilities could be improved at the parks. I also think the trail north of town should continue along the main road into town. I spent over 5 years working downtown and many people don't know how to navigate the bike trail outside of town, they think it ends. So maybe better signage and whatnot.

114.	Allow for better dog walking and inclusion of pets in family outings
115.	Lake Michigan beach is very rocky. Other lakeshore communities with beaches have a beach comber or manicure their beaches better.
116.	Specified dog area.
117.	Promote them to our visitors. Some visitors from outside communities may not be aware of or able to locate some of the parks, such as McSauba, Shanahan, Depot. Promoting the waterfront parks, in particular, may bring in more visitors and revenue, leading to resources for park maintenance.
118.	improve the paths and access to the water, maintained and washed out
119.	Branding. I think there are many assets but not coherent under one brand. There's no signage of what is available and what people could do, unless you're a local with a lot of experience in the area. Connectivity. I think there is little to no connectivity with Boyne, Petoskey and East Jordan, so whoever is visiting those cities have no interaction of what's going on in Charlevoix. Except the lake that connects all cities. Competitive races. Charlevoix could be the perfect location for so many events: running, cycling, triathlon, open water swimming, sailing, but it's very difficult to train or public infrastructure.
120.	Ferry Beach needs better tree and grounds management; seem overgrown and unmanaged. Drainage poor in some areas and turf inferior. Lake Michigan beach needs sand containment work. Blowing off the beach all year long.
121.	some of the trees at Ferry Beach should be trimmed up.
122.	Bike trails
123.	Ice rink downtown!!
124.	The bike path to Petoskey needs enhancement from the northside start into Charlevoix. Waller Rd needs either paint or a designated bike lane. Bike lanes along Dixon or Michigan Ave leading in/out (north) would be beneficial.
125.	Clean up across from Park Ave to make Michigan Beach bigger...it's most popular and that's a great hillside for sunset trails and picnics.
126.	Better trash collection. There is a bit of s litter problem along the more remote trails.
127.	Make beaches, skatepark, etc. stay open later Have no attendant working at the skatepark and make it stay open 24/7 Better shoppers docks at the marina.
128.	get more park space. there is too much that is privately owned. give it back to the people!
129.	Parks could be more accessible in the winter- and more bike lanes or paths would be hugely beneficial. Charlevoix could be a town that is very accessible via bicycle if there were more safe options on where to ride-especially downtown since bikes are prohibited on sidewalks.
130.	Infrastructure needs more attention - Tennis courts are poorly maintained; skatepark needs some love; golf course could be more of an asset for the City; volleyball court at Michigan beach not well cared for. Also basketball hoop at MI Beach in poor shape (make a court there?) What about dragging sand volleyball courts on MI & Ferry beach? Mt McSauba is under utilized amenity & could become more of an asset to residents - summer bike park; zip line; splash pad; alpine slide, adventure course.... Bike path to Harbor Springs is a great asset but it dead ends in the outskirts of town. There is no signage to tell you to keep going to get to downtown to visit shops & restaurants. Need to extend bike path down Waller Road and/or create bike lanes. City should promote bike use from outlying areas on the trail - downtown should be a bike destination for those using the path.
131.	I think the city does s nice job as is. My downstate residence & town is in poor shape by comparison.
132.	Nothing
133.	More green space, more accessible parking and viewing areas
134.	parks and recreation should not be a second thought for any comunity...it is why we pay taxes. it is a part of a vibrant community and since no one is doing a good job pushing for economic development properly...we can at least show pride in our natural resources
135.	Put a dog park in a non busy area by the lake. Dogs do not belong on the grassy area of our beaches or on the sand. They were never on the beaches when we had life guards. We should have life guards. Too much activity on the beaches today. Kayaks, sailboards, paddle boards, are often in the swim areas, and kids are swimming beyond the buoys.
136.	Beach accessibility for handicap people. Beach buggies with large wheels to maneuver through sand.
137.	I would improve the kids softball fields. They have been a little neglected over the years. Infields are hard and uneven in places. Outfields are bumpy too. The facilities are quite lacking too for as much as the fields are used by the community. Also the beaches are kind of "rustic".. Which is code for not that great. Grass isn't always green and kind of hard to walk on

	at times. They have such natural beauty if we spent a little more time on them they could be great!! Ferry and depot could use the most attention I think.
