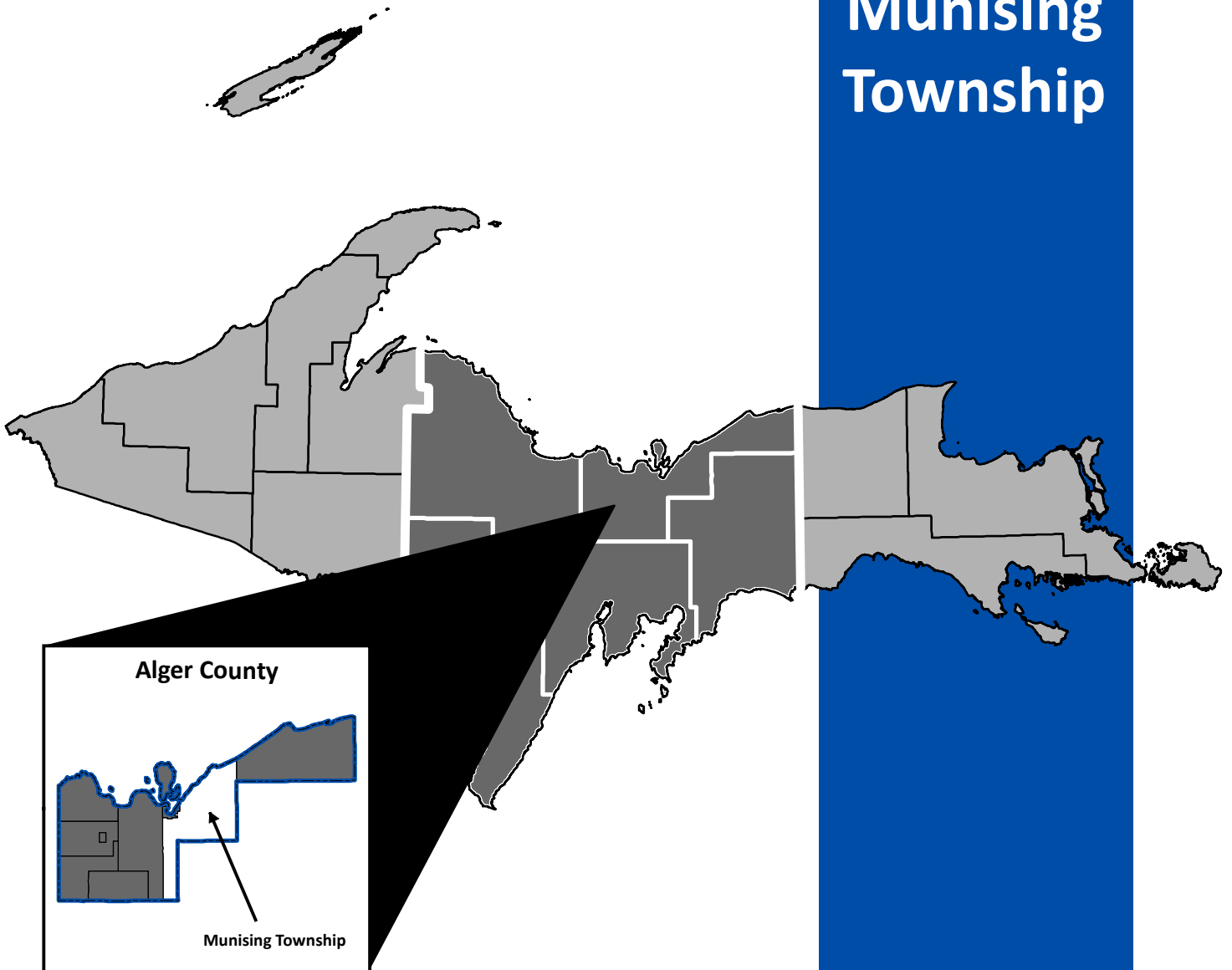


Munising Township



Recreation Plan 2019 - 2023

Prepared By:

Munising Township Board
Adopted: January 30, 2019



**COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN****CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Munising Township Recreation Plan 2019-2023

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Munising Township

Alger

January 2019

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

x 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**x 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- x Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- x Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- x Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- x Current Funding Sources
- x Role of Volunteers
- x Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:

- ☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation

x 3. RECREATION INVENTORY

- x Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- x Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- x Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- x Accessibility Assessment
- X Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- x Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)****x 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

x 6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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

- x** Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice 12/26/18, Jan 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28

Type of Notice Newspaper and Shopper's Guide

Plan Location Twp Hall & Website, Pub. Library

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 35 days

- x** Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice 12/26/18, Jan 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28

Name of Newspaper Munising News & Alger Co. Shopper

Date of Meeting January 30, 2019

- X** Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

x 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

x 8. ACTION PROGRAM

x 9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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

- x** 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 30, 2019
- ☐ 2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____
3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: N/A
- x** 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 31, 2019

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Munising Township *includes the required content, as indicated*
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Lisa Howard, Munising Township
Supervisor

1/30/19

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Munising Township, with the assistance of the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission, has put together this five-year recreational plan. This Recreation Plan for Munising Township should serve several useful purposes. It should serve as (1) a source of information, (2) a guide for correcting deficiencies, (3) an indicator of goals and policies, (4) a framework for making decisions, and (5) a means of stimulating public interest and participation in local community recreation projects.

Located in east central Alger County, along the southern shore of Lake Superior, Munising Township's land area is inhabited by about 2,946 people (2016 est.). The Township is adjacent to Au Train Township, Burt Township and the City of Munising in Alger County, Hiawatha and Inwood Townships in Schoolcraft County and Nahma Township in Delta County. The location of Munising Township is illustrated on **Map 1-1**, found in Appendix A.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Planning for and providing recreation services and open space for a community require staff (or volunteers) and funds to purchase land and open spaces to develop, operate and maintain them. This section describes how the Township's Parks and Recreation functions are carried out.

2.1 Organizational Structure

The Township Board has chosen to also serve as a Recreation Committee. In September 1998, the Munising Township, along with the City of Munising, Grand Island Township and Alger Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) entered into a joint agreement for the provision of a public recreation system. The agreement also stipulated cooperation between other recreation related organizations as ex-officio members such as Munising Public Schools, the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Department of Natural Resources. This agreement stated that APRD as a department shall have full responsibility and authority to provide full-time, year-round broad based recreation programs to the residents of the above mentioned municipalities. The APRD committee, with representatives from each of the cooperating agencies, shall have the power to make all programming, financial, staffing, etc. decisions. APRD has a 501 3(c) status to act as an independent fiscal agent.

The Munising Township Board works in cooperation with the APRD to provide recreational opportunities to Munising Township residents. The Director of Parks and Recreation advises and contacts various community recreation user groups in the area and works in coordination with the groups. The Director is appointed by the APRD Board and is directly responsible to the Board in the performance of his/her duties. Responsible to the Director are all other administrative, supervisory, regular, short-term, seasonal and part-time personnel.

The Director is to advise and contact various user groups within the area and to work in coordination with these groups. These groups consist of Alger Centennial Arena, the Alger Parks and Recreation Board, City Recreation Committee, Munising Public Schools, Little League

Baseball and Softball, Adult Co-ed Softball Leagues, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, National Parks Service and US Forest Service, as well as various others interested in recreation.

