

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**October 8, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Garfield Township**

**\*\*FEIGER ROOM**

**3848 Veterans Drive**

Traverse City, MI 49684

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**A G E N D A**

Any interested person or group may address the Commission on any agenda item when recognized by the presiding officer or upon request of any Commissioner. Also, any interested person or group may address the agenda item designated Public Comment. The comment of any member of the public or any special interest group may be limited in time. Such limitation shall not be less than two minutes unless otherwise approved by the Commission.

Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call of Commission Members

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflicts of Interest
2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2018
3. Correspondence - Conservation District Report
4. Reports
  - a. Commissioner Reports
  - b. Staff Report
5. Business to Come Before the Commission
  - a. PD 2018-101 Potential Parkland Acquisitions-First Discussion
  - b. PD 2018-102 Landscaping Services for SLRA Buffer
6. Public Comment
7. Items for Next Agenda
  - a. To Be Determined
8. Adjourn

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
September 10, 2018**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 6:03pm at the Silver Lake Recreation Area, 1785 East Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI 49684.

**Roll Call of Commission Members:**

Present: Chris DeGood, Chris Remy, Dale Majerczyk, Denise Schmuckal, Fern Spence, James Guilmet, and Valarie Handy

Absent and Excused:

Others Present: Rob Larrea, Erik Perdonik, Tom Vitale

**1. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest**

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, DeGood, Remy, Spence, Guilmet, and Handy  
Nays: None*

**2. Minutes**

**a. June 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes**

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded for to approve the June 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, Spence, Remy, DeGood, Handy, and  
Guilmet*

*Nays: None*

**3. Correspondence**

a. None

**4. Reports (7:00)**

**Tom Vitale Conservation District Report**

Vitale submitted his report in writing

**Commissioner Reports**

Handy reported that the Recreational Authority is currently conducting a survey on the public's vision for the future of the Recreation Authority and suggested that Commissioners take the survey.

## Staff Report

Larrea reported that preliminary scores for the recent MNRTF grant submittal for the River East Recreation Area will be available soon.

### 5. Business to Come Before the Commission

#### a. **PD 2018-96 Silver Lake Recreation Area Discussion-On Site**

Commissioners reexamined the land along the park's East Silver Lake Road frontage that was largely cleared of foliage recently, apart from some healthy trees. Commissioners discussed whether a "Type C" buffer was still appropriate, providing landscape buffering for the single family residences that face the front of the park, and providing a more ornamental layout along the remainder of the frontage that was cleared.

*Handy moved and Majerczyk seconded THAT the planting of an effective landscape buffer which does not obscure the fire station's clear vision, not a "Type C" buffer, along the portion of the park's East Silver Lake Road frontage across from the residences be planted, with native grass planted along the entire length of the cleared area, and ornamental landscaping beyond the buffer for the residences BE RECOMMENDED to the Township Board.*

*Yeas: DeGood, Schmuckal, Remy, Spence, Majerczyk, Handy, Guilmet  
Nays: None*

Commissioners discussed the circumstances surrounding the clearing of foliage from the park's East Silver Lake Road frontage and possible mechanisms for ensuring that those volunteering to do projects on Township lands remain within a specific scope of work approved by the Township.

*DeGood moved and Handy seconded THAT a policy which requires that a written scope of work for any volunteer work done on Township parklands be submitted to the Township for review and approval prior to the commencement of work BE RECOMMENDED to the Township Board.*

*Yeas: DeGood, Schmuckal, Remy, Spence, Majerczyk, Handy, Guilmet  
Nays: None*

Commissioners discussed potential uses for the woodchips left over from the removal of the invasive trees.

*DeGood moved and Majerczyk seconded THAT the leftover woodchips be used by the Conservation District for erosion control, as needed.*

6. **Public Comment (6:50)**

Jeanne Rokos of 5018 Silver Pines Road commented on the site of the abandoned disc golf course.

Commissioners discussed possible designs for the trash bin storage areas in the park with Vitale. Commissioners also discussed a possible sidewalk connection between the southernmost pavilion, restrooms, and dog park entrance. Finally, Commissioners discussed a possible well house in place of the existing fenced enclosure.

7. **Items For Next Agenda**

To be determined

8. **Adjournment**

*Handy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm.*

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Dale Majerczyk, Secretary  
Garfield Township Parks and Recreation  
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**Grand Traverse Conservation District**  
**September 2018 Report**

**CONSERVATION TEAM**

**OWNER/PARKLAND: Garfield Township – Various**

**Administration**

- Attended and provided updates at monthly Garfield Parks and Recreation meeting.
- Met on-site with Deputy Planner, Erik Perdonik, to review projects and trail placement at Silver Lake Recreation Area.
- Coordinated with Bill Mouser a time to assess the seasonal removal of the new ADA watercraft landing at Boardman Valley Nature Preserve.

