

**VILLAGE OF KINGSLEY
&
PARADISE TOWNSHIP**

COOPERATIVE INTERGRATED COMMUNITY

**PARK AND RECREATION PLAN
2010-2015**

Mayfield Pond Park



Splash Pad



RECREATIONAL PLAN

The Village of Kingsley and Paradise Township Recreational Plan is a compiling of information pertaining to Village and Township parks, trails, snowmobile routes and recreational opportunities. Reference is also made to recreational activities near, but outside the municipal boundaries of the Village Kingsley and Paradise Township. The plan is intended to document existing recreational lands and equipment, and to record objectives for future recreational programs. Funding sources for purchase and continued maintenance of recreational properties are included in this plan.

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Village of Kingsley and Paradise Township Parks Committee was primarily responsible for the preparation of this Cooperative Integrated Community Park and Recreation Plan. The Committee's, in the course of preparing the background work necessary for the preparation of this Plan, as well as in the preparation of this plan itself, has benefited from the time and efforts of numerous members of the public that are too numerous to mention here by whose efforts and contributions are acknowledged with thanks. Membership of the Village Park Committee, Township Park Committee, Village Council, and Township Board ultimately responsible for the preparation and adoption of this plan are as follows:

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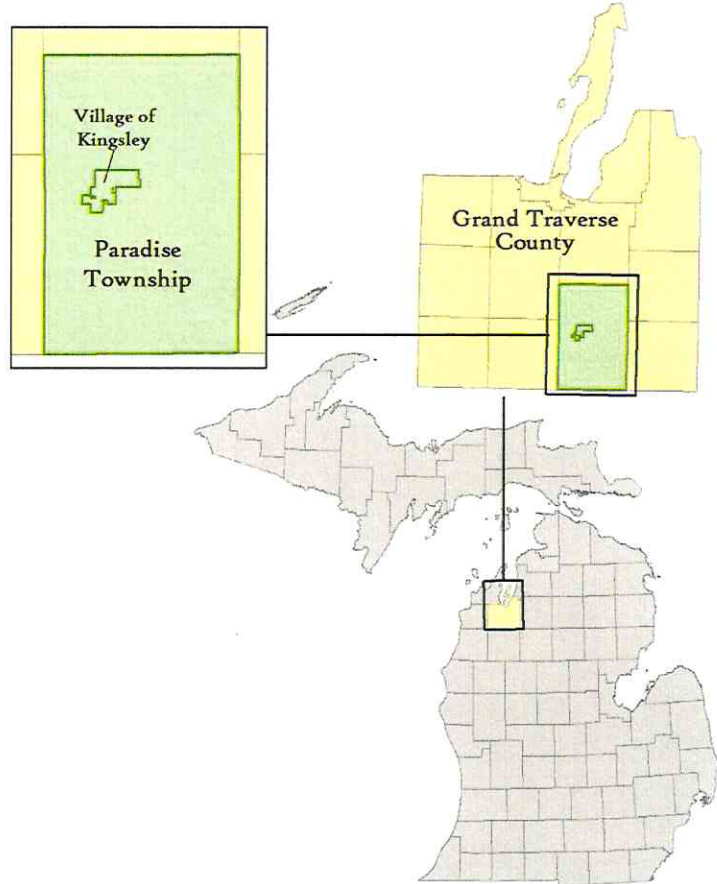
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LOCATION

The Village of Kingsley

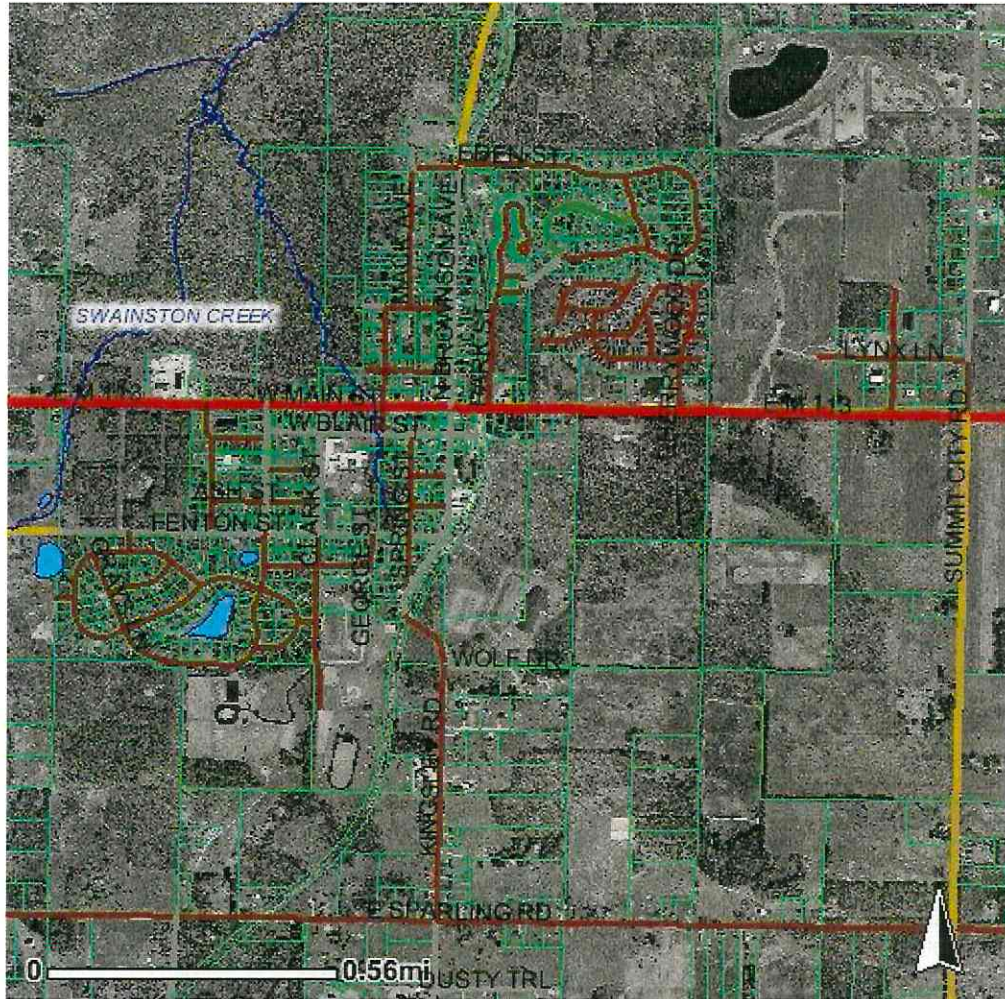
and Paradise Township is located 14 miles south of the city of Traverse City and 32 miles northwest of the city of Cadillac. Traverse City is the region's largest population center and is generally considered the location for the majority of the area's employment, shopping, higher education and medical care. Traverse City contains only 18% of the overall population of Grand Traverse County. The remaining 82% of the county's population reside in area townships and villages.



The area surrounding the Village of Kingsley and Paradise Township is a mixture of farmland, woodlots, single family residential homes and state land. Because it is located in the southern portion of Grand Traverse County, village amenities (grocery store, auto parts and repair, gas station, etc.), are utilized by a large portion of county residents living in the area.

LOCATION MAP

Village of Kingsley



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INTRODUCTION

Paradise Township was founded in 1870 and the Village of Kingsley which was originally referred to by the name Paradise, was settled in 1874. In 1882, the name was permanently changed to its current name of Kingsley in honor of a local Physician.

Per the 2007 U.S. Census updates, the Village of Kingsley population was estimated at 1500 people. Paradise Township has an estimated population of 3,321 of which is principally made up of large residential lots. The makeup of the Village is over 90% single residential family homes with a commercial downtown district and industrial district at the east edge of town. The Village measures 1.7 square miles and the Township measures 52.3 square miles with a density of less than 64 persons per square mile. In the Village consists of a platted residential core area and three newer residential subdivisions. State Highway M-113 runs through the center of town and Paradise Township east and west and an active railroad is still operational which mostly runs north and south to and from Traverse City.