138.	Tennis Courts are unsafe with large cracks in courts and knee high weeds. Pickleball lines should be on courts-it is the fastest growing sport in America. The signs at the tennis courts are awful. The areas bordering both sides of Pine River Channel need to be maintained better-weeds are atrocious-especially around the Welcome to Charlevoix sign In the Spring-large piles of weeds sat at Ferry Beach parking lot for over a month-so better park clean up
139.	Improved signage to get to beaches; additional facilities (bathrooms) at Mt. McSauba beach/frisbee golf/trail area. That is a wonderful area-- with the trails and dunes, especially for kids.
140.	Allocate some of the trucks with trailer parking sports at ferry beach for handicapped spots because that parking lot is closer to the water and easier for people to access the beach.
141.	Tennis courts need to be improved and more courts added. Mt. McSauba could use more snow makers - I think they may have just gotten some. Buffer at bottom of mt mcsauba sledding hill. Improve mcsauba ice rink instead of putting one downtown. Mc sauba is a great place - make it better and appreciate it.
142.	Affordable dockage and more dockage for locals with small boats
143.	Keep up the good work. Don't need a conservence in Mt McSuba.
144.	Designate the Elm Street tennis courts for Pickleball while designating the Shanahan tennis courts for tennis. Adding the pickleball lines to the Shanahan tennis courts is very distracting and almost makes them unusable by more serious tennis players.
145.	Maintain/replace/renew what we have to maintain a high level, it is already quite good. Consider possibilities if the Ferry avenue equipment facility were relocated and that area devoted to recreation. Facilitate enhancements to the sailing program now located at Depot.
146.	I would make at least 3 of the tennis courts into 6 pickleball courts. The current nets can be used as ball stops from one court to another. Maybe keep one as tennis and pickleball, so kids on the south side of US 31 can have access to a court without having to cross the highway. Also, put lighting up on the courts and at the basketball courts. Upgrade all of the tow lifts at Mt. Mcsawba to t-bar lifts.
147.	Make Hayes tennis courts exclusive to tennis. 2 courts there have pickle ball lines which make them useless for tennis
148.	Why not make the pickle all courts at the city courts and reserve shannahan courts for tennis. The pickle all lines are very disconcerting for tennis play and their court size is not as deep as tennis courts. The city courts are tight against the back fence. To use those for pickle all would be no problem as this sport does not need the depth. They would not run into the back fence trying to return a ball. Also, pickle ball is rarely played. Their lines cause trouble when tournament. Play is scheduled at Shanahan. No one want to play tennis and contend with their line in trying to call a ball.
149.	move kickball courts to the city tennis courts and make the township courts tennis only
150.	Move pickle ball to city courts and make township courts tennis only.
151.	The tennis courts are in terrible shape. Most tennis is played at the township park (Shanahan Field) because the courts there are in much better shape. The city courts are used mostly for pickle ball. Tennis and pickle ball should have separate courts.
152.	Connect the bicycle paths Provide safe connectivity between the paths along Bridge St. or parallel to Bridge St.
153.	Restore and maintain the beach on Michigan beach. It is filthy, not maintained, (can you sweep the sand off of the sidewalks and steps?) and a disgrace. Put up effective wind barriers in the winter to retain at least some of the sand, and replace what may be lost each season. Clean and level the sand for a place for people to sit. Level and extend the sand out and along the shoreline for people and children don't have to try to wade out on rocks first. The list goes on..... Scale back on events. Not every weekend needs them. Change the bridge openings to hourly. The traffic back-ups are out of hand and dangerous.
