

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:00 pm  
Garfield Township  
3848 Veterans Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
Ph: (231) 941-1620

**AGENDA**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call Meeting to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call of Board Members**

**1. Public Comment**

**Public Comment Guidelines:**

Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of The Parks and Recreation Commission, which is required to be open to the public under the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended. (MCLA 15.261, et.seq.) Public Comment shall be carried out in accordance with the following Board Rules and Procedures: a.) any person wishing to address the Board is requested to state his or her name and address. b.) No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding time needed to answer Commissioner's questions. Where constrained by available time the Chairperson may limit the amount of time each person will be allowed to speak to (3) minutes. 1.) The Chairperson may at his or her own discretion, extend the amount of time any person is allowed to speak. 2.) Whenever a Group wishes to address a Committee, the Chairperson may require that the Group designate a spokesperson; the Chairperson shall control the amount of time the spokesperson shall be allowed to speak when constrained by available time.

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflicts of Interest**

**3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025**

**4. Correspondence**

**5. Reports**

- a. Commissioner Reports
- b. Staff Report / Updates
  - i. Parks Steward Report
  - ii. Commons Natural Area Accessible Trail Grant Project – Update

**6. Old Business**

- a. PD-2025-45 – River East Recreation Area Proposed Changes to Phase 3
- b. PD-2025-46 – Review of Parks Projects for Garfield Township CIP Committee
- c. PD-2025-47 – Potential Lighting at Silver Lake Recreation Area and Winter Hours

**7. New Business**

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Items for Next Agenda – August 4, 2025**

**10. Adjournment**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 5, 2025**

**Roll Call of Commission Members:**

Present: Jessica Brutzman, Art Bukowski, Andy Hoort, Chris Remy, Denise Schmuckal, William Scott, and Chris DeGood

Staff Present: Parks Steward Sean Kehoe and Deputy Planning Director Steve Hannon

**Call to Order:** Chair DeGood called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all in attendance.

**1. Public Comment (6:02)**

None

**2. Review and Approval of the Amended Agenda – Conflicts of Interest (6:03)**

*Schmuckal moved and Brutzman seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Brutzman, Bukowski, Hoort, Remy, Scott, DeGood*

*Nays: None*

**3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2025 (6:03)**

*Bukowski moved and Hoort and seconded to approve the minutes of April 7, 2025 as presented.*

*Yeas: Bukowski, Hoort, Brutzman, Remy, Schmuckal, Scott, DeGood*

*Nays: None*

**4. Correspondence (6:03)**

Hannon noted the correspondence from EGLE related to Item 7.b. which is on the Commissioners' desks.

**5. Reports (6:05)**

**a. Commissioner Reports**

Schmuckal stated that the new Township website was now live, and that she will lead discussion on Item 7.c. regarding updated park signage.

**b. Staff Report/Updates**

**i. Parks Steward Report (6:07)**

Kehoe stated the River East Recreation Area playground is under construction. Hannon indicated the new Township website URL is garfieldmi.gov and that the website went live just this afternoon.

**6. Old Business****a. PD 2025-34 – Commons Natural Area Accessible Trail Grant Project – Update (6:08)**

In 2024, the Township received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant for \$300,000 to construct an accessible trail at the Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area. The grant funding was appropriated in October 2024, and the Township and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) fully executed the Project Agreement for the project in November 2024.

Hannon indicated that on April 10, 2025, Staff and the Township Engineer, Gourdie-Fraser (GFA) met virtually with MDNR to discuss potential design options for the trail given the desire to provide the most accessibility while minimizing impacts on the wetlands and surrounding environment. MDNR indicated that the southern part of the trail could be designed to meet ADA accessibility standards, rather than Universal Accessibility (UA) standards, so long as the trail has sufficient flat rest areas / landing spots and that the grade never rises above 8% at any point.

GFA is finalizing design details and cost estimates for the preferred design scenario, including design options for the proposed bridges. A meeting is scheduled with EGLE for a pre-permit meeting next week. Mark Maguire of GFA reviewed the trail plans with commissioners and stated that GFA is also preparing for the meeting with EGLE and hopes to gain insight on the bridges for the creek crossings and boardwalks. He discussed two bridge options – a wooden structure or a metal structure.

Commissioners discussed the two options, including costs, and suggested asking for bids for both options to compare costs and to include the cost of benches. GFA and staff will work to finalize the budget and detailed work schedule for the June meeting. Commissioners discussed the potential of sponsored benches and asked Staff to draft a policy for such donations.

**7. New Business****a. PD 2025-35 – Garfield Township CIP Committee – Update (6:46)**

At their March 25, 2025 meeting, the Township Board voted to establish a Capital Improvements Planning (CIP) Committee. The CIP Committee will review and finalize the Township Capital Improvements Plan which will be used as information in budgeting for Township projects. Staff is formatting the Action Program from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan so that the parks projects can be evaluated using the CIP process. The CIP process also includes reviewing an Asset Inventory to assist with the budgeting for maintenance and replacement. The Parks and Recreation assets include benches, fences, boardwalks, parking lots, lights, and more. Hannon said that the CIP Committee meets next on May 27. Ideas regarding projects for inclusion in the CIP can be brought to Staff and Schmuckal, who is the Parks and Recreation Commission representative on the CIP Committee.

- b. Lake Frontage at Silver Lake Recreation Area – Discussion (6:54)**  
Kehoe talked about trimming the brush at the Silver Lake Recreation Area waterfront. He stated that no permits were needed from EGLE so long as the trimming plan was followed, and that the proposed trimming does not impact the ordinary high-water mark. Commissioners agreed to the clean-up and gave Kehoe permission to begin trimming.
  - c. Updated Park Signs – Discussion (7:05)**  
Schmuckal explained that the Township Board wanted feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding a design for new signage in the parks, which would feature the new Township logo. Commissioners discussed the proposed signage and indicated they preferred the full seal with the township name on both the large middle directional sign and the smaller wayfinding sign as shown on page 13 of the meeting packet. The CIP Committee may consider a future project to update entrance signs at all parks, and Staff will work on updating the design of the trail directional maps for each park.
- 8. Public Comment (7:17)**  
None
  - 9. Items for Next Agenda – June 2, 2025 (7:17)**  
Items for the next agenda include finalizing the design of the Commons Natural Area accessible trail and reviewing parks projects for their inclusion in the CIP.
  - 10. Adjournment**  
*DeGood adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.*



## **Charter Township of Garfield**

### **Parks Report**

#### **Silver Lake Recreation Area**

Aggressive dog in dog park addressed.

