

Public Input Study

Background

After reviewing and analyzing the status of the parks budget and physical condition of the parks, the parks committee identified over 40 potential capital improvement projects that they felt would enhance and improve the township parks, provide a more user-friendly experience, and accommodate the growing and changing needs of the park system. While all the proposed improvements warrant consideration, the committee acknowledges that not all of them may be financially feasible or preferred by the community. The township solicited public input to help identify which projects are a greater priority, collect any additional thoughts or concerns about the proposed projects, and ask residents to identify other projects that may not have been included in the survey.

Objectives:

- Share the Financial Feasibility Study with residents
- Share potential capital projects that may improve the township parks system
- Gain feedback from residents to help prioritize capital projects in the parks in order to develop a targeted and sufficient budget that allocates adequate resources for updates and improvements in the parks



Methodology

The parks committee conducted a public survey which consisted of two in-person open houses as well as an online option where people were able to participate. Both methods collected similar information to allow for fair and equitable opportunities to participate regardless of which option was utilized.

In each instance, survey participants were provided with information about 43 capital projects in nine different parks/properties. They were asked to identify up to five projects that they considered to be the most important but were permitted to submit fewer if preferred. Additionally, they were asked to specify which project was their top priority. They were also asked to provide their age and gender, both of which were optional. Room was provided on the survey to also provide general comments.

The opportunity to participate was advertised and noticed at the Township Hall as well as:

- On the township's public-input website, participateoldmission.com
- On the township's main website, www.peninsulatownship.com
- In the township newsletter (sent through the U.S. mail DATE)
- In the Old Mission Gazette e-news magazine (Published February 18 and)

All the surveys were compiled into one online database utilizing the "Bang the Table" software platform. This data was used to create the statistics and graphs in this report.

Online

The online survey was live and available to participants from February 14 through March 15, 2022. Users were required to register through the participateoldmission.com website to take part in the survey.

Number of surveys submitted: 121

In-Person

There was a total of 38 surveys submitted during the public open houses. Five were incomplete and have not yet been included in the results. The in-person open-house sessions were conducted on the following dates/times/locations:

- Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 4-7 p.m.
Township Hall, 8150 Center Road, Traverse City, MI
Number of surveys submitted: 32

- Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from 4-7 p.m.*
First Congregational Church, 6105 Center Road, Traverse City, MI
Number of surveys submitted: 6

**Rescheduled from Tuesday, February 22, 2022, due to inclement weather*

Participants were provided with a ballot form and instructions (see appendix D).

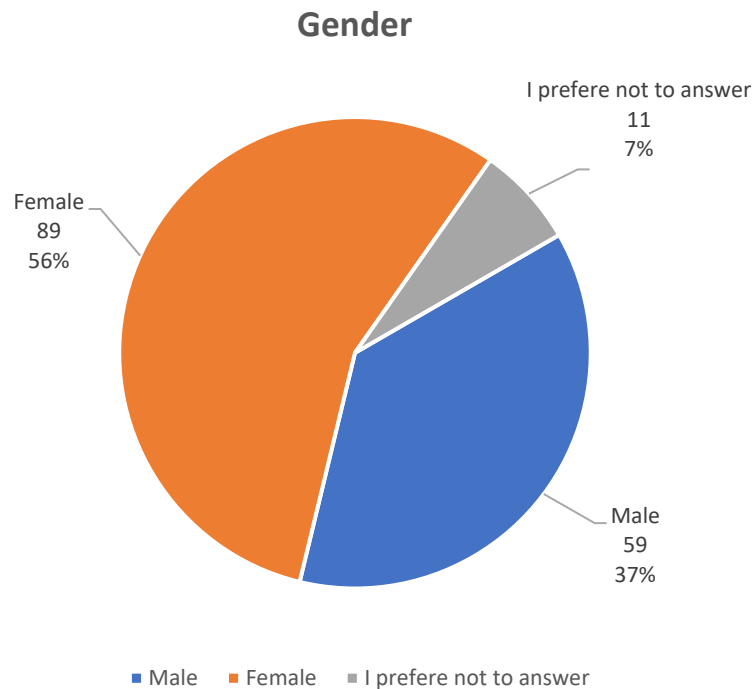
Results

The following is a summary of the input received throughout the public input period for both online and in-person submissions.