**Routine Monitoring and Maintenance**

- Monitored trails and trailheads at all Garfield parklands, replaced dog waste bags at trailhead dispensers, and picked up trash as necessary.
- Switched garbage totes at Silver Lake Rec Area dog park on a regular basis to accommodate dog waste disposal needs.
- Removed silt fencing installed for trail re-route at Miller Creek Nature Reserve. Soil Erosion permit cleared.
- Removed silt fencing at Silver Lake Rec Area adjacent to Mud Lake.
- Provided trail erosion repairs at Silver Lake Recreation Area by installing berms, water-bars, and aggregate.
- Cleared trails of downed trees at all Garfield parks following multiple wind events during September.
- Addressed various high erosion sites at Commons. Solutions included: adding aggregate, grade reversal/water dips, and water-bar installation.
- Switched interpretive posters from summer to autumn theme at Garfield park trailhead kiosks
- Removed or replaced damaged fencing at trailheads as appropriate.
- Continued to address re-occurring vandalism at the Commons Natural Area.
- Assisted Boardman River Clean Sweep in removing abandoned homeless camp-sites at Verizon property/Boardman Valley Nature Preserve.
- Fixed damaged trash surround post at Silver Lake Rec Area.

**Other**

- Met with Cass Road property owner to continue discussions regarding the option to purchase his parcel for access to Miller Creek park and reduce flooding on Miller Creek.
- Sought tree stock at local nurseries for Silver Lake RA buffer along E. Silver Lk. Rd.
- Coordinated treatment of invasive callery pear at the Commons by the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network crew.

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**OWNER/PARKLAND: Recreational Authority – Hickory Meadows****Administration**

- Attended and prepared the draft agenda for the monthly Hickory Meadows Advisory Committee (HMAC) meeting.
- Attended and provided updates at the monthly Rec Authority Board meeting.
- Corresponded with Derek Melville, TC Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, regarding water runoff and erosion on Meadows property related to Hills construction.
- Communicated with City staff, contractors, and the HMAC regarding Hickory Hills infrastructure plans, including drain field construction on Meadows property.
- Met on-site with HMAC member, Bill Brundage, to go over winter trail grooming plans.
- Met with Bill Brundage and Angie Lucas, GTRLC steward that over-sees Arcadia grasslands project, to discuss potential of grassland restoration at Hickory Meadows.
- Researched native tree stock at nurseries for planned buffer along property boundary with Hickory Hills.

**Routine Monitoring and Maintenance**

- Addressed erosion site near Randolph St. Trailhead. Solution involved adding aggregate with a raised center to encourage water to run off trail.
- Monitored all trails and trailheads, picked-up trash, and replaced dog waste bags as needed
- Cleared Hickory Meadows trails of downed trees after multiple wind events throughout September.
- Downloaded trail counters for review and analysis.
- Continued to supply, collect, and record user surveys at main trailheads.
- Monitored erosion concerns on Meadows property.
- Switched seasonal interpretive posters at Hickory Meadow trailhead info stations from summer to autumn. Autumn topics include ‘Smart Defense’, ‘Fall Fungi’, and ‘Forest Floor’.

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**BOARDMAN RIVER STEWARDSHIP**

- Met twice with Dr. Tamara Coleman, NMC Biology Professor to talk to her students about dam removal and the Boardman River Watershed.
- Completed paper work for the USFWS Phase-II wood grant planned for the new river channel at Brown Bridge.
- Met on several occasions with Tom Knoop, the contractor restoring two severely eroding streambanks within the County’s NER.
- Assisted with the preparation of a US Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration grant to continue invasive species control work and native tree and shrub plantings at Brown Bridge, Boardman, and Sabin bottomlands.
- Assisted the MDEQ and dam removal staff in a tour of the dam removal sites.
- Began a list for the Watershed Center GT Bay’s planned update of the Watershed Plan by identifying projects that have taken place within the Boardman River Watershed since the last update in 2004.



- Received a report from a property owner on the North Branch of the Boardman regarding a possible illegal bridge.
- Attended Rotary’s Friends of the Boardman event.
- Began looking into options to replace the cedar whole-log fencing with treated log fencing. Spoke to Mark Randolph from Kalkaska Conservation District about the need to replace fencing along the North Branch on state land.
- Prepared for and conducted an Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited work bee to repair a site that was restored last year on state land but needed additional work.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

**Nature Center Visitation this Month: 266**  
**Program Participants this month: 93**  
**Drop ins this month: 173**  
**Nature Center Visitation this year: 5,846**

**Nature Center Visitation Sept 2017: 563**  
**Program Participants Sept 2017: 384**  
**Drop-in Sept 2017: 179**  
**Nature Center Visitation since 2008: 84,669**

**Program Participation & Program Planning:**

- Roughly 65 preschoolers and their families came to experience the Boardman River Nature Center’s Nature-Based preschool programming. This was in just two weeks of programming. The programs will wrap up mid-December.
- Continued planning and work with area organizations on our “No Barriers to Nature Program” which allows for access to the Boardman River Nature Center for disabled members of our community.
- Continued work on outdoor interpretive trails on the Fox Den and Sabin Loop of the Natural Education Reserve. Implementation of the exhibits is on hold until the construction on the dams in completed (many trail closures).
- Partnered with the conservation team and Invasive Species Network on some combined funding options to diversify our offerings.
- Start planning for the 2019 Boardman River Nature Center public programs offerings including summer camps which will be released in February this year.

**FORESTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP)**

**Written Forest Management Recommendations: 1   QFP Verifications: 3   MAEAP/FWH Verifications: 0**

**FAP Referrals to Private Sector: 8**

**FAP Referrals to Public Sector: 0**

**In-office Contacts: 43 landowners**

**Follow-up Contacts: 43 landowners/qualified foresters**

**On-Site Visits:**

Grand Traverse County

1. Neautawana, 35 acs., Peninsula Twp. N.
2. Schrock, 40 acs., Fife Lake Twp.

**FAP Promotion/Program Development:**

1. Assist in submitting GLRI grant for Boardman River bottomlands restoration grant with GTCD staff
2. Mushroom Workshop (80 participants)
3. FAP Informational booth at the ASM State Tree Climbing Competition (50 contacts)
4. FAP monthly conference call
5. FAP Advisory Committee Meeting (9 in attendance)
6. Presentation on forestry/insects/diseases to NMC Plant Biology class (32 participants)
7. Oak wilt grant contracts out

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**MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP)**

**Farm Visits: 4 (Antrim/Grand Traverse), 4 (Benzie/Leelanau)**

**Risk Assessments Completed: 0 (Antrim/Grand Traverse), 3 (Benzie/Leelanau)**

**Farms Verified: 3**

**Updates:**

- 9/7: Grand Traverse Verification
- 9/10: MAEAP Interviews
- 9/12: Antrim County Verification
- 9/14: MAEAP Second Interview
- 9/17: Quarterly Review with Regional Coordinator of Conservation Programs
- 9/17: Goal Setting Meeting for FY19
- 9/18: MAEAP Second Interview
- 9/19: MICareerQuest Kick-off Meeting
- 9/27: Grand Traverse Verification and Reverification
- 9/29: Household Hazardous Waste Event

**Current Projects:**

- Working with:
  - Farms in Antrim: 7
  - Farms in Grand Traverse: 12
  - Farms in Leelanau: 21
  - Farms in Benzie: 3



- Planning workshop for 2019 Northern Michigan Small Farms Conference
- Working with farms to complete NRCS EQIP applications.
- Collaborating with Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Manager on Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste events.
- Wrapping up 2018 reverifications.
- Finalizing 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Cost-share report.
- Distributing cost-share funding to local agricultural producers to implement needed practices on their farms.
- Planning MAEAP session at the 2018 Freshwater Summit.
- 2018 MDARD Well Water Monitoring program for pesticide residues.
- Planning agriculture session for Leelanau Conservation District Field Day.
- Assisting 2 growers with mitigating issues related to Right to Farm complaints.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 10/1: NWMC Farm Bureau Board Meeting
- 10/4: Leelanau Conservation District Field Day
- 10/5: Antrim County Verification
- 10/15: Antrim Conservation District Board Meeting
- 10/17: MICareerQuest Committee Meeting
- 10/26: Freshwater Summit
- 10/29-10/31: MACD Convention
- 10/30: Agrichemical Container Recycling Collection Event

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**NORTHWEST MICHIGAN INVASIVE SPECIES NETWORK (ISN)**

**Public Inquiry Responses: 40**

**Active Contacts: 174**

**Passive Contacts: 5,837 +>200,000 (AP & NPR reporting)**

**Acres Surveyed: 95.25**

**Sites Surveyed: 40**

**Acres Treated: 42.75**

**Sites Treated: 36**

**Volunteer Hours: 0**

**Volunteers: 0**

**Meetings/Presentations:**

- 9/5 – Hosted ISN Steering Committee Meeting
- 9/17 – Attended & elected Chair at MISC Core Team meeting
- 9/19 - "Attended" Woody Invasives of the Great Lakes Collaborative meeting call
- 9/25 - Presented *Habitat Matters* to Whitewater Township; 17 attendees
- 9/25 - "Attended" Play Clean Go Tri-National Advisory Committee meeting call

**Treatments, Restoration, and Surveys:**

- Knotweed treatments: 2 sites, 0.25 acres
- Phragmites treatments: 20 sites, 39.5 acres
- Other species treatments: 12 sites, 3 acres
- Site visits/surveys: 4 sites, 71.5 acres

**Other Accomplishments:**

- 9/4 - WCMU interview on swallow-wort (see below)
- 9/14 - Submitted Rotary Systems Change Accelerator grant
- 9/14 - USFS Landscape Scale Restoration grant sent on for review
  - Approved & supported by State Forester for full submission!
- 9/18 - Submitted Williams Endowment Community Foundation grant
- 9/28 - Finalized & submitted MISGP grant: *Invasive Species Leadership in Northwest Lower Michigan*
- 9/28 - Finalized & submitted MISGP grant: *ISN Mission Fulfillment*
- Swallow-wort press release picked up by the AP and NPR, leading to reporting in [The Daily News](#), [The Detroit News](#), [Detroit Free Press](#), [WLNS](#), [Fox66](#), [Michigan Radio](#), [WNMU](#), [WKAR](#), [WCMU](#) (and other NPR stations), and Connecticut's [The Hour](#); estimated reach estimated >200,000
- Surveyed *Go Beyond Beauty* participants regarding possible sterile barberry cultivar; results [on website](#)
- Added [ISN in the News](#) and [Nature Change videos](#) pages to website
- Facebook reach: 3,509
- Website reach: 3,719
- Instagram reach: 1,027


**Upcoming Events:**

- Fall partner meeting Wednesday, November 7, 1-4pm, Boardman River Nature Center



