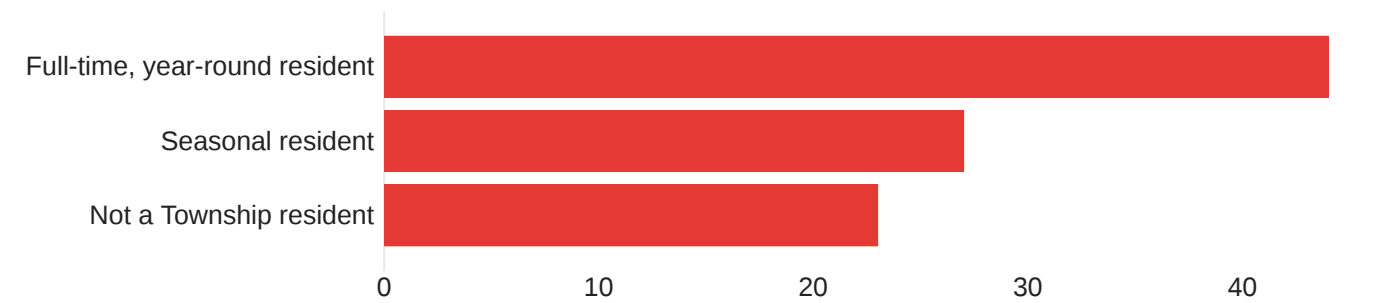


Q0 - Thank you for taking the time to consider this request for your participation in our survey, which will provide Melrose Township's officials and leaders with valuable insight from those who live, work or recreate in the community. Participation is voluntary. You may choose not to answer certain questions, to discontinue your participation at any time or not to participate at all, without consequence. All of your survey responses will remain anonymous, even if you provide your contact information at the conclusion. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Jennifer Neal (231-709-3204; jennifer.neal@networksnorthwest.org).

Q1 - Are you a resident of Melrose Township?



Field	Choice Count
Full-time, year-round resident	44
Seasonal resident	27
Not a Township resident	23
Total	94

Q1a - If you are not a Melrose Township resident, please specify your community of residence.

If you are not a Melrose Township resident, please specify your community of residence.

I used to live over 50 years ago. I now live in Massachusetts.

Petoskey

Petoskey

Bay Township

City of Petoskey

Q2 - Please select the number of your household members that fit into the following age ranges.

Field	1	2	3	4+	Total
11 and under	13	10	4	3	30
12 to 19	5	7	0	0	12
20 to 40	9	16	3	4	32
41 to 60	14	22	1	1	38
61 and older	23	23	1	0	47

Q3 - How often do you use the following Township recreation facilities?

Field	At least once a week	At least once a month	A few times a year	I've been once or twice	Never	Total
Melrose Township Boat Launch	5	4	28	18	27	82
Melrose Township Park - Playground Equipment	10	6	29	14	18	77
Melrose Township Park - Gazebo	3	4	21	26	26	80
Melrose Township Park - Riverwalk and Trail	9	5	21	17	27	79
Melrose Township Park - Swimming Beach	7	7	30	15	21	80
Melrose Township Park - Bear Hill Trail	0	2	14	8	55	79
Melrose Township Hall & Fire Station	3	5	21	20	32	81
Crooked Tree District Library	9	14	28	15	16	82
ORV & Snowmobile Trails	2	4	9	6	60	81
Bear River Water Trail	5	2	18	12	43	80
Other Undeveloped Township Properties. Please describe	1	3	2	3	34	43

Q4 - What other parks and recreation sites do you use locally (within 20 miles) that were not listed in the previous question?

What other parks and recreation sites do you use locally (within 20 miles) that were not listed in the previous question?

East Jordan Boat Launch

The Hill Nature preserve, Wildwood Nature preserve and Postle Farm. Various kayak launch sites at Wildwood, Jones Landing and Sumner Road

I don't but like to see it might offer.

