Nahma Township Recreation Plan
2011-2015

Nahma Township
"In the Heart of the Hiawatha"
1861-2011
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Nahma Township, with the assistance of the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission, Delta County Road Commission (DCRC), Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE), Hiawatha National Forest (HNF) representatives, Bay de Noc Cabin Fever Cruisers Snowmobile Club, Nahma Boat Club, Delta Conservation District, US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Nahma Historical Society, Delta County Parks and Recreation and the Nahma Township Labor Day Committee, has put together this five year Recreational Plan. The Township did not receive financial assistance to prepare the plan; technical assistance hours were provided for the Township by CUPPAD, as part of the Township’s membership benefits. This Recreation Plan for Nahma Township should serve several useful purposes. It should serve as (1) a source of information, (2) a guide for correcting deficiencies, (3) an indicator of goals and policies, (4) a framework for making decisions, and (5) a means of stimulating public interest and participation in local community recreation progress.

Nahma Township, situated in the eastern portion of Delta County, includes approximately 173 square miles; 109,938 acres is land area. It was the first Township created in Delta County, in 1861; 2011 will be the Township’s sesquicentennial celebration. It is bordered on the south by Big Bay de Noc and on the north by Alger County (see Appendix B). The Township’s 2000 population was 499 persons; with a density of approximately three persons per square mile.

Approximately 68 percent of the Township’s land area is federally owned (Hiawatha National Forest) or held in commercial forest reserve (see Appendix B). Water resources abound as numerous streams, inland lakes and approximately 14 miles of Big Bay de Noc shoreline exist within the Township. These natural features, and the recreational opportunities that go along with them, attract both tourists and seasonal residents.
The major transportation routes in the Township are shown in Appendix B. Highway US-2 crosses the entire Township in an east-west direction near its southern end; 20 miles of Federal Forest Highway 13 extends in a northerly direction from US-2 into adjoining Alger County. Nahma’s northern Township border is just 19 miles from Lake Superior.

There are 3 communities within Nahma Township. The community of Nahma, located at the intersection of County Roads 495, 497 and 499, constitutes the largest concentration of population. The community of Nahma represents the main location of the Township’s property, Township Hall and location of public meetings.

St. Jacques is another named community in the Township. The area of St. Jacques is located near US-2 at the intersection of County Road 499 and is considered to encompass an area north and south of this intersection.

Isabella is located on US-2 east of St. Jacques and situated near the eastern Township boundary. The intersection of County Roads 495 and US-2 is considered the general center of the Isabella Community. The Grange Hall is located just south of the above mentioned intersection and the hall is used for events in the Isabella Community for card parties, socials, luncheons and dances.

Other community names that are and have been used in the Township include Sandtown, Nahma Junction, Delta Mills, Moss Lake and Round Lake.

The central portion of the Township is characterized by rugged relief and deep pothole lakes while the northern and southern portions are poorly drained with high water tables forming significant wetland areas. Geologic impacts are very evident in the Township. The history of glacial activity can be observed in pothole lakes, outwash deposits and elongated swamp areas. The impact of the receding levels of Lake Michigan is evident in the beach ridges that

Nahma Township has 30 named lakes totaling 2,177 acres and 35 unnamed lakes totaling 114.4 acres.

The largest inland lake in Nahma Township is Moss Lake which covers 1090 acres. The 152 miles of streams in the Township features the Sturgeon River as the largest stream.
are left behind through the thousands of years of changes in Lake Michigan’s levels. The geologic and ecological features create unique landscapes for the hiker, explorer, scientist and the wildlife observer.
1.1 Nahma Township History

The first recorded information of European settlers in what is now Nahma was about 1848. Prior to this period and after this date, the Native Americans or Anishinabeg (Ojibwa for original people) hunted, fished and carried out their life activities in this area. (A 1952 document by Cornelius Sochay titled “Nahma Indians” relays an oral history handed down to Cornelius-See Appendix A).

These early Anishinabeg people were Ojibwa (English version is Chippewa). Evidence of pre-European activities by the Anishinabeg people can be found throughout Nahma Township and the surrounding areas.

Because of the presence of the Sturgeon in the river that runs through Nahma Township and outlets in Big Bay de Noc at Nahma, the Ojibwa name of Na’me was given to the area. The pronouncing of the Ojibwa name would be Na’may but the English pronunciation is Na’mah. Today Sturgeon still exists in Big Bay de Noc, suggesting the possibility that populations of Sturgeon could be reestablished in the river.

**Time line of historical details:**
- In 1848, a water-powered sawmill was built on the Sturgeon River upstream of the locally named Half Mile Bridge. As of 2010, portions of the old dam can be still seen upstream from the bridge. This was the first documented sawmill located in the Nahma area. It was built and owned by George Richards and S.H. Kerfoot. This area may have been the area referred to as the Delta Mills in documented Delta County history notes.
- In 1851, the above mill was sold to Thomas Holbrook and Timothy Wright who operated the mill in this location until 1859.
- The town and mill were established as early as 1856, when it gained its first post office.
- Delta County was formally organized in 1861. The first meeting of the Delta County Board of Supervisors was held May 28, 1862, at the Delta Mills in the Township of Nahma. Nahma Township was the first Township created in Delta County in 1861. (Delta County records). Nahma Township’s valuation was $74,950 and Escanaba’s
was $56,263 at this time. (It appears from writings that the original 2 Townships in Delta County were Nahma Township and Escanaba Township. Later Townships in Delta County came from adding Townships from lands originally in Nahma and Escanaba Townships.)

- In the year 1863, 16 freeholders made application to the County Board to form Garden Township. Ten geographic Townships, each 6 miles square, were given to Garden. Before that, Nahma Township was four times larger than it is today.

- Documentation points out that a portion of Ensign Township came from the western side of the original Nahma Township.

- Early transportation was by water and mostly sailboats. When the bays were frozen, teams with sleighs were used.

- In 1868 the County Road was ordered to be built through Nahma; it was finished in a year. The following year, the Mackinac-State County Highway was built through Nahma Township. It ran parallel to where the Soo Line is now and was a narrow road to accommodate wagons. There were also Indian trails built from the North.

- Bay de Nocquet Company was founded in 1881. The company owned 200,000 acres of land from Nahma to within 7 miles of Lake Superior. The mill started sawing in 1882. It operated until April 15, 1899, when it was destroyed by fire. A new mill was purchased and moved to the town of Nahma. In its heyday it employed 1,200 men.

  There were thirteen camps that loggers and crew persons worked at for the Bay de Nocquet Company: 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 24, 27, 28, 30 and 31. An interview with Dick McClinchy in 2008 identifies the location and details of camp life.

- St. Lawrence Catholic Church was a mission church built in 1882 by the Anishinabeg residents of the area. Lumber was donated to the project by the Bay de Nocquet Company. The remains of the church were removed from the site in 2009. The church history is very important to many Nahma
Township residents and their families.

- St. James Catholic church was north of St. Jacques and the old US-2. The church was located south of the railroad grade. Services, for those that remember, were once per month and the priest serving the area came in by train from as far away as Sault Ste. Marie. This church served the white (non-Anishinabeg) community for years. There was also a cemetery located close to this church. Photos and written history of this church were not available at the time of printing.

- The recreational experiences for residents and visitors to Nahma during the “heyday” of the community were great. There were facilities in the club house (97 ft.x143 ft.) for basketball, bowling, a social gathering area, candy kitchen/soda fountain, barber shop, library, bar, lounges and other amenities. Also the Bay de Nocquet Company had a golf course, public beach, tennis courts, baseball fields, both wooden and later concrete sidewalks, signage for trails and abundant hunting opportunities on their large land holdings.

- The Nahma Township Historical society building represents the oldest church building in Nahma. The “Little Brown Church” was built in 1904 as St. Paul’s Protestant Union Church.

- St. Andrew’s Catholic Church was built in 1907. Prior to that, services were held at the school building.

- In 1906, construction began on what is now known as the Bethany Lutheran Church in Isabella. The construction was completed in 1912. The original articles of association of the Swedish Evangelical Bethania Congregation were signed by the congregation May 29th, 1905. At that time, and for the next twenty years, Swedish was the main language in the life of this congregation.
In 1911, the Grange Hall in Isabella was constructed to serve the agricultural community. This hall is presently the Isabella Community Hall.

On October 6, 1923 the power plant, post office, round house, warehouse, general store, boardinghouse, office of the lumber company, the brand new community house, and a score of smaller buildings were destroyed by fire.

A new mill was built in 1923 and operated until July 26, 1951 when it closed due to lack of timber resources.

The company railroad, the Nahma and Northern, operated the last train run in 1948. At one time the railroad had 75 miles of track.

From 1933-1935 the Bay de Nocquet Company sold 100,000 acres of land to the USFS for inclusion in the Hiawatha National Forest. It also sold 20,000 acres to Mead Corporation and thousands of acres to hunt clubs, private land developers, the Girl Scouts, etc.

In 1951 the entire town of Nahma was put up for sale at a price of $250,000. This was featured in Life Magazine.

With only 4,300 acres of the original land left, the town was purchased in 1951 by American Playground for $250,000. The intent was to move the existing company from Indiana to Nahma but the plant required more electricity than could be provided locally and only a portion of the company was moved to Nahma.

Sometime during the 1960’s, Warren Miller, President of American Playground, sold 1,323 acres of land to the USFS for $220,000. During the same period, 5 miles of land was sold to the USFS for $200,000. This land was home to about 25 Native American families. Many relocated in the Rapid River area.

In 1968-1969 American Playground moved from Indiana to Nahma with 60 people making playground equipment.
In 1971, economic issues plagued American Playground and the plant moved back to Indiana. Nahma remained a parts manufacturer, employing 6 people until November 1987. During this time more land was sold to private individuals.

In 1988 American Playground was purchased by Randy Coats. Coats saw the potential for the remaining 1,200 acres of Nahma to become a resort town.

At this time Coats settled a dispute with the MDNR to turn over 8 acres for a public boat landing in exchange for clear title to the property. This put an end to an existing 35 year old dispute over 40 acres of filled Great Lake’s bottomlands.

In 1992 the “resort community” halted and Coats again began selling off parcels of the Nahma Community.

In 1994, the Groleau Family (Warren, Pat & Ron and spouses) purchased 15 acres of land and formed Nahma, Inc. Property included the Nahma Inn (hotel), general store, the brick office building, school and surrounding land, beach frontage and some land in back of the hotel.

In 1996, the company-owned Nahma Golf Course was sold to Nahma Golf Course Co. owners Warren Groleau and John Ylvisaker. The 9-hole golf course remains in operation today with a new full-service clubhouse and amenities.

In 1997, Carlton Johnson and John Frost purchased the lumber factory and grounds to build a campground and rental cottages, complete with a camp store. Today the operation has a boat docking area, conference facilities, a golf course, and many other amenities. This facility is the No-Nahma Resort.

Today in Nahma very few of the original buildings remain. A few early residents are still living and many residents are descendants of the employees of Bay de Nocquet Company and are still living in Nahma Township. Many of the younger generation have had to move to bigger cities for job opportunities.

In an effort to maintain the significance of the historical role, the Nahma Township Recreation Committee is recommending:

- The signage used by the Bay De Nocquet Company will be utilized in the recreational signage program of future work in Nahma Township.
- The role of the logging, water, transportation and recreation will be brought into play in many of the future recreational opportunities. This includes utilizing the old railroad grades for walkways, noting the historic sites in the bay good for observing by snorkeling and diving, and identification of sites along the Sturgeon River that were used for logging operations and transportation, for the canoeist and kayaking enthusiast to enjoy.
- Identification of historic sites and protecting their historic and cultural values. This includes Sandtown, the first mill site, cemetery areas, and other sites found throughout the township.
- Supporting all efforts of the Nahma Township Historical Society in their work to improve facilities, promote the township’s history through publications, internet activities, financial advancements and identification and protection of sites.
- Support the Nahma Township Historical Society in their efforts to preserve and improve their museum facility.
In 2010, residents and visitors began to work on improving the recreational experiences and business climate for Nahma Township. The abundance of national forest land in the Hiawatha National Forest, the great water resources, the abundance of a variety of wildlife, the climate along Lake Michigan and the close social climate provide for great opportunities to enhance the recreational experience to the level once present in Nahma Township. The beginning of these efforts was put together in the Nahma Township Recreation Plan.

In the survey process the history of Nahma and the importance of the historical aspects were noted by residents and especially visitors as a very strong reason for recreating/visiting the Nahma Township area. The preservation of the remaining historic buildings and structures is essential to the recreation experience in Nahma Township.

Nahma Township is steeped in early history. Because of this, many visitors come yearly to learn about the history of this small town. The quaint community of Nahma was the headquarters of the Bay de Nocquet Company. The wide boulevards, flower carts, nicely mowed areas and historic buildings create a pleasing ambiance to visitors and residents. The need to maintain the historic appearance and support the work of keeping up the clean appearance of the community is necessary for future recreation.

In the center of town is the Nahma Township Historical Society. It houses many old articles, records of the Bay de Nocquet Company that assists people in learning more about the rich history of the area, as well as genealogy work to help families learn more of their ancestors. The Nahma Township Historical society building represents the oldest church building in Nahma. The “Little Brown Church” was built in 1904 as St. Paul's Protestant Union Church.
As the first church built in Nahma, it began as a non-denominational church for the people of the community. In 1951, when the town was put up for sale, the “Little Brown Church” was deeded to the Episcopal Diocese of Marquette. The final services were held on June 4th, 2000. The Nahma Township Historical Society worked with the Episcopal Bishop; the Diocese deeded the building to Nahma Township for a museum in 2004. The Historical Society is supported by its membership, fund raisers, and donations. The membership has been responsible for heading up the renovation of the old steam engine and currently working on saving the Bay de Nocquet Company’s old burner. This burner has been a notable icon of Nahma.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Planning for and providing recreation services and open space for a community require staff (or volunteers) and funds to purchase land and open spaces to develop, operate and maintain them. This section describes how the Nahma Township Parks and Recreation functions are carried out.

2.1 Organizational Structure

Under Public Act 156 of 1917, Nahma Township has established a Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee is an eight member volunteer committee. The committee did meet on a regular basis to formulate, update, review and submit input on the five year plan and make recommendations on recreation to the Township Board. The Nahma Township Board is responsible for the maintenance of the Township’s parks and recreation facilities. The Township’s current organizational structure is detailed below:
2.2 Community Volunteer Groups

The Township has had a long and successful relationship with community organizations. When recreation projects arise for the Township, community organizations often donate money or time and labor to the project. Past community organizations involved with donations include the Labor Day Committee, Nahma Boat Club, St. Andrews Catholic Church, Nahma Township Historical Society, Bay De Noc “Cabin Fever Cruiser” Snowmobile Club, Bay De Noc Schools, Community Action Agency, Hannahville Indian Community, Sault Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and individual community residents and businesses. The Township does not currently have a formal relationship with any area school districts.

2.3 Parks and Recreation Budget

The Township allocates approximately $10,000.00 per year for general recreation activities. The Township allocates this money from the general fund.

Nahma’s Labor Day celebration draws upwards of 2,500 people annually. The funds generated by the Labor Day Committee have provided funding for maintenance and upgrades for the community center and grounds, the covered steam engine display and playground equipment. In 2010, the Labor Day funds amounted to $5,000 that will be used for recreational and historic improvements in the Township.

Private donations and funding from St. Andrew’s Catholic Church have also helped the Township improve recreation opportunities and facilities.

3.0 RECREATION INVENTORY

3.1 Township Parks and Recreation Facilities

Several recreation facilities are found within the Township and are described below. Facilities owned by the Township are noted in Table 3-1. A majority of the Township is located within the Hiawatha National Forest, where a number of recreation opportunities are provided by the USFS. These facilities are shown on the Recreation Facilities Location Map in Appendix B. Various recreation facilities located in Delta and Schoolcraft Counties are also included in Appendix B.

The two Township owned facilities were evaluated for accessibility. The Township owned facilities are in need of updates to improve the accessibility for all users; accessibility improvements are included as objectives in Section 5.0. The following rating scale was used:
1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal
design

Table 3-1

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<th>Nahma Township Recreational Facilities</th>
<th>Size: 1.5 acres</th>
<th>Accessibility Assessment Rating: 2</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nahma Township Hall and Community Center</td>
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*In 1992, the Township received $18,000 in Trust Fund monies to acquire approximately 1 acre of land adjacent to the Hall to develop as a community park (Grant #TF92-004); this land currently serves as the community park and the facilities are detailed below.

The Nahma Township Hall/Community Center is owned by Nahma Township. The Hall is used for Township meetings and the park area is used by residents and visitors to the area. The Hall is approximately 3,520 square feet. The park area will likely be the site of many events planned for the future. The Township Hall/Community Center does not currently meet all accessibility guidelines.

Facilities include:
- Picnic pavilion
- Basketball court
- Soccer field
- Swings
- Playground
- Teeter-totter
- Covered steam engine display
- Children’s train
- Flowing well
- Memorial site
- Historical marker
- Antique fire truck (in garage)
- Parking lot
- Kitchen

*Note: There are no outdoor restrooms at the Township Hall/Community Center facility at this time.

2. Nahma Township Historical Society Museum

The Nahma Township Historical Society Museum is owned by Nahma Township and is used by residents as well as tourists during the summer season.
- The Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm-4pm seasonally and also by appointment. The museum currently maintains a bell tower from the former school.
- The Historical Society Museum does not meet any accessibility guidelines. Visitors must enter the Museum via a flight of stairs; the restroom is not accessible.

3. Isabella Hall

- The Isabella Hall is used for community gatherings and is largely used by residents in the
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**Nahma Township Recreational Facilities**

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<td>Isabella area, as well as Township residents. The facility has a full kitchen and picnic tables and is approximately 2,660 square feet in size.</td>
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4. **Nahma Golf Club**

The Nahma Golf Club is located at 8588 LL Road in Nahma and is privately owned.
- 9 hole golf course
- Open to the public
- Handicapped accessible full service clubhouse

5. **No Nahma Resort and Campground**

The No Nahma Resort and Campground is located at 13723 Main Street in Nahma and is privately owned.
Facilities include:
- Fishing - Perch, Walleye, Bass, Pike
- Boating - On Lake Michigan
- Paddle Boats
- Biking
- Playground
- Fire rings
- Hiking
- Swimming - Sandy bottom beach
- Picnic tables
- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Volleyball
- Relaxation and fun
- Handicap Facilities
- Showers and washer/dryer available
- Cabins
- Campground

The No-Nahma Swimming Beach is available for use for $5/day. The beach is used infrequently by local residents but is used regularly by campers at the resort.

6. **Nahma Public Access**

(MDNRE Boat Launch)

The MDNRE Boat Launch is located directly behind the No Nahma Resort and Campground. The facility has the following features:
- 50 parking spots
- Walking trail
- Lighted
- Fishing platforms
- Restrooms
- 2 removable docks
- Bulletin board
Table 3-1
Nahma Township Recreational Facilities

7. Hiawatha National Forest

- Over 75,000 acres in Nahma Township
- 30 named lakes totaling 2,177 acres and 35 unnamed lakes totaling 114.4 acres
- 152 miles of streams
- 230.3 miles of forest roads for driving for pleasure
- Sturgeon - wild and scenic river
- Pole Creek Lake Public Access Site
- Dana Lake Public Access
- Big Bay de Noc Snowmobile Trail (Trail #2-10.7 miles)
- Nahma Grade Snowmobile Trail (Trail #411)-20.4 miles
- Moss Lake Single Track Off-Road Motorcycle Trail – 26.5 miles
- Nahma Marsh Hiking Trail and Viewing Platform-0.3 miles
  - This trail is fully accessible to people with disabilities.
- Flowing Well Campground
  - This campground is fully accessible to people with disabilities.
- Waco Lake Dispersed Campsite
- Ramsey Lake Dispersed Campsite
- Round Lake Boat Launch

8. Nahma Inn Boat Landing

The Nahma Inn is located at 13747 Main Street in Nahma and provides a boat landing. There is a picnic area located on land adjacent to the Nahma Inn. The picnic area is open to the public, but located on private property. Temporary docking will be available in 2011.

9. Indian Pointe Historic Church Site

The Township has a 99 year lease through the Catholic Dioceses for access to this historic site popular for scenic viewing. The site is currently undeveloped; there is potential to develop a picnic area.

10. Area Cemeteries

There are at least 4 cemeteries in Nahma Township. Cemetery history would be a great historic program to work on for those interested in genealogy. The Nahma area is noted to have a civil war burial area in the community that should be explored and protected.

- Moss Lake Cemetery
- Nahma Cemetery
- Indian Pointe Cemetery

Source: Nahma Township Recreation Committee and USFS, 2010.