**Acronyms and Abbreviations**

AECOM	Boardman River Dams Project Engineers
BBAC	Brown Bridge Advisory Committee
BRNC	Boardman River Nature Center
CRA	Conservation Resource Alliance
DDA	Downtown Development Authority
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
ECR	East Creek Reserve
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentive Program
GBB	Go Beyond Beauty
GIS	Geographic Information System
GLRI	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
GM	Garlic mustard
GTCD	Grand Traverse Conservation District
HMAC	Hickory Meadows Advisory Committee
ISN	Invasive Species Network
JB	Japanese barberry
MACD	Michigan Association of Conservation Districts
MAEAP	Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program
MDARD	Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
MISC	Michigan Invasive Species Coalition
MNLA	Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association
NER	Natural Education Reserve
NMC	Northwestern Michigan College
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWMFFN	Northwest Michigan Food and Farming Network
NWISN	Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network
OB	Oriental Bittersweet
USFWS	United State Fish & Wildlife Service
SEEDS	501(c)3 nonprofit organization
SFP	Safe Food Program
Tx	Treatment

		<b>Charter Township of Garfield</b>	
		<b>Planning Department Report No. 2018-101</b>	
Prepared:	October 2, 2018	Pages:	Page 1 of 6
Meeting:	October 8, 2018 PRC	Attachments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Subject:	Potential Parkland Acquisitions (3)-First Discussion		

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Township was recently approached about the potential acquisition of four different parcels which might have the potential to be an addition to the Township’s parks system. The purpose of discussing the potential acquisition of the parcels at this time is to seek a recommendation from Commissioners as to which of the parcels should be pursued, from a parks and recreation and conservation standpoint. It should be stressed that any conversations regarding these potential acquisitions are in the very preliminary stages, and that no dollar figures have been seriously discussed.

In the Staff Comment section of this report, an overview of each of the four parcels will be provided. In addition, aerial images of each of the four parcels illustrating their location relative to existing Township parklands are **attached** to this report.

**STAFF COMMENT:**

**1. Ransom Parcel**

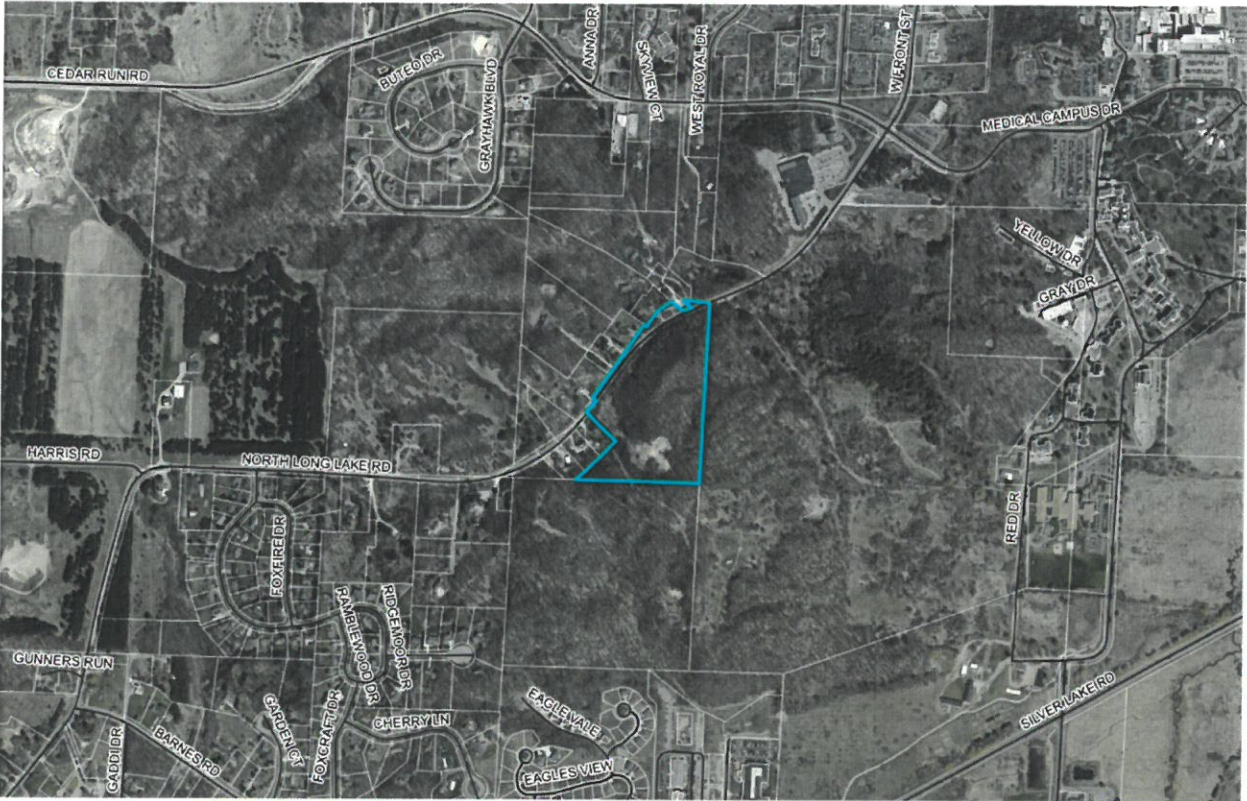
**Parcel ID:** 05-008-030-00

**Owner:** John S Ransom

**Location:** The Ransom Parcel adjoins North Long Lake Road and three smaller residential parcels to the northwest, the Township’s Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area to the east, and the “State 40” to the south.



