



# **2017 Frenchtown Charter Township Community Recreation Plan**

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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **What this plan contains**

The Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan begins with a brief overview of the plan and its purpose as well as a description of the planning process which was used to develop the plan. The plan then presents a Community Description, providing information on both the physical and social characteristics of the community. This section is followed by a brief outline of the local park system's Administrative Structure, including information on budget, staffing, and organization. The plan then provides a detailed Recreation Inventory, which describes the existing recreational resources of Frenchtown Charter Township, as well as in Monroe County and the southeast Michigan region. The Public Input Process section presents the results of a community survey as well as input from the two public hearings held as part of the plan approval process. The Goals and Objectives section presents the justification and other documentation identifying the community's recreational needs over the five-year planning cycle. The Action Program then presents the plan's objectives as well as a capital improvement schedule and strategies for implementation. Finally, the Plan Adoption section includes resolutions documenting the plan's adoption by the Township Recreation Committee and the Township Board.

## **Purpose of Plan**

Recreation and open space are important to the residents of Frenchtown Charter Township and the Township's Recreation Committee. Since 1970, when the Frenchtown Recreation Committee was formed, concerted efforts have been made to assure that the recreational needs of the community are being met. The Frenchtown Recreation and Open Space Plan has been developed to provide a guide for meeting these needs.

The first recreation plan for Frenchtown was prepared in 1971 and included both long range and short range goals, many of which were accomplished in the following years. Updated plans were prepared in 1976, 1981, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2006 and 2011.

This 2017 Plan Update contains a community description, an inventory of existing facilities, a needs assessment, goals and objectives, and strategies for implementation. It is hoped that this document will serve as a guide to helping the community achieve its recreation and open space goals over the five-year planning period.

## **Planning Process**

The Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan was developed with input from Township officials, the members and employees of the Frenchtown

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Recreation Committee, and the residents of the Frenchtown Charter Township. The Monroe County Planning Department provided technical support and assistance and prepared the plan as part of its Partners-in-Planning program. The Frenchtown Senior Citizens Center and the Jefferson School District are represented at Recreation Committee meetings. All meetings of the Boards and Committees were open to the public and public input was encouraged during all phases of the planning process. The following table shows who was involved during various phases of the plan's preparation:

	<b>Public Opinion Survey</b>	<b>Recreation Inventory &amp; Community Description</b>	<b>Goal Formulation</b>	<b>Action Program</b>	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>Plan Adoption</b>
<b>Frenchtown Twp. Officials</b>					✓	✓
<b>Frenchtown Rec. Committee</b>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>General Public</b>	✓				✓	
<b>County Planning Department Staff</b>		✓		✓		



## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

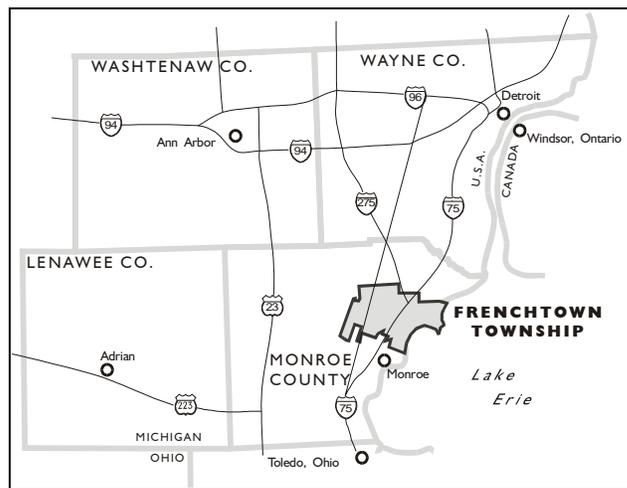
Frenchtown Charter Township is a large and diverse community with unique recreational needs. This plan has been developed to serve the entire Frenchtown community, although it is recognized that people from outside of Frenchtown Charter Township use our recreational facilities and services, just as Frenchtown residents use other community, regional, and state parks. Within the borders of the Township are parts of three school districts (Monroe, Airport, and Jefferson), two Monroe County parks, and one state park. However, as the Township has no control or authority to plan for these facilities, this plan is intended to guide the growth and development of only the recreational opportunities which fall under the jurisdiction of Frenchtown Charter Township.

### Regional Setting

Frenchtown Charter Township is located in eastern Monroe County on the shores of Lake Erie. Bordered on the south by the City of Monroe, on the west by Raisinville Township, and on the north by Berlin and Ash Townships, Frenchtown is a growing community with ever increasing demand for recreational services.

Frenchtown's location provides its residents with the advantages of living in a rural environment within easy access of major metropolitan areas. Within a 30-minute drive of Frenchtown are the City of Monroe, the downriver communities of Wayne County, the Huron River, and the cities of Detroit and Toledo, as well as the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Easy access to major transportation corridors (US-24, I-75, I-275) gives area residents a variety of choices in terms of employment, shopping and recreation.

### Regional Setting



## **Population & Housing Characteristics**

According to the most recent (2010) US Census, the population of Frenchtown Charter Township was 20,428. This represents virtually no change from the 2000 Census population of 20,777, but a fairly sizable increase – 14% – from the 1990 Census population of 18,210. The number of households increased at an even higher rate (22%) from 6,539 in 1990 to 7,958 in 2010.

The following tables give a detailed summary of Frenchtown’s demographics, with information from the most recent available Census survey for general population data, social and economic profiles, and housing characteristics.

**Frenchtown Charter Township  
Population Characteristics – American Community Survey – 2010-2014**

**Demographic Characteristics**

	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>20,215</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Male	9,823	396	48.6%	2.0
Female	10,392	399	51.4%	2.0
Under 5 years	1,483	303	7.3%	1.5
5 to 9 years	1,485	277	7.3%	1.4
10 to 14 years	1,105	241	5.5%	1.2
15 to 19 years	1,051	247	5.2%	1.2
20 to 24 years	1,557	288	7.7%	1.4
25 to 34 years	2,413	326	11.9%	1.6
35 to 44 years	2,545	285	12.6%	1.4
45 to 54 years	3,125	333	15.5%	1.6
55 to 59 years	1,291	225	6.4%	1.1
60 to 64 years	1,278	230	6.3%	1.1
65 to 74 years	1,653	223	8.2%	1.1
75 to 84 years	800	169	4.0%	0.8
85 years and over	429	117	2.1%	0.6
Median age (years)	39.4	2.0	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	15,404	375	76.2%	1.8
21 years and over	14,698	409	72.7%	2.0
62 years and over	3,637	362	18.0%	1.8
65 years and over	2,882	287	14.3%	1.4
<b>18 years and over</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Male	7,328	372	47.6%	2.0
Female	8,076	348	52.4%	2.0
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Male	1,217	162	42.2%	3.9
Female	1,665	205	57.8%	3.9
<b>RACE</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>20,215</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20,215</b>	<b>(X)</b>
One race	20,012	100	99.0%	0.5
White	19,011	435	94.0%	2.2
Black or African American	579	296	2.9%	1.5
Amer. Indian & Alaska Native	26	25	0.1%	0.1
Asian	64	69	0.3%	0.3
Nat.Hawaiian & Pacific Islander	0	18	0.0%	0.1
Some other race	332	340	1.6%	1.7
Two or more races	203	95	1.0%	0.5
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b>				
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	924	309	4.6%	1.5

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<b>Social Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Margin of Error (+/-)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Margin of Error (+/-)</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>+/-297</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	5,153	+/-260	65.0 %	+/-3.2
With own children under 18 years	2,333	+/-194	29.4 %	+/-2.9
Married-couple family	3,788	+/-282	47.8 %	+/-3.6
With own children under 18 years	1,490	+/-201	18.8 %	+/-2.8
Male householder, no wife present, family	419	+/-127	5.3 %	+/-1.6
With own children under 18 years	272	+/-102	3.4 %	+/-1.3
Female householder, no husband present, family	946	+/-239	11.9 %	+/-3.0
With own children under 18 years	571	+/-163	7.2 %	+/-2.1
Nonfamily households	2,770	+/-308	35.0 %	+/-3.2
Householder living alone	2,121	+/-320	26.8 %	+/-3.4
65 years and over	740	+/-155	9.3 %	+/-1.9
Households with one or more people under 18 years	2,670	+/-201	33.7 %	+/-3.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	1,920	+/-200	24.2 %	+/-2.3
Average household size	2.51	+/-0.10	(X)	(X)
Average family size	3.08	+/-0.12	(X)	(X)
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>				
Population in households	19,918	125	19,918	(X)
Householder	7,923	297	39.8 %	1.5
Spouse	3,768	276	18.9 %	1.4
Child	6,139	428	30.8 %	2.1
Other relatives	821	222	4.1 %	1.1
Nonrelatives	1,267	398	6.4 %	2.0
Unmarried partner	659	192	3.3 %	1.0
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>4,885</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>4,885</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Nursery school, preschool	277	119	5.7 %	2.4
Kindergarten	451	164	9.2 %	3.3
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	1,904	278	39.0 %	4.2
High school (grades 9-12)	1,132	249	23.2 %	4.4
College or graduate school	1,121	189	22.9 %	3.5
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>13,534</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>13,534</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than 9th grade	587	196	4.3 %	1.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,394	280	10.3 %	2.1
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	5,241	402	38.7 %	2.7
Some college, no degree	3,242	390	24.0 %	2.6
Associate's degree	1,108	220	8.2 %	1.6
Bachelor's degree	1,171	244	8.7 %	1.8
Graduate or professional degree	791	183	5.8 %	1.3
Percent high school graduate or higher	85.4 %	2.6		
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	14.5 %	2.1		
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>				
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Civilian veterans	1,246	181	8.1 %	1.2

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<b>Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Margin of Error (+/-)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Margin of Error (+/-)</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>				
<b>Population 16 years and over</b>	<b>15,994</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>15,994</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	9,314	483	58.2 %	2.6
Civilian labor force	9,314	483	58.2 %	2.6
Employed	8,110	485	50.7 %	2.7
Unemployed	1,204	272	7.5 %	1.7
Armed Forces	0	18	0.0 %	0.1
Not in labor force	6,680	432	41.8 %	2.6
<b>Civilian labor force</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Percent Unemployed	(X)	(X)	12.9 %	2.8
<b>Females 16 years and over</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>(X)</b>
In labor force	4,325	422	51.9 %	4.2
Civilian labor force	4,325	422	51.9 %	4.2
Employed	3,807	405	45.7 %	4.1
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>				
<b>Workers 16 years and over</b>	<b>7,925</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>7,925</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone	6,672	509	84.2 %	3.3
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled	698	224	8.8 %	2.9
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	274	131	3.5 %	1.6
Walked	61	40	0.8 %	0.5
Other means	40	31	0.5 %	0.4
Worked at home	180	108	2.3 %	1.4
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.2	1.5	(X)	(X)
<b>OCCUPATION</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>8,110</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>8,110</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Management, professional, and related occupations	1,997	263	24.6 %	3.3
Service occupations	1,615	306	19.9 %	3.3
Sales and office occupations	1,796	369	22.1 %	4.0
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	927	241	11.4 %	3.0
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	1,775	251	21.9 %	3.0
<b>INDUSTRY</b>				
<b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>	<b>8,110</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>8,110</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	104	85	1.3 %	1.0
Construction	359	115	4.4 %	1.4
Manufacturing	1,713	276	21.1 %	3.1
Wholesale trade	96	57	1.2 %	0.7
Retail trade	1,039	257	12.8 %	3.0
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	727	180	9.0 %	2.2
Information	52	36	0.6 %	0.4
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	282	101	3.5 %	1.3
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	593	170	7.3 %	2.2
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	1,704	284	21.0 %	3.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation, and food services	884	297	10.9 %	3.4
Other services, except public administration	316	103	3.9 %	1.3
Public administration	241	142	3.0 %	1.7

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**INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2014 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)**

<b>Total households</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	437	131	5.5 %	1.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	648	192	8.2 %	2.4
\$15,000 to \$24,999	782	184	9.9 %	2.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	979	234	12.4 %	2.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,583	305	20.0 %	3.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,286	265	16.2 %	3.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,240	234	15.7 %	3.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	620	129	7.8 %	1.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	129	68	1.6 %	0.9
\$200,000 or more	219	101	2.8 %	1.3
Median household income (dollars)	45,562	3,005	(X)	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	58,068	3,359	(X)	(X)
<b>Families</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$10,000	271	141	5.3 %	2.7
\$10,000 to \$14,999	302	145	5.9 %	2.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	320	122	6.2 %	2.3
\$25,000 to \$34,999	484	155	9.4 %	2.9
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,153	250	22.4 %	4.7
\$50,000 to \$74,999	745	152	14.5 %	2.7
\$75,000 to \$99,999	987	205	19.2 %	4.1
\$100,000 to \$149,999	572	130	11.1 %	2.4
\$150,000 to \$199,999	125	67	2.4 %	1.3
\$200,000 or more	194	96	3.8 %	1.8
Median family income (dollars)	51,292	5,843	(X)	(X)
Mean family income (dollars)	66,553	4,642	(X)	(X)
Per capita income (dollars)	23,231	1,466	(X)	(X)

**PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL**

All families	12.9 %	3.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	21.9 %	6.8	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	23.1 %	18.2	(X)	(X)
Married couple families	7.4 %	3.3	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	13.2 %	6.4	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	6.5 %	8.5	(X)	(X)
Families with female householder, no husband present	36.9 %	13.5	(X)	(X)
With related children under 18 years	48.0 %	18.0	(X)	(X)
With related children under 5 years only	70.5 %	35.6	(X)	(X)
All people	16.4 %	3.7	(X)	(X)
Under 18 years	25.5 %	7.9	(X)	(X)
Related children under 18 years	25.3 %	8.0	(X)	(X)
Related children under 5 years	33.2 %	15.1	(X)	(X)
Related children 5 to 17 years	21.7 %	7.2	(X)	(X)
18 years and over	13.8 %	3.1	(X)	(X)
18 to 64 years	15.4 %	3.7	(X)	(X)
65 years and over	5.9 %	2.8	(X)	(X)
People in families	14.1 %	4.2	(X)	(X)
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	26.2 %	7.7	(X)	(X)

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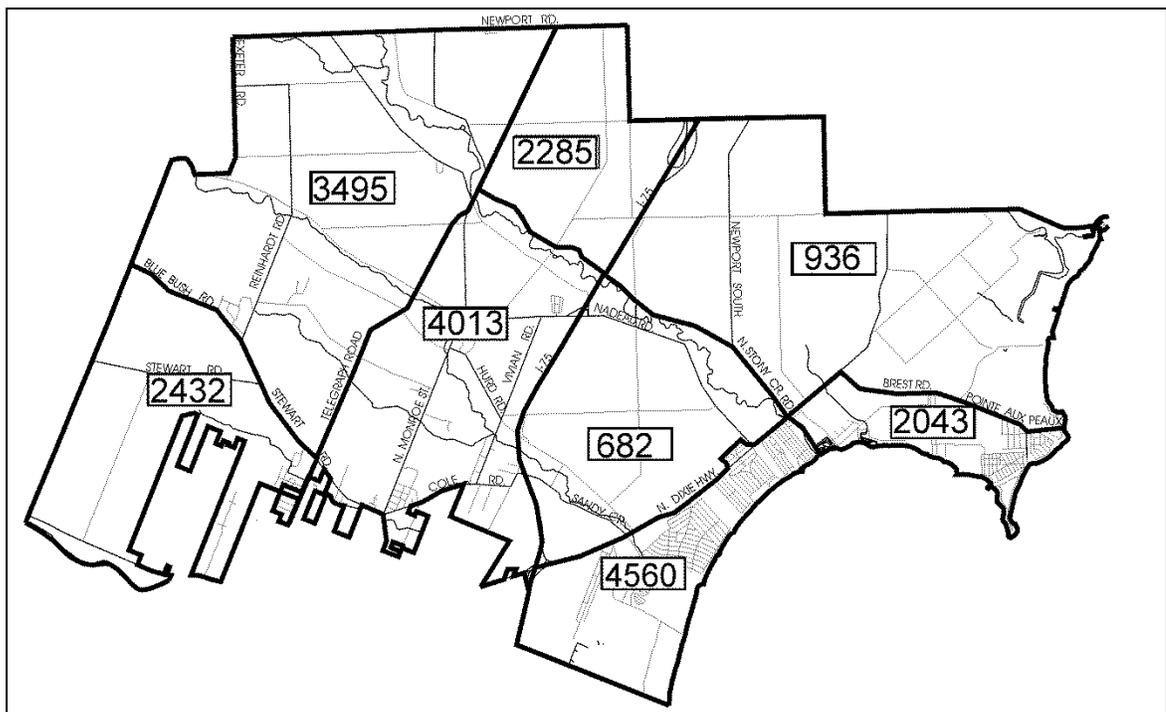
Housing Characteristics	Estimate	Margin of Error (+/-)	Percent	Margin of Error (+/-)
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>342</b>		<b>(X)</b>
Occupied housing units	7,923	297	90.1 %	2.4
Vacant housing units	866	224	9.9 %	2.4
Homeowner vacancy rate	5.1	2.4	(X)	(X)
Rental vacancy rate	11.9	6.4	(X)	(X)
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>(X)</b>
1-unit, detached	5,698	290	64.8 %	2.7
1-unit, attached	159	101	1.8 %	1.2
2 units	60	52	0.7 %	0.6
3 or 4 units	73	70	0.8 %	0.8
5 to 9 units	490	142	5.6 %	1.6
10 to 19 units	258	113	2.9 %	1.3
20 or more units	550	162	6.3 %	1.8
Mobile home	1,501	238	17.1 %	2.4
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>				
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Built 2010 or later	56	55	0.6 %	0.6
Built 2000 to 2009	685	136	7.8 %	1.6
Built 1990 to 1999	2,045	286	23.3 %	2.9
Built 1980 to 1989	1,097	259	12.5 %	2.9
Built 1970 to 1979	1,096	190	12.5 %	2.1
Built 1960 to 1969	742	168	8.4 %	2.0
Built 1950 to 1959	1,450	191	16.5 %	2.0
Built 1940 to 1949	805	208	9.2 %	2.3
Built 1939 or earlier	813	229	9.3 %	2.7
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Owner-occupied	5,824	339	73.5 %	2.9
Renter-occupied	2,099	229	26.5 %	2.9
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>				
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Moved in 2010 or later	1,804	303	22.8 %	3.8
Moved in 2000 to 2009	2,987	354	37.7 %	4.2
Moved in 1990 to 1999	1,589	305	20.1 %	3.8
Moved in 1980 to 1989	577	130	7.3 %	1.6
Moved in 1970 to 1979	428	104	5.4 %	1.3
Moved in 1969 or earlier	538	104	6.8 %	1.3
<b>VALUE</b>				
<b>Owner-occupied units</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Less than \$50,000	1,287	228	22.1 %	3.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,318	222	22.6 %	3.5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,090	196	18.7 %	3.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,005	185	17.3 %	3.2
\$200,000 to \$299,999	791	183	13.6 %	3.1
\$300,000 to \$499,999	245	109	4.2 %	1.8
\$500,000 to \$999,999	26	29	0.4 %	0.5
\$1,000,000 or more	62	67	1.1 %	1.1
Median (dollars)	111,300	+/-8,477	(X)	(X)

An analysis of these data with respect to recreation planning reveals that there are a number of special populations whose recreational needs should be addressed. There are significant numbers of persons under age 18 as well as over age 65. These groups have individualized recreation needs which should be addressed. Although not reported in these data, there are also a large number of people with disabilities who should also be included in planning for future needs, as well as people living below poverty level. The persons living in apartments and mobile homes may have a greater need for outdoor recreation space than persons living in detached single family housing.

## Population Distribution

The population distribution map of Frenchtown Charter Township, based on the 2010 Census block data, reveals that the largest population densities are located along the Lake Erie coastline, as well as in the areas of the Township which border the City of Monroe. The northern areas of the Township are mostly agricultural and contain much smaller populations. Two noteworthy observations on population distribution in Frenchtown Charter Township:

- Approximately one-third of the population lives on the Lake Erie side of a line connecting Dixie Highway and Pointe Aux Peaux Road.
- There are more persons living west of I-75 than east of I-75 (60% vs 40%).



## Population Trends and Projections

The following tables depict the population growth for the study area, as well as projected population increases. Frenchtown has experienced rapid growth since the 1940s, growing from 3,757 people to the current population of over 20,000. The most recent population projections developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (2010) predict steady growth for the Frenchtown area, with a 15.7% increase in population between 2010 and 2040. By 2040, Frenchtown Charter Township, with a population of 23,633 is projected to be not only the largest community in the Monroe area, but also the fastest growing, both in terms of population gain and percent growth. It can therefore be assumed that the demand for recreation will continue to grow at a steady rate and that the Township will continue to need to expand the range of recreational services available to the public.

### Population Trends and Projections 1940 – 2030

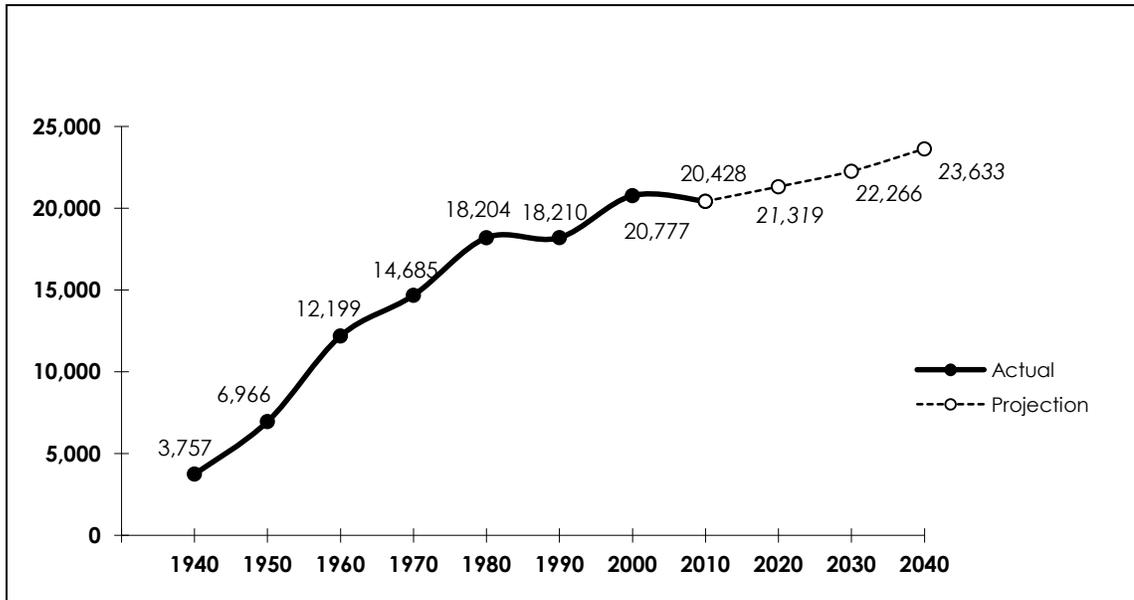
<b>POPULATION TRENDS</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>percent change 1940-2010</b>
<b>Frenchtown Charter Township</b>	3,757	6,966	12,199	14,685	18,204	18,210	20,777	20,428	444 %
Monroe County	58,620	75,666	101,120	118,479	134,659	133,600	145,945	152,021	159 %

Source: US Census Bureau

<b>POPULATION PROJECTIONS</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2040</b>	<b>percent growth 2010 - 2040</b>
<b>Frenchtown Charter Township</b>	20,428	21,319	22,266	23,633	15.7 %
Monroe County	152,021	156,592	160,841	164,720	8.4 %

Source: SEMCOG (2010 Regional Development Forecast)

### Population Trends and Projections 1940 - 2040



Source: 2008 SEMCOG Regional Development Forecast

### Employment Trends

Frenchtown Charter Township has a wide variety of employment opportunities and has experienced significant growth in its employment base, especially in regard to higher paying industrial jobs, as well as jobs in the retail and service sectors. Some of the larger employers located within the Township include the two Detroit Edison power plants (Fermi II and Monroe), TWB and Spartan Steel, the Meijer Newport distribution center, the Meijer retail store, the Mall of Monroe, and the Jefferson Public Schools. In addition, many residents are employed elsewhere in the county or region, including Monroe, Detroit and Toledo. As the Township continues to grow and to attract industrial and retail development, employment opportunities will also continue to expand.

### Physical Conditions

Frenchtown Charter Township is located in an area which is characterized by flat topography, fertile soils, and numerous small rivers, creeks, and drains. About half of the Township is agricultural land (33%), with residential development (42%), industrial/utility (8%), commercial uses (6%), and parks, recreation and open space (6%) making up the bulk of the remainder.

The most significant natural resource in Frenchtown is Lake Erie. With approximately 10 miles of shoreline, Lake Erie offers residents a variety of water-based recreational opportunities, including fishing, boating, and swim-

ming. The Township also has almost 2 miles of shoreline on the River Raisin. Other major water bodies include Sandy Creek and Stony Creek, both of which drain into Lake Erie. Both of these creeks are associated with a forested flood plain which, due to the fact that these areas are not well suited for either farming or housing, has resulted in long, narrow natural areas in the Township. These stream corridors have the potential to serve as linear parks, natural areas, wildlife habitat, or recreational trails.

Forested areas in the township consist primarily of lowland hardwood forests (elm-ash-maple) located in flood plains and along streams. Upland hardwood forests (oak-hickory) are present in higher elevations and on better drained soils. Forested areas can be attractive settings for parks, picnic areas, or nature preserves. About 20% of Frenchtown's land cover is made up of trees and forested land.

