

**Long Lake Township
Parks & Recreation Committee**

August 12, 2010

Meeting Notes

Parks and Recreation Plan Public Workshop started at 6:00 p.m.

Presenters: Jay Kilpatrick, Russ Clark & Dusty Christensen

Parks and Recreation Plan Community Input:

Russ Clark reviewed inventory for each park, explained what a recreation plan is. Look into the future, set framework and create guidelines for implementation. They expressed the need for community input to create this plan which is the purpose of tonight's meeting.

Russ presented aerial maps of each park with a review of inventory of existing amenities. What is reasonable to add to each park according to the management plan?

This was a consensus workshop. Jay asked the question "As Long Lake Township looks to the future, what park & recreation facilities and services will support the qualities that we desire for our community?"

Four groups were formed and each person was asked to write down their thoughts on this question. Each group compared their thoughts and Jay asked for three thoughts initially which he placed on a "sticky wall" located at the front of the room. He then started organizing these into five groups. Remaining ideas were collected. We created "group names" for these five groups as follows:

Group symbol

Group Name

SQUARE

**ESTABLISH GOALS THAT BALANCE
RECREATION AND NATURE**

Ideas submitted for this group:

Community Participation, Pickle ball courts, attracting others outside our area, don't expand Crescent Shores boat launch, advertise what we have locally, do feasibility studies (who uses our parks now?), generate broad based community support and protect water quality.

CIRCLE

DETERMINE APPROPRIATE PARKING

Ideas submitted for this group:

Provide adequate parking to encourage use, provide winter parking, bike racks.

TRIANGLE

**ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP
AND BUY-IN, BUILD A CONSTITUANCY**

Ideas submitted for this group:

Ideas for maintenance, encourage community and participant ownership.

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**TRAIL MANAGEMENT/DEVELOPMENT
POLICY**

Ideas submitted for this group:

Expand, define & mark trails, build a lake platform for fishing/viewing on adjoining lakes, plaques with tree identifications.

STAR

EXPAND ACCESSABILITY (ADA)

Ideas submitted for this group:

Create easy access and provide handicap access.

Jay spoke about going forward from here, reviewing and setting priorities. They will return to the Parks & Rec committee in September with their recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Mehney