Nahma Township boasts a large number of events and activities for residents and tourists listed in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2
Nahma Township Events and Activities

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<td>Labor Day Celebration</td>
<td>A great opportunity for families to enjoy a special day in a safe environment.</td>
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**Table 3-2**  
**Nahma Township Events and Activities**

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<td>Games, rides, petting zoo, pony rides, gifts and free raffles are included for residents and visiting children and adults to enjoy a fun day.</td>
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<td>Monarch butterfly areas in Nahma Township</td>
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<td>Old airport area on beach between Nahma and Indian Point</td>
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<td>Wild cranberry picking areas between Nahma and Indian Point</td>
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<td>Burial sites throughout Township specifically near Nahma and north of St. Jacques</td>
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<td>Blueberry and raspberry picking</td>
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<td>Winter 2011-2012: Winter Carnival at Nahma</td>
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<td>June 2011: Music festival is being coordinated</td>
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<td>June 2011: Christine’s Nahma Studio Gallery will be open offering classes and art work</td>
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<td>July-September 2011: Nahma Farmer’s Market being coordinated for Fridays</td>
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<td>Diving and snorkeling near the historic docks of the Bay de Noc Company</td>
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<td>Over 75 miles in Nahma Township of railroad grades to explore and hike; mostly on public lands</td>
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<td>Train locomotive No. 5 at Nahma Township Park.</td>
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<td>Scenic cruises on Big Bay de Noc can be scheduled in Garden, Fayette and Fairport to visit the islands near Big Bay de Noc.</td>
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<td>Hunting opportunities in Nahma Township include:</td>
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Nahma Township Events and Activities

- Porcupine
- Cottontail Rabbit
- Spruce Grouse
- Red Squirrel
- Chipmunk
- Bat
- Skunk
- Pine Marten
- Fisher

3.2 Day Trips from Nahma
The central location of Nahma Township allows residents and visitors to travel relatively short distances to visit unique area sites.

Day Trips from Nahma:

- Canoe/kayak/paddleboat down various portions of Nahma’s Sturgeon River – Rentals available at No-Nah-Ma Resort. 906-644-2728.
- Hike the Nahma Marsh Trail. Maps available at the Township Hall, Hotel or Resort.
- Hike some of the 75 miles of old Nahma Northern Railroad Grade.
- Old Cemeteries-Nahma, Moss Lake, St. Jacques, Indian Pointe. Maps available at Township Hall, Hotel or Resort.
- Schedule a cruise ride on Big Bay de Noc to see the Islands and our beautiful shorescapes. Contact Laurie at Nahma Inn-906-644-2846
- Fayette State Park on Garden Peninsula 906-644-2603: Historic Iron Smelting Village, beautiful scenic walks along bed rock ridges and deep natural harbor area of Big Bay de Noc.
- Big Springs-Kitchitikipi at Palms Brook State Park. 906-341-2355.
- Stonington Lighthouse – No services available.
- Winery tours. Maps available at Township Hall, Hotel or Resort.
- Visiting Casinos:
  - Island Resort & Casino near Escanaba 906-466-2941
  - Kewadin Casino east of Manistique 906-341-5510
- Kewadin Casino west of Munising at Christmas 1-800-539-2346
  - Pick wild blueberries, raspberries, cranberries in season.
  - Fall color tours by car, 4 wheeler, motorcycle or bicycles on the miles of beautiful scenic byways in Nahma Township and throughout the Upper Peninsula. Rental information and maps available at No-Nah-Ma Resort. 906-644-2728
  - Winter: Snowmobile Club Poker Run in February.
  - Winter activities such as Nahma’s Pond Hockey Event.
  - Geo Caching. Check online for more information.
  - Observe the migration gathering of Monarch Butterfly – around Labor Day weekend right at Nahma or at Stonington Peninsula. Contact Mary LaVigne at No-Nah-Ma Resort for dates and location maps. 906-644-2728.
  - Grab a picnic lunch and head for the Flowing Well on the Sturgeon River or nine other sites for a relaxing afternoon. Maps available at Nahma Township Hall, Nahma Inn and No Nahma Resort.
  - Sac Bay Park is located in the southern portion of the Garden Peninsula, along Big Bay de Noc. The park is used primarily during the summer months by local residents for day picnics and gatherings.

*Provided by the Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee and developed by assistance from residents!*

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

4.1 Community Data

4.1.1 Population

For any planning endeavor, careful attention must be given to the analysis of population trends and projections. Such an analysis is necessary to determine existing or future needs based on the characteristics of the area’s population. Population analysis assists with determining the direction of local capital improvements and related expenditures. For recreation planning, population data is also useful when applying recreation standards to a community.

While the population in the State of Michigan increased in the last twenty years, Delta County and Nahma Township have experienced a population decline from 1980 to 2000. Historic population trends are shown in Table 4-1. The Township demonstrated a 1960 population of 569, while the 2000 population was recorded at 499 persons, marking a 12.3 percent decrease. Masonville, Garden and Ensign Townships, which border Nahma Township, saw their populations increase from 1960 to 2000. Populations for all Delta County units of government from 1960 to 2000 are presented in Table 4-1.
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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census for years cited
The Township’s population has declined over the past four decades with the exception of a slight rebound shown in 1980. The largest changes are attributable to the closing of the community’s largest employer, the Bay de Nocquet Company, in 1951. The lumbering firm was the only industry, as well as the principal landowner in the community of Nahma. Subsequent ownership by the American Playground Device Company brought the community jobs manufacturing playground equipment. The company moved its entire operation from Indiana to Nahma in the late 1960's. The long distance to the marketplace placed the company at a competitive disadvantage and headquarters were moved back to Indiana in 1971. Revitalization plans never materialized.

In January 1988, American Playground came under new ownership and interest in pursuing area revitalization was revived. In addition to equipment production, the new owners envisioned a corporate resort which included the reopening of retail stores. Local owners have refurbished and reopened the hotel and general store. Land holdings have changed hands a number of times and are now in the ownership of multiple private individuals.

Population estimates are generally produced every year between decennial censuses for each incorporated place and county subdivision in the United States. These estimates are the product of a joint effort by the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau and the Federal State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates (FSCPE). The estimates show a continuing decline for Delta County and indicate a slight population rebound for Nahma Township (Table 4-2).

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4.1.2 Age Characteristics
The age of the residents of an area may indicate emerging needs for recreational facilities.

The annual Labor Day celebration at Nahma emphasizes the heritage of Nahma and family fun.

The median age of Nahma Township residents was 50.8 in 2000. Over 28 percent of the population is in the retirement age category (over 65 years of age), while only 5 percent of the population was in the preschool age category (less than 5 years of age).
4.1.3 Gender

A slight majority of the population in the Township is male (51.5 percent).

4.1.4 Household Characteristics

Evaluation of the changes in household characteristics in a community can often provide additional insights about population trends. Household relationships reflect changing social values, economic conditions, and demographic changes such as increased lifespan and the increasing mobility of our society.

The Census defines a household as all persons who occupy a housing unit, i.e., a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any group or related or unrelated persons sharing living quarters. A family consists of a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. A non-family household can be one person living alone, or any combination of people not related by blood, marriage or adoption.

From 1990 to 2000 the number of households in the Township decreased by 1, or 0.6 percent as the population increased nearly 2 percent. Concurrently, the average household size decreased from 2.60 to 2.26 persons. Family households decreased from 145 to 141, or 2.8 percent. Non-family households, meanwhile, nearly doubled during the same period and increased by 97 percent. General household characteristics are presented in Table 4-3.

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4.1.5 Disability
In 2000, the Township had 2 individuals age 5 to 15 with a disability, 108 individuals aged 16 to 64 with a disability and 126 individuals aged 65 and over with a disability.

4.1.6 Economic Characteristics

- Household Income
The median household income, as reported in the 2000 Census was $28,077. There were 34 individuals with incomes below the established poverty level. The distribution of income in the Township by household is presented below:

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- Economic Base
The economic health of the Township is derived from tourism, recreational pursuits, logging and minor agricultural activities. Nahma Township is heavily dependent on tourist traffic from adjacent communities, downstate and out-of-state travelers. These types of economic activities are accepted by residents and those visiting the Township. Expansion of these above activities is desirable and local efforts will be necessary to support this economic base.

The Escanaba-Gladstone urban corridor and Manistique urban area both located approximately 30 miles via Highway US-2 to the west and east respectively, provide the bulk of employment opportunities for Township residents.

4.1.7 Population Density
According to the United States Census Bureau, the Township has a total area of 188.9 square miles, of which, 166.2 square miles (109,938 acres) of it is land and 22.6 square miles of it (12 percent) is water. The population density is approximately 3.0 persons per square mile.
4.1.8 Area Physical Characteristics

- **Land Use and Transportation**
  The transportation facilities and land use patterns are important considerations in planning for the recreational needs of the community. Information on transportation facilities will be needed to determine future needs of the community. Major roads are shown on the Location Map in Appendix B. The information on land use patterns within the community will show the relationship between recreation areas and the community’s population concentrations. Locations best suited for future recreation development may become evident after a careful examination of land use and transportation. Many of the Township’s roads are owned by the USFS. There are also several roads that are co-managed by the Delta County Road Commission and the USFS.

The major land use in the Township is in forested lands. As shown on the Land Ownership Map in Appendix B, the USFS is by far the largest land holder in the Township. With the USFS owning the vast majority of available land, private development is limited. The USFS land is part of the Hiawatha National Forest. The Township has the opportunity to work cooperatively with the USFS for recreation development on Hiawatha Forest Land. The largest concentration of population within the Township is in and around the community of Nahma.

4.1.9 Nahma Township Facts and Figures

- 68 percent of the Township’s 109,938 acres of land are owned by the US Forest Service. This amounts to approximately 75,000 acres of Hiawatha National Forest.
- Nahma accesses 107,230 acre Big Bay de Noc.

There are approximately 1,386 acres of agricultural land in Nahma Township including hay land, pastureland, cropland and areas where hay has been removed in the last 5 years.

- There are 14 lineal miles of Lake Michigan frontage (Big Bay de Noc) in Nahma Township.
- The Southern end of Nahma Township is on Lake Michigan and the Northern border of the Township is only 19 miles from Lake Superior.
● Federal Forest Highway 13 runs from Nahma Junction to Wetmore for a total of 37 miles. Twenty miles of Federal Forest Highway 13 are in Nahma Township.
● Nahma Township is 9 miles wide east to west and is 22 miles from north to south.
● There are 30 named inland lakes for 2,177 acres and 35 unnamed lakes totaling 114.4 acres in Nahma Township. Moss Lake is the largest at 1,090 acres.
● The Sturgeon River is Nahma Township’s largest stream. The lower portion of the Sturgeon River is designated as a wild & scenic river.
● Nahma Township has 57 miles of primary roads and 24 miles of local roads. There are also USFS roads and US-2.
● There are estimated 152 miles of rivers, streams and creeks in Nahma Township, many which contain Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout.
● There are presently three USFS campgrounds/campsites in Nahma Township; the Flowing Well Campground, Waco Lake and Ramsey Lake dispersed campsites.
● There are USFS public access sites at: Dana Lake, Pole Creek, and Round Lake.
● There are over 230 miles of forest roads for driving enjoyment.
● There are over 31 miles of maintained snowmobile trails in Nahma Township.
● There are 75 miles of abandoned Bay de Nocquet Company railroad lines in Nahma Township that make excellent areas to walk and explore.

● If you were to kayak from Nahma to Garden around the north end of the bay you would have travelled approximately 20 miles.
● Big Bay de Noc and nearby land areas abound with Eagles, Osprey, Hawks, Loons, Ducks, Geese, Sand Hill Cranes, Wild Turkeys, Ruffed Grouse and a myriad of songbirds.
● Due to Nahma Township being on Big Bay de Noc, the water warms up much sooner than Lake Michigan for swimming.
4.2 PLANNING METHODS
4.2.1 Systems Approach to Planning
The systems approach to planning incorporates information gained from citizen surveys and detailed recreation inventories to determine the recreation needs of a community.

4.2.2 Barrier Free Accessibility Requirements for Parks
The barrier free accessibility requirements for parks is provided in Appendix C and will be consulted for future projects.

4.2.3 The Public Input Process
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that two methods be used to incorporate public input into the recreation planning process. The Nahma Township Recreation Committee distributed a recreational survey to get input from residents and visitors. A copy of the survey can be found in Appendix D. The results of the community survey are also presented in Appendix D; approximately 100 surveys were returned. The Recreation Committee has held numerous meetings over the past year and minutes are included in Appendix E. The Recreation Committee also facilitated meetings with community members, distributed handouts, put on a PowerPoint presentation on the efforts of the committee at a Township Board Meeting, attended public meetings, exhibited displays at local events and solicited input from meeting guests.

The Township advertised that the initial draft plan was available for review on September 13th, 2010 at a public meeting where approximately 40 persons from Nahma Township attended. A copy of the meeting minutes is included in Appendix F. The final draft was advertised for review on October 31st, 2010. A copy of the advertisement is included in Appendix G. After the 30 day public review period, the Township held a public hearing on December 6th, 2010 to secure public input regarding this recreation plan. A copy of the minutes from this meeting may also be found in Appendix G.

4.2.4 Evaluation of Local and Regional Plans
The Nahma Township Recreation Committee reviewed the following plans during the planning process to gather statistical data and other information about the area.

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5.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals that follow are guides for recreation related decision making. Consideration and observance of recreation policies should ultimately lead a community toward the attainment of its short and long term goals.

Specific development projects and programs should initially be evaluated with respect to the recreation goals and then in terms of the proposal’s contribution to the recreation system of the Township. The Recreation Committee decided that each project identified should be reviewed to determine the following:

- Can volunteers complete these projects without funding, e.g. signage, trail maintenance, park enhancement?
- Can the recreational activity/facility be completed locally with $1000 or less funding or does the Township need to seek additional funding?
- How much funding is needed?
- Is a land purchase needed?
- Can a land purchase be coordinated with the USFS or the State of Michigan?
- Can the project be coordinated with another County, State or Federal Agency, where the Township would provide volunteer or seed money and the other unit of government would provide assistance such as maintenance, or financial programming?

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- Are there public interest programs that will enlighten, entertain or encourage visits to the Township, e.g. cultural programs, historic, wildlife programming, art, etc?
- Can we publicize an informational program by creating: articles, a website, posting of information, Facebook, or use other means to inform other of projects?

The survey results and community discussions have indicated that water based recreation was a top interest. Goals developed by the Recreation Committee are listed below.

**Goal: Develop and improve water based recreation in Nahma Township.**

Water based activities are a very important part of recreation in Nahma Township, evidenced by the numbers of inland lakes, streams and the 14 miles of frontage on Big Bay de Noc. The responses of individuals in the survey process, as well as the Public Meeting, prioritized improvements to recreation toward water based activities.

Many of residents who grew up in the area of Nahma remember when it was owned by Bay de Nocquet Company and the American Playground Company or had relatives that worked here and told stories about their experiences.

After American Playground moved out, the Township was not financially able to purchase the historical “public beach” or other lakefront properties along Big Bay de Noc. All the waterfront property in Nahma, which could be used for a swimming beach, is now privately owned. Many residents, their children, grandchildren and visitors have no public access for swimming or enjoying the lake shore. The MDNRE boat launch and egress to Big Bay de Noc, with improvements, could be a great source of tourism, bring revenue to the local businesses, and additional enjoyment to the residents.
Big Bay de Noc is a great natural resource and a source of enjoyment. The Bay’s use for fishing, pleasure boating, kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, jet skiing, water skiing and ice fishing could be expanded by facility improvements. The Sturgeon River is very popular for silent boating but there are no public canoe/kayak launches, take-outs or parking. The myriad of inland lakes, including Moss Lake - our largest inland lake, could provide much more recreational experiences to residents and visitors with well planned recreation actions.

**Objectives:**

- Pursue acquisition or development of access to Lake Michigan for Nahma Township residents and visitors. This access should meet the needs of swimmers, people that enjoy picnicking by the lake and those that want to sun bathe and otherwise recreate by Big Bay de Noc.

- Cooperate with appropriate agencies to secure dredging from the Nahma MDNRE boat launch to Lake Michigan. With the low water table it is difficult for boats with a deeper draft. This would allow larger vessels to enter and leave the Harbor and provide for greater usage of this site.

- Work with the MDNRE and local residents to mark boating channels for safer launching and docking.

- Establish and complete a “needed signage” plan using the motif of the Bay de Nocquet Company.

- Work with appropriate organizations, agencies and volunteers to hold fishing tournaments, as many award winning walleyes and small mouth bass are taken out of Big Bay de Noc. This would be a great boost to the local economy.

- Work with MDNRE to place a light at the mouth of harbor for safer entry into the channel leading to the MDRNE boat launch.
Establish a fish cleaning station with proper lighting at the MDNRE launch.

Add boat, canoe and kayak launches along the Sturgeon River and along other Township waterways where feasible.

Establish a snorkeling and diving awareness program including maps and markings.

Pursue the development of canoe/kayak entry areas on the Sturgeon River located north of Nahma. A few suggestions: Half Mile Bridge, Marsh Trail Area, Sandtown Bridge, Nahma Snowmobile Trail, “Nahma, Michigan” (by the MDNRE Launch) and Black Creek.

Cooperate with the USFS to develop rustic camps at remote locations within the Hiawatha National Forest near streams and/or inland lakes.

Coordinate a program with USFS, MDRNE, MDOT and other partners to create a canoe/kayak launch south of US-2 on the Sturgeon River near Federal Highway 13. This facility would have a large parking area, safe access to US-2 and provide an inviting entry into the Sturgeon River encouraging more visitor traffic to the Township.

Develop additional Sturgeon River picnic and camping sites.

Work closely with residents of Moss Lake to explore and develop limited access to the Lake for wildlife observation and/or non-motorized water craft.

Establish and maintain an Indian Point viewing and picnic area.

Pursue the development of tent platforms at various campsites throughout the Township.

Explore the opportunities for having Nahma be a safe harbor for boats that become distressed on Big Bay de Noc and Lake Michigan.
- Work on walkways in the Township that are associated with water resources. Develop a Sturgeon River walkway, develop trails near Big Bay de Noc - particularly between Nahma and St. Jacques, and maintain the Marsh Trail.

- Bay de Noc represents over 107,000 acres that is accessible from Nahma. The surface area of the Bay needs to be promoted for the wide variety of water based recreation. Promotion could include diving, parasailing, expanded kayak use, ecotourism, scenic/sunset cruises, wildlife observation tours, fishing excursions, snorkeling, winter ice recreation opportunities and similar low impact uses.

**Goal:** Encourage improved non-motorized recreational uses.

Trails for a variety of non-motorized use are becoming very popular. Walking, hiking, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, hunting trails, equestrian trails, rollerblading, biking, and running are some of the recreational activities that people are enjoying. The input from the public regarding non-motorized recreational activities noted the need to undertake many of the following activities.

**Objectives:**

- Recruit and establish volunteer groups to consistently clean up the Nahma Marsh Trail throughout the year.
- Improve water levels at the Nahma Marsh for expansion of water fowl population.
- Replace and maintain the wood duck houses at Nahma Marsh.
- Develop and distribute improved informational brochures on walking trails in the Township, including the Marsh Trail area.
- Establish areas for canoe and kayak accessibility on the Sturgeon River.
- Explore the potential at Moss Lake for a wildlife observation access and platform.
• Establish and maintain walking and nature trails throughout the Township.

• Establish food plots and other types of plantings for wildlife away from agricultural operations, which will provide for wildlife observation and hunting opportunities.

• Identify hunter camp sites for temporary set-ups.

• Establish and maintain a relationship with appropriate federal, state and local agencies to ensure compliance with existing plans and policies.

• The Lake Michigan Bike Loop needs to have the Nahma route included in their bike route program.

• Contact biking, hiking and horseback organizations to encourage Nahma Township opportunities to connect with their trails, as well as promote use of Nahma Township trails.

• Develop and maintain trails that can be utilized by a variety of users, including hunters, long distant hikers, walkers, bikers, equestrian, cross-country skiing and snowshoers.

• Develop a biking trail from St. Jacques to Nahma.

• Develop brochures and maps for non-motorized trails and locations of use within Nahma Township. These informational materials need to be prominently displayed in businesses and at the Nahma Township hall. The internet/website needs to also have these documents available.

**Goal:** Develop motorized trail systems for snowmobiles and OHVs.

Motorized trails are very important to the recreation programming for Nahma Township. Presently there are no safe trails (travel is on county roads) that lead from
north of US-2 to Nahma along any of the county roads. Four wheelers can more easily use the county roads because they are most often using trails when there is no snow or snow banks. Use of snowmobiles along the county roads is very unsafe and often impractical to use comfortably when travelling on any of the three county roads leading to Nahma from US-2.

North of US-2, great snowmobile trails that are groomed exist, but improved connections and trail heads are desired. There needs to be continued effort to construct and relocate snowmobile trails so that they are available in months of no snow for the 4 wheelers. A signage and information program will need to be developed to assist users in using motorized trails in Nahma Township.

**Objectives:**
- Develop trails that will provide access to local community services.
- Trail heads are needed for 4 wheeler units at many locations throughout the Township. These trail heads will provide for a safe and adequate parking and unloading space for vehicles with trailers.
- Work to develop trail linkages that would provide access to recreation sites and desirable destinations in other communities. Specific needs in this objective include snowmobile access to Nahma from the Nahma Junction area adjacent to county road 497. Other linkages include St. Jacques to Nahma and Isabella to Nahma.
- Work closely with federal, state and local agencies and organizations to develop trails that will provide access to local communities and link with other major trails throughout the county.
- Seek assistance from Michigan Technological University for students to engineer facilities as needed for bridges and other structures for trail development.
- A motorized trail is needed from County Road 497/US-2 (old grade) and loop to Moss Lake area via old logging roads and existing trails. There may be a need to work with private landowners, but most of the area is US Forest Service Land.

