

Section IV - Planning Process

The Township has over the past six years developed a Capital Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan. The needs of the Parks and Recreation department were a portion of each of these plans. Public input was sought throughout. The strategic plan included community workshops, board workshops, focus groups and community surveys.

Board Visioning Sessions

The Township Board held two strategic planning and visioning sessions. A revised logo, vision and mission statement were created and based on the strengths, weaknesses, resources and demographics. Parks and Recreation became one of four areas of focus for the strategic plan.

Stakeholders Workshop

Stakeholders were introduced to the strategic planning process through an open town hall meeting. Stakeholders and Board members then assembled together 2 weeks later to discuss each of the four categories identified by the Board members during visioning sessions. The stakeholders brainstormed broad goals and identified the priority for implementation. They discussed funding ideas, strengths, weaknesses, obstacles and priority to the community. Notes from the stakeholder's workshop can be seen in Appendix A.

Focus Groups

Focus groups were formed as a result of the stakeholders meetings. Leaders or champions were assigned for the development of the goals and implementation of those goals. Focus groups were requested to encourage others to participate further and continue idea development. Focus groups met for several months. Notes from a focus group meeting can be seen in Appendix B.

Community Engagement Survey

Brainstorming for Parks and Recreation generated many ideas. Those ideas were then used in conjunction with other planning sources including National Parks and Recreation Association data to create community surveys. The survey and results can be seen in Appendix C and are summarized below.

Outdoor Activities with interest expressed by more than 35% of all respondents include.

1. Fishing/Canoeing/Kayaking (67%)
2. Outdoor Pool (56%)
3. Ice Skating/Hockey (37%)

Planned Activities with interest expressed by more than 30% of all respondents include.

1. Concerts (60%)
2. Big Screen Movies – Outside (56%)
3. Sledding (53%)
4. Nature Programs and Bird Sanctuary (48%)
5. Family Fun Fair (44%)
6. Snow Man Contest (31%)
7. Park and Recreation Night (31%)

Additional activities of interest expressed by more than 40% of all respondents include.

1. Farmer's Market (71%)
2. Fireworks (66%)
3. Holiday Festivals (55%)
4. Craft Show (46%)

Existing parks and usage

Approximately 42 % of the respondents currently utilize the existing parks in Kimball Township and (14%) were not sure if they use them or not. Renovations and sports interests requested at the existing parks include: Nature Trails, Sledding and Playground Equipment. Respondents expressed that additional restrooms, enclosed shelters, additional picnic tables, grills, lighting, playground equipment upgrades and additional parking would all contribute to a more enjoyable experience while visiting the parks.

Existing trails in Kimball Township

More than half of all respondents were aware of the existing trails in the township. 27% were not aware that they exist and 21% were not sure. Of the trails in existence the most frequently used nature trail is the Kimball Township nature trail with 68% of the respondents stating that this one is used the most. Second was the Port Huron State game area at 33%. 41% of those using the trails were interested in cleaning up existing trails and 34% were not sure. Biking (64%), Walking (61%) and Hiking trails (51%) were of most interest to the respondents. Please note that Restrooms and Raised boardwalks in wetlands were also appealing additions to this group.

Dog Park

61% of the respondents are dog owners. If a dog park was created in the township the amenities of greatest to least interest are as follows: bag dispensers, water source, fencing, picnic tables, shelter and outdoor arena.

Public Hearing and Approval Process

A full draft Five-Year Recreation Master Plan was presented to the Kimball Township Board of Trustees for their review and discussion on January 5, 2016. The draft Five-Year Recreation Master Plan was then made available for public review on January 20, 2016. Hard copies of the draft Plan were available at the Township Hall, G Lynn Campbell Library, Kimball Fire Station #1

and a digital copy was posted to the Township's website. A notice was published in the Times Herald on January 21, 2016 and posted in the Township Hall, G Lynn Campbell Library and Fire Station #1, making people aware of the draft Plan and public hearing. A public hearing on the draft Five-Year Recreation Master Plan was held in front of the Kimball Township Board of Trustees on February 2, 2016 at the Township Office.

The following documents can be found in Appendix D:

- Notice of Availability
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Copy of the minutes from the Public Hearing

Section V - Recreational Trends and Standards

This chapter will look at trends and statistics in the area of parks and recreation. These factors, together with community input, will look at many aspects, perceptions, and ideas that need to be filtered and categorized with the end result of producing the prioritized needs of the community. This plan is not based on any one single factor, but rather a comprehensive look at all of the factors to produce a strong and sustainable vision for the future.

Recreational Trends

Recreation trends occurring nationally and activities that have shown the greatest growth in popularity may provide insight into activities that can be expected to draw a large number of participants. The Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) conducts national surveys that measure activities by participation and percent change from the previous survey. The definition of participation includes those persons six years and older who have participated in the activity more than once during the year of the survey. Table 8 lists the top sports by percentage change from 2007 to 2012, as well as a rank by total participation.

In 2012, the top five sports in which people participated were:

- Walking for Fitness (114.0 million)
- Fishing (56.9 million)
- Aerobic Exercises (51.5 million)
- Running/Jogging (51.5 million)
- Bowling (48.6 million)

In terms of change over the past five years, the top five fastest growing sports were:

- Kayaking (55.1%)
- Ice Hockey (33.3%)
- Running/Jogging (25.3%)
- Gymnastics (24.4%)
- Aerobic Exercising (22.0%)

In terms of change over the past five years, the top five declining sports were:

- Wrestling (-42.4%)
- Roller Skating (Inline) (-38.9%)
- Paintball (-36.4%)
- Billiards/Pool (-32.1%)
- Scooter Riding (-29.4%)

Table 8 - Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) Participation Trends

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2011/ 2012	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Running/Jogging	41,064	41,097	42,511	46,650	50,061	51,450	2.8%	5.0%	4.7%
Walking for Fitness	108,740	110,204	110,882	112,082	112,715	114,029	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%
Archery	5,950	6,180	6,368	6,323	6,471	7,173	10.8%	6.6%	3.9%
Bowling	60,184	59,417	57,972	56,585	53,906	48,614	-9.8%	-7.3%	-4.1%
Ice Skating	11,430	11,215	10,964	11,477	11,626	11,214	-3.5%	-1.1%	-0.3%
Martial Arts	6,865	6,818	6,643	6,002	5,037	5,075	0.8%	-7.7%	-5.6%
Roller Skating (2x2 wheels)	8,921	8,388	8,001	8,137	7,851	7,274	-7.3%	-5.4%	-3.9%
Roller Skating (Inline wheels)	10,814	10,211	8,942	8,128	7,451	6,647	-10.8%	-9.6%	-9.2%
Skateboarding	8,429	8,118	7,580	7,080	6,318	6,227	-1.4%	-6.1%	-5.8%
Trail Running	4,216	4,537	4,845	4,985	5,373	5,806	8.1%	7.9%	6.6%
Badminton	7,057	7,148	7,469	7,645	7,135	7,278	2.0%	-2.3%	0.7%
Tennis	16,940	17,749	18,546	18,719	17,772	17,020	-4.2%	-4.6%	0.2%
Baseball	16,058	15,539	14,429	14,198	13,561	12,976	-4.3%	-4.4%	-4.2%
Basketball	25,961	26,108	25,131	25,156	24,790	23,708	-4.4%	-2.9%	-1.8%
Football (Flag)		7,310	6,932	6,660	6,325	5,865	-7.3%	-6%	
Football (Touch)		10,493	9,726	8,663	7,684	7,295	-5.1%	-8.2%	
Football (Tackle)	7,939	7,816	7,243	6,850	6,448	6,220	-3.5%	-4.7%	-4.7%
Gymnastics	4,066	3,975	3,952	4,418	4,824	5,115	6.0%	7.6%	4.8%
Ice Hockey	1,840	1,871	2,018	2,140	2,131	2,363	10.9%	5.3%	5.2%
Lacrosse	1,058	1,092	1,162	1,423	1,501	1,607	7.1%	6.3%	8.9%
Paintball	5,476	5,167	4,705	4,104	3,606	3,528	-2.2%	-7.1%	-8.3%
Roller Hockey	1,681	1,569	1,427	1,374	1,237	1,367	10.5%	0.3%	-3.8%
Rugby	617	654	720	940	850	887	4.4%	-2.6%	8.3%
Soccer (Indoor)	4,237	4,487	4,825	4,920	4,631	4,617	-0.3%	-3.1%	1.8%
Soccer (Outdoor)	13,708	13,966	13,957	13,883	13,667	12,944	-5.3%	-3.4%	-1.1%
Softball (Fast Pitch)	2,345	2,331	2,476	2,513	2,400	2,624	9.4%	2.4%	2.4%
Softball (Slow-Pitch)	9,485	9,660	9,180	8,477	7,809	7,411	-5.1%	-6.5%	-4.8%
Swimming (Competition)					2,363	2,502	5.9%		
Track and Field	4,691	4,604	4,480	4,383	4,341	4,257	-1.9%	-1.4%	-1.9%
Ultimate Frisbee	4,038	4,459	4,636	4,571	4,868	5,131	5.4%	6.0%	5.0%
Volleyball (Beach/Sand)	3,878	4,025	4,324	4,752	4,451	4,505	1.2%	-2.6%	3.2%
Volleyball (Court)	6,986	7,588	7,737	7,315	6,662	6,384	-4.2%	-6.5%	-1.6%
Volleyball (Grass)	4,940	5,013	4,970	4,714	4,211	4,088	-2.9%	-6.8%	-3.6%
Wrestling	3,313	3,335	3,170	2,536	1,971	1,922	-2.5%	-12.4%	-9.8%
Backpacking Overnight	6,637	7,252	7,757	7,998	7,722	7,933	2.7%	-0.4%	3.7%
Bicycling – BMX	1,887	1,896	1,858	2,090	1,958	1,861	-5.0%	-5.6%	-0.1%
Bicycling (Road/paved	38,940	38,527	39,127	39,730	39,834	39,790	-0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Camping	16,168	16,343	16,977	16,651	16,282	15,903	-2.3%	-2.3%	-0.3%
Fishing (Fly)	5,756	5,849	5,755	5,523	5,581	5,848	4.8%	2.9%	0.4%
Fishing (Freshwater-Other)	43,859	42,095	40,646	39,911	38,864	39,002	0.4%	-1.1%	-2.3%
Fishing (Saltwater)	14,437	14,121	13,054	12,056	11,896	12,000	0.9%	-0.2%	-3.6%
Hiking (Day)	29,965	31,238	32,542	32,534	33,494	34,519	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%
Hunting (Bow)	3,818	3,770	3,974	4,067	4,271	4,354	2.0%	3.5%	2.7%
Hunting (Handgun)	2,595	2,734	2,575	2,493	2,690	3,112	15.7%	11.8%	4.0%
Hunting (Rifle)	10,635	10,490	10,729	10,632	10,479	10,485	0.1%	-0.7%	-0.3%
Hunting (Shotgun)	8,545	8,638	8,611	8,276	8,370	8,426	0.7%	0.9%	-0.3%
Shooting (Sport Clays)	4,115	4,199	4,232	4,291	4,296	4,544	5.8%	3.0%	2.0%
Shooting (Trap/Skeet)	3,376	3,523	3,519	3,489	3,453	3,591	4.0%	1.5%	1.3%
Target Shooting (Handgun)	11,736	12,551	12,919	12,485	13,638	15,418	13.1%	11.1%	5.8%
Target Shooting (Rifle)	12,436	12,769	12,916	12,637	13,032	13,853	6.3%	4.7%	2.2%
Wildlife Viewing	22,974	23,544	22,702	21,158	21,495	22,482	4.6%	3.1%	-0.3%
Canoeing	9,797	9,866	9,997	10,306	10,170	9,813	-3.5%	-2.4%	0.1%
Kayaking (Recreational)	5,070	5,655	6,226	6,339	7,347	8,187	11.4%	13.7%	10.2%

National Planning Standards

In developing this plan it is important to review and compare Kimball Township's park system to national standards. Comparing both acreage and facilities to these national standards is another tool in determining where the system may have opportunities for improvement. Keep in mind that the tables used in this study, and included in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans, were published by the National Recreation and Park Association in 1995. They may not fully reflect today's trends and needs.

Acreage Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association provides methodology for classifying parks based on function. Generally, a township would provide any of three types of parks: mini-park, Neighborhood Park, or Community Park. Their classification includes recommended acreage, location, and function. Table 9 shows those recommendations and Table 10 compares Kimball Township Parks to those standards.

Table 9 - Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation , Open Space and Trails				
Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres/1,000 Population
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs	Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq ft and one acre in size.	0.25 to 0.5 A
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	¼ - ½ mile distance uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1.0 to 2.0 A
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 miles distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres	5.0 to 8.0 A

**Table 10 - Kimball Township
Classified Recreational Facilities**

	Existing Acreage	NRPA Standard
Community Parks		
Sutherland Park	43.25 A	47 - 76 A
Neighborhood Park		
Smiths Creek Community Park	3.75 A	9 - 19 A
Mini Parks		
None	0 A	2 - 6 A
Total All Parks	47.0 A	58 - 101 A

According to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Kimball Township is estimated to have a population of 8,985 as of December 2014. Small growth is projected to push population to 9,437 by 2020, which would encompass the duration of this 5 year plan. Using this population, a projected need for acreage can be determined using NRPA standards.

