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Subject:	Park User Survey Results		

BACKGROUND:

At the June 2021 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission gave their feedback on a draft survey for parks users intended to allow for feedback from residents on the park system and to gain insight into how people use the parks. The survey was publicized in the summer Township newsletter, mailed out with the summer tax bills, and received coverage in local media. A total of 175 responses were received. The full survey results are attached to this report and a summary of responses is included below.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

Question 1: Which of the following Garfield Township parks have you visited within the past year (see attached map, and check all that apply)?

The most visited parks of the respondents are Silver Lake Recreation Area (85%), the Grand Traverse Commons Recreation Area (61%), and Boardman Valley Nature Preserve (53%). Just over a quarter of the respondents visited Miller Creek Nature Reserve (27%) and Kids Creek Park (26%), and some respondents had visited River East Recreation Area (15%) despite its current lack of visibility.

Question 2: What activities do you participate in, or amenities do you use most often, when you visit one of the Township parks (check all that apply)?

By far the most used amenities by respondents are the natural hiking trails (74%) and the paved trails (58%) with the playground (38%), other sports (29%), pavilions (27%), and dog park (25%) seeing a lot of users as well.

Question 3: What is one thing you like the most about the Township parks?

Responses to this question were varied but many people commented on the overall quality cleanliness and maintenance of the parks, trails, and the playground.

Question 4: What is one thing you would most like to see added to the Township parks?

This question received a wide variety of responses and suggested amenities, although many said they like the parks the way they are, while the most common responses were about disc golf.

Question 5: What is one thing you would most like to see changed about the Township parks?

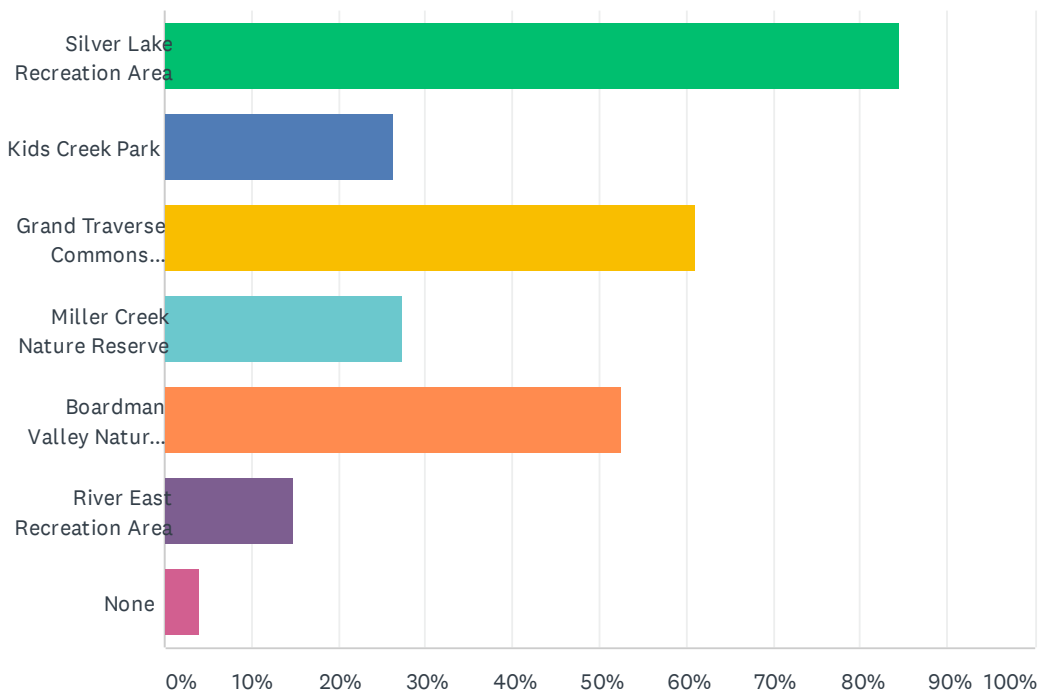
There were many similar responses to the previous question, including many comments on disc golf, and several others commented on bathrooms (adding more and/or having them open in winter) and issues with dogs off leashes in some of the parks.

Attachments:

1. Park User Survey – Full Results

Q1 Which of the following Garfield Township parks have you visited within the past year (see map below, and check all that apply)?