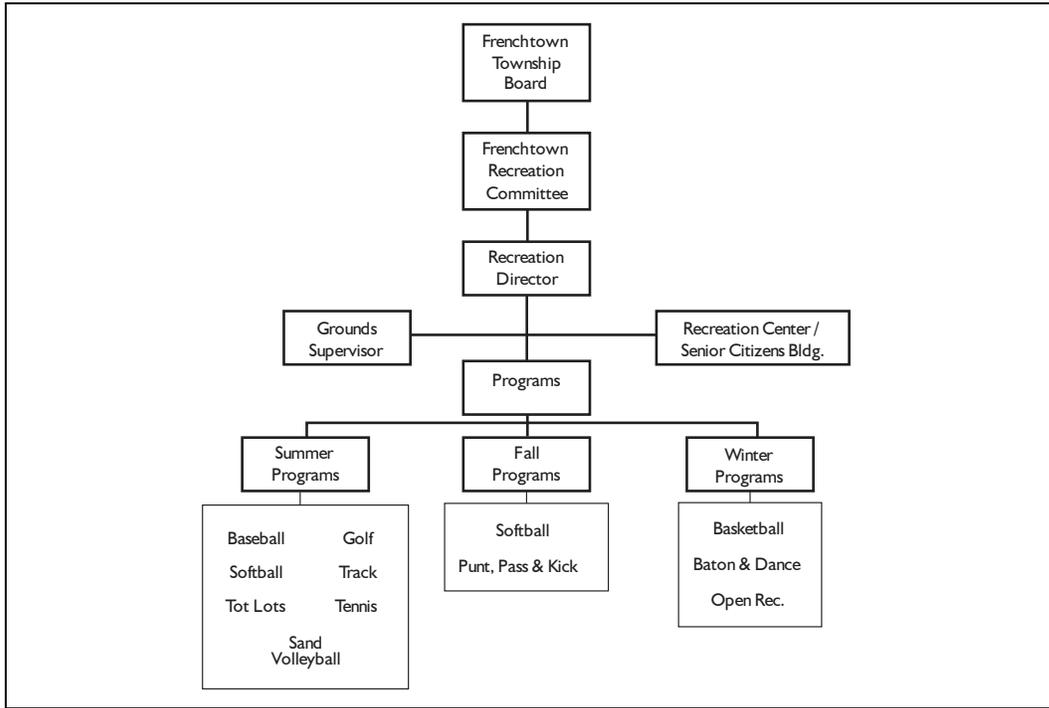
Frenchtown Charter Township's position on the shore of Lake Erie has a moderating effect on the local climate, which although it may result in a slightly longer season than most other Michigan communities for such sports as softball or tennis, the mild winters present obstacles for the development of outdoor ice skating programs or cross-country ski trails.

### Frenchtown Charter Township Land Use – 2000



## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Frenchtown Recreation Committee was established by the Frenchtown Township Board on September 22, 1970 in accordance with Public Act 156 of 1917. The Committee consists of five members: four are appointed from township residents and one is a Township Board representative. Traditionally one member represents the Jefferson School Board due to the fact that the school district and the township have a history of close cooperation on recreational facilities and programming.



The Committee makes a recommendation and the Township Board appoints a Recreation Director following a recommendation from the Township Hiring Committee. The Director hires personnel as necessary, with Township approval, to operate the programs and maintain recreational facilities. The number of staff varies from 8 - 10 part-time winter employees who act as scorers, time keepers, and officials, to the approximately 50 part-time people hired each summer for maintenance, tot lots, baseball, and softball programs. Volunteer park workers have occasionally provided enhancements and maintenance to the township parks.

Parks and Recreation is funded entirely through the Township's general fund in addition to grants and donations. The adopted budget for 2016 totaled \$347,100. The parks and recreation budget contains the following line items:

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		2016
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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
Dept 751: GENERAL PARKS & RECREATION		
101-751-703.009	Recreation Director	21,000
101-751-704.009	Grounds Supervisor	38,100
101-751-707.009	Recreation Temporary Help	89,000
101-751-709.000	Overtime	5,000
101-751-725.009	Recreation Committee Board	1,000
101-751-740.000	Supplies	16,000
101-751-740.001	Gas	7,000
101-751-740.004	Youth Ball	14,000
101-751-740.005	Designated Donations/Expenditures	500
101-751-740.009	Adult Recreation	10,000
101-751-826.000	Legal	750
101-751-850.000	Telephone	2,000
101-751-860.000	Travel	250
101-751-920.000	Utilities	6,000
101-751-928.000	Park Lighting	2,500
101-751-931.000	Maint/Project Costs	30,000
101-751-933.000	Equipment Maintenance	4,000
101-751-959.000	Cont. To Other Communities	1,000
101-751-971.000	Land	0
101-751-976.009	Park Development	70,000
101-751-977.000	Capital Outlay/Equipment	29,000
Totals for Dept 751-GENERAL PARKS & RECREATION		347,100

The Recreation Committee maintains a close relationship with the Jefferson School District which has a recreation center. Township residents participate in recreational programs offered by the three school districts which are (in part) located within the township (Airport, Jefferson, and Monroe). Members of the Frenchtown Senior Center are eligible for membership in the Jefferson Recreation Center, which is normally open only to residents of the district. Residents may also participate in organized leagues, sports programs, and other recreational activities through a variety of local organizations and private facilities, including the Monroe Area Soccer Association, the YMCA, Catholic Youth Organization, and the Monroe Golf and Country Club.

## **RECREATION INVENTORY**

The residents of Frenchtown Charter Township are able to take advantage of a variety of recreational resources on the regional, county and local levels, as well as privately owned facilities. This chapter describes these resources and provides a detailed description of recreation at the local level.

### **Regional and County Recreation**

A variety of regional recreational facilities and opportunities are available to residents of Frenchtown Charter Township. The following map shows the major parks and recreational facilities in southeast Michigan. These parks generally are large facilities with a large service area and with opportunities for camping, swimming, boating, hiking, golf, and other activities which are generally beyond the ability of a small community to provide.

Within Monroe County are several regional level facilities, including Sterling State Park, Pte. Mouillee State Game Area, as well as other State game areas, boat launch sites, historic sites and other areas of interest.

The State-owned facilities provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, and hiking — opportunities which would be difficult or impossible for the Township to provide.

The County Parks provide large areas for active sports, picnicking, special events, exercise, and play. Nike Park, located in the northern part of the Township, consists of 80 acres with restrooms, parking, soccer fields, picnic sites, play equipment, and open space. Heck Park, located partially within the Township, provides open space and a sled hill as well as a Vietnam War memorial and museum. A recently awarded grant will provide the park with new playground equipment, walking paths, exercise equipment, and picnic areas.

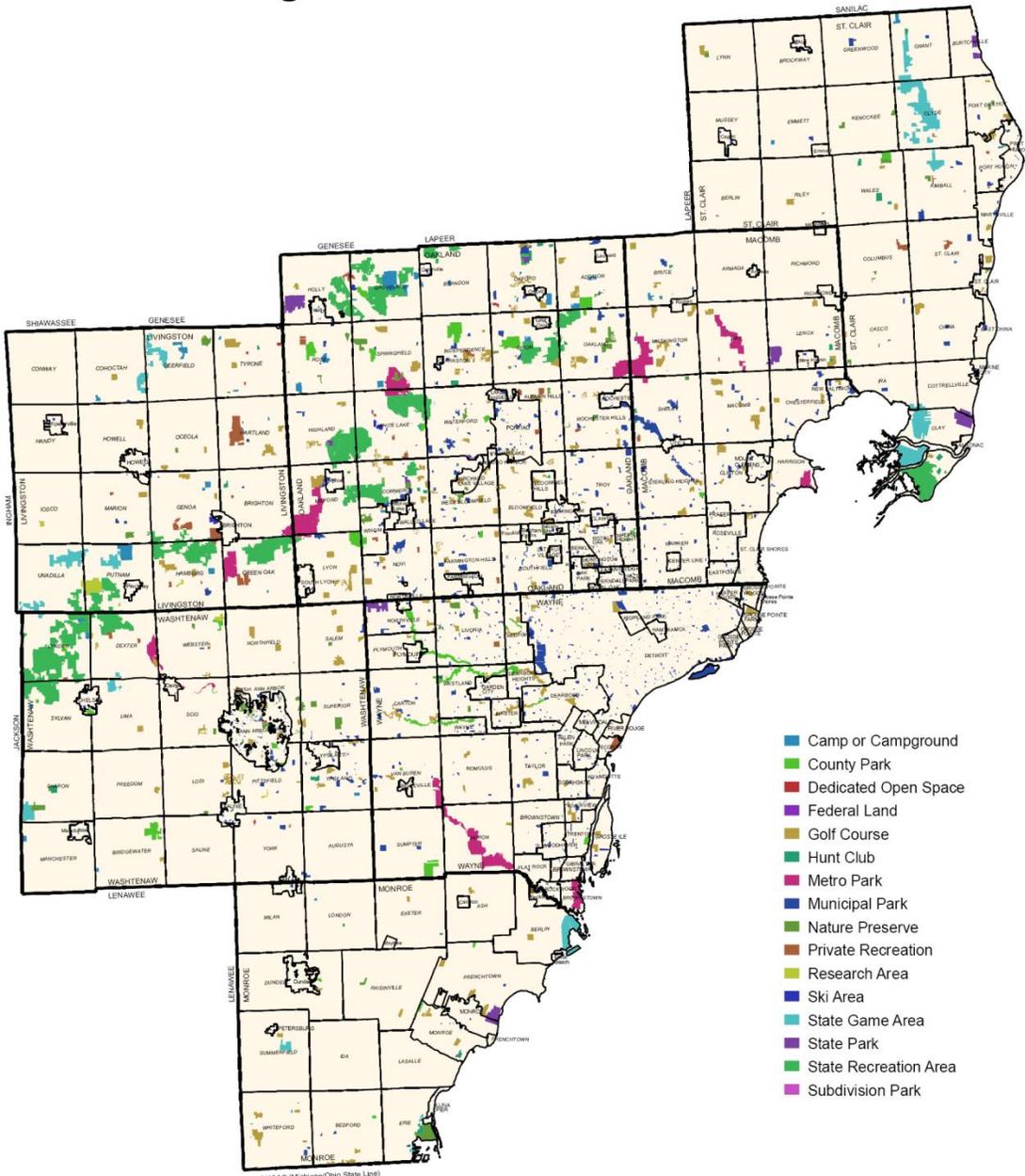
Other recreational facilities in the County include the County Fairgrounds, the County Museum and historical sites, City of Monroe parks and the parks of other municipalities (most of which are open to all), and private recreational facilities, including the YMCA, racquet clubs, gymnasiums, bowling centers, and the like.

### **Local Recreation**

Within Frenchtown Charter Township are 3 Township Parks as well as 2 county parks, 1 state park, 3 school facilities, and a large number of private parks, including subdivision and mobile home park facilities, golf courses, and marinas.

Major Parks and Recreation Facilities in Southeast Michigan

# Recreation and Open Space Southeast Michigan



- Camp or Campground
- County Park
- Dedicated Open Space
- Federal Land
- Golf Course
- Hunt Club
- Metro Park
- Municipal Park
- Nature Preserve
- Private Recreation
- Research Area
- Ski Area
- State Game Area
- State Park
- State Recreation Area
- Subdivision Park

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## **Township Parks**

Frenchtown Kiwanis Park, located on Nadeau Road, provides a large open space with lighted ball diamonds, a recreation hall available for private rental and for organizations, play equipment, and storage building. Additional unused land provides open space and a natural area with potential for future development.

The Frenchtown Charter Township Hall Park on Vivian Road contains the Township Hall and a multi-purpose recreation building, as well as a lighted ball diamond, lighted tennis courts, fitness trail, sledding hill, 2 sand volleyball courts, 2 picnic areas with grills, horseshoe pits, bocci courts and a playground.

The recently acquired and developed Park #3 contains a pavilion, walking paths, play equipment, picnic grounds, basketball courts and parking. Future development will add additional facilities, including a ball diamond, restrooms a second pavilion, lighting, a pedestrian connection to the library, and a possible skating rink. A preliminary site plan appears on the following page.

## **Township Programs**

In addition to facilities, the Township provides a wealth of recreation programs and opportunities for local residents. Recreational programs offered include:

- Softball (men's, women's and youth)
- Punt, Pass & Kick
- Basketball (men's and youth)
- Tennis and Golf Instruction
- Baseball (ages 6 - 17)
- Arts & Crafts
- Baton & Dance Lessons
- Playground (tot-lot programs)

Recreation programs are offered year-round. The summer program includes adult softball and golf lessons, and youth programs such as track and field, baseball, softball, and tot-lots. Summer adult softball includes five woman's and over 40 men's teams, while youth softball includes leagues for 9-11 year old Minors; 12-13 year old Juniors; and 15-17 year old Seniors. Youth softball attracts over 100 children per year. Baseball is also provided for youth recreation with an average of 210 children participating in the four separate leagues: 9-10 year old Minor; 11-12 year old Major; 13-14 year old Junior, and 15-17 year old Senior. Tee ball and transition league for children aged 6-8 attracts approximately 220 children each summer as well.

Other less athletic programs offered for children include a yearly Tot-Lot program which incorporates ten sites around the Township serving roughly 200 children per day. Additional organized activities include tennis lessons, arts and crafts, games, and field trips.