Cleared a couple small trees off trail.

Crack, seal, and striping of parking lots and drive on schedule.

Lighting still a topic on conversation for Winter walking trails and dog park.

Drinking fountain leak fixed.

Mowing, irrigation and fertilizing have begun.

Replacing weathered kiosk posters.

Getting quotes for insulating bathrooms and upgrading the heating elements.

## **Commons**

GFA working on modifications to trail design to meet DNR standards.

Graffiti has started. Working on covering it up. Greenspire students and staff willing to assist.

Moved along a couple encampments. CPO's assisted.

## **River East**

GFA working bathroom design.

Playground completed and opening soon.

Mowing, irrigation and fertilizing have started.

It is believed someone tampered with an irrigation valve. Cameras didn't cover that area. Valve working now.

Getting quotes for new tin around the maintenance barn.

## **Boardman Valley**

Hauled out encampment belongings with UTV. Two trips.

Replacing some boards on boardwalk.

Walked wooded area in attempt to find campers, but think they moved on.

Starting to mow and trim trails and around courts.

## **Miller Creek**

Cleaned out trash tote. Over flowing from people using it for their household waste. Trying to identify suspect.

Hauled out the encampment near creek with UTV. Five Trips out.

Cleared windblown trash behind Home Depot and Petsmart.

## **Kid's Creek**

Fisheries were diagnosed with a disease. Working through DNR For other contact for trout or bluegill.

Looking to construct fish and wildlife habitat in pond and on shoreline.

Cleaned out birdhouses from previous year.

Mowing and trimming has begun.

## **Buffalo Ridge Trail**

Due to Gaylord Area ice storm, contractor cannot secure a forestry mulcher as of now. Trying to schedule as soon as demand slows for the mulcher.


Most of the existing cedars and replanted trees are doing well with wet Spring.



Submitted May 29th, 2025

Derek Morton

Sean Kehoe

	<b>Charter Township of Garfield</b> <b>Planning Department Report No. 2025-45</b>		
	<b>Subject: River East Recreation Area – Proposed Changes to Phase 3</b>		
	<b>Prepared:</b> May 28, 2025	<b>Pages:</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Meeting:</b> June 2, 2025 – Parks and Recreation Commission		

### **BACKGROUND:**

Over the past several years, the Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed proposed projects for the River East Recreation Area as new amenities are added to the park. The past few years have seen a parking lot, pavilion, dog park, and playground installed at the park. The long-term vision of the park includes the addition of bathrooms, a paved trail loop, improvements to the nature trails, a second pavilion, upgrades to the existing barn, and additional parking. Staff have used a conceptual park plan, originally included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to guide these improvements. The most up-to-date version of the park concept plan is attached to this report.

The Township Board has budgeted funds for improvements at River East for the past several years, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The continued build-out of the conceptual park plan has experienced some delays and changes. The budget for these projects has also been impacted by the Township Board appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for River East.

Several changes are proposed for the timeline and conceptual park plan, which are being presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their consideration. Staff offer their comments on the following:

#### *Bathroom*

On March 12, 2024, the Township Board approved purchasing a bathroom facility for River East using part of the Township's ARPA funds. This was envisioned as a prefabricated, year-round bathroom which could be placed on a concrete foundation. Due to supply chain and other difficulties, the contractor has not been able to provide the bathroom facility and there would likely be further delays in trying to secure a bathroom facility as a prefabricated structure.

On March 25, 2025, the Township Board approved constructing a stick-built bathroom at River East and bidding out the project. The updated cost estimates, included as an attachment to this report, show the cost differences between stick-built (onsite) and prefabricated structures.

The bathroom is shown on the conceptual park plan near the existing pavilion. Commissioners may wish to consider if this is the most appropriate location for the bathroom at River East or if a different location should be considered, such as to the west of the proposed parking lot. Staff recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission discuss the potential locations of the bathroom and offer a preferred location prior to the bathroom project going out for bid.

#### *Parking Lot*

On March 12, 2024, the Township Board approved a contract with AJ's Excavating for paving the parking lot and setting the concrete foundation for the bathroom. The contractor has been waiting for a resolution on the bathroom location and type of structure before proceeding. The updated conceptual park plan also illustrates an expanded parking lot to account for greater park usage. The contractor has indicated they can potentially construct an expanded parking lot this year. This would require amending the existing contract to accommodate the expanded scope of work.

*Templeton Barn*

The Action Program in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies “Templeton barn siding” as a 2024 project for River East. The Templeton Barn is used by Staff for equipment storage and as a workspace for constructing and repairing benches, tables, and other amenities for all parks. Staff talked with a contractor about siding and other upgrades to the barn. The contractor is willing to prepare a quote which can provide the Township with additional information to scope out and schedule the project.

*Irrigation Well*

The Township Engineer has indicated the potential need for an additional well for irrigation at the southern end of the field along Keystone Road. Staff can get a quote for an additional well.

*Conceptual Park Plan*

Based on these recent and proposed changes, Staff recommend the Township Engineer provide an updated conceptual park plan, cost estimates, and timeline for the next River East projects. Future projects will be reflected in the Township’s Capital Improvements Program.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

If, following discussion, Commissioners are supportive of proposed changes for the River East Recreation Area projects and generally agree on the location of the proposed bathroom, then the following motion is suggested:

MOTION TO RECOMMEND the following actions for the River East Recreation Area (items 1-5 as listed in Planning Department Report 2025-45):

1. That the Township Board request bids for the proposed bathroom facility.
2. That the Township Board request an updated cost estimate from AJ’s Excavating to amend the contract and scope of work for the expanded parking lot.
3. That Staff pursue a quote for upgrades to the Templeton Barn.
4. That Staff pursue a quote for an additional well for irrigation.
5. That the Township Engineer provide an updated conceptual park plan, updated cost estimates, and an updated timeline for the next projects.

Any additional information the Commission deems necessary should be added to this motion.

