



2025-2030

# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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# Chapter 1. Introduction

The Township Board and Parks and Recreation Board coordinated this open, public planning process to create a comprehensive vision for Crystal parks and recreation programs, satisfying the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

A Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a roadmap for parks and recreation decisions (including facilities and programming) made over a five-year period, as well as a way to project future needs. The Plan includes all required elements of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and therefore qualifies The Crystal Township for funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The process to prepare the Plan gives the Township a better understanding of the needs, desires, and goals for parks, recreation facilities, and programming based on public engagement and industry trends going forward.



This Parks and Recreation Master Plan covers the years of 2025 through 2030, though it will be a useful planning tool beyond the five-year mark. The County-wide Master Plan, which provides essential guidance for regional development and resource management, was last updated in 2013 and has since expired, highlighting the need for a renewed vision for our community. In addition, Crystal Township has never had a Master Plan of its own, which limits its ability to effectively address local needs and priorities. Establishing a updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Crystal Township would empower residents to actively participate in shaping the future of their community, ensuring that parks and recreational facilities are thoughtfully integrated into local development strategies. The Township’s current Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2019, and resulted in the following improvements during the ensuing years:

- » Enhancements to Crystal Township Park and Beach.
- » Maintenance of grounds, facilities, and natural features at all Township parks.
- » Efficient and effective administration of parks and recreation functions.



# Chapter 2.

## Community Description

Comprised of 35.8 square miles, Crystal Township is located in Montcalm County, Michigan, bordered by Evergreen, Ferris, Sumner, New Haven, North Shade, Bloomer, and Bushnell Townships. The Township is approximately 58 miles northeast of the City of Grand Rapids, approximately 56 miles northwest of the City of Lansing, and approximately 31 miles southwest of the City of Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Crystal is largely comprised of single-family residential homes, 81.9% of housing units. Further, the Township includes a large swath of agricultural land on the southwest side, as well as several areas of forests, open spaces, and wetlands. Crystal is most widely known for its largest lake, Crystal Lake, along with Duck Lake, both located in the center of the Township. Most residential and commercial development in the Township is concentrated around the lakes.

Parks and recreation are a critical component of a thriving community, and this Plan is an important document for implementation of place-based improvements.



*Crystal Township Park*

# Demographics

The Crystal Parks and Recreation Master Plan is updated and maintained to determine needs and opportunities that exist within the Township. Consideration is given to:

- » Estimates of the number of likely users of recreational amenities;
- » Projections of the types of programs users will enthusiastically participate in;
- » The facilities that are necessary to further the community's parks and recreation-related goals and objectives.

By understanding current conditions and past trends, the Township can appropriately anticipate and plan for the future needs of the community.

Data within this plan is sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Census, analyzed and synthesized by McKenna.

## POPULATION

Population trends are important indicators for parks and recreation planning. Growing communities likely have different parks and recreational needs than communities with stable or declining populations. The table below shows the relative populations of Crystal and nearby comparison communities.

**Table 1: Population**

	Crystal Township	City of Carson	Township of Evergreen	Montcalm County
<b>2010</b>	2,739	1,024	2,900	63,553
<b>2022</b>	2,644	1,006	2,961	66,901
<b>% Change</b>	-3.47%	-1.76%	2.10%	5.27%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Crystal Township experienced a population decrease during the sample years from 2010 to 2022. This is similar to the decline experienced in areas such as the City of Carson. However, the County as a whole experienced an increase in population. This population decrease that the township is experiencing could be due to the older age of the population.

## HOUSEHOLDS

Average household size is another indicator of community composition. Larger average household sizes generally mean more children and fewer single-parent families. Nationally, household sizes have been shrinking as young singles wait longer to get married and life expectancy increases for the senior population.

The average household size in Crystal was 2.6 persons in 2022. Of this information, combined with the age structure laid out below, it is likely that Crystal Township is comprised largely of older two-person families that no longer have children living in their homes, or older residents living in their adult child's home.

## HOUSING OCCUPANTS

The make-up of housing occupants within a community can provide additional information about the community's profile.

According to the 2022 American Community Survey, about 88.4% of households in Crystal are owner-occupied, while about 11.6% of housing units are renter occupied. Parks and recreation amenities are frequently rated as important elements when individuals and families make locational decisions.

Crystal Township is a destination for many who want to visit its lakes and natural beauty. Combine this fact with the Township's retirement-aged residents and you can easily see why many of its residents live there seasonally. Out of the total number housing units in the township, almost 30% of them are seasonally vacant. Out of the total number of vacant housing units, 94% of them are vacant due to seasonal usage. This is a unique aspect of the township that should be considered when planning for summer months. During these months there is an influx of visitors as well as the return of "snowbirds". This may include more park maintenance such as trash removal and general upkeep of facilities, but also a variety of activities for people of all ages and abilities.

## AGE STRUCTURE

The age of a community's population is extremely important when planning for parks and recreation improvements. Older residents may have different needs than young adults, or those who have families with children. Further, families with children also have different needs than one another, depending on the ages of the children living in the home. For example, households with younger children will likely require parks with restrooms, play equipment, splash pads, and other similar amenities. Households with older children, such as high school and college age, may require parks with a more robust trail network, ball fields and courts, or exercise stations. The table on the following page compares the median ages of Crystal residents to surrounding communities (2022).

**Table 2: Median Age**

	Crystal Township	City of Carson	Township of Evergreen	Montcalm County
<b>Median Age</b>	44.0	45.8	36.3	41.4

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Age structure (analyzing which proportions of a municipality's population are in which stages of life) gives a nuanced view of the makeup of a community. To compare age structure, the percentage of the population in Crystal is divided into the following age groupings.

» Under 5 (Pre School)	3.3%
» 5 to 19 (School Aged)	17.7%
» 20 to 29 (Young Adult)	14.0%
» 30-44 (Family Forming)	16.0%
» 45 to 64 (Mature Families)	28.4%
» Over 65 (Retirement)	20.6%

As the census data above indicates, the majority of the Township's residents are mature families and retirement age citizens. The median age of the Township is also quite a bit older than some of the comparison communities, and the County as a whole.



Further, in recent years, changing trends in childcare show that grandparents are taking a larger role in assisting with childcare needs for parents. As such, parks facilities and playgrounds are more frequently utilized by seniors, older adults, and those of retirement age. For this reason, it is imperative that park design and amenities also accommodate this age group as well. These amenities can include more benches and seating areas, pavilions, walking paths, and other items.

**INCOME**

Household income data can have important planning implications. Current income levels suggest that Township residents need quality and accessible public recreation, as residents are more likely to utilize public rather than private recreation facilities due to cost. The table below illustrates the median household income trend since 2010.

**Table 3: Median Household Income**

Year	Median Household Income
2010	\$57,750.42
2015	\$55,200.31
2022	\$66,327.51

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010, 2015, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, \*2024 inflation-adjusted dollars

**DISABILITIES**

While it is encouraged that all park and play equipment in the Township is ADA compliant, the type of disability and number of residents impacted by disabilities will impact the design and accommodations within the Township’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and on future improvements to Township facilities. The Census Bureau reports that approximately 4.4% of residents under age 65 have a disability of some sort in Montcalm County in 2022.

Planning for parks and recreation could result in positive health outcomes for the population. Accommodations could include ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility concerns for those who suffer from ambulatory difficulties or installing audible and visually assisted cross walks that assist those who may be visually or hearing impaired. Township park improvements in the future should consider activities and amenities that can easily be used and accessed by all individuals of all ages and abilities. This will meet the current recreational needs of Crystal Township and provide quality amenities for the future.



## Inclusive Play

For children with and without disabilities, the community playground can facilitate a positive environment for physical activity and inclusion.

The ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), signed into law in 2010, detail enforceable standards for physical accessibility. However, these standards do not include elements designed for children with Down syndrome, sensory disorders, and visual and hearing impairments.

New attention has been focused on inclusive playgrounds and universal design that can serve a diverse population, including children with physical, cognitive, emotional and sensory disabilities.

The following elements are considered essential activities for inclusive play:

- » Sensory play
- » Music
- » Swinging
- » Spinning
- » Sliding
- » Socialization/imaginative
- » Safety, comfort and access

*Sources: United States Access Board, Landscape Structures; InclusivePlaygrounds.org*

# Physical Characteristics



## TOPOGRAPHY

Much like other areas of mid-Michigan, the topography in Crystal is relatively flat throughout the community with the exception of the northwest corner, being a bit higher in elevation. The elevation of Crystal Township is approximately 787 feet. It is not likely that topography will play a role in play equipment or future needs for parks amenities or upgrades.

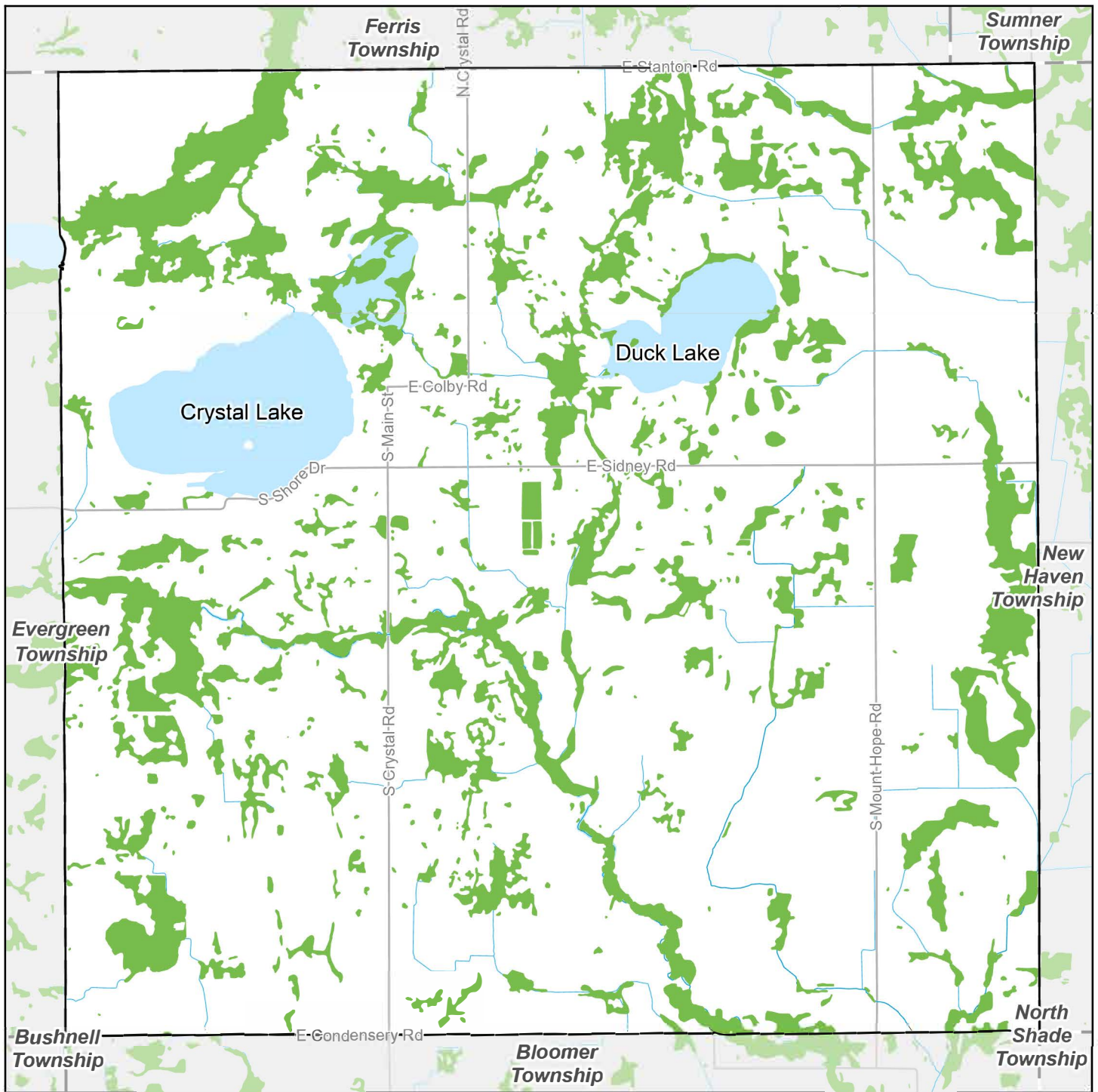
## WETLANDS

Wetlands are characterized by water saturation in the root zone, or above the soil surface, for a certain amount of time during the year. The fluctuation of the water table above and below the soil surface is unique to each wetland type.

Wetlands play a critical role in regulating the movement of water within watersheds. They store precipitation and surface water and then slowly release the water into associated water resources, ground water, and the atmosphere. Wetlands also help maintain the level of the water table and may serve as filters for sediments and organic matter. They may also serve as a sink to catch water, or transform nutrients, organic compounds, metals, and components of organic matter. Wetlands can impact levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, carbon, sulfur, and various metals. Without them, water quality decreases, areas are prone to flash flooding and habitat for specialized plants and animals is reduced.

The wetlands in Crystal Township are dispersed and are primarily associated with low-lying areas, drainages, creeks, and rivers. The three categories seen on map 1 below are riverine, palustrine, and lacustrine wetlands. Riverine wetlands include areas along a river or channel. Palustrine wetlands are areas along marshes, swamps, bogs, fens, and wet prairies. These are freshwater wetlands including trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, vegetation that persists throughout the year, and mosses. Lacustrine wetlands are areas associated with lakes, depressions, or dammed channels greater than 10,000 meters squared.





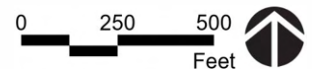
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Crystal Township,  
Montcalm County, Michigan

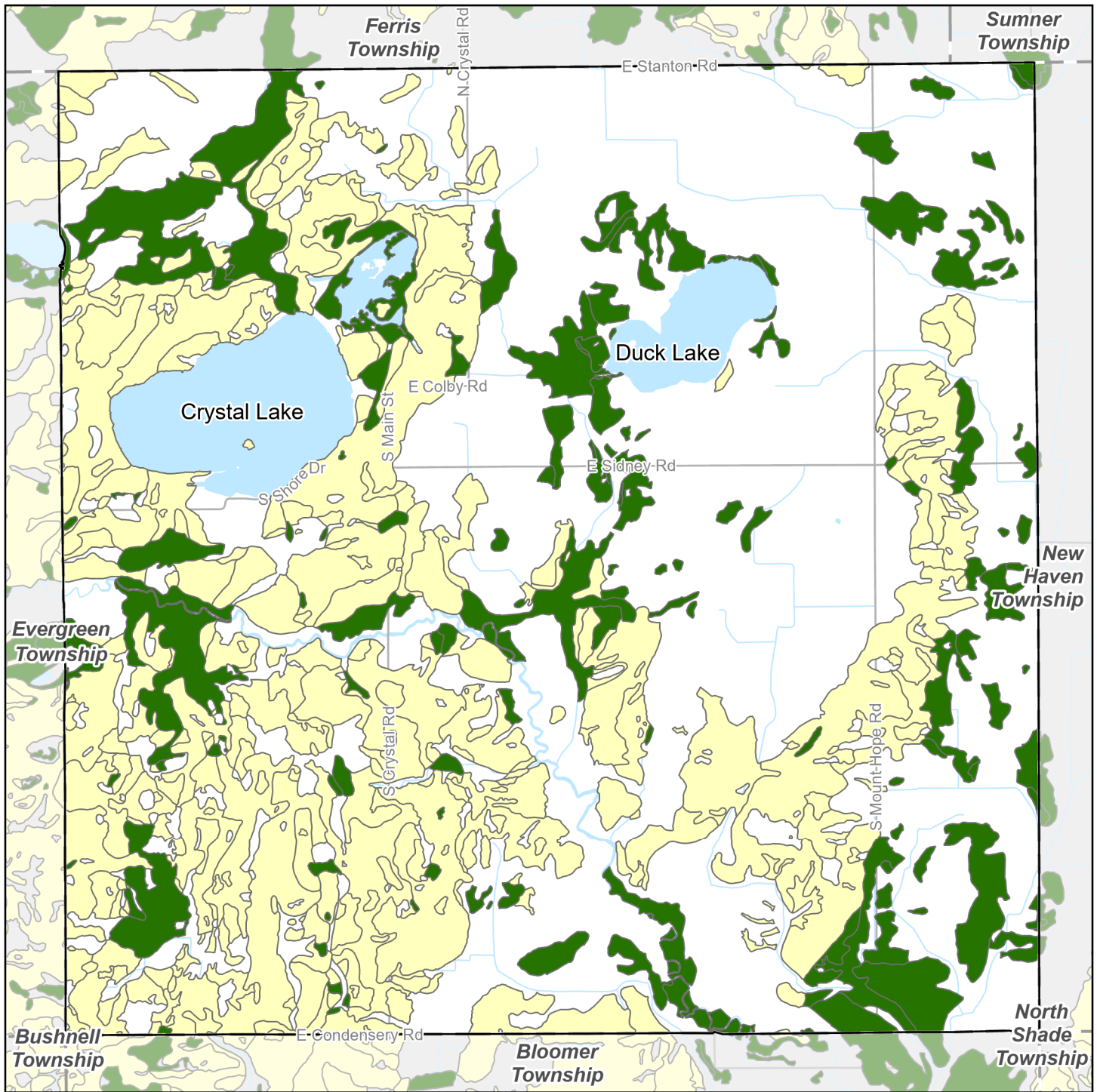
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## LEGEND

- Palustrine
- Riverine
- Lacustrine



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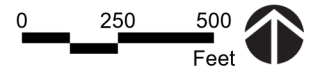
# Natural Features

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## LEGEND

- Crop cover
- Tree cover
- Lakes and Rivers



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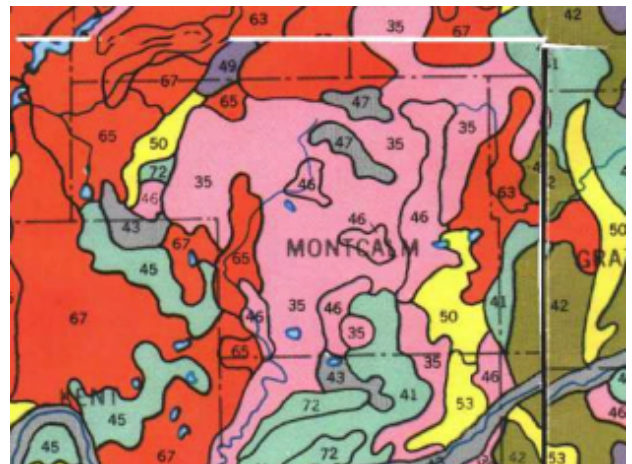




## SOILS

Soil characteristics have an important influence on the ability of land to support various types of equipment, drainage, and park target locations. Four specific soil characteristics influence their ability to be used for various purposes. These include the following:

- » Bearing capacity: the ability to support the weight of trails, buildings, and vehicles
- » Erodibility/stability: the susceptibility to withstand erosion hazards
- » Drainage: the ability for soils to retain, drain, and receive water
- » Resource value: the economic worth



The Michigan State University soil associations map, using U.S. Department of Agriculture data, lists four soil associations in Crystal Township. Categories of soils with different characteristics and physical properties were identified as part of the survey.

A number of individual soil types are present in the Township. These individual categories are grouped together into several generalized classifications of soils that share similar characteristics. The characteristics of these categories are described as follows:

- » Marlette-Capac Association
- » Boyer-Wasepi Association
- » Perrinton-Ithaca Association
- » Moreley-Glynwood-Blount Association

## VEGETATION

Montcalm County is largely rural in nature. As such, Crystal Township's vegetation (as well as the area as a whole) can be described as cropland with some wooded areas. With the area's prominent agricultural community, the County also includes large areas with few trees where farming and agricultural activities take place.

Vegetative trends in the Township include plants that thrive in wetlands and farmlands as well as other popular types of deciduous trees and shrubs frequently grown in Michigan. Examples of these include:

- » Maples
- » Ash
- » Birch
- » Hemlock
- » Beech
- » Oaks
- » Elms

## CLIMATE

According to U.S. Climate Data, the average temperature near Crystal is 46.5 degrees Fahrenheit, with the average high at 58 degrees Fahrenheit and average low at 35 degrees Fahrenheit. The yearly high temperature averages 83 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer and 13 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter. This climate is suitable for a variety of outdoor recreational activities, such as biking, running, ice skating, hockey, etc.

## ROAD NETWORK

Crystal Township's circulation system can be largely described as being grid-like in structure. The Township has mostly lower speed residential roads with lower traffic volumes. Main Street runs parallel to Crystal Lake. Roads adjacent to Crystal Lake are residential in nature or lead to a public space such as Crystal Township Park and Beach. In general, the Township does not have an expansive road network or road system. There are a few corridors that serve most of the Township's traffic which include:

- » Main Street (South Crystal Road)
- » South Mt. Hope Road
- » Sidney Road
- » North and South Shore Drive



# Chapter 3.

## Parks and Recreation Board

### Administrative Organization

As the number of facilities and programs has changed over the years, the administrative structure has changed to better manage those facilities and programs. Figure 1 illustrates the administrative structure currently in place.

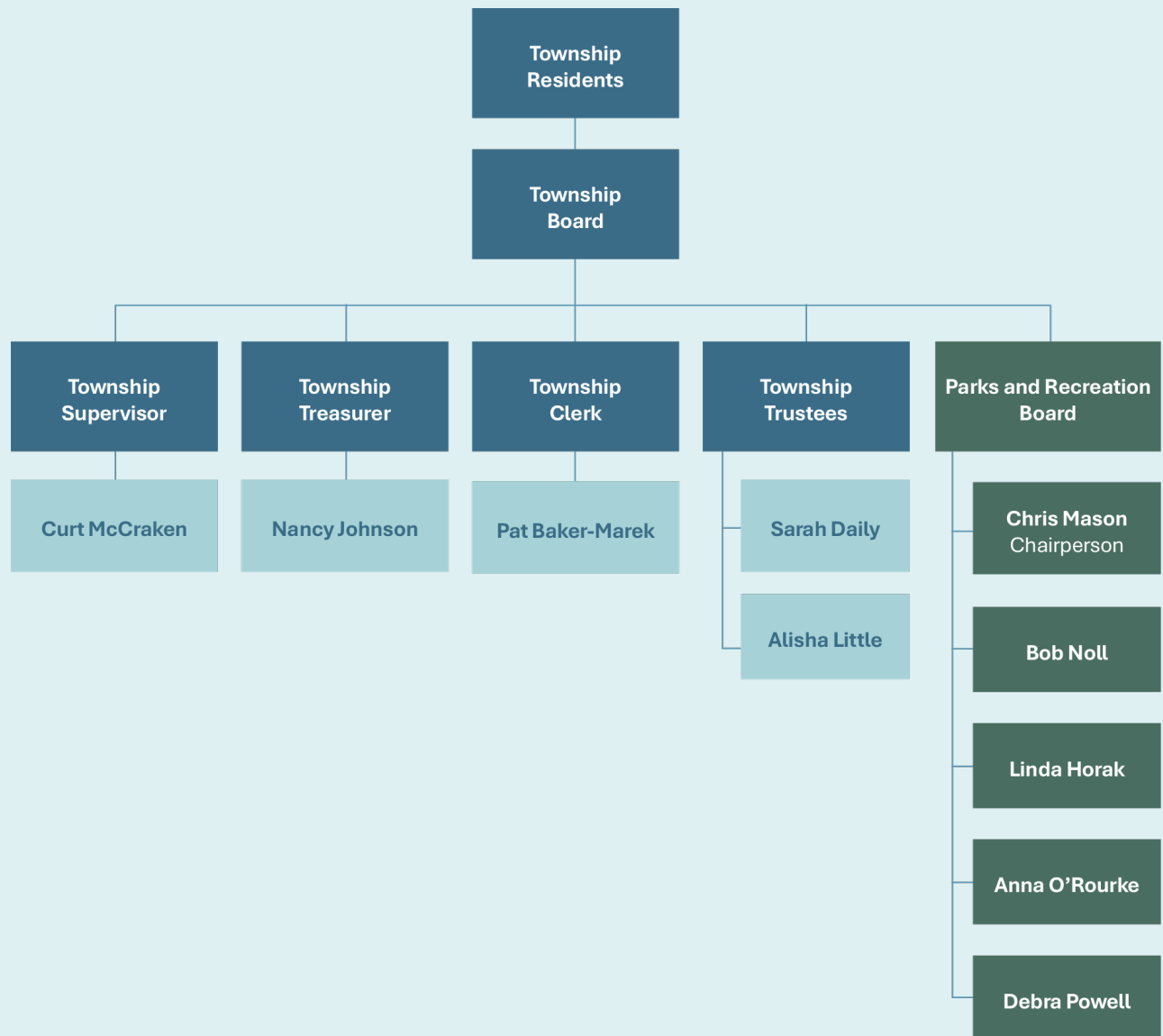
The Township Board, along with the Parks and Recreation Board, controls the development and administration of parks and recreation within the Township. The Parks and Recreation Board is in charge of ensuring the adequacy of the Township parks and developing plans for facilities and services that would enhance recreational activities.