## Potential Parkland Acquisitions (3)-Parks and Recreation Commission



**Parcel Size:** Approximately 18 acres.

**Significant Natural Features:** Steep slopes and woodlands.

**Location Relative to Existing Parklands:** Because the Ransom Parcel adjoins existing Township parklands to the south and east, it appears to be a logical addition to the Commons Natural Area in terms of proximity.

**Other Potentially Relevant Information:** It is Staff's understanding that the Ransom Trust, the owner of the parcel, has been discussing the possibility of public ownership of the parcel with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC). In the past, the GTRLC has worked with owners in acquiring their property for public ownership and later offering it to the Township for purchase, which tends to expedite the transfer for the owner.



## 2. Miller Creek Drive Parcel

**Parcel ID:** 05-022-007-60

**Owner:** Stuff It Storage

**Location:** The Miller Creek Drive Parcel adjoins the Miller Creek Nature Reserve to the west; a storage facility to the north; Cass Road to the east; and three parcels to the south; the westernmost being the site of a software company office, and the second-westernmost being the site of a proposed crematorium.



**Parcel Size:** Approximately 9.6 acres.

**Significant Natural Features:** A branch of Miller Creek and significant wetlands.

**Location Relative to Existing Parklands:** Because the Miller Creek Drive Parcel adjoins existing Township parklands to the west, it appears to be a logical addition to the Miller Creek Nature Reserve in terms of proximity.

**Other Potentially Relevant Information:** The Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner has approached the Township regarding the potential acquisition of the parcel, as it would presumably be included in the Cass Road drainage district. However, an applicant seeking to build a crematorium on the small adjoining parcel to the south appears to have a purchase option on the parcel and would have to formally offer the property for public ownership. Finally, a park map of the Miller Creek Nature Reserve from 2014 shows a planned connector trail from the Reserve leading across Cass Road on the parcel.



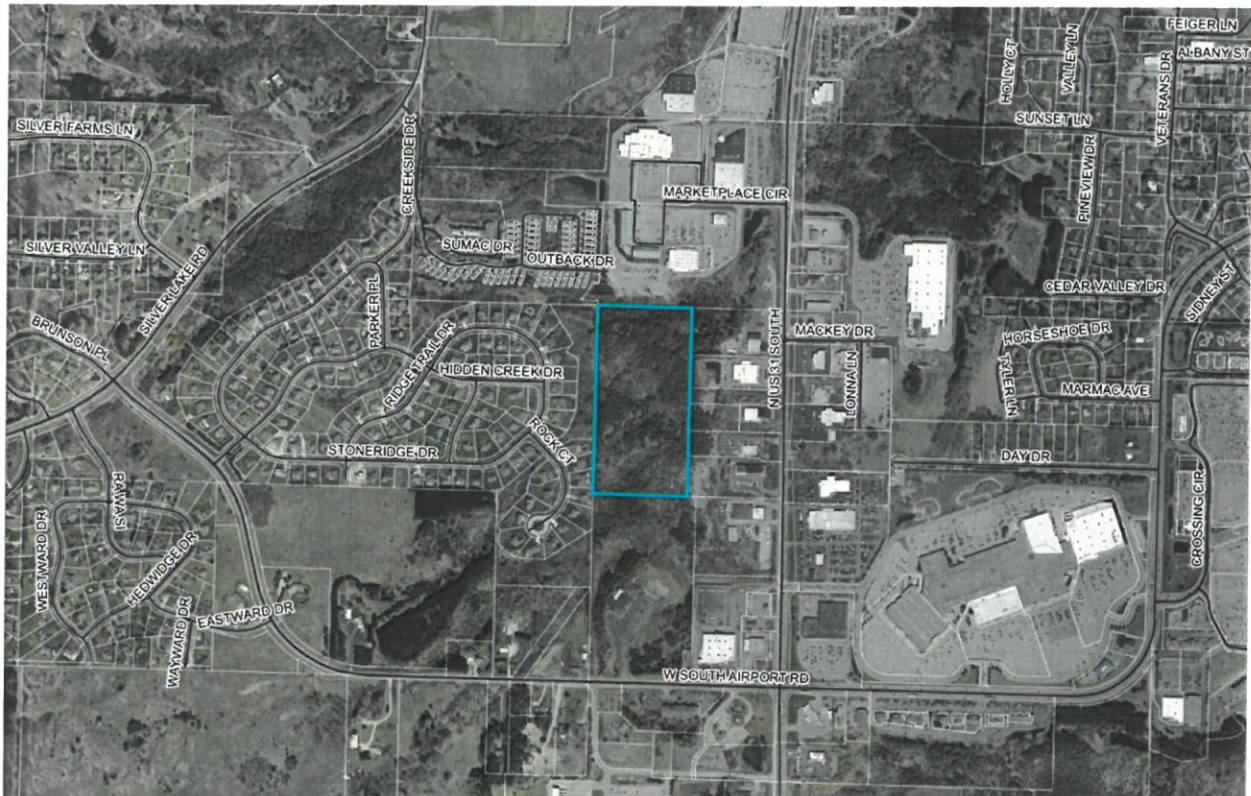
## Potential Parkland Acquisitions (3)-Parks and Recreation Commission

### 3. Lewis Parcel

**Parcel ID:** 05-021-029-00

**Owner:** James P Lewis Trust

**Location:** The Lewis Parcel adjoins the Stoneridge III subdivision to the west, Buffalo Ridge Center to the north, several commercial businesses fronting US 31 to the east, and a large parcel that is the site of the First Christian Church to the south.