<b>Attachments</b>	
Updated River East Recreation Area Internal Park Concept	May 28, 2025
Updated River East Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost	May 28, 2025

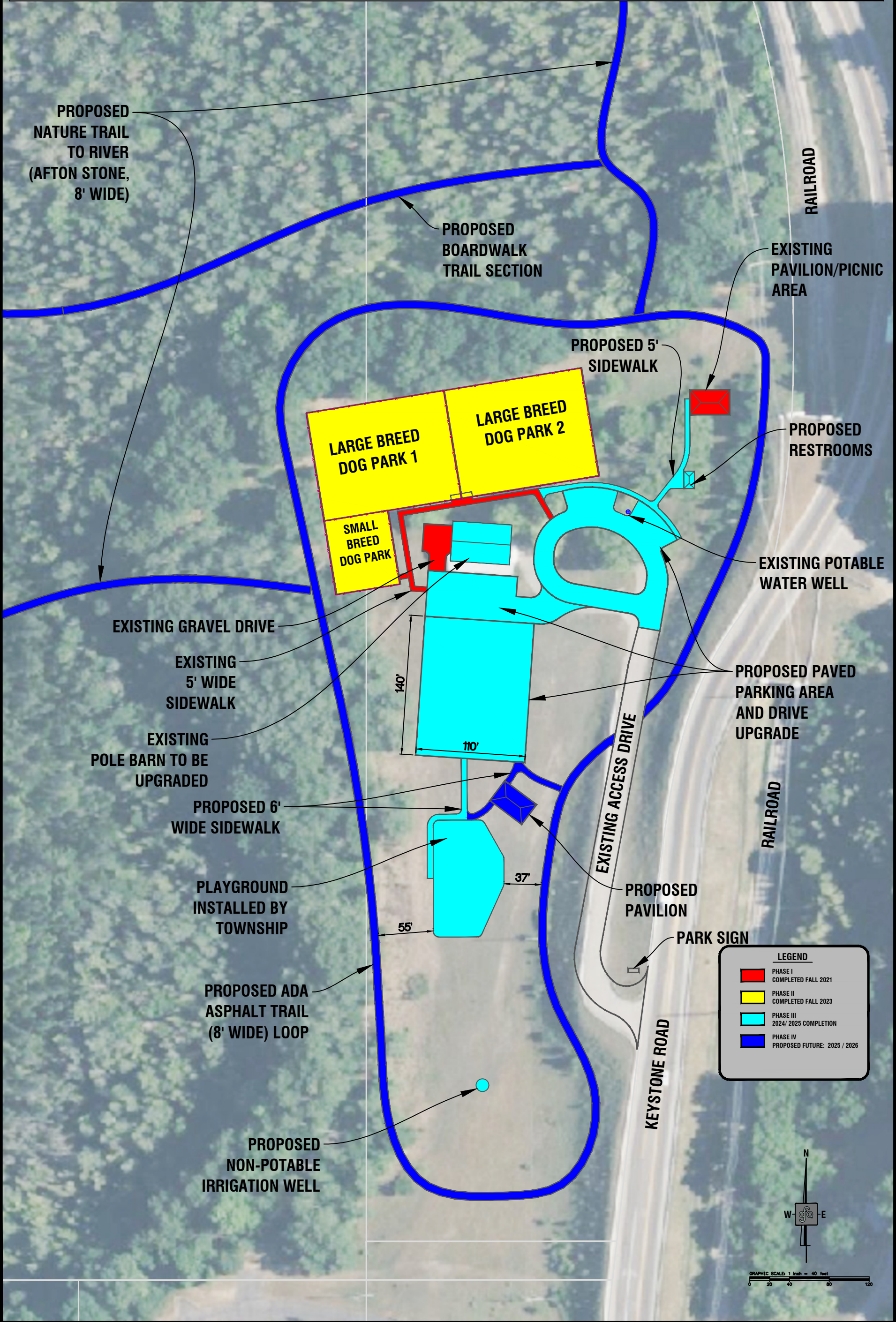


RIVER EAST RECREATION AREA  
INTERNAL PARK CONCEPT

ENGINEERING  
SURVEYING  
TESTING & OPERATIONS  
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Traverse City, MI 49604