South Pier Park



**Figure 1: Crystal Township Administrative Structure**



## PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDING

The Township Supervisor and the Department of Public Works (DPW) operates, maintains, and repairs Township facilities. The funding for the operation and maintenance of the Township parks comes from the Township's general fund, as the Township does not have a separate Parks and Recreation budget. The following are line items associated with parks expenses:

**Table 4: Crystal Township Budget**

Description	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Rentals	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,450
Salary/Wages	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$93,500
FICA	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,800
Medicare	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,355
Clothing Allowance	\$400	\$600	\$200
Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,060
Gasoline/Fuel	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,350
Communications	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,100
Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$850
Trash Disposal	\$15,000	\$8,000	\$9,000
Sewer Usage	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$2,960
Maintenance/Repairs	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
Equipment	\$16,000	\$42,750	\$52,750
296 Parks Development	\$0	\$367,949.58	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$174,600</b>	<b>\$545,400</b>	<b>\$200,725</b>

Since the Township does not have a separate Parks and Recreation budget, they have created a proposed budget for the next five years summarizing the estimated needs and expenditures. The proposed budget is outlined on the following page:





**Table 5: Proposed Budget, Crystal Township**

Description	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Salary	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180	\$3,180
Social Security	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Medicare	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Insurance	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700
Unemployment	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
Clothing Allowance	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Communications	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Utilities	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Gasoline/Fuel	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Supplies/ Equipment	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Fixed Equipment & Furniture	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Maintenance	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Trash Removal	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
Building & Park Repairs	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Concession Workers	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Ball Fields Coordinator	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Summer Events	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Miscellaneous	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$120,080</b>	<b>\$120,080</b>	<b>\$120,080</b>	<b>\$120,080</b>	<b>\$120,080</b>

## GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the basic operating fund for the Crystal Township. It is also the traditional source of operating funds for parks and recreation. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, interest on investments, and court fines or forfeitures. Recreation program facility rental fees are usually channeled through the General Fund.

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND

The Downtown Development Authority is an organization comprised of Crystal residents that are local business owners or members of the public providing insight into improvements to the district. The DDA is funded by the 1994 Tax Increment Financing plan, to be updated again in 2027, and general fundraising and investments. Tax increment financing (TIF) provides a means for an eligible district, area, or property to capture increases in property tax revenue from other taxing authorities to help fund certain eligible activities. This sub-unit of the Township but has complete autonomy on how its funds are utilized. The parks expenses come exclusively from the Township budget. Any improvement funds the DDA has utilized for the park or park activities are not required and ancillary.

## USER FEES

Fees can be charged by the community to the users of specific recreation facilities or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Crystal Township has user fees for renting spaces such as the Community Center, Community Room, and Gym. Other communities throughout Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, wave pools, use of lighted athletic fields, and use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in the municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services.

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANTS

Following is a summary of the three most well-known recreation grant programs now available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for communities that have an up-to-date recreation plan:

### Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

Eligible projects include acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty, including additions to existing parks, forest lands or wildlife areas. Development of public outdoor-recreation facilities is eligible (such as picnic areas, beaches, boating access, fishing and hunting facilities, winter sports areas, playgrounds, ballfields, tennis courts, and trails). Funds are provided through sale of oil and mineral leases on State land. Local contributions equal to at least 25 percent of the project cost are required. There is no minimum or maximum amount for acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000.

There are three special initiatives approved by the Trust Fund Board of Trustees. Proposals will receive special attention if they:

- » Are located within U.S. Census Bureau Metropolitan Statistical Areas;
- » Increase environmental education facilities statewide; but particularly in urban areas; and
- » Acquire land or develop trail ways that contribute to the development of a statewide trail network.

### Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Administered eligible projects include community recreation and trailway improvements. These are grants of \$10,000 to \$250,000 to local units of government for development of facilities such as ballfields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails and picnic areas; and including support facilities; renovation of existing facilities and retrofitting of existing facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities. Funds are provided through federal appropriations. The grant match basis is 50 percent MDNR/50 percent local.

### Recreation Passport

The Recreation Passport program is funded through the proceeds of park passes purchased for admission to State Parks in Michigan. Grants of between \$7,500 and \$75,000 are available to communities mainly for the improvement of existing parks, though new park development is technically eligible.

## LEASE OR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

Crystal Township could consider contracts with private entrepreneurs to provide services at township-owned park facilities, such as recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Typically, the privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities available to residents, while minimizing the Township's administrative costs.

## Grant History

Though Crystal Township does not regularly receive grant funding for maintenance or improvements to its parks, it has been a recipient of grant funds for specific capital projects in the past. Table 6 provides a description of the projects for which the Township received grant funding.

**Table 6: Crystal Grant History**

Project Year	Project Title	Grant Amount	Project Description
1978	Noll Park	\$30,207	Installation of four tennis courts, access drive, parking and LWCF sign.
2000	Crystal Park and Beach	\$70,000	Development of waterfront park on Crystal Lake to include seawalls, sidewalks, play equipment, parking lot expansion, picnic area and restroom facility foundation/enclosure.
2021	Crystal Park and Beach	\$300,000	Development of Crystal Township's Park on Crystal Lake, approximately 300 feet of beach and lake viewing via a cascading terrace built into the existing hill. The project will renovate the access pathway to incorporate two universally accessible ramp systems to the terraces and includes mobility beach mats from the lowest terrace to the water.
2024	Crystal Park and Beach	\$72,049	Installation of two pavilions along with associated sidewalks and picnic tables (8), including two ADA compliant. This grant was requested by the Crystal Township DDA and funded by the MSHDA MI Neighborhood Grant.





# Chapter 4.

## Inventory of Recreational Facilities and Programs Overview

The physical inventory of local facilities consisted of site inspections of all Township parks and recreation sites. An inventory of playground equipment and park facilities was recorded and reviewed with regard to location, acreage, quantity, quality, accessibility, and condition. The regional inventory consisted of review and compilation of regional park facilities.



## Municipal Facilities

Currently within Crystal Township, the Township owns and operates five parks - one mini-park and four community parks (see Map 3). All these facilities are owned and maintained by Crystal Township.

**Mini-parks** serve a concentrated population or specific group, such as families with very young children or senior citizens, as determined by the distance that can be easily traveled by the local user. The facilities that are provided in these types of parks are generally specialized, such as play equipment or green space with benches for passive activities. The area served by a mini-park is generally considered to be less than one quarter 1/4- mile radius in size. This will vary slightly depending on ease or difficulty of access and the character of the facility. Nationally accepted standards for mini-parks recommend 0.25 to 0.5 an acre, one (1) acre being the desirable size.

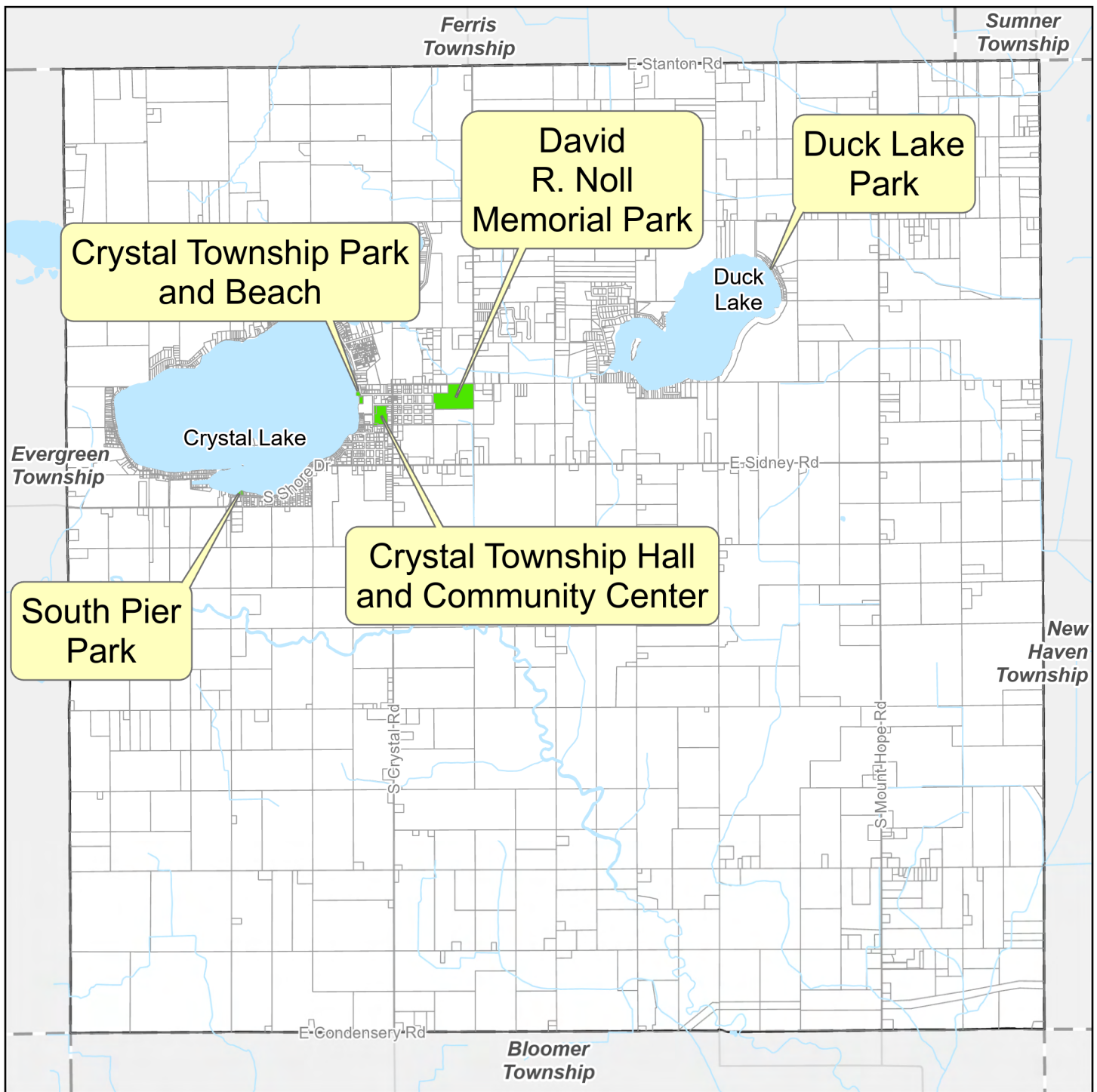
**Community parks** serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks and provide a range of facilities and spaces capable of supporting structured and unstructured community participation. These areas are typically between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve two or more neighborhoods within a half-to three-mile distance. Facilities may include wooded or natural areas, picnic shelters and grills, bike or hiking trails and other semi-active and passive uses for large groups of people. They may also contain specialized recreational facilities such as swimming pools, community centers and lighted ball diamonds. Community parks should be easily accessible from throughout their service area.

Table 7 illustrates the existing inventory of recreational equipment and fields at these facilities. Play areas include various fields for organized games such as basketball, baseball, and soccer. Hard court areas include tennis courts and pickleball courts. Play structures are modular equipment while playground equipment includes swing sets, slides and jungle gyms. Passive areas include picnic areas or nature/hiking trail/foot paths.

The inventory indicates that Crystal has a variety of play equipment and facilities.







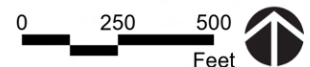
# Recreational Features

Crystal Township,  
Montcalm County, Michigan

October 30, 2024

## LEGEND

-  Streams and Drains
-  Lakes and Rivers
-  Parcels
-  South Pier Park
-  Duck Lake Park
-  David R. Noll Memorial Park
-  Crystal Township Park and Beach
-  Crystal Township Hall and Community Center



Basemap Source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, v. 17a.  
Data Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service 2023.  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2023.  
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**Table 7: Existing Parks**

	Public Parks	Crystal Township Park and Beach	David R Noll Memorial Park	South Pier Park	Duck Lake Park	Township Hall and Community Center	Totals:
	Acres	7	19	2	0.25	5.41	33.66
	Park Category	Community	Community	Community	Mini	Community	-
	Accessibility Rating	3	2	3	2	4	-
<b>Waterfront</b>	Beach/Lake Access	4	0	0	1	0	5
	Pier/Dock	2	0	1	0	0	3
	Swimming Pool	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Organized Sports</b>	Basketball	0	1	0	0	1	2
	Baseball Diamond	0	3	0	0	0	3
	Soccer Fields	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Football Fields	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Beach Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tennis Courts	0	3	0	0	0	3
	Pickleball Courts	0	4	0	0	0	4
	Disc Golf	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Play Areas</b>	Swings	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Jungle Jim	1	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Passive Areas</b>	Mini Library	1	1	1	0	0	3
	Natural Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trail/ Sidewalk	1	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Amenities</b>	Pavilion	0	1	1	0	0	2
	Bleachers	0	8	0	0	0	8
	Benches	16	3	2	0	1	22
	Picnic Tables	24	15	3	1	1	44
	Grill	5	2	2	0	0	9
	Restrooms	2	3	2	1	1	9
	Trash Bins	27	4	3	1	1	36
	Doggy Bag Station	1	0	1	0	0	2

## Accessibility Guidelines

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

## School Facilities

The Carson City-Crystal School District has four schools. These include:

- » Carson City Elementary School
- » Carson City-Crystal UE/MS
- » Carson City-Crystal High School
- » Carson City-Crystal Virtual Academy

Central Montcalm Public Schools has five schools. These include:

- » Central Montcalm Elementary
- » Central Montcalm Upper Elementary
- » Central Montcalm Middle School
- » Central Montcalm High School
- » Central Montcalm Adult Education

Neither of the Districts have schools that are located within the Township boundary.

Crystal Township has an ongoing rental agreement with 8 Cap, an organization offering two Head Start Programs for children ages 0-3 and 3-5 years old. The Early Head Start program for ages 0-3 offers family-centered services for low-income families. The latter program offers a variety of educational activities to prepare kids for kindergarten.

## Other Recreation Facilities

Crystal Township has multiple private recreation facilities in addition to the Township's four public parks. These include:

- » Rainbow Gardens Roller Rink and Event Center
- » Crystal Sailing Club
- » Crystal Lake Boat Launch
- » South Shore Campground
- » Fairway Farms Golf Course
- » Pakes Road State Land
- » Crystal Motor Speedway
- » Movie Theater

Further, Crystal Township has a Library and the Crystal Historical Society and Museum. The library hosts activities for the community such as book clubs, bingo, game nights, and more. The museum has open hours for tours during the summer months and provides support for community events.

# Regional Recreation Resources

Regional recreation areas are large facilities serving people within a broad geographic area. The region has been defined as the area within roughly a one-half to one hour driving radius of Crystal. The size and type of facilities vary.

In addition, nearby regional recreational facilities include parks and facilities owned and operated by Montcalm County.

## COUNTY OWNED PARKS

- » Camp Ford Lincoln
- » Carl Paepke Flat River Nature Park
- » Krampe Park
- » McCarthy Park
- » Schmeid Park

## OTHER PARKS

Park Name	Location	Distance from Crystal Township
<b>Alan G. Davis Park</b>	900 E Kent Rd, Greenville, MI 48838	23.3 miles
<b>Artman Park</b>	7000 Amy School Rd, Howard City, MI 49329	45.9 miles
<b>Baldwin Lake</b>	651 W Baldwin Lake Dr, Greenville, MI 48838	24.5 miles
<b>Bass Lake</b>	16665, 16517 Bass Lake Ave NE, Gowen, MI 49326	23.9 miles
<b>Comden-Towle Model Forest</b>	3000-3758 N Hillman Rd, Lakeview, MI 48850	23.8 miles
<b>Cooper Creek County Park</b>	13807 17 Mile Rd NE, Gowen, MI 49326	26.0 miles
<b>Curtis Park</b>	401- 419 S 3rd St, Edmore, MI 48829	22.5 miles
<b>Danish Kingdom Playground</b>	900 E Kent Rd, Greenville, MI 48838	22.9 miles
<b>D. Hale Brake Park</b>	122 E Lake St, Stanton, MI 48888	10.4 miles
<b>East Riverside Park</b>	700 Park St, Belding, MI 48809	26.8 miles
<b>First Lake Park</b>	9888 Park Rd, Six Lakes, MI 48886	27.1 miles
<b>Forest Hill Nature Area</b>	11297 N Rich Rd, Alma, MI 48801	22.8 miles
<b>Grove Park</b>	516 N Williams St, Carson City, MI 48811	5.7 miles
<b>Haradine Park</b>	Carson City, MI 48811	5.1 miles
<b>Lakeside Park</b>	6th St, Lakeview, MI 48850	34.9 miles
<b>Lake Steven Preserve</b>	Riverdale, MI 48877	7.4 miles
<b>Lumberjack &amp; Rivermen's Park</b>	9160 N Lumberjack Rd, Riverdale, MI 48877	15.3 miles
<b>Luneack Landing</b>	N Luce Rd, Alma, MI 48801	18.4 miles
<b>Maddie's Park</b>	Stanton, MI 48888	13.9 miles
<b>Marl Lake Roadside Park</b>	6697 E Howard City-Edmore, Vestaburg, MI 48891	13.0 miles
<b>Mickey's Marker</b>	Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, Edmore, MI 48829	16.5 miles
<b>Paul Hubscher Park</b>	8300 W Washington Rd, Sumner, MI 48889	9.4 miles
<b>Pearl Lake Park</b>	Sheridan, MI 48884	11.9 miles
<b>Tower Park</b>	825 W South St, Greenville, MI 48838	23.8 miles
<b>West Park</b>	11877 E Carson City Rd, Carson City, MI 48811	5.0 miles



## MDNR MANAGED BOAT LAUNCHES

- » Okie Dokie Boat Launch
- » Swan Lake Boat Launch
- » Crystal Lake Boat Launch

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- » Big Chuck Disc Golf Course
- » Edmore Golf Course
- » Mid-Michigan Motorplex
- » Pine River Country Club

## CAMPGROUNDS

- » Belvidere Township Park
- » Family Campground
- » Leisure Lake Family Campground
- » Michigan Adventist Campground
- » Nature's Chain of Lakes Campground
- » Oak Grove Campground
- » Three Seasons Family Campground
- » Townline Lake Campground
- » Snow Lake Kampground

## Historical Recreation Sites

The Crystal Community Center hosts display, and genealogy research information set up by the Crystal Township Historical Society.

## Recreation Programs

Crystal Township partners with a few organizations that host programs for the public such as Karate, T-Ball, and Pickleball

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# Chapter 5.

## Basis for Action Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has adopted a set of standards, based upon those developed by the National Parks and Recreation Association (NPRA), to determine the need for recreation facilities in each community. These standards establish 1) the specific recreation facilities such as tennis courts or soccer fields, which should be available based upon the population of the community; and 2) the “service areas,” or number and type of parks that should be available to residents within a certain distance of their homes. Each of these standards will be applied to the existing inventory of community-wide and school district recreation facilities to determine if deficiencies are present. The results of this analysis will be incorporated, in part, into the Action Plan that follows.



*Noll Memorial Park*

# Analysis of Existing Facilities and Service Areas

Recreation facilities serving Crystal residents are compared to the MDNR standards in Table 7. These comparisons provide a general idea of deficiencies, but it must be understood that the MDNR standards are not intended to be followed to the letter. The needs of the population vary from one community to the next.

## Summary of Public Input

### RECREATION OPINION SURVEY

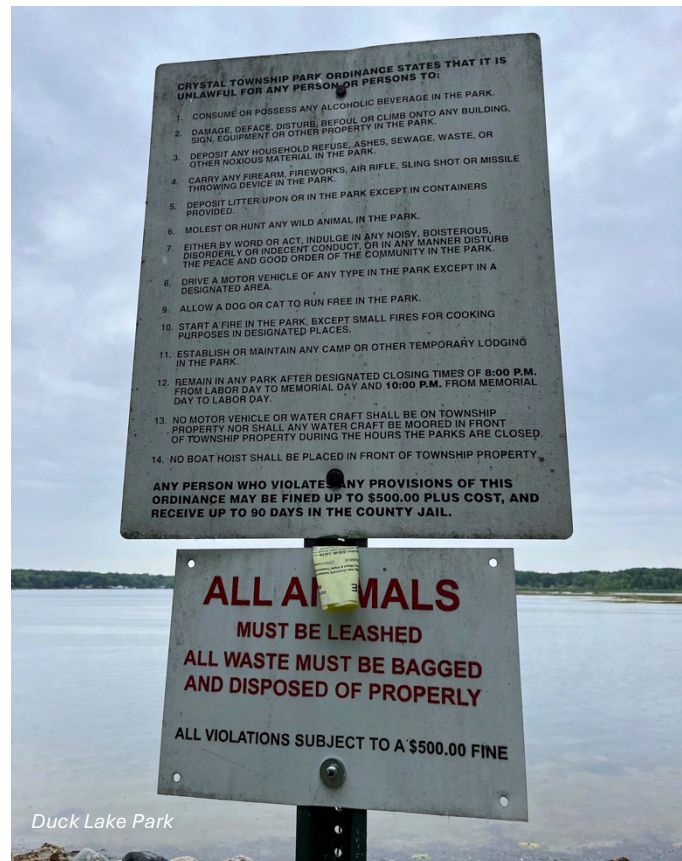
An important component of the public engagement for Crystal Township’s update to its Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the online copy received 212 responses, and the “hard copy” survey was taken by 5 respondents.

### SURVEY RESULTS

#### Park Assets

Respondents were asked to provide their opinion on the Township’s greatest recreational assets. Some of the most popular responses to this question include:

- » Public beach, lake access
- » Crystal Lake
- » Noll Park
- » Downtown Crystal Park and Beach
- » Natural features like lakes, sunsets
- » Boat Launch
- » Pavilion for concerts and picnics
- » Duck Lake
- » Pickleball Courts
- » Open land
- » Baseball fields
- » Crystal Motor Speedway
- » Library and theatre





## Visiting Crystal's Parks

Respondents were asked if they (or a household member) have visited the following recreation facilities in the past year. Responses include:

Park Facility	Yes	No
Crystal Township Park and Beach	93%	7%
David R Noll Memorial Park	81%	19%
South Pier Park	55%	45%
Duck Lake Park	22%	78%

Further, respondents were then asked to indicate how their experience was when they visited each park facility. Responses include:

Park Facility	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	I Have Not Visited this Park
Crystal Township Park and Beach	40%	47%	6%	4%	2%
David R Noll Memorial Park	36%	45%	7%	6%	6%
South Pier Park	24%	36%	9%	10%	21%
Duck Lake Park	10%	20%	6%	4%	59%



## Park Improvements

Respondents were asked to provide feedback on suggested improvements to the existing facilities that would encourage more use. Some of the most common responses include:

- » Bathrooms
- » Amenities like trash cans, picnic tables, benches, landscaping, updated playground equipment, and fitness stations
- » Pathways and trails
- » Sidewalks
- » Pavilions
- » Safety enforcement
- » Continuing and improving maintenance
- » More parking
- » Handicap accessibility
- » Dog park

## Park Access

Respondents were asked to note how long they are willing to drive to a park.

- » Less than 10 minutes: 49%
- » 11-20 minutes: 30%
- » 21-30 minutes: 11%
- » More than 30 minutes: 10%

Respondents were asked to note how long they are willing to walk to a park.

- » Less than 10 minutes: 45%
- » 11-20 minutes: 35%
- » 21-30 minutes: 14%
- » More than 30 minutes: 6%

The next question asked respondents how often they would ride their bicycle to access parks and recreational assets.

- » A couple times per week: 22%
- » A couple times per month: 13%
- » At least once per month: 5%
- » A couple times per year: 16%
- » At least once per year: 6%
- » Never: 39%

## Park Impressions

Overall, respondents indicated the following levels of satisfaction with parks maintenance, appearance, and cleanliness.

