



# Boyne City, Michigan Parks & Recreation Plan 2020-2024

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# 1

# Introduction

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to take a deep look at the recreational needs and opportunities of the community. Boyne City values parks and recreation assets and amenities. Recreational planning is a priority. This park plan encompasses Boyne City's parks, trails, natural areas and recreational opportunities. The plan is based upon the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards and guidelines. With this plan, Boyne City is eligible to receive MDNR grant funding.

Boyne City is located in Charlevoix County in the northwest region of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The City shares its northern and eastern border with Evangeline Township and its southern border with Wilson Township and Boyne Valley Township. Boyne City is a lakeshore community covering 5.3 square miles and located on the southern shore of the north arm of Lake Charlevoix. The City has almost 18,000 feet of shoreline and is bisected by the Boyne River, which meanders through the center of the City and flows into Lake Charlevoix.

## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Boyne City was first settled in 1856 by John and Harriet Miller and from its quiet beginning the City quickly developed into a bustling industrial center. The deep water of Lake Charlevoix, with its connection to the Great Lakes and the Boyne River, made Boyne City a natural location to tap the rich lumber resources of the area. The town grew dramatically during the lumbering boom that started in the 1880's. In addition to the lumber mills, heavy industries located in the City and by the early 1900's a variety of products were produced in the City including charcoal, bricks, iron, chemicals, and leather. As the lumber resources were depleted, the mills and industries located along the City's shoreline eventually closed.

The City maintains many of the features of a small "port town" community that evolved from the lumbering industry. While Boyne City has maintained a small-town feel, it is a vibrant

community. Over the years the City has been transitioning from an industrial-based economy to more of a tourism economy, but it still depends on industries and businesses unrelated to tourism for much of its economic base.

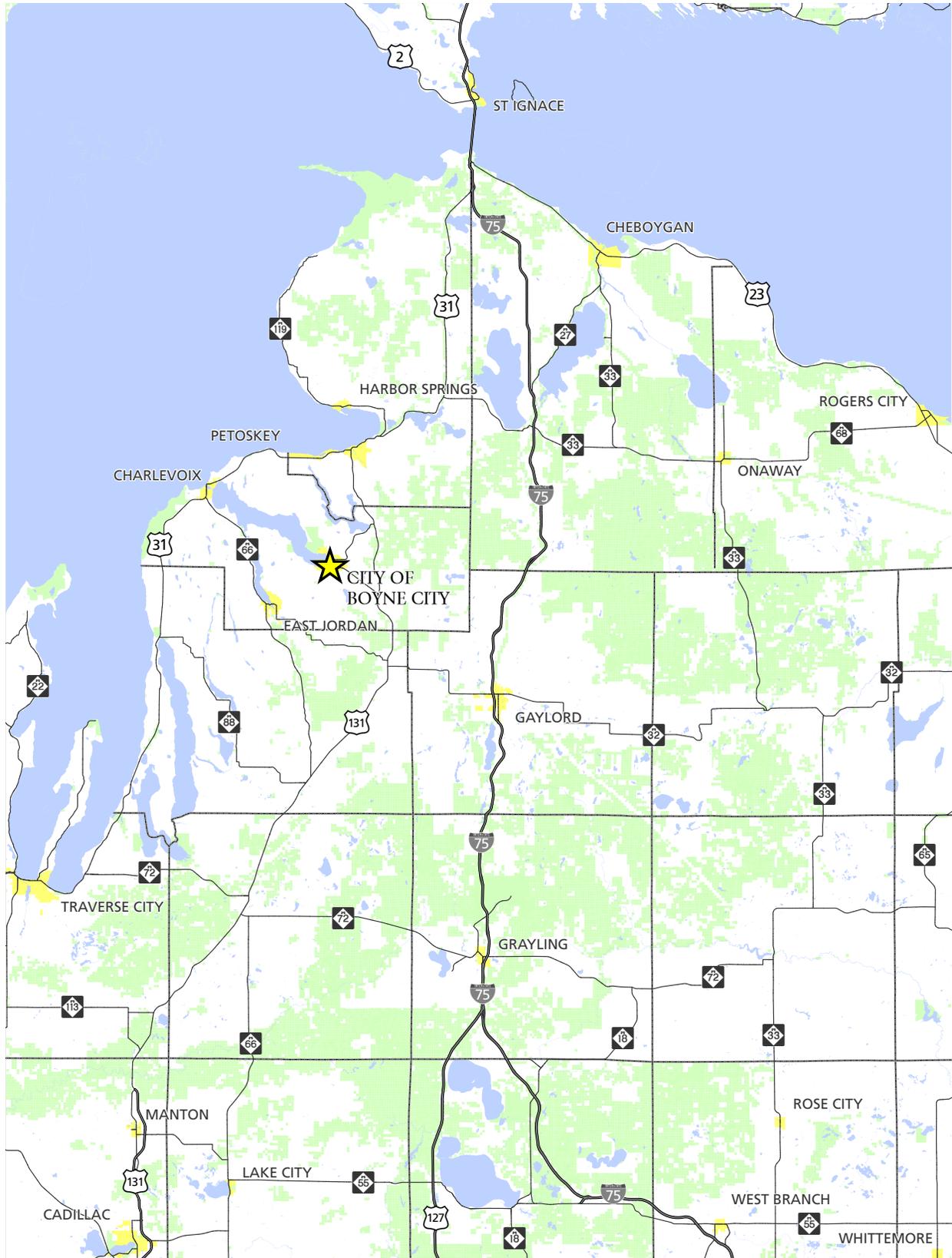
The rich natural resources of the area that historically supported the community through industry now help support the community through recreation. The woods, hills, lakes and river are cherished as valuable natural resources and economic assets to the region and offer abundant recreational opportunities. In the summer, recreation opportunities include boating, swimming and fishing; in the wintertime activities include fat tire biking, snowmobiling, skiing, skating and hunting. Six miles from the City is Boyne Mountain, a year round destination resort that has an indoor water park, conference center, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, golf and mountain bike trails.

The distinct and historic qualities of Boyne City's downtown are a great asset. The City caters to the everyday needs of the local population, while at the same time offers unique attractions and experiences for seasonal residents and visitors.

The region's proximity to several major population centers has contributed to the strong tourism industry. Detroit and Grand Rapids and other urban areas are within a half day's drive.

The Boyne City Recreation Plan is a plan for the development of recreation opportunities within the municipal boundaries of the City; although, some recreational interests of the City extend outside the city limits. Approximately 3 miles to the north of the City in Evangeline Township the City owns approximately 140 acres of vacant land. The property consists of a mix of woods and open land and has much potential for future recreational uses. The City has entered into an agreement with TOMMBA to develop multi-use trails on 80 acres of the property. Adjacent to the south of the City in Wilson Township the City owns approximately 215 acres of land that is part of Avalanche.

# MAP 1: REGIONAL LOCATION



## CITY OF BOYNE CITY PARKS & RECREATION PLAN Regional Location

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Michigan DNR Open Data Portal



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# DEMOGRAPHICS

## DATA SOURCES

The data used in this section is taken from three sources in the following preferred order:

*U.S. Census.* This is the gold standard for demographic data. It measures 100% of the population and offers comparable data points at regular intervals throughout most of the United States' developed history. However, available data is limited to population and housing information, and the ten-year interval between data points means it is rarely "fresh." Census data is used in this section for the years 1990, 2000, and 2010.

*American Community Survey.* The ACS program replaced the "long form" Census questions beginning in 2000, collecting the same types of

detailed information about social, economic, and housing conditions on a rolling basis instead of once per decade. Statistical validity of the ACS depends on sampling. In small communities such as Boyne City, reliable sample sizes are only obtained by averaging data collected over five year intervals which the ACS calls a "five-year estimate." This system exposes the statistical tradeoff between the reliability gained by increasing sample size and the currency that is sacrificed in the time it takes to do so. The dataset used for this project is 2013-2017 ACS 5-Year Estimates.

*ESRI Business Analyst.* This proprietary software presents privately generated market research data. In addition, it estimates Census and ACS data for geographic configurations other than Census-defined tracts, blocks, and places.

TABLE 1: POPULATION IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITIES

Geography	Population		
	2000	2017	% Change 2000-2017
Boyne City	3,503	3,747	+7.0
East Jordan	2,507	2,304	-8.1
City of Charlevoix	2,994	2,457	-17.9
Wilson Township	2,022	1,870	-7.5
Charlevoix County	26,090	26,160	+0.3

Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017 and U.S. Decennial Census 2000

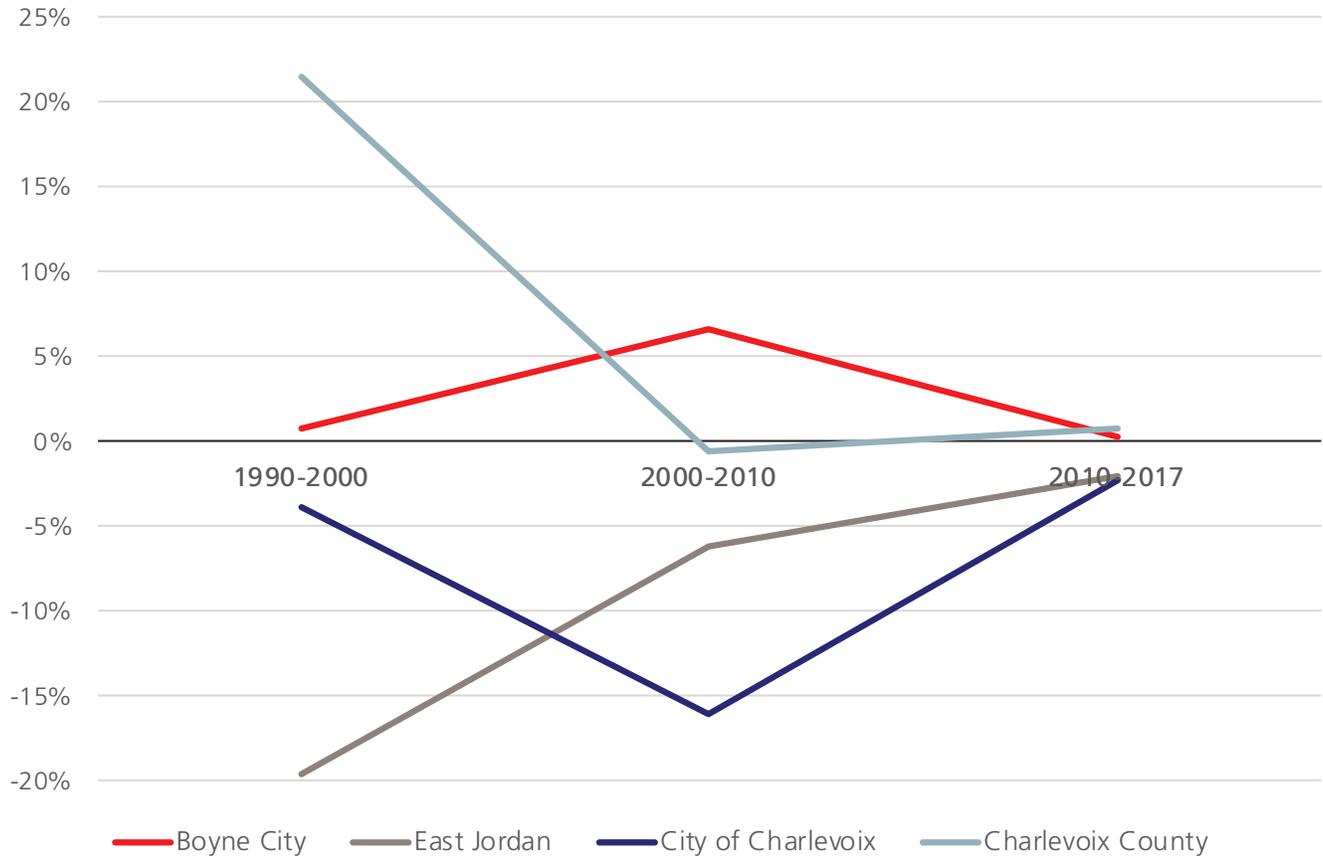
## POPULATION

According to the 2017 ACS estimates, Boyne City had a year-round population of 3,747 residents. This makes the community the largest City in Charlevoix County; East Jordan and Charlevoix each had fewer than 3,000 residents in that year. The County had a population of over 26,000. Remarkably, Boyne City was one of the only communities in northwest Michigan to record a population increase in the years preceding 2017. As the table "Population in Charlevoix County Communities" shows, the City gained over 200 residents between the 2000 Census and 2017, an increase of about 7%, where other nearby communities lost population. The graph "Population change rates" shows that Boyne City was the only Charlevoix County City to record consistent growth between 1990 and 2017. Other major population centers in the region recorded population loss between 2000 and 2017, including Petoskey (-6.3%), Harbor Springs (-33.8%), and Gaylord (-1%), while Traverse City recorded growth (+5.1%). The region's population decline is driven to a large extent by economic trends; the area's job

loss since the Great Recession has caused young workers to seek work in more prosperous markets outside Michigan. Boyne City's population growth is, therefore, unique and indicates a growing need for recreational amenities.

Seasonal residents are an important segment of Boyne City's population. The table "Housing" shows that about 548 dwelling units in Boyne City were recorded as "vacant for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use," a share that comprises about one quarter of the community's housing inventory. If the households occupying these seasonal units each had a number of residents that resembled the average across Michigan in 2017 (2.49 people), this would mean that Boyne City would have about 1,300 seasonal residents. The City's population increase from seasonal residents would be about one-third of its year-round total. Performing a similar calculation for Charlevoix County overall suggests that its seasonal population would be more than 14,000 people. Although these calculations are speculative, they suggest substantial growth seasonally.

**FIGURE 1: POPULATION CHANGE RATES**



Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017 and U.S. Decennial Census 2010, 2000, 1990

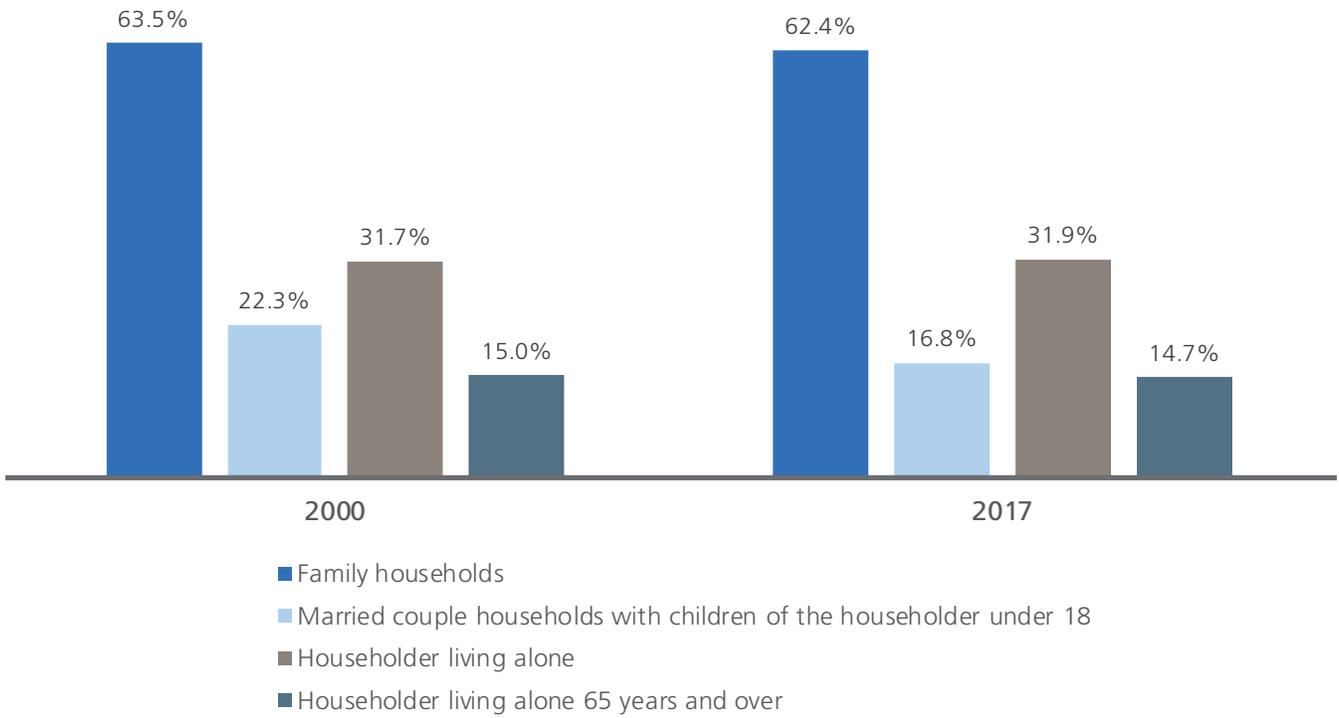
## HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES

Households is a broad term used by the Census Bureau and refers to any configuration of people living together in the same dwelling unit, whether or not they are related. With Boyne City's growing population, the community's number of households has also generally grown. The community had 1,468 households in 2000, which grew to 1,635 in 2010 and was estimated at 1,629 in 2017. The size of Boyne City households has also declined over time, which matches broad trends across the United States as baby boomers age into retirement and become empty nesters, and young individuals more often delay family formation. In 2000 the City's average household size was 2.38 people. It shrank to 2.27 in 2010, a figure that stood well below the average (2.49) across Michigan in that year.

The Census Bureau defines "family" households as those in which one or more residents are related biologically or through marriage. As the community's household size has decreased, the number of families in Boyne City has also

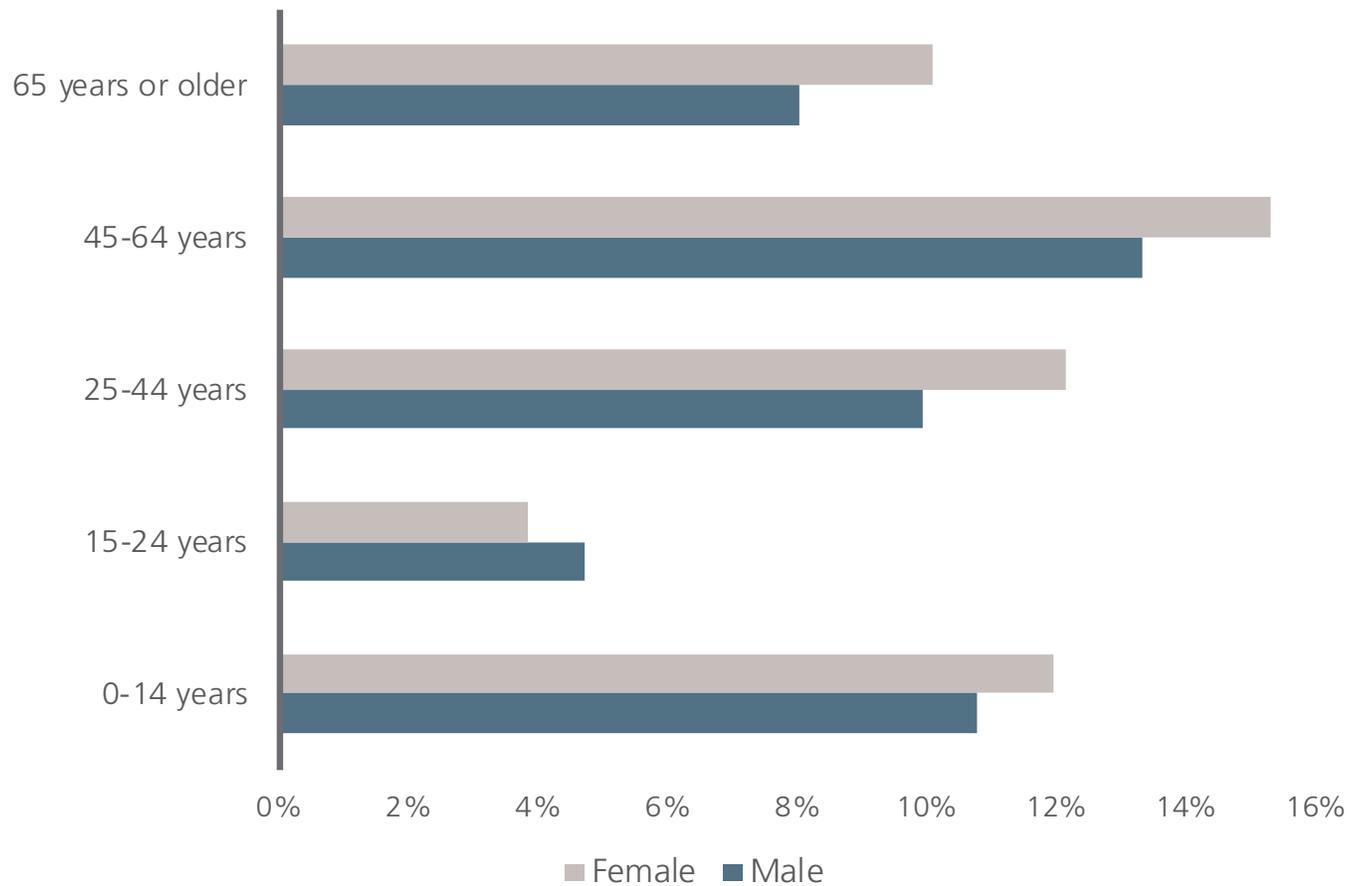
declined. Economic trends have contributed to this trend; the loss of manufacturing jobs and stagnant wages in northwest Michigan, coupled with rising childcare costs has made family formation impractical for young residents that have stayed. This further reflects the City's share of family households was 63.5% in 2000, which fell slightly between that year and 2017, as the graph "Households in Boyne City - Families and Non-Families" shows. The proportion of married couple families with children under the age of 18 years, which corresponds with a cultural understanding of the term "families," declined more sharply (-16%) between these two years. This reflects trends in northwest Michigan of fewer traditional households. Meanwhile, Boyne City had an estimated 520 non-family households in 2017 characterized by a sole householder. Nearly half of these single-person households were retirement age individuals. The trend of older residents living alone could suggest a need for the City's recreational resources to serve this group's social needs. It is key to bear in mind that these numbers do not reflect the community's seasonal residents.

**FIGURE 2: HOUSEHOLDS IN BOYNE CITY - FAMILIES AND NON-FAMILIES**



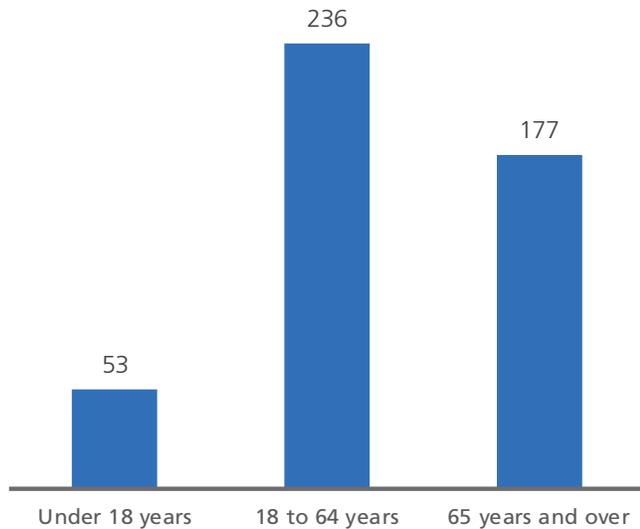
Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017 and U.S. Decennial Census 2000

**FIGURE 3: AGE & GENDER PROFILE**



Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017

**FIGURE 4: DISABILITIES BY AGE**



Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017

## AGE

A relatively large number of Boyne City residents aren't retirement age or nearing retirement, and considering this, the mobility and recreational needs of an older population is key in planning the community's parks. The graph "Age & Gender Profile" conveys each gender and age category as a percentage of the community's total population. For instance, females between the ages of 45 and 65 years make up the single largest demographic group listed - about 15% of the City's total residents. The relative "top heaviness" of the figure reflects Boyne City's aging population.

Retirement-age residents over the age of 64 years made up a large share (18%) of the community's population in 2017. The number of residents in this age range has steadily grown over the years; in 2000 there were 552 residents over 65 years old, which grew to 630 in 2010 and 678 in 2017. Meanwhile, residents in their late working years

(between ages 45 and 64) made up the largest share of Boyne City's population in 2017; over one quarter (28.6%) of the City's residents were in this age category. Correspondingly, the needs of this older demographic will continue to be important as these residents move into retirement.

Boyne City also has a substantial share of residents in their younger working years; an estimated 22% of its population was between the ages of 25 and 44 in 2017. This share of younger workers has recently declined, however. The City had about 1,000 residents in this age category in 2000. Younger workers prioritize recreational amenities when deciding where to live, and so this age group's needs will be another consideration as the City seeks to attract and retain young residents. Although families with children make up a smaller portion of its households than in previous years, Boyne City still has a substantial share of residents under 14 years old. Planning for the needs of youth will be a consideration to attract younger households.

## DISABILITIES

A considerable number of Boyne City residents - an estimated 466 individuals - had some form of disability in 2017. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that public entities comply with standards to ensure universal access when undertaking improvements to public parks. The graph "Disabilities by age" portrays the number of disabled individuals in each age range. It shows that these conditions are concentrated among older residents, and are to a large degree, a function of age. Although federal legislation mandates minimum standards for universal access, planning for an increasing number of disabled users will likely be key, given that the community's largest population cohort will enter their 60s and 70s over the next two decades. Disabled users' diverse needs are particularly pressing considering that disabilities encompass hearing and cognitive impairments in addition to physical conditions.

**TABLE 2: HOUSING**

Geography	Total housing units	% of total units vacant	Number of housing units vacant for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	% of total units vacant for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use
Boyne City	2,219	26.5	548	24.7
Charlevoix	2,354	43.9	949	40.3
East Jordan	1,175	15.5	144	12.3
Charlevoix County	17,596	36.2	5,698	32.4

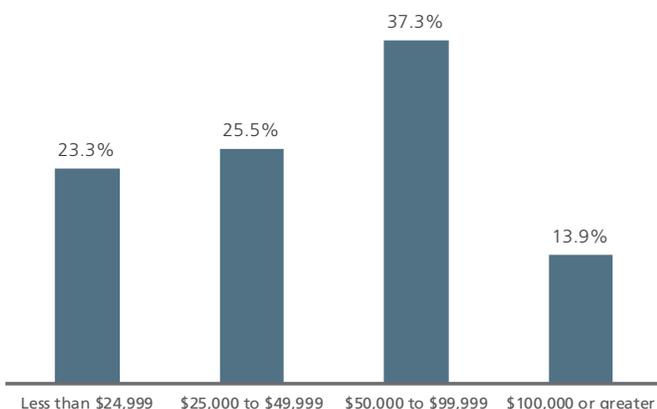
Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017

## HOUSING AND SEASONAL RESIDENTS

Data from the American Community Survey estimates suggests that Boyne City had a total of 2,219 housing units in 2017. The table “Housing” shows that about one-quarter of these total dwelling units were categorized as “vacant for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.” Although this is a substantial share of seasonal homes, it is a smaller proportion than in the nearby City of Charlevoix or across Charlevoix County as a whole. This suggests that Boyne City has more of a year-round population than these neighboring communities. Year-round activities and access will, therefore, be critical as Boyne City plans recreational resources to meet residents’ needs.

Despite having a relatively large proportion of year-round residents, housing data suggests that the number of seasonal residents in Boyne City has grown in recent years. This is because housing construction in the community has outpaced the growth of year-round households. According to the American Community Survey, approximately 244 of the community’s housing units (about 8% of the total) were constructed between 2000 and 2017. Meanwhile, the City gained only about 160 permanent resident households in that timeframe. The difference between these two figures leaves the construction of 84 dwelling units that would be attributable to factors other than new year-round households’ demand; the replacement of demolished units, or an increase in seasonal residents. A growing number of seasonal residents will be an essential consideration as the community plans the capacity of its recreational spaces.

FIGURE 5: INCOME RANGES



Source: ACS 5-year estimates 2013-2017

## EDUCATION

American Community Survey data suggests that educational attainment among Boyne City residents in 2017 was generally on par with statewide levels. In that year, about 93% of the community’s residents had at least a high school education, which is slightly higher than 90% statewide. With its large number of residents employed in manufacturing and healthcare, a large share of the community (estimated 35.9%) had at least some college education, skilled trades training, or an associate degree. Nearly another third of the population (30%) had at least a bachelor’s degree, which was comparable to but slightly higher than the share statewide (28.1%).

## EMPLOYMENT & INCOME

With a growing share of residents in the retirement age range, workforce participation in Boyne City has also declined in recent years. Labor force participation refers to the number of residents working or able to work at a given point in time. The share of Boyne City residents in the labor force was estimated at 67%, which fell to 61.5% in 2017. This trend will likely continue as the community’s population ages if it does not take measures to retain younger residents.

Despite a shrinking workforce, stable employment and household incomes have been constant in Boyne City over recent years. In 2017, the median annual household income in the community was estimated at \$50,956, which was nearly comparable to the statewide median (\$52,668). Large shares of City residents were employed in either educational and healthcare services or manufacturing, and these jobs yielded annual earnings of \$34,911 and \$38,646, respectively, and were often full-time and year-round jobs. Conversely, about one-fifth of employed residents had jobs in the federally defined industry “arts, entertainment, and recreation,” which corresponds with low-wage consumer service occupations. Residents’ annual incomes in these jobs were low (estimated under \$15,000) and many of these jobs were either part-time or seasonal. The graph “Income ranges” shows the American Community Survey’s estimates of the percentage of Boyne City households in each annual earnings bracket in 2017. The figure suggests the majority (86%) of households had incomes ranging from very low (under \$24,999) to moderate (\$50,000 to \$99,999).