Average income in the Kingsley village is \$32,614.00 with household averages of \$37,875.00. There were 501 households in 2000 with 47.5% having children under the age of 18. Median family income for Paradise Township is \$45,652. There were 1,374 households in 2000 with 78.8 percent having children under the age of 18. There is a considerable elderly population. Many of the elderly spend the winter months in warmer climates of the United States, but others are year round residents. Unemployment averages vary with changes in the local economy and with that of the greater Traverse City area.

The Village government is served by an elected Village Council. The remaining boards within Village government are appointed, and include the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Downtown Development Authority. Utilities are supplied by a municipal water and sewer system and the Village maintains a state of the art Aero-Mod Wastewater treatment plant.

Village staff includes a full time Village Manager, Zoning Administrator, and Office Administrator. The Village Clerk and Treasurer are employed part time. Streets, parks, and municipal

services are maintained by Department of Public Works staff that includes a Field Supervisor and two DPW associates. All three members of the DPW staff work full time.

The Village of Kingsley is the largest Village in Grand Traverse County and along with Paradise Township is one of the fastest growing areas of the county.

ZONING AND LAND USE

Land uses in the village are governed by the Code of Ordinances and the Zoning Ordinance. Zoning districts include four districts related to primary residential uses (R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4) along with the Forests/Parks/Recreation District, Commercial District (C-1 & C-2) and Industrial District. Detailed site plan requirements are required for uses other than single-family residential. Planning Commissioners review original site plans and refer all reviews to the Village Council, which maintains final approval privileges. Variance requests are forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which has final approval rights for all variances.

Zoning District	Area	Uses by Right	Special Uses
R-1	10,000 ft.	Single Family Homes Home Occupation	Educ. & Religious Institution, Human Health Care, Family & Group Day Care Homes
R-2	10,000 ft. per unit	R-1 Uses, Multiple Family including duplex's and apartments	Cable TV receiving sites
R-3	10,000 ft.	R-1 & R-2, Manufactured and Modular Homes	
R-4	1,500 ft.	Mobile Home Parks, Single Family dwellings with widths of 14 ft.	Licensed mobile home parks
Parks & Rec	NA	Recreation	Nurseries & Green Houses, Private Parks, Campgrounds
C-1	100 ft. except lots of record	Commercial buildings & single family homes if located above	Commercial businesses
C-2	100 ft.	Commercial businesses	Commercial businesses
Industrial	Determined by site plan	Wholesale, Warehouse & Industrial activity	Industrial uses

Land uses in the Township are governed by the Zoning Ordinances and Police Power Ordinances. Zoning districts include six districts: R-1 & R-2 (related to primary residential uses), Forest Recreation District (public/semi-public lands) Natural River District (Environmentally Sensitive) Agricultural District, and Commercial/Industrial District. Land uses are separated into three categories: Permitted by Right, Permitted with Site Plan Review by Planning Commission, and Special Uses which require a Public Hearing and final approval by the Township Board. Planning Commissioners review original site plans and refer all Special Uses to the Township Board, which maintains final approval privileges. Variance requests are forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which has final approval rights for all variances.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire protection is provided by Grand Traverse County Rural Fire. This department serves both the Village and Township along with other rural areas of Grand Traverse County. A new emergency services station was completed in January 2009. This 7800 square foot building is located next to the Paradise Township Hall (bordering the Village of Kingsley) and houses both fire and ambulance equipment and personnel. This building is referred to as Station 2. Because it is located at the east edge of the Village, response time to Village and Township residents for fire and ambulance services is minimal.

Police protection is provided by the Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department and Michigan State Police. Both are located in the city of Traverse city and send out deputies/troopers to patrol all of the rural areas of Grand Traverse County, including the Village of Kingsley and Paradise Township. Both departments also provide plain clothes detectives to investigate more time consuming complaints. A multi-county drug enforcement team (Traverse Narcotics Team) is also available to investigate drug related crimes in this area.

CENSUS DATA 2000

Population/Census Data – Village of Kingsley	2000 Census
Number of Households	501
Number of Families	375
Percent of ethnic population - White	97.28%
Percent of ethnic population – African American	.27%
Percent of ethnic population – Indian	.82%
Percent of ethnic population – Other	.75%
Percent of ethnic population – Mixed	.88%
Children in home under the age of 18	47.5%
Married Couples	56.3%
Female as head of household	15%
Average size of household	2.9 persons
Average size of family	3.31 persons
Average age	28 years
Percent of population under the age of 18	33.9%
Percent of population age 18-24	9.9%
Percent of population age 25-44	33.6%
Percent of population age 45-64	15.5%
Percent of population age 65 and older	7.1%
Percent of population by sex Male to Female	88 to 100
Average median income	\$32,614.00
Average median family income	\$37,875.00
Average median income/Male	\$30,263.00
Average median income/Female	\$21,196.00
Percent of population below the poverty level	9.7%

Population/Census Data – Paradise Township	2000 Census
Number of Households	1374
Number of Families	1083
Percent of ethnic population - White	97.1%
Percent of ethnic population – African American	.2%
Percent of ethnic population – Indian	.9%
Percent of ethnic population – Other	.5%
Percent of ethnic population – Mixed	1.2%
Children in home under the age of 18	48.8%
Married Couples	62.8%
Female as head of household	11.1%
Average size of household	3.01 persons
Average size of family	3.32 persons
Average age	30.4 years
Percent of population under the age of 18	33%
Percent of population age 18-24	7%
Percent of population age 25-44	33.1%
Percent of population age 45-64	18.3%
Percent of population age 65 and older	7.2%
Percent of population by sex Male to Female	50.3% to 49.7%
Average median income	\$44,776.00
Average median family income	\$45,652.00
Average median income/Male	\$34,804.00
Average median income/Female	\$21,902.00
Percent of population below the poverty level	5.2%

KINGSLEY AREA SCHOOL STUDENT POPULATION

Year	Elementary School	High School
1997	519	351
1998	508	381
1999	512	371
2000	503	376
2001	531	399
2002	524	408
2003	537	442
2004	530	455
2005	533	475
2006	521	488
2007	539	489
2008	527	505

Many school districts in northern Michigan have reported declines in enrollment within the past three to five years, following the trend of difficult economic conditions. This has not been the case in the Kingsley Area Public Schools, who have seen a 15% increase in enrollment since 1997. A new high school was built in 2001. Elementary school enrollment numbers have remained nearly flat, while high school enrollment has increased by 30%.

Recreation activities are encouraged among school students by staff and parents alike with active organized activities such as Pop Warner Football, a High School Outdoor Club, Pee Wee T-ball, etc. Successful varsity sports (including a State Champion football team) has created considerable community support.