WLCC trails, Petoskey parks/trails, bike paths

Fishing Walloon Lake

Camp Seagull

Preserves

Petoskey parks, Bear River Walkway

Avalanche Trail, Boyne City, other local hiking trails

City parks and trails, Resort Twp parks and trails, LTC preserves

pickleball court

Boyne City boat launches, Sumner Road boat launch

River walk in Petoskey and park on the bay

WLAC and LTC preserve properties, Avalanche Mountain, NCMC Trails, State Park Trails and Beach

Young St park

I have never heard of Bear Hill Trail. Petoskey, Bear Riverwalk.

Little Traverse Conservancy properties

Jones Landing park, Skyline Trail, Seagull park, Resort Twp park, East Park

Boyne City park, mountain biking trails, Petoskey city park, Petoskey waterfront park

Jones landing, avalanche park, boyne veterans, petoskey marina park

None- new to the area. Would like to know more about them.

Boyne school forest trails

Boyne city parks, Petoskey parks

Walloon conservancy / forest trail

Postle farm preserve, avalanche, boyne school trails

Clock tower park Petoskey. Young state park. Avalanche mountain

Boyne City and Petoskey Waterfronts

Jones Landing

Postlwaite, The Hill, path around lake

Boyne City Veterans park

Avalanche, Petoskey bike trails, Petoskey marina park

Lake Charlevoix boat launch, Barn mountain biking

The Hill Preserve, all bicycle trails in area, Petoskey Winter Sports Park, Petoskey State Park, Boyne Mountain and Highlands

Boyne City School Forest Mountain Bike Trail and Avalanche Preserve mountain bike trail

Boyne wood park

Jones Landing Park, Jones Landing boat launch off Gruler Road

Pickleball and postle farm

Resort township beaches and parks

None

Golf courses

We use the preserves and Avalanche several times per week.

State parks

Most are local conservancy trails; bear river trail in Petoskey; trail from Walloon Lake that crosses US131 poorly marked - have tried several times to hike it; some of the playground equipment at beach is in very poor condition and not suitable for little ones. I'm actually embarrassed when my people arrive from downstate areas to visit our beach and play area.

Avalanche. Young & Petoskey state park posted preserve

young state park petoskey park

Pennsylvania park in Petoskey and Boyne city farmers market

Riverbend Pickleball. Boyne city Pickleball. Northwest Michigan community college pickleball

Bike trails

All bike and walking trails. Frquently bike on road thst need trails

petoskey state park, fishermans island,

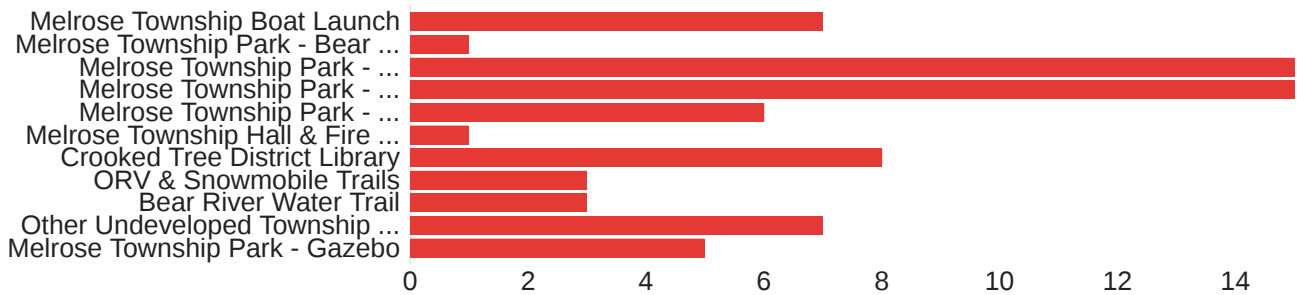
Peninsula Beach on Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City Veterans Park, Boyne City Local Bike Paths

The Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy preserves

whitings park

whitings park

Q5 - What is your preferred Melrose Township recreation area or facility? (Choose one)



Field	Choice Count
Melrose Township Boat Launch	7
Melrose Township Park - Bear Hill Trail	1
Melrose Township Park - Playground Equipment	15
Melrose Township Park - Swimming Beach	15
Melrose Township Park - Riverwalk and Trail	6
Melrose Township Hall & Fire Station	1
Crooked Tree District Library	8
ORV & Snowmobile Trails	3
Bear River Water Trail	3
Other Undeveloped Township Properties. Please describe	7
Melrose Township Park - Gazebo	5
Total	71

Other Undeveloped Township Properties. Please describe - Text

Howard Street Road End

Properties that are available

None

Pickle ball court

Pickleball Court

Pickleball

Pickleball if fence and resurfaced

Q6 - Overall, how would you rate Melrose Township parks and recreation areas?