## RECREATION EXPENDITURES

ESRI's Business Analyst is proprietary software that sources publicly available data to estimate consumer spending patterns. The application's reports reveal where and how households spend their hard-earned money across different geographies. According to the company's "recreation expenditure" report, Boyne City residents spent an estimated \$2,803,519 on recreational activities in 2019, which equates to average expenditures of \$2,156.55 per household. Neighboring Petoskey and Charlevoix each had similar estimated recreation expenditures per household in 2019. This shows that the Boyne City community is energetic when it comes to recreation; the average household recreation expenditures were nearly 10% of the community's median income in 2017.

The report also estimates which pastimes and activities households spend their money on. TV/video and audio was the top expenditure category among Boyne City residents. The second highest expenditure was for entertainment/recreation fees and admissions, which totaled an estimated \$598,802 across the community. Boyne City residents spent 69% more than the national

household average for payments on boats/trailers/campers and RV's. The popularity of these activities is not surprising as Boyne City is located on Lake Charlevoix where access to the water and a variety of campgrounds are prominent. The report indicates that the people of Boyne City choose to spend their money and their leisure time participating in recreational activities.

ESRI's Business Analyst software also collects data on the popularity of outdoor pastimes among households. Diverse activities that northwest Michigan is known for, including walking, hiking, biking, fishing, and swimming, also form Boyne City residents' favored activities. The table "Annual Recreation Consumption" shows that a large segment of the community's adults pursued walking, hiking, or jogging in the past 12 months. These activities are accessible to diverse users and are generally available without a significant investment in time, money, or training. Meanwhile, other large numbers of residents pursued more specialized activities in 2017, including hunting, sports events, and golf. Boyne City should consider how its current inventory of recreational facilities aligns with residents' chosen activities, identify gaps, and plan improvements accordingly.

**TABLE 3: ANNUAL RECREATION EXPENDITURES**

	Boyne City	Petoskey	Charlevoix
Estimated Total Recreation Expenditures (\$)	2,803,519	5,618,402	2,642,166
Estimated Number of Households	1,300	2,562	1,311
Average Expenditures Per Household (\$)	2,156	2,192	2,015

Data Note: The Spending Potential Index (SPI) is household-based, and represents the amount spent on a product or service relative to a national average of 100. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Source: Esri forecasts for 2019 and 2024; Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2016 and 2017 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Source: ESRI "Recreation Expenditure" report

**TABLE 4: ANNUAL RECREATION EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY**

Recreation Category	Spending Potential Index	Average Amount Spent	Total
TV/Video/Audio	91	1,113.44	\$1,447,478
Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions	65	460.62	\$598,802
Toys/Games/Crafts/Hobbies	84	99.42	\$129,246
Recreational Vehicles and Fees	116	185.79	\$241,528
Sports, Recreation and Exercise Equipment	81	167.26	\$217,435
Photographic Equipment and Supplies	76	39.42	\$51,244
Reading	85	90.60	\$117,786
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,156.55</b>	<b>\$2,803,519</b>

Data Note: The Spending Potential Index (SPI) is household-based, and represents the amount spent on a product or service relative to a national average of 100. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Source: Esri forecasts for 2019 and 2024; Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2016 and 2017 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Source: ESRI "Recreation Expenditure" report

TABLE 5: ANNUAL RECREATION CONSUMPTION

Activity	Boyne City households participating in past 12 months (%)	Expected number of adults
Walking	24.1	559
Fishing	18.0	417
Swimming	16.0	370
Attended Sports Event	15.4	356
Hiking	8.6	200
Jogging/running	8.5	197
Bicycling	8.0	186
Hunting with rifle	7.6	176
Golf	7.5	175
Hunting with shotgun	7.2	167
Frisbee	3.8	74

Source: ESRI "Sports and Leisure" report

## PREVIOUS AND CONCURRENT PLANNING

### Avalanche Plan

Avalanche is 320 acres of woodland located on the southern border of Boyne City, Michigan in Charlevoix County and extends beyond the City limits into Wilson Township. The area is predominantly sloping terrain with approximately 90% of wooded parkland. The area offers many types of recreational activities including hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, skating, jogging, disc golf, archery, snowmobiling and sledding. There are 462 steps to the top of Avalanche with two platforms available to view the City and Lake Charlevoix. While there are many activities currently available at Avalanche, it was recognized that a master plan for the park was needed to ensure the park would continue to develop in a planned and thoughtful manner. In the past, there was a master plan developed for Avalanche.

However, in 2019 the City decided to continue the design efforts for the lower portion of the park. A community input session was held to gather feedback for the park design. The following programming for the core area came from the input session:

- » park center with fireplace
- » concessions
- » meeting room
- » restrooms and a deck

- » 17,000 square foot paved surface for skating rink and potential skatepark
- » main sledding hill, mid slope overlook, sledding hill for young children, mid slope east face trail
- » parking area

Public input sessions were held to gather feedback from the community about the desired elements for the lower area.

### Open Space Park

During the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update, the Open Space Park was also undergoing a design process. The Open Space is a 4.7-acre lakefront property located adjacent to the City's municipal boating access site. The Open Space is bordered by Lake Charlevoix to the west. The property was purchased in 2018 with the assistance of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program and recorded as a Conservation Easement, which identifies certain restrictions and general programming. Permanent building structures are not permitted per the easement. Parking is limited to the northern boundary of the parcel. The City desires to develop the Open Space in a manner that promotes the waterfront beauty of the site, while complying with the terms of the easement.

The vision for the park includes keeping the beautiful lake views prominent, while allowing for some passive recreation opportunities. Community input was gathered through a series of workshops. The space is functional yet preserves the panoramic views along the waterfront.

INSERT AVALANCHE DESIGN

INSERT OPEN SPACE DESIGN

## Veteran's Park Pavilion

The Veteran's Park Pavilion renovation was developed using grant funding provided through a wide range of individuals and organizations including the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the MEDC, the Boyne City Main Street Program and the City of Boyne City.

The design concepts were facilitated during a three-day public design charrette. The goal of the

charrette was to gather public input and consider possibilities to create a year-round, multi-activity structure in Veteran's Memorial Park to be used by residents and organizations and which could also serve as a permanent winter farmers market. The final phase of the project will be completed in May 2020.



*Rendering of the new pavilion*

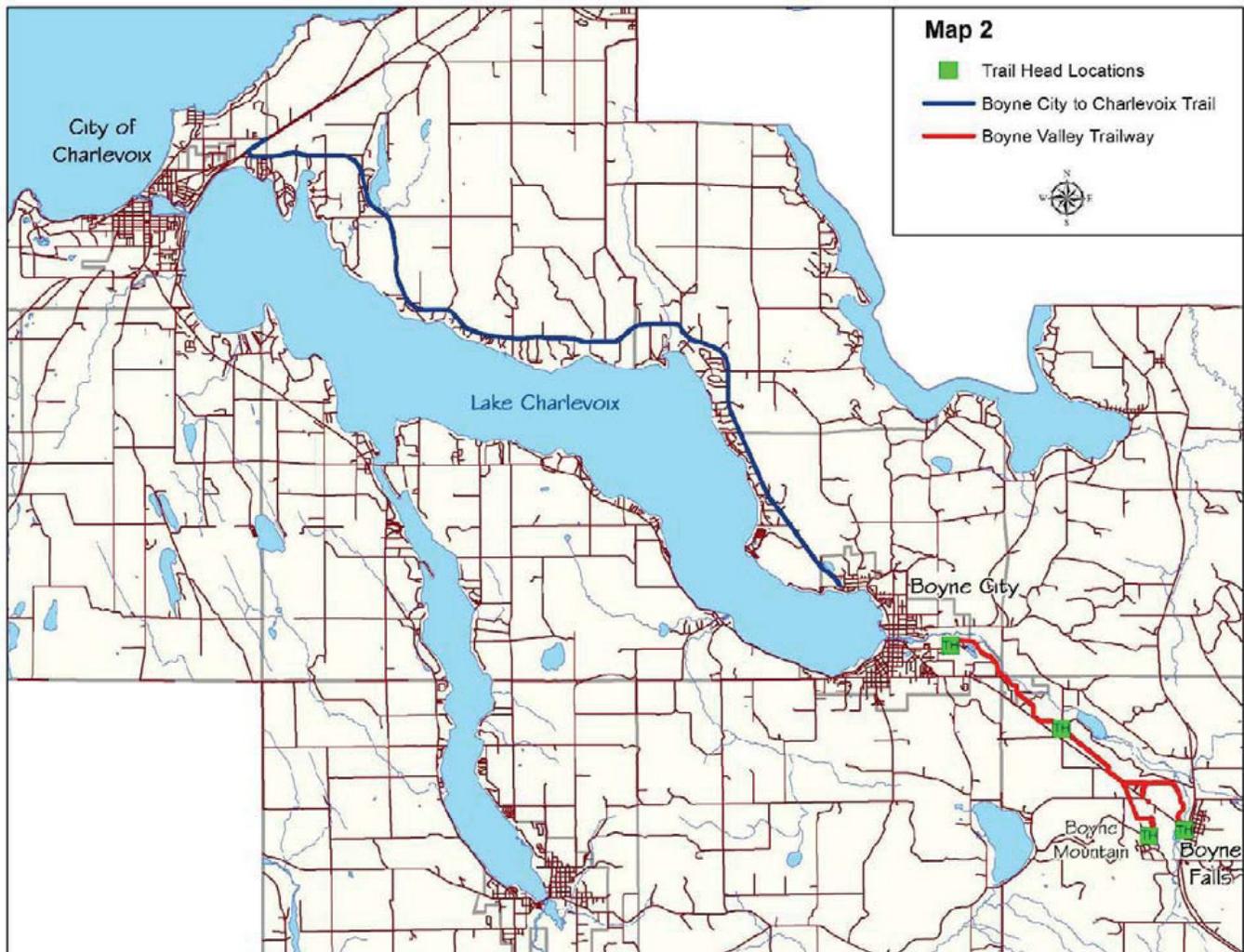
## Trail Town Plan

During the 2015 Recreation Plan update, the City developed a Trail Town Plan. The plan was funded by a grant obtained through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Frey Foundation. The Trail Town Plan was developed for the purpose of capturing the potential for trail-based tourism in Boyne City and surrounding area. The plan is representative of a long-term commitment of the community to nonmotorized recreational trails throughout the City and around the region. Specifically, the Trail Town Concept is one of realizing the economic potential of recreational trails and bringing dollars into the communities they serve.

A major component of the plan is the proposed trail connections from Boyne Falls to Charlevoix through Boyne City. This non-motorized asphalt trail would be comprised of a 6.2-mile connection

from Boyne Falls to Boyne City and a 14.9-mile section from the City of Boyne City, through Horton Bay to the City of Charlevoix. When completed this trail system will provide users with scenic and picturesque views of the surrounding hills and countryside and access to Lake Charlevoix and the Boyne River. In addition to connecting the three municipalities, the trail will also provide direct connections to the major recreation destinations of Boyne Mountain and Young State Park.

The City is a designated Trail Town. The vision is to create nonmotorized routes that would connect new and existing recreation amenities in Boyne City and surrounding municipalities. Connecting the Boyne Valley Trailway to the Boyne School Forest Trail is an important connection. The plan is to connect those trails to Avalanche and the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail in the future.



*Trail Town Plan trail connections map*



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# Administrative Structure

## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

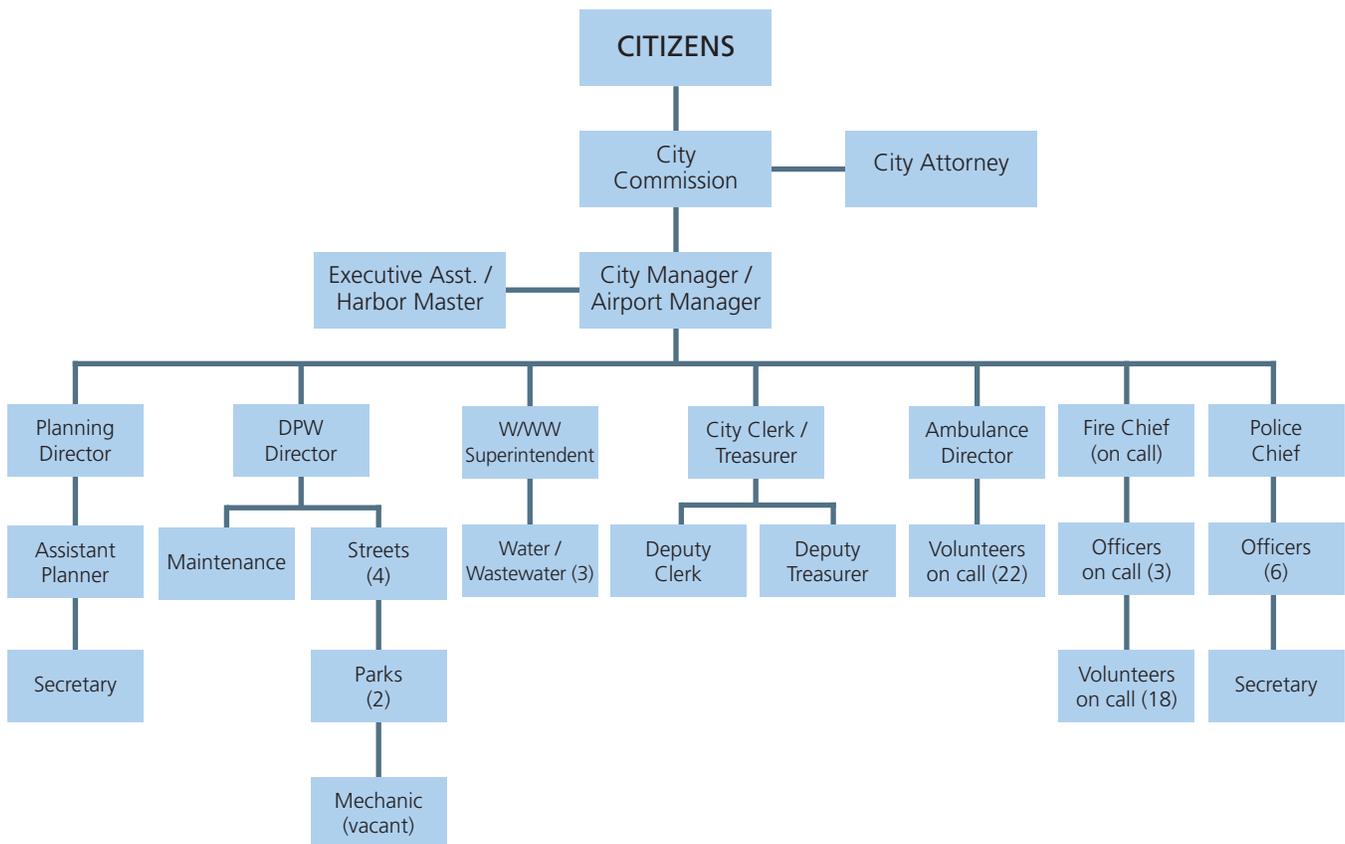
The City of Boyne City's Parks and Recreation Commission, created by the City Commission, consists of eight (8) regular members who are city residents. Of the eight (8) members, not more than one may be from the City Commission. This Board serves as an Advisory Board to the City Commission.

The City Manager oversees all city activities and the Department of Public Works Director is the city staff liaison assigned to the recreation commission. The Public Works Department director assists the recreation commission with planning and development of recreation projects in the City and employs park workers for year-round maintenance and operation of the parks. During the summer months, seasonal staff are employed to assist with parks maintenance and marina operations. The City employs a part-time attendant at the Avalanche ice-skating rink and sledding hill, a harbor master, and boat launch attendants.

## RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The City of Boyne City does not provide recreational programming. Programming is offered by Charlevoix County, the Charlevoix County Cooperative Extension Service 4H program, independent organizations and through the Boyne City Public Schools Community Education Programs. These organizations, in addition to baseball, softball, Little League, soccer and other associations, provide all organized recreational programs. Most of these programs are operated on a volunteer basis; with the City, the schools, and community organizations funding the improvements and operational aspects of both the facilities and the programs themselves. Other community groups and organizations such as the TOMMBA, Garden Club, Rotary, Girl and Boy Scouts and the Friends of the Boyne River donate money, materials, and labor to improve the parks and community facilities.

FIGURE 6: BOYNE CITY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## **PARTNERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS**

The City of Boyne City partners with its own departments, outside organizations, nonprofits, neighboring communities, the schools and statewide agencies to provide parks and recreation services. The City appreciates the partnerships and collaborations to offer the best services possible for the citizens of the area.

### **Chamber of Commerce**

The chamber and the City partner to promote local events and happenings for the Boyne City area on a regular basis. Each entity understands the positive impact of sharing resources and working together.

### **Boyne City Public Schools**

The City and the School District work together to provide recreational opportunities for residents and students. Facility uses are shared to limit the cost of providing recreational activities to the people of the area. The School District also partners with the City, Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy, and TOMMBA on the development and maintenance of local mountain bike trails.

### **Main Street Program/DDA**

The City and the Main Street Program/DDA partner through advertising events and activities that draw people in year around. One of the main events is the Boyne Thunder Poker Run that brings in hundreds of boaters and thousands of spectators each year.

### **Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council**

The Watershed Council assists the City in providing services to help with water quality for the Boyne River and Lake Charlevoix.

### **Boyne City Yacht Club**

The City Marina provides a home base for several boating events and races on an annual basis. The Yacht Club promotes the events that bring people to the City Marina.

### **MSU Extension 4H**

The MSU Extension office provides a number of recreational programs in and around Boyne City. In return, the City provides the facilities to host the programs. For example, there are sailing programs held at the marina and youth sports programs held at Rotary Park.

### **TOMMBA**

Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA), have partnered to build new multi-use trails at Avalanche. TOMMBA uses best practices to avoid erosion, limit conflict with other users, and foster environmental conservation of the treasured natural area.

### **Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy**

Both the City and the Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy work to protect and preserve lands and natural resources in the region.

### **Little League**

The City and Little League have a partnership to operate and maintain Rotary Park for the youth baseball and softball program. Little League also hosts baseball games at Veteran's Memorial Park.

### **North County Bicycle Club**

The North Country Bicycle Club organizes weekly group rides on the local trails. They are also instrumental in fundraising efforts for the trail system in the Charlevoix County region.



*Kayakers in front of Sunset Park*

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## ANNUAL BUDGET

The fiscal year for Boyne City begins on May 1. The prior fiscal FYE 2019-2020 approved Parks and Recreation budget is shown in this report. In the current budget year the Boyne City Commission budgeted \$2,474,142 for the maintenance, operations and development of its parks system which account for 40.5% of the general fund expenditures of which \$1,420,750 is capital for the Boyne Valley Trail project. In FYE 2018 the City spent \$769,443 on its parks

and recreation program with \$458,042 spent on capital improvements. Funds for developing new, or for making major improvements to existing facilities, are made available via the city's capital improvement budget as well as the state and local grants. The budget fluctuates each year due to the number of projects that are planned. As a result of long-standing city policy, improvements for active recreation facilities that will benefit specific groups of the recreating populace are a specific primary responsibility of the specific group. The City will assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the facilities in the future as funds permit.

TABLE 6: PARKS & RECREATION ANNUAL BUDGET

Code	Account Title	Prior Year FYE 2018	Current Year FYE 2019		Proposed FYE 2020
			Budgeted	Projected	
702	Salaries/Wages: Part Time Ice Rink	10,422	8,000	8,000	8,000
705	Salaries/Wages: General Parks	83,206	82,000	82,000	82,200
709	Overtime	4,018	3,800	3,500	3,500
713	Insurance: Medical	1,614	20,000	16,000	16,953
714	Social Security	7,233	7,000	8,000	8,019
715	Pension	5,161	6,000	6,300	6,410
716	Unemployment Compensation	0	400	10	10
719	Vacation/Sick Time	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
727	Supplies	35,446	40,000	45,000	45,000
730	Maintenance	18,409	14,000	30,000	33,000
738	Civic Projects	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
740	Utilities/Telephone	25,979	20,000	25,000	27,000
808	Professional Services	0	45,000	77,000	141,000
818	Contracted Services	18,763	24,000	24,000	26,000
860	Motor Pool	74,827	70,000	72,000	74,000
870	Training / Travel	2,258	400	540	2,000
910	Ins: Liability/Equipment	10,154	2,500	2,100	2,100
911	Workers Compensation	925	1,200	1,200	1,200
970	Capital Outlay/Equipment	458,042	325,000	140,000	569,000
971	BC to BVT Trail Construction	0	0	0	902,000
972	BVT to BF Trail Construction	0	0	0	518,750
974	Peninsula Beach	8,986	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>769,443</b>	<b>677,300</b>	<b>548,650</b>	<b>2,474,142</b>

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe, pleasing and usable open space in an economically feasible manner for the outdoor recreational pursuits of our residents and visitors.

### Personnel

- » **Tim Faas**, Director of Public Works
- » **James Farley**, Parks Foreman (also a Heavy Equipment Operator in Street Department)
- » **Travis Lapeer**, Light Equipment Operator

The City also hires two seasonal staff to assist with maintenance tasks in the parks during the summer months.

### Line-Item Clarification

*705 – Salaries/Parks General Wages: \$90,200*

*727 – Supplies: \$45,000*

This item covers materials related to all of the parks, including paper products, garbage bags, hand tools, etc. The cost of fertilizer spray, picnic tables, grills, etc. and other miscellaneous, routine expenses are included in this item.

*738 – Civic Projects: \$4,000*

These funds have generally been used to help finance community-sponsored Parks and Recreation activities. The allocation this year includes participation in:

- » Garden Club Contribution: \$3,000
- » Swim School: \$1,000

*808 – Professional Services: \$141,000*

The City will require professional services to assist with the planning and design of the following projects:

- » Open Space, Phase 1: \$25,000
- » Avalanche, Phase 1: \$35,000
- » Boyne Valley Trail: \$80,000

*970 – Capital Outlay: \$132,000*

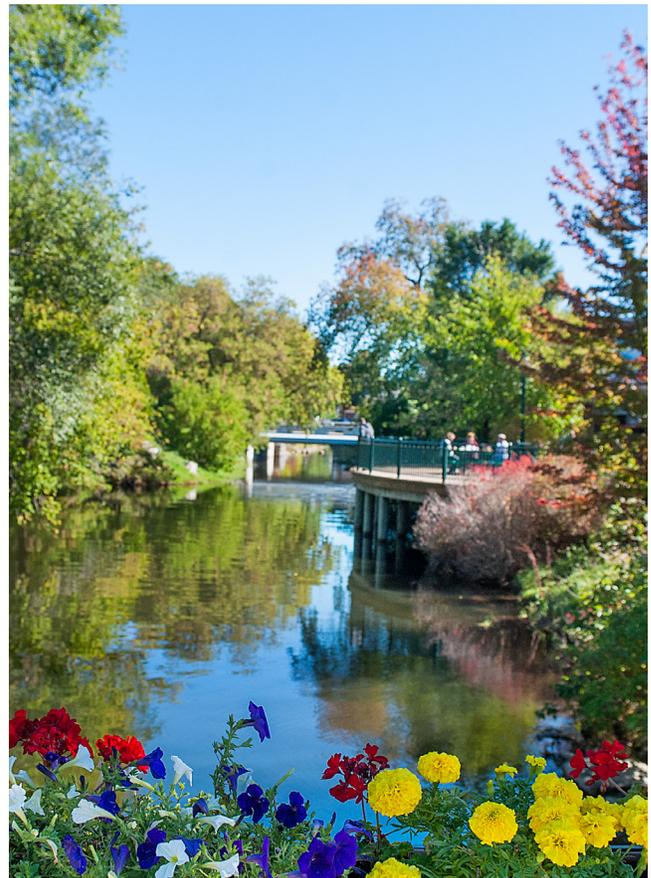
The following capital projects will be completed during the fiscal year:

- » Riverside Park: \$3,000
- » Avalanche Picnic Shelter: \$6,000
- » Rotary Soccer Field Posts: \$6,000
- » Boyne Valley Trail: \$4,000
- » Peninsula Beach Playground: \$10,000\*
- » Avalanche Trail Signage & Bike Racks: \$11,950\*
- » Miscellaneous Projects in Parks: \$62,000
- » Pavilion Improvements: \$462,000
- » Descriptive Bike Racks: \$6,000

\*These projects are contingent on award of Charlevoix County Parks millage proposals and offsetting revenues to the City.

*971 – BC to BVT Trail Construction: \$902,000*

*972 – BVT to BF Trail Construction: \$518,750*



*View of the Boyne River*

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## Future City Planning

Throughout the planning process, the Park and Recreation Commission evaluated the administration of Boyne City's parks and recreation facilities. Presently, the community's parks are managed and maintained by the Department of Public Works. In addition to parks, the Public Works Office oversees several other municipal systems, including stormwater management, solid waste management, roughly 40 miles of City streets, the sidewalks system, and maintenance of all Public Buildings. Because of the office's broad scope of responsibilities, the Parks and Recreation Commission has expressed interest in creating a separate Parks and Recreation Department to oversee and administer the community's parks.

An independent Parks and Recreation Department would present several administrative advantages. Trained staff members dedicated to parks would

create the capacity necessary to implement the actions in the City's five-year parks and recreation plan. Further, parks and recreation directors are professionals with training and expertise that could more effectively promote initiatives to enhance the parks system. Evaluating how this office would fit within the City's administrative structure and budget is an important first step. The City should, therefore, engage municipal commissions and officials through a strategic planning effort during the next five (5) years to determine the feasibility of adding a separate department for this purpose. The neighboring City of Petoskey, the City of Charlevoix and the City of East Jordan all have a Parks and Recreation Department to maintain their parks. The City of Boyne City could join these communities in enhancing these important cornerstones.



*Old City Park*

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# Recreation Inventory

# INVENTORY OF EXISTING PARKS, NATURAL AREAS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The City of Boyne City is located in Charlevoix County, which is rich in parkland, lakes, rivers, streams and natural resources.

The City of Boyne City has a variety of public and private recreation areas and facilities. The

City owns and operates a total of 485.2 acres of recreational land and assets.

A thorough on-site inventory and accessibility assessment was completed for each park. MDNR has park classifications that have been developed to focus on the areas that they serve. The park service area and classifications table provides a detailed description of the categories.

**TABLE 7: PARK SERVICE AREA AND CLASSIFICATIONS**

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile in residential setting.	2500 sq ft to 1 acre
Neighborhood Park	Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus: informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½ mile distance and interrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers.	5-10 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus: meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance.	Usually between 30-50 acres
Large Urban Park	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus: meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	Usually a minimum of 50 acres, 75 acres or more is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on the desired uses.
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.
Private Park & Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.

## ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

An evaluation of each park’s accessibility was completed. For this assessment, the project team visually evaluated the accessibility of facilities and routes to facilities for persons with mobility constraints. Barrier-free accessibility in parks and recreational facilities is important for current and future programming as it makes these spaces more inclusive and easier for all to use. The assessment followed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ scale for evaluating park accessibility in the 2018 “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plans” on a scale of 1 to 5.

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

## PARK LAND ANALYSIS

The National Recreation and Park Association has done numerous studies about how many park acres is recommended a certain amount of park acreage based on the municipality’s population. Boyne City has a population of 3,747. According to the NRPA recommendations, Boyne City has a surplus of 408.4 acres of park land. Since Avalanche is 320 acres this technically makes the City sufficient in park land. However, a majority of the 320 acres is wooded and not available for development.

## NONMOTORIZED TRAILS

In addition to planning for future recreational uses and amenities, nonmotorized trails are a priority. Making trail connections to parks and recreation facilities and other nonmotorized trails is in the forefront of the planning process. The future planning includes connecting the nonmotorized trail that runs along the Water Works building to parks and other nonmotorized trails. Other planning projects includes connecting the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail, the Boyne Valley Trailway and the Boyne Forest Trail System to various recreational amenities.

TABLE 8: PARK SERVICE AREA AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Classification	NRPA	Recommended Acreage for Boyne City	Actual Acreage Boyne City	Surplus/ Deficiency
Mini Park	.25-0.5 Acres	.94 - 1.9	5	3.1
Neighborhood Park	1.0-2.0 Acres	3.7 - 7.4	35.2	27.8
Community Park	5.0-8.0 Acres	18.7 - 30	360	330
Regional Park	5.0-10.0 Acres	18.7 - 37.5	85	47.5
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>42.04 - 76.8</b>	<b>485.2</b>	<b>408.4</b>



*Bikers on nonmotorized trail*

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# NORTH LAKE STREET (MOLL) PARK

Location: 755 North Lake Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
0.5	Mini Park	Open space, natural area	2

North Lake Street (Moll) Park is a natural open space that is mowed on a regular basis. There is a swing set with four swings that are currently in good condition. The park is accessed by a

sidewalk that leads to a neighborhood. There is on-street parking for the visitors to use. Suggested improvements for this park include adding benches and trash bins.



*North Moll Park*



*Sidewalk from neighborhood*



*Swing set*

# SUNSET PARK

Location: 8 South Lake Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
5	Neighborhood Park	Multipurpose, fishing, boating	3

Sunset Park is located at the corner of Water and Lake Street. There is a log cabin on the corner that was previously used by the Chamber of Commerce. The building is currently vacant. This park has a sidewalk running along the edge of Lake Charlevoix which attracts a lot of foot traffic from the downtown area. It is the perfect place to

watch a beautiful sunset, enjoy an ice cream cone or have a picnic. There are numerous benches along the lakeshore.

