

**BOIS BLANC
TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION
MASTER PLAN
2019-2024**

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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN (2019-2024)

I. INTRODUCTION:

A good recreation plan is “a guide to future planning that takes into consideration the desires of the community it represents as well as practicality.” With this statement in mind, the Bois Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Committee, upholding our Mission and Vision statements, have put forth the following 5 year plan. The plan is designed to provide a structure and focus for P&R development while also remaining flexible and open to modifications. This 5 year plan is the first step to ensure future generation’s continual enjoyment of the many wonderful Natural aspects of Bois Blanc Island.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Bois Blanc Island Parks & Recreation Committee is to enhance the beauty and quality of life on Bois Blanc Island by providing recreational leisure facilities and activities, while preserving the natural environment as reflected by the community.

VISION STATEMENT: The vision of Bois Blanc Island is to have a healthy, thriving community in harmony with nature.

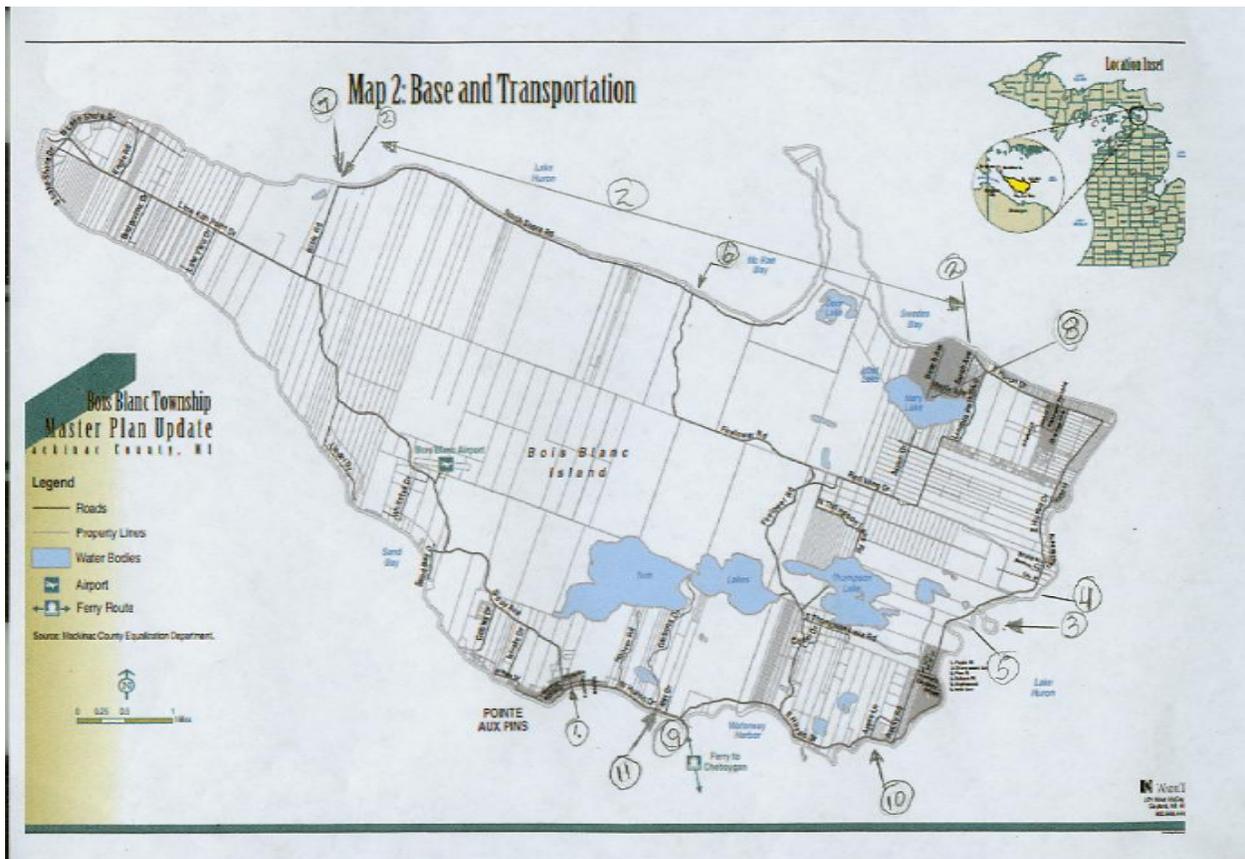
II. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

NATURAL FEATURES

Bois Blanc Island, synonymous with Bois Blanc Township, is part of Mackinac County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Uniquely placed in Lake Huron, 5 miles north of Cheboygan, MI and 5 miles east of the Mackinac Bridge, this island offers unparalleled opportunities to enjoy unspoiled natural beauty, abundant wildlife and magnificent views of the Straits of Mackinac.

The island township is approximately 12 miles long and 6 miles wide, encompasses 23,000 acres, nearly 35 miles of shoreline and consists of both private and state owned land. The island's geology, sitting on a limestone shelf which in most cases is covered with clay, sand and gravel, creates a wide variety of forest cover from swamp cedar to pines and hardwoods. Abounding with many natural resources, the island boasts 6 inland lakes and 3 conservancy/preserve areas offering opportunity for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, animal and bird viewing, and many other outdoor activities.

Bois Blanc Island has long been one of the most rustic and beautiful places in Northern Michigan. It is a place that attracts year-round residents as well as seasonal visitors. It offers a wonderful place for people to relax, play and enjoy nature.



Year round residents average 65 to 75 people, however summer residents can soar to 4000 on any given weekend. There are two churches on the island; The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration and the non-denominational Coast Guard Chapel.

Transportation to Bois Blanc Island is via private boat, chartered air service or commercial ferry service. Winter transportation is dependent on air service to and from the island. Transportation services can be scheduled with Great Lakes Air in St Ignace, MI. When weather permits, an ice bridge is marked across the South Channel of Lake Huron to Pries Landing in Cheboygan County. Transportation on the island are gravel roads and trails. Snowmobiles are often utilized in the winter.

There are limited businesses on the island. Contractors, Cleaning Services, a Real Estate office, 2 Bed and Breakfasts, Handyman Services, 1 Bar/Grill, 1 Restaurant/General Store and a variety of artists that display locally.

AREA DEVELOPMENT

The cultural features of Bois Blanc Island are simple in nature. There is a Fire Department, with a salaried Fire Chief, certified fire fighters and certified Emergency Medical Responders. The BBIFD works in conjunction with Mackinac County 911, and is part of a mutual assist program with the Fire Fighters of Mackinac and Chippewa Counties. They are also associated with Northern Michigan Medical Control Center and have an agreement with North Flight for when emergency evacuation is required. AED's and Bleed Kits and available for emergency use at multiple locations throughout the island.

The Transfer Station is located by the Township Marina to service trash removal from the island.

The Post Office, built in 1994 is operated by the United States Postal Service. Contracted delivery service is provided via boat or air depending on the time of the year.

A medical clinic, in conjunction with Straits Area Hospital, provides for a nurse practitioner one day a week and blood draws on an as needed basis.

Our Library and Historical Museum is small, but has high usage in the summer months and has helped build and stock "book lending kiosks" throughout the island. It hosts a children's weekly reading event in July & August and a community ice cream social every summer.