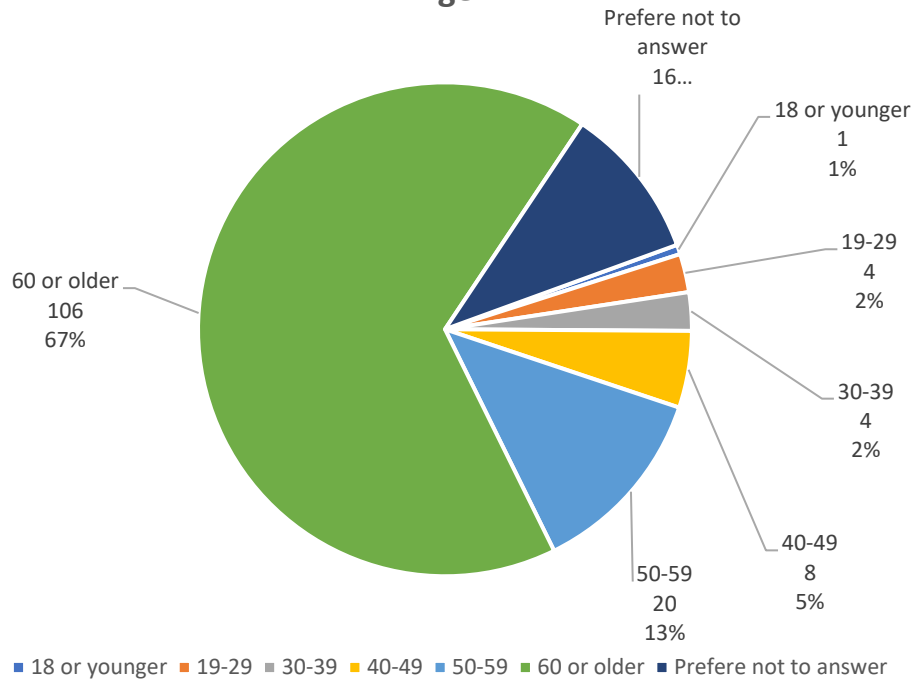
Total number of participants: 159

Total number of comments received: 86 (all comments included in appendix E)

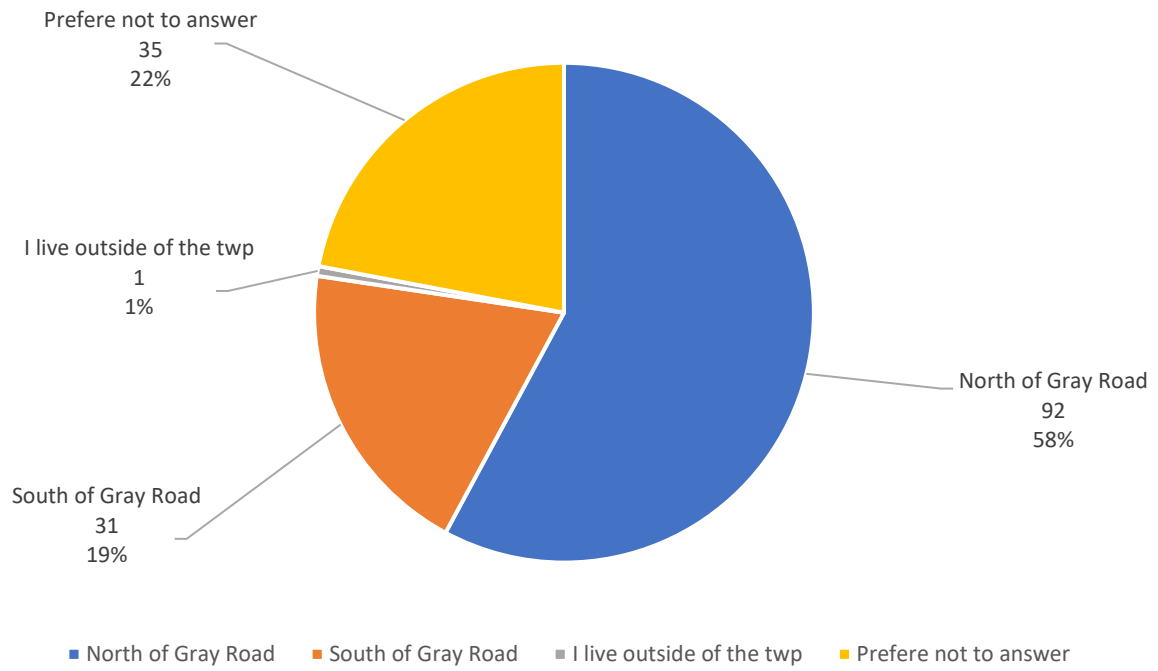
The charts below illustrate demographic information that was voluntarily provided by participants:



Age



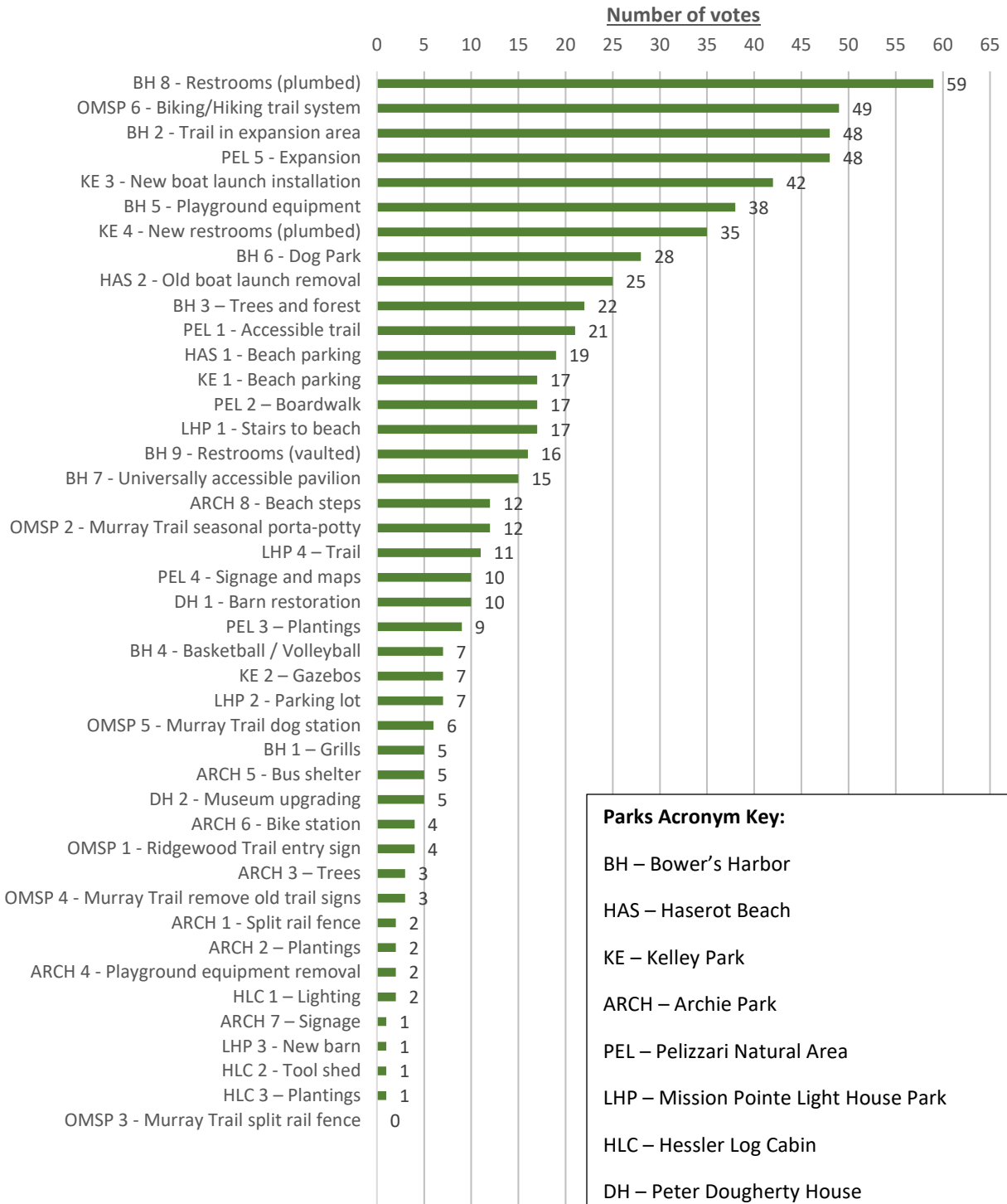
Residency



The following charts illustrate the responses to the survey questions regarding the projects:

Question: Select up to five (5) park projects that you feel should be high priorities

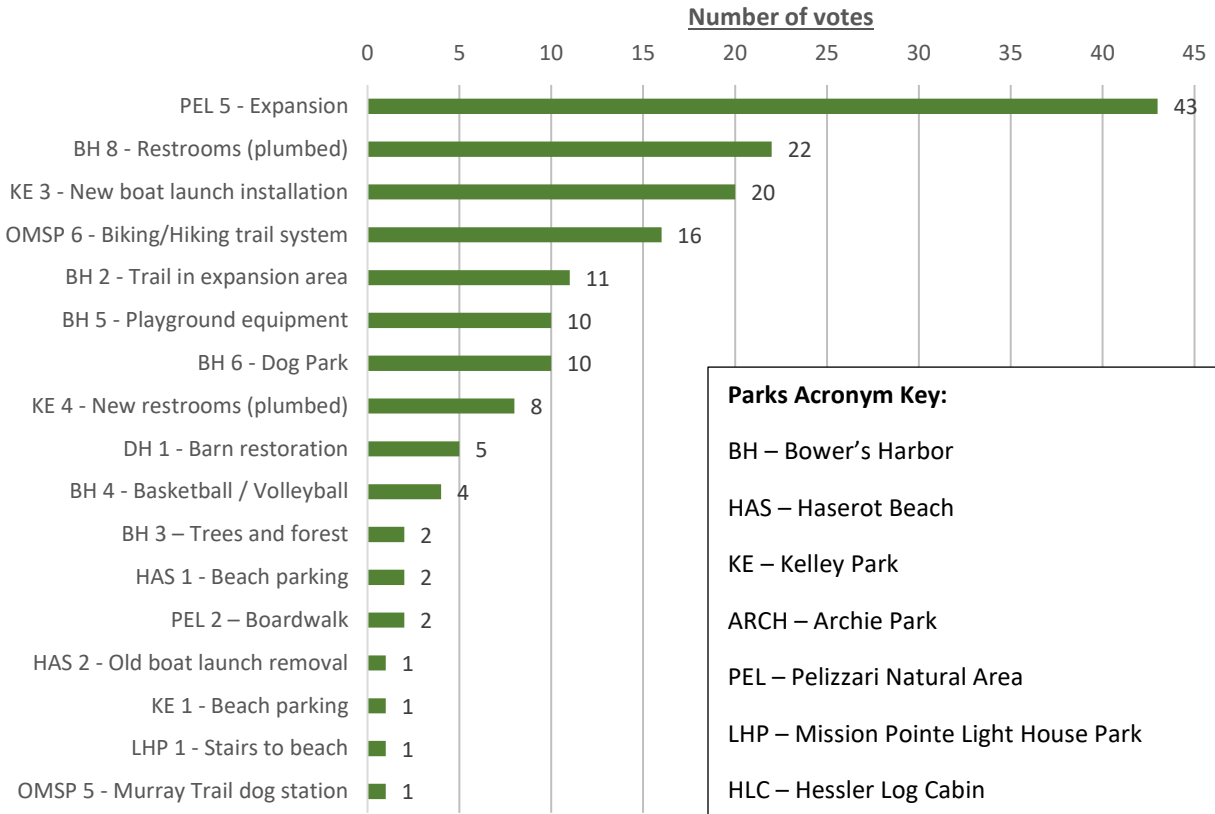
Total Project Votes



Question: Identify your #1 top priority project that you feel is the most important (choose one)

Responses:

Top Priority Projects



Parks Acronym Key:

- BH – Bower’s Harbor
- HAS – Haserot Beach
- KE – Kelley Park
- ARCH – Archie Park
- PEL – Pelizzari Natural Area
- LHP – Mission Pointe Light House Park
- HLC – Hessler Log Cabin
- DH – Peter Dougherty House

Peninsula Township Parks Projects Survey

Background

The township began working with the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), a non-profit located in Traverse City, in the first quarter of 2021 to explore the feasibility of revamping the current parks budget and to identify additional alternative sources of funding that could support basic park operations. We also researched how to leverage local resources to attract outside funding for larger maintenance and capital improvement projects in the parks. Over the past several months, LIAA analyzed the township parks budget to determine an average annual baseline for current operations as well as to identify expectations for the parks going forward.