- Old US-2 in the St. Jacques area may be a potential trail way to keep people moving east and west without having to use the roadside of present day US-2.

- Coordinate the development of trails for summer time OHV’s with winter time usage by snowmobiles. This most likely will involve locating trails to avoid damage to wetland areas.

- Old logging trails and old railroad grades need to be priority areas to develop for maintainable motorized trail systems.

- Develop access to OHV trails that exist north of US-2 from areas south of US 2 in Nahma Township. Presently county roads are used and this is an unsafe method of travel. The formalizing of trails for OHV use will reduce erosion, reduce the influence on wildlife, reduce the damage to private lands and reduce rutting of non-authorized trail routes to the northern locations.

- Develop methods of trail marking that would assist trail users and encourage riders to remain on legal trails. Trail marking of trail heads, local business locations and directions are very important to a successful recreation program.

- Develop systems for crossing streams and wetlands that meet environmentally acceptable practices: low impact bridges, wooden mats, filter cloth with crushed rock for water passage over the rock, short span wooden (e.g. hemlock, tamarack, spruce, black locust) bridges, and wooden travel ways. These are the types of projects to be evaluated for use.
- Support and promote participation in the Big Bay de Noc Cabin Cruisers Snowmobile Club in their efforts to groom and maintain trail systems in Nahma Township.
- Improve motorized trail system signage and brochures as well as internet promotion of trails in Nahma Township.

**Goal:** Expand and promote wildlife observation opportunities in Nahma Township.

Wildlife has played a very instrumental role in the recreational program of Nahma Township and continues to be a large attraction in our area. Wildlife observation, the simple presence of wildlife in our daily lives, trapping experiences and hunting are all reasons why people recreate in Nahma Township. The Township experiences less snowfall and longer growing seasons due to the proximity to Lake Michigan. This provides increased opportunity for plant production and the potential for more wildlife. Requesting funding for materials/contractors and organizing volunteers to carry out the following list of objectives would greatly enhance the Township’s recreational opportunities.

**Objectives:**
- Recruit and establish volunteer groups to consistently clean up the Nahma Marsh Trail throughout the year.
- Improve water levels at the Nahma Marsh for expansion of water fowl population.
- Replace and maintain the wood duck houses at Nahma Marsh.
- Develop a signage program based on the design of signs used by the historic Bay de Nocquet Lumber Company for assisting in identifying and directing recreational users.
• Develop and distribute improved informational brochures.
• Establish areas for canoe and kayak accessibility on the Sturgeon River.
• Explore potential Moss Lake wildlife observation access.
• Establish and maintain walking and nature trails throughout the Township.
• Establish food plots on private lands and other types of plantings for wildlife benefits away from agricultural operations for wildlife observation and hunting opportunities.
• Identify hunter camp sites for temporary set-ups.
• Establish and maintain a relationship with appropriate federal, state and local agencies to ensure compliance with existing plans and policies.
• Develop, promote and maintain non-motorized trails throughout Nahma Township that can be utilized by a variety of users, including hunters, walkers and mountain bikers.
• Encourage the mowing/brush hogging of the main snowmobile trail (US-2 up to 442 in Nahma Township) to provide a lineal food plot for wildlife including deer, turkey, grouse and snowshoe hare.
• Encourage more mowing on specific areas of power lines to provide feed for deer, as well as great habitat for bird species. Wildlife habitat would be improved through increased plant diversity using native plant species. (this is done in other areas of the Upper Peninsula)
• Enhance walking/hunting trails with the development of wildlife food plots and observation areas on private lands. Mowing trails create more palatable plant growth that could be utilized by many animals, plus novice hikers enjoy mowed trails.
• Seek funding and volunteer coordination for development of wildlife enhancement on the vast utility areas (electric & pipeline) and open areas of the Hiawatha Forest in Nahma Township.
• Seek funding for an annual mowing program in areas (logging roads, past open areas, etc.) that
have enough sunlight and grass/clover/forbs conditions which would provide more wildlife food. This will result in better hunting experiences and wildlife observations.

- Encourage more forest management of aspen timber types where clear cutting can be undertaken. This practice will benefit ruffed grouse, turkey and white tail deer which are species that encourage hunters to visit the Township.

- Recreation would be enhanced if quality white tail deer management was promoted in Nahma Township. The result would be hunters able to harvest larger antlered deer.

- Organize volunteers and seek funding to undertake a shrub planting of native fruit bearing shrubs for wildlife benefits. A great landowner to work with is the US Forest Service. *(Dickinson County has examples of Sargent crabs, Washington Hawthorne and Dogwoods that provide excellent Ruffed Grouse habitat.)*

- Encourage the clearing of small areas in specific areas for hunter camp sites in the fall. These could also be primitive camp sites for other forest users.

- Work with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Hannahville Indian Community, MDNRE, the Upper Peninsula RC&D and USDA to establish wild rice “manomin” on inland lakes, particularly Moss Lake. Wild rice reestablishment would be great for wildlife and traditional well-being of the Anishinabeg people since it is a sacred food. Other areas to consider for reestablishment would be oxbows/sloughs of the Sturgeon River, the bays of Lake Michigan, and marsh areas/shallow lake areas within Nahma Township.

- Work closely with federal, state and local agencies and organizations to develop trails that will provide access to local communities and link with other major trails throughout the county. These trails will provide wildlife observation areas and edge effect for wildlife usage.

- Encourage farmers in Nahma Township through funding to make plantings on privately owned abandoned farmland in the Township that would provide perennial and annual food plots. These projects would be planned with farmers so as to minimize damage to their production crops. These areas could be hunting zones or refuge areas for observation only.
• Promote development of open water areas in wetland situations. Water is one of the three key ingredients (food, water and cover) for wildlife needs; and creating more water areas would enhance wildlife observation. (lower water levels in the last 6 years has decreased open water situations)

• Encourage Township-wide apple tree planting since wildlife species enjoy and benefit from the presence of apple trees.

• Point out abundant presence of Sandhill Cranes in the Township as species to observe with visitors to our area.

• Work with US Forest Service to develop remote camping locations that will assist people setting up camps so observation and hunting of wildlife is enhanced.

• Work with landowners in Nahma Township to get assistance from the Delta Conservation District in wildlife planning and forest management that leads to more food, cover and water for wildlife for both game and nongame species. Possibly set up a cost assistance program based on approval of the Delta Conservation District.

• Encourage/promote local residents working closely with US Forest Service Wildlife Specialists to coordinate activities to promote wildlife species.

• Enhance fish game species by protecting our streams and lakes from invasive and rough fish species.

• Improve directions for users by identifying existing trails with signage.

• Work with tribes in the Nahma Township area to reestablish the Sturgeon “Na’me” into Nahma’s Sturgeon River.

• Work with volunteers and wildlife specialists to build and erect nesting boxes, floating nests and elevated platforms for wildlife.

• Encourage predator hunting and trapping where/when the opportunity exists.

The Nahma Township Recreation Committee realizes that improving wildlife in Nahma Township will require pursuing various funding opportunities and cooperative efforts of residents, the US Forest Service, foundations and other governmental organizations and volunteer coordination.
Emphasis on the importance of bringing people into more varied social settings is needed in Nahma Township. Community interaction in the Township presently is enjoyed at restaurants, family gatherings, the Labor Day Celebration and congregating over a beverage. The goal of this section is to encourage the development of activities that provide more opportunities for people to come together and share their enjoyment of a variety of other types of events, from horse shoe pits, to art and craft programs, and possibly a farmer’s market program.

**Objectives:**

- Work closely with local sportsman’s groups, snowmobile clubs and other special interest groups to accomplish the goals and objectives expressed in the Recreation Plan.
- Improve available public information, including: signage, brochures and website promotion.
- Plan a winter carnival & ice hockey tournament for Nahma Township.
- Plan a summer music festival for Nahma Township in June 2011.
- Develop a skating rink.
- Encourage the development of a golf driving range.
- Evaluate opportunities for tennis courts/basketball court system.
- Establish a Farmer’s Market in the Township.
- Develop and support a children’s summer art camp program.
- Improve child-oriented programming and facilities.
- Build a horseshoe pit at the Township Park.
- Develop summer programs for children, including: soccer, softball, kayaking, etc.
- Improve and acquire amenities to facilitate community gatherings, including: pavilions, food
preparation areas, picnic facilities, public outdoor toilets and camp fire pits.

- Develop pow-wow grounds that would allow for gathering of native and non-native groups.
- Promote and host various children’s sports tournaments throughout the summer.
- Develop a Township cultural resource center with appropriate information to carry out informational presentations.
- Establish art & culture enrichment classes for adults.
- Contact Michigan Technological University to assist in development of a program on area logging history.
- Demonstrate cultural crafts and artisan work.
- Develop and support physical fitness programs for Township residents.
- Build outdoor restroom facilities at the Nahma Township Hall for visitors use when hall is not open.
- Make Historical Society handicap accessible and provide proper lighting for easier viewing inside of building.
- Running races will be undertaken in association to the Music Festival and Labor Day Celebration beginning in 2011.

**Goal:** Promote the heritage of Nahma Township.

The history of Nahma Township is steeped in logging and life in a logging/sawmill community. The natural resources of the Township have dictated the development and history that we have to share as residents today. From our major river that was named by our Anishinabeg ancestors as “Na’me” (Sturgeon) to the trails crossing the landscape that once were tracks for the trains that brought wood to the sawmill at Nahma - evidence of the history is all around.

In an effort to preserve the Township’s history and enrich those that live and visit here, the recreation program will encourage a variety of activities to ensure our historical treasure is preserved. It is recommended that all aspects of recreational programming be pursued in a fashion that enhances Nahma Township’s historical attributes.
Objectives:

- Incorporate walking trails in the Township, particularly around the town of Nahma. Focusing on historic aspects of the Township would be great themes for these trails.
- Promote ecological tourism in the area, particularly glacial and Lake Michigan activities that have helped define the landscape, such as beach dunes, lakes, marshes and glacial formations.

- Work closely with the Nahma Township Historical Society to incorporate historical protection and to identify site of a historical nature in Nahma Township.
- Signage of the Big Bay de Nocquet Company will be encouraged throughout the Township.
- Develop observation sites and supporting informational materials related to the culture of the first people to the area.
- Support the USFS in their activities to identify Sandtown and past sawmill areas that exist on Hiawatha National Forest.
- Identify and pursue the registration of historic places on the State and National Register.
- Pursue purchase of traditional recreational and related sites in the Nahma area for preserving for future public use including St. James Cemetery and Civil War/Anishinabeg cemeteries in Nahma Township.

- Support the usage, improvements and events at the Historic Isabella Community (Grange) Hall.
- Pursue a Scenic Byways designation along the Bay De Noc Lakeshore.
- Continue and expand the programming of the Nahma Labor Day Celebration. This program supports the history and spirit of Nahma of early times when the Big Bay de Nocquet Company had log sawing contests, dances and games for children. In 2011, Nahma will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150\textsuperscript{th}) birthday. The spirit of the celebration of Nahma’s heritage related to logging, sawmilling and social events will be emphasized with focus on this sesquicentennial celebration.

- Encourage an organization or private entrepreneur to fix the old train and create a train ride experience to provide a tourism opportunity based on historic and scenic train rides.

\textbf{Goal:} Work closely with appropriate federal, state, local and tribal agencies to insure that the Nahma Township Recreation Plan is carried out.

In order to get most activities accomplished in recreation, a collaborative working relationship will need to be maintained with units of government. The county road system, state financial and technical
services, historic tribal presence and the vastness of the Hiawatha National Forest makes working with agencies critical to a successful recreational program for residents and visitors.

**Objectives:**
- Seek funding that would provide for facilities on USFS lands that are consistent with the Hiawatha National Forest Plan.
- Establish volunteer work groups that will assist in maintaining and improving sites that the USFS does not have resources to adequately care for on USFS land. An example of the work would be cleaning and maintaining the Marsh Trail walk area with volunteer workers.
- Work with the Delta County Road Commission and USFS to acquire appropriate permits for signage on trails, roads, recreation and business facilities in the Township. The road commission may be able to help the Township contract signage development in a more cost effective manner.
- Apply for funding that will allow the USFS to install additional signage, expand trail and camping sites, print additional informational materials and develop interpretation sites for cultural and biological environments.
- Seek assistance from the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development (UPRC & D) program to provide technical and financial help for work identified in the Recreational Plan. This will include both USDA assistance, as well as assistance through foundations.
- Work closely with MDNRE to insure that the boat launch meets the needs of residents and visitors. Work cooperatively on signage, channel clearing, potentially a fish cleaning station and other amenities.
- Work with the Michigan Department of Transportation, MDNRE, USFS and other agencies to develop a parking facility & launch for canoe/kayak drop off and pickup area at US-2 on the Sturgeon River.
- Work with appropriate agencies to develop maps for kayak/canoe trip opportunities for visitors and residents.
- Work with MDNRE and the Cabin Cruisers Snowmobile Club to consider expanded trail work for snowmobiles, four wheelers and other motorized opportunities.
• Working with utility companies regarding their power line and utility corridors will be needed to insure that recreation work within Road right of way’s will be acceptable to both the companies and the landowners (private or Federal).

**Goal:** Develop and maintain a communication system that increases awareness among local residents and visitors to recreation opportunities, activity schedules and Township businesses.

The Nahma Township Recreation Committee has identified that the information and communication about Nahma Township events, opportunities, location and recreational aspects has to be more readily available to residents and visitors. An internet site, newspaper articles, newsletters and magazine articles are just a few methods discussed as important activities.

**Objectives:**

• Develop, maintain and advertise a website with links to federal, state, county, local and tribal recreation sites and areas of interest.

• Develop website to include links to Nahma Township businesses.

• Improve recreation brochures and provide hard copy materials locally.

• Partner with Big Bay de Noc High School and Bay College students to develop a program for students to prepare news articles that promote Nahma Township for area and regional papers.

• Use the website as a year around promotional opportunity for the Labor Day celebration.

• Recruit volunteers to assist Nahma Township to promote recreational activities through newspaper and magazine articles.

• Use the recreation plan information and guidelines for promoting Nahma Township.
• Make links to other local recreation opportunities:
  o Bay de Noc sports fishing
  o Have section on logging history
  o Section on Nahma History
  o Calendar of events and information on fall colors, blueberry season, cranberry harvesting, music festival, pond hockey, fish tournaments, dances, car shows, Labor Day parade & celebration, etc.
  o What is going on in the community in the area of entertainment, recreational activities, and business opportunities/events.

5.1 Identified Recreation Needs
The Nahma Township Recreation Committee, through the recreation development schedule, planned a number of necessary and valuable recreation projects to enhance the quality of life for all demographic groups. The Committee has also recognized the need for maintenance improvements to existing facilities. These maintenance improvements are performed with volunteer assistance from the community as needed.

It is the intent of the Recreation Planning Committee to encourage Nahma Township to seek out funding and project completion of many other projects beyond the top 5 priorities listed below. Appendix J lists those projects that can be carried out by volunteers without any funding needs and projects that can be completed by volunteers with funding.
The recreation development schedule highlights the Township’s top priorities as identified from surveys, interviews with residents and input at public meetings as follows:

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Each project listed in the Recreation Development Schedule is described in detail below.

1. **Public Access to Lake Michigan, Including Non-Motorized Access:** (acquisition of swimming beach with picnic area, toilet, signing and Lake Michigan Circle Tour kayak campsite) and **motorized access:** (dredging of the boat channel, beacon, fish cleaning station, docks, channel marking, signing, deadhead removal and/or marking and pressurized water for cleaning boats). This project is the first priority; the Township currently does not have any public beach access to Lake Michigan. This multi-phase project includes the highest priority projects identified in the public
survey that was conducted. Several sites in Nahma Township will be evaluated for potential acquisition.

2. **Acquisition of Parcel Adjacent to the Community of Nahma:** Several sites in Nahma Township will be evaluated for potential acquisition. Future development projects would include walking trails, hiking/biking trails, picnic area and potential location of baseball diamond and trailhead for ORVs. This project will also necessitate multiple phases of acquisition and development.

3. **Motorized (Snowmobile and ORV) Trail Development.** Project includes trail and trailhead development, including bridges and possible land acquisition. This project needs to be closely coordinated with the USFS as it will require an environmental analysis (EA) and funding will need to be secured to complete the EA.

4. **Non-Motorized Trail Development.** Hiking and biking trails would be added to the Township, including a possible trail connecting Nahma with St. Jacques and other shorter trails. Additional surveys may be needed to assess what types of hiking/biking trails are most desired by visitors and residents.

5. **Kayak/Canoe Access to the Wild and Scenic Sturgeon River.** Includes working cooperatively with the USFS in the identification of landings and campsites/day use sites along the river, and the development of a Memo of Understanding with the USFS for river maintenance. This project includes the launch/landing program at Sturgeon River at south side of US-2 by Sturgeon River. This project will require coordination with USFS, MDNRE and MDOT. Working closely with the Delta County Road Commission will be important in sites on and near county road right of ways.
APPENDIX A

NAHMA TOWNSHIP ORAL HISTORY
The Nahma Indians settled in Nahma sometime before 1848. The exact date is not known. Before coming to Nahma the Indians came originally from Beaver Island, Sugar Island and several other islands in Lake Michigan.

The Indians lived on these islands until the hunting and fishing were on downgrade. About a dozen or so of the men ventured out on birch bark canoes and headed straight for the Garden Peninsula. They explored the region and found it to be well inhabited with game and the waters contained a good abundance of fish. So these men journeyed back to the islands and reported this. After conferring with the rest of the tribe, they started the log trip over water (some forty miles or so.) With good luck they all made it safely to the Garden Peninsula. They settled there for some odd years. While on a hunting trip, the men came as far as Indian Point and discovered it a much better place to live. The many stones there offered an excellent place to make arrow heads for their arrows. There was a lack of flint around here so the Indians used stones that would split evenly. So they came from the Garden Peninsula and settled on Indian Point.

In settling a region, usually the men went ahead. They carried a small pack sack on their back. These packs contained some food and water and more arrows. On these pack sacks were different designs so the women could tell which ones belonged to their husbands. The men would hang these pack sacks on a tree where the tepee was to be, and they would then go hunting. When they returned at night the camp was already up. The women carried all the camping equipment such as; Birch Bark which covered the tepees or this was sometimes skins. Whatever belongings they had were handled by the women. The pottery they had was made out of clay and then baked in the sun. This is one of the oldest Indian Customs. The main job for the man of the house was to keep the village supplied with meat and fish. The rest of the work was up to the women.

When evening came along the Indian had very little light in the tepee. All the light he had was from the fire in the middle of the tepee. The smoke escaped through a hole which was located in the peak of the tepee.

The Indians did a lot of trapping during the summer as well as in the winter. Trading the furs for some material and cooking utensils and some knives of some sort, but they did most of their trapping in the winter and sold their hides in the spring. They would go to Mackinac Island to the trading post there and trade their furs for what things they needed. The travelled by canoe or they would walk the distance depending upon the weather.

It was always up to the man to teach the young boy the art of handling a bow and arrow. He also taught the boy how to trap and how to stalk game. The boy had to learn how to care of himself in the woods. While on the other hand, the women taught the girls how to put up a tepee, how to smoke meat and fish and how to preserve berries. The berries were set on bark and then set out in the sun to dry. This would take all of the water out of them. When they were ready to cook the berries, they would soak them in water first. The water would swell up the berries and they would look as though they were just freshly picked.
The Indians that settled here sort of broke up into two tribes, those that settled near the shore and those who lived farther inland. The Indians who live next to the shore would do a lot of fishing and trade with the Indians in the woods for the meat they had in stock. This would make it easier for the people to get their food.

If anyone were sick, he was taken to the Medicine Man and he would observe the person for several days and give him medicine made out of herbs and different roots of trees.

The Nahma Indians never had many enemies. They were more of a friendly nature, although they did have several encounters with the Mohawk Indians who lived in the Green Bay area. They were considered by the Chippewa (which is what the Nahma Indians are) as one of the most savage tribes around here.

The main reason why the Mohawks attacked the Chippewas was a belief they had. It would have to kill someone before the year was up. If he didn’t kill anyone, someone in his family would have to die and this sometimes happened. So these Indians went on masquerading parties. They wouldn’t just walk into another tribe and slaughter them, but they would give them a fair warning before they attacked. They would never kill everyone in the tribe; they were always kind enough to spare some of the men to keep the rest of the tribe going. One of these battles was fought on Indian Point, somewhere near the gravel pit.

The first Indian Cemetery was located on Indian Point and it is still being used nowadays. If a baby died in those days, he usually wasn’t buried in the cemetery. He or she was buried next to the house or tepee and a little hut built over the grave. In the grave or hut was set little bows and arrows and other trinkets so that they could play with these in their next life.

The Indians built the Catholic Church at Indian Point. They received the lumber from the mill which was located somewhere near the Half Mile Bridge. Of course, the Church was built over several times since then.

The Nahma Indians didn’t have much recreation. They played a game which is similar to our game called soccer. The Indian had to be skilled with the bow and arrow, so they had many games to test the skills of each hunter.

When the Indians began working with the white man he became more and more educated. He began to learn the ways to make his life easier, so right to the present day; he enjoys the same conveniences that the white man has.