The Bois Blanc Township Marina currently has two slips for commercial use with hydraulic lift ramps and 19 seasonal slips for private use that are leased on an annual basis. There are also a limited number of transient slips which are rented on a daily basis. The ferry runs between Cheboygan, MI and Bois Blanc Island transporting passengers and cargo. Scheduled ferry service is provided May through November with pre and post season runs scheduled weather permitting at the Captains discretion. Ferry service at this time is limited to one commercial operator.

The Bois Blanc Island Airport is a 3500' paved runway with a terminal building that is maintained year round. It operates with a 5 year AIP (Airport Improvement Plan) to meet federal airport standards and is funded by voted millage. The airport is host to both commercial and privately owned and operated traffic. Privately owned hangers are connected by a taxiway to the airport.

The Bois Blanc Pines School is a part of Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District and is a pre-K through grade 8 one room school house. Presently there are 2 students enrolled.

The Woodland Glades Cemetery, established in the 1970's, is unique because it maintains the natural characteristics of the land.

III Administrative Structure

The care and development of recreational sites on Bois Blanc Island is handled by the Parks and Recreation Committee in conjunction with the Bois Blanc Township Board. Created by Township Ordinance in 2017, the Parks & Recreation Committee oversees the planning and maintenance of public parks and recreational facilities and activities. Guided by public input, recommendations to the Bois Blanc Township Board are presented for approval and action. All final decisions are rendered by vote of the board. Sub committees are created under Parks & Rec. and utilized for programming and project development, involving other organizations and community volunteers as needed.

Parks and Recreation is part of the General Budget and is currently not funded by a designated mileage. Project funding may come from various sources, such as grants, private donations, specific fund raising efforts etc. Parks & Recreation works in conjunction with local and regional organizations as well, such as other township boards and commissions, the Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation, the Bois Blanc Island Association, the Bois Blanc Island Wildlife Association and Little Traverse Conservatory.

IV Recreational Inventory

- Docks: The Township Dock provides boat launch and safe haven for transient boats as well as dockage for local boats. Vault toilet rest rooms and an information/inclement weather building are provided as well as picnic tables for boaters. The dock itself is barrier free. A boat launch is also available at the Pines Association Beach Park & Dock.
- There are very limited sandy beaches on the island. One location is on the Northwest side of the island. (Bible Road/N. Shore Rd) It is State owned and widely used.
- There are six inland lakes on Bois Blanc Island. Only four are reasonably accessible. Each has one or more access points. Lake Mary has a boat launch at the end of the county road. There is also a public fishing dock at Lake Mary Park. Lake Thompson has a new floating dock for fishing right next to the boat launch area. Echo Lake and Duncan Lake, commonly referred to as "Twin

Lakes” is connected by a channel known as “the narrows”. There is a boat launch access on the east end of the lake, but it is very shallow. Canoes and Kayaks will easily launch.

- There are two community buildings. The Hoover Building, owned and operated by the Episcopal Church is used for meetings and community gatherings. The Township Building is host to meetings, parties, summer square dancing, exercise, etc. in the Wagner Room. This room is also available for rent for receptions, memorials and family gatherings.

- The Pines District School has a playground area for use by all children on the island.

- There are a few designated roadside parks and nature trails available on the island. Gibson Park, a small area adjacent to and owned by The Pines School District is utilized for nature walks. The Michigan Nature Conservancy Trail @ Snake Island and the Michigan Nature Conservancy Trail @ Erie St. provide other opportunities for hiking. North Shore Drive (Rogers Corner to Bible Rd) is partly designated as scenic highway, but is better accessed by bicycle, ATV or on foot rather than a vehicle. It’s even been known to sport a horseback rider from time to time. Bois Blanc Township has a desire to develop more small pocket parks; small park areas adjacent to the main road where people can easily stop to rest, picnic and enjoy the scenery. A picnic table with handicap accessibility has been added to the West side of the Marina where access to Lake Huron is acceptable for viewing and swimming. Swimming is NOT allowed within the marina. There are picnic tables at the Lake Mary dock as well as the new Lake Thompson dock and at the airport.

- Bois Blanc Island has many camping enthusiasts visit each year. Available facilities are as follows:
 - Lake Mary – Two primitive sites. Picnic tables, garbage receptacles, fire rings, hand pump and a vault toilet.
 - Thompson and Twin Lakes boat launch areas – Dispersed camping at both sites. Fire pit areas with fire buckets on site. No facilities.
 - North Shore (Bible Road) – Dispersed camping only. No facilities. Fire buckets on site.
 - Airport – One primitive site. Picnic tables, fire ring, hand pump and vault toilet available. Fire bucket on site.
 - State Forest Land – Dispersed camping only. No facilities. Pack in/pack out only.

- There are two eating establishments on the island. Hawk’s Landing and Boblo Tavern.

- Hunting and fishing are recreational activities that are enjoyed by residents and non-residents on a year round basis. Bois Blanc Island currently works with the DNR in a fish stocking program. Bass, Perch, Pike, Walleye and pan fish are enjoyed. Deer hunting is an annual event by many as well as small game hunting.
- ATV's in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter are popular recreational activities. No purposely developed trails are maintained on the island. However, many randomly developed, unmarked and non-approved trails on State ground exist.

(For additional information see addendum A)

V Description of the Planning & Public Input Process

In the past, The Parks & Recreation Committee was a temporary committee, under the Planning Commission whose purpose was to create and register with the DNR a 5 year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This plan should/is:

- Reflect the needs and desires of the Community
- Fit into the Township's Master Plan
- Have the full support of the Township Board
- Serve as a blueprint for P&R development
- Required to be able to apply for any grants

Our goal in updating the plan, was to gain "BIG PICTURE" objectives in order to better shape the smaller projects of the Master Plan as we put it together. Our quest began with a Community Workshop in late 2016 where general information was collected from those who participated. This information helped us to create a short survey (attached- see addendum B) that was mailed to ALL Bois Blanc Township property owners (+/- 1000) the end of July with a request to have them returned by Aug 31, 2017.

Why only to the property owners? They pay the taxes and would inevitably be a large share of the funding for anything Parks & Recreation would pursue. We did have some forms available at some of the Parks & Recreation events that summer as well, but our primary objective was to see what the owners want.

Why mail when it is so easy to use electronic means like "Survey Monkey"? Many of our property owners may be elderly and not be comfortable with the internet. It was felt the "best" way to make sure they had an opportunity to respond was to reach out via mail. Our overall response rate was (+/-) 30%.

What Did We Glean From the Results?

Of the 318 property owners that responded:

- 61% owned homes here while 39% were property owners only
 - 7.2% were year round residents, 38.5% considered themselves “summer residents”, 48.3% were “occasional visitors” and 6% had never been here, but still felt compelled to respond.
 - 70% of those who responded were in the 51-75 age range.
 - 17.6% have only owned property here 0-10 years, 17.9% have owned 10-20 years and 64.4% have owned 20+ years.
 - 71% of households are 1-4 people
 - We have a long generational history of people visiting the island. Average years were 38. Considering we know many who have been coming “all their lives” and 70% of the respondents were 51-75, this just confirms the multi generations reflected.
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- ✓ So whatever we do, it will need to keep in mind that we serve multiple age brackets.
 - ✓ Those with a place to stay and those that may plan a more rustic experience.
 - ✓ Though some families have been coming here “forever” and properties have been put in trusts and passed down to other generations, there are also a fair amount of “newer” property owners to the island that do not share the history of others.
 - ✓ When we speak of preservation, we are not just talking about resources, but also of experience. We want children/grandchildren to be able to share in some of the experiences we remember from our youth.