It's important to note that this analysis is only based on parks owned by the Township. However, State game land, several public school facilities and numerous private recreation facilities are located within the Township and serve its residents. Also, many parks are located just outside of the boundaries of Kimball Township. These recreation facilities should be taken into consideration in combination with the results of the acreage standard analysis for Township owned parks.

Community Parks

One Township park is classified as a community park. Sutherland Park totals 43.25 acres. The NRPA standard for community park land stipulates 5.0 to 8.0 acres per 1,000 people. Based on the Township's estimated 2020 population of 9,437, the NRPA standard would require between 47 and 76 acres of community parkland. Kimball Township's current park acreage would be considered deficient.

Neighborhood Parks

Smiths Creek Community Park is the Township's only neighborhood park, which totals 3.75 acres. The NRPA standard for neighborhood parkland, which stipulates a total of 1.0 to 2.0 acres per 1,000 people, was applied to the estimated 2020 population of Kimball Township of

9,437. Based on this, Kimball Township should have between 9 and 19 acres of neighborhood parkland. The Township's current provision of 3.75 acres is deficient.

Mini Parks

Kimball Township has no mini parks. The NRPA standard for mini parks is 0.25 to 0.5 per 1,000 people. Kimball Township should have between 2- 6 acres. The Township is deficient in this area.

Natural Resource Area

The Kimball Township Nature Trail, located on property surrounding the Township office, is 21 acres of land, including a nature trail. The NRPA does not specify a recommended size criteria or acres per population.

All Parks Categories

Overall, if combining the standard acreage requirements for community parks (5 to 8 acres), neighborhood parks (1.0 to 2.0 acres) and mini-parks (0.25 to 0.5 acres), a total of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of park land should be available per 1,000 people. Applying the NRPA standards to the estimated 2020 population of Kimball Township would result in the need for 58 to 101 acres of total park land. Kimball Township's current total park acreage of 68.0 is within the range of the recommended total park acreage. However, this includes the Township nature trail, and without that, the Township would be deficient in park space.

Park Service Areas

As shown in Table 11, each park type is given a typical service area. For community parks, the NRPA estimates a 3-mile service area radius, while neighborhood parks maintain a half-mile service area radius and mini-parks maintain a quarter mile service area radius. The extent of the service areas within Kimball Township based on existing parks and their park classification is shown on Map 4, Park Service Areas. This map effectively shows the locations within the Township that are out of range of a certain type of park facility.

As with the acreage standard analysis, this service area analysis was conducted by only considering Township-owned parks. A variety of other school and privately-owned recreation facilities are found within Kimball Township in addition to many recreation facilities just outside of the Township.

Community Parks

Map 4 shows the extent of the 3-mile community park service area radius within Kimball Township. Sutherland Park currently serves the North East corner of the Township. It does include many of the higher density residential areas of the Township. The northwest and southwest areas of the Township are not served by a community park. The south east corner of the Township is just out of range of Sutherland Park, and Marysville Park

Neighborhood Parks

The extent of the half-mile service area radius for neighborhood parks (as well as the community parks that also function as neighborhood parks to surrounding residents) is shown on Map 2. Except for the Smiths Creek area, the remainder of Kimball Township falls outside of this radius. This indicates that the majority of Kimball Township residents are inadequately served by a neighborhood park.

Mini-Parks

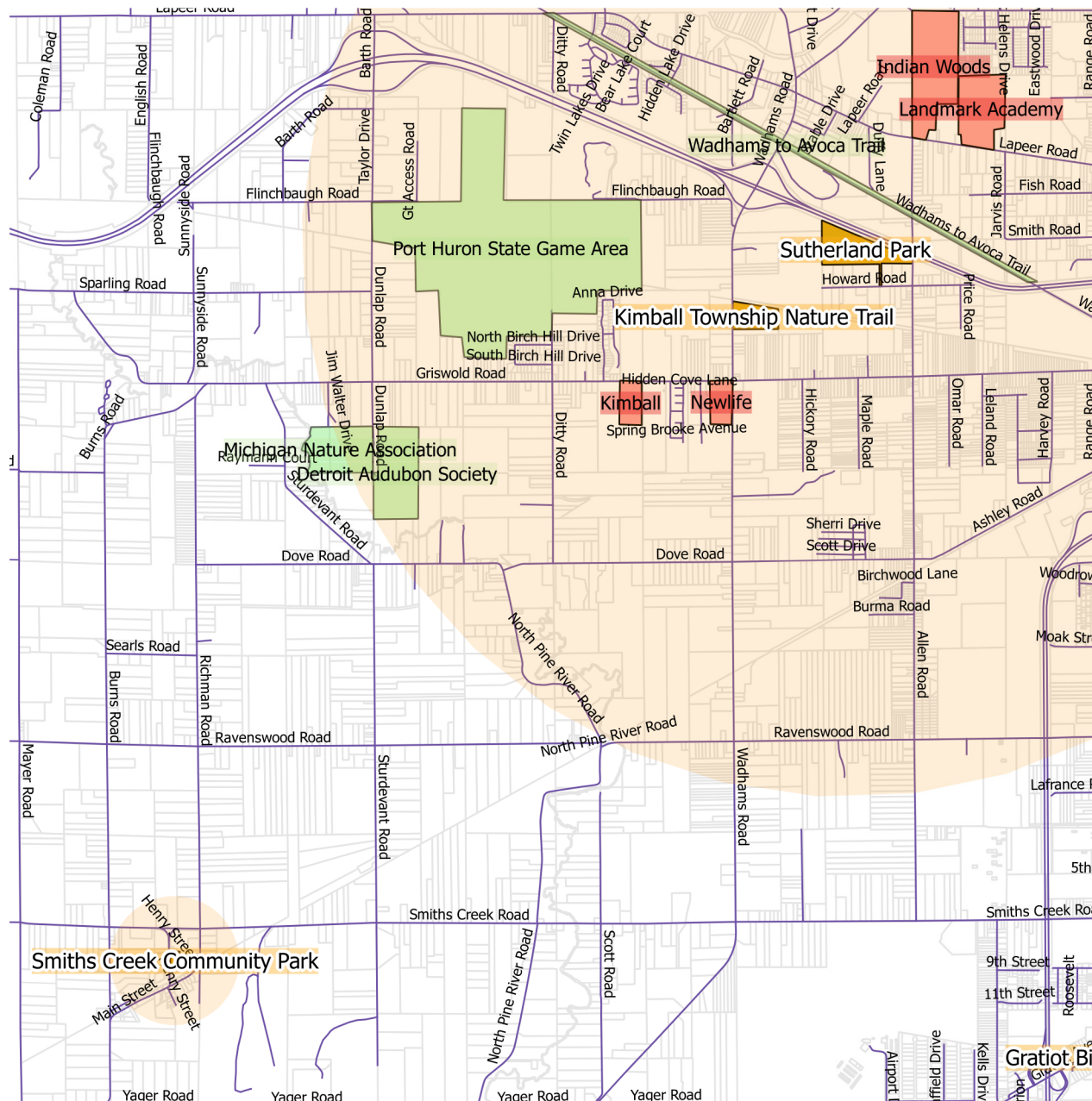
Although no mini-parks are located in the Township, neighborhood and community parks also function as mini-parks for those residents within one-quarter mile of them. It should be noted that in many cases, individual yards serve as sufficient “mini-park” space.

Kimball Township

Parks & Recreation Map 4 - Park Service Area

Legend

-  Park Service Area
-  Kimball Parks
-  Schools
-  Other Parks
-  roads



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Facility Standards

The Suggested Facility Development Standards published by the NRPA are included in Table 11. The standard includes a recommendation of the number of units based on population, the service area of each facility, and recommended space required for each facility. These standards combined with the acreage standards will further assist Kimball Township in developing its needs.

Table 12 compares the Township's public park facilities against published recreation facility standards based on an estimated 2020 population of 9,437. There are three public school recreational facilities within Kimball Township and they have been factored into the comparison against published standards as have private driving ranges and golf courses. Kimball Township has surpluses and deficiencies based on this standard.

When considering only Township-owned facilities, the most prominent deficiency occurs in the provision of tennis courts. The NRPA standard calls for at least 5 tennis courts, but currently, only 2 tennis courts are within Township-owned parks. None of the public school facilities in Kimball Township have available tennis courts resulting in a total deficiency of 3 courts. However, the courts located at Sutherland Park are rarely used, bringing into question the validity of the standard as it relates to Kimball Township. For Township-owned facilities, deficiencies also exist with regard to outdoor basketball courts and outdoor volleyball courts. The NRPA standard based on the estimated Township population calls for 2 basketball and 2 volleyball courts, where only 1 of each are provided. Schools within the Township offer a total of 4 outdoor basketball courts eliminating the deficiency in that area. However, volleyball courts remain one short.

A summary of the amenities found at Kimball Township owned parks and public school locations within the Township can be found in Table 13.

Table 11 – NRPA Facility Development Standards				
Activity / Facility	Recommended Space Requirement	Units Per Population	Service Radius	Location Notes
Basketball 1. Youth 2. High School 3. Collegiate	2400-3036 sq. ft. 5040-7280 sq. ft. 5600-7980 sq. ft.	1 per 5,000	¼ - ½ mile	Usually in school, recreation center or church facility. Outdoor courts in neighborhood and community parks.
Ice Hockey	22,000 sq. ft including support arena	1 per 5,000	½ - 1 hour travel time	Climate important consideration affecting number of units.
Tennis	Minimum of 7,200 sq. ft. single court	1 court per 2,000	¼ - ½ mile	Best in batteries of 2-4. Located in neighborhood / community park or near school site
Volleyball	Minimum of 4,000 sq. ft.	1 court per 5,000	½ - 1 mile	Same as basketball
Baseball 1. Official 2. Little League	3.0-3.85 A min. 1.2 A minimum	1 per 5,000 Lighted – 1 per 30,000	¼ - ½ mile	Part of neighborhood complex. Lighted fields part of community complex
Football	Minimum 1.5 A	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel time	Usually part of baseball, football or soccer complex in community park or adjacent high school
Soccer	1.7 to 2.1A	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles	Number of units depends on popularity. Youth soccer on smaller fields adjacent to schools or neighborhood parks.
Golf – Driving Range	13.5A for minimum of 25 tees	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel time	Part of golf course complex as a separate unit. May be privately operated.
Trails	N/A	1 system per region	N/A	
Golf 1. Par 3 2. 9-Hole 3. 18-Hole	50-60A Minimum 50A Minimum 110A	1/25,000 1/50,000	½ to 1 hour travel time	Course may be located in community, district or regional/metro park.
Beach Areas	N/A	N/A	½ to 1 hour travel time	Should have sand bottom with slope maximum of 5%. Boating areas completely segregated from swimming areas. In regional/metro parks.

Table 12 – Kimball Township compared to NRPA Standards							
Facility	Standard per Population	Existing Township Facilities	Existing School/Private Facilities	Total Existing Facilities	Need Based on Standard	Surplus or Deficiency (Twp. Facilities only)	Surplus or Deficiency (Twp. And other facilities)
Basketball	1 / 5,000	1	4	5	2	-1	+3
Ice Hockey	N/A	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennis	1 / 2,000	2	0	2	5	-3	-3
Volleyball	1 / 5,000	1	0	1	1	-1	-1
Baseball	1 / 5,000	4	0	4	2	+2	+2
Football	1 / 20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer	1 per 10,000	0	3	0	1	-1	+2
Driving Range	1 / 50,000	0	1	1	0	0	+1
Trails	1 per system	2	1	3	1	+1	+2
Golf	1 / 25,000	0	1	1	0	0	+1
Beach Area	N/A	1	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 13 – Recreational Resource Inventory

	Acres	Parking	Basketball (Outdoor)	Basketball (Indoor)	Tennis Courts	Little League	Volleyball	Playground Equipment	Open Play Field	Soccer	Walkway Trail	Horseshoes	Restrooms	Concessions	Picnic Shelter	Class/Public Mtng Rm	Gymnasium	Bleachers	Benches	Picnic Tables	Grills
Community Parks																					
Sutherland Park	43.25	x			2	4		x	x		x	x	x	1	2			x	x	x	x
Neighborhood Parks																					
Smiths Creek Community Park	3.75	x	1				1	x	x						1					x	x
Natural Resource Areas																					
Kimball Township Nature Trail	21.00	x									x								x		
State Game Land																					
Port Huron State Game Area	393.0	x									x										
Library																					
G Lynn Campbell Library	1.05	x											x			x					
Public Schools																					
Indian Woods Elementary School	90.15	x	1	1	1		1	x	x								1				
Kimball Elementary School	20.00	x	1	1	1		1	x	x	x							1				
Landmark Academy	65.62	x	2	2			1	x	x	x							2	x			
Private Schools / Other																					
New Life Christian Academy	20.00	x						x	x	x											
Smiths Creek Schoolhouse	4.68	x											x			x					

Section VI - Action Plan

The Township has used a comprehensive strategy in developing this action plan including, trend analysis, surveys, public workshops, and focus group meetings. The Action Plan describes recommendation for improvements and enhancements to the current Kimball Township Parks and Recreation program. It also identifies possible funding solutions for completing those improvements and enhancements.