- » Satisfied: 40%
- » Somewhat satisfied: 43%
- » Unsatisfied: 11%
- » Strongly dissatisfied: 5%

Participants were asked to provide a response on what would make the Township's parks more user-friendly for all individuals (responses in descending order):

- » Accessible parking: 62%
- » Accessible playgrounds: 43%
- » Paved trails: 41%
- » Accessible spectators' viewing areas: 32%
- » Accessible waterfront access: 31%
- » Flatter, easier grades: 28%
- » Interpretive signage: 8%

Respondents were asked to select the reasons that prevent them from using any of the Township's recreation facilities, programs, and parks (in descending order):

- » Insufficient number or quality of restroom facilities: 59%
- » None / no opinion: 30%
- » Availability of parking: 17%
- » Facilities are not well maintained: 16%
- » Desired program or feature is not offered: 15%
- » Facilities do not have the right equipment: 11%
- » Security is insufficient: 11%
- » I attend parks and recreation facilities provided by other communities or organizations: 8%
- » Quality of programs is poor: 5%
- » Online registration for programs is not offered: 5%
- » I participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations: 3%
- » Registration for programs is difficult: 3%
- » Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access: 3%
- » Program times are not convenient: 2%
- » I do not know the location of parks and facilities: 2%
- » Too far from residence: 1%
- » Fees are too high: 1%

## New Programs

Respondents provided a short answer response as to their opinions on new amenities or programs they would add to the Township's parks and recreation system. The most common responses include:

- » Adult fitness
- » Bike trail/path
- » Walking/hiking trail
- » Playground upgrades
- » Dog park
- » Special events/festivals

## Respondent Characteristics

### Age Range

- » 75 and over: 9%
- » 65-74: 36%
- » 55-64: 20%
- » 45-54: 16%
- » 35-44: 10%
- » 25-34: 6%
- » 18-24: 1%
- » 17 and younger: 0.5%



## Residence location

- » I am a resident of the Crystal Township: 72%
- » I am a property owner in Crystal: 60%
- » I shop or dine in Crystal: 56%
- » I live nearby: 20%
- » I attend an institution in Crystal (e.g. church, library, etc.): 18%
- » I work in Crystal: 7%
- » Other (please specify): 6%
- » I am a business owner in Crystal: 4%

## Spreading the Word

Best way to inform about Crystal parks facilities and recreational programs:

- » Social Media: 82%
- » Community Calendar of Events: 43%
- » E-mail Blasts: 32%
- » Brochures/Flyers: 31%
- » Word of Mouth: 29%
- » Friends and Neighbors: 27%
- » Municipality Website: 25%
- » Advertisements: 18%
- » Other (please specify): 4%

## Summary

Overall, survey responses indicate an overall satisfaction with the Township's parks and recreation facilities. As the Township moves into implementation phase of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, consideration should be given to the following items:

- » Updated playground equipment at all playgrounds
- » Adult fitness and wellness stations
- » More walking and biking paths
- » Opportunities for more children and adult programming, such as yoga, arts and crafts, or sporting leagues
- » Exploring the availability of parking at Crystal Township Park and Beach
- » Improved maintenance resources
- » Dog park
- » Special events/festivals
- » Updated bathrooms at each park
- » Amenities like trash cans, picnic tables, benches, landscaping, updated playground equipment, and fitness stations
- » Replace old pavilions
- » Safety enforcement
- » Handicap accessibility

# Recreation Deficiencies

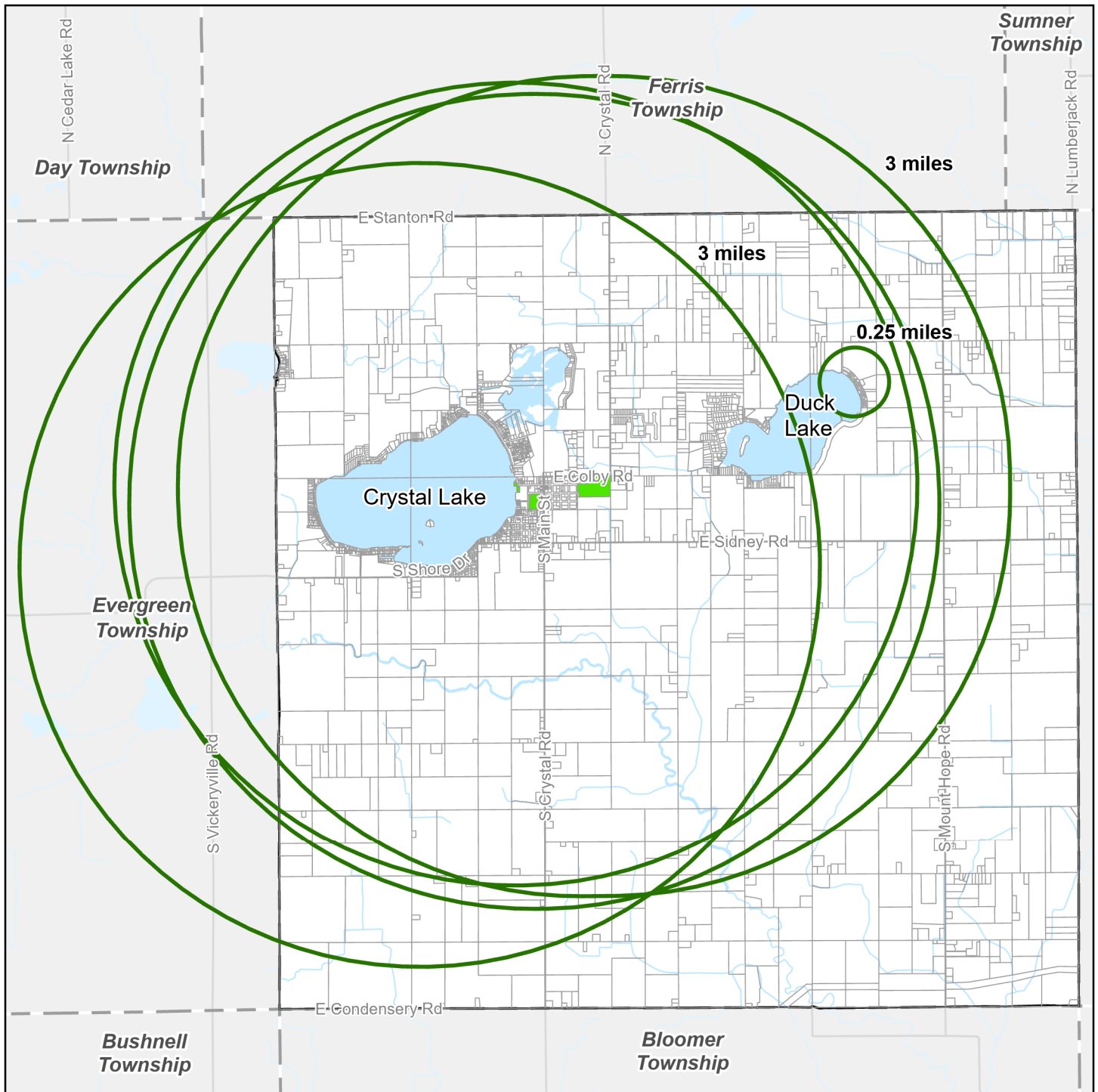
## SERVICE AREAS

Crystal Township is largely served by a park of some capacity, be it a community park or a mini park. Map 4 on the following page depicts the parks service area associations in Crystal Township, which are as follows:

- » **Mini Park:** 0.25-mile service area
- » **Community Park:** 3-mile service area

The average person is willing to walk 0.5 miles to a park. Map 5 below illustrates these areas surrounding the existing parks. The southeastern portion of the Township is not served by a park facility. However, it should be noted that the areas underserved by parks include mostly agricultural and some industrial land. On the northernmost portion of the Township, a few rural residential homes are underserved by parks facilities as well.





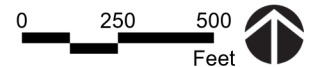
# Service Areas

Crystal Township,  
Montcalm County, Michigan

October 30, 2024

## LEGEND

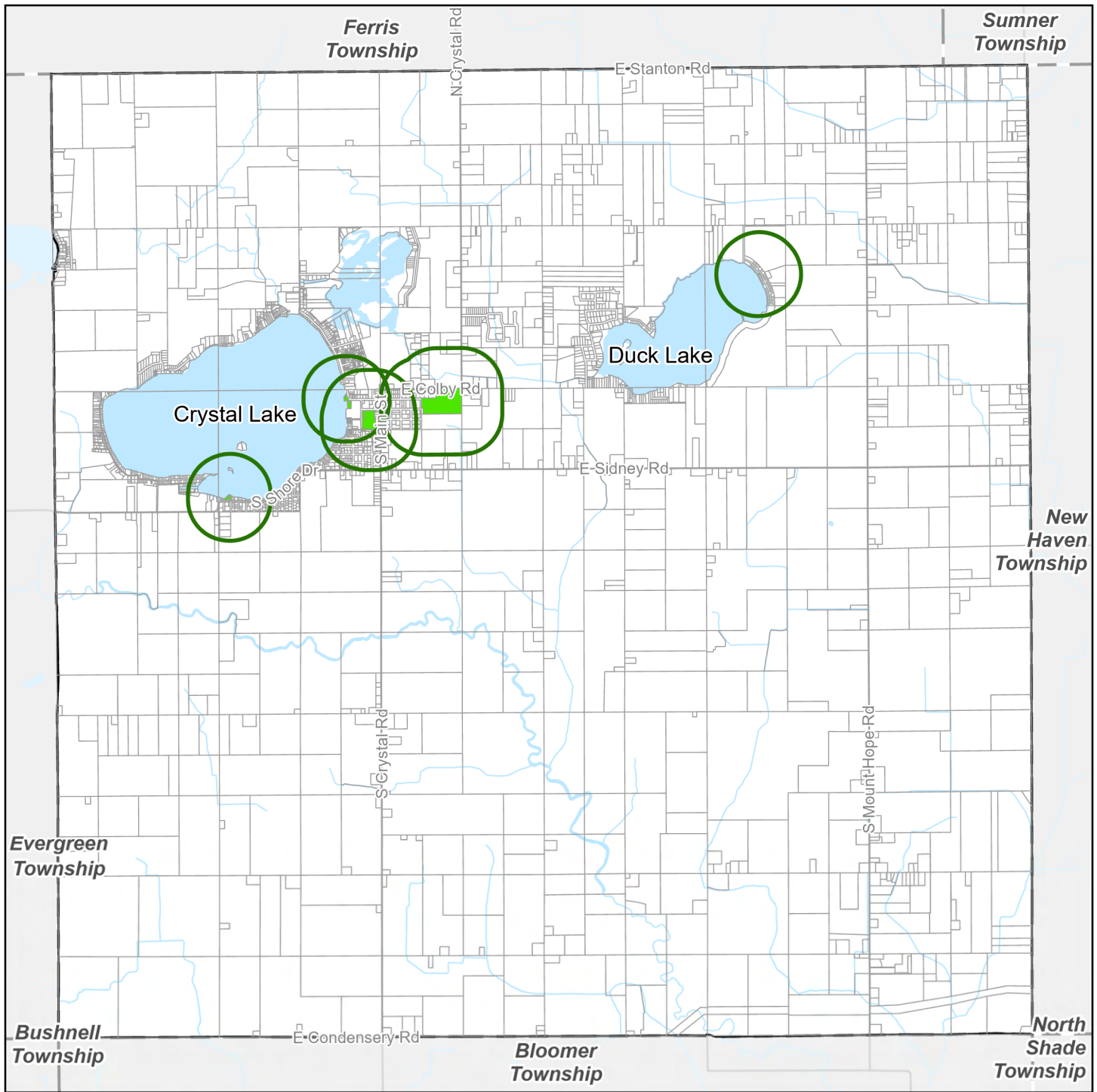
- Service Area
- Parks
- Lakes and Rivers
- Streams and Drains



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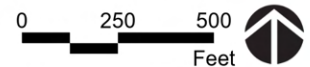
# Walkability Assessment

Crystal Township,  
Montcalm County, Michigan

October 30, 2024

## LEGEND

- Parks
- 5 Minute Walking Radius
- Lakes and Rivers
- Streams and Drains



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## EXISTING FACILITIES

Table 8 outlines recreation standards recommended by the National Recreation and Park Association and by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. These standards recommend minimum standards for different recreation facilities based on existing and projected population. According to this analysis, the Crystal Township parks generally do not meet the standards for multiple facilities with the exception of tennis courts, ball fields, playgrounds, and picnic areas.

The raw numbers do not address the quality of existing parks and recreation facilities. Upon closer examination, deficiencies or limitations are apparent because of the maintenance, level of development and individual size of existing facilities.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Crystal Township includes three parks with an accessibility score of over three. Those are: Crystal Township Park and Beach, South Pier Park, and Township Hall. In general, the Township's accessibility score for the following parks indicates the need for more ADA compliant playgrounds and recreational facilities:

- » **Duck Lake Park**, accessibility score of 2
- » **David R. Noll Memorial Park**, accessibility score of 2

Explored further throughout this Plan is the need to achieve more accessibility to Crystal's parks in terms of ADA compliance and non-motorized connectivity.

## PROGRAM DEFICIENCIES

The following program and recreational deficiencies were identified by the public survey

- » Bathrooms
- » Adult fitness and wellness stations
- » Pathways
- » Outdated playgrounds and play equipment
- » Dog Park
- » Special events/festivals
- » Children and adult programming



## PEDESTRIAN LINKAGES

Pedestrian linkages and connectivity are vital components of an effective Parks and Recreation Master Plan, as they enhance accessibility and encourage community engagement. By creating well-designed pathways and safe routes, we can facilitate easy access to parks, recreational facilities, and natural areas, promoting physical activity and social interaction. Strong pedestrian connections not only improve the overall user experience but also foster a sense of belonging and well-being within the community, ultimately leading to a healthier and more vibrant environment. In general, nonmotorized and sidewalk connectivity priorities should include:

- » Sidewalks within the central business district (on both side of the street)
- » Sidewalks connecting the central business district to adjacent neighborhoods
- » Sidewalks to connect the community center to adjacent neighborhoods
- » Pathways to connect to larger County and regionwide systems like the Fredrick Meijer Heartland Trail
- » Pathways to connect people to public facilities (the library, parks, etc.), filling nonmotorized gaps

## ADA COMPLIANCE

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all citizens have access to all facilities provided by the Township regardless of physical disability. Each of the Township's three parks should be updated to ensure ADA accessibility and compliance in terms of:

- » Pathway resurfacing
- » Sidewalk resurfacing
- » Play structure equipment
- » Benches and pavilions
- » Signage

Further, the Township should ensure that all citizens have access to all recreation programs.

## SAFETY

Safety and the perception of safety are important to increasing the use of existing parks. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a program adopted nationally that increases the perception of safety for a normal user and the perception of risk for a would-be offender. CPTED "is [the] proper design and effective use of the built environment which can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime and an improvement in the quality of life" (National Crime Prevention Institute, 1986). Four principles are utilized:

1. the placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way as to maximize visibility (Natural Surveillance);
2. the physical guidance of people coming and going from a space by the judicious placement of entrances, exits, fencing, landscaping and lighting (Natural Access Control);
3. the use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fences, pavement treatments, art, signage and landscaping (Territorial Reinforcement); and
4. Maintenance.

Crystal Township is committed to ensuring that all parks and municipal buildings are safe and welcoming to all visitors and citizens.

**Table 8: Recreation Facilities Evaluation, Crystal Township**

		Recommended Standard <sup>1</sup>	Suggested Amount Based on Population	Total Existing in Crystal	Recommended Need <sup>2,3</sup>	Surplus (+) / Deficiency (-)
Basketball Courts <sup>3,5</sup>		1/5,000	0.53	2	1	+1
Tennis Courts		1/2,000	1.32	3	2	+1
Volleyball Courts		1/5,000	0.53	0	1	-1
Baseball Fields		1/5,000	0.53	3	1	+2
Softball		1/5,000	0.53	0	1	-1
Football Fields		1/20,000	0.13	0	1	-1
Soccer Fields		1/10,000	0.26	0	1	-1
Golf Courses	9 hole	1/25,000	0.11	0	1	-1
	18 hole	1/50,000	0.05	0	1	-1
Driving Range		1/50,000	0.05	0	1	-1
Swimming Pool		1/20,000	0.13	0	1	-1
Ice Rinks		1/20,000	0.13	0	1	-1
Running Track (1/4 mile)		1/20,000	0.13	0	1	-1
Playgrounds		1/3,000	0.88	2	1	+1
Picnic Areas		None Published	NA	4	NA	+4
Cross-Country Ski Trails (miles)		1/10,000	0.26	0	1	-1
Nature Trails (miles)		1/20,000	0.13	0	1	-1
Sledding Hills		1/40,000	0.07	0	1	-1
Bicycle Trails (miles)		1/40,000	0.07	0	1	-1
Horseback Riding Trails (miles)		1/50,000	0.05	0	1	-1

**Footnotes:**

- 1 Recommended number of each facility per unit of population (National Recreation and Park Association/Michigan Recreation Opportunity Standards).
- 2 Based on U.S. Census 2022 population count of 2,644.
- 3 Rounded up to the nearest whole number



**Table 9: Comparison to Accepted Standards, Crystal Township**

Crystal Community Comparison to Accepted Standards <sup>1</sup>	Recommended Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents <sup>2</sup>	Total Park Acreage in Crystal <sup>3</sup>	Recommended Acreage for the Population <sup>4</sup>	Surplus (+) / Deficiency (-)
Mini-Parks	0.25	0.25	0.66	-0.41
Neighborhood Parks	1.0	0	2.64	-2.64
Community Parks	5.0	28	13.22	+14.78
Regional Parks	5.0	0	0	Not Applicable <sup>5</sup>
Special Use Facilities	6.25	1	16.53	-15.53
Linear Parks (approximate miles)	Variable	0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Footnotes: See Table 8.

1. Based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations. Based on U.S. Census 2022 population count of 2,644.
2. Equals sum of City Parks acreage.
3. Based on U.S. Census 2022 population count of 2,644.
4. It would be misleading to assess the adequacy of regional park resources based on recommended acreage for the City's population, since the regional resource must serve a much broader segment of the metropolitan area.

**Table 10: Analysis of Existing Facilities, Crystal Township**

Type of Facility	Recreation Standards	Crystal Community Facilities	Comments/ Recommendations
<b>Mini-Parks</b>	Mini-Parks are small, specialized parks, usually less than an acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini park may serve a limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.	Duck Lake Park is the Township's only mini park, totaling approximately 0.25 acres. Residents in the northeast end of the Township have the easiest access to this park.	The NRPA recommends 0.25 to 0.50 mini-park acreage per 1,000 residents. This would mean 0.66-1.32 acres of mini parks for Crystal.  A mini park should be located within a five-minute walk from all residents. More pocket parks should be developed in the Township as land acquisition or residential development/ redevelopment opportunities arise. Areas within (or adjacent to) the central business district would be prime locations for pocket parks.
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>	Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that provide areas for intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally 15 acres or more in size and serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within ¼ to ½ mile radius from the neighborhood they serve.	Crystal Township has no neighborhood parks within its boundary.	One to two acres of neighborhood parks are recommended per 1,000 residents.  More neighborhood parks should be developed in the Township as land acquisition or residential development/redevelopment opportunities arise.

Type of Facility	Recreation Standards	Crystal Community Facilities	Comments / Recommendations
<b>Community Parks</b>	Community Parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from several neighborhoods. Community parks may include areas for intense recreation facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities.	Crystal Township has three community parks within its boundary: Crystal Township Park and Beach, David R Noll Memorial Park, South Pier Park, and Crystal Township Hall and Community Center.	The NRPA's standard requirement for community parks is 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 residents. This means 13.22-21.1 acres for the Townships 2,644 residents. The Township currently has 28 acres of community parks, and thus does not require any more.
<b>Regional/ Metropolitan Parks</b>	Regional parks are typically located on sites with unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, camping and trail use. Many also include active play areas.	The Area is well served by regional parks and facilities.	Regional parks typically serve several communities within a one-hour drive. Partnerships with regional local, county, and state facilities should be explored to fill existing voids within the Township's Park and recreation system.
<b>Special Use/ Conservancy Parks</b>	Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities, such as golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters, interpretative centers, or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment. Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment may be the primary focus with recreation use as a secondary objective.	Crystal Township does not have facilities such as golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters, interpretative centers, or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment within its boundary.	If areas cannot be identified within the Township where these facilities can be developed, then partnerships with neighboring communities and school districts to share facilities should be considered, if and when the community desires these types of facilities.
<b>Passive Parks</b>	The primary purpose of passive areas is to provide relief from highly developed residential and commercial neighborhoods. Facilities may include sitting areas and other pedestrian amenities, landscaping, monuments and fountains, and historical features.	All four parks within the Township include elements of passive recreation. These facilities include benches, picnic areas, pavilions, fitness equipment, and walking paths.	These facilities should be preserved and maintained in the Township. As the community survey indicates, more consideration should be given to passive recreation opportunities for adults and seniors. Especially given the Township's higher median age.
<b>Linear Parks</b>	A linear park is any area developed for one or more modes of recreation travel, such as hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, canoeing, horseback riding, and pleasure driving.	There are no identifiable linear parks within the Township.	Not Applicable.

Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Recreation Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, 1983, Lancaster, National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

# Chapter 6.

## Action Plan

This Chapter of the plan is the culmination of a comprehensive planning effort that began with the thorough analysis of the physical and demographic attributes of the community, followed by extensive public engagement. Existing parks and recreation facilities and programs were inventoried and evaluated. An assessment of need was then developed that considered both accepted recreation standards and the specialized needs of persons with disabilities. Finally, these needs were analyzed and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board and Township Board with input from the public.

However, opportunities should be explored for providing a regional recreational facility that could serve the needs of Crystal as well as the region mentioned.



South Pier Park Pavilion

# Goals and Objectives

Goals should be broad and address general needs and establish the basis for setting specific programmed objectives. Objectives are measurable results that the community works toward accomplishing.

## Goal 1:

Increase the availability of resources to support maintenance, cleanliness, and aesthetics.

### Objectives

- » Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and continued and improved maintenance of the park grounds.
- » Focus on improved safety at the parks.

## Goal 2:

Improve interconnectivity.

### Objectives

- » Implement a multi-purpose pathway system in Township parks and connect park paths to the Township's sidewalk system.
- » Advocate for and pursue opportunities to connect the Township's parks to non-motorized networks regionally.

## Goal 3:

Increase access to parks for all.

### Objectives

- » Monitor and repair/replace outdated playground equipment with newer structures as necessary.
- » Include a greater variety of play equipment that appeals to all ages and abilities.
- » Explore and pursue opportunities to enhance the community recreation facility so that it meets the recreational needs of the public.

## Goal 4:

Create additional unique recreational opportunities.

### Objectives

- » Maintain community competitiveness, ability to retain, engage, and attract residents.
- » Implement new and unique recreational facilities for undeveloped park areas.
- » Seek out new and unique recreational programming.



## Goal 5:

Promote and solicit community involvement thereby fostering a sense of pride and ownership of the community parks and recreation program.

### Objectives

- » Develop volunteer opportunities for residents to get involved in.
- » Seek alternative funding such as private contributions to offset program costs through requests to service clubs, private sector, and professional organizations for sponsorships of various programs.
- » Continue existing and seek new partnerships for programming with non-profit, institutional and public-sector partners.
- » Solicit and apply for state and local grants for recreation, leisure, and cultural arts programs.



*Duck Lake Park*

## Action Plan

Table 11 is a Summary of Actions that the Township and its partners, listed in the table key, should undertake during the planning period, and beyond; these activities are discrete and consistent with the Goals and Objectives, public input received, and the analysis of the Township's parks and recreation needs. The activities are less defined than those found in Table 12, which is an Action Program schedule with specific improvements, their priority, difficulty, funding, and the year(s) that the actions are proposed to be undertaken.

**Table 11: Summary of Action Items, Crystal Township**

<b>Goal: Increase the availability of resources to support maintenance, cleanliness, and aesthetics.</b>		
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Finding/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendation/ Comments</b>
<b>Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and continued maintenance of the park grounds.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Ongoing maintenance is a necessary component to a successful parks and recreation system.</li> <li>» The Township should focus efforts to enhance and elevate existing facilities as to ensure that existing parks are maintained to a high-quality standard.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Focus on the aesthetic qualities of the community parks, like landscaping and simple amenities; trash cans, grills, picnic tables, and benches.</li> <li>2. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.</li> <li>3. Implement permanent bathrooms at each of the parks.</li> <li>4. Create a separate Parks and Recreation Budget line item for ongoing maintenance as well as a Capital Improvement Plan.</li> </ol>
<b>Focus on improved safety at the parks.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Existing equipment may need replacement or repair over life of this plan.</li> <li>» Maintain industry standard fall zones.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace and repair equipment as it becomes obsolete or unsafe, utilizing modular equipment.</li> <li>2. Increase safety along the Crystal Lake shoreline by providing appropriate signage indicating the swimming and boating areas.</li> </ol>

<b>Goal: Improve interconnectivity.</b>		
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Finding/Observation</b>	<b>Recommendation/ Comments</b>
<b>Implement a multi-purpose pathway system in Township parks and connect park paths to the Township's sidewalk system.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Residents and stakeholders engaged during public process did not indicate a dissatisfaction with location / distribution of parks.</li> </ul>	Develop a pedestrian and bike pathway system throughout the Township to encourage interaction and communication, improve pedestrian safety, and provide linkages between Township parks and Crystal Lake.
<b>Advocate for and pursue opportunities to connect the Township's parks to regional non-motorized networks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Prioritize non-motorized connections to create a cohesive regional pathway system.</li> <li>» Consider connections to major trail systems, such as the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail.</li> </ul>	Coordinate with nearby municipalities and organizations to begin conversations about connecting the Township to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.