The APRD is funded by the General Funds of Munising Township, Grand Island Township and the City of Munising. The maintenance on Munising Township owned recreational facilities is the responsibility of the Township and is performed by Township volunteers, staff or is contracted out. Programming of recreational classes, leagues and activities is administered through the APRD Director and staff. These programs include activities such as athletics, enrichment and parks for seniors, adults, youth and families. Figure 2-1 illustrates the organization chart for the joint recreational partnership agreement.

Figure 2-1



2.2 Community Volunteer Groups

Munising Township works cooperatively with the APRD to develop recreational opportunities in the area. The Township and APRD work with various volunteer groups to maintain and improve recreational facilities and programs. These volunteer groups include the Friends of Valley Spur (a cross-country ski/hiking group), the Munising Little League (a youth baseball group) and the relatively new Munising Bay Trail Network (a mountain biking & non-motorized trail group).

2.3 Parks and Recreation Budget

Munising Township allocates approximately \$32,813 per year to the APRD for recreational programming. In addition to the above amount, Munising Township will spend approximately \$23,000 from the General Fund for Parks and Recreation in FY2018-2019. Additional funding is allocated when improvement projects are lined up. The maintenance on Munising Township owned recreational facilities is the responsibility of the Township and is performed by a part-time Township employee.

3.0 RECREATION INVENTORY

3.1 Township Parks and Recreation Facilities

Township parks and recreational facilities are discussed in this section. Condition and other relevant factors are presented. Munising Township owns three recreation facilities, two in Wetmore and one in Shingleton. The Township also boasts many recreational facilities not owned by the Township. Recreation sites discussed below are illustrated on **Map 3-1** in Appendix A and the sites were evaluated visually during the development of the Master Plan. The Township owned facilities were evaluated for accessibility and determined the facilities are in need of updates to improve the accessibility for all users; accessibility improvements are included as objectives in this plan. The following rating scale was used:

- 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

Robert McQuisten Munising Township Recreational Area

The Wetmore area has the greatest concentration of population; therefore the Robert McQuisten Munising Township Recreational Area is being developed into an organized recreational area. Accessible development of the park is the number one priority for the Munising Township Board as well as residents.

- **Size:** 28 acres total, 10 acres developed
- The Robert McQuisten Munising Township Recreational Area currently has a Little League Field, two (2) full basketball courts, playground, boardwalk, pavilion and a parking lot. The entire park, including the pavilion and boardwalk were designed and constructed to meet all applicable accessibility standards at the time of construction.
- The basketball courts were resurfaced in 2018.
- **Accessibility Rating: 2**

Wetmore Community Park

The Wetmore Community Park is located in Wetmore adjacent to the Munising Township Office complex (site of the Munising Township Hall). The park is somewhat small but is underutilized. This community park is beginning to show its age; the equipment is in need of repair and replacement.

- **Size:** 0.75 acres
- The park contains two (2) tennis courts. The tennis court cracks were repaired in 2007.
- **Accessibility Rating: 1**

Shingleton Community Park

The Shingleton Community Park is located in Shingleton on Park Street and is surrounded by state land and H-15. The park is in need of completion and updates in order to be used to its fullest capabilities. The community building is handicapped accessible.

- **Size:** Ten (10) acres

- The park contains a softball diamond, tot lot, basketball court, community building and parking area. The baseball field playing surface was repaired in 2007.
- **Accessibility Rating: 2**

3.2 MDNR Recreation Grant Status

Since 1988, Munising Township has received three recreation grants from the MDNR. In 1988, the Township received a grant in the amount of \$37,500 for the Munising Township Recreation Area to acquire approximately 28 acres of property now known as the Robert McQuisten Munising Township Recreational Area in the community of Wetmore. In 2001, the Township received approximately \$175,000 to develop a barrier-free boardwalk and natural trail with interpretative signage around Cox Pond and adjacent wetland areas. In 2003, an additional \$135,000 of funding was received for the park to extend the boardwalk and nature trail, construct a pavilion, add barrier free fishing sites and for fish habitat improvements. All three grants were successfully closed out by Munising Township. The Robert McQuisten Munising Township Recreational Area is used frequently by area residents and visitors. The facility is in good condition, except for portions of the boardwalk that were damaged in a flooding incident in November of 2016. The Township desires to make additional improvements to the Recreational Area in order to repair and prevent flood damage and to increase accessibility and incorporate universal design policies where feasible, particularly to improve access to the boardwalk from the parking lot.

3.3 Area Recreation Facilities

The area also boasts many recreational facilities that are administered by other entities. The recreational areas are discussed below.

Munising Mountain Bike Park/Non-Motorized Trails

- Munising Bay Trail Network
- Five (5) trails with various skill levels, distances (1,000 ft. – 1.5 miles) and features

Hiawatha National Forest

- United States Forest Service
- Size: 37,959 acres in Munising Township
- Hiawatha National Forest is an 880,000-acre National Forest. Commercial logging is conducted in some areas. There are over 100 miles of shoreline within the National Forest.

Island Lake Campground

- United States Forest Service
- Size: 5 acres
- The campground is located south of Wetmore on Forest Route 2557. The campground, composed of two unnamed loops, is located on Island Lake. Some sites overlook the lake but most do not. Canoeing and boating on this small lake are favorite activities. A very tranquil campground that is convenient to many of the area's sights such as Wagner Falls Scenic Site, Grand Island National Recreation Area and one of several historic lighthouses.

Pete's Lake Campground

- United States Forest Service
- Size: Not Available
- The campground has 41 private and forested sites and is located on Forest Road 2173. Each site is equipped with a picnic table and grill. Vault toilets and drinking water sources are conveniently located throughout the campground. The campground is handicapped accessible. Surrounded by many lakes, this recreation area offers much in the way of camping, hiking, fishing, and swimming, boating, and picnicking. All roads are black topped (perfect for bike riding).

Moccasin Lake Canoe/Kayak Launch

- United States Forest Service
- Size: Two areas of three acres in size
- The Moccasin Lake rest area is located on FH-13 and has a picnic area with a canoe/kayak launch.

Widewaters Campground

- United States Forest Service
- Size: Two areas of 13 acres in size
- Widewaters Campground is situated on the Indian Wild and Scenic River, 13 miles south of Munising, on Highway H-13, then 1/2-mile NW on FR-2262. There are opportunities for canoeing, fishing and hiking. The campground boasts 34 campsites and two boat launches. Approved drinking water pumps and vault toilets are conveniently placed throughout the campground. Tables and grills are also located at each site.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

- United States National Park Service
- Size: 28,000 total acres in buffer zone; 73,000 total acres in Lakeshore
- More than 73,000 acres extending from Munising to Grand Marais are included in the National Park Service's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (PRNL). An interpretive center is located at Munising Falls and is open from May through October. Park headquarters are located at Sand Point. Among the park's most popular features is the North Country National Scenic Trail. Campsites are located along the trail every two to five miles. Only foot and boat traffic is allowed in the backcountry. Twenty-one single and group campsites are found along the trail. Non-hikers can access three campgrounds from road H-58. These campsites at Hurricane River, Twelvemile Beach and Little Beaver campgrounds have water, tables, grills and primitive toilets available for users. Visitors to the PRNL enjoy ice-falls climbing, sightseeing, picnicking, boating, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, hiking, fishing and hunting. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are popular during the winter months. There are over twenty miles of cross-country ski trails throughout PRNL. Fifty miles of designated snowmobile routes and 100 miles of hiking trails are contained within the PRNL.

