

Hayes Township

2016 FALL NEWSLETTER

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Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull Update

In January 2014 Hayes Township purchased Camp Sea-Gull, a 20 acre girl's camp with 1400 feet of lake frontage on the north shore of Lake Charlevoix. The land was purchased to provide Lake Charlevoix access to township residents via a boat launch and swim beach and to include additional outdoor recreation amenities. The purchase was paid for by a \$3,164,536 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), \$662,780 in private donations and \$509,641 from the township's general fund.

With an \$8,250 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and a generous

anonymous donation of \$20,000, the township hired Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. to develop a master plan for the park. Lake depth soundings, topographic surveys and soil borings were conducted to provide information for the master plan process. After several public hearings were held to get residents' input, a park master plan was finalized and approved by the Hayes Township Board.

As part of the master plan, multiple buildings were designated to be removed, either to provide parking, open space, an open area for the proposed boat launch and fishing pier or

because they were too costly to renovate or did not meet the MNRTF grant contract requirements of an outdoor recreation purpose.

Various projects are underway or have been completed over the past year. Following the park master plan, eight of the thirty-three buildings inherited with the purchase of Camp Sea-Gull have been removed from the property. The township sold seven of the buildings for \$300 each and the buildings were dismantled and removed by the buyers at no cost to the township. The buyers are

recycling the building materials for other projects or in some cases the cabins are being reconstructed at other locations off site. At a cost of \$3,710 (minus \$2,100 from the sale of the seven cabins) three septic tanks located within 50 feet of the lake were pumped, dismantled and filled in and the area restored.

Bids were put out for the removal of the large cafeteria building. The decision to remove the cafeteria building was based on the need for parking at the lower levels for lake access and because of the hilly terrain at the park. (cont.)



HAYES TOWNSHIP PARK CAMP SEA-GULL

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(cont.) Without lower level parking, given the steep slope to the beach and park terrain, only physically fit residents would have access to the lake. Also taken into consideration was the expected income revenue from rentals using Whiting Park and Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga as models; and the costs to repair the deck, roof, bathrooms, kitchen, plumbing, electrical and septic to bring the building up to the more rigorous commercial use code requirements. Staffing levels and associated costs to support large group rentals were also considered. An estimate provided to the township for needed repairs and future upgrades exceeded \$174,000.

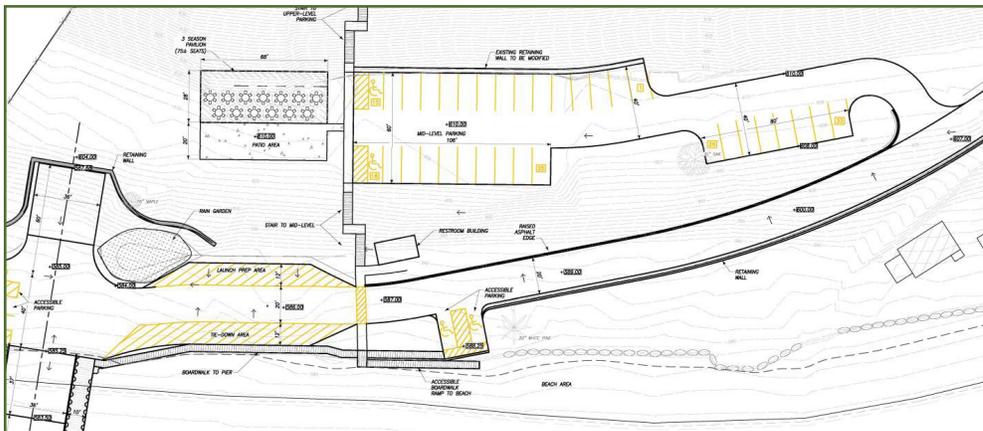
A \$483,400 grant from the Department of Natural Resources Waterways was awarded to the township for the new road access and boat launch. This is a 1.2 million dollar project with a grant required match of \$483,400 coming from the township general fund and \$150,000 from a pending Land & Water Conservation Fund grant as well as a \$10,000 millage appropriation from Charlevoix County. Other grants being applied to for this project include

Great Lakes Energy People Fund for \$5000, Charlevoix County Community Foundation for \$15,000 and the Charlevoix County millage appropriation for an additional \$10,000.

A fundraising campaign will begin after the New Year to help offset the costs of this project. The Township has set up a Special Project Fund with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Hayes Township Camp Sea-Gull Improvement Fund, to receive donations toward the matching funds required for the grants. Individuals wishing to make a donation to the Hayes Township Camp Sea-Gull Improvement Fund should contact the Foundation at 231-536-2440 or make a tax deductible donation on the Foundation's website www.c3f.org. For more information on the location of the new facilities at Park Camp Sea-Gull, go to www.hayestownshipmi.gov and click on the Park Camp Sea-Gull Master Plan.

A grant has been submitted to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) for a fishing pier to be built in conjunction with the boat launch. Previously the GLFT awarded

the Township with a \$23,040 grant to do a feasibility study for the fishing pier. The study has been completed and the \$234,000 grant application for the pier has been resubmitted.



An alternative plan for the area where the cafeteria sits now has been presented that will provide a three season gathering place as well as the much needed parking for a gathering and day use of the beach area. This project will qualify for various outdoor recreation grant opportunities.

Veterans Memorial

Hayes Township has created a veterans memorial at the Hayes Township Hall. After the installation of the memorial, township residents came forward with additional names of veterans from Hayes Township. Those names have been added and a dedication will take place on Saturday, November 5, at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for the dedication ceremony. Cake and coffee will be served after the ceremony.

Roads

Two road projects were undertaken in 2016. One mile of Quarterline Rd. from the Boyne City Road south to the road's end was ditched, new culverts installed and the subgrade was undercut in preparation for paving in 2017. The total cost of this project was \$185,192.42. This project came in \$15,741.48 below the lowest bid amount.

Road work was also started in the Bay Shore area on Townline Rd., Division and Resort Streets. The low bid for this project is \$143,876.05 to ditch, install new culverts and undercut the subgrade in preparation for paving in 2017.

The township has been working with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians (LTBB) to receive a portion of their federal dollars to do the necessary road repairs on a portion of Upper Bay Shore. Engineering should begin in the spring of 2019. The road work would be scheduled to be completed in 2020. By working in conjunction with the LTBB, the savings to the township could result in excess of \$300,000.00.

Grants Received for Park

Grant Administrator	Grants Received	General Fund Match	Match Donations	Purpose
MNRTF	\$3,164,536.00	\$509,641.00	\$652,780.00	Park Acquisition
Charlevoix County Community Foundation	\$10,000.00			Park Acquisition
Great Lakes Energy	\$4,000.00			Sign
Charlevoix County Millage Appropriation	\$13,488.00			Boat Launch
Great Lakes Fishery Trust	\$23,040.00			Fishing Pier
DNR Waterways	\$483,400.00	\$483,400.00**		Boat Launch
Charlevoix County Community Foundation	\$28,250.00			Park Master Plan
TOTAL	\$3,726,714.00	\$993,041.00	\$652,780.00	

** Money has not been spent, only budgeted.

Board Appointments

There are alternate positions available on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Board of Review (BOR).

The ZBA only meets as needed and the alternate is called only when a regular member cannot attend the meeting. This is an excellent entry level for someone interested in zoning. The BOR meets three times a year, March, July and December. The alternate attends all meetings but does not participate in hearings unless a regular member cannot attend. A meeting per diem is paid for each meeting attended and training for both of these positions is paid for by the township.

If you are interested in either of these positions please contact the Township Supervisor.