Field	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No opinion	Total
Melrose Township Boat Launch	6	34	17	0	12	69
Melrose Township Park - Playground Equipment	6	35	15	5	8	69
Melrose Township Park - Gazebo	10	34	9	2	12	67
Melrose Township Park - Riverwalk and Trail	9	23	8	3	23	66
Melrose Township Park - Swimming Beach	7	31	16	5	9	68
Melrose Township Park - Bear Hill Trail	3	17	9	0	36	65
Melrose Township Hall & Fire Station	18	26	4	0	17	65
Crooked Tree District Library	31	22	2	0	13	68
ORV & Snowmobile Trails	2	15	1	1	46	65
Bear River Water Trail	4	17	5	1	39	66

Q7 - What recreational activities do you and members of your household enjoy? (Choose all that apply)

Field	Choice Count
Beach/Lake Swimming	60
Pool Swimming	16
Fishing	34
Sailing	23
Canoeing/Kayaking	42
Motor Boating	44
Paddle Boarding	24
Playground	44
Picnicking	35
Camping	24
Biking	38
Walking/Running	54
Hiking	48
Dirt Biking/ORVs	6
Soccer	12
Volleyball	5
Baseball/Softball	5
Basketball	11
Football	6
Tennis	15
Pickleball	22
Skateboarding	2

	10
Disc Golf	8
Dog Park	13
Hunting/Gathering	16
Concerts/Festivals	40
Nature/Wildlife Viewing	46
Community Gardens	16
Farmers' Market	52
Ice Skating/Hockey	12
Snowshoeing	24
Cross-Country Skiing	20
Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding	27
Snowmobiling	10
Other	5
Total	859

