ELY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN
2016 - 2020

Ely Township
Marquette County
Michigan

Prepared for:
Ely Township Board

Prepared by:
Ely Township Recreation Committee
With assistance from Central U.P. Planning and Development
ELY TOWNSHIP
MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Ely Township desires that residents and area visitors be provided with quality recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is committed to the improvement and expansion of recreational opportunities in response to expressed community interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the Township Board have received public comment regarding the preparation of the five-year Recreation Plan at their regularly scheduled meetings as well as through its Facebook page, email, and personal contacts.

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission, acting as a recreation committee, has recommended adoption of a five-year Recreation Plan at its December 16, 2015 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ely Township Board hereby adopts the 2015-2020 Recreation Plan and has already submitted it to the Marquette County Planning Commission and the CUPPAD Regional Commission for their input.

Motion for Adoption by:  Trustee Schultz
Seconded by:  Trustee Honkala

Ayes:  Schultz, Honkala, Grund, Wing, Hosang
Nays:  None.

The Supervisor declared this Resolution adopted at the December 16, 2015 Township Board Meeting.

I, Kim Wing, acting Clerk of Ely Township, certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Ely Township Board, Marquette County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on December 16, 2015.

Kim D. Wing
Clerk
**ELY TOWNSHIP FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN**

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INTRODUCTION

Parks and recreation services enhance the quality of life of a community’s residents and visitors. Ely Township seeks to provide its residents and visitors with a high level of recreational service by enhancing the recreational opportunities within the Township, and by working with the County, State, school systems, and neighboring Townships to further enhance recreation in the area. This Recreation Plan is intended to guide decision makers with the future development and improvement of the community’s parks and recreation facilities. The previous Township Recreation Plan was adopted in 2012. This update includes an evaluation of parks and facilities to determine where improvements can be made, in accordance with the State of Michigan’s recreation planning guidelines.

This document creates a solid foundation for future park and recreation improvements, investments, and policies that support a healthy, desirable quality of life for Ely Township residents.

CHAPTER ONE – COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Ely Township is located on the western fringes of the Marquette-Ishpeming-Negaunee Urban Area. The area of the Township is approximately 140.5 square miles. The economy of the area is directly related with the Marquette urban area and the iron mining in nearby Tilden Township and Richmond Township. Mining and retail trade are the predominate industries. The main transportation routes in the Township are US Highway 41 and County Road 581. County Road 496 provides access to Diorite.

Both the Township and County experienced population growth from 1960-1980 primarily as the result of mining activities. With a downturn in the economy affecting the steel industry, population in the 1990’s showed a decrease. The population trend of the County and Township are shown in the table below.

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<th>Population Trend 1960-2010</th>
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<td>Marquette County</td>
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Source: 2010 US Census

It is important in the planning process to determine trends not only in total population but the age of the population. For example, if the population is getting older, it may not be appropriate to develop more playgrounds, but rather walking/hiking trails or other recreation amenities appropriate for an older population. A breakdown of age groups from the 2000 and 2010 Census are shown on the following page. Steady drops occurred with those under 55 years of age and dramatic increases in those older than 55 years of age, indicating growing numbers of an older population.
According to the 2013 American Community Survey (which has a margin of error), the median household income was $57,632 and the median family income was $72,212. Non-family median income was $38,625. The percentage of families with an income below the poverty level was 5.7%. The income distribution of the households in the Township is displayed in the following table. 73% of Ely Township residents have lived in the same house for at least five years.

### Household Income in 2013

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<th>Household Income</th>
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<tr>
<td>Less than $10,000</td>
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<td>$10,000 to $14,999</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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<td>$15,000 to $24,999</td>
<td>7.6%</td>
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<td>$25,000 to $34,999</td>
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<td>$50,000 to $74,999</td>
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<td>$75,000 to $99,999</td>
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<td>$100,000 to $149,999</td>
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<td>$200,000 or more</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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Source: 2013 ACS
When planning for recreation, persons with disabilities are an important factor to consider. A person is considered to have a disability if he or she has difficulties performing certain functions such as seeing, hearing, talking, walking, climbing stairs or lifting and carrying. Disabilities also include difficulty in performing daily activities or participating in social roles such as schoolwork and working at a job. The only current source of this information is the American Community Survey, which typically has a high margin of error for rural areas. Disability information for the Township is in the following chart.

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<th>Ely Township – Population with a Disability</th>
<th>ACS Estimate</th>
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<td>Population 5 to 17 years</td>
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<td>With a cognitive difficulty</td>
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<td>With an ambulatory difficulty</td>
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<td>With a self-care difficulty</td>
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<td>Population 18 to 64 years</td>
<td>115</td>
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<tr>
<td>With a hearing difficulty</td>
<td>34</td>
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<td>With a cognitive difficulty</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>With an independent living difficulty</td>
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<td>Population 65 years and over</td>
<td>77</td>
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<td>With a self-care difficulty</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>With an independent living difficulty</td>
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Recreation Plan - Development/Maintenance/Budget

A five member Planning Commission, appointed by the Township Board, occasionally discusses recreational issues. The Planning Commission assists the Township Board by establishing the priorities of the recreational projects. The Commission develops the Recreation Plan for the Board’s review and approval. The development of a Township Recreation Committee is currently in the works, but the Planning Commission and Township Board currently decide recreational items. The Township’s Zoning Ordinance allows for a variety of recreational uses as either a permitted or conditional use, depending upon the specific zoning district.

The Township Board is responsible for the maintenance of Township recreation facilities. Ely Township employees handle the general maintenance of Township parks, such as lawn mowing, upkeep of the ball fields, and repair of equipment. Ely Township uses contractual employees on a case by case basis for heavy equipment use. Volunteers are used for spring park maintenance. Funds for maintenance items come from the Township’s General Fund. The Township Supervisor is responsible for the overall direction of the work performed.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>2011 – 2012</td>
<td>$12,000</td>
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Recreation Programs
Ely Township is not currently involved in recreation programming. However, many recreation programs are offered to Township residents through the Community Schools and NICE School District. The location of the programs is throughout the school district. During the summer months, the NICE School District cooperates with the Ishpeming and Negaunee School Districts in recreation programming. The programs offered by the community schools typically include golf, basketball, tennis, soccer, skiing, snowmobile/boating/hunting safety, youth programs, teen programs, senior citizen programs, football, volleyball, craft lessons, swimming, tot lot, aqua tot swimming, and various workshops. In addition, the Coast Guard Station in Marquette offers sailing instructions for all area residents.