On October 28, 2017_a public hearing was held at the Bois Blanc Township Hall to share the results of the survey taken and to answer questions and gather any additional information from the public.

*Public hearing documents attached as addendum C

VI Goals & Objectives

1. Recreation: Provide a wide spectrum of recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.
 - a. Develop roadside parks and picnic areas
 - b. Provide community programming such as nature talks, guided hikes, community picnics and campfires
 - c. Partner with and promote wildlife management organization activities.
2. Educational/Conservation: Promote conservation through enrichment and education to our island community and visitors of our island.
 - a. Educate the community through informational brochures

- b. Establish informational signage at our inland lakes
 - c. Partner with other island conservation organizations for conservation and clean-up projects
- 3. Natural Areas: We are committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the island's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.
 - a. Strive to protect existing natural and cultural resources, identifying areas for viewing of flora and fauna
 - b. Ensure sustainable recreation use and enjoyment
 - c. Build, improve and enable strong relationships and partnerships with other island organizations and committees
 - d. Foster effective business practices and good governance of existing natural areas and future purchases for long term public enjoyment
- 4. Beaches: Protecting and preserving our natural beaches along with educating the public as to how to care for them.
 - a. Provide a township owned beach area for public use
 - b. Create a team of volunteers to assist in clean up and maintenance of beaches, both private and public when requested
 - c. Planning for future sanitation options where public beach access exists
- 5. Camping: Help facilitate areas for safe camping experiences.
 - a. Develop a registration process to identify where campers are located
 - b. Provide amenities such as a porta john, fire circles, trash receptacles and picnic tables where possible
 - c. Continually work towards identifying other areas for camping on the island
- 6. Look for opportunities for land acquisitions to increase the public access inventory.
 - a. Developing, trading or selling of existing public owned lands.
 - b. Partnering with or entering into land use agreements with DNR
 - c. Purchasing of additional lands that meet our development goals for public access.

7. VII Action Plan

Bois Blanc Island is attempting to improve their current recreational facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. Funding for all projects are, and will be from a variety of sources, including federal and state grants, local foundation and association bequests, local donations from private citizens, fees collected from facility usage, fund raisers and volunteer assistance from the local public.

All opportunities presented will be compared back to our overall P&R plan as well as the results of the public survey for consideration before actions are taken. When appropriate, a plan for purchase, development, maintenance and funding will be submitted to the Bois Blanc Township Board in detail for overall management and support.

Sub-committees, under the Parks & Recreation committee, will be developed as needed involving community volunteers to serve in a short term capacity to help facilitate any given project.

Individuals with experience in grant writing will be sourced to help with the application processes when required.

8. **VIII Adoption**

Notice was placed both locally and in the Cheboygan Tribune on December 19th, 2018 that the proposed Parks & Recreation 5 year plan for Bois Blanc Township was available for public review. We had one request for documents with no feedback or suggestions.

On January 18th, 2019 the Township Board met during a public meeting where the Bois Blanc Township Parks & Recreation Committee submitted the plan to the Township Board for final approval.

The 5 year Master Plan was adopted by Township Board resolution 2019-001.

Ayes: Anne Kennedy, Louise Sullivan, Tom Wybranowski, Diane Akright

Absent: Brent Sharpe

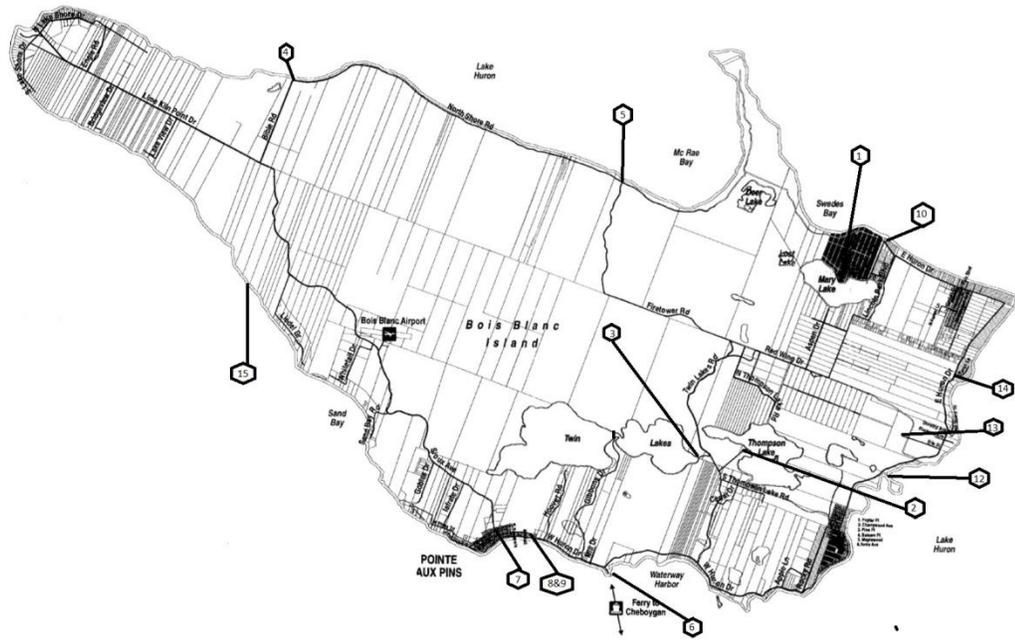
Nays: None

**See Addendum D for all postings and minutes.

BBI 5 yr Parks & Recreation - Addendum A

	Mapping #	Managed By:	GPS Coordinates	Handicap Accessible	Picnic Tables	Bathrooms	Water	Camping	Fishing	Swimming	Boating	Self Guided Tour	ATV/UTV Accessible
Facility Name													
Lake Mary	1	DNR & BB Twp	45.77481-84.39759	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Lake Thompson	2	DNR & BB Twp	45.74713-84.41920	X	X				X		X		X
Twin Lakes	3	DNR & BB Twp	45.74575-84.42997						X		X		
Northshore @ Bible Rd	4	DNR	45.80257-84.50335					X		X			X
Northshore @ Fire Tower Rd	5	DNR	45.79398-84.45619					X	X	X	X		X
Township Dock	6	BB Twp	45.72768-84.45266	X	X	X	X		X		X		X
Parks													
Gibson Park	7	Pines School	45.73478-84.47883									X	
Activities													
Museum/Library	8	BBI Historical	45.73296-84.47083			X						X	X