Other - Text

Birding, Nature photography

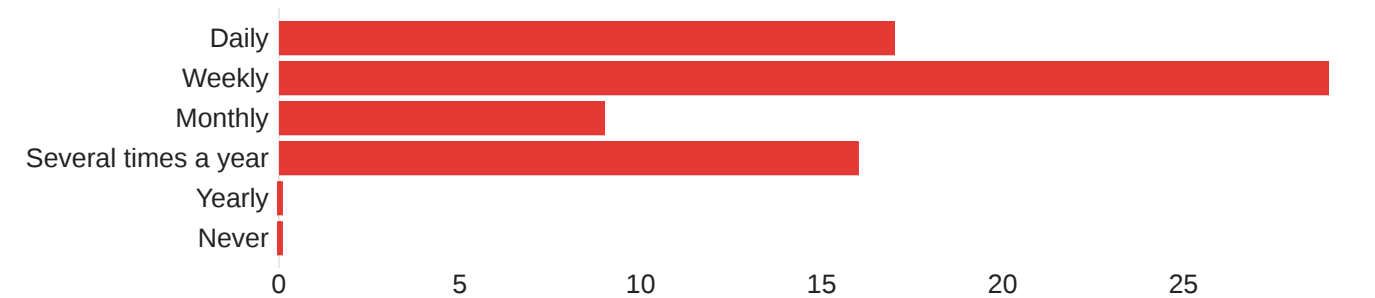
Ice fishing

competition target shooting- gun

Golfing

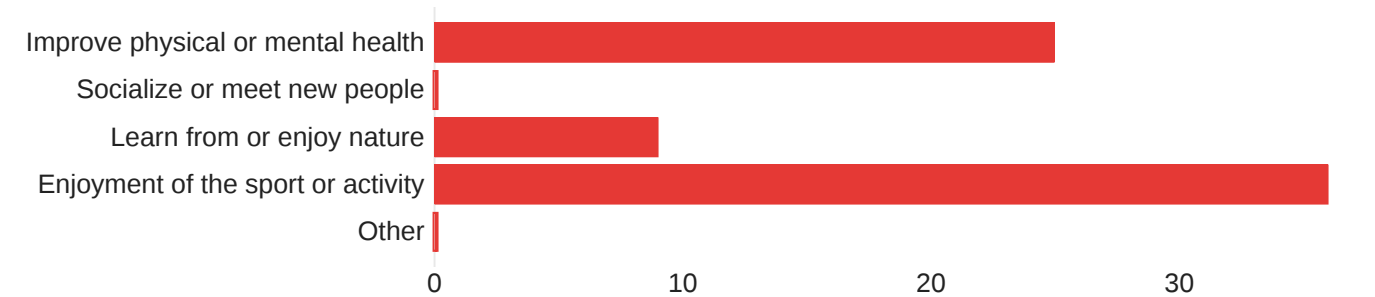
Splash pad in charlevoix

Q8 - How often do you participate in your preferred recreation activity?



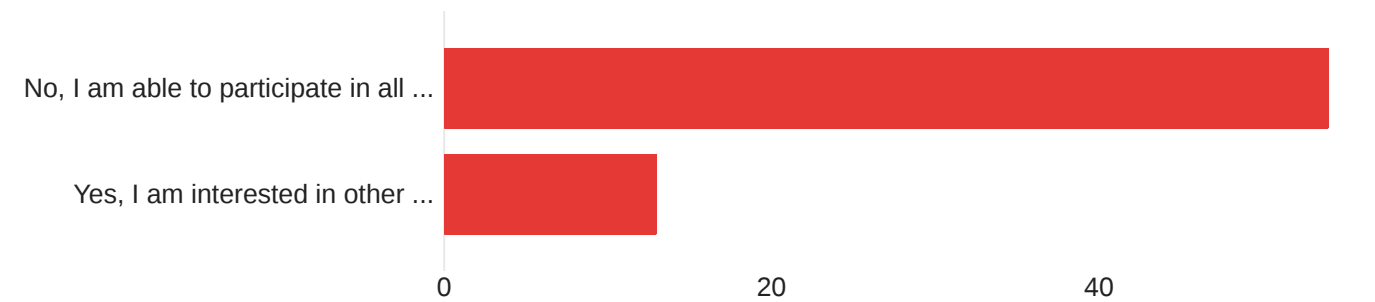
Field	Choice Count
Daily	17
Weekly	29
Monthly	9
Several times a year	16
Yearly	0
Never	0
Total	71

Q9 - What is your primary purpose for participating in your preferred recreation activity? (Choose one)



Field	Choice Count
Improve physical or mental health	25
Socialize or meet new people	0
Learn from or enjoy nature	9
Enjoyment of the sport or activity	36
Other	0
Total	70

Q10 - Are there barriers limiting your ability to participate in your preferred activities or other desired recreation activities in Melrose Township?



Field	Choice Count
No, I am able to participate in all of the recreation activities I am interested in	54
Yes, I am interested in other recreation activities, but unable to participate in them	13
Total	67

Q10a - If yes, please explain those barriers.

If yes, please explain those barriers.

I don't get around as I used to

A rock climbing wall would be a nice addition, but that also seems difficult to build...

I'd like to see a walking/biking sidewalk from the village out toward Boyne City. Better accessibility to and from the village.

Swimmers itch at the beach.

The swimming beach needs major restoration. The sand spot is very small, and the grass is constantly covered in goose poop. There is also way too much grass to be a beach. The grass should be removed and more sand should be added. And the geese should be driven away as they cause swimmers itch

Pickleball court needs to be resurfaced and a fence around it. Table and umbrella next to it.

Poorly marked trails and local trail options poorly publicized

Long distance walking is too physically demanding

no boat

Q11 - From the list below, please select the parks and recreation sites for which you would like to provide specific recommendations for improvement. (Check all that apply)

Field	Choice Count
Melrose Township Boat Launch	10
Melrose Township Park - Bear Hill Trail	2
Melrose Township Park - Playground Equipment	18
Melrose Township Park - Swimming Beach	10
Melrose Township Hall & Fire Station	2
Crooked Tree District Library	1
ORV & Snowmobile Trails	2
Bear River Water Trail	3
Other Undeveloped Township Properties. Please describe	7
Melrose Township Park - Gazebo	4
Melrose Township Park - Riverwalk and Trail	6
Total	65

Q11a - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Boat Launch?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Boat Launch?

improvements to pavement, remove potholes

We wish it was easier to access and not such a tight space. Usually end up putting our boat in at Jones Landing.

