



City of Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan

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Introduction

The City of Charlevoix has developed this Recreation Master Plan to serve as a guide to future decision making regarding recreation facilities improvements, and development of new recreation opportunities. Therefore, this document is the basis for policy implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests for the City of Charlevoix and its constituents. The Charlevoix Recreation Advisory Board has been fundamental in providing information about the community and guidance for the direction of the recreation plan throughout the planning process.

Before any Recreation Master Plan is adopted and enacted it is critical to have an understanding of the needs of the residents, the recreation opportunities that are already available, the demographic characteristics of an area, and the programs, projects, and facilities that are best suited to the community. This information is all based on public input and careful consideration of the input and suggestions from City residents, City officials, and other community stakeholders. Community input was a critical component to this plan, and all of the voices in the City have united to develop a Recreation plan with the overall goal of enhancing the quality of life for the community members and visitors of the City of Charlevoix.

The foundation for the development of the City of Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community throughout the process of updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Identify and map existing City owned/operated recreation facilities.
- Build common ground among the City of Charlevoix residents and stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs, and priorities of the City.
- Enable the City to be eligible for financial assistance based on the Recreation Plan
- Support the implementation of improvements for barrier-free access to City parks and recreational sites.

Overall, the City of Charlevoix officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within the City. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals in consideration to parks and recreation acquisition and improvement projects. 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 (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary for the City of Charlevoix to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Recreation Plan is written for the City of Charlevoix and covers all aspects of recreation within the community over a five-year period from 2017 through the end of 2021.



Community Description

Location

The City of Charlevoix is the County seat of Charlevoix County, and is located on the northwestern coast of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. The City is bordered both to the north and south by Charlevoix Township, to the west by the waters of Lake Michigan, and to the east by Lake Charlevoix. Round Lake and the Pine River Channel, which flow between Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix through Round Lake, bisect the City. The location of the City can be found on Map 1, below

The City of Charlevoix is not directly accessible from the interstate highway system; however, U.S. I-75 is approximately 40 miles east of the City, and provides access to the urbanized areas of southeast Michigan. U.S. 131 is easily accessible from Charlevoix and is a major link to Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and other urbanized areas of western Michigan. U.S. 31, state highway M-66, and M-32 together provide access to Charlevoix; these state highways also offer easy access to northwest and north central Michigan.

Map 1 - Location



City Character and Land Use

The Central Business District in downtown Charlevoix is considered the economic and social focal point of the area. This district includes several parks, highlighted by East Park, which is considered by many to be the most important park facility in the City. This is due to the marina and numerous events held there. Commercial and office space, outside of the Central Business District, is primarily located adjacent to US 31, which bisects the City to the north and south. The Ance Industrial Park, on the north side of the City, is identified as a prime location for future manufacturing, technology and light industrial businesses.

The majority of the City's lands are used for residential purposes, including a mix of single family, resort single family, and multiple family dwellings in the form of condominiums and apartment buildings. Residential neighborhoods are dominant and largely built out. In the coming years, the City's development trends will most likely be concentrated in redevelopment of existing properties

The City of Charlevoix is typical of many Northern Michigan communities where there is a large resort population and significant numbers of transient tourists. Consequently, the real user population for the City's recreational lands and facilities is far greater than the City's permanent population. In addition to the seasonal users, the surrounding townships also use City lands and facilities. This fact also gives a dual purpose to the City's recreational lands and facilities. While providing for the demand for recreation spaces, they also bolster the City economically. This is particularly true of Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix public beaches, along with the municipal marina facilities.

Transportation

The City of Charlevoix includes transportation options not typically available for a City of its size. The City owns and operates a regional municipal airport, a marina, busses operated by the Charlevoix County Transit Authority. Additionally, Amtrak connects Charlevoix to large metropolitan cities. The City's proximity to numerous navigable waterways provides opportunity for vessels of varying sizes to access Charlevoix and the surrounding area. Transportation within the City also includes exclusive services to and from Beaver Island. Charlevoix's municipal airport serves as a base for two, year round commercial flight services to the island. Downtown Charlevoix is also home to a commercial ferry service which provides seasonal daily trips to Beaver Island.



Demographics

Population

According to the Census Bureau's 2010 estimate, the City of Charlevoix had a population of 2,513, a 16.1% decrease since 2000, which could be attributed to the economic downturn and closing of several local companies. However, in 2014, the Census Bureau estimates the population in the City to be 2,540. In contrast, nearby townships experienced growth rather than decline in the same time period. This trend is potentially due to the draw of rural living and lower annual property taxes. The decrease in the City's population indicates Charlevoix has the capacity to handle a population much greater than that which exists today. While this is not an area Recreation Plan, many residents in Charlevoix Township use the City parks. Therefore, the combined population of both the City and Township is 4,158. These populations, combined with the seasonal users, create a dramatic difference in park usage.

Table 1 below, provides other significant 2014 ACS and 2010 Census data for the City, Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, and the State. Of these four jurisdictions, the City's percentage of population 65 and older is the largest at 23.6%. Conversely, the City has the smallest population of residents younger than 19. It is important to remember that these numbers only pertain to City residents, not the seasonal population, therefore these percentages are not representative of the population throughout the year, just of the year-long residents. It will be important to cater to both full-time residents and seasonal visitors as well, when looking to the future of recreation planning. According to estimates, the City's population experiences nearly a three-fold increase in the summer months. The ever-changing population can have a significant impact on the demand for recreational services and infrastructure.

Other important demographic characteristics to consider include residents with disabilities, median age, renter occupied housing, and seasonal housing. Of the four jurisdictions, the City has the largest population of civilian non-institutionalized individuals with a disability at 22.4%. The median age in the City is 48.1 years. Of the four jurisdictions, the City has the oldest median age, which corresponds to the large population of individuals over 65 mentioned above. Finally, housing is an important factor to consider. Of the occupied housing units in the City, 46.5% are renter occupied. Of the four jurisdictions, the City has the largest amount of renters, almost two times as many renters than the second highest rental market, the State. Another measurement to consider is the seasonal housing stock. The Census measures occupied and vacant units, and of the vacant units are 82.5% are seasonal homes. Of the four jurisdictions, the City also has the largest percentage of seasonal homes, with the County having 81%. More demographic information can be found in Appendix A.

Table 1 – Select Demographics

Select Census Data for Charlevoix, Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, and Michigan				
	Charlevoix	Charlevoix Township	Charlevoix County	Michigan
Population- 2010 Census	2,513	1,645	25,949	9,883,640
Population- 2014 estimate	2,540	-	26,238	9,922,576
% of Population 65 & older	23.6%	22.9%	18.6%	13.8%
% of Population under 19	19.7%	23.6%	24.0%	26.8%
% of Civilian non-institutionalized population with a disability	22.4%	13.3%	15.2%	13.9%
Median Age	48.1	47.5	45.5	38.9
% with a Bachelor's Degree or higher	37.9%	34.9%	21.0%	25.7%
Median Household Income	\$32,868	\$49,000	\$46,709	\$47,175
Per Capita Income	\$29,427	\$27,328	\$27,231	\$24,997
Average Household Size	1.94	2.34	2.36	2.49
Median Housing Value	\$165,900	\$166,100	\$149,700	\$119,200
Renter-occupied housing as % of total Occupied Units	46.5%	8.1%	18.6%	27.3%
Seasonal Housing as % of total vacant housing units	82.5%	74.9%	81.0%	39.9%
Data from the 2014 ACS and the 2010 Decennial Census				

Based upon the analysis of demographic and social characteristics above, there are 5 specific population groups who have distinct needs for recreational facilities and programs. However, before each specific population is explained, it is important to consider the median household income in Charlevoix. Of the four jurisdictions, the City has the smallest median income. Individuals and families with smaller incomes have less discretionary and disposable spending money, meaning they have an even smaller percent of money to spend on recreation. Therefore, it is important that the residents have good quality public recreation options close to home, because there is a smaller chance that these individuals will be able to seek out more expensive options further from home.

The five populations to consider are as follows:

Youth – The younger population makes up just under 20% of the population in the City of Charlevoix. However, this number is not representative of the youth population in the summer. Many of the seasonal residents are families who bring their children. This would create a much more intense need of youth recreation activities in the high season. It is also important to note that these two populations have somewhat different recreation needs. While the seasonal residents need recreation amenities in the summertime, permanent youths will need year-round activities, amenities, and programs. Youth populations benefit from recreational options and organized or unorganized athletic activities, providing them with opportunities for exercise, community engagement, and education.

Senior Citizens – The senior citizen population in Charlevoix represents almost a quarter of the population. This is only representative of the permanent residents; this group of individuals is another that will exponentially increase in the high season. Seniors have different needs in recreation facilities than other age groups, (for example, pathways vs playgrounds), and those on fixed incomes may need low-cost recreational opportunities.

Population with a disability – The population with a disability makes up 22% of the population in the City. Disabled populations are often the most unheard voice, and are also most reliant upon government to advocate for their needs. These individuals need park facilities that are accessible to their needs and the City will need to work to provide equal access recreation opportunities.

Residents in multi-family housing, apartments, and renters in general - Residents in high-density housing or multi-family housing have a greater need for open space and recreational facilities compared to those in single-family households because they often do not have large yards or open areas of their own. Almost half of the population in the City of Charlevoix rents property, therefore they will need access to high quality recreation.

Seasonal population – Of all of the vacant housing units in the City, 82.5% are categorized as seasonal housing. This means that over 80% of vacant housing in the City, are second homes. Often seasonal visitors are families and bring in 3 or more individuals to the City. Additionally, the majority of individuals have second homes in Charlevoix because of the beauty of the area and the existing recreation options. Because these people are such a strong economic driver for both the City and the region, it is important that the recreation facilities remain up to the standards they have come to expect.

Parks have the ability to create a multigenerational link between individuals in these four groups, and across all demographic groups. They provide gathering places, make exercise opportunities available, promote civic participation, and improve the quality of life in an area.



Natural Features Inventory

Environment

The City of Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan incorporates the environment as a valued resource that should be protected and enhanced by recreational opportunities and programs.

Climate

On any given day, Charlevoix is highly susceptible to quick, sudden changes in the weather. The City's proximity to Lake Michigan sets it and other coastal cities apart from inland communities. The lake keeps the area warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer, with less rainfall than locations further in-land. Like many communities with an economy based on tourism and recreation, climate can be both a boon and bust. During the summer, weather can influence the number of tourists or seasonal property owners visiting Charlevoix, and in the winter the amount and duration of snow can impact the operation of local ski hills and resorts.

Water

Charlevoix has a unique connection with its surrounding water bodies. The lakes and the channel help make up much of Charlevoix's character, and influence the City far beyond aesthetic value. Great care must be taken to ensure the quality, availability, and beauty of this valued resource is enhanced by our parks, recreational opportunities, and programs. This philosophy has already influenced the design of community investments such as the Charlevoix City Marina, which is certified as a "Clean Marina," awarded by the Michigan Sea Grant with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. In addition, the redevelopment of East Park was designed to respect the qualities of Round Lake. Consequently, the impact on water quality by these two projects was carefully considered and greatly reduced.

Fishing is an important recreational activity providing an economic boost with the local fishing tournaments and launch fees from fishing boats. A parcel of land next to the US Coast Guard Station (Coast Guard Park), which has yet to be developed with a dock, was purchased by the City with the intent of creating fishing opportunities for youth. Recreational fishing opportunities are enhanced with good water quality and habitat, which is another reason to protect water resources.

Shores and Shorelines

Generally, area soils are sandy loam and present slight limitations to development. The potential instability of disturbed slopes reinforces the importance of employing soil erosion and slope stabilization techniques into the design of any waterfront recreation features. The trend of beach grooming has also played a part in altering native wildlife habitats and planting exotic vegetation has helped spread invasive plant species, including purple loosestrife and phragmites. This is less of an issue in the City with the well-established beaches on Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix.

Sand Dunes

The size and scale of the sand dunes on Lake Michigan adjacent to Mt. McSauba span over a mile of shoreline. Given their unique qualities and community value, recreational activities must not destroy or adversely affect them. These areas are highly valued by both private property owners and the general public for recreation and scenic beauty. Although these dunes are partially located in Charlevoix Township, the City should nevertheless be concerned with their long term protection and preservation.

Specifically, activities such as the new disc golf course and hiking at Mt. McSauba should not alter the balance of the sand dunes and associated native vegetation.

Trees and Woodlands

Most forests have disappeared from the City of Charlevoix during more than a century of development. The most heavily forested areas currently include Chicago Club's Old Island, the Michigan Beach Park on the north side of Park Street and the Belvedere Club's private recreation area. Mt. McSauba retains a number of areas of forest that significantly contributes to the natural quality of this park facility.

Map 2 further illustrates the wooded land located both, within the City of Charlevoix and the surrounding Township. While studying parks and recreation it is worthwhile to have an understanding of the natural areas in a community. This map highlights areas that may need to be protected or conserved, especially in a city like Charlevoix where space is at a premium because of the location. It will be important to consider these areas when guiding development in the future. There are three types of forests that are highlighted in this map:

1. Deciduous Forests are dominated by trees which shed foliage in response to seasonal change
2. Evergreen Forests are dominated by trees that maintain their leaves all year
3. Mixed Forest which are areas where neither deciduous nor evergreen green trees dominated one over the other in the landscape.

The majority of the natural areas on this map are already natural protected lands or are private clubs. But those that are not, will be important to keep in mind in the future.

Due to the importance of urban forestry, Charlevoix has established a Shade Tree Commission, as well as an Adopt-a-Tree program, to protect and to help replace trees when they need to be taken down, or when they are lost to disease or storms. While trees are important community assets, it is also recognized that infrastructure maintenance and public safety requires trimming, pruning, and in some instances tree removal. The Shade Tree Commission has two volunteer Landscape Architects who provide professional advice on choice of species and maintenance following National Arborist Association Standards. In addition, the City has been a member of the Tree City USA program for the over 20 years. This national program provides local education, financial assistance, and many other benefits for our urban forestry program. The Shade Tree Commission should play an integral role in the proper pruning and removal of dead trees, specifically at Mt. McSauba and Michigan Beach Park.

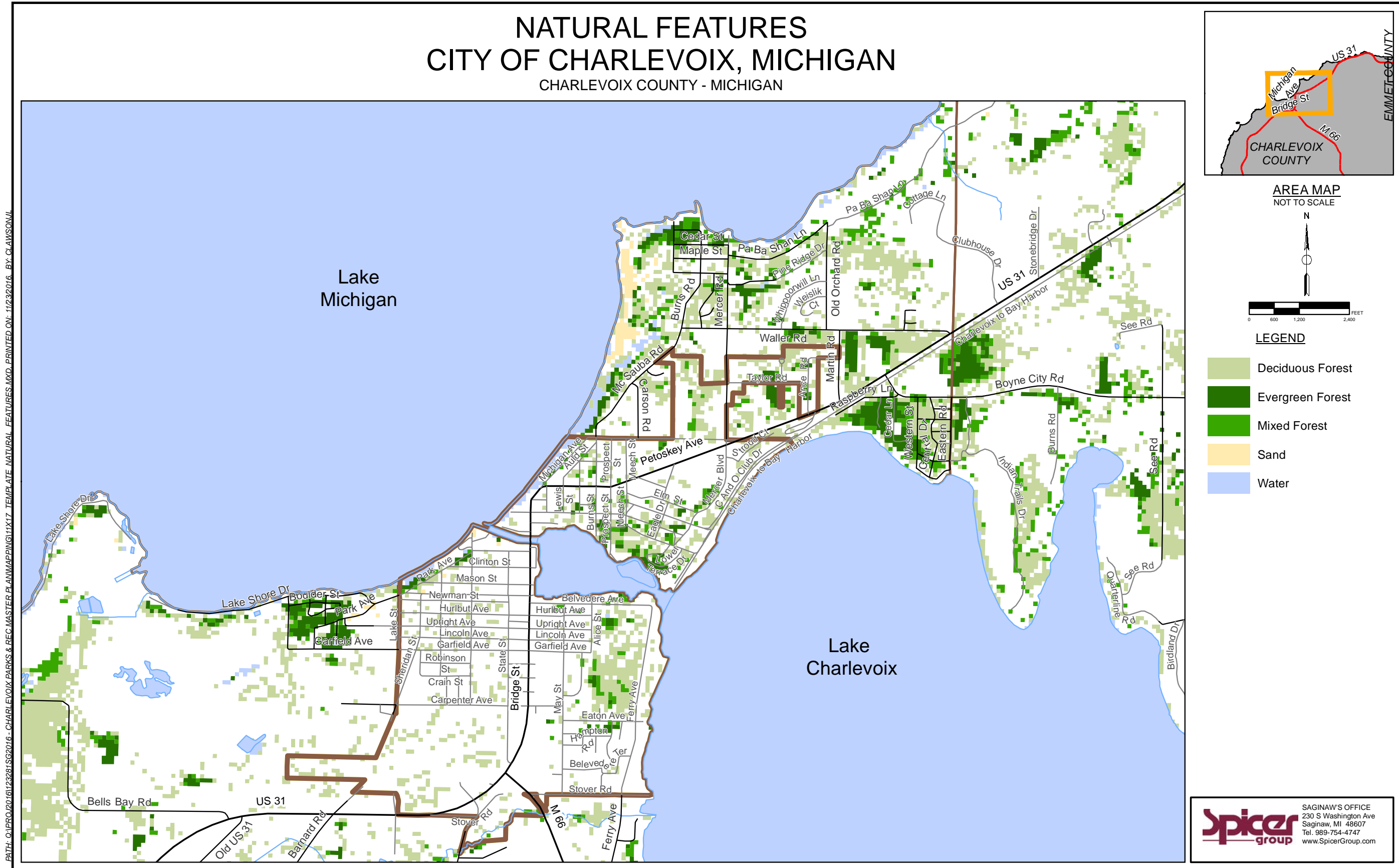


Map 2 – Natural Features

NATURAL FEATURES

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - MICHIGAN



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Administrative Structure

City Council

The City of Charlevoix is governed by a seven-member City Council, which is comprised of a mayor, and six council members elected by a ward system. Charlevoix has a Council-Manager form of government. Each of the officials is elected to serve two-year terms. The role of the Council is to develop legislative policies which include the adoption of all planning documents and the establishment of the yearly fiscal budget. In regards to parks and recreation, the City Council approves all park planning documents, policies, and financial budgets.

City Staff and Organization

The Administration of the City's operations is the responsibility of the City Manager, a contracted employee in charge of implementing the council's legislative policies through day-to-day operations. The City has roughly 48 fulltime employees involved in its daily operations, which include all public services, parks and recreation, finance, planning and zoning, and public safety. An additional number of part-time and seasonal employees are hired throughout the year, though mainly in the summer months.

The majority of these seasonal employees work for the Recreation and Street departments, as well as the Municipal Marina and Golf Course.