A shoreline greenbelts were implemented by the Lake Charlevoix Association to filter the water runoff from the sidewalks to the lake.



River mouth - Photo credit - Michigan Barefoot Memories Photography, courtesy of Boyne City Main Street



Shoreline Greenbelt interpretive signage



Benches along waterfront



Sunset on Lake Charlevoix

# AVALANCHE

Location: 1129 Wilson Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
320	Community Park	Trails and natural areas, hiking, biking, winter activities	2

Avalanche consists of 320 acres with miles of hiking trails. A majority of the space is a wooded natural area. The park offers many types of recreational activities including hiking, biking, cross country skiing, skating, jogging, snowmobiling, an archery range and disc golf. Residents and visitors alike use the park year round.

Winter activities are prominent at Avalanche. A skating rink and a large sledding hill are available during the winter months. A warming hut is open and staffed on weekday evenings and after 11:00am on the weekends. Ice skates and sleds are available free of charge for park users. Donations are accepted for hot chocolate.

Disc golf is another popular free activity at Avalanche. The 18-hole course twists and turns through the challenging terrain. Once you reach the top of the hill, you will enjoy the breathtaking view of the region. The course was built by volunteers through existing trails and clearings. The Boyne Valley Disc Golf Club hosts their Wednesday night league play at the course along with several tournaments throughout the year.

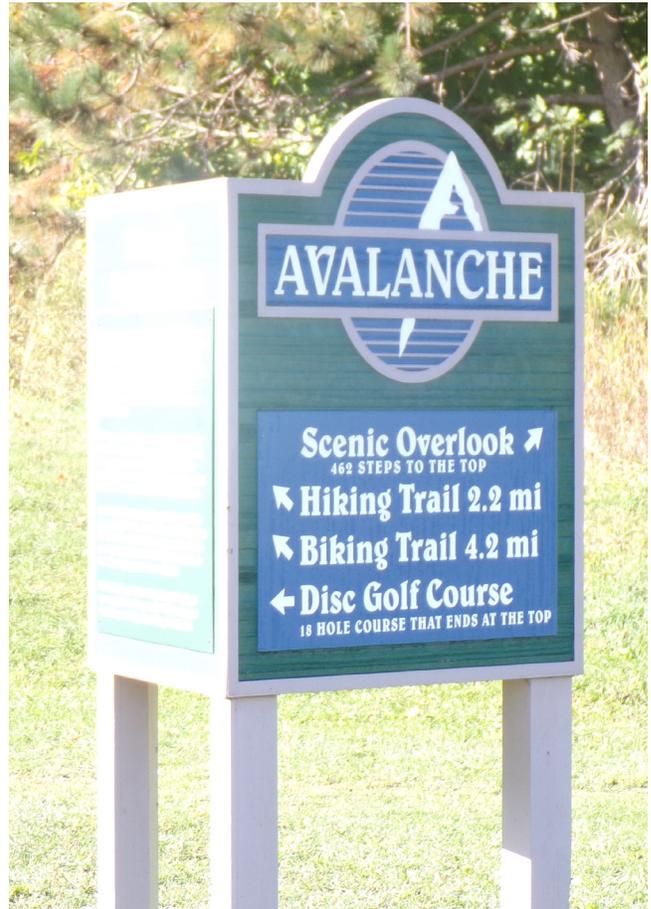
The Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) has completed the construction of a mountain bike optimized, multi-use trail system at the park. One of the most recent trails is called Stroll the Steps and is an advanced level



Open space at Avalanche



Sledding



Avalanche trail signage

trail designed to be ridden in one direction, down! The trails range from beginner riders to advanced riders. TOMMBA also maintains the trails and grooms them in the winter for fat tire biking.

The Avalanche multipurpose building is available to rent for special events. The City charges a nominal fee to groups for the use of the building to generate revenue to cover the cleaning costs. There is also a maintenance building on site that is used as a workshop and storage for equipment.

The Ash and Beech trees have been devastated and a preventative maintenance plan is suggested to remediate the problem.

The signage at Avalanche should be revamped to remain consistent with the City wide theme.

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Grill	1	Fair
Picnic tables	2	Good
Trash receptacles	2	Good
Warming building/ restrooms	1	Fair
Maintenance building	1	Good
Restroom (exterior entrance)	1	Fair
Ice rink – lighted	1	Fair
Gravel parking	1	Fair
Mountain Bike Trails	9.1 miles	Excellent
Signage	multiple	Fair



Interior of warming hut



Exterior of warming hut



Hiking trails

Photo credit - Michigan Barefoot Memories Photography, courtesy of Boyne City Main Street

# OLD CITY PARK

Location: 95 N. East Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
1	Neighborhood Park	Passive recreation use, fishing, concerts, farmers market	3

Old City Park is one of Boyne City’s treasures. Dating back to the turn of the century, this park, with its variety of mature trees and classic gazebo, is patterned after classic town squares. Its setting on the Boyne River adds to its beauty. The park is the perfect setting for a wedding, picnic, or just a relaxing stroll along the Boyne River.

A sidewalk system allows for excellent accessibility throughout the park. The sidewalk traverses along the water’s edge with multiple access points to the river. There is a kayak/canoe launch which allows people to enter the water with ease.

Every Wednesday from mid-June - mid-August, the park hosts “Evenings at the Gazebo.” This event features entertainment by local and regional musicians, and many other musical groups in the area. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy!

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Swings	4	Good
Spiral Slide	1	Good
Merry go round	1	Good
Spring toy	1	Fair
Tot play set	1	Good
Kayak/Canoe launch	1	Good
Benches	10	Excellent
Fountain	1	Excellent
Gazebo	1	Good
Picnic tables	2	Good
Lighting	Multiple	Excellent



Entrance to Old City Park

# PENINSULA BEACH

Location: 310 Front Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
6	Neighborhood Park	Multiuse, volleyball courts, swimming, picnic areas	3

Peninsula Beach is located on the South side of Boyne City on Front Street and features a public beach is within a short walking distance to downtown. Peninsula Beach offers restroom facilities, drinking fountains, playground equipment, picnic tables, parking and beach volleyball. Mobi-mats are available for universal

accessibility to reach the water’s edge. While this is a public beach, there is no lifeguard on duty.

There is a large open space for the public to use for a variety of recreational activities. A lighted sidewalk system navigates through the entire park for easy access to all of the amenities. There are plenty of parking spaces in two parking lots on either end of the park. There is room to add more benches and picnic tables for the park users.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency oversees the water quality of Lake Charlevoix and the reports can be found on the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality website.



Restrooms with outdoor showers

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Sand volleyball	2	Good
Mobi mat	2	Good
Picnic tables	8	Good
Benches	2	Good
Restrooms	2	Good
Wooden play equipment	1	Fair
Climber	1	Good
Merry go round	1	Good
Beach	1	Good
Outdoor shower	2	Good



Mobi Mat access to the beach

# ROTARY PARK

Location: 649 State Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
40	Community Park	Athletic fields, sport courts, picnic areas, trails	2

Rotary Park is located northeast of downtown on State Street. It offers recreational opportunities for hiking, softball, baseball, pickleball, soccer and tennis. There is also a nature trail that runs through the wooded area of the park. There is a concession building with restrooms, open during sporting events. Play equipment is also available for small children. The tennis courts will undergo a complete renovation in 2020.

The City of Boyne City partners with Little League to use Rotary Park and the facilities to operate the youth softball and baseball program. Little League

operates the concessions for the games and tournaments. The maintenance of the amenities at Rotary Park are shared between the City and Little League.

Some of the newer facilities are accessible for all people regardless of mobility. However, none of the spectator areas are accessible. A hard surface leading to the spectator areas would alleviate this deficiency.

Signage and parking are located off of State Street and Taylor Street.



Softball field #2



Softball dugout #1



Tennis Courts



Play equipment

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Softball fields 1 & 2	2	Excellent
Bleachers by 1 & 2 softball fields	4	Good
Dugouts by 1 & 2 softball fields	4	Good
Fencing on 1 & 2	2	Fair
Baseball field	1	Good
Bleachers by baseball field	2	Fair
Dugouts by baseball field	2	Good
Concession building by 1 & 2 fields	1	Good
Restrooms by 1 & 2 fields	2	Good
Scoreboards on youth ball fields	3	Good
Playground 1 equipment	1	Good
Soccer field – full size	1	Fair
Soccer field – small size	4	Fair

Park and Recreation Facilities		
Type	Quantity	Condition
Softball fields A & B Field A is lighted	2	Fair
Bleachers by A & B softball fields	4	Fair
Dugouts by A & B softball fields	4	Poor
Fencing on A & B softball fields	Multiple	Poor
Concession building by A & B fields	1	Fair
Restrooms by A & B fields	3	Poor
Gravel parking	2	Fair
Picnic tables (some are ADA)	14	Good
Playground 2 Equipment	4	Fair
*Tennis/pickleball courts	4	Poor

**\*Note:** Tennis courts will be renovated in spring of 2020



Aerial of Rotary Park

# VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

Location: 207 N. Lake Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
10.5	Neighborhood Park	Multipurpose, active and passive recreation activities	2

The park is located just blocks from Boyne City's downtown, and is open to the public year round. There are picnic tables and grills throughout the park. With the exception of the farmers market, festivals and special events, dogs are permitted in the park as long as they are on a leash.

Veteran's Memorial Park is home to an expansive wood play structure, the site of the Veteran's Memorial, the F. Grant Moore Municipal Marina, Farmers Market and is the hub of activity along the lakefront. The community uses the park for Little League baseball, picnicking, strolling, jogging, rollerblading, cycling, boating, fishing, and watching sunsets from its west-facing shoreline.

There are a number of festivals and events held during the summer months. They include the Morel Mushroom Festival, Fourth of July activities including the fireworks, Boyne Thunder, Antique Auto Show, Labor Day Car Show, community picnics and running and cycling events.

Most recently Veteran's Memorial Park Pavilion is being renovated and expanded to better

accommodate community events. The pavilion will offer indoor and outdoor activities. Renovations include transparent door-like walls that can be lowered in cold weather, a heating system, fireplace, kitchen, stage, storage, improved restrooms (accessible from both inside and out) and an updated façade reflecting character of Boyne City. The venue will host a variety of events and will be used as a rental facility to generate revenue.

The park is easily accessed from the downtown area. There is a sidewalk system that travels through the park that extends all the way to downtown and many of the picnic tables and benches are located on hard surfaces to allow people of all abilities to utilize.

The Veteran's Memorial was constructed by volunteers through donations. The landscaping for most of the park is managed by the local garden club. The garden club maintains the Veteran's Memorial landscaping as well as numerous flower boxes throughout the city.



Carnival in full swing

Photo credit - Michigan Barefoot Memories Photography, courtesy of Boyne City Main Street

## Park and Recreation Facilities

Type	Quantity	Condition
Pavilion	1	Excellent
Play structure	1	Good
Benches	12	Good
Grill	3	Fair
Picnic tables	Multiple	Good
Gravel parking	1	Fair
Paved parking	2	Good
Little League field	1	Good
Scoreboard	1	Good
Concession building	1	Fair
Maintenance building	1	Poor
Scorekeeper booth	1	Fair
Restroom at LL field	1	Poor



*Veteran's Memorial*



*Farmer's market*



*Play equipment*



*Veteran's Memorial Park plaza*

# RIVERSIDE PARK

Location: 602 Spring Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
5	Neighborhood Park	Active use, fishing, canoing	1

Riverside Park located along the Boyne River offers a place for fishing, and launching canoes and kayaks. There is a kayak rack available for public use. The gravel turn around makes it easy to unload and load a kayak or canoe at the water's edge. The gravel parking lot is in excellent condition and is designed to maintain the rustic feel with minimal maintenance to attract wild birds and create a habitat for them. This natural area is great for bird watching and is designated as a sunset coast birding trail. The park has a few picnic tables available for those that choose to sit and enjoy the outdoors.



*Riverside Park entrance sign*



*Turn around driveway for access to the water*



*Birding trail sign*



*Entry to the water*



*Kayak rack*

## TANNERY BEACH

Location: 862 Front Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
0.5	Mini Park	Open space, viewing area	1

Tannery Beach is a public access site which is increasingly being used as an entry point for kayaks and canoes. In the winter months, it offers easy access to the lake for ice fisherman and snowmobilers. A popular place for dog lovers, this beach is frequently used for taking the family pet swimming on those hot summer days. (Doggie bags and scoopers are available for owners to clean up after their dogs.) Although not the typical

white, sandy beach, this is a great place to relax, swim, and enjoy a great view of Lake Charlevoix!

There is a paved parking area for approximately 4 vehicles. The park also includes a few benches and a grill.

Adding picnic tables, benches and trash bins would enhance the park.



*Tannery Park offers easy access to Lake Charlevoix*

# RIDGE RUN DOG PARK

Location: 300 Ridge Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
3	Special Use	Dog park and agility course	2

Ridge Run Dog Park was established by a dedicated hardworking committee that made a dream become a reality. The funds to build the park were raised by donations and sponsorships. People also donated their time and in-kind services to complete the project. Donation stations are displayed at each entrance to the dog areas. Park users are encouraged to help support the park.

The dog park is separated by two fenced-in areas. One area is for large dogs and one area is for small dogs. Water stations are also available. A separate agility course is being constructed in 2020. There is a pavilion for shade and picnic tables are available throughout the park.

Both dog areas have a crushed gravel trail just inside the perimeter of the fenced in areas. There are toys for the dogs to play on and around. Waste stations are available for pet owners to use to help keep the area clean. Gravel parking is available near both dog areas.



*Pavilion and picnic tables*



*Pet water station*



*Fenced in area for large dogs*

## OPEN SPACE

Location: 475 N. Lake Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
4.7	Neighborhood Park	Passive recreation use, waterfront	1

The Open Space is a 4.7-acre lakefront property located adjacent to the City's municipal boating access site. This beautiful waterfront property will serve the community well with its central location and trail connectivity. The land was purchased with a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant and a local match. During

the planning process, the open space park was undergoing a design phase for new development ideas. Community input sessions were held to gather feedback from the public about what they would like to see included in the development of this park.



*Open Space welcome sign*



*Parking and grass areas*



*Lake frontage*

## LOWER LAKE STREET BEACH

Location: Near the Intersection of W. Michigan Avenue and Lower Lake Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
0.25	Mini Park	Water access	1

Lower Lake Street Beach is located on Lake Charlevoix. This is a sandy beach area that is available for public water access. Three paved parking spaces are available for easy access to the park. A pet waste station is conveniently located near the parking area. A picnic table and shade tree make this a nice place to stop and rest. The beach is located near the bike route and Boyne City to Charlevoix trail system.



*Public beach access*



*Picnic area*

## BOYNE RIVER NATURE AREA

Location: 1451 Lexamar Drive

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
85	Natural Resource Area	Wooded natural area	1

The Boyne River Nature Area is an undeveloped park located to the southeast of the downtown area. The Boyne River prominently runs through the middle of the 85 acres. The entrance of the park includes gravel parking, a footbridge to the natural trail system and a pavilion for picnicking. This natural area also has rain gardens to filter water runoff from the paved roadway. The park has an extensive network of trails along the Boyne River and the adjacent wetlands.



*Boyne River Nature Area sign*



*Picnic pavilion and trail access*

## PUBLIC FISHING PIER

Location: Sunset Park on Lake Charlevoix at the mouth of the Boyne River

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
190 Feet	Pier	Fishing	4

The City of Boyne City, in collaboration with Catt Development installed an ADA accessible, public fishing pier in Lake Charlevoix through a public/private partnership. The pier is approximately 190' in length and located immediately southwest of the mouth of the Boyne River and complimented by existing public restrooms, parks and parking, and a direct connection to the City's downtown. The pier allows anglers of all experience levels and physical abilities to fish safely and conveniently.

The fishign pier was made possible by a Great Lakes Fishery Trust grant in the amount of \$47,500. The project was completed in 2017.



*Funded by Great Lakes Fishery Trust & Catt Development*



*View of the fishing pier from Sunset Park*

# BOYNE CITY TO CHARLEVOIX TRAIL

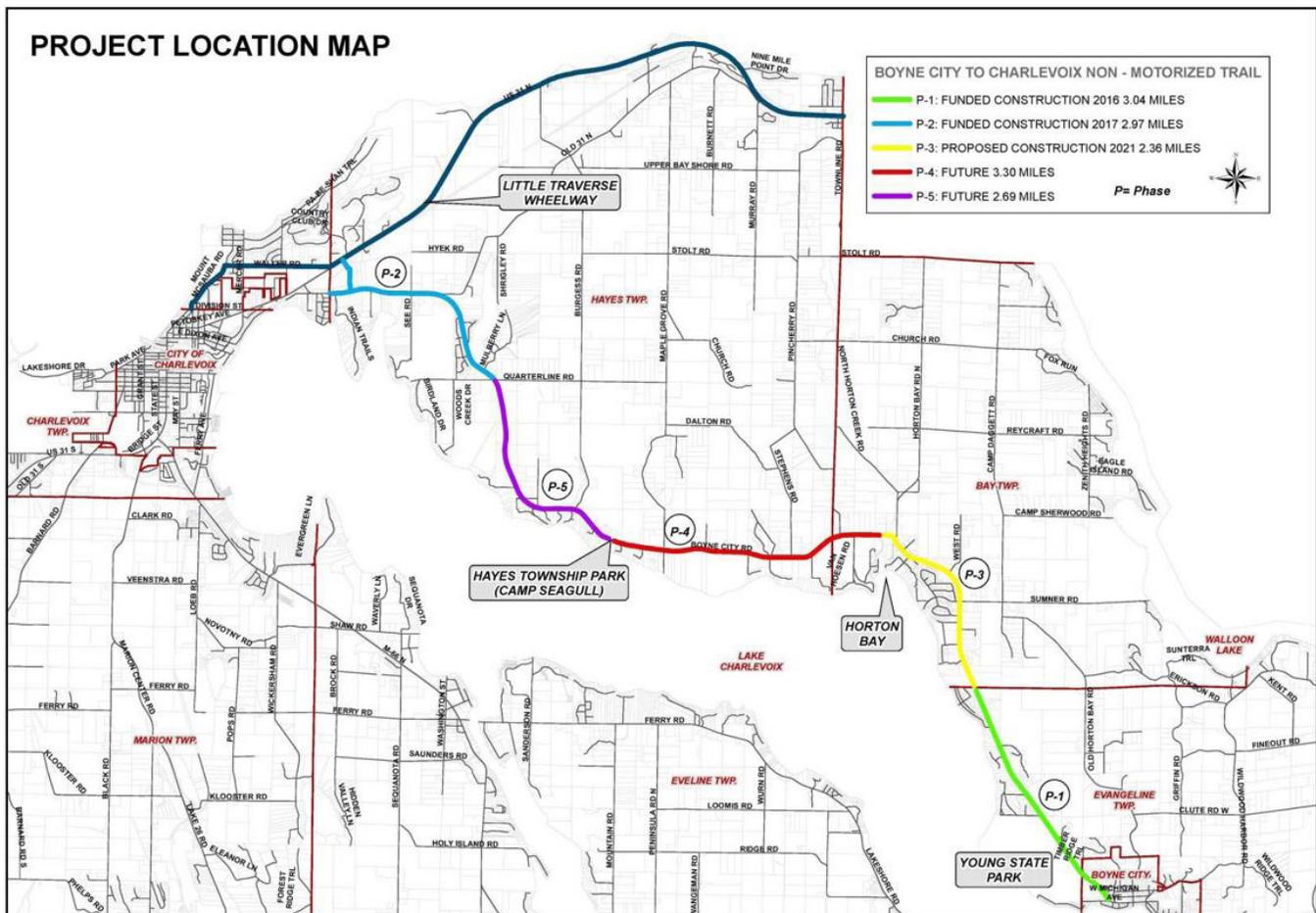
Location: Begins at West Michigan Avenue/Boyne City-Charlevoix Road

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
3 miles	Nonmotorized Trail	Walking, biking, hiking	5

The Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail is a work in progress. Charlevoix County has been working on multiple phases of this nonmotorized paved trail system. Currently the first two phases of the project are complete. The first phase began in Boyne City extending three miles into Evangeline Township. When completed the trail system will connect to important points of destination such as Young State Park and the Little Traverse Wheelway. The trail will also eventually connect to the newly developed Boyne Falls nonmotorized pathway.



Completed section of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail.



# BOYNE VALLEY TRAILWAY

Location: Phase 1 begins at Main Street in Boyne City and extends to Boyne Falls School  
 Phase 2 begins at Boyne Falls School and extends to Cherry Hill Road/US 131.

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
7.2 miles	Nonmotorized Trail	Walking, biking, hiking	5

The Boyne Valley Trailway concept was conceived in 2000. Several individuals have committed a lot of time and dedication to establishing a nonmotorized pathway from Boyne Falls to Boyne City along the old BCG&A Railroad right-of-way.

The Boyne Valley Trailway Committee has been working with Boyne Valley Township, the City of Boyne City, the Village of Boyne Falls and Boyne Mountain Resort to make the trail a reality. The trail will be 7.2 miles when completed.

Grant funding for the two phases was awarded by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and MDOT-TAP. Funding for the grant matches was raised by foundations, donations, the City of Boyne City, Boyne Valley Township, the Village of Boyne Falls and other miscellaneous grants.



*Boyne Valley Trail construction*



*Boyne Valley Trail construction*

## CITY MARINA

Location: 20 State Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
0.5	Special use	Marina, boating, picnicking	4

The municipal marina is surrounded by beautiful Veteran’s Memorial Park, host to several festivals and other events throughout the summer. While staying at the marina, people can find everything they need within walking distance. Boaters have an unobstructed view of where the lake meets the horizon and the sunsets from their boat slips.

There are 42 rental slips that are a mix of transient and seasonal. There are floating docks and fixed docks. There are no seasonal slips available at this time; however, the marina does maintain a seasonal wait-list. There were 45 people on the 2017 wait-list. These people pay a fee of \$25 to get on the list and a \$25 annual fee. The top person on the list has been on since 2005. This is an indicator of the popularity and demand for slips at the marina.

The city’s “L” shaped shoppers dock / fishing pier is located just to the south of the city’s marina. The inner side of the dock allows for temporary tie up so day boaters can enjoy the community while people can fish off the outer side towards the Boyne River. Shoppers docking is also allowed within the marina if there is availability (permission must be obtained from marina staff prior to tying up).

With the 24 slip “One Water Marina”, in addition to the City’s 42 slip municipal marina and adjacent private marina, Boyne City boasts over 400 of broadside shopper’s docks and plenty of additional transient slips for any size vessel.

Lake Charlevoix and Boyne City are a destination each year. Boyne City is a vibrant community with events and activities year round. Even though sections of the marina are more than 40 years old, it has not lost its appeal. In fact it seems to gain more popularity each year and there are regular requests for expansion.

The current restroom building size and number of stalls are sufficient. A family restroom will be a future addition during facility renovations. As the number of slips increase, additional shower/ bathing rooms will be needed. Laundry facilities, a boaters’ lounge expanded office and storage space will need to be considered as part of an expansion. Dredging took place in 2002 due to infill from the Boyne River and to increase the depth for larger boats to come to the Boyne City end of Lake Charlevoix. At the same time the dredging took place, there was also work done in the Boyne River to address future infill from the flow of the river.

The City Marina is designated as a “Clean Marina”. The marina was certified as a Michigan Clean Marina in 2008 by the Michigan Boating Industry Association. The clean marina program was developed to protect water resources and wildlife habitat by promoting environmentally sound marina practices.



*Rainbow at City Marina*

*Photo credit - Michigan Barefoot Memories Photography, courtesy of Boyne City Main Street*

The marina has an adjacent boat launch. The launch is a single dock with one launch lane and six vehicle w/trailer parking spaces. Due to water depth and length of the ramp and dock, it will only support smaller vessels, approximately 24' and under.

Dredging took place again in 2012 as a result of the state-wide emergency dredging due to record low water levels on Lake Michigan, not due to infill from the river. In 2012, a few hundred yards of dredge material was taken to a "Type II" landfill. The remaining approximately 3,000 yards of materials were hauled offsite to the City's Wastewater Treatment site which has deed restrictions and can accept material with minimal levels of contaminate. Looking at past history, it is

not anticipated that annual maintenance dredging is required, nor any dredging in the future for the current marina basin. There is the possibility of minor dredging in phases of the proposed marina expansion. However, with the current high water levels, this may not be needed.

Infrastructure replacement needs are assessed on a regular basis by marina staff. A detailed description of needs is listed in the Action Plan of this document. Water and Electrical do not currently extend to all of the docks. The current electrical wiring providing service to the pedestals is safe and has had some upgrades; however, it does not meet current code standards. The sanitary pump-out was located upland and during times of low lake levels, it was not conducive to use so it was abandoned back in the 1990's and a portable pump-out was purchased. Portable equipment

**TABLE 9: CITY MARINA EVENTS, MARKETING, PARTNERSHIPS, & MAINTENANCE**

<b>Events</b>	<b>Marketing</b>	<b>Partnerships</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>
Boyne Thunder	Publications	Main Street/DDA	Biannual inspections
Red Fox Regatta	Social Media	Yacht Club	Preventative maintenance
Other Boat Races	Websites	MSU Extension 4H	Electrical Maintenance
Movie Nights	Chamber of Commerce	Marine Services	Aerators/bubblers
Potlucks	Clean Marina	Seasonal Storage	Floating Shoppers Dock
Boater Appreciation	MBIA Membership	Harborage Marina	Daily staffing



*City Marina docks  
Photo credit - Michigan Barefoot Memories Photography,  
courtesy of Boyne City Main Street*



*Picnic facilities  
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# CITY BOAT LAUNCH

Location: 525 N. Lake Street

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
1	Special Use	Boat launch	3

The City Boat Launch has a long dock (when the extensions are in) and deep water. It is suitable for large vessels and sailboats with deep drafts. It has 2 launching lanes, on-site parking (vehicle and empty, attached trailer only), restrooms, and a fish cleaning station (north launch only).

During the shoulder season the launch and parking area is sufficient; however, during the summer boating season neither the two lanes nor the parking lot is enough to handle the demand. Future expansion will consist of an additional one or two launch lanes, a reconfigured and expanded parking lot and renovation of restrooms and fish cleaning station.

The cost for daily launching is \$7 per day. Residents (taxpayers) can get one seasonal launching pass at no charge. For any additional passes, the cost is \$10 each. Non-residents can purchase a seasonal launching pass for \$35.00 and \$10 for each additional pass. Overnight parking is available for \$7 per night (14-day limit). This is for vehicle and empty trailer only. Commercial Operations shall purchase a seasonal launch permit for \$150.00 or plan to pay \$7 for each boat launched. These fees are used to maintain the launch sites, facilities and docks (including the installation/removal in the spring and fall).



City Boat Launch

# BOYNE FOREST TRAIL SYSTEM

Location: 03376 Old Horton Bay Road

Size (acres)	Classification	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating
141.9	Natural resource area	Trails and nature area	1

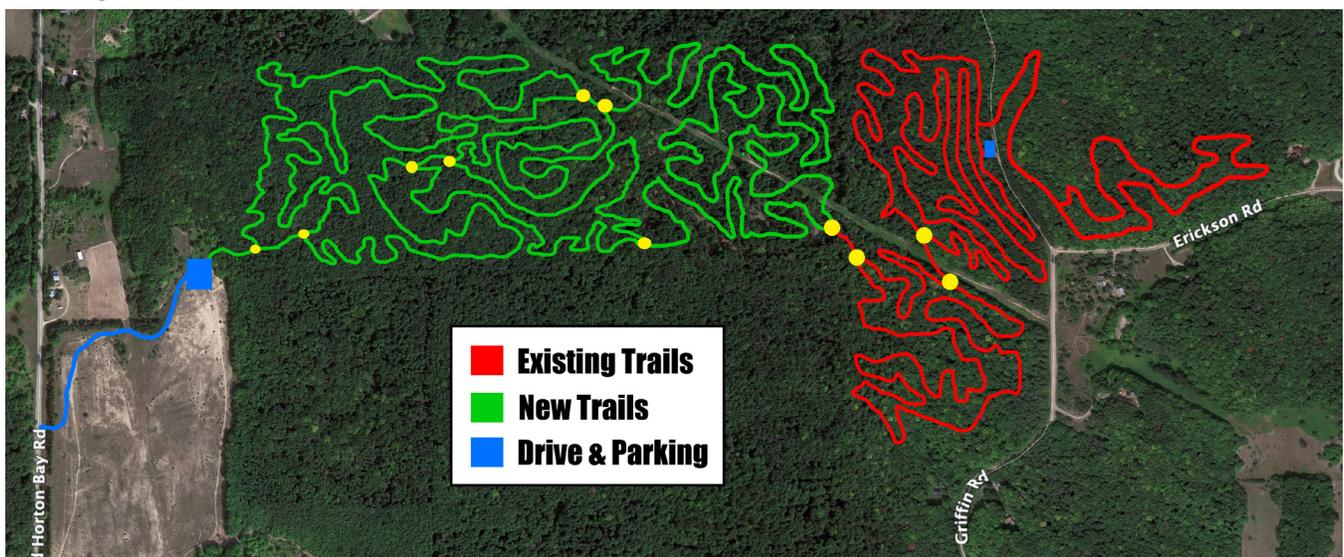
The Boyne Forest Trail System was developed through multiple partnerships. The Boyne City Public Schools, Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy and TOMMBA raised funds to purchase a 40-acre parcel and implement a trail system through the Boyne School forest. The City of Boyne City and Evangeline Township came aboard to combine land and extend the trail system. The vision is to preserve and expand the multi-use trails, including a new trail head with parking and wayfinding signage. Once completed, the facilities located just north of the City of Boyne City, will offer trails for varying rider levels and multipurpose utilization, with over 20 miles of trails.