Volunteer Organizations and Public/Private Partnerships

Many clubs and groups offer social, competitive, and child-oriented recreational activities. Many of these groups are volunteer organizations requiring payment of dues to support activities. These groups serve an integral role in recreation planning because they offer programs for residents that are not offered by Ely Township. Some of these include:

- Girls & Boy Scouts of America
- Little League Baseball
- Girls’ Softball League
- Marquette County Historical Society
- Pop Warner Football
- Hockey League
- Marquette Symphony
- Various Choirs
- Ishpeming, Negaunee, Marquette Libraries
- UP Sports Flex (sport training facility)
- Fraternal Organizations (Elks, Eagles)
- Clubs - Horse Riding, Snowmobile, etc.
Funding Resources

Ely Township has received two State grants and a few smaller grants provided through the Marquette County Community Fund which has enabled upgrading to the Township’s park system. The table below details the grants awarded to Ely Township.

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<th>Funding Source</th>
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<td>Marquette County Community Foundation</td>
<td>$480</td>
<td>2014 Park Improvement</td>
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<td>Greater Ishpeming Area Community Youth Fund</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>2013 - Diorite Park playground equipment</td>
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<td>Sault Tribe Community Transformation Grant</td>
<td>$450</td>
<td>2013 - No Smoking Signs placed at 10 outdoor recreation sites</td>
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<td>GIACF</td>
<td>$1000</td>
<td>2011 - Diorite Pavilion Electricity</td>
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<td>GIACF</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>2009 - Park Benches</td>
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<td>Department of Natural Resources</td>
<td>$31,580 (Township matched $7744)</td>
<td>2001 - Construct a pavilion, basketball court, improve playground equipment, restore boat landing</td>
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<td>Marquette Community Foundation</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>1998 - Diorite Park improvement</td>
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<td>Department of Natural Resources</td>
<td>$18,000 (Township matched $6250)</td>
<td>1988 - Purchase of land to form Gold Mine Lake Park</td>
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CHAPTER THREE – PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY

Developing an inventory of recreation facilities is an essential component of a five year Recreation Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Ely Township has several distinct population centers which are somewhat isolated from each other, such as Diorite, Greenwood, North Greenwood, Clarksburg, County Road 581 area, Perch Lake area, and the populated area near South Ely Park which extends into Tilden Township.

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) required all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. All playground equipment and facility improvements in recent years have been designed and installed in compliance with ADA standards.

Each year, Township parks are evaluated by the Township Supervisor and insurance carrier representative to determine if there are any areas which might impede safety and accessibility to the parks and their equipment. A five-point evaluation system was used to rank the Township’s parks:

- Level 1: Park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are not easily accessible.
- Level 2: Park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are not easily accessible.
- Level 3: Park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, some the facilities, such as play equipment or picnic areas, are accessible but may not be completely barrier-free.
- Level 4: Park is completely accessible to people with broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways are paved, and most of the facilities are easily accessible.
- Level 5: Park was developed or renovated using a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone to the greatest extent possible.

Restroom and picnic facilities are accessible at the Diorite Park, Gold Mine Lake Park, and Clarksburg Ballfield. Facilities at the Township Hall are handicapped accessible. The Township makes provisions that the programs it offers are accessible to those with disabilities. Future development at recreation areas will comply with provisions of the ADA.

Recreational inventory of each park is described using the following format. Inventory completed by the Planning Commission with assistance from the Township Supervisor, Township Clerk, and CUPPAD.

**Site Name and Map Number:** Name and map number, which corresponds to the inventory map.

**Description:** Description, which may include park size and a listing of equipment and site assets.

**Size:** Size of park (estimate provided if exact size not known)

**Type:** Classification according to the MDNR classification list.

**Service Area:** Does the site service only local residents, or a broader user-base?

**Barrier-Free Accessibility:** Uses rating scale described above.
Name: Township Hall/Community Building - #1
Description: Park offers playground equipment (swingset (6 swings), slide, climber, merry-go-round, and 2 spring riders), basketball court, picnic tables and benches, and 3 large truck tires. Playground is serviced by a parking lot. An attached Community Building offers meeting space to residents, Township offices and multipurpose meeting room.
Size: 1.25 acres
Type: Community Park
Service Area: Local, Township, County
Accessibility Evaluation: 3

Name: South Ely Park - #2
Description: Park offers a swing set with 6 swings, 3 horseshoe pits, merry-go-round, bench and storage facility.
Size: 10 acres
Type: Mini-Park
Service Area: Local, Township
Accessibility Evaluation: 2
Name: Clarksburg Park - #3
Description: Park provides a swing set with 6 swings, slide, climber, 2 large truck tires, seesaw, baseball field with two dugouts, grills, picnic tables, bleachers and restroom. This park is serviced only by on-street parking.
Size: 2 acres
Type: Neighborhood Park
Service Area: Local, Township, County
Accessibility Evaluation: 2

Name: Gold Mine Lake Park - #4
Description: Park provides a swing set with 6 swings, swimming and boating opportunities, 2 grills, 2 picnic tables and a restroom. Gold Mine Lake Park received a MNRTF grant (TF87-129) to purchase leased land that was used as the park. The site is maintained regularly.
Size: 6.7 acres
Type: Mini-Park
Service Area: Local, Township
Accessibility Evaluation: 2
Name: Diorite Park - #5  
Description: Park (on Boston Lake) provides a pavilion, basketball court/2 hoops, 2 swing sets, 2 climbers, slide, seesaw, merry-go-round, 2 spring riders, tether ball, a restroom, 4 picnic tables, 4 benches, 3 grills, an undeveloped beach area, and a small craft launching site. It is serviced by a paved parking lot and is ADA accessible. Diorite Park received a LWCF grant (26-01577) and has since upgraded electrical service to the pavilion and added additional playground equipment. The site is maintained regularly.  
Size: 1.5 acres  
Type: Neighborhood Park  
Service Area: Local, Township, County  
Accessibility Evaluation: 4

Name: Kielenen Pocket Park - #6  
Description: This park provides a swing set with 6 swings, merry-go-round, slide, and a picnic table.  
Size: 50’x100’ lot  
Type: Mini-Park  
Service Area: Local  
Accessibility Evaluation: 2
Name: Twin Pines Pocket Park - #7
Description: Provides a swing set with 6 swings, merry-go-round, spring rider, and a bench.
Size: 55’x150’ lot
Type: Mini-Park
Service Area: Local
Accessibility Evaluation: 2