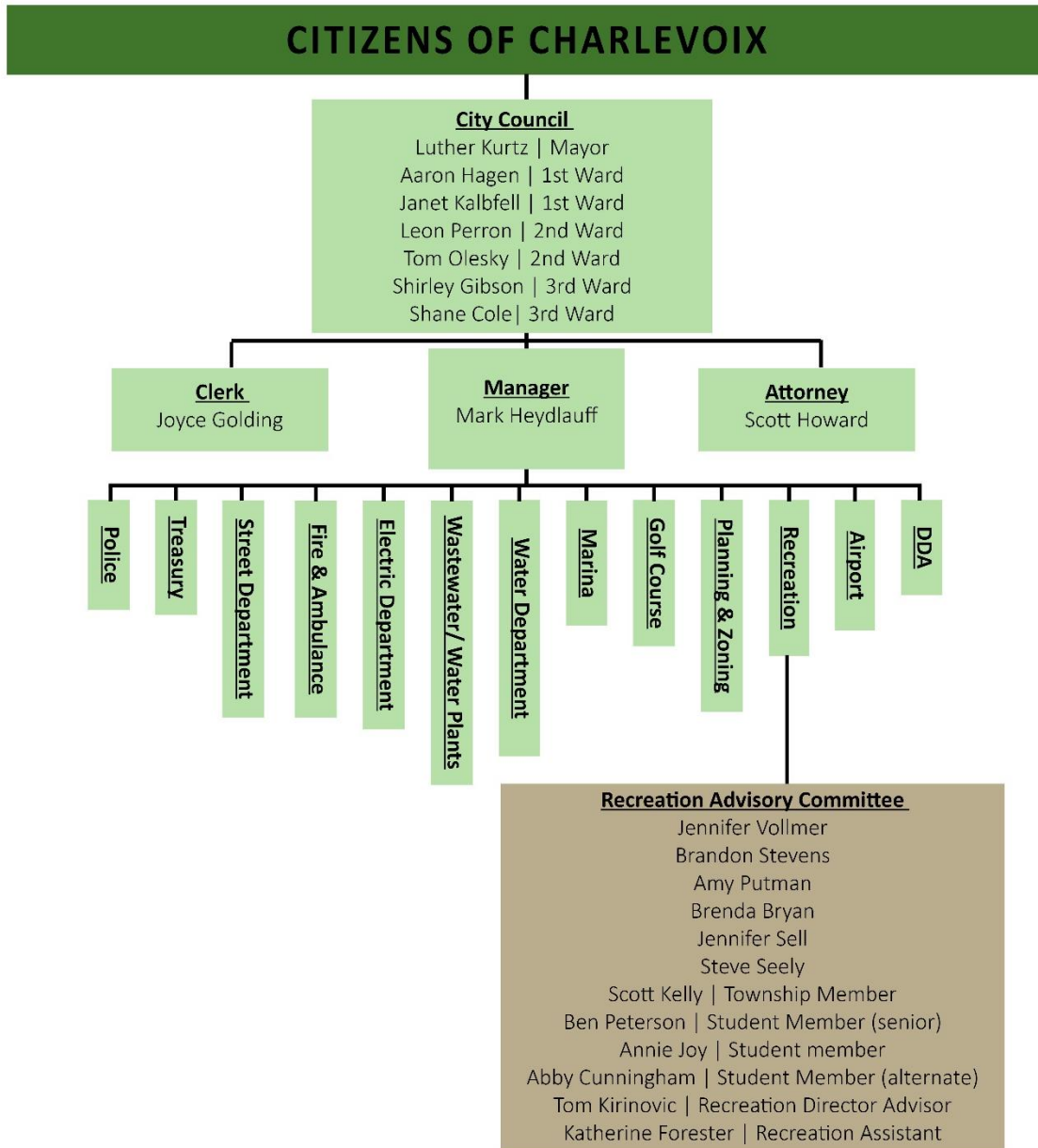
The Recreation Department works collaboratively with the DPW to ensure the success of our parks system. The DPW is responsible for necessary improvements and maintenance to area parks which includes provides year-round maintenance, such as mowing, repairs to facilities, and cleaning. The security and safety of the parks and recreation facilities is provided by the Charlevoix City Police and Fire Departments. The Recreation Department has good relationships with the Charlevoix Golf Club, Community Skate Park, and Marina. Each of these entities has their own directors; however, staff works together to provide exceptional parks and recreation opportunities.

The Recreation Director oversees all City recreational facilities, including operating all activities at Mt. McSauba and Camp McSauba, the Carpenter Avenue Ball fields, the Charlevoix Community Skate Park, all Volleyball, Softball, and Basketball Leagues, Flag Football, and the City's three main beaches. Additionally, the Parks Department facilitates the programs at its various locations, including recreation leagues, ski and snowboard lessons, and Camp McSauba day camp. The Recreation Department utilizes a Recreation Advisory Board to discuss parks and recreation issues and act as a sounding board. This is an extremely beneficial relationship for staff and the community.

The diagram on the following page depicts the administrative organizational structure in the City of Charlevoix.



Figure 1 - Administrative Structure



Funding and Budgets

Funding sources for these facilities come from a variety of sources including the general fund, participant fees, rentals, general donations, and grant funding. Table 2 below, highlights the 2016 and 2017 Recreation Budget. The fees are set on an annual basis by City Council.

Table 2 – 2016 – 2017 Recreation Budget

	2016	2017
Operations & Maintenance	\$543,322	\$402,100
Programming	\$480,092	\$745,900
Capital Expenditures	\$125,112	\$63,525
Total	1,148,526	1,211,525

Collaboration

The Charlevoix recreation department has extensive collaboration with the local sports leagues, schools, clubs, community groups. The following list highlights these ongoing relationships:

- Charlevoix Youth Soccer
- Charlevoix Little League
- Charlevoix Mariners
- Charlevoix Tennis
- Charlevoix Public Schools
- Charlevoix Athletic Programs
- Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital
- Rotary Club
- Elks Club
- Zonta
- Charlevoix Street Legends
- Lions Club
- Charlevoix Venetian Festival
- Charlevoix Community Pool
- Charlevoix Skate Park
- Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce
- Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau

Programming and Volunteers

The Charlevoix Recreation Department also has an extensive list of recreation programming they make available to the local community members. The programs range from sports leagues for all ages to summer camp and kids week. Overall the City has more than 1,050 participants who are involved in the recreation programs each year. The following chart is programming data:

Table 3 – Recreation Programming Information

Programs	Ages	Participants
3 vs. 3 Soccer Tournament Venetian Games 2016		37
3 on 3 Basketball Venetian Games 2016		71
Boys and Girls T-Ball Summer 2016	5 - 7	64
Camp McSauba Week 1: Challenge Week	5 - 13	39
Camp McSauba Week 2: McSauba Amazing Race	5 - 13	43
Camp McSauba Week 3: Happy Bday USA!	5 - 13	29
Camp McSauba Week 4: Mad Scientist Week	5 - 13	40
Camp McSauba Week 5: Hawaiian Hullabaloo	5 - 13	47
Camp McSauba Week 6: Mt. McSauba Summer Games	5 - 13	51
Camp McSauba Week 7: Holiday Extravaganza	5 - 13	34
Camp McSauba Week 8: Carnival Week	5 - 13	45
Camp McSauba Week 9: Crazy Splash Week	5 - 13	67
Charlevoix Little League Softball/Baseball	6 - 17	216
Flag Football		36
Junior Tennis Lesion Session 1	6 - 13	15
Junior Tennis Lesion Session 2	6 - 13	12
Mt. McSauba Winter Lesson Session 1	4 - 17	127
Mt. McSauba Winter Lesson Session 1	4 - 17	62
Northern Kids Club Week 1	5 - 13	4
Northern Kids Club Week 2	5 - 13	5
Northern Kids Club Week 3	5 - 13	3
Northern Kids Club Week 4	5 - 13	3
Northern Kids Club Week 5	5 - 13	3
Northern Kids Club Week 6	5 - 13	9
Northern Kids Club Week 7	5 - 13	3

The City does not have any regular volunteers or volunteer programs. However, there are several individuals who are counselors in training. These positions are reserved for youth under the age of 18, who then want to become camp counselors once they are legally adults. They report directly to the Camp Director.

Recreation Inventory

The following section is an inventory of park amenities and facilities, it includes the City of Charlevoix and the surrounding areas. This list was updated by the Planning Consultant and verified by City staff. It includes thorough descriptions facilities, park classifications, and ADA accessibility ratings. Table 4, at the end of this section, summarizes these facilities in tabular form. In addition Table 5 in the accessibility section explains the accessibility ratings.

City of Charlevoix Parks and Recreation Inventory

The City of Charlevoix owns more than 125 acres of park and recreation land. This acreage is comprised of the Charlevoix Golf Club, numerous walking trails, and a wide array of parks. The City's parks include special use parks, (Carpenter Avenue Ball Fields, Elm Street Tennis courts, City Skate Park, and Mt. McSauba), parks with public beaches, (Depot Beach Park, Coast Guard Park, Ferry Beach Park, and Michigan Beach Park), and community/mini neighborhood parks, (Bridge Park, East Park, Veterans Park, Hoffmann Park, Water Tower Park, and West Dixon Park). At the end of this chapter Map 3 references all of the City parks.

Mt. McSauba Recreation Area

Acreage: 59

Park Type: Sports Complex/ Natural Resources Area

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Mt. McSauba is a 59-acre multi-season park owned by the City, but located within Charlevoix Township, north of the City limits. The park is characterized by Mt. McSauba, the highest geographic point near the City. The park has extensive beach frontage on Lake Michigan, which is accessible from many points throughout the park.

The park has a two-story lodge, used during both the summer and winter. In the wintertime, Mt. McSauba is a focal point for recreational activities, including downhill skiing, cross country skiing on trails along the base of the hill, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and ice skating. Many families and youth groups from all over northern Michigan come to Mt. McSauba for winter activities due to the location, quality facilities, friendly staff, and lower prices on lift tickets, rentals, and lessons.



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The City's Recreation Department operates a very successful day camp, Camp McSauba, for children during the summer months. Camp McSauba offers a variety of activities and classes for youth ages five to thirteen.

The trail system at Mt. McSauba is extensively used for hiking, particularly in the warmer months and some biking. The park is also home to an 18-hole disc golf course.

Mt. McSauba is not only a park, but many also consider it a natural area along with the adjacent North Point Preserve in Charlevoix Township. Environmental considerations should be made with any new activity or associated construction to ensure minimal impacts to the dunes, vegetation, wildlife, and forest.

The Charlevoix Golf Club

Acreage: 62

Park Type: Special use

Accessibility Rating: 3 - Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

The City's nine-hole, par thirty-six golf course sits in the northern part of the City, divided by US-31 and Division Street. This is one of the oldest municipally owned courses in Michigan. Its prime location at the City's northern gateway, as well as its gentle, sloping terrain, full growth trees and walkability make it one of the City's prized assets.

John P. Wilson, a prominent Chicago attorney who joined the Chicago Club in 1883, and Edward C. Waller, also of Chicago, founded the Charlevoix Golf Club in 1896. The course, was re-designed by renowned golf course architect Willie Watson. The course is identified as one of the earliest regulation golf courses in the United States.

The original course was designed as nine holes, located west of Mercer Boulevard. Total yardage was 2,645 yards. In 1899, a brochure was published by the Pere Marquette Railroad advertising two golf tournaments to be played in July and August. It describes the golf course as "for the most part level with sandy soil, topped with light sod, and comparatively free from difficulty for the average player." In January 1900, over 100 acres of additional land was purchased by members of the Chicago Club, and by 1903 the golf course became 18 holes. A new watering system was added in September 1908 to make it the finest and most beautiful course in this part of the country.

On April 14, 1937 the Chicago Club turned their golf course over to the City of Charlevoix for the sum of one dollar. The City has successfully maintained and operated it as a public nine-hole course ever since.

Over the years the course has played host to such legends as Walter Hagen, Tommy

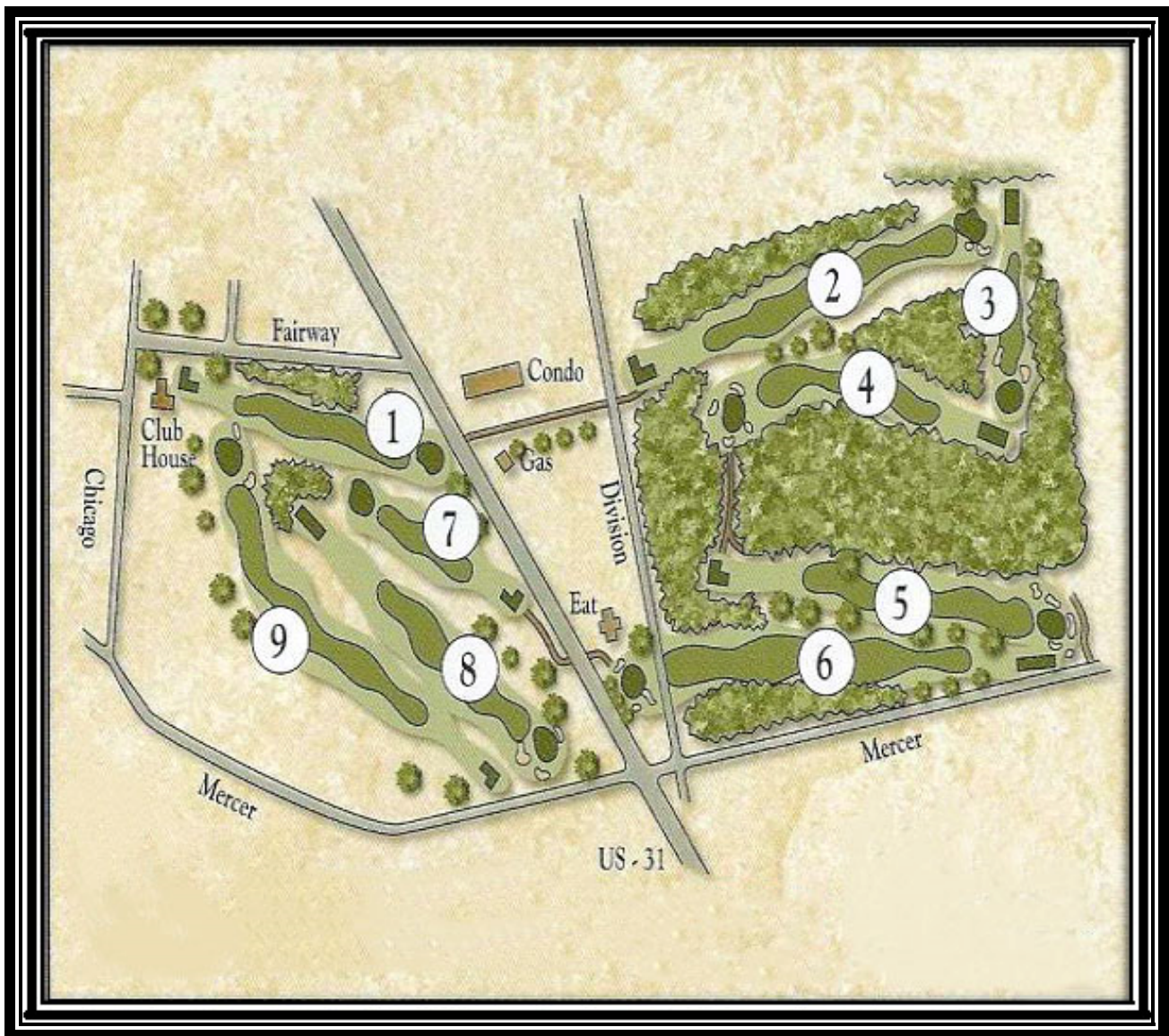


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Armour, and Michigan Amateur champion Chuck Kocsis. In 1996, the Charlevoix Golf Club held a Charlevoix Area Centennial Tournament in celebrating its proud historic presence.

By the end of the 20th century, the Charlevoix Golf Club completed the primary goals of the Golf Course Master Plan that was established by the Charlevoix City Council, on July 9, 1990, in renovating the Golf Course to further beautify and improve the historic course.

The Charlevoix Golf Club, like other recreation facilities, faces financial challenges. An updated website, Facebook page, and advertising have been implemented to help attract users. Ways to improve the accessibility at the golf course would be to provide flatter easier grade connections between holes, and create safer, more accessible aboveground or underground crossings at US 31.



Elm Street Tennis Courts

Acreage: 0.6

Park Type: Special Use

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

The Elm Street Tennis Courts are four fenced-in, hard-surface courts located in the north-central portion of the City, adjacent to the Charlevoix Golf Club. The courts also have a double-sided practice wall and a small, fenced-in play area for younger children. These courts have also been used for pickle ball, which is increasing in popularity.

West Dixon Park

Acreage: 0.1

Park Type: Pocket Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Developed from the Dixon Avenue right-of-way that ends in Lake Michigan, this small neighborhood park includes seating areas and a stairway leading to the Lake Michigan shoreline below.

Michigan Beach Park

Acreage: 17

Park Type: Community Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines



Michigan Beach Park is the City's original park property, acquired by the City from Amos and Ella Fox in 1882 for a consideration of \$840. The City acquired the land for the purpose of building a lifesaving station, which later became a Coast Guard station. Several small houses that were built along Palmer Street to support the station were sold to their occupants in the 1950s. The City also constructed a water collection system on the site. The old Coast Guard building is now the location of the MDNR Fisheries Division operations. Later, the City constructed a water processing plant on the southwest portion of the property, along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Michigan Beach Park has approximately two thousand feet of beach frontage on Lake Michigan, from the Pine River Channel to the west City limits. The park has a wide, sandy beach, walking paths, playground equipment, a volleyball net, basketball courts, picnic tables, and a covered pavilion. The park has restrooms, and a seasonal concession stand operated by a private vendor.

The southwest portion of the property is comprised of large forested areas. The forested areas contain a number of walking trails, benches, trash and Mutt Mitts receptacles, and stairways leading down to the beach. The forested areas are accessible from the beach below, parking area, or from numerous parking areas on Park Avenue, which bounds the forest to the east. The Parks and Recreation Advisory

Board has identified Michigan Beach Park as the “gem” of the City’s beaches due to its location, access to water, picturesque sunsets, and amenities.

Water Tower Park

Acreage: 0.45

Park Type: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility Rating: 1 - None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Water Tower Park is a hilltop park located one block to the west of Hoffman Park. The park, the former location of the City’s water tower, overlooks the Pine River Channel. It is accessible from both the Pine River Channel walkway and Park Avenue via a stairway. The main hilltop portion of the park is marked by a large cement patio, inlaid with a compass rose. Four cement blocks around the patio mark the former locations of the water tower’s struts. Benches are located at the top of the park, as well as down the park’s northern face. Because of this park’s slope, it is only accessible by stairs, therefore the way to make this park more accessible would be to install a ramp.

Hoffman Park

Acreage: 0.33

Park Type: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Hoffmann Park is a small observation area located between the Pine River Channel and Park Avenue, just west of Bridge Street. The park is characterized by a circular brick and concrete patio that overlooks the Pine River Channel. The park is accessible from Park Avenue via a sidewalk, and from the Pine River Channel walkway via a wide stairway.

Robert Bridge Memorial Park

Acreage: 0.5

Park Type: Community Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Robert Bridge Memorial Park is a passive green space on the western shore of Round Lake, just south of the historic drawbridge. At one point in time, the park sloped from Bridge Street to Round Lake. However, the park was drastically changed in the late 1990s when the offices of the Beaver Island Boat Company and United States Coast Guard were constructed below the park, leveling the topography.

The office construction and grade modification within the park changed the area from a grassy, sloping surface, to a flat grass, concrete, and brick surface.