## Goal: Increase access to parks and recreation facilities and programming for all.

Objective	Finding/Observation	Recommendation/ Comments
<b>Monitor and repair/replace outdated playground equipment with newer structures as necessary.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Though relatively few unsafe conditions were documented during the planning process, it's important to continuously study the safety of equipment and improve when necessary.</li> <li>» Always design future facility upgrades and capital improvements with safety perception in mind.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continuously evaluate playground structures for maintenance / safety deficiencies and prioritize repair / replacement when present.</li> </ol>
<b>Include greater variety of play equipment that appeals to all ages and abilities.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Many outdoor hard courts need resurface or replacement.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve the indoor community center facilities for residents and visitors to promote fellowship and provide year-round recreational opportunities that meet the needs of Township residents.</li> <li>2. Prioritize the improvement of Noll Park amenities to be ADA accessible.</li> <li>3. Continue to prioritize and monitor accessibility at all Township parks.</li> </ol>
<b>Explore and pursue opportunities to enhance the community recreation facility so that it meets the recreational needs of the public.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Residents, other stakeholders, and strategic partners have expressed strong desire (20+ years) for an indoor Community Recreation Facility.</li> <li>» Create a designated facility specifically built to house recreation equipment.</li> <li>» A Centralized location for programming and activities.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide both passive and active multigenerational recreation opportunities for the community.</li> <li>2. Consider eventual part-time recreation facilities and programming manager to assist with program development and facility bookings.</li> <li>3. Develop a rental program for pavilions, fields, and spaces at the community center. Available online and hard copy.</li> </ol>
<b>Evaluate existing facilities and develop a plan to accommodate the growing parks and recreation needs of the Crystal Township community and Montcalm County region.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Township residents and other stakeholders have identified concerns for lack of parking availability at the Township's popular parks.</li> <li>» Evaluate existing parking facilities and number of spaces to ensure that available parking meets the needs of the Parks' visitors.</li> <li>» Identify areas in the Township that are outside of the service area, as described on the Map in this Plan.</li> <li>» Prioritize and evaluate opportunities for land acquisition for future public space amenities.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigate the feasibility of additional parking at Crystal Township Park and Beach.</li> <li>2. Identify under-utilized land for development for potential to become a pocket or neighborhood park.</li> </ol>

## Goal: Create additional new and unique recreational opportunities.

Objective	Finding/Observation	Recommendation/ Comments
<b>Maintain community competitiveness, ability to retain, engage, and attract residents.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Pavilion structure for increased usage of picnic facilities.</li> <li>» Additional parking.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote community events and festivals for various interests, ages, and abilities.</li> <li>2. Improve the quality of year-round opportunities available to Township residents.</li> </ol>
<b>Implement new and unique recreational facilities for undeveloped park areas.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Assess which types of recreational facilities are the highest priority among community members.</li> <li>» Consider developing facilities in response to the needs of seasonal visitors.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implement adult fitness stations around the pathways at Crystal Township Park.</li> <li>2. Create a Dog Park on the south side of the Township Hall Land or Noll Park.</li> <li>3. Consider implementing facilities that are unique to the Township parks system to create a sense of place. These may include natural play areas, hammock resting areas, or beach amenities, such as sand volleyball courts or beach equipment rentals.</li> </ol>
<b>Seek out new and unique recreational programming.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Utilize the results of the community survey to determine which recreation programming would be positively received by the community.</li> <li>» Consider developing relationships with local/regional advocacy groups, such as Montcalm County Parks and Recreation or the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition (or interested individuals) to develop recreation programming and to assist with the determination of implementation steps and tasks.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase programming for children, adults, and older adults.</li> <li>2. Consider a Yoga group or a children's crafting program.</li> </ol>
<b>Continue to pursue opportunities for active and passive recreation amenities and ensure that new facilities are prioritized by using nationally recognized best practices.</b>	<p>Based on National Standards (NRPA), the City's parks and recreation facilities are deficient, including the following number and types of facilities that may be good to develop based on public input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» 3 basketball courts</li> <li>» 4 tennis courts</li> <li>» 3 volleyball courts</li> <li>» 1 baseball field</li> <li>» 3 softball fields</li> <li>» 1 soccer field</li> <li>» 1 playground</li> <li>» 1 mile of nature trail</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prioritize the types of facilities (e.g., basketball, tennis, etc.) that would generate the most use among community members.</li> <li>2. Implement each facility type through a phased approach.</li> <li>3. Consider the costs and tasks associated with long-term maintenance and upkeep of such facilities and budget accordingly.</li> </ol>



**Goal: Promote and solicit community involvement thereby fostering a sense of pride and ownership of the community parks and recreation program.**

Objective	Finding/Observation	Recommendation/ Comments
<b>Develop volunteer opportunities for residents to get involved in.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Vandalism or current parks facilities has been a topic of concern for the Township.</li> <li>» Encouraging more ownership of Township Parks and more “eyes on the street” through design tactics and more frequent enforcement tasks may assist to alleviate vandalism concerns.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a volunteer program to assist in the cleaning and maintenance of parks facilities.</li> <li>2. Seek out volunteers to start and lead various programs that interest them.</li> <li>3. Install signage at the parks to promote a sense of community ownership.</li> </ol>
<b>Seek alternative funding such as private contributions to offset program costs through requests to service clubs, private sector, and professional organizations for sponsorships of various programs.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Develop and foster relationships with local and regional parks and recreation agencies, as well as funding agencies to implement the recommendations of this Plan.</li> <li>» Consider a direct mailing or fundraising campaign to assist with financial strain of park upgrades.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek new partnerships for programming with non-profit, institutional and public-sector partners.</li> <li>2. Solicit and apply for state and local grants for recreation, leisure, and cultural arts programs.</li> </ol>

## PHASE ONE – ADMINISTRATION

The following are some initial actions that Crystal Township should take to set up the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for success.

- » Create a separate Parks and Recreation Budget as well as a Capital Improvement Plan.
- » Increase the budget for maintenance of the parks.
- » Seek new partnerships for programming with non-profit, institutional and public-sector partners.
- » Seek out volunteers to start and lead various programs that interest them.
- » Develop a volunteer program to assist in the cleaning and maintenance of parks facilities.
- » Solicit and apply for state and local grants for recreation, leisure, and cultural arts programs.

## PHASE TWO – SHORT-RANGE ACTIONS

The following are actions that can be taken by Crystal Township in the short run to improve the Township’s Parks.

### ACTION PROGRAM KEY

Priority		Difficulty		Responsibility	
A	Most Important		Low		Project Lead
B	Very important		Medium		Key Participant
C	Important		High		Contributor

**TB:** Township Board    **PR:** Parks and Recreation Board    **DDA:** Downtown Development Authority.  
**CG:** Community Groups (i.e. Lion’s Club, Lake Association)

**Table 12: Action Program, Crystal Township**

Project	Priority	Difficulty	Partnerships			Funding	
			Township	Other Govt	Private	Public	Private
YEAR 1							
Crystal Township Park and Beach							
1. Plant flowers on the hill to commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	C	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Increase safety along the Crystal Lake shoreline by providing appropriate signage indicating the swimming and boating areas.	C	Low	TB	PR		•	
David R. Noll Memorial Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	C	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Install a sign to promote a sense of community pride and ownership.	B	Low	TB	PR	CG	•	•
3. Construct a disc golf course.	B	Med	TB	PR	CG	•	•
South Pier Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Duck Lake Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Install a sign to promote a sense of community pride and ownership.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Township Hall and Community Center							
1. Begin conversations to develop ideas for the indoor community center facilities to promote fellowship and provide year-round recreational opportunities that meets the needs of Township residents.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Miscellaneous							
1. Develop a rental program for pavilions, fields, and spaces at the community center.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Investigate the need for restroom facilities.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
3. Investigate what is required to connect the Township to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	

Project	Priority	Difficulty	Partnerships			Funding	
			Township	Other Govt	Private	Public	Private
YEAR 2							
Crystal Township Park and Beach							
1. Investigate the feasibility of additional parking at Crystal Township Park and Beach.	A	Med	TB	PR		•	
2. Install more trash cans at the beach.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
David R. Noll Memorial Park							
1. Improve entrance by paving drive into park and grading and graveling parking areas.	B	High	TB	PR	CG	•	•
2. Remove the old ice rink and seed that area.	C	High	TB	PR	CG	•	•
3. Landscape around flagpoles and Memorials at entrance.	C	Med	TB	PR	CG	•	•
South Pier Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Duck Lake Park							
1. Focus on the aesthetic qualities like simple amenities, new trash cans, grills, additional picnic tables, and benches.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Township Hall and Community Center							
1. Seek funding to support the updates of the indoor facilities.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Begin conversations and plans for the outdoor underutilized spaces behind the Township Hall and Community Center and what could be done with it.	B	Med	TB	PR		•	
Miscellaneous							
1. Begin planning for sidewalk/pathway system connecting Noll Park to Downtown.	B	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Begin conversations to develop a programming plan.	B	Low	TB	PR		•	
3. Begin conversations to develop a permanent bathroom facilities plan to implement at each park.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
4. Coordinate with nearby municipalities and organizations to begin conversations about connecting the Township to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.	A	Med	TB	PR		•	

Project	Priority	Difficulty	Partnerships			Funding	
			Township	Other Govt	Private	Public	Private
YEAR 3							
Crystal Township Park and Beach							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
David R. Noll Memorial Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Replace playground equipment to be safe and more accessible.	B	High	TB	PR	CG	•	•
South Pier Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Duck Lake Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Township Hall and Community Center							
1. Implement improvements to the indoor facilities.	A	High	TB	PR		•	
2. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Miscellaneous							
1. Implement the programming plan.	A	Med	TB	PR		•	
2. Compile a list potential funding sources for bathroom plan.	B	Med	TB	PR		•	



Project	Priority	Difficulty	Partnerships			Funding	
			Township	Other Govt	Private	Public	Private
YEAR 4							
Crystal Township Park and Beach							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
David R. Noll Memorial Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
2. Improve and upgrade the concession building.	C	Med	TB	PR	CG	•	•
3. Construct a small pavilion near the concession stand.	A	High	TB	PR	CG	•	•
South Pier Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Duck Lake Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Township Hall and Community Center							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	B	Med	TB	PR		•	
Miscellaneous							
1. Connect Noll Park to Downtown with sidewalk/pathway system.	A	High	TB	PR		•	
YEAR 5							
Crystal Township Park and Beach							
1. Implement adult fitness stations around the pathways at Crystal Township Park.	A	High	TB	PR		•	•
David R. Noll Memorial Park							
1. Improve ball fields including fencing and infields.	C	High	TB	PR	CG	•	•
2. Evaluate the development of a dog park.	C	High	TB	PR	CG	•	•
South Pier Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	
Duck Lake Park							
1. Commit to the beautification, regular upkeep, and the continued and improved maintenance of park grounds.	A	Low	TB	PR		•	

### PHASE THREE – LONG-RANGE ACTIONS

The following are actions that will take more time for Crystal Township to implement in order to improve the Township's Parks.

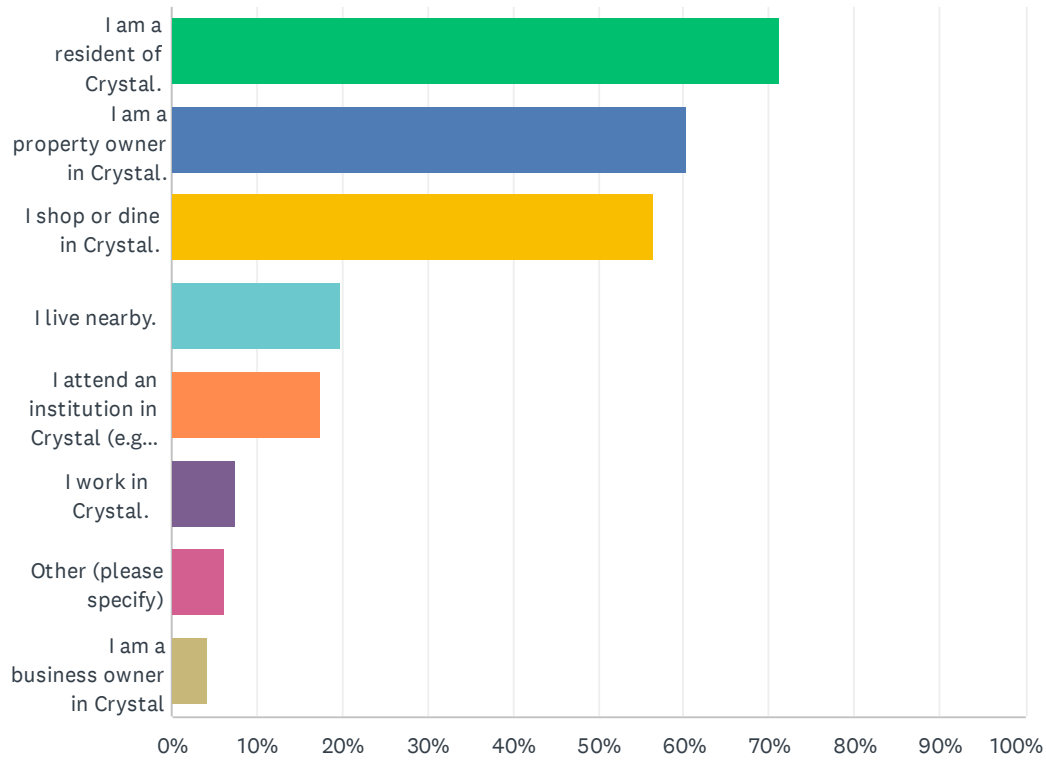
- » Improve the indoor community center facilities for residents and visitors to promote fellowship and provide year-round recreational opportunities that meet the needs of Township residents.
- » Implement permanent bathrooms at each of the parks.
  - Begin this task by assessing the Township's most frequently visited parks and prioritize bathroom facilities at those. Create a subsequent phased schedule for remaining parks.
- » Develop a pedestrian pathway system throughout the Township to encourage interaction and communication, improve pedestrian safety, and provide linkages between Township parks and Crystal Lake.
  - Begin this task by assessing the current local and regional trail facilities to determine where connection priorities should be placed.
  - Priority connections should be given to pathways that will connect Township parks to one another, or to popular local destinations, such as the commercial node of activity surrounding W. Park Street and W. Lake Street.
- » Coordinate with nearby municipalities and organizations to begin conversations about connecting the Township to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail.
  - This has been done by many other communities. The trail is currently funded by the Meijer Foundation, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Mid West Michigan Trail Authority. The trail is maintained by volunteers, with support from the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority and donation. If Crystal Township were to connect to the trail, they would be responsible for maintaining and caring for the portion that goes through their Township including the paving, snow removal, and clearing of debris. The MDNR often provides grants to connect communities to regional trails such as the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), the DNR Recreation Passport Grant, and the DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund. There are also many private organizations that provide grants to fund trail building.
- » Provide both passive and active multigenerational recreation opportunities for the community.
  - Prioritize amenities that appeal to all ages. Such as pavilions and picnic areas, benches, walking and bike paths, and other similar features.
- » Promote community events and festivals for various interests, ages, and abilities.
- » Identify under-utilized land for development for potential to become a pocket or neighborhood park.
  - Consider areas for new parks that are located outside of the Service Area, as identified by the map in this Plan.

# Appendix

- » Survey Results
- » MDNR Checklist
- » Notice of Availability of Draft Plan
- » Public Hearing Notice
- » Public Hearing Minutes
- » PCSC Reports

## Q1 Please select all that apply to you:

Answered: 212 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a resident of Crystal.	71.23%	151
I am a property owner in Crystal.	60.38%	128
I shop or dine in Crystal.	56.60%	120
I live nearby.	19.81%	42
I attend an institution in Crystal (e.g. church, library, etc.)	17.45%	37
I work in Crystal.	7.55%	16
Other (please specify)	6.13%	13
I am a business owner in Crystal	4.25%	9
Total Respondents: 212		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	visit residents	10/24/2024 2:41 PM
2	My mom owns the home my grandparents purchased 60 years ago	9/15/2024 8:24 AM
3	I grew up in Crystal	9/13/2024 7:36 PM
4	None	9/13/2024 7:45 AM

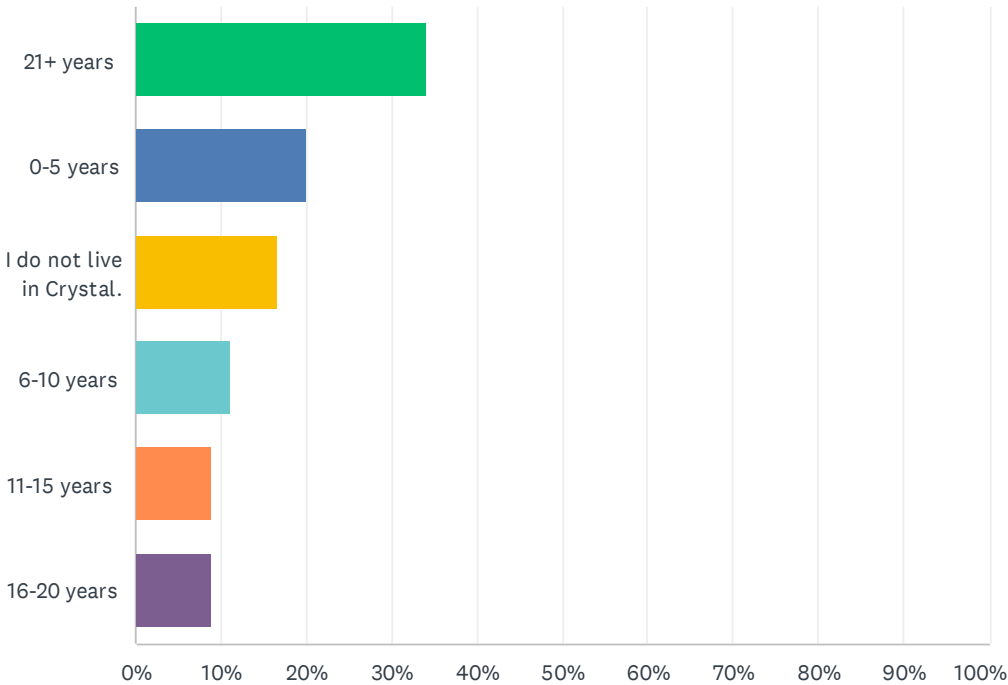


## Crystal Township Parks and Recreation Plan Survey

5	Lifetime resident	9/6/2024 10:55 AM
6	vacation	8/27/2024 3:46 PM
7	Former resident	8/27/2024 2:48 PM
8	I have loved crystal all my life and have so many wonderful memories.	8/27/2024 1:38 PM
9	I am at southshore campground	8/27/2024 12:23 PM
10	Cottage owner for 30+ yrs, family from here	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
11	Campground resident	8/27/2024 7:26 AM
12	I am a property owner in Crystal township	8/19/2024 4:17 PM
13	Senator Rd offLoon Lake	8/19/2024 2:03 PM

## Q2 If you live in Crystal, how long have you lived here?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
21+ years	34.17%	68
0-5 years	20.10%	40
I do not live in Crystal.	16.58%	33
6-10 years	11.06%	22
11-15 years	9.05%	18
16-20 years	9.05%	18
TOTAL		199

### Q3 If you live in Crystal, please type the nearest intersection to your home.

Answered: 149    Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	North Shore and Waldron Rd.	10/24/2024 5:18 PM
2	Sidney Road and Stanton Street	10/24/2024 2:46 PM
3	Pine Grove Road/North Shore Drive	10/24/2024 2:35 PM
4	Blackmer Rd and Sidney Rd	10/15/2024 8:45 AM
5	Goodwin	10/7/2024 5:24 PM
6	Belding street	9/20/2024 7:39 PM
7	Strait Tow/ Pine Grove	9/20/2024 12:29 PM
8	Senator Rd and Pakes Rd	9/19/2024 7:31 AM
9	Pakes/mt hope	9/19/2024 12:02 AM
10	Crystal & Colby	9/17/2024 12:59 AM
11	waldron rd and n shore	9/16/2024 9:19 PM
12	Crystal Road and south shore drive	9/16/2024 4:04 PM
13	Belding Street	9/16/2024 9:48 AM
14	N Shore	9/16/2024 12:34 AM
15	sweet and peral	9/15/2024 10:39 PM
16	Southshore drive	9/15/2024 9:59 PM
17	N Shore Dr / Goodwin	9/15/2024 5:33 PM
18	Colby	9/14/2024 7:35 AM
19	S Main and Park St	9/13/2024 11:15 PM
20	Sidney/Sloan rd	9/13/2024 8:00 PM
21	Colby/Bollinger	9/13/2024 7:45 PM
22	Pine Grove and Sidney Rd	9/13/2024 7:36 PM
23	Colby & Crystal rd	9/13/2024 7:11 PM
24	Strait tow sidney	9/13/2024 6:11 PM
25	Sidney Rd	9/13/2024 5:16 PM
26	Belding and Sweet	9/13/2024 7:45 AM
27	Main and Park St.	9/12/2024 10:07 AM
28	S Shore	9/12/2024 5:45 AM
29	Main and park	9/11/2024 4:58 PM
30	Waldron and N. Shore	9/11/2024 3:46 PM
31	Colby & Crystal Roads	9/11/2024 1:48 PM
32	S Shore Dr and Alma St	9/9/2024 7:57 PM
33	Elm and Grove	9/9/2024 5:49 PM

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34	Grove and S Shore	9/8/2024 4:12 PM
35	South Shore & Lansing St.	9/8/2024 7:47 AM
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41	Waldron & North Shore	9/2/2024 8:39 AM
42	LaSalle and Lincoln	9/1/2024 8:57 PM
43	South Shore and Lansing	9/1/2024 5:04 PM
44	Grove , lakeview	9/1/2024 3:21 PM
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46	S shore drive	9/1/2024 11:12 AM
47	North shore and strait tow	8/31/2024 1:47 PM
48	Main and Lake	8/29/2024 9:52 AM
49	Main st	8/28/2024 9:25 PM
50	Straight tow & Cove Trail	8/28/2024 8:17 AM
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55	Strait Tow Blvd. and Colby roads	8/27/2024 5:14 PM
56	Lake and Main St	8/27/2024 3:18 PM
57	North Shore Drive and Strait Tow Blvd.	8/27/2024 1:38 PM
58	The Grove and South Shore	8/27/2024 12:23 PM
59	Pine and Smith	8/27/2024 11:23 AM
60	North shore and owosso	8/27/2024 10:29 AM
61	Waterview Way & Karen Drive	8/27/2024 9:43 AM
62	The Grove	8/27/2024 9:01 AM
63	Main st & Belding st	8/27/2024 8:39 AM
64	Richard Dr and north shore dr	8/27/2024 8:28 AM
65	Sloan and Sidney Road	8/27/2024 7:17 AM
66	Parker and Pearl	8/27/2024 5:33 AM
67	Pakes and Mt. Hope	8/27/2024 5:11 AM
68	Belding and south shore	8/26/2024 11:17 PM
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70	N Shore and Spinnaker	8/26/2024 9:50 PM
71	Sidney and Mt Hope	8/26/2024 9:32 PM



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78	N Shore Dr and Pine Grove RD	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
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80	Grove	8/26/2024 7:36 PM
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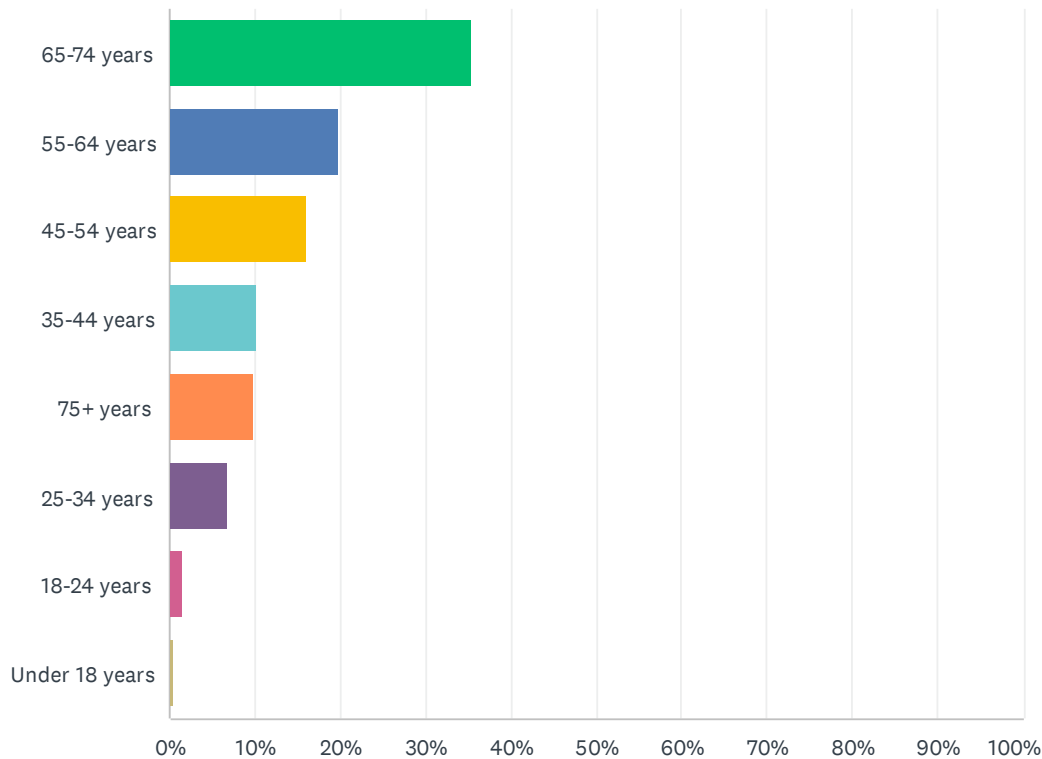
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111	Waldron and North Shore Dr.	8/20/2024 2:28 PM
112	What are boundaries of Crystal ???? Should be Township	8/20/2024 1:10 PM
113	Vickeryville and pakes	8/20/2024 12:46 PM
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135	Richard dr	8/19/2024 1:28 PM
136	Miner & Colby	8/19/2024 1:07 PM
137	Waldron Rd / North Shore Drive	8/19/2024 1:07 PM
138	S. Shore and Owosso	8/19/2024 12:59 PM
139	Beach Dr and Lakewood	8/19/2024 12:56 PM
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144	Ovid St.	8/19/2024 12:09 PM
145	Waldron road	8/19/2024 11:53 AM
146	Pine Grove	8/19/2024 11:46 AM
147	Karen st	8/19/2024 11:45 AM

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148	Owosso/ South Shore	8/19/2024 11:24 AM
149	Strait tow and pine grove	8/19/2024 11:00 AM

Q4 Please indicate your age range.

