



Hayes Township Recreation Master Plan 2025-2030





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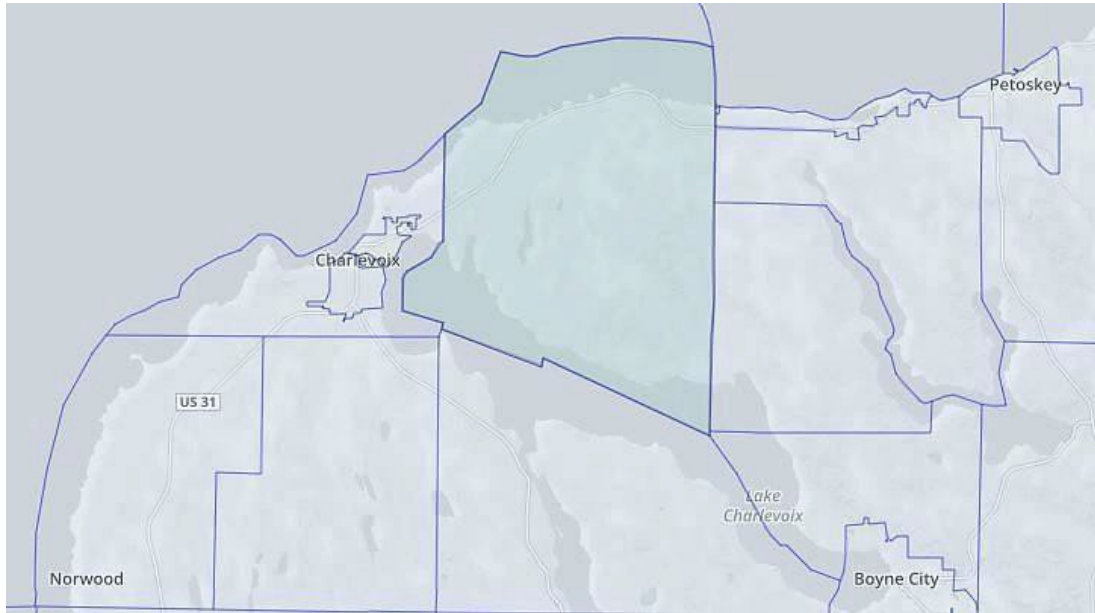
1.0 COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Introduction and Regional Setting

Hayes Township is positioned between the Cities of Charlevoix, Boyne City and Petoskey. It is bordered on the north by Lake Michigan, on the south by Lake Charlevoix, on the west by Charlevoix Township, and on the east by Bay and Resort Townships. Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix, Susan Lake, several streams, and many wetlands add to Hayes Township's unique character.

In the Township's interior, large parcels of agricultural and forest land are mixed with smaller residential parcels. At the Township's northern border, the area known as Bay Shore, developed around several commercial establishments, many of which are still operating. Hayes Township with its abundance of natural resources, is enjoyed for its many recreational opportunities.

Hayes Township is located along the shore of Lake Michigan between Charlevoix City, Petoskey City and Boyne City. The township extends to Lake Charlevoix on its southern border. According to the United States Census Bureau, the township has a total area of 43.2 square miles, of which 30.1 square miles is land and 13.1 square miles, or 30.29%, is water.



Hayes Township boundaries, Charlevoix County Michigan. Source/OpenStreetMap

Hayes Township Hall is located at 9195 Major Douglas Sloan Rd, Charlevoix MI 49720





1.1 Population Information

Hayes Township Demographics Summary



Population

With 2,026 people, Hayes township is the 805th most populated city in the state of Michigan out of 1,520 cities.



Race & Ethnicity

The largest Hayes township racial/ethnic groups are White (97.3%) followed by Asian (1.5%) and American Indian (1.0%).

\$ Median Income

In 2021, the median household income of Hayes Township households was \$75,000. However, 5% of Hayes township families live in poverty/below poverty line.



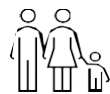
Median Age

The median age for Hayes township residents is 53.2 years young.



Number of households-752

- **Charlevoix County:** 11,769
- **Michigan:** 3,976,729



Persons per household-2.3

- **a little higher** than the figure in Charlevoix County: 2.2
- **about 90 percent** of the figure in Michigan: 2.5



Married couples- **62%**



Number of housing units- **1,162**

- **Charlevoix County:** 17,448
- **Michigan:** 4,566,504



69% of homes are Occupied full time

80% of Homes are Single Unit

Employment Rate-55.7%

Without Health Care Coverage-13.7%



High school grad or higher- **93%**

- **about the same as** the rate in Charlevoix County: 94%
- **about the same as** the rate in Michigan: 91.6%

Bachelor's degree or higher- **26.5%**

- \$ **about 80 percent** of the rate in Charlevoix County: 32.5%
- \$ **about 90 percent** of the rate in Michigan: 30.6%



Population with veteran status- **6.9%**

- **about three-quarters** of the rate in Charlevoix County: 8.9%
- **a little higher** than the rate in Michigan: 6.6%



2.0 Recreation

The recreation opportunities in the Township currently consist primarily of water-related activities, boating, fishing, swimming, seasonal game hunting and non-motorized trails for walking, hiking, skiing, bicycling, as well as some trails for snowmobiling. There are public access sites on Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix and Susan Lake within the Township that are well utilized both in the summer and winter seasons. A network of trails in the Township utilizes both public and semi-public lands, such as the State land MDOT (right of way), Charlevoix community and the Little Traverse Conservancy properties.

The parks and hiking trails are highlights for nature enthusiasts to visit. There are two small lakes and three creeks found in the township. Horton Creek flows from the higher elevations in Bay and Hayes Township. The creek traverses the township to a point where it runs through Bay Township and empties into Horton Bay on Lake Charlevoix.



Covered pavilion at Hayes Township Camp Sea-Gull

2.1 Susan Lake

Mud Creek flows from Mud Lake to Susan Lake. Susan Creek flows from Susan Lake into Lake Michigan just north of Big Rock Point. Preservation of Susan Lake is a priority of the Little Traverse Conservancy, which owns and manages 21.5 acres of shoreline property.



Susan Lake Public Access/Hayes Township

Each creek is bordered by wetlands that encompass significant acreage. Susan Lake is a shallow, extremely sensitive body of water well along in the growth of plants and algae, home to a variety of wildlife and fish.



Susan Lake, Hayes Township. Source/Google Earth



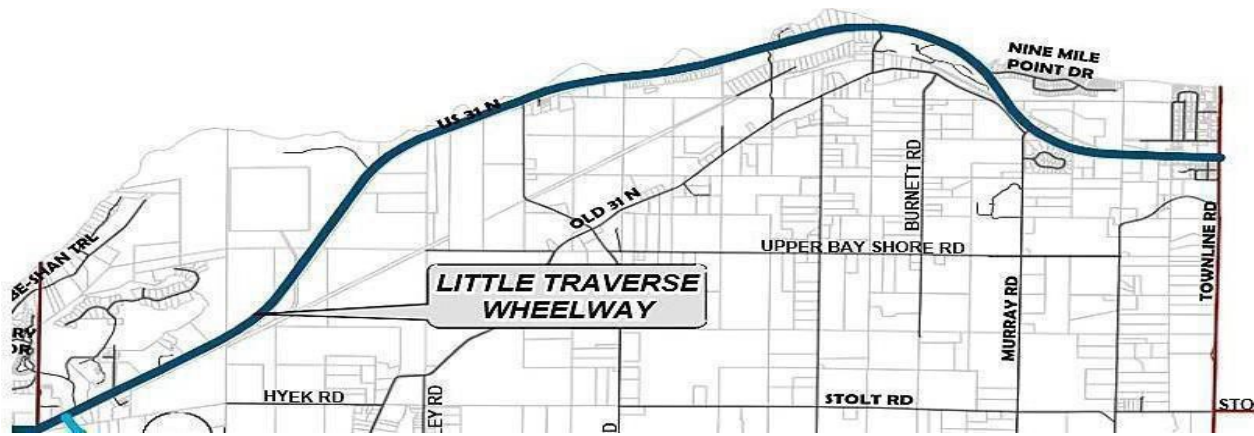
2.2 Little Traverse Wheel Way (LTW)

The Little Traverse Wheel Way is a 26-mile, non-motorized paved trail that extends from Charlevoix to Harbor Springs. It was officially dedicated to the people of the State of Michigan on October 24, 2002.

Little Traverse Wheel Way provides cyclists, inline skaters, walkers, runners, skiers, electrical bicycle and joggers with a smooth path, incredible scenery and a non-motorized link between three of the most popular resort towns in northern Michigan; Charlevoix, Petoskey and Harbor Springs. The Little Traverse Wheel way Non-Motorized Trail passes through Hayes Township along US-31. Snowmobiles and horses are NOT permitted anywhere on the trail.

The Little Traverse Wheel way Map in Hayes Township

Map 1.1 shows The Hayes Township segment of this trail is approximately 7.3 miles long and runs along the north side of US-31 from Charlevoix Township to the Charlevoix, Emmet County line at Bay Shore.