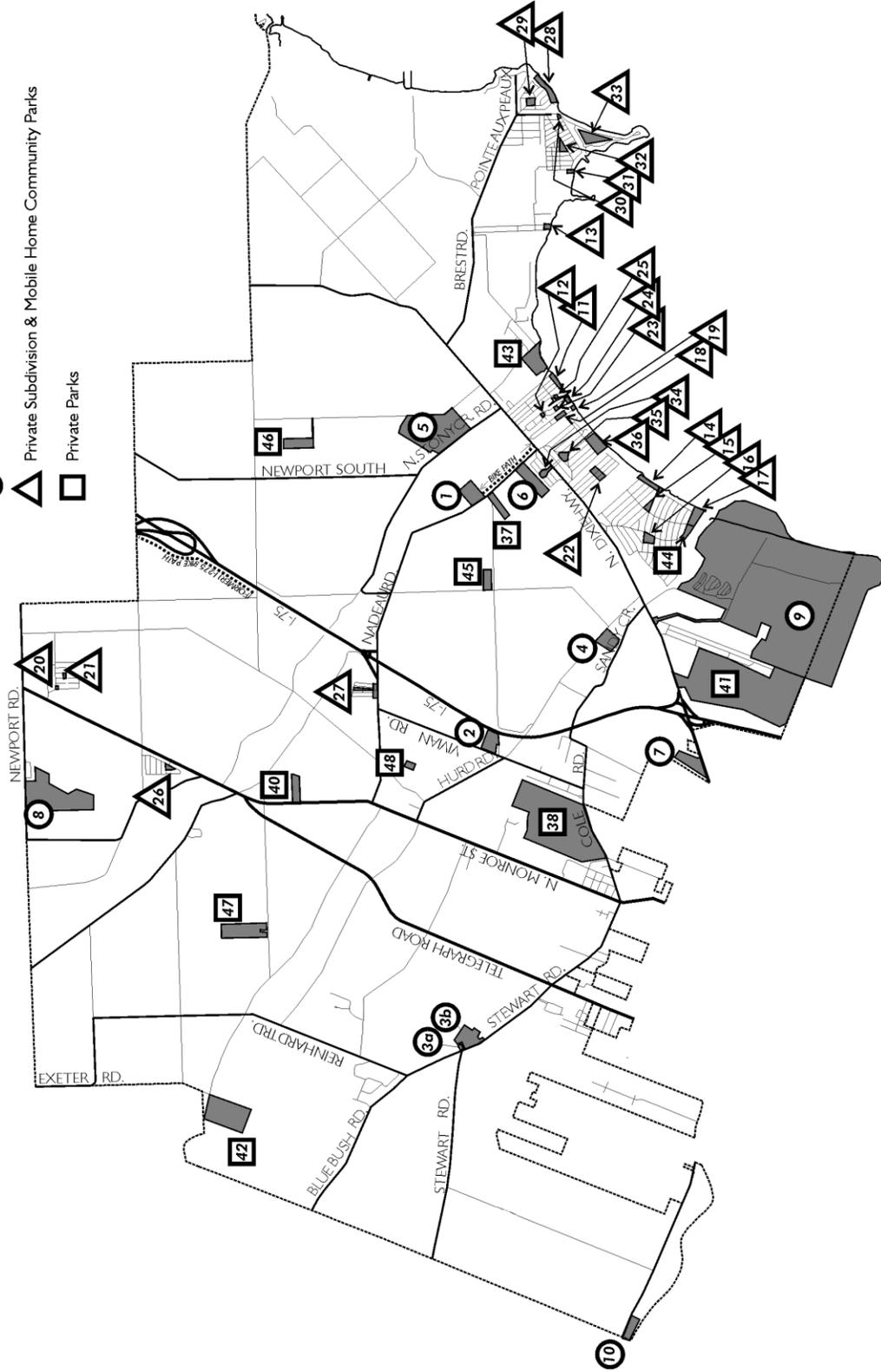
During the fall, an adult softball league is organized for all who are interested. The Township also offers a punt, pass, and kick competition for 8-13 year

olds. Winners of this yearly event advance to regional and state level competitions. The winter and spring recreation programs feature recreational nights for men and women at area gyms, and basketball and volleyball leagues, each consisting of eight teams. For the youth, basketball leagues for fifth- and sixth-graders are provided, along with baton and dance classes for grades K-6.

The Frenchtown Recreation Committee also maintains a Recreation Center building, however, year round programming is provided for by the staff of the Frenchtown Senior Center which offers a wide variety of programs. The Senior Center has over 1,700 members.

Frenchtown Township Park Inventory

- Public Parks
- △ Private Subdivision & Mobile Home Community Parks
- Private Parks



## Frenchtown Charter Township Park Inventory

### PUBLIC PARKS

map number	park name	park type	service area	acres	facilities available
1	Frenchtown Kiwanis Park	township park	community	15.4	recreation hall, storage building, picnic shelter, 2 ball diamonds (lighted), playground (3 climbers, 2 slides, swings, spring rider), picnic tables, grills, volleyball court, horseshoe pit, archery range, natural area/flood plain, funnel ball, tether ball, archery range, teeter totter, sand boxes, bike lane connecting with Dixie Hwy.
2	Frenchtown Township Hall Park	township park	community	8.5	multi-purpose recreation building, ½ mile fitness course, 2 picnic shelters, ball diamond (lighted), 2 tennis courts (lighted), sledding hill, slide, swing, 2 horseshoe pits, 2 sand volleyball courts, 1 basketball court (lighted), bocci ball court, 4 grills
3a	Library & Fire Hall	library	community	0.4	picnic table
3b	Frenchtown Twp. Park #3	township park	community	16.2	pavilion, walking paths, play equipment, soccer field, 2 basketball courts, picnic grounds, parking, ball diamonds, pavilion, tennis courts
4	Hurd Road School (DEMOLISHED - 2017)	school grounds	neighborhood	12.9	gym, 2 play structures, 8 climbers, 3 swings, 4 basketball courts, 4 spring riders, 1 ball diamond, 1 soccer field
5	Jefferson Rec. Center / High School / Junior High	school grounds	school district residents	86.7	1 olympic size indoor pool, 2 basketball courts, 1 wrestling area gym, 4 racquetball courts, 1 weight room, 3 lane indoor track, locker facilities, 2 practice football fields, 7 ball diamonds, 6 tennis cts., 400 m track, football field, soccer field
6	Sodt Elementary	school grounds	neighborhood	18.5	2 gyms, play structure, 7 climbers, 5 swings, slide, 2 ball diamonds
7	Heck Park	county park	Monroe area	15.0	sled hill, war memorial, museum [under development (2006): play ground, picnic shelter, walking path, exercise area]
8	Nike Park	county park	surrounding townships	77.9	soccer fields, play ground, picnic shelter, grills, model plane area
9	Sterling State Park	state park	region/state	929.5	swimming beach, boat launch, campground, nature trails, picnic areas, fishing access, play ground
10	Navarre-Anderson Trading Post & Martha Barker Country Store Museum	county historic site	Monroe County	1.6	historic buildings, displays, walking path, river access

### PRIVATE SUBDIVISION & MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY PARKS

map number	park name	park type	acres	facilities available
11	Bay Crest Assn.	subdivision	4.0	beach access, club house
12	Indian Trails Assn.	subdivision	1.0	play equipment, tennis court, basketball

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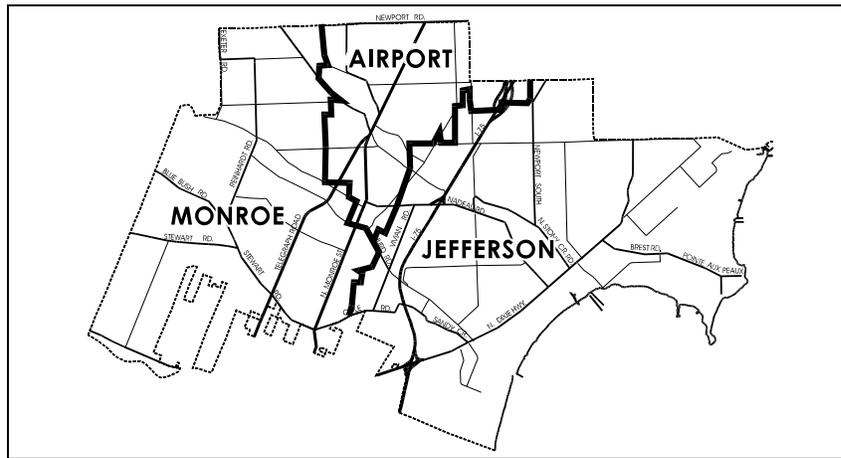
13	Brest Bay Grove	subdivision	5.5	grill, shelter, play structure, beach access
14	Detroit Beach Assn.	subdivision	2.3	beach access
15	Detroit Beach Assn.	subdivision	4.2	climbing tires
16	Detroit Beach Assn. "Bear Park"	subdivision	5.4	play structures, basketball, shelter
17	Detroit Beach Assn.	subdivision	7.3	playground, shelter, picnic tables, fishing access
18	Erie Shores Assn.	subdivision	2.1	play equipment, picnic table, basketball, ball diamond, shelter
19	Erie Shores Assn.	subdivision	0.7	beach access, picnic tables
20	Frenchtown Villa	m.h.p. park	0.4	pool, club house
21	Frenchtown Villa	m.h.p. park	0.6	play equipment
22	Grand Beach Assn.	subdivision	4.7	play equipment, tennis court, ball diamond, basketball, picnic table, storage shed
23	Indian Trails Assn.	subdivision	0.6	ball diamond
24	Indian Trails Assn.	subdivision	1.0	beach access, clubhouse
25	Indian Trails Assn.	subdivision	1.5	play equipment, basketball
26	Kimberly Estates	m.h.p. park	1.5	tennis court, pool, club house
27	Pleasantville	m.h.p. park	5.1	basketball, swings, ball diamond, play area
28	Pte. Aux Peaux Farms	subdivision	3.2	beach access
29	Pte. Aux Peaux Farms	subdivision	2.7	play equip., shelter, basketball, ball diamond
30	Stony Pt. Beach Assn.	subdivision	0.5	undeveloped
31	Stony Pt. Beach Assn.	subdivision	1.0	beach access
32	Stony Pt. Beach Assn.	subdivision	3.2	basketball, ball diamond, play equipment
33	Stony Pt. Peninsula Assn.	subdivision	5.0	play area, swings
34	Woodland Beach Assn.	subdivision	2.9	play equipment, ball diamond
35	Woodland Beach Assn.	subdivision	3.1	ball diamond
36	Woodland Beach Assn.	subdivision	10.5	play equipment, beach access

 PRIVATE PARKS

map number	park name	park type	acres	facilities available
37	Frenchtown Driving Range	golf	12.9	driving range
38	Monroe Country Club	golf	185.8	golf course (18 holes), tennis, clubhouse
39	Old Town	golf	9.9	driving range, batting cages, 9-hole par 3 golf course, miniature golf
40	River Raisin Golf Course	golf	237.9	golf course (36 holes)
41	Sandy Creek Golf Course	golf	120.0	golf course (18 holes)
42	Brest Bay Marina	marina	18.1	marina
43	Detroit Beach Boat Club	marina	3.6	marina
44	Detroit Edison Ball Field	private	7.5	ball diamond, horseshoes, volleyball, playground, banquet hall
45	Brest Bay Sportsmans Club	private	13.7	outdoor shooting range
46	Camp Lord Willing	private	28.2	campground, swimming beach
47	Soccer Field - SMCC	private	2.7	soccer field

## Schools

Frenchtown Charter Township is located in an area which is served by three different school districts - Jefferson, Monroe, and Airport (see map below), with the majority of residents located in the Jefferson district. Although most school district programs are open to anyone, regardless of residency, some programs and facilities serve only those who reside in the school district. Outdoor facilities in the Township include: Sodd Elementary School, and the Jefferson Junior and Senior High Schools, all of which are in the Jefferson District. Outdoor facilities are generally open to the public when not used by the school's programs.



The Jefferson Recreation Center, located on the High School grounds, contains extensive facilities including an indoor pool, running track, basketball courts, racquetball courts, weight room and locker facilities. The center had been closed for several years, but the passage of a millage in 2010 resulted in its re-opening. In the past this facility was available for public use by Jefferson district residents who paid a membership fee.

## Private Parks and Recreation

Many of the subdivisions and mobile home parks contain small parks for the benefit of the local residents. In the older subdivisions in the beach areas of the Township are numerous parks, many of which have play equipment, beach access, and backstops. Newer subdivisions generally have not included small parks.

Privately owned facilities include 3 golf courses, 2 driving ranges, 2 marinas, a campground, a private school's soccer field, and a shooting range. Detroit Edison also maintains a ball diamond for the use of its employees, many of which reside in the Township. Also in the Township is an indoor roller rink. Although some might consider shopping a form of recreation in itself, the Mall of Monroe, an indoor shopping center, opens its doors early in the morning for people interested in walking for fitness.