The Parks Capital Improvement Plan is a component of the Action Plan and should be incorporated into the Townships Capital Improvement Plan. Projects have been prioritized in the Capital Improvement Section to allow for budgeting and planning of the various components. Several factors may influence the timing of the condition of various projects including, economic conditions, the availability of grant funds, and the rewarding of those grant funds.

Goals and Objections

Goal #1: Create a Sense of Community and Belonging

This was a key element of the Strategic Planning Process. The Township Board sought to bring the community together through a variety of efforts, including through its parks programs. Festivals and Activities are a component of making the community stronger, and bringing together both the community and elected officials.

Objectives:

- Provide more information to the community about parks and recreational opportunities.
- Celebrate the community with concerts, festivals and events.
- Encourage the development of additional passive and active recreational programming opportunities.
- Organize volunteers to allow for a broader base of participation.
- Increase programs and services for older adults

Goal #2: Provide parks and recreation facilities of the highest quality with accessibility for all users.

Quality and appearance are important factors for members of the community. The quality of the parks should reflect the quality that many home owners place in landscaping around their homes and businesses.

- Analyze and improve accessibility at all facilities.
- Maintain and upgrade all equipment and playgrounds with appropriate landscaping and

surfaces.

- Create a standard park design for items such as signage, lighting, benches and receptacles.

Goal #3: Provide recreation programming and facility opportunities that meet the needs and interests of the entire community.

Recreational programming effects quality of life. Often programming can be accomplished by partnering with local businesses and community experts. Good programming will attract families to the community and increase retention of those already in the community.

- Pursue opportunities to create mini and neighborhood parks in areas currently underserved.
- Monitor the current use of the parks to determine additional needs.
- Create recreational opportunities that go beyond the traditional team sports such as educational components and training and self-improvement courses.
- Develop a variety of programs offered for seniors and teenagers.
- Continue to monitor and identify trends in parks and recreation programming.
- Convert tennis court in Sutherland Park into multi-use court.

Goal #4: Provide efficient administration of the Parks and Recreation Department

Need staff capable of organizing and marketing a complete recreational program along with leading maintenance staff in accomplishing department goals and objectives.

- Expand all marketing efforts to inform residents of programs and events.
- Consider the need for additional staff for recreational programming.
- Review Parks Master Plan annually to establish priorities and responsibilities.

Goal #5: Acquire land for recreation in quantities that will meet the needs of the community in the future and protect the Township's natural resource.

Current park facilities leave gaps in providing ample services to the entire community. Opportunities should be sought to address those needs.

- Pursue opportunities to acquire land in areas currently underserved by existing parks for the development of mini and neighborhood parks.
- Identify and acquire land adjacent to existing parks to provide for program expansion.
- Preserve natural areas of the Township by identifying and acquiring land that has significant natural feature that are high quality and strategically located.

Goal #6: Use fiscal responsibility by using additional community resources and grants to enable park improvements.

Reaching goals cannot be accomplished without being fiscally responsible. Current mileages are insufficient to meet all goals and creativity in finding resources will be required.

- Engage St Clair County Parks and other municipalities to provide shared services and avoid duplications in service.
- Develop partnerships with organization such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H for item such as trail maintenance.
- Recruit civic and business organizations for assistance with park improvement projects.
- Seek grant opportunities from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, private organizations and community foundations.

Capital Improvement Plan

Goals have been converted into a Capital Improvement Plan as shown in Table 14. The Capital Improvement Plan organizes and prioritizes goals. It should be incorporated into the Township's Capital Improvement Plan.

This plan should serve as a guide when developing Township budgets. It needs to be reviewed on an annual basis to determine continued feasibility and needs.

Table 14 – Capital Improvement Plan

	Park/Project	Magnitude of Cost	Short-Term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-Term (3-5 yrs)	Long-Term (5+ yrs)	Ongoing	Potential Funding Sources
Sutherland Park							
	Improve Signage and entry way	\$3,000 - \$5,000	x				GF
	Increase Parking	\$10,000 - \$15,000	x				GF
	Provide additional wheelchair accessible picnic tables	\$800 - \$1,000	x				GF
	Add benches near playscape	\$2,000 - \$3,000	x				GF
	Upgrade and improve trail around Howard Pond	\$500 - \$1,000		x			GF
	Discuss with Pilot about the possibility of increasing Sutherland Park to the west	To Be Determined				x	Donations
	Repair structural issues and cement in pavilion 1	To Be Determined	x				GF
	Convert tennis courts into multi use including volleyball	To Be Determined			x		GF
	Add cement pad under handicapped swing	\$1,000		x			GF
Smiths Creek Community Park							
	Paint Picnic tables to match Sutherland Park	\$500 - \$1,000		x			GF
	Fix carpentry work on the gazebo	\$500 - \$1,000		x			GF
	Add benches near the playscape	\$2,000 - \$3,000	x				GF
	Blacktop the parking lot	\$5,000			x		GF
Other							
	Develop a park near the Black River with Kayak and Canoe Access	\$50,000 - \$75,000	x				MDNR Trust Fund
	Look to purchase land for the development of mini/neighborhood parks	To Be Determined			x		Undetermined
	Hire recreation director to add additional programming	\$10,000		x			User Fees
	Improve condition of the Kimball Township Nature Trail	\$1,500 - \$2,000			x		Donations, GF
	Do feasibility study of soccer field at Smiths Creek Schoolhouse	To Be Determined			x		GF

Potential Funding Sources

Land and Water Conservation Fund

The LWCF Program provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities (as well as funding for shared federal land acquisition and conservation strategies). The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States. This program is part of the National Park Service.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) began as the "Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976" via P.A. 204 of 1976. Act 204 created the Michigan Land Trust Fund (MLTF) program to provide a source of funding for the public acquisition of lands for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Funding was derived from royalties on the sale and lease of State-owned mineral rights.

Applications for MNRTF assistance are accepted annually. Applications are accepted from both local units of government and State agencies, including the land managing divisions of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Applications are reviewed and scored by Grants Management of the DNR. Final grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board and submitted to the Legislature for approval and appropriation of funds. Return to the MNRTF, LWCF or Recreation Passport Grants home pages and click on Applicant Information to find out how to apply for these grants.

Community Foundation of St Clair County

Since 1944 the Community Foundation has been dedicated to building community capital through the strategic application of philanthropic funds and the passion, dedication and talents of county residents. The Community Foundation of St. Clair County is the largest grant making foundation in Michigan's Thumb Region and manages multiple endowment funds that benefit every corner of St. Clair County.

Through the generosity of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, the Community Foundation has created this Access to Recreation Fund. As this new fund grows it will provide grants to support programs, projects and organizations in St. Clair County that improve access for people with disabilities.

St Clair County Parks Millage

Taxpayers in St Clair County pay a special millage for parks and recreation. The current rate is 0.4956. Twenty-five percent of the tax collected is returned to local units of government for the purposes of parks and recreation. The 25% is distributed based on a population formula. Local municipalities are required to use these funds for parks and recreation only.

Previous Grants Received

A summary of previous grants received for parks funding can be found in Appendix E

Appendix A - Stakeholders Workshop Results

Ideas	Pri ori ty	Leader/Champ ion				
Sports Courts/Outdoor Sports	1	Nicole Blaszczuk	Supporters	Location Ideas	Resources	Funding Ideas
1. Water Activities- Splash pad and indoor/outdoor pool, Fishing				Howard Road	Excavating equipment	Grants
2. Winter Activities - Ice skating area in KT park, Ice rink hockey outdoors				Smith Creek	Sports equipment	Donations
3. Basketball Courts				New Communi ty Center	Contractors, lighting	Kimball Township Budget
4. Softball - adult fields as well as courts for youth/kickball/so ccer fields					Zoning - liability coverage	Fundraisers
5. Convert existing tennis courts into basketball/tennis and volleyball courts						Youth Advisory Grants St. Clair County
6. Disc Golf						
7. BMX- Skateboard park/area						
8. Increase play equipment area						
9. Track and Field events						
10. Sand Volleyball courts						
11. Horseshoes bocce ball courts						

and tournaments						
Planned Activities	2	George Jackson	Sandy Loy/Tina Ritter	Location Ideas	Resources	Funding Ideas
1.Bird Sanctuary walk				Howard Road	Kimball Township Budget	Sponsorships
2.Movies in the park big screen				Smith Creek	Advertising/Communications Infrastructure	KT funding
3.Concerts in the park				Private property - Stable Drive	Individual Coordinators	Advertising
4.Nature programs				New Community Center	Business Donations	Grants
5. Horse shows					Volunteers	Youth Advisory Grants St. Clair County
6.Crafts shows and classes						DNR
7. Farmers Market						Audubon Society
8. Build a Snowman Contest						
9. Sledding in the park						
10. Paint ball						
11. Holiday festivals						
12. Park Recreation Night						
13. Model Airplane boat and car making						
14. Olympics for all ages/age groups						
Parking Improvement	3	Jeff Bohm	Bill Orr	Location Ideas	Resources	Funding Ideas

1. Need handicap parking pad at Howard Road - Need expanded lot				Howard Road	Excavation equipment	Community Foundation St. Clair County
2. Smith Creek - Need expanded parking area				Smith Creek	Road Commission	
					Stone/Material	
					KT Economic Development Team	
Picnic Area	4	Becky Jackson	John S.	Location Ideas	Resources	Funding Ideas
1. Need grills and garbage cans				Howard Road	Grills	Fundraiser
2. More picnic areas				Smith Creek	Trashcans	KT budget
					Donations	Donations groups and organizations in KT
					Cleaning supplies	
					Volunteers	
					Cement	
Groomed Trails/Trail Improvements	5	Bill Orr	Jeff Bohm/George Jackson	Location Ideas	Resources	Funding Ideas
1. Clean up existing trails				Walkable trails Howard Road	Equipment	Hunter education & grant program
2. Create Hiking and Cross Country Ski trails				Canoe/boat access Black River	Volunteers	DNR
3. Bike trails				Wetlands - Raised Boardwalks	Audubon Society	National Park Service

4. Improved signs for trails and park areas				Pilot Land - Bike Trails	DNR	Fisheries and wildlife service
5. Create more nature trails				Township Trail	KT Economic Development Team	Boating infrastructure
6. Black River Access build canoe access					Library	Cooperative agreement with American Hiking Society
7. Raised Boardwalks at Pilot Wetlands					Schools	Grants to groups increasing wildlife habitats
Dog Park	6	Becky Jackson	Nicole Blaszcuk	Location Ideas	Resources	Funding Ideas
1. Bag dispensers				Smith Creek	Fencing	Fundraiser
2. Garbage cans				The 9 acres	Bag Dispensers	KT budget
3. Pavilion				Howard Road	Picnic tables	Schools
4. Picnic tables					Water source	Library
5. Water					Trash Cans	Pet Groomer's and Pet Store Owners
					Volunteers	Humane Society

Appendix B - Kimball Township Parks Focus Group Minutes



Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

October 16, 2013

Attendance: Jeff Bohm, Rob Usakowski, Bob Hand, George Jackson, Jeanne Ruthven, Tonya O'Boyle, Nicole Blaszczuk, Becky Jackson, Sandy Loy

Outdoor Sports/Courts

Ice rink at Smiths Creek Park. Nicole believes she may be able to get materials donated. Jeff felt that visqueen may not be necessary as the ground will be frozen. Recommended considering a well to get water into the area. George Jackson will verify ownership of area where the rink has been in the past. GIS information from the county maps appear that it may not be. Jeanne mentioned that no one knows about the park. We will promote to attract visitors, both on our website and Facebook.

There is a basketball court at Smiths Creek. Needs some improvement this spring, including paint.

Soccer could be done at the Smiths Creek Schoolhouse. There is plenty of property behind the school house. This includes one full size field and one more suited for U11. The smaller would involve some clearing of trees. Tanya mentioned she may know someone that might be willing to assist with that. There was discussion about goals. Nicole mentioned portal ones that can be resized to fit the age/field. There may have been some at one time in the township, but no one has seen them. Jeff recommended contacting AYSO to see what the demand is. Will also use the surveys to gather some of this information.

Roller hockey is another possibility at Smiths Creek where the basketball court is. Would need side walls to make it work, and may need to lengthen the basketball court.

Planned Activities

George Jackson recommended the following:

Jan 18 - Cross country ski and snowshoe event out at Sutherland Park.

Feb 15 - Euchre tournament or winter kickball

Mar 15 - Spring Craft Show at Kimball Township Office

Apr 19 - Easter Egg hunt

May 17 - Soccer Tournament at Smiths Creek Schoolhouse property U10

June 14 - Floral Show/Student Art Contest

July 19 - Cardboard Boat Races at Sutherland Park

Aug 9 - Fireman's Picnic

Sept 13 - Fall Extravaganza

Oct 31 - Trunk or Treat at Sutherland Park

Nov 22 - Student art contest and turkey giveaway / Craft Sale

(Jeff recommended working with Celeste at SC4 on the Art Contest)

Dec - Resident holiday decorating contest

Parking

Jeff worked with county GIS department for parking recommendations. They included at Sutherland Park, along current driveway, moving the existing western pavilion.