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YEAR IMPLEMENTED	SITE IMPROVEMENTS	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price	TOTALS
2021	<b>PHASE I: PARKING &amp; PAVILION</b>					
	1 Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
	2 Gravel Parking Area	1,200.00	SYD	\$23.00	\$27,600.00	
	3 Concrete Pad for Pavilion	550.00	SFT	\$6.00	\$3,300.00	
	4 Pavilion	550.00	SFT	\$67.60	\$37,180.00	
	5 Site Restoration and Seeding	1.00	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
	6 Additional Services - Pavilion Roof	1.00	LS	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
	<b>CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					\$72,430.00
	<b>ENGINEERING, PERMITTING, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSITE</b>					\$ 16,200.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>\$ 88,630.00</b>
2023	<b>PHASE II: DOG PARKS, SIDEWALK &amp; GENERAL SITE IMPROVEMENTS</b>					
	1 Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	
	2 Clearing & Grubbing	1.00	LS	\$7,175.00	\$7,175.00	
	3 Topsoil Removal & Grading	1.00	LS	\$12,190.00	\$12,190.00	
	4 5' Tall Fence	1150.00	LF	\$57.50	\$66,125.00	
	5 4" Thick Concrete Sidewalk	2000.00	SF	\$7.90	\$15,800.00	
	6 4' Single Swing Gate	6.00	EA	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	
	7 8' Wide Single Swing Gate	3.00	EA	\$1,100.00	\$3,300.00	
	8 Watering Station (Including Service Line & Connection)	3.00	EA	\$7,638.00	\$22,914.00	
	9 Gravel Surface	1400.00	SF	\$1.95	\$2,730.00	
	10 Irrigation System	1.00	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	11 Topsoil, Seed, & Mulch	1.00	LS	\$7,970.00	\$7,970.00	
	12 Kiosks	4.00	EA			
	13 Park Sign	1.00	EA			
	14 Trash, Recycle Bins and Animal Waste Receptacles	2.00	EA			
	15 Benches	4.00	EA			
	16 Picnic Tables	4.00	EA			
	<b>CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					\$171,678.90
	<b>ENGINEERING, PERMITTING, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSITE</b>					\$ 35,000.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>\$206,678.90</b>
2024 to 2025	<b>PHASE III: BATHROOM, TRAIL &amp; SIDEWALK</b>					
	1 Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
	2 Year Round Bathroom, 2 Stall Onsite Install including concrete pad	1.00	LS	\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00	
	3 Clearing & Grubbing	1.00	LS	\$3,760.00	\$3,760.00	
	4 Topsoil Removal & Grading	1.00	LS	\$8,800.00	\$8,800.00	
	5 Gravel Base, 22A 6"	1,870.00	SYD	\$22.50	\$42,075.00	
	6 Drive Reconstruction including milling, HMA LVSP 330#/SYD, striping and signage	150.00	TON	\$168.00	\$25,200.00	
	7 Parking Lot Paving and Addition including , HMA LVSP 330#/SYD	450.00	TON	\$140.00	\$63,000.00	
	8 Concrete Sidewalk, 5' Wide	2,000.00	SFT	\$9.00	\$18,000.00	
	9 Water & Sewer Service for Bathroom including drainfield & septic tank	1.00	LS	\$26,200.00	\$26,200.00	
	10 Bathroom Utility Connections (water / sewer / electric)	1.00	LS	\$13,590.00	\$13,590.00	
	11 Hands Free Drinking Fountain	1.00	EA	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	
	12 Water Treatment System - Residential	1.00	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	13 Erosion Control/Site Restoration (Topsoil, Seed and Mulch)	1.00	LS	\$16,200.00	\$16,200.00	
	14 Playground Equipment including surface	1.00	LS	N/A	N/A	
	15 Benches	4.00	LS	\$2,200.00	\$8,800.00	
	16 Polebarn upgrades including new steel, insulation, mezzanine and unit heater	1.00	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
	17 Onsite NonPotable Well - Irrigation System	1.00	LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
	<b>CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					\$ 641,125.00
	<b>10% CONTINGENCY</b>					\$ 64,112.50
	<b>ENGINEERING, PERMITTING, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSITE</b>					\$ 95,000.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>\$ 800,237.50</b>
2025- 2026 PROPOSED	<b>PHASE IV: ADA / RUSTIC TRAIL, BRIDGE &amp; LANDSCAPING</b>					
	1 Mobilization	1.00	LS	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
	2 Clearing and Grubbing	10,000.00	SYD	\$5.00	\$50,000.00	
	3 Machine Grading	115.00	STA	\$1,500.00	\$172,500.00	
	4 Sand Subbase	8,000.00	CYD	\$15.00	\$120,000.00	
	5 HMA, LVSP, 8' Wide Trail, 165#/SYD	200.00	TON	\$150.00	\$30,000.00	
	6 Concrete Sidewalk, 5' Wide	500.00	SFT	\$9.00	\$4,500.00	
	7 Nature Trail, 8' Wide, Crushed Stone	9,000.00	LFT	\$20.00	\$180,000.00	
	8 Boardwalk (Decking), 8' Wide	650.00	LFT	\$300.00	\$195,000.00	
	9 Pedestrian Bridge, 8' Wide x 60' Long	1.00	LS	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	
	10 Kiosk Signs	6.00	EA	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00	
	11 Landscaping	1.00	LS	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	
	12 Irrigation System	1.00	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	13 Prefabricated Pedestrian Bridge, 8' Wide, including abutments	60.00	LFT	\$2,800.00	\$168,000.00	
	14 Erosion Control/ Site Restoration (Topsoil, Seed and Mulch)	1.00	LS	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	
	<b>CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					\$1,314,000.00
	<b>10% CONTINGENCY</b>					\$ 131,400.00
	<b>ENGINEERING, PERMITTING, BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSITE</b>					\$ 236,520.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>\$1,681,920.00</b>
<b>TOTAL (ALL 4 PHASES)</b>						<b>\$2,777,466.40</b>

**NOTES:**

- Phase I was completed in 2021 and costs based upon final contract amounts. Phase II was completed in 2023 and costs based upon final contract amounts. Phase III and IV costs area estimated and based upon preliminary information. The actual site conditions may result in variations of unit prices or items.
- Phase III was solicited for bids in 2024 and costs reflected are actual bid prices. Cost for the stick built bathroom is an estimate and approved by Township Board in April 2025.
- Phase IV estimate is approximate and based upon 2025 prices. Actual construction bids may vary significantly from this statement of probable costs due to timing of bidding, construction, changed conditions, labor rate, changes, or other factors beyond the control of the Engineer.
- Items in yellow are to be provided by Township directly either through RFP or staff to install

	<b>Charter Township of Garfield</b> <b>Planning Department Report No. 2025-46</b>		
Subject:	<b>Review of Parks Projects for Garfield Township CIP Committee</b>		
Prepared:	May 28, 2025	Pages:	1
Meeting:	June 2, 2025 – Parks and Recreation Commission		

**BACKGROUND:**

The Township Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIP Committee) is developing and reviewing the Township Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) to plan for major capital projects and to guide the annual Township budget process. The CIP Committee was created by the Township Board at their March 25, 2025 meeting. The CIP Committee consists of the following members: Township Supervisor; Township Trustee (Representative for Building and Grounds Committee); Township Trustee (Representative for Parks and Recreation Commission); Township Manager; Township Engineer; and Township Planning Director.

The CIP Committee held their first meeting on April 22, 2025 and their second meeting on May 27, 2025. The CIP Committee reviewed a draft capital project list covering projects for parks, water, sanitary sewer, non-motorized facilities, road improvements, and other categories.

The CIP process will also include reviewing a Township Asset Inventory to use as a tool for budgeting for maintenance and replacement of equipment. For parks, assets include benches, fences, boardwalks, parking lots, lights, and more.

Staff developed the draft list of parks projects using information from the Action Program from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Capital Improvements cost estimates in the Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area Design Plan. The draft list of parks projects is attached to this report.

The remaining draft timeline for adoption of the CIP is as follows:

- June 2025 – Parks and Recreation Commission and the Buildings and Grounds Committee provide input on projects
- June 24, 2025 – CIP Committee reviews draft CIP
- July 9, 2025 – Planning Commission reviews CIP, provides recommendation to Township Board
- July 22, 2025 – Introduction of CIP to the Township Board
- August 12, 2025 – Township Board reviews CIP and adopts (or sends back to CIP Committee)

**DISCUSSION:**

This item is intended for Commissioners to review and discuss the draft list of parks projects for the CIP. If Commissioners would like to add other projects to this list to evaluate via the CIP process, this meeting offers an opportunity for discussion on those projects. Staff can forward any additional projects to the CIP Committee for their consideration.