## Barrier-Free Accessibility

Frenchtown Charter Township strives to make its parks and recreation facilities and programs accessible to all members of the community. Over the last 10 years, the Township has greatly improved the accessibility of its parks by adding paved pathways connecting park elements and by adding improved play equipment and surfacing. In order to continue to make the Township's parks accessible to everyone, an evaluation was conducted and the following issues and recommendations were identified. Each park was compared to the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, in particular, sections on parking spaces, accessible routes, play areas, and other relevant features of the Township's parks. Each park was assessed for whether or not the facilities met all, some or most of the required elements for accessible design, as well as for Principles of Universal Design.

### **Kiwanis Park**

### **Assessment rank: 3 (meets most standards)**

#### Issue

#### Resolution

Play area not connected with an accessible route to parking lot: both ends of the wooden walkway exceed change in level standards; playground surfacing level has decreased due to deterioration, creating additional change in level issues

Improve access from pathway to play area by providing appropriate transitions from pavement to wooden walkway. Maintain proper level of accessible surfacing in play area.

Picnic area not well connected by accessible routes to other park facilities: access to picnic area is blocked by a parking lot paving stop; picnic area not connected directly to play ground.

The picnic area can connect to a future paved pathway which would connect together all park elements. The concrete parking stop blocking access can be easily removed.

Creek access lacks accessible route.

A future paved pathway could connect the creek area to the rest of the park elements.

Picnic tables lack wheelchair access.

Add some picnic tables that meet ADA standards (approx. 24" of clearance at end of table). At least 20 percent but no fewer than two of the picnic tables should be accessible.

Swing set lacks different types of swing seats

Not an ADA requirement, but would add additional play opportunities for children of different ages or abilities.

Park benches located on inaccessible surfaces

Provide a paved area surrounding park benches, which is connected to an accessible pathway connecting all park elements. Although no specific standards exist for park benches, providing some benches with handles would provide for easier transfer.

## Township Hall Park

### Assessment rank: 3 (meets most standards)

#### Issue

Play area presents barriers to persons in wheelchairs due to deterioration of surfacing material.

Swing set lacks different types of swing seats

Park benches located on inaccessible surfaces

Grills not connected to accessible surface

Parking area lacks sufficient accessible parking

#### Resolution

Maintain proper level of accessible surfacing in play area.

Not an ADA requirement, but would add additional play opportunities for children of different ages or abilities.

Provide a paved area surrounding park benches, which is connected to the existing accessible pathway. Although no specific standards exist for park benches, providing some benches with handles would provide for easier transfer.

The existing grills should be surrounded by a paved area connected to the existing accessible pathway.

The existing handicapped spaces by the picnic area lack a sufficient access aisle between them. This can be corrected when the lot is restriped.

## Park #3

#### Issue

Grills not connected to accessible surface

Picnic tables lack wheelchair access.

#### Resolution

The existing grills should be surrounded by a paved area connected to the existing accessible pathway.

Add some picnic tables that meet ADA standards (approx. 24" of clearance at end of table). At least 20 percent but not less than two of the picnic tables should be accessible.

With regard to recreation programs, it is the Township's policy to provide reasonable accommodations for any person making such a request.

Among the recommend methods to assure that future programs and facilities will be accessible to all persons, the Plan includes the following recommendations:

- Appoint one Recreation Committee member to be designated as the Committee's barrier-free compliance officer, responsible for representing the interests of persons with differing abilities and for assuring future programs and facilities will be accessible.
- Consult with residents who have differing abilities as well as with parents, schools, and organizations in the Township to determine recreational interests and needs.

- Assure that all programs are held in facilities which are barrier-free.
- Promote programs as being inclusive of all persons.
- Purchase new equipment that can be used by persons with differing abilities.
- Provide the necessary support to people who need assistance in order to participate in recreation programs.
- Incorporate Universal Access design principles in the development of recreational programs and facilities.

## Grant History

Frenchtown Charter Township has been fortunate to have received recreation grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist in developing recreational opportunities.

The following grants have been received by the Township:

year	park	grant number	amount	program	project elements	condition
1977	Frenchtown Township Park (Township Hall Park)	26-00943	\$18,500	Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Tennis courts, ball diamond w/backstop, landscaping, site drainage	All elements are in place and actively used
1991	Frenchtown Township Park (Township Hall Park)	BF91-325	\$82,500	1988 Recreation Bond Program	Lighting, court development, walking trail	All elements are in place and actively used
2005	Frenchtown Township Park #3	26-01650	\$135,000	LWCF	Restoration/grading, walking trail, restrooms, parking, sidewalk, utilities, shelter, picnic tables, basketball court, landscaping	All elements are in place and actively used
2006	Frenchtown Township Park #3	26-01676	\$75,000	LWCF	Soccer fields, additional paved trails, playground equip., irrigation/drainage, picnic tables and additional landscaping	All elements are in place and actively used
2009	Frenchtown Township Park #3	26-01694	\$75,000	LWCF	Softball field, backstop, trail from park to library, pavilion #2 and tennis courts	All elements are in place and actively used



## **PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

The residents of Frenchtown Charter Township take an active role in planning for their community's recreational opportunities. The Township Board and Recreation Committee try to be responsive to citizen needs and desires for parks and recreation. Township residents are encouraged to attend all public meetings and to comment on draft plans and at public hearings related to community recreation.

Township residents were given two specific opportunities to have input into this plan, as well as having been welcome to attend all public meetings at which the plan was discussed. The primary public input came from a recreation survey which was available both on hard copy and on-line. Also, the Recreation Committee held an advertised public hearing prior to plan adoption. In addition, the Township Board also gave the public a final opportunity for comment before the plan's adoption. Previous planning efforts have included public input meetings, which were not utilized in this planning round, and which typically have not produced significant turnout or useful input.

### **Recreation Survey**

In order to gain a high degree of citizen input into the recreation planning process, a community survey was undertaken as part of the 2017 Recreation Plan. Information about the survey was included in the Township's newsletter, which is mailed to each address in the Township. A newspaper article about the survey effort was also published. The newsletter and the article informed the public of the locations where the survey was available (the Township Hall and the three library branches within the Township), and also provided a link to the on-line survey (Survey Monkey). Within one month, 32 paper forms and 98 on-line surveys had been submitted.

The survey contained just three questions aimed at determining the types of facilities, the types of programs and the types of parks that were desired by the community. The survey also contained a box for people to add additional comments regarding parks and recreation. A copy of the survey form appears below:

## Recreation Newsletter Article & Newspaper Article

### ***Frenchtown Parks and Recreation Survey is Underway***

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**The Recreation Commission needs your help!** Your Frenchtown Recreation Commission has put together a short survey to help us decide on priorities for the future. You can take the survey online or in person. There are just a few questions on the types of parks, facilities, and programs that you would like to see offered by the Township. It will only take a few minutes, all input is anonymous, and your help will be of great value as we develop a plan to improve our service to you, the citizens of Frenchtown.

To take the online survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGPHL5K>

If you prefer to fill out a survey form in person, they are available at the Township Hall and at the three Township Libraries (Vivian, Blue Bush and Frenchtown-Dixie). Just fill out the form and drop it in the box.

By letting us know your preferences for the kinds of parks, equipment, and programs you would like to see, the Township can do a better job of providing the kinds of recreation that will be used and enjoyed by the community. The results of this survey will give the Commission the kind of input they need to make sure that you get the kind of parks and programs that you want and will use.

Don't forget that the Recreation Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Senior Center. The meetings are open to the public and your participation and input in the recreation planning process is welcome and encouraged. Please fill out the survey and make your voice heard!!!

## Frenchtown seeks parks input

The Monroe News ■ Wednesday, September 14, 2016

■ The survey is available until the end of the month online or at select locations and features three questions.

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The Frenchtown Township Recreation Commission is seeking the public's help in setting priorities for future growth and development of park facilities in the township.

The commission is in the process of updating its parks and recreation master plan and is surveying residents for their comments and suggestions.

The survey forms are available at the township hall, 2744 Vivian Rd., as well as at the three library branches within the township — Blue Bush branch, 2210 Blue

Bush Rd.; Vivian branch, 2664 Vivian Rd., and Frenchtown-Dixie branch, 2881 Nadeau Rd. Those with Internet access can fill out an online version of the survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGPHL5K](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGPHL5K).

The survey has three short questions, plus space for any comments respondents wish to make about parks and recreation, said Larry Chinavare, recreation director for the township.

The current five-year plan "has served the township well and has made the township eligible to receive the kinds of state grants that have helped Frenchtown to develop new parks, like the one on Blue Bush," Mr. Chinavare said in a press release. "But with their eligibility expiring at the end of the year, the

township is moving forward with putting together a new plan. And receiving public input is a high priority for the recreation commission."

According to Mr. Chinavare, the main goal of the survey is to "find out what kind of parks, facilities and programs the public wants and needs, both now and in the future. It's not easy knowing what the public wants until they step up and make their voices heard. And it's our job to not only give residents a say in how our parks grow and change, but to listen to what they say and create plans for actually getting things done for the community."

Monroe County Planning Director Rob Peven is assisting the township in updating its plan.

"The DNR requires that communities give the public a va-

riety of opportunities to have input in the recreation planning process," Mr. Peven said. "But the commission is going beyond just meeting the state requirements for an approved recreation plan. They are reaching out to the public so the people of the community can have a say in the kind of outdoor recreational opportunities they want to see."

The surveys will be available until the end of September. A public hearing on the plan will be held in December, giving residents a final opportunity to comment, he said.

The commission meets the first Tuesday of every other month at 6:30 p.m. in the township senior citizens center on Vivian next to the township hall. The next meeting will be Oct. 4.

## 2016 Recreation Survey

### Community Parks & Recreation Survey

*Question #1*

Which of the following do we need more of in Frenchtown Township?

*(check as many items that you think are needed)*

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> playgrounds                | <input type="checkbox"/> shuffleboard courts    | <input type="checkbox"/> horseshoes        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soccer fields              | <input type="checkbox"/> rifle/archery range    | <input type="checkbox"/> bocci ball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> basketball courts          | <input type="checkbox"/> hiking paths           | <input type="checkbox"/> boat ramp         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor skating rinks      | <input type="checkbox"/> picnic areas           | <input type="checkbox"/> band stand        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baseball/softball diamonds | <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor swimming pools | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bicycle trails             | <input type="checkbox"/> tennis courts          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fishing pier               | <input type="checkbox"/> pickleball courts      | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____       |

*Question #2*

Which type of park would you be most likely to visit?

*(choose ONE only)*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sports parks with athletic fields and courts              | <input type="checkbox"/> bicycle trails, walking paths, and greenways                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nature preserve with woods, hiking trails and quiet areas | <input type="checkbox"/> indoor recreation center with gymnasium and classrooms              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> small, neighborhood parks with play areas and benches     | <input type="checkbox"/> multi-purpose park with nature area, sports fields, and playgrounds |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____   |

*Question #3*

Which kinds of recreational programs do you think the Township should offer?

*(check as many items that you think are needed)*

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> baseball/softball leagues    | <input type="checkbox"/> track & field       | <input type="checkbox"/> family programs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soccer leagues               | <input type="checkbox"/> playground programs | <input type="checkbox"/> concerts and shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> basketball leagues           | <input type="checkbox"/> pre-school programs | <input type="checkbox"/> volleyball leagues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> exercise and fitness classes | <input type="checkbox"/> children programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> nature programs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> golf lessons                 | <input type="checkbox"/> adult programs      | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dance classes                | <input type="checkbox"/> senior programs     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tennis lessons               | <input type="checkbox"/> teen programs       | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____        |

*Comments about parks and recreation:*

## Survey Results

The following is the response to the first question which asked what kind of facilities do we need more of in the township (numbers are the number of respondents out of the 124 persons who responded to this question). Results are compared with the results of the 2006 and 2000 surveys which asked a similar question.

### Question #1. Which of the following do we need more of in Frenchtown Township? (check as many items as you think are needed)

	2016		2006		2000	
	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
playgrounds	30	24 %	92	29.2 %	117	33.5 %
soccer fields	14	11 %	43	13.7 %	44	12.6 %
basketball courts	13	10 %	45	14.3 %	36	10.3 %
outdoor skating rinks	24	19 %	79	25.1 %	132	37.8 %
baseball/softball diamonds	16	13 %	32	10.2 %	52	14.9 %
bicycle trails	80	65 %	188	59.7 %	204	58.5 %
fishing pier	47	38 %	116	36.8 %	120	34.4 %
shuffleboard courts	4	3 %	9	2.9 %	23	6.6 %
rifle/archery range	36	29 %	75	23.8 %	73	20.9 %
hiking paths	68	55 %	162	51.4 %	187	53.6 %
picnic areas	27	22 %	113	35.9 %	126	36.1 %
outdoor swimming pools	45	36 %	117	37.1 %	128	36.7 %
tennis courts	10	8 %	24	7.6 %	40	11.5 %
pickleball court	5	4 %				
horseshoes	15	12 %	34	10.8 %	28	8.0 %
bocci ball courts	4	3 %	17	5.4 %	19	5.4 %
boat ramp	12	10 %	59	18.7 %	83	23.8 %
band stand	22	18 %				
golf course			23	7.3 %	36	10.3 %
driving range			18	5.7 %	20	5.7 %
other	38	31 %	36	11.4 %	36	10.3 %
total votes	510		1282		1504	
total responses	124		315		349	

other	number
dog park	8
splash pads	7
sidewalks	7
volleyball courts	2
expand Blue Bush library	3
horseback riding	2
fenced playgrounds	2

other	number
community garden	1
RC airplane park	1
rustic camping	1
rec center	1
Lake Erie park	1
disk golf	1

The following is the response to the second question which asked residents to choose the type of park they would like to see built in the Township (numbers are the number of respondents out of the 128 persons who responded to this question). Results are compared with the results of the 2006 and 2000 surveys which asked a similar question.