Pictured Rocks Golf Club

- Privately owned 18-hole golf course
- The front nine at Pictured Rocks Golf Club was the original nine when the course opened in 1968, the back nine opened in 1995. The golf club offers a variety of memberships for any age. There is a driving range, practice putting green, powered golf cart and club rentals, a pro shop and restaurant/bar.

McKeever Hills Ski Trails

- United States Forest Service
- Trails for cross-country skiing and hiking located off of H-13. In the summer, hikers can walk the cross-country ski trails. This hilly trail affords beautiful vistas of McKeever, Wedge, Pete's and Kimball lakes. The C loop of this trail below Wedge Lake connects to the larger Bruno's Run Trail. There are three cross-country ski loops, ranging from easy to difficult.

Oakwood Horse Trail

- United States Forest Service
- Located off of Hovey Lake Road, the Oakwood Trail system provides an 11-mile horseback riding trail through a variety of forest types from oak to maple to pine. The terrain is mostly flat with occasional gentle hills. Through cooperative arrangement, the route is signed and maintained by the North Coast Riding Club. Trail markers are red, and locator maps are posted at trail intersections. Most of the route is located on 2-track roads open to motorized vehicles.

Wandering Wheels Campground

- Privately owned campground
- Located 3 miles from downtown Munising on Highway M-28 with 440 acres of trails, biking trails, outdoor heated pool, horseshoes, playground, bike rental and a gift shop.

Additional Recreational Facilities

Sand Point Beach: Sand Point beach is located on Lake Superior just east of Munising and is part of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Sand Point was named one of the "Top 5 Summer Beaches in America" by the Weather Channel. The undeveloped sand beach is ideal for children and a perfect place for kayak launching. The beach is also a popular spot for watching the sunset over Munising Bay. A boardwalk is also located at Sand Point.

Grand Island: All except 44 of the island's 13,500 acres are part of the Hiawatha National Forest since being acquired in 1990 from the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company. The island is accessible by private boat or Forest Service ferry service. Visitors can hike, camp, fish, sightsee, bike or kayak. ALTRAN provides a bus tour of the island beginning June 15th and continuing into October. The ferry departs from the Grand Island landing. The landing is located one mile west of the Munising city limits. A 23-mile trail for biking and hiking follows the shoreline of the island. Campsites include fire rings picnic tables, and bear poles. A day use area has been developed at Murray Bay that includes toilets, benches and pedestal grills. Two cabins were constructed in 2008.

Munising Falls: Located across from Munising Memorial Hospital on Washington Street in Munising, Munising Falls is a part of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. This is a fully accessible site with parking, picnic areas, restrooms, the Munising Falls Interpretive Center, and a scenic 0.5 miles walk to the base of the 50-foot waterfall.

Wagner Falls: This scenic site is owned and maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It is located approximately 1.5 miles south of Munising on M-94. A short walking trail begins at the parking area and leads to a series of small waterfalls that stretch for about 100 feet.

Alger Falls: This site is located about 1 mile south of Munising at the junction of M-28 and M-94. The waterfall cascades down about 30 feet of rock and is visible along the east side of M-28.

Horseshoe Falls: This privately-owned site is located within the Munising city limits and small admission fee is required. It is open daily from May 1 through October 15 and is accessible from Bell Avenue near the southern city limit.

Rudy Olson Memorial Falls: This site (formerly known as Tannery Falls) was donated to the Michigan Nature Association by the widow of Mr. Olson in 1987. It features a drop of about 40 feet from a rock shelf to its canyon below. It can be accessed from road H-58 at the base of Washington Street. There are no provisions for visitor parking.

MNA Memorial Falls: The Michigan Nature Association acquired this site in 1987. It is located about 500 feet from the Rudy Olson Memorial Falls, but on a different stream. Access to the top of the falls requires a walk of only a few hundred feet off of Nestor Street on the City of Munising's east side.

Grand Island Harbor Scenic Turnout: This Michigan Department of Transportation rest area provides vaulted toilets, drinking water, a picnic table, information and a short pathway leading to an overlook of Grand Island and Munising Bay.

Valley Spur Cross-country Ski and Snowshoe Trails: Located within the Hiawatha National Forest, Valley Spur features 12 groomed and marked trails that cover 42 miles. Rental equipment and food are available in the warming shelter located along M-94 about 5 miles southwest of Munising.

Beginning with the 2007-2008 season, the Valley Spur trail system now falls under the Noquemanon Trail Network organizational umbrella. However, grooming and maintenance as well as the lodge operations are the responsibility of the non-profit group, Friends of Valley Spur. In addition to wintertime activities, Valley Spur offers 26 miles of biking trails for mountain biking enthusiasts. All of the trails are shared with hikers.

Bay Furnace Campground and Picnic Area: This facility is a Hiawatha National Forest campground and provides 50 campsites, vaulted toilet facilities and a sanitation station. It is located about 5 miles northwest of the City of Munising on M-28 on Lake Superior.

Hovey Lake Campground: This facility is a United States Forest Service campground approximately 5 acres in size. Hovey Lake Camping is an isolated family type camping area located 8 miles southwest of Munising on M-94, then 4 miles southeast on FR-2254, and south on FR-2473. Toilets and drinking water are available. This small campground, located on the east side of the lake, is a good place for canoeing, bird watching, or just enjoying nature's surroundings. There are 5 campsites, each with a table and fire ring. Hovey Lake Campground is a no fee area.

Alger County Underwater Preserve: In 1981, the Michigan DNR declared the 113 square mile area an underwater preserve, protecting its underwater natural resources. This preserve extends from Au Train Point to Au Sable Point and was the first underwater preserve selected in the state. Thirteen dive sites have been designated where varying features can be viewed at depths ranging from six to 100 feet. Diving enthusiasts can explore sunken ships, artifacts, large colorful rocks and sea caves. An extensive historical record of the shipwrecks has been compiled. Among the shipwrecks is the *BERMUDA*, a 150-foot wooden hull schooner; the *MANHATTAN*, a 252-foot wooden hull freighter; the *HERMAN H. HETTLER*, a 210-foot wooden steamer; a 230-foot wooden hull steam barge, the *SMITH MOORE*; the steamer, *SUPERIOR*; the freighter, *KIOWA*; and a steel tug, the *STEVEN M. SELVICK*, the first vessel intentionally sunk within the Michigan underwater preserve system as a dive site.

U.S. Forest Service Pathways: Many trails have been developed by the U.S. Forest Service to accommodate recreational activities such as cross-country skiing, biking, hiking, and horseback riding.