154.	As I said above, I think the infrastructure is there for the parks, I think with the new Leadership from City Hall some changes needed to be made to allow these facilities move forward. I understand people have been dedicated for years, but there hearts are not into it anymore. People hear and talk about what they here. The folks at the ski hill seem to always be complaining about something as far as the city goes and management. They do not put in the extra effort that could really make it awesome. New Blood could be what it needs, and not the younger generation of the same family. As far as the skate park and ball fields the two are way under used, is that because the sports are failing and a new use of that space needs to be considered? Maybe. Will money fix the problems at these locations, No it will not. What it needs is Heart and Love for the activities and the excitement and following will happen naturally.
155.	Any improvements to a given Park should include emphasis on use by families, rather than individuals or a certain age group.

156.	I am very pleased with the parks in general and don't have specific recommendations at this time. Playground equipment is always important for our young families and visitors to our community.
157.	There is nothing I would do to improve things except to make sure that the workers are well compensated.
158.	Bathrooms in all parks need updating.
159.	Enhance and promote bike lanes and safe bike routes. Create leagues and incentives (deals, events, theme days, food trucks, "adult beverages") for use of the municipal golf course.
160.	Nothing
161.	Additional seating at performances. Many cannot see or hear away from the stage. It should have been sloped further back toward the north!
162.	The charge to use the ice rink makes it difficult for the family to go together.
163.	Man the restrooms better try to dissuade abuse.
164.	Update equipment allow for more variety of activities
165.	Improve lodge at my mcsauba
166.	Redo ferry beach. Take out blue dock and replace with sandy waterfront. That dock and rocks are a hazard to the kids. I do not frequent like I used to because of kids climbing and playing on dock and rocks.
167.	Lower the price of the skating rink or include the Mt McSauba season pass to include skating
168.	The park already added by the Charlevoix Public Library is a wonderful addition and perfectly located to encourage more play and gives an incredible option for parents to give children a space to lose a little energy between activities such as the Farmer's Market and story time at the library. I strongly encourage a dog friendly park for the exact same reasoning as well as a safer path around the city for bicyclists.
169.	Better areas for children 10 and under - All year long activities
170.	There are so many that I've never used it don't think I am best to answer that.
171.	Identify them better to the residents of Charlevoix. Some of the parks referenced in previous questions, I've never heard of. I'm 3rd generation Charlevoix resident. :/
172.	Make Michigan beach and McSauba conservancies
173.	Have more Police visible during events.
174.	Better rest room facilities, outdoor shower, more bike pathways
175.	I would like to see bike paths extended from the castle into town.
176.	Be on an organizing committee!?!?
177.	We need a recreation millage tied into the school facilities to maximize both use and efficiency!!!! They should all be community access
178.	The amount of winter events should increase
179.	Grandkids miss the "spin around" that was removed from Michigan Beach
180.	Free use of facilities, including ski hill, by student groups and teams for practices, events, etc. We are all one community.
181.	Proper care and maintenance of facilities
182.	Brochures, signage, or other improved public notification of park availability and uses. There are a lot of public spaces I was not aware are for public usage because they are not labeled or advertised.
183.	Ferry beach is family friendly and michigan beach is more for teens. Better playground equipment would help with that...
184.	A little more toddler friendly
185.	Improve the ball fields so Charlevoix can host playoff games more often.
186.	Would like to see the price not be as high for non city residents to use the facilities (esp the pool since its outside the city), better structure to the swim lesson and. Knowledge of the lifeguards, access to the website and it's programs, hard to navigate at times, more younger kid programs.
187.	Modernize
188.	Have the bathrooms open all year.
189.	Just by keeping the parks updated
190.	More activities possibly
191.	more baseball stuffs
192.	Better equipment
193.	make a park thats dog friendly, improve the skate park
194.	Nothing
195.	more room
196.	Less planned activities.

197.	nothing its good
198.	nothing
199.	I would add some WW2 aspects to the parks.
200.	water grass
201.	idk
202.	Add more areas for families and dogs
203.	Well, because I have a family members at a young age who have trouble with potty training I would prefer it if we could have more restrooms near the parks.
204.	I would provide more activities.
205.	Make more teen related things
206.	Nothing
207.	signs around the city for navigation; this would increase visitors and reduce confusion
208.	I would make more signs or have some brochures available with a map on them available around town, because I am frequently asked by tourists what are good, kid friendly or dog friendly parks and beaches.