The surface was altered to maintain the grade of Bridge Street over the top of the offices below. The northern portion of the park, however, maintains its original character, sloping gently from Bridge Street to the walkway along the Pine River Channel. Partly due to the view corridor to Round Lake that it offers, the park is commonly used for events. The park contains a large anchor and plaques commemorating Coast Guard operations. Other than benches and picnic tables (some with umbrellas, some without), there are no developed facilities on this half-acre site.

East Park

Acreage: 4

Park Type: Large Urban Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

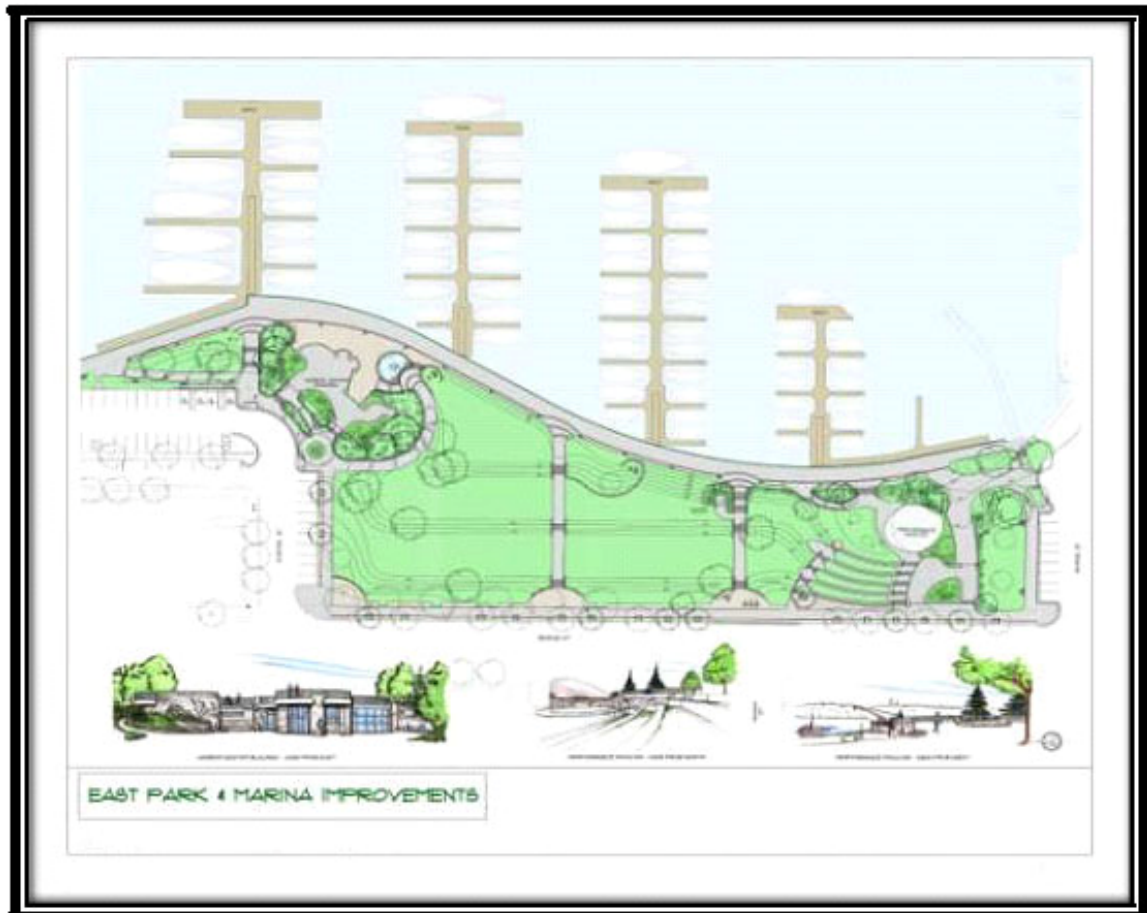
Charlevoix's award winning East Park is considered by many to be the recreational and cultural focal point of the City. The park is bounded on the west by Bridge Street (US -31), on the east by the waters of Round Lake, on the north by Clinton Street, and on the south by Antrim Street. The park stretches continuously for two city blocks, and the majority of the storefronts in the central business district look directly over the park toward Round Lake.

Fountain of Youth

Located in East Park adjacent to the Harbormaster's Office, this splash pad operates daily throughout the summer in both 'display' mode, and 'interactive' mode. While in interactive mode, children can play in and around it, affecting the flow of water by stepping on various parts of the fountain's surface. While in display mode, the fountain operates automatically with a synchronized show of water, lights, and music.

Trout Stream

Located adjacent to the Fountain of Youth, the trout stream is a multi-levelled replica of what might be a trout's natural ecosystem. It is complete with seating and viewing areas.



Veterans Park

Acreage: 0.2

Park Type: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

This small park is located south of East Park, between Antrim Street, Bridge Street, and Belvedere Avenue. Eleven maple trees, each representing a Charlevoix citizen killed in World War I, characterize the park, and surround a memorial plaque in the park's center. The park's facilities are limited to sidewalks and seating areas.

Community Skate Park

Acreage: 0.3

Park Type: Special Use

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Located on West Carpenter Avenue, adjacent to the Charlevoix Electric Department, the Skate Park is a custom-built wood skate park. A number of community members provided financial support and assistance in constructing the skate park. The park charges a low user fee, is supervised and has facilities for skateboarding, rollerblading, scooters and biking. Safety equipment is required, and is available for rental if needed.



Carpenter Ball Fields

Acreage: 3

Park Type: Special Use

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

The Carpenter Avenue Ball Fields are located off West Carpenter in the southwestern portion of the City. They are used extensively during the summer months for the community's recreation program. These parks are used for league play during the summer, and by the City's t-ball, little league, and softball

programs. The facility underwent a substantial renovation in 1996, during which parking areas and surrounding landscaping were improved, and new fencing, night lighting, restroom facilities, and access walkways were added. In 2008, the park's little league field was renovated. Adjacent to the ball fields, the Rotary Club financed the installation of playground equipment and a basketball court, adding additional activities to this park.



Ferry Beach Park

Acreage: 5

Park Type: Community Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Ferry Beach Park is located in the southeastern part of the City on the shore of Lake Charlevoix. It is one of the City's most frequently used parks and facilities in the summer months due to the location and numerous amenities.



The beach has two separate swimming areas is split in two areas by a pier that, at times of higher water levels, previously has been used as a platform for jumping into the water. There are two separate sets of playground equipment, one on the southern beach, and another on the grassy area behind the northern beach. The park is also equipped with volleyball courts, basketball courts, picnic tables, three covered pavilions, and horseshoe pits. The park has restrooms, a seasonal concession stand operated by a private vendor, and substantial parking.

The Ferry Avenue boat launch, which has four ramps and parking for vehicles and trailers, is located on the park's southern end. The municipal boat launch is heavily used by Charlevoix residents and visitors, and is one of the most used municipal boat launches in the region. The boat launch allows immediate access to Lake Charlevoix, as well as, easy access to Round Lake and Lake Michigan. The boat launch is frequented by fishermen, pleasure cruisers, and sightseers alike. Fishermen can utilize the free fish cleaning station on the west end of the parking lot, which is a valued amenity not common with other boat launches. The City charges a day use fee as well as seasonal passes for parking. Fees are regulated by the City of Charlevoix, and a seasonal employee is staffed at the launch for fee collection in the summer months.

Coast Guard Park

Acreage: 0.43

Park Type: Community Park (Undeveloped)

Accessibility Rating: Not Applicable

Coast Guard Park is an undeveloped park located just south of Depot Beach Park, adjacent to the US Coast Guard Station. The park is located on the former C&O Railroad right of way, which was purchased in 1999 with a grant from the State of Michigan. If the City ever decides to move forward with any developments at this park, they will all be accessible.

Depot Beach Park

Acreage: 4

Park Type: Community Park

Accessibility Rating: 4 - The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

Depot Beach Park, acquired by the City in the late-1940s, is located along the northwestern City limits, on the shore of Lake Charlevoix. The park is adjacent to the former C&O Railroad Depot, a historical building owned by the Charlevoix Historical Society. The beach itself is long and narrow, with considerable green space east of the shoreline. The park is equipped with a handicap accessible covered pavilion, picnic tables, playground equipment, grills, volleyball net, and bathroom facilities.

Other:

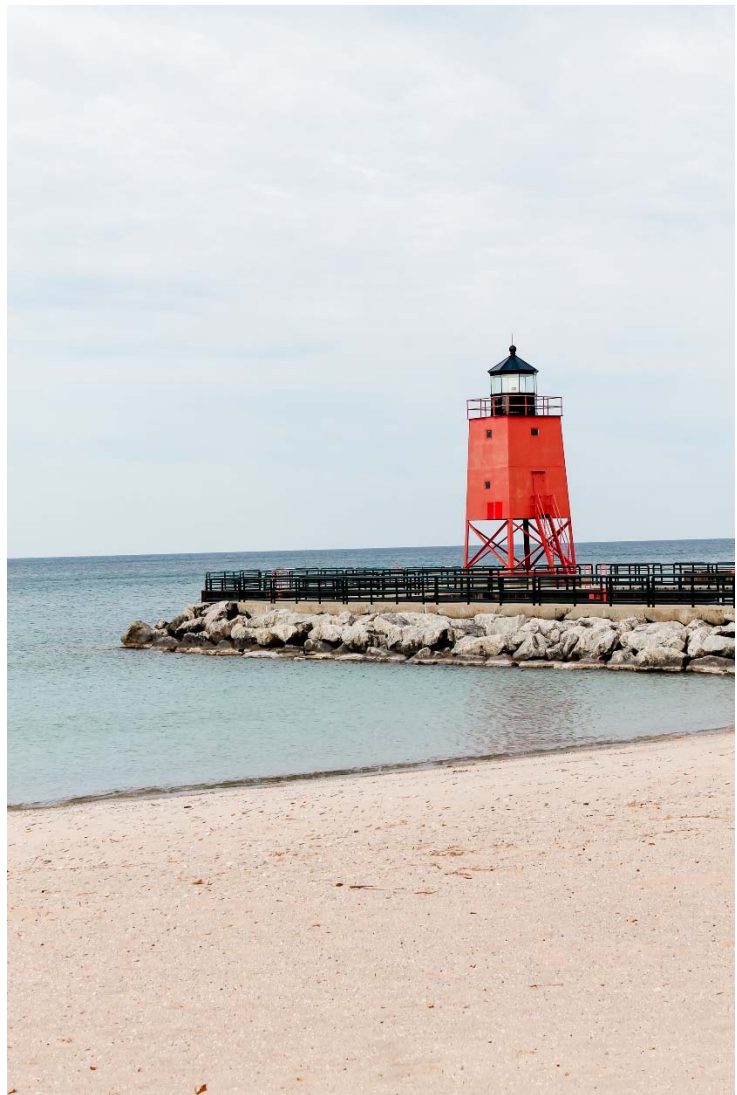
Northern Beach Access to Lake Michigan

Beach access to Lake Michigan in the north-central part of the City is provided by two narrow walkways located along Michigan Avenue. These walkways are accessible from the City sidewalk, and are denoted by signs reading "Public Walk." Parking for the beach access is located along both sides of Michigan Avenue, as well as, a small parking area at the northwest end of the avenue.

North and South Piers/Lighthouses

Owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and located at the confluence of Lake Michigan and the Pine River, the north and south piers are a popular spot for viewing marine traffic and sunsets, as well as for fishing.

The fully operational lighthouse, owned by the City of Charlevoix, stands at the edge of the pier, overlooking Lake Michigan. It was renovated in 2009, during which it was repainted from white to its original red. The Charlevoix Historical Society also performs general maintenance as needed on the lighthouse.



Marina

The 67 slip marina, located in downtown Charlevoix adjacent to East park, is a City owned facility. The marina amenities include floating docks, a boaters' lounge, restrooms, electricity, grills and picnic areas, car rental, and laundry facilities. Other services include diesel and gasoline, pump-outs, marine repairs, and marine supplies located adjacent to the marina. There are eight seasonal slips, 60 transient slips, and 2 commercial slips. Dinghy and jet ski dockage are also available. As the natural environment and water quality are two very important issues in Charlevoix, this marina was designed to be a Clean Marina. This means, marinas pledge to maintain and improve Michigan waterways by reducing or eliminating releases of harmful substances and phasing out practices that can damage aquatic environments. The marina was awarded Michigan Sea Grant money to help fund the expansion.



Charlevoix Public School Facilities

The Charlevoix city limits are entirely within the jurisdiction of the Charlevoix Public School District. The School District boundaries also extend into several surrounding townships. Playground equipment and sports facilities are located at the various schools, with the outdoor facilities open to the public. Existing facilities include the following:

Round Lake Education Center (formerly High School and Middle School)

The Charlevoix Middle School is located in the south-central section of the City on twenty-three acres of land. Its facilities include a playground, a quarter mile track, and football field. Indoor facilities include a combined basketball court/gymnasium, as well as a full weight room.

Other School Facilities

The Charlevoix Public Schools have additional facilities outside of, but in close proximity to the City. Charlevoix Elementary School is located in Charlevoix Township on the northern boundary of the City. The Middle/High School is located two miles south of the City in Marion Township. The Charlevoix Elementary School has an indoor gymnasium, as well as extensive outdoor playground equipment, along with several informal soccer, football, and baseball fields. The high school's facilities include an

indoor gymnasium, running track, and weight room. The school's outdoor facilities are comprised of baseball and softball fields with fences and dugouts, a soccer field, informal practice fields, and a five-kilometer cross-country course.

Charlevoix Township Recreational Facilities

Because of the close proximity to the City, it is reasonable to assume Charlevoix residents are users of the Charlevoix Township recreation opportunities. These include:

Shanahan Field

Shanahan Field is a ten-acre parcel located north of the city limits. The park has several sports fields and parks, including, soccer, baseball, and softball. The park also features a set of fenced-in hard-surface tennis courts, a pair of half-pipes for skateboarding, a BMX track, playground equipment, a covered pavilion, a special-use concession stand, and restrooms.

North Point Environmental Center

The North Point Environmental Area is located adjacent to the City-owned Mt. McSauba property. The property was acquired by a joint effort between local interested citizens, the Little Traverse Conservancy, and Charlevoix Township. Acting jointly, these groups obtained a grant from the State of Michigan and raised sufficient matching funds to acquire the property. The property has significant Lake Michigan shoreline frontage, and provides for swimming, as well as hiking and cross-country skiing over miles of diverse trails.



Selected Charlevoix County Recreational Facilities

Charlevoix County has numerous recreation opportunities, instead of going into detail about each facility the following is a list of parks that City residents are likely to visit.

- Whiting Park
- Little Traverse Wheelway
- Lake to Lake Trail
- Hayes Township Camp Seagull

State Parks and Facilities

In addition to the local parks in the region, there are also several State supports recreation opportunities. The State of Michigan owns several thousand acres of land that provides recreational resources within the regional area. These parks are funded by either the MDNR or the MDOT. These parks and lands include, but are not limited to the following:

- Fisherman’s Island State Park
- Young State Park
- Us - 31 Roadside Parks and Boat Launch

Private Recreation

Little Traverse Land Conservancy

The Little Traverse Land Conservancy owns multiple parcels around the City of Charlevoix. Most of the acreage has significant natural wetland areas that drain into Lake Michigan, and much of the land has substantial, protected vegetative and animal habitat. The public is afforded access to walking trails throughout these areas.

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club is located at 13064 US-31, approximately 3 miles north of the City of Charlevoix in Hayes Township. This semi-private club has skeet and trap fields, an outdoor rifle, pistol, and archery range, a 3-D archery course, and a small fishing pond. The public is invited to use the club’s facilities based on a schedule of fees.



Previously Awarded Grants

Over the past 40 years the City of Charlevoix has received a total of 12 grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Appendix B has a copy of the past grant history list, which was provided by the DNR. The list includes grants from 1973 to December of 2016. All of the projects are considered closed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The City has also received numerous other grants from other sources such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Sea Grant Program, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Grants, the Charlevoix County Grant Millage, and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Each of these projects has been a vital addition to the City's park and recreation system and are enjoyed daily by residents and tourists alike. The City and surrounding area residents and visitors are forever grateful for these grants that have been so vital for parks and recreation improvements.



Table 4 – Recreation Inventory

Name	Park Type	Service Area	Size in Acres	Restroom	Playground	Pavilion	Seating/Picnic Areas	Sports Fields	Beach	Boat Access	Trails	Other
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX												
Carpenter Ave Ball Fields	Special Use	City	3	X	X			X				X Concession Stand
Depot Beach Park	Community Park	City	4	X	X	X	X	X	X			Volleyball
Elm Street Tennis Courts	Special Use	City	0.6					X				Tennis
Ferry Beach Park	Community Park	City	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X Horseshoe, volleyball, concession stand, basketball
Michigan Beach Park	Community Park	City	17	X	X	X	X		X		X	X Basketball, volleyball, concession stand
Mt. McSauba Recreation Area	Sports Complex/ Natural Resource Area	Surrounding Townships	54	X	X		X		X		X	X Downhill/XC skiing, skating rink, disc golf, sledding hill, basketball
Charlevoix Golf Club	Special Use	Entire County	62	X				X				
East Park	Large Urban Park	Entire County	4	X		X	X					X Band shell, interactive water fountain, seating
Robert Bridge Memorial Park	Community Park	City	0.5				X					
Veterans Park	Neighborhood Park	City	0.2				X					
Hoffman Park	Neighborhood Park	City	0.33				X				X	X Seating
Water Tower Park	Neighborhood Park	City	0.45				X				X	X Seating
West Dixon Park	Pocket Park	City	0.1				X		X			X Seating
Community Skate Park	Special Use	City	-	X				X				
Marina	Special Use	Entire County	-	X			X					
Coast Guard Park	Community Park	City	1						X			
Community Skate Park	Special Use	City	-									X Skate Park
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP												
Shanahan Field	Sports Complex	Surrounding Townships	10	X	X	X	X	X				X BMX track, soccer fields, pavilion, tennis courts, ball fields, basketball
North Point Area	Natural Resource Area	Entire County	27						X		X	
CHARLEVOIX SCHOOLS												
Elementary Schools	School-Park	School District	20	X	X			X				
Relic (old Middle School)	School-Park	School District	0.5	X	X			X				
High School	School-Park	School District	17.9	X				X				

Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines), to five (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design). Some of the factors the rating system pertains to routes of travel, ramps and stairs, parking and drop off areas, entrances, doorways, vertical relationships, signage, and restrooms. This information was updated by City staff.

Each park/facility description in this section includes an ADAAG rating based on the MDNR system given below:

Table 5 – MDNR Accessibility Rating

Rating	Description
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed / renovated using the principals of Universal Design.

As noted in the inventory, not all sites meet the standards of accessibility. The City of Charlevoix is dedicated to continuing its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities and signage. In addition to improving accessibility, the City recognizes the necessity of Universal Design and will implement those design principles whenever possible.