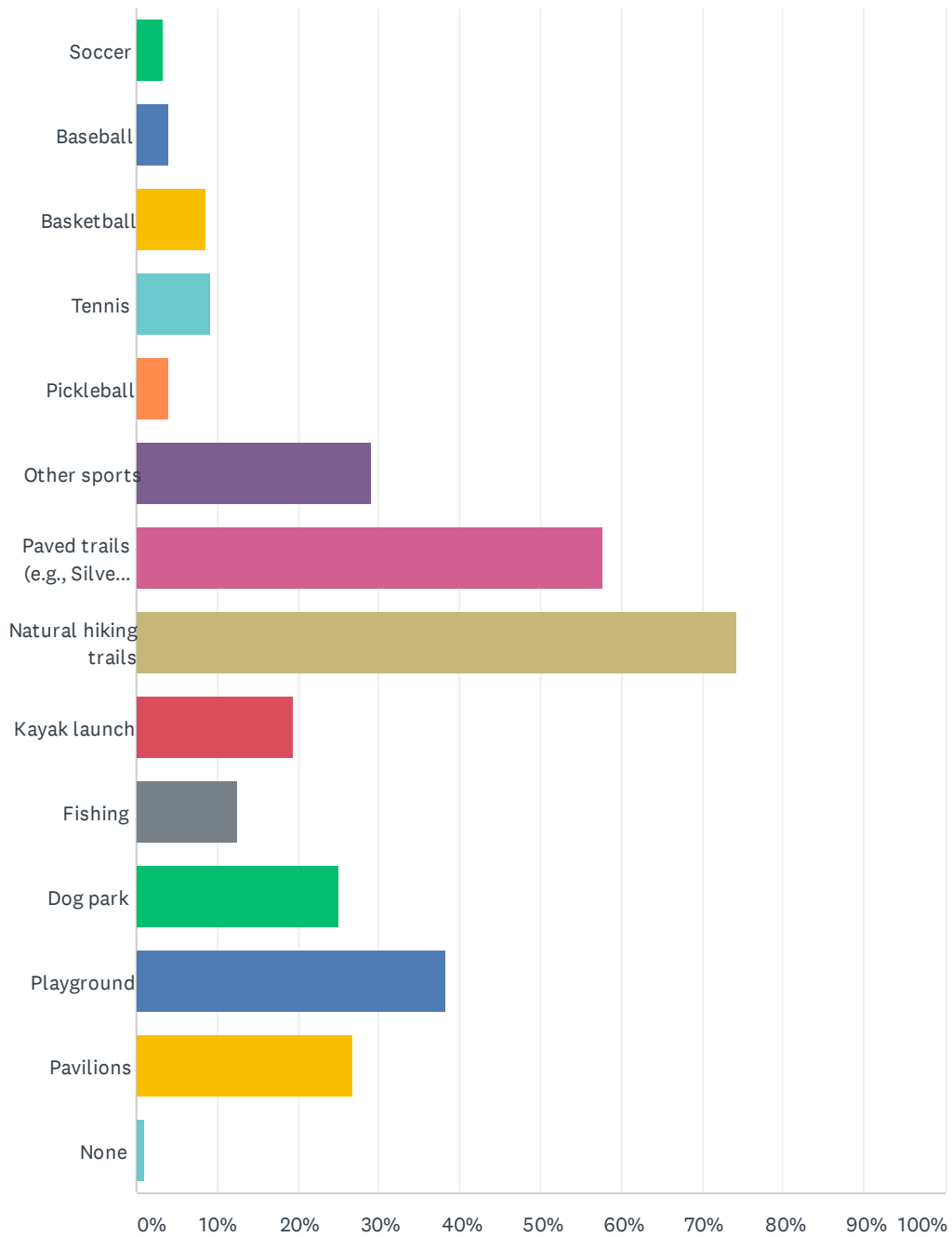
Answered: 175 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Silver Lake Recreation Area	84.57%	148
Kids Creek Park	26.29%	46
Grand Traverse Commons Recreation Area	61.14%	107
Miller Creek Nature Reserve	27.43%	48
Boardman Valley Nature Preserve	52.57%	92
River East Recreation Area	14.86%	26
None	4.00%	7
Total Respondents: 175		

Q2 What amenities do you use most often when you visit one of the Township parks (check all that apply)?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Soccer	3.43%	6
Baseball	4.00%	7
Basketball	8.57%	15
Tennis	9.14%	16
Pickleball	4.00%	7
Other sports	29.14%	51
Paved trails (e.g., Silver Lake Recreation Area)	57.71%	101
Natural hiking trails	74.29%	130
Kayak launch	19.43%	34
Fishing	12.57%	22
Dog park	25.14%	44
Playground	38.29%	67
Pavilions	26.86%	47
None	1.14%	2
Total Respondents: 175		

Q3 What is one thing you like the most about the Township parks?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	When there toilets available I can use with my children and a changing table...and well manicured paths to take my 5.5 y/o and 22 month old on.	7/24/2021 2:05 PM
2	accessibility and cleanliness	7/23/2021 12:49 PM
3	they are clean and we love the paved trails	7/21/2021 1:26 PM
4	Great trail network	7/20/2021 8:58 PM
5	Disc golf	7/18/2021 2:20 PM
6	Preserved open spaces and natural areas for recreation	7/17/2021 1:21 PM
7	It is absolutely beautiful	7/16/2021 9:18 PM
8	accessibility	7/16/2021 8:46 PM
9	Well kept	7/16/2021 2:52 PM
10	Dog friendly, poop bags and trash cans available	7/16/2021 2:37 PM
11	Disc golf	7/16/2021 2:31 PM
12	the cleanliness and ease of access	7/16/2021 11:48 AM
13	If I had to choose it would be the trails and the pond.	7/16/2021 11:20 AM
14	Well Maintained	7/16/2021 10:21 AM
15	Trail and added disc golf baskets	7/16/2021 10:09 AM
16	Open space, clean, design , clean and safe bath rooms	7/16/2021 9:54 AM
17	Disc Golf	7/16/2021 9:17 AM
18	Cleanliness	7/16/2021 9:05 AM
19	The grass is nice and cut.	7/16/2021 8:54 AM
20	Clean and close distance to home	7/16/2021 8:05 AM
21	Something for everyone	7/16/2021 8:02 AM
22	Dog park	7/16/2021 7:45 AM
23	The playgrounds	7/16/2021 12:42 AM
24	Place for kids to play	7/15/2021 11:35 PM
25	Hiking	7/15/2021 10:29 PM
26	I love the walking trail and pavilions as well as the playground at silver lake. Hiking trails at commons.	7/15/2021 7:26 PM
27	Locations	7/15/2021 6:46 PM
28	shade by the playground, places to sit, and nice bathrooms like at silver lake rec. (i'd consider those nice)	7/15/2021 5:31 PM
29	Trails	7/15/2021 5:29 PM
30	Large enough areas for people to spread out	7/15/2021 5:27 PM
31	ease of access and cleanliness	7/15/2021 4:39 PM