WEATHER & TEMPERATURE

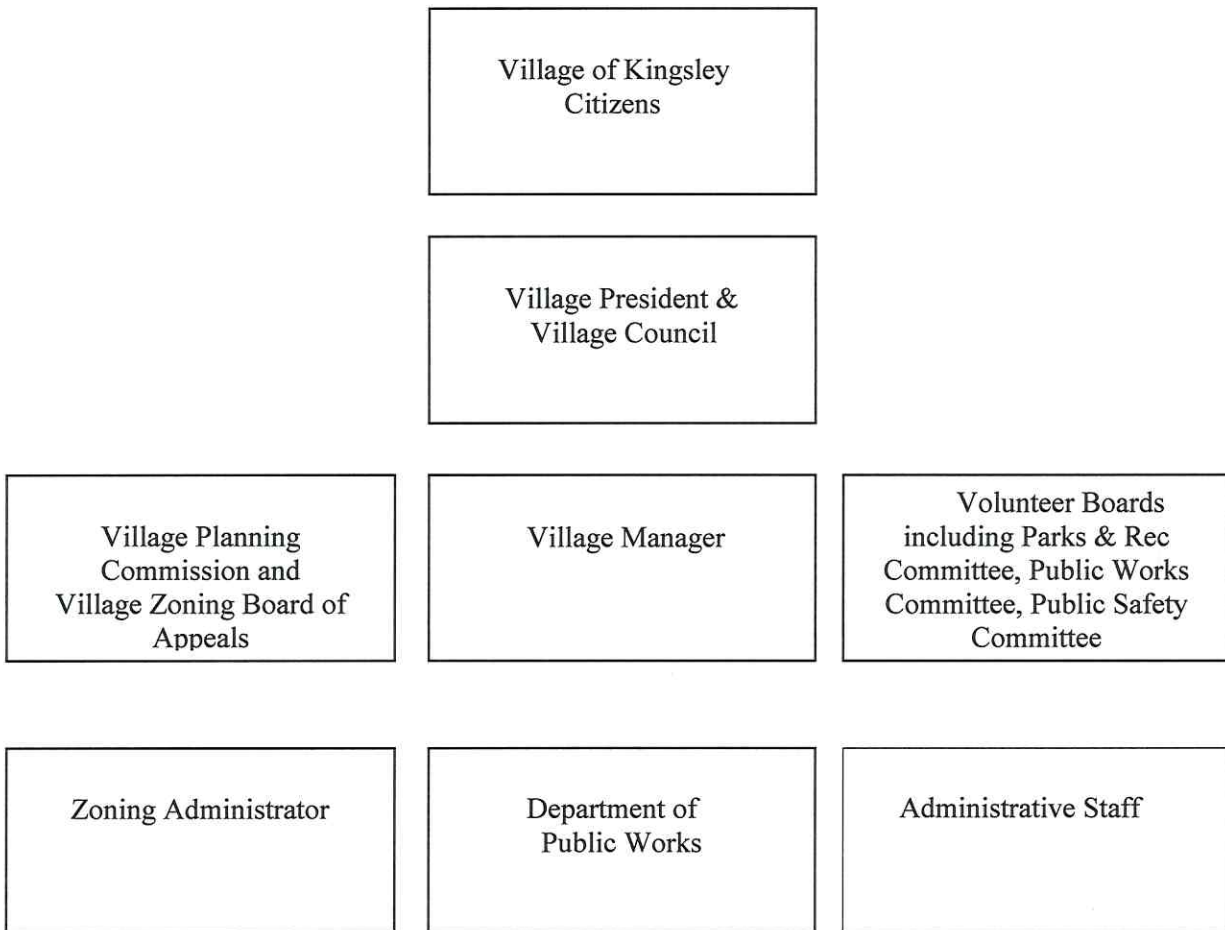
The Village of Kingsley and Paradise Township, like others located in northern Michigan, is affected by radical weather change, not only season to season, but sometimes significant changes within a short period of time. The temperatures listed below demonstrate the possible weather changes.

KINGSLEY/PARADISE WEATHER CHART/BY MONTH

Weather	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
Avg. Temp	22	21	29	42	52	63	70	68	61	50	37	27	-
Avg. High	29	29	38	52	64	75	81	78	71	60	44	33	-
Avg. Low	15	13	21	32	41	52	59	58	51	41	31	21	-
High Rec.	59	58	82	88	97	104	105	100	96	86	77	62	-
Low Rec.	-23	-33	-30	3	21	29	38	34	26	13	-5	-10	-
Avg. Prec.	1.9	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.8	2.7	3	2.8	2.7	1.8	28.6
Avg. Snow	19.9	16.2	12.1	3	.3	0	0	0	0	.7	8.8	16.5	77.5
Rain Days	4.5	3.8	4.5	5.3	5.9	4.9	5.3	5.1	5	4.7	4.5	4.3	57.8

Temperature factors can affect recreational use of parks, trails, ski and snowmobile conditions and comfort level on area playing fields. Since cold and snowy weather can (and often does) last at least five months, recreational activities that incorporate snow, ice and cold temperatures must be part of any twelve month recreational plan. Likewise, hot, dry summer weather also presents recreational options for area citizens.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



The Township government is served by a five member elected board which consists of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustees. The remaining boards within the Township government are appointed, and include the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review and Park and Recreation Committee. Township Staff includes a full time Planning and Zoning Administrator and Office Manager. The Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor hold office hours part time. Township Park maintenance is provided by a contracted service.

Paradise Township Residents

Board of Trustee's

Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals
Board of Review
Park and Recreation
Cemetery Committee

Planning and Zoning Administrator
Office Manager
Assessor

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Recreational Areas Located Within Village and Township

Village Park/Rec. Area	Site	Equipment	Maintenance	Funding Sources
Civic Center South Park	40 acres	2 Softball fields Frisbee Golf 4 Soccer Fields (3 practice) Kids Playground Area 2 Basketball Courts Paved Walking Trail 2 Sand Volleyball Courts Concession Stand Archery Range Ice Skating Rink Winter Warming Hut	Summer Caretakers and Village Staff	Village of Kingsley, Paradise, Mayfield, Fife Lake Townships and Grand Traverse County
Brownson Park	2.4 acres	2 Tennis Courts Playground Area Summer Splash Pad	Village Staff	Village of Kingsley
Grove Park	7.0 acres	Wooded Trail	Village Staff	Village of Kingsley
Main Street Green Space	.88 acres	Picnic Area/Reflecting area	Village Staff	Village of Kingsley

Mayfield Pond Park	57.12 acres	Pavilion, Picnic area, Boardwalk, Overlook, and pond	Contracted Service and Township Staff	Township of Paradise
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Kingsley Public School Owned Outdoor Recreation Areas

School Rec. Area	Site	Equipment	Maintenance	Future
Community Playground	School Lot	3 Basketball Court 1 Little League Baseball Field Children's Playground Area	Kingsley Public School Staff	KAS
Rodes Field Ares Outdoor Sports Area	15 acres	1 Football Field 3 Practice Baseball Fields 1 Regulation Baseball Field 1 Paved Track	Kingsley Public School Staff	KAS

CIVIC CENTER SOUTH:

Within the city limit of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County has maintained a large recreational area since the 1960's used for softball, jogging, indoor swimming pool activities, and many other outdoor activities.

This area is named the Civic Center. Because of its northerly location (inside the city of Traverse City), residents of southern Grand Traverse County used the facilities infrequently. Despite supporting the area with public funds raised through taxes, southern Grand Traverse County residents received very little benefit.