The End.

Cornelius Sochay was a 1952 graduate of Nahma High School

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APPENDIX B

MAPS
Nahma Township
Township Owned Recreation Facilities
Additional Points of Interest

1. MDNRE public boat launch
2. Nahma Township Hall & Park (picnic pavilion, swings, slides, merry go round, field for dances, family reunions, weddings)
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Delta County
Recreation Facilities

1 Pioneer Trail Park
2 Fuller Park
3 Sac Bay Park
4 Rapid River Falls Park
5 Fayette State Park
BA Boat Access
CG Campground
G Golf Course

* Many parcels of private land are located within these boundaries

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Schoolcraft County
County, City and Township
Recreation Facilities

Michigan's Upper Peninsula
Schoolcraft County
Location Map

City of Manistique
- Railroad Depot Park
- Fifth St. Park
- Central Park
- Lakeside Park
- Intake Park
- East Lakefront Park
- Manistique Marina
- Lighthouse Playground
- Boardwalk

Facilities
Lakes
Township Boundary
County Boundary
Nautical Chart of Big Bay de Noc
NOAA Map

Big Bay de Noc water depths
APPENDIX C

BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKS
BARRIER FREE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKS

Recreational areas, facilities, and programs play an important role in the life of the community; therefore it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these areas and any programs provided. Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, and these laws apply to parks and other recreation lands and programs controlled and operated by local units of government. The DNR has a strong commitment to barrier free recreational opportunities in our Department-managed programs and facilities. This commitment extends to those communities that receive recreation grants.

Under the state Utilization of Public Facilities by the Physically Limited Act (1966 PA 1, as amended) all public facilities, including improved areas used for recreation, must meet the barrier free design requirements contained in the state construction code. Under this act, the administration and enforcement related to barrier free design requirements are vested in the local or state government agency responsible for issuing a building permit. If the project does not require a building permit, administration and enforcement of barrier free design requirements are vested in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

Any request for an exception to the barrier free design requirements of the state construction code must be submitted to the Barrier Free Design Board, within the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (517-241-9300). The Barrier Free Design Board has the responsibility to receive, review, and process requests for exceptions to barrier free design specifications; require appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted; and receive, process, and make recommendations for barrier free design rules.

Because the state construction code does not apply to many recreation facilities, it is essential that you also be aware of and understand the existing federal guidelines covering these types of facilities. In July 2004, the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (known as the Access Board) issued updated guidelines, entitled the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), for new or altered facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) or the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-480). These guidelines should eventually be adopted as enforceable standards. Until that occurs, the existing ADAAG standards must be followed when the two conflict.

Included in the updated ADAAG are technical provisions for a number of types of recreation facilities, including play areas, amusement rides, boating facilities, fishing piers and platforms, golf courses, miniature golf courses, shooting facilities, swimming and wading pools, and spas. Technical provisions for these recreation facilities do not exist in the current ADAAG. The Access Board has also proposed guidelines for sports facilities, trails, beaches, and picnic and camping areas. While none of these guidelines has yet been adopted as federal standards, they represent the best information available on developing barrier free recreation facilities and may be upheld in a court of law. Therefore, they should be referred to when designing new or renovated recreation facilities.
APPENDIX D

PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY AND RESULTS
Nahma Township is in the process of developing a 5-Year Recreation Plan that will be used as our guide to apply for funding and ask for volunteer assistance to undertake. We have a recreation committee established to complete the details needed for a recreation plan. We would like the plan to include many recreational suggestions, even if they are Dream Projects! Once the Recreation Plan is approved, the Township will have the opportunity to apply for recreation grants through a variety of grant programs. The Township would like input from residents and visitors to include in the Plan. Please fill out the survey below and include any additional recreation suggestions in the comments section. There soon will be a website that will cover activities around Nahma. If you wish to know the link for this website, please give us your email address or watch for articles in the Escanaba Daily Press.

I am a resident of Nahma Township Yes No (Circle one)

I am a visitor to Nahma Township Yes No (Circle one)

I am a property owner in Nahma Township and live here full-time________
I am a property owner in Nahma Township and come here occasionally______ Often_______

Total Number in my Household: __________

Number of School Age Children: __________

What is your primary recreational activity in the summer?
What is your primary recreational activity in the winter?

Where do you go most frequently for recreation?

How often do you visit those recreation sites?
What activities bring you to those recreation sites?
Is there a recreational opportunity you or your family would like to see added to the Nahma Township? (i.e. Walking paths, picnic areas, and kayak/canoe landings)?

What sites would you like to see developed for recreation in the Township?

Please feel free to add any comments or suggestions on recreation facilities or programs. Feel free to use the back of this sheet:

Please drop off this sheet, when completed at the Nahma Inn, No-Nah-Ma Resort, Nahma Post Office, Mac’s Food & Spirits, St. Jacques Grocery, or mail the form to: Glenn Lamberg, 14827 23.75 Lane, Rapid River, MI 49878. You can email your ideas to: lamberg@bbbmi.com. The survey deadline for delivery to the drop off sites is: Wednesday, September 15th, 2010.
NAHMA TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN 2011-2015

NAHMA TOWNSHIP
RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

I am a resident of Nahma Township

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Will be soon (1)

I am a property owner in Nahma Township and come here occasionally

- 4 x week
- 4 x year
- 2 times
- 8 times
- 2 x month
- 2 weeks
- 2 weeks in summer
- 7 x year
- Weekly
- 10 x yearly
- 9 weeks in summer
- Sparsely
- 25 days
- 6 x week
- 3 times in Rapid River
- 1-2 x year
- 2-5 x year
- Every 3 months
- 4 x month
- Lots
- Yearly
- 4-6 x year
- 2-3 weeks per year
- 6 x year
- All summer
- Often
- 2-3 per week
- 1 x year
- 1 x week
- Very often
- Weekly

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NAHMA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN 2011-2015

- 2-4 x year
- 1-2 x week
- 12 x year
- 4 x year
- Monthly or more

1-3 x week
- 5-6 x week
- 4-5 x week
- Few x per week

**Total Number in my Household:**
1 – 3
2 – 4
3 – 4
4 – 12
5 – 6
6 – 2

**Number of School Age Children:**
0 – 53
1 – 10
2 – 9
3 – 4
4 – 1

**What is your primary recreational activity in the summer?**

- 4 Wheeling
- 4 Wheeling
- 4 Wheeling
- 4 Wheeling, swim
- ATV riding, camping
- Baseball, fishing, swim
- Baseball, fishing, swim
- Beach, parks
- Beer Drinking
- Biking, hiking, kayak
- Biking, hiking, kayak
- Biking, swimming
- Boat launch
- Boating
- Boating
- Boating, hiking, music
- Boating, tubing, fishing
- Boating, fishing
- Boating, fishing
- Boating, hiking, swim
- Boating, swimming
- Camp, fish, bike, walk
- Camping
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- Camping, fishing
- Camping, hunting
- Camping, trail riding
- Camping, boating
- Camping, fishing
- Camping, walk, swim
- Canoeing
- Canoeing
- Fish, canoe
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing, boating
- Fishing, boating, ATV
- Fishing, camping
- Fishing, 4 wheeling
- Fishing, boating
- Fishing, golf, swim
- Fishing, golfing
- Fishing, shooting, golf
- Fishing, swimming

- Geocaching, camping
- Golf
- Golf
- Golf, biking, fishing
- Golf, fishing
- Golf, fishing
- Golf, biking, fishing
- Golf, camping
- Golf, camping
- Golf, fishing
- Golf, fishing
- Golf, hunting, beach
- Golf, shooting, fishing
- Golfing
- Hiking, fishing
- Horseback riding, golf
- Lakes
- Motor cycle riding
- Motorcycle riding
- Motorcycle riding
- Music
- ORV, enjoy Lake
- Softball, fishing, volley

- Summer Activities
- Summer Activities

Appendix D
What is your primary recreational activity in the winter?

- Snowmobile
- 4 Wheeling
- Bunny Hunting
- Cribbage, Wii bowling
- Cross Country skiing
- Cross Country skiing
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- Cross Country skiing
- Cross Country skiing
- Snowboarding
- Snowboarding
- Snowboarding, fish
- Snowboarding, fish, hunt
- Snowshoeing
- Soccer, volleyball
- Staying indoors
- Time at camp
- Travel
- Travel, music
- Watching sports
- Wii bowling sports
- Work out club

Where do you go most frequently for recreation?

- All over UP
- Ball park, out to dinner
- Beaches, Lakes
- Beaches, Nat Forest/Parks
- Big Bay, Nahma golf
- Boat launch
- Camp at No Nahma
- Colwell Lake
- Days River Trail

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What activities bring you to those recreation sites?

- 4 Wheeling, water sports
- Availability of trails
- Baseball mitts, kayaks
- Baseball, dinner
- Beach
- Beach
- Beach, picnic area, walking path
- Biking, fishing, waterskiing
- Biking, hiking, kayaking
- Boating
- Boating, fishing
- Boating, fishing, swimming
- Boating, hunting, ORV
- Boating, swimming
- Camping
- Camping
- Camping, fishing
- camping, fishing, geocaching
- Canoe, fishing, hunting
- Canoeing, hiking, skiing, mushing
- Church, Nahma Labor Day, Benefits
- Fish, canoe, hunt
- Fish, golf, snowmobile
- Fish, hunt, Jeep
- Fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing & boating
- Fishing & boating
- Fishing, entertainment
- Fishing, exploring
- Fishing, exploring, sightseeing
- Fishing, golf
- Fishing, hunting
- Fishing, hunting
- Fishing, snowmobiling, food, entertain
- Fishing, swimming
- Fishing, boating, hunting
- Fishing, camping
- Fishing, entertainment
- Friend, family
- Golf
- Golf Course
- Golf, fishing
- Golf, fishing
- Golfing
- Good fishing
- Good fishing
- Guns & Beagles
- History, water
- Horse shoe site, Tennis court
- Hunting, fishing, golf
- Labor Day
- Miles of trails
- Out Door life
- Privacy, Nahma history, fishing, camp
- Recreation
- Rest & relaxation
- Sailing
- Scenery
- Silent sports
- Snowmobiling
- Trails
- Various things
- Walking
- Water, nature, good food
- Water, sun, historic sites

Is there a recreational opportunity you or your family would like to see added to the Nahma Township? (i.e. Walking paths, picnic areas, and kayak/canoe landings)?

- 4 Wheeling and snowmobile trails
- Beach
- Beach
- Bike path between US2 and Nahma
- Bike path between US2 and Nahma
- Boat docks
- Boat docks, beaches
- Boat docks, beaches
- Boat landing
- Canoe Launch, improve Nahma Marsh Trail
- Canoe Launch, improve Nahma Marsh Trail
- DNR Access to back areas
- Docks, beach
- Dredge boat launch and river
- Dredge channel, marker buoy's, marker light at channel
- Dredge Lake, Mark channel, docks, driving range, shooting range
- Driving Range, Dredge channel
- Driving Range, swimming beach
- Improve boat launch
- Improve boat launch
- Kayak & Canoe Landing

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- Kayak & Canoe Landing, Picnic Area, Public Beach
- Kayak& Canoe Landing
- Kayak/canoe landings
- Kayak/canoe landings, boat launch
- Launch dredging, snowmobile trails, beach
- Long Walking/biking trails, skiing trails, asphalt trails for biking
- More hiking paths
- Picnic Areas
- Picnic areas, cross country skiing trails
- Posted hours for Historical Society
- Public beach
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- Public beach
- Public beach, sidewalks
- Public Beach, Walking Paths
- Public beach, walking paths, snowmobile trail thru Nahma
- Public sand beach
- Public swimming beach
- Softball diamond and league
- Sturgeon River for Kayaking and canoeing
- Swimming area
- Walking & bike paths
- Walking paths
- Walking Paths
- Walking paths
- Walking paths
- Walking paths, kayak & canoe landing
- Walking paths, kayak & canoe landing
- Walking paths, kayak, canoe landings
- Walking paths, kayak, canoe landings
- Walking paths, Kayak/ canoe launch
- Walking paths, kayak/ canoe launch, boat docks
- Walking paths, Kayak/ canoe launch, snowmobile trails
- Walking paths, kayak canoe launch, snowmobile trails
- Walking paths, picnic areas
- Walking paths, picnic areas,
- hiking trails
- Walking paths, picnic areas, sandy beach, tennis courts, art camps
- Walking paths, rifle range, skeet and sporting clays range
- Walking trail
- Walking trail
- Walking trails, driving range, shooting range, canoe landing
- Walking/biking paths, sand volleyball
- Water Slides
- Workout club
What sites would you like to see developed for recreation in the Township?

- Baseball diamond
- Beach
- Beach
- Beach House, Light house
- Beach, snowmobile trails
- Beach, tennis courts, volleyball
- Better RV Facilities, W/E/S
- Bike path
- Bike paths
- Boat docks, public beach, airport
- Boat launch
- Boat launch
- Boat launch
- Boat Launch
- Burner refurbished
- Burner refurbished
- Docks, snowmobile trails
- Dredge launch and channel
- Hiking paths, baseball diamond, beach
- Improve boat launch, dredge channel
- Indian Point, picnic area, ski trails
- It's very pretty now
- Lakefront, fishing tournament
- Love the town and preserve history
- Make soccer field multi-purpose
- More snowmobile Trails
- More township property
- Public beach
- River
- Scenic Walking trails
- Shoreline, better signage
- Ski trail
- Snowmobile trails
- Snowmobile trails
- State funded lands
- The Old School property for beach
- Update boat launch
- Waterfront in Nahma, Indian Point
- Watering system at GC, driving range, putting green
- We like it just the way it is
- Work out club, trails
Recreation Survey Results Summary

31% of respondents would like to see a public beach

28% of respondents would like to see walking, hiking and bike paths

20% of respondents would like to see the dredging of the boat launch channel

16% of respondents would like to see a kayak & canoe landing

9% of respondents would like to see the development of snowmobile and 4 wheel trails from US-2 to Nahma

10% of respondents would like to see a driving range

8% of respondents would like to see more boat docks

4% of respondents would like to see a fish cleaning station

3% of respondents would like to see a horseshoe pits

4% of respondents would like to see a picnic area

3% of respondents would like to see a shooting range

2% of respondents would like to see a baseball diamond

2% of respondents would like to see a tennis courts

2% of respondents would like to see a volleyball courts

Appendix D
Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee
May 12, 2010
7 pm-9 pm
Nahma Inn Dining Area

Present:
Glenn Lamberg, 14827 23.75 Lane, Rapid River, MI 49878  644-2278; lamberg@bbbmi.com
Kathy Fries, 14203 Nahma Shores, Nahma 49864, MI 644-2219, 553-1027; kfries1226@yahoo.com
Mark Hansen, 9789 EE.25 Road, Rapid River, MI 49878; 474-6524
Jerry Herod, 14321 Nahma Shores, Nahma 49864; 644-2478; gherod77@hotmail.com
Mike Schroder, 9814 Forest Hwy 13, Rapid River, MI 49878; 553-2261; youper1@hughes.net
Dawn White, 9712 LL Road, Rapid River, MI 644-2008; Wayne398@ceturytel.net

Others residents that we wish to be on the committee but could not attend meeting:
Tammy Frankovich,
Christine Groleau
Charley MacIntosh
Sandra Leckson
Mary Beth Reynolds
Mr. or Mrs. Roll

Advisory persons that we will ask to assist us:
☐ Michelle Dewitt, Senior Planner, Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Commission.
☐ US Forest Service, Recreation Planner
☐ MDNR Recreation Planner-Glenn to contact
☐ Dan Edwards, Big Bay Broadband Computer Specialist
☐ USDA Rural Development and Natural Resources Conservation Service
☐ Delta County Parks and Campgrounds- Gary Branz, Operations Manager
☐ Others?

Purpose of the Committee:
To develop a comprehensive recreational plan for Nahma Township that will serve the needs of township residents and visitors for the next 5 +/- years. The recreational plan will serve as the guide for directing Nahma Township’s recreational development when working with local, county, state and federal organizations.

Considerations:
● To complete a plan by April 2011
● To involve as many residents in the process as possible
● To conduct public meeting(s) to gain input and ideas
● To conduct surveys asking for input
To involve county, state and federal units of government in the planning process
To develop a system of outreach during the development of the plan
To encourage the development of information distribution to residents and visitors of existing recreational opportunities, as well as future programs and facilities

Meeting Notes
May 12, 2010

Welcome by Glenn and an apology that meeting was not at Nahma Township Hall. Glenn explained that the key was unavailable due to many situations.

Members were introduced to each other. Glenn stated that Charley MacIntosh apologized for not being present due to death in the family, but is anxious to participate. Christine Groleau is in Madison, WI with daughter and new grandchild and also is interested in helping in the process. Mel Groleau has declined the invitation due to his busy schedule. Glenn will make efforts to get Sandra, Mary Beth, Mr. or Mrs. Roll and Tammy to consider being a part of the committee.

Glenn reviewed the purpose of the recreational planning committee and explained that the last Nahma Township Recreation Plan was published in 1999.

Glenn explained that he has seen a need to develop a recreation plan in an effort to pull together ideas of residents, government organizations and visitors on the recreational needs and opportunities for Nahma Township. Glenn explained that he approached the township supervisor, Cindy Bradshaw, and that she has presented the concept of the recreation planning committee to the board. The Nahma Township board at their May meeting approved the committee to work on getting a new plan developed that will allow the township to be eligible for recreational funding through federal, state, county and private funding.

Glenn also explained that those persons proposed to be on the committee were persons that Glenn felt would do an excellent job in the creation of a recreation plan that would be progressive and serve the needs of residents and visitors to Nahma Township. The recreation plan will represent a published document that residents and visitors could access to find out more about Nahma Township. As much detail as we have time to put into the plan should be present in the body or appendices of the plan. This will also facilitate future grant applications, as well as assist future planners that should revise the Nahma Township Recreation Plan in 2017.

Glenn asked those in attendance if other persons should be considered. Dawn suggested that Don or Danna Kuhr from Isabella potentially would be good contributors to a recreation plan.

The next agenda item was to establish a schedule for the next meeting and time:

Appendix E
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19\textsuperscript{th} at 1:30 pm at the Nahma Township Hall. This meeting will be focused on working with CUPPAD’s Senior Planner, Michelle Dewitt.

Only committee members and Michelle will be present at this meeting. Advisory persons from agencies will be invited to future meetings.

The agenda for the May 19\textsuperscript{th} meeting will focus on questions for Michelle that will provide needed information for the committee on details for the recreational plan:

- How many man hours of time can we expect from CUPPAD?
- What types of activities can we expect from CUPPAD, such as: maps, printing, plan approval, etc.
- What format(s) does plan need to take?
- How often can Michelle be at meetings to assist us?

**Information Distribution Process within Committee:**

Discussion covered email to members with email and mailing or hand delivery to those without email. It will be important for all members to get each other’s emails and to insure we all are communicating our thoughts and ideas. Glenn will insure that committee members will review and make corrections to the meeting notes prior to the notes being provided to the Nahma Township Board.

**Information Distribution Process with Public:**

The following ideas were discussed amongst committee members for getting the word out to residents and visitors on what the recreation committee is doing and that the committee needs their input:

- Glenn will ask Township Supervisor about getting the word out about the recreation plan committee through the tax newsletter that is sent out with the summer taxes.
- A handout would be helpful to committee members that could be given out to residents so that they have a better concept of what the committee hopes to accomplish. Mark suggested that some of the notes that were provided to them by Glenn should be included in this handout. Also items such as maps and facts would be good to have in a handout.
- Mike commented that we need to make sure that residents understand that we are volunteers and that we are not going to use local tax dollars for any of our work.
- A website needs to be explored that will be low cost and able to promote planning process, recreational opportunities and other things happening or planned for Nahma Township. Dan Edwards, Big Bay Broadband, will be asked to visit with committee or subcommittee of members.
- Church bulletins could reach persons
- Sports fishing group of Manistique have good following of members and could provide insight that may help us.
- Manistique Recreation Planner is a new position and the coordinator is Doug Smith. He may be able to provide help to the committee.
Manistique Advisor has a section that is free for promoting community activities
Local Delta county newspaper

Comments:
The question was raised on the types of information and activities that we could put into the recreation plan. It is felt that some of these questions could be asked of CUPPAD. Some ideas for inclusion are:

- Art work promotion as related to cultural and natural resources.
- Historical importance of both land and water usage of area and how **Delta County Parks and Campgrounds** - Gary Branz, Operations Manager to promote so people can visit without damaging resources?
- Logging history needs to be promoted in our work and planning.
- Promote fall color tours through handouts, websites, articles, etc.
- ID of old logging trails and railroad spurs as a walking/hiking experience would be great.
- Facts and details of the natural features of the area: acres of land, acres of land owned that are under the control of the US Forest Service, acres of water, shoreline, number of lakes, miles of streams, etc

Facts that Glenn has found:
- There are 109,938 acres in Nahma Township
- Of the above acres 75,000 acres are controlled by the US Forest Service
- This US Forest Service ownership represents over 68% of Nahma Township
- There are over 14 lineal miles of Lake Michigan Shoreline (Big Bay de Noc) on the southern border of Nahma Township

Information discussed with committee regarding recreational activities happening in Nahma Township:
- Delta County is interested in working with the Nahma Twp Recreation Committee regarding a kayak promotional experience that will be starting off at Sac Bay Park by Garden. The committee would like to find out more about this program.
- The US Forest Service has developed a proposal for Sandtown area. Sandtown is located just west of Nahma across the Sturgeon River. The site of Sandtown represents an Anishinabeg (Ojibwa, Odawa and Potawatomi) Community that was in existence from approximately 1900-1970. The persons living in this community worked at the Big Bay de Nocquet Sawmill and in the woods cutting products for the mill. The work that is proposed for the site will include:
  - Preserve the history and heritage of the site
  - Stabilize the soil of this area with native grasses and forbes
  - Prevent further Off Highway Vehicles from damaging the site
  - Develop a wayside park area for 3-4 vehicles

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o Interpretative signs
o Installation of 2-3 picnic tables
o Work is planned for 2011

More details on the historical background can be obtained from the Nahma Township Historical Society

* The 1st Annual Big Bay de Noc Great lakes Sportsfisherman Tournament is to be held on June 26th at the Nahma Public Access site. Workers will be needed for this effort so please volunteer if time permits. For the complete brochure: http://www.deltami.org/media/BaydeNocBassTournament2010.pdf

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Meeting notes will be distributed via email and hand delivery. Kathy Fries will review the notes after Glenn documents his notes.