Answered: 206 Skipped: 6

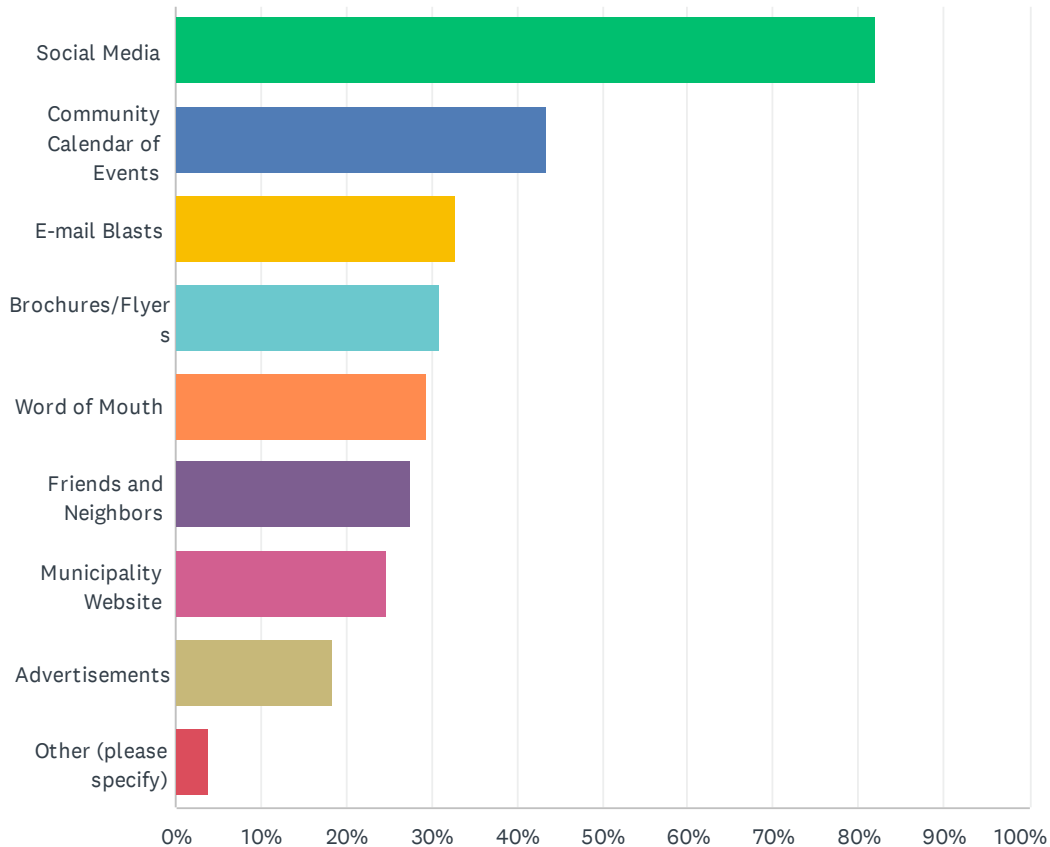


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
65-74 years	35.44%	73
55-64 years	19.90%	41
45-54 years	16.02%	33
35-44 years	10.19%	21
75+ years	9.71%	20
25-34 years	6.80%	14
18-24 years	1.46%	3
Under 18 years	0.49%	1
TOTAL		206



## Q5 What is the best way to inform you about Crystal parks, trails, facilities, and recreational programs? Check all that apply:

Answered: 207 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social Media	82.13%	170
Community Calendar of Events	43.48%	90
E-mail Blasts	32.85%	68
Brochures/Flyers	30.92%	64
Word of Mouth	29.47%	61
Friends and Neighbors	27.54%	57
Municipality Website	24.64%	51
Advertisements	18.36%	38
Other (please specify)	3.86%	8
Total Respondents: 207		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
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1	Mail	10/7/2024 5:24 PM
2	The Daily News	9/20/2024 12:29 PM
3	None	9/13/2024 7:45 AM
4	Crystal Township Michigan Facebook site	8/27/2024 12:23 PM
5	Crystal cries together	8/27/2024 3:00 AM
6	BLANCHARDS flier	8/26/2024 7:36 PM
7	Electric Sign on Main Street	8/20/2024 1:10 PM
8	Facebook social Crystal pages	8/19/2024 12:09 PM

## Q6 In your opinion, what is the Township's greatest park or recreational asset and why?

Answered: 117   Skipped: 95

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Crystal Township Park, because it looks great. Many families are able to host events and get together and enjoy our beautiful lake.	10/24/2024 2:51 PM
2	Continued public access to Crystal Lake (the township park). Because it is important that the public can continue to recreationally enjoy the lake in a clean and safe environment.	10/24/2024 2:45 PM
3	Has none any longer! Trees cut down, no room now for yearly antique car shop and craft show, no room for music in the park.	10/24/2024 2:39 PM
4	Lakes, bars	10/24/2024 2:34 PM
5	Crystal - lake Noles Park - parking, larger area, sports activities	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
6	I love the new beach park, it's gorgeous and was designed well, has a great viewing area of the lake and my dog loves it too!	10/7/2024 5:36 PM
7	Noll Park, as there is room to expand	9/20/2024 12:36 PM
8	The newly expanded beach. More space	9/19/2024 12:08 AM
9	Crystal lakes public beach. Big & beautiful lake/big park. Noll park, all the playing fields/tennis/b-ball.	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
10	All parks	9/16/2024 9:34 PM
11	The lakefront park. With all the upgrades it has become quite a destination.	9/16/2024 12:14 PM
12	The lake	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
13	The community support	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
14	Crystal Township Park and beach because of the awesome family events that were held there... Movies, concerts, car show	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
15	The park by the water	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
16	The lake	9/14/2024 7:42 AM
17	Crystal Township Park. The lake is and always has been the townships longest remaining major attraction. The new look for the park brought more than I've ever seen to the town's 4th of July holiday. It was a welcome sight to sit up in the park and take photos of all the people enjoying the park and beach area. I understand with most re people there was also more trash but I was up early the next day and the township was fast at work cleaning up the park. It was amazing. Noll Park is a much needed location for team sports and actually was great for Music in the Park. I was disappointed to know that the Crystal Car Show was not held there.	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
18	David Noll park	9/13/2024 7:54 PM
19	The lake and new park	9/13/2024 6:17 PM
20	Frontage on Crystal Lake.	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
21	Crystal Lake Beach and Park	9/11/2024 2:02 PM
22	Crystal Township park and beach and Noll park.	9/9/2024 8:05 PM
23	Public beach area. Brings the most people from all around.	9/8/2024 8:01 AM
24	Noll Park	9/7/2024 10:36 PM

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25	Noll park because there are more things to do there than the park in town.	9/6/2024 1:17 PM
26	Tie between downtown park and Noll park. Both offer a variety of events throughout the year, especially during summer.	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
27	The Park and Beach. It encourages family involvement and entertainment.	9/2/2024 3:17 PM
28	Crystal Twp pard and beach	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
29	The new park by the water is a stunning addition, blending picturesque views with inviting green spaces. It's the perfect spot for relaxing, picnicking, or enjoying nature. A wonderful retreat for the community!	9/2/2024 8:52 AM
30	Lake acess, beautiful sunsets, sunrises local to other lakes Loon, duck	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
31	We love the park up on the hill, the scenery and playground benefits both my children and my spouse and I. We love to take the kids to play and relax, more benches and a bigger playset would be more appealing.	9/1/2024 11:21 AM
32	The lake.	8/31/2024 1:52 PM
33	Beach because it's one of the only family things to do	8/28/2024 1:07 PM
34	Beach	8/28/2024 8:20 AM
35	Boat launch	8/28/2024 3:44 AM
36	All parks are a great asset.	8/28/2024 2:12 AM
37	Pavilion at the park for concert and picnic	8/27/2024 8:38 PM
38	crystal twps. park & beach, because of adjacent facilities.	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
39	Crystal Township Park	8/27/2024 5:21 PM
40	The new beach	8/27/2024 12:51 PM
41	The Pavillion that was torn down. We had graduation parties, birthday parties, and baby showers there. Also, the playground for the kids is a necessity.	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
42	Clean, well kept, safe	8/27/2024 12:42 PM
43	The public beach area, moving the swim area over and allowing boats to park closer	8/27/2024 12:31 PM
44	New Park-the water	8/27/2024 11:28 AM
45	Duck Lake. Because I live here and can canoe on it frequently, enjoy the birds, and appreciate it's beauty.	8/27/2024 9:58 AM
46	The beach front for family fun	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
47	The lake	8/27/2024 8:36 AM
48	New Park and beach	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
49	Public beach. It gives local residents without lake front property an area to enjoy Crystal Lake and promotes local business patronage.	8/27/2024 7:53 AM
50	The lake and beach/ park area, pickleball courts	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
51	Park at the beach	8/27/2024 5:39 AM
52	The beach	8/27/2024 5:28 AM
53	The Lake	8/26/2024 11:57 PM
54	Noll Park - pickleball and opportunity to walk dog or fly a kite. Nice green space and love the music in the park	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
55	CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP PARK	8/26/2024 10:17 PM
56	Crystal lake	8/26/2024 9:58 PM
57	Land, so many community recreation possibilities	8/26/2024 9:42 PM



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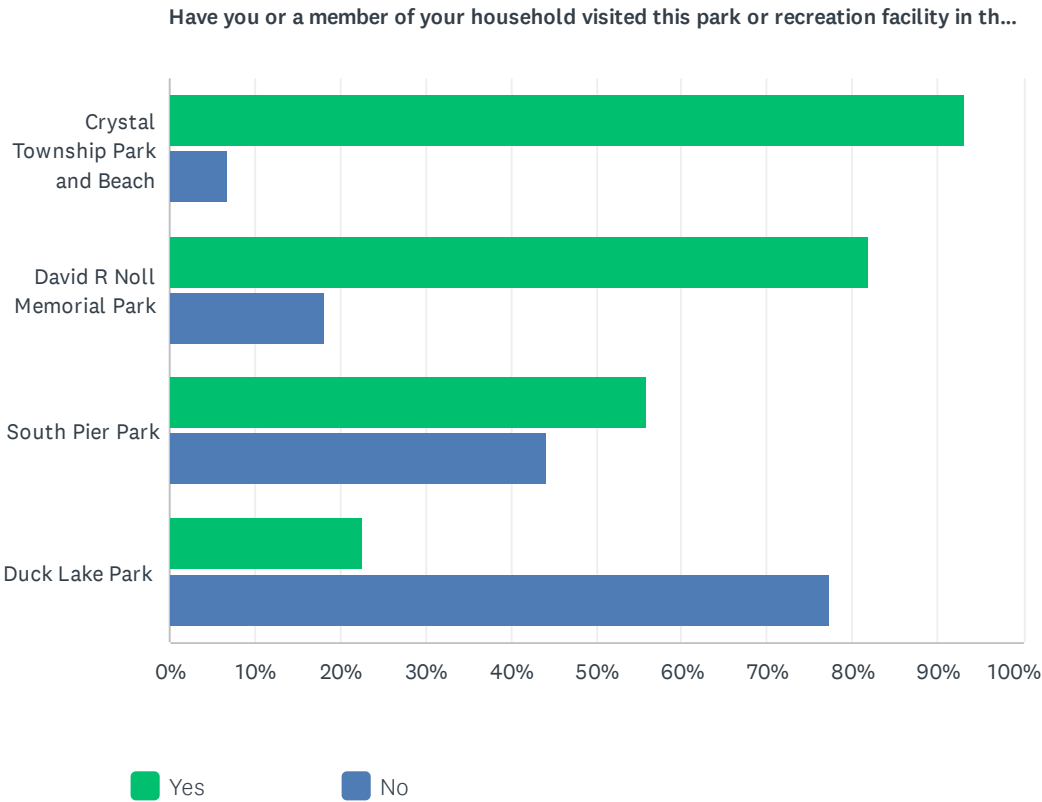
58	The new beach	8/26/2024 9:24 PM
59	Size and avaiy	8/26/2024 8:59 PM
60	New beach the lake brings people to town	8/26/2024 8:45 PM
61	Noll park because of the ball field	8/26/2024 8:22 PM
62	Crystal Lake because that is why people come to Crystal - to use the lake and to enjoy the view.	8/26/2024 7:49 PM
63	The lake	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
64	Redo on park scape	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
65	Park in downtown Crystal because of access to Crystal Lake	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
66	The lake and adjoining park	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
67	Knoll park. Big and lots to do.	8/26/2024 7:19 PM
68	I've liked the baseball fields during little league out of necessity. Otherwise I leave town for other area parks and areas for public swimming choosing places with flush toilets and sinks with running water.	8/26/2024 7:07 PM
69	Great potential for the parks	8/26/2024 7:02 PM
70	The new beach	8/26/2024 7:00 PM
71	The lake.	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
72	Crystal beach has become a beautiful asset	8/26/2024 6:47 PM
73	Noll Park, lots of room for more activities	8/26/2024 6:46 PM
74	The Crystal Lake Park - large space with beach in the center of town with shops and food.	8/26/2024 2:45 PM
75	Noll Park for pickle ball and the	8/26/2024 2:08 PM
76	Park by the lake	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
77	Crystal Lake is the centerpiece of this township and should serve as the hub of myriad components drawn together by interconnected links to the lake as mothership.	8/24/2024 11:02 PM
78	Noll Park	8/23/2024 9:16 PM
79	The Crystal Township Park and beach, because of the location being downtown, on the lake, and the new beach.	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
80	The parks have been and will always be Crystal's best feature	8/22/2024 10:38 AM
81	Lake access and views!	8/22/2024 8:28 AM
82	The lake. It allows for recreation for residents and visitors.	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
83	Beach area	8/21/2024 7:21 AM
84	Crystal Twp Park & Beach, Crystal Lake Consistently draws crowds including out-of-towners who probably wouldn't otherwise come to Crystal; supports local businesses.	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
85	The lake is the best asset for our community.	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
86	Love the new park	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
87	Crystal Township Park and Beach	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
88	Both parks are great but the water front park probably brings more people and is used more by people without lake access	8/20/2024 3:24 PM
89	I am not sure. I have very strong feelings about the community center needing attention. It is embarrassing and disgusting to this community.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
90	Community Park as it boardsers the lake which is the townships best asset.	8/20/2024 1:27 PM
91	The beach, great place to relax and go swimming	8/20/2024 1:00 PM

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92	The lake is first and foremost. It's clean, brings in revenue to the businesses. The board should do more for the lake than it doesn't the lake is the reason people come here. Next is all the parks. Family beach and water time with family picnics and get togethers. Then ball parks, racetrack. These are the reasons why people come here to spend their time and money with their family for memories and fun time. Has been for years and hopefully to continue to many many generations to come.	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
93	The beach	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
94	Crystal Motor Speedway	8/19/2024 6:42 PM
95	Noll Park	8/19/2024 6:18 PM
96	Lake. It brings ppl into the community.	8/19/2024 5:57 PM
97	Crystal Township Park and Beach - attracts community and tourists. Right on the water with activities for kids and adults.	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
98	The picnic tables, beach area, and the ramps. I am a paraplegic who needs the use of a wheelchair and the ramps make it easier to get around in the parks when I take my grandchildren to swim. So anything handicap accessible.	8/19/2024 4:30 PM
99	The lake as it accommodates many different ages and things to do.	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
100	Crystal Lake.....because why else would anyone come to Crystal Township	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
101	The park by the beach because everyone loves to be near the water.	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
102	Township park and beach	8/19/2024 2:52 PM
103	Lake Beach Travel/ Walk/Run/Golf Cart around lake	8/19/2024 2:40 PM
104	Township Park and beach area, great access to the lake and with the tiers it's a great place to view activities over the lake, sunsets fireworks just to name a few	8/19/2024 2:18 PM
105	Noll park is great because it has everything a park should have plus athletic fields but the crystal park is a beautiful area for large events and beach	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
106	The lake...what many come to Crystal for.	8/19/2024 1:19 PM
107	Park near fire barn, activities for all	8/19/2024 1:13 PM
108	Beachfront park	8/19/2024 1:05 PM
109	The new park is absolutely beautiful. Hope you put up couple small pavilions for families.	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
110	The new park is very nice and draws visitors in to the community.	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
111	Library n theatre	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
112	Crystal Park due to its location to the lake. Second would be Noll Park as it offers many physical recreational activities.	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
113	I believe both parks are an asset, but I believe that Noll park has not been utilized to its full potential. Yes, the park in town next to the lake is great, but we gave another park with more space.	8/19/2024 12:32 PM
114	Downtown park for near the lake and Noll Park for recreation such as Pickleball, little league softball, soccer, dog runs, etc.	8/19/2024 12:18 PM
115	Crystal Lake Largest sporting lake in the county Clean lake as the community has a sewer system. But the township doesn't own it	8/19/2024 12:01 PM
116	Music in the park I enjoy it	8/19/2024 11:49 AM
117	crystal township has no real assets at this point	8/19/2024 11:06 AM

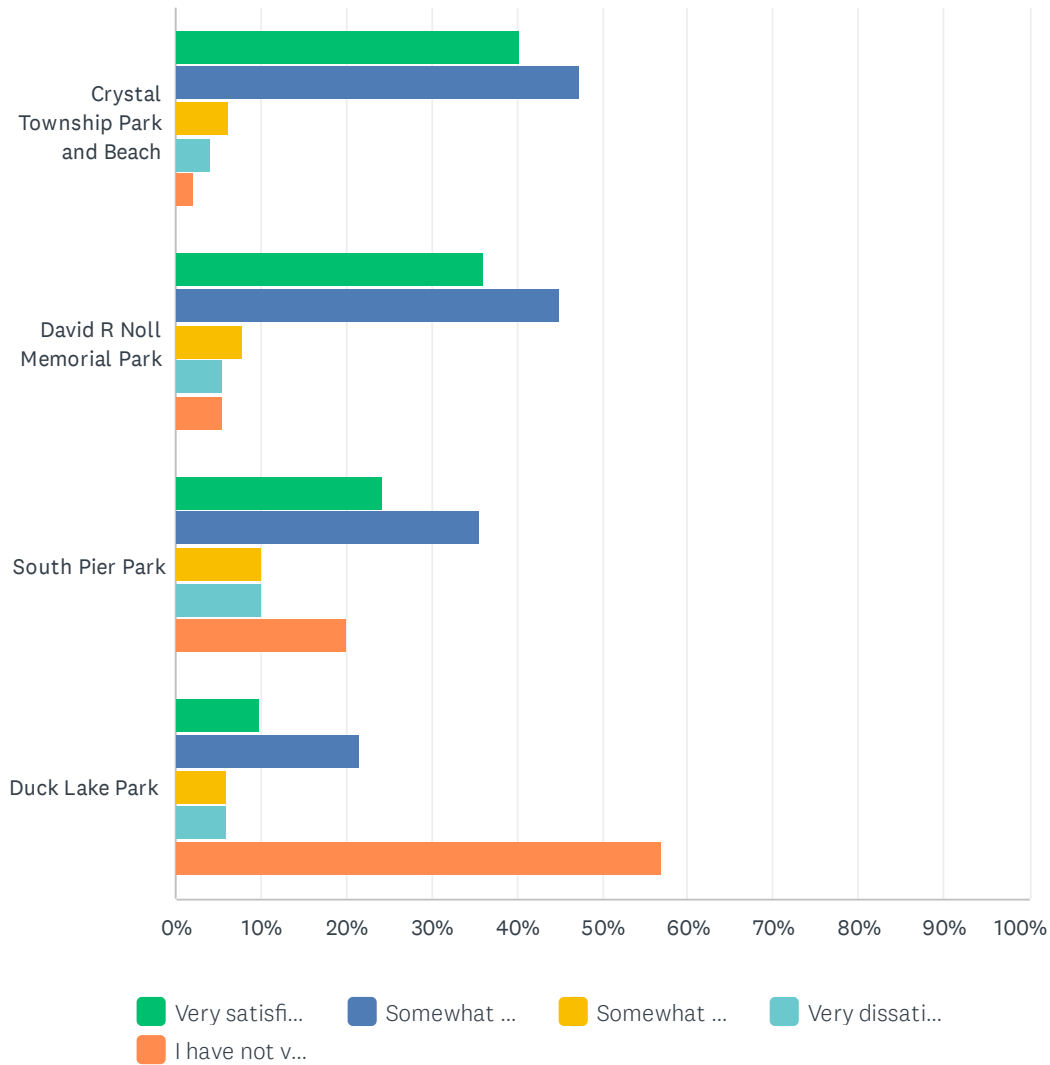
Q7 Please tell us about your experience with the following Township parks.

Answered: 141    Skipped: 71



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How satisfied are you with the condition of the facilities and quality of activities ...