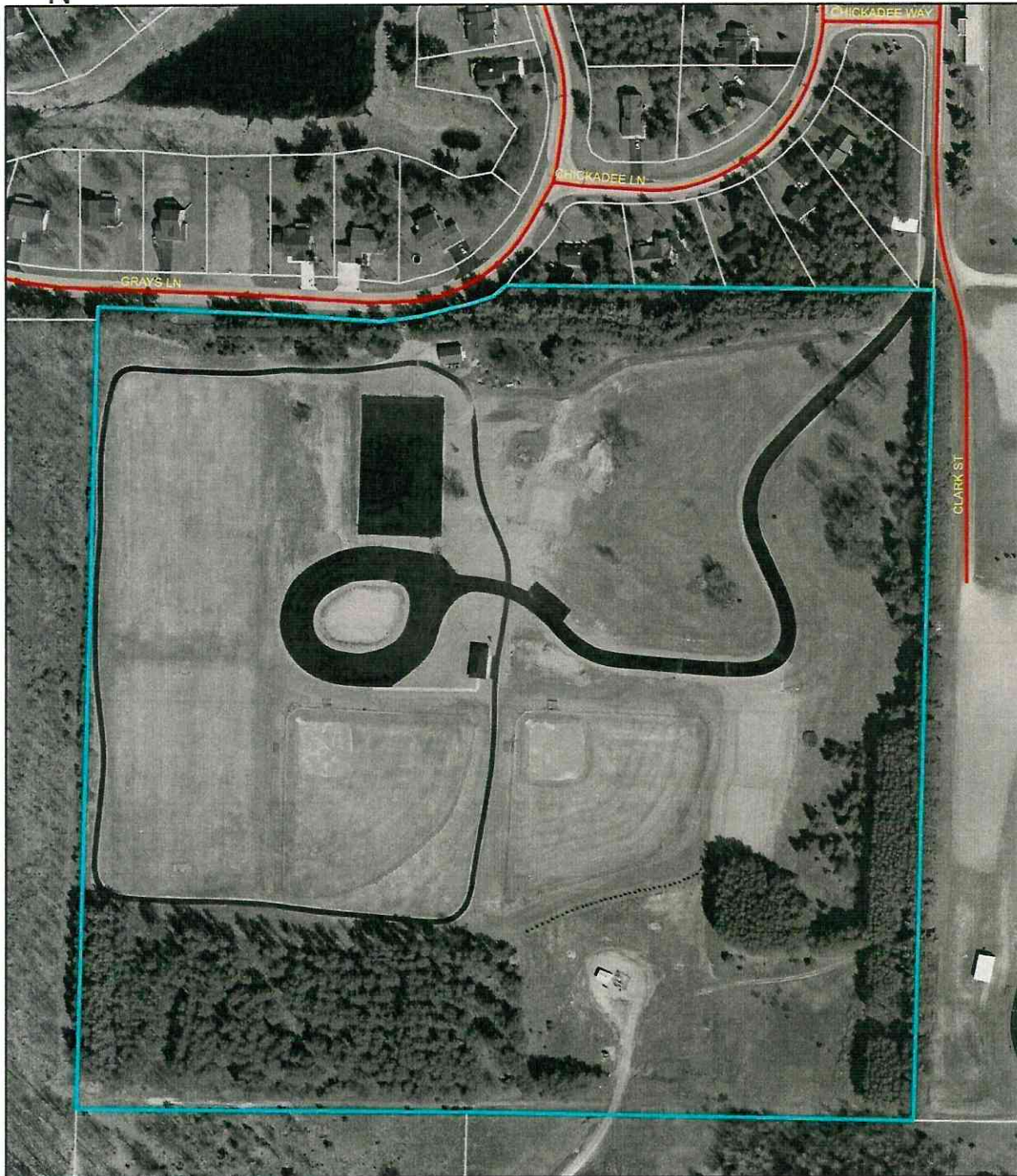
A long term plan was undertaken to develop a similar park/recreation area somewhere in southern Grand Traverse County to serve the needs of residents that could not utilize the Civic Center. After years of planning, a 40 - acre recreation center was officially opened within the Village of Kingsley in 2004. The complex was named, Civic Center South. Within this park are located two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a paved walking track, a disc golf course, two baseball/softball fields, an archery range, three soccer fields (practice fields), one regulation size soccer field, two sand volleyball courts, an ice skating rink, a winter warming hut, a playground area, and a concession/bathroom building. This facility is also used during the Kingsley Heritage Days weekend as a community center area. Other intended "uses" for Civic Center South are public concerts along with public and private picnic/reception areas.





CIVIC CENTER SOUTH

200 100 0 200 Feet



Map produced by GTC-GIS Dept. 03/2009
Aerial Photo: April 2006

GROVE PARK:

Grove Park is a seven acre wooded parcel located just outside the downtown core area of the Village. It borders the Commercial C-1 zoning district on its south side, a Planned Unit Development housing complex on its north side, the Village Mobile Home District on its east side and single-family homes (R-1) zoning district on its west. This park contains one of the Village pump stations and is comprised of 90% hardwood trees. The walking/jogging trail identified in the attached map runs along the west side of this park.





THE GROVE PARK

100 50 0 100 Feet



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Aerial Photo: April 2006

BROWNSON PARK:

Brownson Park is the oldest recreational area in the Village limits. This park is a 2.4 acre parcel and borders the Commercial Zoning District (C-1) on its north and south, and residential (R-1) on its east and west. Brownson Park contains two tennis courts, a summertime water “Splash Pad”, picnic, and playground areas. This park is frequented by a large number of people in the summer months taking advantage of the splash pad and playground areas.





BROWNSON PARK

50 25 0 50 Feet



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MAIN STREET GREEN SPACE:

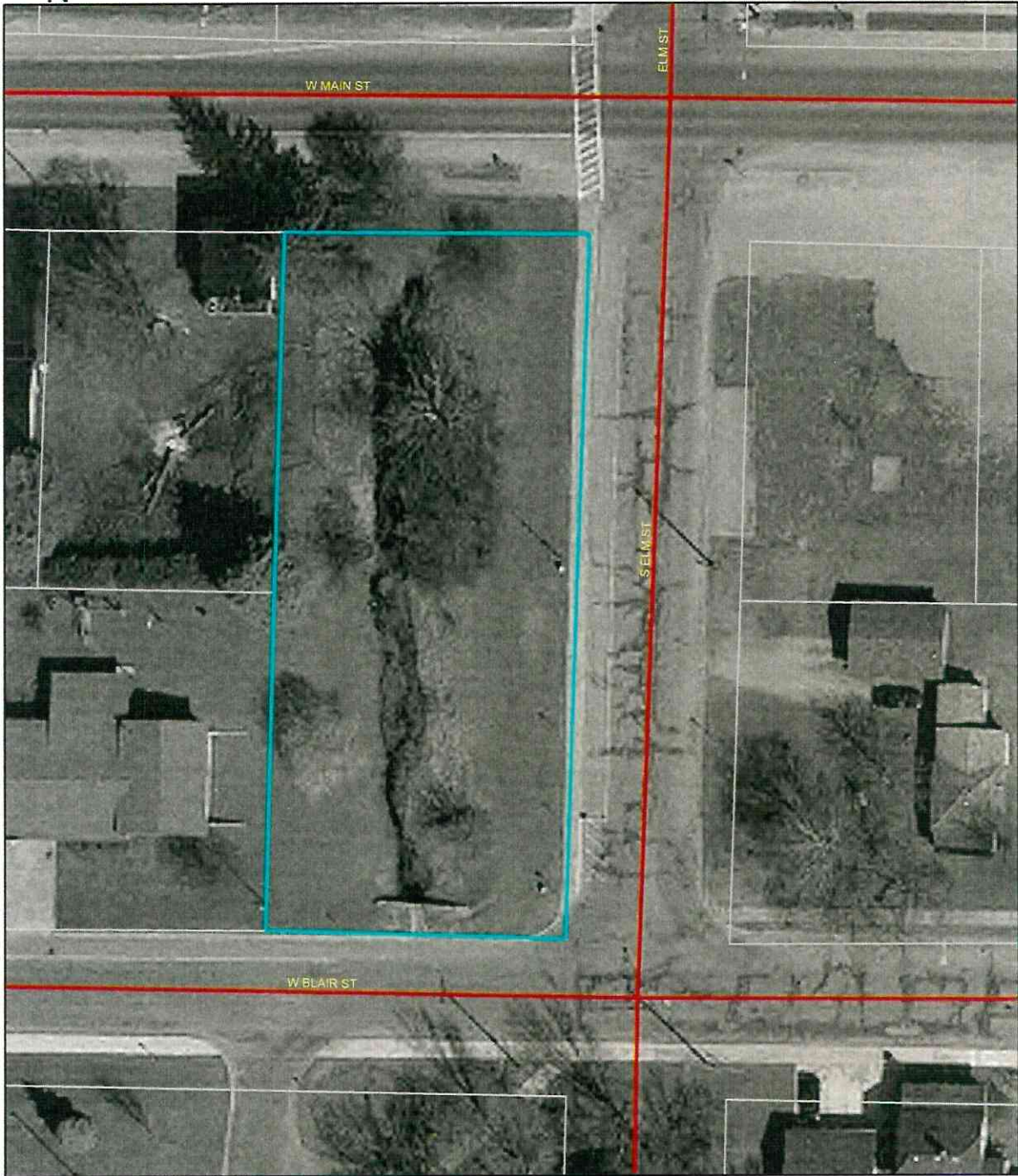
The Main Street Green Space is located along the M-113 corridor in the C-1 Commercial District. The park borders single-family residential uses on its south. The site contains only .88 acres and is actually made up of what were previously two typical single-family lots. Kingsley Creek is a narrow, but active creek that runs through the middle of this space. Kingsley Creek is a tributary to Swainstons Creek and the Boardman River and supports trout and other aquatic life, although it is only 6” to 12” wide at most points. The green space came into Village ownership in 2007 and has not yet been improved. It currently has open space that is planned as a reflecting area but contains no buildings or other improvements.