Part of the study considered several potential big-ticket maintenance items as well as several new capital expenditures to improve the existing infrastructure in the parks and to provide new facilities where none exist at this time, such as the Bowers Harbor expansion area. The study also identified several funding resources while acknowledging that the township will have choices to make in order to effectively administer park properties and projects. Copies of this study are available for review throughout this public open house or can be viewed online at participateoldmission.com

When taking the survey:

1. You may vote for up to five (5) of your favorite projects.
2. You may only vote once for a specific project.
3. Please write-in the project that you feel should be the township's #1 priority at the bottom of the ballot.

If you require assistance, please ask a representative

INSTRUCTIONS

INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND

Feel free to move around the room and visit each station to learn more information about the parks and projects.

For additional background and information, you may also review a copy of the “Peninsula Township Parks Funding Feasibility Study” available on the tables around the room or online at participateoldmission.com

VOTING

- Use the attached voting ballot to **select no more than five (5)** parks projects that you would like to see the township pursue.
- Use the “Park Code” and “Project Code” code to identify the projects.
- **Place an “X”** in the empty box ballot box to the left of the project for which you would like to vote.

EXAMPLE:

| | Park Code | Project Code | Project Description |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| YES (Place an “X”) | | | Pelizzari Natural Area |
| | X | PEL 1 | Accessible trail |
| NO (Leave blank) | | PEL 2 | Boardwalk |

- **Write-in** your favorite project that you feel should be the #1 top priority at the bottom of the ballot using the name, “Park Code” and “Project Code”.
- Detach the voting ballot from the instructions and place it in the marked ballot box near the exit before leaving.

Please feel free to ask any representative questions if you need help or would like to learn more about any of the projects.

AGE: _____

GENDER (Circle One):

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VOTING BALLOT

SELECT NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) PROJECTS

Bowers Harbor

| | | | |
|--|----|---|---------------------------------|
| | BH | 1 | Grills |
| | BH | 2 | Trail in expansion area |
| | BH | 3 | Trees and forest |
| | BH | 4 | Basketball / volleyball |
| | BH | 5 | Playground equipment |
| | BH | 6 | Dog park |
| | BH | 7 | Universally accessible pavilion |
| | BH | 8 | Restrooms (plumbed) |
| | BH | 9 | Restrooms (vaulted) |

Haserot Beach

| | | | |
|--|-----|---|-------------------------|
| | HAS | 1 | Beach parking lot |
| | HAS | 2 | Old boat launch removal |

Kelley Park

| | | | |
|--|----|---|------------------------------|
| | KE | 1 | Beach parking lot |
| | KE | 2 | Gazebos |
| | KE | 3 | New boat launch installation |
| | KE | 4 | New restrooms (plumbed) |

Archie Park

| | | | |
|--|------|---|------------------------------|
| | ARCH | 1 | Split rail fence |
| | ARCH | 2 | Plantings |
| | ARCH | 3 | Trees |
| | ARCH | 4 | Playground equipment removal |
| | ARCH | 5 | Bus shelter |
| | ARCH | 6 | Bike station |
| | ARCH | 7 | Signage |
| | ARCH | 8 | Beach steps |

Pelizzari Natural Area

| | | | |
|--|-----|---|------------------|
| | PEL | 1 | Accessible trail |
| | PEL | 2 | Boardwalk |
| | PEL | 3 | Plantings |
| | PEL | 4 | Signage and maps |
| | PEL | 5 | Expansion |

Mission Point Lighthouse Park

| | | | |
|--|-----|---|-----------------|
| | LHP | 1 | Stairs to beach |
| | LHP | 2 | Parking lot |
| | LHP | 3 | New barn |
| | LHP | 4 | Trail |

Old Mission State Park

| | | | |
|--|------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | OMSP | 1 | Ridgewood Trail - entry sign |
| | OMSP | 2 | Murray Trail - seasonal porta-potty |
| | OMSP | 3 | Murray Trail - split rail fence |
| | OMSP | 4 | Murray Trail - Remove old trail signs |
| | OMSP | 5 | Murray Trail - dog station |
| | OMSP | 6 | Biking/Hiking Trail system |

Hessler Log Cabin

| | | | |
|--|-----|---|-----------|
| | HLC | 1 | Lighting |
| | HLC | 2 | Tool shed |
| | HLC | 3 | Plantings |

Peter Dougherty House

| | | | |
|--|----|---|------------------|
| | DH | 1 | Barn restoration |
| | DH | 2 | Museum upgrading |

Write-in your #1 top-priority project, including its
Park Code and Project Code at right:

Park Code

Project Code

Appendix E - Comments from Public Survey

Park Survey : Survey Report for 14 February 2022 to 15 March 2022

Q6 Please provide any comments about the parks or projects, including any projects in this survey or others that may not have been identified here (optional).