Map 1.1 Little Traverse Wheelway Non-Motorize Trail along US-31 in Hayes township partially along Lake Michigan. Source/Charlevoix County

In Hayes Township, this trail offers a unique boardwalk bridging over a wetland area rich with wildlife, and direct water access at points along the Lake Michigan shoreline with two roadside parks for picnic & scenic resting spot with one having restrooms and two other roadside areas with small boat launches.



Little Traverse Wheelway Non-Motorized Trail on US-31 provides a boardwalk bridging over wetlands in Hayes Township. Source/Google Earth

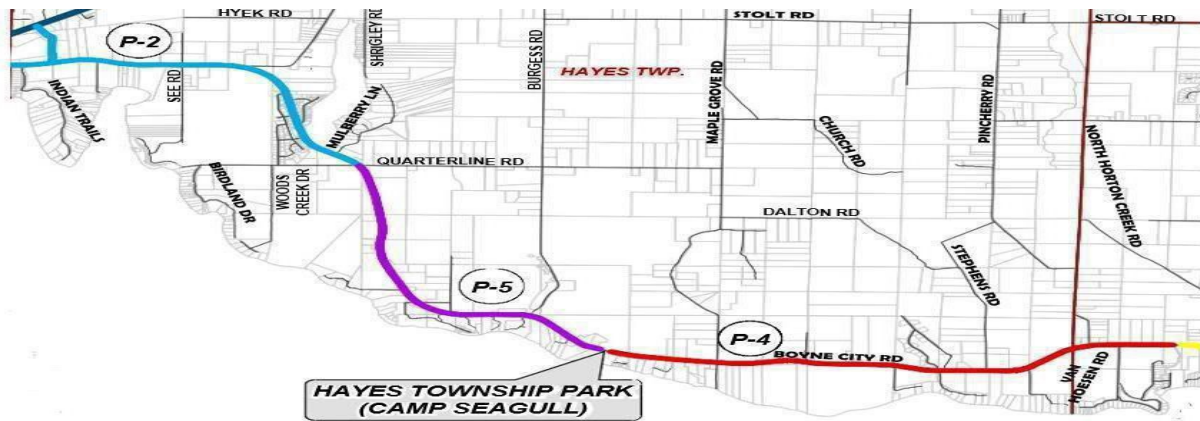


2.3 Boyne to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail

Most of the Boyne to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail runs through Hayes Township covering 8 miles. The total trail path is a paved 10-foot wide, approximately 14-mile-long trail, mostly detached from Boyne City Road. The trail will be constructed in five (5) phases. Phases 2, (completed) 4 and 5 run through Hayes Township. Phase 1, completed, is in Boyne City.

Boyne to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail Map in Hayes Township

Map 1.2 shows the Non-Motorize Trail, that runs only through Hayes Township, Trails are colored. P2 in blue, P4 in red and P5 in purple.



Map 1.2 Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorize Trail in Hayes Township. Source/Charlevoix County

This trail is intended for non-motorized recreational activities and non-motorized transportation between Boyne City and Charlevoix. Trail users may walk, bike, skate, or ski (pick your favorite sport for any season) on the trail. Snowmobiles and horses are NOT permitted anywhere on the trail.

Phase 2 begins at the Little Traverse Wheel way in Hayes Township, east of Waller Road, crosses US-31 and follows a series of easements across private property to Boyne City Road east of the Argonne Supper Club, and then runs parallel to, but separate from Boyne City Road within the road right-of-way on the north (Susan Lake) side of the road to Quarterline Road, southeast of Susan Lake, for 2.97 miles.

At the point where the trail meets Boyne City Road, a trail spur runs west within the right-of-way on the north side of the road to Eastern Avenue to create an access point for Pine Point Subdivision. Trail users can follow Eastern Avenue to Lake Charlevoix where there is public access with a picnic area and swimming beach. The trail continues the north side of Boyne City Rd through Hayes Township towards Boyne City.

Engineering and construction costs have been approved through Charlevoix County, through the support of Bay, Hayes, and Evangeline Townships, as well as Charlevoix County Trail team and Top of Michigan Trails Council, MDOT, Community Foundation, and other local grants. This renewed effort will continue in 2024. A trailhead is planned at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull for this path.



2.4 Golf Courses

The semi-public recreation lands in Hayes Township have two golf courses: Dunmaglas Golf Course and Charlevoix Country Club and Fitness. Each provides scenic beauty, natural landscape, adjacent to nearby Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix.

Dunmaglas Golf Course

An 18-hole Golf course mixed Residential / Recreational facility open to the public.



Dunmaglas Golf Club on Boyne City Rd/Hayes Township

Charlevoix Country Golf Club and Fitness

An 18-hole Golf course mixed residential / Recreational facility opened to the public.



Charlevoix Country Golf Club on US 31, Hayes Township. Image/Google Earth



Hay Fields of Hayes Township

3.0 Administrative Structure and Funding in Hayes Township

The Parks and Recreation Committee is made up of 6 area residents and one Board of Trustee Representative, for a total of 7 members. They meet monthly, with additional meetings scheduled as needed. The Parks and Recreation Committee board representative reports directly to the Hayes Township Board of Trustees and requests support and/or approval for their projects.

Updates to the Hayes Recreation Master Plan will be reviewed by the Hayes Township Planning Commission as well as the Hayes Township Board of Trustees for input and recommendations.

Routine park maintenance will be handled by the Township staff, contractors and volunteers operating under the direct authority of the Township Board. The final financial decision-making authority and responsibility for all park related projects resides with the Township Board.



3.1 Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of recreation projects in Hayes Township. Volunteers are solicited on a project-by-project basis to provide some of the labor for the Township “in-kind” match on projects as appropriate. For lake related projects, the Lake Charlevoix Association and other local groups are consulted on the proposed project.



Relationships

This recreation plan covers Hayes Township, which includes portions of three school districts. Most township children attend Charlevoix Public Schools. The eastern portion of the township is within the Boyne City Public School District. The Bay Shore area is within the Petoskey Public School District. Additionally, some students from the township attend area private schools or public charter schools in Charlevoix, Boyne City and Petoskey.

Hayes Township works cooperatively with the Top of Michigan Trails Council and Charlevoix County to continue to pursue the development of non-motorized trails along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and bike lanes and/or other roads to effectively develop local routes that connect with larger trail systems in Northern Michigan. Phases 1 and 2 of the non-motorized trail system are completed, and Phase 3 was completed in 2024. The Hayes Township Master Recreation Plan has included a future trailhead for this path at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull. It is in an ideal location for bike racks, access to water, sheltered area, bike repair station, and other possible future amenities.

Charlevoix County has their own adopted recreation plan. Hayes Township maintains their own separate Recreation Master Plan, as do other local townships. The Hayes Township Recreational Master plan is available for all local municipalities to review.



Winter Sunset at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull



3.2 Parks and Recreation Budget & Funding

Hayes Township Fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30th. Each spring, the Board of Trustees has a Budget workshop and, with the input of the respective committees and commissions, constructs a budget draft for the following fiscal year. A budget hearing is held before the June Board Meeting to allow for review/editing of the proposed budget. The final budget is then adopted at the regular June Board of Trustee meeting.

The provided information is from the Hayes Township past two-year fiscal budgets:

2023-24 Park Budget

Township Parks & Recreation:

Hayes Township Park/CSG Expense

HTP/CSG Custodial & Cleaning	600.00
Professional Services	25,000.00
Electric	5,000.00
Park Maintenance	10,000.00
Pier-buoys-bubblers	1,600.00
Equipment/Improvements	60,000.00
Wi-fi Internet	1,200.00
Other Township Parks:	
Equipment/Improvement	6,000.00
Maintenance	2,700.000
Total:	\$ 112,100

2024-25 Park Budget

Township Parks & Recreation:

Hayes Township Park /CSG

HTP CSG Custodial & Cleaning	850.00	
Professional Services	25,000.00	
Electric	5,000.00	
Park Maintenance	10,000.00	
Pier-buoys-bubblers	1,000.00	
Equipment/Improvements	50,000.00	
Wi-fi Internet	1,200.00	
Other Township parks:		
Equipment/Improvements/Maintenance 16K		
Other expenses	6,000.00	
Total:		\$ 115,050



2025-2030

Parks & Recreation Plan





3.3 Breakdown of Expenditures

Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull is the largest park in the Hayes Township recreation inventory at 20 acres. It features an upper section of the park, where the main entrance is located, a host house for our seasonal park hosts to reside, as well as a lower waterfront park area with parking, boat launch, fishing pier, picnic area, covered pavilion, grills, and a fire pit.

The park was acquired as a former summer camp, with several sections of the park that will be re-purposed and create new amenities for visitors. There is a year-round need to care for and maintain several park features. These include, but are not limited to, cleaning and pumping of vault bathrooms, removing and installing skid pier, set up and monitoring of bubblers by the pier, and the removal of trees that pose safety issues for park visitors.