**Parcel Size:** Approximately 21 acres.

**Significant Natural Features:** Two branches of Kids Creek, significant wetlands, and woodlands.

**Location Relative to Existing Parklands:** The parcel does not adjoin existing Township parklands, as the Buffalo Ridge Center is located between Kids Creek Park to the north and the parcel.

**Other Potentially Relevant Information:** Access to this parcel is questionable. It is Staff's understanding that there may be an unimproved easement from US 31 running alongside Belle Tire. Furthermore, the owner has not revealed his intent regarding his perceived value of the parcel, and the Township typically does not conduct appraisals on parcels under these circumstances.



## Potential Parkland Acquisitions (3)-Parks and Recreation Commission

### 4. TCLP Parcel

**Parcel ID:** 05-005-017-00

**Owner:** James P Lewis Trust

**Location:** The Traverse City Light and Power (TCLP) Parcel adjoins four residential parcels to the west, each of which is vacant except the southernmost parcel; four large residential parcels to the north; two smaller residential parcels to the east, and Cedar Run Road to the south.



**Parcel Size:** Approximately 50 acres.

**Significant Natural Features:** Steep slopes, woodlands, and scenic overlooks.

**Location Relative to Existing Parklands:** The parcel does not adjoin existing Township parklands; however, Hickory Hills is separated from the parcel by one parcel and Barney Road to the north.

**Other Potentially Relevant Information:** This would be a transfer from one public entity, TCLP, to another, Garfield Township. In addition, based on information that Staff has received, there appears to be some development pressure on this particular parcel.



## Potential Parkland Acquisitions (3)-Parks and Recreation Commission

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

The purpose of placing this item on tonight's agenda is to seek a recommendation from Commissioners regarding which of the four parcels described above should be pursued by the Township, from a parks and recreation and conservation standpoint. If the Commission is prepared to make a recommendation following discussion, the following motion is suggested:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT the acquisition of Parcel ID:  
\_\_\_\_\_ BE PURSUED by the Township in light of its parks and  
recreation and conservation value.

### **Attachments:**

1. Park location and natural features map for Ransom Parcel
2. Park location and natural features map for Miller Creek Drive Parcel
3. Park location and natural features map for Lewis Parcel
4. Park location and natural features map for TCLP Parcel



## Ransom Parcel Proximity and Natural Features

- Legend**
- Garfield Roads 2017
  - Garfield Parcels 2018
  - Parkland 2017
  - - - Stream
  - SYSTEM**
  - Wetland

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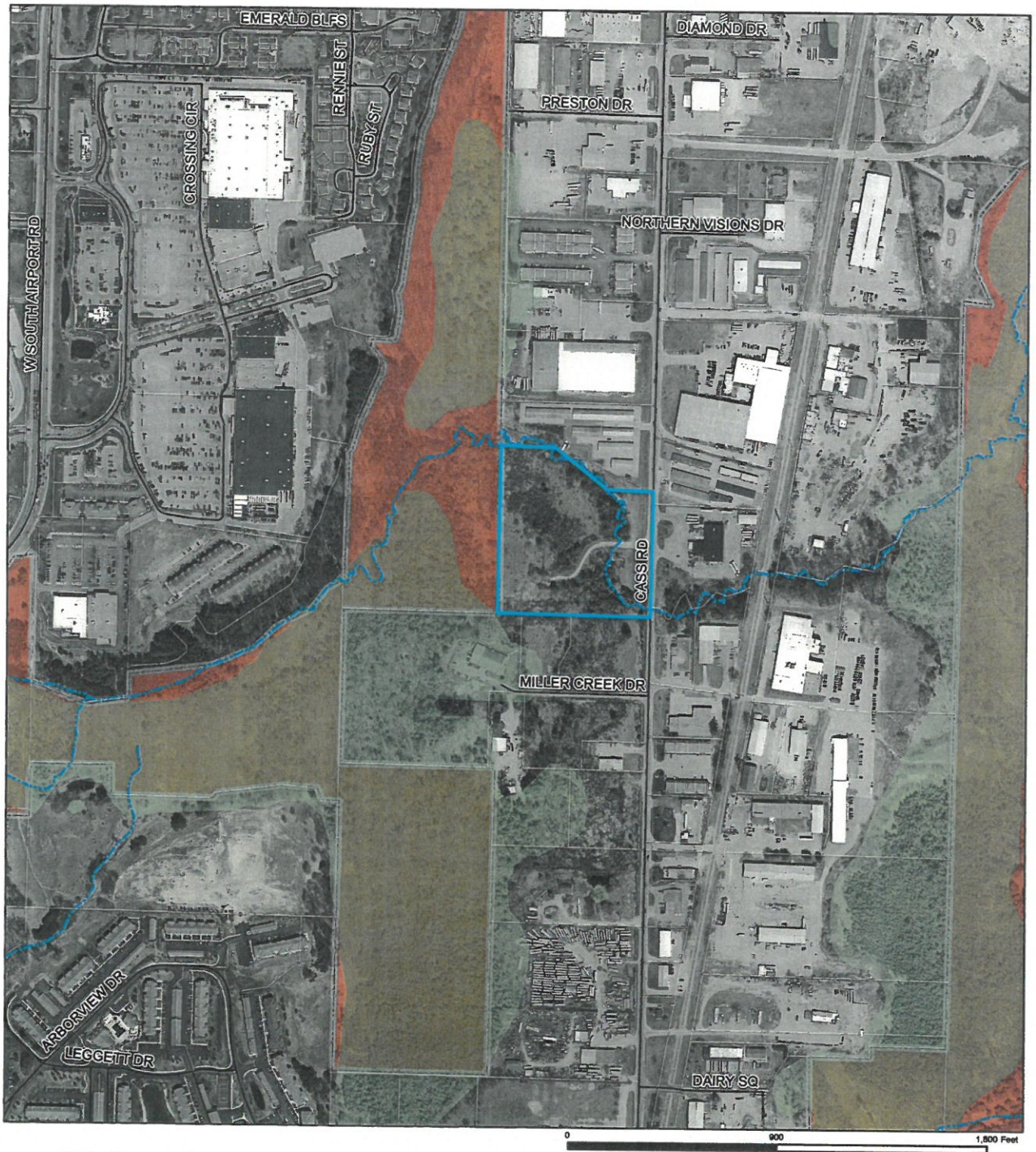
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## Miller Creek Drive Parcel Proximity and Natural