Have you or a member of your household visited this park or recreation facility in the past year?			
	YES	NO	TOTAL
Crystal Township Park and Beach	93.13% 122	6.87% 9	131
David R Noll Memorial Park	81.82% 108	18.18% 24	132
South Pier Park	55.83% 67	44.17% 53	120
Duck Lake Park	22.69% 27	77.31% 92	119



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How satisfied are you with the condition of the facilities and quality of activities offered here?						
	VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	I HAVE NOT VISITED THIS PARK IN THE PAST YEAR	TOTAL
Crystal Township Park and Beach	40.21% 39	47.42% 46	6.19% 6	4.12% 4	2.06% 2	97
David R Noll Memorial Park	35.96% 32	44.94% 40	7.87% 7	5.62% 5	5.62% 5	89
South Pier Park	24.29% 17	35.71% 25	10.00% 7	10.00% 7	20.00% 14	70
Duck Lake Park	9.80% 5	21.57% 11	5.88% 3	5.88% 3	56.86% 29	51

**Q8 If you use any of Crystal's parks and recreation facilities, please share any improvements that would increase the likelihood that you would visit the park(s), if you do not use Crystal's parks and recreation facilities, please share any activities or amenities that would entice you to use the parks:**

Answered: 113   Skipped: 99

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Tennis and pickleball courts redone-fence-benches.	10/24/2024 2:51 PM
2	Dog free, cart free grounds	10/24/2024 2:34 PM
3	Upgrade the restrooms - all of them	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
4	I think a dog park would be a great addition. If not, at least poop bag / disposal areas.	10/7/2024 5:36 PM
5	Routine maintenance and care. Yoga in the park would be great.	9/20/2024 12:36 PM
6	Need a normal bathroom	9/19/2024 12:08 AM
7	New pavilion & public restrooms.b	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
8	Please do needed maintenance at Noll Park and Shore Park... the picnic tables especially	9/16/2024 9:34 PM
9	Cover for picnic tables	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
10	Parking at Crystal lake park. Street Parking can get dangerous when it's crowded.	9/16/2024 12:14 PM
11	The beach park needs restrooms	9/16/2024 9:52 AM
12	Restroom facilities	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
13	better restrooms and parking	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
14	Clean bathrooms or added bathrooms	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
15	We love music in the park and car show. Plant trees after renovation and build a couple shelters with picnic tables	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
16	Duck Lake Park is pretty but late no in amenities like tables and places to sit, although I recognize there isn't that much room.	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
17	Would like to see better bathrooms at south pier park and township park.	9/12/2024 11:34 PM
18	Trimming. Cleanliness. Restrooms, tables and benches, fresh play equipment	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
19	Please bring back the shelter house and music 🎵 in the Park ( main park above the Lake)	9/11/2024 6:01 PM
20	South Pier bathroom maintenance/improvement. It is used year round.	9/11/2024 2:02 PM
21	Permanent bathroom facilities at the beach and park	9/9/2024 8:05 PM
22	South shore park needs better bathrooms. Noll park - could we rent out the Pavillion? Beach/ dock area at the end of Ionia street needs to be a part of the parks, aka managed by the township!	9/8/2024 8:01 AM
23	I believe a dog park would be a great addition	9/7/2024 10:36 PM
24	permanent restrooms	9/6/2024 1:17 PM
25	Extra restrooms are needed especially during holidays and events.	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
26	Each Park should have a covered area available to rent.	9/2/2024 3:17 PM

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27	Remove boar ramp block/cable at s shore boat ramp	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
28	I would like the DDA or the chamber to bring more events like music festivals, fairs, community gatherings to bring more consumers to the community.	9/2/2024 8:52 AM
29	Provide a swim only location with no boat or pontoon parking	9/1/2024 9:04 PM
30	Music in the park at the township park, not Noll	9/1/2024 5:21 PM
31	Updating picnic area updated grills picnic tables more sitting benches flowers planted through out the park	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
32	We visit the parks a few times a week, more benches play sets, side walks.	9/1/2024 11:21 AM
33	Disc golf.	8/31/2024 1:52 PM
34	It was better the way it was	8/28/2024 9:28 PM
35	More of a play area for kids or a splash pad	8/28/2024 1:07 PM
36	Bathrooms	8/27/2024 9:25 PM
37	additional parking space	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
38	Our parks are great	8/27/2024 5:21 PM
39	I won't ever use any of the facilities in the park unless there's a pavilion and a park for the kids....and decent bathroom facilities (NOT PORT A POTTIES!!)	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
40	Better handicap accessibility	8/27/2024 12:42 PM
41	Permanent restrooms are needed	8/27/2024 12:31 PM
42	Handicap accessibility	8/27/2024 11:28 AM
43	Public restrooms are needed (not just blue outhouses).	8/27/2024 9:58 AM
44	I don't frequent the main park due to the lack of shade. It's a shame so many of the large trees were taken out to build out the beach. Need to reestablish proper natural shade.	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
45	Bathroom facilities	8/27/2024 8:36 AM
46	Restrooms, covered shelter	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
47	More bathrooms with changing rooms and outdoor showers, would like to see more activities at the parks (yoga, things for kids to do, senior activities)	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
48	Real bathrooms	8/27/2024 6:41 AM
49	Better restrooms	8/27/2024 5:39 AM
50	Water park, bathrooms, grills	8/27/2024 5:28 AM
51	Bathrooms at the beach.	8/27/2024 3:12 AM
52	Cleaner Bathrooms	8/26/2024 11:57 PM
53	Some areas that are taped off and rotted wood at Noll Park	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
54	Bath house with bathrooms	8/26/2024 9:58 PM
55	Restrooms	8/26/2024 9:56 PM
56	David Noll park is very unfriendly, no trees, park benches, empty areas	8/26/2024 9:42 PM
57	More bathroom	8/26/2024 9:24 PM
58	Have food trucks for the baseball games, bring back the cars, have drone events, have craft shows, plan winter events, like ice	8/26/2024 8:59 PM
59	New beach has allowed my family to enjoy the lake without having to sit in front of the bar patrons	8/26/2024 8:45 PM
60	Volleyball	8/26/2024 8:22 PM

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61	It will be nice when we have a pavilion again.	8/26/2024 7:49 PM
62	We could use better playground equipment (with shade!!!!!!)	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
63	Flushing bathrooms are needed at revised park and ports John's are needed at old boat launch	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
64	A pavilion for music in the park, a flag pole to remember our veteran from the area.	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
65	cleaner bathrooms.	8/26/2024 7:11 PM
66	Real bathrooms. Pavilions with shade.	8/26/2024 7:07 PM
67	Public bathrooms at the beach & park	8/26/2024 7:00 PM
68	More trash cans are needed. A pavilion needs to be built to replace the one torn down.	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
69	Crystal park needs more stuff in the park. The swings in that park were put there 12 years ago from my girl scout troop.	8/26/2024 6:47 PM
70	More play equipment for kids	8/26/2024 6:46 PM
71	Permanant bathrooms near the beach, more parking near the beach park, pavilions at the beach park with handicapped access and picnic tables. Noll Park needs better playground equipment and a splash pad, the concession stand needs to be updated and functional.	8/26/2024 2:45 PM
72	Restrooms with running water that are be cleaned every few hours on the weekends as needed	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
73	Our parks are not treated as valued Township assets but rather as singular independent spaces w/ varying degrees of specialty attractiveness.	8/24/2024 11:02 PM
74	Bathrooms	8/23/2024 9:16 PM
75	Additional parking and bathrooms.	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
76	Restroom Facilities, locations near the lake cleaned up with no empty lots that are overgrown and filled with trash (not sure part 2 is possible since it is private property)?	8/22/2024 8:28 AM
77	Bathrooms and rule enforcement is necessary. Make the beach non-smoking and enforce it. Children don't need to witness certain behaviors, either. Class it up. Hold people accountable for inappropriate behavior in a family setting.Swearing and smoking at kids ball games does nothing to bring quality to the future generations	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
78	Keep it clean	8/21/2024 7:21 AM
79	Use mainly to walk dogs; another dog poop station on the south side would be great; regularly cleaned.	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
80	Bathroom facilities	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
81	Better restroom facilities or cleaner well maintained porta potties	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
82	Keeping bathrooms pumped and clean	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
83	Real bathrooms at Crystal Township Park and Beach, need pavilions there also. Would like fitness course and additional parking where fill dirt was placed, maybe pickleball courts if there is room.	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
84	Clean bathrooms that aren't porta johns. If that's not in the hear future at least have them cleaned often especially the old boat launch. That is truly disgusting.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
85	Benches at the top to watch sunsets.	8/20/2024 1:27 PM
86	More picnic tables and places to gather by the beach	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
87	Permanent bathroom/changing rooms	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
88	More tables at the beach park	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
89	Why on earth did they cut all the trees down in the park???? There's no shade now! They ruined the beach! Why did they switch the swimming area with the boat area??? Stupid idea!	8/19/2024 6:42 PM
90	Parking, restrooms	8/19/2024 6:18 PM
91	More tables in the park itself, more trees or shaded areas. Get rid of the school and put in a	8/19/2024 5:57 PM

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	nice new building with offices and a gym	
92	Crystal Township Park and Beach - need a paved parking lot or at the very least a grated and leveled parking lot without ruts. A permanent concession stand by the beach. kayak rental. Sand volleyball court on beach:) Noll Park - fenced in area for a dog park with dog waste amenities, nature walking trail.	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
93	Putting in a ramp to the water would be helpful to anyone using a wheelchair to access the water	8/19/2024 4:30 PM
94	Pavilion	8/19/2024 3:50 PM
95	Add a better playground to Noll Park. The current one is in a muddy area and only has a slide. Flushable toilets/changing rooms by the beach.	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
96	Boats should anchor away from the beaches this would make it safer for everyone	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
97	Permanent restrooms not port-a-potties!	8/19/2024 3:09 PM
98	Get rid of the druggies smoking meth all over the park....	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
99	Disc golf course, bike path	8/19/2024 2:54 PM
100	More clean restroom facilities, especially around holidays and trash cans	8/19/2024 2:52 PM
101	A solution for the bathrooms at South Pier needs to be defined.	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
102	Appropriate Restrooms made with concrete floors for wheelchairs	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
103	Bathroom facilities at both of the parks on the lake	8/19/2024 2:18 PM
104	Waiting for crystal park to get a Pavillion build so we can get back and add big events. I'm OK with the amount of Porta John's provided and feel the pavillion is more important next.	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
105	Clean the port-a-potties and make sure there is toilet paper.	8/19/2024 1:19 PM
106	Bathroom facilities	8/19/2024 1:13 PM
107	Improve service to restrooms/porta potties	8/19/2024 1:05 PM
108	I believe you should put some kind of cameras in parks .. maybe then catch someone there people who vandalize. Break things and such.	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
109	Fine the way they r	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
110	Bathroom facilities with hand wash sinks are needed in all our parks that are cleaned regularly and well maintained.	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
111	Entrance to Pickleball courts need mats or shoe clean off brushes to keep sand and dirt off of the courts.	8/19/2024 12:18 PM
112	You must have clean useable restroom facilities. This is a reflection on the township and community. Bike trails around area that allow safe travel to businesses and parks	8/19/2024 12:01 PM
113	real bathrooms are needed at the township park on the lake	8/19/2024 11:06 AM



## Q9 What do you like best about Crystal's parks and recreation facilities?

Answered: 102    Skipped: 110

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The new park looks nice and classes up our town.	10/24/2024 2:51 PM
2	Well maintained, some programing (i.e. music in the park)	10/24/2024 2:45 PM
3	See number 6	10/24/2024 2:39 PM
4	Clean grounds, easy access	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
5	That they facilitate all residents enjoyment	9/20/2024 12:36 PM
6	Small town charm, clean, beautiful lake	9/19/2024 12:08 AM
7	Pickleball courts	9/18/2024 12:01 AM
8	Beach & Parks.	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
9	It's convenient near home	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
10	Convenience and upkeep.	9/16/2024 12:14 PM
11	Beach & lake	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
12	That they are improving	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
13	Playground equipment	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
14	The peacefulness and character of each park	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
15	The beauty. I spend nearly every weekend taking photos at all but Noll Park	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
16	Poeple friendly	9/13/2024 6:17 PM
17	I love Noll park there r so many things to do there. Also music in the park is wonderful.	9/13/2024 4:57 PM
18	Convenient access to lake	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
19	generally kept up really well. users for the most part are respectful. community support to help DPW keep them nice is wonderful.	9/11/2024 2:02 PM
20	The cleanliness	9/9/2024 8:05 PM
21	The upgrades to Beach area	9/8/2024 8:01 AM
22	T	9/7/2024 10:36 PM
23	pickleball basketball softball pavillion in Noll Park	9/6/2024 1:17 PM
24	Free, close and they try to keep them clean.	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
25	They are available and easy to use.	9/2/2024 3:17 PM
26	Clenliness	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
27	I like the fact that township regularly takes care of all the parks.	9/2/2024 8:52 AM
28	Sandy and clean beaches	9/1/2024 9:04 PM
29	Spacious green space (Township Park), View of the water	9/1/2024 5:21 PM
30	Lake views	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
31	The views from the crystal park on the hill and the peacefulness, feeling of safe.	9/1/2024 11:21 AM
32	The lake	8/31/2024 1:52 PM

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33	Beach	8/28/2024 1:07 PM
34	People's access to water	8/28/2024 8:20 AM
35	Looks much better	8/28/2024 3:44 AM
36	The recent upgrades.	8/28/2024 2:12 AM
37	Handicap accessible	8/27/2024 9:25 PM
38	overall view.	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
39	Easy to get to and out	8/27/2024 5:21 PM
40	The availability	8/27/2024 12:51 PM
41	Like a said, the pavilion was the best part!	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
42	It's beautiful, what a wonderful opportunity for guests to enjoy the beach. Also having all the merchants near by for them.	8/27/2024 12:31 PM
43	Closeness	8/27/2024 11:28 AM
44	Restored pride in the community.	8/27/2024 9:58 AM
45	It's clean and kept up for now	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
46	the lake. But enjoy sports, concerts, craft shows, car shows	8/27/2024 8:36 AM
47	View of the lake	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
48	Lots of grass	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
49	Easily accessible	8/27/2024 5:39 AM
50	Plenty of room for families to enjoy a day at the lake, playground, picnic tables	8/27/2024 5:28 AM
51	Playground equipment and the new beach.	8/27/2024 3:12 AM
52	It's Free	8/26/2024 11:57 PM
53	Green space, activities, pickleball courts, art in the park, car show, music in the park	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
54	the trees	8/26/2024 10:17 PM
55	Possibilities	8/26/2024 9:42 PM
56	Open, clean, easy to use	8/26/2024 8:59 PM
57	Lake public swimming	8/26/2024 8:45 PM
58	Open space	8/26/2024 8:22 PM
59	There's something for everyone.	8/26/2024 7:49 PM
60	The beachfront looks beautiful!	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
61	Lake access	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
62	The access for the public to use our beaches, boat launches and baseball fields	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
63	Family friendly,	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
64	Lots of room to play and have family getherings.	8/26/2024 7:11 PM
65	Walkway/sidewalks	8/26/2024 7:07 PM
66	Provides a place for activities	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
67	The new beach is awesome	8/26/2024 6:47 PM
68	Clean	8/26/2024 6:46 PM
69	They are maintained well - the lawns are mowed and trash removed as best can be expected with current staff.	8/26/2024 2:45 PM

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70	Close to business	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
71	Only that they exist and have the potential for individual improvement and inter connectivity.	8/24/2024 11:02 PM
72	Access to the Lake!	8/22/2024 8:28 AM
73	They could be great if people would be respectful and clean and courteous	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
74	they are kept mowed and relatively free of trash. Pleasant tree-shaded area.	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
75	Walkable	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
76	Close to home, beautiful location	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
77	Sight lines	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
78	Provides an area for people to enjoy our beautiful lake, many which do not have resources for other enjoyments.	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
79	Inviting to people	8/20/2024 3:24 PM
80	I don't visit the parks often because I live on the lake. However, i do take my grandkids when they are visiting. They do fish off the piers on the south side. The new pavilion there is nice now the restrooms need to be replaced.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
81	Assessability.	8/20/2024 1:27 PM
82	The beach	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
83	New beach and terraced park at Crystal Township Park	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
84	Convenient	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
85	Not much!	8/19/2024 6:42 PM
86	Activities	8/19/2024 6:18 PM
87	I like that has been Been updated.	8/19/2024 5:57 PM
88	They need to be updated, maintained and cleaned	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
89	The Ramps	8/19/2024 4:30 PM
90	Well maintained	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
91	The new park	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
92	Music in the park	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
93	They are free	8/19/2024 2:54 PM
94	Locations! Noll is tucked away and feels like a crystal treasure while crystal park feels more like the place to have cool things happening.	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
95	Accessible to me.	8/19/2024 1:19 PM
96	Well kept	8/19/2024 1:13 PM
97	The lake	8/19/2024 1:05 PM
98	I love the tiered area..once the beach is cleaned up in the water it will be amazing.	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
99	Kept up	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
100	They are well maintained and cleaned regularly.	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
101	Accessibility for all.	8/19/2024 12:18 PM
102	knoll park supports activities for community	8/19/2024 11:06 AM

## Q10 What do you think could be improved upon in Crystal's current parks and rec facilities?

Answered: 105    Skipped: 107

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There should be more benches at Township Park for sunset enjoyment. The pier at South Park needs improvements and could be wider and longer to accommodate more occupants.	10/24/2024 2:51 PM
2	People walking dogs should pick up "leavings" after them so people don't step on it!	10/24/2024 2:39 PM
3	Dog free, cart free area	10/24/2024 2:34 PM
4	Restrooms, more family activities, playground equipment	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
5	More flowers and or decor during holidays. Also, I love the idea of outside speakers placed in utility poles (?) and playing music during day hours.	10/7/2024 5:36 PM
6	Maintenance and updating	9/20/2024 12:36 PM
7	The land by the school needs redone. A beautiful flower garden walking path would be nice. And we need public restrooms	9/19/2024 12:08 AM
8	New pavilion & public restrooms.	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
9	Look at all tables that r in disrepair, remove the pit bathrooms at south shore pier and put in porta potties, outdated playground equipment, not safe!!!	9/16/2024 9:34 PM
10	All the dirt out they pulled out of the park when they put the beach in and make it into a parking lot	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
11	Parking	9/16/2024 12:14 PM
12	Walking path around the lake	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
13	better restrooms and parking	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
14	Covered shelters to rent/use would draw people to the main lake park	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
15	Regular bathrooms. More activity at knoll park	9/14/2024 7:42 AM
16	Adding amenities like benches and tables to the smaller parks like Duck and Loon. Loon Lake should be included in all this unless it's considered a "County" park.	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
17	Coverd areas	9/13/2024 6:17 PM
18	The front of the community center.	9/13/2024 4:57 PM
19	New park needs leveled areas blown off and better sand. A restroom, picnic areas and fresh play equipment and a way to get down the hill to the lake	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
20	More security ( cameras?)	9/11/2024 6:01 PM
21	Expand offerings of activities. Replace pavilion at Crystal Lake Park. Consider linkage opportunity to existing trails.	9/11/2024 2:02 PM
22	Updated parking lot for the Crystal Township park	9/9/2024 8:05 PM
23	See question 8.	9/8/2024 8:01 AM
24	Before and after the "season" the quietness at the parks is relaxing. I also don't believe that golf carts shop be allowed on the grass at the parks. Better handicap accessibility needs to happen. (is wheelchair picnic tables)	9/7/2024 10:36 PM
25	permanent restrooms - pavillions in Township park - more pickleball courts - exercise equipment	9/6/2024 1:17 PM

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26	Again, I'd have to say extra restrooms and trash cans during holidays and special events. Always need additional parking. Vacant land owned by the township would be a great opportunity for additional parking.	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
27	Each should have a covered area available to rent for family or community events, with electricity at each. Also running water at Noll and twp park and beach with public restrooms.	9/2/2024 3:17 PM
28	Paint bright colors. IE: posts, chain, outhouse, docks, etc	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
29	We need more community events that bring people into town.	9/2/2024 8:52 AM
30	Continue to clean the beaches	9/1/2024 9:04 PM
31	Bathrooms, a covered facility, a dog park area (great way to meet people)	9/1/2024 5:21 PM
32	Bathroom facilities changing room for swimming	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
33	More sidewalks, bathrooms, garbage bins, and for the beach sand added and life jacket loaner and sand toy donations.	9/1/2024 11:21 AM
34	Better bathrooms and cleaning	8/31/2024 1:52 PM
35	Leave it alone	8/28/2024 9:28 PM
36	Splash pad	8/28/2024 1:07 PM
37	Bathrooms	8/28/2024 8:20 AM
38	Parking	8/28/2024 3:44 AM
39	picnic facilities.	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
40	I'm satisfied with them	8/27/2024 5:21 PM
41	Better or more bathrooms	8/27/2024 12:51 PM
42	NEEDS PAVILLIONS, BETTER BATHROOMS, and Kid's playground (swing sets) Get rid of all the rocks in the new swimming beach area and get rid of boats from old swimming location which should be done anyway because there's going to be an accident and the Township will be liable. Boats should access the sandbar out by the island only! AND REDUCE RISK OF ACCIDENTS ON MAIN STREET BY NOT ALLOWING PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD. Plan was not well thought out with ample parking that does not infringe upon the Local's ability to go to the store or gas station:(	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
43	A covered picnic area	8/27/2024 12:31 PM
44	Restrooms	8/27/2024 11:28 AM
45	More trash cans, emptied timely.	8/27/2024 9:58 AM
46	Need more bathrooms and trash cans that are cleaned out often.	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
47	Bathroom facilities	8/27/2024 8:36 AM
48	Restrooms, covered shelter	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
49	Bathroom and changing room access, the bathrooms at south beach are always disgusting	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
50	Better access	8/27/2024 6:41 AM
51	Better restrooms	8/27/2024 5:39 AM
52	A new pavillion	8/27/2024 5:28 AM
53	More benches, more play ground equipment, slash pad, pavilion.	8/27/2024 3:12 AM
54	More Bathrooms at the beach. Maybe a park employee to help keep them up. Especially over the weekends.	8/26/2024 11:57 PM
55	bathrooms	8/26/2024 10:17 PM
56	Skate Park, basketball courts, water park, walking paths, pay exercise equipment	8/26/2024 9:42 PM
57	More events	8/26/2024 8:45 PM



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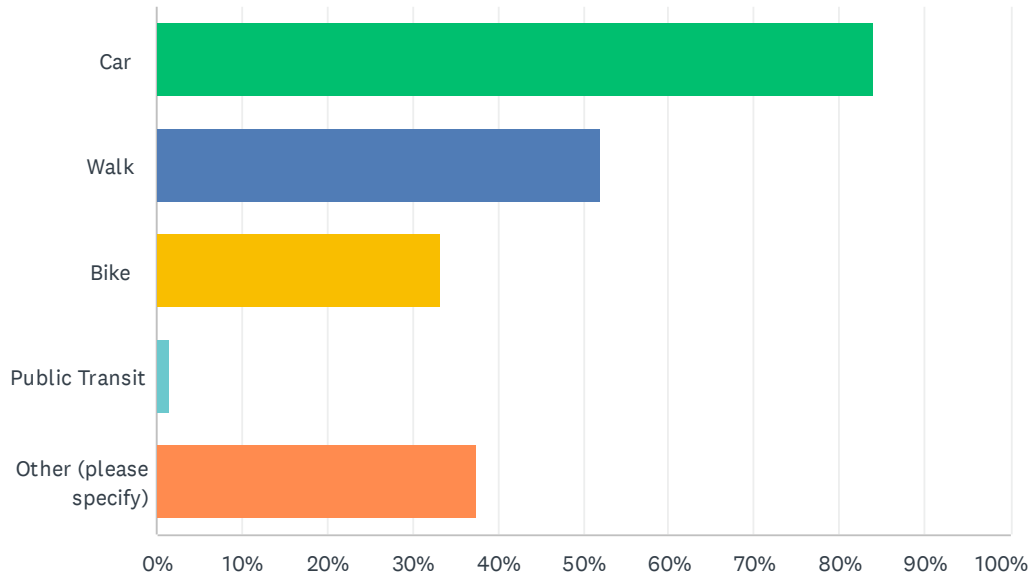
58	Playground equipment and bathrooms at both noll and crystal twsp park	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
59	Pavilions with electrical outlets and flushing bathrooms. Golf cart paths. Frisbee golf. More picnic tables throughout park.	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
60	Make park more accessible for people with restrooms, picnic tables and grills.	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
61	Bouys keeping boaters back away from swim area in public areas	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
62	Better Bathrooms Beach park and clean them.	8/26/2024 7:11 PM
63	Last time I took my toddler grandson down by the beach park on the hill playground I spent a lot of time just trying to not have him play with the trash all over and left. I've not been frustrated like this with other parks.	8/26/2024 7:07 PM
64	Public bathrooms at the beach	8/26/2024 7:00 PM
65	Cleanliness. Too much trash is left out. Also empty cans & water bottles are washing up on nearby properties. Real bathrooms! Or more portable bathrooms	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
66	Cleanliness and restrooms	8/26/2024 6:47 PM
67	Restrooms	8/26/2024 6:46 PM
68	More staff is needed if we acquire more facilities (bathrooms, splashpad, more trash bins), new walking/bike path could be created that runs between Noll Park and downtown Crystal	8/26/2024 2:45 PM
69	Restrooms with water and have them clean	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
70	Except for the new Township beach park, rethink their individual utility and give each one a theme to perfect.	8/24/2024 11:02 PM
71	Walking trail, splash pad, things for kids to do	8/23/2024 9:16 PM
72	Additional parking and bathrooms.	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
73	Bathrooms and behaviors	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
74	Specific to Crystal Twp Park, find a spot and replace pavilion, keep park sidewalks cleaned of snow in winter. Not too crazy about the placement of porta johns on lake St. (But I don't have a better idea either) Mark off swimming area at old beach to keep boats from parking so close to shore. Accident waiting to happen.	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
75	Increase funding for maintenance	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
76	Restroom facilities	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
77	Pavilion and permanent bathroom	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
78	Bathrooms and pavilions! More swim buoys,	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
79	Bathrooms	8/20/2024 3:24 PM
80	Bathrooms snd maybe new smaller pavilions in the park for people to use. My concern is vandalism to anything you might do to upgrade the area.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
81	More ammenities, and activities for children. Picnic pavillions.	8/20/2024 1:27 PM
82	Be a nice improvement if the public parking next to the bar was nicely paved with lines	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
83	Get the boats away from the children swimming. Someone is going to get hurt	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
84	Bathrooms	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
85	Restrooms, parking	8/19/2024 6:18 PM
86	Parks maybe just need better restrooms. That are kept clean. Old school II s a waste of money. We could update with a new building that doesn't leak and more energy efficient	8/19/2024 5:57 PM
87	noll-parking lot needs to be filled in and grated, pickleball courts-fill cracks and fix the boards against the fence-repaint and add a white line on boards for practice. baseball facilities need to be updated-painted	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
88	The bathrooms could be a lot cleaner and more accessible	8/19/2024 4:30 PM

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89	Bathroom building	8/19/2024 3:50 PM
90	Actual bathrooms and not port a potties.	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
91	Indoor rec facility	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
92	Permanent restrooms not port-a-potties! Also, no dogs at the beach.	8/19/2024 3:09 PM
93	The parks themselves are great and getting better... Love em. All the druggies smoking meth at the beach Park would be nice to get rid of. Maybe ask the PD to help with that?	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
94	More clean restrooms and trash cans, especially on holidays. Utilizing more township properties as parking lots.	8/19/2024 2:52 PM
95	cleaning up the CT beach area .. The items in the water.	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
96	Pavilion at crystal park.	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
97	Not sure	8/19/2024 1:19 PM
98	Restrooms	8/19/2024 1:13 PM
99	Noll park. Maybe another pavilion... Crystal park/beach more bathrooms And no dogs on designated beach areas...or clean up.. but dogs don't always like kids and other dogs.	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
100	Cleaning and bathroom up keep	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
101	Drinking less in parks by golf cart folks	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
102	Bathroom facilities with hand wash sinks at all our parks. A changing room facility would be nice for those using the beach at Crystal Park.	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
103	Repair the cracks in the PB courts before they get out of hand. Our group has 52 members who play.	8/19/2024 12:18 PM
104	Restrooms	8/19/2024 12:01 PM
105	permanent bathrooms for the park by lake	8/19/2024 11:06 AM