It appears that widening the driveway may be the best option for immediate results. We could do multiple phases as well. Would need to discuss with FOP about widening the easement on their property. Jeff mentioned that the road commission may in some cases be able to assist with material to build up the driveway using excavation from ditching projects, etc. PDF versions of the maps are available on our website.

Picnic Area

May be a need for more picnic areas at Sutherland Park. Possible locations would include east of the tennis courts. There are concerns with the location as that would place a pavilion quite a distance from existing restrooms. We would also need to make sure we are ADA compliant.

Groomed Trails

All trails including the one at the township office and at Sutherland Park need maintenance. It was suggested that we contact some of the tree cutting services to see if they could donate wood chips/shavings. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts could assist in the placing of the chips. Jeanne mentioned that she is a former Girl Scout leader and would be glad to contact them when we are ready. May also need some trail markers. Nicole mentioned Ducks Unlimited as a funding source for nature trail improvements.

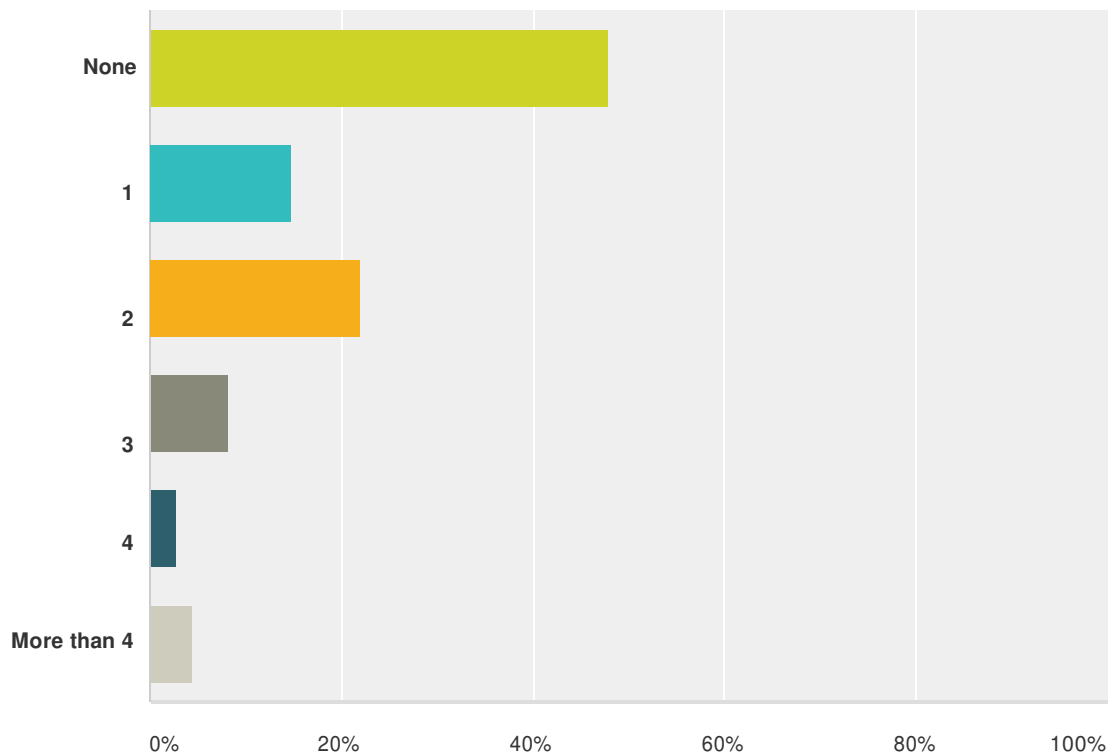
Dog Park

Discussion was held on location. The locations included the East end of Sutherland Park or the South end of Smiths Creek Park. Animal rescues may be interested in assisting or having events and activities at the park. We could start with fencing and benches/picnic tables and gradually move to other equipment such as dog agility. Jeanne, Tanya and Nicole to look at Smiths Creek and see if there is enough space for one. There was also discussion about a water source for the dogs. There was additional discussion about property lines between the Township and the Pink Elephant.

Appendix C - Community Survey

Q1 How many children or grandchildren age 17 or younger live in your household?

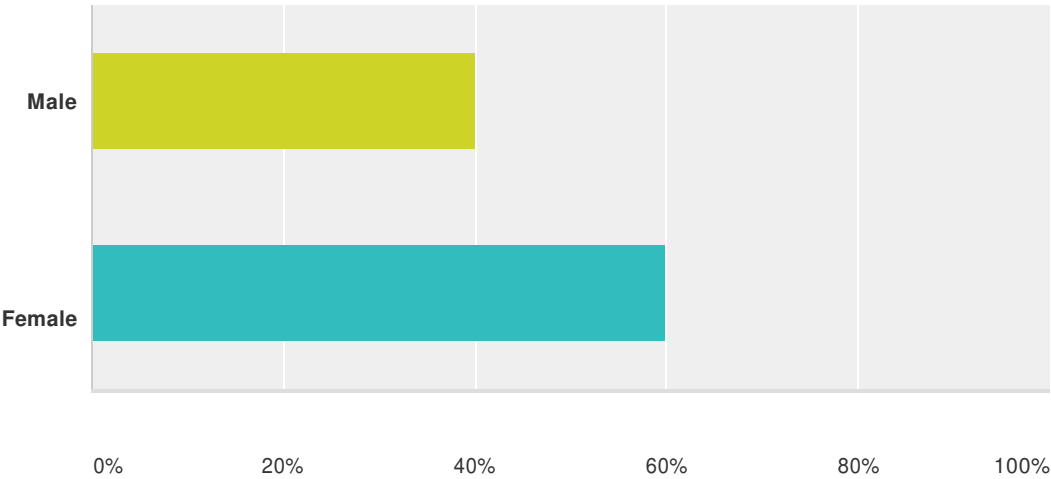
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Answer Choices	Responses	
None	47.80%	87
1	14.84%	27
2	21.98%	40
3	8.24%	15
4	2.75%	5
More than 4	4.40%	8
Total	182	

Q2 Are you male or female?

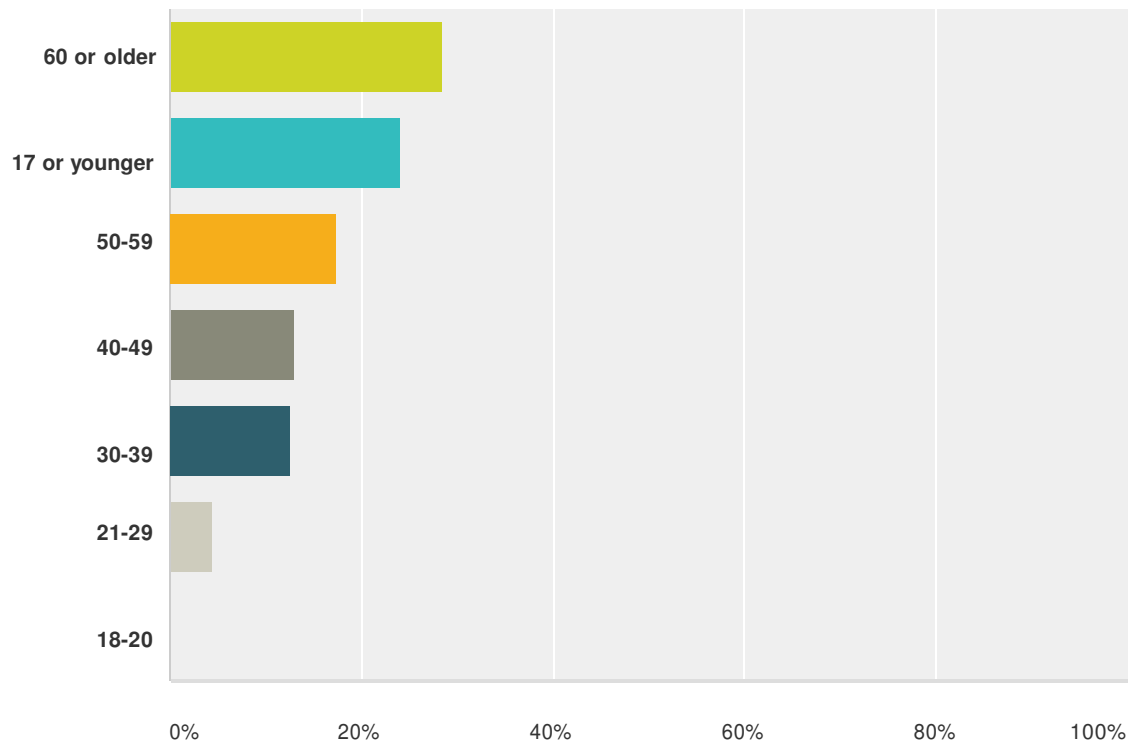
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	40%	72
Female	60%	108
Total		180

Q3 Which category below includes your age?

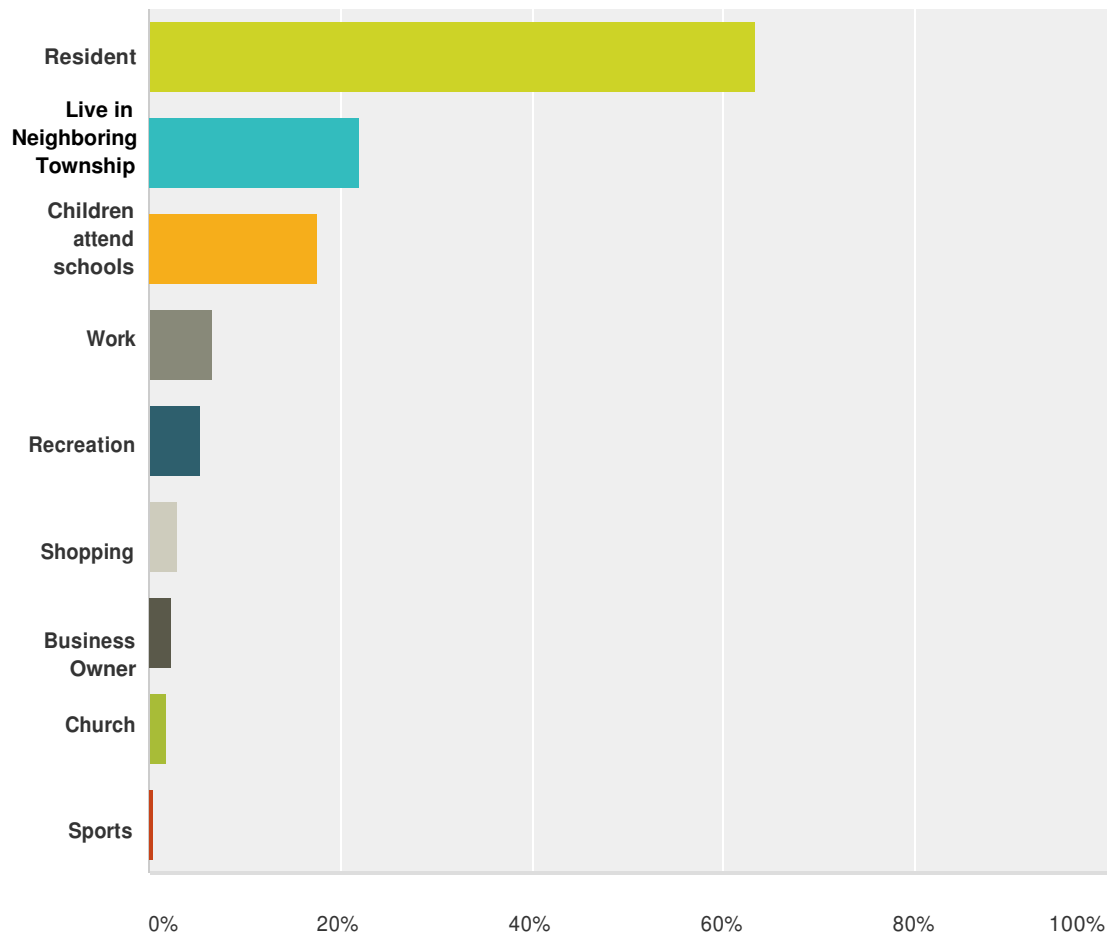
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Answer Choices	Responses	
60 or older	28.42%	52
17 or younger	24.04%	44
50-59	17.49%	32
40-49	13.11%	24
30-39	12.57%	23
21-29	4.37%	8
18-20	0%	0
Total		183

Q4 How would you best describe what attracted you to live in or visit Kimball Township?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 21