Name: Lawer Subdivision Pocket Park - #8
Description: Park has a swing set with 6 swings, climber, and slide.
Size: 600’x100’ lot
Type: Mini-Park
Service Area: Local
Accessibility Evaluation: 2
Name: County Road CN Pocket Park - #9
Description: Site has a swing set with 6 swings, slide, merry-go-round, seesaw, spring rider, and a bench.
Size: 50’ x 150’ lot
Type: Mini-Park
Service Area: Local
Accessibility Evaluation: 2

Iron Ore Heritage Trail
The Iron Ore Heritage Trail is a 48-mile long multi-use trail from Chocolay Township east of Marquette City, to Republic in western Marquette County. The trail connects communities and people to the area’s historic sites and stories. Ely Township attempted to pass a millage to raise funds for the Township’s portion of the trail, but it was defeated by the voters (many Township Residents are low income or fixed income). Ely Township’s portion of this designated trail is currently unimproved. The Township would like to improve the trail with a crushed aggregate to provide easier access to a variety of users. Developing Ely Township’s portion of the Trail would provide residents and visitors with a beautiful trail system running from Republic to Chocolay Township. The Trail provides opportunities for walkers, runners, biking, ORV, etc. More information on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail can be found at ironoreheritage.com.

Other Area Recreation Facilities
Ely Township residents have opportunities to enjoy recreational activities through programs provided through area schools. Those schools include Aspen Ridge Elementary & Middle School and Westwood High School. Westwood High School provides tennis courts, basketball court, football field and a swimming pool. Volleyball, wrestling, bowling, etc. are also available through student programs. Aspen Ridge provides playground equipment, gym/basketball court and has a number of student sport activities available.
A large number of recreational opportunities are present within Marquette County, the City of Marquette, and neighboring Townships. Some of the larger attractions include: Sugar Loaf Mountain, Dead River area, Presque Isle Park, and Marquette Mountain. More area recreational sites are in Appendix A.

The State of Michigan maintains boat launches, access sites, and snowmobile trails throughout the area and Region.
CHAPTER FOUR – RECREATION NEEDS STANDARDS

Standards for Recreation Open Space

Open space needs are usually assessed using space standards, the most common and widely used measure of a recreation system's adequacy. Total park and recreation space is usually expressed as acres per population. These space standards can, in most situations, be useful in assessing current and future open space needs and demand. Standards that have been developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provide a scale against which an existing recreation system can be measured so that guidelines for future needs can be created.

A community's park system under NRPA standards should have a minimum of 6.25 to 10.50 total acres of developed open space per 1,000 population. With a population of 1952, Ely Township would have to provide between .488 to .976 acres of mini parks, 1.952 to 3.904 acres of neighborhood parks, 9.76 to 15.616 acres of community parks, and 9.76 to 19.52 acres of regional parks.

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<th>Park Type</th>
<th>Service Area</th>
<th>Size (Acres)</th>
<th>Acres/1,000 Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mini Park</td>
<td>&lt;1/4 mile radius</td>
<td>1 or less</td>
<td>0.25 to 0.5</td>
<td>Specialized facility that serves a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens</td>
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<tr>
<td>Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>1/4 to ½</td>
<td>15+</td>
<td>1.0 to 2.0</td>
<td>Area for intense recreation activities such as field games, court games, crafts, play equipment, skating, picnicking, etc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Community Park</td>
<td>Several neighborhoods 1 to 2 mile radius</td>
<td>25+</td>
<td>5.0 to 8.0</td>
<td>Area of diverse environmental quality. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes and large swimming pools. May also be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, and picnicking.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regional Park</td>
<td>Several communities 1 hour driving time</td>
<td>200+</td>
<td>5.0 to 10.0</td>
<td>Area of natural or ornamental quality for outdoor recreation, such as picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and trail use; may include play areas.</td>
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Existing Public Open Space

Ely Township currently provides six mini-parks (or pocket parks), two neighborhood parks, and one community park. Comparing the existing acreage with those of the NRPA standards, it could be recommended that Ely Township develop more community parks. However, the definitions of parks in the national standards are not entirely applicable in very rural areas. For example, the NRPA standards state that a park that serves a population within 1 hour drive time be 200+ acres, and that a community park be 30 to 50 acres in size. In a rural area such as Ely Township, a small acreage site typically services a population within a 30+ minute drive time, and the whole community uses a park only several acres in size. Given the amount of existing parks within the Township, and the area and population it serves, the current and available acreage should be sufficient. Development and improvements of those sites should be a priority, rather than obtaining more acreage to create more of a certain kind of park.

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<th>EXISTING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, ELY TOWNSHIP</th>
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<td>Type and Name of Park</td>
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<td>Gold Mine Park</td>
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<td>Kielinen Pocket Park</td>
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<td>Total Park Area</td>
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A resource inventory helps identify lands that are optimal for recreational development. By determining where resources are (such as wetlands, floodplains, protected areas, etc.), the Township can better determine where to focus development of recreational facilities and trails. This section will refer to various GIS maps showing resources in Ely Township.

**Soils**

Ten general soil associations are currently found within the Township. Primarily, the soils in the northern part consist of silt loam and in the southern part is sand.
Land Cover/Land Use

The prevailing land uses in the Township are forest (51,550 acres, or 57%) and wetlands (27,865 acres, or 31%). Residential use within the Township is located along US Highway 41, County Road 581, and County Road 496 in the communities of Diorite and Clarksburg. The map below shows the land use according to the 2011 National Land Cover Dataset.
Land Ownership
Ownership within Ely Township is roughly 19% commercial forest (17,345 acres) and 35% MDNR land (31,555 acres). Commercial forest is primarily in the northern portion of the Township and State-owned land in the southern portion. These areas provide a valuable resource for Township recreation. Commercial forest provides public foot-traffic for hunting and fishing.

Legend
- State Land
- Commercial Forest
**Topography**

The topography of Ely Township is quite varied, as seen below. Elevation above sea level ranges from 415 feet to 550 feet. The southern portion of the Township is relatively flat, while the northern portion contains several hills and steep slopes, which may provide for some opportunity for outdoor recreation such as hiking, skiing, mountain biking, and sight-seeing.
Water Resources
One of the most valuable resources in the County is the abundance of fresh water. Numerous creeks and rivers flow through the Township, including the Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wild West Creek, Black River and Camp Eleven Creek to name a few. There are numerous lakes within the Township area such as Perch Lake, Duck Lake, Frenchy Lake, Chabeneau Lake, and Greenwood Reservoir. These lakes have seasonal dwellings located around the shoreline. Many lakes are privately owned, with no public access sites. However, lakes within state ownership would afford recreational opportunities.
CHAPTER SIX – PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Sound planning and community input are important to effective development of recreational facilities and services within Ely Township. This plan is a result of the efforts of the Township Clerk and Township Supervisor, with assistance from the Central U.P. Planning & Development Commission.