**MAIN STREET
GREEN SPACE**

40 20 0 40 Feet



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Aerial Photo: April 2006

MAYFIELD POND PARK

Mayfield Pond Park is the Township's only official park. It is located adjacent to the Unincorporated Village of Mayfield along Garfield Road in the northern portion of the Township and contains 57 acres and abuts State owned land.

This Park is a passive recreation center for outdoor enthusiasts. Swainston Creek runs through the heart of the park which also contains a mill pond that is stocked with trout every spring courtesy of the Kingsley Sportsmans Club. This site also offers a Pavilion shelter that features a fire place, restrooms, and picnic area. With a matching grant from Rotary Charities, new steps and boardwalk were installed for safe access to a scenic overlook located on a high ridge overlooking the mill pond.

Future Mayfield Pond Park plans contain updated playground equipment and a boardwalk down the north side of the overlook.



Mayfield Pond Park



The Grove Park, Brownson Park, and Main Street Green Space are maintained by Village Department of Public Works staff. The Civic Center South Park is maintained by the Village Department of Public Works staff, with assistance from volunteer summertime caretakers. The Kingsley Community Playground and Rodes Field areas are maintained by Kingsley Public School staff. Mayfield Pond Park is maintained by contracted service with assistance from Township Elected Officials and staff.

COMMUNITY PLAY:

Kingsley Area Schools maintains a “community play” area at their Middle School Complex. This area is used by students during normal school hours and by area citizens during hours when school is not in session. This area is approximately one acre in size and contains three basketball courts, playground area and a softball/little league field.

RODES FIELD OUTDOORS SPORTS AREAS:

In addition to the public areas listed above, Kingsley Area Schools also maintains a complex of approximately 15 acres that contains a practice football field, asphalt track, high school football field and three little league baseball fields. The little league fields are used almost exclusively in the evenings during the summer months and are available for public use during other times. With the exception of the high school football field, the other fields in this complex are also open to public use.

VILLAGE and TOWNSHIP TRAILS

The greater Grand Traverse region has planned for and implemented a comprehensive trail system in and around the city of Traverse City. The need for interconnection trails servicing the rural areas of Grand Traverse County has long been identified as a community goal. Recognizing the need to formally designate a trail system through town, Village, Township and Kingsley Area School staff members identified a logical trail route that would run from the north edge of the Village and at the southernmost Village limit. This trail was mapped and easements obtained or will be obtained to create a non-motorized route that could easily be connected to future trails in Paradise Township from either the north or south. Paradise Township, Village of Kingsley and Kingsley Area Schools received a Grant to plan for Non- Motorized Trails that would benefit the community and that would tie into regional trails (attached as appendix 1) and this plan has been approved by all entities and it would become part of the Communities Park and Recreation Plan.

In addition to the new trail running through downtown Kingsley, several established hiking/bicycle trails are located outside the Village and Township limits, but near the greater Kingsley area. Some of those trails are:

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| 1. VASA Trail | — | 16.7 miles |
| 2. Interlochen Pines Nature Trail | — | 10 miles |
| 3. Lost Lake Trail | — | 6.3 miles |
| 4. Muncie Lake Trail | — | 11.5 miles |
| 5. Sand Lakes Quiet Area Trail | — | 10+ miles |
| 6. Brown Bridge Quiet Area | — | 4 miles |
| 7. State Shore to Shore Horse riding/hiking trail | — | 3.5 miles north of M-113 |
| 8. East Creek Reserve | — | 3 miles north of M-113 |
| 9. State Snowmobile Trail | — | 3 miles north of M-113 |
| 10. Boardman River, Navigable waterway | — | 3.5 miles North of M-113 |

SNOWMOBILING

Snowmobiling remains one of the most popular winter recreational activities in northern Michigan. Unlike some of the other area villages, the Village of Kingsley does not discourage snowmobiling within the Village, as long as it is not done on the State Highway or in a reckless manner. Paradise Township has been in the process of working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment & Environment and Rotary to relocate a section of the established marked trail system that runs along Garfield Road and through the unincorporated Village of Mayfield. This part of the trail system is extremely dangerous and disruptive to the residents of the unincorporated Village of Mayfield. In addition, the Township is working to establish a designated trail into the Village of Kingsley but due to budget cuts these talks have been put on hold. Businesses and dining establishments in the Village depend on the benefits of snowmobilers as they pass through town. The attached map shows designated snowmobile trails in the surrounding area. Designated trails are only a portion of the trail system utilized by area snowmobilers. Many well known trails have been established over the years that have never been designated as official trails. Some of these trails run through the Village limits and connect to other population centers such as Interlochen, Karlin and Fife Lake. Enforcement of reported snowmobile violators trespassing is done by conservation officers of the Department of Natural Resources and & Environment and by Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Deputies.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE ACTIVITIES

Off-road vehicles are also popular in this area of Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties. No ORV trails exist in the Village limits, but the attached map shows area trails that are used by residents of the Village and surrounding townships. An established ORV dirt track (Bay Racing) was developed in the late 90's and is located approximately 6 miles northwest of the Village. This track services area residents of all age groups but is most often used by young children who are accompanied by their parents.

In 2009 Paradise Township adopted an ORV ordinance that permits ORV's along any county road within the Township. State Roads were not included in this Ordinance and enforcement is provided by the Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Village of Kingsley

A village wide recreation survey was distributed to each residence in the Village of Kingsley in 2008. Surveys were also made available at the Village's Municipal Offices and other public areas throughout the Village of Kingsley. Approximately 500 surveys were distributed, with 26 being returned; a return rate of 5%. The survey was used to collect data on park usage, frequency, reasoning for visiting/not visiting local parks, needed facilities, and overall satisfaction with the current facilities. Surveys were delivered to segments of our population that were believed to be normal users of our recreation opportunities, but may not be as likely to participate in typical public input sessions; provisions were made to deliver surveys to all residents. The survey also allowed for addition comments (see survey results).

Paradise Township

In 2009 Paradise Township sent a community wide survey to the residents of Paradise Township and the Village of Kingsley that had specific questions relating to parks, recreation, land use, and open space. Paradise Township sent out 1,330 surveys to land owners in the Township and 400 surveys to residents within the Village of Kingsley. Paradise Township had a return rate of 18.4% and the Village of Kingsley return rate was 18.2%. A power point presentation of the results of the survey can be found online at www.Paradisetwp.org .

PLANNING PROCESS

Step 1: Review the 2000 – 2005 Kingsley Recreational Plan and Paradise Township Park and Recreational Plan 2002-2009.

Village and Township committees reviewed their own plans to see how effective they have been over the past years. As there were several areas of mutual interest between the Village and Township it was determined it would be best for the area residents to proceed with a mutual plan. It was also agreed upon that we could involve Kingsley Area Schools as we believe they were a key player in ensuring the health and fitness of our community.

Step 2: Update of Community's Description.

This section reviews the Village of Kingsley's and Paradise Township's physical and social features. Physical features include location, climate, soil, topography, natural features, hydrology, vegetation, wildlife, and transportation networks. Social features include current and trend data for the following demographics: population, age, gender and race, types of households, employment and income.

This information is gathered from a variety of sources, including past plans, Grand Traverse County data, Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment, Michigan Department of Transportation, United States Census Bureau, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments and other related sources. The information contained in this step is a vital component of the Plan, as it helps planners determine potential recreation needs, investment areas, and other goals to be included in the Plan.

Step 3: Inventory of the Community's Recreation Opportunities.

This section provides an inventory of current recreational facilities, including the type, amount and location of activities and equipment in the Village and Township. This section takes into account any facilities operated by the Village, School, Township, and Grand Traverse County or any other major service provider in the area. Sources for this information include site visits, information provided from other area recreation providers, Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment and other sources.

Step 4: Determine the Community's Recreation Needs and Desires.