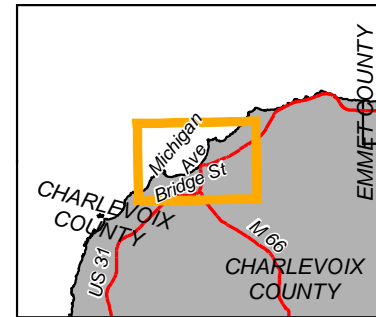


Map 3 - City of Charlevoix Park Map

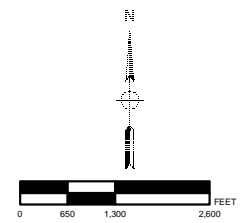
PARKS MAP

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - MICHIGAN



AREA MAP
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LEGEND

- ★ Lighthouse
- Pedestrian Beach Access
- City Parks
- Lakes

- 1- Mt. McSauba Recreational Area
- 2- Charlevoix Golf Club
- 3- Elm Street Tennis Courts
- 4- West Dixon Park
- 5- Michigan Beach Park
- 6- Water Tower Park
- 7- Hoffmann Park
- 8- Robert Bridge Memorial Park
- 9- East Park
- 10- Veteran's Park
- 11- Community Skate Park
- 12- Carpenter Ave Ball fields
- 13- Ferry Beach Park
- 14- Coast Guard Park
- 15- Depot Beach

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Trails and Non-Motorized Transportation

Communities across the United States have been placing an emphasis on creating regional trail systems. Trails are used in both cities and rural areas to provide a higher quality of life for residents. In fact, of all the states across the country, Michigan has the largest rail-trail system. Even more impressive, is that these trails more often than not, cover long distances, which is uncommon in other states. Trails give residents the opportunity to be more active and healthy, more safe while walking or biking on the roads, opportunities to experience their community, and give all residents the option of increased mobility in different modes of travel.

In the past, the roads in this Country have been designed with only automobile traffic in mind, however cities are now working toward creating a network of trails and roads that are accessible to several forms of traffic. Within City limits, this often means sharing the existing road right-of-way with bikes or public transit, and pedestrian pathways on adjacent sides, often implemented through complete streets initiatives. Aside from the traditional sidewalks, many cities also incorporate regional trails through their city limits, often these trails have a designated non-motorized use and connect regional centers.

In Charlevoix, there are many opportunities for trails and complete streets, and they are not limited within the city limits, but through partnerships can connect the City to the larger region. Within the City, there are route options available to connect to the regional trails that are just outside the City boundaries. The City of Charlevoix is the missing puzzle piece to connect this regional area network. Which means making these connections especially important because of all the recent activity with trails in the surrounding region. Such as, plans for the proposed Lake-to Lake Trail and Elk Rapids Traverse City Trail, and the recently funded Boyne City Charlevoix Trail. Now is an opportune time to work on trails, because they are favored in the recent online survey.

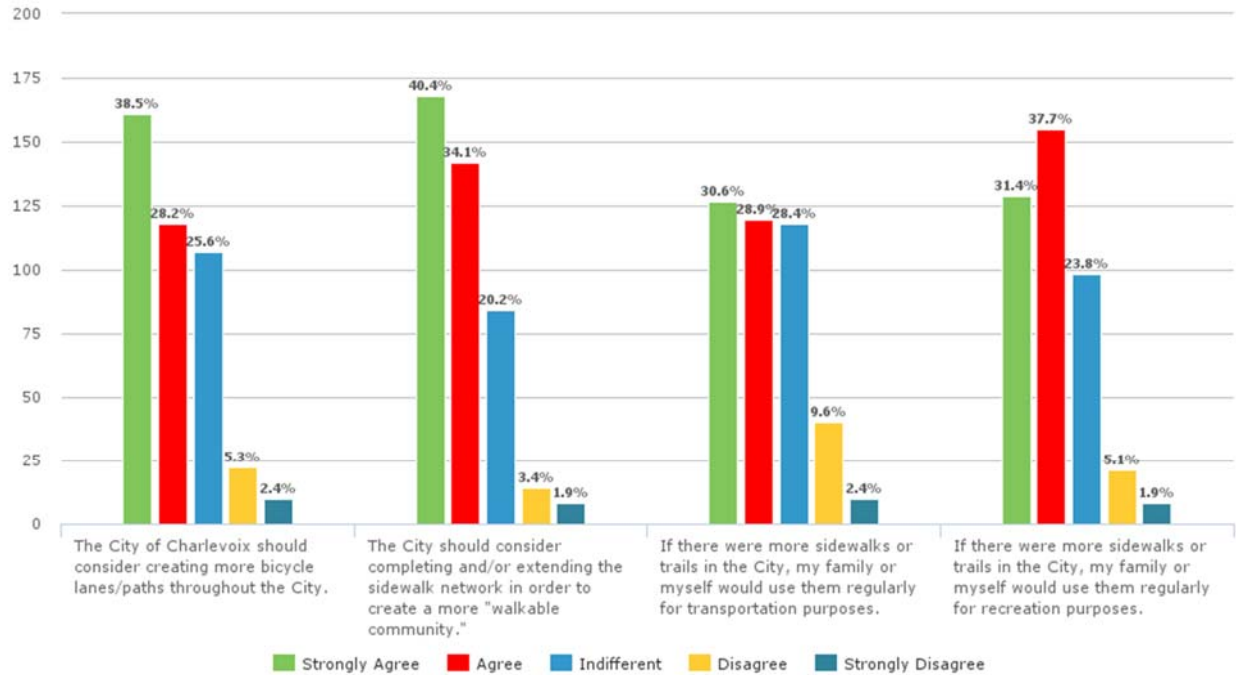
Why trails are important

While trails can be a challenge to implement, their positive effects on a community cannot be disputed. It has been proven that trails create a pride of place and sense of ownership in Michigan residents. Trails are also an important driver in the local and regional economy, increase property values, and provide safe and healthy recreation options.

The growing trail trend in Michigan is also reflected in Charlevoix's residents' opinions. On the whole, they feel trails would be an asset to their community. Public input was very important to the update of this recreation plan, and in order to gain the opinions of many residents, the City released an online public input survey. This survey pertained to all aspects of parks and recreation in Charlevoix, but there were several questions which were specific to non-motorized transportation and trails. Overall, the results were very favorable to extending the sidewalks and trails throughout Charlevoix to create a more walkable community.

The chart on the following page, Figure 2, emphasizes the importance of trails to the survey respondents. When asked if the City should create more bicycle lanes/paths, 67% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed. Then when asked if the City should extend the sidewalk network, 75% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement. Additionally, when asked if respondents would use these expanded systems for recreation purposes 69% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed they would use the new paths.

Figure 2 - Respondents were asked to provide their opinions on the following statements.



Survey respondents were also asked why they visit parks and recreation facilities, and what amenities they would most like to see added to the recreation system in the future. In both cases, walking and more walking and biking pathways were the top result, with 69% of respondents participating in walking for recreational activities, and 46% desiring more pathways.

Now is an advantageous time for the City to work with the neighboring jurisdictions and other non-governmental agencies to support a strong and well-connected trail system in the City of Charlevoix. There are many existing and proposed regional trails converging on the City, and when these trails reach the City boundary there is no infrastructure for the users to continue on. These people could bring in so much to the local economy, but because the infrastructure stops they never enter the City for regional recreation, and thus do not support the community. If the city were to connect with these existing systems and expand their infrastructure, they would be creating a long-term valuable investment in the community and the opportunity to connect to their region, promoting economic vitality in the City, encouraging a healthier lifestyle in their residents, and creating an environment that is safer for travel.

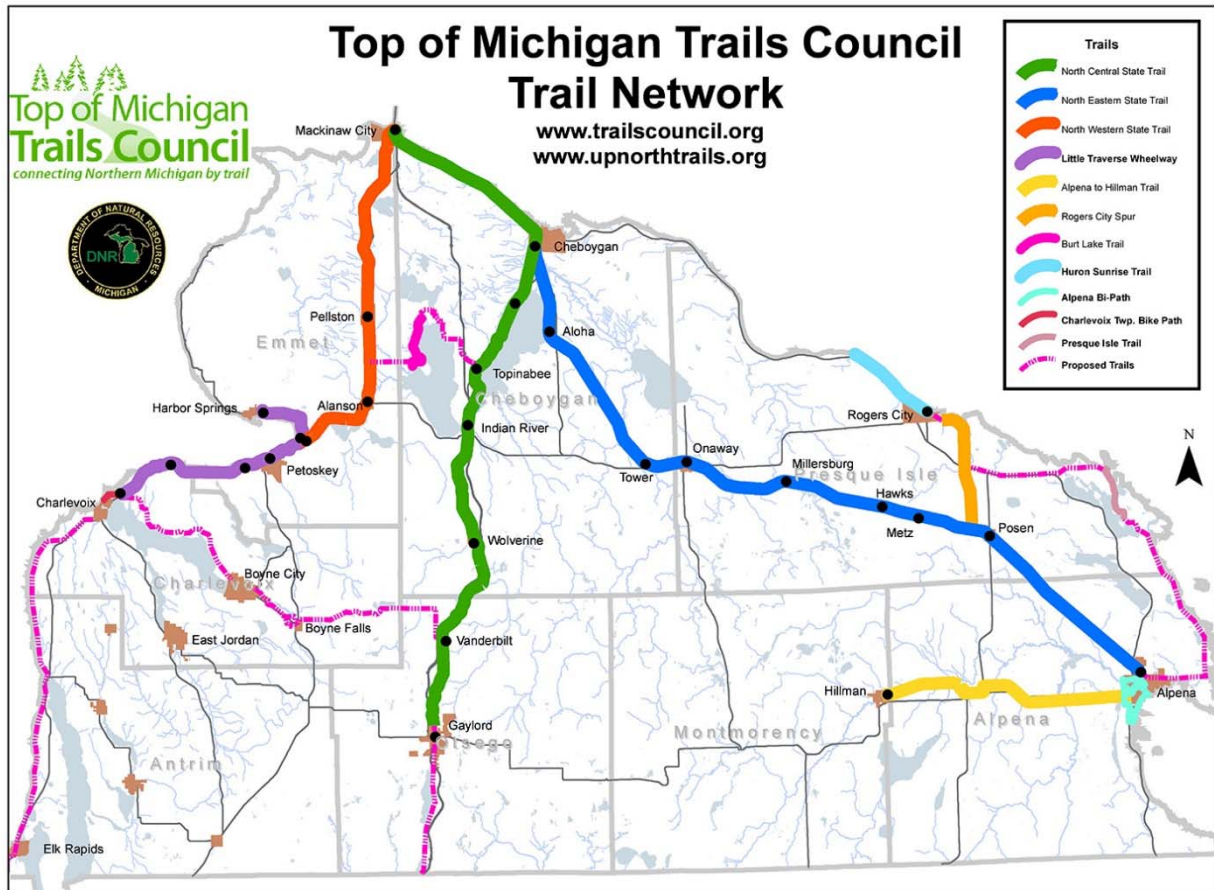
Regional Happenings

The trend and importance of trails seen across the State, is also reflected in the region surrounding the City of Charlevoix. The surrounding jurisdictions all have existing or proposed trails in place. There are also many public and private agencies in the region with a specific focus on developing trails, and the local residents support this trend.

Map 4 is only one of the many maps which highlight all the trails in the Charlevoix area. Created by the Top of Michigan Trails Council, this map highlights the major trails which traverse the northern quarter of the lower peninsula. Map 5 is more specific to the trails in the Charlevoix area. As visible in both of

these maps, trails are important to the quality of life in northern Michigan, and there are plenty of opportunities for the City of Charlevoix to take advantage of these assets. Currently, there are three existing or proposed trails, which all stop just outside the City limits. These are three prime options to connect the City of Charlevoix to the Northern Michigan regional trail system.

Map 4 - Top of Michigan Trails Map



City of Charlevoix

Creating a trail and sidewalk system is never a quick or easy process, however the benefits this infrastructure brings to the community are extremely valuable. Charlevoix is no stranger to the challenges of creating an interconnected transportation system, and the City faces many of the same problems of other communities. However, many of the challenges which face Charlevoix specifically are also of a physical nature because of the existing natural features. The City is no stranger to these constraints which include topography, water features, and major transportation routes bisecting the downtown, however in spite of all these challenges, the City believes the benefits of having a complete and connected transportation system will outweigh the bridges they must cross to complete them.

In the 2011 Recreation Master Plan, the City outlined several paths for bike routes in the City, and emphasized the importance of non-motorized transportation. This update continues to stress the importance of those transportation options.

City of Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan

Currently, in the City there is a network of sidewalks and some bike paths. Additionally, there are two public walkways along Michigan Ave for beach access. The City of Charlevoix has the potential for a connected complete street system within the City limits. This includes allowances for biking in the right-of-way, and additional sidewalk infrastructure along the roadways.

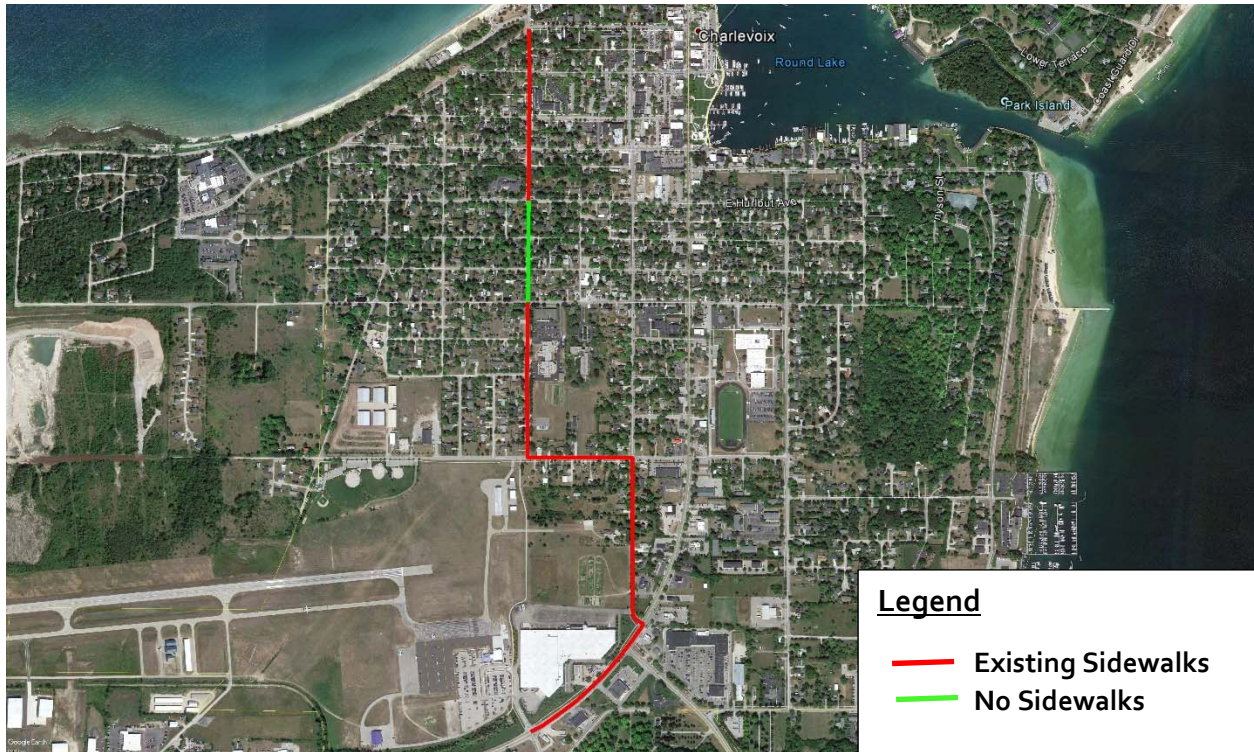
This could also include creating connections to the existing and proposed regional trails on the north and south sides of the City. The City has the opportunity to connect to the Little Traverse Wheelway and the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail on the northern edge of town via the Charlevoix Township bike path, and the proposed Lake to Lake Trail on the southern edge of town along US-31, which would eventually lead to a connection to the proposed Elk Rapids to Traverse City Trail.

The City should consider what upgrades it can make within its jurisdiction to have a more walkable community. The Michigan Planning Enabling Act supports complete streets, now the City needs to decide where additional biking and walking infrastructure would most benefit their residents. Referencing the previously mentioned survey results, it was clear more respondents agreed they would like more biking and trail infrastructure, however when asked if they would use the paths for everyday transportation or recreational use more respondents indicated they were interested in recreation use. This could be a good starting point for the City, to decide which projects need priority over others, such as trails connecting to downtown to residential neighborhoods and paths which connect the various parks throughout the City to other recreation areas.

As the City moves forward in participating in the regional trails system, the next steps will be to pick a route for the connector which will most benefit the community. It will be important to consider the existing and planned paths for the regional trails, as well as working around the more restrictive physical constraints within the City, including the high traffic volumes on US-31, and the bridge downtown which is the only way to cross the channel. At this point, one option being discussed is the proposed Grant Street sidewalk connection, which would run south along Grant until Carpenter Ave, then east until State Street, south on State until it met up with US-31. There are currently sidewalks along the northern and southern sections of Grant Street, along Carpenter Ave, and along State Street, which would connect to the proposed Lake to Lake Trail along US-31. The following image, is a visual depiction of the existing and non-existent sidewalks along the Grant Street Connection.



Figure 3 - Aerial of Grant Street Connection



Goals and Action Items

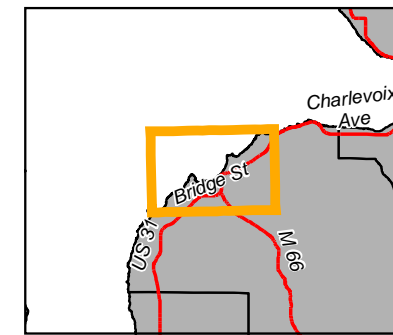
In order to make any of these trails happen, there needs to be a general plan in place so those involved in the process have a framework to follow. In addition to the plan, there should also be achievable goals, to catalyze these projects to completion. Within this Recreation Master Plan there are several goals and objectives outlined which reflect the overall recreation planning for the City of Charlevoix, see Chapter 6 Goals and Objectives.

Map 5 - Trails and Non-Motorized Transportation

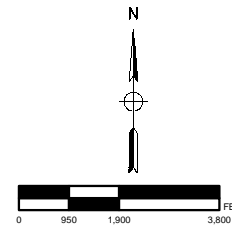
TRAILS MAP

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - MICHIGAN



AREA MAP
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-  Grant Street Connection
-  Charlevoix Township Bike Path
-  Little Traverse Wheelway
-  Boyne City/Charlevoix
-  Pedestrian Beach Access
-  Proposed Elk Rapids/Traverse City Trail
-  Proposed Lake to Lake Trail
-  Lakes
-  Recreation Areas
-  Airport

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Community Input

One of the most important aspects of a community's Recreation Master Plan is the inclusion of the resident's opinions about how they view the future of their parks and recreation system. The City of Charlevoix created a community survey to gather the information which would guide their parks and recreation program for the next 5 years. A complete tabulation of the results is available for review in Appendix C. The text below provides a description of significant results.

Overall, the survey had 19 questions, and there were a total of 546 responses. The City advertised the community input survey on the City website, the City Facebook page, and put out a targeted advertisement on Facebook. The online survey was available from July 17, 2016 to September 7, 2016, at charlevoixrecreation.com.

A second means of input was provided during the required public review period. The draft plan was available for review at City Hall and on the City website from January 20th to February 20th. A third opportunity was provided at the public hearing on February 20th at City Hall.

Survey Results

The following explanations are selected results from the survey, that are most interesting and pertinent. To view a complete report of results, please reference Appendix C.