<b>Attachments</b>	
Township Capital Improvements Program (excerpts relating to parks)	May 28, 2025

Project Category	Project Title	24-'25 Projects Underway	Current Budget 2026	Proposed 2027	Proposed 2028	Proposed 2029	Proposed 2030	Proposed 2031	Total Project Cost
PR	River East Recreation Area – Amenities (Bathroom Install, Parking Lot, Sidewalks)	\$250,000							\$250,000
PR	River East Recreation Area – Playground	\$634,865							\$634,865
PR	River East Recreation Area – Bathroom	\$399,000							\$399,000
PR	River East Recreation Area – Templeton Barn		\$50,000						\$50,000
PR	River East Recreation Area – Irrigation Well and System		\$15,000						
PR	River East Recreation Area – Hands Free Drinking Fountain		\$11,500						
PR	River East Recreation Area – New Pavilion + Electricity to Pavilions			\$200,000					\$200,000
PR	River East Recreation Area – Nature Trails			\$75,000					\$75,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Copper Ridge Trailhead Construction	\$100,000							\$100,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Accessible Trail Loop	\$668,100							\$668,100
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Red Drive Trailhead Engineering	\$15,000							\$15,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Red Drive Trailhead Construction		\$200,000						\$200,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Mountain-Bike Optimized Trail Construction			\$300,000					\$300,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Amenities and Connector Trails				\$100,000				\$100,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – N Long Lake Road Trailhead Engineering				\$15,000				\$15,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – N Long Lake Road Trailhead Construction					\$250,000			\$250,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Wetland Restoration						\$200,000		\$200,000
PR	Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Site Restoration			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
PR	Boardman Valley Nature Preserve – Pickleball Courts Resurfacing	\$35,100							\$35,100
PR	Boardman Valley Nature Preserve – Volleyball Court / Viewing Platform Upgrades				\$50,000				\$50,000
PR	Boardman Valley Nature Preserve – Trail Updates					\$50,000			\$50,000
PR	Kids Creek Park – Oleson Pond Dredging		\$50,000						\$50,000
PR	Kids Creek Park – Bridge / Bench Updates				\$15,000				\$15,000
PR	Kids Creek Park – Pavilion or Covered Benches at Buffalo Ridge Trail				\$15,000				\$15,000
PR	Miller Creek Nature Reserve – Trail Upgrades				\$100,000				\$100,000
PR	Silver Lake Recreation Area – Bathroom Heating Improvements	\$10,000							\$10,000
PR	Silver Lake Recreation Area – Pickleball Court Construction	\$130,000							\$130,000
PR	Silver Lake Recreation Area – Lighting		\$20,000						
PR	Silver Lake Recreation Area – Dog Park Expansion				\$100,000				\$100,000
PR	All Parks – Signage and Wayfinding with New Township Brand		\$100,000						\$100,000
NMF	Barlow / Boardman Lake Loop Connector – Phase I	\$564,073							\$564,073
NMF	Barlow / Boardman Lake Loop Connector – Phase II (Floresta to Boon)				\$400,000				\$400,000
NMF	Wyatt / Westchester Connector			\$72,136					\$72,136
NMF	Miller Creek / Boardman Valley Trail Connector					\$324,986			\$324,986
RI	Ridge View Court Special Assessment	\$100,000							\$100,000
RI	Logan Valley Road Special Assessment	\$100,000							\$100,000
RI	US-31 Traffic Signal Mast Arms	\$261,330							\$261,330
RI	Logan's Landing Median Improvements	\$43,055							\$43,055
RI	Woodmere Median Improvements	\$60,000							\$60,000
GE-IT	BS&A Cloud Software Upgrade		\$125,000						\$125,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,370,523</b>	<b>\$571,500</b>	<b>\$697,136</b>	<b>\$845,000</b>	<b>\$674,986</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$3,088,622</b>
<b>ANNUAL TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,095,523</b>	<b>\$10,266,500</b>	<b>\$10,917,136</b>	<b>\$1,380,000</b>	<b>\$3,194,986</b>	<b>\$5,770,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$34,323,622</b>


Parks and Recreation (PR)						
Project Title	Project Year(s)	Project Description / Need	Cost Estimate	Township Share	Funding Sources	Strategic Plan Goal(s)
River East Recreation Area – Amenities	2024-2025	Bathroom install, parking lot, sidewalks	\$250,000	\$250,000	Township Parks Fund/ARPA	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – Playground	2024-2025		\$634,865	\$634,865	ARPA	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – Bathroom	2024-2025	Block built bathroom on-site	\$399,000	\$399,000	Township Parks Fund/ ARPA	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – Templeton Barn	2026	New siding and garage doors	\$50,000	\$50,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – Irrigation Well	2026	New irrigation well and system	\$15,000	\$15,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – Drinking Fountain	2026	New hands-free drinking fountain	\$11,500	\$11,500	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – New Pavilion	2027	Pavilion near playground and electricity to pavilions	\$200,000	\$200,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
River East Recreation Area – Nature Trails	2027	Trail construction, erosion control, new plantings	\$75,000	\$75,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Copper Ridge Trailhead	2024-2025	Trailhead construction	\$100,000	\$100,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area - Accessible Trail Loop	2025	Engineering and trail construction of Accessible Trail Loop	\$668,100	\$290,600	MDNR Trust Fund Grant (\$300,000), Township Parks Fund (Remainder)	ID, PT, PS
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Red Drive Trailhead Engineering	2024-2025	Trailhead engineering and design	\$15,000	\$15,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Red Drive Trailhead Construction	2026	Trailhead construction	\$200,000	\$200,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Mountain Bike Optimized Trail Construction	2027	Mountain bike trail design and construction	\$300,000	\$300,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Amenities and Connector Trails	2028	Trail and amenity construction to support mountain bike and hiking trails	\$100,000	\$100,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – N. Long Lake Road Trailhead Engineering	2028	New trailhead design along N. Long Lake Road across from Oleson's	\$15,000	\$15,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT



Parks and Recreation (PR)						
Project Title	Project Year(s)	Project Description / Need	Cost Estimate	Township Share	Funding Sources	Strategic Plan Goal(s)
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – N. Long Lake Road Trailhead Construction	2029	New trailhead construction along N. Long Lake Road across from Oleson's	\$250,000	\$250,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Wetland Restoration	2030	Wetland restoration near N. Long Lake Road across from Oleson's	\$200,000	\$200,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Grand Traverse Commons Natural Area – Site Restoration	2027-2031	Conduct site restoration and vegetation improvements to address erosion, social trails, etc.	\$250,000	\$250,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Boardman Valley Nature Preserve – Pickleball Courts Resurfacing	2025	Resurfacing of pickleball courts	\$35,100	\$35,100	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Boardman Valley Nature Preserve – Volleyball Court / Viewing Platform Upgrades	2028	Upgrades to volleyball court and viewing platform on river	\$50,000	\$50,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Boardman Valley Nature Preserve – Trail Updates	2029	Peace Trail Boardwalk Connection	\$50,000	\$50,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Kids Creek Park – Oleson Pond Dredging	2026	Dredge existing fishpond	\$50,000	\$50,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Kids Creek Park – Bridge / Bench Updates	2028	Update bridge and benches near Kohl's entrance	\$15,000	\$15,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Kids Creek Park – Pavilion or Covered Benches	2028	Pavilion or covered benches with shade cover at Buffalo Ridge Trail	\$15,000	\$15,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Miller Creek Nature Reserve – Trail Upgrades	2028	Upgrades to connections, boardwalk repairs, etc.	\$100,000	\$100,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Silver Lake Recreation Area – Bathroom Heating Improvements	2025	Upgrade bathroom with a more efficient system	\$10,000	\$10,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Silver Lake Recreation Area – Pickleball Court	2025	New pickleball court construction	\$130,000	\$130,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Silver Lake Recreation Area – Lighting	2026	Install lighting for trail, dog park, and parking lot	\$20,000	\$20,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Silver Lake Recreation Area – Dog Park Expansion	2028	Construct alternate pen area for dog park	\$100,000	\$100,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
All Parks – Signage and Wayfinding	2026	Construct and install all new signage for all parks	\$100,000	\$100,000	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Strategic Plan Goal Key: Identity – ID, Economic Development – ED, Public Safety – PS, Parks and Trails – PT, Water Quality – WQ, Housing – HO, Transportation & Infrastructure – TI, Partnerships – PS, Fiscal Responsibility – FR.						

## Non-Motorized Facilities (NMF)

Project Title	Project Year(s)	Project Description / Need	Cost Estimate	Township Share	Funding Sources	Strategic Plan Goal(s)
Barlow/Boardman Lake Loop Connector – Phase I	2024	Construct a six-foot wide sidewalk along the east side of Barlow Street and the north side South Airport Road to connect the Barlow-Garfield Neighborhood with the Boardman Lake Loop Trail.	\$564,073	\$564,073	ARPA, Township General Fund	PT, PS
Barlow/Boardman Lake Loop Connector – Phase II	2028	Construct a six-foot wide sidewalk along the east side of Barlow Street from Floresta to Boon.	\$400,000	\$400,000	SRTS, Township General Fund	PT, PS
Wyatt/Westchester Connector	2027	Connect Barns trail with trail at Meadow Valley PUD. This non-motorized route would include both trail and on-road segments providing for a 2-mile connection between West Middle School and West Senior High School.	\$72,136	\$72,136	ARPA, Township General Fund	PT, PS
Miller Creek/Boardman Valley Trail Connector	2029	Connect Miller Creek Nature Reserve with Boardman Valley Nature Preserve	\$324,986	\$324,986	Township Parks Fund	ID, PT
Strategic Plan Goal Key: Identity – ID, Economic Development – ED, Public Safety – PS, Parks and Trails – PT, Water Quality – WQ, Housing – HO, Transportation & Infrastructure – TI, Partnerships – PS, Fiscal Responsibility – FR.						

	<b>Charter Township of Garfield</b> <b>Planning Department Report No. 2025-47</b>		
	<b>Subject: Potential Lighting at Silver Lake Recreation Area and Winter Hours</b>		
	<b>Prepared:</b> May 28, 2025	<b>Pages:</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Meeting:</b> June 2, 2025 – Parks and Recreation Commission		

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the April 7, 2025 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed potential lighting at Silver Lake Recreation Area. Per the Garfield Township Parkland Ordinance (Ordinance No. 50), the Township parks are open from dawn until dusk. Due to the early sunset in winter, there is demand for using the parks in the early evening in winter, especially the dog park and paved loop trail at Silver Lake Recreation Area. Consideration of adding lighting and allowing the park to be open after dusk in the winter would require the Township to understand the impact of the following factors:

- The location of any new light poles at Silver Lake Recreation Area (e.g., where specifically at the dog park and along the paved loop trail).
- Costs – including installation, operation, and maintenance, of new lighting.
- A potential amendment to the Parkland Ordinance to allow hours past dusk, without impacting the hours of operation for the other parks.

### *Light Pole Locations*

Grand Traverse County operates the Civic Center located in Traverse City. The Civic Center has lights for the paved trail loop spaced roughly 65 feet apart. The paved loop at Silver Lake Recreation Area is about 4,171 feet and the perimeter of the dog parks are about 1,165 feet. If the lights at Silver Lake Recreation Area are also spaced 65 feet apart, this would require 82 lights. Other lights may be considered, including lights for portions of the parking lot.

### *Lighting Costs*

Staff previously talked with Cherryland Electric Cooperative, which provided information about lighting installation and operating costs. Installation would be about \$150-\$200 per pole and operation would be a \$12 monthly flat rate. With an estimated 82 lights, installation would be about \$12,300 to \$16,400 and the monthly operational costs would be about \$984.

### *Parkland Ordinance Amendment*

Section III of the Garfield Township Parkland Ordinance describes the hours of operation for the Township parks. It states “All Township Parkland shall be available for public use from sunrise until sunset, unless otherwise posted or approved by the Parks Administrator. Site specific hours of operation, where posted, will be posted at the general parking areas or trail head.” The “Parks Administrator” is also defined in the Parkland Ordinance as the “Township Supervisor, or a designee of the Board, who has been delegated the authority to oversee operation of Township Parkland.” The full Township Parkland Ordinance is included as an attachment to this report.

An amendment to this section of the Parkland Ordinance would need to limit the extended winter hours to the active areas of the Silver Lake Recreation Area. This could be defined as the paved loop trail and the area contained within it.

**DISCUSSION:**

This agenda item is for discussion only; no action is required. If Commissioners are supportive of installing lights and allowing winter hours at Silver Lake Recreation Area, Staff can forward the proposed project to the CIP Committee for inclusion in the CIP.

<b>Attachments</b>	
Information from Cherryland Electric Cooperative	February 24, 2025
Garfield Township Parkland Ordinance (Ordinance No. 50)	June 23, 2020

## LIGHTING AT SILVER LAKE PARK

CONTACTED CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC ON 02/24/2025 AND SPOKE WITH TINA. SHE ADVISED THE FOLLOWING:

INSTALLATION WOULD BE \$150-\$200/PER POLE  
\$12 MONTHLY FLAT RATE FOR POLE/LIGHT AND ELECTRICITY  
ENGINEERS COULD DETERMINE PLACEMENT OF EACH POLE AND HOW MANY WE SHOULD HAVE  
LIGHTS ARE ON FROM DAWN TO DUSK, YEAR AROUND – NO TURNING THEM OFF

SERVICE APPEARS REASONABLE PRICE-WISE, HOWEVER I AM NOT SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE DAWN TO DUSK TIME FRAME, YEAR AROUND. IT COULD PROVIDE AN ADDED LEVEL OF SECURITY AT NIGHT BUT IT ALSO MAY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO HANG OUT THERE AFTER HOURS AS WELL???