This section takes into account the results of inventory from Step 3, as well as public input collected via surveys mailed directly to every property owner, questionnaires provided during elections and public commenting periods to determine the needs and desires of the community as they relate to recreation opportunities.

Step 5: Install Action Plan to meet Community Needs and Desires.

This is the most important portion of the Plan. The Action Plan identifies what recreation-related actions the Village, Township and School will perform over the five-year period of this plan. The Plan identifies broad-based goals and specific objectives that speak to what actions, and what funding sources will be assigned and/or requested to fund the actions.

Step 6: Prepare a Joint Municipal 2010-2015 Kingsley – Paradise Recreation Plan.

Village and Township Staff wrote the Plan and reported to the Village Recreation Committee and Township Park and Recreation Committee for review, comment and approval. Preparation included the collection of the information from the previous steps and the compilation of that data into a format that is easily read and followed by the general public.

Step 7: Adopt the Village of Kingsley and Paradise Township Joint Recreation Plan.

The process followed in preparing the 2010-2015 Recreation Plan was set to follow the most recent Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (2009). The process began with a thorough review and examination of the Village 2000 Recreation Plan by Village staff and thorough review of the Township 2002 Recreation Plan by Township staff; concentrating on previous recreation goals and the success of the plan in reaching its objectives. A community wide survey of the current recreation opportunities in Kingsley and Paradise Township was completed, area demographic information was collected, and the expected recreation needs over the next five years were explored. Village and Township staff examined the current facilities and their relationship to the expectation and standards set by our residents along with adjoining municipalities. Accordingly we prepared a draft plan that included an outline of area demographics, community input, current recreation opportunities, facility conditions, and projected needs. A public commenting period was opened at which time, public comment was recorded and the Action Plan was adopted.

The Recreation Plan was adopted by the Kingsley Village Council and Paradise Township Board of Trustee's. This Plan takes into account demographic changes, as reflected in the 2000 Census information, since the last plans were drafted. Particular attention was paid to current maintenance requirements and park facility problems such as vandalism, lack of facilities, and decay and denigration of current facilities. The previous Plan's goals and objectives were reviewed, and recommendations were made to update them to better reflect current facility conditions.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Create a health friendly community through walk ability and accessibility.

Objective 1.A. Construct a trail linking Civic Center South to north Village Limits

A trail linking Civic Center South to north village limits would run through the heart of the Village connecting the North and South ends. This trail would provide residents and guests an opportunity to walk, bike, jog, or run not only to neighbors homes but connect with existing infrastructure that would connect to all existing residential developments and commercial amenities available in the Village Core.

Objective 1.B. Connect the Kingsley Trail to Mayfield Pond Park

As stated in the attached trail document a trail connecting the Village to Mayfield Pond Park would connect nearly all recreational opportunities in the Village and the Township. It will provide a corridor to link into miles of existing trails allowing residents and guests to travel to other destinations in a non motorized fashion.

Objective 1.C. Add way finding signage to trails to promote business use by alternative travel methods

Way finding will be a key component in encouraging trail users to use alternative methods of transportation when going on errands or appointments by guiding them to specific landmarks within and outside of the Village and Township.

Objective 1.D. Increase barrier free accessibility of trails

In an ongoing effort to make the Village and Township recreational opportunities available to everyone, we are committed to making our recreational opportunities as handicap accessible as possible.

Goal 2: Create passive and educational recreation opportunities.

Objective 2.A. Create a Memorial reflecting area at the Main Street Green Space

Create a Memorial with reflecting areas to allow residents and guests to enjoy the scenic beauty and natural features of the Green Space in all of our parks and trails.

Objective 2.B. Provide markers with specific plant species information along trails and parks AND

Objective 2.C. Delineate points of historical significance along trails and in parks

Providing educational features along a trail not only will encourage physical activity but can make learning more enjoyable for users of all ages.

Objective 2.D. Increase barrier free accessibility

In an ongoing effort to make the Village and Township recreational opportunities available to everyone, our communities are committed to making our recreational opportunities as handicap accessible as possible.

Objective 2.E. Distance markers – EMS reference points for 911 emergencies

Place distance markers on all trails for users to gage the distances they have traveled and how far they have traveled. This will allow them to set loftier goals to increase their health.

Goal 3: Create Multi functional spaces for recreation, group, and family activity.

Objective 3.A. Construct a multi function Pavilion at Civic Center South

Construct a pavilion that would serve multiple purposes and promote use year round. This would serve as a covered pavilion for picnicking, reunions, parties and other reserved functions in the warm months and serve as a covered ice rink in the winter months.

Objective 3.B. Construct a Pavilion at Grove Park

Construct a pavilion at Grove Park for picnicking, reunions, parties and other reserved functions.

Objective 3.C. Construct a band shell at Civic Center South.

Construct a band shell to house community music events, movies in the park and other community entertainment type of events.

Objective 3.D. Construct user safe playground equipment at Mayfield Pond Park

Install federally approved and user safe playground equipment at Mayfield Pond Park.

Goal 4: Improve Motorized Trail System

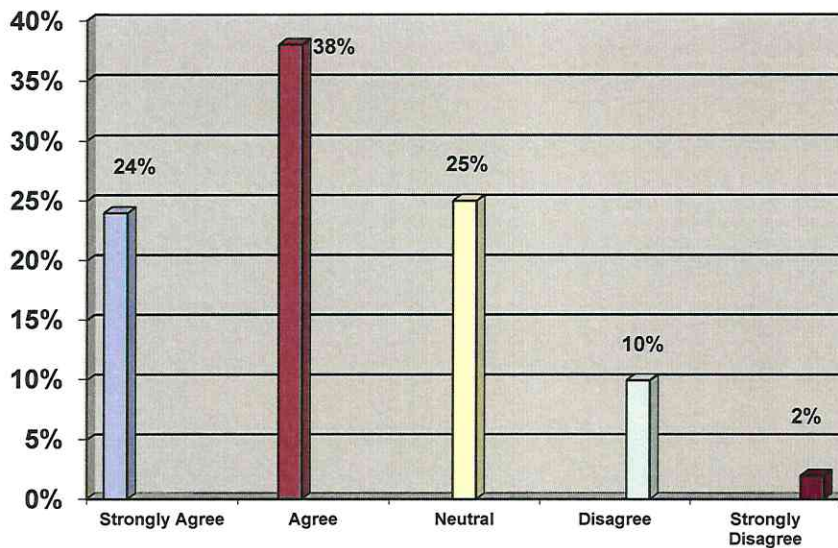
Objective 4.A. Relocate State snowmobile trail off Mayfield and Garfield Roads.

Work with neighboring property owners, the snowmobile council, and state and local units of government to develop a trail plan, obtain recreational easements and all necessary funding to relocate the trail from Mayfield Road and the Shoulder of Garfield Road.

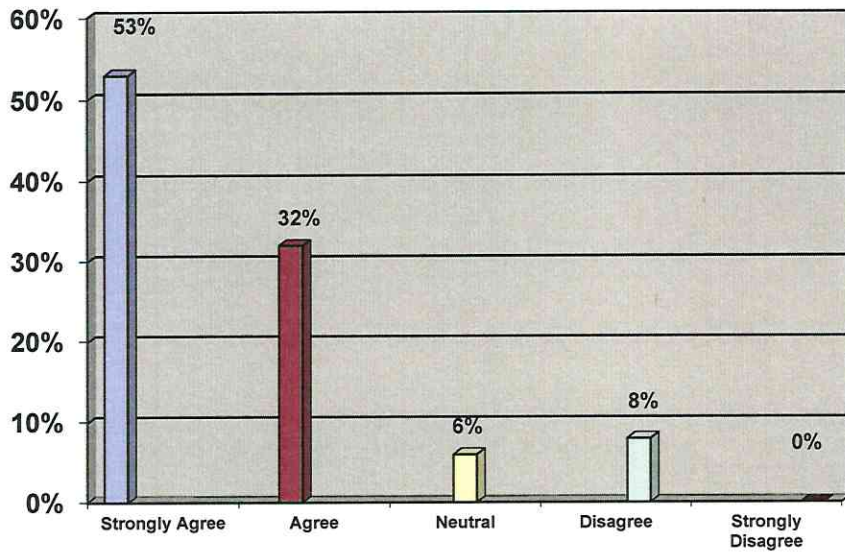
VILLAGE MASTER PLAN 2007 GOALS

A revised Master Plan for the Village of Kingsley was completed in 2007 with several goals identified relation to area recreation. Questions related to recreation included:

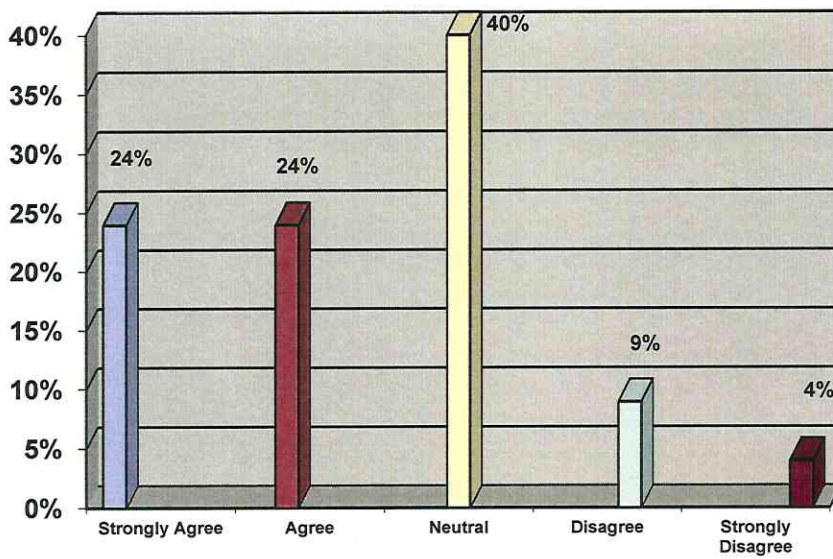
1. We need bicycle paths along the roads.



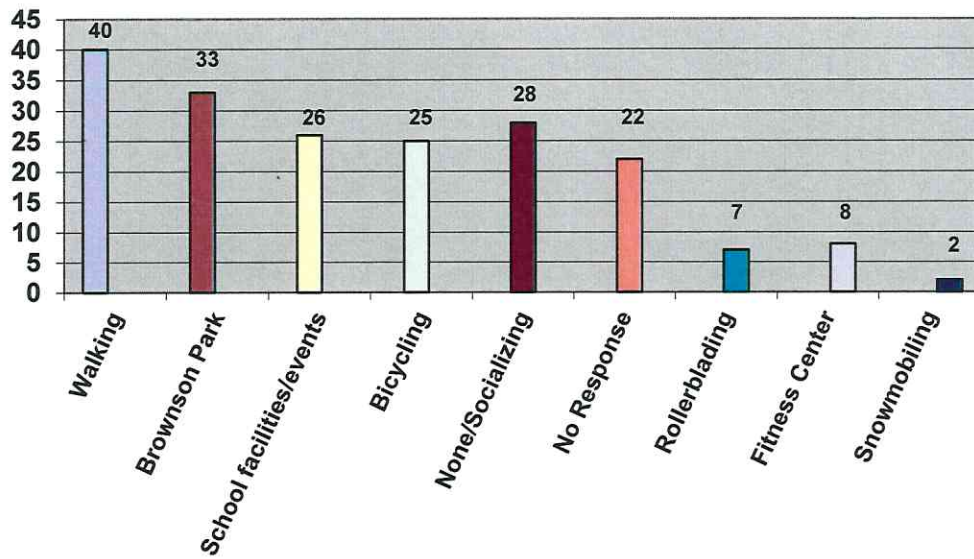
2. Snowmobiles need designated trails, rules, enforcement of rules, and parking areas



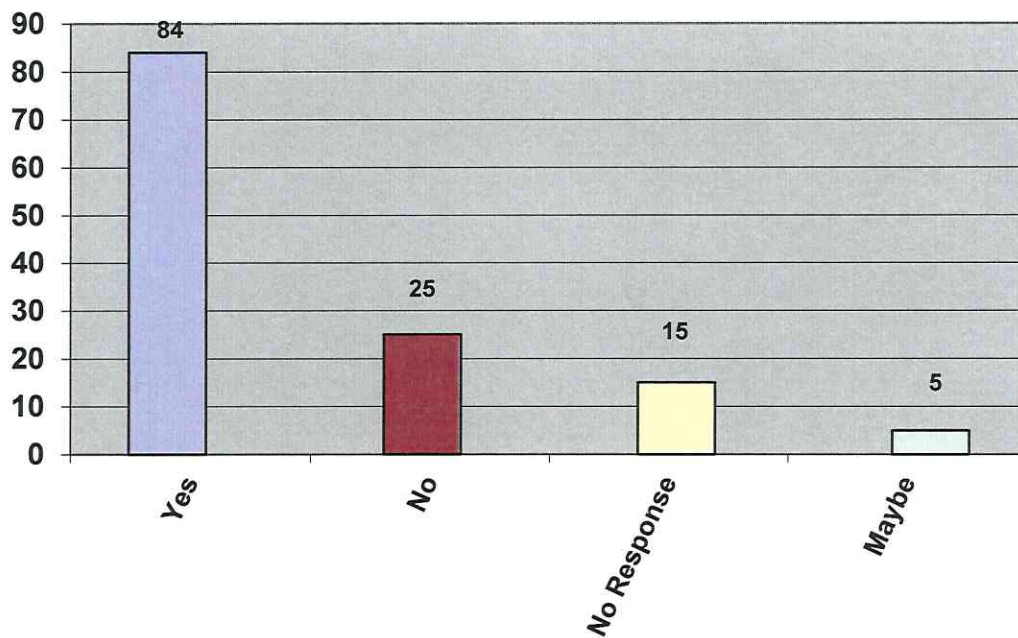
3. Light rail is an option that needs to be considered for the future.



4. What types of recreation do you utilize in Kingsley. (Individuals that answered this question).



5. Would you use an off road trail/path (no automobiles) to reach various destinations within Kingsley? (Individuals that answered this question).



6. What would you change in the Village? (Individuals that answered this question).

- a. Recreation 4

Additional Recreation comments received during the Master Plan.