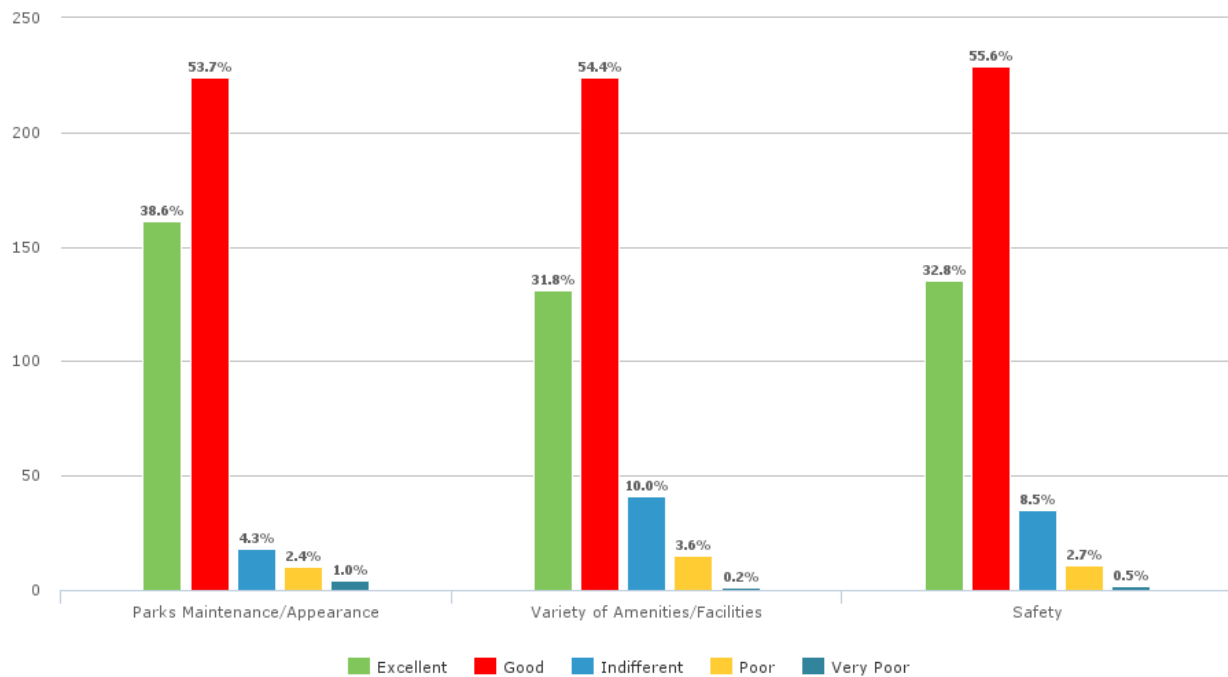
Of the 546 responses to the survey, 29% of respondents had a primary residence in the city, 22% lived in Charlevoix Township, and 10% live in Marion Township. Of all the respondents the top three age groups who participated in the survey were 45 -54 years old (21%), 55 -64 years old (18%), and 35 – 44 years old (17%).

The top 10 reasons why respondents visit City of Charlevoix parks is for

1. Walking
2. Swimming
3. Music/Entertainment
4. Annual Events/ Festivals
5. Picnics
6. Nature Enjoyment/Bird Watching
7. Boating
8. Playgrounds
9. Skiing/Snowboarding
10. Bicycling

Overall the respondents from the survey seem to be very pleased with the parks and recreation options in Charlevoix. The following chart highlights how respondents rated park maintenance/appearance, variety of amenities/facilities, and safety from Excellent to Very Poor. For each of the three categories, over 30% of the respondents ranked them as Excellent, and similarly for each category over 50% of respondents ranked the characteristics as Good. This totals to over 80% for each category where respondents were happy and thought the facilities were in Good or Excellent condition.

Figure 4 - Rating of Park Facilities

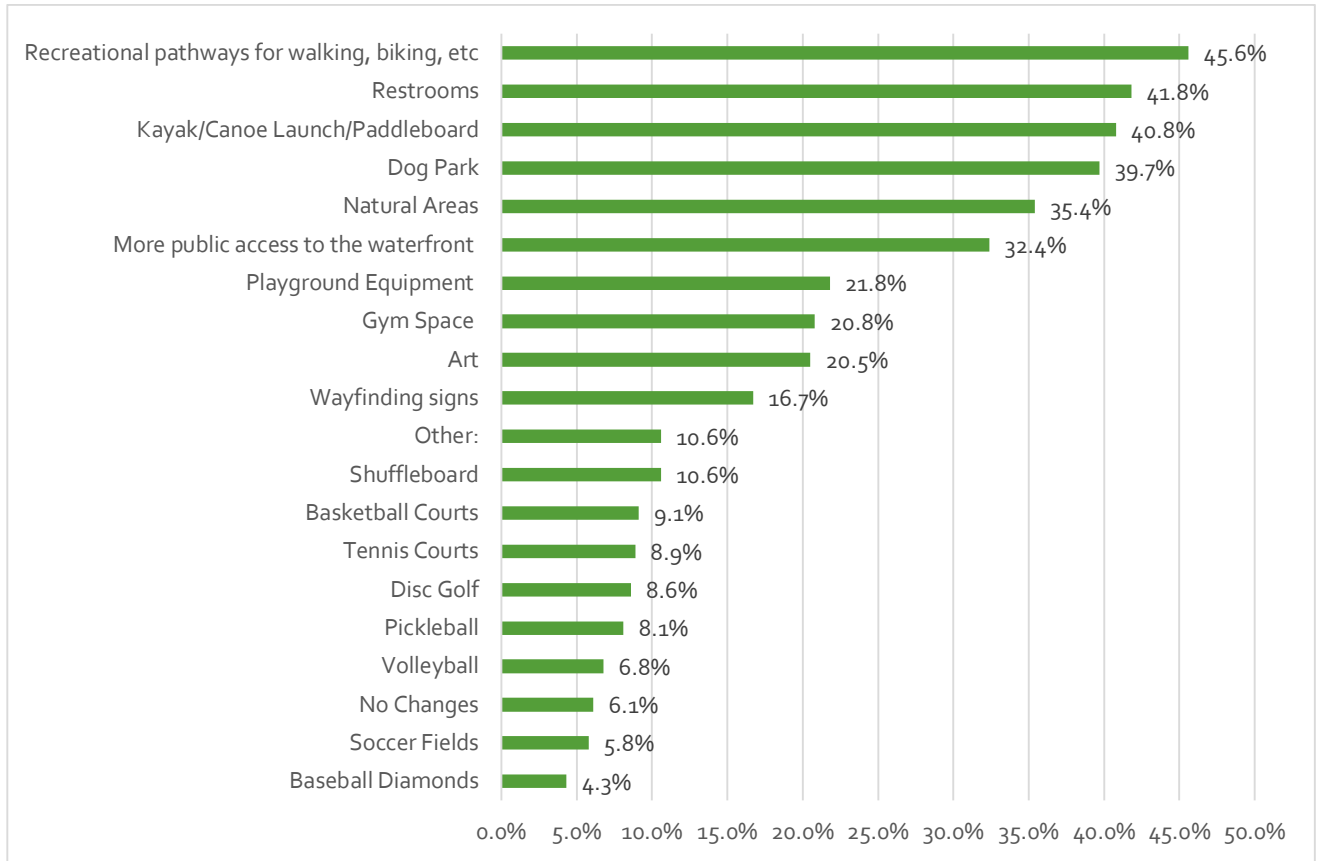


Respondents were also asked their opinion on several recreation statements, to see the full list please reference Appendix C, however a few are explained here. Fifty-one percent of respondents and 35% of respondents Strongly Agree and Agree, respectively, that Charlevoix should promote public access to lakes. Fifty-six percent of respondents and 36% of respondents Strongly Agree and Agree, respectively, that Charlevoix should promote public access to trails. Sixty-three percent of respondents and 30% of respondents Strongly Agree and Agree, respectively, that it is important to provide outdoor recreation facilities, athletic fields, and courts. Finally, 57% of respondents and 29% of respondents Strongly Agree and Agree, respectively, that it is important the Charlevoix’s parks have non-motorized paths and trails.

Respondents were also asked what facilities or amenities they would like to see added to parks and recreation facilities. All of the results can be found in Figure 5 below, however the top 5 responses were

1. Recreation pathways for walking, biking, etc.
2. Restrooms
3. Kayak/Canoe Launch/Paddleboards
4. Dog Parks
5. Natural Areas

Figure 5 - Additional facilities or Amenities respondents would like to see added to the parks.



Respondents also had the option to type in their own responses, there were a total of 42 answers, and they are highlighted in Table 6 on the following page.

Table 6 – Other Responses

Response	Number
Accessibility amenities	3
City Golf Course/ Update Clubhouse	3
Maintenance	3
Pickleball Courts	3
Water Safety (Lifeguards, information etc.)	3
Better quality/Expand skate park	2
Ice Rink downtown	2
Non-motorized paths	2
Bike racks at parks and playgrounds	1
Camping Sites	1
Changing Rooms at beach	1
Channel Jumping	1
Groom trails for cross country skiing	1
Historical Markers	1
Indoor ice arena	1
Koi Ponds	1
Lighthouse	1
More seating at stage	1
More transient dock slips	1
Mountain Biking/Snowmobiling Trails	1
Playground	1
Sailing Club	1
Shade	1
Small boat dockage	1
Soccer	1
Stargazing Area	1
Three season pavilion	1
Water features at beaches	1

Finally, the respondents were asked if the City should have an ice rink that is more centrally located to the downtown area? A total 60% of respondents stated yes it should be closer to downtown.

Goals and Action Items

Developing goals and action items is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goals of a recreation department are to provide recreation opportunities for the community it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level, they are overarching and general. Action items identify specific projects and programs. The action items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions.

The Charlevoix Recreation Advisory Board formulated the following goals and actions items based upon the characteristics of the overall community, input received throughout the year, a resource inventory, and a community-wide recreation survey in 2016. However, the Recreation Advisory Board acknowledges that this plan is a tool to implement their projects, and has thus created four guiding principles which will provide a path for decision-making in the next 5 years. These principles represent a broad philosophy for recreation and provide a framework for all of the future projects the Advisory Board will take on. The goals and objectives outlined in this section are considered to be consistent with and reflective of following four guiding principles:

- Maintain facilities in a safe, accessible manner
- City parks will be accessible to everyone
- City parks will be inclusive and have something for everyone
- Continue to look for new opportunities to address community needs and demands



Goal 1: Provide and maintain multi-generational recreational opportunities and activities for people of all abilities, both mentally and physically, within the community.

The City of Charlevoix recognizes the importance of a park system that is inclusive to all users. This includes, both access for all individuals, and places and activities that appeal to all individuals. The City also recognizes that parks are a foundation for the community, and therefore it is important the broad spectrum of users to be able to easily interact with one another to build on that sense of community. Therefore, creating and maintaining an equally accessible park system is a priority of the City. The action plan, Table 5, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: A, B, C, E, G, M, N, O, T, V, W, and X.

Goal 2: Continue to provide diversified natural experiences and maintain high environmental standards in parks and recreation facilities.

The City of Charlevoix is surrounded by an abundance of high quality natural recreation resources. Therefore, the City would be remiss not to work with those resources to create a park system which takes advantage of every naturally occurring opportunity. However, if the City chooses to capitalize on the nearby resources, it becomes their responsibility to protect them to the best of their ability. There are many ways to do this, but ensuring policies and programs are in place and are enforced to protect these resources is a good start. By maintaining a recreation environment that is sensitive to the surrounding natural features the City of Charlevoix will be able to be a good steward to the biologically sensitive areas surrounding them. The action plan, Table 5, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: D and X.

Goal 3: Retain all existing park and recreation lands for use and enjoyment by the public.

The naturally occurring resources in the Charlevoix area are one of the reasons which make this region so special, therefore it is crucial to work to protect them. The resources are not limited to the natural occurring amenities, but also include the City parks and recreation system. These amenities are just as important to the success of the region and the enjoyment of the City. Therefore, it is crucial to proactively protect the resources in existence today and in the future. The action plan, Table 5, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: B, L, M, P, Q, and Y.



Goal 4: Effectively utilize funding in a manner that allows the City to maintain the condition and safety of all parks and properties.

While it is important to expand upon the recreation opportunities the City offers, it is also crucial that the parks and recreation system ensure the current facilities in place are maintained, up to date, and safe for all users. Therefore, the City needs to create a plan to prioritize general funding for maintenance and upkeep. It is also important that the City plan ahead and have a thorough understanding of their facilities to continue to provide high quality of recreation options to all residents and visitors. Additionally, the city can work to find a way to supplement this money by seeking out additional funding sources which are specific to maintaining infrastructure. The action plan, Table 5, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: F, J, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, and U.

Goal 5: Continue the development of multi-use paths and a non-motorized transportation network throughout the City, with strategic connections to be made with regional pathway systems.

Regional non-motorized pathways are becoming more important to the average recreation user, and the survey respondents have indicated a greater desire for non-motorized pathways connecting the City to the larger region. The City thinks it is important to work with neighboring jurisdictions and local agencies to expand the regional trail systems through the City, and to provide a level of service that the recreation users desire. In addition to regional trail systems, Charlevoix can also move toward a more complete streets network within their own jurisdiction, to support all modes of travel. The action plan, Table 5, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: H, I, K, O, and X.



Goal 6: Support and encourage cooperative discussions, efforts and relationships with Federal, State, and local governmental units, as well as non-profit organizations.

The City of Charlevoix is in a region where recreation is important to the residents, because the opportunities are so abundant. Just because the City is only responsible for the parks and recreational facilities within its borders does not mean it cannot work with other jurisdictions and businesses or non-profit foundations to expand and diversify the recreation opportunities. One way to significantly improve parks and recreation within the City and surrounding areas is to work with the surrounding communities. The City cannot provide all types of recreation to the residents and visitors, but through local partnerships it can significantly increase the quality of local parks and be the agent of change in working with other communities. Residents have indicated they are interested in regional recreation opportunities, and therefore the City will need to collaborate with other jurisdictions to provide the appropriate recreation options. The action plan, Table 5, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: E, H, and R.

Goal 7: Maintain and improve public access to water bodies including Round Lake, Lake Charlevoix, and Lake Michigan.

The City of Charlevoix is surrounded by several large freshwater bodies, and much of the recreation options in the community are strongly affected by them. The majority of the visitors to the City are visiting because of the access to water. The lakes also have a significant impact on the Charlevoix economy. This means that it is essential that residents and visitors alike, have public access to these water bodies. Access to the water means many things to different people, some would like beach and swimming access, others are interested in recreational boating access, and others still need access for fishing. It is imperative that the City of Charlevoix work with the community to provide adequate public access to the City's most beautiful features. The action plan, Table 7, at the end of this section describes which items the City has identified to implement this goal. Specifically, the action items which correspond to this goal, and will help implement it are: C, I, N, O, and U.



Table 7 - Action Items

Action Items		Relates to Goal
A.	Improve accessibility parking at Charlevoix parks and beaches	1
B.	Continue to improve/increase ADA facilities and equipment	1, 3
C.	Create ADA accessible kayak launches at Ferry, Lake Michigan, and Depot Beaches	1, 7
D.	Look for ways to implement “green” and sustainable facilities and projects	2
E.	Work with area partners to provide recreation programs for every age group	1, 6
F.	Update and improve recreation facilities, bathrooms, pavilions, concession stands, and ball parks	4
G.	Continue to look for properties to expand area parks when possible	1
H.	Work with partners to develop trail system throughout Charlevoix and to link with surrounding communities	5, 6
I.	Develop a Blue Way trail system for water enthusiasts	5, 7
J.	Improve the Charlevoix Golf Club as needed	4
K.	Work with area townships to create and sustain recreation opportunities	5, 6
L.	Continue to improve and update safety measures at all area properties	3, 4
M.	Develop more recreation opportunities at area parks	1, 3, 4
N.	Consider enhancing Lake Michigan beach park along Park Ave. which is the gem of Charlevoix beaches	1, 4, 7
O.	Enhance current trail systems at the Mt. McSauba Recreation Area	1, 5
P.	Continue to update recreation equipment as needed	3, 4
Q.	Develop signage at recreation amenities and facilities	3, 4
R.	Create a facility committee that’s comprised of key stakeholders	4
S.	Utilize technology to better communicate, inform, and market recreation opportunities	4
T.	Create accessible beaches	1, 7
U.	Create a website that is geared toward retirees and improve customer experience	4
V.	Develop a gym planning program	1
W.	Create a dog park	1
X.	Develop a terrain park at Mt. McSauba	1, 2, 5
Y.	Investigate the feasibility of locating an outdoor ice rink that is more centrally located in the downtown area.	3
Z.	Continue to pursue the development of a tunnel under US 31 near the municipal golf course, for the safety of course users and pedestrians.	5

Planning Process

In an effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the City of Charlevoix has developed this Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of recreation facilities over the next five years. This plan represents an ongoing commitment by the City to establish recreational goals for the community. The plan will also provide Charlevoix eligibility for grants from the Department of Natural Resources to assist the City in reaching its recreational goals.

The City of Charlevoix contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw to assist the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with the completion of this plan. Spicer Group consultants met with the staff and the Recreation Advisory Board 4 times during 2016 while working on the plan.

Data was collected about the City of Charlevoix, including demographics, natural features inventory, and an inventory of the parks and facilities owned and operated by the City. This data was gathered from a number of resources including City staff, the 2011 Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and research of aerial images.

Three opportunities for input and participation were provided during the development of this plan, the results of which were described in an earlier section of this plan. Based upon the existing information and the public input, City staff and the Recreation Advisory Board developed goals for parks and recreation in the City of Charlevoix. The Recreation Advisory Board also created an action program to accomplish the goals of the plan.

Spicer Group completed a draft recreation plan which was subsequently available for review at the City Hall, and on the City's website. The 30-day Notice of Review was published in the Charlevoix Courier on January 20th, 2017. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of the plan, which was held on February 20, 2017. After this public hearing, the Recreation Advisory Board passed a resolution recommending adoption of the Recreation Master Plan. Finally, the plan was transmitted to the City Council for its review. The City of Charlevoix approved a resolution to adopt the recreation plan at the City Council meeting on February 20, 2017. Copies of the recreation plan were transmitted to Charlevoix County, Networks Northwest, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on February 28th, 2017. Copies of the notification advertisements, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution, are included in Appendix D.