Respectfully submitted:
Glenn Lamberg
May 13th, 2010
NAHMA TOWNSHIP

RECREATION PLAN 2011-2015

Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee
June 4, 2010, 9:30 am
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Dawn White, Kathy Fries, Mike Schroder, Glenn Lamberg, Mark Hansen, Carl Johnson, Charlie MacIntosh and Christine Groleau.
Tammy Frankovich called and stated she wouldn’t be able to attend.
Also present were: Laurie MacIntosh & Phyllis Lamberg

Introduction of members & guests

There were no additions to the agenda.

Glenn reviewed the minutes from May 19th meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- **Nahma Township Taxes Newsletter**: Kathy Fries reported that she has worked with Betty Denessen to complete a list of individuals that have their taxes escrowed. These persons do not receive a tax bill. There are approximately 80 persons that have escrowed taxes in Nahma Township. These persons will now receive a newsletter from the township.

- **Surveys**: Glenn explained that one of the orders of business was to review a draft survey from information emailed from Michelle DeWitt, CUPPAD. It was decided to have a survey available by Memorial Day to take advantage of the gathering of residents and visitors. Glenn worked with Kathy Fries to have that survey work for the Holiday weekend. An update of survey is to follow in new business.

Anne Okonek from the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Rapid River was introduced:

Anne explained her background and the area that she covers as Recreation Specialist for the Rapid River District. Anne thanked the committee for inviting the US Forest Service to the recreation planning table. Through an informal discussion with the committee the following items were discussed:

- Sand town historical site was reviewed. That site will have a roadside pull out, picnic tables, OHV prevention program, interpretative signage and plant protection program. Most work will be done in 2011 and this will be based on funding.

- The Forest Service can be advisory to the Nahma Township Recreation Committee

- The Forest Service could possibly do cooperative ventures with Nahma Township for recreational work. Thoughts in this area include Nahma Twp receiving grant dollars for work and establishing a work agreement to do the improvement on Forest Service Land.

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The US Forest Service makes available a great amount of brochures, maps and recreational details to the public. The committee is welcome to use these materials with residents and visitors as handouts and promoting recreational experiences in and nearby Nahma Township. These brochures even include: birding lists, fish species, sturgeon river access points, etc. Carl Johnson will visit the USFS office for brochures and bring them to the next planning meeting.

The “Forest Plan” is a guidance document that the US Forest Service uses as its direction for activities within the Hiawatha National Forest. It covers specific items and the recreation committee may benefit from the details and explanations of programs that are priorities when working with the USFS. This plan was publicly reviewed at meetings throughout the National Forest, including Nahma in 2006. The plan will be made available and Anne is available to come to a future meeting to review the plan with this committee. The Forest Plan will be the guidance program for USFS for the next 10 to 15 years.

Scenic Byways was brought up by Chris Groleau. This is a program that is in the Forest Plan and should be reviewed for outlining in the Recreation Plan for Nahma Township.

Anne stated that she works closely with the Bay De Noc Cabin Fever Snowmobilers. They have an important recreational program existing in Nahma Township. The committee will work with this group to keep them informed and ask for their input into the recreation plan.

Anne was invited by the committee to attend the next meeting and present details of the “Forest Plan”. The committee was very thankful for Anne’s presence and looks forward to working with the USFS on recreation in Nahma Township.

New Business:

Recreational Survey: Carl Johnson used the DRAFTED survey at No-Nah-Ma Resort during the Memorial weekend and had customer’s complete over 50 surveys that were presented to the committee at this meeting. The committee discussed that the survey is adequate thanks to the guidance by CUPPAD. It was discussed by the committee that the surveys need to have a deadline date added on them. The locations for drop off will be:
- Nahma Inn
- No-Nah-Ma Resort
- Mac’s Food & Spirits
- St. Jacques Grocery
- Nahma US Post office

Glenn thanked the committee for making copies of the survey to handout, since the committee does not use any Nahma Township dollars for this survey activity.
Working with people at the Nahma Reunion in July and the Nahma Labor Day celebration will be very important to getting input for the committees planning direction.

*Kathy Fries, Laurie MacIntosh and Dawn White will be the members of a subcommittee to collect surveys as well as insure the process is proceeding well.* This committee will develop a method of recording surveys by working with CUPPAD. Glenn is to make up specific boxes for the survey drop-off sites and get these to the businesses listed. The last day for Surveys to be completed and turned in will be Wednesday, September 15th, 2010.

- **Other areas to promote recreation plan:** It has been suggested that churches in our community would be good ways to promote recreational interest. A write-up for St. Andrews Catholic Church and our Lutheran Church (contact Betty Denessen) will be completed. Glenn will do this and send to St. Andrews and a copy will be dropped off or emailed to Betty Denessen.

- **Other items of Business:**
  - Laurie MacIntosh will host a “Business after Hours” meeting at the Nahma Inn on Wednesday, June 16th. Glenn will be present to make a short presentation on the Recreational Committees activities. Laurie will advise Glenn of time, date and details. Thank you Laurie!
  - Anne Okonek explained that the Hiawatha National Forest will host a Kid’s Fishing Day at Camp 7 Lake on Saturday, June 12th, 2010 from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be free food, contests and raffle prizes. This program is sponsored by: USFS, MDNRE, Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sport Fisherman, Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County and many local businesses.
  - June 26th is the Bass Fishing Tournament to be held in Nahma. Please promote this program and encourage participation. The success of this program is important for future attempts for recreation in Nahma Township by these sponsors. Nahma MDNRE Boat Launch, 7 am – 4 pm. Sponsored by the Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports fisherman. Contact: Tom Polkey: 474-6351.
  - Inventory of Resources in Nahma Township is needed. What is to be included in this resource inventory, as well as the fact finding will be the responsibility of this sub committee composed of: Charley MacIntosh, Carl Johnson and Glenn Lamberg.

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**NOTE:** On Saturday, June 5th, Glenn received a resignation note from Mike Schroder. Mike states that he must resign due to personal reasons. We thank Mike for his time and input in the committee, wish him well and we hope to see him more in the community.

*Appendix E*
Next meeting; Friday, June 18th at 9:30 am- Nahma Township Hall

Agenda:
Reports from Subcommittees: Survey and Nahma Township Inventory of resources
USFS, Anne Okonek, Hiawatha National Forest “Forest Plan”
   {Components of plan and how our Committee can work with the plan to promote
    recreational experiences in the Nahma Area.}
Development of Objectives and Goals
Consideration of inviting residents and CUPPAD to future meetings
Public Meeting(s) schedule “Getting Public input and discussion”

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Lamberg
June 6, 2010
Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee
June 18, 2010, 9:30 am
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Dawn White, Glenn Lamberg, Mark Hansen, Carl Johnson, Laurie MacIntosh and Christine Groleau.
Kathy Fries called and stated she was very ill.
Absent: Charley MacIntosh & Tammy Frankovich
Guests: Patti Pierce & Jon Hayes of Moss Lake, Anne Okonek, Asst District Ranger, USFS

Introduction of members & guests

There were no additions to the agenda.

Glenn reviewed the minutes from June 4 meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- **Nahma Township Taxes Newsletter**: The Township has authorized the mailing to those persons that have their taxes escrowed. Betty Denessen has the original 2 page information sheet and this will be copied and mailed shortly.
- **Survey Committee report**: Laurie MacIntosh: Michelle DeWitt, CUPPAD is satisfied with the survey we are using. Laurie reported that the survey committee of Dawn, Kathy and Laurie will be working on picking up the surveys and determining a method of compiling the information. Michelle DeWitt’s help on survey tabulation would be appreciated.
- **Resource Inventory Committee report**: Carl Johnson reported that he went to the USFS office in Rapid River and picked up many of the helpful publications that would be good for visitors to the Nahma area. Carl explained that he will have this information at his resort and encourages others to have copies available for visitors. Other discussion about resource inventory:
  - Miles of streams in township
  - Number of inland lakes, sizes and species of fish
  - Number of inland lakes and approximate sizes
  - Location of historic sites
  - Miles of old railroad grade
  - Where are signs needed? Chris Groleau stated that there was a sign motif developed by Bay de Noc Company. These signs were donated to the Historic Society and we should consider using these signs as examples and creating that historic presence when we encourage signage in Nahma Township. The committee felt very supportive of this suggestion.

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Anne thanked the committee for allowing her to explain the “Forest Plan” since this was the guide for USFS activities for years to come. This plan will give the committee an idea of what the priorities of the Hiawatha National Forest is and what things the USFS could feasibly work to complete within the plan. Anne covered the portions of the plan and the numeric classifications of different zones within Nahma Township. She gave the committee an idea of what things could work within these zones as well as those things that the USFS probably could not justify expenditures of time and materials. Anne also covered the great resources available to visitors to Nahma Township. She will help us inventory these areas on a map for inclusion in the Recreation Plan for Nahma Township. The recreation committee will need to identify all sites and CUPPAD will actually construct the map of these recreation sites for the plan.

Some items discussed included:

- The Moss Lake motorcycle trail (This could also be used by non motorized bikers and hikers) It was discussed by committee that the signage implies that the only use is motor cycles! Anne assured us that this was not the case
- There are many campsites along the Sturgeon River including the Flowing Well, which is well used.
- Snowmobile trails are plentiful, but since they presently go through wetlands, OHV’s are not usually permitted. There are plans and efforts to move snowmobile trails to areas of uplands so that these trails can be multi use!
- Anne suggested that we consider adopting a catchy niche statement for Nahma Township for the recreation plan and promotional advertising. Anne mentioned that the Forest Plan has a phrase: “Great Lakes, Great Snow, Great Shorelines, Great Islands”

There were many other good discussions that took place and the committee discussed that in order for Nahma Township recreation to blossom we will need to fully cooperate and coordinate projects with the US Forest Service “Hiawatha Forest Plan”.

**Work Session: Goals and Objectives**

Glenn read the note from Michelle DeWitt:

I just wanted to touch base with you on the Goals/Objectives portion on the Rec Plan. The MNRTF Board strongly believes that the natural resources of MI should be accessible to the public for the outdoor recreation opportunities they provide and protected for their environmental importance. Projects that provide access to and protection of significant natural
resources, inland water bodies and hunting/fishing/wildlife viewing opportunities are highly valued by the Board. The Board also places a high value on trail way projects and projects that promote hunting.

Following the guidelines from the MNRTF, I would suggest that maybe some of the general goals for the Twp could be:

1. To protect Nahma Township’s natural resources, and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment
2. To provide access to Nahma Township’s water bodies, particularly Lake Michigan and to facilitate their recreational use.
3. To meet regional, county and Township needs for outdoor recreation opportunities.
4. To stimulate the area economy through recreation based tourism and community revitalization.

I hope this helps. Potential goals and objectives may become clearer after reviewing the community surveys and updating the facilities inventory as well. Specific objectives would then try to meet the goals. Objectives can meet more than one goal and I’d list them under each. Let me know if I can help with anything else. Good luck, sounds like the Rec Committee is really moving in a positive direction!

Michelle

There were 8 Goals identified by the committee:

- **Expand and promote wildlife observation in Nahma Township:**
  - Objectives:
    - Nahma Marsh trail needs clean up more consistently throughout the year
    - Piping Plover study groups need to be utilized to have controlled visit to the site
    - Canoe and Kayak brochures on Sturgeon River need to promote the wildlife aspects of the trip
    - Establishment of accessibility for canoes and kayaks is needed on the Sturgeon

- **Develop and improve water based recreation in Nahma Township:**
  - Objectives:
    - A public beach is needed for local families and visitors
    - Boating channels need to be marked
    - Boat docks are needed in the area of Nahma
    - Dredging is needed in the channel from the Nahma MDRNE boat launch to Lake Michigan
    - Snorkeling & diving maps and markings need to be established
    - Boat Tours of Big Bay de Noc are needed to be developed and promoted for residents and visitors
• Canoe launches are needed on the Sturgeon River
• A canoe drop off area is needed by the bridge over the Sturgeon River just west of the town of Nahma.

• **Encourage better walking and biking trails:**
  - **Objectives:**
    • Trails that could be used by hunters, walkers and bikers needed to be developed and maintained
    • A biking trail from St. Jacques to Nahma is desired by local residents and would be used by visitors
    • Walking/hunting trails could be enhanced by development of wildlife food plots and observation areas. (We need to seek input from wildlife interest groups)

• **Develop snowmobile and OHV trails systems:**
  - **Objectives:**
    • Develop trails that will allow access to local community services. E.g. a trail from Mac’s to Nahma.
    • Work to develop trail linkages that would allow snowmobilers and OHV’s to access recreation sites and desirable destinations in other communities.
    • Develop methods of trail marking that will assist trail users (OHV, bikers, hikers) to more easily use trails and stay on legal routes.

• **Develop local cultural and recreation opportunities**
  - **Objectives:**
    • Work closely with sportsman groups, snowmobile clubs and other special interest groups to meet the needs of the Nahma Twp Recreation Plan
    • Winter carnival for Nahma Township
    • Skating rink
    • Summer Music festival
    • Archery and shooting site
    • Golf Driving range
    • Farmer’s market
    • Art program

• **Promote the heritage of Nahma Township:**
  (Nahma Township is rich in ecological/geological character, logging history and Anishinabeg culture):

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Objectives:
- Incorporate historic walking trails in township
- Promote ecological tourism to the area to visit the glacial and Lake Michigan activities that have helped define the township
- Develop materials and observation sites related to the culture of the first people’s to the area

Develop and maintain a communication system that will allow local residents and visitors to be aware recreational opportunities and activity schedules:

Objectives:
- Website developed, maintained and advertised with links to county, state and federal sites on recreation
- Location to provide hard copy materials locally
- Articles in Newspaper and publications

Work closely with the Hiawatha National Forest to insure that the Forest Plan and the Nahma Township recreation plan are carried out:

Objectives:
- Seek funding that would enable facilities on USFS land that are consistent with the “Forest Plan”
- Develop volunteer work groups that will clean and improve sites that the USFS cannot adequately care for.

New Business:

Other ways to promote recreation plan:
- Chris suggested we tie in Nahma with the Hiawatha National Forest, since many people throughout the country would know where the Hiawatha National Forest is located. Suggestion; Nahma “Heart of the Hiawatha”

Other items of Business:
- Laurie MacIntosh explained the success of “Business after Hours” Program at the Nahma Golf Course and the Nahma Inn on Wednesday, June 16th. Laurie emphasized the number of people, the excitement of those present, and the quality prizes presented by those supporting this great program locally.
- June 26th is the Bass Fishing Tournament to be held in Nahma. Please promote this program and encourage participation. Presently the numbers of entries are down. The success of this program is important for future attempts for recreation in Nahma Township by these sponsors. Nahma MDNRE Boat Launch, 7 am – 4 pm. Sponsored by the Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports fisherman. Contact: Tom Polkey: 474-6351.
The boat docks project behind Nahma Inn is progressing well. The patio area and shoreline protection is completed. There are some technical items that need to be worked out with the MDRNe before a permit will be issued for the floating docks.

Next meeting; Friday, July 9th at 9:30 am- Nahma Township Hall

**Agenda:**

- Reports from Subcommittees: Survey and Nahma Township Inventory of resources
- Refinement and completion of Goals
- Further expansion of the list of objectives!
  - **Guests to invite:** Michelle DeWitt in helping us with Goals and Objective completion
- Public Meeting(s) schedule “Getting Public input and discussion”
- Next meeting: planning with the Road Commission (trails and OHV along county roads)

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Lamberg
June 20, 2010
Welcome
Present: Mark Hansen, Kathy Fries, Glenn Lamberg
Minutes from last meeting approved
Additions to agenda

Updates/reports:
- Survey Committee- Kathy Fries stated that Laurie MacIntosh has a tabulating program and they would soon began reviewing the surveys to insure that goals and objectives met the needs expressed in the survey.
- No update from the Inventory of Resources Committee: Charley MacIntosh, Carl Johnson and Glenn Lamberg
- Review of poster and information for Class reunion display July 10th was completed. Glenn to bring more blank surveys and Kathy to make more surveys for the Class Reunion program. Glenn stated that he had incorporated Chris Groleau’s suggestion on the Hiawatha National Forest, since many people throughout the country would know where the Hiawatha National Forest is located. Suggestion; Nahma Township “The Heart of the Hiawatha”. Those present approved of the use of that motto/slogan for our information.
- Feedback update: It was explained that Mary Nadeau Lavine was told by someone that the Recreation Planning Committee was focusing on purchasing her Brother’s land for a public beach. It was explained to Mary that we do not have the authority, responsibility nor monies to do so, someone is just trying to upset her!

New Business: Review of Goals and Objectives from June meeting:
Glenn is to forward these to Michelle DeWitt for her review and improvement. Glenn is to ask Michelle to be at the next meeting!

8 Goals identified by the committee:
- Expand and promote wildlife observation in Nahma Township:
  - Objectives:
    - Nahma Marsh trail needs clean up more consistently throughout the year
    - Piping Plover study groups need to be utilized to have controlled visit to the site
    - Canoe and Kayak brochures on Sturgeon River need to promote the wildlife aspects of the trip
    - Establishment of accessibility for canoes and kayaks is needed on the Sturgeon
• Explore Moss Lake wildlife Observation access.
• Walking and nature trail establishment & maintenance
• Establishment of food plots and other types of plantings for wildlife benefits away from agricultural operations.
• Hunter camp sites identified for temporary set ups

• **Develop and improve water based recreation in Nahma Township:**
  - **Objectives:**
    • A public beach(s) is/are needed for local families and visitors throughout Nahma Township
    • Boating channels need to be marked
    • Boat docks are needed in the area of Nahma
    • Dredging is needed in the channel from the Nahma MDRNE boat launch to Lake Michigan
    • Snorkeling & diving maps and markings need to be established
    • Boat Tours of Big Bay de Noc are needed to be developed and promoted for residents and visitors
    • Canoe launches are needed on the Sturgeon River
    • A canoe drop off area is needed by the bridge over the Sturgeon River just west of the town of Nahma.
    • Rustic Camps built at remote locations with the USFS
    • More sites developed and better identification of areas that have lake access throughout Nahma Township
    • Fish Cleaning stations and proper lighting
    • More Sturgeon River picnic and camping sites are needed
    • Indian Point viewing and Picnic area established and maintained

• **Encourage better walking, Hiking, Equestrian and biking trails:**
  - **Objectives:**
    • Trails that could be used by hunters, walkers and bikers needed to be developed and maintained
    • A biking trail from St. Jacques to Nahma is desired by local residents and would be used by visitors
    • Walking/hunting trails could be enhanced by development of wildlife food plots and observation areas. (We need to seek input from wildlife interest groups)
    • Promote & Maintain walking/biking trails throughout the township

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Work closely with the Delta County Road Commission and USFS to develop trails that will allow access to local communities and other major trails throughout the county.

Identification of existing trails needs to be completed, i.e. Bramer ridge trail is very nice hiking trail.

- **Develop snowmobile and OHV trails systems:**
  - Objectives:
    - Develop trails that will allow access to local community services. E.g. a trail from Mac’s to Nahma.
    - Work to develop trail linkages that would allow snowmobilers and OHV’s to access recreation sites and desirable destinations in other communities.
    - Develop methods of trail marking that will assist trail users (OHV, bikers, hikers) to more easily use trails and stay on legal routes.
    - Better signage and brochures as well as internet promotion is needed.

- **Develop local cultural and recreation opportunities**
  - Objectives:
    - Work closely with sportsman groups, snowmobile clubs and other special interest groups to meet the needs of the Nahma Twp Recreation Plan
    - Public information is needed: signage, brochures, website promotion.
    - Winter carnival for Nahma Township
    - Skating rink
    - Summer Music festival
    - Archery and shooting site
    - Golf Driving range
    - Farmer’s market
    - Art program
    - Children oriented improvements are needed
    - Horse shoe pit at Township Park
    - Summer children programs for soccer, softball, kayaking, etc.
    - Facilities for people gathering together: pavilions, food preparation areas, camp fire pits
    - Pow wow grounds would allow for gathering of native and nonnative groups.
• Promote and host children’s tournaments throughout the summer that would bring teams in from various areas. E.g.: 13-15 year old soccer tournament hosted in community?