209.	trees for hamocking
210.	A DESIGNATED HAMMOCKING AREA
211.	add camping spaces to some of the natural parks
212.	I love to see more events going on! I love seeing the town come together and were such a small town that its nice to be able to see everyone more often.
213.	Just keeping it more clean
214.	Bathroom cleanliness
215.	Better grass to walk on.
216.	Enhanced clean-up on the bathroom facilities (toilet paper, floors, sinks, etc).
217.	Walking and Bike paths
218.	I would add recycling bins as well as clean the parks and bathroom facilities more often.
219.	bathroom cleanliness
220.	Add irrigation and improve landscaping, i.e depot beach
221.	Allow hammocks everywhere
222.	I think a location for stargazing would be nice, as well as places to enjoy activities at night past 8:00 PM.
223.	Help brainstorm ideas
224.	Remove a lot of the weeds and overgrown areas, and make the buildings behind the bridge street buildings little more cleaner/ nicer. More family friendly.
225.	add more of them to the community
226.	I would introduce something old or something new. A diving board of a water slide would go along fine with the water in our beautiful town. Something that residents, and tourist can sink their toes into.
227.	Get new equipment
228.	Work to improve the connections between the parks and green spaces with biking and hiking lanes/trails.
229.	nothing
230.	More community events. It's a small town but the relations between the different ages is bad. We don't communicate with our elders of Charlevoix or even just middle aged adults. We all basically live in our own worlds.
231.	make more space
232.	nothing
233.	Like stated before, adding to the already existing parks to make them even better. Also an ice rink closer to town.
234.	The bathrooms need to be cleaned more regularly along with making them more easy for people to get to. Plus there needs to be things add that when the weather is crappy for people to be able to do other things inside besides going to the movies
235.	I think painting and cleaning the parks up would be good enough.

12.	Kayaking, paddle board, canoe.
13.	As above, the sky is the limit if you could find a way to harness the amazing creativity and experience that's in this town; if it was easy to advertise a class through the city rec dept, I think we'd have wide and wonderful opportunities to learn and create and play.
14.	More basketball/soccer 3v3 programs
15.	Soccer golf at Charlevoix City Course
16.	I would really like the city to take a look at the summer camp at McSauba. I feel it would be helpful to use a focus group to help with program development. I find that the camp hours change from year to year making it difficult to make a summer plan. I have found the camp this year to be more rigid than in years past and focused on ease for the staff as opposed to focused on the children. I also and disappointed in the TBall schedule this year. Again, I feel that if the recreation department reached out to a few parents they would have quickly heard that plan games from 7:30-8:30 at night for 5 year olds were not preferable.
17.	A formal trail and walkway master plan, and a strong effort to implement and build ASAP.
18.	Can't think of anything.
19.	Shuffle board
20.	Much better bike trails -- the Lake-to-Lake is not adequate and Charlevoix is not bike friendly. Also, more nature programs for all ages. Thank you!
21.	More exercise classes.
22.	N/a
23.	Skating lessons, art/crafts sessions
24.	Shuffleboard courts
25.	Yoga; zumba classes; aerobics;
26.	Adult sport classes and events. I have to go to other cities for this. Especially evening or weekend stuff. Not just for retired people.
27.	None.
28.	More pickleball courts and better maintained courts at the Elm St location
29.	all great.
30.	Initiate Freeride program at ski hill. Make sure instructors wear helmets. They are the example. Lids on Kids program.
31.	Music lessons for kids...
32.	geocaching, other ideas that get more youth in the parks
33.	possibly some type of 3on3 pond hockey league in the winter, assuming we have a rink (preferably downtown).
34.	More winter activities in East Park
35.	Dog park. Disc golf. Ice Skating downtown. Bike path.
36.	Better tennis program for kids. Once a week is not a good program for us. A one or two week camp would be much better.