Appendix A

Demographic Master List

City of Charlevoix: Comparative population information with Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, the State of Michigan, and the United States

*These data are from the 2010 Decennial Census

	City of Charlevoix				Charlevoix Township				Charlevoix County				Michigan			
	2010		2000		2010		2000		2010		2000		2010		2000	
% Change in Population, 2000 - 2010	2,513	19.1%	2,994		1,645	3.2%	1,697		25,949	0.5%	26,090		9,883,640	-0.6%	9,938,444	
Population age 5 years and younger	107	4.3%	186	6.2%	81	4.9%	107	6.3%	1,363	5.3%	1,691	6.5%	596,286	6.0%	672,005	6.8%
5 to 19	387	15.4%	534	17.8%	308	18.7%	357	21.0%	4,872	18.8%	5,627	21.6%	2,052,599	20.8%	2,212,060	22.2%
20 to 24	143	5.7%	178	5.9%	69	4.2%	79	4.7%	1,119	4.3%	1,133	4.3%	669,072	6.8%	643,839	6.5%
25 to 44	496	19.7%	791	26.4%	311	18.9%	411	24.2%	5,443	21.0%	7,159	27.4%	2,442,123	24.7%	2,960,544	29.8%
45 to 64	788	31.4%	724	24.2%	500	30.4%	446	26.3%	8,319	32.1%	6,586	25.2%	2,762,030	27.9%	2,230,978	22.5%
65+	592	23.6%	581	19.4%	376	22.9%	297	17.5%	4,833	18.6%	3,894	14.9%	1,361,530	13.8%	1,219,018	12.3%
Population age 19 and younger	494	19.7%	720	24.0%	389	23.6%	464	27.3%	6,235	24.0%	7,318	28.0%	2,648,885	26.8%	2,884,065	29.0%
Median Age	48.1		40.8		47.5		41.2		45.5		39.1		38.9		35.5	
Average Household Size	1.94		2.14		2.35		2.5		2.36		2.48		2.49		2.56	
Black & Hispanic Population	54	2.1%	45	1.5%	19	1.2%	32	1.9%	439	1.7%	317	1.22%	1,818,590	18.4%	1,736,619	17.50%
Foreign Born Population*	68	1.7%	46	1.5%	39	2.4%	32	1.9%	590	2.3%	360	1.3%	602,902	6.1%	523,589	5.3%
TOTAL HOUSING UNITS	2,162	100.0%	2,096	100.0%	1,032	100.0%	942	100.0%	17,299	100.0%	15,370	100.0%	4,532,233	100.0%	4,234,279	100.0%
Occupied	1,270	58.7%	1,375	65.6%	590	57.2%	662	70.3%	10,518	60.8%	10,400	67.7%	3,872,508	85.4%	3,785,661	89.4%
Vacant	892	41.3%	721	34.4%	442	42.8%	280	29.7%	6,781	39.2%	4,970	32.3%	659,725	14.6%	448,618	10.6%
Owner-occupied	679	53.5%	841	61.2%	542	91.9%	585	88.4%	8,545	81.2%	8,438	81.1%	2,793,342	72.1%	2,793,124	73.8%
Renter occupied	591	46.5%	534	38.8%	48	8.1%	77	11.6%	1,973	18.8%	1,962	18.9%	1,079,166	27.9%	992,537	26.2%
Median Housing Value*	\$165,900		\$113,400		\$166,100		\$167,800		\$149,700		\$112,700		\$119,200		115,600	
Median Housing Value, Adjusted for 2010 dollars	\$165,900	15.5%	\$143,598		\$166,100	-21.8%	\$ 212,484		\$149,700	4.9%	\$142,711		\$119,200	-18.6%	146,384	
AGE OF HOUSING STRUCTURE*			2,103				945									
2010+	0	0.0%	NA	NA	3	0.3%	NA	NA	29	0.2%	NA	NA	8,628	0.2%	NA	NA
2000-2009	65	3.3%	NA	NA	147	14.2%	NA	NA	1,654	9.6%	NA	NA	469,010	10.4%	NA	NA
1990-1999	205	6.7%	126	6.0%	298	28.9%	421	44.6%	3,044	17.6%	3,531	23.0%	578,134	12.8%	623,855	14.7%
1980-1989	223	18.4%	276	13.1%	183	17.7%	97	10.2%	2,344	13.5%	2,329	15.2%	451,317	10.0%	446,197	10.5%
1970-1979	272	34.1%	334	15.9%	116	11.2%	145	15.3%	3,036	17.6%	2,631	17.1%	699,194	15.4%	722,799	17.1%
1960-1969	281	14.1%	253	12.0%	154	14.9%	144	15.2%	2,207	12.8%	1,854	12.1%	552,768	12.2%	602,670	14.2%
1940-1959	288	19.6%	266	12.6%	95	9.2%	84	8.9%	2,408	13.9%	1,868	12.1%	1,076,515	23.7%	1,123,299	26.5%
1939 or earlier	828	3.7%	848	40.3%	36	3.5%	54	5.7%	2,577	14.9%	3,157	20.5%	692,476	15.3%	715,459	16.9%
% Housing units built prior to 1980	1,669	77.2%	1,701	80.8%	401	38.9%	427	45.1%	10,228	59.2%	9,510	61.8%	3,020,953	66.7%	3,164,227	74.7%

	City of Charlevoix				Charlevoix Township				Charlevoix County				Michigan			
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: 25 years and older*																
Bachelor's or higher	718	37.9%	471	22.7%	367	34.9%	376	33.3%	5,089	27.1%	3,479	18.1%	1,693,007	25.7%	1,396,259	21.8%
Some college or associate's	574	30.3%	694	33.5%	372	35.4%	333	29.5%	6,122	32.6%	5,440	31.0%	2,148,211	32.6%	1,944,688	30.3%
High School	457	24.1%	659	31.8%	236	22.4%	318	28.2%	5,934	31.6%	6,158	35.1%	2,023,803	30.7%	2,010,861	31.3%
No High School diploma	144	7.6%	248	11.9%	93	8.9%	100	8.9%	1,634	8.7%	2,451	14.0%	728,468	11.1%	1,064,133	16.6%
Median Household Income*	\$32,868		\$35,284		\$49,000		\$45,758		\$46,709		\$39,788		\$47,175		\$44,667	
Median Household Income, Adjusted for 2010 dollars	\$32,868	-26.4%	\$44,680		\$49,000	-15.4%	\$57,943		\$46,709	-7.3%	\$50,383		\$47,175	-16.6%	\$56,562	
Per Capita Income	\$29,427		\$21,319		\$27,328		\$22,835		\$27,231		\$20,130		\$24,997		\$22,168	
Individuals below Poverty Level*	580	23.1%	279	9.3%	230	14.0%	76	4.5%	3,477	13.4%	2,087	8.0%	1,709,870	17.3%	1,021,605	10.5%
OCCUPATION BY INDUSTRY*																
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	1.5%	191	1.7%	177	1.5%	54,946	1.3%	49,496	1.1%
Construction	46	4.1%	110	8.7%	23	3.9%	63	8.5%	807	7.0%	1,296	10.8%	230,305	5.3%	278,079	6.0%
Manufacturing	131	11.8%	200	15.8%	105	17.8%	112	15.0%	2,082	18.1%	2,520	21.0%	770,715	17.6%	1,045,651	22.5%
Wholesale trade	22	2.0%	30	2.4%	14	2.4%	7	0.9%	212	1.8%	238	2.0%	122,378	2.8%	151,656	3.3%
Retail trade	210	18.9%	221	17.5%	79	13.4%	84	11.3%	1,359	11.8%	1,419	11.8%	507,530	11.6%	550,918	11.9%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5	0.5%	53	4.2%	12	2.0%	33	4.4%	446	3.9%	476	4.0%	181,648	4.2%	191,799	4.1%
Information	8	0.7%	7	0.6%	7	1.2%	8	1.1%	117	1.0%	134	1.1%	82,395	1.9%	98,887	2.1%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	89	8.0%	76	6.0%	48	8.1%	36	4.8%	553	4.8%	521	4.3%	250,855	5.7%	246,633	5.3%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, waste management services	98	8.8%	57	4.5%	46	7.8%	59	7.9%	981	8.5%	593	4.9%	388,626	8.9%	371,119	8.0%
Educational, health and social services	251	22.6%	262	20.7%	99	16.8%	213	28.6%	2,420	21.0%	2,423	20.2%	1,012,153	23.2%	921,395	19.9%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	120	10.8%	132	10.4%	94	16.0%	50	6.7%	1,504	13.0%	1,257	10.5%	397,267	9.1%	351,229	7.6%
Other services (except public administration)	68	6.1%	71	5.6%	17	2.9%	29	3.9%	464	4.0%	527	4.4%	206,152	4.7%	212,868	4.6%
Public administration	61	5.5%	46	3.6%	45	7.6%	40	5.4%	398	3.5%	420	3.5%	164,815	3.8%	167,731	3.6%

Appendix B

Past Grant History



Grant History

Grantee
City of Charlevoix - Charlevoix County

Project No. 262804 **Project County:** Charlevoix **Project Year:** 1999
Project Title: Depot Beach Park Development
Project Status: Withdrawn **Grant Amount:** \$122,030.00

Scope Item:
Landscaping (trees)
Picket Fence
Play Equipment
Restrooms
Sidewalk (reused depot brick, 2700)
Sprinkler System
Trail (compacted stone)
Volleyball Court

Project Description: Park improvements to include new restrooms, children's play equipment, volleyball court, walks, trails, landscaping, and sprinkler system.

Project No. CM99-251 **Project County:** Charlevoix **Project Year:** 1999
Project Title: Depot Beach Park Development
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$122,030.00

Scope Item:
Landscaping (trees)
Picket Fence
Play Equipment
Restrooms
Sidewalk (reused depot brick, 2700)
Sprinkler System
Trail (compacted stone)
Volleyball Court

Project Description: Park improvements to include new restrooms, children's play equipment, volleyball court, walks, trails, landscaping, and sprinkler system.

Project No. TF99-250 **Project County:** Charlevoix **Project Year:** 1999
Project Title: Michigan Beach Park Improvements
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$270,100.00

Scope Item:
Basketball Court
Picnic Shelter
Picnic Shelter
Remove and replace Beach wall
Renovate Bathhouse/Toilet Building/concession
Volleyball Court
walkway, deck (levelde sitting area)
Walkways park ave to DNR

Project Description: Renovations at Michigan Beach Park including reconstruction of the concession/restroom building, replace beach wall, and adding picnic shelters, walkway, observation platform, basketball court and volleyball court.



Grant History

Grantee
City of Charlevoix - Charlevoix County

Project No. TF00-223 **Project County: Charlevoix** **Project Year: 2000**
Project Title: Wharfside Building Acquisition
Project Status: Grant Closed **Grant Amount:** \$500,000.00
Project Description: Acquire in fee simple approximatley one acre within the City's Veterans and East Park complex on the City's Round Lake waterfront.

Project No. RP14-0087 **Project County: Charlevoix** **Project Year: 2014**
Project Title: Playground at Michigan Beach Park
Project Status: PA Executed **Grant Amount:** \$45,000.00

- Scope Item:**
- Bench Wall
 - Handicap parking signs
 - Landscaping
 - Pathway - 6' - 8' wide
 - Play Equipment (including surfacing)

Project Description: The City of Charlevoix Recreation Department is submitting an application for a Recreation Passport Grant for a new accessible playground at Michigan Beach Park. Charlevoix City Council is excited about this opportunity and has voted to match at least \$22,500 to our grant request of \$45,000.

Appendix C

Community Input Survey – Full Report

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

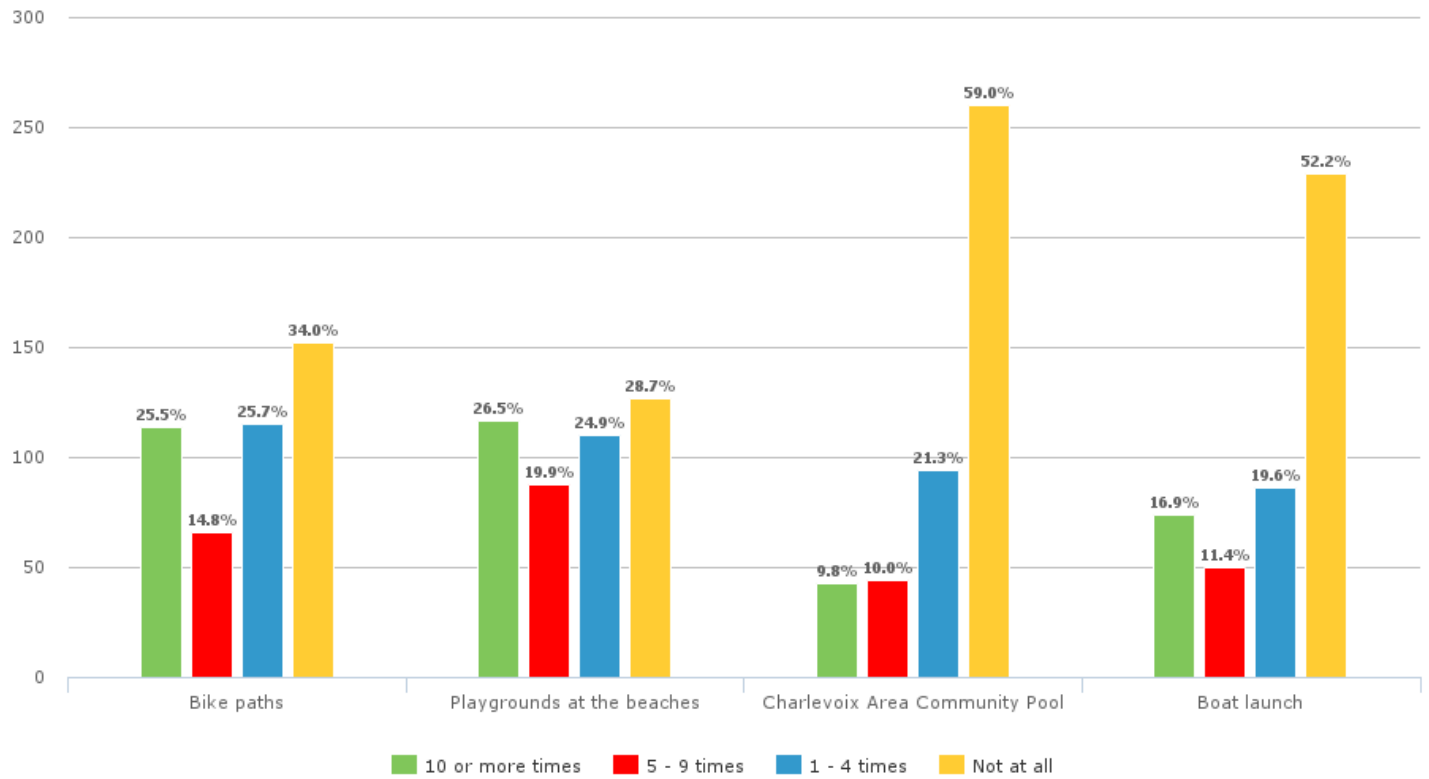
5. Based upon your responses in Question 4, why do you visit area parks and recreational facilities?

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

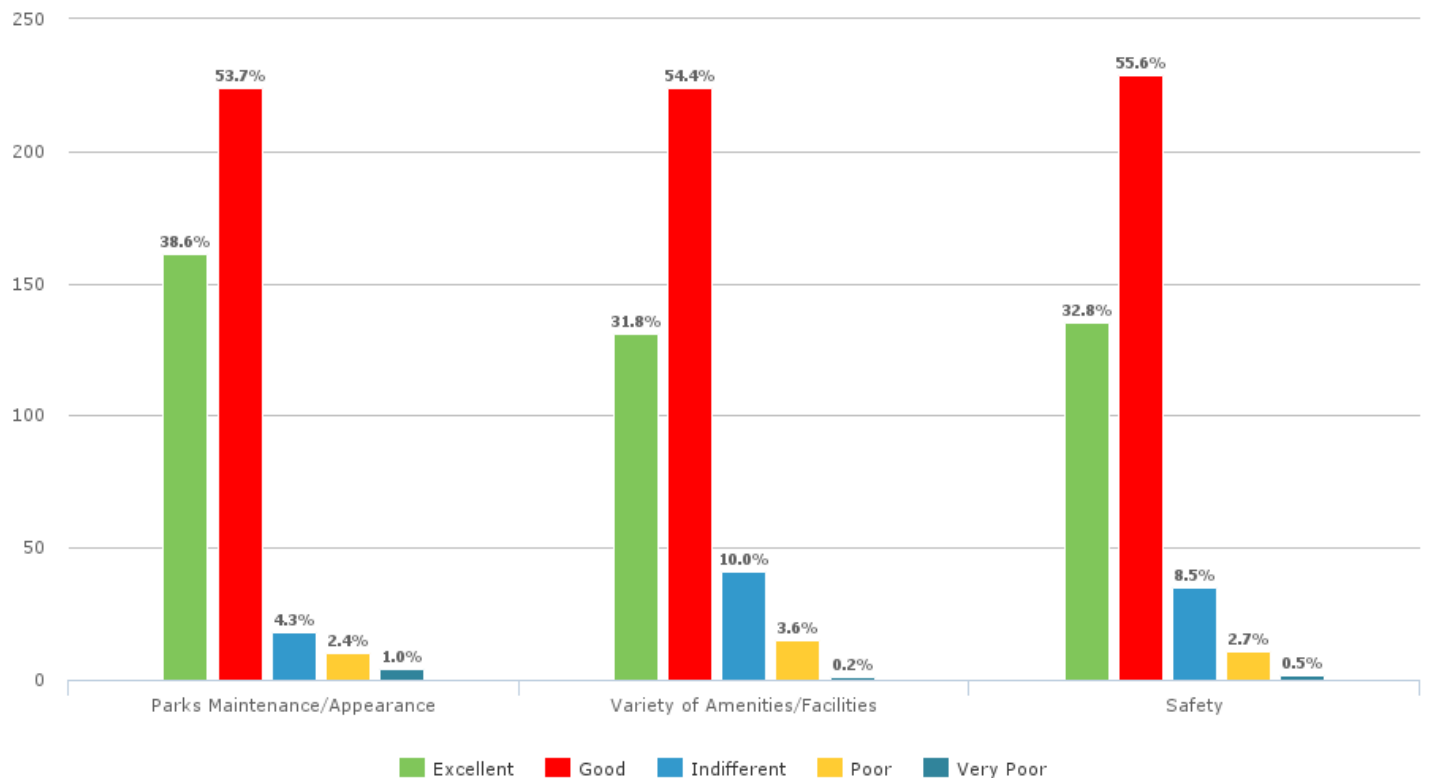
5. Based upon your responses in Question 4, why do you visit area parks and recreational facilities?
(Other:)

#	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?



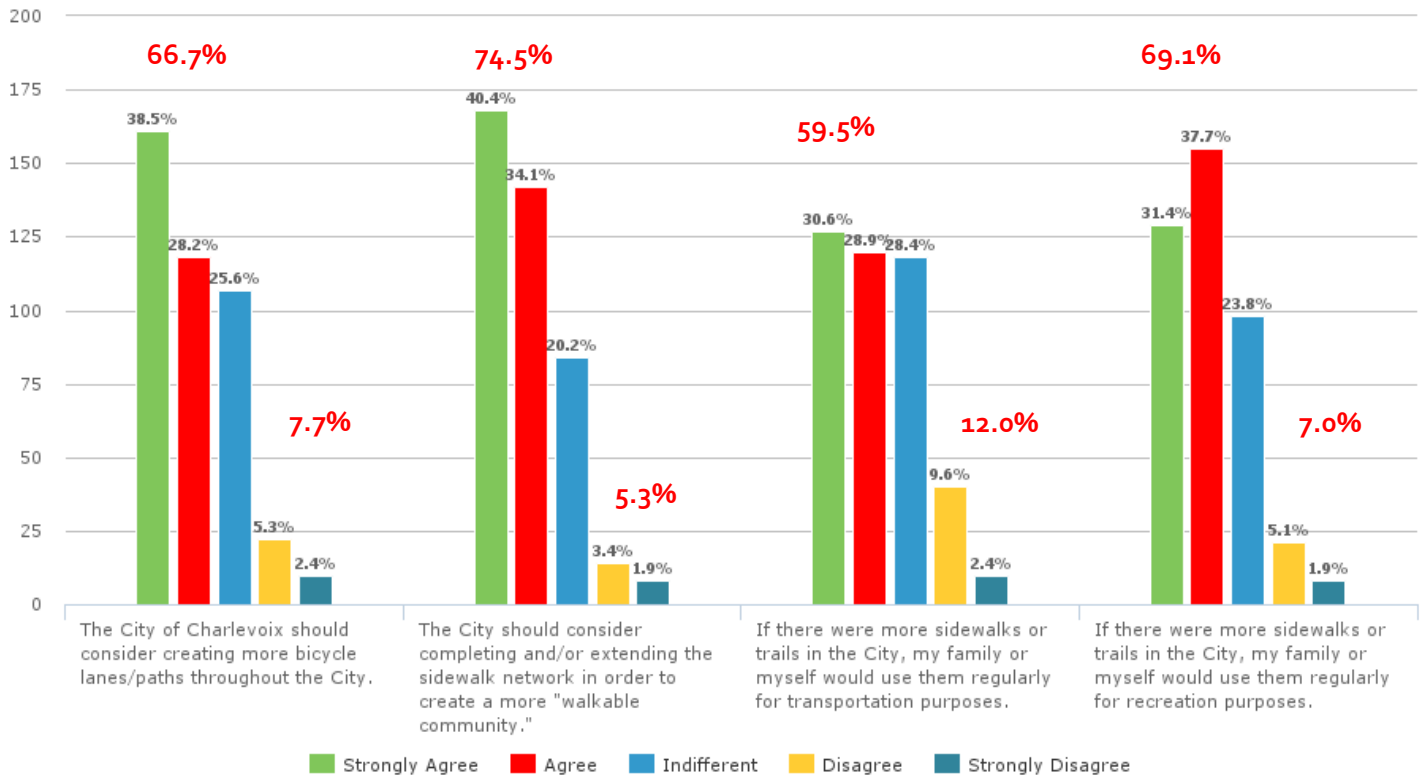
7. Please provide your overall opinion regarding the following aspects of City operated parks and recreation facilities.