In developing the plan and priority projects, several forms of public input were sought: notices asking for input and volunteers for a Recreation Committee were placed in Township newsletters (Winter 2013, Summer 2015) and on the Township’s Facebook page; a public meeting regarding recreation input and the formation of a Rec Committee was held on April 27, 2015; a public hearing was held on December 16 2015 to hear comments on the Recreation Plan. All notices and public input are in Appendix B.

The plan was available for public comment beginning November 13 2015 and was available online at CUPPAD’s website and at the Township Hall. A notice of plan review was posted at the Township Hall on November 13 2015 and was visible until the Board meeting on December 16 2015. The Township also posted the plan review on its Facebook page. The Ely Township Board adopted the plan at its December 16 2015 meeting. Notice about the public hearing was placed in the Mining Journal and posted at the Township Hall.
CHAPTER SEVEN – GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The intent of this section of the Recreation Plan is to develop a set of attainable goals for recreation in Ely Township, and determine the appropriate objectives to reach those goals.

GOAL 1: PROVIDE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES THAT MEET THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

OBJECTIVES:
- Pursue opportunities to enhance the pocket parks by providing additional equipment, picnic tables, benches, etc.
- Monitor the use of athletic fields to determine additional needs.
- Create individual recreation opportunities such as training courses.
- Provide for activities specifically designed for younger children.
- Pavilions should be constructed at each larger park.
- Seek grant funding to develop the Township’s portion of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail. Developing Ely Township’s portion of the Trail would provide Regional residents and visitors with a beautiful trail system running from Republic to Chocolay Township. The Trail provides opportunities for walkers, runners, biking, ORV, etc.

BASIS FOR OBJECTIVES: Residents have indicated that recreation outlets and activities are important to their quality of life and a component to providing a quality family life. Targeted areas include providing opportunities for social interaction to lowering the rate of obesity through sporting opportunities.

GOAL 2: CREATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVES:
- Celebrate the community by participation in community events such as the Diorite July 4th Celebration and National Neighborhood Night Out.
- Provide volunteer opportunities in planning and improvement projects.

BASIS FOR OBJECTIVES: Ely Township is unique in that the Township covers a significant amount of land but there are scattered neighborhood sections. Because of that, it is difficult to create a sense of community outside of the specific neighborhoods.
GOAL 3: PROVIDE PARKS THAT ARE OF HIGH QUALITY, ARE WELL MAINTAINED, AND ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS

OBJECTIVES:
• Analyze and improve universal accessibility at all facilities.
• Facilities should be designed to complement and preserve the surrounding natural features.
• Use local history elements in new design and improvements.
• Maintain and update park equipment as needed.
• Sawdust and wood chips should be used under bleachers for safety and for weed control measures.

BASIS FOR OBJECTIVES: Residents look to the Township to provide a park system that provides well maintained equipment. There is a growing concern with preservation of local history in the County evidenced by the establishment of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail as well as growing local historical societies in the surrounding communities.

GOAL 4: TO USE EXISTING COMMUNITY RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY AND TO DEMONSTRATE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

OBJECTIVES:
• Develop partnerships and monitor potential grant opportunities.
• Whenever possible, facilities should be multiple use and/or accommodate year round use.
• Recruit civic and business organizations for assistance with park improvement projects.
• Maintain open dialogue with adjacent communities regarding recreation opportunities available.
• Whenever possible, facilities should be located to provide maximum energy savings in both facility operations, maintenance, and transportation of users.
• Review the Recreation Plan annually to establish priorities.

BASIS FOR OBJECTIVES: A struggling state and local economy has resulted in loss of employment and a decrease in funding. Recreation services, along with all government services, must evaluate and provide cost effective opportunities for residents.
System Wide Recommendations

Ely Township must provide effort to maintain the quality of the park system. The following items describe system wide suggestions that should be coordinated each year.

- **Barrier Free Accessibility:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has established guidelines to provide barrier free accessibility at public facilities. It is important to provide access according to these guidelines so that all residents can enjoy the facilities. As parks are improved, a priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier free accessibility with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access.

- **Park Design Improvements:** As each park undergoes improvements, it is important to clearly mark entrances and visually unify the parks as part of the Ely Township park system. This can be accomplished by a uniform set of signage, waste receptacles, bike racks, etc.

- **Pathway Connections:** Ely Township should seek opportunities to assist with development of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail through Township land as well as development/improvement to the Greenwood Reservoir hiking trail.

- **Staffing:** The Township Supervisor needs to annually monitor staffing levels needed for efficient administration and maintenance of the park system. Thought should be given to continued use of labor provided through the County Jail at a reduced pay scale.

- **Park Promotion:** Ely Township should use promotional approaches to increase awareness of the features available at the various parks using Facebook, the Township Newsletter, etc. Increased awareness of the parks will increase appreciation and support for the park system and could also generate a spirit of volunteerism with maintenance and development projects.

- **Public Involvement:** Ely Township should continue to solicit resident suggestions on planning, use, and improvement of parks. This can be accomplished through public meetings, surveys, or resident feedback solicited through Facebook or person-to-person conversations.
This section summarizes recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are larger projects which require multi-year efforts while others are improvements that require one-time purchase.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. Costs should be monitored as the proposed plan estimates are strictly preliminary. Actual costs will be more specifically determined as plans develop. If funding levels are lower than required, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

Potential capital improvement plans include:

- Construction of a pocket park in the vicinity of County Road 581 and County Road CD.
- Improvements to restrooms.
- The Diorite Park has been upgraded with facilities including a pavilion, basketball court, restroom and play lot. The park has frontage on Boston Lake. Plans would be to enlarge the area. Brush and debris clean-up is also in order.
- The Gold Mine Lake Park beach site is also in need of additional sand to improve the beach area. Additional playground equipment is also needed.
- Possible upgrades at the Township Community Building could include upgrades to the volleyball court and a tennis court.

### Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Ely Township plans to budget up to $2,000 annually for recreation projects. Remaining funds should come from other sources.