• **Promote the heritage of Nahma Township:**
  (Nahma Township is rich in ecological/geological character, logging history and Anishinabeg culture):
  ▪ Objectives:
    • Incorporate historic walking trails in township
    • Promote ecological tourism to the area to visit the glacial and Lake Michigan activities that have helped define the township: dunes, lakes, wetlands, glacial activities.
    • Develop materials and observation sites related to the culture of the first people’s to the area
    • Work closely with the Nahma Township Historical Society to incorporate historical protection and identification of sites of a historical nature in Nahma Township.

• **Develop and maintain a communication system that will allow local residents and visitors to be aware recreational opportunities and activity schedules:**
  ▪ Objectives:
    • Website developed, maintained and advertised with links to county, Tribal, state and federal sites on recreation
    • Site need as a Location to provide hard copy materials locally
    • Articles in Newspaper and publications: work with Bay de noc High School and Bay College to find student program that will prepare news articles for Newspapers that serve our area as well as throughout this region of United States.

• **Work closely with the Hiawatha National Forest to insure that the Forest Plan and the Nahma Township recreation plan are carried out:**
  ▪ Objectives:
    • Seek funding that would enable facilities on USFS land that are consistent with the “Forest Plan”
    • Develop volunteer work groups that will clean and improve sites that the USFS cannot adequately care for.
    • Apply for funding that will allow US Forest Service to install more signage, expand trails and camping sites and print more informational materials.
It was determined that the SSMTCI and Hannahville Indian Community needs to be invited to our table to add their input into the recreation and cultural portions of the plan.

The committee expresses their appreciation for the beautiful Children’s train that was installed by volunteers and materials paid for by the “Labor Day Committee”. This is a beautiful addition to the recreation for children visiting the area and living in the Township.

The fishing tournament was a success and we thank all persons that donated, worked and in anyway promoted this great activity. Those attending and participating had great enjoyment.

Public Meeting(s) schedule “Getting Public input and discussion” needs to be discussed with Nahma Township Board.

Suggestions for next meeting:
- Planning with the Road Commission (Bike Paths, trails and OHV along county roads) 906-786-3200
- MDNRe to be invited

Next meeting time, date: July 30th, 9:30 am at the Nahma Township Hall
Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee  
July 30th, 2010, 9:30 am  
Minutes

Welcome
Present: Dawn White, Kathy Fries, Glenn Lamberg, Charley MacIntosh, Christine Groleau, and Carlton Johnson.
Guests: Patti Pierce & Jon Hayes of Moss Lake; Pat Groleau, Nahma; Anne Okonek, USFS; Rich Hill, MDNRe; Rob VanEffen, Delta County Road Commission.

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved
Pat Groleau clarified the concern of Mary Nadeau Lavine regarding this planning committee and the concern for a public beach. Mary sees this committee as step one in determining if a Beach is needed and putting it into a plan; the next step is Nahma Township applying for funding to put a beach near her!
There was discussion that at the Mike Nadeau property where Mary Lavine is concerned a Public Beach may go, that this is not a very good beach area due to the presence of slab wood debris and the site off shore was an old dump for the trash for the early lumber town of Nahma.
Other discussion covered the fact if Nahma could ever find dollars to purchase land for a beach, there probably would not be monies to develop and maintain a beach. Carl Johnson said that his beach can be used by individuals at $5.00 per day. This automatically covers beach maintenance, cleanup and parking faculties. This is a discussion for Nahma Twp to have with No-Nahma Resort when a public beach is brought up again.

Additions to agenda were:
- Nahma Township “The Heart of the Hiawatha”.
- Tribal Invitations

Updates/reports:
- Survey Committee- Kathy Fries has been collecting surveys from the boxes stationed at business in the township. Kathy explained that she will be working on tabulating process for the surveys. Kathy explained that the present format that she has developed in excel is not working like she wished. Dawn White and Michelle DeWitt, CUPPAD will help. Kathy did review preliminary results of the survey, noting the number of persons that would like specific recreational facilities/opportunities within the township.
- Inventory of Resources Committee: Charley MacIntosh, Carl Johnson and Glenn Lamberg:
  Carl Johnson explained that he has been collecting resource information and will compile a list of resources that could be used to identify recreational opportunities. Much information has come from the USFS and information is available from MDNRe. Carl explained that there are many opportunities for Nahma to have more recreation tourism:
  o The Lake Michigan bike path needs to provide for a St. Jacques to Nahma and out through Isabella route. Presently this tour misses Nahma

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- Hidden Treasures Bike Trail of Upper Peninsula needs to include Nahma and Nahma Twp.
- Signage would help greatly to insure people are aware of recreation opportunities.
- Signage would help insure people get to the right area as well as know where to park and stop, etc.

- Glenn discussed as a reminder to the group that the resource information in the recreation plan will be developed so residents and visitors will have a reference regarding facts and statistics about Nahma Township. Miles of streams, number of inland lakes, acres of federal land, location of camp grounds, miles of county road, species of fish, maps are just some of the resource information that will be made available. Glenn encouraged visitors and committee members to let this subcommittee know of other resource information that could be included. **Chris Groleau said she would identify the Arts and Culture sites in our area!**

- Kathy briefly reviewed the poster information that was present for Class reunion display July 10th. Kathy explained there were many people that looked at the display, but because of the displays location at the bar and away from the flow of the crowd, it did not get full attention. The display will be used and enhanced with a better location at the Labor Day Celebration.

- Glenn stated that he had incorporated Chris Groleau’s suggestion on the Hiawatha National Forest, since many people throughout the country would know where the Hiawatha National Forest is located. Suggestion; Nahma Township “The Heart of the Hiawatha”. Those present approved of the use of that motto/slogan for our information.

**New Business:**

**Rob VanEffen, Delta County Road Commission**

Glenn explained that the committee has been discussing roads in the Township and their role in recreation. In order to insure that the road involvement was incorporated during the planning stage that the committee wanted the Delta County Road Commission at the table. The committee had invited Rob VanEffen, Delta Co. Road Commission;

- Rob introduced himself and explained his position with the Delta County Road Commission.
- Signage was discussed:
  - Rob explained that there are new federal guidelines on signs reflectivity and if Nahma Town puts up new signs then we should do work to federal guidelines.
  - Directional signs could be made for Nahma Township by the road commission and installed. Permit application needs to be completed. The Delta County Road Commission has a contract with a sign making company and can get a bulk rate.
discount. The Road Commission is willing to do this with Nahma Township and has done this in the past.

- Signage for direction to recreational opportunities along county road need a permit application completed. These signs need to meet certain safety criteria regarding clear view, construction materials and distances from traffic. These signs could follow the motif of the Bay de Noc Company.

- Private business promotional signs were discussed on County Roads: This could be done and a permit is needed from Road Commission and possibly is co managed by USFS a special use permit from USFS.

- Off Highway Vehicle Trails and Bike Trails:
  - There are specific guidelines on doing this type of work. Vince Bevens from MDOT could be contacted for specifics.
  - Most of our county roads in Nahma Township are open to OHV use. Rob will send Glenn the miles of county roads in the Township.
  - Rob asked that the Recreation Committee please keep him informed of any information that we need regarding roads in Nahma Township since many of the federal roads are also under co management with the USFS.

Rob would like to receive the minutes and information from the Recreation Committee. Rob encouraged the committee to continue its good work, since he felt that the communications within the committee and with other agencies would pay off for Nahma Township. Rob insured the committee that the Delta County Road Commission would work to assist where they can with Nahma Townships efforts.

**Rich Hill, District Supervisor, Recreation Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRe)**

Charley had made the contact to have Rich Hill at our meeting. Rich explained that he has been with MDNR for 20 years. He appreciates the invite to our meeting and does want to receive our minutes and agendas.

Rich discussed opportunities with recreation for Nahma Township:

- There are funds for boating projects that can be applied for with MDNRe
- Rich suggested that our bay de noc snowmobile group is active and needs to be worked with closely to expand trail system to reach Nahma. The snowmobile club would need to be in favor of the work before funds could be received. Dan Moore is an MDNRe contact that could help with the process of funding for extensions.
- A fishing station could be created at the MDRNe launch at Nahma, but would need to meet certain criteria. Cleanup was discussed and is usually a critical issue with fish cleaning stations. Permit applications are available.

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o A sign saying Nahma, Michigan + other non promotional information could easily be approved by MDRNe to promote Nahma. Permit and criteria are quite simple process to achieve.

o The possibility of a Canoe/Kayak starting point south of US-2 and east of the Sturgeon River was discussed. This project would bring much attention to Nahma Township and would need to be coordinated with MDRNe and Michigan Department of Transportation. This needs to be put into the suggested projects in the goals and objectives of this committee.

o Pat Groleau mentioned that a change of name of the Sturgeon River would go a long way to helping people visiting our area to identify with our river, since there are at least 3 other Sturgeon Rivers in Michigan. Since our sturgeon river is all in Nahma Township possibly a Nahma such as Nahma River, Na’me (anishinabeg sturgeon) River could be adopted/changed in State?

o Rich stated MDNR could help with resource information for the township. Please keep in touch.

The committee thanked Rich for his attendance and very much appreciated his input and attitude with working with the Recreation Committee on projects now and in the future.

Old Business:

- Discussion by committee of motto/slogan for Nahma Township:
  - Nahma Township “Heart of the Hiawatha” was used on the display for the July all Classes reunion.
  - The committee discussed a statement that would encompass water in our township. Nahma Township on the “Shores of the Hiawatha”
  - Discover Nahma Township “In the Heart of the Hiawatha”
  - More thought needs to be put into this catch phrase.

- Invite to Tribal Communities of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and Hannahville Indian Community will be done. Tom Miller, Board member SSMTCI and David Anthony, HIC will be contacted by Glenn.

- Public Meeting(s) schedule “Getting Public input and discussion”. We will incorporate surveys from Labor Day Committee into the Recreation Plan. This will be the wrap up of all public surveys. Committee approved Glenn attending the next Township Board meeting on August 2nd and asking the board to allow us to have a public meeting after their regular meeting to get public input on recreation in Nahma Township. Glenn will attend the meeting to request the public meeting and update the committee.

Suggestions for next meeting:

- Set time for Public meeting: September 13th
• Michelle DeWitt to be at August meeting to help pull together Goals and Objectives
• Set up details for public meeting-presentation, handouts, publicity, etc.

The next meeting will be held on August 13th, 9:30 am. It was suggested that the meeting be at the Museum so the committee would have a chance to see what resources (signs, etc.) that we could coordinate with our recreation activities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Lamberg

Attached below is information related to Nahma Township. Please think of other things that we could include. Temperatures, annual rainfall, annual snowfall, historic facts?

Resource facts about the Nahma Township:
(Give us more ideas of things that should be included in the Plan)
• 68% of our 109,938 acres of land are owned by the US Forest Service
• There are over 14 miles of Lake Michigan frontage (Big Bay de Noc) in Nahma Township
• The southern end of Nahma Township is on Lake Michigan and the Northern Border of the township is only 15 miles from Lake Superior.
• Federal Forest Highway 13 runs from Nahma junction to Wetmore for a total of 37 miles. 22 miles of Federal forest Highway 13 is in Nahma Township.
• Nahma township is _____ miles wide and _____ from north to south
• There are ________ inland lakes in Nahma township. Moss Lake is the largest at _____ acres.
• The sturgeon river and portions of the Ogontz River in Nahma Township are our largest streams.
• There are _____ miles of rivers, streams and creeks in Nahma Township, many which have rainbow, brown and brook trout fisheries.
• Big Bay de Noc just outside of Nahma has depths up to _____ feet deep.
• There are presently ________ US Forest Service Campgrounds in Nahma Twp.
• There are presently ________ US Forest Service picnic areas in Nahma Twp.
• There were _____ miles of abandoned Bay de Nocquet Company railroad lines in Nahma Township that make excellent areas to walk and explore
• If you were to Kayak from Nahma to Garden around the north end of the bay you would have travelled _____ miles
Big Bay de Noc and nearby land areas in abounds with Eagles, osprey, hawks, Loons, Ducks, Sand hill cranes, wild turkeys, ruffed grouse and a myriad of songbirds.

From Rob VanEffen, Delta County road commission information:
Primary Roads 57 miles
Local Roads 24 miles

These are County Certified Roads. It does not include USFS Roads or State Highway miles.
Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee
August 13th, 2010, 9:30 am
Meeting at Nahma Township Historical Society Building
Minutes

Welcome
Present: Dawn White, Kathy Fries, Glenn Lamberg, Mark Hansen and Christine Groleau

Guests:
Michelle DeWitt, CUPPAD

Janet Kudell-Ekstrum,
Wildlife Biologist
Hiawatha National Forest
Rapid River Ranger District
(906) 474-6442 ext. 140, fax (906) 474-9122
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Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved

Additions to agenda were:
● Tribal Invitations
● Review signage that was used by Bay de Nocquet Company

Updates/reports:
● Survey Committee-
● Inventory of Resources Committee:
  ● list was reviewed and facts and thoughts were discussed.
  ● What resource inventory to include:
    Discussion by those present that resource inventory information needs to be done as next step. Glenn encouraged visitors and committee members to let this subcommittee know of other resource information that could be included:
      ○ Chris Groleau has and continues to identify the Arts and Culture sites in our area!
      ○ USFS needs to be worked with to include USFS campsites, trails, etc.

Old Business:
● Slogan
  ○ Discussion by committee of motto/slogan for Nahma Township: Nahma Township “Heart of the Hiawatha” will be used until a better slogan can be developed. Names discussed include;
    ▪ Nahma Township on the “Shores of the Hiawatha”

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Discover Nahma Township “In the Heart of the Hiawatha”
  - Chris Groleau and Kathy Fries will get together and have a strong suggestion for the exact slogan for Nahma Twp for the September meeting

- Glenn did not contact Tribal Communities of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and Hannahville Indian Community. Glenn stated he will do this. Tom Miller, Board member SSMTCI and David Anthony, HIC will be contacted by Glenn. Publicity needs to start on the September 13th public meeting. This should be a flyer and handout that can be posted and distributed. Glenn will do this and committee members please help.
- Glenn will work on website process in order to get things ready for information site for Nahma Twp activities.
- Patsy Schwartz needs to be reinvited to help with our work.

**New Business:**

Michelle DeWitt worked with the committee to refine and develop the 8 goals that we have established. Michelle took notes and will compile these goals and objectives in a way that is comprehensive, presentable to funding agencies and guidance to future Nahma Township Recreation programming. Michelle will send this information to committee as an addition to these minutes.

Michelle explained the maps CUPPAD can provide and will work with us on how to present our existing Township, County, State, Federal and Private recreation facilities. Michelle will try to get aerial views of the Nahma area.

Michelle explained that photos in the plan will do much for readability and future interest in reviewing the plan. All committee members need to get photos. Chris will get horse back riding, Glenn will get flowing well photos, people photos at the Labor Day celebration will be great for the recreation plan, etc.

Janet Ekstrum, Wildlife Biologist, USFS (western Hiawatha Forest) assisted in guiding the review of goals and objectives from the USFS Forest Plan Document; and objective write-ups and direction so as not to be invasive of areas where sensitive wildlife and ecosystems exist. E.g. Plover area should not be a tourist attraction, but could be an educational opportunity for residents and visitors directed by USFS representative. Janet will also get informational panel display to the Recreation Committee for use at the Labor Day display.

The committee thanked Michelle and Janet Ekstrum for their attendance and very much appreciated all the guidance of working with the Recreation Committee on guidance and suggestions now and in the future.

**Public meeting & labor day set up notes:**
Glenn inquired about finding a video projector so that we could do a power point presentation at the September 13th public meeting. Christine will look into a video projector to use.

A separate tent needs to be set up for the Recreation Planning Committee to try to get more public input into the planning process.

Make sure that we explain that the committee is an all volunteer committee approved by the Township Board.

Suggestions for next meeting:
- Prepare for Public meeting presentation, handouts, publicity, etc: September 13th
- Updates by resources information
- Set up details for public meeting.

The next meeting will be held on September 10th, 9:30 am at the Nahma Township Hall. Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Lamberg
Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee
September 10th, 2010, 9:30 am
Minutes

Location: Nahma Township Hall
Present: Carl Johnson, Kathy Fries, Christine Groleau, Glenn Lamberg, Anne Okonek (USFS), Patsy Schwartz.

Welcome
Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved

Additions to agenda were:
- Christine’s Business
- Signage by boat Landing: Kathy

Updates/reports:
- Inventory of Resources Committee: (Carl Johnson & Glenn Lamberg)
  - Photos to get: list in plan
  - Facts regarding Nahma Township need to be included even if the facts may not relate directly to recreation. E.g. Nahma was the first township in Delta County and first elections in Delta Co. were held in Nahma.

Updates/reports:
- Survey Committee- Kathy Fries gave an update on the surveys tabulated to date. There are a total of 82 surveys already tallied and there are more to pickup and tally. There are more surveys coming in and these will be added to the total. Kathy will work with CUPPAD to get the survey information in a form that will be documented in the plan.
- Review of list of Inventory resources –Carl Johnson gave an update on information that he has further collected. Carl added more details of facts and thoughts that could be added to the plan. It was discussed that a variety of separate maps indicating specific locations of recreational uses would be best rather than trying to inventory all recreation on one map, e.g.: Picnic areas and campsites may be on the same map, motorized trails may be on a different map, hiking trails should be on a separate map, Snowmobile trails and trail heads, boat access and kayak access should be on a separate map. Scenic turnouts, wildlife viewing areas and photo opportunity areas could be on another map.
- Photos of our township in a recreational/historic/cultural setting are needed.
- We need to find out if it would be appropriate to use photos of businesses that presently exist in Nahma Township! Ask Michelle’s opinion.
- USFS needs to be worked with to include USFS campsites, trails, etc.
- Chris Groleau has and continues to identify the Arts and Culture sites in our area!
- Motto needs to be included in the Plan. Kathy and Christine will bring suggestions for final motto for next meeting.

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Old Business:
- Completion of details for Plan—Insure details are inclusive- The plan was reviewed regarding the layout, need for photos, maps and need for correct details.
- Have facts and Nahma township information put together
- Photos were discussed. A question came up regarding the use of photos that had businesses presently in Nahma Township. Photos would include: Nahma Inn, No Nahma resort, St. Jacques Grocery, Mac’s Bar, Dog Sled operation, 4 letter lodge, and Nahma Golf Course specifically.
- Review Draft Plan in detail:
  - There are too many outside recreation facilities in the body of the plan. The specific ones to keep will be decided by the recreation committee: e.g: Fayette state park, Big Springs, Munising attractions, but not all the parks in adjacent towns and at schools.
  - The recreation facilities decided upon by the recreation committee will best be listed in an appendix.
  - Glenn and committee asked Anne Okonek to review the Draft plan and assist in making our Nahma Twp plan compatible with the Hiawatha Forest plan.

New Business:
- Make out schedule for plan completion, presentation to the Township Board, printing details and distribution: Glenn reviewed that he would have a PowerPoint presentation with goals and objectives, details of why a plan is beneficial, highlights on planning process, committee members and reassurance that this committee can only plan. Glenn will ask those present for input and that input will be recorded by Kathy Fries and put into a document regarding the public comment session.
- Christine stated that the old office building has been purchased and that she plans to have art sales and workshops. Christine will keep us abreast of the progress on the new business in Nahma Township.
- The plan for the Nahma Boat Launch Sign will be presented to The Nahma Boat Club on September 19th. Kathy plans to approach the boat club regarding the purchase of the sign.
- Anne Okonek, was asked by Glenn, about the possibility of the Forest Service purchasing the land, that is for sale adjacent to No Nah-ma. Anne stated that it would be best if Nahma Township wrote a letter to Dave Silvius, USFS at Rapid River and ask the USFS to look into the possibility of the Hiawatha National Forest obtaining this area. Anne stated if there are portions that would benefit Nahma Twp then we need to specify that Nahma Twp wishes to purchase a portion for recreation purposes. The land would fulfill space for many of the needs in the Recreational Plan, including a baseball field, walking trails, kayak/boat landing and picnic areas by the Sturgeon River. Kathy Fries will e-mail her a copy of the listing.

Suggestions for next meeting:

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Focus on completing Plan!
Assignments on sections of Plan.....e.g. committee members to work with others on specific sections of plan- introduction, photos, objectives well defined, appendices details, etc.

Next meeting time, date: (suggestion: October 8th?, 9:30 am)

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Lamberg
Nahma Township Recreation Planning Committee  
September 24th, 2010, 9:30 am  
Minutes

Location: *Nahma Township Hall*  
Present: Laurie MacIntosh, Charley MacIntosh, Kathy Fries, Christine Groleau, Glenn Lamberg, Anne Okonek (USFS), Dawn White and John Hayes.

Welcome  
Minutes from last meeting were reviewed, changes made and approved.