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32	Well maintained	7/15/2021 3:36 PM
33	Playground	7/15/2021 3:27 PM
34	Size	7/15/2021 2:18 PM
35	Well maintained	7/15/2021 1:52 PM
36	Playgrounds for all ages	7/15/2021 1:20 PM
37	Natural settings. Playgrounds for my kids. Hiking trails that are well maintained and easily accessible.	7/15/2021 1:18 PM
38	Love the trails along the river	7/15/2021 1:09 PM
39	The wide variety and topography that is available	7/15/2021 12:42 PM
40	Size	7/15/2021 12:18 PM
41	Clean and cared for.	7/15/2021 12:10 PM
42	They have alpt of space to have fun	7/15/2021 12:00 PM
43	silver lakes disc golf course	7/15/2021 11:57 AM
44	I like that they are generally clean and well maintained.	7/15/2021 11:49 AM
45	Clean, family friendly	7/15/2021 11:47 AM
46	Disc golf	7/15/2021 11:40 AM
47	Location and cleanliness	7/15/2021 11:35 AM
48	Multi-use trails! Plus the dog park at silver lake	7/15/2021 11:25 AM
49	Trails.	7/15/2021 10:58 AM
50	Overall good condition	7/15/2021 10:45 AM
51	It's a park	7/15/2021 10:36 AM
52	Access is great	7/15/2021 10:29 AM
53	Clean	7/15/2021 10:28 AM
54	the protection of the Boardman River	7/15/2021 10:04 AM
55	Clean, nice	7/15/2021 9:51 AM
56	The large playground and fields at Silver Lake park	7/15/2021 9:26 AM
57	Disc golf!	7/15/2021 9:18 AM
58	Walking trails	7/15/2021 9:17 AM
59	Paved trails	7/15/2021 9:16 AM
60	We love Hickory Meadows!!	7/15/2021 9:16 AM
61	The easy access.	7/15/2021 9:14 AM
62	Well maintained	7/15/2021 9:05 AM
63	Dog parks and playground at the same park.	7/15/2021 9:03 AM
64	Clean	7/15/2021 9:00 AM
65	Open spaces and natural areas	7/15/2021 8:59 AM
66	Playing rugby	7/15/2021 8:44 AM
67	Good walking trails	7/15/2021 8:44 AM
68	Family outdoor activities	7/15/2021 8:41 AM
69	Locations & trails	7/15/2021 8:30 AM

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70	The trails	7/15/2021 8:26 AM
71	We'll maintained, easy access	7/15/2021 8:23 AM
72	Provides outdoor space to walk (& bike in some parks) away from traffic	7/15/2021 8:09 AM
73	All the things available to the user. Green- it's a beautiful park to walk.	7/15/2021 8:08 AM
74	There is a disc golf course	7/15/2021 8:08 AM
75	Nature	7/15/2021 8:05 AM
76	Clean. Well marked trails. Safety.	7/15/2021 8:01 AM
77	That they are available to be used.	7/15/2021 7:28 AM
78	The proximity to home	7/15/2021 7:12 AM
79	Accessibility and typical cleanliness of trails	7/15/2021 7:07 AM
80	Size, beauty, hiking trail, walking path	7/15/2021 6:58 AM
81	Variety of options	7/15/2021 6:55 AM
82	Convenient	7/15/2021 6:25 AM
83	I love Silver Lake Rec	7/15/2021 6:11 AM
84	Hiking trails	7/15/2021 3:54 AM
85	Walking trails	7/15/2021 2:40 AM
86	Layout, trails and ease of access	7/15/2021 1:21 AM
87	Natural hiking trails	7/15/2021 1:21 AM
88	Cleanliness	7/15/2021 1:14 AM
89	I like the nature reserves and walking trails.	7/15/2021 12:10 AM
90	Tables & pavilions	7/15/2021 12:10 AM
91	Hiking Trails	7/15/2021 12:09 AM
92	Great playgrounds and hiking	7/14/2021 11:38 PM
93	Flat green space	7/14/2021 11:02 PM
94	The disc golf course	7/14/2021 10:24 PM
95	The cleanliness	7/14/2021 10:18 PM
96	Clean and safe	7/14/2021 10:15 PM
97	Trails at the Commons	7/14/2021 10:11 PM
98	Hiking trails	7/14/2021 10:03 PM
99	Clean	7/14/2021 9:52 PM
100	Nature close to town	7/14/2021 9:46 PM
101	Great spots for outdoor recreation and potential for good disc golf courses	7/14/2021 9:20 PM
102	trails and pavement for exercise	7/14/2021 9:05 PM
103	Trails, dog park, great snowshoeing, paved running, cleanliness. Just great parks!	7/14/2021 8:58 PM
104	Location	7/14/2021 8:35 PM
105	Disc golf!	7/14/2021 8:32 PM
106	Close to our home, we can walk there.	7/14/2021 8:31 PM
107	Walking trails that are safe	7/14/2021 8:28 PM