Traffic redirection away from West Street

Remove the white house (old LaPins) for better access.

Need someone to monitor launch traffic. People wait on our private property for their boat and jet ski rentals. People park their vehicle and boat trailer on the side of the road rather than using the designated lot across M-75.

More access

Designated area in parking lot for rental companies to meet customers and fill out paperwork. They create traffic backup filling out in road, and their customers often wait on private property.

A boat washing station and collection of fees; signage to "sound off" all music on lake

Q11b - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Playground Equipment? ?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Playground Equipment?
?

Make sure to refill soap in bathrooms. Would like a tennis court at the park

expand playground equipment. add additional pickleball court

Additional playground equipment and a story walk would be great!

Several new high end children playground activities. New improvement on climbers, ropes, swings, adventure stations. Kids and grandkids need this and will certainly bring in more users and commerce.

Spray for yellow jackets early in year

It's always nice to see updates & new equipment. I'm very happy the spinny thing I used to play on as a kid is still there though! Restroom improvements are also always nice.

Basketball court/hoop upgrade

A climbing structure would be a nice addition.

Better maintenance and equipment

Additional play equipment perhaps like boyne city but not as large

Update equipment, some of it is older and less safe/rusty. Splash pad may be a great addition

Newer safer equipment

One more digger toy

New equip for little ones. Some provided are so rusty and off kilter. What fun is that?

The park needs a full makeover. It needs a lot of improvement

More equipment, newer equipment

bigger kid items- climbing

Q11c - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Gazebo?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Gazebo?

It needs a fresh coat of paint, the graffiti removed and the old partial decorations removed

Perhaps, you could put benches around the inside and give the gazebo a more updated look with different posts and a weathervane on top.

Really grim need something new, bigger modern, maybe a fireplace

Old

Q11d - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Riverwalk and Trail?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Riverwalk and Trail?

Develop it. It's too muddy.

Keep chipping it really helps

I thought we were getting a board walk what's the delay

Raised more so it's not muddy and expanded to maybe loop onto the old rail line

We'll-marked trails, length, loops, etc

Board walk- get off the mud

Q11e - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Swimming Beach?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Swimming Beach?

Very scary when all the rehab people show up at our local beach. needs more parking

There are too many complaints of "swimmer's itch" to safely enjoy being in the water at the beach

The rocks make the beach difficult to use. Sand is highly preferred and overall aesthetics could be improved.

The grass needs to be removed and replaced with more sand. There also needs to be an attempt to keep the geese away as they overrun the beach and cover it in poop and the water contains a lot of swimmers itch because of them

Some restroom improvements would be nice, though it's definitely better than a lot of places

Rules upheld - no dogs

Please please remove the crappy beach sand and replace it with true pure beach sand that doesn't have little pebbles in it. And remove the black landscape cloth that is sticking up in places in the sand.

Eliminating goose poop all over beach area. Who wants to walk through all that. Pretty disgusting. Also signs about dog accessibility and cigarette butt disposal.

Cleaner and bigger beach area

A way to get rid of swimmers itch so we could enjoy swimming there.

Q11f - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Bear Hill Trail?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Park - Bear Hill Trail?

Where is it? Would like to use it if knew where it is.

What and where is the bear hill

Q11g - What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Hall & Fire Station?

What improvements would you like to see at the Melrose Township Hall & Fire Station?

Meeting space could be redone, painted new carpet, improved sound system, better climate control

Flower beds

Q11h - What improvements would you like to see at the Crooked Tree District Library?

What improvements would you like to see at the Crooked Tree District Library?

Excellent with new director

Q11i - What improvements would you like to see at the ORV & Snowmobile Trails?

No data found - your filters may be too exclusive!

Q11j - What improvements would you like to see at the Bear River Water Trail?

What improvements would you like to see at the Bear River Water Trail?

I would like to see the trail stretch the entirety of the Bear River from Walloon to Petoskey Waterfront.