Additions to agenda were:  
- Christine’s Business  
- Signage by boat Landing: Kathy

**Updates/reports:**  
- **Survey Committee** - *Kathy Fries gave an update on the surveys tabulated to date.* There are approximately 100 surveys received. *Discussion of how to best organize the survey results was discussed:*  
  - An example survey and results will be in the appendices.
  - There will be a summary of the survey process and results in the body of the plan.
  - Discussion of the survey listing: should it be alphabetical or listed by highest vote count. It was decided that summary should be in a percentage with highest to lowest. Anne commented that it appears that water based activities appear to be top priority.

- **Review of list of Inventory resources** – Glenn discussed the thoughts about resources:  
  - There will be maps for specific recreation uses. E.g.; campsites and campgrounds on one map; walking/hiking trails along with non-motorized maps; kayak landings on the same map as public boat landings, etc.

- **Glenn & committee reviewed the public meeting on the Recreation Plan held after the township board meeting on September 13th**. Glenn gave overview of planning process with power point. Input was recorded from those attending the meeting:  
  - 40 persons in attendance. Glenn to get list from sign ins from Patty Megot.
  - There were many good suggestions brought to the attention of the recreation committee. These will be incorporated into our plan.
  - People were all positive of the Recreation Planning work and supported our work.
  - There were those in the crowd that stated they would volunteer for work projects on various walk trails, etc.

- We need to find out if it would be appropriate to use photos of businesses that presently exist in Nahma Township! We need to work on this to insure that we are inclusive and that it satisfies all businesses. It was questioned how we could take pictures of some business, ie Cayemberg Masonry.

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USFS provided information about inland lakes, miles of streams, etc. This information will be included in the facts section of the plan.

Chris Groleau has and continues to identify the Arts and Culture sites in our area!

Motto needs to be included in the Plan. Kathy and Christine will bring suggestions for the motto for our next meeting on October 8th.

**Old Business:**

- Completion of details for Plan—Insure details are inclusive- The plan was reviewed regarding the details by going through section by section off of the plan with Glenn’s updates. From the Meeting of September 10th changes were made moving the out of township recreation attractions to the appendices. We will work with Michelle DeWitt to reduce/remove some of the out of township recreational attractions from the appendix. For Nahma township a more appropriate section in the plan will be Day Trips:
  - Fayette State Park  —where, distance and what to see
  - Pictured Rocks National Park- where, distance and what to see
  - Big Springs-
  - Stonington Light house
  - Winery tours
  - Old Cemeteries –Nahma, Moss Lake, St. Jacques, Indian Pointe, others?
  - Other: Committee to assist Michelle in this endeavor.

- Glenn has begun putting facts and Nahma township information into the plan. Anne Okonek, USFS has provided great details regarding lakes, streams, campsites, etc. Anne stated that she would work with Michelle on areas of Forest Land. This information will be great details for the Recreation plan. Facts regarding Nahma Township need to be included even if the facts may not relate directly to recreation. E.g. Nahma was the first township in Delta County and first elections in Delta Co. were held in Nahma.

- Photos are very much needed for the plan. There is a list of photos needed in the plan. We will need to have help from everyone to get good usable, diverse photos. Laurie will ask Russ and Deedee’s son in law to help us out.

**New Business:**

- Christine stated that the old office building has been purchased and that she plans to have art sales and workshops. Chris has started work on the building and the name will be” Christine’s Studio Gallery”.

- The plan for the Nahma Boat Launch Sign will be completed and paid for by the Nahma boat Club. This will be a great addition and Kathy will work on putting credit on the sign to the Boat Club.

**Suggestions for next meeting:**

- Review the information made from those assigned sections to work on in the plan:
  - Culture and Art : Christine
  - Historic section: Christine

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NAHMA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN 2011-2015

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- Communication system: Dawn, Kathy and Glenn
- Work with agencies: Glenn
- Wildlife: Glenn
- Motorized trails: Charley
- Non motorized trails: Ask Mark Hansen
- Water based recreation: Kathy-Glenn & John Hayes to help

- Focus on completing Plan with Michelle DeWitt’s presence.

Next meeting time, date: October 8th, 9:30 am Nahma Twp Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Lamberg

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APPENDIX F

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
PUBLIC MEETING
The meeting began at 7:50 with approximately 40 people in attendance

Glenn began the meeting by introducing the committee members that were present and mentioning other members not present.

Glenn then explained the values of a recreation plan and potential sources of monies:

- Michigan MDNRE-Mineral rights funds
- Foundations
- USDA
- Tribal Governments
- Private donations

Glenn explained that the Recreation Planning Committee is charged with the process of planning for the Township. The board would have the final decision on approval of the plan and if and how the plan gets carried out!

Glenn explained that the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development agency, the US Forest Service, Delta County Road Commission and the MDNRE have all been at the recreation meetings providing guidance. The recreation planning committee has used surveys and is trying to get input from residents and visitors.

Glenn did a Power Point presentation to help understand why there is a committee, why we need a Recreation Plan and where monies would come from, with hopes of bringing benefits to the residents as well as hopefully bringing more tourism into Nahma Township

It was then opened up to the public to voice where they would like to see new recreational opportunities:

1. Clean up the Nahma Marsh Trail, Jane Putney volunteered to head a clean-up and Rosie Beauchamp offered to help
2. Laurie McIntosh questioned if Indian Point would be a good place to put a public beach or public picnicking area and if the Forest Service would maintain it
3. Glenn mentioned that the MDNRE may be interested in developing a canoe and kayak launch on the sturgeon river south of US-2. There is a need for parking and a drop off area and would required MDOT, USFS, MDNRE and others to make this happen.
4. Signage is a high priority and the old sign motif used by the Bay de Noc company is the suggest appearance suggested by the recreation planning committee.
5. It was suggested that the Moss Lake Bike Trail should be promoted for pedal bike uses also.
6. Laurie suggested that dog sledding could use other trails such as walking and biking trails.
7. The use of the old railroad trail for snowmobilers and ORV riders to get from Macs to Nahma
8. Archery, Volleyball, and Horseshoe areas would be welcomed

Additional ideas from the floor
1. Ruth Ann Ritter mentioned that Kayak launches would be important
2. Pat Schwartz said that we had one of the best rivers with the Sturgeon
3. Vicki Schwab mentioned that she would like trails for snowshoeing and cross country skiing
4. Vicki also mentioned that she would like to see the spiritual history promoted
5. Glenn mentioned that he was working with the Hannahville Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and hopes that they would make input into the plan.
6. There have been interests noted for a possible Pow Wow at Nahma.
7. Charley McIntosh mentioned that he would like to see a Winter Carnival. Persons stated that it was a great event with last year’s winter hockey tournament and hoped this could be continued.
8. Vicki Schwab mentioned said that Nahma was the first voting place in the UP
9. A number of people would like to see trails from US-2 to Nahma. It was noted that to do that it would be best to have a round trip trail going out through the Isabella area. Wade Groleau said that to use the old railroad trail that three bridges would be needed. It appears that it would be the only option available
10. It was again mentioned that winter sports would be a high priority
11. The lack of docking capacity, dredging the channel, better marking of the channel, and possibly a fish cleaning station should be a high priority
12. Kathy Fries is working on a fish display sign that would say “Nahma, Mi”
13. Nick Dennison suggested that a 4 wheel trail head be created to serve the needs of OHV’s with parking, etc.
14. Genealogy should be a part of the recreation plan
15. Putting out signs indicating nice areas for photos, such as an icon of a camera.

Glenn thanked everyone for taking their time to attend and give suggestions. Glenn also asked for continued input by others. The thought is the plan will be finalized and presented to the board at the November or December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm with the sense that the community is very much behind seeing a Recreational Plan for the betterment of the Nahma Township

Notes by: Kathy Fries and Glenn Lamberg

Appendix F
APPENDIX G

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT AND MINUTES
FROM PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON DECEMBER 6th, 2010

Appendix G
NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 3rd, 2011.

TRUSTEE LAVINE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT A $8.05, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE BINGHAM, MOTION CARRIED.

GEORGE KANTER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A WEB SITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING FOR NAHMA.

GREEN LA MBERT INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A WEB SITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING FOR NAHMA.

BOARD AND HUNG IT ON THE WALL. THE ONLY CHARGE WAS $150.00.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS, SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW INFORMED THE BOARD THAT A KERN HEIN HANSEN MADE THE BUILDING.

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AS TO A COST TO HAVE THE SIGNS MADE AND TO HAVE THEM INSTALLED THERE.

SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW IS LOOKING INTO GETTING SIGNS FOR THE BRIDGES SHE WILL CHECK WITH THE DELTA.

TRUSTEE BINGHAM MADE A MOTION, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE LAVINE, MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW REQUESTED THAT WE PUT AN AD OUT FOR ESTIMATES FOR REMODELING THE TOWN HALL.

SECRETARY.

THEY ARE MET IN GROTON. JOHN FRANKOVOICH & ROD GROOLEN AND SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW AS THE RECORDING.

THE TOWN HALL FOR CLEARENCE WORK. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE SOME BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS.

SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE BOARD OF REVIEW IS SET FOR DECEMBER 16th, 3:00 PM AT

THE NAHMA TOWNSHIP 6 YEAR REELECTION PLAN RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION.

SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW HANDLED THE MEETING OVER TO GEORGE LA MBERT TO GET PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT THE

FOR THE EAVENMENT FROM WOODER.

ENGINEER BRUCE HAWKINS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE WATER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. WE ARE STILL WAITING

OF 2009 SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW INFORMED HER THAT THERE WOULD BE A CHARGE.

GUEST, KIM DIAMOND REQUESTED SHE GET A COPY OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST OF 2008 THRU AUGUST

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE LAVINE MADE A MOTION TO PAY ALL APPROVED BILLS, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE BINGHAM, MOTION CARRIED.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT. TRUSTEE LAVINE MADE A MOTION, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE LAVINE, MOTION CARRIED.

$64,70.36 IN THE ROAD ACCOUNT.$ 6,821.58 IN THE TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.$ 800.00 IN TRUSTEE AGENCY AND $4,496.48 IN THE WATER.

MEASURER DICKERSON REPORTED $16,448.70 IN THE GENERAL ACCOUNT.$ 3,395.78 IN THE FIRE ACCOUNT.

APPROVED SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE LAVINE, MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW INFORMED GUESTS THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE RECORDED.

PRESIDENT SUPERVISOR BROADSHAW INFORMED GUESTS THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE RECORDED.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NAHMA TOWNSHIP MEETING AT THE NAHMA TOWN HALL DECEMBER 6th, 2010 AT 7:00 PM.
APPENDIX H

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Appendix H
NAHMA TOWNSHIP FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

By
Nahma Township Board

WHEREAS, the Nahma Township Board has reviewed the *Nahma Township Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2011-2015*, which recognizes various Township recreation needs, and

WHEREAS, the Nahma Township Board has accepted the Recreation Development Schedule that proposes a variety of improvements:

- A broad variety of projects in the plan to be undertaken by volunteer groups to improve recreation and historic observation opportunities in Nahma Township.
- Public Access to Lake Michigan (Lease or Acquisition)
- Acquisition of Parcel adjacent to community of Nahma for trail, hiking, baseball fields, trail heads for walking and motorized vehicles, etc.
- Motorize (snowmobile & ORV) trail development- funding for related expenses of trail development
- Non-motorized trail development-biking, walking, equestrian trails plus linking to state and interstate trail programs.
- Kayak/Canoe Launch-take out and access to Sturgeon River at US-2.

WHEREAS, a five-year recreation plan is required to be eligible to apply for recreation grants administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, and

WHEREAS, the Nahma Township Board held a public meeting on December 6th, 2010 to accept public comment regarding the *Nahma Township Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2011-2015*,

WHEREAS, during the public meeting, the Nahma Township Board voted to adopt the *Nahma Township Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2011-2015*.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Nahma Township Board adopts the *Nahma Township Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2011-2015* as its official recreation planning document.

ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010.

Signature: [Signature]
Chair

[Signature]
Township Clerk
APPENDIX I

PHOTO CREDITS

Appendix I
Thank you to the individuals that provided photos for the Recreation Plan:

Nahma Township Historical Society
Christine Groleau
Glenn Lamberg
Charley & Laurie MacIntosh
Kathy Fries
Mark Hansen
Carl Johnson
Joe & Judy Hansen
Therese & Steve Gondek
Wayne LaVigne
APPENDIX J

RECREATION PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION
# WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

TO BE COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT FUNDING (OR MINIMUM FUNDING ANTICIPATED)

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<td>Working with the MDNRE and local residents to mark boating channels for</td>
<td>MDNRE boat Access</td>
<td>Obtain permission from MDNRE and ask for their assistance with signage</td>
<td>June 2011</td>
<td>2 persons to obtain or construct signs</td>
<td>1. Signs</td>
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<td>safer launching and docking</td>
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<td>4 persons with 2 boats to install signs</td>
<td>2. Steel posts</td>
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<td>4. Fasteners for signs to steel posts</td>
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<td>Water based activities promotion of parasailing, kayak use, ecotourism,</td>
<td>From the Nahma Inn &amp; No-Nahma resort boat docks</td>
<td>Coordinate captain to take out cruises. Develop flyers and work on website</td>
<td>March 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator for cruises, ask Morty or Darren Ranguette.</td>
<td>Brochures</td>
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<td>scenic cruises, wildlife tours, fishing, winter recreation and similar</td>
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<td>Communication details for brochure and website: Kathy,</td>
<td>Website details</td>
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<td>low impact uses</td>
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<td>Dawn &amp; Glenn</td>
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<td>Cruise and dining package</td>
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<td>Establish a snorkeling and diving awareness program including maps and</td>
<td>For areas near Nahma and other spots in Big Bay de Noc</td>
<td>Work with Tee Lynt regarding Ron Lynt’s spots for diving/snorkeling. Nahma Dive Club reactivated</td>
<td>April 2011</td>
<td>2 persons on brochure, interviews, map exploration and</td>
<td>Brochures</td>
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<td>markings would be an important recreation program</td>
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<td>development. Posting on website as .pdf</td>
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<td>Establish and complete a “needed signage” plan using the motif of the</td>
<td>Signs are needed to assist visitors and water users to</td>
<td>Make signs in Motif of Bay de Nocquet Co.</td>
<td>Begin 2011</td>
<td>Sign makers, sites ID for signs, permits written and</td>
<td>Wooden sign making tools,</td>
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<td>Bay de Nocquet Company</td>
<td>landings, launches and access sites</td>
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<td>Hold fishing tournaments</td>
<td>Nahma boat launch</td>
<td>Sportsman club supported and volunteers provided to help</td>
<td>Begin 2010</td>
<td>Coordinators need to have PR support and volunteers to</td>
<td>PR, website work, signage, etc.</td>
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<td>Develop additional Sturgeon River picnic and camping sites</td>
<td>Work with USFS on Sandtown and old sawmill site first of all</td>
<td>Support work of USFS and promote more sites where twp funding through outside sources could</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Working closely with USFS needed-coordinator with USFS</td>
<td>On site work needed with tools and equipment</td>
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<td>Work with MDNRE to place a light at the mouth of harbor for safer entry into the channel leading to the MDRNE boat launch</td>
<td>On harbor mouth that can be seen by incoming boaters at night or evening</td>
<td>Permits with MDNRE, find funding for lights, unit and maintenance</td>
<td>2011-12</td>
<td>Coordinator for work and coordinator for funding</td>
<td>This work will need to be contracted as detailed by MDNRE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Establish a fish cleaning station with proper lighting at the MDNRE launch</td>
<td>Presently the plans are to have the station at the MDNRE public landing.</td>
<td>Funding, Health and disposal issues need to be resolved. Investigation work needed immediately</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Coordinator for work and coordinator for funding</td>
<td>This work will need to be contracted as detailed by MDNRE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Add boat, canoe and kayak launches along the Sturgeon River and along other Township waterways where feasible *See plan for suggestions on locations of launches</td>
<td>Sites needed to be identified and worked on with USFS</td>
<td>Find environmental safe sites, get funding for work and coordinate field activities</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator Volunteer work force</td>
<td>Tree removal, treated lumber in some cases and proper signage for users</td>
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<td>Cooperate with the USFS to develop rustic camps</td>
<td>Sites for rustic camping need to be coordinated with USFS</td>
<td>Volunteers to build units to USFS specs and turn these over to USFS</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Coordinator and volunteers</td>
<td>Excavation and building construction workers and tools</td>
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<td>Work closely with residents of Moss Lake to explore and develop limited access to the Lake for wildlife observation and/or non-motorized water craft</td>
<td>South area of moss lake on federal property. This is a project that would need close work with landowners on lake.</td>
<td>Access, permits and funding are major needs. Volunteers could do physical work.</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Working with landowners, USFS and coordinating volunteers</td>
<td>Minor excavation, signage and possible observation facility, elevated or at ground level</td>
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<td>Establish and maintain an Indian Point viewing and picnic area</td>
<td>Either USFS or Nahma Twp property; or both</td>
<td>Evaluate maintenance and damage that visitors may create</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Working with landowners, USFS and coordinating volunteers</td>
<td>Minor excavation, signage and possible observation facility, elevated or at ground level</td>
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<td>Pursue the development of tent platforms at various campsites throughout the Township</td>
<td>USFS property</td>
<td>Find environmental safe sites, get funding for work and coordinate field activities</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Working with funding sources, USFS and coordinating volunteers</td>
<td>Excavation and building construction workers and tools</td>
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<td>Work on walkways in the Township that are associated with water resources. See the Recreation Plan for location suggestions</td>
<td>Either USFS or Nahma Twp property; or both. Also investigate private landowner leasing</td>
<td>Find environmental safe sites, get funding for work and coordinate field activities</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Working with funding sources, USFS and coordinating volunteers</td>
<td>Focus on minor excavation and signage</td>
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<td>Volunteer groups to consistently clean up the Nahma Marsh Trail throughout the year</td>
<td>Nahma Marsh Trail walking trail</td>
<td>Clear brush and fallen branches. Also other work approved by USFS</td>
<td>Begin spring 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and 3-5 workers</td>
<td>Rakes, handsaws, pruners. Other tools determined by type of work</td>
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<td>Identify hunter camp sites for temporary set-ups</td>
<td>Throughout Hiawatha NF</td>
<td>Find appropriate sites and make up brochures and maps for these areas</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and field persons</td>
<td>Field identification and brochures</td>
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<td>Lake Michigan Bike Loop needs to have the Nahma route included in their bike route program</td>
<td>St. Jacques to Nahma Loop needed to be promoted</td>
<td>Contact bicycle clubs to get route changed on maps and websites</td>
<td>Winter 2010-11</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Phone calls and emails</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contact biking, hiking and horseback organizations to encourage Nahma Township opportunities to connect with their trails</td>
<td>Throughout Nahma Township</td>
<td>Contact appropriate clubs to get route changed on maps and websites</td>
<td>Winter 2010-11</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Phone calls and emails</td>
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<tr>
<td>Develop brochures and maps for non-motorized trails and locations of use within Nahma Township</td>
<td>Brochures need to cover all of twp and be posted for local and outside users</td>
<td>These informational materials need to be prominently displayed in businesses and at the Nahma Township Hall</td>
<td>Begin spring 2011</td>
<td>Writers needed to do PR materials The internet/website needs to also have these documents available</td>
<td>Articles, website</td>
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## NON-MOTORIZED ACTIVITIES
**TO BE COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS WITH FUNDING**