Footbridge over terrain



Forest Trail entrance sign



Boyne Forest Trail expansion map

## REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Lake Charlevoix is an important resource to Boyne City. There are a number of road ends on the lake within the city limits that allow the public to use as water access sites. People use the access sites for swimming, kayaking, fishing, and passive recreation activities.

The City of Boyne City and the Boyne City public-school system have a distinguished relationship. The Boyne City Schools provide numerous recreational opportunities to the citizens of the area through community education programs.

Boyne City is also home to a variety of public and private recreational facilities that serve the surrounding area. The Boyne District Library and the Boyne Area Senior Center host a variety of public events. The Little Traverse Conservancy has over 110 acres of nature preserves that are open to the public for recreational opportunities.

TABLE 11: BOYNE CITY SCHOOLS RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Schools	Size	Description
Boyne City Elementary School	.5 acre	Playfields, basketball courts, playground, meeting rooms, gymnasium, kitchen, all purpose room, library
Boyne City Middle School	12 acres	Basketball courts, playground, gymnasium, library
Boyne City High School	20 acres	Playfields, organized sports field, ball diamonds, meeting rooms, gymnasium, kitchen, all purpose room, weight room, library
Boyne City Administration Building	0.4 acre	Playground, gymnasium, meeting rooms, kitchen

TABLE 10: LAKE CHARLEVOIX RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Facility Name	Accessibility Rating	Size	Description
Woodland Street Road End	1	.25 acre	Water access
Shady Lane Road End	1	.25 acre	Water access
Bay (West) Street Road End	1	.25 acre	Water access
John Street Road End	1	.25 acre	Water access
Charlevoix Street Road End	1	.25 acre	Water access, benches
S. Lake and Cherry Mini Park	1	.5 acre	Open space
West Cedar and Pleasant Mini Park	1	.5 acre	Open space, picnic table

## BOYNE CITY RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Boyne City is a northern Michigan gem. There are a plethora of opportunities for special events, festivals, outdoor activities and adventures. Boyne City is rich in parkland, lakes, the Boyne River, streams and natural resources.



*Old City Park historic sculpture*

**TABLE 12: PUBLIC & PRIVATE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Facility Name	Location	Description
City Hall	319 North Lake Street	Meeting rooms, museum, kitchen, restrooms
Boyne District Library	201 East Main Street	Library, meeting rooms, kitchen, restrooms
Boyne Area Senior Center	411 East Division Street	Congregate meals, senior activities
Harborage Marina	448 Front Street	Members only marina, 227 boat slips, fuel, pump out, restrooms

**TABLE 13: LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Schools	Size	Description
The Hill Nature Preserve	106 acres	Hiking, mountain biking, scenic viewing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing
Scollin-Lee Nature Preserve	2.7 acres	Nature preserve
Spehar Nature Preserve	1.6 acres	Nature preserve

## DNR GRANT HISTORY

Boyne City has a long grant history with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Since 1977 the City has had six development projects funded and one acquisition project funded. The total amount of grant funds that have been awarded is \$3,207,493.73.

TABLE 14: BOYNE CITY DNR GRANT HISTORY (CHARLEVOIX COUNTY)

Title	Year	Status	Amount	Description
Rotary Park Development (26-01023 V)	1977	Closed	\$25,182.50	Well, site prep., hiking trail, 4 tennis courts, 2 lighted softball fields, heart exercise trail, cross-country/snowshoe trail, concession, restroom building, LWCF sign.
Peninsula Beach (26-01421)	1985	Closed	\$166,986.23	Stabilize edge wall, and stone rip (310'), remove underwater pilings, utilities, restrooms, lights, parking, driveways, sidewalk/promenade, landscaping, navigation lights, picnic facilities, tot lot LWCF sign
Public Restroom Facility (BF89-538)	1989	Closed	\$29,600.00	Construct public restroom facilities in Veteran's Park.
Boyne River Boardwalk Project (TF99-180)	1999	Closed	\$187,925.00	Develop a community boardwalk downtown Boyne City along the 300 feet of the Boyne River, including lighting, walkways and bank stabilization.
Ridge Run Dog Park Fitness Trail (RP15-0072)	2015	PA Executed	\$10,400.00	The City of Boyne City proposes to install two separate fitness trails at the Ridge Run Dog Park. The park consists of two fenced areas, one for smaller dogs and one for large dogs. Trails will be located around the inside perimeter of the fenced areas.
City of Boyne City Open Space Acquisition (TF16-0122)	2016	PA Executed	\$2,438,800.00	Acquisition of approximately 4.6 acres with 600 feet of shoreline on Lake Charlevoix. The site will be used as an open space park available for general public use and in turn enhance the economic development opportunity for adjacent properties including the public boat launch, commercial and residential properties in the immediate area.
Boyne Valley Trailway Development Phase 1 (TF16-0195)	2016	Expected completion June 2020	\$300,000.00	This project develops 3.6 miles of the 6.1-mile paved non-motorized all- season Boyne Valley Trailway connecting Boyne City to the Village of Boyne Falls. This trail way will extend and enhance the Regional Trail System by connection to the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail and the Little Traverse Wheelway. Phase I of the Trailway project connects to Boyne City streets with a trailhead at the Boyne City Airport with existing paved parking and modern bathroom facilities. At mile point 1.4 the trail provides access to the Boyne River Nature Area that includes a pavilion, benches and a nature trail leading to the Boyne River. At mile point 2.4 the trail passes through the Boyne Valley Township Park (recreational property) with planned future improvements for trail users that include parking, benches, solar lighting, and vault restrooms. Phase I ends at mile point 3.6 where the trail connects to the Boyne Falls Public School and includes use of the paved parking lot.



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# Planning Process

## DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING PROCESS

Parks and recreation is an essential service in the City of Boyne City. The City Parks and Recreation Commission developed its first recreation plan in 2004. The plan is updated every five years to stay current with parks and recreation trends and to fulfill community needs and opportunities.

Community engagement is a key component in the planning process. An online survey was developed and distributed to Boyne City residents and visitors. The survey was made available online on the City website and hard copies were available at City Hall. The survey was publicized on the City's social media channels and at City-wide events.

The Parks and Recreation Commission met on a monthly basis to work on the plan and provide guidance. The meetings are open to the public, so this was another avenue to gain public input on the plan as well.

Along with community input, a complete review of the community demographics was analyzed. A thorough site inventory and accessibility assessment was done on each City-owned park and compared to national standards. Goals and objectives were derived from the community input, demographics, site inventory and needs assessment.

Concurrent planning efforts included a design input session for the Open Space Park and Avalanche. The session was held on December 4, 2019 from 5:30-8:00pm. The purpose of the meeting was to confirm the original inventory and analysis done on each park, and to conduct visioning exercises to facilitate public input on programming for each of the parks. A total of 27 people attended the session to give their feedback.

The draft Parks and Recreation Plan was posted for a 30-day public review period from December 9, 2019-January 9, 2020 to gather public comments.

In addition to the survey and the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings, a public hearing offered another forum for the community to provide input on the plan before the adoption took place. The public hearing took place on January 14, 2020. The hearing was published in the Boyne City Gazette on December 4, 2019.



*Groups putting their design ideas on paper*



*Participant discussing ideas for the Open Space*

## SURVEY RESULTS

As part of Boyne City's 2020 Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, the City distributed an online survey to residents to understand their priorities for the community's park system. The survey allowed residents to weigh in candidly on the City's parks and to provide suggestions for improvements over the subsequent five years. The survey was available during the month of November 2019 and garnered a total of 184 responses. The community's responses to each question are portrayed in graphs and described below.

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

#### Question 1: What type of recreation facilities would you like to see increased in Boyne City?

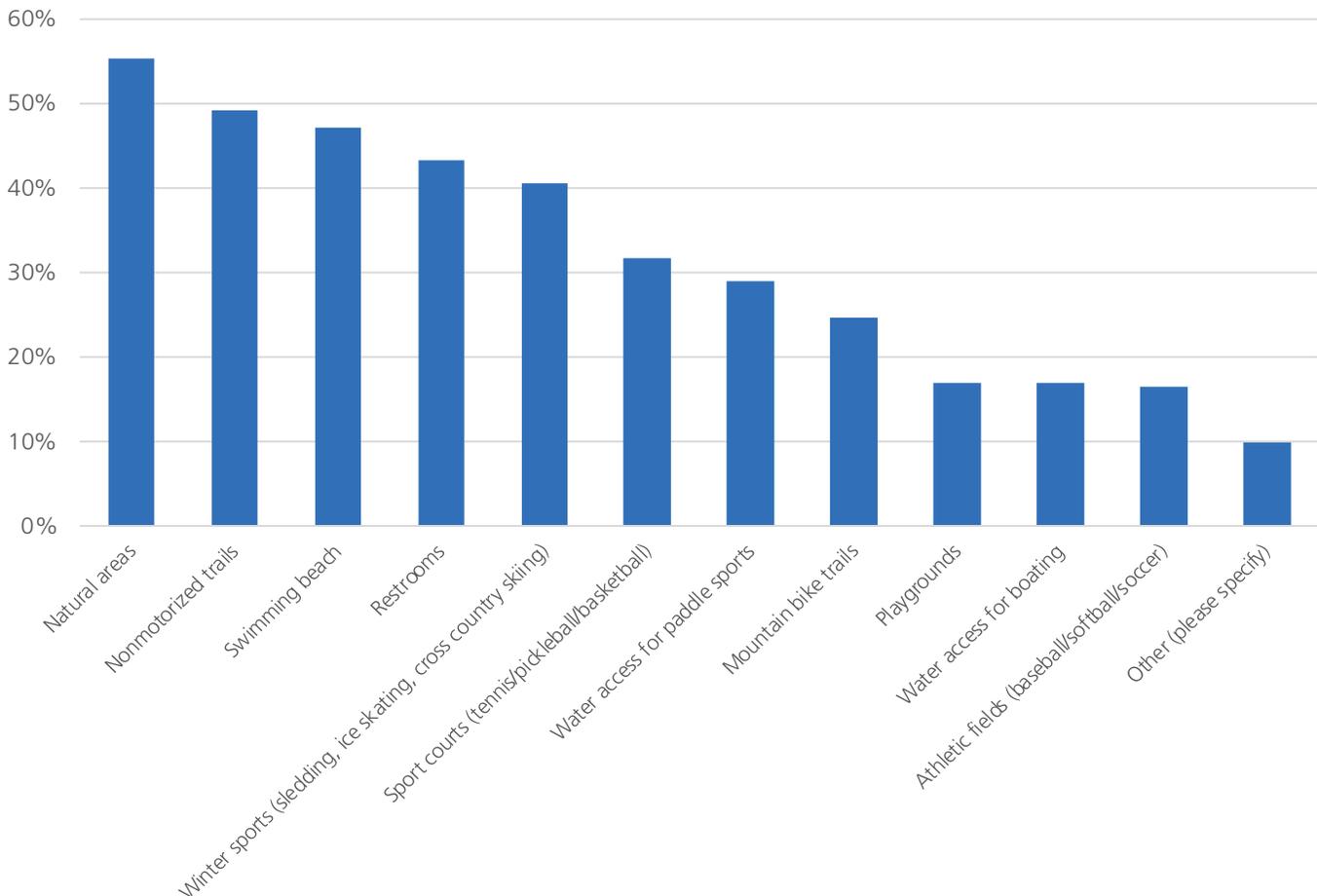
Respondents' answers to the question are ordered in descending popularity from left to right in the graph. Over half of respondents selected "natural areas" as one of their three choices, making this answer the most chosen. Large

shares of participants also expressed support for nonmotorized trails, swimming facilities, restroom improvements, and winter activities. Respondents indicated that youth facilities including playgrounds and athletic fields were lower-priority improvements.

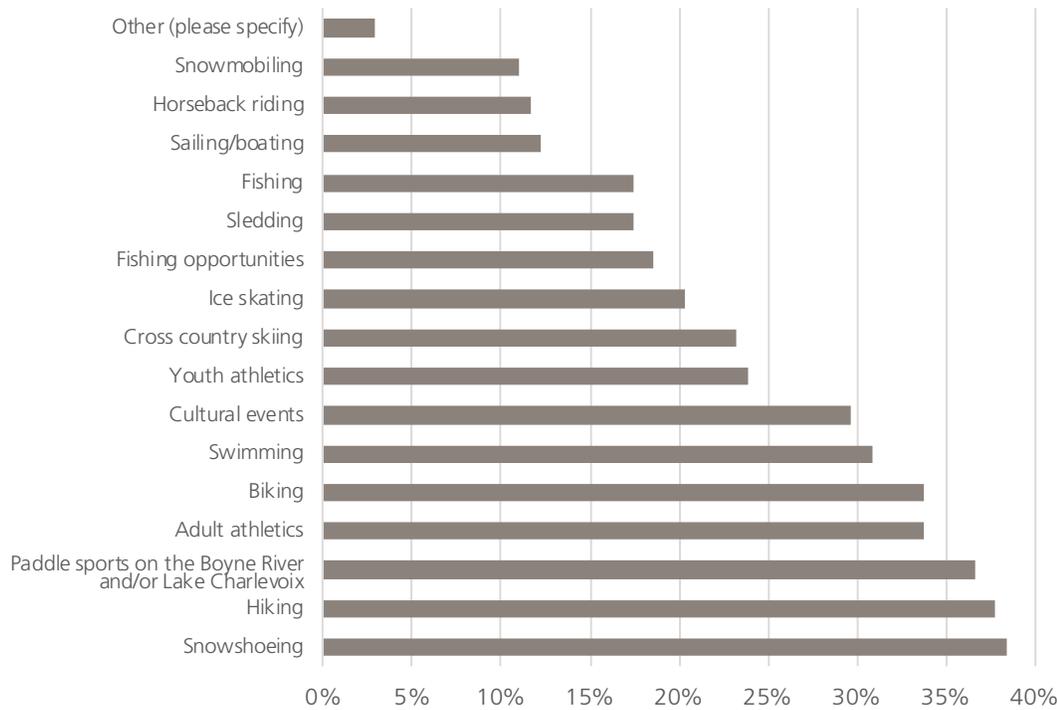
#### Question 2: What type of recreation programs would you like to see increased in Boyne City?

The second question asked residents to rank their priorities for programmed activities in the community's parks and respondents' answers are ordered in descending popularity from left to right in the graph. The two most common answers were snowshoeing and hiking, both of which are suited for natural areas. Residents' top priorities for programmed activities, therefore, match their top priorities for facilities as measured by the first question. Respondents also expressed biking, swimming, and paddle sports on the Boyne River and Lake Charlevoix as properties for programs, which matches their enthusiasm for swimming beaches and nonmotorized trails.

FIGURE 7: WHAT TYPE OF RECREATION FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCREASED IN BOYNE CITY? (Q1)



**FIGURE 8: WHAT TYPE OF RECREATION PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCREASED IN BOYNE CITY? (Q2)**

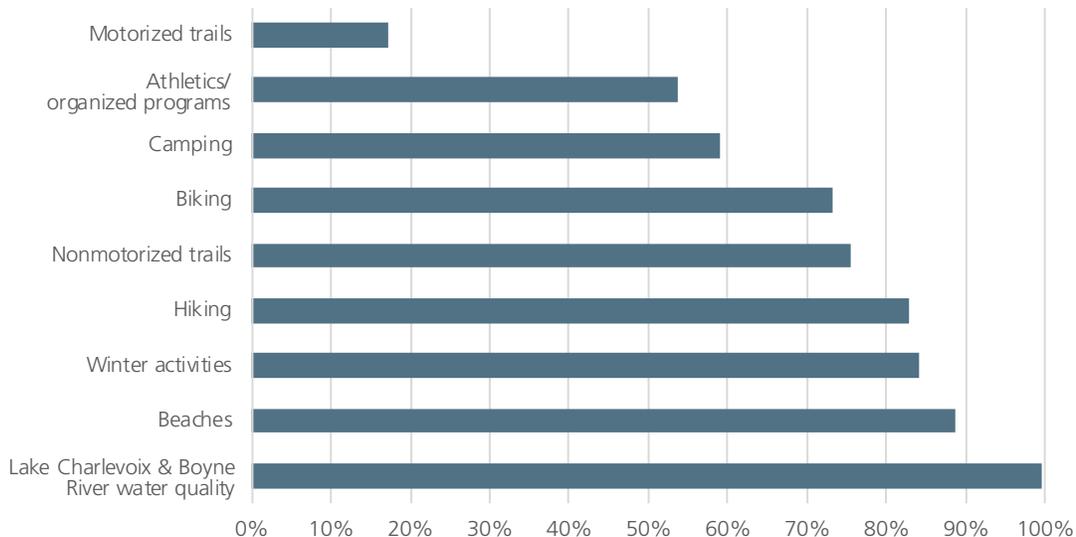


**Question 3: How important are the following in Boyne City?**

This question asked respondents to gauge the importance of several of the community's existing recreational assets. The graph conveys the share of respondents who selected each issue as either "Extremely important" or "Very important" in descending order from left to right. Respondents selected water quality of Lake Charlevoix and the

Boyne River nearly unanimously as a critical issue; over 99% of respondents indicated its priority. A large share of respondents expressed summertime activities as major priorities through the response "beaches", while another large share expressed wintertime activities as major priorities. The availability of activities year-round will, therefore, be a concern. Hiking, biking, and nonmotorized trails each received a significant share of priority votes.

**FIGURE 9: HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING IN BOYNE CITY? (Q3)**



### Question 4: Which of the following parks do you visit?

This question asked respondents which park facilities in the community they visit, and no restrictions were placed on the number of responses; participants could check any and all facilities listed. Over four-fifths of respondents replied that they visited Avalanche (80.9%) and Veteran’s Memorial Park (80.43%), which made these the two most-chosen responses. Over half of the respondents reported using both Old City Park near downtown, as well as Peninsula Beach, which is the community’s only swimming facility. Perhaps surprisingly, a large share of residents (41.3%) indicated that they use the community’s open space in its unimproved condition. Relatively small shares of respondents reported using facilities geared toward specialized activities including the Public Marina (35.3%), the City Boat Launch (35.3%), and Ridge Run Dog Park (24.4%).

### Question 5: How often do you visit the following parks?

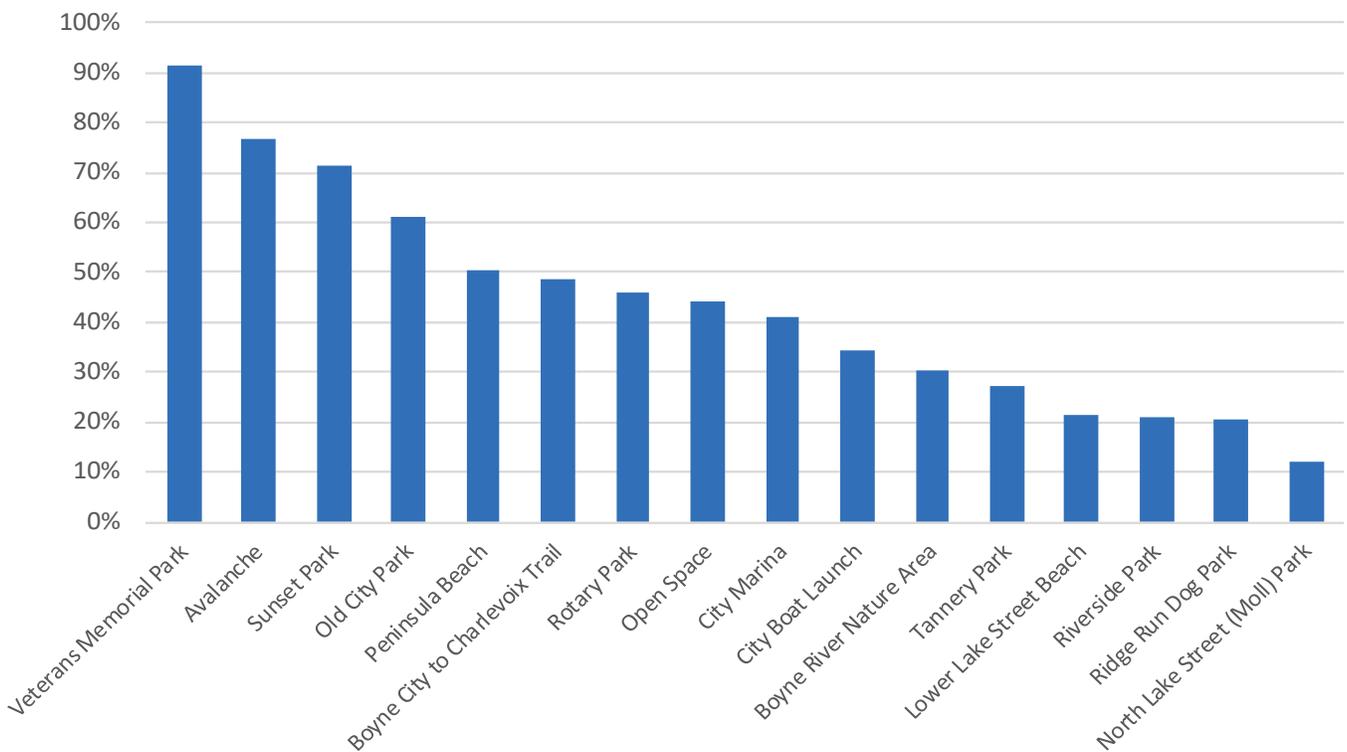
This question asked respondents to indicate the frequency of their visits to the community’s parks by selecting one of five categorical answers: “weekly”, “monthly”, “rarely”, “never”, or “never heard of it”. The graph shows the percentage of residents

that reported going either weekly or monthly to each park facility. Respondents indicated again that community’s open spaces, passive recreation areas, and nature preserves are the most frequented; Veteran’s Memorial Park, Avalanche, Sunset Park, and Old City Park received the largest share of weekly or monthly visit replies. The Boyne City to Charlevoix trail also received a large share of weekly or monthly visit replies (48.8%), which, together with responses to the first to questions, highlights the community’s enthusiasm for nonmotorized trails.

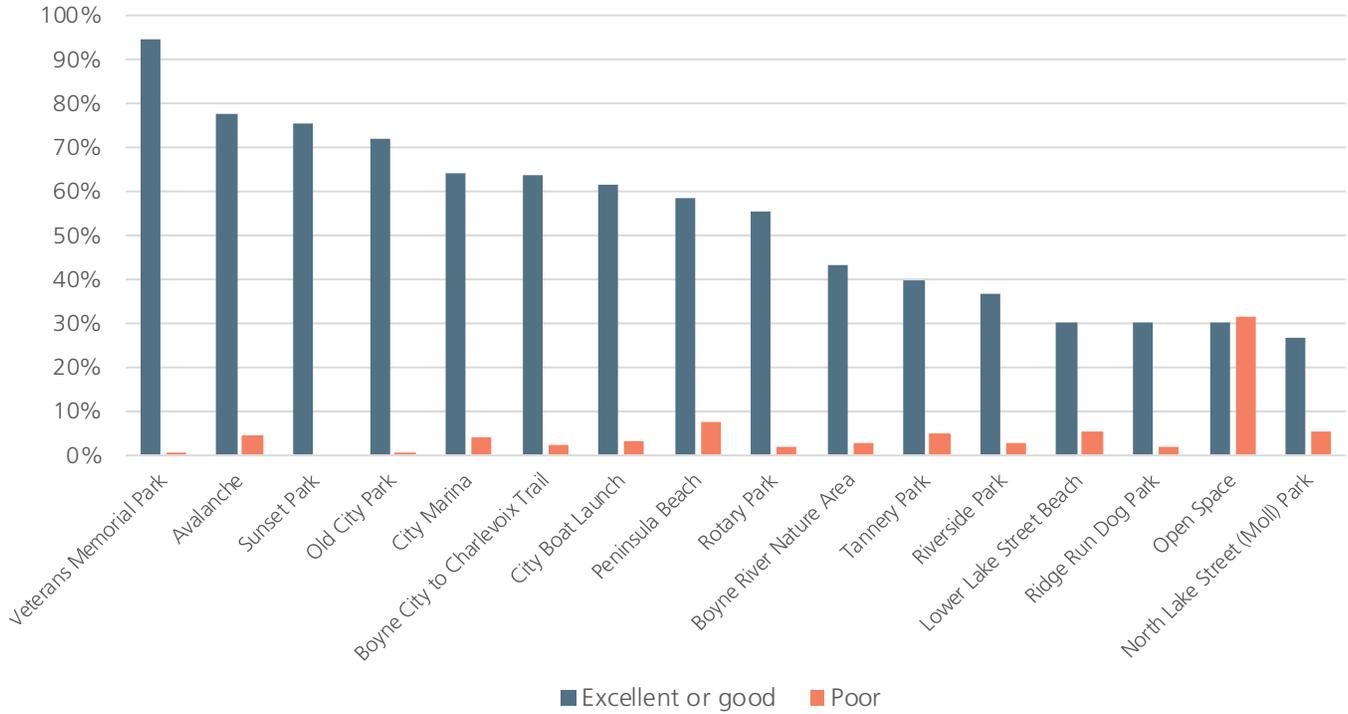
### Question 6: How would you rate the condition of each park?

This question asked residents to assess the quality of each park facility in the community by selecting one of five ranked answers: “Excellent”, “Good”, “Fair”, “Poor”, or “I don’t know”. Respondents generally reflected positively on the condition of the community’s parks; they cast a total of 1,362 “excellent” responses and only 124 “poor” responses combined across all the facilities. The graph shows the results for each park facility. Respondents rated the quality of Veteran’s Memorial Park, Avalanche, Sunset Park, and Old City Park the highest. The Open Space received the largest number of “poor” quality votes; 46 respondents selected that answer.

FIGURE 10: PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS VISITING BOYNE CITY PARKS WEEKLY OR MONTHLY. (Q5)



**FIGURE 11: RATED PARK CONDITIONS. (Q6)**

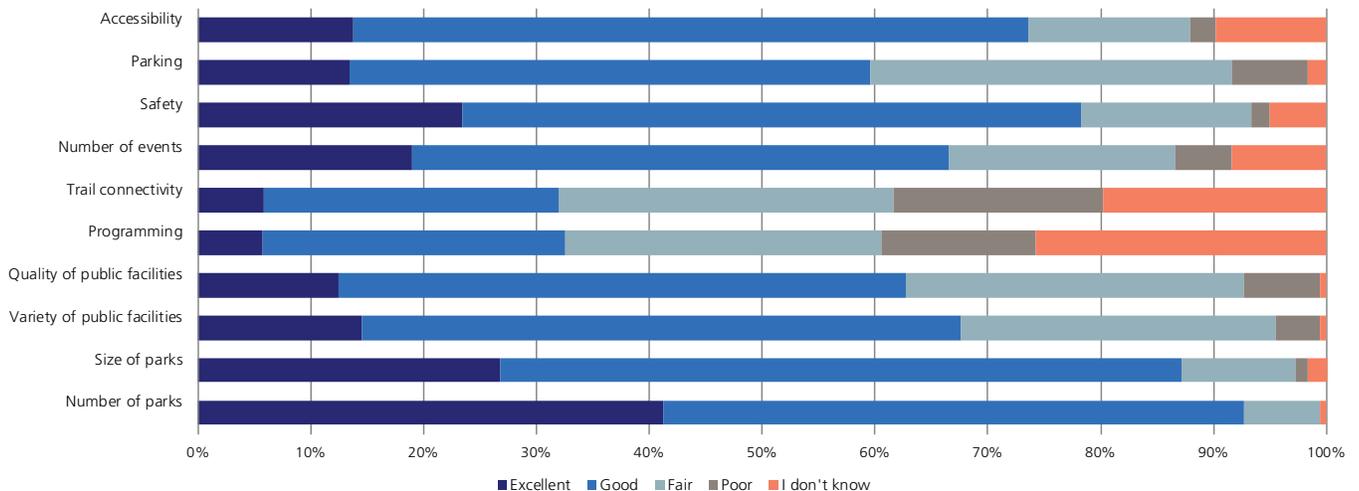


**Question 7: How would you rate the following characteristics of the Boyne City parks and facilities?**

This question asked respondents to assess specific aspects of the City’s park system by selecting one of five categorical answers. The graph shows the percentage of responses to each aspect of the park system received. Generally, “good” answers were most frequently chosen by respondents. The

community’s programming and the connectivity of trails received the most mixed reviews; both received more “fair” and “poor” responses than “good” and “excellent” responses combined. The third phase of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail will likely resolve some of the trail connectivity issues, although the City could work to strengthen the trail’s physical presence within its boundary as well.

**FIGURE 12: RATED PARK CHARACTERISTICS. (Q7)**



### Question 8: What prevents you from using recreational facilities more frequently? (Check all that apply)

This question gauged issues that inhibit the use of the community's parks. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (65.9%) selected the choice "Nothing prevents me from using recreational facilities more frequently", which indicates that the system's accessibility generally meets residents' needs. The next most frequent response was "weather" and while the community can plan to promote accessibility across the seasons, it can't do much about climate issues. Other responses including "the hours of operation", "accessibility", and "condition of facilities" received very few votes, although 27 respondents replied "facilities are too busy", which implies capacity may be a concern.