See above

good launch site

Q11k - What improvements would you like to see at Other Undeveloped Township Properties. Please describe?

What improvements would you like to see at Other Undeveloped Township Properties. Please describe?

after more than a year of staging construction at Howard Road End, we finally get the repaving. However, the new adjoining home now uses it as personal additional driveway and helps to deny access to neighbors use.

I don't know it might depend on location and size of the properties

Pickle ball court needs resurfacing and fence around it to be useful. Should have another court also.

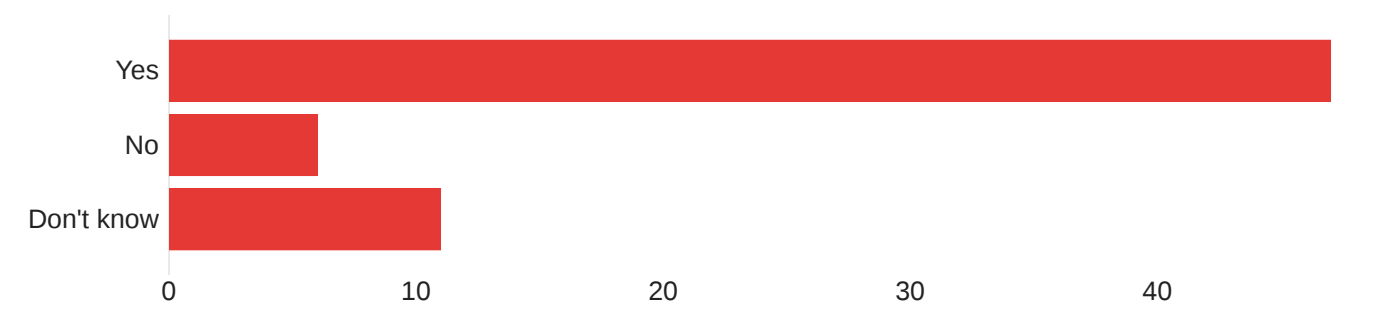
In the park; I like to see the original veterans memorial by the drinking fountain repaired and brought up to date.

Pickleball

See last question.

There is a tremendous need for pickleball courts, especially indoors during the winter.

Q12 - Overall, do the amenities offered in Melrose Township parks meet your recreation needs?



Field	Choice Count
Yes	47
No	6
Don't know	11
Total	64

Q13 - Are there additional recreational facilities and/or opportunities that you would like to see in the Township that are not provided at present?

Are there additional recreational facilities and/or opportunities that you would like to see in the Township that are not provided at present?

Township boat docking at a reasonable cost.

dog park

If there was a visual it would be of great help.

Tennis court. More trails. Better signage to make folks aware of trails.

ORV trails

more pickleball courts

More waterfront kid playground stations. Make it a destination target and more use will drive more money spent in the village

Update pickleball court and add another one with a bench nearby

Indoor gathering place for rain days

Edible trails and orchards

Just a rock climbing wall or something similar

Walk/bike trail from village to Boyne city.

Kayak launch. Canoe launch

The restrooms at the park desperately need an update

Yes, It would be great to have a few picnic tables with seating on the beach side. They have one or two at the beach area at Jones Landing it would be nice to have some thing similar down at the Foot's beach.

Better sidewalks

Places for rental of summer/winter recreational equipment

No

i would like to see a 100 yard shooting range for pistol, rifle and shotgun with hunter sight-in, concealed carry pistol classes and competition opportunities.

Bike trail connection

Yes. I think they should organize a goose and duck hunt in the fall. This will help keep the geese and ducks to a reasonable limit and help with the swimmers itch

Splashpad

No

An indoor play area or meeting space

Not at this time.

Activities that are not just in summer months, and not just at the village. Broaden locations and activities.

Bathroom update very nice and appreciated. Lower the speed limit through village. The gazebo area is still very wet.

farmers market in the village; improved parking around the township park

Indoor pickleball. Splash pad for kids. More pickleball courts.

Pickleball

Such a large park area lots of room for improvement. It is so wet and mushy. Just never feels good to be there

More Handicap Bus transportation hours again

movies

bike path

Q14 - Tell us your big idea for Melrose Township parks and recreation.

Tell us your big idea for Melrose Township parks and recreation.