Phase I Construction in 2019 added a new entrance, parking lot, boat launch, fishing pier, and vault bathrooms. There were several unexpected costs that came with the new construction that had not budgeted for: fencing along the shale wall in the lower parking area, fencing along the upper edge of the park where there is a very steep slope, and additional railing along the fishing pier/boat launch area. These expenses were absorbed by the bulk of the Parks and Rec budget for those years. There is one more large project, proper drainage set up in the lower part of the park that will need to be addressed before moving forward with future projects like those shown in the park rendering. The Board of Trustees is gathering engineering plans on what it will take to repair these issues.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is committed to working toward adding amenities that best serve our community. The Charlevoix Millage Grants (described in 3.6) are a yearly granting opportunity that Hayes Township has been successful in being awarded each year. They propel our park amenities forward and add true value to all visitors who can enjoy new additions each year.

The remaining park budget is for our other smaller park areas. Each year, the needs of all parks are discussed and identified. The Committee also discusses grant opportunities that the Township may be able to benefit from for larger future projects.





3.4 Fundraising Efforts

Hayes Township has a Fundraising Policy in place. It clearly spells out how donations will be used. There is an additional policy for Amenity Donations made to the Township, as well as separate donor Application. The Parks and Recreation Committee is working to compile more opportunities for Residents and community members to make a donation and impact the growth of our park amenities. Donations for items such as engraved bricks will financially assist the Township for the current project, as well as create a touchstone for visitors to view and share with loved ones when they visit the park. This extends to benches, picnic tables, nature signage, as well as larger amenities, i.e. playground, Pavilion, amphitheater. All level donations will be accepted to make our parks a point of pride for the entire community.

Hayes Township Donation & Fundraising Policy

Financial support from the community is integral for any township project. The bulk of community support should come from fundraising and grant funds. All funds collected will be kept in earmarked restricted township accounts. The township encourages cash donations but will consider in-kind donations on a case-by-case basis. General financial gifts will be used at the discretion of the township. Funds received from donations for a specific designated fundraising amenity (pavilion, playground, pickleball courts, etc.) will only be used for that item and be kept separate.

*No amenities in any form may be placed or installed on any Township grounds.
All amenities must be approved, and placement arrangements made by Township officials.
Anything placed without approval will be removed.*

Donor Conditions:

Donations must be given unconditionally and voluntarily. Township employees and officials cannot receive personal benefit from any donation, nor can the donor expect benefit beyond what the program specifically provides.

A donor may wish to remain anonymous, however, the Township would require the donor's name and contact information to issue a tax receipt. The donor's private information will be treated with confidentiality within the extent of the law, state and federal guidelines, unless the donor authorizes release of such information for a specific purpose.

The Township may accept or decline any donation in its sole discretion.

All donations will be reviewed, and acceptance decided upon by Township officials.



3.5 Grant Potential

There are many organizations our Parks and Recreation Committee are considering reaching out to assist in funding future projects. They include: MDOT, MNRTF, CMP, Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, Michigan Waterways, Community Foundation, Charlevoix County, local conservancy, local tribal governments, Township and private donations. Lake Charlevoix Association has been very supportive of our plans to restore the shoreline at Camp Sea-Gull and they gifted 5 hours of professional consultation from Red Twig Consulting to help move the project forward.

Our Committee and Board members all feel strongly about projects like the shoreline restoration. Becoming an environmental learning project that pulls in people from different groups and gives them a hands-on opportunity to re-engineer a high energy shoreline. This not only benefits our Park and efforts to stabilize the shoreline, but the education goes forward to rebuild shorelines of other lakes and waterways that will make a substantial difference in our ecosystem as a whole.



Fishing Pier & Boat Launch at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull

3.6 Charlevoix County Parks Millage Fund

At the end of 2023, tax dollars have been appropriated to fund over 65 projects throughout the County. This has resulted in new or improved recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

The parks millage renewal request is for 0.15 mills for four years from 2022-26 “for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and capital improvements of the County’s parks and for funding the county program to improve other parks within the County.” Funds are awarded once annually, with an announcement of recipients being made in late spring.

Hayes Township Awarded Charlevoix County Funds



Rustic Pavilion at Camp Sea-Gull



Interpretive Fish Signage at Fishing Pier



Playground and Nature Signage at Hayes Township Hall Park



Water Station



ADA Picnic Table

Awards Received:

2023 Water Station at Camp Sea-Gull
 2022 Rustic Pavilion at Camp Sea-Gull
 2021 Interpretive Nature Signage
 2020 Playground at Hayes Township Hall Park
 2019 Greenspace Activity Area at Camp Sea-Gull
 2018 Pedestrian Walkways, Portable Pavilion Shelter
 2017 Stall Vaults
 2016 LED Lighting at Camp Sea-Gull boat launch
 2015 ADA Picnic Tables at Camp Sea-Gull



Susan Lake

4.0 RECREATION INVENTORY & MAP

Inventory of Existing Parks, Natural Areas, and Recreation Facilities

An inventory of existing recreation facilities located in Hayes Township is provided on the following pages. Sites are grouped according to jurisdictional ownership. Township owned facilities are listed first, then other public sites, and finally privately-owned recreation sites.

Sites that are ADA are marked on the charts and the various available amenities and activities are listed. Lake access sites, picnic areas, launch access, bathrooms, grills, and play areas are also included in the data.



4.1 Hayes Township Recreation Facility Map





4.2 Facilities Owned and/or Operated

Facilities Owned and / or Operated in Hayes Township

Name	Size	Facilities and Amenities	Restrooms	ADA Compliant
Hayes Township Hall & Park	30 acres	Picnic Tables, grills, basketball, hall rentals, playground, parking	In hall, when open or rented	YES
Townline Road Park	2.5 acres	Swimming	No	NO Steep topography limited parcel width
Bayside Park Lake Access (Spring St, Bayshore)	1.5 acres	Swings, Seating, views of Lake Michigan	No	NO Steep topography, steps
Maple Grove Lake Access	66ft wide	Water Access, pet friendly Hand Launching of boats such as kayaks, paddle boards, canoes, and row boats. Launching of boats from trailers is prohibited.	No	NO
Eastern Avenue Beach Park	1.5 acres	Swimming beach, picnic area, fire pit, parking, ADA mat	No	NO
Camp Sea-Gull Park	23 acres	1,400 feet of Lake Charlevoix frontage, boat launch, fishing pier, picnic area, water station, rustic pavilion, nature signage, fire pit, pet friendly, swimming	Yes, vault restrooms	YES



Lake Michigan in the background, Elzinga Roadside Park on US-31, Hayes Township. Image/Google Earth

4.3 Public Recreation Facilities

Public Recreation Facilities in Hayes Township

Name	Activities	Facilities
Kennedy Park, US-31 owned & operated by the State of Michigan	Boat launch	Primitive boat launch
MDOT Lake Michigan Shores Roadside Park, US-31	Picnic Area	Restroom, picnic area and scenic view area
Elzinga Roadside Park, US-31 owned & operated by the State of Michigan	Picnic Area	Picnic area and scenic Lake view area
Susan Lake DNR access site	Medium Craft boat launch	Lake access with boat launch
Little Traverse Wheelway Non-Motorized Trail (LTW) US-31	Non-motorized bikes	Total trail 26 miles (7.6 miles within Hayes Township) Non-motorized paved trail from Charlevoix to Harbor Springs, including 2 MDOT roadside parks. Snowmobiles and horses are NOT permitted anywhere on the trail.
Boyne to Charlevoix Non-motorized trail Boyne City Rd.	Non-motorized bikes	The trail path is a paved 10-foot wide, approximately 14-mile-long trail, mostly detached from Boyne City Road. Snowmobiles and horses are NOT permitted anywhere on the trail.