37.	shuffle board, more emphasis on bringing baseball and softball teams back to the Carpenter field that left for East Jordan, swimming lessons at Ferry Beach, weekly art in the park at Ferry or Michigan
38.	I do not feel there is a serious need to expand the recreational offerings at this time. Community gym space would be ideal, but funding is always an issue. Is there an opportunity for the City to acquire the old high school for a community gym? Although there is no space in your survey to provide this information - keep in mind that there are many City taxpayers who are not residents of the City. For example, although we live in Charlevoix Township, we own property in the City, run businesses and work in the City, and pay taxes in the City. Our family and our guests spend more time at the City's parks and recreation facilities than we do at the Township's. Although we do not get to vote in the City, we feel very connected to and invested in the City.
39.	Dog accessible places
40.	yoga
41.	Ice skating downtown. Put a park with basketball courts or something in ugly lot above Oleson's on W Hurlbut
42.	none, we have enough
43.	Improvement on instruction for beginning/young skiers.
44.	Fishing programs
45.	Bring back Shuffleboard!
46.	Na

47.	Kayaking
48.	Programs to get children outside and interacting with nature. It is disheartening to rarely run in to others at the playgrounds/parks during the year.
49.	Bicycling events.
50.	Happy as is :)
51.	I would LOVE to get a dog park here!
52.	spa or yoga facility
53.	Improved playground at Michigan beach
54.	None
55.	Volleyball summer league would be fun.
56.	Yoga
57.	Nothing right now.
58.	Basketball and a gym.
59.	Ice rink diwntown
60.	A dog park is my h needed!
61.	An ice rink would be great and a dog park!
62.	I would like the family ski passes and skating rink charges at McSauba lowered so more families could afford winter sports.
63.	Have dancing events.
64.	I would like to see flexibility type adult "playground equipment" for upper body, etc. Maybe in the Michigan Beach overlook trail area or at McSauba.
65.	No additional programs
66.	Rowing facilities
67.	Beach Volleyball and Adult Tennis leagues
68.	Group golf lessons-for adults Bring back the Men's golf league
69.	<p>Fisherman's Island is a great park, and has a great walking path. But, Charlevoix is missing mountain biking/Cross Country Ski paths. Not in the city, but close by. If you look at towns like Bellaire, Marquette, or even remote towns like Copper Harbor, they have great mountain biking and Cross Country Ski trails. I realize this may be a smaller segment of the population, but "if you build it, they will come". Mountain Bikers ride for 2-3 hours, then they head downtown for some food and some craft beer. It's an investment. We don't have room in our current park system for Mountain Biking. Groomed Cross country skiing is only at Mt McSauba, and is so short, it's not worth the trip. I think Charlevoix should approach Dunmaglas ownership and see if it would be possible to build a mountain biking/Cross Country Ski trail around (but not interfering) that area. I have biked in Marquette and the course goes by a championship golf course, with no issues (that I know of). That area would offer the best place to make a trail in the area, and if done right, would bring people to the area.</p> <p>We need to copy the recreation and direction of both up and coming towns (Bellaire), and College towns. The recreation does not have to in the City, it just has to be offered a short drive away. Marquette is a great example. They have great hiking, biking, and cross country skiing in the area. That's what active, 20-60 year old people like to do. That is who we want to attract to town to live, have kids, and play here. 1 Big Tennis court at the township is enough. Use the current dilapitated court for Pickleball. Tennis is a sport that was once wildly popular, but not popular any more. We don't need more baseball, or soccer, or even basketball courts. What we have is enough. We need more variety. I play tennis, and there is never a line-up waiting to play at the township court. We need to combine resources between City and Township to offer many things in both area's, and not over-lap effort or facilities.</p> <p>I would love to help out with any effort to bring these things to town. I have offered many times, have run golf tournaments and donated 2 bike racks to downtown. And it was the biggest pain in the butt I have ever experienced. We just wanted to make some cool looking bike racks that would say "We Welcome Bikers". That's it. And it turned in to an arguing city council that said the rack I ended up having to design myself was either too artistic, or not artistic enough. Then a design committee gets together and choses the most mundane, plane bike rack possible for the next one. Now we are done putting in effort to build another plane bike rack for the city. That's been Charlevoix for the last 20 years. And that's exactly why we are watching towns like Boyne City and Bellaire pass us by as better places for young people to live. Jeffery Porter mentality. Jeffery Porter results.</p>
70.	A free or small cost yoga program on the beach or in the park. A decent gym! Pickle ball courts.
71.	Downtown ice skating
72.	And ice skating rink in East Park FOR SURE!!!! I think it would be really lovely and it would bring locals downtown which

	could improve business during the slow months.