Anonymous

2/14/2022 12:41 PM

I think you should concentrate on fixing everything you already have in the parks before adding new elements to the parks.

elizabeth a foley

2/14/2022 01:17 PM

I think for hikers and cyclists and boaters all over the entire peninsula, clean and conveniently located restrooms are incredibly important. Right now the options are pretty sparse. We cycle the entire peninsula and hike all the parks on a daily basis year-round.

Marilyn Elliott

2/14/2022 01:22 PM

Plumbed restrooms at LHP are my #1 priority.

Mark Johnson

2/14/2022 04:18 PM

Large scale marina project & fuel dock at Bowers Harbor should be studied.

William Gillies

2/14/2022 10:22 PM

Adding a few disc golf baskets would be nice at Bowers Harbor.

Kent Rabish

2/15/2022 04:19 AM

Bowers Harbor Park is used more than ever. Need real toilets and water to wash hands. Also the pickleball courts situation needs to be improved. Lots of people using the portable courts, need real courts.

Ruth Hoppe

2/15/2022 06:10 AM

Remove poison ivy at various West Bay access points south of Lighthouse Park

Hemmingintc

2/15/2022 06:40 AM

Adding improvements at BH will require better toilet systems to accommodate traffic in all areas.

Teri Gray

2/15/2022 11:56 AM

I will help with any projects I can at Kelley park.

Peg Moen-Rabish

2/15/2022 12:07 PM

Bowers Harbor Park needs new plumbed bathrooms

Eric Bergsma

2/16/2022 06:26 AM

There is nothing about building new pickleball courts, resurfacing and repainting the tennis courts, or revamping the basketball court (new,

same size poles/hoops and resurface/paint the court) at Bowers Harbor Park. All of these should be added to the master plan as they are important to many township residents and would be my top three project choices.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 07:12 AM

Lighthouse trails need better maintenance. Trees frequently block trails, and mowing should be done more regularly.

Anonymous

2/16/2022 07:45 AM

I appreciate the superb leadership of the township parks committee in taking this kind of comprehensive and thoughtful approach to upgrading our fabulous parks system. I predict that township residents will strongly support this, particularly as we are coming out of the pandemic and people are valuing the outdoors more than ever.

PKelley

2/16/2022 03:01 PM

It is LONG past time that the township hired a full-time parks manager.

Jessicamurphy1

2/17/2022 05:55 AM

I believe bowers harbor park needs improvement and updating . It looks tired. Needs landscaping, paving drive and parking, tennis and pickleball expansion, improved common areas. None of the options in the survey would be my priorities. A master plan needs to be developed and followed. Glen arbor accomplished this and developed a fantastic public space. In my opinion, the survey for bowers harbor is a million little bandaids and at the end of the day it is still a tired, dusty, outdated park when it could really be something special.

Dan Terpsma

2/17/2022 06:17 AM

We are missing an opportunity to upgrade Bowers Harbor Park appropriately, and should view Glen Arbor public park as guideline. None of the listed projects for BH should be priorities. We have ample space on peninsula to run dogs, why spend \$1.3MM on a dog park!?! Pickleball and tennis are significant activities enjoyed by all ages of residents. The recent changes with pickleball lines drawn on tennis courts, then a poorly done "fix", have now made these courts an embarrassment. We should fix and resurface tennis courts, and provide separate pickleball facilities. Your approach does not appear to be supported by a Master Plan. We are spending money on plumbing rather than enhance experience of enjoying BH and making it a quality asset on the peninsula. Why are we aiming so low? Let's scrap this initial plan and come back with well thought out approach to enhance our peninsula. Thank you, Dan Terpsma 12850 Peninsula Drive

Lee Christens

2/17/2022 08:00 AM

The Township needs to do a better job of maintaining its parks and trails and I think some additional tax funding is needed as well as redirection of some of the monies for purchasing developmental rights be directed to the parks.

Anonymous

2/17/2022 09:53 AM

Need drinking fountain/bottle refill and plumbed restrooms to accommodate park use going forward.

Dilys Tosteson Garcia

2/17/2022 05:22 PM

Focus should be on preserving forest land and keeping it as close to original state as possible with creation and maintenance of quality non motorized trails. No more tree cutting for parking lots!

Lola Jean Jackson

2/17/2022 05:50 PM

Do not expand any parking if any kind! Buy as much land for conservation rather than development. Why is there not basic money now for the required maintenance? Our parks are sadly underfunded. Expand Pelizzari above all

J Nedlo

2/18/2022 02:46 AM

Too many options to choose from -- nice problem! Always thought a dog park at BH would be great. Plenty of space and off leash option would be nice for dogs. Also, a dog park provides good social interaction for owners and encourages community togetherness. Thanks for listening and thanks for what you do!

Tom verschure

2/18/2022 05:03 AM

Thanks efforts

Dean Francis

2/19/2022 10:27 AM

I wonder if the Replica Log Church should be added to the list of possible projects?

Anonymous

2/19/2022 11:14 AM

Please invest in our playground equipment to keep the park safe and usable.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 11:14 AM

Many of the proposed spending projects outlined in these plans seem truly frivolous and off target in terms of priority. I guess if word goes out for things to spend money on, improve or otherwise alter, there will always be a laundry list of requests but many of these sites have such absolutely limited reach and interaction with the public at large, that it seems a real waste. Please focus on and remember the basics: access, restrooms, trash, long term tree care. Our public spaces are not there to be developed ad naseum with new takes, new ideas, and an endless amount of "amenities" that ultimately disturb the very

simple and elegant natural areas that people actually value and want. Instead of asking what projects people "want most" ask them how to want to use public spaces "most" and establish priorities from the largest user bases - create initiatives and projects to meet those needs, not finding the need after you have a project in mind. Challenge yourselves to edit and prioritize your ideas, instead of expanding them. That's how you'll serve multiple generations of OMP best.