4.4 Nature Preserves

Nature Preserves in the Township

Name	Features
<i>Undine Preserve</i>	28.5 acres, 2004 Gift from Mike and Rhea Dow. Located along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.
<i>Nathan Barry Driggers Memorial Preserve on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road</i>	75 acres preserve with scenic views of Lake Charlevoix and winter trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing
<i>Ransom Nature Conservancy on Maple Grove Road</i>	1.5 miles of trail on 80 acres preserve: Scenic lake view, hiking trails, biking, and horseback riding.
<i>Haggerty Preserve</i>	10 acres, acquired 1990 Donated by Daniel and Margaret Haggerty in memory of their ancestor, Jeremiah (1870-1888)
<i>Mulberry Farm Preserve</i>	13 acres, 1990 Donated by Rik Lobenherz. Consists of two parcels with 240 feet of Susan Lake.
<i>Susan Lake (Siebert) Preserve</i>	0.5 acres, 1991 with 250' of frontage on Susan Lake. Designated wetland, DNR access site to the north.
<i>Jack & Helen Verlinden Preserve</i>	8 acres, 2008 with 555 feet on Susan Lake. A significant bargain sale from Susan Verlinden and named after her parents.
<i>Kieren & and Slosar Family Addition</i>	2 acres, 1993 Partial donations by Mrs. Katie Kieren and Slosar family, this preserve includes Mallard Creek and Boyne City Road frontage.
<i>Oyster Bay Preserve</i>	23 acres, 1982 Donated by C.T. and Francis Martin. Located on Lake Charlevoix's Oyster Bay.
<i>Susan Creek Nature Preserve</i>	1.5 mile of trail on 223 acres including frontage on Susan Creek: Biking, hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and hunting.
<i>Taimi Hoag Natural Area</i>	Approximately 50 acres preserve with scenic views of Lake Michigan
<i>Loeb Preserve</i>	1.5 acres, 1980 Donated by Thomas and Kaye Loeb, this preserve runs along US-31 and includes 500 feet of Lake Michigan shore.
<i>Taylor/Horton Creek/Schultz/Nick Adams</i>	207 acres, three miles of trail through mature hardwood forest





Nathan "Barry" Driggers Nature Preserve Map

Nature area size 75 Acres

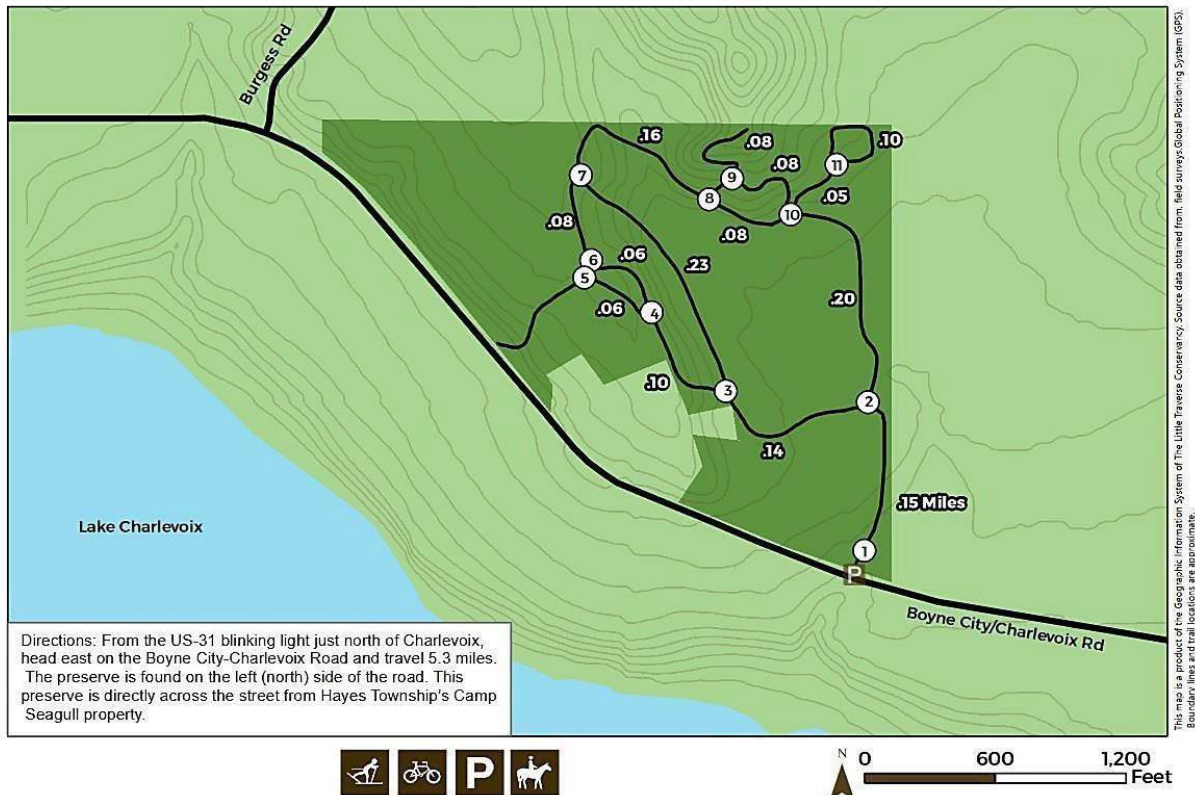


Nathan "Barry" Driggers Nature Preserve

A property of Little Traverse Conservancy

Powell Rd Harbor Springs, Michigan

231.347.0991 ltc@landtrust.org www.landtrust.org



Map of Nathan Barry Driggers Nature Preserve on Boyne City Rd., Hayes Township. Map/Little Traverse Conservancy

Land Description on map: Once a farm, the property includes a pine plantation, wetland/pond, open fields, and a high, forested ridge. Trails: A 1½ mile trail system meanders through the preserve, providing views of Lake Charlevoix. Cross-country ski trails are often groomed by a volunteer in the winter.

History: When the possibility of a 20-home development was raised for this property, grassroots fundraising by a neighborhood group resulted in the creation of this preserve. The preserve was named in honor of Barry Driggers who had a long conservation history throughout the country and whose family has summered in the Horton Bay region for decades. Directions: From the intersection of US-31 just north of Charlevoix, head east on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and travel 5.3 miles. The preserve is found on the left (north) side of the road, directly across the street from Hayes Township's Camp Sea-Gull property.



4.5 Private Recreation Facilities

Private Recreation Facilities in Hayes Township

Name	Facilities
<i>Charlevoix Swimming Pool</i>	Indoor public pool – collect Recreation Authority milage funds each winter tax season from Hayes Township, Charlevoix Township, and the City of Charlevoix since 2004
<i>Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club</i>	106 acres, firearms range open to the public, all purpose room & kitchen.
<i>Charlevoix Country Club and Fitness</i>	Golf, fitness, pub, wedding venue, and private events.
<i>Dunmaglas Golf Course</i>	Golf, wedding and events, lodging.
<i>Oyster Point Club House</i>	Tennis courts, marina, and horse stables.
<i>Susan Shores Subdivision Park</i>	Open to members and their guests with picnic and playground facilities, swimming.
<i>Michigan Shores Subdivision</i>	Private lot for property owners only with picnic, swimming.

Charlevoix Country Club and Fitness on US31, Hayes Township. Image/Google Earth





Public Indoor Pools

Hayes Township has one pool recreation facility that is open to the public. The Charlevoix Area Community Pool offers various programs to the residents, including lessons, senior swims, and special holiday events. The most current schedule of classes and activities can be found on their website: <https://www.charlevoixpool.org/>



Charlevoix Community Area Pool on US-31, Hayes Township.



4.6 Hayes Township Facility Inventory

The following table lists all the Recreational facilities in Hayes Township

Total Recreation Facilities in Hayes Township

#	Facility Name	Ownership	Open to Public	Approx. Size	Facilities Available
1	Hayes Township Camp Sea Gull	Hayes Township	Yes	20 Acres	Swimming, Hiking, Fishing, Ice Fishing, 1400' of frontage on Lake Charlevoix, Boat Launch, rustic pavilion, water station, pit toilets, fire pit, picnic area, grills
2	Hayes Township Hall & Park	Hayes Township	Yes	30 Acres	Basketball, Picnic Tables, Grills, playground, Meeting Room Rental
3	Bayside Park	Hayes Township	Yes	1.5 Acres	Picnic Area, scenic views, swings
4	Townline Road Access (Lake Michigan)	Road Commission	Yes	66 Feet	Beach access
5	Easter Avenue Beach Park	Hayes Township / Road Commission	Yes	1.5 Acres	Beach access, Swimming, Picnic area, Fire Pit, ADA mat
6	Maple Grove Road Access (Lake Michigan)	Hayes Township / Road Commission	Yes	66 Feet	Water Access
7	DNR access on Susan Lake (seibert)	State of Michigan	Yes	0.5 Acres	Small/medium craft Boat Launch
8	Elzinga-Roadside Park on U.S. 31	State of Michigan	Yes	14.6 Acres	Scenic Viewing, Picnic Area
9	MDOT Roadside Park on U.S. 31	State of Michigan	Yes		Scenic Viewing, Picnic Area, Vault Restroom
10	Kennedy Park (Burgess Rd access – Lake Michigan)	State of Michigan	Yes	4.4 Acres	Boat Launch, Vault Restroom
11	Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club	Non-Profit	Yes	106.2 Acres	Firearms Range, All purpose room, Kitchen. Public Use
12	Charlevoix Area Community Pool	CACP	Yes	5 Acres	Swimming Pool Public Use
13	Little Traverse Wheelway	Charlevoix County	Yes	26 Miles 7.5 miles in Hayes Township	Non-Motorized Recreational Trail
14	Michigan Shores Subdivision	Private	No	Less than 0.5 Acres	Property Owners only, Picnic and Swimming
15	Charlevoix Country Golf Club	Private	Yes	700+ Acres	Golf, Tennis courts, Swimming Pool. Public Use
16	Dunmaglas Gulf	Private	Yes	900+ Acres	18 Hole Golf Course, Wedding, Events, Lodging. Public Use
17	Oyster Point Club	Private	Members		Tennis Courts, Marina Horse Stable