I WOULD ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH LIGHT POLLUTION COMPLAINTS FROM THE HOUSES ACROSS THE STREET IF THERE WOULD BE LIGHTS ALONG THE TRAIL NEAR THE ROAD WAY.

WE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO AMEND THE PARKS ORDINANCE TO COVER USE AFTER DUSK IN THE WINTER MONTHS. MAYBE MOVE PARK USE TO A TIME SCHEDULE INSTEAD OF DAWN TO DUSK.

THOUGHTS??

# THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD

## ORDINANCE NO. 50 PARKLAND ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide for operating rules and regulations for, and to apply to, all Parkland under the jurisdiction of the Charter Township of Garfield.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

#### Section I Scope and Mission Statement

- A. Preamble and Scope. This Ordinance shall act as the operating rules and regulations for, and apply to, all Parkland owned and/or controlled by the Charter Township of Garfield under authority provided by MCL 41.422.
- B. Mission Statement. The Township's goal is to provide safe, convenient, user friendly parks and trails to the citizens of Garfield Township as well as our neighbors and guests, while still preserving and protecting the natural environment in which they exist.

#### Section II Definitions

- A. "Board" shall mean the Charter Township of Garfield Board of Trustees.
- B. "Township" means the Charter Township of Garfield.
- C. "Township Parkland" shall mean all parks and recreational lands, facilities and trails, owned or under the control of Garfield Township, currently being used for recreational purposes, or being held for future recreational use as shown on the Green Infrastructure Plan, as attached to the Township's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, including but not limited to, Township Parks (including nature reserves) identified in these Section II definitions.
- D. "Parks Administrator" shall mean Township Supervisor, or a designee of the Board, who has been delegated the authority to oversee operation of Township Parkland.
- E. "Person or Persons" shall mean any individual(s) or group(s) of individuals.
- F. "Camping" shall mean the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons on Township Parkland, including but not limited to using a tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle or in any other conveyance.
- G. "Rules" shall mean this Ordinance and any amendments to this Ordinance approved by the Board for the purpose of regulating the operation of Township Parkland.

- H. “Pavilions” shall mean the covered concrete areas on Township Parkland designed for picnicking and socializing. These pavilions usually contain picnic tables for public use.
- I. “Designated Trails” shall mean all paved, wood chipped or dirt trails, on Township Parkland, designed for non motorized use.
- J. “Silver Lake Recreation Area” shall mean the Township Parkland located along East Silver Lake Road, North of Silver Pines Road. This area is identified as location “A” on Appendix A.
- K. “Kid’s Creek Park” shall mean all Township Parkland located along U.S. 31 South, between the Great Wolf Lodge and Kohl’s and proceeding west and south. This area is identified as location “B” on Appendix A.
- L. “Grand Traverse Commons Recreation Area” shall mean all Township Parkland located within the Grand Traverse Commons development district. This area is identified as location “C” on Appendix A.
- M. “Miller Creek Nature Reserve” shall mean all Township Parkland located East of South Airport Road and West of Cass Road, and property South of South Airport Road and North of Hartman Road. This area is identified as location “D” on Appendix A.
- N. “Boardman Valley Nature Preserve” shall mean all Township Parkland along the Boardman River between Boardman Lake and the Grand Traverse County Natural Education Reserve, except for the “River East Recreation Area” as described below. This area is identified as location “E” on Appendix A.
- O. “Hughes Drive Nature Reserve” shall mean all Township Parkland along Hughes Drive south of Hammond Road. This area is identified as location “F” on Appendix A.
- P. “River East Recreation Area” shall mean all Township Parkland between the Boardman River and Keystone Road south of the City of Traverse City Brush Drop-Off Site. This area is identified as location “G” on Appendix A.

### Section III Hours of Operation

- A. All Township Parkland shall be available for public use from sunrise until sunset, unless otherwise posted or approved by the Parks Administrator. Site specific hours of operation, where posted, will be posted at the general parking areas or trail head.

### Section IV Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to do any of the following in Township Parkland;

- A. Remain on Township Parkland outside of the stated or posted hours of operation.

- B. To enter any Township Parkland that is posted or in any other way identified as being “closed”.
- C. To camp at any time unless written permission is obtained from the Parks Administrator.
- D. To have an open fire, outside the designated charcoal grills provided for the purpose of cooking, without written permission of the Parks Administrator. (Private grills shall be allowed, either gas or charcoal, so long as the ashes will not be deposited on the ground) No fires may be built directly on the ground.
- E. To operate motorized vehicles of any kind on designated trails, except for maintenance or patrol as authorized by the Parks Administrator.
- F. To operate or park any motorized vehicles of any kind on Township Parkland except in established driveways and parking areas.
- G. To commit vandalism of any kind, including but not limited to;
  - 1. Removing, damaging, destroying or defacing Township owned property and equipment.
  - 2. Destroying, damaging, injuring or removing any trees, shrubs, wildflowers or vegetation on any Township Parkland.
- H. To have a pet, on Township Parkland, that is not on a leash or otherwise restrained and in control of its keeper. Animal leashes shall not exceed 16 feet in length.
- I. To litter or otherwise dispose of or discard refuse of any kind in or upon Township Parkland except by placing said refuse in containers provided for that purpose.
- J. To dispose of any household refuse on Township Parkland or in garbage receptacles on Township Parkland.
- K. Solicit, post, advertise or in any way sell or attempt to sell any goods or services on Township Parkland without written permission of the Parks Administrator.
- L. To possess or consume beer, wine or any intoxicating liquors on Township Parkland.
- M. To possess, smoke, or vape marijuana, tobacco, or any other products on Township Parkland.
- N. To discharge projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force by any firearm, revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air rifle, air gun, paint ball gun, bow or other weapon that discharges a projectile. This section shall not apply to any peace officer, or duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out their duties. This section shall also not apply to any person lawfully hunting game as outlined in Section VI of this Ordinance and as allowed by federal and state game laws.
- O. To in any way harass and intentionally disturb any and all wildlife on Township Parkland other than while hunting as allowed in Section VI of this Ordinance and as allowed by federal and state game laws.