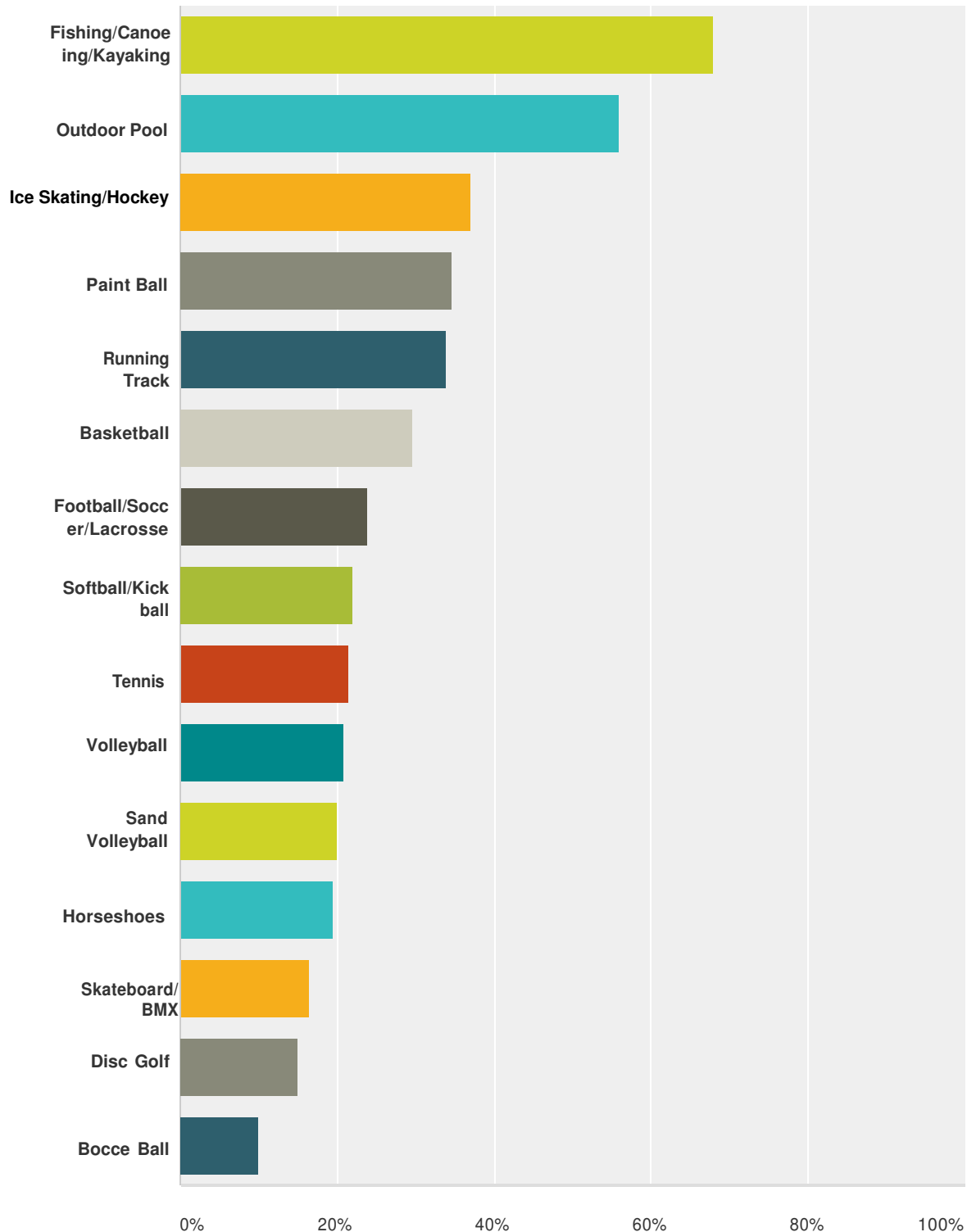
Answer Choices	Responses
Resident	63.41% 104
Live in neighboring township	21.95% 36
Children attend schools	17.68% 29
Work	6.71% 11
Recreation	5.49% 9
Shopping	3.05% 5
Business Owner	2.44% 4
Church	1.83% 3
Sports	0.61% 1
Total Respondents: 164	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Wanted to have a large storage unit for vehicles	12/26/2013 10:29 AM

2	Loved the area and the home we purchased.	12/16/2013 9:19 AM
3	low taxes	12/4/2013 10:45 AM
4	Nice little town. Would love to see more activities for children! One day soon I will be having t h e m ! :)	12/4/2013 9:34 AM
5	none	11/27/2013 9:52 AM
6	Great location with available spot for our double wide	11/25/2013 10:32 PM
7	Streets that are not busy, safer for kids, able to build our own house	11/24/2013 11:02 PM
8	Country lining close to towns	11/23/2013 3:45 PM
9	family living there	11/20/2013 1:01 PM
10	born and raised here	11/19/2013 10:04 AM
11	it feels like a country setting	11/13/2013 7:08 AM
12	been here for 40+ years wife and myself were from the Wadhams area, we stayed here.	11/9/2013 8:19 AM
13	Family close	11/8/2013 10:26 PM
14	afforability	11/6/2013 7:29 PM
15	The feeling of being a part of community without being so far out in the country.	11/6/2013 3:51 PM
16	Family	11/6/2013 1:55 PM
17	I like the neighborhood and found a home I was happy with	11/6/2013 12:10 PM
18	just thought it was a beautiful place to live	11/6/2013 11:19 AM
19	location & lower tax base	11/6/2013 11:07 AM

Q5 Please check all of the outdoor activities that your family would most likely participate in if available in Kimball Township? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 159 Skipped: 26



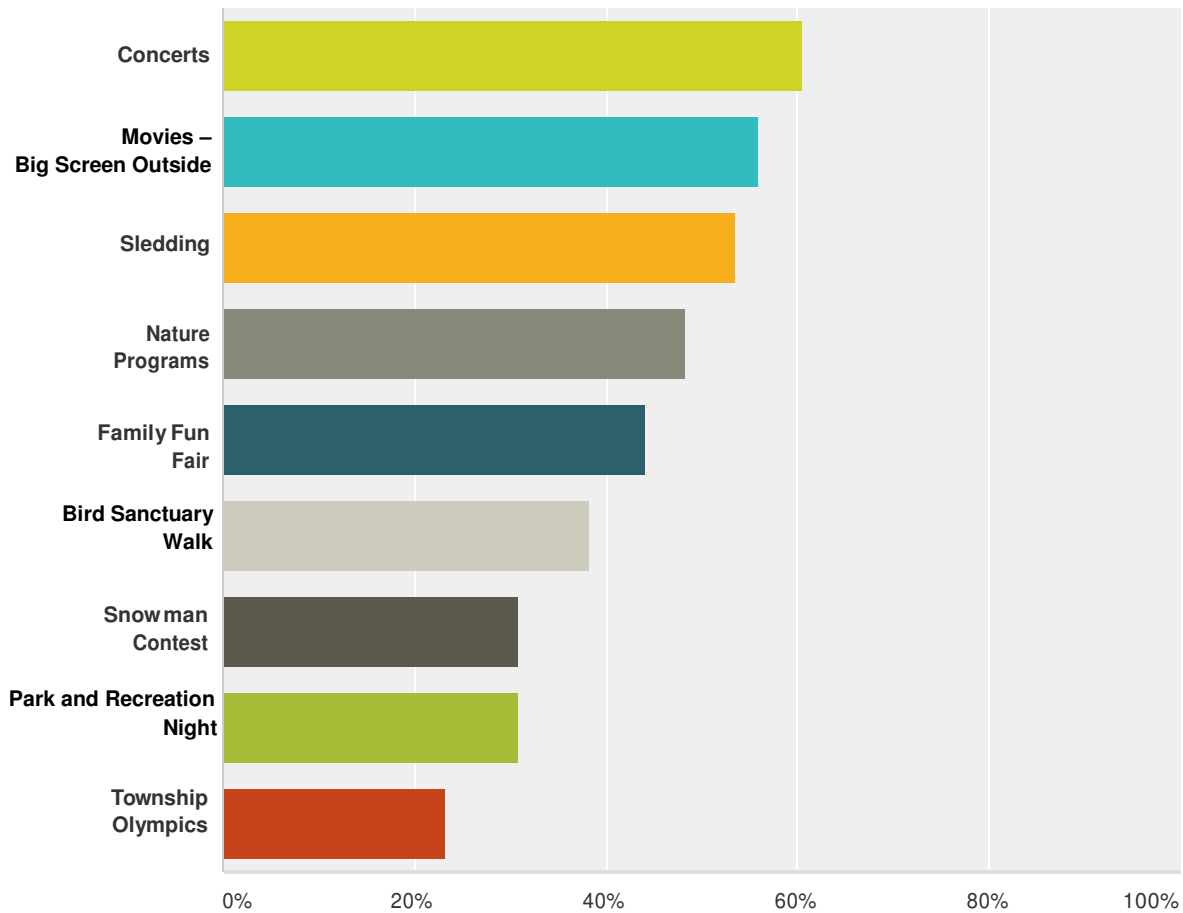
Fishing/Canoeing/Kayaking	67.92%	108
Outdoor Pool	55.97%	89
Ice Skating/Hockey	37.11%	59
Paint Ball	34.59%	55
Running Track	33.96%	54
Basketball	29.56%	47
Football/Soccer/Lacrosse	23.90%	38
Softball/Kickball	22.01%	35
Tennis	21.38%	34
Volleyball	20.75%	33
Sand Volleyball	20.13%	32
Horseshoes	19.50%	31
Skateboard/BMX	16.35%	26
Disc Golf	15.09%	24
Bocce Ball	10.06%	16
Total Respondents: 159		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We would use four wheeling or off road trails on a regular basis if they were made available.	12/10/2013 4:05 PM
2	water park	12/4/2013 2:54 PM
3	roller blading	12/4/2013 2:52 PM
4	Dodge Ball	12/4/2013 2:36 PM
5	dodgeball	12/4/2013 1:14 PM
6	bike race, pet shows	12/4/2013 1:12 PM
7	BMX, Soccer	12/4/2013 12:45 PM
8	soccer	12/4/2013 12:09 PM
9	Baseball	12/4/2013 12:04 PM
10	bike riding club	12/4/2013 11:08 AM
11	Shuffle Board	12/4/2013 10:50 AM
12	walking on trail	12/4/2013 10:47 AM
13	n/a	12/4/2013 10:45 AM
14	cross country skiing	12/2/2013 12:13 PM
15	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM
16	Hiking	11/22/2013 10:22 AM

17	too old	11/22/2013 9:19 AM
18	walking/biking	11/22/2013 9:15 AM
19	None	11/22/2013 9:07 AM
20	Walking	11/22/2013 8:39 AM
21	none	11/20/2013 9:01 AM
22	Walking trails	11/9/2013 11:17 AM
23	radio control car/truck track/trails	11/8/2013 8:18 PM
24	Equestrian Trails	11/7/2013 9:21 AM

Q6 If Kimball Township offered the following planned activities please select the areas you and your family would be most interest in participating. (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 172 Skipped: 13

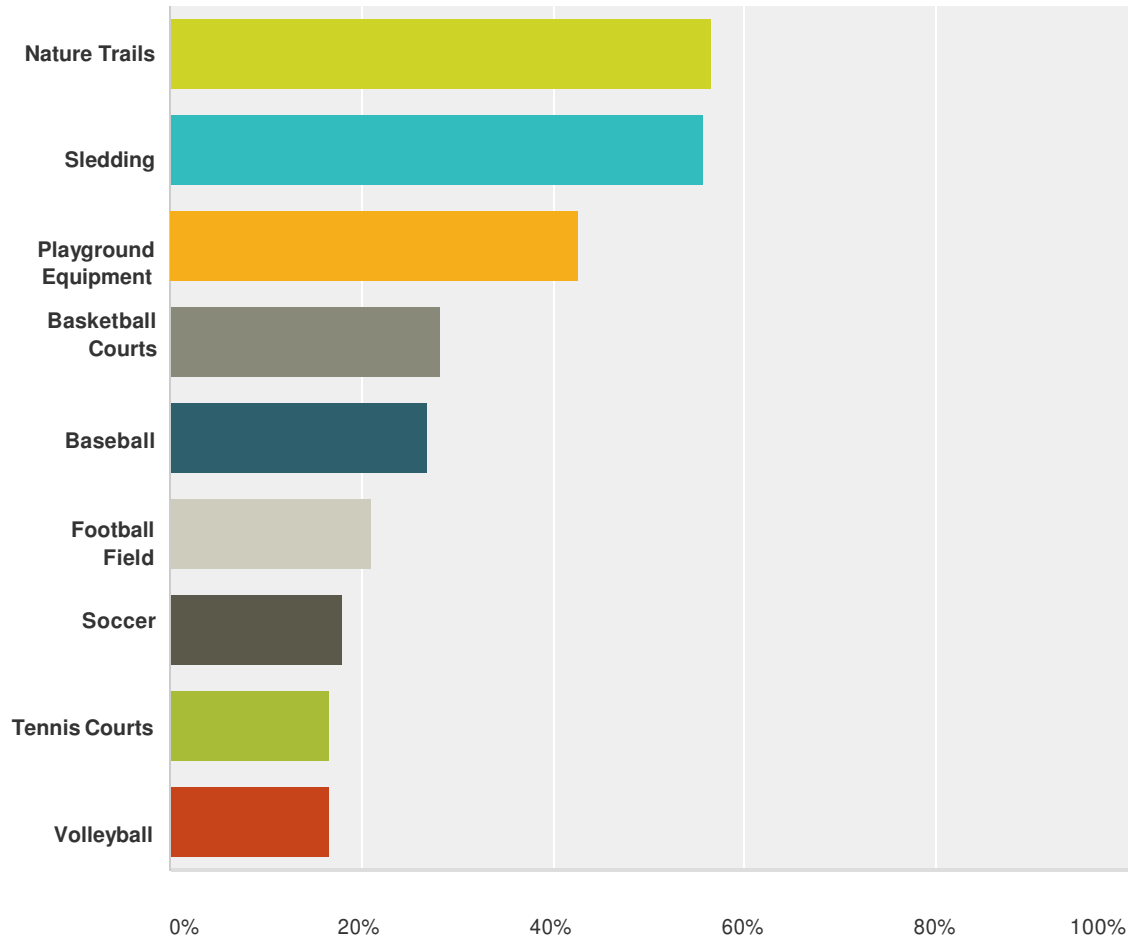


Answer Choices	Responses	
Concerts	60.47%	104
Movies – Big Screen Outside	55.81%	96
Sledding	53.49%	92
Nature Programs	48.26%	83
Family Fun Fair	44.19%	76
.Bird Sanctuary Walk	38.37%	66
Snowman Contest	30.81%	53
Park and Recreation Night	30.81%	53
Township Olympics	23.26%	40