18	Susan Shores Subdivision	Private	Members/ Guests	0.5 Acres Each	Children's Play Equipment, Swimming
19	Taimi Hoag Natural Area	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Yes	Approx.50 Acres	Nature Preserve, Scenic Views of Lake Michigan
20	Charles A Ransom Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	82.3	Trails for hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Cross Country Skiing
21	Susan Creek Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	223 Acres	Hiking, Biking, Cross country Skiing, Snowshoeing Hunting, Parking Area
22	Undine Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	28.5 Acres	Nature Preserve
23	Nathan "Berry" Driggers Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	72.4 Acres	Nature Preserve, Scenic viewing, Hiking, Biking, Horseback Riding, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing
24	Haggerty Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	10 Acres	Nature Preserve
25	Mulberry Farm Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	13 Acres	Nature Preserve; 240' Frontage on Susan Lake
26	Siebert Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	0.5 Acres	Nature Preserve; 254' Frontage on Susan Lake
27	Verlinden Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	8 Acres	Nature Preserve; 555' Frontage on Susan Lake
28	Kieren Preserve And Slosar Addition	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	2 Acres	Mallard Creek
29	Oyster Bay Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	23 Acres	Nature Preserve
30	LOEB Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	1.5 Acres	Nature Preserve
31	Taylor/Horton Creek/Schulz Preserves	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	182.3 Acres	Nature Preserves; Hiking, Scenic viewing, Seasonal Hunting
32	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Little Traverse Wheelway / Charlevoix County	Yes	14-mile longtrail 8-miles in Hayes Township	Trail is paved, 10-foot wide, approximately 14-miles, mostly detached from Boyne City Road, but within the road right-of-way. The trail will be constructed in five (5) phases. Phases 2,4 and 5 are in Hayes Township.



5.0 PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Planning Process 2008 – 2024

Hayes Township put their first Recreation Master Plan in 2008. It was a large stepping-stone to the acquisition of the Camp Sea-Gull property in 2013. Since the first plan, there have been two revisions. The current draft would be the third update. All plans have had a public hearing and been recommended by the Hayes Township Planning Commission for adoption by the Hayes Township Board of Trustees.

The current five-year plan draft, 2025-2030, is a comprehensive overview of the parks and recreation areas and opportunities in Hayes Township. It also covers future plans and suggestions on how to continue to grow and improve our existing parks and recreational properties.

A public survey was released to the residents of Hayes Township during the update of this plan. The results are included later in this document. The most recent census statistics are also included in this update, to best represent the current state of our Township.





Parks and Recreation Plan Timeline 2025-30 Update

To meet new Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements and deadlines, the Parks and Recreation Committee followed the following timeline:

- May and June 2023: The committee members all reviewed the previous Hayes Township Master Recreation Plan. The members noted the sections that needed to be updated.
- The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed edits to be made for the updated version. New renderings of Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull were collaborated on from Beckett and Raeder to include in the updated plan.
- December 12th, 2023: Parks and Recreation Committee present the updated plan to the Planning Commission and request a public hearing be scheduled in a minimum of 30-days, with public notice of review and input of the draft update of the Parks and Recreation Plan published to local news outlet, posted on the Township Website and hard copies were made available at the Township Hall and Charlevoix Public Library.
- January 16th, 2024: Hayes Township Planning Commission holds a public hearing for comments on the 2024-2029 updated Parks and Recreation Plan. Minutes are recorded of the hearing.
- February 2024-October 2024: Parks and Recreation Committee reviews the update and makes edits based on public hearing comments.
- November 2024: Hayes Township Board of Trustees reviews and adopts the 2025-2030 Parks and Recreation Committee Master Plan. A resolution is approved.
- The Hayes Township 2025-2030 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, along with supporting documents, are submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Website.

6.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Recreational Goals & Objectives

- To maintain and improve all Hayes Township recreation areas for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.
- To continue thoughtful development of Camp Sea-Gull, adding amenities as well as re-imagining the current facilities to utilize their footprint and bring new life to the remaining features of the former camp.
- Restoration and bioengineering of the park shoreline at Camp Sea-Gull. Shoreline stabilization will help create a better ecosystem along Lake Charlevoix and preserve the integrity of the high-energy shore of the park.
- To work with local groups and municipalities toward completion of the Boyne City Road Trail, including a trailhead for the non-motorized trail at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull.
- To increase public awareness of the parks, recreational opportunities, facilities and nature preserves, wetlands areas in Hayes Township, through the development of maps, signage and information posted on the Township website and kiosks in the parks.
- To seek grant funding for recreation improvements.
- To work with the local DNR, Coast Guard, and other professionals to make safe and appropriate choices for all our waterfront parks.
- To work cooperatively with neighboring associations, adjacent Townships, and the County to meet recreational needs of the region, including the development of water trails with support facilities on Lake Charlevoix, Lake Michigan and Little Traverse Bay.
- To continue to nurture our community, bringing residents together through activities, recreation, and events that promote enhancement of our parks and resources.

Susan Creek





6.1 Foundation for Facilities

Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull Development

Hayes Township will continue to develop a lakefront park for local use on Lake Charlevoix. The Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull property was acquired with the assistance of a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund grant. The first phase of development of the property, which included a relocated entrance, access road, boat launch, fishing pier and toilet facilities, was completed in Phase I of construction. Ultimately the development of the property may include, but not be limited to,

- Parking area in upper park
- Buffering of adjacent properties—possibly with fence and trees
- Playground
- Pickleball Courts
- Winter activities
- Kayak launch
- Boardwalk and interpretive signage in appropriate park areas
- Covered pavilion with electricity and bathrooms/shower area
- Replanting trees
- Trail head for non-motorized trail: bike repair station, shelter, water station
- Volleyball Courts
- Hiking trails
- Nature Center
- Disc Golf

The Parks and Recreation Committee, with the full support of the Hayes Township Board of Trustees, has begun work on planning the restoration of the shoreline at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull. Working closely with other groups in the area, under the consult of Jen Buchanan (Red Twig Consulting Firm) and her vast experience in shoreline stabilization, Hayes Township will continue taking steps forward with this project.

Renderings have been created to not only show the future potential plans for Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull, but shoreline engineering as well. The next portion of this plan will show the renderings for the Upper part of Camp Sea-Gull, the lower part of Camp Sea-Gull, as well as the shoreline restoration. This will be a project that carries out over several years. The Hayes Township Board of Trustees is in tandem with the Parks and Recreation Committee on their commitment to stabilize and restore the disrupted shoreline along the lower level of Camp Sea-Gull.

Township funds, as well as fundraising, volunteers, grants, and private donations will assist in funding this project to completion.



Lower Park, Camp Sea-Gull, Future Rendering

Note: Incorporate Existing Site Furniture including Picnic Tables & 11 Benches throughout Site, include Shoreline Locations.

Boulder Clusters for Seating & Play

Low Ornamental Shrubs (TYP.)

Woodland Restoration

Representative Plant Community:
Botanical name, Common name
Acer glabrum, Downy serviceberry
Cornus alternifolia, Pagoda Dogwood
Corylus rostrata, Curly-styled wood sedge
Solidago canadensis, Bluestemmed goldenrod
Aster cordifolius, Heart leaved aster
Pastinaca sativa, Golden Ragwort
Geranium macranthum, Dwarf bush Honeyuckle



Picnic Tables & Concrete Paving (TYP.)

Convert Existing Shower Building to Nature Center with Restroom.

Shoreline Restoration



Representative Plant Community:
Botanical name, Common name
Viburnum acerifolium, American Cranberry Bush
Cornus stolonifera, Red Osier Dogwood
Salix humilis, Dune Willow Shrub
Spiraea alba, Little Bluestem
Potamogeton amplifolius, Cinquefoil flower
Sambucus racemosa, Elderberry
Rhus aromatica, Fragrant Sumac

Pollinator Garden



Representative Plant Community:
Botanical name, Common name
Rudbeckia hirta, Orange Coneflower
Sporobolus heterostachyus, Prairie Dropseed
Antennaria plantaginifolia, Pussytoes
Penstemon hirsutus, Hairy Beardtongue
Allium canadense, Nodding onion
Asclepias tuberosa, Butterfly weed

Gathering Area
Low Ornamental Shrubs (TYP.)