Karen Stewart Williams

2/19/2022 02:43 PM

Love all the new trees planted at Bowers Harbor Park

Anonymous

2/19/2022 07:18 PM

Keep the parks natural, undeveloped except for handicap access points.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 08:37 PM

We love BH pro but the equipment is almost too unsafe for my little ones. Would love to see both ends upgrades like at Haserot.

Anonymous

2/19/2022 09:32 PM

I realize this survey is primarily a beauty contest for residents to vote for their favored activity but this really isn't making residents make choices. A basic data digest with usage info on baseball teams, hikers, pickle ball players, boat launches would be helpful. Putting million dollar projects in the same category with ones requiring \$1000 outlays is really strange. I wanted to make good government, common good choices but it is really difficult with varying types of information available.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 07:24 AM

I feel toilets are a necessity when hosting tourists.

Anonymous

2/20/2022 07:24 AM

Prioritize flush toilets in parks for visitors.

Lisa Erickson

2/20/2022 01:41 PM

Bathrooms in parks are a necessity. There are no bathrooms nearby to most of these locations.

Marcia

2/20/2022 04:05 PM

I have lived on the Peninsula since August of 1988. The amount of building and the change in land use has created light pollution and traffic congestion. We need our parks and we need to increase their size. I miss seeing the mother deer that used to bring her twin fawns to my yard. I miss the black night sky. Parks will help everyone.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 06:31 AM

My top priority was not on your list - New pickleball courts at BHP!

Claudia Bruce

2/21/2022 12:46 PM

I hike regularly in Pelizzari, Old Mission State and Lighthouse parks. Most of the proposed projects on the entire survey are very worthy of consideration. However, Pelizzari's location close to town draws people from all over the area making it, in my experience, the busiest of the three all year round and in most need of attention.

Anonymous

2/21/2022 01:03 PM

Thanks for the opportunity to voice our priorities.

OldMission

2/22/2022 06:06 AM

We love being able to enjoy walking during every season at Pelasari Park b/c it is so close to town and beautiful. Our whole family enjoys it. Would LOVE to see it expanded. May not have an opportunity to do so later

Rose Skurski

2/22/2022 08:17 AM

OMP needs to provide more for children and the disabled. Children are our most important resource. Bowers Harbor Park needs a new playground with a swing for children with disability. A new bathroom should also be provided. OMP needs to look out for every one in setting priorities, especially our children.

jmkc

2/22/2022 08:46 AM

At BHP please also consider drinking fountains with bottle refill that is filtered and cooled. At BHP a hand washing station if a full rest room is not provided. At BHP add trash containers where activities happen. Such as by the tennis/pickleball courts. At BHP a doggy bag dispenser to the east of the main entrance. There is one to the west but if folks walk east they often don't grab a bag from the other side of the entrance. At BHP some paved parking. I know this is a stretch.

jmkc

2/22/2022 09:01 AM

Most water fountains should include water bottle filling stations.

Liz VerSchure

2/22/2022 12:29 PM

pickleball courts

Mike Query

2/22/2022 12:40 PM

The sooner we get some safer options for bike lanes on our OMP roads, the better. I don't want a section of Bluff Rd or Peninsula Dr. named in my honor, soon after I get run over by a texting tourist taking a sunset selfie over the bay! Lots of my bike friends share this

same sentiment. Thanks in advance.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 01:03 PM

I think a Bowers Park outdoor bandshell to have community concerts, yoga, speakers etc., would be great addition for our community residents and visitors

Lauri Gartner

2/22/2022 02:44 PM

I think expanding the Pelizzari Natural Area is extremely important and shouldn't be delayed because once this vacant land is developed the opportunity is lost and prices keep going up. All the housing density is on the south end of the township so it would be great to have more natural park land for the use of residents, since there's a lot more people living in this area to utilize it. I live on the very south end of the township on East Shore Rd and this is the only park south of Bowers Harbor Park which is 9 miles from my house, except for Archie Park which is tiny and more of a meeting place for bicyclists. I was surprised when looking at the parks survey at how many parks are located in the very north end of the township and are probably used by more visitors than township residents.

Anonymous

2/22/2022 03:31 PM

Kelley Park could be a wonderful attraction with a little bit of help

Anonymous

2/22/2022 03:50 PM

Pelizzari expansion is not just a great parks addition, but also important for traffic concerns and reduction of development build-out.

Pete Meyer

2/22/2022 07:02 PM

How about a gate of some kind to keep unauthorized traffic from using the east/west "road" across the lighthouse park. We have picked up litter, put out fires, and last year started to see tracks of vehicles climbing some of the hills near the end. It's too precious a place to let some fools ruin it for others.

Richard Ward

2/23/2022 09:31 AM

Given all of the discussions with the Township, regarding pickle ball courts, I am truly disheartened to see that it was not even included as an option. \$350k for MORE playground equipment, but no option for the ONLY pickle ball court. For less than \$300k????

Beth Milligan

2/23/2022 11:41 AM

While bathrooms are needed at Kelley Park (especially given the lack of public restrooms on the north end of OMP generally along with the plans for a boat launch at Kelley), I would generally support as a high park priority more trail development and acquisition of land for trails. Aside from the state park and Pelizzari, there aren't many trail opportunities along OMP. Center Road and Peninsula Drive are both

dangerous for walkers/bikers. More non-motorized options - especially connecting points of interest, like wineries, the market, boat launches, etc - would be really helpful out here and reduce the vehicle traffic on the main roads. Having something equivalent to the TART Trail on Old Mission could be a great long-term goal and won't be possible without active planning now to fundraise/acquire ROW over the years.