North Country National Scenic Trail: The North Country National Scenic Trail bisects the northern half of Munising Township. The trail stretches more than 4,600 miles from Crown Point in eastern New York to Lake Sakakawea in western North Dakota. The trail is administered by the National Park Service, managed by federal, state, and local agencies, and built and maintained primarily by the volunteers of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and its partners.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

4.1 Community Data

4.1.1 Population

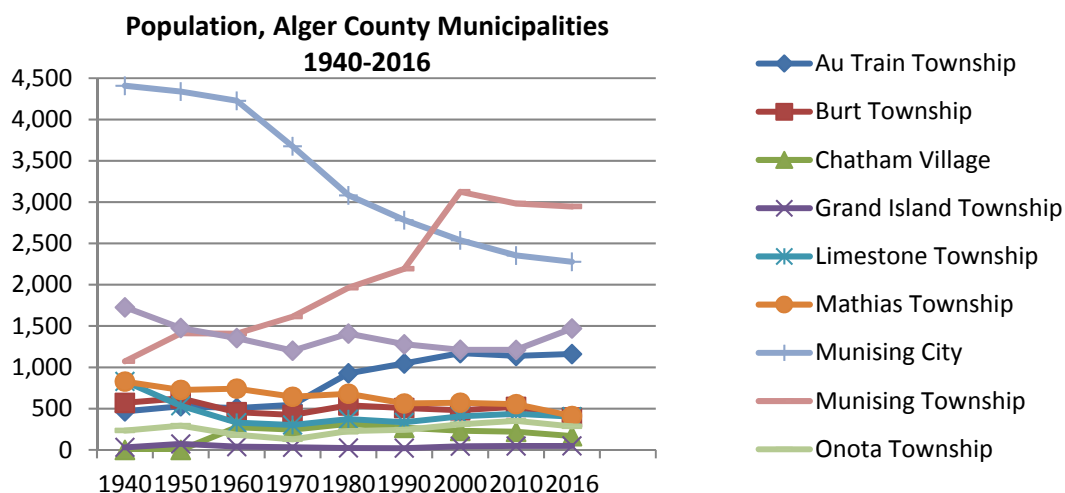
For any planning endeavor, careful attention must be given to the analysis of population trends and projections. Such an analysis is necessary to determine existing or future needs based on the characteristics of the area's population. Population analysis assists with determining the direction of local capital improvements and related expenditures. For recreation planning, population data is also useful when applying recreation standards to a community.

Munising Township has experienced a substantial increase in population from 1940 to 2016. The Township's population grew from 1,073 in 1940 to 2,946 in 2016, representing a 175.0 percent increase. Many Townships in the Upper Peninsula have experienced similar growth, while cities in the region have observed a population decline over the same time period, as the City of Munising has. After a peak of 4,409 residents in 1940, the City has experienced a population decline of 48.3 percent to 2,278 in 2016.

Munising Township's growth has tapered only slightly in recent years; the Township expanded its' population 42.4 percent from 1990 to 2000, while the Township's population declined by approximately 4.5 percent from 2000 to 2010. Many area township populations have increased due to an out-migration of residents from urban to rural areas. Au Train Township and Onota Township have experienced significant growth as well. Table 4-1 reports the population for selected areas from 1940 to 2016.

Table 4-1											
Population, Selected Areas, 1940-2016											
Governmental Unit	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2016	% Change 1940-2010	% Change 1940-2016
Munising Township	1,073	1,412	1,408	1,614	1,963	2,193	3,125	2,983	2,946	178.0	174.6
Au Train Township	467	529	508	545	928	1,047	1,172	1,138	1,161	143.7	148.6
Burt Township	570	624	457	424	539	508	480	522	394	-8.4	-30.9
Chatham Village	-	-	275	246	315	268	231	220	168	-	-
Grand Island Twp.	31	73	40	32	23	21	45	47	48	51.6	54.8
Limestone Township	829	535	330	302	373	334	407	438	403	-47.2	-51.4
Mathias Township	827	726	742	644	680	563	571	554	411	-33.0	-50.3
Munising City	4,409	4,339	4,228	3,677	3,083	2,783	2,539	2,355	2,278	-46.6	-48.3
Onota Township	234	293	183	128	228	244	310	352	285	50.4	21.8
Rock River Township (w/ Vlg. of Chatham)	1,727	1,476	1,354	1,202	1,408	1,279	1,213	1,212	1,470	-29.8	-14.9
Alger County	10,167	10,007	9,250	8,568	9,225	8,972	9,862	9,601	9,396	-5.6	-7.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, years cited.



4.1.2 Age Characteristics

The age of the residents of an area may indicate emerging needs for recreational facilities. According to data obtained in the 2016 Census estimate, the population of Munising Township is significantly younger than Alger County as a whole. Munising Township's median age in 2016 was 38.8, much lower than that of Alger County (49.0) but was comparable with Michigan (39.5) and the United States (37.7). From 1980 to 2016, the Township experienced an 10.1 year increase in the median age of its residents. While the median age rose in every municipality in Alger County, Onota Township's 28.8 year increase was the most dramatic. Table 4-2 presents comparative data on median age.

Table 4-2 Median Age, Selected Areas, 1980-2016							
Area	1980	1990	2000	2010	2016	Change 1980-2010	Change 1980-2016
Munising Township	28.7	32.4	35.2	37.5	38.8	+8.8	+10.1
Au Train Township	30.1	36.2	42.3	51.7	58.7	+21.6	+28.6
Burt Township	42.2	48.1	56.7	62.9	64.9	+20.7	+22.7
Chatham Village	--	36.2	40.8	42.5	50.6	--	--
Grand Island Twp.	42.5	37.5	45.8	50.5	45.5	+8.0	+3.0
Limestone Township	32.8	37.8	45.5	51.5	52.7	+18.7	+19.9
Mathias Township	31.6	39.9	44.6	49.1	51.7	+17.5	+20.1
Munising City	34.3	39.7	43.8	45.7	48.5	+11.4	+14.2
Onota Township	31.4	38.6	49.8	57.5	60.2	+26.1	+28.8
Rock River Township	29.9	36.1	42.3	46.3	50.6	+16.4	+20.7
Alger County	31.6	36.7	41.2	45.0	49.0	+13.4	+17.4
State of Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5	37.6	39.5	+8.8	+10.7
United States	30.0	32.9	35.3	37.2	37.7	+7.2	+7.7

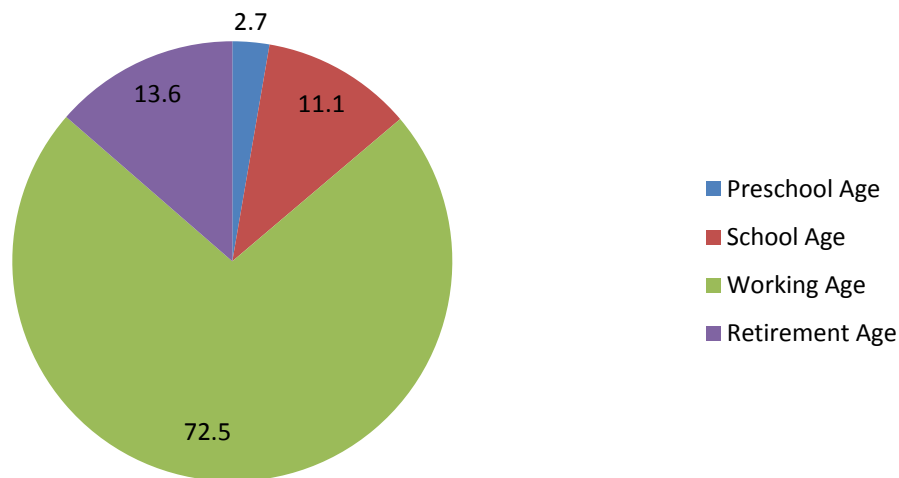
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census Table DP-1, 2000 Census of the Population, STF 1A, Table 1; 1990 Census of the Population, General Population Characteristics, Table 44; 1980 Census of the Population, Table 33.