### Question 9: Please rate the following statements.

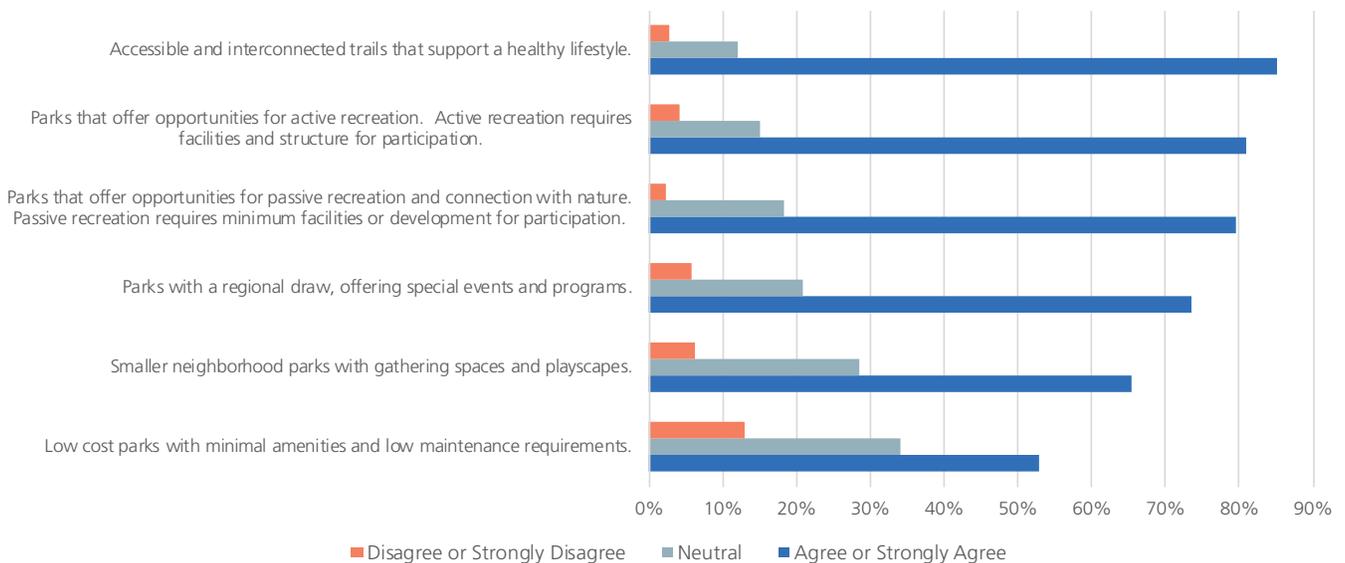
This question asked residents to rate their agreement with a series of statements about their views on the value of parks and the purposes they serve. The

statements and the percentage of responses each received are portrayed in the graph. Respondents generally agreed with the statements, again indicating that they support these amenities. Notably, the statement asserting "low-cost parks with minimal amenities and low maintenance requirement" received the most disagree statements, which suggests that the community supports spending money on its parks.

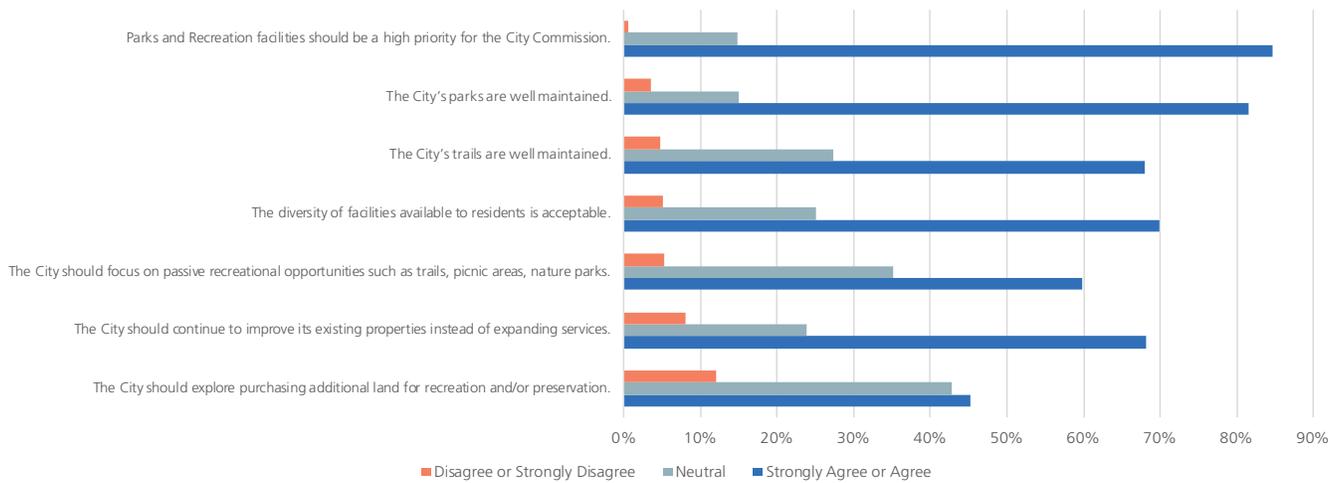
### Question 10: Please rate the following statements.

This question asked residents to rate their agreement with a series of statements about the park system's current condition and possible improvements to it. The statements and the percentage of responses each statement received are in the graph. Generally, the responses reflect positively on the condition of the City's park system's condition and its diversity of facilities. Responses to the last two statements reveal that although the City could consider purchasing more land for parks, improving its existing properties is perhaps a more pressing concern.

FIGURE 13: RATED STATEMENTS ON PARK VALUE AND PURPOSE. (Q9)



**FIGURE 14: RATED STATEMENTS ON CURRENT PARK CONDITIONS & POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS. (Q10)**



**Question 11: What Type of facility or amenity would like to see added to the Boyne City parks and/or facilities?**

This question invited residents to provide written, open-ended responses to indicate the type of new facilities and amenities they would like to see. The question garnered only 95 written responses, however, some general patterns emerged. Residents highlighted improvements to Avalanche as needed projects with responses such as “paved parking at avalanche and better-maintained walking trails” and “better bathroom at Avalanche please!” Improvements to the facility’s parking lots, warming hut, restrooms, and trails garnered five votes. Other respondents highlighted improvements to the Open Space as necessary improvements and some indicated hope for improved waterfront and beach access.

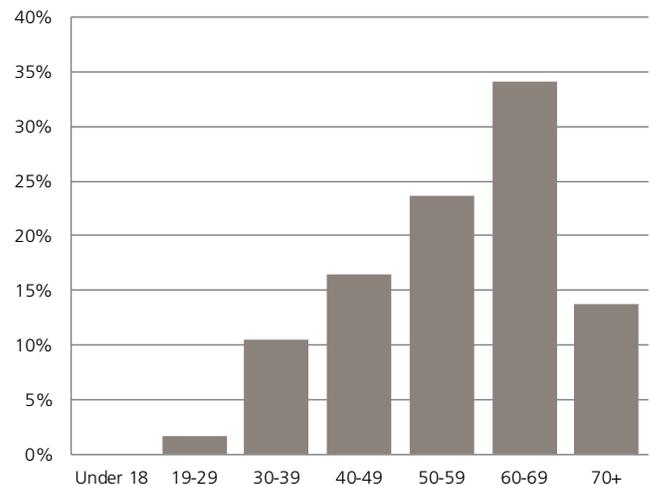
Several residents hoped to see a splash pad added to the community’s parks through responses such as “splash pad at the outdoor space” and “splash pad or active fountains for children.” Others wished to see greater nonmotorized trail connectivity with responses like “more bike trails” and “interconnected bike trails”. Several hoped to see a more prominent nonmotorized trail extending along the waterfront. Meanwhile, the addition of restrooms to the community’s existing facilities was perhaps the most prominent theme. Responses that highlighted a need for more restrooms or improved ones totaled 11, which comprised about 11% of the total responses.

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**Question 12: What is your age range?**

The age of respondents generally tilted towards the community’s more numerous older residents. Almost half of the participants (47.8%) were over the age of 60 years. Meanwhile, another 40% of respondents were between the ages of 30 and 49 years.

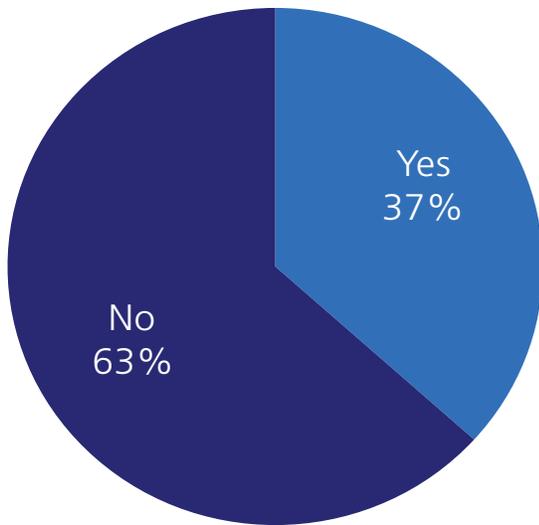
**FIGURE 15: SURVEY RESPONDENT AGE RANGE. (Q12)**



### Question 13: Do you have children in your household?

The majority (63.3%) of respondents did not have children in their household, while the remaining 36.6% did.

FIGURE 16: HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN. (Q13)



### Question 14: Are you a City of Boyne City resident? (City residents pay property taxes to the City of Boyne City.)

The majority of respondents (60.9%) were City residents, while the remaining 39.01% were not City residents most of them were from surrounding townships.

FIGURE 17: BOYNE CITY RESIDENTS. (Q14)

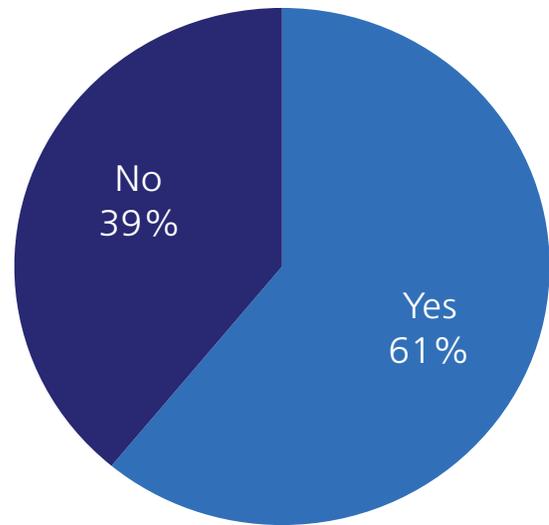
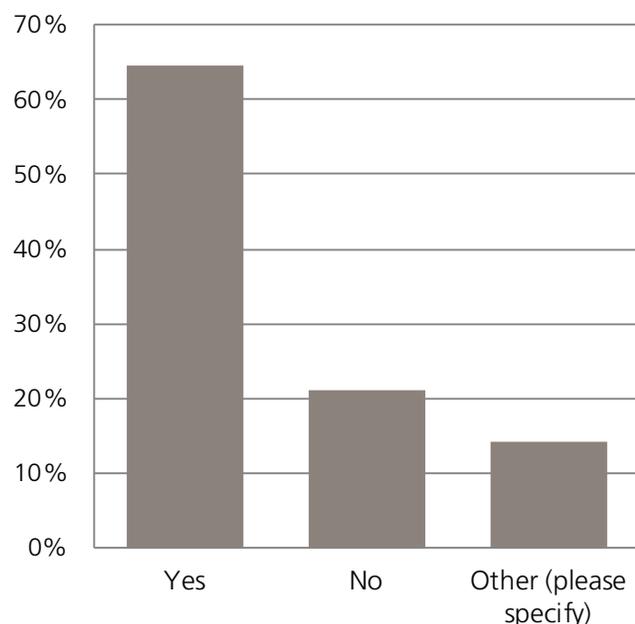


FIGURE 18: SUPPORT FOR INCREASING FUNDING FOR PARKS & RECREATION IF IT RAISED TAXES. (Q15)



### Question 15: I would support an increase in funding for the Parks and Recreation Services if it raised my taxes.

Nearly two thirds (64.6%) of respondents indicated support for the statement. Although approximately one fifth (21.1%) replied "no", another significant share replied "other" and many indicated that it would depend on the facility and project.

### Question 16: If you are not a City of Boyne City resident, where do you reside?

Nonresident respondents to the survey resided in a variety of places in Charlevoix County, with Evangeline (23.2%), Bay (15%), and Wilson (12.3%) Township residents comprising the largest shares of nonresidents.

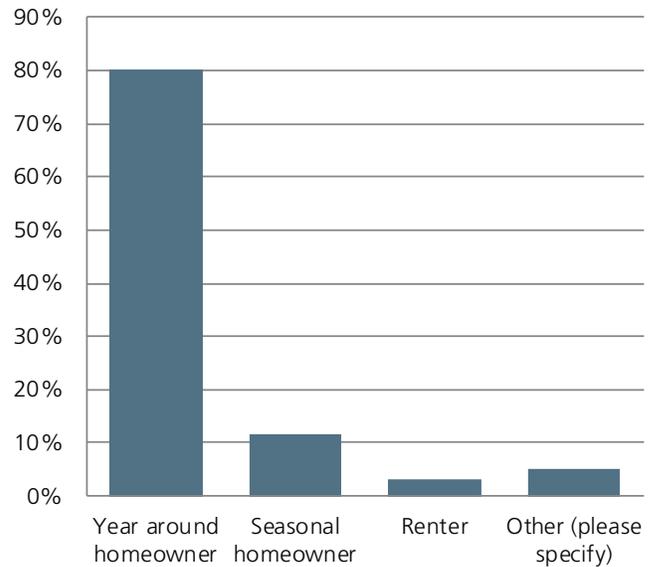
### Question 17: Which of the following best describes your residential status?

About 80% of respondents were year-round homeowner residents, while 11.5% were seasonal homeowners. Another small share of respondents were renters.

### Question 18: Please leave further comments here that can help guide the future of the parks and recreation opportunities in Boyne City.

This open-ended question garnered a total of 47 responses. Several responses highlighted specific needs for maintenance to the City's existing facilities. Animal-related litter and refuse collection were mentioned as issues, and several responses indicated this as a general problem across the community. Other responses highlighted Avalanche as a point of pride and the City, and correspondingly, a need to improve the facility's parking lot and overall conditions. Still, other respondents expressed that nonmotorized trails should be extended and that the Boyne City to Charlevoix trail should have greater connectivity with downtown. The open space was brought up by several participants, with answers like "It's time to finish the Open Space".

FIGURE 19: RESIDENTIAL STATUS. (Q16)



City Boat Launch



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# Implementation

## IMPLEMENTATION

The goals and objectives are a culmination of the vision of the City, the residents, the visitors and the stakeholders. The goals and objectives were developed throughout the planning process. The recreation inventory, community input, and the current demographics guided the direction of the action plan. The action items are steps to making the vision a reality. The action plan projects were carefully considered and rated in priority order by year.

The City of Boyne City strives to provide safe and secure parks and recreational opportunities while being fiscally responsible. The capital improvement projects that are listed in the action plan are a direct result of maintaining the parks and keeping them up to date and safe for participants. The City plans to budget appropriately for the projects as funds become available.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

(In no particular order)

### Goal - Infrastructure and Amenities

Improve and expand the parks infrastructure and amenities for a positive user experience.

- » Preserve and protect natural areas.
- » Continue to improve and develop the park system.
- » Repair or replace facilities and amenities that need updating while maintaining historical and cultural significance.
- » Plan for and develop unimproved recreational areas.

### Goal - Accessibility

Enhance accessibility features to ensure all people regardless of mobility can access the parks with ease.

- » Update recreational features and amenities to allow use by all people.
- » Develop and design parks and amenities using the universal accessibility guidelines and standards.
- » Organize parking and pedestrian routes in accordance with universal accessibility guidelines and standards.



*Restrooms, City Boat Launch*



*Nonmotorized trail by Water Works building*



*Pavilion, Ridge Run Dog Park*

## Goal - Maintenance

Provide regular maintenance to ensure a safe and secure park system while being fiscally responsible.

- » Develop an annual maintenance plan for the park system.
  - o Develop routine maintenance records.
  - o Evaluate equipment annually to budget and prepare for replacements.
  - o Inspect and service equipment and facilities on a regular schedule to minimize downtime.
- » Research and perform routine preventative maintenance best practices.



*Play equipment, Rotary Park*

## Goal - Funding

Continue to seek and research funding opportunities and prioritize projects.

- » Solicit and apply for grants to provide recreation opportunities.
- » Evaluate options, including a dedicated parks millage, for future funding.
- » Fund projects based on criteria that include; safety, impact on activity, priority, and meeting codes.
- » Stay on course with the Park and Recreation Plan 5 Year Action Plan.



*Softball field #2 bleachers, Rotary Park*

## Goal - Connectivity

Continue to connect parks and recreation facilities and amenities to one another and to the greater community.

- » Investigate the need for trail extensions and/or expansions.
- » Identify connection routes between parks and nonmotorized trail system.
- » Identify and maximize potential of shared benefits between surrounding municipal parks and recreational facilities.



*Waterfront in the Open Space Park*

## Goal - Partnerships and Collaborations

Continue to build and expand area-wide partnerships and collaborations with businesses, organizations and surrounding Townships and Counties.

- » Partner with independent user groups to pool resources to provide recreational opportunities.
- » Collaborate with Boyne City School District to share facilities and maintenance costs for recreational uses.
- » Develop relationships with surrounding Townships to share resources to enhance the parks systems.

## Goal - Marina and Boat Access Sites

Strengthen and support the economic impact on the parks and recreation system through recreational boating opportunities.

- » Expand and renovate facilities to provide a sufficient number of slips and up to date accommodations and services.
- » Continue renovations to existing marina.
- » Continue marketing efforts that highlight the facilities and special events.
- » Research and implement marina and boating access site best practices.
- » Continue to provide top-notch customer service to the public.

## Goal - Branding and Awareness

Continue to build a positive brand and identity to provide to the residents and visitors of Boyne City.

- » Incorporate a park system wayfinding program.
- » Continue to provide a standardized park sign for the entire park system.
- » Continue to build on the identity of the City for all marketing efforts.
- » Build awareness of the park and recreational facilities and services through social media and an online presence.
- » Document and market park projects and renovations to the public.



*Public Input Session*



*Docks at the Marina*



*Ridge Run Dog Park*

**TABLE 15: ACTION PLAN**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Avalanche	Complete tree removal from face to preserve scenic views.	\$15,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2020
Avalanche	Perform slope stabilization.	\$5,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2020
Waterfront	Install canoe/kayak racks and launch.	\$30,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2020
BC-Char Trail	Develop multi-use trail connection from West Michigan Avenue to downtown Boyne City.	\$1,200,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR, MDOT	2020
Veteran’s Park	Remodel river mouth restroom facilities.	\$200,000	City of Boyne City	2020
Rotary Park	Install safety netting between softball fields 1 and 2.	\$8,000	City of Boyne City	2020
Peninsula Beach	Improve landscaping around pump station.	\$7,000	City of Boyne City	2020
Ridge Run Dog Park	Design restroom facilities and parking area.	\$10,000	MDNR, Private funds	2020
Sunset Park	Design a park site plan and improve park circulation.	\$15,000	City of Boyne City	2020
Open Space	Apply for grant funding		City of Boyne City	2020
Avalanche	Apply for grant funding		City of Boyne City	2020
Boyne Forest Trail	Design and develop trailhead.		City of Boyne City	2020
Riverside Park	Perform shoreline restoration.	\$5,000	City of Boyne City	2021
Veteran’s Park	Design and install walkway lighting.	\$20,000	City of Boyne City	2021
Tannery Park	Replenish sand on beach, extend drain, install canoe launch, install benches.	\$4,000	City of Boyne City, Tipp of the Mitt	2021
Peninsula Beach	Implement beach and accessibility improvements.	\$15,000	City of Boyne City	2021
Boyne Valley Trailway	Develop multi-use trail connection from Boyne City Airport to downtown Boyne City.	\$1,000,000	City of Boyne City MDNR, MDOT	2021
Open Space	Implement Phase 1 park improvements.	\$100,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2021
Avalanche	Implement park improvements and base area park circulation.	\$150,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2021
Old City Park	Repair and renovate gazebo.	\$70,000	City of Boyne City, Private Funds	2021
Marina	Secure funding and continue renovations and expansion of marina dock, renovations to slips, breakwall, utility upgrades and pump out.	\$1,500,000	Waterways, Clean Vessel Act, Local Match	2021
Sunset Park	Apply for grant funding			2021

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Sunset Park	Install site furnishings and park lighting. Move existing log cabin to another location.	\$10,000	City of Boyne City	2022
Rotary Park	Design, develop and improve athletic facilities and parking renovations.	\$20,000	City of Boyne City MDNR	2022
Veteran's Park	Bury utilities, begin paving, curbing and drainage improvements.	\$100,000	City of Boyne City MDNR	2022
Peninsula Beach	Renovate restroom building and perform site improvements.	\$100,000	City of Boyne City	2022
Open Space	Construct Phase 2 of park improvements.	\$150,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2022
Avalanche	Construct Phase 2 of park improvements.	\$100,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2022
Sunset Park	Implement park improvements & circulation.	\$50,000	City of Boyne City, MDNR	2022
Marina	Construct Phase 2 renovations and expansion of marina facilities.	\$850,000	Waterways, Local Match	2022
Ridge Run Dog Park	Construct restroom facilities & parking area.	\$90,000	City of Boyne City, Private Funds	2022
Avalanche	Perform parking lot improvements.	\$80,000	City of Boyne City MDNR	2023
Waterfront	Develop and expand public beach areas.	\$50,000	City of Boyne City MDNR	2023
Old City Park	Design and construct restroom facilities.		City of Boyne City MDNR	2023
Rotary Park	Construct parking lot improvements.	\$250,000	City of Boyne City	2023
Open Space	Construct Phase 3 of park improvements.			2023
Marina	Construct Phase 3 renovations and expansion of boat launch.	\$1,000,000	Waterways, MDNR, Local Match	2023
Veteran's Park	Design and implement pedestrian walkway along lake, extend waterfront sidewalk from marina to north side of City hall	\$10,000	City of Boyne City MDNR	2024
Avalanche	Install mid slope boardwalk.	\$50,000	City of Boyne City MDNR	2024
Open Space	Construct Phase 4 of park improvements.		City of Boyne City MDNR	2024
Marina	Construct Phase 4 renovations and expansion of marina facilities.	\$1,000,000	Waterways, Local Match	2024
Rotary Park	Implement construction of athletic facilities		MDNR, City of Boyne City	2024

# Appendix

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GRANTEE: Boyne City

PROJECT NUMBER: TF99-180

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Boyne River Walk Project

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop a community boardwalk downtown Boyne City

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee) <b>City of Boyne City</b>	Contact Person <b>Scott McPherson</b>	Title <b>Planning Director</b>
Address <b>319 North Lake Street</b>	Telephone <b>231-582-0343</b>	
City, State, ZIP <b>Boyne City, MI 49712</b>	Email <b>smcpherson@boynecity.com</b>	
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<u>The boardwalk serves as a connecting route and not as a recreation destination.</u>		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
The boardwalk is maintained by city staff and cleaned and painted as needed.

### GENERAL

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

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

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

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

Site is available year round and is always open.

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

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TF99-180 Boyne River Walk Plaque

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GRANTEE: Boyne City

PROJECT NUMBER: TF16-0122

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: City of Boyne City Open Space Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 4.6 acres with 600 ft of shoreline on Lake Charlevoix.

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### SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Park is maintained by city staff on a weekly basis.

### GENERAL

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

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

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

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

Site is available year round and open from sunrise to sunset.

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

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TF16-0122 Open Space Plaque

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**GRANTEE:** Boyne City

**PROJECT NUMBER:** 26-01023 V

**PROJECT TYPE:** Development

**PROJECT TITLE:** Rotary Park Development

**PROJECT SCOPE:** well, site prep, hiking trail, tennis courts, softball fields, trails

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### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No  
Additional concession building was constructed.

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

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Park is maintained by city staff on a weekly basis.

### GENERAL

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

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

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

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Site is available year round and open from sunrise to sunset.

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26-01023 V Rotary Park Plaque

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GRANTEE: Boyne City

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01421

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Peninsula Beach

PROJECT SCOPE: stablize edge wall, stone rip, remove underwater pilings, utilities,

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

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

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Park is maintained by city staff and mowed on a weekly basis.

### GENERAL

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

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

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

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Site is open to the public all year from sunrise to sunset.

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

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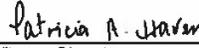
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26-01421 Peninsula Beach Plaque

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GRANTEE: Boyne City

PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-538

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Public Restroom Facility

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct public restroom in Veteran's Park

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SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____		
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
_____		

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## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Bathrooms are maintained by city staff and cleaned weekly by private company.

### GENERAL

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

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

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

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Bathrooms are open 6am-midnight during the summer season.

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

# POST COMPLETION FORMS

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION		
<i>I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.</i>		
<u>Scott McPherson</u> Please print	<u><i>Scott McPherson</i></u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>11/13/19</u> Date
<u>Patricia A. Haver</u> Please print	<u><i>Patricia A. Haver</i></u> Witness Signature	<u>11/13/19</u> Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

# POST COMPLETION FORMS



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

## PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE:  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
(Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Boyne City

PROJECT NUMBER: RP15-0072

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Ridge Run Dog Park Fitness Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Install two fitness trails at the Ridge Run Dog Park.

### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <b>City of Boyne City</b>	Contact Person <b>Scott McPherson</b>	Title <b>Planning Director</b>
Address <b>319 North Lake Street</b>	Telephone <b>231-582-0343</b>	
City, State, ZIP <b>Boyne City, MI 49712</b>	Email <b>smcpherson@boynecity.com</b>	

### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No  
an agility course is being built.

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

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

# POST COMPLETION FORMS

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Park is maintained by city staff on a weekly basis.

### GENERAL

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

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

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

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

Site is available year round and open from sunrise to sunset.

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

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## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

### CERTIFICATION

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

Scott McPherson

Please print

*Scott McPherson*  
Grantee Authorized Signature

11/13/19  
Date

Patricia A. Haver  
Please print

*Patricia A. Haver*  
Witness Signature

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RP15-0072 Ridge Run Dog Park Plaque

# SURVEY

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan Survey

The City of Boyne City is updating the Parks and Recreation Plan. The previous Plan was approved in 2015. The Plan update will allow the City to inventory their parks and recreational services thoroughly, seek public opinion and direction about desired improvements, and prepare for future funding opportunities.

The survey is available from November 1-November 17. Paper copies of this survey are also available at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Please visit [www.cityofboynecity.com](http://www.cityofboynecity.com) to keep up with the park and recreation planning process.

Answers will be kept anonymous. Thank you for your time!