Andrea Brown

2/23/2022 01:10 PM

As a full-time resident of the peninsula, I would gather that the three most used parks (used by locals) would be Bowers Harbor Park, Pelizzari with the trails at the lighthouse. Since Bowers Harbor Park is in a central location, where both north peninsula residents and south peninsula residents could easily visit and utilize...and because the Bowers Harbor Park is great for all ages, I'd spend the most money in that particular park. Of course, all the parks are amazing but I commend you for creating this survey so that you might prioritize. In a perfect world, I'd take a project from one, a project from another, and just go down the line. Hopefully, that is what you are considering here. So for me...Bowers Harbor Park should be a top priority. Thank you.

Lynn McPhee-Ward

2/23/2022 01:39 PM

It concerns me that there was no mention of dedicated Pickleball courts at Bowers, despite many requests to Peninsula Township. Instead there is fundraiser (more money for taxpayers), to come up with money. Yet the Peninsula could potentially spend \$353,100 for new playground equipment when there are already two playgrounds at this park alone. I would also like the decision makers to take into consideration: 1. Where the dollars would most benefit Peninsula Township taxpayers. 2. We only have two deputies, with limited hours, that serve the Peninsula. If the Kelly Park boat launch alone moves forward, how will they be able to monitor all the activities that the new launch will bring? What about the other projects that will bring more people to the Peninsula. One last question, how will the ultimate decisions be made? Thank you, Lynn

Pam Baumann

2/23/2022 02:53 PM

Please install another porta potty at Haserot Beach. One is not nearly sufficient to handle all the beach goers, plus the boaters that come ashore, and the Kelley Park people who either come over to use it or go in the water or bushes. This is an immediate need.

Deborah Rough

2/23/2022 06:41 PM

So many opportunities and difficult to select only five. Also difficult because funding possibilities not assured.

B Cash

2/24/2022 10:28 AM

Pelizzari will need restrooms of some sort with the increase in usage. Either plumbed or vaulted would be a good addition

Dave Baumann

2/25/2022 12:26 PM

Actually, my number one priority is not Haserot Beach Parking. It is upgrading the toilet situation at Haserot Beach. Since the boat launch as been discontinued and pbecah publicity has increased, more beach-goers are using Haserot. Consequently, the single vault toilet is no longer adequate. I suspect most people are using the lake itself to urinate. Also, powerboats moored near the old boat launch are using the restroom as well. I suggest separate male and female vaulted toilets, with more adequate lighting and better odor control. Also, the garbage pickup at the beach fails to keep up with usage. Many times, the cans are overflowing, attracting rodents and other animals. Lastly, there needs to be a similar toilet structure built at Kelly Park, where I have observed users relieving themselves in the reeds just offshore. On a side note, trying to build a boat launch at Kelly Park is a BAD idea. The dredging alone to get boats out far enough in the shallow waters off that sight will horribly expensive, difficult to maintain and befoul the clear waters of Old Mission Bay. Don't waste the taxpayer's money pursuing this folly.

annikalorenz

2/25/2022 06:23 PM

I would love to see our parks given the attention they need. Plumbed bathrooms in all parks would be wonderful. Also expanded walking trails at Bowers harbor. I frequently drive in to the civic center because of how terribly maintained and awful bathroom conditions that exist at Bowers harbor park, although it would be much closer for me to come and exercise at Bowers Harbor Park.

Joanne Kamper

2/26/2022 06:57 AM

Remove Has. Beach parking lot only after K park launch install

Tom Kamper

2/26/2022 07:29 AM

Frequently use Haserot boat launch. New boat launch is main priority.

Pat.sharpnack

2/26/2022 10:06 AM

I love the parks on OMP even if nothing is done to upgrade them.

Marcy Welburn

2/26/2022 12:22 PM

The playground at Bowers Harbor park are dangerous and desperately need attention.

Julia MacLachlan

2/28/2022 07:45 AM

Water fountains in parks would be useful for refilling water bottles when biking or taking a drink when running in the summer. Pedestrian (only) access to Pelizzari off East Shore Road would allow

people to walk or bike there without having to flirt with death on Center Road

Roderick MacLachlan

2/28/2022 08:26 AM

Water coolers in the parks would be very helpful for warmer days.

Lori Brickman

2/28/2022 09:04 AM

1. Vault toilets at Kelly park are sufficient and more cost effective. 2. Stair repair at Archie is under regular maintenance and should be already budgeted. 3. BH trail expansion does not have to be universal access initially. Cost is too prohibitive.

Joe Heagany

2/28/2022 10:34 AM

In my opinion I believe the most important parks project is to immediately find and purchase beachfront for future peninsula resident use as a public swimming beach, park and parking area. Without a doubt Haserot Beach is so small compared to the resident and non-resident use it receives that garbage on the beach, illegal parking, unsafe driving, etc. are a regular occurrence. With a growing population and more tourists falling in love with our cherished rural (somewhat threatened) and unspoiled (again somewhat threatened) environment, the best answer is to accommodate this unrelenting desire residents and others have for our beautiful shoreline by establishing another township park complete with swimming beach, park area, and parking. If the township does not do this now, it will certainly be too late in the near future.

Chris Smith

2/28/2022 10:40 AM

Top priority for us is safe non roadside biking for the peninsula.