In 2016, the age group of 25-34 made up the largest portion of the Township's total population, at 484 persons, or 16.4 percent; the 20-24 age group was the second largest at 428 persons, or 14.5 percent. Many Upper Peninsula natives leave the area after high school to attend college and obtain jobs. The lack of jobs in the area is often cited as the reason for losing local youth. The elderly population, which includes those 65 years and older, made up 13.6 percent of the total population in 2016. The data indicates that the population of the Township is aging, although much slower than other Alger County municipalities. Growth of the older segment of the population influences the type and costs of services offered by the Township and other providers.

In recent decades, there has been a shift in population from the school age and working age population into the retired age group. This change has occurred almost universally across the country. The proportion of individuals in the preschool and school age groups continues to shrink which contributes declining school enrollment. Many residents in the working age population have been forced to move to areas with more employment opportunities. As the "baby boomers" begin to reach retirement age, a smaller proportion of the population is participating in the workforce. With a diminishing workforce, there are fewer people contributing to pension funds and additional programs that support retirees. As the number of

working persons decreases in comparison to retirees, there is distress over the future of programs such as Social Security.

**Munising Township
Percent of Residents by Age Group, 2016**



4.1.3 Gender

The majority of the population in Munising Township is male (66.1 percent). This high percentage is due to the presence of the State of Michigan's Alger Correctional Facility.

4.1.4 Household Characteristics

Evaluation of the changes in household characteristics in a community can often provide additional insights about population trends. Household relationships reflect changing social values, economic conditions, and demographic changes such as increased lifespan and the increasing mobility of our society.

The Census defines a household as all persons who occupy a housing unit, i.e., a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any group or related or unrelated persons sharing living quarters. A family consists of a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. A non-family household can be one person living alone, or any combination of people not related by blood, marriage or adoption.

From 2000 to 2016, the number of households in the Township increased from 828 to 1,160, as the population decreased 4.5 percent. The average household size decreased from 2.74 persons in 2000, down to 2.54 persons per household in 2016. Across the region and the United States, smaller household sizes have been the trend, largely due to an increase in the number of single-parent households. From 2000 to 2016, non-family households have increased from 159 to 204, the majority of the increase coming from householders living alone. From 2000 to 2016, there was an increase in the number of householders over the age of 65 living alone.

Table 4-3 Household Characteristics, Munising Township, 2000-2016						
Household Type	2000		2010		2016	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Occupied Housing Units	828	100.0	862	100.0	740	100.0
Family Households	669	80.8	645	74.8	536	72.4
Husband-Wife Family	580	70.0	543	63.0	474	64.1
Female Householder	53	6.4	59	6.8	35	4.7
Non-Family Households	159	19.2	217	25.2	204	27.6
Householder Living Alone	120	14.5	181	21.0	181	24.5
Householder 65 years and older	48	5.8	78	9.0	73	9.9
Average Household Size	2.74		2.47		2.54	

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of the Population and Housing, STF 1A, P003, P016 and H017A; 1990 Census of the Population and Housing, STF 1, 003, 016 and 035, 2010 Census Table DP-1.

4.1.5 Economic Characteristics

- **Household Income**

The median household income, as reported in the 2016 American Community Survey estimates was \$45,167. Approximately 6.3 percent of all individuals reported incomes below the established poverty level.

- **Economic Base**

The Township benefits from the limited diversity that exists among area businesses and industries. Alger Maximum Correctional Facility provides employment for many in the Township. Manufacturing industries like the Neenah Paper mill, Hiawatha Log Homes and the Timber Products Michigan sawmill and veneer mill provide a strong base of employment for the area. Hiawatha Communications, Inc. (HCI) is the locally owned and operated holding company that oversees four Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) across the Upper Peninsula, including Hiawatha Telephone Company, in the City of Munising.

Economic activity in the service and retail trade sectors has favorably impacted employment as the tourist industry has grown. Community groups such as the Alger Chamber of Commerce, Alger County Economic Development Corporation and the Greater Munising Bay Partnership for Commerce Development have worked to bring about infrastructure improvements and have initiated marketing programs which have benefitted the local economy.

Munising Township is home to numerous smaller businesses and institutions that employ many local residents. These Township establishments include: Shopco, numerous hotels, Wood Island Landfill, Alger County Road Commission, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources office, People's State Bank, Johnson Brothers Equipment Rental, Remax real estate, a post office, Tanglewood Inn, Roam Automotive, Gerou Excavating and Redi-Mix, Pictured Rocks Golf Club, Superior Roofing and Lakoski's Gravel Pit. The Township is dependent on the forest and wood products industry for employment and income. There are numerous businesses mentioned above that rely on forest yields to manufacture their wood products.

4.1.6 Land Use

Large scale lumbering began in Alger County in 1876 and overlapped with the last days of the Schoolcraft Furnace. Lumbering continued beyond the construction of the Detroit, Mackinac and Marquette Railroad. The first huge pines were felled along Lake Superior, which provided the only means possible for shipping the logs. Timber was also the main reason for the existence of several communities in Munising Township, including Wetmore, Shingleton, Van Meer and Melstrand. Lumbering remains an important factor in land use development in the Township today.

The establishment of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in 1966 has also had an enormous impact on land use in the Township. Land development is limited within the National Lakeshore's inland buffer zone and regulated by the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Land development is also limited by the Hiawatha National Forest.

A majority of the Township's residential development is concentrated on or around transportation corridors. Residential land use in Munising Township occurs primarily along the length of M-28 or near highway offshoots. Residences are concentrated in the communities of Wetmore and Shingleton, as well as between the two communities along M-28 and in Van Meer and Melstrand. Most of the homes are single-family residences. A great deal of residential development has occurred along available waterfront property in the Township. Waterfront development has become increasingly desirable. Zoning regulations such as setbacks and minimum lot size should be reviewed periodically to maintain balanced and appropriate levels of waterfront development.

As with most of the residential development in the Township, the majority of commercial development is concentrated near transportation corridors. Land is designated for commercial use north of M-28 in the Alger Heights/Wetmore area. The commercial uses in Munising Township are quite diverse. Commercial uses include: several hotels, a bank, a retail store, the post office, a flooring company, a bottle-gas company, a campground, auto repair, mini-golf, a gas station, storage units, a realtor, a lumber company, a roofing company, a snowshoe manufacturer and a woodworking company.

Commercial forest land is dispersed throughout the Township. Substantial tracts of commercial forest reserve lands include: the land surrounding the Wagner Falls Scenic site, south of the City of Munising, west of Wetmore; land east of Wetmore and north of M-28, including lands surrounding Indian Town, continuing eastward throughout the north/central portion of the Township; pockets of land near Melstrand; and lands within the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

4.1.7 Local Transportation System

M-28 is an east-west state trunkline highway that almost completely traverses the Upper Peninsula, from Wakefield to near Sault Ste. Marie. Along with US-2, M-28 forms a pair of primary highways linking the Upper Peninsula from end to end, providing a major access route for traffic from Michigan and Canada along the southern shore of Lake Superior. M-28 is the longest state trunkline in Michigan numbered with the "M-" prefix at 290.43 miles. The entire

highway is listed on the National Highway System, while three sections of M-28 are part of the Lake Superior Circle Tour. M-28 also carries two memorial highway designations along its route.