73.	More AFFORDABLE small boat dockage!!!!
74.	Can't really think of one. Connect or enhance the bike trail to bring it downtown. I love the idea of more bike lanes, trails, and making all of the town area more walkable.
75.	In Incline Village, NV they have a walking path with a work out circuit. Each stop is labeled with a workout for three levels of difficulty. When you complete your walk, you've completed the circuit. It's open to all, pets alike.
76.	Again, we already have a great variety of opportunities here. Things like the disc golf course at McSauba draw a younger demographic than I have traditional seen utilizing that property, for example. It's great to see them out enjoying nature and community, while participating in an activity that they find fun. We should continue to explore other, similar activities that will draw a variety of visitors and residents out to our parks.
77.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a program for Open Water Swimming. The lake is perfect for world-class training and competition. From Ferry beach to Boyne city can reach 25 km (one of the official distances for open water swim). 2. Make the Cranberry Cup part of the city calendar. Cranberry Cup is a sailing competition of J/22's on Thanksgiving weekend on Round Lake. 3. Bike paths between Charlevoix and Traverse City, Charlevoix and East Jordan, Charlevoix and Boyne City 4. Create a long-distance triathlon race (Ironman) in Charlevoix, and enabling the sport in the Charlevoix Public School System.
78.	Real Pickleball courts.
79.	We love Charlevoix because so much is already available. About the only thing I can think of would be temporary boat slips if you want to come into town (by boat) for dinner, etc.
80.	Youth hockey on new rink
81.	Electric bikes are the new upcoming thing. It would be fun to get more people out on the trail with ebikes or a public bike use option.
82.	<p>Community kids yoga</p> <p>More kids exercise events</p> <p>Disc golf and hiking and fishing events</p>
83.	Disc golf. Public art display?
84.	dog park!!!
85.	Just visiting for 10 days or so - not likely to participate. Glad to see you are trying to improve recreational opportunities in town. Dream big.... City owned Recreation Center?
86.	There is so much to do in Charlevoix- I never have enough time to do and see everything there is to do and see!
87.	Nothing
88.	Shuffleboard courts
89.	Sailing lessons for seniors!
90.	Bring back shuffle board to East Park!
91.	no new recreation program unless there is widespread community support. Here's the deal...If charlevoix wants to attract business and young familys to support the bond issues we face we must recognize our assets. Recreational opportunities abound in this community...we should neither limit nor encourage new programs...what we should do is support the ones we have and prepare for future requirements.This means not limiting our choices in the Mt mcsauba recreational area.I would add that it is apparent to me that the street dept is over budgeted and i could save the community thousands by eliminating a few costly programs to help the recreation dept. Here are a few suggestions... Stop city plowing of sidewalks on antrim street to the hospital. what is the reason for this ? no one walks to the hospital in the winter. the city also plows the side walks on michigan ave no one even lives there in the winter. There's no coordination of street sweeping ,leaf vacuuming or branch grinding.....its a mess that goes on non stop...you don't have to organize the community you need to organize the dept. same goes with all these letters that zoning admin is sending out...you limit when people can put stuff on the curb you also limit what people can recycle so the next time that waste contract comes up you can bet american waste is going to pile on the demands for more money..no where in the nuisance ordinance does it address the timeliness of household waste at the curb and I am sure the reason that we offer it is to keep yards clean. So here it is...The people in this community see city govt. waste daily and we see city administration trying to make our little town a suburban delight with all the nice amenities that when taken as a whole deviate from what we should be...and that is a community with a future...one with young vibrant growing families and jobs...and if you people would stop wasting money on cutesy stupid improvements like the intersection of clinton and park ..maybe we could get some jobs and affordable housing and young familys. That is all
92.	Hockey

93.	Swim lessons at the beach in the summer. Seems strange to have all this beautiful water & beaches but no one teaching people how to use it (although the sailing program is really nice that 4H does).