Not really. It would be nice to use the road end down the street like those in town instead of walking around material trailers and seemingly abandoned cars parked for weeks at a time.

fenced large dog park - 2 lots- segregated by size

????

Develop water trails and hiking/walking/biking trails. Don't care about dog parks and don't use the gazebo

Disc golf

I would love to see a splash pad for more summertime fun.

Make the waterfront kids playground a destiny spot for visitors by adding several new updated play exercise stations

Offer community events-for example, plan and communicate community walks on trails, concerts in the park, etc. Plan events for all seasons. Get the community involved.

I think the water trail could be a big idea if it were easy to use and safe for all levels of paddlers.

Family oriented

Kayak rental.

The improvements the the last few years have been amazing. If I was going to throw out a big idea, a recreation center or something offering year round activities would be amazing, but definitely not necessarily needed

Mountain bike trails

Public swimming pool with lap swim & water aerobics & lessons

I would like to see hired people to keep the beach area clean and fine people for leaving garbage abd dog droppings.

Tear down the monster lakefront condos in the village and expand the beach

Restore the beach, add sand to the beach, keep away the geese. The bathrooms at the park should also be remodeled.

like the park in the center of town with gazebo. would like to see summer concerts

Splashpad for the kids

Splash pad or pump track for bikes

The park maintenance has improved over the years. The nature trail is the best it has been

Boat ramp attendant needed to monitor traffic and parking at the launch.

Bring the community together with activities that are not for the tourists. And in off months like May, September - April.

More parking area

Parking signs, trail signs, distance indicated, degree of difficulty indicated, playground equip suitable for which age group, I don't know if avail or not but a changing station avail for parents/ babies,

Bigger library with more computers and books

Indoor pickleball facility with food and beverage service (food trucks?). People would come from miles around! It's the fastest growing sport in the country and there are almost no indoor courts. The college only has five and the wait is tremendous!

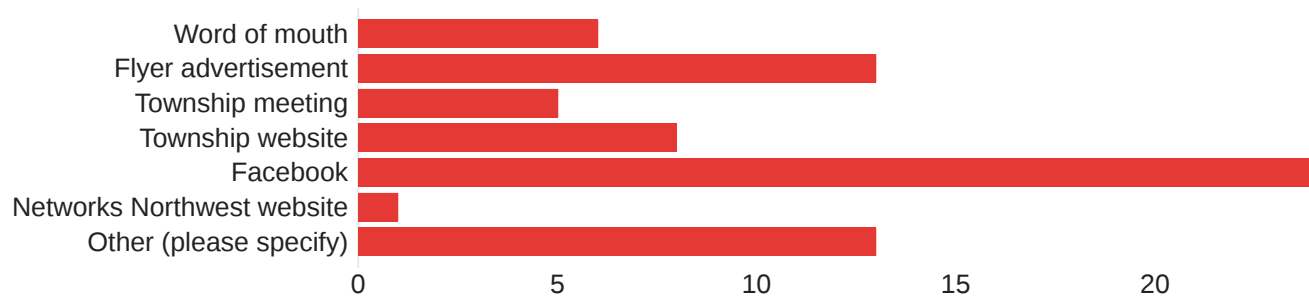
Green grass(nice grass). Nice parking not that gross dirt lot. A nice white gazebo that goes with the village. It's very very dated and the village has improved so much. I would like it to feel to to go to the park. A big improved playground no sand.

Recent improvements to bath house are great. Appreciate new playground sand each spring.

bike-able , wider shoulders paved .

water trail trailhead & parking

Q15 - How did you learn about this survey?



Field	Choice Count
Word of mouth	6
Flyer advertisement	13
Township meeting	5
Township website	8
Facebook	24
Networks Northwest website	1
Other (please specify)	13
Total	70

Other (please specify) - Text

I just happened to run across this. Wish I had been notified by mail or email

I used live there so I feel that should offer a view to Boyne Falls

Newsletter

Robin Hissong Berry

Post office

Post office

Library

Maybe township website?

Email bulletin from Boyne city chamber.

Boyne Newsletter

Boyne chamber weekly email news lettet

BC C of C newsletter

Boyne city newsletter