Total Respondents: 172		
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	ice fishing	12/4/2013 2:54 PM
2	dog parks, water slides, indian tales	12/4/2013 1:12 PM
3	sledding contest	12/4/2013 12:16 PM
4	shooting range	12/4/2013 12:02 PM
5	farmers' market	12/2/2013 12:13 PM
6	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM
7	None	11/22/2013 9:07 AM
8	Something where kids can play inside for play dates	11/6/2013 11:36 AM

**Q7 Which of the following sports courts/fields or equipment need expansion or renovation at the existing parks?
(Please check all that apply.)**

Answered: 138 Skipped: 47

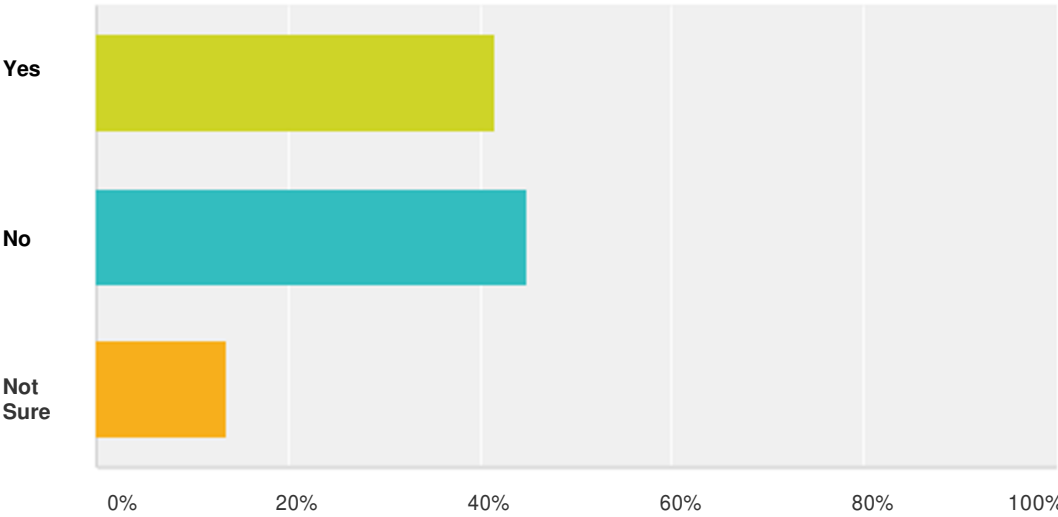


Answer Choices	Responses	
Nature Trails	56.52%	78
Sledding	55.80%	77
Playground Equipment	42.75%	59
Basketball Courts	28.26%	39
Baseball	26.81%	37
Football Field	21.01%	29
Soccer	18.12%	25
Tennis Courts	16.67%	23
Volleyball	16.67%	23
Total Respondents: 138		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	roller rink	12/4/2013 2:54 PM
2	roller rink	12/4/2013 2:52 PM
3	music	12/4/2013 1:12 PM
4	ice arena	12/4/2013 12:02 PM
5	ice arena	12/4/2013 11:17 AM
6	bowling	12/4/2013 11:11 AM
7	?	12/4/2013 10:45 AM
8	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM
9	Sorry, I'm not very familiar with these areas.	11/24/2013 2:50 PM
10	None	11/22/2013 9:07 AM
11	Other	11/22/2013 8:41 AM
12	Not sure... Don't use.	11/20/2013 11:14 AM
13	unsure	11/6/2013 7:30 PM
14	Having toddler friendly equipment	11/6/2013 11:36 AM

Q8 Do you currently use one of the two parks in Kimball Township for picnicking?

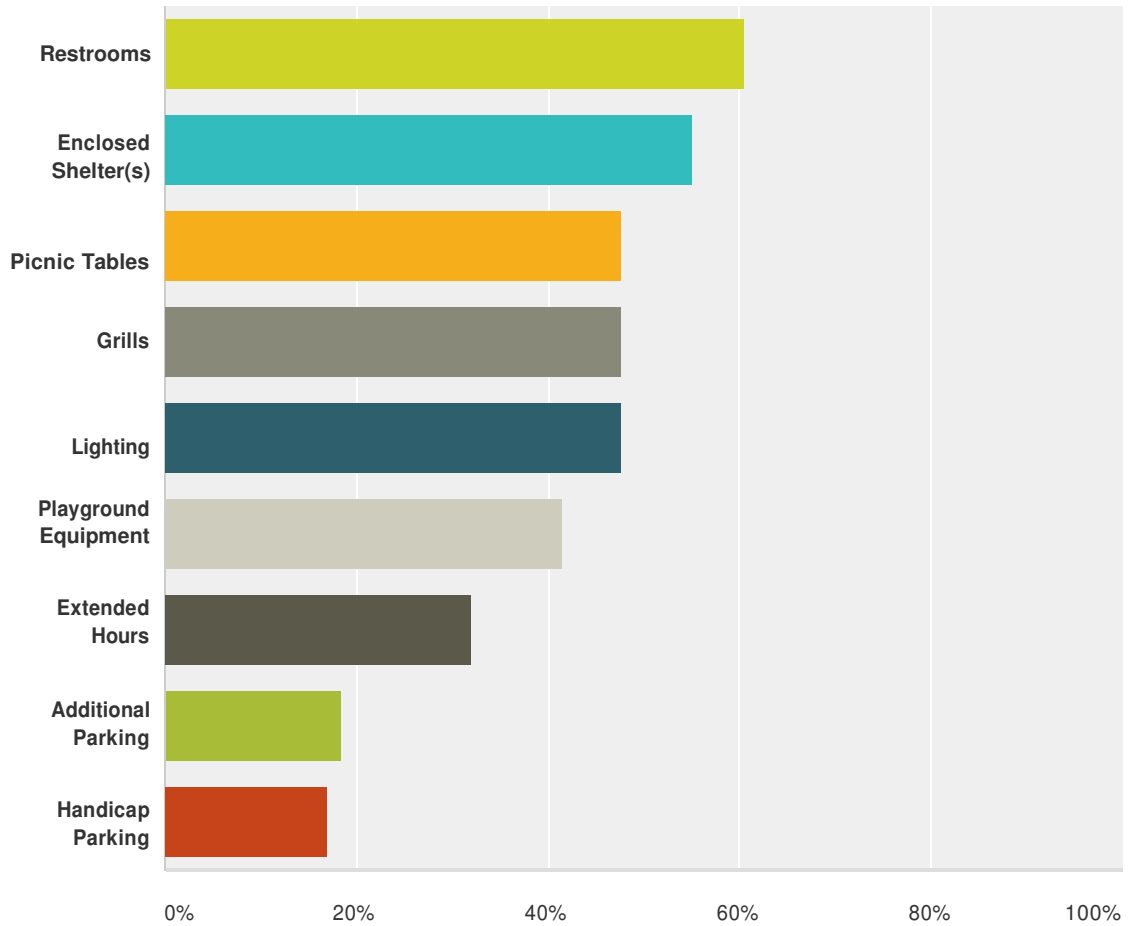
Answered: 178 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	41.57%	74
No	44.94%	80
Not Sure	13.48%	24
Total		178

Q9 Which of the following items, if added to existing parks would make your experience more enjoyable? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 147 Skipped: 38

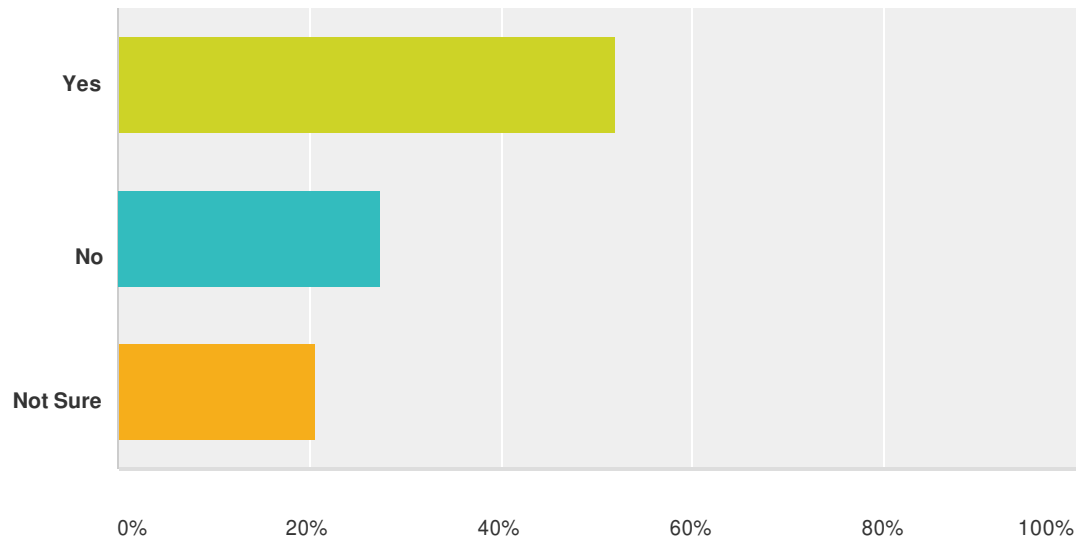


Answer Choices	Responses	
Restrooms	60.54%	89
Enclosed Shelter(s)	55.10%	81
Picnic Tables	47.62%	70
Grills	47.62%	70
Lighting	47.62%	70
Playground Equipment	41.50%	61
Extended Hours	31.97%	47
Additional Parking	18.37%	27
Handicap Parking	17.01%	25
Total Respondents: 147		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	dog run / play ground	12/7/2013 12:10 PM
2	so many rules, seems excessive	12/4/2013 4:41 PM
3	museum	12/4/2013 2:54 PM
4	gardens / planting flowers	12/4/2013 1:12 PM
5	better restrooms	12/4/2013 12:04 PM
6	sinks	12/4/2013 11:11 AM
7	safety issues...Kimball park does not seem to be well patrolled	11/27/2013 10:25 AM
8	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM
9	Sorry, I'm not familiar with these.	11/24/2013 2:50 PM
10	Flush restrooms	11/22/2013 9:12 AM
11	None	11/22/2013 9:07 AM
12	none	11/20/2013 9:01 AM
13	Rustic Campgrounds	11/6/2013 8:47 PM
14	Better parking at Kimball Twp. park so Grandparents who have a hard time walking can come see their grandkids play ball without being yelled at by groundskeeper!	11/6/2013 3:33 PM
15	would love to bring my pets to the parks	11/6/2013 11:21 AM

Q10 Are you aware of the existing trails in Kimball Township?