Historical Society	9	Society	Same				X					X	X
Trails													
North Shore Drive	10	DNR	45.78052-84.38758					X				X	X
Michigan Nature Conservancy Trail	11	MI Nature Assoc	45.74346-84.38602					X				X	
MI Nature Assoc Nature Sanctuary (Snake Island)	12	MI Nature Assoc & DNR	45.74346-84.38602									X	
MI Nature Assoc Trail (at Erie Street)	13	MI Nature Assoc & DNR	45.74962-84.38240									X	X
Vosper Preserve	14	Little Traverse Conservancy	45.75603-84.37193									X	
Martin & Reinhardt Jahn Preserve	15	Little Traverse Conservancy	45.78337-84.52906									X	
Lake Mary	Lake Mary is a 120-acre natural lake located in the northeast corner of BBI. Includes fishing dock, picnic tables, boat launch area and 2 rustic camp sites.												
Lake Thompson	Lake Thompson is 281-acre natural lake located in the eastern portion of BBI. Includes fishing dock, picnic tables and boat launch area.												
Twin Lakes	A pair of natural lakes connected by a "narrows" channel, located in the south central portion of BBI. Totalling 680-acres in size, this lake offers a very shallow boat launch on the Eastern end of the lake.												
North Shore @ Bible Rd	Located on NW shore of the island with 4 dispersed camping areas and 1000 ft of Lake Huron frontage. The narrow road from Bible Rd to Fire Tower Rd is designated Michigan scenic hwy.												
Township Dock	A public marina with a boat launch, transient and leased slips and two ferry landing ramps.												
Gibson Park	A public park donated to The Pines School for educational and self guided tours.												
Museum/Library	A fine display of local history and artifacts as well as a public library with a wide variety of books.												
North Shore Drive	6.5 Miles of trail along the Northern coast of Bois Blanc Island.												
MI Nature Assoc Trail (S Huron Dr.)	Nature Sanctuary is 234 acres of island habitat contiguous with 480 acres DNR land that includes protected shoreline on Lake Huron, two inland lakes, and extensive wetlands.												
MI Nature Assoc Trail (Snake Island)													
MI Nature Assoc Trail (Erie Street)													
Vosper Preserve	114 Acres of wooded area including 630 ft of water frontage on Lake Huron.												
Jahn Preserve	165 Acres of wooded area including 1350 ft of water frontage on Lake Huron.												



Bois Blanc Island Parks and Recreation Survey 2017

The BBI Parks and Recreation Committee is gathering information from all the island tax payers as to what your ideas are for our committee. Please fill out this survey and return it to us no later than August 31, 2017. We appreciate your time and input. *SURVEYS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL OR MAILED TO: BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION, PO BOX 898, POINTE AUX PINS, MI 49775

Please circle your answers for the following questions.

1. Are you a: year round resident, summer resident or visit the island occasionally?
2. Do you: own a home on the island, own a rental a house or only own property?
3. How long have you owned property on the island? 0-10 years, 11-20 years, or more than 20 years.
4. What is your age range: 0-18 years, 19-30 years, 31-50 years, 51-75 years or over 76 years?
5. How many people are in your immediate family: 1-4 people; 5-10 people or more than 10?
6. How long have you been coming to the island? _____years.

Please rank the following questions for land use as follows: 3=very important; 2=somewhat important; or 1=not important.

1. Hiking/biking/cross country skiing _____
2. Canoe/kayak/Seadoo/boating_____
3. Fishing_____
4. Hunting_____
5. ATV/snowmobiling_____
6. Camping_____
7. Beaches/swimming_____
8. Roadside picnic areas_____

Please rank the following for activities as follows: 3=very important; 2=somewhat important; or 1=not important.

1. Water related activities _____
2. Activities for children _____
3. Activities for adults _____
4. Programs or Presentations _____
5. Guided hikes/tours _____
6. Historical events _____
7. Community events such as Farmer's Market, Adult Mixers, or socials _____
8. Art programs _____

Please tell us your interest in the following natural resource areas: 3=very interested; 2=somewhat interested; 1=not interested at all.

1. Conservation of land____
2. Protection of flora and fauna____
3. Water/lake/beach conservation____
4. Protection of wildlife____
5. Invasive species eradication____
6. Dark sky preserve____

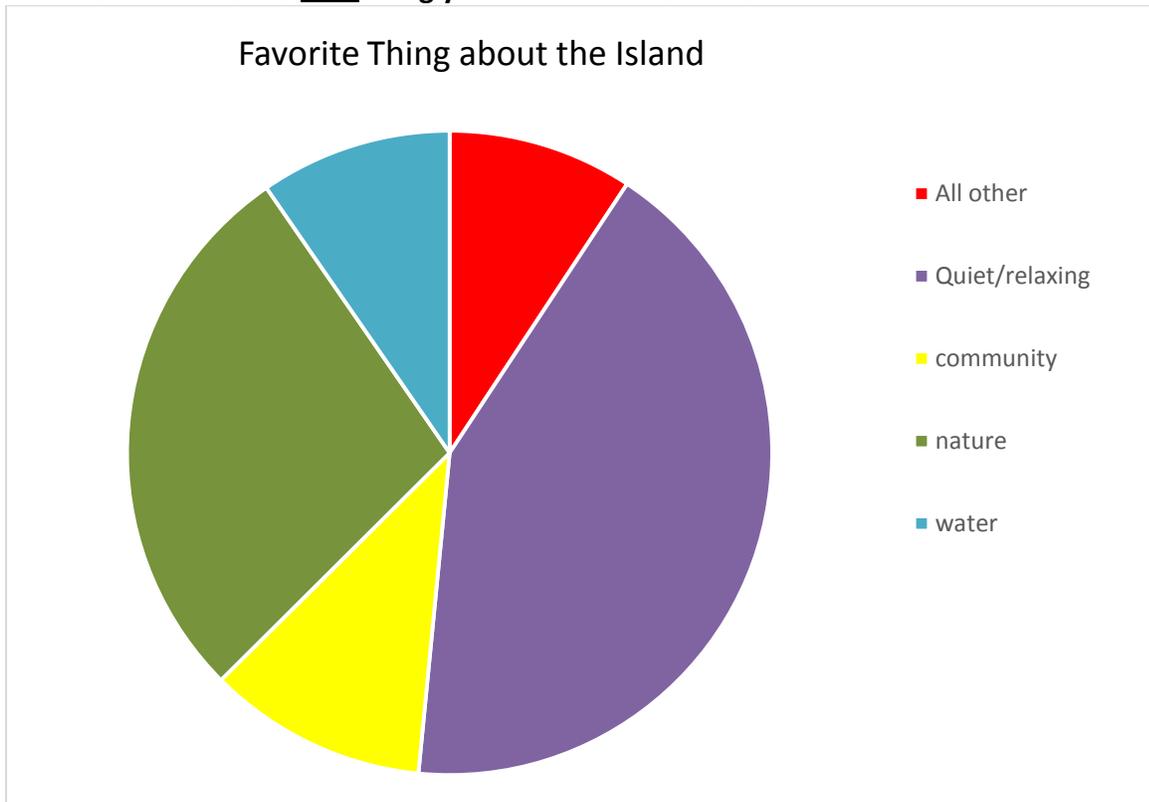
Please identify the **ONE** thing you like most about the island.

Please identify the **ONE** area you would most like to see the Parks and Recreation Committee invest their time in/on.

THANK-YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME!

PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY
RESULTS PUBLIC HEARING
10/28/17

***WE ASK: What is the ONE thing you like most about the island?**



The question regarding what you like most about the island in many cases could not be answered by just ONE thing. That being the case, we took into consideration the “multiple” answers. What one “likes” most can tell a little about what one “values” most and should be considered in regard to any future township planning.