Shade Pollinator Garden



Representative Plant Community:
Botanical name, Common name
Corylus rostrata, Curly-styled wood sedge
Solidago canadensis, Bluestemmed goldenrod
Aster cordifolius, Heart leaved aster
Pastinaca sativa, Wild strawberry
Polmonaria virginiana, Jacob's ladder
Mullein americana, American Alumroot

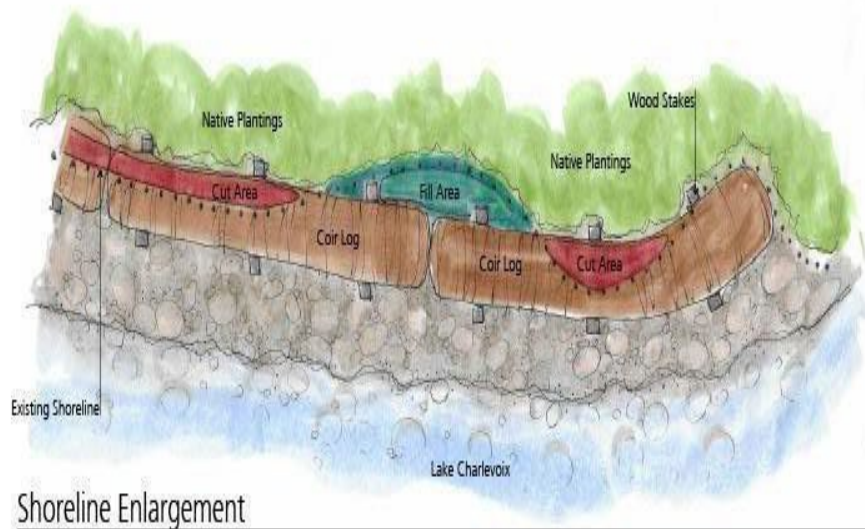
Fire Ring



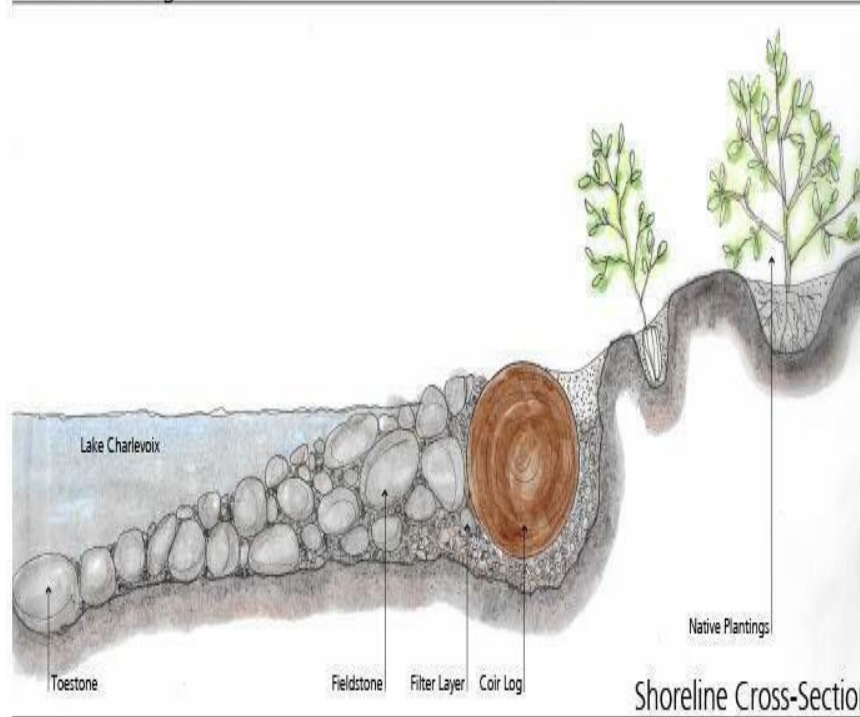
Hayes Township
Camp Sea-Gull Master Plan

Concept Plan

November, 2023



Shoreline Enlargement



Shoreline Cross-Section

Hayes Township
Camp Sea-Gull Master Plan

Shoreline Condition

November, 2023

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Beckett & Raeder





Upper level of Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull





Eastern Avenue Beach Park Access Facilities

This Lake Charlevoix swimming area is a well-used park in Hayes Township. The Pine Point Association and Board of Trustees of Hayes Township have an excellent relationship and work together to keep this beautiful swimming beach in order. The deed restrictions on this park prevent any buildings or restrooms from being built. Keeping the area groomed, safe, with picnic tables in good condition, and regular seasonal maintenance, are the main goals of both the Township and association. This is a protected piece of land that was donated to Hayes Township as a beach area that has legal protections in place.

Eastern Avenue Beach



The yearly maintenance for this park includes cleaning/grooming sand twice, keeping lawn/plants groomed, picnic tables in safe order, and having the buoys put in the water/taken out of the water at the beginning and end of each season. An ADA mat was installed in the summer of 2024 and will allow individuals with physical restrictions to safely enter the water. This will be installed and removed seasonally.

Any safety issues or concerns get turned over to the Sheriff's office and/or Coast Guard.



Direction for New Non-motorized Routes

There is a need and interest in providing non-motorized pathways throughout the Township including along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road to connect into a regional trail system. The trail along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is a project of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission. The schedule calls for five separate phases of construction. The first two phases, segments at each end, have been completed. The portion of the trail which will connect directly with Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull is phase Four. The completion date has not yet been established. Trails throughout northern Michigan are used extensively both by residents and tourists. The desire for other hiking trails, new E-Bike types and uses, x- country ski and snowshoeing trails is currently being explored and may be appropriate on future township properties.

Direction for Other Trails: Water Trails and Snowmobile Connector Routes

Hayes Township is bounded by the Little Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan on the north, and Lake Charlevoix on the south, thus presenting incredible opportunities to partner with others to be part of a larger system of water trails, both in Little Traverse Bay and within Lake Charlevoix.

There are several snowmobile routes throughout northern Michigan, but these pathways generally do not extend into Hayes Township, except where snowmobiles can ride within county road rights-of-way. To improve safety and to better serve the residents and the region, the Township proposes to work with local groups to identify appropriate connector routes through the Township to provide access to a broader network of trails.

Foundation for increased Recreational Site Signage, Maps and Information

Northern Michigan continues to see an increase in both visitors and full-time residents. As our parks and recreation areas have an uptick in usage, the township wants to make sure that we offer information to all guests. This information includes not only locations, but available amenities as well.

Adding both informational and interpretive signage is an excellent way to achieve this communication. The Parks and Recreation Committee will work to add appropriate signage within township parks each season where time and resources allow. They will also share up to date information on their website and through all township publishing.

Historical Markers

The Michigan Historical Marker Program was established by the legislature and governor in 1955, years before others. Since then, more than 1,700 have been placed across the state making Michigan's one of the premier marker programs in the nation. Each marker reflects an important story of a place, an event or a person. A marker dedication ceremony is an event of commemoration and even celebration that introduces a lasting resource for tourism, education, and community heritage.





2025-2030 Parks and Recreation Plan Appendix A

Transmittal, Charlevoix County Planning Department

Transmittal, Northwest Michigan Council of Government

Planning Commission Meeting Notice / Agenda

Public Hearing Notice in Newspaper

Planning Commission Public Hearing Agenda
1/16/2024

Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes
1/16/24

Board of Trustees Minutes
11/11/2024

Recreation Master Plan Resolution/approval





2025-2030 Parks and Recreation Plan

Placeholder for all future documents in Appendix A



Appendix B

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Community Park and Recreation Plan Certification Checklist Form

Status Report for All Grant Assisted Park & Rec Facilities



2025-2030 Parks and Recreation Plan

Placeholder for documents in Appendix B

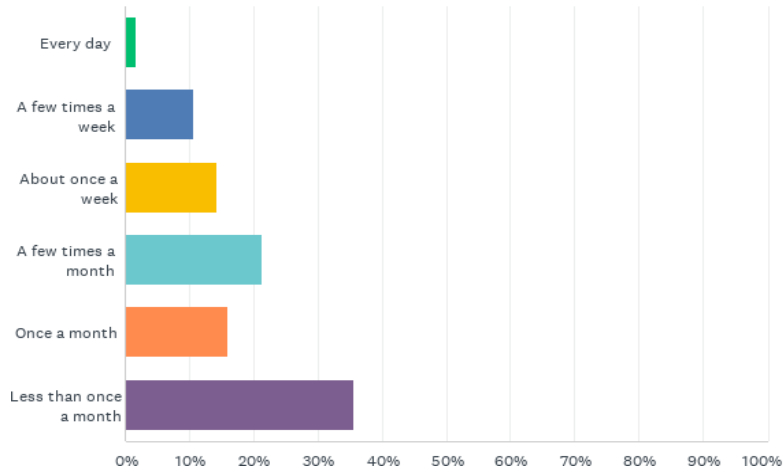


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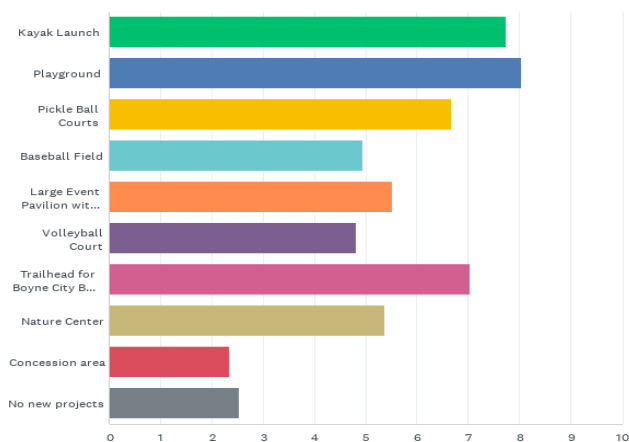
2023 Property Owners Survey Findings



Q1 How often do you visit Hayes Township Parks?