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

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.	rebuild 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.	use existing 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 "amenities"
35.	We have run out of space for people. No more "facilities" or "amenities" which have ruined the open spaces that were once highly versatile.
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 installations
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

17. What do you like best about parks and recreation in Charlevoix?

There were 226 response(s) to this question



#	Response
1.	Love the beaches and the parks that are enhanced by the natural Beauty of the area.
2.	Love the beaches.
3.	Beaches and activites.
4.	Access to the lakes (Michigan, Depot and Ferry beaches).
5.	That we have access to them and they are beautiful and for the most part maintained.
6.	They are clean and up to date.
7.	We are blessed to have so many parks and beautiful beaches. I was shocked to see we no longer have lifeguards.
8.	Music in East Park. Public beaches.
9.	A lot of different options
10.	Parks are safe for kids and there are several close by, public beaches are excellent, bike trail is great (just needs to keep going!), yoga in the park is awesome.
11.	Lots of opportunity
12.	The quality in which they are maintained and the easy access to all of them.
13.	It's there when you want it
14.	Clean, safe and inviting environment. Attractive too.
15.	How well they are maintained
16.	Love hiking year round at North Point/McSauba/Lake Mich beach
17.	Natural Beauty
18.	Beaches
19.	Clean, safe, lake access to everyone.
20.	Beautiful scenery and well maintained.
21.	Depot beach, its history
22.	Natural beauty of each one. I enjoy having a variety to choose from
23.	Amazing offering of things for my kids; the parks are almost always in pristine condition.
24.	Skiing, snowboarding and ice skating available for my kids to enjoy.
25.	I like the parks with basketball courts or soccer fields.
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. depart, 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 to out doors 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.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
120.	<p>Ferry Beach needs better tree and grounds management; seem overgrown and unmanaged. Drainage poor in some areas and turf inferior.</p> <p>Lake Michigan beach needs sand containment work. Blowing off the beach all year long.</p>
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.	<p>Make beaches, skatepark, etc. stay open later</p> <p>Have no attendant working at the skatepark and make it stay open 24/7</p> <p>Better shoppers docks at the marina.</p>
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.	<p>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?</p> <p>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....</p> <p>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.</p>
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.	<p>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.</p> <p>The areas bordering both sides of Pine River Channel need to be maintained better-weeds are atrocious-especially around the Welcome to Charlevoix sign</p> <p>In the Spring-large piles of weeds sat at Ferry Beach parking lot for over a month-so better park clean up</p>
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 varity of activities

165.	Improve lodge at my mcсаuba
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.

19. What new recreation programs would you like to see in Charlevoix?

There were 161 response(s) to this question.



#	Response
1.	Bring swim lessons back to the beach, adult tennis classes
2.	I would love to see the ice skating rink and more winter activities promoted in the downtown area. Other towns near us have a steady stream of visitors in winter and I feel we could too.
3.	Worry about the ones that are already in place. The ball fields and restrooms there are gross, the concession stand is not open during softball season.
4.	I do not believe the city of Charlevoix is lacking in this area, the city provides a great amount of recreation for our residents.
5.	If you got rid of the lifeguards because of budget cuts, how could you think of starting any new programs?
6.	Sporting tournaments or annual games for the public to compete in
7.	archery classes for kids
8.	Winter basketball league.
9.	A playground
10.	Na
11.	none
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 downtown
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 dilapidated 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.	Community kids yoga More kids exercise events Disc golf and hiking and fishing events
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 of 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 dog 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 volleyball
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.

Appendix D

Adoption Documentation

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10th day of January, 2017

signed:



Cindy Serrels

Notary Public in Charlevoix County, Michigan,
acting in Charlevoix County, Michigan

My commission expires May 14, 2021

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Member Seely called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Seely, Sell, Vollmer, Joy, Kelly, Bryan

Members Absent: Peterson, Putman, Cunningham, Stevens

II. Inquiry Regarding Possible Conflicts of Interest

None.

III. Determination of a Quorum

Yes.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes

A. December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion made by Member Vollmer, second Member Sell. Passed unanimous voice vote.

V. Old Business

A. Review Draft of Recreation Master Plan

The Recreation Assistant explained the process behind the Recreation Master plan. City Council has approved a public review session during the February 20th City Council meeting. Ms. Forrester reviewed several changes to the master plan including: removing any mention of life guards, remove language discussing a dog run at the marina, and updated several other listings. Ms. Forrester asked the Recreation Advisory Board if they had any comments or questions regarding the timeline for the project. Member Bryan had several questions about the master plan including: the location of Coast Guard Park, the proposed kayak boat launches, and the playground at Lake Michigan Beach. Member Bryan also suggested adding language regarding the Shade Tree Commission. She believes the master plan should include professional input on behalf of the Shade Tree Commission. The Recreation Assistant stated she would send this change to the Spicer Group. She also noted that the goals reflected adding a tunnel under US-31 as suggested by Member Seely. The Recreation Assistant called for public comment. There was none. Member Seely called for a motion of support for the Recreation Master Plan.

Motion to approve the Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan and forward the document to City Council for review and public comment. Motion made by Member Kelly, second Member Seely. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

VI. New Business

A. Welcome New Members

The Recreation Assistant welcomed new members Brenda Bryan and Scott Kelly to the Recreation Advisory Board.

B. Approve 2017 Meeting Schedule

As stated in the by-laws, the Recreation Advisory Board needs to set its yearly meeting dates. The Recreation Assistant noted that these dates are reflected in the current by-laws. She asked if these dates were acceptable. The Recreation Advisory Board accepted the proposed dates. Member Seely called for a motion to adopt the proposed meeting dates.

Motion to approve the proposed meeting dates. Motion made by Member Sell, second by Member Kelly. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

C. By-Law Revision

The Recreation Assistant reminded the Recreation Advisory Board about the discussion from the last meeting on December 14, 2016. At the meeting, it was suggested that by-laws allow for some flexibility in the number of individuals sitting on the board. The proposed change would allow for committee members with expiring terms, who had reached their term limit, to reapply to serve on the Recreation Advisory Board. Member Sell submitted the proposed by-law change. The Recreation Assistant stated that the quorum number did not need to change as suggested by Member Seely. She noted that the City Clerk felt that it was unnecessary at this time. This is something to be discussed at a later date. Member Seely called for a motion of support.

Motion to approve the proposed by-law change and submit the proposed change to City Council for review. Motion made by Member Vollmer, second by Member Bryan. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

The Recreation Assistant noted that the Recreation Department just received \$2,000 in scholarship funding from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

The City Council will be honoring Matt Peterson and Dean Davenport for their community service for the Recreation Advisory Board. They will be thanked for their service at the February 20th City Council meeting.

The Recreation Assistant informed the Recreation Advisory Board that this would most likely be her last board meeting. She has accepted a full-time job with the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau. She thanked everyone for their service to the City. Members congratulated Ms. Forrester on her new job.

Member Seely asked if the members needed to be present at the February 20th City Council meeting for the adoption of the master plan. The Recreation Assistant stated that it was not necessary for the board to be present.

Member Kelly asked how long the Recreation Advisory Board meetings usually run. Members noted that the meetings are generally an hour and half long.

IX. Call for Public Comment

None.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Motion made by Member Sell, second Member Vollmer. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Pre-Call to Order Items:

- A. Director Kirinovic introduced Anzell as the new Recreation Assistant.
- B. Kirinovic noted that with out-going Member and Chair Peterson, the first order of business should be to nominate a new Chair. Nominations were opened. Member Sell nominated Member Seely to be the next Committee Chair. Second by Member Vollmer. No other nominations were made. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Member Seely called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Members Present: Seely, Sell, Vollmer, Joy, Kelly, Cunningham

Staff Present: Kirinovic, Anzell

Members Absent: Peterson, Putman, Stevens, Bryan

Also Present: City Council Member Leon Perron, Guest Perry Matthew

II. Inquiry Regarding Possible Conflicts of Interest

None.

III. Determination of a Quorum

Yes.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes

- A. February 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion made by Member Kelly, second Member Sell. Passed unanimous voice vote.

V. Old Business

- A. Recreation Master Plan Update

The Master Plan is in its final form and will be made official and available with the approval of the February 1, 2017 meeting minutes. The Plan will be available in hard copy and/or as a digital file.

- B. Michigan Beach Playground Update

Director Kirinovic noted that five companies have submitted bids for the new playground equipment. Kirinovic distributed price quotes from the five companies and invited Members to review any/all of the proposals if they wished. The process now is to examine each proposal to see where the variations in equipment and costs lie. The goal is to have the playground completed by the Fourth of July. The committee felt this was a good goal, although maybe a bit ambitious.

- C. Bylaw Revision

Director Kirinovic reminded the Committee that revisions to the Bylaws pertained to Member terms.

- D. Peterson/Davenport Recognition

Out-going Members Peterson and Davenport were recognized by City Council for their years of outstanding service.

- E. Mt. McSauba Focus Group

Member Sell reported that the purpose of the focus group is to brainstorm ideas on how Mt. McSauba can help support City goals. Ideas for discussion: how is Mt. McSauba being used and by whom, ways to incorporate new facility usage, how to keep the facility maintained and accessible, and how to get feedback from those who have used the facility. Ideas garnered from the focus group will be brought to the Recreation Advisory Committee, then to City Council.

As a side note, Member Seely noted that the General Manager of Nub's Nob, Jim Bartlett, is retiring. Seely would like to see a plaque or resolution in his honor to commemorate his years of service, perhaps on behalf of the City Council.

F. Repair to Tennis and Basketball Courts

Director Kirinovic reported that work on the courts will begin when the weather permits and sustains overnight temperatures above 50 degrees.

G. \$2,000 Grant from the Tribe

The grant money was received and will support kids to attend summer camp and ski camp.

VI. New Business

A. Beth Anzell

Director Kirinovic introduced Anzell as new assistant at the start of the meeting.

B. Resolution from Charlevoix Trail Ambassadors

The City of Charlevoix considers bicycle and pedestrian transportation to be of utmost importance and endorses connecting the Little Traverse Wheelway to downtown Charlevoix and formed a resolution to support same.

C. 2017/2018 City Council Goals

City Council has identified goals for 2017/2018. These goals were shared with the Committee.

D. Recap of Ski Season

Director Kirinovic reported that, while we don't have final numbers yet, it was a good season with many positive comments from the community.

E. Skate Park Questions

Perry Matthew attended as a citizen guest. Matthew had questions regarding how the Skate Park operates and who dictates when the Park is open. He would like to have the park open sooner in the year and operate longer hours. Kirinovic is contacting other skate parks to see how they operate and will report to Manager Heydlauff his findings. They then will report to City Council.

F. Summer Camp Scholarships

Director Kirinovic reported there are 45 camp scholarships available. Kirinovic also suggested that we need to increase promotion of camp. Assistant Anzell will work on more promotion and advertising.

VII. Miscellaneous Business

Director Kirinovic noted that the Recreation Advisory Committee's help in getting the word out into the community about our programs and activities is important. He also stressed the importance of helping us to be aware of community concerns and comments.

VIII. Call for Public Comment

Councilman Perron thanked the Committee for everything they do. He feels it is the most important committee the City has.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion made by Member Vollmer, second Member Kelly. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Future Meeting Schedule: June 14, September 13 and December 13, 2017

Meeting Minutes



CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

210 STATE ST. CHARLEVOIX, MICH. 49720

The Charlevoix City Council met on February 20, 2017 with Mayor Luther Kurtz presiding. Councilmember Hagen was absent and all other Councilmembers were present. The following is the official draft record of said meeting:

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 20, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, Council Chambers, Charlevoix, MI**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luther Kurtz.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Mayor: Luther Kurtz
Members Present: Councilmembers Shane Cole, Shirley Gibson, Janet Kalbfell, Tom Oleksy, Leon Perron
Members Absent: Aaron Hagen
City Manager: Mark Heydlauff
City Clerk: Joyce Golding

3. Presentations

Matt Peterson and Dean Davenport were recognized for their service on the Recreation Advisory Committee and John Kurtz for his service on the Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Board.

4. Inquiry Regarding Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Kurtz commented that he would facilitate the Airport Advisory Committee appointments later in the agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion of an item is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting
- B. Regular Accounts Payable Check Register – February 21, 2017
- C. ACH Payments – February 6, 2017 to February 13, 2017
- D. Payroll Check Register – February 10, 2017
- E. Payroll Transmittal – February 10, 2017
- F. Tax Disbursement – February 21, 2017
- G. Approve 2017 Free Dockage for Sea Scouts Ship 11
- H. Approve Recreation Assistant Job Description dated 02/20/2017

Motion by Councilmember Gibson, second by Councilmember Oleksy, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

6. Public Hearings & Actions Requiring Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2017 Recreation Master Plan

Alan Bean, Community Planner with the Spicer Group, explained that he assisted the Recreation Department in developing an updated five-year Recreation Master Plan which includes seven goals and 26 action items. The approved plan must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources in order to qualify for grant funding. Mr. Bean noted that two means of public input are required for approval, the first being an online survey, and the second this public hearing.

Councilmember Kalbfell questioned the potential tunnel under US-31 and Mr. Bean responded that this item was included to address safe crossing for golfers, bikers, and pedestrians.

Councilmember Gibson appreciated the Plan's comments regarding good stewardship of our natural resources.

City Manager Heydlauff commended the volunteer members of the Recreation Advisory Committee for their diligent work on the Master Plan.

Mayor Kurtz opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. There was no comment and the item was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Perron, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to approve Resolution #2017-02-02 and adoption of the 2017 Recreation Master Plan.

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02-02
RECREATION MASTER PLAN ADOPTION**

- WHEREAS,** *the City of Charlevoix has undertaken a five year Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the five year period that begins in 2017 and ends on December 31, 2021; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the plan has been developed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Community Recreation Plan; and*
- WHEREAS,** *an online input survey was made available to the public from July 17 to September 7, 2016, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas and express opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the City of Charlevoix; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the draft Recreation Master Plan was made available for review and public comment from January 12 to February 20, 2017, at the Charlevoix City Hall, the Charlevoix Public Library, and online at <http://charlevoix.recdesk.com>; and*
- WHEREAS,** *at a regular meeting with the Recreation Advisory Board, held on February 1, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State Street, the City of Charlevoix Recreation Advisory Board recommended adoption of the Recreation Master Plan by the City Council; and*
- WHEREAS,** *a public meeting with the Charlevoix City Council was held on February 20, 2017, 7:00 pm, at the Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Master Plan; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of Charlevoix has developed the Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of Charlevoix.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *on this day that the City of Charlevoix adopts said Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for recreation improvements for the City of Charlevoix.*

RESOLVED *this 20th day of February, 2017 A.D.*

Resolution was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

At this time, Mayor Kurtz requested and received approval from Council for a brief presentation from three Charlevoix High School Students. Noah Carson, Isabel Hess, and Chloe Winnie explained that they were here tonight to draw awareness to recycling in Charlevoix. They asked Council to consider the use of multi-stream recycling bins throughout the City and at the beaches, as well as soliciting local businesses to participate in recycling efforts. Mayor Kurtz stated that this topic was discussed and he felt that this presentation may help to move the Council forward.

2. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget Amendment

City Manager Heydlauff explained that the 2016-2017 Budget Amendment aligns our actual spending from the last year with the budget. He stated that overall the General Fund used roughly \$77,000 in reserves compared with an estimated budget of \$211,000 coming from reserves. The General Fund ended the year with \$1.3 million in cash reserves or 38% of annual expenses-a very

healthy cash reserve. City Manager Heydlauff recalled that while the City undertook extensive infrastructure improvements in the last year, costs came in roughly \$200,000 less than was budgeted or slightly less than 10% of the overall project. He noted that the utility funds performed within expectations with the Water Fund beginning to improve.

Mayor Kurtz opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. There was no comment and the item was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Cole, second by Councilmember Gibson, to approve Ordinance #780 and approve the Budget Amendment for the 2016-2017 budget as presented.