**Question #2. If the Township were to build a new park, which kind of parks would you like to see? (choose one only)**

	2016		2006		2000	
	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
sports parks with athletic fields and courts	9	7 %	15	4.7 %	7	2.0 %
nature preserve with woods, hiking trails and quiet areas	37	29 %	122	38.5 %	98	28.1 %
small, neighborhood parks with play areas and benches	6	5 %	27	8.5 %	30	8.6 %
bicycle trails, walking paths, and greenways	47	37 %	105	33.1 %	92	26.4 %
indoor recreation center with gymnasium and classrooms	4	3 %	60	18.9 %	16	4.6 %
multi-purpose park with nature area, sports fields, and playgrounds	39	30 %	94	29.7 %	112	32.1 %
other	11	9 %	25	7.9 %	17	4.9 %
total votes	153		448		426	
total responses	128		317		349	
persons choosing more than one	13		86		51	
<b>other</b>	<b>number</b>					
dog park	3					
sidewalks/access/bike paths	3					
fitness park	1					
raquetball courts	1					
botanical garden	1					
splash pad	1					

The following is the response to the third question which asked residents to choose the type of recreational programs they would like to see the Township offer (numbers are the number of respondents out of the 126 persons who responded to this question). Results are compared with the results of the 2006 and 2000 surveys which asked a similar question.

**Question #3. Which kind of recreational programs do you think the Township should offer? (check as many items that you think are needed)**

	2016		2006		2000	
	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
baseball/softball leagues	50	40 %	95	30.9 %	101	30.3 %
soccer leagues	34	27 %	83	27.0 %	64	19.2 %
basketball leagues	27	21 %	59	19.2 %	51	15.3 %
exercise and fitness classes	59	47 %	146	47.6 %	136	40.8 %
golf lessons	15	12 %	52	16.9 %	58	17.4 %
dance classes	25	20 %	83	27.0 %	58	17.4 %
tennis lessons	17	13 %	45	14.7 %	38	11.4 %
track & field	7	6 %	29	9.4 %	25	7.5 %
playground programs	24	19 %	81	26.4 %	94	28.2 %
pre-school programs	22	17 %	66	21.5 %	69	20.7 %
children programs	43	34 %	120	39.1 %	124	37.2 %
adult programs	41	33 %	100	32.6 %	95	28.5 %
senior programs	45	36 %	105	34.2 %	134	40.2 %
teen programs	40	32 %	118	38.4 %	160	48.0 %
family programs	53	42 %	116	37.8 %	158	47.4 %
concerts and shows	56	44 %	152	49.5 %	151	45.3 %
volleyball leagues	24	19 %	58	18.9 %	58	17.4 %
nature programs	45	36 %	115	37.5 %	142	42.6 %
other	8	6 %	14	4.6 %	29	8.7 %
total votes	635		1637		1745	
responses	126		307		333	

other	number
pool volleyball	2
dog park	1
tennis league	1
Lake Erie - clean beaches	1
suicide prevention open forums	1
all of the above	1

## **Recreation Committee Hearing**

After placing a draft plan on file at the Township Hall, the Township's website, and all of the Township branch libraries on December 15, 2016, the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Committee held an advertised public hearing on January 19, 2017 to give the public an opportunity to learn about and comment on the draft plan.

No members of the public addressed the Committee regarding the proposed plan at the hearing.

## **Township Board Hearing**

After having the draft plan on file and available for public review for 30 days, the Township Board considered adoption of the plan on January 24, 2017. The public was given a final opportunity to have input or to comment on the plan at this meeting.

The Board discussed the plan and questions were answered. No members of the public addressed the Board regarding the proposed plan at the hearing.

After final approval, copies of the plan were transmitted to the Monroe County Planning Committee, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and to the Michigan DNR. Copies of the Township Board Resolution, public notices regarding plan availability and public hearings, and letters of transmittal are included in the appendix of this document.



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This chapter describes the goals and objectives of the five-year recreation plan. Two main sources were used to formulate goals and objectives – the results of the public input process and the observations of the Recreation Committee.

### Public Input

The survey results described in the previous section gave a fairly clear indication of the types of recreational facilities desired by the community. Although Frenchtown is a diverse community with diverse recreational needs, the following observations were made as a result of the public input process:

**Trail based recreational facilities:** The top two facilities desired by the public in the 2016 survey, as well as in the 2000 and the 2006 survey were “Bicycle Trails” and “Hiking Paths.” In addition, most desired type of park in the 2016 survey was “Bicycle trails, walking paths, and greenways.”

**Fitness and exercise:** The most desired program in the 2016 survey was “Exercise and fitness classes” which was the second most desired program in 2006 (behind “concerts and shows”.) When coupled with the strong support for bicycle and walking trails, it is clear that residents have a desire for opportunities to improve their physical fitness.

**Family Activities:** The second most desired type of park was “Multipurpose park with nature area, sports fields and playgrounds.” This type of park was also ranked high in 2000 and 2006. “Family Programs” was among the most desired program type in all three years.

### Recreation Committee Observations

The Recreation Committee has identified the following facilities as being needed – either through directly observing over-use, by input from Township residents, or by their expert knowledge of the community’s needs.

**Trails:** As evidenced by the recreation survey, trails of all types are very much in demand by the public, and the limited number of existing trails are heavily used. Bicycle trails, walking paths, and nature trails are all in high demand and in short supply. Kiwanis Park would be especially appropriate for a paved walking path, both along the creek and in the upper parts of the site.

**Tree Planting:** All of the township’s parks could benefit from tree plantings, but the Park #3 on Blue Bush Road is in particular need of trees, shade and vegetation.

**Park Maintenance:** All of the Township's parks benefit from a proactive maintenance program, but the tennis and basketball courts in the Township Hall Park are especially in need of major renovation.

## **Goals and Objectives**

The Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Committee has two major goals to guide the development of parks and recreation in the Township:

- **To provide safe and healthy recreational opportunities to meet the diverse interests and needs of Township residents.**
- **To develop and provide recreational programs and facilities for Frenchtown residents based on desire.**

In order to accomplish these goals, the following objectives have been developed. These objectives are based on feedback from Township residents, from the results of the recreation survey, from observed deficiencies, and from comparisons with existing standards.

### **1. General Improvements to Frenchtown's Existing Parks.**

The existing Frenchtown Parks are heavily used and in constant need of improvements. Recommended improvements during the next five years include: repaving and/or resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts (Township Hall), improving the bocce ball court and adding a little league ball diamond (Township Hall), replacement of the fitness stations or development of a fitness court (Township Hall), tree and shrub planting (Blue Bush), and development of a paved walking path (Kiwanis).

### **2. Development of a trail and greenway system in the Township and the Region**

Several opportunities exist for the development of a trail system within the Township which will help meet the clearly identified need for this resource. The first step will be the development of a comprehensive trail and corridor plan for the Township which could provide detailed descriptions of potential projects and implementation strategies. The Township should also participate in any county or regional trail projects which would link the Township to larger trail and greenway networks, as well as 'blueway' or water trails. Some specific projects which are recommended at this time include:

- Paved bicycle lanes wherever feasible, especially Dixie Highway, Hurd Road, and Monroe Street
- Development of pedestrian and bicycle linkages to Sterling State Park
- Developing a pedestrian link between Kiwanis Park and the new Nadeau Road library

- Extending the City of Monroe's walking path from the city limits at Munson Park to the Raisinville Road bridge
- Restoration of the I-275 bike path, with extensions to Sterling State Park and a linkage to Nike County Park
- Development of a walking path in Kiwanis Park providing access to Stoney Creek
- Connections for bicycles and pedestrians along Stewart Road and Mall Road
- A connection between the Frenchtown Park #3 south to the existing trail system within the City of Monroe's Munson Park, which would provide a link to a much larger trail network.

Other corridors that should be evaluated for potential recreational development include:

- Detroit Edison/ITC power line corridors
- Future rail abandonments
- Former Interurban corridor
- Floodplain corridors, including Stony Creek, Sandy Creek and Mason Run
- Interstate 75

The Township proposes to explore using state and federal funds for the development of trails on interurban and railroad corridors that already have been abandoned or that may be abandoned in the future. The Recreation Committee strongly recommends that the Township avail itself of any reasonable opportunity that may arise to take possession of any abandoned rail or power rights-of-way as well as any I-75 overpasses or bridges.

Road construction projects in Frenchtown Charter Township should include accommodations for non-motorized traffic, such as extra-wide paved shoulders, especially those roads designated in the map on page 42. All paving improvements and upgrades should comply with FHWA *Guidance for Bicycle and Pedestrian Provisions of Federal Transportation Legislation*.

A Conceptual Pathway and Bikeway Network plan appears in this document to serve as a general guideline. The Township's draft master plan (2016) includes a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan which can also serve as a basis for the development of a more detailed plan.

**3. Continuous consideration of land acquisition for potential park facilities**

As the Township continues to grow, so will the need for open space and recreational opportunities. Properties to be considered should be consistent with the Township Recreation and Open Space Plan, as well as the Township's Future Land Use Plan. Purchase of land, purchase of easements or acceptance of land donations should all be given consideration. Priority should be given to potential park sites which contain one or more of the following: water access; significant natural features such as woodlands, wetlands or habitat for rare species; links or corridors for trail development; suitable areas for active recreation; and sites which provide opportunities for underserved populations. It is recommended that the Township conduct a detailed Natural Features Inventory, as also recommended in the Township's Master Plan, in order to identify significant natural features worthy of preservation. Lands adjacent to existing parks should be given high priority for acquisition. In particular, the expansion of Kiwanis Park onto adjacent land should be explored, as should the expansion of Park #3.

**4. Provide a variety recreational opportunities for the people of Frenchtown Charter Township based on citizen interest**

The Recreation Committee is dedicated to expanding existing programs to accommodate all who want to participate. The results of the citizen survey showed that there is a strong desire for programs which are aimed at specific ages and profiles: teen programs, family programs, senior programs and children programs all scored very high. As it has always been the Township's policy to accommodate the public's interests, the Township should constantly try to develop new programs to meet these needs.

**5. Continue to develop the partnership with the Jefferson School District to provide recreational opportunities at the Jefferson Recreation Center for Township residents**

The Jefferson Recreation Center provides programs and facilities to residents, alumni, and school-of-choice families of the Jefferson School District for a small annual membership fee. Persons living outside the school district can visit the facility only if accompanied by a district resident (with the exception of members of the Berlin or Frenchtown Charter Township Senior Citizens, who are eligible for membership). The Township should continue to develop a working relationship with this important recreation service provider.

**6. Encourage the dedication of park land in new residential developments**

Although the evaluation of the Township's recreational resources did not find a deficiency when comparing existing neighborhood park acreage to generally accepted standards, it is clear when evaluating the inventory map that almost all neighborhood parks are within older neighborhoods, and that newer subdivisions generally do not provide parks. It is recommended that the Township encourage mobile home park, subdivision, and condominium projects to provide dedicated park land, open space, trails and/or sidewalks as an integral part of the development.

In addition, the Township could work with developers to encourage innovative land development practices, such as planned unit developments, open space developments and conservation subdivisions which could provide parkland, open space and the preservation of natural areas in exchange for density bonuses or other considerations.





## ACTION PROGRAM

The following table represents the specific actions recommended to be accomplished during the five-year planning horizon. This program should be viewed as being flexible, however, as grant funding, land availability, citizen input, and other factors will determine the specific actions necessary to meet the plan's goals and objectives.

<b>year</b>	<b>project</b>	<b>task</b>	<b>cost estimate</b>
<b>2017-2018</b>	Improve Accessibility to all Township Parks	remove barriers, provide reasonable accommodations and assure ADA compliance	\$25,000
	Development of Comprehensive Trail Plan	detailed strategies including identification of routes, design, and implementation schedule; hold public hearing; ratification by Board	\$50,000
	Improvements to Township Hall Park	repaving tennis and basketball courts	\$80,000
<b>2019-2020</b>	Frenchtown Park #3	Tree and shrub plantings	\$25,000
	Frenchtown Kiwanis Park Improvements	Trails and improved creek access	\$120,000
	Improvements to Township Hall Park	Improve bocce courts, replacement of fitness stations / fitness court	\$80,000
	Implement Trail Plan	develop selected segments of trail projects	\$100,000/yr
<b>2021</b>	Improvements to Township Hall Park	Install little league ball diamond	\$100,000
	Land Acquisition	evaluate suitability of various properties for potential park expansion and/or parkland acquisition	\$5,000
	Implement Trail Plan	develop selected segments of trail projects	\$100,000/yr

## **Implementation Strategies**

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current parks budget provides approximately \$200,000 per year for park development, capital outlay and equipment. These figures are well short of the projected expenses involved in the proposed project implementation. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended in order to proceed as planned:

- **Increase Revenues and Park Budget**

By taking a close look at the expenses involved in providing programs and facilities to the park users, the fee schedule for participation in recreational programs could be revised in order to more accurately reflect actual costs. In addition, the Recreation Committee could develop a strategy for requesting increased funding from the Township's general fund.