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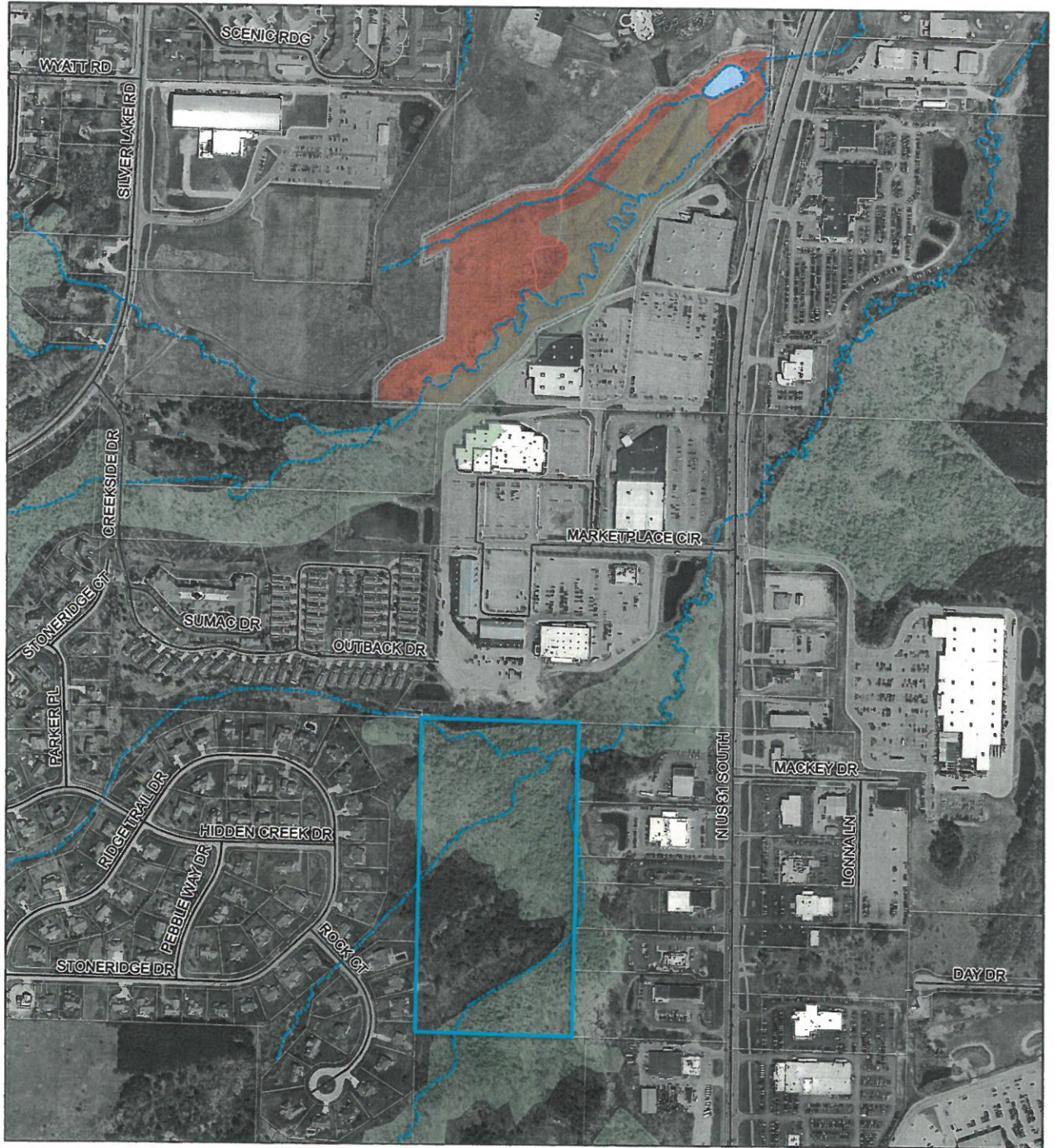
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## Lewis Parcel Proximity and Natural Features