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<td>2020</td>
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## APPENDIX A: REGIONAL & AREA RECREATION SITES

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<td><strong>Township Recreation Area</strong> Softball, Little League diamonds, tennis courts, pavilion, tot lot, restrooms, concession stand, playground, horseshoe court, shuffleboard, volleyball court, basketball court, picnic tables, grills. Approximately 7 acres.</td>
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<td><strong>Westwood High School</strong></td>
<td>Tennis courts open to public. Swimming pool, basketball court, football field, volleyball, etc. available through recreation programs.</td>
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<td><strong>Aspen Ridge Elementary School</strong></td>
<td>Playground equipment, basketball court, gym</td>
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<td><strong>Tilden Township Recreational Complex</strong> Tennis courts, baseball field, horseshoe court. 6 acres</td>
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<td><strong>Republic Beach Area</strong> Swimming, playground equipment, pavilion, basketball courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe courts</td>
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<td><strong>Witch Lake Playground</strong></td>
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<td>Suicide Bowl</td>
<td>Ski jumping, cross country ski trails</td>
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<td>Bancroft Park</td>
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<td>Playlots/Totlots</td>
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<td>Negaunee Ice Arena</td>
<td>Full-size ice arena, restrooms, lobby, locker rooms, kitchen, concession. 2.4 acres</td>
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<td>Community Play Field</td>
<td>Playground/athletic field, football field, running track, tennis courts, basketball court, volleyball court, playground equipment, tot lot, stadium, concession stand. 5.5 acres</td>
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<td>LaCombe Field</td>
<td>Softball field, restrooms, storage facility. 3.3 acres</td>
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<td>Lion’s Field</td>
<td>Baseball field, horseshoe courts, basketball court, playground equipment. 2.1 acres</td>
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<td>Iron town Field</td>
<td>Baseball field, concession stand, restrooms. 5 acres</td>
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<td>Jackson Park</td>
<td>Playground equipment, tennis courts</td>
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<td>Miner’s Park</td>
<td>Picnic area, basketball courts, playground, horseshoe courts, volleyball court, pavilion, restrooms. 5 acres</td>
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<td>Teal Lake</td>
<td>Swimming, boat launch, picnic area. 21 acres</td>
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<td>City Park 1</td>
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<td>Senior Citizen Center</td>
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<td>Horseshoe courts, shuffleboard, basketball, tennis court, ice rink, playground, baseball diamonds, cross-country ski trail, picnic area</td>
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<td>Kivela Road Recreation Area</td>
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<td>Lions Field</td>
<td>Ballfield, shelter, tennis courts</td>
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<td>Turtle Lakes</td>
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<td>Schwemwood Park</td>
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<td>Nature trail, scenic overlook</td>
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<td><strong>Presque Isle Park</strong></td>
<td>Picnic area, cross country ski trail, hiking &amp; biking trail, playground, tennis courts, band shell, fishing, horseshoe courts. 312 acres</td>
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<td><strong>Presque Isle Marina</strong></td>
<td>Launching and docking facilities. 2 acres</td>
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<td><strong>Tourist Park</strong></td>
<td>Camping, ball diamond, playground equipment, picnic area</td>
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<td><strong>Marquette Mountain Ski Hill</strong></td>
<td>Downhill skiing, picnic area</td>
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<td><strong>Lower Harbor Park</strong></td>
<td>Playground equipment, launching &amp; docking facilities, restroom, concession stand, green space</td>
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<td><strong>Shiras Park</strong></td>
<td>Sand beach, picnic tables, shoreline bike path. 31 acres</td>
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<td><strong>Lakeview Arena</strong></td>
<td>Recreation and convention facility for skating, hockey, dances, shows, and exhibits</td>
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<td><strong>South Beach Park</strong></td>
<td>Open space, picnic tables, boat slips</td>
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<td><strong>Superior Dome</strong></td>
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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT:

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT


GRANT TYPE: ❑ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ❑ Clean Michigan Initiative ❑ Land and Water Conservation Fund ❑ Recreation Passport ❑ Bond Fund

(Please select one)

GRANTEE: Ely Township

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01577
PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Diorite Park Improvements
Pavilion; Gravel for boat landing; Picnic tables & grills; Walkway;

PROJECT SCOPE: Parking lot

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Contact Person Title
Ely Township Ted Pepin Supervisor
Address Telephone
1355 Co Rd 496 906-486-6802
City, State, ZIP Email
Isabella Mi 49849 Clerk@ElyTwp.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Underground electricity was installed to the Pavilion
also added more playground equipment

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Restaurant accessible to persons with disabilities, Basketball court, 2 Swing sets, 2 Climbers, See saw, Slide, Tetherball court, 2 spring toys for small children, and park benches.
**SITE QUALITY**

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

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

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.  
- Yes  No

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

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

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**GENERAL**

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

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

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

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
- Spring: 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Ted Pepin
Grantee Authorized Signature
Date

Kim Olling
Witness Signature
Date

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANING MI 48909-7925
PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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Grant Type: [X] Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund [□] Clean Michigan Initiative [□] Land and Water Conservation Fund [□] Recreation Passport [□] Bond Fund

Grantee: Ely Township

Project Number: TF87-129

Project Title: Gold Mine Lake Park

Project Type: Acquisition

Project Scope: Township and is used as the Township Park

To be Completed by Local Government Agency (Grantee)

Name of Agency (Grantee): Ely Township

Contact Person: Ted Pepin

Title: Supervisor

Address: 1355 Co Rd 496

Telephone: 906-486-6802

City, State, Zip: Ironimin, MI 49849

Email: Clerk@elytwp.com

Site Development

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

[□] Yes [X] No

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[□] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

[□] Yes [X] No

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

[□] Yes [X] No

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Accessible Restroom, Swing Set, Grills and Picnic Table
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CERTIFICATION

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

Ted Pepin

Please print
Grantee Authorized Signature

9-3-13

Date

Kim D. Wagner

Please print
Witness Signature

9/3/13

Date

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT,
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925
ELY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
Home of the Beautiful Greenwood Reservoir

1555 County Road 496
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906.486.6802
906.486.6620 (fax)
Clerk@elytwp.com

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 11am-4 p.m.

Winter 2013

Township Board
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Township Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board are Ted Pepin (Supervisor), Kim Wing (Clerk), Betty Grund (Treasurer), David Schultz (Trustee), and Carl Hosang (Trustee).

First Responders
Ely Township is fortunate to have a dedicated team serving our citizens. Team members are: Debbie Palomaki, Bob Uren, Steve Rehm, Marvin Evans, Shelley Ovink, Sarah Turay, Andrew Zaleski, Kimberly Koski, Nicole Sundberg, Jeremy Laakso, and Charlie Bleau.