1. Peace and Quiet (Relaxing Environment)
2. Nature (and it’s beauty)
3. The Community
4. Water

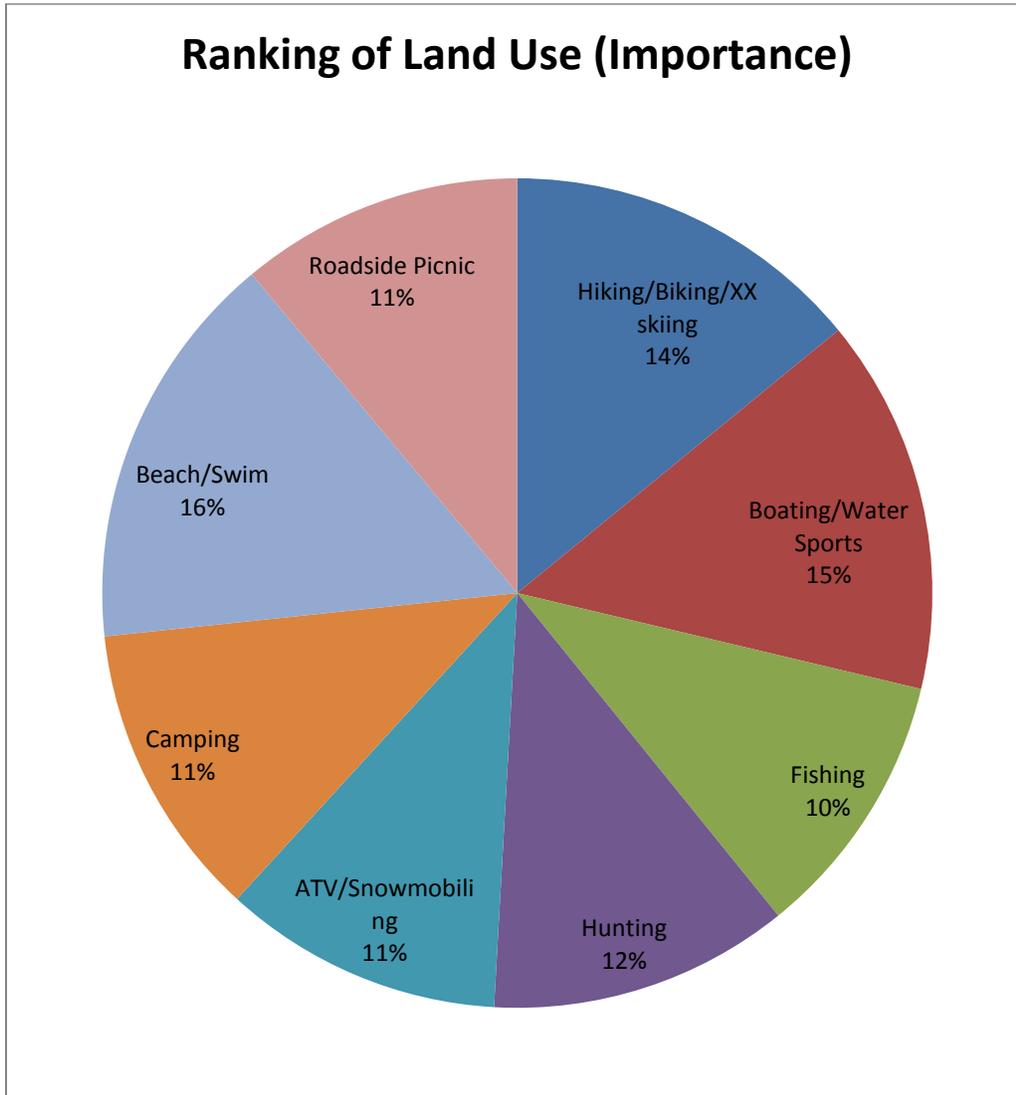
Loosely interpreted: A less developed, slower paced community with a high priority/respect for natural resources (their enjoyment, use and conservation) defines us.

Comments like:

“Community Spirit”, “Intergenerational connections and extended island family”, “non-commercialized”, “Meeting people from different places”, “Peacefulness and friendliness”,

“We can choose to be on our own land for peaceful times or choose to be social with great people in many ways or settings.” “The people, the church, the water, the sports, inland lakes (fishing), boating, wild flowers, the whole experience.”

So.....How do People Enjoy the Island and where should P&R Priorities be?



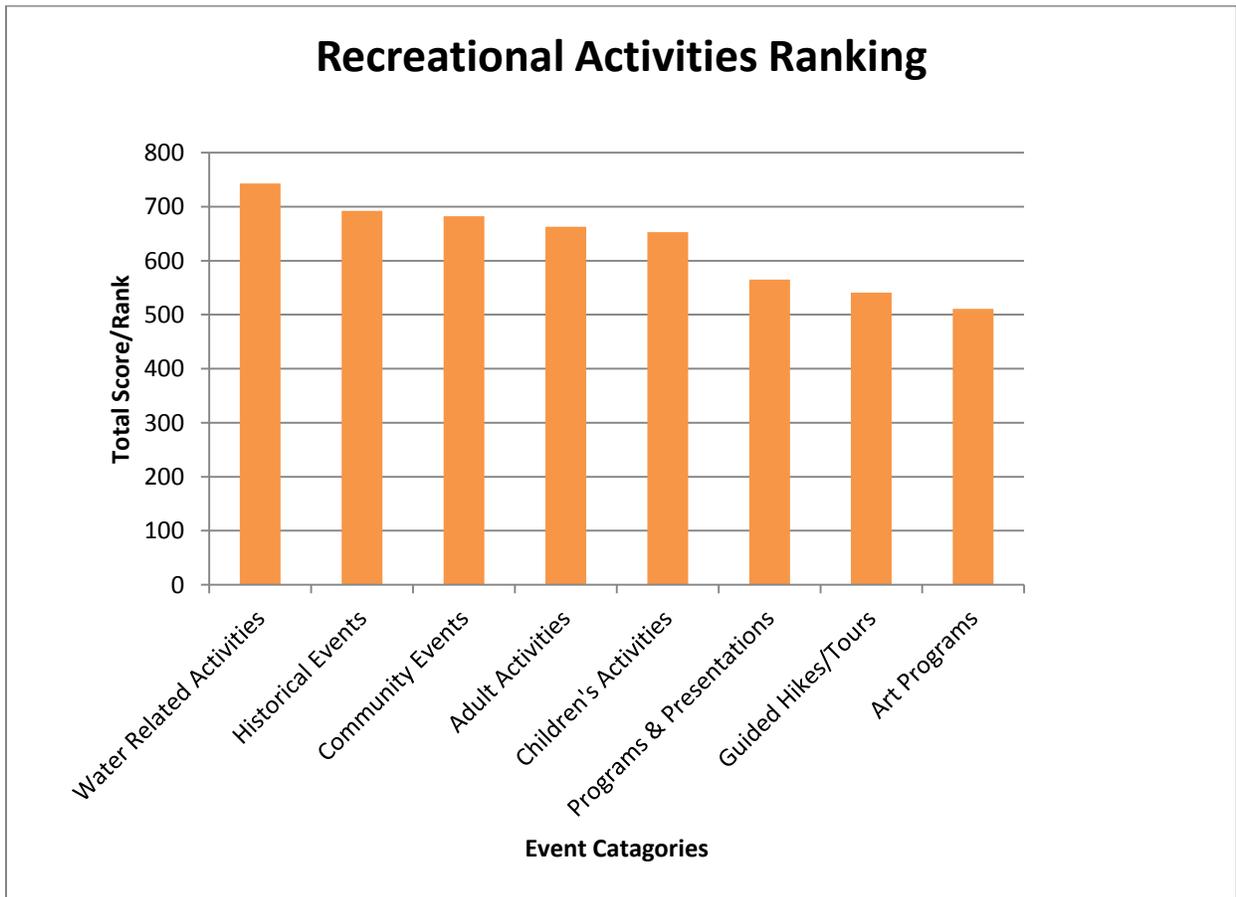
Most people enjoy Bois Blanc in multiple ways. Respondents were asked to rank each type of use by its importance to them.