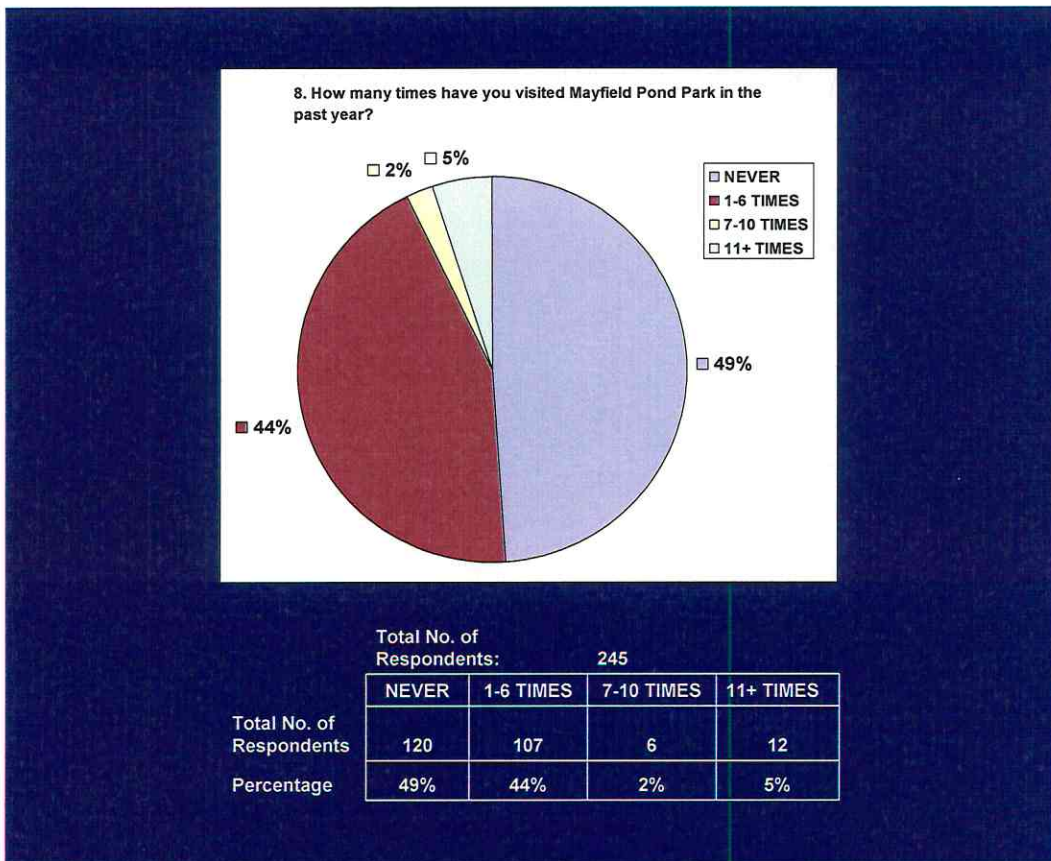
- a. Need bike paths

The 2006 Master Plan Vision Statement contains 7 statements, statement #5 indicates:

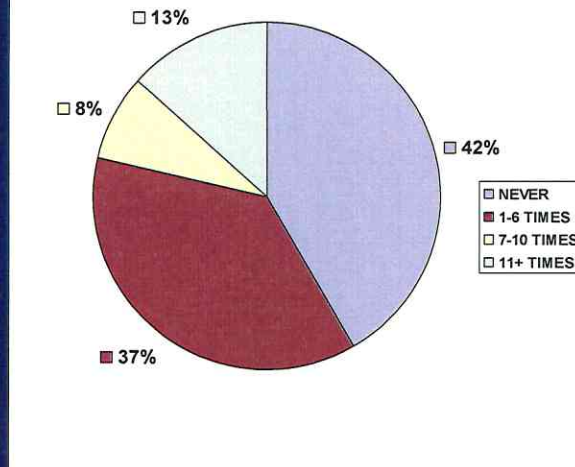
Continue to provide opportunities for recreation, including but not limited to connecting recreation trails with other pedestrian environments, establishing snowmobile trails, and providing a community center.

TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN 2009 GOALS

A revised Master Plan for Paradise Township was started in 2007 with several goals identified in relation to area recreation. Questions related to recreation included:



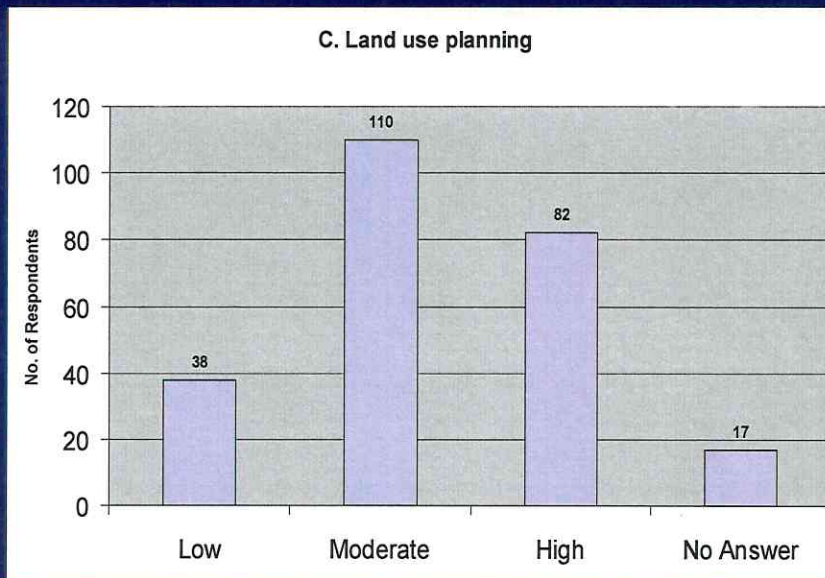
9. How many times have you visited Civic Center South in the Village of Kingsley this past year?



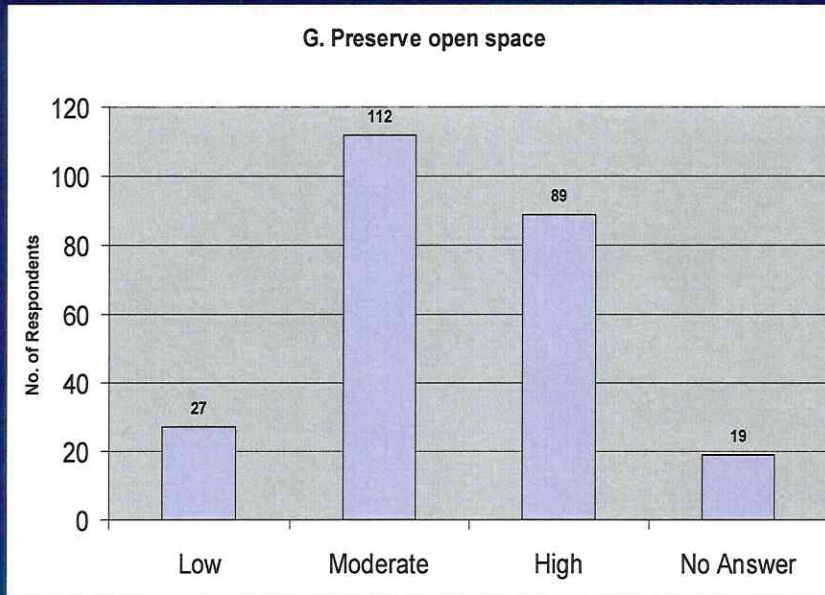
Total No. of Respondents: 247

	NEVER	1-6 TIMES	7-10 TIMES	11+ TIMES
No. of Respondents	103	91	20	33
Percentage	42%	37%	8%	13%

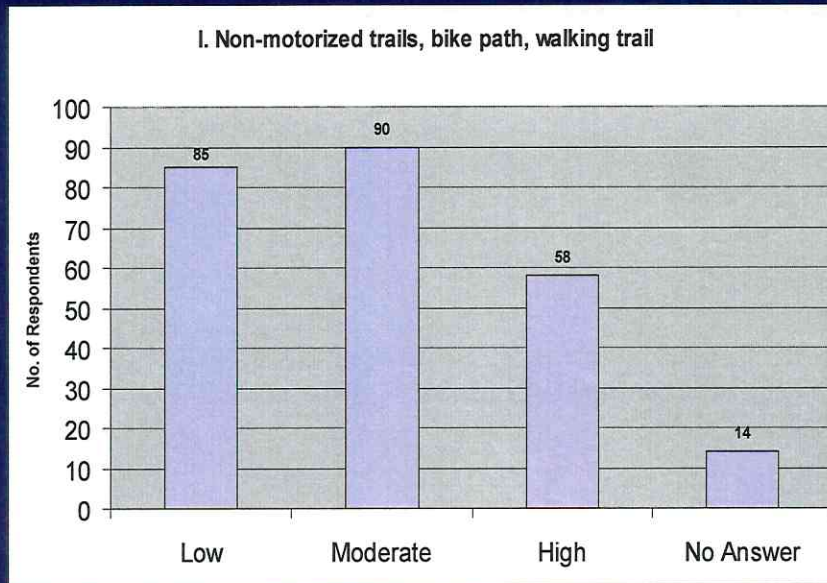
10. How should the following issues be prioritized in Paradise Township?



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In closing, the Village of Kingsley, Paradise Township and the Kingsley Area Schools have joined together to plan for continued growth in our Parks, Recreation, non-motorized trails and motorized trails.

It is our intent and to our best interest to maintain a high level of commitment to ensure that our residents will have a place to recreate to facilitate a healthy and vibrant life style.