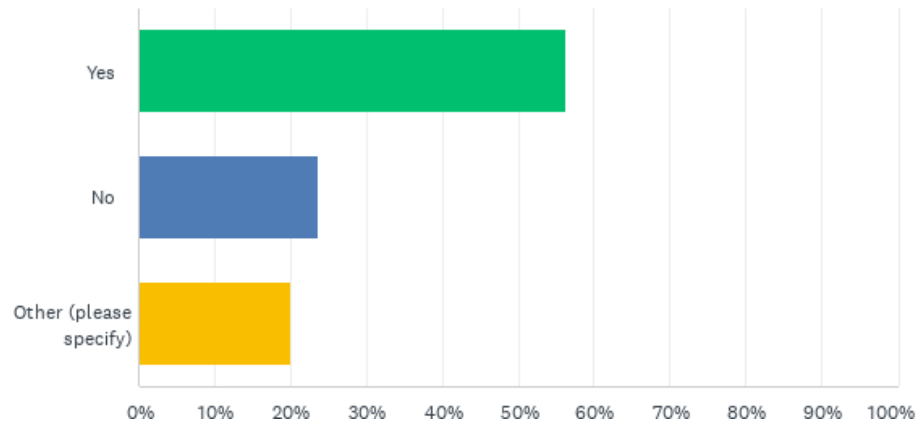


Q3 Please rate these projects in order of your level of support for Hayes Township Park Camp Sea Gull? (1-support the most, 10-support the least)

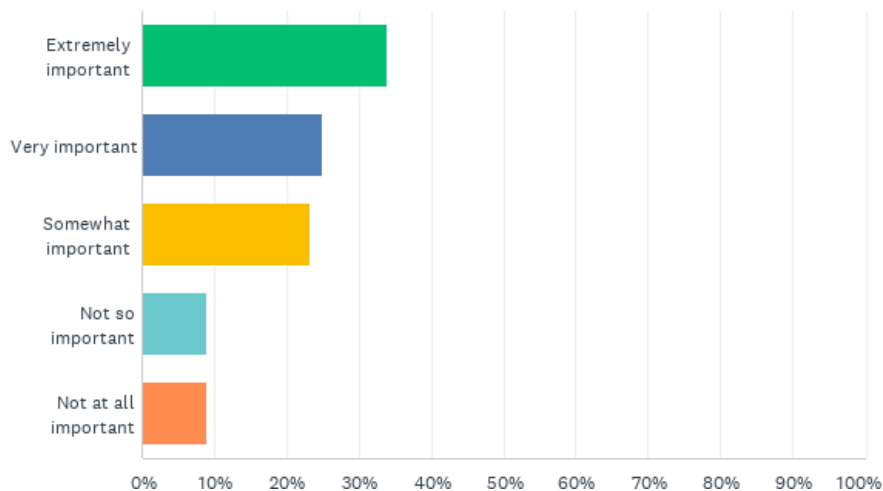




Q4 Are you generally satisfied with the development of the township parks?



Q5 The non-motorized trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix has several phases until completion. How important is completion of this bike path to you?





3-C

What amenity would you most like to see at Hayes Township Park Camp Sea-Gull?

RESPONSES

Restroom

Pickleball, dog park enclosed

Pickle Ball Courts

Swimming

Pickle Ball Courts

The boat launch is excellent, well-maintained, and a great addition. Maybe some more areas of picnicking and enjoying the waterfront might be a nice addition, make the areas more user friendly, etc.

Swimming beach. Can't readily access the lake. My answer to #1 would be different if I could swim there. You don't even list it as an option below.

Flush toilet

Bathroom changing area - more covered areas to sit / eat . More flowers etc

I am writing a book about Kamp Kairphree (on Lake Charlevoix 1928-1941) which became Twp Park Camp Sea Gull when the Twp acquired a portion of the KK property. And I have hundreds of photos of the camp taken by the UofM's first official photographer who created the camp and its predecessor near Alpena. Some attention to the history of the property and its display would be great.

Only what has already been pillaged

Improved boat launch

A place to safely swim

swimming area (without sand) and rewilding the vegetation in a 100 foot shoreland with only native plants.

Event building

Flush toilets

Play ground, ball field, beach area.

Pickle ball courts

Pickle Ball Courts

Playground

more seating and a better, safer access into the lake at the swimming area

Interpretive trail through the wetlands to access all areas of the park.

A slightly longer center dock at the boat ramp.

A kayak launch would be great.

Stop spending money on Camp Sea Gull

Nothing. Camp Sea Gull is fine, as it is.

Nature center



Hayes Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

4-C

Wider Access at the driveway, improved wider access to the boat ramp, more parking for vehicles with trailers What a mess.

n/a, this park is pretty great!

Tennis courts fixed. walking path along water. more benches.

trailhead parking

POTABLE WATER

Tennis courts or pickle ball courts

access to lake

For far too long, amenities were not accepted at the park. The Parks and Rec Committee should be advisory ONLY. IT SHOULD NEVER CONTROL THE PARK OR MAKE MAJOR DECISIONS. It should be voluntary only. Amenities should never be a money making proposition. The donation should reflect the actual cost, especially if the amenity is chosen by the rec Committee.

Native plant area, with identification

Pickle ball /tennis court Ice skating rink

A beach. With that we would visit at least once a week.

Kids Playset/Playground items

Basketball courts

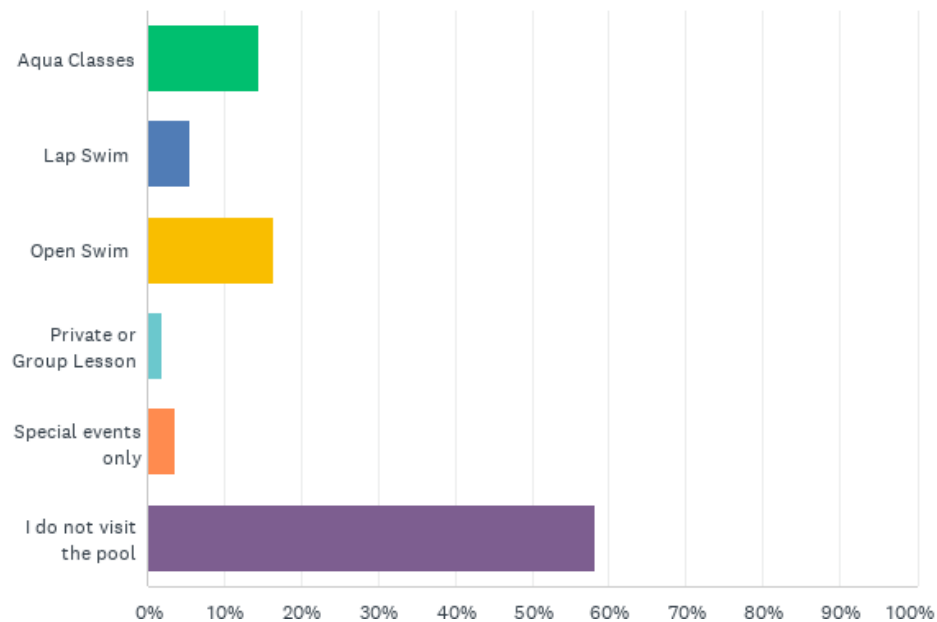
A beach

Swimming

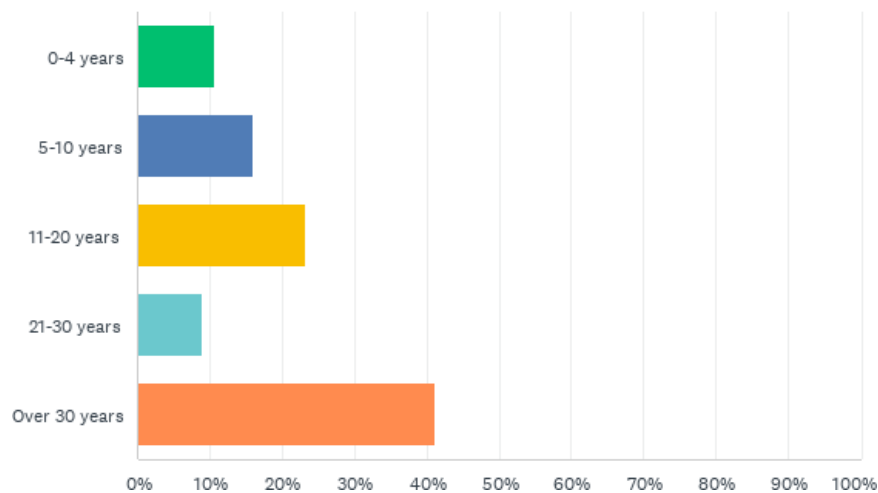
Pickle ball



Q6 How do you and your family most utilize the Charlevoix Area Community Pool?