- P. To feed any wildlife at any time on Township Parkland.
- Q. To refuse to comply with this Ordinance when requested by a local enforcement officer or in any way hinder the Parks Administrator, any employee or designee of the administrator while performing their official duties, including the enforcement of this Parkland Ordinance.

#### Section V Rules of Operation

- A. Persons must act in a way so as not to create a disturbance which will unreasonably impair the quiet enjoyment of other persons using the Township Parkland.
- B. Persons with pets on Township Parkland shall pick up and dispose of excrement from their pets. These droppings must be contained in a sealed bag and removed from Township Parkland or placed in trash receptacles as provided.
- C. Township Pavilions shall be occupied on a first come first served basis, unless previously reserved, and must be made available / shared with other persons, as long as space permits. Persons using Township Pavilions must clean up after use and dispose of any trash in receptacles provided or remove their trash from Township Parkland.
  - 1. Pavilions may be reserved for large groups and special events at the discretion of the Parks Administrator. Persons wishing to reserve a pavilion for a large group or special event must make their request in writing to the Parks Administrator at least 14 days prior to the event. Reservation requests will be considered for groups of 15 or more people only. If a reservation is approved by the Parks Administrator the details of that reservation will be posted on the pavilion at least 7 days prior to the event.
- D. Baseball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer fields and any other recreational facilities may be reserved for future use upon approval of the Parks Administrator. Reservations shall be available for a single event and/or for continuing use on a weekly basis. Absent a reservation, facilities shall be used on a first come first serve basis.
- E. Fees for the reservation and rental of Township Park facilities shall be established by the Charter Township of Garfield Fee Schedule.

#### Section VI Hunting, Fishing and Trapping

- A. The Board and Parks Administrator reserves the right to use any and all means to control wildlife deemed to be a nuisance. All further conditions regulating Hunting, Fishing or Trapping in this Ordinance shall not apply to the Township or its designees.
- B. Fishing is allowed in all waterways within Township Parkland so long as all state and federal game laws and regulations are adhered to.

- C. Trapping of wildlife is not permitted on Township Parkland.
- D. Target shooting is not allowed on Township Parkland.
- E. Hunting is allowed only on Township Parkland identified in this section of the Ordinance and with the limitations stated herein. Anyone hunting on Township Parkland must possess valid state and federal game licenses as required for the game being hunted. All hunting must be done in accordance with state of Michigan and federal laws including but not limited to those regarding season dates, species and bag limits. Hunters must also possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance.
  - 1. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Silver Lake Recreation Area.
  - 2. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Kid's Creek Park.
  - 3. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Grand Traverse Commons Recreation Area.
  - 4. Hunting is allowed by means of Shotgun (shot only no slugs) and Bow and Arrow only in the Miller Creek Nature Reserve. Hunters must possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance. All other restrictions outlined in this Ordinance must also be adhered to.
  - 5. Hunting is allowed by means of Shotgun (shot only no slugs) and Bow and Arrow only in the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve. Hunters must possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance. All other restrictions outlined in this Ordinance must also be adhered to.
  - 6. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Hughes Drive Nature Reserve.
  - 7. Hunting is allowed by means of Shotgun (shot only no slugs) and Bow and Arrow only in the River East Recreation Area. Hunters must possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance. All other restrictions outlined in this Ordinance must also be adhered to.
- F. There shall be no permanent hunting blinds erected on Township Parkland. All tree stands must be temporary in nature and removed when not in use. No permanent steps, ladders or screw in foot pegs may be used.
- G. There shall be no cutting of trees, tree limbs or any other vegetation, on Township Parkland, to improve visibility for the purpose of hunting.
- H. All hunting or placement of temporary hunting blinds must take place at a minimum 150 feet from any parking area, boat launch or maintained trail on Township Parkland.
- I. There shall be no baiting of game on Township Parkland.

- J. Permits to hunt on Township Parkland must be obtained, from the Parks Administrator, in advance of hunting as outlined below;
1. Hunting permits will be issued on a first come first serve basis by the Parks Administrator. Permits will be area specific and the number available will vary based on the hunting season and hunting area. The number of permits available will be determined by the Parks Administrator.
  2. Hunting permits will be valid for 7 days beginning at sunrise on Saturday and ending at sunset on Friday of the week that the permit is issued for.
  3. Applications for hunting permits are available at the township offices and must be filled out at least 7 days and not more than 14 days prior to the desired timeframe. Hunting permits are free of charge.
  4. Hunting permits issued by the Parks Administrator are non-exclusive permission to hunt. The permit holder should be advised that additional permits to hunt may be issued.
  5. Hunting permits are specific to the person granted the permit and are non-transferable.
  6. In the case of animals being taken, which require field dressing, the resulting entrails shall be covered with soil at a depth of one (1) foot.
- K. Any person granted the privilege of utilizing Township Parkland for the purpose of hunting shall agree to conduct them self in a safe and ethical manner. They must also be mindful of property boundaries, safety zones surrounding adjoining residences, recreational trails and other users of the Parkland.

## Section VII Enforcement and Penalty

- A. The Grand Traverse County Sheriff, Grand Traverse County Sheriff deputies, and Township Code Enforcement Officers are authorized as local enforcement officers of this Ordinance.
- B. Any person(s) violating any provisions or rules in this Ordinance shall be deemed as guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined as follows;
1. First violation within a 2-year period not more than a \$50.00 fine.
  2. Second violation within a 2-year period not more than a \$100.00 fine.
  3. Third violation within a 2-year period not more than a \$150.00 fine.
  4. Fourth and all subsequent violations within a 2-year period not more than \$250.00 fine.

In addition to the fines as outlined above, person(s) convicted of violating this Ordinance may be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed 90 days.

## Section VIII Severability

- A. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any part is declared void or unenforceable by court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts shall remain in force.

Section IX  
Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after it is published.

A copy of this Ordinance may be inspected at the office of the Charter Township of Garfield located at 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance amended and duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Garfield, County of Grand Traverse, Michigan, at a meeting held on June 23, 2020, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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Lanie McManus, Clerk

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Date

Garfield Township Board  
Amendment No. 1 Introduced: July 9, 2009  
Amendment No. 1 Adopted: July 23, 2009  
Amendment No. 2 Introduced: April 23, 2019  
Amendment No. 2 Adopted: May 14, 2019  
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