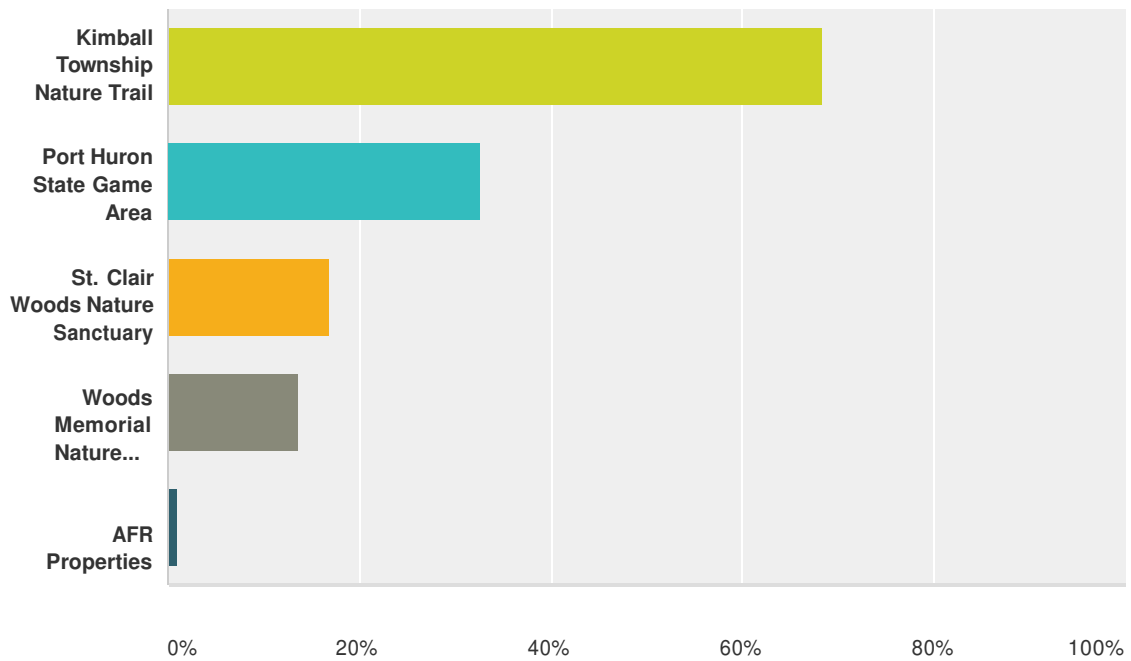
Answered: 175 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52%	91
No	27.43%	48
Not Sure	20.57%	36
Total		175

Q11 Which of the following trails do you and or your family frequent the most?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 90



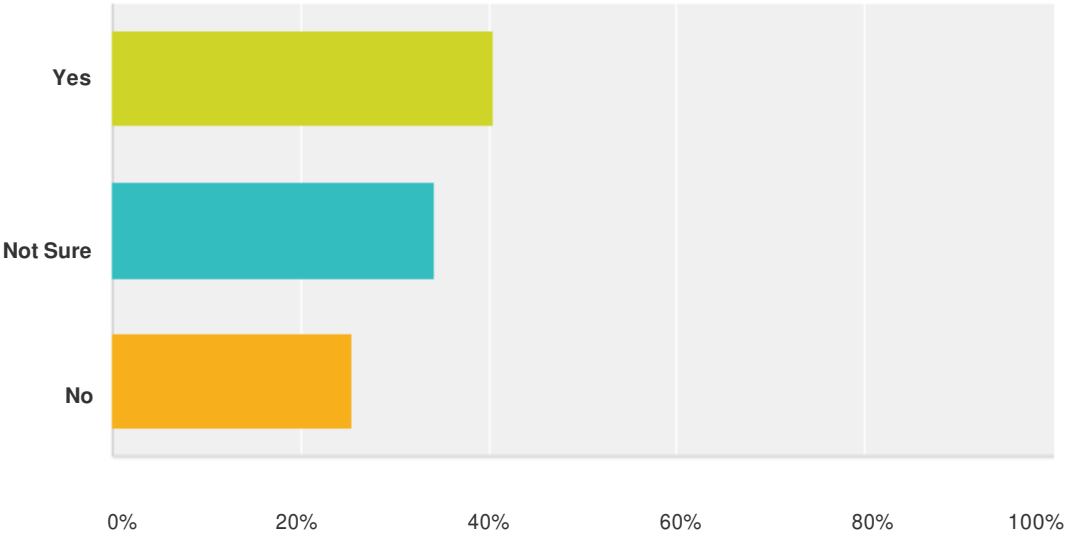
Answer Choices	Responses
Kimball Township Nature Trail	68.42% 65
Port Huron State Game Area	32.63% 31
St. Clair Woods Nature Sanctuary	16.84% 16
Woods Memorial Nature Sanctuary	13.68% 13
AFR Properties	1.05% 1
Total Respondents: 95	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	12/26/2013 10:35 AM
2	wadhams to avoca	12/7/2013 12:10 PM
3	Wadhams to Avoca	12/7/2013 12:06 PM
4	Wadhams to Avoca	12/4/2013 4:25 PM
5	Wadhams to Avoca	12/4/2013 1:13 PM
6	x	12/4/2013 12:05 PM
7	not sure	12/4/2013 12:00 PM
8	n/a	12/4/2013 10:46 AM
9	Wadhams to Avoca	12/4/2013 9:37 AM
10	Wadham to Avoca; Bay to Bridge	11/30/2013 8:04 PM
11	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM

12	Wadhams to Avoca	11/27/2013 9:44 AM
13	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	11/25/2013 10:34 PM
14	goodells park	11/24/2013 6:41 PM
15	Wadhams avocado trail	11/23/2013 3:46 PM
16	Wadhams Avoca trail	11/23/2013 10:27 AM
17	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	11/22/2013 10:22 AM
18	Wadhams to Avoca my dog and i walk daily 30-45 min until the snow	11/22/2013 10:20 AM
19	Wadhams to Avoca	11/22/2013 10:18 AM
20	wadhams to avoca trail	11/22/2013 9:19 AM
21	None	11/22/2013 9:08 AM
22	Other	11/22/2013 9:06 AM
23	Wadhams to Avoca	11/22/2013 8:40 AM
24	Wadhams to Avoca	11/22/2013 8:37 AM
25	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	11/21/2013 8:06 PM
26	wadhams to avoca bike trail	11/21/2013 9:30 AM
27	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	11/21/2013 9:17 AM
28	Wadhams to Avoca Trail	11/20/2013 7:54 PM
29	we like geocaching and want more trails to hide caches	11/20/2013 1:37 PM
30	none	11/20/2013 9:02 AM
31	avoca trail	11/19/2013 6:53 PM
32	wadhams to avoca trail	11/13/2013 7:12 AM
33	Bike Trail	11/10/2013 11:08 AM
34	Only one I know of is Wadhams to Avoca Trail, and love that very much.	11/8/2013 2:28 PM
35	Columbus Park	11/7/2013 9:22 AM
36	Wadhams to Avoca trail	11/6/2013 8:36 PM
37	avoca trail	11/6/2013 12:16 PM
38	Rails to trails	11/6/2013 11:12 AM

Q12 Are you interested in cleaning up existing trails or creating additional trails in Kimball Township?

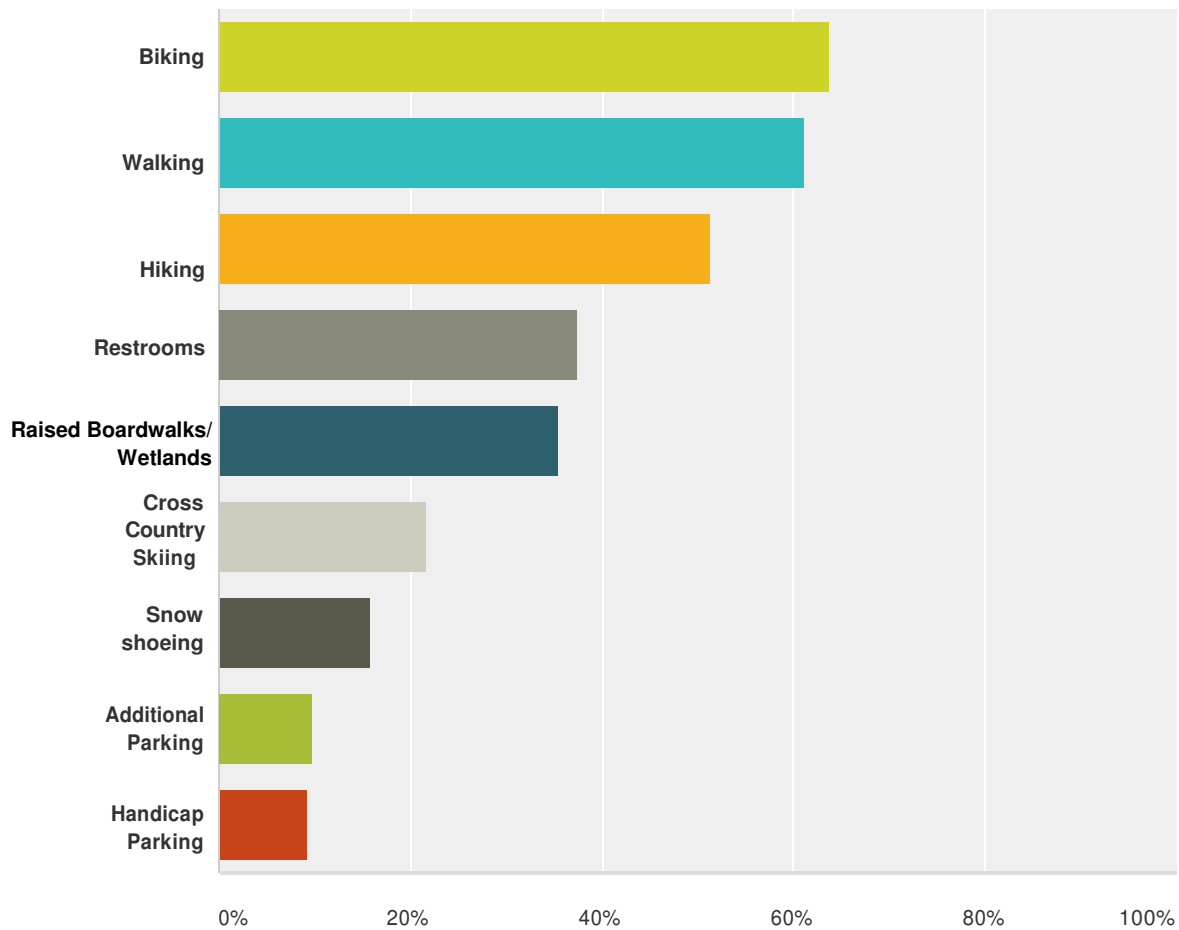
Answered: 173 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	40.46%	70
Not Sure	34.10%	59
No	25.43%	44
Total		173

Q13 What types of trail expansion is of greatest interest to you and your family?

Answered: 152 Skipped: 33



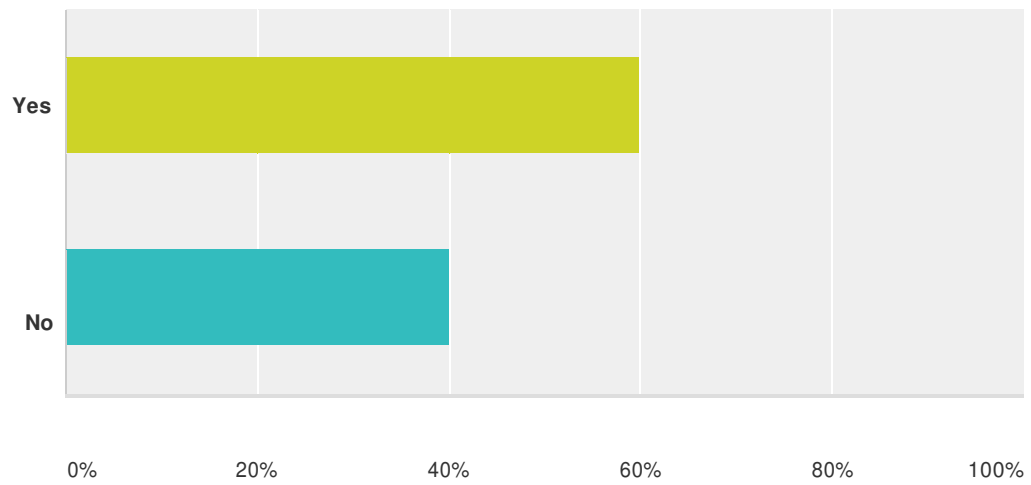
Answer Choices	Responses
Biking	63.82% 97
Walking	61.18% 93
Hiking	51.32% 78
Restrooms	37.50% 57
Raised BoardwalksWetlands	35.53% 54
Cross Country Skiing	21.71% 33
Snow shoeing	15.79% 24
Additional Parking	9.87% 15
Handicap Parking	9.21% 14
Total Respondents: 152	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
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1	Bike trails to get to Wadhams Avoca Trail and or trails along roadways	12/26/2013 10:35 AM
2	Off Road Trail Expansion would be amazing, with Grace Performance in our area it would bring in tourism.	12/10/2013 4:08 PM
3	dog trail	12/7/2013 12:10 PM
4	vending machines for drinks	12/4/2013 2:54 PM
5	running	12/4/2013 2:40 PM
6	music/ pet show/ diog park / pet park	12/4/2013 1:13 PM
7	fire works	12/4/2013 11:00 AM
8	n/a	12/4/2013 10:46 AM
9	Horse Trails	11/27/2013 9:56 AM
10	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM
11	Nono	11/22/2013 9:08 AM
12	snowmobile trails	11/21/2013 9:30 AM
13	snowmobile	11/19/2013 6:53 PM
14	ORV	11/8/2013 10:30 PM
15	Equestrian Trails	11/7/2013 9:22 AM
16	atv	11/6/2013 11:28 AM

Q14 Are you a dog owner?