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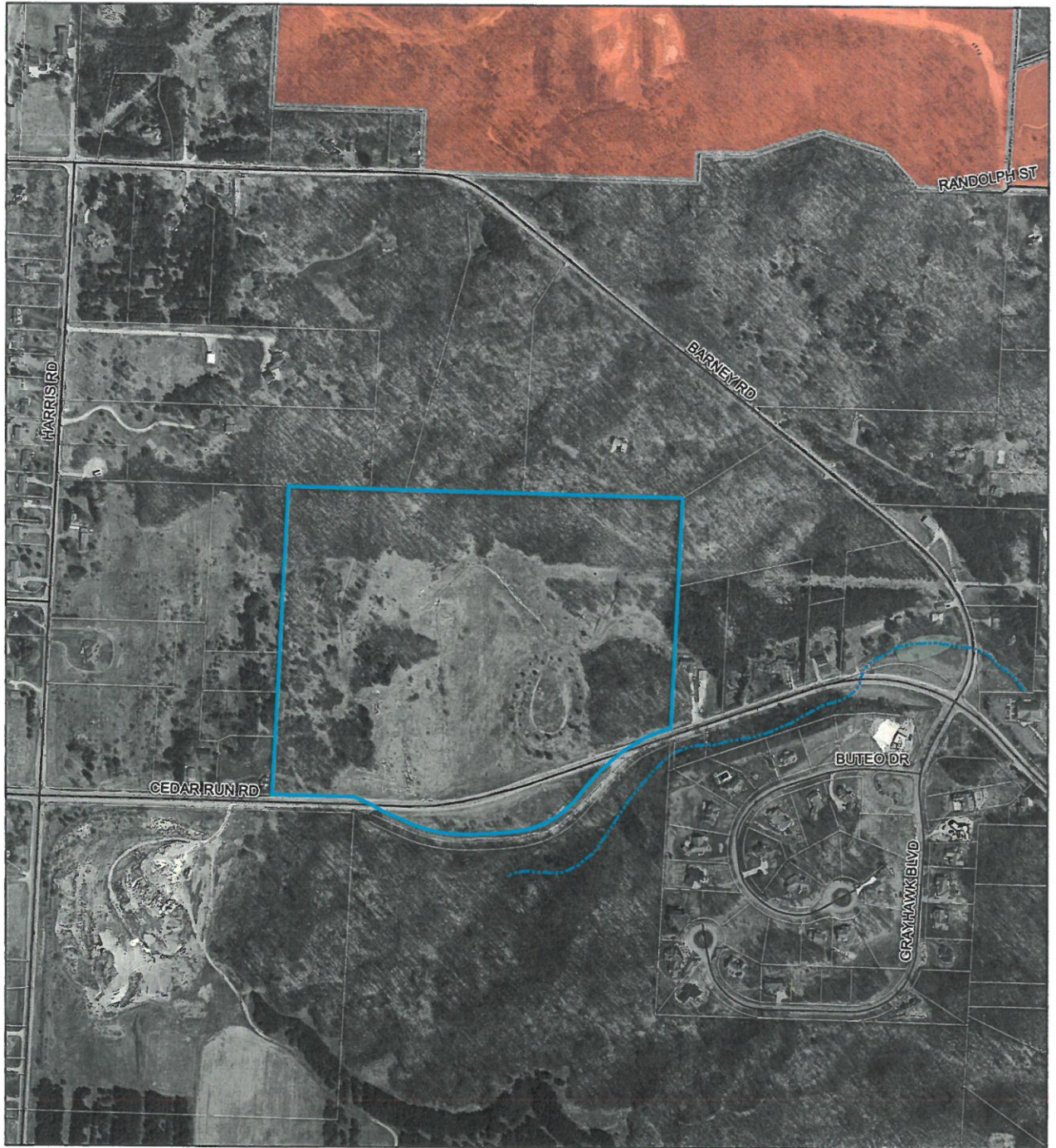
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## TCLP Parcel Proximity and Natural Features

### Legend

- Garfield Roads 2017
- Garfield Parcels 2018
- ▭ Parkland 2017
- Stream
- SYSTEM**
- ▭ Wetland

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 <b>Charter Township of Garfield</b> <b>Planning Department Report No. 2018-102</b>		
Prepared:	October 3, 2018	Pages: Page 1 of 1
Meeting:	October 8, 2018 PRC	Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject:	SLRA Buffer Landscape Services Recommendation	

**BACKGROUND:**

At the September 10, 2018 meeting of the Parks and Recreation, Commissioners unanimously passed the following motion:

Handy moved and Majerczyk seconded THAT the planting of an effective landscape buffer which does not obscure the fire station’s clear vision, not a “Type C” buffer, along the portion of the park’s East Silver Lake Road frontage across from the residences be planted, with native grass planted along the entire length of the cleared area, and ornamental landscaping beyond the buffer for the residences BE RECOMMENDED to the Township Board.

Although the Commission made its recommendation as to what should be planted in the buffer area, there is still the matter of *how* this will be achieved. It appears that the project may be too large for the Conservation District; therefore, Staff is seeking a recommendation to the Township Board as to whether a landscape architect should be hired to do the design and to seek bids for a landscaping service to do the plantings.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

If the Commission would like to recommend to the Township Board that a landscape architect design the buffer area, the following motion is suggested:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND to the Township Board THAT a landscape architect be sought to design the buffer area at the Silver Lake Recreation Area.

If the Commission would like to recommend to the Township Board that bids be sought for a landscaping service to do the plantings, the following motion is suggested:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND to the Township Board THAT bids be sought for a landscaping service to do the plantings within the buffer area at the Silver Lake Recreation Area.