- **Apply for State Funding**

There are a variety of funding sources available to local governments for park construction and development. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Division administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Clean Michigan Initiative and the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Other funding may be available through other divisions, such as the Fisheries Division or the Forestry Division. In addition, the proposed bike trails may be eligible for various transportation related funding, such as Michigan's Act 51 or the federal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.

- **Local Parks Millage / Bond Issue**

It is unlikely that any large parks project could be achieved without widespread public support. In addition, public support for large projects would need to be accompanied by financial support in terms of a millage issue dedicated to local parks and recreation.

- **Other Funding Sources**

The Parks Committee could investigate additional sources of funding over the five year planning period. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund raising events, and seeking out other revenue sources are methods which have worked in other communities to raise funding for parks and park improvements.



## **APPENDIX**

**Letters of Transmittal**

**Public Notice**

**Minutes of Public Hearing**

**Resolution of Adoption**

**Certification Checklist**

**Recreation Grant History**

**Post Completion Reports**

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to: Monroe County Planning Department  
Robert Peven, Director

date: January 25, 2017

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# GIANTS FALL

## Ali, Howe, Palmer, Summitt among iconic sports figures lost in 2016

BY FRED LIEF  
AP Sports Writer

Mighty sequoias fell in sports in 2016, transformational figures who reshaped the games and the culture — from Muhammad Ali to Gordie Howe, from Arnold Palmer to Pat Summitt.

And there was less much too soon. The famous poem “To an Athlete Dying Young” tells of a runner and his town, and how “shoulder-high we bring you home.” So it was with the Miami Marlins and 24-year-old pitcher Jose Fernandez, killed in a boating accident.

Along the way, other lives lit up sports across the years:

Baseball said goodbye to Ralph Branca, Monte Irvin and Joe Garagiola. Basketball lost Jim McMillian, Dwayne “Pearl” Washington, and the fierce Nate Thurmond. Gone in boxing was relentless Aaron Pryor. In football, it was Buddy Ryan, Dennis Byrd and Dennis Green.

Hockey mourned Andy Bathgate and skiing remembered big-talking Bill Johnson. Soccer is now without the great Johan Cruyff and former FIFA President Joao Havelange, who died at 100. On television, tennis and the NBA are diminished with the loss of Bud Collins and Craig Sager.

### MUHAMMAD ALI, 74

On that last ride, the hearse windshield was covered with so many flowers the driver could barely see the road let alone the throngs lining the streets. Muhammad Ali was back where it all began, in Louisville, Kentucky, where he launched a career that would shake sports like no athlete before or after him.

He was a three-time heavyweight champion, an audacious mix of speed, dazzle and brute force — the stark counterpart years later to the shuffling man with a whisper slowed by Parkinson's.

His fights with Joe Frazier were an epic trilogy. He proclaimed himself The Greatest. He did it with wit and guile, boasts and taunts, in prose and rhyme, and always with a wink. He understood the marketplace and the showmanship that go with ticket sales. Ali fought everywhere and said they would know him in an Asian rice paddy.

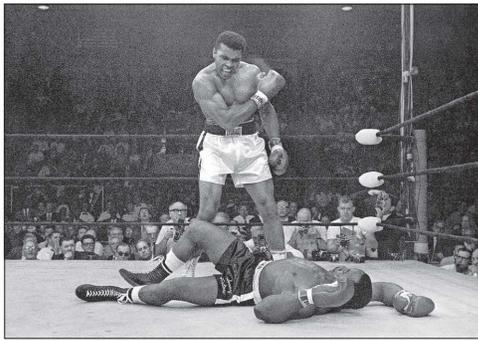
He lost prime years, refusing military induction. He spoke up when that was not in fashion. He changed his religion and his name. He became a flash point for a country on edge.

Time softened the rancor. By the end, he was a national monument. At the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, he stood, shakily, with torch in hand at the cauldron.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PAID PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
The Settlor, DONALD H. MCGUIRE (DOB: June 20, 1937), who lived in Monroe County, Michigan, died on October 31, 2016. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all CLAIMS against Donald H. McGuire may be submitted to Sean D. McGuire, Trustee of the Donald H. McGuire Living Trust dated December 6, 1994. Claims must be submitted within four months of the date of this publication, otherwise, the claims will be forever barred. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Donald H. McGuire Living Trust dated December 6, 1994  
By: Sean J. McGuire, Trustee  
c/o Hooley, Hooley & Hooley, PLLC  
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Monroe, MI 48161  
Prepared by:  
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DECEMBER 22, 2016



Top, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali stands over fallen challenger Sonny Liston after dropping Liston with a short haul to the jaw May 25, 1965 in Lewiston, Maine. Bottom, Arnold Palmer acknowledges the crowd after hitting the ceremonial first tee shot prior to the opening round of the 2007 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

“The man who has no imagination,” he once said, “has no wings.”

### GORDIE HOWE, 88

Gordie Howe came out of the hard Saskatchewan prairie and presided over his sport for five decades. He was Mr. Hockey.

Even Wayne Gretzky acknowledged the preeminence of No. 9 of the Detroit Red Wings, and it was no coincidence Gretzky wore No. 99.

Howe joined the NHL just after World War II, and before he was done finished with 801 goals and 1,850 points. He led the Red Wings to four Stanley Cups and was MVP six times.

He was a player with vision, presence and toughness. Sticks and checks and fists were the flip side to his majesty on the ice.

Family was paramount, and when he left the NHL at 45 to join the renegade WHA, nothing gave him more pleasure than to play beside sons Mark and Marty. This Methuselah with a slap shot came back to the NHL at 52.

“He was,” former Flyers captain Bobby Clarke said,

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PAID PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**PRICATE COURT**  
**COURTY DE JURE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**  
**FILE NO. 2016-6597-DE**  
Estate of JOSEPH PRESTIA, deceased  
Date of birth: October 5, 1947

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, JOSEPH PRESTIA, died October 28, 2016.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all CLAIMS against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOSEPH A. PRESTIA, personal representative, or to both the probate court at the East First Street, Monroe, Michigan 48161 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: December 15, 2016  
JOSEPH A. PRESTIA  
Personal Representative  
7613 Summerfield Road  
Lambertville, MI 48144  
(419) 467-8986

MARTIN J. KUMPERTAH (P-38363)  
Attorney at Law  
222 Washington Street  
Monroe, MI 48161  
CELESTINE M. BROWN  
DECEMBER 22, 2016

“the ultimate professional hockey player.”

### ARNOLD PALMER, 87

His was a life well played. When golfers today look around at the big prize money, the television coverage, the sponsorships and the place golf holds in the sports conversation, they can take a 3-iron from their bag, hold it aloft and thank Arnold Palmer.

“He was The King of our sport and always will be,” Jack Nicklaus said.

Palmer never much cared for the regal honorific. His roots were in western Pennsylvania, and with sinewy wrists, a whip of a swing, a swaggering glint in his eye he carried an entire sport into a new age. Palmer and TV came along at the same time.

“If it wasn't for Arnold, golf wouldn't be as popular as it is today,” Tiger Woods said.

Palmer won seven majors and 62 PGA tournaments, and his rivalry with Nicklaus

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PAID PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**  
**11/28/16**

The Regular Meeting of the Berlin Charter Township Board held at 8000 Swan View Newport, Michigan was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Karl Heunne, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Karl Heunne, Clerk Denise Swoy Meyer, Treasurer Deborah Sorenson, Trustees: Robert D. Messinger, Dave Beaumais, Kello Long and Jim Caserman.  
A quorum was present the meeting proceeded to receive and file the 2017 Budget.  
MOTION # 1 carried to approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION # 2 carried to approve the Berlin Charter Township Regular Meeting Minutes (11/14/16).  
MOTION # 3 carried to receive and file the LEQ Berlin Township Water Study.  
MOTION # 4 carried to adopt the Resolution 2017 pay rates, elected officials and non-union employees with the addition of Water/Sewer and Parks and Rec Commission pay rates.  
MOTION # 5 carried to adopt the resolution to recognize the Monroe County Economic Charter Township Poverty Guidelines.  
MOTION # 6 carried to adopt the Resolution Berlin Charter Township Charter Township.  
MOTION # 7 carried to adopt the resolution exempting Berlin Charter Township Government from requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for 2017.  
MOTION # 8 carried to approve the 2017 Budget.  
MOTION # 9 carried to approve the 2017 Budget.  
MOTION # 10 carried to receive and file the 2017 Budget.  
MOTION # 11 carried to receive and file the 2017 Budget.  
MOTION # 12 carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.  
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gave golf its juice. Palmer had a daring game, gambler's instinct and a connection to the gallery that liberated golf from its country-club enclaves.

### PAT SUMMITT, 64

When she was 38 and deep into a pregnancy Pat Summitt insisted on making a recruiting trip to Pennsylvania. The timing was off for the Tennessee basketball coach.

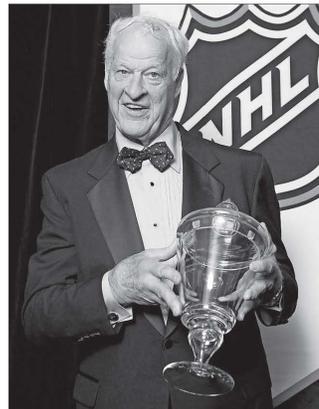
Her water broke while she was making her recruiting pitch. A frantic ride to the airport followed, although Summitt was the calmest one around. The plane was prepared to stop in Virginia. But Summitt, who bleeds Volunteer orange, wouldn't hear of it. Her child would be born in Tennessee. And so he was.

Her stare could crack steel. Her authority was unchallenged. She coached 38

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PAID PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

1. David P. Thompson, Drain Commissioner of the County of Monroe do hereby give notice that properties within the drainage districts of the 2017 calendar year for maintenance:  
**Sullivan - Raisinville Township - South Branch of Mottler Creek - Berlin Township**  
Notice is further given that:  
The Day of Review is on January 5, 2017, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM in the office of the Monroe County Drain Commissioner located at 1005 South Main Street, Monroe, MI 48161.  
The Day of Review will be held to make any adjustments to assessments and receive comments on assessments to properties within said county drainage districts. The Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative assessments, against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district.  
Appointments against land and municipalities will be collected in the same manner as winter property taxes. Any owner of land within the drainage district being approved by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the appointment within 90 days after the Day of Review by making an appointment with the Drain Commissioner at the office of the Drain Commissioner at 1005 South Main Street, Monroe, MI 48161.  
Appointments against lands and municipalities that are collected by installments, may be paid in full with the interest to date at the time and thereby avoid further interest charges.  
Please note that maintenance assessment amounts are approximate and depend on the acres in the parcel within the drainage district. If you would like additional information, please call the Assessment Clerk at 240-3108.  
David P. Thompson  
David P. Thompson,  
Monroe County Drain Commissioner  
November 7, 2016  
DECEMBER 22, 2016



Above, hockey great Gordie Howe poses with his lifetime achievement award at the 2008 NHL awards ceremony in Toronto. Below, Miami Marlins pitcher Jose Fernandez stands in the dugout before the start of a baseball game in 2015.



years at Tennessee and became the first NCAA coach to reach 1,000 wins. Her showdowns with UConn counterpart Geno Auriemma became the sport's signature rivalry.

She moved women's basketball into big-time arenas. Her coaching — and her life — was cut short by early onset dementia. But when the conversation turns to the game's greatest coaches — man or woman — Pat Summitt's name is part of it.

### JOSE FERNANDEZ, 24

Maybe it's best to remember the succession of batters falling at his pitches; his Cuban grandmother in the stands; the exuberance of him pounding the dugout railing, the pure and simple joy of baseball.

But other images are just as indelible: his No. 16 carved into the pitching mound dirt in his

honor; the trumpet's haunting notes of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game.”

Jose Fernandez fled Cuba by boat at age 15, making a successful escape on his fourth attempt. But as the sea proved a starting point to stardom, so it was the finish. On a September night after a game, Fernandez and two friends died when their boat crashed at high speed into rocks near Miami Beach. The medical examiner would rule alcohol and cocaine were in his system.

Fernandez was twice an All-Star for the Miami Marlins and had a 38-17 record in four seasons. He was NL Rookie of the Year in 2013, with a future possibly pointed to Cooperstown.

“Saddy,” Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria said, “the brightest lights are often the ones that extinguish the fastest.”