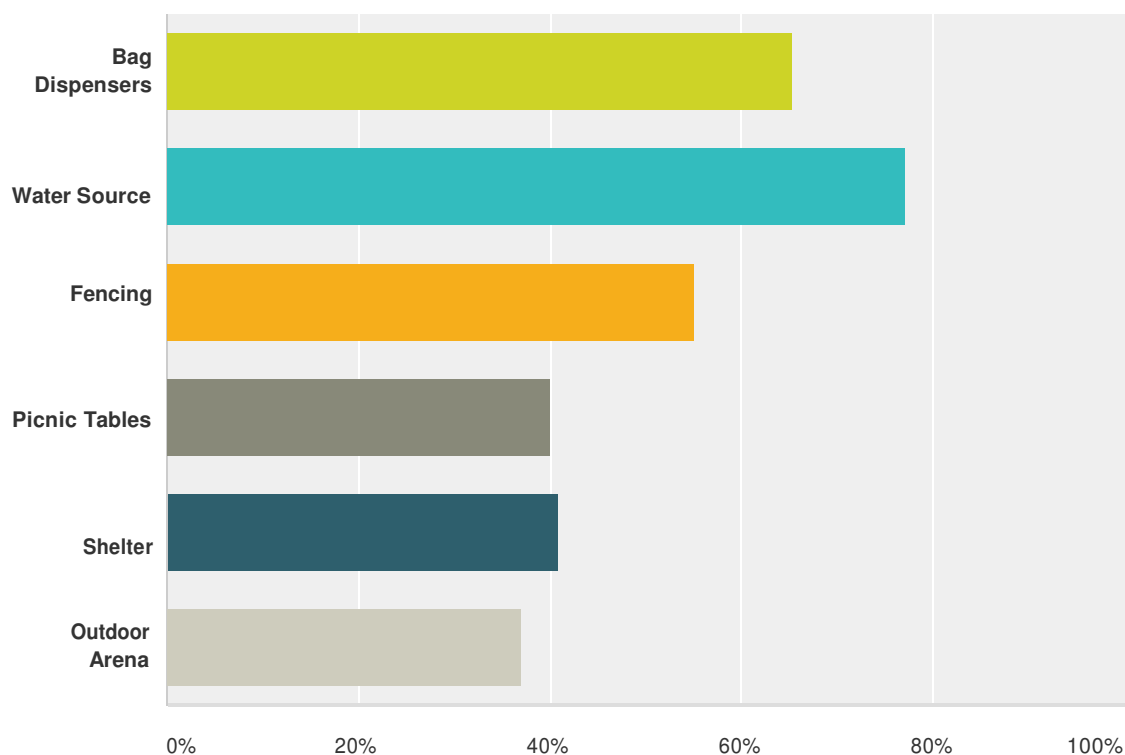
Answered: 175 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	60.57%	106
No	39.43%	69
Total		175

Q15 What amenities would you and your family be interested in at a local dog park?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 58



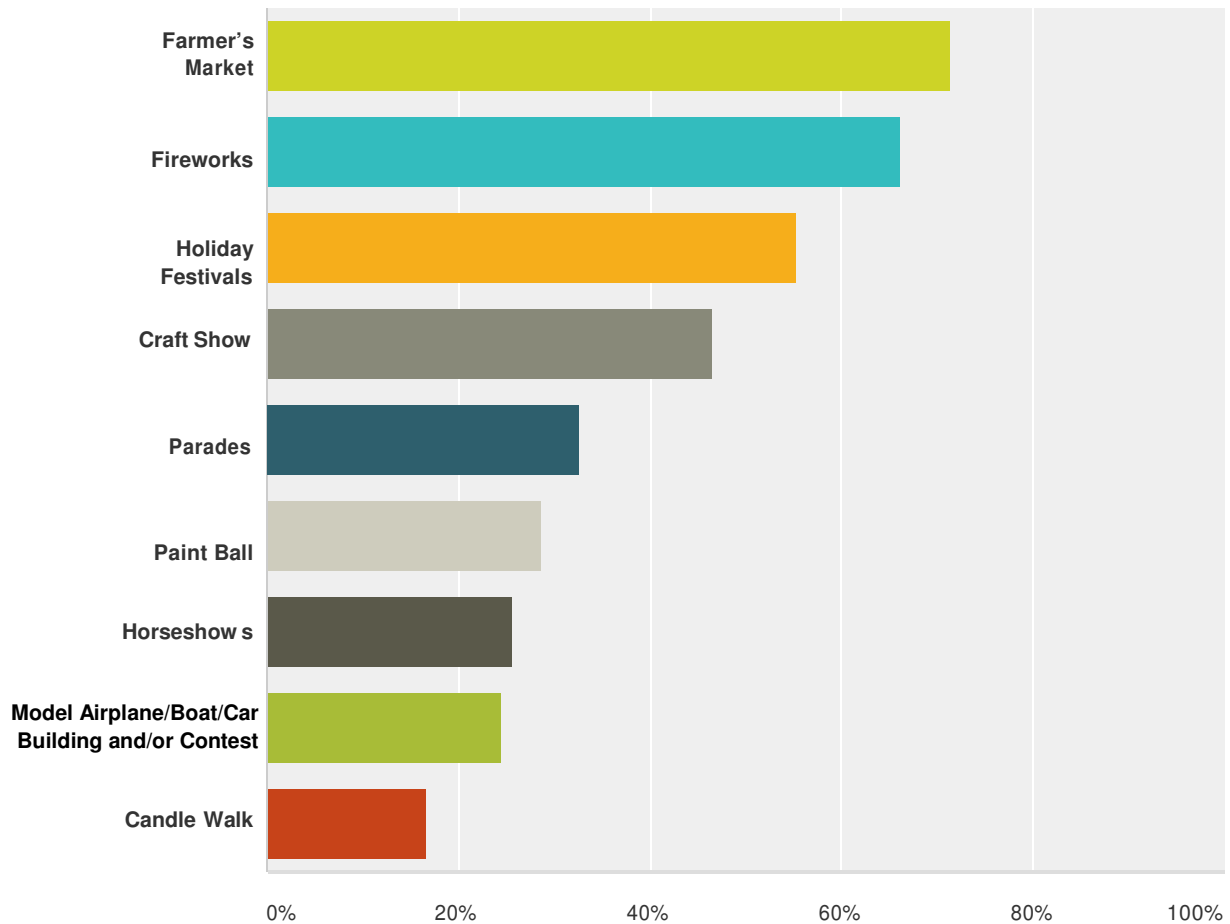
Answer Choices	Responses
Bag Dispensers	65.35% 83
Water Source	77.17% 98
Fencing	55.12% 70
Picnic Tables	40.16% 51
Shelter	40.94% 52
Outdoor Arena	37.01% 47
Total Respondents: 127	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	benches	12/7/2013 12:10 PM
2	obstacles for them to play on	12/4/2013 2:50 PM
3	things for the dogs to play on	12/4/2013 2:48 PM
4	dog food	12/4/2013 2:40 PM
5	Free dog Treats	12/4/2013 1:13 PM
6	dog toys	12/4/2013 12:16 PM
7	pool	12/4/2013 11:00 AM

8	n/a	12/4/2013 10:46 AM
9	Rules - Small and large dog seperate runs - proof of rabbies vaccine	11/27/2013 9:56 AM
10	none	11/27/2013 9:53 AM
11	Shade trees and benches	11/23/2013 3:46 PM
12	We don't take our dog to the park	11/22/2013 12:36 PM
13	owners should clean up after their dogs	11/22/2013 9:19 AM
14	sounds funny but a few poles for the ale dogs to lift their legs on. seriously can mark terrirotty	11/22/2013 9:13 AM
15	Too much fighting	11/22/2013 9:10 AM
16	None	11/22/2013 9:08 AM
17	None!	11/22/2013 8:40 AM
18	Not interested in a dog park	11/20/2013 7:54 PM
19	Bench to sit on while with dog	11/19/2013 8:57 PM
20	swimming for dogs	11/19/2013 6:53 PM
21	Great idea!!!!	11/8/2013 2:28 PM
22	not interested in a dog park	11/6/2013 7:32 PM
23	Rustic shelters	11/6/2013 2:02 PM

Q16 Which of the following additional activities would you and or your family be most interested in attending ?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 17



Answer Choices	Responses	
Farmer's Market	71.43%	120
Fireworks	66.07%	111
Holiday Festivals	55.36%	93
Craft Show	46.43%	78
Parades	32.74%	55
Paint Ball	28.57%	48
Horseshows	25.60%	43
Model Airplane/Boat/Car Building and/or Contest	24.40%	41
Candle Walk	16.67%	28
Total Respondents: 168		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	indian museum	12/4/2013 2:54 PM
2	Dog Contest / other pet contest for looking	12/4/2013 1:13 PM
3	Ice Arena	12/4/2013 12:03 PM
4	none	11/30/2013 8:05 PM
5	none	11/27/2013 9:54 AM
6	classic car show (no judging) reg fee would go to local charitites. most classic 1985 below like to show off their car. trophies are not that importatnt as helping a local charity is to us.	11/22/2013 9:15 AM
7	None	11/22/2013 9:08 AM
8	Concerts	11/8/2013 4:31 PM

Q17 Are you interested in expanding parks and recreation offerings in Kimball Township? Interested in receiving summary information on the survey results? Please be sure to fill out the information below and we will update our records. (Please know your responses to previous questions will not be linked to your name and email address)

Answered: 70 Skipped: 115

Answer Choices	Responses
Name:	98.57%
Company:	0%
Address:	0%
Address 2:	0%
City/Town:	0%
State:	0%
ZIP:	0%
Country:	0%
Email Address:	87.14%
Phone Number:	78.57%

Appendix D - Public Notices and Approval Minutes

Public Notice – Notice of Plan Availability

Notice of Public Review

Notice of Public Hearing

The Township of Kimball will have available for public review and comment the draft of the proposed Kimball Township, Parks and Recreation Plan 2016-2020. The plan will be available for review Thursday, January 21, 2016 through Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the following locations:

Kimball Township Hall, 2160 Wadhams Rd, Kimball, MI 48074
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm

G Lynn Campbell Library, 1955 N. Allen Rd, Kimball, MI 48074

Mon. & Thurs. 12 – 8

Tues, Wed, Fri, & Sat. 9 – 5

The plan will also be available on the Township website at www.kimballtownship.org

Comments can be sent to:

Kimball Township Parks and Recreation Plan

c/o Supervisor, Robert Usakowski

2160 Wadhams Rd

Kimball, MI 48074

robusakowski@kimballtownship.org

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday February 16 at 6:00pm at the Kimball Township Office located at 2160 Wadhams Rd, Kimball Township, MI 48074 for the purpose of obtaining additional public input.

Robert Hand, Clerk

Township of Kimball

TOWNSHIP OF KIMBALL ST CLAIR COUNTY

RESOLUTION #04 OF 2016

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2016-2020

At a regular meeting of the Board of the Township of Kimball, held in the Township Hall in the Township of Kimball, County of St Clair, Michigan, on the 16th day of February, 2016, there were

PRESENT: USAKOWSKI, JACKSON, HAND, STURDEVANT AND WRUBEL.

ABSENT: KILROY AND RITTER.

The following resolution was offered by Usakowski, and supported by Hand.

WHEREAS, the Township of Kimball has undertaken the creation of the Five Year – Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2016-2020 which provides an inventory of existing recreation facilities, prospective public facilities, and an action program to be taken for improvement and maintenance of recreation facilities during the period between 2016 and 2020, and

WHEREAS, several public comment and input sessions were held as noted in the plan of the subject Parks and Recreation Plan, which allowed opinions to be expressed, discussion of opportunities and challenges, questions to be asked and discussed on all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Kimball has developed a plan concurrent with the needs and desires of its citizens, designed to benefit the entire community, and

WHEREAS, said Recreation Plan was presented at public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Kimball Board hereby adopts the above stated Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving future recreation efforts for the residents of Kimball Township.

YES: 5

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED TOWNSHIP OF KIMBALL



ROBERT G. HAND, CLERK

Adopted February 16, 2016

Appendix E - Previous DNR Grant

The Township has received grants on three occasions for park development and improvements. A Land & Water Conservation Grant was received in 1973. Bond Fund Grants were received in 1989 and 1998.

Below are the details of the grants as supplied by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The list contains the grant number, year the grant was received and some of the grant details.

Project 26-004417 1973

Grant Amount: \$32,200.00



The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant allowed for the construction of a comfort station at Sutherland Park, referred to at the time as Kimball Township Park. The comfort station includes restrooms and is still in operation today. It also included parking east of the comfort station, concrete walks, and a septic tank, all of which are in use today. A 663 foot woven wire fence was constructed adjacent to the access road which is now longer present.

Project BF89-062 1989

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

This grant was part of the “Protecting Michigan’s Future” Recreation Bond (BF) Program. This grant included a new 30 x 40 picnic shelter, handicap accessible dock, second parking area, playground equipment and sidewalks. This project also created a soccer field that has since been converted into a baseball diamond, seeding, fill and backstop and side fencing. All of these items remain in use today.



Project BF98-257 1998

Grant Amount: \$22,200.00

This grant allowed for the construction of a trail around the pond at Sutherland Park that could be used for nature hikes

and cross country skiing. The grant also included monies for safety caps on the fencing around each of the baseball diamonds and included safety surface on two of the ball diamonds. Additional items include picnic equipment (tables and grills) and parking lot improvements. The pond was stocked with fish. A third baseball diamond was created in the location of the former soccer field.