

SECTION 5  
**GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

The recreational goal and objectives presented below are the result of the Planning Commission master planning process, the public input received during that process, and the further refinement and expansion during the subsequent recreation plan development.

***Recreation Goal***

**GOAL:**

***Maintain and improve the Townships recreation lands and facilities consistent with the community needs and ability to finance the improvements for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors.***

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Pursue the site development of Camp Seagull as a Township Park, to provide enhanced recreational facilities.
- Provide for the development of public, non-motorized recreational trails for hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing and horseback riding
- Increase public awareness of the parks, recreational opportunities, facilities and nature preserves available in Hayes Township, through the development of maps, signage and information posted on the Township website.
- Provide for public access on Lake Charlevoix, including a boat launch.
- Seek grant funding for property acquisition and recreation improvements.
- Work cooperatively with adjacent townships and the Counties to meet recreational needs of the region, including the development of a water trails with support facilities on Lake Charlevoix and Little Traverse Bay.
- Work cooperatively with local conservation groups to explore the private or conservancy conversion of the Big Rock Property.