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108	Cleanliness	7/14/2021 8:22 PM
109	All of the options and amenities	7/14/2021 8:20 PM
110	Paved trails for walking/running/skating	7/14/2021 8:20 PM
111	Accessibility	7/14/2021 8:18 PM
112	Currently have not visited yet	7/14/2021 8:17 PM
113	Updates disc golf	7/14/2021 8:15 PM
114	Family fun	7/14/2021 8:14 PM
115	The hiking trails are fairly nicely kept up	7/14/2021 7:59 PM
116	Disc golf course	7/14/2021 7:54 PM
117	The trails	7/14/2021 7:27 PM
118	Outdoors and the fresh air	7/14/2021 7:15 PM
119	Trash cans and hiking areas	7/14/2021 7:11 PM
120	Amazing response time!! I recently within the past year have noticed wooden trails over wetlands damaged by fallen trees. The township is AMAZING at responding fast - always the very next day!! There's a lot of negative views towards government, but the township consistently gets it right. That's not just sounds policy, but speaks volumes to the men and women who serve this township's parks. They clearly step up and work hard to make the parks what they are, particularly the hiking trails, and I can't say enough about how their upkeep and appearance makes them the amazing parks they are.	7/14/2021 7:09 PM
121	Hiking trail	7/14/2021 7:07 PM
122	Disc golf	7/14/2021 7:01 PM
123	Playground for kids	7/14/2021 6:42 PM
124	Nature	7/14/2021 6:15 PM
125	Space, cleanliness	7/14/2021 5:58 PM
126	proximity to my home.	7/14/2021 4:58 PM
127	easy access	7/14/2021 4:42 PM
128	Location	7/14/2021 4:36 PM
129	Clean and dog friendly	7/14/2021 4:14 PM
130	Hiking/walking/water scapes	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
131	location	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
132	Quiet	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
133	How well they are taken care of	7/14/2021 3:38 PM
134	Mountain biking	7/14/2021 11:35 AM
135	Cleanliness	7/14/2021 2:03 AM
136	The Commons quiet beauty	7/13/2021 11:06 PM
137	Trails	7/13/2021 10:23 PM
138	Hiking trails and multi use trails. Dog park	7/13/2021 10:08 PM
139	Hiking, walking, biking in a safe area	7/13/2021 10:04 PM
140	Diversity of playgrounds, working drinking fountains, nice bathroom, maintained asphalt and trails.	7/13/2021 9:03 PM
141	Dog friendly/restrooms/water	7/13/2021 6:55 PM

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142	Great scenery and close to home	7/13/2021 6:51 PM
143	The walking trails and that Silver Lake Recreation Area is well attended so I never feel unsafe going there alone	7/11/2021 10:00 PM
144	Well maintained.	7/11/2021 1:41 PM
145	Love the uninterrupted paved trail to walk without concern.	7/10/2021 7:03 PM
146	Having them to walk in and exercise in	7/9/2021 10:54 AM
147	Feeling of being rural but near amenities	7/8/2021 1:34 PM
148	Accessibility	7/8/2021 10:28 AM
149	Variety	7/6/2021 4:54 PM
150	The trails are well cared for. I think all our parks are great. We hike with our dog every day. Kudo's to parks n rec for a job well done!	7/5/2021 5:22 PM
151	Great for dog walking, convenient to where I live, they are beautiful	7/5/2021 12:09 PM
152	Large parcels away from traffic	7/3/2021 9:22 AM
153	Convenience of access; cleanliness	7/2/2021 6:21 PM

Q4 What is one thing you would most like to see added to the Township parks?

Answered: 150 Skipped: 25

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Zipline toy at the Civic center is a favorite...it would be amazing at a park closer!	7/24/2021 2:05 PM
2	online reservation calendar to see what dates/times are available	7/23/2021 12:49 PM
3	waterfront beach that we all know is there, but we are unable to access from the park, and it needs to be cleaned up.	7/21/2021 1:26 PM
4	Dedicated and maintained mountain bike trails, including beginner trails	7/20/2021 8:58 PM
5	Disc golf	7/18/2021 2:20 PM
6	Mountain bike trails, or at least bike park features like pump tracks	7/17/2021 1:21 PM
7	Kayak launch	7/16/2021 9:18 PM
8	Disc Golf Course	7/16/2021 9:17 PM
9	Frisbee golf	7/16/2021 8:46 PM
10	Better beach access at Silver Lake	7/16/2021 2:52 PM
11	Shade structures	7/16/2021 2:37 PM
12	Disc golf	7/16/2021 2:31 PM
13	more benches to sit down	7/16/2021 11:48 AM
14	Maybe more seating or picnic tables would be super nice around the pond area and in the trails.	7/16/2021 11:20 AM
15	Disc Golf Courses	7/16/2021 10:21 AM
16	Disc golf baskets	7/16/2021 10:09 AM
17	More benches to sit on the trails	7/16/2021 9:54 AM
18	Disc Golf	7/16/2021 9:17 AM
19	Parking	7/16/2021 9:05 AM
20	More pavilions with seating and better bathrooms.	7/16/2021 8:54 AM
21	Public beach on Silver lake	7/16/2021 8:05 AM
22	Beach swim area	7/16/2021 8:02 AM
23	More places to fish!	7/16/2021 12:42 AM
24	More play structures and covered pavilions	7/15/2021 11:35 PM
25	Better trail maps	7/15/2021 10:29 PM
26	It'd be cool to see some of that outdoor gym equipment. Likes. Playground for working out	7/15/2021 9:14 PM
27	I would like to see power in the pavilions. Better marked trails on the commons last time it was very hard to navigate what was the trail and what was trails bikers had made.	7/15/2021 7:26 PM
28	Splash pads	7/15/2021 6:46 PM
29	natural playscapes, more shade by playgrounds, bathrooms	7/15/2021 5:31 PM
30	Disc golf	7/15/2021 5:29 PM