M-94 also runs through Munising Township. M-94 is a state trunkline that runs for 89.16 miles from K. I. Sawyer to Manistique. The highway is part of the Lake Superior Circle Tour during a concurrency with M-28. In Munising Township, M-94 joins a concurrency with M-28 and the Lake Superior Circle Tour from Munising to Shingleton. Until the turn at Shingleton, the M-94 route travels east-west rather than north-south. Between Shingleton and Manistique, M-94 runs north-south.

There are 46.93 miles of primary roads located within Munising Township. Primary roads within the township are paved and examples include the portions of the following roads:

- Buckhorn Road
- Cusino Trail
- FF-13
- Connors Road
- FF-2268
- H-58
- Miners Castle Road
- H-15 (formerly known as Munising-Van Meer-Shingleton Road)
- Prospect Street

4.1.8 Local Zoning

Land use is regulated by the Munising Township Zoning Ordinance. The Township Zoning Administrator is responsible for its implementation. The Planning Commission hears conditional use permit and various other requests. The Zoning Board of Appeals hears variance requests.

4.2 PLANNING METHODS

One method to assess community recreation needs is a systems approach to planning. The systems approach to planning incorporates information gained from citizens (which might include Facebook comments, township website comments, workshop input, official public meeting input, surveys and detailed recreation inventories to determine the recreation needs of a community.

4.2.1 The Public Input Process

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that two methods be used to incorporate public input into the recreation planning process. The Township Board through published notices, its website, and its Facebook page invited community comments on the Township Recreation Plan. A copy of the notice (published four times) and a summary of the results may be found in Appendix B. The Township also advised in the same notice that the Township Board would be seeking public input on the Recreation Plan at a Special Meeting for that purpose on January 30, 2019. Many citizens attended and commented.

Munising Township advertised the draft plan was available for review beginning on Wednesday December 26, 2019 in the Munising News. The same advertised Notice was published in the Alger County Shopper, which is received by all households in the Munising Township and Alger County. A copy of the advertisement can be found in Appendix B. After a 35-day public review and comment period, the Munising Township Board secured additional public input during a public hearing and thereafter adopted the recreation plan at that Special Meeting on January 30, 2019. A copy of the advertised notices and the minutes from this meeting can be found in Appendix B.

5.0 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals that follow are guides for recreation related decision making. Consideration and observance of recreation policies should ultimately lead a community toward the attainment of its short and long term goals.

Specific development projects and programs should initially be evaluated with respect to the recreation goals and then in terms of the proposal's contribution to the recreation system of Munising Township. Goals and objectives developed by Munising Township are listed below.

GOAL: To strengthen recreation programs and opportunities available to the residents and visitors of Munising Township.

Objectives:

- Continued maintenance of our existing parks, recreation areas and programs through the Township's General Fund as a primary means of promoting our quality of life and economic vitality.
- Develop and/or maintain certain specialized facilities that meet our unique needs; i.e., indoor winter facilities, outdoor winter facilities.
- Continued maintenance and improvements at the Township's three parks that meet a broad range of citizen interests and preferences.
- Avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities and services by working closely in the future with the school district, townships and the City of Munising.
- Encourage the continued development of a regional bike path/bike route system.

GOAL: To incorporate Universal Design into all Township facilities and programs.

Objectives:

- Implement the modification of existing park and recreation structures and/or the construction of new park, recreation and leisure facilities to insure accessibility to all citizens regardless of ability.
- Continue to work toward inclusionary programming of park and recreation activities.

- Educate and inform private providers of recreation services who use public facilities of their responsibility to provide inclusionary opportunities for persons of all ability levels.

5.1 Identified Recreation Needs and Recreation Development Schedule/Action Plan

Munising Township, through the recreation development schedule, planned a number of necessary and valuable recreation projects to enhance the quality of life for all demographic groups. The Township has also recognized the need for maintenance improvements to existing facilities.

Munising Township and APRD place accessibility and barrier free facilities and programs very high on all priority lists. All facilities owned and operated by Munising Township have documented accessibility. It is the policy of the Township and APRD to provide recreational opportunities to residents and visitors regardless of their age, sex, financial or physical abilities. All new construction will be subject to implementation of Universal Design concepts and measures. Engineering and architectural firms must comply with and exceed all ADA guidelines to receive contract consideration.

The recreation development schedule/action plan highlights the Township's top priorities as follows:

Table 5-1 Recreation Development Schedule/Action Plan, Munising Township	
Project Description	Approximate Cost and Potential Funding Sources
Repair and make preventive improvements to the flood damaged boardwalk at the Robert McQuisten Recreation Area.	Approximately \$115,000 MDNR Recreation Grants, Township, various grants
Universal design improvements at the Robert McQuisten Recreation Area Playground including upgrading the current play surface from wood chips to a unitary safety surface.	Cost unknown MDNR Recreation Grant, Township, fundraising, various grants
Develop a shaded area at the Robert McQuisten Recreation Area, including the planting of trees.	Cost unknown Various grant(s), Township, fundraising, timber industry donations
Develop a universal design play area at the Shingleton Community Playground.	Cost unknown MDNR Recreation Grant, Township, fundraising, various grants
Develop a walkway at Robert McQuisten Recreation Area between the boardwalk, pavilion, playground, basketball courts and baseball field that incorporates universal design requirements.	Cost unknown MDNR Recreation Grant, Township, fundraising, various grants
Develop a pickle ball court and universally designed pavilion and play area at Munising Township Hall, including ramps and transfers, unitary safety surface and a variety of toys and equipment.	Approximately \$75,000 MDNR Recreation Grant, Township, fundraising, various grants

Table 5-1
Recreation Development Schedule/Action Plan, Munising Township

Project Description	Approximate Cost and Potential Funding Sources
Develop motorized and non-motorized trails in Munising Township connecting with trail systems in neighboring communities, the region and State, including trailheads.	Approximately \$10,000 - \$200,000 MDNR Recreation Grant, Township, fundraising, various grants