Planning Commission
Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Township Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of the Commission include Ken Saari, William Brewer, Dean Honkala, Don Magnuson Jr., and David Schultz.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Quarterly meetings are held at the Township Hall beginning at 6:30pm with the next one being held on January 8th. Members include Gary Haney, Dean Honkala, Kim Wing, Sherri Wooden and Scott Perry. Fred VanLuven is the Township Zoning Administrator.

Office Hours
The Township Hall office hours are Monday through Friday, from 11am to 4pm. The office will be closed on December 24-25 and January 1st.

Garbage Pickup
Garbage collection for the Township is Thursday. Please put your garbage curbside the night before. Recycling is the first and third Thursday of each month and must be separated from the garbage. Recycling bins are available at Menards. Accepted recyclables include: Newspaper, office paper, mail, magazines, books: tied or bundled. Cardboard: broken down, tied or bundled smaller than 2 ft by 2 ft. Plastics #1 - 7: Washed and cleaned. Metal and tin: washed and cleaned.

Transfer Station
The Transfer Station (486-8191) located west of Ishpeming on the north side of US41, is for the hauling of most any type of solid waste that is not considered normal household garbage. Disposal tickets must be purchased at the Township Hall at a cost of $4 each which covers 100 pounds. Tires with rims are $4 and rimless tires are $2. The Transfer Station is open Monday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Township Rental Policies
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Water Systems
Greenwood and Diorite are served by self-supporting water systems. In order to keep the cost down, we use the honor system of payment with notices sent only when someone is past due at least three months.

Winter Tax Collection
Winter tax bills will be mailed by the County Treasurer by December 1st. The last day to pay these taxes without a penalty is February 14th. Beginning March 3rd, all unpaid taxes must be paid at the County Treasurer’s office.

A Message from the DEQ
In 2012, Congress passed the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The Act calls on FEMA and other agencies to make a number of changes to the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is run. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map updates impact policyholders. The changes will mean premium rate increases for some policyholders over time.

Most flood insurance rates will now move to reflect full risk. Actions such as buying a property, allowing a policy to lapse, or purchasing a new policy can trigger rate changes. Fortunately, there are some actions you can take to minimize the effect of these increases.

You should talk to your insurance agent about specific insurance options available to you. Make sure you discuss deductibles, content coverage and structural coverage, and ask for an estimate for all of the options.

Your agent may recommend obtaining an elevation certificate. This is an important document used to determine the correct rating for your structure. A licensed surveyor will collect elevation data on your specific structure which can be used to re-rate the policy.

Additionally, elevating, rebuilding, or altering your structure can lower flood risk. These projects require local permits, but may result in lower insurance premiums, or possibly removal from the floodplain.

You can find additional information at www.mi.gov/floodplainmanagement, then click on Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

Your input is needed!
The Township is in the process of updating our Recreation Plan and would like your input regarding the local parks and/or recreational opportunities in the Township. What equipment or needs do you feel is important to the residents of the Township?

We would like to apply for available recreational grant money. The first requirement is to update the Township Recreation Plan. In order to do that, we need your input. Please email the office at Clerk@elytwp.com or drop off a note.
ELY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
Home of the Beautiful Greenwood Reservoir
1555 County Road 496
Ishpeming, MI 49849
906.486.6602
906.486.6620 (fax)
Clerk@elytwp.com
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 11am-4 p.m.
SUMMER 2015

Township Meetings
Township Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:00pm. The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm. The Zoning Board of Appeals conducts quarterly meetings with the next one being held on July 8th at 6:30pm. All meetings are held at the Township Hall.

Office Hours
The Township Hall office hours are Monday through Friday, from 11am to 4pm. The office will be closed on July 3rd and September 7th. There is a drop off box available for after hour payments.

Summer Tax Collection
Summer tax bills will be mailed by the County Treasurer by July 1st. The last day to pay these taxes without penalty is September 14th.

Garbage Pickup
Garbage collection for the Township is Thursday. Please put your garbage curbside the night before. Recycling is the first and third Thursday of each month and must be separated from the garbage.

Accepted recyclables include: Newspaper, office paper, mail, magazines, books: tied or bundled. Cardboard: broken down, tied or bundled smaller than 2 ft by 2 ft. Plastics #1 - 7: Washed and cleaned. Metal and tin: washed and cleaned.

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Township Board Changes
After serving many years as Trustee, Planning Commission member, and Supervisor, the Supervisor Ted Pepin has announced his retirement effective June 20th. We are thankful for the years of hard work and dedication Ted has devoted to the Township and will miss him greatly! The Board has appointed Trustee Carl Hosang to replace Ted. Carl has also been involved with the Township for many years previously as a First Responder and currently as a Board member. You can reach Carl at 906-360-6166 with any problems or concerns.
Water Systems
Greenwood and Diorite are served by self-supporting water systems. Invoices are mailed each quarter.

Diorite Water System Update
After the last round of Lead/Copper sampling, the DEQ is recommending adding phosphates and chlorine to the water. This is a very expensive proposition potentially adding $7-$10 per month to the water rate and will also affect the quality of the water. The Supervisor, Trustee and Water Operator met with GEI Consultants who has made recommendations which have begun. The DEQ has agreed to see if these recommendations will fix the problem.

To help keep the water rates as low as possible, the Board has approved paying off the loan for the water system ahead of schedule in January. The money saved will go towards future needs for the water system, hopefully being able to keep the water rate at the same level.

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Improper Disposal of Contaminants
One of the most common forms of groundwater contamination is improper disposal of household contaminants ranging from used motor oil to paint. The Transfer Station can help either recycle or properly dispose of your household contaminants.

CONTAMINATION EVIDENCE:
- Petroleum odor in well water
- Other chemical odors
- Detection of chemicals in well water tests

CAUSES:
- Improper disposal of chemicals, oil, pesticides, other wastes and used containers
- Lack of disposal facilities for small amounts of hazardous wastes

PREVENTION:
- Public information/education
- Disposal facilities for small hazardous wastes generators
- Enforcement against improper waste disposal

Road Repairs
The Township has again allocated $125,000 in road repair and dust control for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. We are looking at continuing with repair projects that have been designated in the Township’s Ten Year Road Plan. In order to continue repairing roads at this rate, a road millage will be required in the near future.

Park Survey
The Township is interested in hearing from you regarding your thoughts on the Township parks. Do you have ideas on improvements? What type of use is your neighborhood park experiencing? Are residents willing to support a millage for park improvements? Please contact us with your thoughts at Clerk@clytwp.com. Your input is appreciated!