1. What type of recreation facilities would you like to see increased in Boyne City? (Check All that Apply)

- Nonmotorized trails
- Sport courts (tennis/pickleball/basketball)
- Mountain bike trails
- Athletic fields (baseball/softball/soccer)
- Playgrounds
- Natural areas
- Restrooms
- Water access for boating
- Water access for paddle sports
- Swimming beach
- Winter sports (sledding, ice skating, cross country skiing)
- Other (please specify)

# SURVEY

## 2. What type of recreation programs would you like to see increased in Boyne City?

- Swimming
- Youth athletics
- Adult athletics
- Cultural events
- Fishing opportunities
- Sailing/boating
- Paddle sports on the Boyne River and/or Lake Charlevoix
- Horseback riding
- Cross country skiing
- Hiking
- Biking
- Ice skating
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing
- Snowmobiling
- Fishing
- Other (please specify)

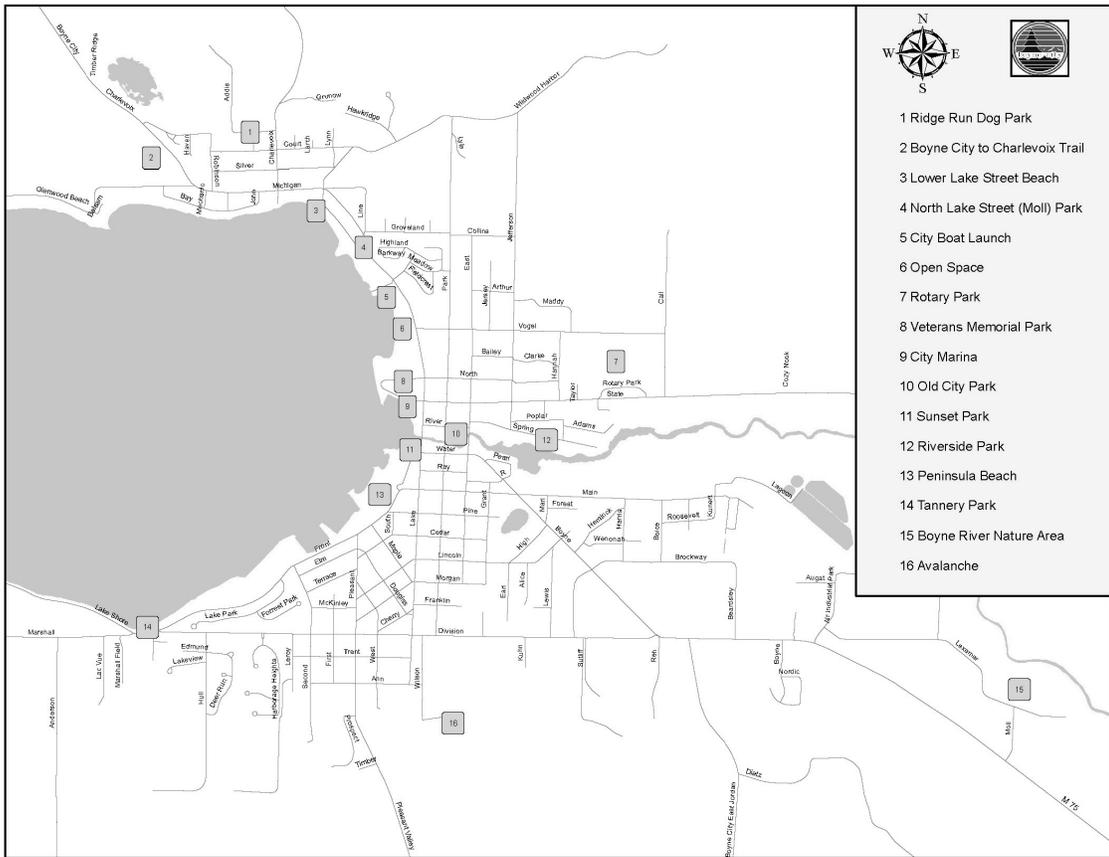
**SURVEY**

3. How important are the following in Boyne City?

	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not so important	Not at all important
Beaches	<input type="radio"/>				
Lake Charlevoix and Boyne River water quality	<input type="radio"/>				
Nonmotorized trails	<input type="radio"/>				
Motorized trails	<input type="radio"/>				
Biking	<input type="radio"/>				
Camping	<input type="radio"/>				
Hiking	<input type="radio"/>				
Athletics/organized programs	<input type="radio"/>				
Winter activities	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify)

## Location of Parks



**SURVEY**

4. Which of the following City Parks do you visit?

- North Lake Street (Moll) Park
- Sunset Park
- Avalanche
- Open Space
- City Boat Launch
- Rotary Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Old City Park
- Peninsula Beach
- Riverside Park
- Tannery Park
- City Marina
- Lower Lake Street Beach
- Boyne River Nature Area
- Ridge Run Dog Park
- Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail
- Other (please specify)

# SURVEY

## 5. How often do you visit the following parks?

	Weekly	Monthly	Rarely	Never	Never heard of it
North Lake Street (Moll) Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Sunset Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Avalanche	<input type="radio"/>				
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>				
City Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>				
Rotary Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Veterans Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Old City Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Peninsula Beach	<input type="radio"/>				
Riverside Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Tannery Park	<input type="radio"/>				
City Marina	<input type="radio"/>				
Lower Lake Street Beach	<input type="radio"/>				
Boyne River Nature Area	<input type="radio"/>				
Ridge Run Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify)

# SURVEY

6. How would you rate the condition of each park?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	I don't know
North Lake Street (Moll) Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Sunset Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Avalanche	<input type="radio"/>				
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>				
City Boat Launch	<input type="radio"/>				
Rotary Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Veterans Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Old City Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Peninsula Beach	<input type="radio"/>				
Riverside Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Tannery Park	<input type="radio"/>				
City Marina	<input type="radio"/>				
Lower Lake Street Beach	<input type="radio"/>				
Boyne River Nature Area	<input type="radio"/>				
Ridge Run Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	<input type="radio"/>				

Other (please specify)

# SURVEY

## 7. How would you rate the following characteristics of Boyne City parks and facilities?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	I don't know
Number of parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Size of parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Variety of public facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of public facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Programming	<input type="radio"/>				
Trail connectivity	<input type="radio"/>				
Number of events	<input type="radio"/>				
Safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Parking	<input type="radio"/>				
Accessibility	<input type="radio"/>				

## 8. What prevents you from using the Recreational facilities more frequently? (Check all that apply.)

- The hours of operation are not convenient
- Expenses
- Weather
- Accessibility
- I prefer to go elsewhere to recreate
- Condition of facilities
- Facilities are too busy
- Nothing prevents me from using recreational facilities more frequently

# SURVEY

9. Please rate the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Accessible and interconnected trails that support a healthy lifestyle.	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks with a regional draw, offering special events and programs.	<input type="radio"/>				
Smaller neighborhood parks with gathering spaces and playscapes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks that offer opportunities for passive recreation and connection with nature. Passive recreation requires minimum facilities or development for participation.	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks that offer opportunities for active recreation. Active recreation requires facilities and structure for participation.	<input type="radio"/>				
Low cost parks with minimal amenities and low maintenance requirements.	<input type="radio"/>				

# SURVEY

10. Please rate the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The City's parks are well maintained.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City's trails are well maintained.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City should explore purchasing additional land for recreation and/or preservation.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City should continue to improve its existing properties instead of expanding services.	<input type="radio"/>				
The diversity of facilities available to residents is acceptable.	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks and Recreation facilities should be a high priority for the City Commission.	<input type="radio"/>				
The City should focus on passive recreational opportunities such as trails, picnic areas, nature parks.	<input type="radio"/>				

11. What type of facility or amenity would you like to see added to the Boyne City parks and/or facilities?

12. What is your age range?

- Under 18
- 19-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

**SURVEY**

13. Do you have children in your household?

- Yes
- No

14. Are you a City of Boyne City resident? (City residents pay property taxes to the City of Boyne City.)

- Yes
- No

15. If you are not a City of Boyne City resident, where do you reside?

- Bay Township
- Boyne Falls
- Boyne Valley Township
- City of East Jordan
- Evangeline Township
- Hayes Township
- Hudson Township
- Marion Township
- Resort Township
- Wilson Township
- Other (please specify)

16. Which of the following best describes your residential status?

- Year around homeowner
- Seasonal homeowner
- Renter
- Other (please specify)

17. Please leave further comments here that can help guide the future of the Parks and Recreation opportunities in Boyne City.

**SURVEY**

Please leave further comments here.

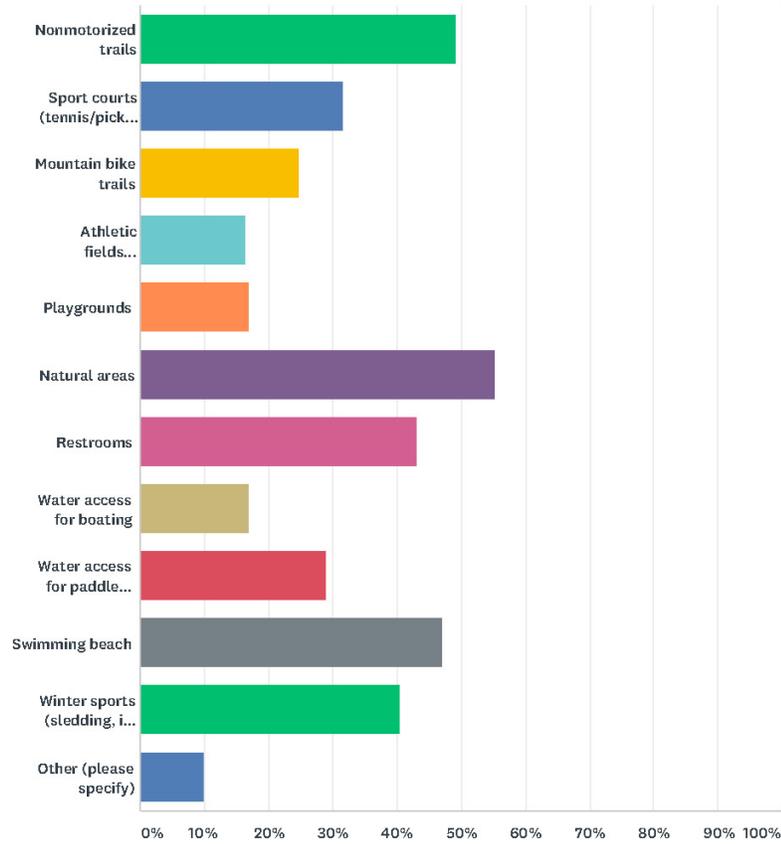
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# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyer City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q1 What type of recreation facilities would you like to see increased in Boyer City? (Check All that Apply)

Answered: 183 Skipped: 1



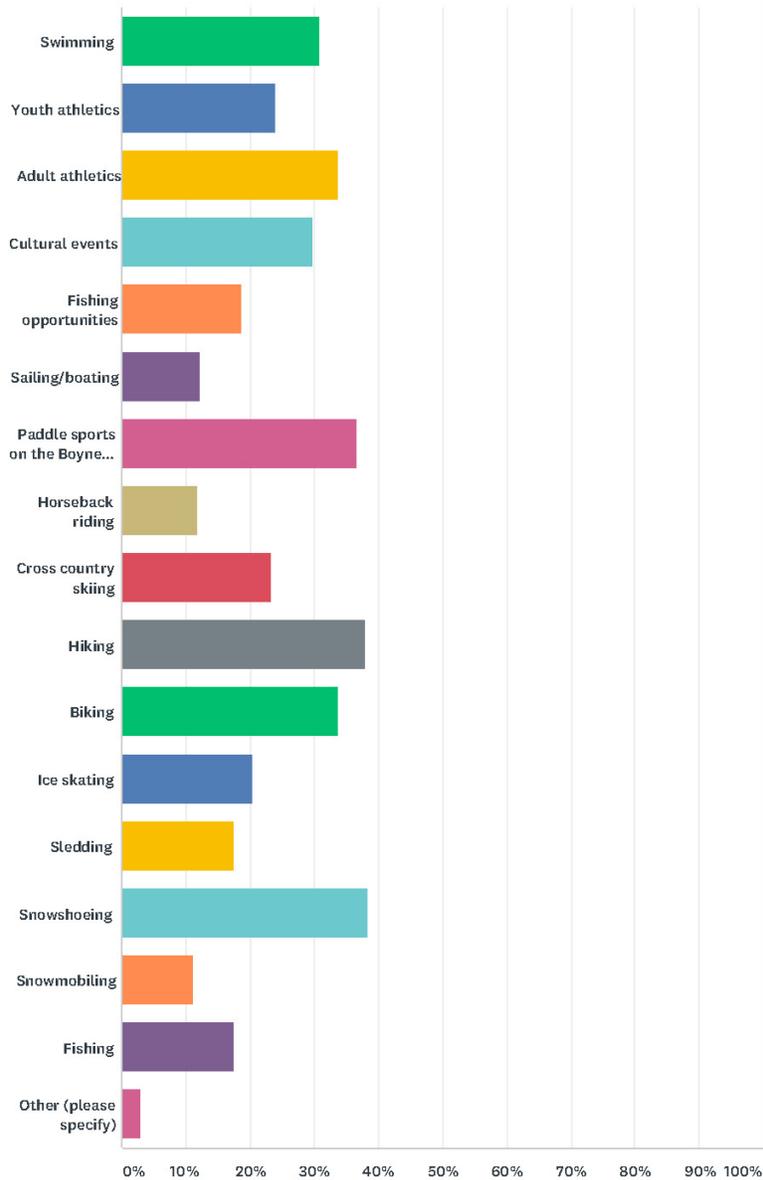
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Nonmotorized trails	49.18% 90
Sport courts (tennis/pickleball/basketball)	31.69% 58
Mountain bike trails	24.59% 45
Athletic fields (baseball/softball/soccer)	16.39% 30
Playgrounds	16.94% 31
Natural areas	55.19% 101
Restrooms	43.17% 79
Water access for boating	16.94% 31
Water access for paddle sports	28.96% 53
Swimming beach	46.99% 86
Winter sports (sledding, ice skating, cross country skiing)	40.44% 74
Other (please specify)	9.84% 18
Total Respondents: 183	

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q2 What type of recreation programs would you like to see increased in Boyne City?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming	30.81%	53
Youth athletics	23.84%	41
Adult athletics	33.72%	58
Cultural events	29.65%	51
Fishing opportunities	18.60%	32
Sailing/boating	12.21%	21

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

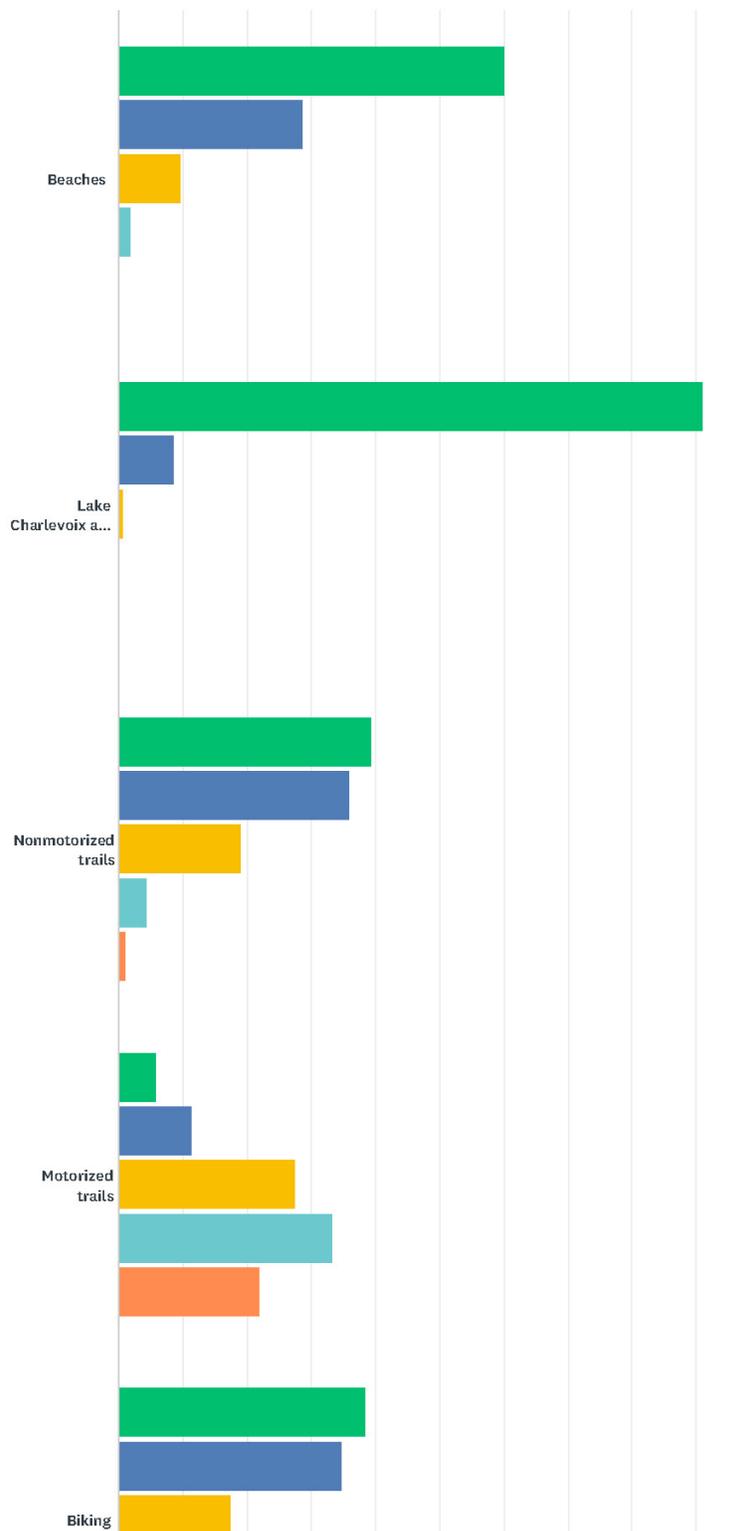
Paddle sports on the Boyne River and/or Lake Charlevoix	36.63%	63
Horseback riding	11.63%	20
Cross country skiing	23.26%	40
Hiking	37.79%	65
Biking	33.72%	58
Ice skating	20.35%	35
Sledding	17.44%	30
Snowshoeing	38.37%	66
Snowmobiling	11.05%	19
Fishing	17.44%	30
Other (please specify)	2.91%	5
Total Respondents: 172		

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

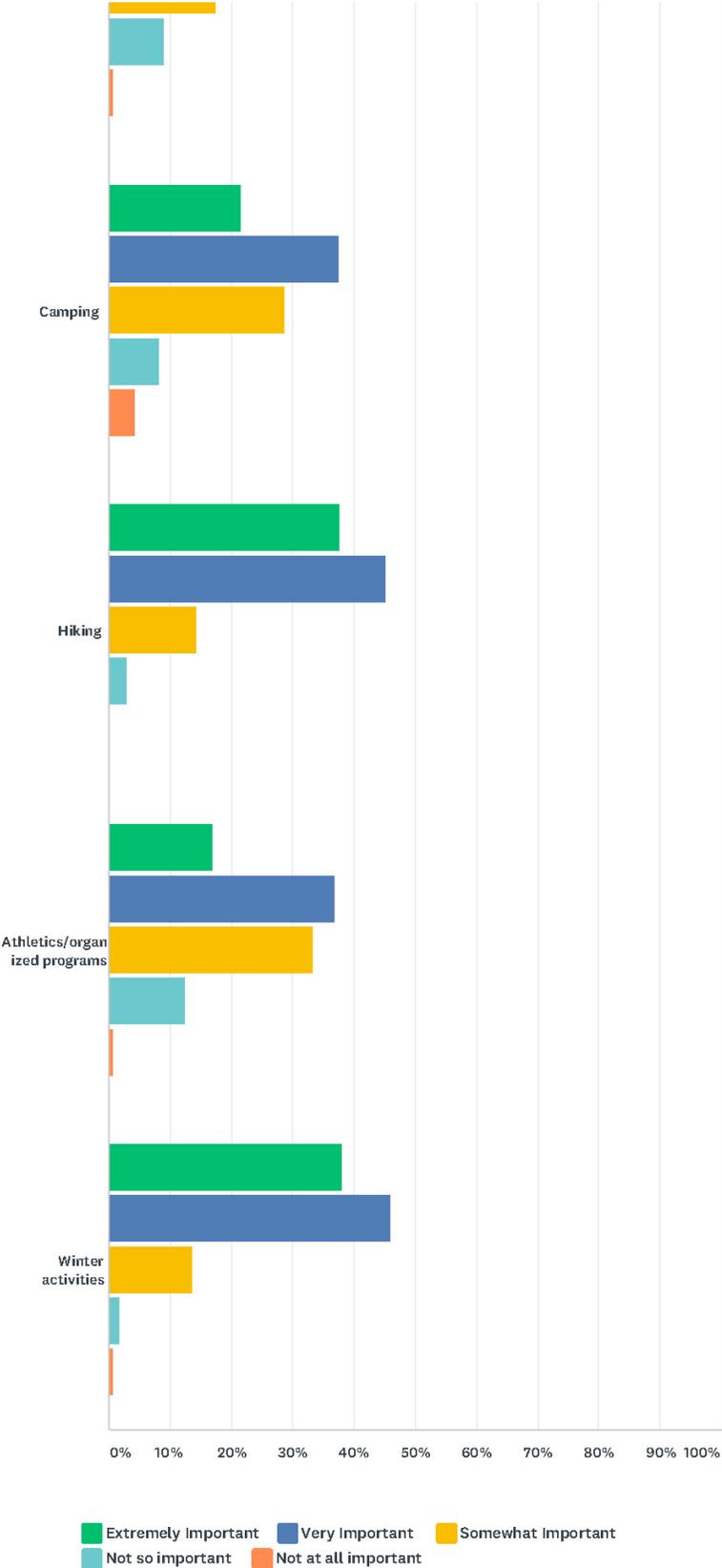
### Q3 How important are the following in Boyne City?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



# SURVEY RESULTS

Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan



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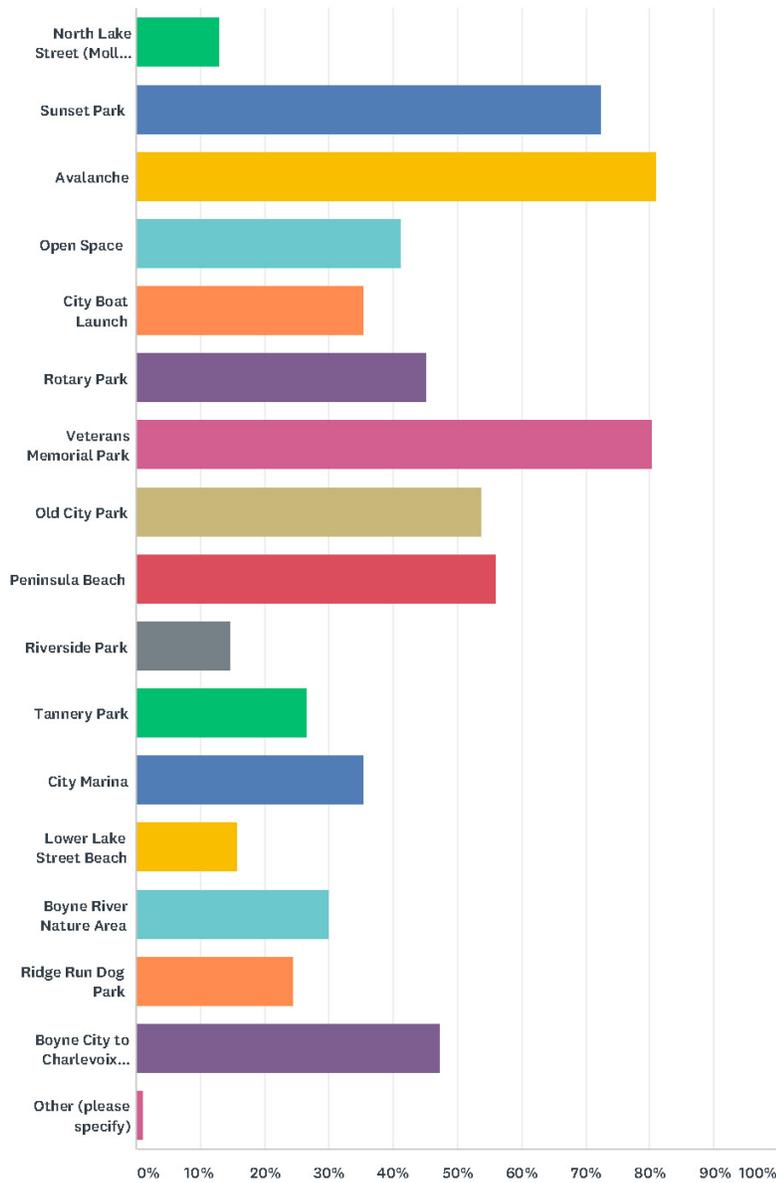
	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT SO IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Beaches	60.12% 101	28.57% 48	9.52% 16	1.79% 3	0.00% 0	168	1.53
Lake Charlevoix and Boyne River water quality	90.96% 161	8.47% 15	0.56% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	177	1.10
Nonmotorized trails	39.34% 72	36.07% 66	19.13% 35	4.37% 8	1.09% 2	183	1.92
Motorized trails	5.95% 10	11.31% 19	27.38% 46	33.33% 56	22.02% 37	168	3.54
Biking	38.55% 69	34.64% 62	17.32% 31	8.94% 16	0.56% 1	179	1.98
Camping	21.64% 37	37.43% 64	28.65% 49	8.19% 14	4.09% 7	171	2.36
Hiking	37.71% 66	45.14% 79	14.29% 25	2.86% 5	0.00% 0	175	1.82
Athletics/organized programs	16.96% 29	36.84% 63	33.33% 57	12.28% 21	0.58% 1	171	2.43
Winter activities	38.07% 67	46.02% 81	13.64% 24	1.70% 3	0.57% 1	176	1.81

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q4 Which of the following City Parks do you visit?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North Lake Street (Moll) Park	13.04%	24
Sunset Park	72.28%	133
Avalanche	80.98%	149
Open Space	41.30%	76
City Boat Launch	35.33%	65
Rotary Park	45.11%	83

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

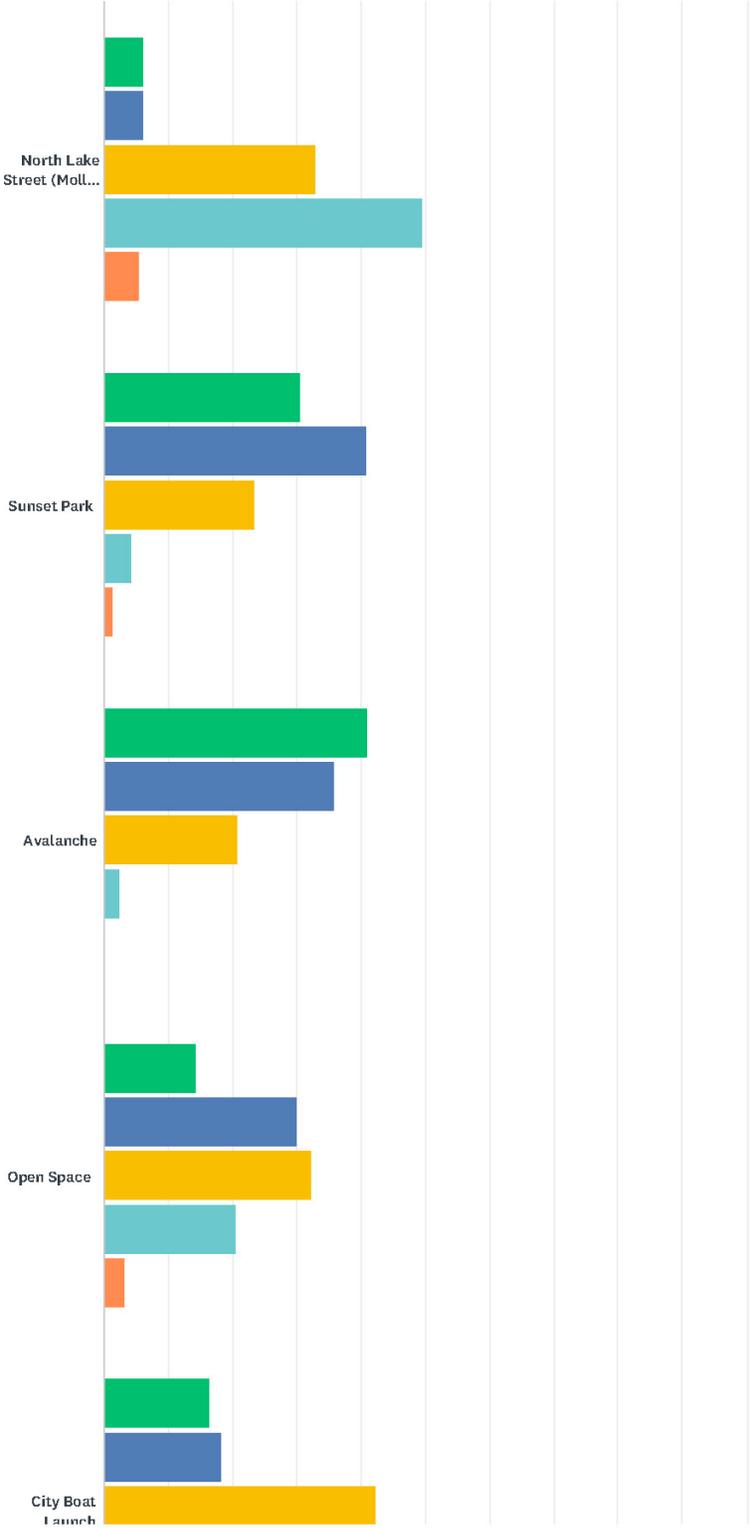
Veterans Memorial Park	80.43%	148
Old City Park	53.80%	99
Peninsula Beach	55.98%	103
Riverside Park	14.67%	27
Tannery Park	26.63%	49
City Marina	35.33%	65
Lower Lake Street Beach	15.76%	29
Boyne River Nature Area	29.89%	55
Ridge Run Dog Park	24.46%	45
Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	47.28%	87
Other (please specify)	1.09%	2
Total Respondents: 184		

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

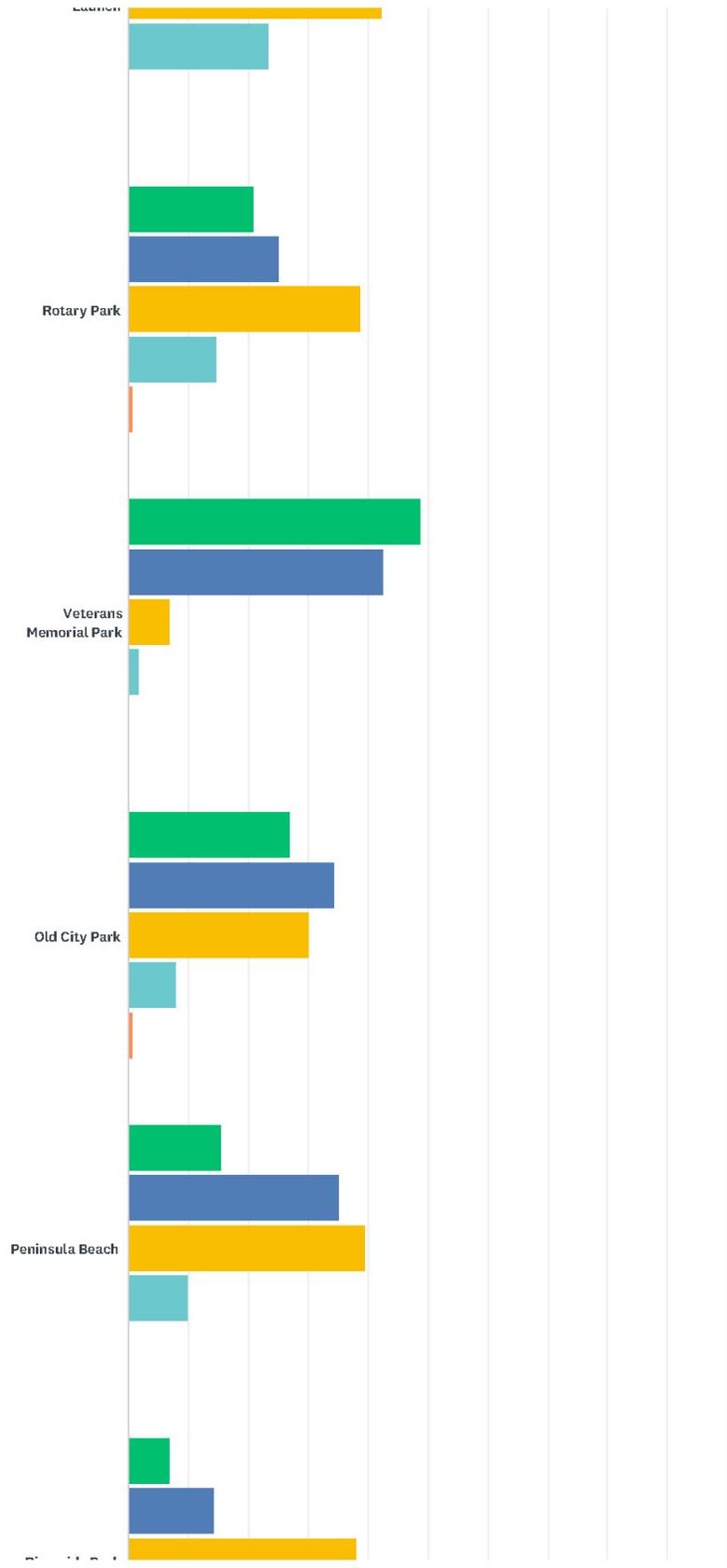
### Q5 How often do you visit the following parks?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 2