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<td>Improve water levels at the Nahma Marsh for expansion of water fowl populations</td>
<td>Nahma Marsh flooding</td>
<td>Find funding, engineering to increase water levels</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator with wildlife interest</td>
<td>Grant writers and work with agencies</td>
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<td>Replace and maintain the wood duck houses at Nahma Marsh</td>
<td>Nahma Marsh and possible areas nearby</td>
<td>Funding, building duck nests and houses</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and volunteers in field</td>
<td>Bird box and nest building wood work and field installation</td>
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<td>Establish areas for canoe and kayak accessibility on the Sturgeon River.</td>
<td>All along the Sturgeon River</td>
<td>Obtain funding for materials, excavation and supplies for launch sites</td>
<td>Summer 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator, grant writing and volunteers to field work</td>
<td>Excavation, wood construction and fill/surface materials</td>
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<td>Establish and maintain walking and nature trails throughout the Township that can be used by a variety of non motorized users (see plan for greater details)</td>
<td>Hiawatha NF and Township property</td>
<td>Funding, Coordination with USFS. Field work and construction of trails and appropriate crossings of wet areas and streams</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator, Volunteers to do work</td>
<td>Trail building materials, treated lumber, walking surface materials</td>
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<td>Develop a biking trail from St. Jacques to Nahma</td>
<td>Construct hard surface trail from St. Jacques to Nahma</td>
<td>“Funding” Possible solution would be to add to existing co. rd 499 and add travel/walkway with asphalt</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Hire contractor or Road Commission to do work.</td>
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<td>Establish food plots and other types of plantings for wildlife away from agricultural operations, which will provide for wildlife observation and hunting opportunities</td>
<td>On private lands throughout Township</td>
<td>Funding Clear and complete food plots, particularly next to USFS land</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Hire contractor or farmer(s) to do work</td>
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<td>Old logging trails and old railroad grades need to be priority areas to develop for maintainable motorized trail systems. Old US-2 in St. Jacques may be a potential trail way to keep people moving east and west without having to use the roadside of present day US-2</td>
<td>Throughout Nahma Township-mostly on Hiawatha National Forest</td>
<td>ID railroad grades/logging trails and work with USFS Evaluate old US 2 for cleanup and use as a OHV trail</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Volunteers to clear trails and establish appropriate signage approved by USFS Persons needed to coordinate activities</td>
<td>Trail building and sign establishment tools.</td>
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<td>Support and promote participation in the Big Bay de Noc Cabin Cruisers Snowmobile Club in their efforts to groom and maintain trail systems In Nahma Township</td>
<td>Assist club on their trail work. Clearing, grooming, etc. Promote trails groomed by club through articles and website</td>
<td>Volunteers to physical work and PR people needed to write articles and web materials</td>
<td>Begin winter 2010-11</td>
<td>5 + workers for physical work. 1-2 persons needed to help with PR work</td>
<td>Tools will be provided to workers by snowmobile club.</td>
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<td>Develop methods of trail marking that would assist trail users and encourage riders to remain on legal trails. Trail marking of trail heads, local business locations and directions Improve motorized trail system signage and brochures as well as internet promotion of trails in Nahma Township</td>
<td>Throughout Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Make brochures, web items and signage for trails</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Volunteer for work items: 5 PR work person: 1</td>
<td>Trail signage equipment</td>
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<td>Seek assistance from Michigan Technological University for students to engineer facilities as needed for bridges and other structures for trail development On trails that require the trail groomer and/or require large weight loads</td>
<td>Contact University</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Glenn Lamberg to do this</td>
<td>Visit or call</td>
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<td>Develop trails that will provide access to local community services. Safe trails are needed vs. travel on county roads</td>
<td>Snowmobile and other OHV trails from Nahma to St. Jacques; From Nahma to Nahma Junction</td>
<td>Work with local persons. Write Grants possibly with UP RC&amp;D</td>
<td>Begin work spring 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator, PR person, and local input</td>
<td>Writing and contracting activities</td>
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<td>Trail heads are needed for 4 wheeler units at many locations</td>
<td>All Nahma Township</td>
<td>USFS, County ROWs, etc</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator Financial coordinator</td>
<td>Possibly volunteers with excavation and hand tools?</td>
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<td>Work to develop trail linkages that would provide access to recreation sites and desirable destinations in other communities</td>
<td>As needed in the Township, particularly the southern portion.</td>
<td>USFS, write grants, coordinate with Delta county road commission</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Main Coordinator that will work with organizations and write grants.</td>
<td>Writing, coordination, and obtaining financial assistance tools needed.</td>
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<td>Motorized trails needed from County Road 497/US-2 (old grade) and loop to Moss Lake</td>
<td>Nahma Junction to Nahma and out towards Isabella</td>
<td>USFS, write grants, coordinate with Delta county road commission</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and grant writing to finance work</td>
<td>Writing and contracting activities</td>
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<td>Coordinate the development of trails for summer time OHV’s with winter time usage by snowmobiles</td>
<td>All Nahma Township—avoid or prevent damage to wetlands</td>
<td>USFS, write grants, coordinate with Delta county road commission</td>
<td>Begin 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and grant writing to finance work</td>
<td>Writing and contracting activities</td>
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## WILDLIFE OBSERVATION-BASED ACTIVITIES

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<td>Develop signage for wildlife observation areas</td>
<td>Along county &amp; USFS roads</td>
<td>Cut timber, route signs, paint signs, erect signs</td>
<td>Work to begin early spring 2011</td>
<td>Sign builders</td>
<td>Wood working, Post installation</td>
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<td>Encourage mowing along trails to promote new growth foods for wildlife</td>
<td>OHV trails throughout the Township</td>
<td>Mow trails after mid July and around the end of August</td>
<td>Begin work July 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and brush hog operator</td>
<td>This may require some funding for areas. Seek funding from wildlife organizations. Cabin fever cruisers are important in this work</td>
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<td>Work closely agencies to develop trails that will provide access to</td>
<td>Brochure/website to have maps and information for the entire Township</td>
<td>Determine trail links needed. Develop trail links. Advertise trail links</td>
<td>Winter 2010-11</td>
<td>Team of persons that can work with agencies and do information work</td>
<td>Trail improvement and brochure development equipment</td>
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<td>consistent with other major trails</td>
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<td>Volunteer groups to consistently clean up the Nahma Marsh Trail</td>
<td>Marsh Trail walking trail</td>
<td>Clear brush and fallen branches. Also other work approved by USFS</td>
<td>Begin spring 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and 3-5 workers</td>
<td>Rakes, handsaws, pruners. Other tools determined by type of work</td>
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<td>throughout the year *See non motorized trails also</td>
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<td>Explore potential Moss Lake wildlife observation access</td>
<td>South side of moss lake west of private ownership</td>
<td>Erect an observation area for people to enjoy bird life of moss lake</td>
<td>Elevated or ground access to the lake. Consideration may be given to canoe access also</td>
<td>USFS approval and assistance. Construction crew and trail development</td>
<td>Treated construction material and carpentry construction equipment</td>
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<td>Encourage the clearing of small areas in specific areas for hunter camp</td>
<td>Identify sites with USFS that would allow for temporary campsites</td>
<td>Low impact clearing of areas for camp sites for wildlife interests</td>
<td>Work during winter of 2011-2012 with USFS and volunteers to ID sites. Begin work in 2012</td>
<td>USFS approval and assistance. Construction crew and trail development</td>
<td>Chain saws, low impact leveling work.</td>
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<td>sites in the fall. Also use as primitive camp sites for other forest</td>
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<td>Encourage predator hunting and trapping where/when the opportunity exists</td>
<td>UP predator hunt is held yearly. Promote this activity so local businesses are frequented</td>
<td>Website promotion and links</td>
<td>Begin this work so we are included in 2012</td>
<td>Website crew and writers/researchers</td>
<td>Website and signage/maps</td>
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<tr>
<td>Encourage more forest management of aspen timber types where clear</td>
<td>Work with private landowners and USFS to harvest more aspen in Township</td>
<td>Collaborate with USFS and Delta Conservation District</td>
<td>Begin 2011</td>
<td>Glenn Lamberg, Charley MacIntosh</td>
<td>Meet with USFS/DC District and complete letters and agreements</td>
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## WILDLIFE OBSERVATION-BASED ACTIVITIES
TO BE COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS WITH FUNDING

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<tr>
<td>Wild rice planting program</td>
<td>Begin in Moss Lake</td>
<td>Work with tribes and USDA to coordinate plantings</td>
<td>Work to begin early spring 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Grant writing and assist tribe in USDA funding opportunities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Establish areas for canoe and kayak accessibility on the Sturgeon River</td>
<td>Areas on the sturgeon river</td>
<td>Get approval from USFS to develop low impact egress and ingress for canoe/kayak users</td>
<td>Begin work July 2011</td>
<td>Delta Co road commission and USFS. Coordinator and hand tool workers</td>
<td>Saws, axes, shovels, rakes. $1000.00 each site may be needed for materials to prevent erosion and develop site. Equipment may be needed. Soil erosion permits needed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Encourage more mowing on specific areas of power lines for insect production for bird species</td>
<td>Power line areas</td>
<td>USFS and power co approval</td>
<td>Work to be done after July 15th to protect ground nesting birds and mammals</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Brush hog equipment. Cost will be about: $150 per acre Plan on 10 acres for first year in Nahma Twp</td>
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<tr>
<td>Organize volunteers and seek funding to undertake a shrub planting of native fruit bearing shrubs for wildlife benefits. A great landowner to work with is the US Forest Service</td>
<td>Open natural meadow edges and clearings edges</td>
<td>USFS land as well as private lands</td>
<td>Spring 2012</td>
<td>1 coordinator and 5+ workers to plant shrubs</td>
<td>Tree planting site preparation and planting tools. Cost of shrubs is about $1 per plant for 12 inch plants</td>
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<tr>
<td>Find funding to have wildlife programming for residents and visitors during in Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Marsh trail, Canoe trips on sturgeon, Moss lake excursions</td>
<td>Find funding to host wildlife exploration: Birds, mammals, butterflies and mammals</td>
<td>Begin summer 2012</td>
<td>Coordinator and specialist from agencies and wildlife organizations</td>
<td>Funding needed for program specialists and associated costs of bringing people together.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Replace and maintain the wood duck houses at Nahma Marsh *See non-motorized section also</td>
<td>Nahma Marsh and possible areas nearby</td>
<td>Funding, building duck nests and houses</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and volunteers in field</td>
<td>Bird box and nest building wood work and field installation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Develop and promote a program to encourage the development of wildlife ponds in Nahma Twp on private lands</td>
<td>Nahma Twp on Private lands. Also on USFS land if possible.</td>
<td>Funding for such work needed</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator and specialist from agencies and wildlife organizations</td>
<td>Funding for and coordination with landowners in Township</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work with tribes to reestablish the Sturgeon “Na’mé” into Nahma’s Sturgeon River</td>
<td>Sturgeon River</td>
<td>Work with Tribe Work with UP RC&amp;D</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator and work with tribes</td>
<td>Funding for and coordination</td>
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**CULTURAL, ART AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
**TO BE COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT FUNDING (OR MINIMUM FUNDING ANTICIPATED)**

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<tr>
<td>Plan a winter carnival &amp; ice hockey tournament for Nahma Township</td>
<td>Nahma</td>
<td>Coordination needed to plan activities to make a winter carnival</td>
<td>Winter 2011-2012</td>
<td>Charley MacIntosh</td>
<td>Location Activities volunteers</td>
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<td>Laurie MacIntosh</td>
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<tr>
<td>Establish a Farmer’s Market in the Township</td>
<td>Nahma Twp Park</td>
<td>Line up dates Line up producers Line up PR work</td>
<td>Begin July or August 2011</td>
<td>Kathy Fries Coordinator</td>
<td>Tables, PR, website info, meetings</td>
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<tr>
<td>Improve child-oriented programming and facilities-sports activities</td>
<td>Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Work with art and sports opportunities for summer activities</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Volunteer coordinator</td>
<td>Mostly collaboration with other communities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Build a horseshoe pit at the Township Park</td>
<td>Nahma Twp Park</td>
<td>Coordinate with twp board</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and 3 volunteers</td>
<td>Wood items and small excavation and sand</td>
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<td>Demonstrate cultural crafts and artisan work.</td>
<td>Christine’s studio gallery</td>
<td>Secure artisans to display and advertise event</td>
<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>Volunteers needed to help Christine</td>
<td>PR, Website, articles, set up display</td>
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<tr>
<td>Develop and support physical fitness programs for Township residents</td>
<td>Nahma twp hall</td>
<td>Find Coordinator &amp; Class instructor</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Persons to set up program</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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<tr>
<td>Develop pow-wow grounds that would allow for gathering of native and non-native groups. Nahma is steep in Anishinaabeg culture and the recreation committee wishes to promote</td>
<td>Nahma Township area</td>
<td>Work with tribes to assist them in coordinating pow- wows in Nahma Twp</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Persons to set up program</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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## CULTURAL, ART AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
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<td>Summer Music Festival</td>
<td>Nahma</td>
<td>Apply for funding for music. Vendors for food, beverages and other items to be sold.</td>
<td>June 2011</td>
<td>Charley &amp; Laurie MacIntosh</td>
<td>Volunteers, stage making, vendors</td>
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<td>Develop a skating rink</td>
<td>Nahma Twp park</td>
<td>Put up side walls and get water to flood.</td>
<td>Winter 2011-2012</td>
<td>Volunteer coordinator needed</td>
<td>Side walls and other items for skating rink</td>
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<td>Encourage the development of a golf driving range</td>
<td>Near either of the Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Get area large enough for driving range Get ball picker Get ball machine</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Lawn mowers, land leveling, seeding work to prepare site.</td>
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<td>Evaluate opportunities for tennis courts/basketball</td>
<td>Nahma Twp Park</td>
<td>Find funding and hire contractor</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Hire contractor Volunteers needed to do 25% of local input-cleanup, seedings, etc.</td>
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<td>Develop and support a children’s summer art camp</td>
<td>Christine’s Studio Gallery</td>
<td>Seek funding Enlist volunteers</td>
<td>2011 NOTE: if funding can’t be secure a nominal fee will be charged per student</td>
<td>Chris Groleau</td>
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<td>Develop a Township cultural resource center with</td>
<td>Nahma</td>
<td>Insure public support and funding can be secured</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Funding and contracting</td>
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<td>appropriate information to carry out informational</td>
<td>Maybe part of an expand</td>
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<td>presentations</td>
<td>Township hall</td>
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<td>Art &amp; culture enrichment classes for adults</td>
<td>Christine’s Studio Gallery</td>
<td>Seek funding Enlist volunteers</td>
<td>2011 NOTE: if funding can’t be secure a nominal fee will be charged per student</td>
<td>Chris Groleau</td>
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<td>Build outdoor restroom facilities at the Nahma</td>
<td>Township Hall Park</td>
<td>Funding and volunteers to complete 25% of total project costs</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Grant writer and volunteers</td>
<td>Funding and excavation equipment</td>
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<td>Township Hall for visitors use when hall is not open</td>
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<td>Make Historical Society Handicap Accessible and</td>
<td>Museum-Little Brown Church</td>
<td>Funding and volunteers to do 25% of work</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Grant writer and volunteers</td>
<td>Funding and Carpentry materials &amp; tools</td>
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<td>provide proper lighting for easier viewing inside of</td>
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<td>Promote ecological tourism in the area</td>
<td>In southern portion of Township mainly</td>
<td>Evaluate sites, develop self guided brochures with maps</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator to work with geological persons possibly at MTU</td>
<td>Maps, Brochures, Site markings, signage</td>
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<td>Support the USFS in their activities to identify Sandtown and past sawmill areas that exist on Hiawatha National Forest</td>
<td>Throughout Township</td>
<td>Public support of USFS activities for historic heritage</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Program leadership to work with USFS and promote activities</td>
<td>Attend meetings, take active approach to help USFS</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pursue a Scenic Byways* designation along the Bay De Noc Lakeshore</td>
<td>Through Township where logging heritage was active</td>
<td>Pursue relationship with agencies that will make this program happen</td>
<td>2012-13</td>
<td>Chris Groleau &amp; Charley MacIntosh Coordinator to make contacts and collaborate to insure completion</td>
<td>Writing, Meeting and collaborating</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assist the Township Historic Society in protecting historical sites and items in Township</td>
<td>Nahma Township</td>
<td>Provide support in seeking grants and funding to assist Historic Society</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Community support to seek funding to protect historic heritage</td>
<td>Writing, volunteers for signage, and brochures to promote historic sites</td>
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<td>Develop observation sites and supporting informational materials related to the culture of the first people to the area</td>
<td>Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Provide support to tribal work and others wishing to promote work Support USFS work on Sandtown and Old mill project</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>Writing, volunteers for signage, and brochures and articles to educate on Anishinaabeg history</td>
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<td>Walking trails focusing on historic aspects of the Township</td>
<td>Mainly around or near Nahma</td>
<td>Funding to Develop trails and identify historic sites. Signage for self guided tours</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator to seek funding</td>
<td>Grant writing, volunteers to work on trails</td>
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<tr>
<td>Labor Day and 150 year Birthday</td>
<td>Nahma</td>
<td>Seek funding that will insure special celebration</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Writer needed to work with Labor day Committee</td>
<td>Writer interested in promoting 150th birthday</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seek funding to purchase, repair and protect historic sites, buildings and items</td>
<td>Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Identify with Historic work needed and write grants to do protection</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator to seek funding</td>
<td>Grant writing, volunteers to work on projects identified</td>
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<tr>
<td>Signage of the Big Bay de Nocquet Company will be encouraged throughout the Township</td>
<td>Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Identify signage and seek funds to do sign building and installation</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator to seek funding</td>
<td>Grant writing, volunteers to work on projects identified</td>
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<td>Heritage presentations in Community planned with persons to do presentation</td>
<td>Nahma</td>
<td>Seek funding to obtain presenters</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator to seek funding</td>
<td>Grant writing, volunteers to work on projects identified</td>
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WORKING WITH ORGANIZATIONS & AGENCIES
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<td>Establish volunteer work groups that will assist in maintaining and</td>
<td>Hiawatha National</td>
<td>Volunteers to clean trails, cut brush and generally help maintain</td>
<td>Begin 2011 and</td>
<td>Volunteers</td>
<td>Landscape type equipment to complete work needed</td>
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<td>improving sites that the USFS</td>
<td>Forest</td>
<td>recreation facilities</td>
<td>plan for annual assistance</td>
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<td>Develop relationship with UP RC&amp;D council to help with carrying out</td>
<td>Entire Township</td>
<td>Coordinate meeting dates and programs with RC&amp;D</td>
<td>Begin winter spring 2011</td>
<td>Glenn Lamberg</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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<td>rec plan</td>
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<td>Work with appropriate agencies to develop maps for kayak/canoe trip</td>
<td>Entire Township</td>
<td>Coordinate programs with community on content</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator</td>
<td>To be determined</td>
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<td>opportunities for visitors and residents</td>
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<td>Work with agencies key to a successful programming for recreation in</td>
<td>Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Attend meetings of agencies, collaborate with agency leaders and maintain</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Community coordinator</td>
<td>Website and PR work, attend meetings</td>
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<td>Work with the Delta County Road Commission and USFS to acquire appropriate permits for signage on trails, roads, recreation and business facilities in the Township</td>
<td>Nahma Township</td>
<td>Find financial help, Obtain permits, Construct signs, Erect signs, maintain signs</td>
<td>Begin winter 2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and volunteers to complete work</td>
<td>Grant writing, complete permits, and erect signs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work with MDNRE and the Cabin Cruisers Snowmobile Club to consider expanded trail work for snowmobiles, four wheelers and other motorized opportunities</td>
<td>Nahma Township</td>
<td>Find financial help, Obtain needed approval and carry out expansion work</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and volunteers to complete work</td>
<td>Grant writing, complete permits, carry out work with volunteers and contractors</td>
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<tr>
<td>Work closely with USFS to assist them in carrying out recreational activities as allow and promoted in the Hiawatha National Forest Plan</td>
<td>Hiawatha Forest</td>
<td>Write grants for funding to complete projects that have been identified in the Recreation Plan. Projects on USFS land will help promote recreation in Nahma Twp</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator and volunteers to complete work</td>
<td>Grant writing and volunteers where needed</td>
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## COMMUNICATION SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES
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<td>Develop some recreation brochures and provide hard copy materials locally.</td>
<td>Post Hard copy at Twp Hall and businesses.</td>
<td>These items would be generated locally and printed as needed</td>
<td>Winter 2011</td>
<td>Persons to create items and have a system of review of items prior to publishing</td>
<td>Writing skills for Handouts and PR information</td>
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<tr>
<td>Partner with Big Bay de Noc High School and Bay College students</td>
<td>For all of Nahma Twp</td>
<td>Write news articles and information materials for twp</td>
<td>Fall 2011</td>
<td>Someone is needed to work with college and school to encourage creative writing</td>
<td>Writing skills for Handouts and PR information</td>
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<tr>
<td>Calendar of events and information on fall colors, blueberry season, ...</td>
<td>Nahma Twp area</td>
<td>This work needs to be done annually and it needs to be a simple process.</td>
<td>Begin spring 2011</td>
<td>Writer and proof readers to help</td>
<td>Writing skills for Handouts and PR information</td>
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<tr>
<td>Have Pure Michigan and other travel related websites post information</td>
<td>Travel websites and with local businesses having websites</td>
<td>Post information about Nahma Twp throughout internet</td>
<td>Begin winter 2010-2011</td>
<td>Glenn Lamberg and other volunteers needed</td>
<td>Able to contact and work with others on their websites</td>
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<td>Promote events in community through campaign programs</td>
<td>For all Nahma Twp events</td>
<td>Have a team of persons working on promoting events with organizations</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Volunteers to help promote events</td>
<td>Writers, persons with contacts</td>
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### COMMUNICATION SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES
TO BE COMPLETED BY VOLUNTEERS WITH FUNDING

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<td>Develop, maintain and advertise a website</td>
<td>Locally controlled for Township benefit</td>
<td>Set up website and maintain</td>
<td>Started Dec 2010</td>
<td>Coordinators: Glenn Lamberg, Kathy Fries, Dawn White</td>
<td>Costs covered by coordinators</td>
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<td>Improve recreation brochures and provide hard copy materials locally.</td>
<td>Post items at Twp Hall and businesses</td>
<td>Find funding to do extensive work on brochures</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Coordinator to do fund writing and volunteers to create information for PR work</td>
<td>Writing skills for funding and PR information</td>
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<td>Develop a posting display and brochure rack</td>
<td>Nahma Township Hall</td>
<td>Find funding to make display rack</td>
<td>June 2011</td>
<td>Funding, design and building of display</td>
<td>Money and construction carpenter</td>
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<td>Organize Historical Society information and Photos</td>
<td>Historic Society Museum</td>
<td>To make historical items more readily viewable and useable to citizens and visitors</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Coordinator to find funding. Coordinator to work on organization</td>
<td>Money and volunteers to assist a hired person to compile photos, information and displays</td>
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<td>Signage for historical sites and buildings needed</td>
<td>At sites determined by NT Historical Society</td>
<td>Build and erect signs, Maintaining also needed</td>
<td>2012</td>
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