94.	Special olympics sports.
95.	Yoga, tai chi classes
96.	What we have is great now.
97.	I would like to see Charlevoix establish a community sailing program that would provide and maintain a small fleet of sailboats for use by the general public. There are many people that cannot afford to own a sailboat or are not in town long enough to warrant owning a boat, but who would gladly pay a reasonable fee to be able to sail during their summer vacation. A community sailing club could also provide lessons for children and adults and introduce sailing to those in the community who do not have access to a boat.
98.	Maybe more snow shoeing activities and more grooming on the cross country trails.
99.	None that I can think of
100.	NONE Carefully assess and cull the ones you have.
101.	None, We need to rebuild what we have now before considering adding more programs and spreading current employees thinner over more areas.
102.	Coordination of group trips to Local/State/National Parks. Also, group trips to local/college/professional athletic events.
103.	NA
104.	Would love to see a skate rink in East Park. More activities to bring people into town in the winter.
105.	I'd like to see more city sponsored leagues such as adult co-ed softball, tennis or golf. Also maybe a kayak rental station at one of the beaches. A dog park too :)
106.	Ice rink and shuffleboard downtown.
107.	Shuffleboard. Miss them in East Park.
108.	Things for younger children
109.	?
110.	A community space where exercise classes, dance lessons or performances, and teen dances can be held.
111.	I can't think of anything at this time.
112.	Clubs/organized groups...walking- running Or ultimate frisbee league.
113.	Ice skating downtown I remember ice skating in the lawn area off if May street by the old high school. It was free, it had a spot to get warm and it was safe
114.	More "week long" recreational opportunities for kids ... 1/2 day canoe camp, wake boarding, paddle boarding, learning about the woods(insects, animals, plants), pickle board, tennis, etc. (4-h sailing is great!)
115.	None. I think what we have is sufficient for the size of our community.
116.	Kids and adult programming in the parks
117.	A dog park for training and exercising of our pets.
118.	Rollerblading, horseback riding, bike tours, beer tours,
119.	Music and art
120.	None. Be good at what we have instead of mediocre at more.
121.	Day camp for younger kids and school age kids, hunting/fishing/ nature programs
122.	More female organized city sports
123.	Jet skii and paddle board rental
124.	more food place
125.	all kinds of sports and a dos park
126.	dog park
127.	Ice Rink
128.	basketball courts
129.	Parks better linked by paths.
130.	fun things
131.	nothing
132.	Tank driving lessons using a M4 sherman.
133.	public mowing
134.	idk

135.	More open softball groups
136.	At this point, I would like to see more areas to do sports. Soccer fields are too far from downtown, so it makes for a rather long walking distance in cleats.
137.	None
138.	a dog park and downtown ice rink
139.	I would like to see an outdoor theater.
140.	more festivals for locals
141.	COMPETITIVE SLEEPING
142.	I would like to see a soccer field maybe a small one or something closer to the town.
143.	n/a
144.	mens vollyball
145.	I'm not sure.
146.	An indoor turf field for off season practice/games. Many students at CMS/HS would enjoy being able to play outdoor sports during the winter when some fields and courts aren't available.
147.	None
148.	I would like to get group of kids together to help improve these areas.
149.	intramural sports
150.	None
151.	More camping locations
152.	A rollerskating rink might be nice, as well as local stargazing opportunities.
153.	Something water themed would be pretty cool and winter like snowmobiling or water park.
154.	dark forest for star gazing
155.	I think that we should have more adult sporting teams that can put more use to our recreational facilities.
156.	Coordination with the public schools to fully utilize current and future facilities for recreation programs.
157.	shooting clubs
158.	More water related sports. Kayaking, canoeing, swimming, etc.
159.	more golf
160.	I would like to see some things opened up that people are able to go to when the weather is crappy outside.
161.	Ice rink in the park downtown but not so expensive families can't afford it. I would like to see more open gyms for families in the area like the gym the college in petoskey offers.