

## SECTION 4

# DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

### Planning Process

The awareness of the benefits of a township level recreation plan grew out of the master plan update process. Following the adoption of the Hayes Township Master Plan Update in 2007/2008, work began on an initial Township Recreation Plan in late -2008. This plan is an update of the initial recreation plan adopted in 2009. Since the plan adoption, Hayes Township pursued and was awarded a grant to facilitate the purchase of the Camp Seagull property. During the grant application process in 2011 and 2012, much public input was gathered.

As a part of updating both the Township Master Plan and this Township Recreation Plan, Hayes Township conducted a survey of property owners in part to gather input on the recreational desires of the Township residents and property owners. A postcard announcing the survey was sent to 1209 distinct property owners, and 321 surveys were completed for a response rate of 26.6%. Survey details and a summary of the findings are provided in Appendix A).

Based on input from the survey and the public forum, the Planning Commission updated the Recreation Plan, and considered draft portions of the recreation plan at public meetings. A preliminary draft of the updated plan was posted on the Township website and made available at the public hearing. Minutes from the public hearing are included in Appendix B.

Following the public hearing, the additional public input was considered and incorporated into the plan. A public hearing was held on the revised proposed recreation plan on November 19, 2013, the minutes of which are included in Appendix B.

Public comments were considered and the plan refined. The refined plan was adopted and recommended by the Hayes Township Planning Commission on **December 17, 2013**, and adopted by the Hayes Township Board of Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_.