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31	Disc golf courses/baskets. Blair township park is a great example of how a disc golf course can co-exist within a Township park	7/15/2021 5:27 PM
32	nothing	7/15/2021 4:39 PM
33	Interpretive trails for kids	7/15/2021 3:36 PM
34	Restrooms	7/15/2021 3:27 PM
35	Another bathroom	7/15/2021 2:18 PM
36	Frisbee golf courses	7/15/2021 2:17 PM
37	Mulch or gravel at the Silver Lake playground, it gets terribly muddy to the point of being unusable	7/15/2021 1:52 PM
38	Year round accessible bathrooms at some. More playground equipment at others. More shaded area by silver lake playground.	7/15/2021 1:18 PM
39	A kayak take out for people who ride the boardman after bietner	7/15/2021 1:09 PM
40	More educational resources	7/15/2021 12:42 PM
41	Mountain bike trails	7/15/2021 12:18 PM
42	More benches on the trails	7/15/2021 12:10 PM
43	Silver lake park could have a drone flying area, and the commons could put more benches on the trail	7/15/2021 12:00 PM
44	a better disc golf course	7/15/2021 11:57 AM
45	Fitness obstacles (pull up bar, sit up station, balance objects, etc.) around walking paths would be fun, as well as an opportunity to vary & increase fitness.	7/15/2021 11:49 AM
46	Disc golf opportunity.	7/15/2021 11:47 AM
47	Disc golf please	7/15/2021 11:40 AM
48	Ice skating rink and sledding hills	7/15/2021 11:35 AM
49	More dog parks!	7/15/2021 11:25 AM
50	Disc golf.	7/15/2021 10:58 AM
51	rest areas in shade areas	7/15/2021 10:45 AM
52	Rest rooms that can actually be used and cleaned. More pavilions, BBQ, water stations.	7/15/2021 10:36 AM
53	Clean up the area around the playground. It's very muddy and needs new wood chips or rubber, and a border with the grass	7/15/2021 10:29 AM
54	Great park	7/15/2021 10:28 AM
55	More paved trails	7/15/2021 10:23 AM
56	DiscGolf courses	7/15/2021 10:05 AM
57	Permanent protection of the Boardman River and prohibition of new road crossings over the river.	7/15/2021 10:04 AM
58	Disc golf courses / updated	7/15/2021 9:51 AM
59	Repair/upgrade the disc golf course at Silver Lake	7/15/2021 9:26 AM
60	Disc golf!	7/15/2021 9:18 AM
61	Lighting at Garfield Township Park	7/15/2021 9:17 AM
62	More paved trails	7/15/2021 9:16 AM
63	none	7/15/2021 9:16 AM
64	Improvement on the disc golf course at Silver Lake. I love practicing there, but it needs love	7/15/2021 9:14 AM

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on the trails and paths and nets.

65	Sledding hills without obstructions. i.e. trees/bushes	7/15/2021 9:03 AM
66	Nothing	7/15/2021 9:00 AM
67	More restrooms and/or toilets	7/15/2021 8:59 AM
68	Disc golf course	7/15/2021 8:44 AM
69	mountain biking options; disc golf	7/15/2021 8:41 AM
70	Information about trail loops and history of area	7/15/2021 8:30 AM
71	Groomed XC ski trails in winter	7/15/2021 8:23 AM
72	Bathroom facilities at trailhead.	7/15/2021 8:09 AM
73	More enforcement of the non leashed dog offenders.	7/15/2021 8:08 AM
74	More disc golf, upkeep on the courses.	7/15/2021 8:08 AM
75	A climbing boulder.	7/15/2021 8:05 AM
76	Disc Golf Courses. Very fast growing sport for ALL ages!!	7/15/2021 8:01 AM
77	Trash cans, water fountains, dog areas	7/15/2021 7:55 AM
78	Disc golf at silver lake. There are some kind of baskets, but not a real course.	7/15/2021 7:28 AM
79	Kids Creek Park- Bathrooms and a designated parking area closer to the pond with better signage. Most people don't know the park is there. More frequent stocking of trout in pond. Very few fish there. This pond is very beautiful and should be a place to introduce kids and others to fishing.	7/15/2021 7:26 AM
80	DISC GOLF	7/15/2021 7:12 AM
81	More benches/picnic tables. Currently one bench and one picnic table.	7/15/2021 7:09 AM
82	None	7/15/2021 6:58 AM
83	Bathrooms	7/15/2021 6:55 AM
84	Improve disc golf at silver lake	7/15/2021 6:25 AM
85	Fence around basketball court with windbreak	7/15/2021 6:11 AM
86	Another Bank with Multi-million dollar homes.	7/15/2021 4:24 AM
87	Disc golf	7/15/2021 3:54 AM
88	Respect for the parks	7/15/2021 2:40 AM
89	A water feature for dogs to play and romp in on hot days. Not alot of dog friendly beaches in chums corners	7/15/2021 1:21 AM
90	More paved walking trails	7/15/2021 1:21 AM
91	I would love to see the DiscGolf course at silver lake park revised.	7/15/2021 12:10 AM
92	A new disc golf course in the GT commons area or river east area would be nice.	7/15/2021 12:09 AM
93	Disc golf	7/14/2021 11:38 PM
94	More multipurpose fields. Particularly lacrosse field in the spring	7/14/2021 11:02 PM
95	Better disc golf equipment	7/14/2021 10:24 PM
96	I would like to see the tart trail extended to silver lake park	7/14/2021 10:18 PM
97	More disc golf	7/14/2021 10:15 PM
98	Kayak launch at Silver Lake	7/14/2021 10:11 PM
99	Disc golf	7/14/2021 9:52 PM