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**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
 ORDINANCE NO. 780 OF 2017
 2016-17 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix. Ordinance #776-2016 Budget Appropriation Act, of 2016-2017, is hereby amended as follows:

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund	RV Total	3,481,000	3,450,649	(30,351)
- Legislative	EX Total	44,400	52,974	8,574
- General Government	EX Total	569,000	567,225	(1,775)
- Public Safety	EX Total	1,119,900	1,058,813	(61,287)
- Public Works	EX Total	235,100	248,525	13,425
- Health and Welfare	EX Total	432,700	422,849	(9,851)
- Recreation & Culture	EX Total	1,159,600	1,051,088	(108,512)
- Other	EX Total	131,900	128,758	(5,142)
Major Street Fund	RV Total	287,766	304,506	16,740
	EX Total	260,900	299,931	39,031
Local Street Fund	RV Total	159,814	174,315	14,501
	EX Total	159,600	172,234	12,634
DDA Fund	RV Total	533,964	564,720	30,756
	EX Total	543,700	663,205	119,505
General Debt Service Fund	RV Total	208,800	321,768	114,968
	EX Total	208,800	318,296	111,496
Airport Fund	RV Total	2,525,600	2,510,793	(14,807)
	EX Total	1,818,900	1,590,969	(27,931)
P#2 - Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	RV Total	8,100	11,100	3,000
P#5 - Sewer Capital Fund	RV Total	8,100	7,750	1,650
P#6 - Infrastructure Improvements Fund	RV Total	3,487,700	478,782	(3,008,918)
	EX Total	3,471,200	2,933,943	(537,257)
P#7 - Street Improvements	RV Total	233,800	234,565	965
	EX Total	207,955	216,541	8,586
P#9 - Industrial Park Fund	RV Total	30	60	30
	EX Total	5,000	3,500	(1,500)
P#12 - Mt. McSaubia Recreation Improvem	RV Total	7,000	7,010	10
	EX Total	4,000	0	(4,000)
Electric Fund	RV Total	7,143,372	7,254,796	111,424
	EX Total	8,379,400	8,013,914	(365,486)
Sewer Fund	RV Total	3,812,400	4,045,345	232,945
	EX Total	3,775,100	4,309,084	533,984
Water Fund	RV Total	1,859,700	1,712,281	52,581
	EX Total	1,953,500	1,817,781	(135,719)
Marina Fund	RV Total	734,850	764,098	29,248
	EX Total	1,377,700	1,387,897	10,197
DPW Site Fund	RV Total	187,500	188,700	1,200
	EX Total	79,000	34,050	(44,950)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total	2,317,500	2,271,509	(45,991)
	EX Total	2,326,500	2,283,826	(62,674)
Motor Pool Fund	RV Total	1,077,900	1,144,769	66,869
Motor Pool Fund	EX Total	1,279,700	1,291,211	11,511
Cemetery Trust	RV Total	4,750	6,000	1,250
Bad Debt Write-Offs				
General Fund		16,866	ambulance	
Motor Pool Fund		-		
Electric Fund		15,063		
Water Fund		2,721		
Sewer Fund		5,471		
2016-2017 TOTAL:		\$40,120		
2015-16		\$35,724		
2014-15		\$55,724		
2013-14		\$45,683		
2012-13		\$76,613		
2011-12		\$31,720		

Ordinance No. 780 was enacted on the 20th day of February, 2017 A.D., by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Cole
Second by: Councilmember Gibson

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

State of Michigan)
) ss
City of Charlevoix)

3. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2017-2018 City Budget, Millage Rates, and Fee Schedule

City Manager Heydlauff recalled that at the last meeting, he submitted the final budget recommendation from Staff and the ordinance to approve it. Pursuant to Michigan law, a Public Hearing must be held on the establishment of the tax rate and budget. He touched briefly on the following budget items:

- Complete reconstruction of Antrim Street (Bridge to State), Hurlbut (Bridge to State), and Prospect (Dixon to Petoskey)
- Extensive repaving of various streets to improve conditions and long-term wear
- Installation of new cooling system for City Hall
- New filter media, pump rebuilds, and control improvements at the Water Treatment Plant
- Taxiway A surface improvements and new lighting at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport
- No change in tax rates
- New City website and online Code of Ordinances to make City government more user friendly
- Software to digitize Council and City Board and Commission packets

The rate and fee schedule includes the following significant points:

- No change in electric rates
- Average City resident water bills will increase \$5 per month; sewer bills will increase \$1 per month
- Golf Course and McSauba Rates remain the same with the exception of a reduction for ice rink season passes
- No change for parking or marina rates

Councilmember Gibson stated the Airport Advisory Committee has not reviewed rates and fees. This will be done at a special meeting in March. She requested that Council wait to approve the Airport Rates and Fees schedule until after the Committee submits their recommendation.

Mayor Kurtz commented on the streamlined budget process and thanked Treasurer McGinn for her work.

City Manager Heydlauff stated that he included a proposed Capital Budget and Plan titled "Charlevoix Tomorrow" which highlights opportunities for growth and redevelopment along with long-term budget planning. He noted that Council action was not needed at this time but it will be referred to the Planning Commission for their consideration before returning to Council.

Mayor Kurtz opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. There was no comment and the item was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Kalbfell, second by Councilmember Gibson, to approve Ordinance #781 and approve the 2017-2018 City of Charlevoix Budget as presented.

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 781 of 2017
BUDGET APPROPRIATION ACT**

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, *the City Council of the City of Charlevoix did give notice of the time and place when a public hearing would be held in conformity with provisions of Section 7.8, Article VII of the City Charter, which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018 are hereby appropriated on a fund level basis (a detailed breakdown by activity level can be found in the Budget Details document) as summarized by the following:*

Motion by Councilmember Gibson, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to approve Resolution #2017-02-03 and approve the Rates and Fees Schedule for 2017-2018 excluding the Airport Rates and Fees until reviewed by the Airport Advisory Committee.

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02-03
RATES & FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2017-18 BUDGET**

- WHEREAS,** *the City of Charlevoix annually must adopt a balanced budget to comply with the City Charter; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of Charlevoix in preparing the budget, assumes the adoption of rates and fees for various services they provide in order to pay for those services in whole or in part as proposed in their annual budget; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of Charlevoix defines all of their rates and fees in the rate section of the proposed budget; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of Charlevoix proposes to make these rates and fees effective on April 1, 2017.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlevoix adopts all rates and fees included in the 2017-18 Proposed Budget with changes to the rates and fees for the following areas: utility rates for electric, sewer and water and fees for the following services: airport, golf, parking fines, fees and spaces, Ferry Beach boat launch ramp parking fees, miscellaneous fees, FOIA requests, golf, planning and zoning and recreation.

RESOLVED, this 20th day of February, 2017 A.D.

Resolution adopted by the following yea and nay votes:

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

7. All Other Actions & Requests

A. Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Promotional and Marketing Agreement

City Manager Heydlauff stated that since the 1980s, the City of Charlevoix has entered into an agreement with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for promoting and disseminating information on Charlevoix's industry, commerce, educational opportunities, and recreation. The latest agreement expires on March 31, 2017.

Mayor Kurtz opened the item to public comment. There was no comment and the item was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Cole, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to approve the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Promotional and Marketing Agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

B. Revision to Recreation Advisory Committee Bylaws

Recreation Director Kirinovic stated that the Recreation Advisory Committee proposed an update to its bylaws to allow more flexibility toward retention of a full Committee roster. The proposed revision permits the Mayor to reappoint an existing member to the Committee for another term, if no other volunteer is interested in the position.

Mayor Kurtz opened the item to public comment. There was no comment and the item was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Oleksy, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to approve the Recreation Advisory Committee Bylaws as presented.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

C. Council Appointments

Motion by Councilmember Gibson, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to appoint Dennis Kusina to the Board of Review, term expiring December 2019.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy

Nays: None
 Absent: Hagen

Motion by Councilmember Perron, second by Councilmember Cole, to reappoint Councilmember Gibson to the Airport Advisory Committee, term expiring February 2019.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Cole, Oleksy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Hagen
 Abstain: Gibson

Motion by Councilmember Gibson, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to reappoint Don Seelye—City Resident to the Airport Advisory Committee, term expiring February 2019.

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Hagen

8. Reports & Communications

A. Public Comments

Rick Root, owner of the Taffy Barrel, expressed his concern regarding the proposed changes to Van Pelt Alley. He indicated that businesses along the alley need access for delivery trucks. Mr. Root suggested limiting the alley to commercial traffic only. Councilmember Gibson stated that a Public Hearing was scheduled for March 6th to discuss the alley proposal. Council concurred to expand notification of the Public Hearing to affected "business owners" in addition to those property owners already notified.

Jodi Laurent, 1st Ward, requested that the broken service group sign on Fairway and Petoskey be removed.

B. City Manager Comments

City Manager Heydlauff stated that the Mayor requested a Work Session on March 8th at 1:30 p.m. to review and discuss the progress of the Main Street Program.

C. Mayor & Council Comments

Councilmember Gibson described the current residential garbage/debris pickup procedures. She felt that the ordinance should be consistent and suggested the following: designate one day for household pickup, require construction debris to be placed in a dumpster, change the bimonthly household refuse pickup to quarterly, and require short term rental property owners to manage their renters' garbage. Councilmember Kalbfell questioned the feasibility of the City putting garbage pickup out to bid for one contractor. Councilmember Perron agreed with the idea of a single day pickup, but not contracting a single supplier. City Manager Heydlauff will bring options back to Council.

Mayor Kurtz suggested another work session with the school board, township, and hospital. Council concurred. City Manager Heydlauff will reach out to these organizations and set a date.

9. Other Council Business

None.

10. Adjourn

The Mayor stated if there were no objections, the meeting would adjourn. There were no objections. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Joyce M. Golding

City Clerk

Luther Kurtz

Mayor

Regular Accounts Payable – 02/21/2017

ACE HARDWARE	1,364.28	BARRETT'S AUTO & MARINE TRIM	330.00
ALL AREA TOWING	65.00	BC PIZZA	57.28
ALL-PHASE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	142.20	BRADFORD'S	32.50
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC	53.72	CARQUEST OF CHARLEVOIX	578.69
AMERICAN WASTE INC.	269.96	CV AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	240.00
ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY	3,095.66	CHARLEVOIX DISTRICT LIBRARY	25.00
ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT CO	10,580.00	CHARLEVOIX GLASS INC.	206.74
AT YOUR SERVICE PLUS INC	690.00	CHARLEVOIX SCREEN MASTERS INC	359.25
AUTO VALUE	769.81	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	994.63
AVFUEL CORPORATION	392.70	CINTAS CORPORATION #729	30.00

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX - UTILITIES	34,910.25	OLESON'S FOOD STORES	7.45
CITY OF PETOSKEY	240.00	OLSON BZDOK & HOWARD	3,134.27
DOWNING, DENNIS	25.17	OSCAR W LARSON COMPANY	3,990.00
FAMILY FARM & HOME	186.03	PARASTAR INC.	935.91
FASTENAL COMPANY	38.47	PICOTTE, DIANE	165.00
FLICKEMA, ANDREW	162.28	PIKE, HELEN	362.06
FREEDOM MAILING SERVICES INC.	2,267.03	PLYMKRAFT INC	2,145.00
FRONT LINE SERVICES INC.	100.95	POWER LINE SUPPLY	188.64
HYDRO CORP	515.00	PREIN & NEWHOF	240.00
JACK DOHENY SUPPLIES INC	252.18	QUICK CARE MEDICAL CENTER	105.00
JACKLIN STEEL SUPPLY CO	184.52	QUILL CORP	269.90
KASSBOHRER ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	674.00	RANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	183.60
KEVIN'S METER TESTING	2,908.72	SAUNDERS, DIANA	88.69
KMart	3.57	SCIENTIFIC BRAKE & EQUIP CO	99.61
KSS ENTERPRISES	250.87	SIGMA-ALDRICH RTC	369.10
LAKESHORE TIRE & AUTO SERVICE	1,040.70	SPICER GROUP INC	675.00
MC SPORTS	239.96	SPOK INC	9.99
MCCARDEL CULLIGAN-PETOSKEY	50.00	STATE OF MICHIGAN	260.00
MCLAREN HEALTH PLAN	198.42	TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES	1,575.06
MEREDITH, DALE	150.97	USA BLUE BOOK	459.28
METAL HEAD WELDING LLC	705.00	VANAMBURG, LEON	7.24
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	18,811.00	VERTIV	3,802.95
MICHIGAN OFFICEWAYS INC	1,738.92	WELLER, LINDA	22.25
MIDWESTERN BROADCASTING CO	536.00	WILBERT BURIAL VAULT CO	591.36
NORTHERN CREDIT BUREAU	201.35	WILLCOME TREE SERVICE	13,510.00
NORTHERN LOGISTICS	695.00	WINDER POLICE EQUIPMENT	151.58
NORTHERN MICHIGAN REVIEW INC.	649.84	WURST, RANDALL W.	201.16
NORTHWEST DESIGN GROUP	37.50	ZACHARIAS, STEVEN B.	100.00
NORTHWEST HYDRAULICS & ENGRG.	205.37	TOTAL	121,906.59

ACH Payments – 02/06/2017 to 02/13/2017

MI PUBLIC POWER AGENCY	8,578.90	STATE OF MI (WITHHOLDING TAX)	3,899.25
PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK	215.30	VANTAGEPOINT (401 ICMA PLAN)	699.94
DTE ENERGY	9,500.23	VANTAGEPOINT (457 ICMA PLAN)	12,259.48
STATE OF MI (SALES TAX)	24,656.06	VANTAGEPOINT (ROTH IRA)	911.53
IRS (PAYROLL TAX DEPOSIT)	27,163.00	MI PUBLIC POWER AGENCY	3,449.83
ALERUS FINANCIAL (HCSP)	420.00	TOTAL	91,753.52

Payroll Net Pay – Pay Period Ending 02/04/2017 (Paid 02/10/2017)

WELLER, LINDA JO	1,469.19	STEVENS, BRANDON C.	2,007.98
HEYDLAUFF, MARK L.	2,392.96	DRAVES, MARTIN J.	1,560.39
GOLDING, JOYCE M.	1,080.00	BROWN, STEPHANIE C.	1,042.18
DEROSIA, PATRICIA E.	917.28	ANDERSON, ELIZABETH A.	1,025.90
DOTSON, LINDSEY J.	1,393.28	ELLIOTT, PATRICK M.	1,962.27
LOY, EVELYN R.	1,050.16	SCHWARTZFISHER, JOSEPH L.	1,157.42
KLOOSTER, ALIDA K.	1,736.98	BRADLEY, KELLY R.	1,589.92
GOLOVICH, KAREN J.	970.67	HART II, DELBERT W.	1,141.62
SPENCLEY, PATRICIA L.	1,206.11	JONES, ROBERT F.	1,128.21
PANOFF, ZACHARY R.	1,169.91	DORAN, JUSTIN J.	1,538.85
MILLER, FAITH G.	27.52	BECKER, MICHAEL S.	18.47
LEESE, MERRI C.	323.70	BITELY, KATHERINE A.	423.13
MCGINN, KELLY A.	1,564.07	BOSS, SHERRY M.	525.29
DOAN, GERARD P.	1,559.32	BRADLEY, JOHN P.	73.88
SCHLAPPI, JAMES L.	885.16	DIXON, MIKAYA S.	180.67
UMULIS, MATTHEW T.	1,180.47	NIMPHIE, NOAH J.D.	249.64
HANKINS, SCOTT A.	1,456.96	PORATH, JACOB P.	217.98
ORBAN, BARBARA K.	1,104.88	HAGEN, MADISON L.	313.99
TRAEGER, JASON A.	710.53	CRANDELL, ZACKARY R.	230.11
FLICKEMA, ANDREW M.	1,563.18	BERTINELLI, DAVID P.	923.57
MATELSKI, KIMBERLY A.	1,143.81	ARNOLD, HAILEE M.	165.12
RILEY, DENISE M.	420.66	BOSS, BEAU J.	849.92
WURST, RANDALL W.	1,097.08	BARNEVELD, VLADIMIR R.	35.24
MAYER, SHELLEY L.	1,624.27	FICHTNER, KRISTIE S.	277.05
HILLING, NICHOLAS A.	1,260.61	HEID, THOMAS J	1,273.44
MEIER III, CHARLES A.	1,052.82	VANLOO, JOSEPH G.	633.68
ZACHARIAS, STEVEN B.	1,162.24	WYMAN, MATTHEW A.	1,423.43
EATON, BRAD A.	1,856.44	BOSS, RYDER S.	466.86
WILSON, TIMOTHY J.	2,253.95	MILLER, WILLIAM S.	1,190.05
LAVOIE, RICHARD L.	1,630.19	DOUGLAS, MARK	135.37

STEVENS, JEFFREY W.	175.70	JOHNSON, STEVEN P.	984.47
WILLSON, BRENDA R.	65.72	BOSS JR, DALE E.	1,212.17
BEAN, PETER J.	585.40	STEBE JR, JOHN M.	372.61
RILEY, DANIEL A.	312.04	STEBE, CATHERINE M.	341.76
SWEM, DONALD L.	1,834.08	HOLM, ARTHUR R.	793.65
WHITLEY, ANDREW T.	1,683.65	MATTER, DAWSON K.	96.90
MORRISON, KEVIN P.	911.92		
HODGE, MICHAEL J.	1,259.66	TOTAL	71,655.76

Payroll Transmittal - 02/10/2017

4FRONT CREDIT UNION	307.69	COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMER	519.37
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	191.88	MI STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	323.45
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	461.64	POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL	201.00
CHAR EM UNITED WAY	59.00	PRIORITY HEALTH	2,014.96
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	1,304.62		
CHEMICAL BANK	150.00	TOTAL	5,533.61

Tax Disbursement 02/21/2017

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TREASURER	1,440.09	CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS	45.10
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TREASURER	240,284.59	CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS	170.04
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TREASURER	804.73	CITY OF CHARLEVOIX - TAXES DUE	62,289.10
CHARLEVOIX DISTRICT LIBRARY	82,705.42	RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY	16,232.81
CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS	5,961.05	TALON TITLE AGENCY LLC	49.08
CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,217.62		
CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS	124.77	TOTAL	411,324.40

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, the City Clerk of the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete draft copy of the City Council of the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, regular meeting held on February 20, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976.

Dated: 02/21/2017


 Joyce M. Golding, City Clerk



CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

210 STATE ST. CHARLEVOIX, MICH. 49720

The Charlevoix City Council met on Monday, February 20, 2017 with Mayor Luther Kurtz presiding. Councilmember Hagen was absent and all other Councilmembers were present. The following is an excerpt from the official records of said meeting:

6. Public Hearings & Actions Requiring Public Hearings

Motion by Councilmember Perron, second by Councilmember Kalbfell, to adopt Resolution 2017-02-02 Recreation Master Plan Adoption, as follows:

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02-02 RECREATION MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the City of Charlevoix has undertaken a five year Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the five year period that begins in 2017 and ends on December 31, 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, an online input survey was made available to the public from July 17 to September 7, 2016, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas and express opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the City of Charlevoix; and

WHEREAS, the draft Recreation Master Plan was made available for review and public comment from January 12 to February 20, 2017, at the Charlevoix City Hall, the Charlevoix Public Library, and online at <http://charlevoix.recdesk.com>; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting with the Recreation Advisory Board, held on February 1, 2017, 6:00 pm at the Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State Street, the City of Charlevoix Recreation Advisory Board recommended adoption of the Recreation Master Plan by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting with the Charlevoix City Council was held on February 20, 2017, 7:00 pm, at the Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlevoix has developed the Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of Charlevoix.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this day that the City of Charlevoix adopts said Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for recreation improvements for the City of Charlevoix.

RESOLVED this 20th day of February, 2017 A.D.

Resolution was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Kalbfell, Perron, Gibson, Cole, Oleksy
Nays: None
Absent: Hagen

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, the City Clerk of the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2017-02-02 adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 20, 2017, the original of which is on file in the Clerk's office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976.

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COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: City of Charlevoix Recreation Master Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Charlevoix	Charlevoix County	February 2017

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice January 20, 2017

Type of Notice Newspaper Public Notice

Plan Location City Hall, library, online

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 31

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice Febraury 10, 2017

Name of Newspaper Charlevoix Courier

Date of Meeting February 20, 2017

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 20, 2017

2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: Febraury 24, 2017

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 24, 2017

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

the City of Charlevoix includes the required content, as indicated
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Mark J. M... City Manager 2/27/17
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.