Historical Information Needed!
The Township is interested in gathering old pictures, articles, artifacts, etc., about the Township and its people. Our goal is to set up a permanent display at the Hall. Any pictures or articles can be scanned at the Office and returned immediately. Your help with this project would be greatly appreciated!
I received a newsletter with our tax receipt indicating that input is needed for the recreation plan for our township. Our family, including 3 children aged 2-9 live in the Keilinen subdivision off 581. We use the little park down here on most good weather days. We really appreciate the update of the baby swing and use it often. Some suggestions that I would make are either the spring rockers, or digging excavators for the little ones in the neighborhood. It would also be nice to see a climbing wall or obstacle course for the older ones. It would not hurt my feelings to pull the merry go round if space is needed for other items.
I hope this is helpful, and timely to your request.
Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional assistance.
Thank you.
Lori Salzwedel
Recreation Plan

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 2:53 PM
To: Clerk

I would like to see safer playground equipment at the township hall park. We could really use a modern jungle gym that is enclosed at tall heights and spacious enough for parents to climb on. The current equipment is not very safe for toddler ages children. Something similar to what has been recently installed at Ishpeming Township or Miners Park on the highway in Negaunee would be nice and frequently used. We also prefer wood chips over sand if that is being considered in the recreation plan.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for considering this suggestion.

Lindsey Butorac
Diorite Residents: This is a survey. How do you feel about removing some trees and adding a volleyball court? We are trying to avoid placing a volleyball court in the open area as it seems like there are a number of boys that play football there. We are also looking at putting a climbing structure in the area of the swings if we are approved for a grant.

Brad Cox: I think that's a great idea. I also agree that the open area is used for football so removing some if the trees will be needed.

Jeremy Laakso: Even though I'm not a Diorite Resident at this time, maybe with trees that are removed, lumber could be cut and used for building something else on the property. Just a thought.

Kara Cox: I like the volleyball & climbing structure ideas 😊

Hannah Darga Nelson: Climbing structure and volleyball court sound terrific!

Scott Rodda: I like the ideas and agree that the open area is used for football.

Matt A. Winfield: Volleyball would be great! We cant clog up the open area..., we need that for competitive bean bags in a few months!! 😊

Diorite Residents: In our last round of lead/copper water samples, 3 out of 10 failed. The water is safe to drink but we want to make you aware that if the next round of sampling doesn't go well, alternative (expensive)
We have purchased new chairs for the Township Hall. We have 75 used chairs available to give away. If you are interested, please stop by the Hall during office hours. There is a limit of 5 per resident and no charge.

Ely Township
March 19

The Township Board would like to establish a Recreation Committee and are looking for people interested in being a part of it. If you are interested in the Township's parks and their future and have a few hours to meet (probably quarterly), please message here or call the Township office.

Jacqueline Morissette likes this.

- Lindsey Pepin Butorac: I am interested
- Like · Reply · 1 · March 19 at 12:00pm
- Brad Cox: Is this an elected position or just a volunteer position?
- Like · Reply · March 19 at 12:09pm
- Ely Township: Volunteer position requiring minimal time!
- Like · Reply · March 19 at 1:13pm
- Kara Cox: I'm interested.
- Like · Reply · 2 · March 19 at 1:15pm
- Mandy Carlson Moebius: I'm interested
- Like · Reply · 1 · March 19 at 3:29pm
- Jacqueline Morissette: I would be interested. South Ely needs help!
- Like · Reply · 1 · March 19 at 8:03pm

Ely Township
March 11

Diorite Update: The Township is working with the DEQ to find a solution to the lead/copper issue in the water. The first step is to take samples and analyze the ground water in order to find the proper treatment. We will update as more information becomes available.
The newly formed Recreation Committee had its first meeting on Monday. Thank you so much to those that attended. If you are interested in the Township's parks and recreation opportunities and would like to volunteer on this committee please let us know. In the meantime, we need your input. We would like to know what kind of use each of the parks are getting as well as any improvements you would like to see. Also please note approximate ages of the kids using the parks. Your comments are greatly appreciated!

View 3 more comments

Juanita Luoma  Clarksburg is used a lot for baseball games...it sure could use an update
Like · Reply · April 30 at 7:20pm

Kim Poggione- Carlson I'm on County Rd. CD on 581. We have plenty of children ranging from New to 19 that use the park. We would love any new items to play on, but a ball court would be great!
Like · Reply · May 4 at 8:42pm

Ely Township

The Supervisor is saying May 1st is the date you can stop running water. Just a couple of areas that are running pretty cold.
Public Input Appreciated!

The Ely Township Recreation Plan has been updated. The Plan will be available for review at the Township Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 11am and 4pm.

A Public Hearing to adopt the updated Plan will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 6pm.

Posted November 13, 2015
ELY TOWNSHIP FIVE YEAR RECREATION PLAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is scheduled for December 16th, 2015, at the regular township board meeting held at the Ely Township Hall, 1555 Co. Rd. 496, Ishpeming, MI 49849, to secure citizen input regarding the Five Year Recreation Plan and to adopt the plan.

The complete text of the proposed Additions, Amendments, Revisions and proposed Re-zoning information may be reviewed at the Ely Township office from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and written comments will be received until the date of the hearing. Anyone wishing to give testimony will be given an opportunity to be heard.

This notice is posted in compliance with Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, the Open Meetings Act, MCLA 41.72A (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Ely Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids, and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or Public Hearing upon 5 days notice to the Township Board.

Rosemary Junak
Office Manager

1 time 11-25-2015
Ely Township has updated its Recreation Plan. A copy is available for public review at the Township Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 11am-4pm. Your input is greatly appreciated! A Public Hearing will be held on December 16, 2015 to review the Plan as well as any input and then formally adopt the Plan.

Thanksgiving week garbage pick up will be held on Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day). Please remember to have your garbage set out early.
ELY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER
Carl Hosang, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Carl Hosang, Supervisor; Kim Wing, Clerk; Betty Grund, Treasurer; Dean Honkala, Trustee;
David Schultz, Trustee - Present.