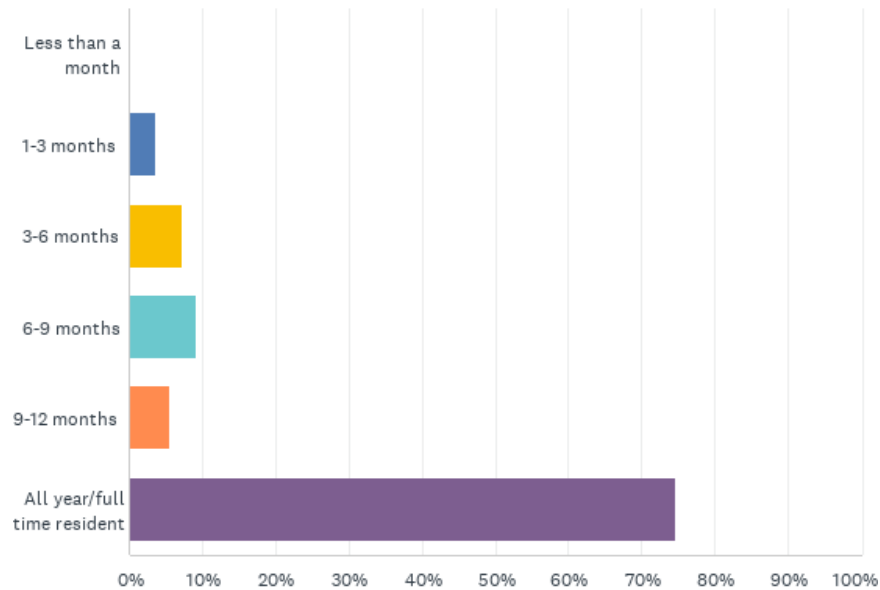


Q7 How long have you lived in Hayes Township?

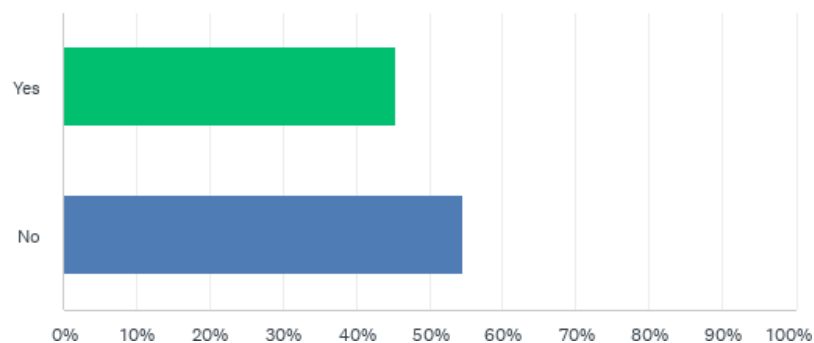




Q8 How much of the year do you live in Hayes?



Q9 Would you support a park millage?





Q10 What additional comments or suggestions do you have for the Parks and Recreation development in Hayes Township?

RESPONSES

Keep up the good work!!

I am impressed with the Parks and Rec Committee in Hayes Township being very dedicated to improving the parks within the township to meet all the residents wants and needs.

Maintain what we have.

RESTORE ALL PROTECTIONS TO THE SHORELINE. NOT SURE HOW ANYONE MANAGED TO CREATE CHANGES THAT WOULD THREATEN THE SHORELINE BY WANTING TO DREDGE OUT A BOAT CHANNEL, BUT PLEASE RESTORE ALL RULES THAT WERE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE HABITAT AND INTEGRITY OF THE SHORELINE FROM DEVELOPMENT.

Disc golf Handicap access trails and accessible recreation options

Get the bike path done !!!!!

I would only support a park mileage if I knew exactly which parks and exactly what would be allocated to each one. Like a grant that is extremely specific. The parks need to be maintained. My family uses the pool for more than one reason. Aqua ex,lap swim,open swim,and swim lessons. Thank you for this survey.

More attention to protecting the shoreline is warranted as is increased attention to prohibiting altering the shoreline for private purposes.

Protect the shore land!!!

Put a beach in at Camp Seagull. Do it now!

I have a hard time believing that you call west park a park. Also the park in Bay has 2 swings and is not maintained at all.

Make the parks safe

On the list of projects we are asked to rate, you do not provide the option of a swimming area, which was asked in the last survey, and was rated as one of the top 3 priorities by residents, with 49% strongly agreeing and another 29% agreeing, for a total of 78.9% agreeing. Only picnic area (79.4 %) and restroom (83.7%) ranked higher. Without providing this option as a ranked choice, you are not allowing the people to choose it. What is on the Master Plan depends on results of the survey. You also don't ask about restrooms. (the pit toilets are not adequate) nor about tennis courts and winter activities, as before. This is a fixed list that will get skewed results. This survey is being conducted without any random mailing to residents, therefore it will not be statistically valid. The township re-do this survey. Parks and Rec meetings should be held by Zoom. While pretty annual flowers are nice for residential homes, they have no place on the natural lakeshore or within the shoreland protection strip. The Camp Seagull shoreland should be an exemplary model of shoreland protection. Also, the presence of the caretaker's house is too residential in appearance and not blending in with the park. The aesthetic is

one of coming into someone's private property. The caretaker's residence, if this is to continue, should be subtle and secondary to the park's features, shielded from public view. It is too much like an R-1 zone, not a park. A building or outdoor amphitheater that can be used for events such as music concerts, environmental presentations, and nature activities for kids, would be a wonderful addition. With a swim area, there should also be a facility suitable for changing clothes and a pit toilet facility is just inadequate. Remove all the concrete on the land, and in the water. The shale wall still looks to be a very big problem. The parks and rec committee should be broadened to include other people and there should be term limits set. There is no transparency about what this group is planning, as decisions are made in this advisory board, then presented to Board of Trustees as a done deal and without any discussion at all, the Board adopts whatever the parks and rec board pre-decided. That means no opportunity for dialogue by trustees or by the public. This has to stop. The budget for parks and rec is also a mystery. How much money is being spent on Beckett and Raeder doing all this consulting work and when and by whom are those budget decisions being made? None of

this has been before the public. \$300,000 for pickle ball courts is a lot of money for an amenity that never even appeared in the last survey or in the Master Plan. There is no thought given to recreational needs in the northern part of our community.

More recreational opportunities could be made on township owned land near the township hall. Bay Shore's park needs actual budget dollars to develop it, not volunteers keeping up the bare minimum effort. It's insulting to the public to not even have what they wanted most in Camp Seagull, a place to swim, even on the Parks and Rec board's radar in this survey. No significant progress has been made at the park since the boat launch went in. It's a great thing to have a natural park on the lakefront. Making it something special and keeping it natural is what will serve residents for decades to come.

The recreation board is composed of people who are not for the park as well as the board, we want the board to make the decisions about the park not the park committee as they are only an advisory committee, also have heard that the rain gardens are not sufficient, I do not believe this is true. The township needs to focus on their jobs as board not trustee members and not hire out all the thinking and planning and do it themselves. The township would not have to spend so much

money and ask for a millage increase if the board and the planning Commission would do their jobs.

Replant trees at Camp Sea Gull-so many were cut down during construction

We need more seating. Access to the lake at the swimming area needs improvement. A safer ramp would be great. The addition of expected basic amenities like picnic tables and chairs/benches to the park has been way too slow. I am not in favor of a park millage. The county already collects one. We need to apply for that grant every year and also search out and apply for more grant opportunities from other agencies. This survey design is flawed. I'd rather say what I think we need, not rank order. There should also be a category of "other". I had to rank things we do not need i.e. playground, volley ball, baseball, concessions, nature center, and I'm not sold on pickle ball courts. They are very expensive to build. I am afraid they are fad that will fade away and also only a few people can utilize them at the same time.

Family geared park amenities like a playground and nature center would be nice to have





The township newsletter should list, at least yearly, the accomplishments of the township rec committee and how much it cost for those accomplishments and more importantly how much the rec committee was paid for their meetings. Maybe I am just unaware, but I think there needs to be new members of the rec committee.

The parks and recreation committee needs new members with fresh ideas and a positive attitude. Terms should be limited to keep things fresh.

I have't been lately, are there dog poop bag stations available? Every park everywhere needs at least three!

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We would like to see More bike and walking trails across Hayes township that includes winter

trails for cross country skiing or snowshoeing. We would love to see the non motorized trail groomed in the winter. Additionally we would like to see less physical development of man made structures and concrete parking lots.

Membership on the Parks and Rec Committee should be changed to more accurately reflect the views of the township. Diversity is needed. Eliminate the hardening of the waterfront.

Numbers 3 and 6 make this an unscientific survey.

This committee is illegitimate because it is composed of individuals who opposed the park. It should be dissolved. Number 3 above is a stacked question.

Nothing right now.

We enjoyed the covered picnic area this summer.

I would love to see a beach with a bit of sand at the park.

We love the development of Hayes township! Thank you so much for all of your work.



End