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100	Disc golf	7/14/2021 9:46 PM
101	Disc golf	7/14/2021 9:45 PM
102	More disc golf courses	7/14/2021 9:20 PM
103	Beach front.	7/14/2021 8:58 PM
104	more landscaping , ex: trees around walking path	7/14/2021 8:35 PM
105	More integrated spaces (disc golf with parks, hiking trails, bathrooms etc...)	7/14/2021 8:32 PM
106	More climbing structures-ninja style in playground	7/14/2021 8:31 PM
107	More walking paths	7/14/2021 8:28 PM
108	Disc Golf!	7/14/2021 8:27 PM
109	Fishing docks	7/14/2021 8:20 PM
110	Improved Disc Golf course	7/14/2021 8:20 PM
111	Disc golf courses	7/14/2021 8:18 PM
112	Disc golf	7/14/2021 8:15 PM
113	Fire pits/family bonfires.	7/14/2021 8:14 PM
114	Shade for the tennis and basketball courts and shade for the playground at Silver Lake Park	7/14/2021 7:59 PM
115	Need disc golf courses	7/14/2021 7:54 PM
116	Disc golf	7/14/2021 7:30 PM
117	Mountain Bike Trails	7/14/2021 7:27 PM
118	Disc golf amenities	7/14/2021 7:15 PM
119	More playground equipment	7/14/2021 7:11 PM
120	Future connector trail currently listed on map needs to be completed. This will be a HUGE improvement, as it provides greater accessibility to the boardman River.	7/14/2021 7:09 PM
121	More dog parks, fishing	7/14/2021 7:07 PM
122	Disc golf	7/14/2021 7:01 PM
123	Natural hiking trails	7/14/2021 6:42 PM
124	More hiking trail locations, water access.	7/14/2021 4:58 PM
125	Ice skating rink in the winter	7/14/2021 4:48 PM
126	Swimming pool	7/14/2021 4:42 PM
127	The trails need to be trimmed. The trails could be wider	7/14/2021 4:36 PM
128	Restroom options - some don't have porta-potties	7/14/2021 4:14 PM
129	More trash cans	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
130	Disc golf	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
131	Better trail signs in the Commons	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
132	Paved trails connecting them	7/14/2021 11:35 AM
133	Trail signs	7/14/2021 6:47 AM
134	No smoking enforced	7/14/2021 2:03 AM
135	Doggy bags and trash can. See too many bags lying on trails.	7/13/2021 11:06 PM
136	Lighting	7/13/2021 10:23 PM
137	Sidewalks to connect Silver lake park the commons to Buffalo ridge trail up to Silver lake	7/13/2021 10:08 PM

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138	More hiking trails and a bike path that connects to the tart trail	7/13/2021 10:04 PM
139	More slides and playground equipment for kids to climb on and hide in. Check out whiting forest playground in midland MI	7/13/2021 9:03 PM
140	Another dog park on the east side of the township? I think 1 is in the works?	7/13/2021 6:55 PM
141	More dog waste stations	7/13/2021 6:51 PM
142	It might be nice to have a splash pad at Silver Lake over by the children's slides and swings	7/11/2021 10:00 PM
143	Splash pad - water park for kids.	7/11/2021 1:41 PM
144	Nothing! They are great the way they are.	7/10/2021 7:03 PM
145	Nothing	7/9/2021 10:54 AM
146	Skatepark/pump track	7/8/2021 1:34 PM
147	Ice skating trail similar to one in Muskegon	7/6/2021 4:54 PM
148	Maybe a little better signage in some areas but really they are great just the way they are	7/5/2021 12:09 PM
149	A thoughtfully designed sustainable mountain bike trail at the common and Hickory meadows/hills	7/3/2021 9:22 AM
150	Silver Lake Rec Area - more shade around paved path	7/2/2021 6:21 PM

Q5 What is one thing you would most like to see changed about the Township parks?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 61