PUBLIC PRESENT
Ted Pepin, Deb Palomaki, Shelley Ovink, Breigh Bennett, Deja Smill, Ethan Ouellette, Al
Harris, Ron Santora.
The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Supervisor Hosang noted he had Central Dispatch Minutes available for review. Mr. Pepin
reserved time to speak under “Bills” and “Water Systems”.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Supervisor Hosang recommended the Board approve the Agenda as presented with the removal
of “Cross Connection Ordinance” which was added in error. Motion by Wing, supported by
Schultz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES
Supervisor Hosang recommended the Board approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2015
Regular Board Meeting. Motion by Honkala, supported by Schultz to approve the November 18,
2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hosang noted that at the last Board Meeting Mr. Pepin inquired as to why an additional loan
payment for the Greenwood Water System wasn’t paid. Mr. Hosang updated the Board that the
payment was made on November 19, 2015.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Supervisor Hosang presented the November 2015 Treasurer’s Report to the Board and
recommended the Board place it on file. Motion by Schultz, supported by Honkala to place the

CLERK’S REPORT
Supervisor Hosang presented the November 2015 Clerk’s Balance Sheet and Budgetary Status to
the Board and recommended the Board place them on file. Motion by Grund, supported by
Honkala to place the November 2015 Clerk’s Reports on file. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion
carried.
**BUDGET REVIEW**
Supervisor Hosang noted the following budget adjustment is needed at this time: Diorite Water -592 0995100 General Electric Principal -15,000, 0775000 Maintenance & Repairs +15,000. It was noted that originally the Board was looking at paying off the Diorite Water Loan. With the current and future needs of the System, many costly repairs will be needed. Motion by Honkala, supported by Wing to approve the above-mentioned budget adjustment. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**PAY BILLS**
Supervisor Hosang recommended the Board approve payment of the December 2015 monthly bills. Motion by Schultz, supported by Honkala to approve payment of the December 2015 monthly bills as presented. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Pepin asked if the Board had approved Mr. Harris’s wage and wants to see time sheets designating actual time worked at each water system.

**FIRST RESPONDERS**
Supervisor Hosang recommended the Board approve the November 2015 First Responder Report and place it on file. Motion by Wing, supported by Honkala to place the November 2015 First Responder Report on file. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Director Ovink noted that all certification is up to date. The Team received an “atta boy” from the County for having everything up to date and turned in so early.

**WATER SYSTEMS**

A. **DIORITE WATER**
Supervisor Hosang introduced the Board to Al Harris, our new water operator. Mr. Harris noted some issues that will need repair soon (well house roof leaking, chemical tank seal leaking).

B. **GREENWOOD WATER**
Supervisor Hosang noted the system is running well.

1) **Public Hearing on Rate Increase (Opened 6:12pm)**
Supervisor Hosang noted the reason for the needed rate increase, detailing upcoming repairs, the Capital Improvement Plan, as well as rate study performed by the Auditor. Mr. Hosang proposed a rate increase of $5 per month for residents and $7 per month for businesses. Motion by Schultz, supported by Wing to approve the above-mentioned water rate increases beginning January 2016. Roll Call Vote:
   Ayes: Schultz, Wing, Honkala, Grund, Hosang
   Nays: None
Motion carried.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:23pm
PLANNING COMMISSION
Trustee Schultz noted there has been no further contact from Dave Korpi and are awaiting a site plan from the new owner of Raynor Johnson’s property. The Planning Commission recommended the Five Year Recreation Plan for approval and heard a complaint from Don Larson. The Zoning Administrator will be responding to Mr. Larson.

Ken Saari has been appointed Chair and Ted Pepin Co-Chair for 2016. The November 2016 meeting date has been changed to the first Monday of the month instead of the second.

PERSONNEL POLICY
Motion by Honkala, supported by Wing to approve the updated Personnel Policy. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT
The Board reviewed Ms. Bovan’s Assessor Report. It was noted Ms. Bovan will change her working hours to the third Wednesday of the month starting in January and will attend Township Board Meetings.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FIVE YEAR RECREATION PLAN
Supervisor Hosang opened the Public Hearing at 6:32pm. An opportunity and Call was given for any Public Comment of which there was none. Motion by Schultz, supported by Honkala to approve the updated Five Year Recreation Plan. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schultz, Honkala, Grund, Wing, Hosang
Nays: None.
Motion carried.
Public Hearing Closed at 6:35pm.

2016 MEETING DATES
Motion by Wing, supported by Schultz to set the 2016 Township Board Meeting dates for the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
Trustee Schultz inquired as to the status of the GIS maps. Ms. Bovan has been in contact with the County regarding the proper time for ordering these.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Honkala, supported by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim D. Wing
ELY TOWNSHIP
MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Ely Township desires that residents and area visitors be provided with quality recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is committed to the improvement and expansion of recreational opportunities in response to expressed community interests; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the Township Board have received public comment regarding the preparation of the five-year Recreation Plan at their regularly scheduled meetings as well as through its Facebook page, email, and personal contacts.

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission, acting as a recreation committee, has recommended adoption of a five-year Recreation Plan at its December 16, 2015 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ely Township Board hereby adopts the 2015-2020 Recreation Plan and has already submitted it to the Marquette County Planning Commission and the CUPPAD Regional Commission for their input.

Motion for Adoption by:       Trustee Schultz
Seconded by:                   Trustee Honkala

Ayes:                         Schultz, Honkala, Grund, Wing, Hosang
Nays:                         None.

The Supervisor declared this Resolution adopted at the December 16, 2015 Township Board Meeting.

I, Kim Wing, acting Clerk of Ely Township, certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Ely Township Board, Marquette County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on December 16, 2015.

Kim D. Wing
Clerk
Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

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

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

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1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
   - Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
   - Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
   - Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
   - Programming
   - Current Funding Sources
   - Role of Volunteers
   - Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
     - Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only
     - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
     - Articles of Incorporation

3. RECREATION INVENTORY
   - Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
   - Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
   - Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
   - Accessibility Assessment
   - Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS
6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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

- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment:
  - Date of Notice: November 13, 2015
  - Type of Notice: Township Hall Notice, Also Facebook on TWIWA
  - Plan Location: Township Hall Website, Also Facebook
  - Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at least 30 Days): 22 days

- Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan’s Adoption by the Governing Body(ies):
  - Date of Notice: December 24, 2015
  - Name of Newspaper: Mankato Democrat
  - Date of Meeting: December 16, 2015

- Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans must be adopted by the highest level governing body (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should also include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are required and must be included in the plan.

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

☐ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: December 17, 2015

☐ 2. Official resolution of the ______________________ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: ______________________

☐ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: December 26, 2015


OVERALL CERTIFICATION

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for______________________________

(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated above and as set forth by the DNR.

Authorized Officer for the Local Unit of Government: ______________________ Date: ______________________

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING, MI 48909-7825

DNR USE ONLY- APPROVAL
The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community(ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist, are eligible to apply for recreation grants through ____________________________

By: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Grants Management: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

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