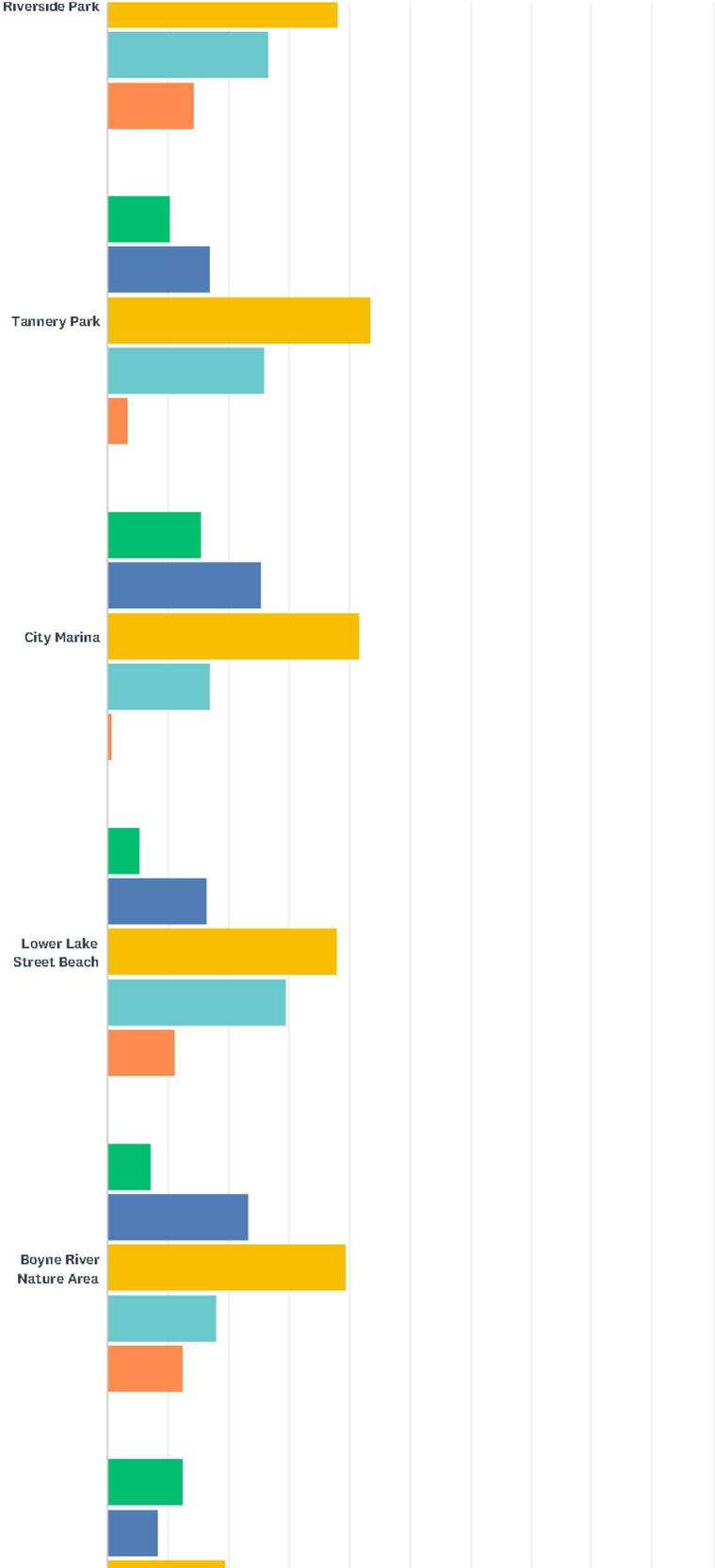
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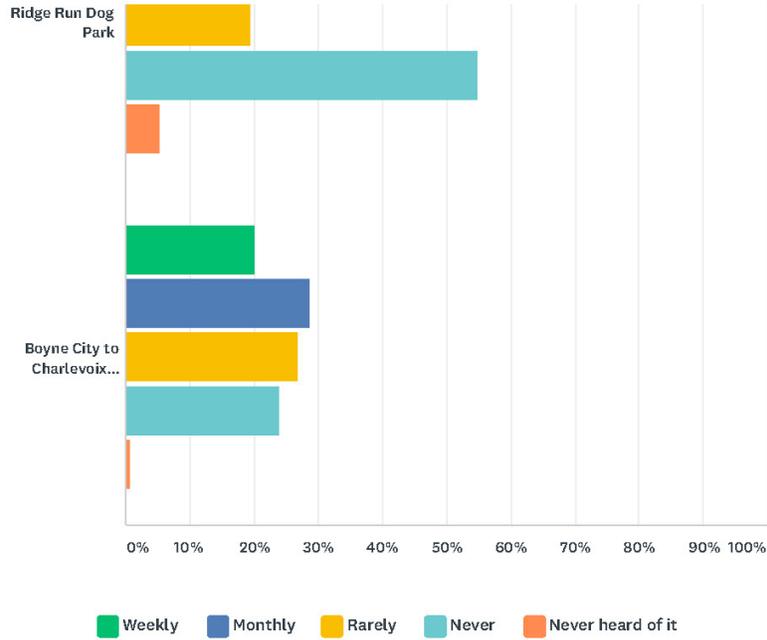
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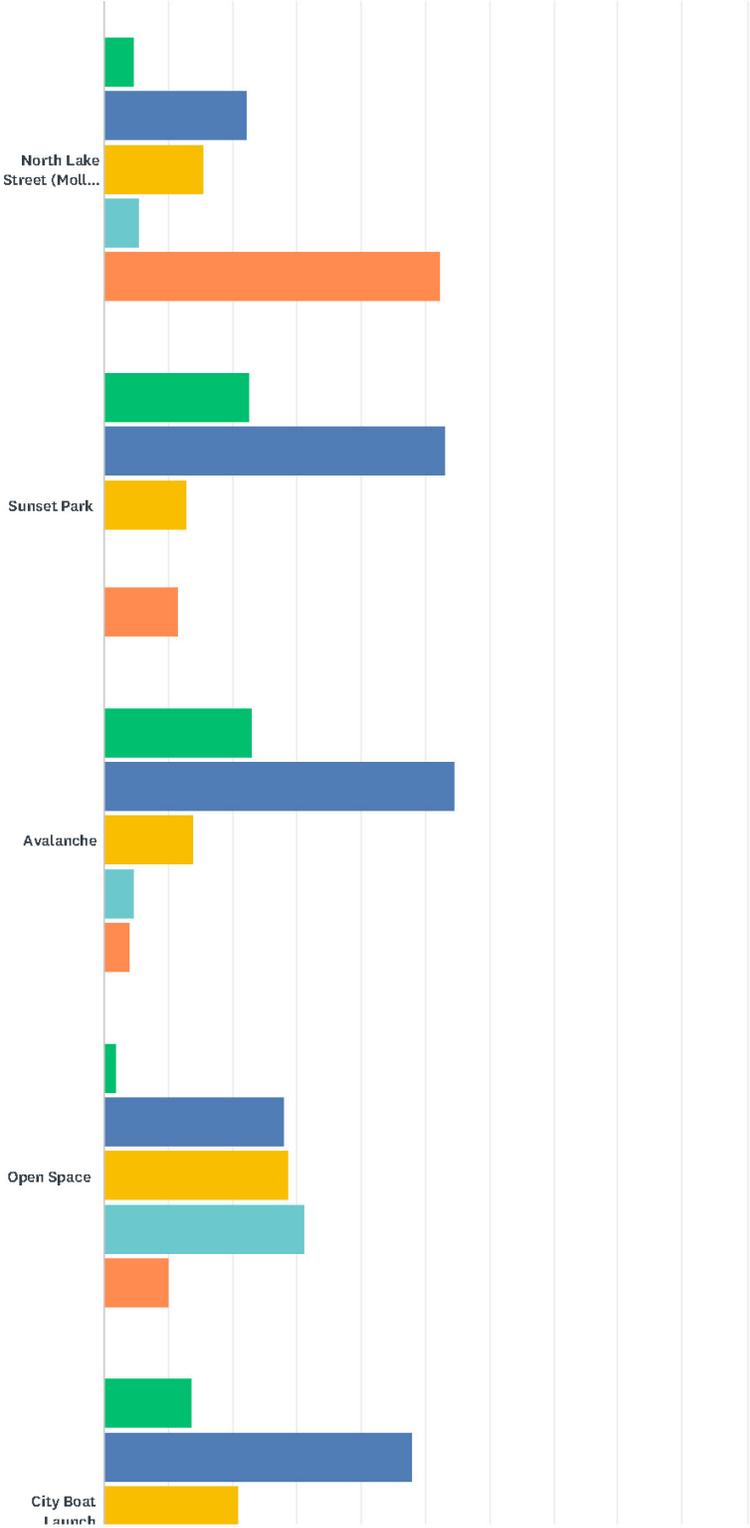


	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	RARELY	NEVER	NEVER HEARD OF IT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
North Lake Street (Moll) Park	6.04% 9	6.04% 9	32.89% 49	49.66% 74	5.37% 8	149	3.42
Sunset Park	30.54% 51	40.72% 68	23.35% 39	4.19% 7	1.20% 2	167	2.05
Avalanche	41.04% 71	35.84% 62	20.81% 36	2.31% 4	0.00% 0	173	1.84
Open Space	14.29% 23	29.81% 48	32.30% 52	20.50% 33	3.11% 5	161	2.68
City Boat Launch	16.23% 25	18.18% 28	42.21% 65	23.38% 36	0.00% 0	154	2.73
Rotary Park	20.86% 34	25.15% 41	38.65% 63	14.72% 24	0.61% 1	163	2.49
Veterans Memorial Park	48.84% 84	42.44% 73	6.98% 12	1.74% 3	0.00% 0	172	1.62
Old City Park	26.99% 44	34.36% 56	30.06% 49	7.98% 13	0.61% 1	163	2.21
Peninsula Beach	15.43% 25	35.19% 57	39.51% 64	9.88% 16	0.00% 0	162	2.44
Riverside Park	6.80% 10	14.29% 21	38.10% 56	26.53% 39	14.29% 21	147	3.27
Tannery Park	10.20% 15	17.01% 25	43.54% 64	25.85% 38	3.40% 5	147	2.95
City Marina	15.58% 24	25.32% 39	41.56% 64	16.88% 26	0.65% 1	154	2.62
Lower Lake Street Beach	5.23% 8	16.34% 25	37.91% 58	29.41% 45	11.11% 17	153	3.25
Boyer River Nature Area	7.10% 11	23.23% 36	39.35% 61	18.06% 28	12.26% 19	155	3.05
Ridge Run Dog Park	12.26% 19	8.39% 13	19.35% 30	54.84% 85	5.16% 8	155	3.32
Boyer City to Charlevoix Trail	20.12% 33	28.66% 47	26.83% 44	23.78% 39	0.61% 1	164	2.56

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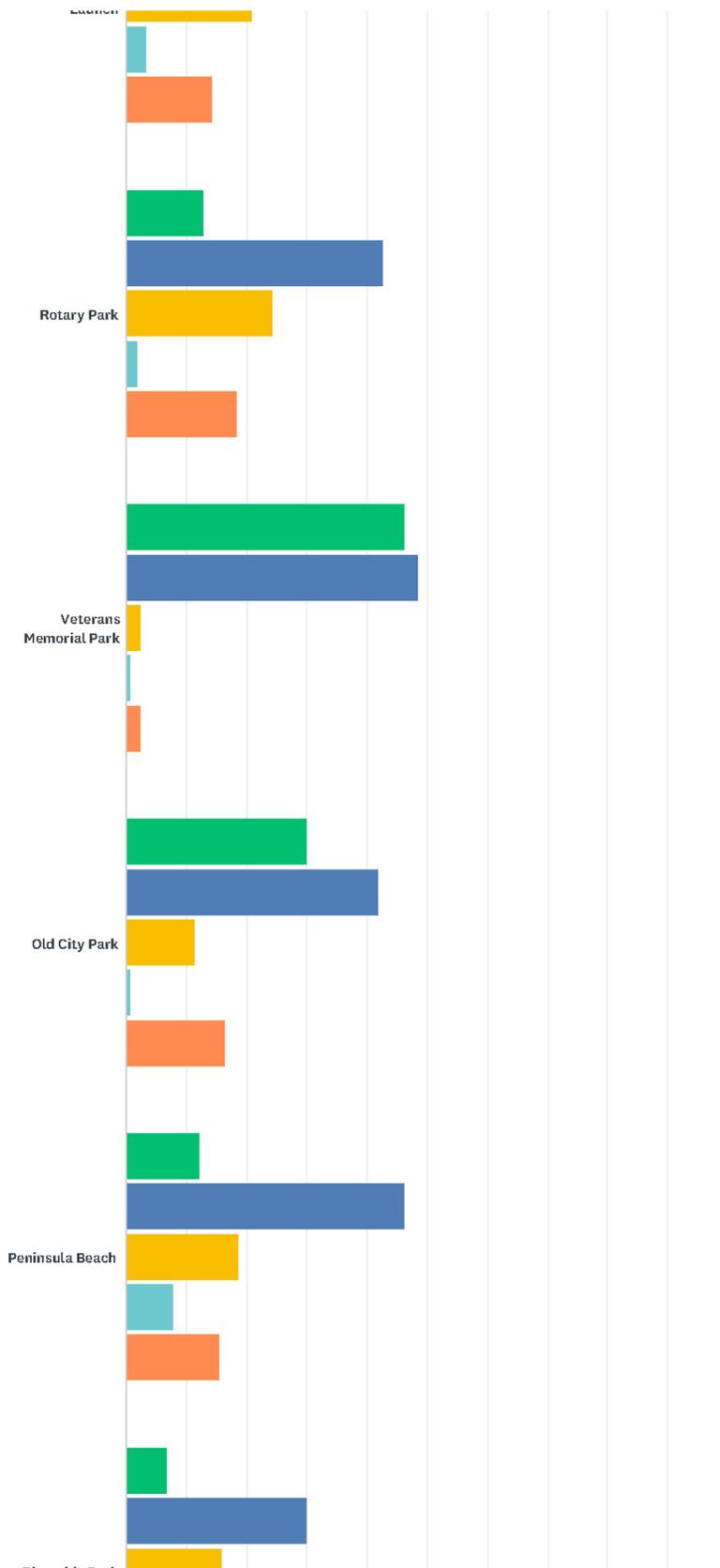
## Q6 How would you rate the condition of each park?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 2



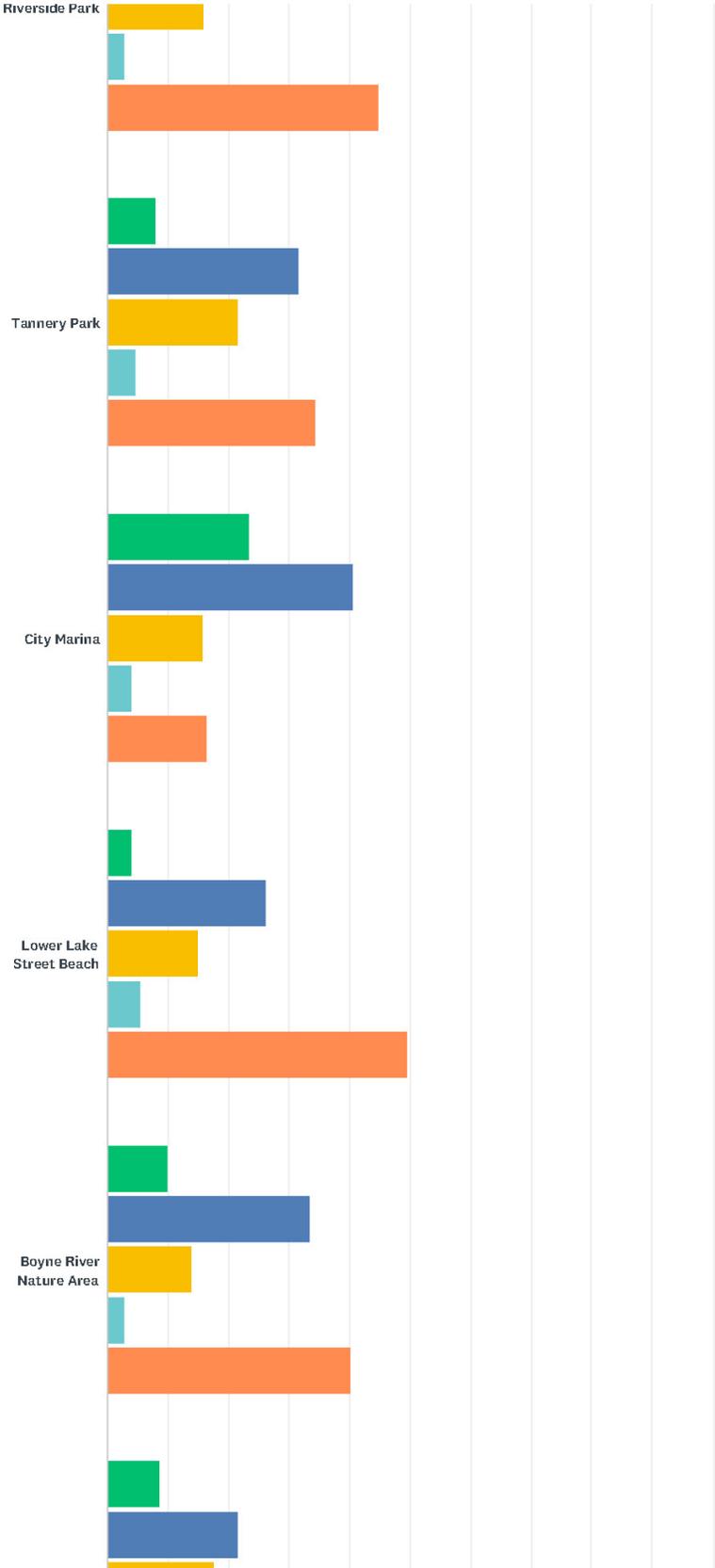
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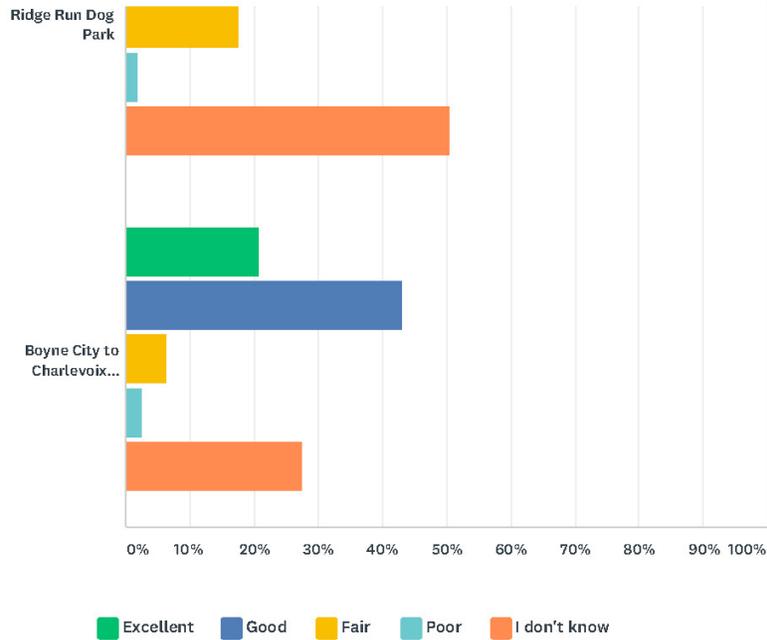
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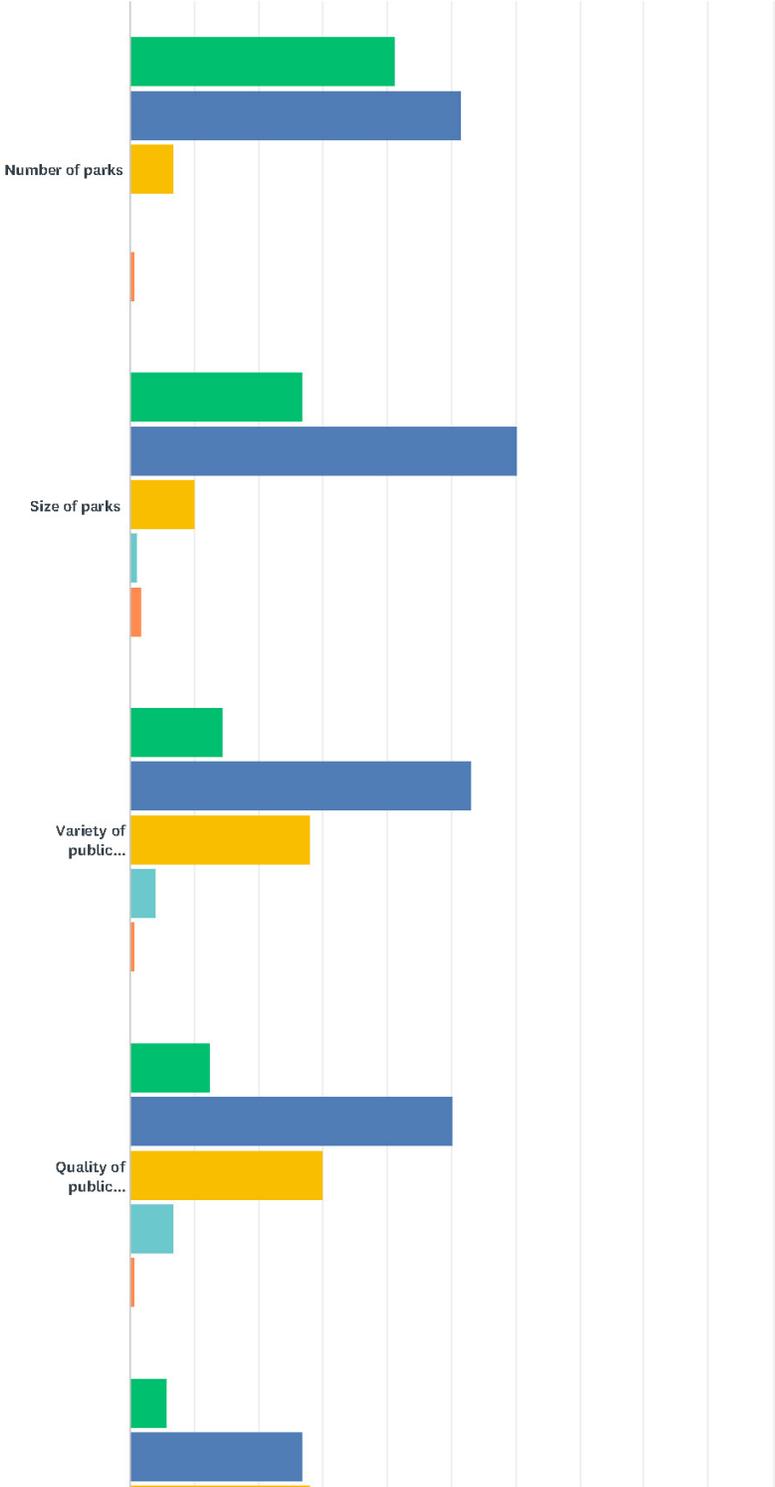


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	I DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
North Lake Street (Moll) Park	4.70% 7	22.15% 33	15.44% 23	5.37% 8	52.35% 78	149	3.79
Sunset Park	22.56% 37	53.05% 87	12.80% 21	0.00% 0	11.59% 19	164	2.25
Avalanche	22.99% 40	54.60% 95	13.79% 24	4.60% 8	4.02% 7	174	2.12
Open Space	1.88% 3	28.13% 45	28.75% 46	31.25% 50	10.00% 16	160	3.19
City Boat Launch	13.51% 20	47.97% 71	20.95% 31	3.38% 5	14.19% 21	148	2.57
Rotary Park	12.74% 20	42.68% 67	24.20% 38	1.91% 3	18.47% 29	157	2.71
Veterans Memorial Park	46.15% 78	48.52% 82	2.37% 4	0.59% 1	2.37% 4	169	1.64
Old City Park	30.00% 48	41.88% 67	11.25% 18	0.63% 1	16.25% 26	160	2.31
Peninsula Beach	12.18% 19	46.15% 72	18.59% 29	7.69% 12	15.38% 24	156	2.68
Riverside Park	6.67% 10	30.00% 45	16.00% 24	2.67% 4	44.67% 67	150	3.49
Tannery Park	8.05% 12	31.54% 47	21.48% 32	4.70% 7	34.23% 51	149	3.26
City Marina	23.53% 36	40.52% 62	15.69% 24	3.92% 6	16.34% 25	153	2.49
Lower Lake Street Beach	4.03% 6	26.17% 39	14.77% 22	5.37% 8	49.66% 74	149	3.70
Boyer River Nature Area	9.87% 15	33.55% 51	13.82% 21	2.63% 4	40.13% 61	152	3.30
Ridge Run Dog Park	8.50% 13	21.57% 33	17.65% 27	1.96% 3	50.33% 77	153	3.64
Boyer City to Charlevoix Trail	20.63% 33	43.13% 69	6.25% 10	2.50% 4	27.50% 44	160	2.73

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Q7 How would you rate the following characteristics of Boyne City parks and facilities?