APPENDIX A

MAPS

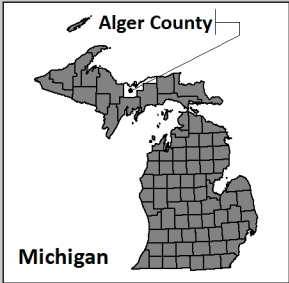
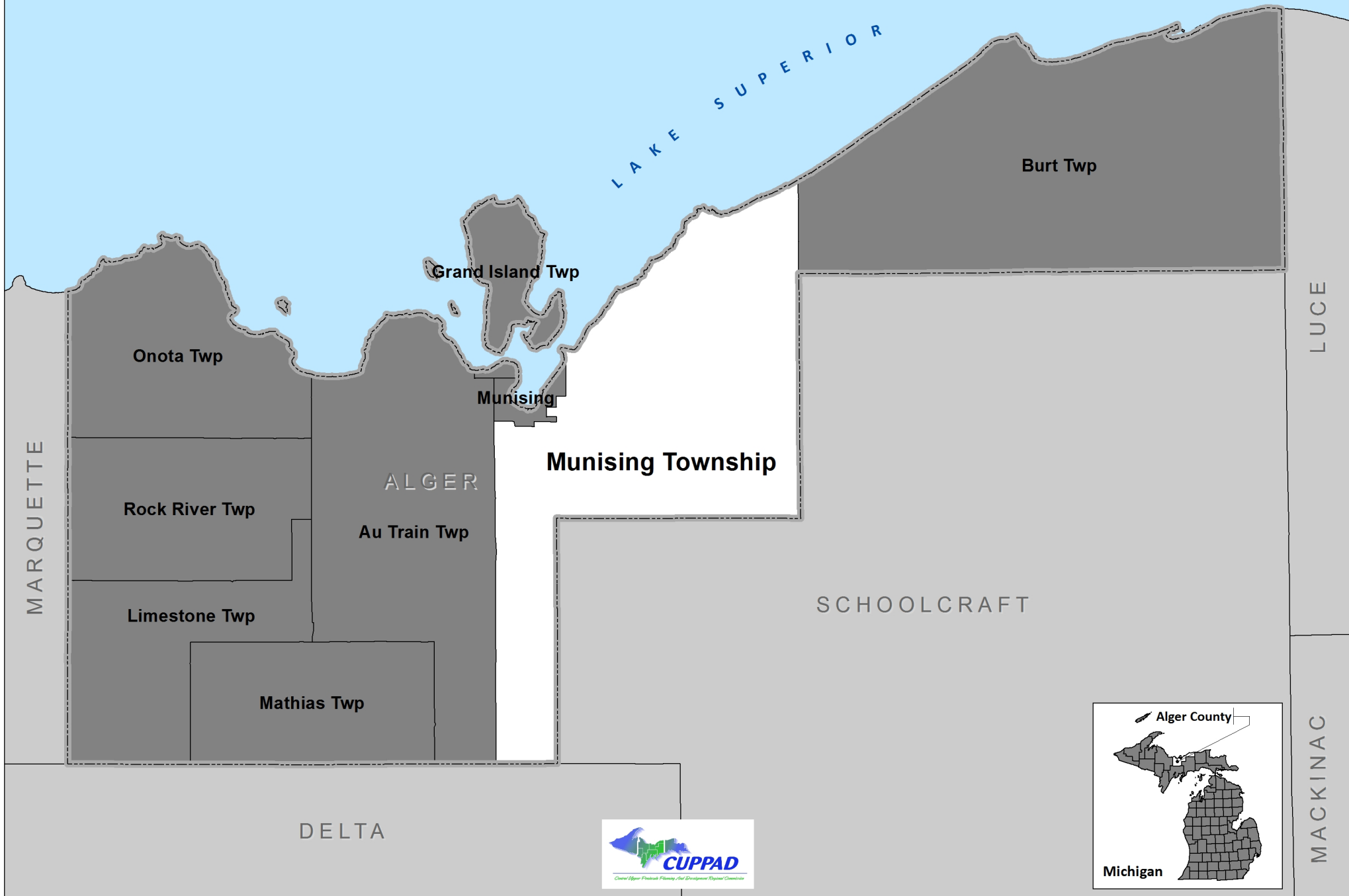
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PUBLIC INPUT

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RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

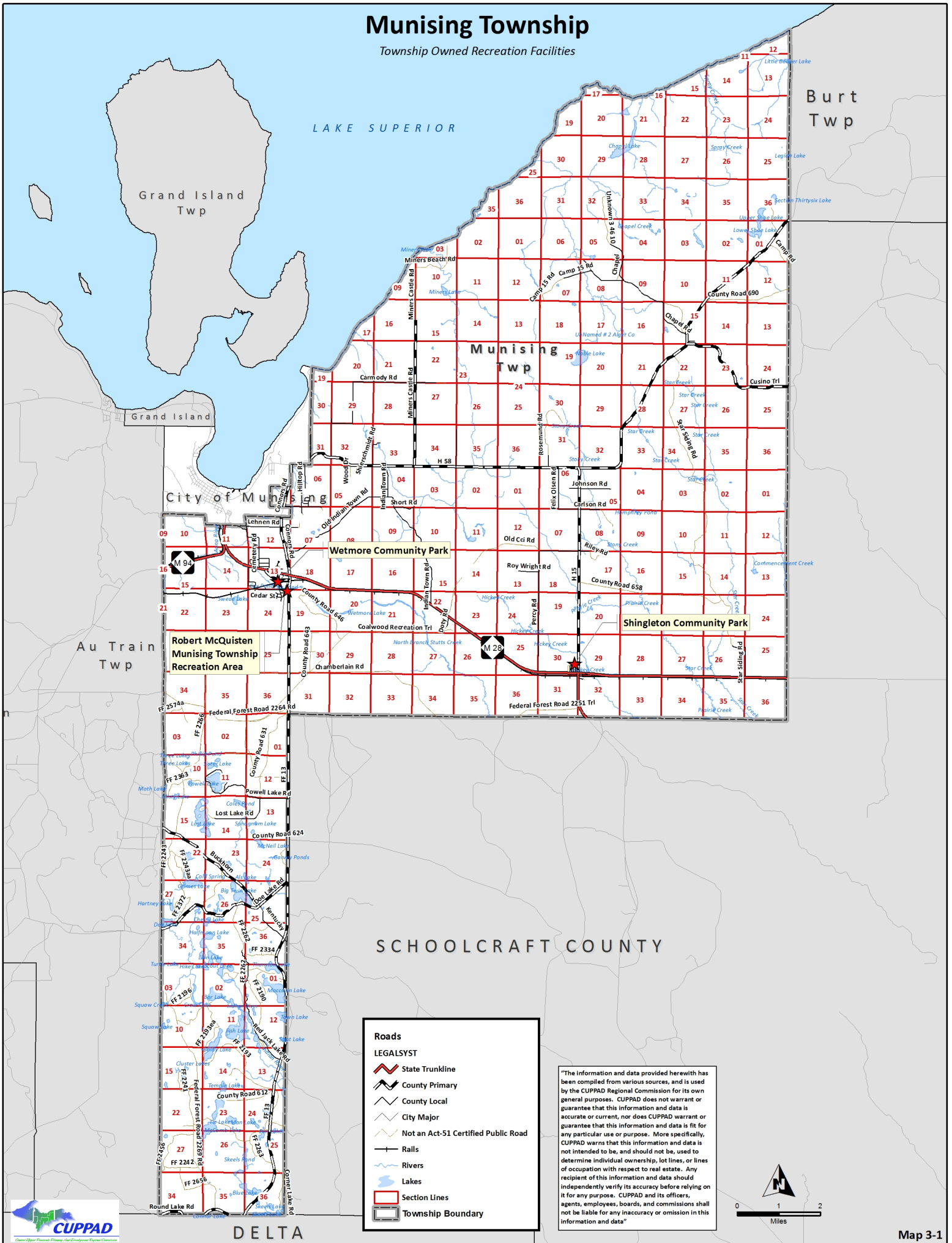
Munising Township
Alger County
Location Map

Map 1-1



Munising Township

Township Owned Recreation Facilities



Roads

LEGALSYST

- State Trunkline
- County Primary
- County Local
- City Major
- Not an Act-51 Certified Public Road
- Rails
- Rivers
- Lakes
- Section Lines
- Township Boundary

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Notice

MUNISING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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Written comments will be received during this review and comment period through January 30, 2019 and may be sent to: Munising Township Board, Recreation Plan, E9630 Prospect St., PO Box 190, Wetmore MI 49895 or emailed to muntwpsuper@jamadots.com.