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More bathroom facilities like the silver lake one.	7/24/2021 2:05 PM
2	more parking	7/23/2021 12:49 PM
3	access to Silver Lake via the beach that is supposed to be there for everyone to use.	7/21/2021 1:26 PM
4	More communication with key user groups regarding trail sustainability and usage is greatly needed. This is so evident at the Commons where I hike often. The downhill mountain bikers get a bad rap about building trails (which is wrong and some are erosion problems) but many of them are well done and sustainable and needed to meet demand and separate riders from hikers. The rider groups (Norte, NMMBA, etc.) are ready to partner and build sustainable trails for all levels. Partner with them ASAP and embrace the usage in a positive way to keep both user groups safe and happy. If you don't want riders in there, why is Norte allowed to have camps there and ride unmarked trails? Other user groups such as Human Nature School, Greenspire, etc. need to be involved too. Kids Creek and the area that surrounds it and the adjacent hillside behind Greenspire has been damaged almost beyond repair and is now a sad place to stop. Greenspire students primarily have overrun the area, messed with the creek flow and damaged the ground cover and trees in that area. They are usually unsupervised when I pass by. Why has this not been addressed? Why are they not using their STEM/nature based, hands on curriculum to repair and sustain the trails? Why are there not cameras near the Hippie Tree and signage asking people to stop tagging everthing on and near it, living and dead with spray paint? Why is Life & Whimsy (the organizers of the fairy trail) not held accountable or more proactive in removing the non-native and not natural materials (aka ocean shells, plastic toys, fake flowers, painted wood and rocks , glue, etc.) found on the Fariy Trails? If it isn't assembled with all biogradable, natural materials or place and removed the day of their annual event, it should not be there. It is litter on the forest floor. The Commons and other trails in the GT Township network are getting overused and need reroutes or basic maintenace for life long use. I know, we need a lot of money to make that happen, but my grievenaces about theimpact of partner user groups should have been addressed eons ago before so much costly damage was done.	7/20/2021 8:58 PM
5	More disc golf	7/18/2021 2:20 PM
6	More trails, safe connections to other nearby parks, and no need to drive between them.	7/17/2021 1:21 PM
7	Too many dogs are not on leashes. I know that's hard to control but it had been a problem several times when a dog runs up to my leashed dog	7/16/2021 9:18 PM
8	More up keep	7/16/2021 8:46 PM
9	Get the hobos out.	7/16/2021 2:52 PM
10	nothing, thanks!	7/16/2021 11:48 AM
11	I wish the paved walkway was snowblowed in the winter.	7/16/2021 11:20 AM
12	renovation of the Silver Lake Park Disc golf course. It just needs to be updated. Existing course is already there	7/16/2021 10:21 AM
13	More disc golf	7/16/2021 10:09 AM
14	More Disc Golf	7/16/2021 9:17 AM
15	Better bathrooms more pavilions	7/16/2021 8:54 AM
16	Expansion	7/16/2021 8:05 AM
17	Nothing	7/16/2021 8:02 AM

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18	More places to fish from shore	7/16/2021 12:42 AM
19	More kid friendly and better parking	7/15/2021 11:35 PM
20	More bathrooms	7/15/2021 9:14 PM
21	More water-related activities	7/15/2021 6:46 PM
22	Natural playscapes to include more kids, people	7/15/2021 5:31 PM
23	Improved disc golf course at silver lake park	7/15/2021 5:27 PM
24	nothing	7/15/2021 4:39 PM
25	None	7/15/2021 3:36 PM
26	Trash pickup more frequently	7/15/2021 2:18 PM
27	Add a take out point for river sports	7/15/2021 1:09 PM
28	To have more outreach to all neighboring communities	7/15/2021 12:42 PM
29	More trails paved and unpaved	7/15/2021 12:18 PM
30	Shade trees on trails	7/15/2021 12:10 PM
31	Silver lake needs to change their play structure for a newer and more fun one with more things to play on, and nothing really needs to be change at the commons	7/15/2021 12:00 PM
32	the disc golf course to be upgraded. thanks.	7/15/2021 11:57 AM
33	It would be nice if baseball crowds cleaned up after themselves.	7/15/2021 11:49 AM
34	Silver lake needs garbage cans near pavilions.	7/15/2021 11:47 AM
35	Disc golf please please	7/15/2021 11:40 AM
36	All good	7/15/2021 11:35 AM
37	Longer connected Trailway systems	7/15/2021 11:25 AM
38	More Disc golf.	7/15/2021 10:58 AM
39	No special item	7/15/2021 10:45 AM
40	Enforced rules on pet owners to cleanup their poop	7/15/2021 10:36 AM
41	See above	7/15/2021 10:29 AM
42	Well maintained	7/15/2021 10:28 AM
43	Updated disc golf parks	7/15/2021 9:51 AM
44	Repair/upgrade the disc golf course at Silver Lake.	7/15/2021 9:26 AM
45	Improve Disc golf course at Silver Lake!	7/15/2021 9:18 AM
46	More waste bins and recycling options along with cleaner bathrooms	7/15/2021 9:14 AM
47	The small tree removed/transplanted from the bottom of the hill that kids use for sledding at Silver Lake Park.	7/15/2021 9:03 AM
48	Security cameras	7/15/2021 9:00 AM
49	Nothing	7/15/2021 8:44 AM
50	Better signage for trails	7/15/2021 8:41 AM
51	Community events	7/15/2021 8:30 AM
52	Enforcement of dogs on leash and littering.	7/15/2021 8:09 AM
53	Silver lake park - has been taken over by dogs. On one walk I had 4 encounters with un-leashed dogs on walking trail.	7/15/2021 8:08 AM