David C Tucker

2/28/2022 04:47 PM

Some of these choices such as the beach steps at Archie Park or a replacement grill at Bowers Harbor seem like basic maintenance rather than capital projects such as trail expansion. Basic maintenance should be addressed regardless of survey results.

Dan Fouch

3/01/2022 05:13 PM

Bowers Harbor Park needs to be upgraded. The basketball court is poorly lined and the baskets are the wrong height. New backboards are needed. The tennis courts and pickle ball courts are a high priority. Bowers harbor park should be a show piece for the township not an embarrassment . The trails at the north end of the peninsula are a great asset and we use them almost daily. The township has done a great job with those and should be proud of them.

Shawna

The top priority for me to see get accomplished , are the 8 new

3/02/2022 04:03 AM

pickleball courts at the Bowers Harbor Park

Beca

3/02/2022 08:00 AM

The parks need to pursue a nonmotorized trail system from the lighthouse to town; connecting in with the TART. This has been on the strategic plan for some time and yet we are investing money in resources to other areas losing this opportunity. Why is this project not prioritized on this list? A connecting trail still would be my number one choice.

Ann Swaney

3/02/2022 09:18 PM

Keep up the good work. Need to get volunteers to do some that work to save \$\$ for other projects.

S.Shipman

3/03/2022 07:48 AM

Projects that have real impact for families and multi-age community (BH Exp. trail, playground kids want to play in, take pressure from Haserot by making Kelley a great park, etc.) will help OMP maintain (grow!?) its community feel, vs. turning into a place dominated by wealthy retirees, second homes and seasonal rental accommodations.

Nathan Lorenz

3/03/2022 04:53 PM

The restrooms at Bowers Harbor have been in disrepair for many years. Many visitors are likely to avoid this park until this problem is solved. It should be a first step to bringing the park into a state of cleanliness and organization.

Sandra Remer

3/04/2022 04:10 PM

Of all walking and bike systems would benefit all. Trails, would encourage physical activities and updating playgrounds for younger children. The purpose of Mission Peninsula should be to provide it's residents and visitors with opportunities to improve health, safety and the environment

Martin Chown

3/08/2022 09:36 AM

Would love to see the speedy installation of a new boat launch at Kelley park!

MJSK

3/08/2022 10:09 AM

Have al lighthouse projects/budgets on another budget system. no milage

Michael Dettmer

3/08/2022 10:36 AM

Thanks for all the important work. It is much appreciated.

Walter William Rudolph

Notice some of the grills at Haserot Beach are in need of repair

3/08/2022 02:03 PM

Cristin Hosmer

3/10/2022 07:57 AM

A boardwalk in Pelazzari would ruin the ambiance of the hemlocks, disturb roots and change the over all character of this very special stand of trees! Do NOT put a boardwalk in. ENFORCE LEASH LAW! Thank you for all you are doing

BHS

3/11/2022 07:24 AM

BH Park expansion has been neglected after Township promises at the time of acquisition that BH Park would be completed according to the Beckett & Raeder rendering that was used to secure community support and funding for the acquisition. The trail not being completed especially could open the Township to liability for lack of safe and well maintained trails. Failure to secure grants is not an excuse to break these commitments. The Township needs to deliver on their promises for Bowers Harbor Park.

Morgan61

3/12/2022 12:05 AM

BHP playground equipment is extremely dangerous as is. Safely needs to be #1 concern. Also to be handicap accessible. Very unkept, broken pieces. Would be great to consider putting in skating rink at BHP for winter activities as done in past.

Gloria B

3/14/2022 12:55 PM

Two things: I would love to see a maintained ice skating rink at Bowers Harbor Park. We had a small unmaintained one many years ago. It would be a really nice addition to our park for the winter months. Also, I was part of the group that made the new addition to Bowers Harbor happen. At that time we were advocating for a park left in its natural state and was assured that a dog park would not be added at that location. Please do not add a dog park at Bowers Harbor. Perhaps the open field adjacent to the Pelizzari parking lot would be a better option. The universal access trail is totally acceptable, but not the dog park. That was not the purpose of the purchase for that property.

Leith Butler

3/14/2022 01:11 PM

I donated a considerable amount to the purchase of the expansion of Bowers Harbor park and was assured during and after the planning sessions that there would be no dog park. It would be extremely disappointing to see a dog park installed at Bowers Harbor. Who wants to walk the trails and smell the leavings? Pelizzari is very unpleasant in the summer because of the smell and trail bombs. Maybe you could install a dog park in Pelizzari rather than Bowers Harbor.

Dean Elanges

I have not had a usable boat ramp near Haserot beach for several

3/15/2022 03:41 PM

years now. If you are not going to put in a new ramp at Kelly park I will move out and off of this township. I have contacted the township supervisor over a year ago and was told that the ramp was going in last year. Still no ramp. In my opinion as was stated by Neil, who owns the part of Haserot beach, that the ramp should stay at Haserot and I think the swimmers should be relocated to Kelly park. The amount of dredging at Kelly makes no sense in low water levels. Haserot is the safest and most cost effective way to launch boats and has been since I started coming here back in 1981!

Kennard Weaver

3/15/2022 04:29 PM

The survey is limited to actions or conditions which have been imagined by the Parks Board or Township Trustees. There is no place for new or different ideas.

Sally

3/15/2022 04:57 PM

All of the proposed projects sound great and all seem needed on some level. Guess we need to do some fundraising (I'm not volunteering! Sorry)

John Jacobs

3/15/2022 05:16 PM

Spending money on expanding Park area is an investment with a permanent benefit. The other improvements listed, while desirable, don't provide a permanent benefit.