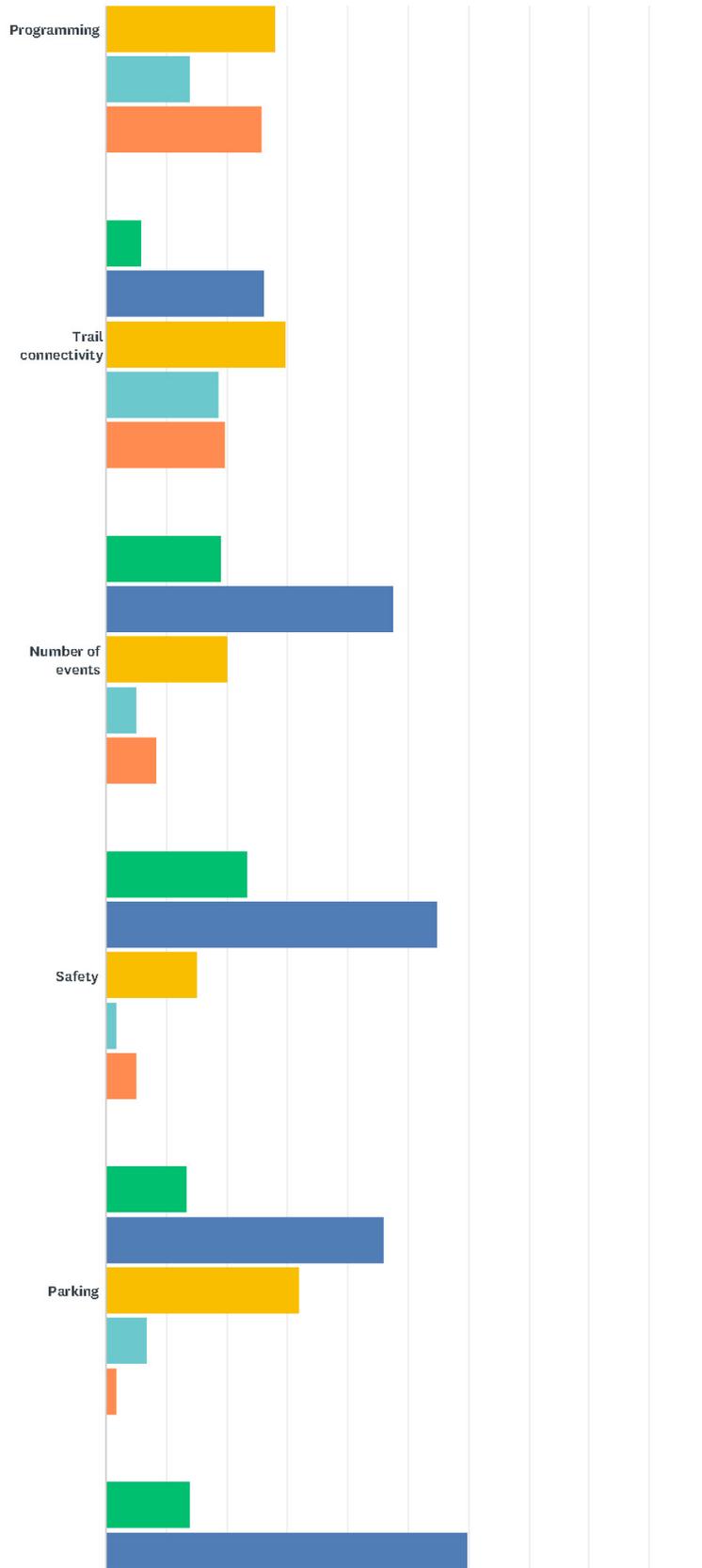
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# SURVEY RESULTS

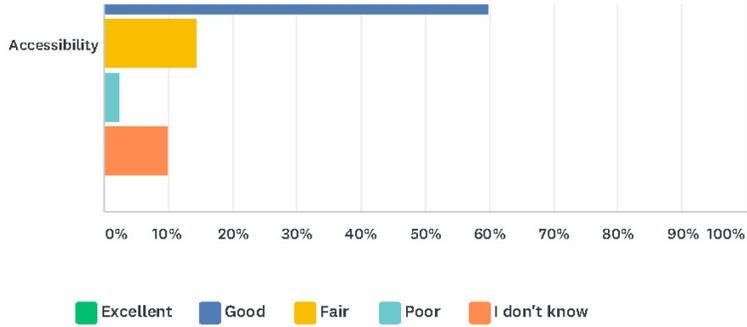
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# SURVEY RESULTS

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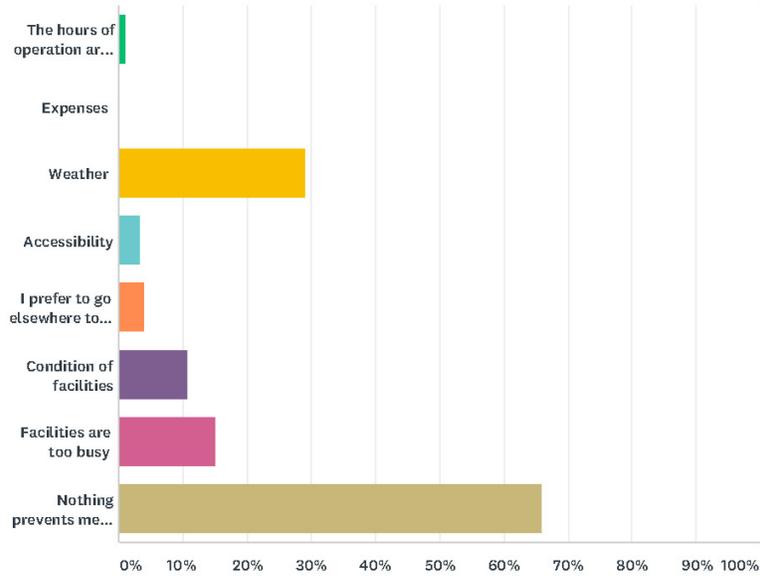
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	I DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Number of parks	41.24% 73	51.41% 91	6.78% 12	0.00% 0	0.56% 1	177
Size of parks	26.82% 48	60.34% 108	10.06% 18	1.12% 2	1.68% 3	179
Variety of public facilities	14.53% 26	53.07% 95	27.93% 50	3.91% 7	0.56% 1	179
Quality of public facilities	12.43% 22	50.28% 89	29.94% 53	6.78% 12	0.56% 1	177
Programming	5.71% 10	26.86% 47	28.00% 49	13.71% 24	25.71% 45	175
Trail connectivity	5.81% 10	26.16% 45	29.65% 51	18.60% 32	19.77% 34	172
Number of events	18.99% 34	47.49% 85	20.11% 36	5.03% 9	8.38% 15	179
Safety	23.46% 42	54.75% 98	15.08% 27	1.68% 3	5.03% 9	179
Parking	13.48% 24	46.07% 82	32.02% 57	6.74% 12	1.69% 3	178
Accessibility	13.79% 24	59.77% 104	14.37% 25	2.30% 4	9.77% 17	174

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q8 What prevents you from using the Recreational facilities more frequently? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 179 Skipped: 5



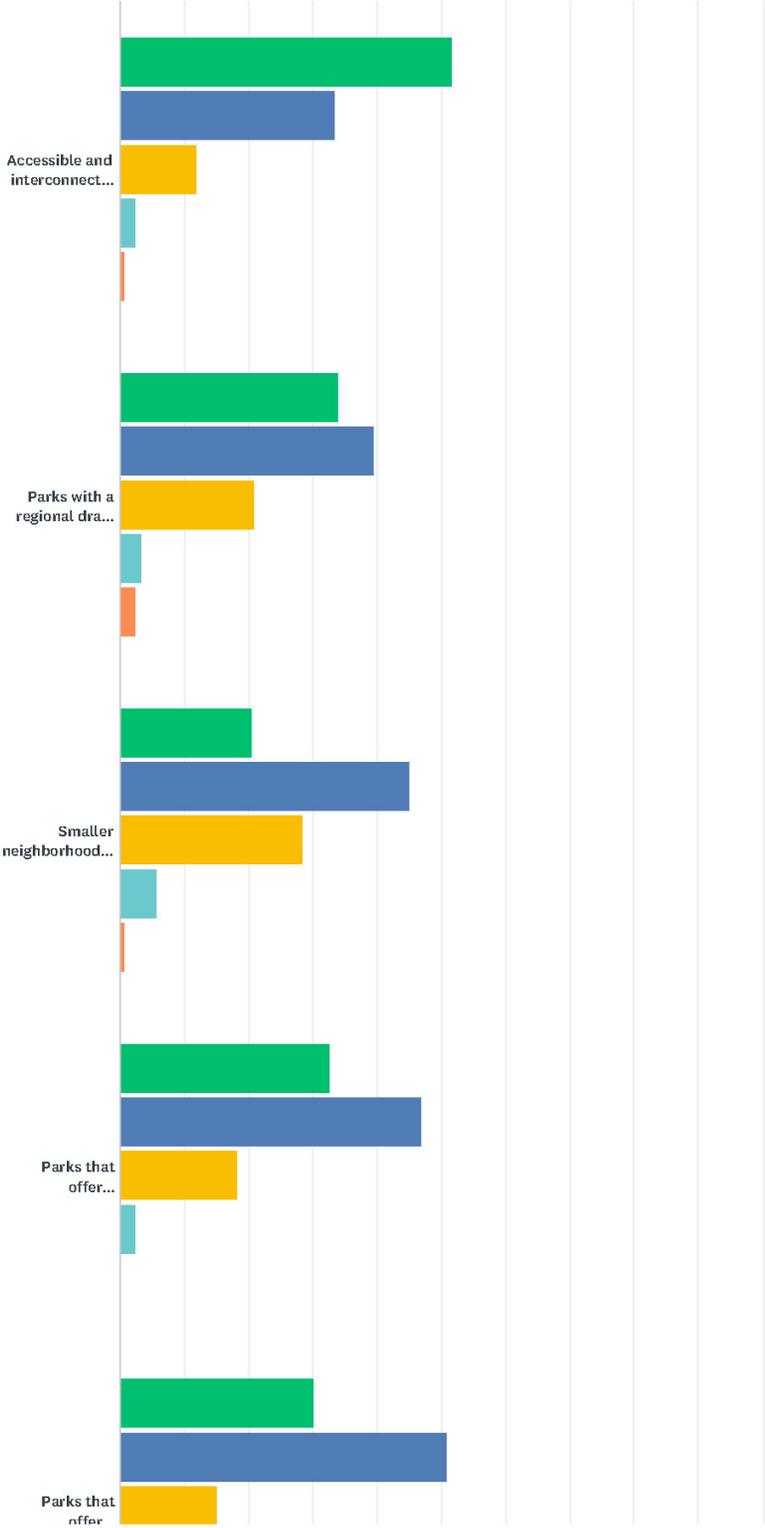
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
The hours of operation are not convenient	1.12% 2
Expenses	0.00% 0
Weather	29.05% 52
Accessibility	3.35% 6
I prefer to go elsewhere to recreate	3.91% 7
Condition of facilities	10.61% 19
Facilities are too busy	15.08% 27
Nothing prevents me from using recreational facilities more frequently	65.92% 118
Total Respondents: 179	

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

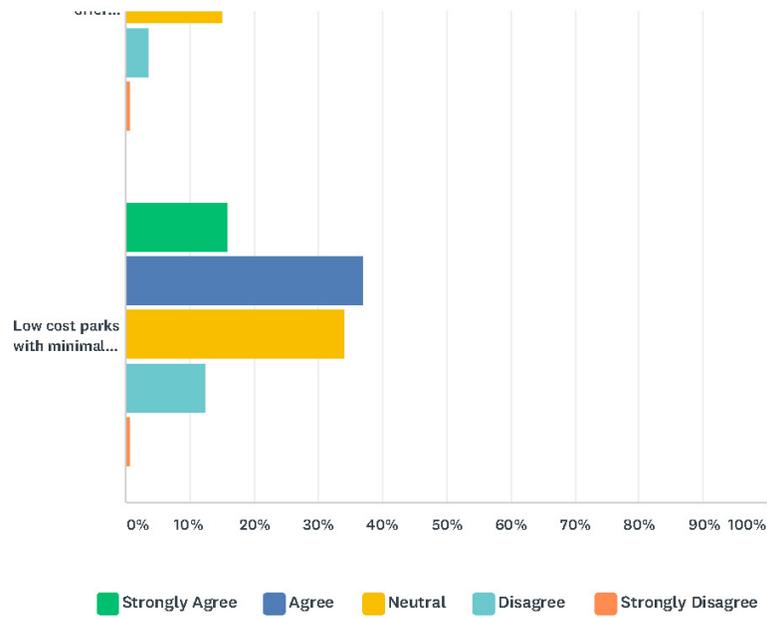
Q9 Please rate the following statements.

Answered: 178 Skipped: 6



# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyer City Parks and Recreation Plan



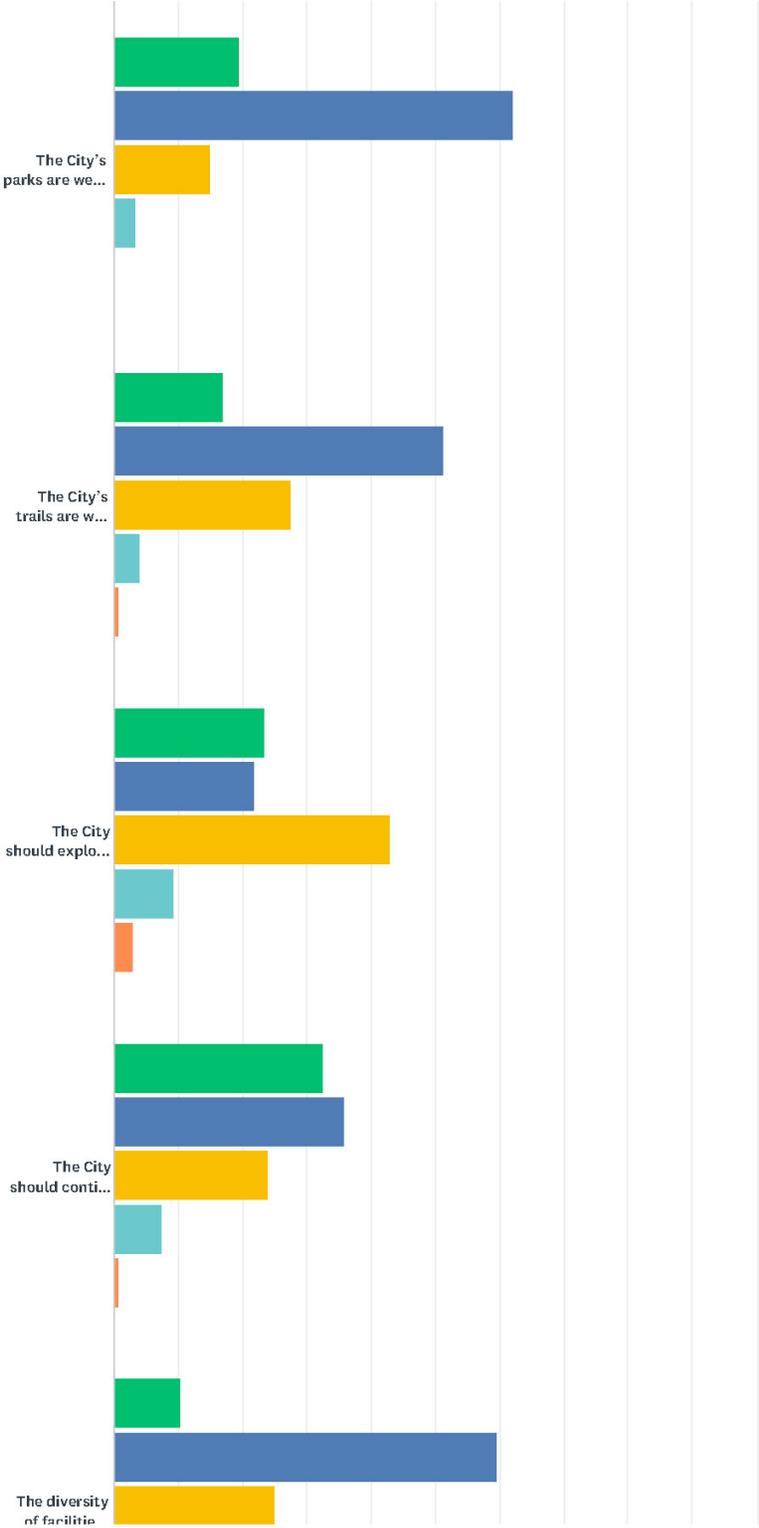
	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
Accessible and interconnected trails that support a healthy lifestyle.	51.70% 91	33.52% 59	11.93% 21	2.27% 4	0.57% 1	176
Parks with a regional draw, offering special events and programs.	33.90% 60	39.55% 70	20.90% 37	3.39% 6	2.26% 4	177
Smaller neighborhood parks with gathering spaces and playscapes.	20.45% 36	44.89% 79	28.41% 50	5.68% 10	0.57% 1	176
Parks that offer opportunities for passive recreation and connection with nature. Passive recreation requires minimum facilities or development for participation.	32.57% 57	46.86% 82	18.29% 32	2.29% 4	0.00% 0	175
Parks that offer opportunities for active recreation. Active recreation requires facilities and structure for participation.	30.06% 52	50.87% 88	15.03% 26	3.47% 6	0.58% 1	173
Low cost parks with minimal amenities and low maintenance requirements.	15.88% 27	37.06% 63	34.12% 58	12.35% 21	0.59% 1	170

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

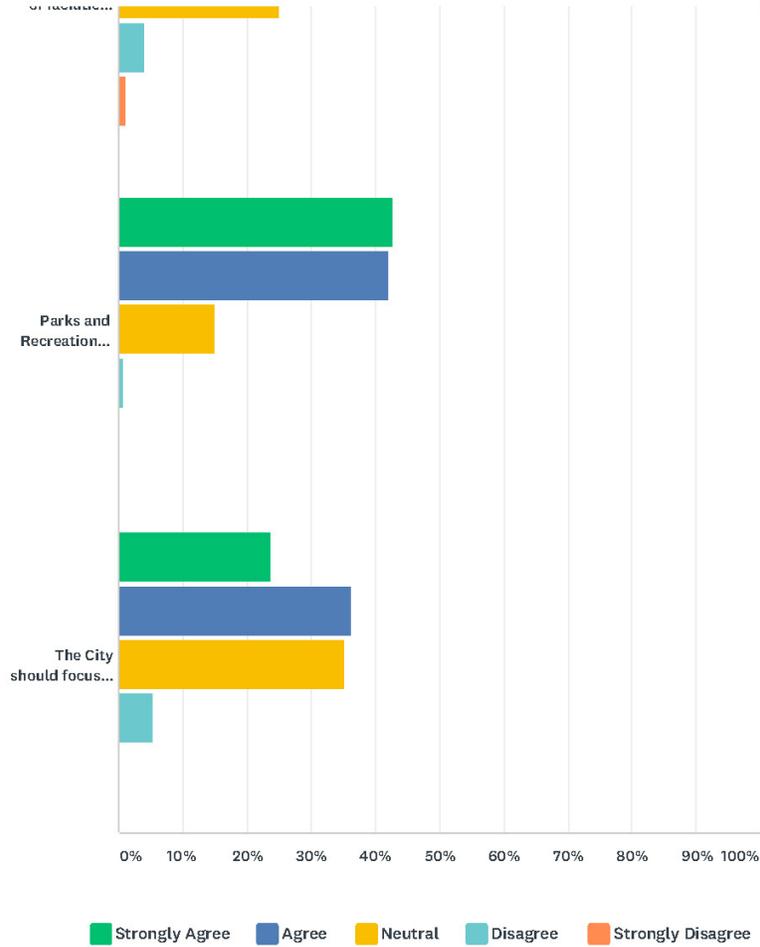
Q10 Please rate the following statements.

Answered: 178 Skipped: 6



# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyer City Parks and Recreation Plan



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
The City's parks are well maintained.	19.54% 34	62.07% 108	14.94% 26	3.45% 6	0.00% 0	174
The City's trails are well maintained.	16.86% 29	51.16% 88	27.33% 47	4.07% 7	0.58% 1	172
The City should explore purchasing additional land for recreation and/or preservation.	23.43% 41	21.71% 38	42.86% 75	9.14% 16	2.86% 5	175
The City should continue to improve its existing properties instead of expanding services.	32.39% 57	35.80% 63	23.86% 42	7.39% 13	0.57% 1	176
The diversity of facilities available to residents is acceptable.	10.23% 18	59.66% 105	25.00% 44	3.98% 7	1.14% 2	176
Parks and Recreation facilities should be a high priority for the City Commission.	42.61% 75	42.05% 74	14.77% 26	0.57% 1	0.00% 0	176
The City should focus on passive recreational opportunities such as trails, picnic areas, nature parks.	23.56% 41	36.21% 63	35.06% 61	5.17% 9	0.00% 0	174

# SURVEY RESULTS

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Q11 What type of facility or amenity would you like to see added to the Boyne City parks and/or facilities?

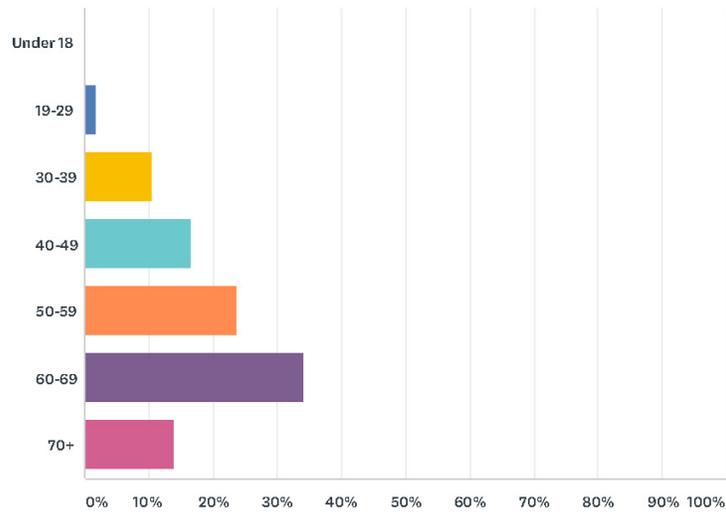
Answered: 95 Skipped: 89

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q12 What is your age range?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 2



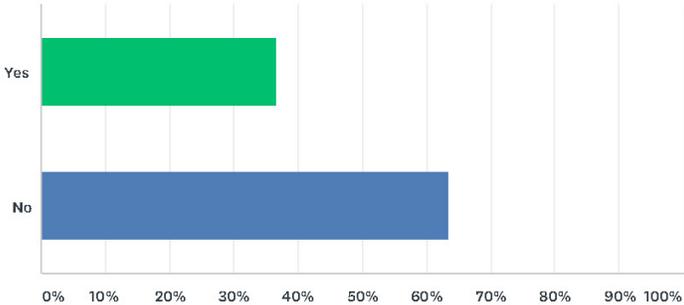
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
19-29	1.65%	3
30-39	10.44%	19
40-49	16.48%	30
50-59	23.63%	43
60-69	34.07%	62
70+	13.74%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>182</b>

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q13 Do you have children in your household?

Answered: 180 Skipped: 4



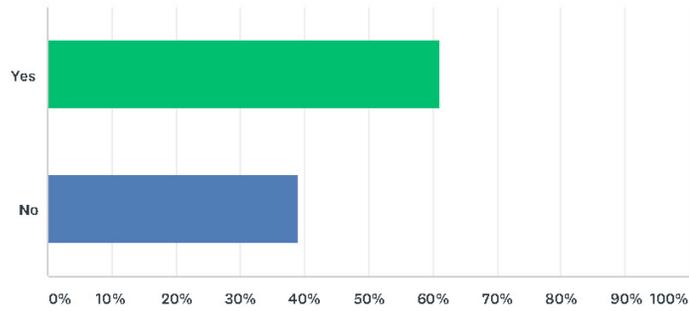
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.67%	66
No	63.33%	114
TOTAL		180

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

Q14 Are you a City of Boyne City resident? (City residents pay property taxes to the City of Boyne City.)

Answered: 182 Skipped: 2



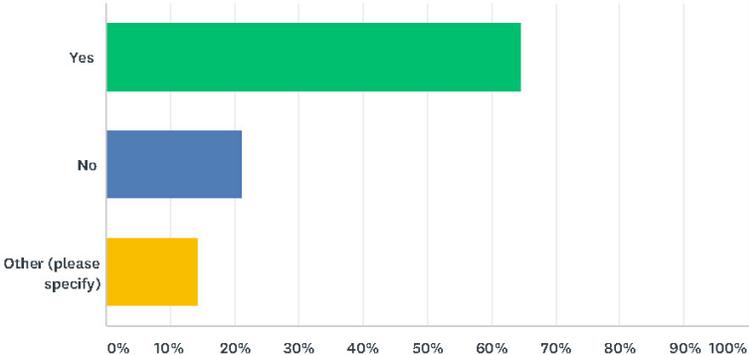
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.99%	111
No	39.01%	71
TOTAL		182

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

Q15 I would support an increase in funding for the Parks and Recreation Services even if it raised my taxes.

Answered: 161 Skipped: 23



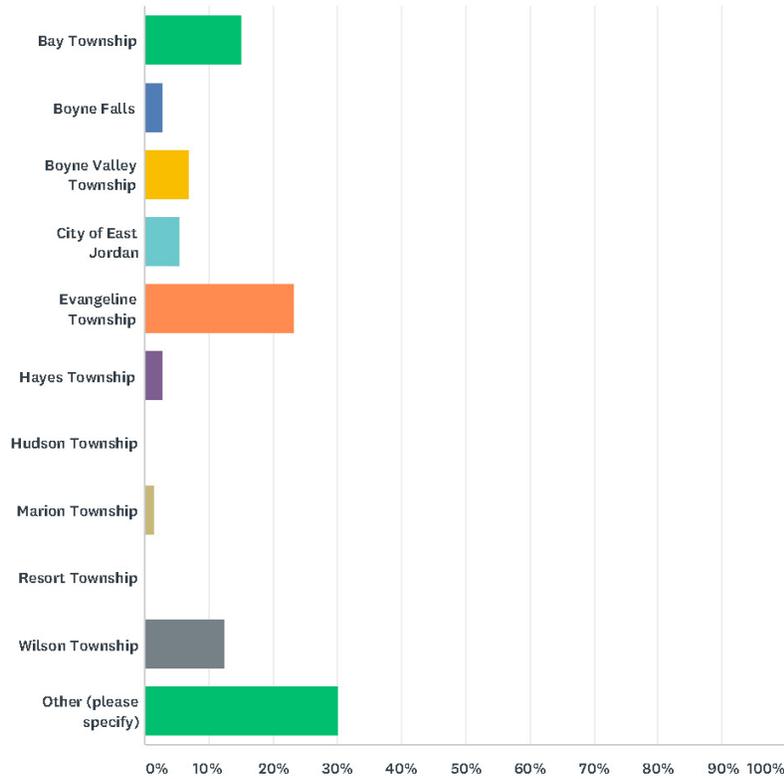
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.60%	104
No	21.12%	34
Other (please specify)	14.29%	23
TOTAL		161

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q16 If you are not a City of Boyne City resident, where do you reside?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 111



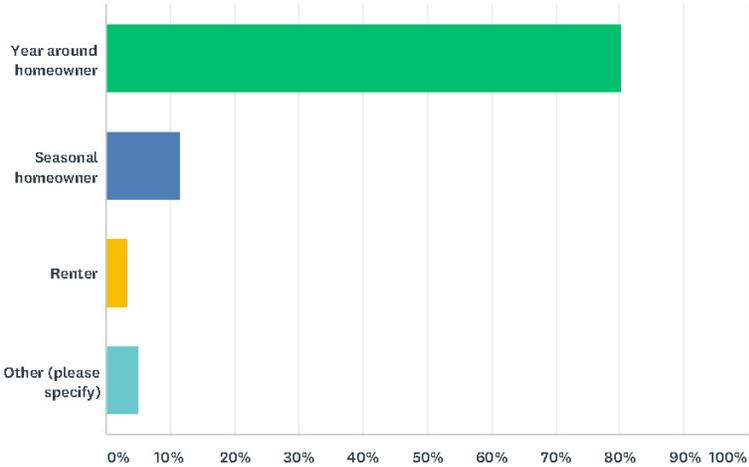
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bay Township	15.07%	11
Boyne Falls	2.74%	2
Boyne Valley Township	6.85%	5
City of East Jordan	5.48%	4
Evangeline Township	23.29%	17
Hayes Township	2.74%	2
Hudson Township	0.00%	0
Marion Township	1.37%	1
Resort Township	0.00%	0
Wilson Township	12.33%	9
Other (please specify)	30.14%	22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>73</b>

# SURVEY RESULTS

## Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

### Q17 Which of the following best describes your residential status?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Year around homeowner	80.22%	146
Seasonal homeowner	11.54%	21
Renter	3.30%	6
Other (please specify)	4.95%	9
TOTAL		182

# SURVEY RESULTS

Boyne City Parks and Recreation Plan

Q18 Please leave further comments here that can help guide the future of the Parks and Recreation opportunities in Boyne City.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 137

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**DEPUTY TREASURER**

City of Boyne City seeks qualified, outgoing person to help administer and execute all financial matters involving the City. Demonstrated financial, budgeting, bookkeeping, financial and related creative problem solving, public relations, communication, and organizational skills desired. Current employee retiring after 30+ years. Comprehensive wage (DOQ) and benefit package. Submit resume, letter of interest, salary history and requirements with 3 references to: Cindy Grice, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Boyne City, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712-1101 by Friday, January 6, 2020. EOE [www.boyne-city.com](http://www.boyne-city.com).

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Charlevoix County Housing Ready Program Director - This new position will be based in Charlevoix County. The individual will work with the Housing North Executive Director, Board of Directors, and local housing networks; city, county, village, and township officials; local philanthropy; private and nonprofit developers; employers; and other stakeholders to help Charlevoix County communities coordinate local housing initiatives and offer assistance in the development process. To Apply Individuals interested in this position should email a resume and cover letter to [sarah@housingnorth.org](mailto:sarah@housingnorth.org) by Friday, January 3, 2020. Cover letter should include explanation of professional experience working to increase the availability of workforce affordable housing units in a community. All are welcomed and encouraged to apply. The position will remain opened until it is filled.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Boyne City is currently working on the proposed 2020-2024 Parks & Recreation Plan. The City of Boyne City has opened the required 30-day public comment period on the proposed plan. The comment period will be open between December 9, 2019-January 9, 2020. The draft plan will be available for review and download on the homepage of the City's website at [www.cityofboyne-city.com](http://www.cityofboyne-city.com) or may be viewed at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712. Please direct email comments to Carrie Klingelsmith, at [cklingelsmith@bria2.com](mailto:cklingelsmith@bria2.com). Written comments may be delivered to City Hall at the address referenced above. Upon their recommendation, the City Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft plan at their regularly scheduled 7 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at City Hall. The Commission will consider adoption of the plan at this meeting.

**CITY OF BOYNE CITY  
CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTE SYNOPSIS**

January 8, 2019 Approved the December 7, 2018 City Commission special meeting minutes; Approved the December 11, 2018 City Commission regular meeting minutes; Approved the recommendation of the Main Street Board to appoint Jodie Adams for a four-year term; Approved the recommendation of the Main Street Board to appoint Patti Gabos for a four-year term; Approved the recom-

and Section 10.50(C) of the Article X Central Business District and Section 11.04(C) of Article XI Transitional Commercial District and schedule a second reading for February 12, 2019.

*Cindy Grice, City Clerk/Treasurer*

**CITY OF BOYNE CITY  
CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTE SYNOPSIS**

January 22, 2019 - Approved the December 11, 2018 City Commission regular meeting minutes; Approved to appoint Danyell Minier to the Board of Review for a three-year term expiring 1/31/2022; Approved to award a contract for deicing salt to Compass Minerals in the amount not-to-exceed \$14,912; Approved of the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board to appoint Doug Brubaker to the Airport Advisory Board; Approved the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board to appoint Allen Sturza as an Ex-Officio member of the Airport Advisory Board; approved the funding confirmation resolution for the TAP grant for the Boyne City to Boyne Falls Trail; approved first reading to adopt an ordinance addressing floodplain management provisions of the State Construction Code and schedule a second reading for February 26, 2016; approved a resolution and Intergovernmental agreement to manage flood plain development for the National Flood Plain Insurance Program to reaffirm the City's commitment to participate in the NFIP and formalize the agreement with Charlevoix County to continue to be the enforcing agency using existing provisions in the state construction codes; approved proceeding with the MDEQ Brownfield Grant



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