**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**2017 RECREATION PLAN**  
**NOTICE OF PLAN AVAILABILITY**  
**FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**  
**AND COMMENT**  
**&**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A draft 5-year Recreation Plan for Frenchtown Charter Township is available for public review and comment. The Plan outlines recommendations for future development of parks and recreation in the Township and can make the Township eligible to apply for certain state grants. Any interested public can view the plan and can send comments to the Recreation Commission. The public will also be given an opportunity to comment at the following public hearings:

**Frenchtown Recreation Commission**  
Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
Frenchtown Senior Center  
2786 Vivian Road

**Frenchtown Township Board of Trustees**  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Frenchtown Township Hall  
2744 Vivian Road

Written comments may be sent to the:

**Frenchtown Township Recreation Commission**  
Frenchtown Township Hall  
2744 Vivian Road  
Monroe, MI 48162  
Or by email to: chinavarelc@yahoo.com

Copies of the plan are on file at the following locations:  
**Frenchtown Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road**  
**Blue Bush Branch Library, 2210 Blue Bush Road**  
**Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library, 2881 Madewood Road**  
**Robert A. Vivian Branch Library, 2664 Vivian Road**  
**Monroe County Planning Department, 125 E. Second St.**

A copy of the plan is also available on the Township's website:  
[http://www.frenchtowntownship.org/rec\\_home.php](http://www.frenchtowntownship.org/rec_home.php)

Mark J. Baker C.M.C./C.M.M.C.  
Frenchtown Charter Township Clerk

December 22, 2016

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**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

2744 Vivian Road - Monroe, Michigan 48162-9249 - (734) 242-3282

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**JACK C. LINDQUIST, SR.**

**ALAN (AL) VANWASHENOVA**

**KRAIG A. YOAS**

*TRUSTEES*

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 24, 2017**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on January 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Al VanWashenova
SUPERVISOR – Jim McDevitt	TRUSTEE – Jack Lindquist, Sr.
CLERK – Mark J. Baker	TRUSTEE – Kraig Yoas
TREASURER – Julie Ellison	TRUSTEE – Hedwig Kaufman
TWP. ATTORNEY – Kerry Bondy	

Deputy Clerk, Jessica Burt; Water Utility Director Rich Weirich; Fire Chief Wendy Stevens; Building Official Joseph Lehmann; Director of Monroe County Planning Department, Robert Peven ; Township Constable Tom Jenkins and 9 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor McDevitt declared there was quorum at 7:00 PM.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Add agenda item #19A, Contract with L. Donavon McGuire-CPA

**MOTION #17.15 – AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion made by Mr. Baker; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to approve the January 24, 2017 Agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.16 – APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2017 CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the January 24, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Lindquist . Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) January 17, 2017 . Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
- b) Invoices Paid between January 18, 2017 to January 20, 2017
- c) Bills to be paid January 24, 2017
- d) Used Car Lot License . Friendly Ford, Inc
- e) Used Car Lot License . Schall Automotive LLC
- f) Used Car Lot License . USA Trailer Sales LLC

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MOTION #17.17 – PUBLIC HEARING – FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 5-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to open the Public Hearing. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 7:02 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 5-YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN:** Mr. Peven and the Board discussed the proposed Frenchtown Charter Township 5 Year Community Recreation Plan. There were no comments from the public.

**MOTION #17.18:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to close the Public Hearing. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 7:10 pm.

**MOTION #17.19 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN FOR 2017-2021:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to approve the Resolution of Adoption of the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan for 2017-2021 with corrections. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.20 – PURCHASE REQUEST – WATER DEPARTMENT – TWO CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE SCADA SYSTEM:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to approve the two change orders to the Water Plant Scada System at the recommendation of the Utility Director at a cost not to exceed \$44,500.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.21 – REMOVE FROM TABLE – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 200-129/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT:** Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to remove this item from table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.22 – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 200-129/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT:** Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to have the second reading and adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 200-129/PUD with corrections as discussed. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Baker-No; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Yoas-No; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes. Motion carried 5-2.

**MOTION #17.23 – RESOLUTION AMENDING 2016 FIRE FUND BUDGET:** Motion made by Kraig Yoas; seconded by Jack Lindquist to adopt the Resolution Amending 2016 Fire Fund Budget. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.24 – PURCHASE REQUEST – FIRE DEPARTMENT – REPLACEMENT SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FACE MASKS:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the purchase the replacement SCBA face masks at a cost not to exceed \$56,700.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.25 – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mr. Baker to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language with attached revised Ballot Proposal for placement on the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 election ballot. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.26 – DISCUSSION – PAY INCREASE FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to approve the Building Official's request to increase Mike Turinsky's wage from \$21.00 to \$25.00 per hour effective January 30, 2017. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.27 – DISCUSSION – STATE BUREAU OF ELECTION AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to request that Clerk Baker attend meeting at the County and to sign opt-in agreements with Election Coordinating Committee. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.28 – HIRING EMPLOYEE – CLERK' SOFFICE:** Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to approve the hiring of Mary Kittle as recommended by the Township Clerk and the Hiring Committee and subject to and effective upon receipt of and approval by Hiring Committee of a satisfactory background check. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. VanWashenvoa-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.29 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE – FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adopt the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License as requested by the Frenchtown Firefighters Association. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #17.30 – RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEFERRAL OF MEDICAL MARIHUANA:** Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to adopt the Resolution Extending Deferral of Review of Applications for Land Uses Pertaining to Medical Marihuana in Any Zoning District Other Than Residential as Regulated Uses Pending Review until January 30, 2018. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes. Motion carried 7-0

**MOTION #17.31 – CONTRACT WITH L. DONAVON MCGUIRE – CPA:** Motion made Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to enter into a contract with L. Donavon McGuire CPA to perform the 2016 audit at a cost not to exceed \$23,700.00 and to allow the Township Clerk to sign the contract. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MOTION #17.32 – ADJOURNMENT:** Moved made by Mr. Lindquist; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adjourn the January 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting at 8:55 PM. A voice vote was called. Motion carried 7-0.

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James A. McDevitt-Supervisor

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Mark J. Baker- Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2017 through 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, Frenchtown Charter Township began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and made available to local communities, and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the Frenchtown Charter Township were invited to participate in a public survey, and were encouraged to attend all of the meetings of the Recreation Committee during the plan's development, and

**WHEREAS**, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least one month, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on January 19, 2017 at the Frenchtown Charter Township Senior Center to provide an opportunity for all residents to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the plan, and

**WHEREAS**, Frenchtown Charter Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Committee hereby adopts the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan.

(Yeas: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 )

I, John Naveaux, Chairman, Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Committee at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 19 day of January, 2017.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ R.P.

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN  
Adopted January 24, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2017 through 2021; and

WHEREAS, Frenchtown Charter Township began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Frenchtown Charter Township were invited to participate in a public survey and were encouraged to attend all of the meetings of the Recreation Committee during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least one month; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Recreation Committee on January 19, 2017 at the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Center and on January 24, 2017 by the Township Board at the Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the prior Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan expired on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Frenchtown Charter Township has developed the proposed recreation plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township going forward; and

WHEREAS, after its public hearing, the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Committee voted to adopt the recreation plan at its meeting on January 19, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Frenchtown Charter Township Board does hereby adopt the Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan for 2017 through 2021.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member     Kraig Yoas    

Second offered by Board Member                     Hedwig Kaufman                    

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Hedwig Kaufman, Jim McDevitt, Al VanWashenova, Mark Baker, Julie Ellison, Kraig Yoas, Jack Lindquist

"nay": None

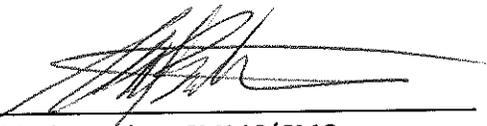
Absent/Excused: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

  
Mark J. Baker, CMMC/CMC  
Frenchtown Charter Township

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned Clerk of Frenchtown Charter Township hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board held on January 24, 2017, at which meeting the above Resolution of Adoption Frenchtown Charter Township Recreation Plan was adopted; all members of the Township Board present voted as indicated in said minutes; and that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

  
Mark J. Baker, CMMC/CMC

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**ORIGINAL**  
FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP



## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: 2016 Frenchtown Charter Township Community Recreation Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Frenchtown Charter Township	Monroe	January 2017

### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

- 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**
  - Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
  - Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
  - Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
  - Current Funding Sources
  - Role of Volunteers
  - Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
  - Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**
  - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
  - Articles of Incorporation
- 3. RECREATION INVENTORY**
  - Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
  - Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
  - Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
  - Accessibility Assessment
  - Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**
- 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

- Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received
- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice Dec 22, 2016  
Type of Notice Published in Monroe News  
Plan Location Twp Hall, Libraries, Courthouse  
Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 33 days

- Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice Dec 22, 2016  
Name of Newspaper Monroe News  
Date of Meeting January 24, 2017

- Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: Jan 24, 2017
- 2. Official resolution of the Frenchtown Township Rec Committee Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: Jan 19, 2017
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: Jan 25, 2017
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: Jan 25, 2017

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

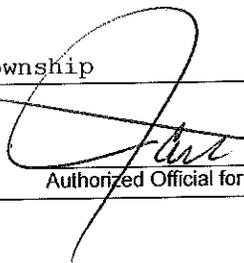
I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Frenchtown Charter Township

(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

Date

03/01/17

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**



Recreation Grant History

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**Applicant**

**Frenchtown Charter Township**

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**Project No. 26-00943**

**Project Year: 1977**

**Project Title:** Frenchtown Township Park

**Project Status:** Closed

**Grant Amount: \$18,500.00**

Element

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- 2 tennis courts
- 1 ball diamond with backstop (cost incl w/ #1)
- landscaping & site drainage (cost inc w/ #1)
- permanent LWCF plaque

**Project Description:** Develop 5 acres 2 tennis courts, and fencing, 1 ball diamond with backstop, landscaping, and site drainage, and LWCF sign

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**Project No. TF91-326**

**Project Year: 1991**

**Project Title:** Brest Bay Park Acquisition

**Project Status:** Withdrawn

**Grant Amount: \$210,800.00**

Element

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**Project Description:** Acquisition of 47 acres with 1,000 feet of frontage on Lake Erie for multi-purpose township park.

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**Project No. BF91-325**

**Project Year: 1991**

**Project Title:** Park Development

**Project Status:** Closed

**Grant Amount: \$82,500.00**

Element

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- Lighting
- Court renovation & Const.
- Walking Trail

**Project Description:** Lighting for ball field and tennis courts, paving of walking course, resurfacing tennis courts and develop basketball court.

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**Applicant**

**Frenchtown Charter Township**

**Project No. 26-01650**

**Project Year: 2005**

**Project Title:** Frenchtown Park Development

**Project Status:** Closed

**Grant Amount: \$135,000.00**

Element

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Paved walking trail

Restrooms

Parking lot & drive

Sidewalk

Utilities

Picnic shelter

Element

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Picnic tables

Basketball court

Landscaping (incl restoration & grading)

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**Project Description:** Development of active outdoor facilities at a new public park in Frenchtown Township.

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**Project No. 26-01676**

**Project Year: 2007**

**Project Title:** Frenchtown Park #3 Development-Phase II

**Project Status:** Closed

**Grant Amount: \$75,000.00**

Element

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softball field w/backstop, benches & bleachers

Playground equipment

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Access routes and handicap pads

soccer field

**Project Description:** Phase three of a program to develop an active sports park on the West side of this growing Township. Including a soccer field, parking, playground equipment, and site amenities,

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**Project No. 26-01694**

**Project Year: 2009**

**Project Title:** Frenchtown Park #3 Development

**Project Status:** Closed

**Grant Amount: \$75,000.00**

Element

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Softball field with backstop

Tennis court

Drainage

Picnic shelter

Non-motorized trail

**Project Description:** Development to include softball field, tennis courts, picnic shelter and additional section of non-motorized trail to tie in the Blue Bush Library and Fire Station to the park.

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(Please select one) [x] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [ ] RECREATION PASSPORT [ ] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Frenchtown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00943

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Frenchtown Township Park

PROJECT SCOPE: 2 tennis courts, ball diamond, landscaping, drainage

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [ ] Yes [x] No
If yes, please describe change(s).

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [x] Yes [ ] No
Cell tower project - issue has been resolved.

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [ ] Yes [x] No
All facilities are actively used.

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? [x] Yes [ ] No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x] Yes [ ] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [ ] Yes [x] No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No

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**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to Dusk - year round

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**



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GRANTEE: Frenchtown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: BF91-325

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Ball diamond lighting, walking path, resurfacing tennis courts & bball.

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GRANTEE: Frenchtown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01650 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Frenchtown Park #3 Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Utilities, path, restrooms, parking, shelter, tables, bball, landscp.

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? [ ] Yes [x] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? [ ] Yes [x] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? [x] Yes [ ] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? [x] Yes [ ] No

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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Dawn to dusk, year round

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GRANTEE: Frenchtown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01676 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Frenchtown Park #3 Development - Phase II

PROJECT SCOPE: playground, parking, site amenities

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GRANTEE: Frenchtown Charter Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01694 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Frenchtown Park #3 Development - Phase III

PROJECT SCOPE: tennis court, ball field, shelter

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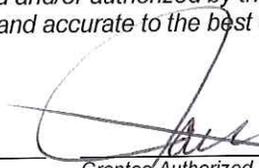
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**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

James McDevitt  
Please print

  
Grantee Authorized Signature

3/1/17  
Date

Robert Peven  
Please print

  
Witness Signature

3/1/17  
Date

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