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54	Inclusion of natural artwork and native wildflowers	7/15/2021 8:05 AM
55	I'm sure there are ideas out there. I'm drawing a blank at the moment. :)	7/15/2021 8:01 AM
56	More areas for off leash dog walking, in particular I see bikers and x-country skiers trying to keep there dogs on leash and that is just a recipe for disaster. We are a tourist area and people bring there dogs we need to accommodate.	7/15/2021 7:55 AM
57	Let the whole township approve or deny something. I'm pretty sure it was a board member who stoped the last disc golf development. The people wanted it, but she did not. I think she lived near by.	7/15/2021 7:28 AM
58	Kids Creek Park needs the most attention.	7/15/2021 7:26 AM
59	Disc golf	7/15/2021 7:12 AM
60	I would like to see the disc golf baskets changed out for new ones at the Silver Lake Recreational park	7/15/2021 7:07 AM
61	None	7/15/2021 6:58 AM
62	Improved disc golf baskets/course	7/15/2021 6:25 AM
63	A tow bridge over hidden lake could be cool	7/15/2021 6:11 AM
64	More like Chicago where I grew up.	7/15/2021 4:24 AM
65	Make tourists pay to use our parks	7/15/2021 2:40 AM
66	Not sure	7/15/2021 1:21 AM
67	Additional access points	7/15/2021 1:21 AM
68	I would like to see the disc golf course at the silver lake park revised because it's not on the same level as others and could use new baskets.	7/15/2021 12:10 AM
69	I'd like to see the disc golf course a the Silver Lake park be updated. It's an okay course layout, which could use some improvement, but the baskets/targets are the primary issue here (and why this course gets so little play from locals). These weird custom made baskets are awkward in both look and function. In my opinion, simply replacing these with modern manufactured baskets would make the course 70% more playable.	7/15/2021 12:09 AM
70	cleaner bathrooms	7/15/2021 12:04 AM
71	Add disc golf	7/14/2021 11:38 PM
72	More multipurpose green space for other sports that are rising in popularity like rugby and lacrosse. Parks seem to not be open to renting to groups for those uses, but fields are rarely used in the spring.	7/14/2021 11:02 PM
73	Improve the disc golf course	7/14/2021 10:24 PM
74	Fix disc golf course at silver lake park	7/14/2021 10:15 PM
75	More trash cans	7/14/2021 9:52 PM
76	Disc golf course improvements	7/14/2021 9:20 PM
77	I think you're doing a great job!	7/14/2021 8:58 PM
78	More ninja type equipment for older children	7/14/2021 8:35 PM
79	The shrubs and trees planted by the fire station in Silver Lake Park are either a bad plan or a bad execution. Trees planted under power lines and a rectangle of shrubs that maybe should have shielded the perimeter of the parking lot. This corner needs help.	7/14/2021 8:31 PM
80	More picnic and grilling areas	7/14/2021 8:28 PM
81	NA	7/14/2021 8:20 PM
82	Updated disc golf course! I am looking at moving to the traverse area and try to play daily. This sport is growing quickly and can bring hundreds of people to the area with some good	7/14/2021 8:17 PM

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courses around. Greg argyle with Aloft disc golf is a great guy and would be an awesome contact about more info!

83	Updated disc golf and softball fields	7/14/2021 8:15 PM
84	One of the decks at the Boardman Nature Preserve is old rickety and scary. Should be taken down and redone.	7/14/2021 7:59 PM
85	Need/improve disc golf course	7/14/2021 7:54 PM
86	Enforce dog regulations	7/14/2021 7:27 PM
87	I think adding would be better not necessarily changing what we already have	7/14/2021 7:15 PM
88	Disc golf at silver lake	7/14/2021 7:11 PM
89	Nothing!	7/14/2021 7:09 PM
90	Bathrooms	7/14/2021 7:07 PM
91	Improve disc golf at silver lake	7/14/2021 7:01 PM
92	Garbage cans	7/14/2021 6:42 PM
93	homeless population makes some parks areas not desirable to visit.	7/14/2021 4:58 PM
94	less animals	7/14/2021 4:42 PM
95	No overnight parking! Several constant vehicles overnight. I would like better winter trail cleaning. This past winter was almost no existence.	7/14/2021 4:36 PM
96	Increasing park land in the area for increasing population	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
97	nothing	7/14/2021 3:45 PM
98	Planned development	7/14/2021 11:35 AM
99	Speed limits with mountain bikes	7/13/2021 11:06 PM
100	Improve LaFranier Loops	7/13/2021 10:23 PM
101	Bike path sidewalks to connect Silver lake park down the hill on Silver lake rd to the Buffalo ridge trail to connect us all to the commons and downtown	7/13/2021 10:08 PM
102	Bike path that connects to tart trail	7/13/2021 10:04 PM
103	Bathrooms open in winter as we visit playgrounds and run or ski all year round	7/13/2021 9:03 PM
104	it would be nice if the township had more walkable/bike paths to the parks	7/13/2021 6:55 PM
105	Improvements on trails in the Boardman Valley Nature reserve. Make trails for current river run.	7/13/2021 6:51 PM
106	Nothing, I love the wide open spaces without too much stuff	7/11/2021 10:00 PM
107	Excited to see River East evolve and what is in store for the Commons	7/11/2021 1:41 PM
108	Nothing	7/10/2021 7:03 PM
109	Nothing	7/9/2021 10:54 AM
110	Lack of enforcement of park rules such as dogs being leashed	7/8/2021 1:34 PM
111	Bike pathways!!	7/8/2021 10:28 AM
112	I wish we could stop the graffiti at the Commons, better signage in Miller Creek	7/5/2021 12:09 PM
113	The lack of water fountains	7/3/2021 9:22 AM
114	Enforcement of leash requirements.	7/2/2021 6:21 PM