(3 very important, 2 somewhat important or 1 not important)

All numbers assigned were summed to find a ranking.

***Though water activities ranked highest, there is little difference so we need to make sure we developed a wide range of opportunities.**

How about Program and Enrichment Activities?



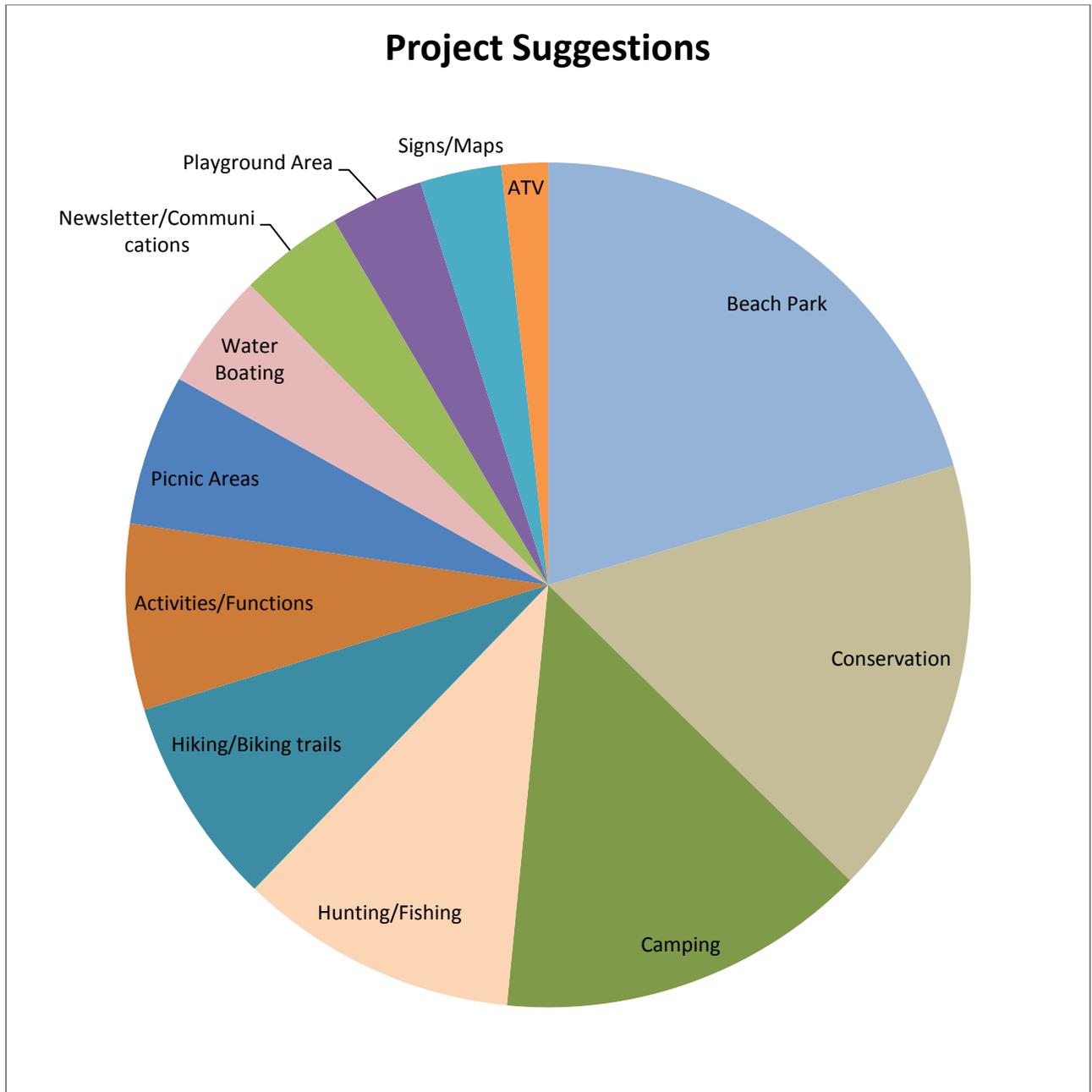
Respondents were asked to rank each type of activity by its importance to them. (3 very important, 2 somewhat important, 1 not important)

All numbers assigned were summed to find a ranking.

Resulting in the highest ranked activity being “water related activities” and the lowest ranked being “art programs”.

***Though the rankings seem close, it does give some directive as to priorities and levels of interest.**

Then we asked for Project Suggestions.....

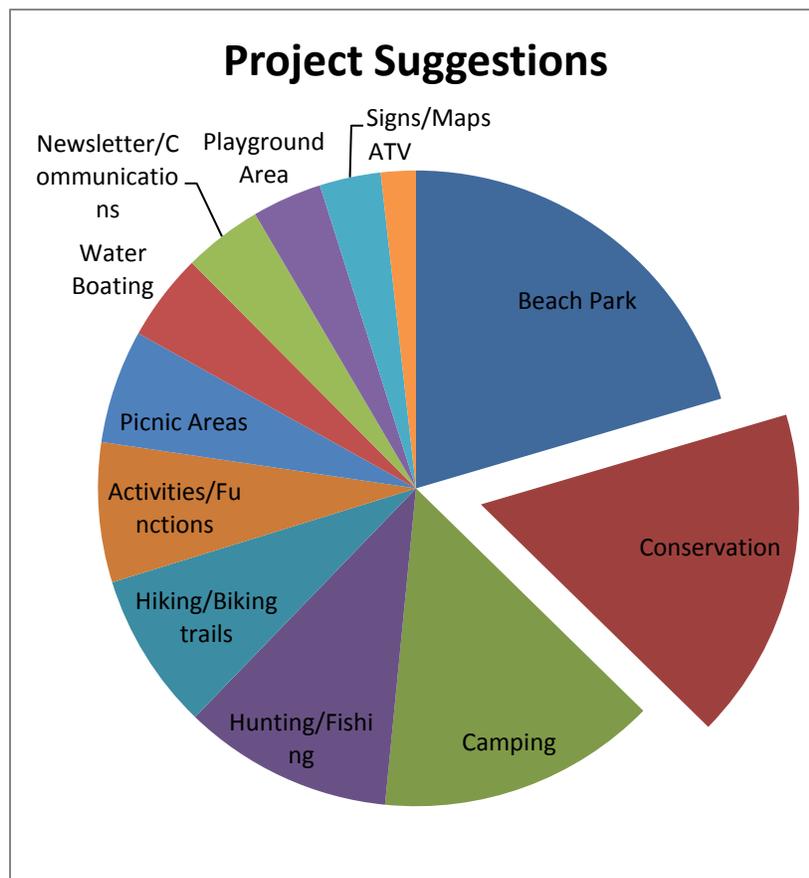


CONSERVATION

NOTE: ALL forms of conservation were seen as important and should be taken into consideration with everything we do.