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Lisa Howard, Supervisor
Munising Township

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Lisa Howard, Supervisor
Munising Township

Munising Township is updating their Recreation Plan and is looking for input. What type of recreation opportunities do you think we need to add or improve or update?

- As some one who drives to Marquette a lot in the summer for disc golf if we could find a spot to add even an 8 hole course would be really cool and get a decent amount of traffic
- Disc golf is a great idea! I'd also love to see an outdoor pickleball court. At MSU extension, we walk the Cox pond boardwalk almost every day in the summer. We'd love to see it back!
- Good idea, pickleball outdoor court
- Pickleball court sounds great!
- Is the county going to pay to repair the section closest to HWY 13 that they messed up when cleaning the culvert?
 - And suffocated every Brook trout downstream!!!! I agree on the county covering the cost of boardwalk, should have been smart enough to pump that top side down prior to pulling the cork
- Would love a pickle ball court!!! So many people want to try it, and you get addicted when you do!
- I don't know if this falls into this plan but 13 year old kids have no ball field to play on. Size requirements.
- I would love to see the playground area revitalized and updated with some new equipment or expanded. More picnic seating in that area. A splash pad would be a dream, but I know how expensive those are to maintain, build, and license.
 - That splash pad they have in St. Ignace is so cool!!!
 - Yes a splash pad would be amazing!
- Expand the park, add a playground. Picnic areas, skate park. The park is not nearly big enough, need more green space
- Pickle ball court
- Expand walking trails (not sure of park size/boundary). Even if they are gravel-based instead of the hard to maintain wood surface as used on the boardwalk. More green area is definitely appealing. Refreshing the park and adding some toddler-focused areas would be beneficial (much of the equipment is a bit too big/overwhelming for the younger toddlers (1-2 year olds).
- What about the beach volley ball court the APR received a grant for two years ago!
- Add a small disc golf course.
- A walking path around the perimeter with marking for each ¼ mile. boardwalk can get slippery.
- yes an out-door pickle ball court!
- I don't know how creative you want to get, but outdoor skating on the Bay downtown would be great. A cleared "river" path on the ice, like they have downtown Chicago. It's an alternative to a rectangle rink and a lot more fun.
- Also people have been talking about a dog park. Maybe that would come under the Recreation Plan.
- Make that a large disc golf course, or two – not only for locals, but a surprising number of tourists are stopping to play the local courses as they travel thru.
 - Yes to disc golf. For locals.

- Disc golf!
- Shuffleboard would be a fun addition to the park. A splash pad would be a dream! More picnic areas at the current parks. Some lower basketball hoops for younger kids. Rock climbing wall. Batting cages.

We received 2 emails, as follows

- I wanted to provide some feedback on the Munising Township Recreation Plan.

My family values the facilities at McQuisten. We use it in all seasons and my kids really enjoy the playground.

I'm hoping the boardwalk is maintained on the marsh and that repairs can be made to the playground.

Thank you for your consideration! Have a great day!

- Thank you for the effort put forth assessing the current demographics and recreational assets contained within the township. It is interesting to see the compilation of all the resources and entities involved within the township.

It concerns us that no mention of motorized recreational opportunities and facilities within the township were included in the assessment and future plan. The Hiawatha National Forest as well as private land owners within the township cooperate with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the local Alger Snowmobile and Off Road Vehicle Association to designate, mark, sign, maintain, and groom miles of designated trails within our township. In addition, many more miles of forest roads are open to the operation of vehicles. This allow year around access to local residents as well as visitors to access areas to ride, hunt, fish, bird watch, berry pick, etc. which to us is recreational.

While there are specific references to encouraging the future use of non-motorized recreational opportunities we would hope that motorized use would also hold value to the residents and visitors of our township. Without acknowledgement or inclusion of motorized recreation in this plan we are concerned that it will not have future consideration in plans or being purposely eliminated.

MUNISING TOWNSHIP AGENDA

LISA HOWARD, SUPERVISOR
PATTY WILLSON, CLERK – NICOLE GRAVES, TREASURER
SELINA BALKO, TRUSTEE – CARMON DECET, TRUSTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

January 30, 2019
7 pm

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE

Public Comment

A. Discuss Recreation Plan

Public Comment

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 4, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Munising Township Special Meeting Minutes
January 30th, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Supervisor—Lisa Howard, Clerk—Patty Willson, Treasurer—Nicole Graves, and Trustee—Carmon Decet. Board Members Absent: Trustee—Selina Balko. Also, present: Richard Smith from CUPPAD.

Supervisor Howard opened our January 30th, 2019 meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading us with the pledge.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

A. Discuss Recreation Plan—The board discussed the proposed 2019-2023 Township Recreation Plan. Based on public feedback the development of a tennis court was changed to a pickle ball court and motorized and trail-head language was added to the development of trail systems. A resolution was made by Supervisor Lisa Howard and supported by Trustee Carmon Decet to **adopt our five-year recreation plan with amendments. Roll call vote: Howard-yes, Willson-yes, Graves-yes, and Decet-yes. 4 yes, 0 nay, and 1 absent.** Howard declared the resolution passed.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting:

Our regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4th, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Office Complex.

Adjournment:

Moved Decet/seconded Willson, to adjourn. Carried. The meeting **adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Patty Willson, Clerk

Patty Willson, Clerk

Date

Lisa Howard, Supervisor

Date

At a special meeting of the **Munising Township Board** on January 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., the following motion was offered: Moved by Lisa Howard and seconded by Carmon Decet to adopt the following resolution:

APPENDIX :
RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN 2019-2023
For the Township of Munising
Alger County, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Township of Munising has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2019 through 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Munising Township Board began the process of developing a five-year recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Munising Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft five-year recreation plan for a period of at least 30 days beginning Wednesday, December 26, 2018 and continuing through Wednesday, January 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall, E9630 Prospect St., Wetmore, MI 49895 before the Township Board to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Munising Township Five-Year Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Munising Township Board has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the Township of Munising, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Munising hereby adopts the Munising Township Five-Year Recreation Plan 2019-2023. as amended

	Yeas:	Nays:	Absent:
Lisa Howard	X		
Patty Willson	X		
Nicole Graves	X		
Selina Balko			X
Carmon Decet	X		

I, Patty Willson, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Munising at a Special Meeting thereof held on the 30th day of January 2019.

<<Seal here, if a seal is available>>


(Signature)
Patty Willson



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Phone: 906-786-9234

January 31, 2019

Mr. Dotty LaJoye, Director
CUPPAD Regional Commission
2950 College Ave.
Escanaba, MI 49829

Dear Ms. LaJoye,

On behalf of Munising Township, enclosed please find a complete copy of their recently adopted recreation plan and certification checklist.

By copy of this letter, the recreation plan and associated paperwork is being submitted to the Alger County Board and MDNR Grants Management for their review and files.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Richard O. Smith
Community Planner

Enclosures

CC: Alger County Board
Lisa Howard, Supervisor, Munising Township
MDNR Grants Management