## Q11 What modes of transportation do you use to get to parks? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 144   Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Car	84.03%	121
Walk	52.08%	75
Bike	33.33%	48
Public Transit	1.39%	2
Other (please specify)	37.50%	54
Total Respondents: 144		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	golf cart	10/24/2024 2:45 PM
2	Golfcarts	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
3	Golf cart	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
4	Golf cart	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
5	Golf cart	9/13/2024 4:57 PM
6	golf cart	9/12/2024 11:34 PM
7	golf cart	9/6/2024 1:17 PM
8	Golf cart	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
9	Golf cart	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
10	Moped	8/27/2024 5:21 PM

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11	Golf cart	8/27/2024 12:51 PM
12	Golf Cart	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
13	Cart, buggy, sxs	8/27/2024 12:42 PM
14	Golf cart	8/27/2024 12:31 PM
15	Cart	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
16	Golf cart	8/27/2024 8:36 AM
17	ATV	8/27/2024 7:53 AM
18	Golf cart	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
19	Golf cart, side by side	8/27/2024 5:39 AM
20	Golf cart	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
21	Golf cart	8/26/2024 9:56 PM
22	golf cart	8/26/2024 7:49 PM
23	Golf cart	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
24	Golf cart. Surprised this is not an option.	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
25	Golf cart	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
26	Golf cart	8/26/2024 7:19 PM
27	Golf cart	8/26/2024 2:08 PM
28	Golf Cart	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
29	Sxs, golf cart	8/22/2024 10:38 AM
30	Golf cart	8/21/2024 7:21 AM
31	Golf Cart	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
32	Golf cart	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
33	Golf cart	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
34	Where is UTV on the list????	8/20/2024 1:27 PM
35	Golf cart and side by side	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
36	Golf cart	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
37	Golf cart	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
38	Golf cart	8/19/2024 6:18 PM
39	golf cart	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
40	Golf Cart	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
41	Golf cart	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
42	Golf cart	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
43	Golfcart	8/19/2024 2:54 PM
44	Golf cart	8/19/2024 2:52 PM
45	Golf cart	8/19/2024 2:40 PM
46	UTV	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
47	Golf cart	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
48	Side by side	8/19/2024 1:13 PM

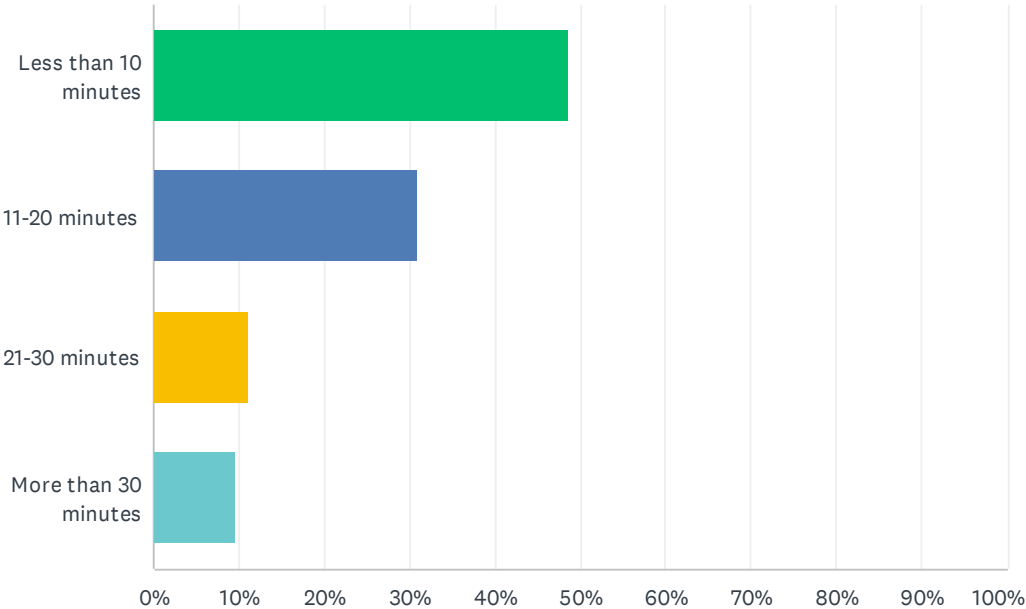
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49	Ranger-sie by side	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
50	Cart	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
51	Golf cart	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
52	Golf cart	8/19/2024 12:32 PM
53	Golf cart	8/19/2024 12:18 PM
54	Golf cart	8/19/2024 11:49 AM



Q12 I am willing to drive\_\_\_\_\_ to a park. (Please complete the sentence by choosing the answer that best fits.)

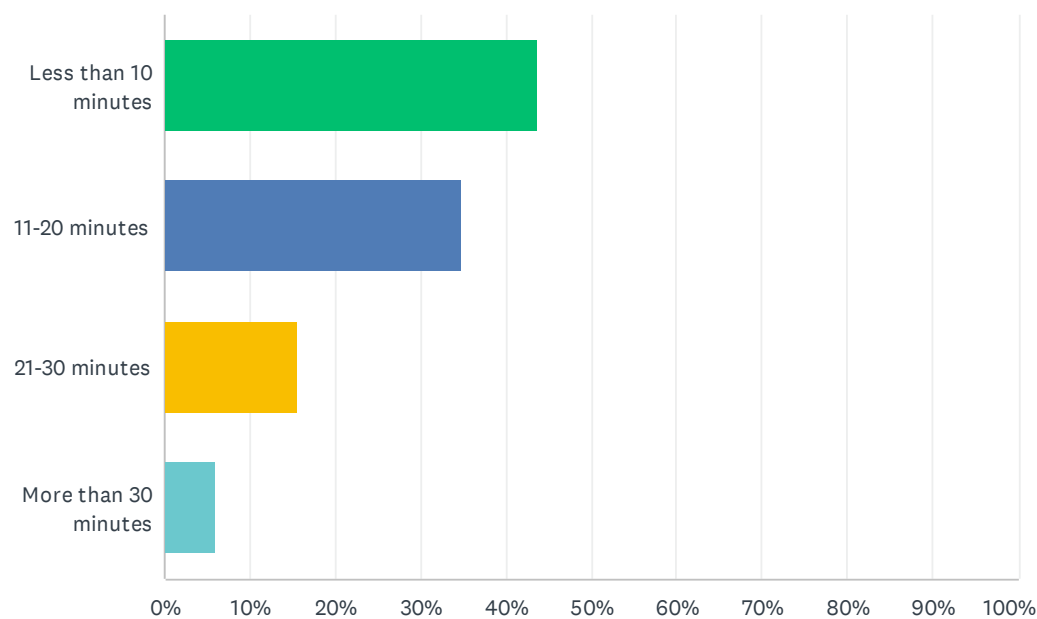
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 10 minutes	48.53%	66
11-20 minutes	30.88%	42
21-30 minutes	11.03%	15
More than 30 minutes	9.56%	13
TOTAL		136

Q13 I am willing to walk\_\_\_\_\_ to a park. (Please complete the sentence by choosing the answer that best fits.)

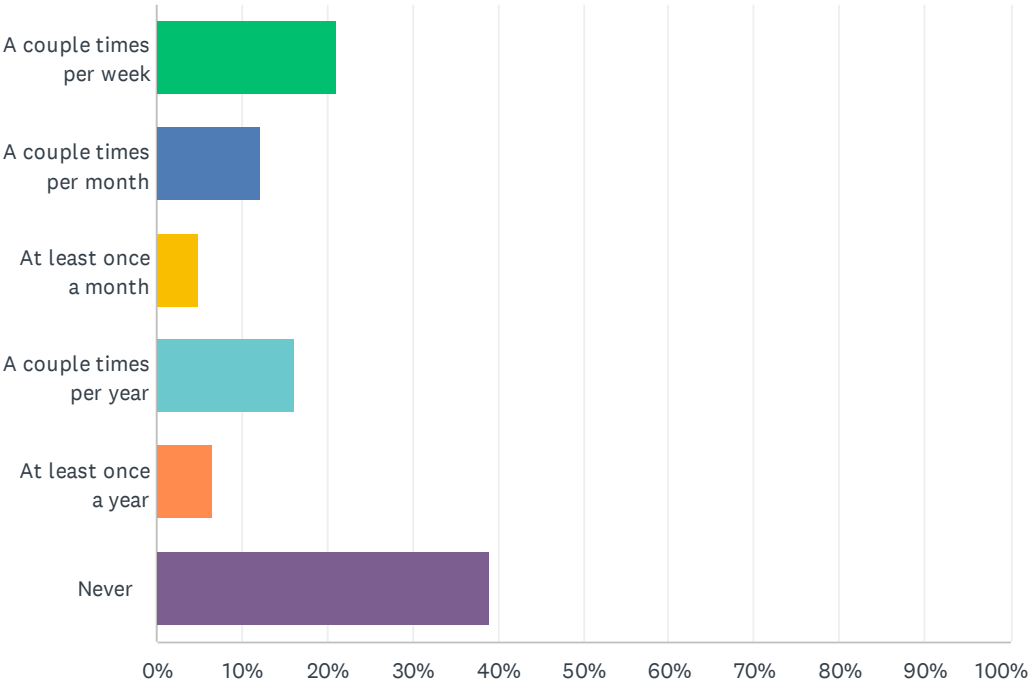
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 10 minutes	43.70%	59
11-20 minutes	34.81%	47
21-30 minutes	15.56%	21
More than 30 minutes	5.93%	8
TOTAL		135

# Q14 If you have a bicycle, how often do you ride it in Crystal Township?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A couple times per week	21.14%	26
A couple times per month	12.20%	15
At least once a month	4.88%	6
A couple times per year	16.26%	20
At least once a year	6.50%	8
Never	39.02%	48
TOTAL		123

## Q15 Would you feel safe riding a bicycle to access parks and recreation assets in Crystal Township? (Please complete the sentence by sharing your feeling).

Answered: 101    Skipped: 111

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, because	47.52%	48
No, because	54.46%	55

#	YES, BECAUSE	DATE
1	..	9/19/2024 12:08 AM
2	I have rode my bike from Duck Lake to Crystal lake for many years now.	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
3	Yes and no	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
4	I feel very safe in Crystal	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
5	The one in town because of the low speed limit	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
6	Most often people are courteous drivers and share the roads	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
7	I feel safe	9/13/2024 6:17 PM
8	It is easy to get around on a bike	9/12/2024 11:34 PM
9	we typically bike to the township park and beach.	9/9/2024 8:05 PM
10	Yes, everyone around here is used to people walking and rising in the street even though there's limited sidewalks.	9/8/2024 8:01 AM
11	its close by	9/6/2024 1:17 PM
12	Yes, if I had one. People usually obey speed limits.	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
13	people are courteous	9/2/2024 3:17 PM
14	Yes, the park is a very safe place for my family and I.	9/2/2024 8:52 AM
15	Like any bike rider..just need to be alert to traffic	9/1/2024 9:04 PM
16	The park isn't crowded	9/1/2024 5:21 PM
17	It's a small town.	8/31/2024 1:52 PM
18	I have kids	8/28/2024 1:07 PM
19	It's close	8/27/2024 8:38 PM
20	We have a great comm	8/27/2024 5:21 PM
21	Yes	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
22	Yes because it's well lite.	8/27/2024 3:12 AM
23	Crystal is a safe community	8/26/2024 11:57 PM
24	Except on weekends or holidays	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
25	If it is during the day and paths well maintain	8/26/2024 8:59 PM
26	Easy access to ride all the way around the lake	8/26/2024 8:45 PM

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27	this is a safe area.	8/26/2024 7:49 PM
28	The speed limit is low	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
29	There is plenty of room to ride it on back streets.	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
30	I would do it at safer times if the day	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
31	I have always felt safe.	8/26/2024 7:02 PM
32	There is bike paths	8/26/2024 7:00 PM
33	Yes because I'm smart	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
34	crystal overall is very safe.	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
35	The roads are not too crowded.	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
36	Traffic is normally slow and considerate	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
37	Why would you not	8/20/2024 3:24 PM
38	It's safe here	8/19/2024 7:54 PM
39	I feel like you could safely ride a bike within the township	8/19/2024 5:57 PM
40	The parks are generally safe	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
41	Presence of law enforcement and response of emergency assistance	8/19/2024 2:52 PM
42	I ride bikes a lot anyway.	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
43	Yes, because I know how to ride safely.	8/19/2024 1:19 PM
44	There is a lot of foot traffic, golf carts, ect	8/19/2024 1:13 PM
45	Plenty of room to ride	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
46	it's very common to see bikes on the road in Crystal	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
47	Bicycles are a good form of exercise	8/19/2024 12:32 PM
48	It's not too far	8/19/2024 11:49 AM
#	<b>NO, BECAUSE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	people drive too fast on Main Street and around the lake don't watch for pedestirians.	10/24/2024 2:51 PM
2	too many crazy drivers	10/24/2024 2:34 PM
3	of traffic and golf carts in the summer	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
4	There's hardly any sidewalks around the lake.	10/7/2024 5:36 PM
5	roads are narrow and filled with large trucks, trailers and farm machinery	9/20/2024 12:36 PM
6	At times it can be dicey	9/18/2024 12:01 AM
7	I do not ride a bicycle	9/16/2024 9:34 PM
8	Depends on traffic	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
9	People drive way to fast and roads are narrow! We need bike paths	9/16/2024 9:52 AM
10	There is not sufficient space on the road to bike and be safe	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
11	Knoll park is on a busy street	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
12	Drivers are too distracted these days	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
13	Peoples driving.	9/14/2024 7:42 AM
14	Cars and trucks exceed speed limit. Traffuc is often busy in the summer	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
15	Speeding traffic	9/11/2024 3:50 PM

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16	The golf carts rule the roads. So dangerous.	9/7/2024 10:36 PM
17	Not enough bike lanes and teenage drivers speeding is a recipe for accidents	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
18	Don't trust people enough to make sure they pay attention	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
19	Complete sidewalk trails should be made around the lake.	9/1/2024 11:21 AM
20	No I don't ride	8/28/2024 3:44 AM
21	no, due to street space & traffic factor.	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
22	Traffic in that area is top busy	8/27/2024 12:51 PM
23	too many people allow underage driver's behind the wheel of golf carts	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
24	Need more bike lanes	8/27/2024 5:39 AM
25	The is no bike lane and traffic is 55mph	8/27/2024 5:28 AM
26	people drive poorly and are inconsiderate	8/26/2024 10:17 PM
27	Traveling on a bike is dangerous, vehicles push you off roads, no bike paths	8/26/2024 9:42 PM
28	no cars come to close to you.	8/26/2024 7:11 PM
29	The golf cart children are scary reckless.	8/26/2024 7:07 PM
30	There is no place to secure bikes	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
31	A bike trail around the lake would be amazing	8/26/2024 6:47 PM
32	road is tight and does not allow for a bike lane	8/26/2024 2:45 PM
33	The roads I would need to use are high speed & narrow	8/26/2024 1:46 PM
34	It's Crystal with no fear for my safty	8/22/2024 10:38 AM
35	Narrow streets around the lake, People drive too fast on area roads, specifically Sidney rd.	8/22/2024 8:28 AM
36	Speeding cars and no sidewalks is a major deterrent. Heed the advice of the contracted planner and start working on connecting crystal with the meijer trail.	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
37	No bike lanes on N Shore Dr and vehicles increasingly speeding and unwilling to share road	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
38	Drivers not being careful	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
39	No bike paths	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
40	Every time I get on my bike I feel like I am taking my life into my hands. People drive way too fast and I constantly see people texting while driving. I see kids under 16 with no adult supervision driving golf carts on the road. Many don't have ORV stickers. There never seems to be a police officer around especially before and after roller skating. People are driving way over 25 mph around the lake. I am waiting for someone to get hit and killed. I don't know if i've ever seen someone pulled over in my area	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
41	There are some roads not wide enough to accommodate foot traffic safely let alone a bike especially on north shore.	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
42	Not room on the roads	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
43	Not in this town! People drive like idiots in this town! Including and especially the people with golf carts!!! They think they own the roads!	8/19/2024 6:42 PM
44	Traffic on narrow roads	8/19/2024 6:18 PM
45	need better lighting	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
46	I feel there needs to be safer bike lanes on the roadways to get to the parks	8/19/2024 4:30 PM
47	The roads are very narrow and not built for walkers, runners, bikers, golf carts and cars. One person/pedestrian (walking/biking/runnng) alone maybe but more than 2 there is no room in n the side of the road. Too many elderly drivers do not move over for pedestrians	8/19/2024 3:24 PM

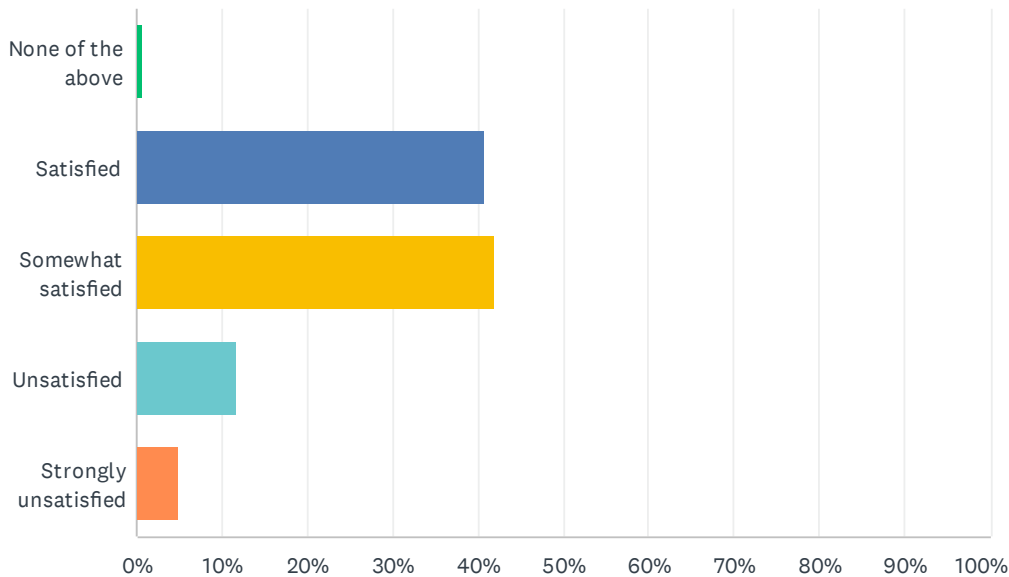


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48	I'm good, kids are not at the beach Park with all the drugs.	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
49	I'm not comfortable riding a bike	8/19/2024 2:40 PM
50	Cars go to fast around the lake and it's hard to get your bike off to the shoulder carefully. I wish the shoulders could be paved for walkers and bikers.	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
51	To many carts and cars	8/19/2024 1:17 PM
52	No bike lanes	8/19/2024 1:05 PM
53	Most of the time yes but not on weekends. Too much traffic and cars going to fast	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
54	Too much traffic by non road permitting vehicles quads dirt bikes maybe policing by our officer to educate and eliminate that type of traffice	8/19/2024 12:01 PM
55	around the lake traffic is rude and sometime unsafe with idiot golf cart and auto drivers	8/19/2024 11:06 AM

Q16 Overall, how satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of the parks and recreation facilities?

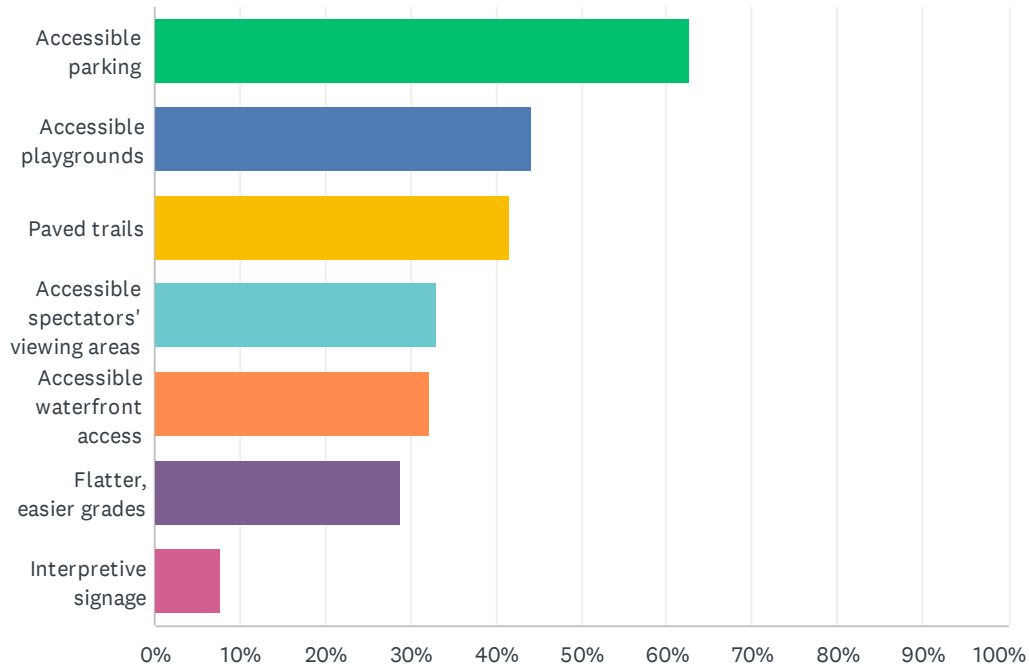
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.69%	1
Satisfied	40.69%	59
Somewhat satisfied	42.07%	61
Unsatisfied	11.72%	17
Strongly unsatisfied	4.83%	7
TOTAL		145

## Q17 What would make Crystal Township's parks and recreation more accessible and user-friendly for all individuals? Check all that apply.

Answered: 118 Skipped: 94



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Accessible parking	62.71%	74
Accessible playgrounds	44.07%	52
Paved trails	41.53%	49
Accessible spectators' viewing areas	33.05%	39
Accessible waterfront access	32.20%	38
Flatter, easier grades	28.81%	34
Interpretive signage	7.63%	9
Total Respondents: 118		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	better restrooms and changing facilities	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
2	Ban dogs on the beaches	9/15/2024 2:22 PM
3	Rest rooms	9/13/2024 6:17 PM
4	The front of the community center needs to be spruced up. up.	9/13/2024 4:57 PM
5	Unsure	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
6	Picnic facilities	9/7/2024 10:36 PM

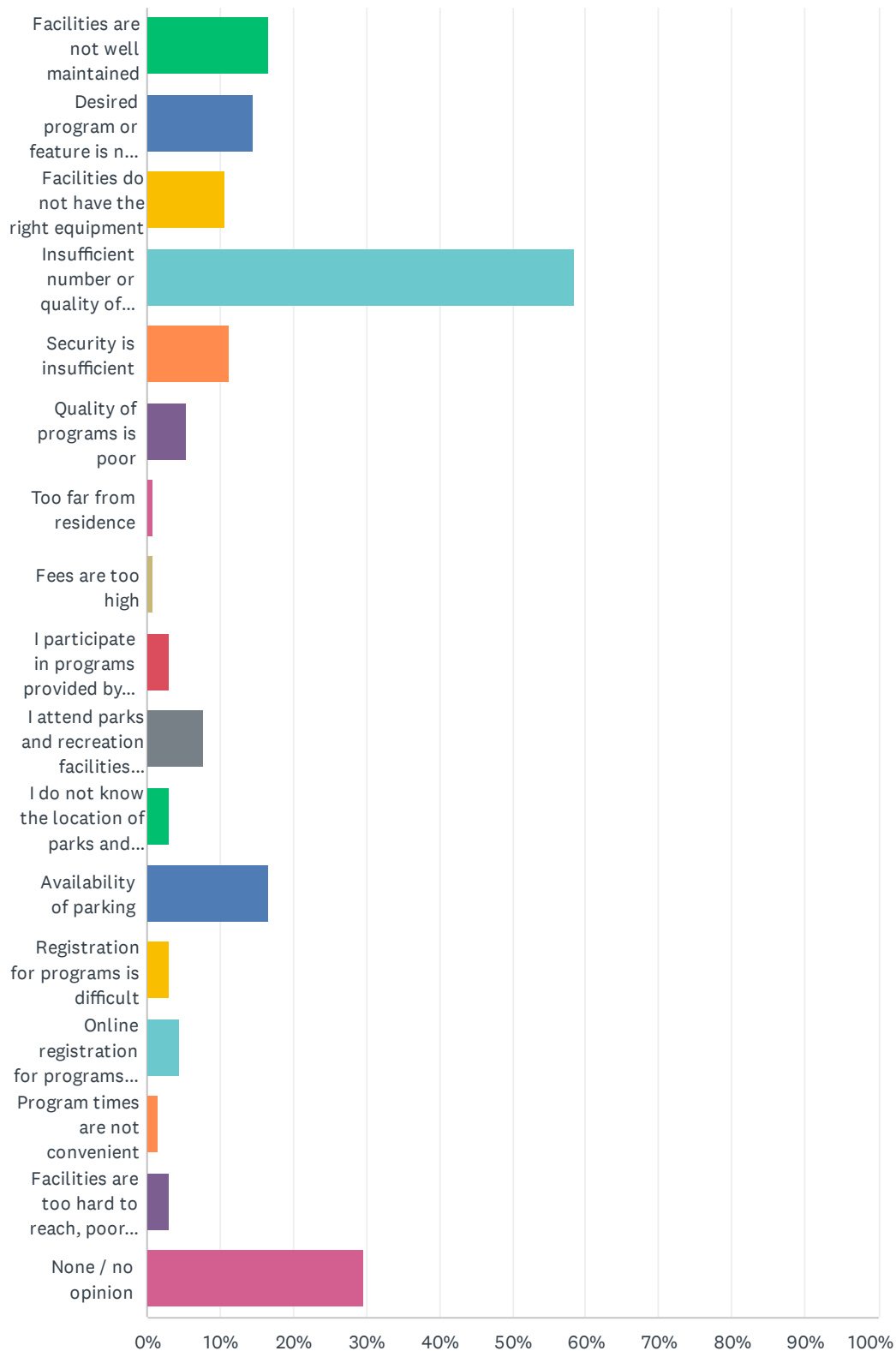
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7	Flush restrooms.	9/2/2024 3:17 PM
8	Bathroom	8/28/2024 9:28 PM
9	LESS ROCKS IN SWIMMING AREA!	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
10	Bathrooms	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
11	Bathrooms and a sidewalk on the beach side to parking.	8/27/2024 3:12 AM
12	Restrooms	8/26/2024 9:56 PM
13	It is user friendly now if it wasn't the lake would not be so busy every weekend	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
14	Nice bathrooms	8/26/2024 7:19 PM
15	Additional parking and bathrooms.	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
16	Pass and enforce ordinances. Pay for more police presence in the community. Especially on the water and at beaches	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
17	fine as is	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
18	Parking is a huge issue especially at the DNR boat landing. I feel like it should be parking for vehicles with boat trailers only. There is limited parking there and when vehicles without trailers use it then people start parking all over the grass. There are signs indicating no parking, but you rarely see them get tickets. People that put their boats in the water could drive over to the beach and pick up their passengers that drive separately freeing up parking for trailer parking.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
19	More parking	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
20	Permanent bathroom/changing rooms not porta John's that never get cleaned	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
21	Sidewalks around the lake	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
22	Adequate permanent restrooms. Steps in the middle of the tiers.	8/19/2024 3:09 PM
23	Concrete Ramp down into water for wheelchairs . The beautiful improvements to the park did not take in motorized wheelchairs nor reg wheel chairs needs. Room to turn around made with concrete or small concrete patios on the levels to park for handicapped chairs where the wont sink or get stuck. Easy access so vehicles dont get crowded getting ramps deployed. Concrete floored wheelchair accessible restrooms	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
24	I think both parks are very accessible.	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
25	Signage on safe swimming area	8/19/2024 12:01 PM

**Q18 Please check all the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from using any of the Township's recreation facilities, programs, or parks.**

Answered: 132   Skipped: 80

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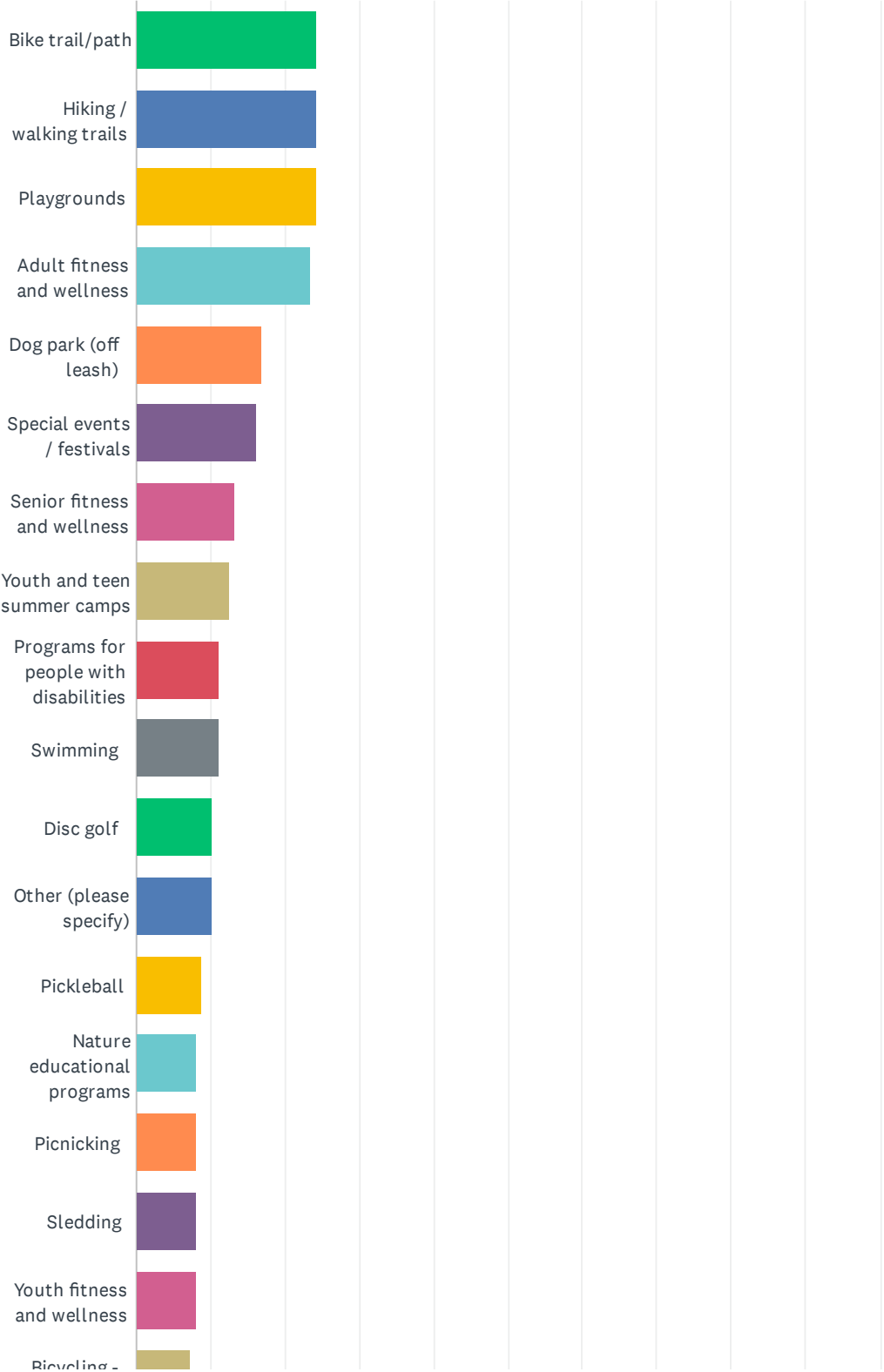


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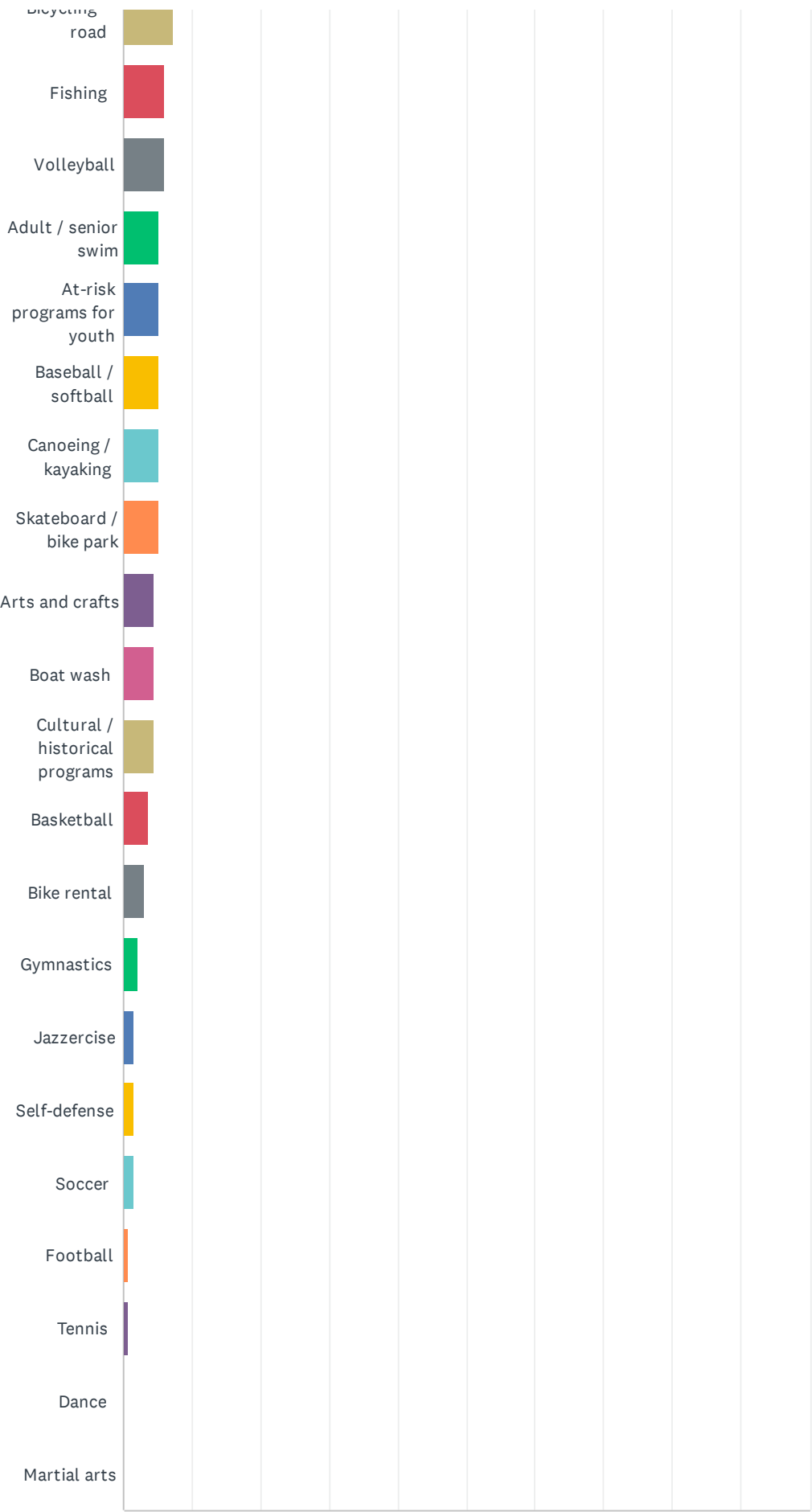
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Facilities are not well maintained	16.67%	22
Desired program or feature is not offered	14.39%	19
Facilities do not have the right equipment	10.61%	14
Insufficient number or quality of restroom facilities	58.33%	77
Security is insufficient	11.36%	15
Quality of programs is poor	5.30%	7
Too far from residence	0.76%	1
Fees are too high	0.76%	1
I participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations	3.03%	4
I attend parks and recreation facilities provided by other communities or organizations	7.58%	10
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	3.03%	4
Availability of parking	16.67%	22
Registration for programs is difficult	3.03%	4
Online registration for programs is not offered	4.55%	6
Program times are not convenient	1.52%	2
Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access	3.03%	4
None / no opinion	29.55%	39
Total Respondents: 132		

Q19 If you were given \$1,000 to spend on parks and recreation facilities and programming in Crystal Township, what would you spend your money on? (Select up to 3).

Answered: 136    Skipped: 76



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0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bike trail/path	24.26%	33
Hiking / walking trails	24.26%	33
Playgrounds	24.26%	33
Adult fitness and wellness	23.53%	32
Dog park (off leash)	16.91%	23
Special events / festivals	16.18%	22
Senior fitness and wellness	13.24%	18
Youth and teen summer camps	12.50%	17
Programs for people with disabilities	11.03%	15
Swimming	11.03%	15
Disc golf	10.29%	14
Other (please specify)	10.29%	14
Pickleball	8.82%	12
Nature educational programs	8.09%	11
Picnicking	8.09%	11
Sledding	8.09%	11
Youth fitness and wellness	8.09%	11
Bicycling - road	7.35%	10
Fishing	5.88%	8
Volleyball	5.88%	8
Adult / senior swim	5.15%	7
At-risk programs for youth	5.15%	7
Baseball / softball	5.15%	7
Canoeing / kayaking	5.15%	7
Skateboard / bike park	5.15%	7
Arts and crafts	4.41%	6
Boat wash	4.41%	6
Cultural / historical programs	4.41%	6
Basketball	3.68%	5
Bike rental	2.94%	4
Gymnastics	2.21%	3
Jazzercise	1.47%	2

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Self-defense	1.47%	2
Soccer	1.47%	2
Football	0.74%	1
Tennis	0.74%	1
Dance	0.00%	0
Martial arts	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 136		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Outings for family's	9/16/2024 4:09 PM
2	better public restrooms and changing facilities	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
3	Covered pavilions for the township park again and one at Duck Lake and what about loon Lake? It may not be "in town" but it's still a part of Crystal.	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
4	Parking	9/5/2024 7:29 PM
5	beach volleyball has been suggested by my teens	8/26/2024 2:45 PM
6	Hire seasonal park employees on the weekends	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
7	concerts	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
8	Keeping bathrooms pumped	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
9	Fitness path	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
10	Some type of security to element drug use there	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
11	Security cameras to protect our beautiful parks.	8/19/2024 2:40 PM
12	i would donate it to the youth bal programs to maintain the fields and grounds.	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
13	Enhance restrooms	8/19/2024 1:05 PM
14	Pickleball courts kept up.	8/19/2024 12:18 PM



## Q20 If you could introduce one new amenity or program to any park or recreation facility in Crystal, what would it be and where?

Answered: 88   Skipped: 124

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More parking/sustaining current parking at the Crystal Township Park	10/24/2024 2:45 PM
2	Go back to the way it was. A sacrilege!!! Why oh why does a certain person have complete say on several things on park/beach and board goes along with him every time. So sad!	10/24/2024 2:39 PM
3	Dog park	10/24/2024 2:34 PM
4	In park - walk trails	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
5	A dog park with beach/lake incorporated. I'd section off the farthest spot of 'new beach area' including a section of the 3-tier retaining wall.	10/7/2024 5:36 PM
6	real restrooms to Crystal Park	9/20/2024 12:36 PM
7	We need more for the kids to do.	9/19/2024 12:08 AM
8	Community event - low key	9/18/2024 12:01 AM
9	A public restroom	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
10	Just maintain what we have for now, then go forward	9/16/2024 9:34 PM
11	Biking/walking paths	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
12	better cleaner restrooms at all	9/15/2024 10:47 PM
13	Yoga anywhere in town	9/15/2024 5:46 PM
14	To Noll Park a Concession stand. At Crystal Township park a stage and seating area for musical events and entertainment.	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
15	Pavilion	9/13/2024 6:17 PM
16	Restrooms with changing area to beach park	9/12/2024 6:13 AM
17	Permanent restrooms located at the township park and beach	9/9/2024 8:05 PM
18	Dog park at noll park.	9/8/2024 8:01 AM
19	some type of fitness or exercise for adults	9/6/2024 1:17 PM
20	Covered picnic area with tables	9/2/2024 3:17 PM
21	N shore boat launch parking on busy days	9/2/2024 3:15 PM
22	More parking	9/2/2024 8:52 AM
23	Dog park	9/1/2024 5:21 PM
24	Shaded benches	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
25	Disc golf.	8/31/2024 1:52 PM
26	Family fun things	8/28/2024 1:07 PM
27	Yoga, park over looking the new beach area/lake	8/27/2024 9:25 PM
28	Pacino	8/27/2024 8:38 PM
29	directional signage.	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
30	Boat wash	8/27/2024 12:51 PM

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31	A gas station on the water boats could pull up and fill up....like Bennet's used to have>>> and a Tiki Bar	8/27/2024 12:45 PM
32	There are a lot of walkers in Crystal and nowhere to do it safely. People are in the roads making it dangerous	8/27/2024 12:31 PM
33	Yoga in the park	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
34	Bathrooms in park and carousel by elementary school	8/27/2024 8:36 AM
35	Covered shelter	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
36	Kayak rental	8/27/2024 7:33 AM
37	More playground equipment	8/27/2024 5:28 AM
38	Convenient access to restrooms.	8/27/2024 3:12 AM
39	Disc Golf at Knoll Park	8/26/2024 11:57 PM
40	Dog park or walking trail	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
41	Pavilion to replace the one taken out	8/26/2024 10:17 PM
42	Bike and hiking availability	8/26/2024 9:42 PM
43	RC air crafts events	8/26/2024 8:59 PM
44	Parking for Crystal park	8/26/2024 8:45 PM
45	Handicapped parking adjacent to the beach.	8/26/2024 8:34 PM
46	Gym	8/26/2024 8:22 PM
47	Playground equipment at noll park	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
48	Flushing bathrooms at park scape	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
49	Permanent restrooms in park by water	8/26/2024 7:39 PM
50	Disc golf	8/26/2024 7:27 PM
51	Covered picnic area in the downtown park	8/26/2024 7:02 PM
52	Changing rooms and bathroom facilities at Crystal township Park.	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
53	Outside exercise equipment at park	8/26/2024 6:47 PM
54	use of the indoor gym at the Community Center is underutilized. It could host youth basketball or volleyball.	8/26/2024 2:45 PM
55	Senior fitness class	8/26/2024 2:08 PM
56	Restrooms	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
57	Toilet facilities that are not Third World!!	8/24/2024 11:02 PM
58	Walking trail	8/23/2024 9:16 PM
59	Additional parking and bathrooms at or near the Crystal Township park.	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
60	This would be expensive, but a large changing room and restroom facility near the beach. A facility that is kept clean!	8/22/2024 8:28 AM
61	An adult fitness facility or outdoor fitness park. Bike trail is number one, but not restrained to one location....	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
62	If the pavilion is replaced, develop a reservation system for it.	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
63	Canoe/kayak rental stationT	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
64	More playground equipment at either Crystal lake Park or Noll Park	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
65	Large pavilion	8/20/2024 4:22 PM

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66	Bathrooms at township park	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
67	Changing area for swimming	8/20/2024 3:24 PM
68	Longer bike paths maybe reaching one already in existence. Riding s bike around the lake is dangerous.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
69	Public Bathrooms	8/20/2024 1:27 PM
70	Fitness gym would be wonderful	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
71	Parking for Crystal Township park is needed and the township has the property already that could accommodate such parking facility.	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
72	Bathrooms beach park	8/19/2024 7:47 PM
73	Does anybodys opinion really matter??? The upper crust decides what's going to happen in this town.	8/19/2024 6:42 PM
74	update the township hall. Tear it down and build something that doesn't leak and is energy efficient with a gym and a kitchen. So groups can have a nice place to use. Then you might have more people use the gym.	8/19/2024 5:57 PM
75	fix the parking lot at the township park	8/19/2024 4:33 PM
76	I would definitely say newer restrooms with handicap accessibility at the park in Crystal	8/19/2024 4:30 PM
77	Indoor recreation facilities to use year round for residents	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
78	Skatepark at noll park	8/19/2024 2:54 PM
79	Extra wide paved paths	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
80	Crystal park more grills and picnic tables	8/19/2024 1:45 PM
81	A covered glider	8/19/2024 1:19 PM
82	Accessibility	8/19/2024 1:17 PM
83	Couple small pavilions in new park.. 1 more in noll park also.	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
84	Less drinking at music in the park	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
85	Bathroom facilities with hand wash sinks	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
86	Bicycle rental	8/19/2024 12:32 PM
87	Disc- Golf	8/19/2024 12:01 PM
88	permanent public restrooms	8/19/2024 11:06 AM

## Q21 Thank you for participating in creating great spaces for your community. Any additional comments or feedback on the parks and recreation facilities? We'd love to hear it!

Answered: 41   Skipped: 171

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep dogs, motor carts off ground, start ticketing violators	10/24/2024 2:34 PM
2	We really need to add restrooms to the parks - not porta potties.	10/15/2024 8:50 AM
3	Poop bag's incorporated in and around beach and parks.	10/7/2024 5:36 PM
4	A public restrooms would be a great asset	9/17/2024 1:16 AM
5	Boats should be kept off of beach and behind swimming areas	9/16/2024 12:40 AM
6	I know it's hard to get people to contribute donations and to give any positive criticism but this survey serves as a great platform for residents and visitors to express their thoughts and concerns. It's a good thing. There will be negative no doubt, but there will also be positive feedback as well. Any step taken to unite the township is a great one. Crystal will always be my home. The beauty here is what is loved about it. We need to continue to find a way to beautify the place we admire so greatly.	9/13/2024 8:12 PM
7	More swim areas even community restricted location designed for residence only..provide residence only beaches	9/1/2024 9:04 PM
8	Thank you doing the survey!	9/1/2024 5:21 PM
9	Way too much pot smoking!!!!!!	9/1/2024 3:24 PM
10	You are doing an amazing job with improvement can't wait to see more Crystal will always have a place in my heart growing up here and now bring my grandkids back here due to the improvements that have been made.	9/1/2024 12:11 PM
11	great survey.	8/27/2024 8:12 PM
12	The parks are well maintained and clean	8/27/2024 12:42 PM
13	Thank you to the Committee for taking in this challenge. Know that you can't make all the people happy all the time, but every effort is appreciated.	8/27/2024 9:58 AM
14	The lake needs to be kept clean and the economy system in tact. Public should be made aware of impact and a do no harm approach to visiting.	8/27/2024 9:14 AM
15	Great job on the new park. We are summer cottage owners on Grove street	8/27/2024 8:12 AM
16	Thanks for asking for input!	8/26/2024 11:26 PM
17	Thank you for giving us a voice	8/26/2024 9:42 PM
18	Get golf cart savvy and make park a golf cart destination.	8/26/2024 7:44 PM
19	Hire more help and don't depend on volunteers to clean up the trash that people leave on the ground.	8/26/2024 6:59 PM
20	Hire seasonal park employees	8/25/2024 8:47 AM
21	Crystal Lake could and should be the centerpiece for a more economically and recreational minded Township!!	8/24/2024 11:02 PM
22	Crystal is the most magical place on earth. Even more magical than Walt Disney World!	8/22/2024 1:46 PM
23	It's improving 🍷, that's good.	8/22/2024 8:28 AM

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24	Start a "Class it up, Crystal" campaign. Hold people accountable for inappropriate behavior in a family setting. But many residents like the perception of "lawlessness" in Crystal and boast about the lack of ordinances thinking they can do whatever they want to the township property, their property, neighbors property, etc...There are still laws, which people forget, as well as socially acceptable behavior. If residents behave better, visitors will too. But, this behavior comes from the top. Get ordinances in place!	8/21/2024 12:50 PM
25	New beachfront/park improvements look great!	8/20/2024 11:03 PM
26	The Park Board has a great variety of representatives...however only one person from DDA is needed.	8/20/2024 4:24 PM
27	Love the park improvements so far. Keep improving.	8/20/2024 4:22 PM
28	Physical challenge course and disc golf would be great additions	8/20/2024 4:16 PM
29	My #17 written response above was not complete because I couldn't go forward typing. I would have had to go back and redo.	8/20/2024 3:00 PM
30	That nasty building next to the bar is an eye sore and needs to go	8/20/2024 1:00 PM
31	Thank you!	8/19/2024 9:13 PM
32	I think we need more police presence to stop vandalism of our parks and restrooms.	8/19/2024 5:57 PM
33	I am very happy with the newly beach area and ramps	8/19/2024 4:30 PM
34	Fitness trail through the park on the hill which would include different workout stations.	8/19/2024 3:38 PM
35	New park looks great! Can the rest of trees be cleared to make space for picnic space and sunset viewing?	8/19/2024 3:24 PM
36	Rules need to be enforced. Such as no motorized vehicles in the parks or on the beach, no alcohol and no pets on the beach.	8/19/2024 3:14 PM
37	The parks are great and everyone does a great job with them. Maybe we could create a community watch with the PD help to rid the beach Park of the people doing meth there and living there.	8/19/2024 3:08 PM
38	Love the idea of programs for all the community from kids to seniors, at risk youth and handicap.	8/19/2024 2:21 PM
39	Things are looking great...	8/19/2024 1:02 PM
40	Continue to keep the parks well maintained.	8/19/2024 12:40 PM
41	You must address south shore fishing pier restrooms, mortifying representation of the community I believe this restroom was to be decommissioned check board notes from 4 yrs ago aprox	8/19/2024 12:01 PM