Using the same ranking as above, the results from our question was as follows:

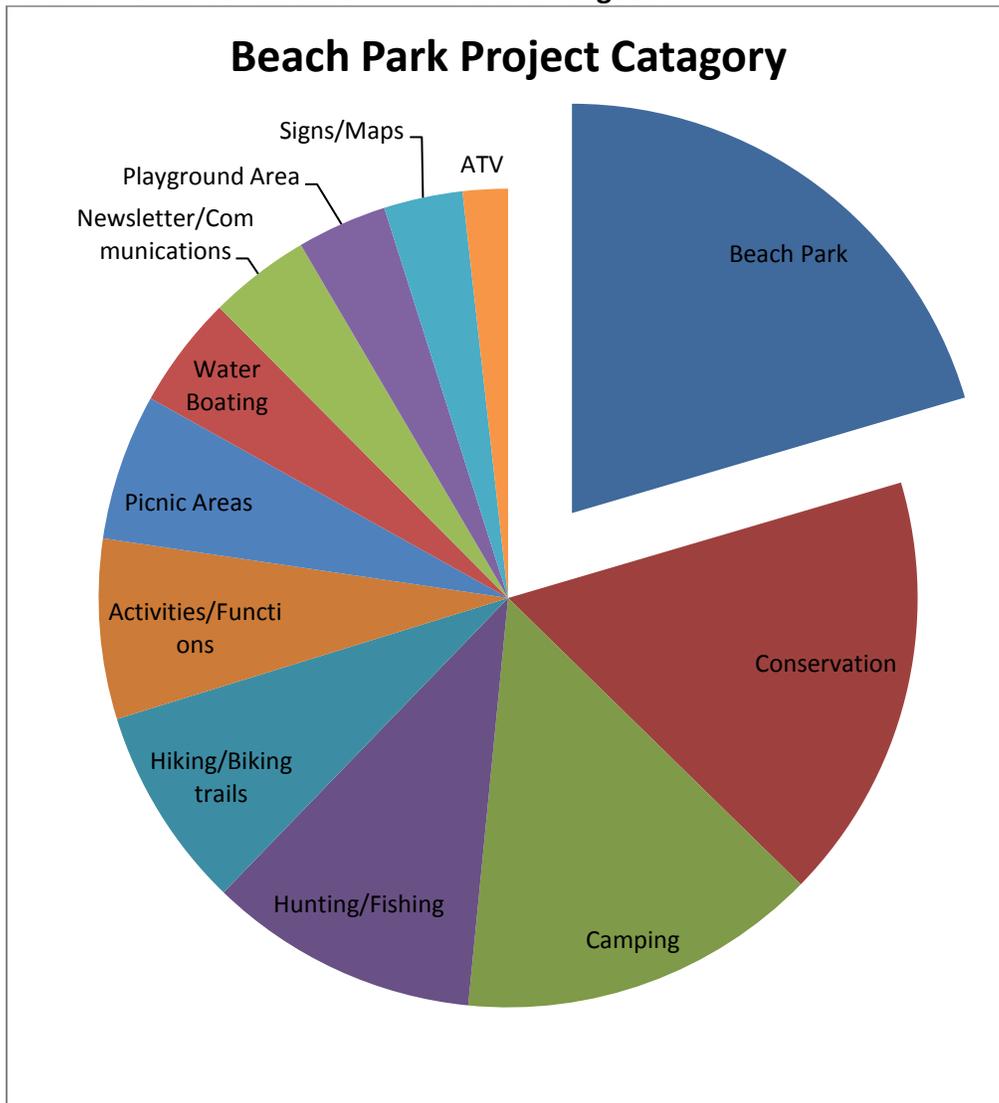
1. Water/Lake/Beach – 849
2. Wildlife – 824
3. Land – 821
4. Invasive Species Eradication – 766
5. Protection of Flora/Fauna – 759
6. Dark Sky – 565



38 Projects recommended were Conservation related.

- Land Conservation
- Beach Preservation/Conservation
- Creating Natural Recreation Areas
- Habitat Restoration

- Invasive Species Eradication
- Natural Resource Education.....and the list goes on.



There were 46 Total Responses in this area.

**** 24 = fix the Pines Dock**

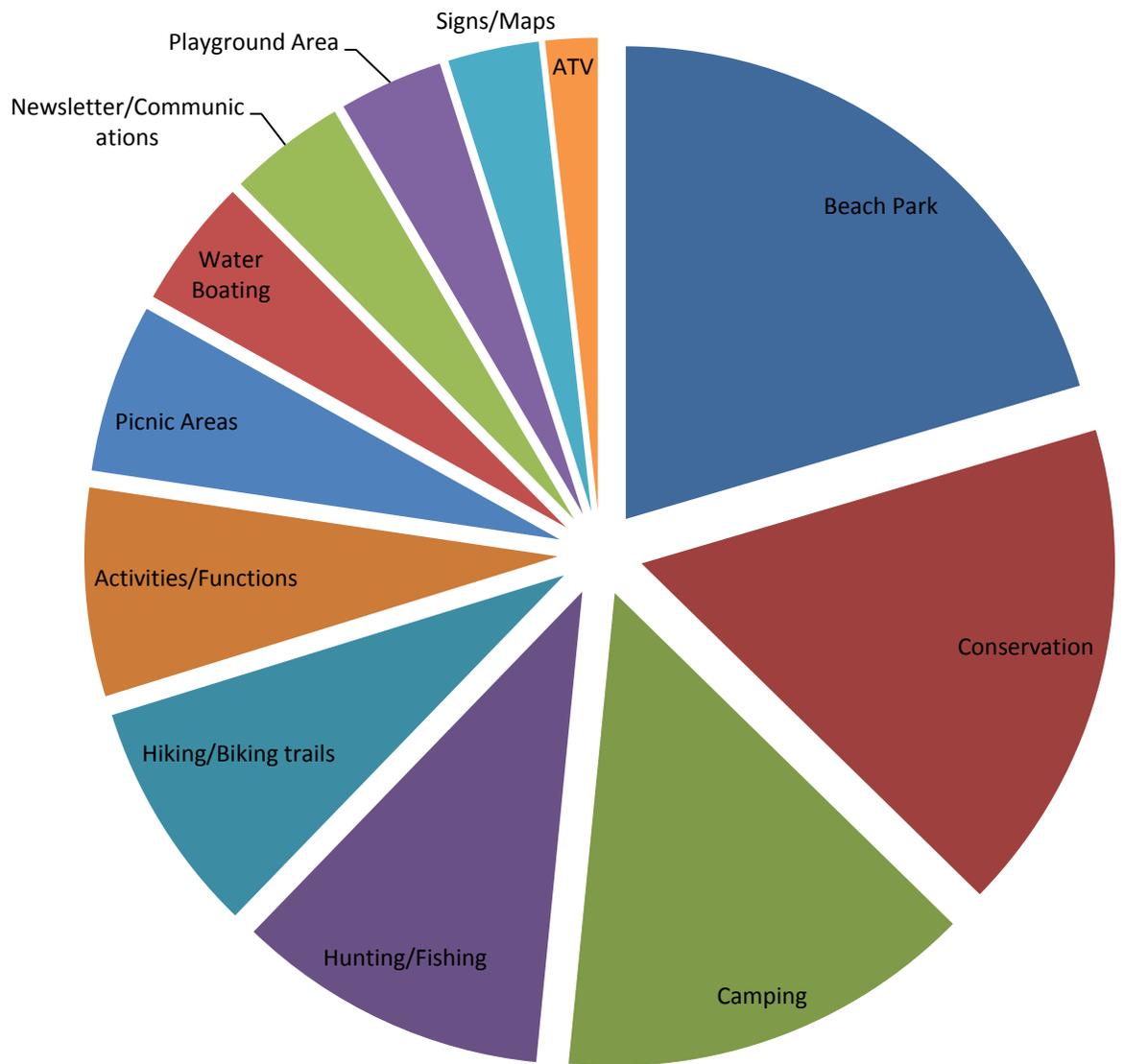
****19 = Secure public access to Beaches**

- For Swimming
- For Sunning
- With picnic areas
- For quiet activities

****2 = Beach Improvements**

****1 = Clean & Maintain**

Camping Projects Catagory



32 Responses had to do with Camping. (6 were specific to the North Shore)

- **Expanding Campgrounds (development) (17)**
- **Camping Facilities (15)**
 - Restrooms/Port-a-johns
 - Showers
 - Trash Receptacles
 - Electric Hook-ups
- **Camper Regulations (6)**
 - Check ins/outs - registration
 - Designated sites
 - Patrolling/Monitoring

ADDITIONAL PROJECT AREAS/SUGGESTIONS

Hunting & Fishing (24 responses)

- *Public Fishing Access (docks/piers) 15
- *Fish Stocking 8
- *Improve road to Lake Mary Dock
- *Protect Inland Lake Fishing
- *Restock Wildlife/Turkey
- * Improve Deer Populations
- *Purchase the Narrows on Twin Lake
- *Improved boat launches 3

Hiking/Biking trails (18 responses)

- *Development of Trails (biking)
- *Development of Trails (hiking)
- *Clearing/Upkeep of existing trails
- *Signage/Maps for existing trails

Activities/Functions (16 responses)

- *Community Picnic
- *Guided hikes/tours
- *Historical events
- *Sailing competitions
- *Involve Youth and Adults in activities
- *Children's activities
- *Activities for families

Much of the information collected shows where we can have cross-over appeal. Maybe we can give a guided hike that also points out Invasive species and discusses ways in which we can practice Conservation efforts.

This is a good start and as we work together as a community we can develop an on-going Parks & Recreation plan to benefit the people of Bois Blanc Island for years to come. Making memories while enjoying our unique part of the world is what we wish to help everyone accomplish.

NOTICE

The Bois Blanc Township 2019-2022 Recreation Plan is out for review.

The documents will be able to be reviewed from Dec 19, 2018 to Jan 18, 2019 at the township offices between 10:am & 3:pm Monday thru Thursday. Printed plans will be available at the township hall or can be e-mailed upon request to bbiclerk@tds.net. Please submit comments in one of the following ways:

- At the township hall (a comment box will be posted)
- By e-mail to bbiclerk@tds.net or annekennedy@tds.net
- By mail to:

Bois Blanc Township
Attn: Parks & Recreation
PO Box 898
Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775

A public meeting to discuss the Recreation Plan is scheduled for 4:30 January 18th, 2019 at the Bois Blanc Township Offices, 431 Sioux Ave, Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775.

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- ✓By e-mail to bbiclerk@tds.net or annekennedy@tds.net
- ✓By mail to:
Bois Blanc Township
Attn: Parks & Recreation
PO Box 898
Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775

A public meeting to discuss the Recreation Plan is scheduled for 4:30 January 18th, 2019 at the Bois Blanc Township Offices, 431 Sioux Ave, Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775.

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NOTICE

Special and Regular Meetings of the Bois Blanc Township Board

January 18, 2019

4:30 p.m. (Special Meeting) and

5:00 p.m. (Regular Meeting)

Township Hall

The Bois Blanc Township Board will be holding a special meeting on January 18, 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Bois Blanc Township offices located at 431 Sioux Avenue, Pointe aux Pins, Michigan 49775. At the special meeting, the Township Board will discuss, deliberate and possibly take final action regarding the Bois Blanc Township 2019–2023 Parks and Recreation Plan.

Thereafter, the Township Board will then hold its regular January 18, 2019 meeting at the Township Hall at 5:00 p.m. Among other matters on the open meeting agenda, the Township Board may discuss, deliberate and take final action on a written resolution to proceed with the purchase of the Cheboygan River parcel. At that regular meeting, a closed/executive session will also be held by the Township Board pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider and discuss a September 26, 2018 privileged and confidential opinion letter from the Township Attorney regarding the potential vehicle ferry contract and also to consider and discuss a separate email and document containing privileged and confidential written opinions from the Township Attorney regarding the proposed vehicle ferry agreement and negotiations related thereto. The Township Board will also

consider and discuss at that closed/executive session (also pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and MCL 15.268(d)) a written privileged and confidential opinion letter from the Township Attorney dated November 9, 2018 regarding the Douglas Family Farms property at the west end of Bois Blanc Island.

The Township Board may re-commence its regular open meeting after the closed/executive session(s) has ended.

The regular meeting of the Township Board normally set for the second Wednesday of the month (1/9/19) was scheduled at the new date of January 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. during the previous board meeting.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Bois Blanc Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5 days notice to the Bois Blanc Township board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Bois Blanc Township board by writing or calling the following:

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk
(231) 634-7275

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL MEETING

Bois Blanc Township Recreation Plan

01/18/2019

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Township Clerk, Diane Akright.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Louise Sullivan & Diane Akright

Absent: Brent Sharpe

2 members of the public were present: James Gilligan and Jim Hutchinson

Copies of the Parks and Recreation plan were available for review and discussion. There was a brief description of the process taken to get to this point. Once published in the Cheboygan Tribune that the document was out for review, we had received one request for copies. No input was received from that request. No comments were dropped off at the drop box at the township.

It was noted that there would be some final information added to the document regarding it's posting, public review and approval prior to it being submitted to the DNR.

Questions and comments were received.

Question was asked about this being revised as specific projects are added.

Jim Hutchinson noted that he would be interested in working with Parks and Rec as a liaison with the EUP/DNR trails coordinator to develop and mark trails on the state ground here on the island. Marked trail development on state ground will help alleviate the problems of trespassing on private ground.

L Sullivan made a motion, 2nd by A Kennedy that we accept the presented Parks and Recreation 5 year plan so it can be submitted to the DNR for approval.

Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright

Absent: B Sharpe

Motion 2019-001 carried.

There being no further business, the special meeting was closed at 4:47pm.

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
THE BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP BD OF BOIS BLANC ISLAND, MI

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bois Blanc has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2019 and 2024, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held *January 18, 2019* at *Bois Blanc Township Hall* to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

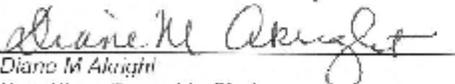
WHEREAS, the *Parks & Recreation Committee of Bois Blanc* has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the *Bois Blanc Township Board* voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the *Bois Blanc Township Board of Bois Blanc Island, MI* hereby adopts the *Parks & Recreation Committee of Bois Blanc Township's* Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the *Bois Blanc Township/Island Community*.

Yeas: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Louise Sullivan, and Diane Akright
Nays: none
Absent: Brent Sharpe

I, *Diane M Akright*, *Bois Blanc Township Clerk*, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the *Bois Blanc Township Board* at a Regular/Special Meeting thereof held on the 18th day of January, 2019.



Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk