
2011 Oscoda Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Township of Oscoda, Michigan



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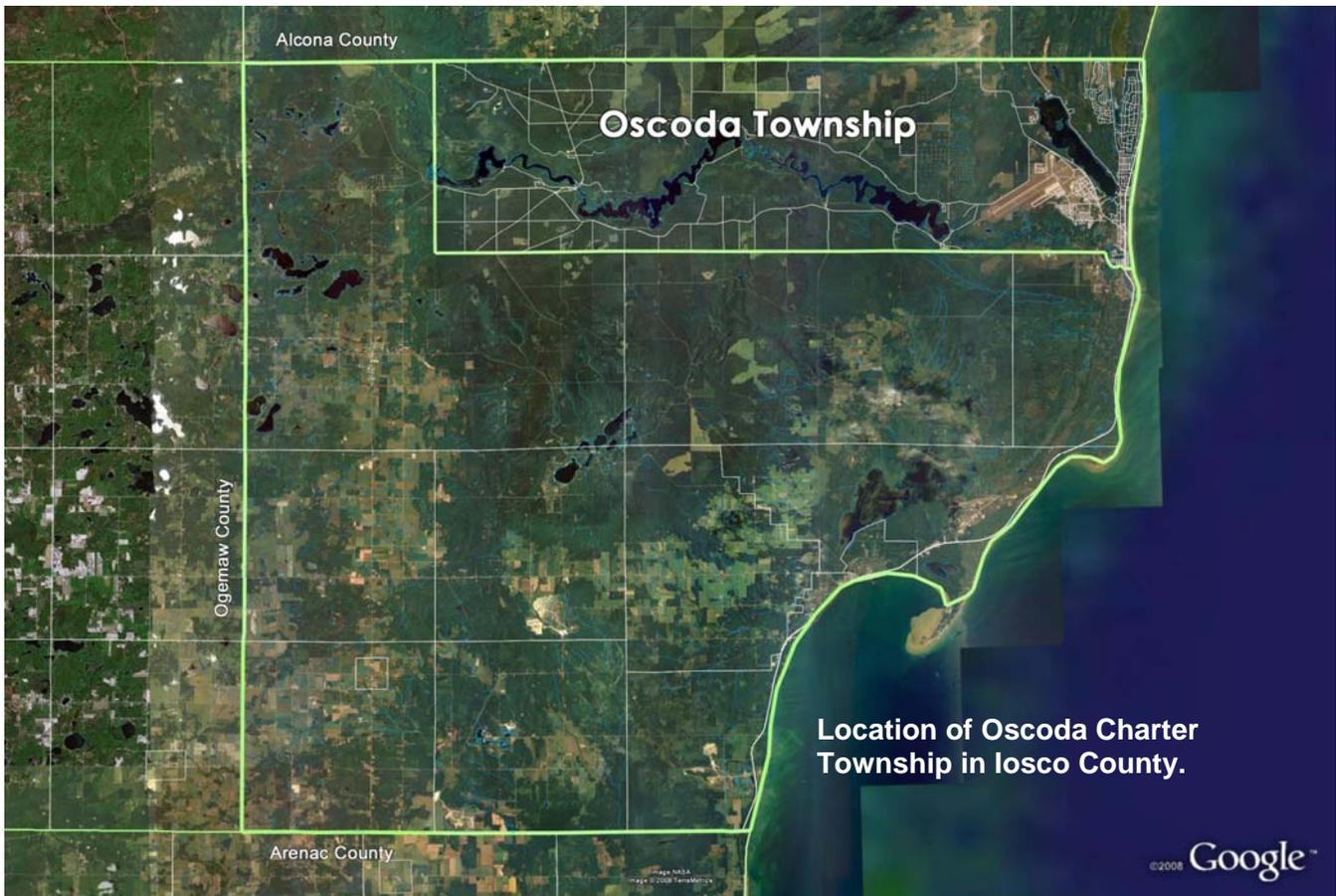
SECTION I: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The jurisdiction of this plan is solely for Oscoda Township located in Iosco County, Michigan. The Township boundaries are depicted in the map below.

This plan will serve as the Township's Recreation Plan for the next five years and encompasses all aspects of recreation and programming for the Township.

REGIONAL LOCATION

Oscoda Township is located in northeast Michigan's Iosco County. It is one of eleven townships in the County; the other townships are Alabaster, AuSable, Baldwin, Burleigh, Grant, Plainfield, Reno, Sherman, Tawas and Wilber. It is bordered by Alcona County to the north, Plainfield Township to the west and south west, and by Wilber and AuSable Townships to the south; Lake Huron forms its eastern border.



With a land area of 121.8 square miles, Oscoda Township covers more than 22% of the County's total land area. U.S. 23 is the major north-south highway; it follows the shoreline and links to I-75 (50 miles south of the Township) for access to downstate areas. In the western-most section of the Township, M-65 enters the Township's northern border and proceeds south until it crosses the AuSable River at the Five Channels Dam area; then it travels west to the Township's western border. Highway F-41 proceeds southeast from the northern border of the Township until it intersects with U.S. 23 south of Van Etten Lake. River Road and Bissonette Road provide local east-west travel routes.

Besides Lake Huron, the major waterway is the AuSable River, which crosses the Township from east to west. The Huron National Forest covers large portions of the Township; a significant amount of Township land area is in the AuSable State Forest. Consumers Energy Company operates four dams on the AuSable River and holds a considerable amount of land along the riverbanks. Oscoda Township was the home of the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base; this Base closed in 1993. The major population concentration is the unincorporated community of Oscoda.

SECTION II: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Charter Township of Oscoda is governed by a Board of Trustees whose members are as follows:

James Baier, Supervisor
Jaimie McGuire, Treasurer
Christine Carrasco, Clerk
Mike Ballor, Trustee
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The Supervisor serves as the Chairperson of the Board. All members, except for the Superintendent, are elected officials. The Superintendent, presently Robert F. Stalker II, is appointed by the Board; in that capacity he carries out functions and duties prescribed by the Board necessary for the governing of the Township.

Recreation implementation efforts concerning land acquisitions, recreation planning and financial accommodations are the direct responsibility of the Oscoda Township Superintendent, who receives his authority from the Board of Trustees.

The parks and recreation facilities in the Township are maintained on a day-to-day basis by the Building and Grounds Department personnel. The Building and Grounds Foreman is responsible for supervision and maintenance of Township Parks and Recreation facilities. Currently there are 4 full time employees and numerous seasonal employees. This department also utilizes a large number of court-directed volunteers and individuals from similar programs which are provided at no cost to the Township. These volunteers work primarily during the warmer months, but sporadically become available on a year round basis.

The Building and Grounds Department is responsible for parks and recreation maintenance funded from the General Fund.

Parks administration efforts are undertaken primarily by Old Orchard Park and the Community Center staff which comprises of 1 full time employee and 2 part time employees.

Local community volunteer groups include Downtown Beautification Committee, Oscoda AuSable Garden Club and the Community Partners (Cool Cities). Collaboration between Oscoda Township, US Forest Service, Consumers Energy, AuSable Township, Oscoda Area Schools and the Chamber of Commerce exists to operate the Old Orchard Park Campground, Foote Site Park, Scenic Byway, McQuaig Park, Oscoda Beach Park and Wurtsmith Sports Complex,

There is no Parks and Recreation Committee/Board within the Township.

CURRENT & PROJECTED BUDGETS

Parks and Recreation expenditure budgets for the current Fiscal Year 2010 and upcoming Fiscal Year 2011 for the Charter Township of Oscoda are listed in the chart below. The numbers are estimated by category and include all municipal parks, Old Orchard Park campground and the Oscoda Community Center.

Oscoda Township Parks and Recreation Expenditures (including Community Center and Old Orchard Park)		
	2010	2011
Operation & Maintenance	\$1,116,975	\$1,092,545
Programming	\$12,500	\$10,000
*Capital Expenditures	\$864,500	\$755,400

*capital expenditures are much higher than normal based upon budgeting for implementation of a fishing/observation pier and siding/roofing replacement at the community center.

Revenue sources for General Fund Parks and Recreation Budgets, Old Orchard Park and the Oscoda Community Center are diverse given the variety of facilities that the Township operates. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Property Tax Revenues
- State Shared Revenues
- Interest Income
- Sale of Fixed Assets
- Interfund Transfers
- Program, Activity and Event Fees Including Camping
- Facility Membership, Rental and Leasing Fees
- State and Federal Grant Assistance
- Use fees of various types including boat launch, shower and the like
- Donations and Promotional Contributions
- Miscellaneous Other Sources

SECTION III: RECREATION AND RESOURCE INVENTORIES

INVENTORY OF RECREATION PROPERTY

Oscoda Township felt it imperative to go beyond the required inventory of natural resources and recreational opportunities to allow the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to get a full understanding of the numerous natural resources and activities in its approximate area that it must work with and expand upon to offer its residents and tourists the most complete recreational experience.

Over 80% of all land in the Township is held as Federal or State land designated for multi-purpose use, including recreation. Of the 77,952 acres (121.8 square miles) in the Township, approximately 46,542 acres are held as part of the Huron-Manistee National Forest; this represents 76.8% of all Township land. Another 14,000 acres (4.7%) are held in the AuSable State Forest and as other State-owned land. In addition, 3,565 acres of property belonging to Consumers Energy Company are open to public recreation use. Not only do these lands provide abundant recreation opportunities, they also bring tourist dollars to the region and contribute to the region's image as an attractive and enjoyable place to live and recreate.

Van Etten and Cedar Lakes and the many streams expand the Township's theme of "fun with water" to many more areas within the Township. The opportunity to enjoy fishing, boating, swimming and relaxing with water is extended to those in the interior regions of the Township.

This inventory of property has been collected by the staff at Oscoda Township.

TOWNSHIP- OWNED PROPERTY

1. **Oscoda Township Beach Park** - located on River Road on Lake Huron in Oscoda. This 9.6 acre park has approximately 1,000 feet of Lake Huron frontage. Because of its popularity as a public beach, it serves the entire region and beyond.

This park has a basketball court, skate ramps on a concrete slab, a wooden band shelter, a shuffleboard court, an accessible pavilion, boardwalk, sunbathing deck, children's play equipment, picnic tables and grills, and benches. The site has an accessible bath house with showers and restrooms; there is also a blacktopped parking area. This park is home to the "Dock Reserve" (site of a dock prior to the Fire of 1911) that is now an historic area. The Township recently received a MNRTF grant to develop a 465' combined boardwalk/fishing pier in this park. It hopes to construct the project in 2011.

The site is well-used. This Park also serves as the site of the Oscoda Art-on-the-Beach Arts and Crafts Show every summer.

2. **Billy McQuaig Park** - a 40 Acre Site in AuSable Township next to the AuSable-Oscoda Industrial Park. This park can be considered a sports complex that serves the greater Oscoda region. The site includes three softball diamonds (with portable bleachers and cement block dugouts), three tennis courts

(fenced), a partially enclosed pavilion built by the Lions Club, a pumphouse, a concession stand, swings, and a few picnic tables. Bathroom facilities are available. Two of the fields (A and B) have sprinkler systems. There is a hockey rink and a skating rink at this site run by volunteers of the Sunrise Side Hockey and Figure Skating Association. The Oscoda Township cemetery is adjacent to this site.

The acquisition of this park land was funded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Act.

3. **Fireman Park** - located at Fire Department #2 on River Road at Rea Road (near Footesite Village) and is approximately 2 acres. Originally developed for use by the Fire Department, the site has a fire barn, horseshoes and some playground equipment. This is a small community park generally serves the entire Township area.
4. **Piety Hill** - located on 1.2 acres along Dwight Street where the water tower used to be. This site has approximately 225 feet of frontage on the AuSable River. It has a stairway and a handicap access to a fishing pier, **which was funded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Inland Fisheries Grant**. This is a small special use park. Its service area is the greater Oscoda area.
5. **Oscoda Community Meeting Room** - located at 208 S. State Street in Oscoda. A community meeting room is available. This building is fully accessible. Service area is region wide.
6. **Oscoda Huron Sunrise Park** - located approximately three miles north of Oscoda adjacent to Three Mile Park. This 14-acre beach park offers gravel parking along the side of the road, and offers accessible trails for bicycling along the Lake Huron Shore. These trails directly feed into Three Mile Park, which is owned and operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Accessible and additional parking can be obtained through this roadside park. Service area is region wide.
7. **Oscoda Riverbank Park** - located on the AuSable River near the River Road Bridge near the downtown Oscoda area. This 5.2 acre park offers accessible paved trails for bicycling and walking, vault restrooms, picnic tables and direct river access for swimming, fishing and canoe launching/take out purpose, and gravel parking. Service area is region wide.

These improvements were funded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterfront Redevelopment Grant.

8. **Furtaw Field**- located in downtown Oscoda on US 23 this 3.3 acre property was recently transferred to Oscoda Township by the Oscoda Area School District. It functions as a town gathering spot that boasts a famous Paul Bunyan statue and is currently being utilized for community events. Service area is region wide.

Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base

When Wurtsmith Air Force Base closed in 1993, 700 civilian jobs were eliminated and thousands of military personnel were transferred from the area. Iosco and Alcona counties were faced with the monumental challenge of completely redefining their economic futures. The community responded to this challenge with an aggressive strategy to maximize its assets, which now includes the vacated air base and other available industrial sites and organize all the resources available to regenerate quality jobs.

The 50,000 square-foot former commissary building is now used by private industries. The base library facilities are now a public library. Military aircraft runways are now being utilized as a public airport. Alcona Health Center is operating an out patient clinic in the former military hospital.

Township-Owned properties 9-11 as listed below are a direct result of the land and recreational facilities acquired from the base closure.

9. **Oscoda Community Center**

- A. Two full services Gymsnasiums: This facility includes bleachers, insulated wall covering, scoreboards, and all purpose athletic floors, that were improved within the last three years before base closure. It is used for basketball, volleyball, and tennis. There is a roll-out floor covering for other uses (boxing, wrestling, etc.). Full locker room with showers, saunas, and towel services are available in this facility;
- B. Racquetball courts (3);
- C. Exercise/Equipment Room: full Nautilus capability. There are approximately 15 machines of various types in this room, including lifestyle step machines;
- D. Banquet/meeting room;
- E. Activity Room: Center with pool tables, foosball, bumper pool table, air hockey table, ping pong table and big screen television with viewing area.

This building has 1200 sq.ft. of lease/rental space available. It is fully accessible and it is host to trade shows. The service area for the facility is the greater Oscoda region. Trade shows can bring visitors from across the state.

10. **Sports Complex** – 49.4 acres – This sports complex park has existing sports facilities and the Township has recently completed a Development Plan for adding more features to the existing complex. The Development Plan is shown in Appendix A. The service area is the greater Oscoda area.

- A. Multi-Use Area:
 - ▶ 6 Little League fields – each with two small sets of portable bleachers
 - ▶ Multiple Soccer fields – each with two small sets of portable bleachers
 - ▶ BMX Track

The site also contains a concession stand, (flush) bathrooms, an open air pavilion, and a maintenance garage.

11. **Ken Ratliff Memorial Park** – located on County Road F-41 on Van Etten Lake this park has approximately 3,000 feet of Lake frontage and comprises of approximately 11 acres of land. This park has an enclosed pavilion known as the Warrior Pavilion, two accessible open air pavilions, two accessible boat ramps, groomed swim beach, children’s play equipment, picnic tables and grills, and benches. A snowmobile trailhead accessing miles of trails is also located at this park. The site has an accessible restroom facility; there is also a blacktopped parking area.

Warrior Pavilion: With an outdoor deck on three sides, it sits close to the beach. This facility has been used for wedding receptions and other large parties. There is a full service kitchen as well as restrooms. Although the beach in this area is deceptive because it appears shallower than it is, the safe swimming area is well-marked and buoyed. Service area is region wide.

Accessibility for Township-owned Properties

Appendix A contains the accessibility survey of each of these Township-owned properties. This survey was done by Township staff. The Township Hall is fully accessible and was not included within this survey.

OSCODA TOWNSHIP LEASED PROPERTIES

1. **Old Orchard Park** - located on River Road in Oscoda Township. This campground/park is owned by Consumers Energy Company, but maintained by Oscoda Township. Located on 193 acres which follow the River Road Scenic Byway for over two miles, the park offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The Park contains 525 licensed camp sites; 300 are primitive; 225 are modern. Part of this park is used as a rustic horse camp for riders using the Michigan Shore-to-Shore trail. Picnic tables are located, in generous supply, throughout the park. There are pavilions, trails, two hard surfaced boat launches, and boat docks. Water, showers, and restrooms - both flush and vault type - are available. There is also a children's playground, fully accessible fishing pier, designated beach and swimming area, boat rentals, and a grocery store. This park is in good condition and receives high usage.

A Winter Fun Park is being developed just west of this site. Presently, two sledding hills are in place. The annual Snowbox Derby (a unique winter event in which businesses, organizations and individuals compete on sleds made from cardboard boxes) is held at this site. Service area is region wide.

2. **Foot Site Park** - located above the Foot Site Dam on the AuSable River, along River Road National Scenic Byway. The three-acre site itself is owned by Consumers Energy Company; it is maintained and operated by the Township. This is adjacent to the area where the AuSable river Queen (privately owned) docks. There is also a privately owned concession / gift shop located adjacent to this site. This park has four privy toilets, paved parking, two boat launches and a children's play area. Service area is region wide.

Accessibility for Leased properties

The Township leased properties were assessed for accessibility according to the 1 – 5 ranking system suggested by the MNRTF Guideline booklet.

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Township staff evaluated Old Orchard Park and Foot Site Park and ranked them both as "2 - some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines". As improvements and upgrades are made to these facilities, the Township plans to work to make the parks fully accessible.



**Oscoda Township Park Location Map
Outlying Parks**



**Oscoda Township Park Location Map
Downtown Area Parks**

OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY IN OSCODA TOWNSHIP

U.S. Property

1. **Huron-Manistee National Forest** - Approximately 59,884 acres of Huron-Manistee National Forest are located within Oscoda Township. (This represents almost 80% of all land in the Township). The renewable resources in the National Forest, such as timber and oil are used in an environmentally sound way to provide resources for the surrounding areas and create jobs and a stable economy. At the same time, these resources are managed in such a way as to improve the wildlife habitat of species, such as the endangered Kirtland's Warbler. The forest's resources also provide a mecca of recreation opportunities. Among these opportunities are hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, hiking, swimming, canoeing, bird watching, and other kinds of nature observation. The majority of these activities are free except for required hunting and fishing licenses or a small camping fee. Some of the opportunities are detailed below.
2. **River Road: National Forest Scenic Byway** - Perhaps the main attractions in the Township are along the river corridor. Designated a "National Forest Scenic Byway" in 2005, this beautiful highway is doing much to enhance tourism in the Township. (This road is not U.S. owned. It is a certified county road and is under the control of the Iosco County Road Commission. It is placed in this section of the

inventory because such a large number of U.S. properties are located along this route.) Between 125,000 and 130,000 people travel this road yearly; and the numbers of visitors seem to be increasing yearly. To reveal the advantages of the area, three short wave radio transmitters are installed along this road with information about the Scenic Byway, the surrounding area, and local information. One of the transmitters is **East Gate**; one at **West Gate**; and one at **Lumberman's Monument**. The 22 mile road from Oscoda to M-65 follows the beautiful and historic AuSable River. It provides some spectacular views from high sand bluffs overlooking the river and is an excellent showcase for the natural flora and fauna of the area. The monuments and interpretive sites along this road pay tribute to the early uses of the AuSable River by Indians and French explorers and the importance of lumbering and logging in the area's earlier days. Some of the recreational opportunities along this road are listed below.

3. **Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center** - located at the intersection of River Road and Monument Road. This 7.2 acre site is owned and operated by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The grounds contain a monument and lumbering displays, and information center, picnic grounds, and views of Cooke Pond. The monument features a nine-foot bronze statue by Robert Ingersoll Aitkin of three lumbermen with lumbering tools; there are other displays describing the early history of the area. The information center provides details on the nature and history of the area. It is the only visitor information center in the Huron-Manistee National Forest. There are steps down the steep bank to the AuSable River. Modern restrooms are available. The site is handicapped accessible. Parking space for more than 50 cars is available. A handicapped accessible trail leads from this monument to the High Banks area (an area with large sand dunes). The High Banks area has a wooden observation tower. A campground is also located at this site.
4. **Canoe Memorial Scenic Overlook** - (also known as Eagles' Nest Overlook) - located a mile and a half west of Lumbermen's Monument on the River Road National Scenic Byway. Oscoda Township maintains only the stone monument site. The white stone monument for which the site is named is about 200 feet above the AuSable River; it features a lone paddler surveying the scene. It was erected in memory of a young man who lost his life while participating in a canoe race. In the past, bald eagles built a nest at this site and were visible from this vantage point.
5. **Kiwanis Monument** - located about one-quarter of a mile south of Lumbermen's Monument on Monument Road. The stone monument of approximately 15 feet sits amidst great stands of Norway Pines. It was constructed in 1931 in honor of Kiwanis Clubs of Michigan who donated 7,000,000 seedlings planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The pyramid is composed of stones from all over the state carved with the names of clubs and individuals who contributed to the reforestation project. Today the forest they planted covers nearly 10,000 acres. The site is maintained by the Kiwanis Clubs.
6. **Iargo Springs Interpretative Site** - located on River Road National Scenic Byway. The five-acre site, which is owned and maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, identifies an area which has been recognized for more than 400 years as a natural spring with pure water. The 30 foot high observation deck with a breathtaking view of the AuSable River is handicapped accessible. Handicapped accessible toilets are also available. Approximately 265 steps lead down to the area where springs seep from the ground.
7. **Foot Pond Overlook** - located on River Road National Scenic Byway, between Lumbermen's Monument and Oscoda. A parking lot and an observation deck has been constructed which is handicapped accessible.

8. Trails

- a. **Michigan's Shore to Shore Riding/Hiking Trail** stretches from the Lake Michigan shore on the west to the Lake Huron shore on the east. Its route across the Michigan peninsula traverses through stately pines and hardwoods and along forest trails and scenic highways. Parts of the trail parallel two of the country's most beautiful rivers: the Boardman in the western part of the State and the AuSable in the eastern part. The section of approximately 30 miles which diagonally bisects Iosco County enters Oscoda Township at its southwestern border and passes through the Huron-Manistee National Forest before crossing down into Plainfield Township, and eventually Oscoda. The Forest Service maintains trail camps along the trail and provides signage. The trail itself is jointly maintained, by the U.S. Forest Service and the Trail Riders Association. It is for use by hikers and horseback riders; mountain bikes are also permitted. Public trail camps and private facilities are available for trail users. Special sites are prepared for the horses. In Oscoda Township, the back part of Old Orchard Park is designated as the trail camp. (It is a primitive group camping site; group rates are available.)
- b. **Eagle Run Cross-Country Ski and Nature Trail** - located on River Road on Huron-Manistee National Forest land. This cross-country ski area offers 11 miles of trails. They were developed through the cooperation of many local governmental agencies, local businesses and the Michigan Youth Corps. Located in marsh and meadow along the AuSable River, this area offers opportunities to observe birds, beaver, and various types of wildlife. The main parking area and starting point is an East Gate, located at the east entrance of the Scenic Byway (in the southeast corner of Section 32, T24 R9E). Handicapped accessible toilets are available at this east entrance.
- c. **High Banks Trail** - located 14 miles west of Oscoda. This marked, but ungroomed cross-country trail system begins at Largo Springs and traverses through Lumbermen's Monument and Canoe Memorial and ends at Sidtown. Though not heavily used, this trail system offers spectacular views of the AuSable River from a bank 200 feet above the water.
- d. **Huron Snowmobile Trail** - 25 miles of snowmobile trails are located on National Forest Service land in Oscoda Township. One section of these trails is located to the south of River Road and runs mostly parallel to it. Another section begins at the Ken Ratliff Park traveling through the former WAFB north to the AuSable River and stretches through the central portion of the Township to M-65. The trails are marked; they are groomed by the Michigan DNR Snowmobile Grant sponsors, with the current sponsor being Iosco County Parks and Recreation Board. (This trail is part of the 91 mile Iosco County Snowmobile Trail system.)
- e. **ORV Trails** - Officials from the Huron-Manistee National Forest indicate that there are about 200 miles of ORV trails throughout the Huron-Manistee National Forest. In Oscoda Township, the Old State House ORV Trail (which is listed under "State Owned properties,") contains approximately 36 miles of trails for ORV usage. (The Federal ORV trails are seasonal and cannot be used in the winter.)

Portions of the Huron Snowmobile Trail have also been designated for usage by ORV's. (Those areas which allow dual usage are clearly marked. ORV's are not allowed in certain areas of environmental sensitivity, such as near nesting areas of the Kirtland's Warblers.) Most of the trail which runs south and basically parallel to River Road allows ORV usage.

9. Camping

Camping is permitted in the National Forest. In most areas, unless the area is specifically posted against the activity, camping is permitted without fees or regulations. In 1987, the National Forest acquired a large amount of riverbank acreage which had previously been owned by Consumers Energy Company. In order to control usage in this area and protect the environment by reducing impact on the shoreline, reducing litter, etc., the Forest Service began a system of camping by permit only at designated sites.

- a. **80 Designated Sites** - At present in the area between River Road and Bissonette Road - from Foote Pond to Loud Pond - there are about 80 designated and numbered campsites at which camping is permitted (and regulated). Beginning in 1992 a small fee has been charged for each permit; each permit allows a maximum stay of seven days. These sites have no facilities, but some of the more heavily used drive-in sites have wilderness-type latrines. This system appears to be working well. In these "camping-by-permit-only" sites and at "designated site only" areas on the entire River corridor, there are no restrictions on day use activities, such as sightseeing, berry picking, hunting, hiking, and similar activities. Firewood gathering is permanently prohibited between River Road and the AuSable River.

In addition to the primitive camping sites, some sites are partially developed.

- b. **Lumberman's Monument Camping Site** - This Huron-Manistee National Forest recreation site contains 20 developed camping units. Facilities include a pressure water system and four pit toilets. Each site has a picnic table and steel fire ring. The access road is graveled. The campground is located adjacent to Lumbermen's Monument Visitor Center on the River Road National Scenic Byway. There is no access to Cooke Pond, but a handicapped accessible trail leads from the Visitor Center to a spectacular overlook on Cooke Pond.

10. Boat Launches

- a. **Whirlpool Boat Access** - This site, owned and maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, is located off River Road National Scenic Byway, three miles west of Oscoda. Access is by a gravel road. Facilities include a double-wide concrete boat launch, a canoe unloading area, gravel parking lot for 60 cars/trailers, and handicapped accessible restrooms. Use is light to moderate.
- b. **Sawmill Point Boat Access** - located on Sawmill Point, on Cooke Pond. Access is off River Road National Scenic Byway, north 1 ½ miles on Cooke Dam Road. This primitive boat access is owned and maintained by the U.S. Forest Service. The site will accommodate 7-10 cars/trailers. The parking lot and boat ramp are not surfaced; no other facilities are present. This is a popular site for local residents and those using the adjacent National Forest primitive campsites.
- c. **M-65 Cook Pond Boat Access** (previously Vince's Landing) - This site was acquired by the USFS from Consumers Energy Company in 1987 and was previously licensed to a local resort for operation. It is now open to the public. Neither the boat ramp nor the parking area, which will accommodate approximately 30 cars/trailers, is surfaced. No facilities are present; the site is considered a primitive access site by National Forest standards. Since it has been opened to the public, the site has received consistently high usage because of the shallow gradient of the site in relation to the water level and the lack of a strong current at the launch site.

State of Michigan Property

1. **AuSable State Forest** - 3,906 acres of Township land are held in the AuSable State Forest and as other State-owned land. This State Forest, as all State forests in Michigan, is managed under a multiple-use philosophy: it provides timber, wildlife, minerals, watershed protection, and aesthetic benefits, as well as recreation. Hunting, fishing, camping, berry and mushroom picking, hiking, and various forms of nature observation are some of the opportunities afforded on these lands.
2. **Foote Pond Fishing Access Site** - located downstream of Foote Dam. The 245 acre day use site is owned by Consumers Energy Company and is leased and maintained by the State of Michigan. The area includes a fishing access area below the dam and a boat ramp. Parking and trails are located about one-half mile downstream of the dam. Facilities available below the dam include a hard surfaced boat launch, a dock, two vault toilets, and a gravel parking area for approximately 50 cars. Facility use is very high during the spring and fall salmon/steelhead seasons; use at other times is lighter.
3. **Lower High Banks Fishing Access Site** - located in T24N, R8E, Section 35, on the AuSable River - on the River Road Scenic Byway (about one-half mile east of Foote Site). At this site there are stairways and overlooks available for public use. Off-road parking spaces are available.
4. **Cedar Lake Boat Launch** - located on Cedar Lake Drive. The site is managed by the Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources. The boat launch features a hard-surfaced ramp for launching small and medium-sized boats. The site features parking for 25 cars.
5. **Van Etten Lake Boat Launch** - located at Van Etten State Campground; maintained by the Forestry Division of the MDNR. The gravel-surfaced ramp accommodates small and medium-sized boats. There is parking for about six cars.
6. **Van Etten Lake State Campground** - access site to the lake. The site contains 62 primitive camping sites, pit toilets, and a boat launch facility on Van Etten Lake.
7. **Three Mile Park** - located on U.S. 23, three miles north of Oscoda. This park is operated by the State of Michigan, and has .2 mile of Lake Huron frontage and is currently a rest area park. The four acre park features 17 picnic tables, seven pedestal grills, wooden boardwalk and litter barrels. There is a pump for drinking water and pit toilets.
8. **The Old State House Trail** - located in the eastern section of the Township, above the AuSable. This is a 16 mile marked ORV trail, with an additional 20 miles of marked trail roads for ORV use. This trail is administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
9. **Seven Mile Hill Trail** - a 20 mile section of snowmobile trail located in the AuSable State Forest. Located on a hill known as "Old Orchard Hill" and also as "Wilber Resort Hill," this trail is part of the "Iosco County Parks and Recreation Commission" Trail.

Iosco County Property

Huron Snowmobile Trail - This 91 mile snowmobile trail is spread throughout the County, with sections of it being located on National and State Forest land in Oscoda Township. The trail is groomed and well-marked. Parking areas are located at various places along the trail route. The parking areas are signed, plowed and have toilet facilities.

Consumer Energy Company Property

Consumers Energy Company owns 3514 acres of land in Oscoda Township, including the parcels below:

T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 19	120 Acres	Loud Basin
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 20	15 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 21	230Acres	Loud Dam
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 21	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 22	185 Acres	Five Channels Dam
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 23	145 Acres	Five Channels Dam Area
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 26	80 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 29	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R6E,	Sec. 30	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R7E,	Sec. 15	230 Acres	Cooke Dam
T24N,	R8E,	Sec. 20 , 27 , 28 , 29 , 30 , 33 , 34 , and 35		- parcels adjoining the AuSable River and Foote Dam area.
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 19	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 20	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 21	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 27	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 28	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 29	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 30	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 31	11 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 33	240 Acres	Duell Lake Area
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 33	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 34	0 Acres	AuSable River
T24N,	R9E,	Sec. 35	0 Acres	AuSable River

This property listing includes the four dams that are owned and operated by Consumers Energy Company in the Township. The dams are Loud Dam, Five Channels Dam, Cooke Dam, and Foote Dam. Canoe portages are provided at each dam.

- Foote Dam is 39 feet high; the accompanying impoundment has 1,702 surface acres.
- Cooke Dam is 39 feet high; Cooke pond has 1,613.40 surface acres.
- Five Channels Dam is 35 feet high; Five Channels Pond has 212 acres.
- Loud Dam is 27 feet high; Loud Pond has 743 acres.

The previously listed properties belonging to Consumers Energy Company include the following recreational properties, which are owned, developed and maintained by Consumers Energy Company.

1. LOUD PROJECT EXISTING FACILITIES

HMNF Hoppy Creek Canoe Landing

The is a primitive access site near the mid point of the Alcona Dam to Loud Pond segment of the Au Sable River. It is primarily used as a take-out access for canoes put in at Bamfield Road. It is located on top of a bank about 15 foot high and requires canoers to carry their canoes up a steep wooden stairway. Access to the site is by a narrow unsurfaced road, and aside from the stairway the site is undeveloped and unimproved. It is not accessible to the disabled.

HMNF Rollways Campground and Picnic Area

This is a HMNF recreation area that is located on top of a high bluff overlooking Loud Impoundment. It contains a small picnic area and shelter, 19 rustic campsites with no hook-ups, vault toilets and hand pumps for water. It meets standards of accessibility, but because it sits so high above the pond it does not provide access to the pond.

Loud Impoundment Boat Launch

Access is off M-65, and two miles down Loud Dam Road. This is an undeveloped, unimproved site that provides access for small watercraft to Loud Impoundment. The site is a relatively large flat sandy area located at the south end of the dike. It does not meet accessibility standards.

In order to protect the semi-primitive recreational experience and eagle habitat found within the Loud Project, no improvements are proposed for this site. Consumers Energy Company is responsible for O&M of this site.

Loud Dam Canoe Portage

The canoe portage is located near the north end of the dike and consists of a wooden platform attached to the corewall and a grassy path about 220 feet long leading down to the dam's tailrace area. It does not meet accessibility standards.

Due to the low use the portage receives, the area's semi-primitive ROS designation, and concerns about protecting eagle habitat, no improvements are proposed for this facility. Consumers Energy Company is responsible for O&M of this site.

HMNF West Gate Scenic Byway Entrance Station

This is a HMNF site located on a high bluff overlooking Loud Impoundment. The site provides visitors coming into the area from the south and west with an introduction to the River Road National Scenic By-Way and scenic views of Loud Impoundment. The site contains a paved parking area, vault toilets, interpretive signing and two viewing decks. There are user developed pathways to the waters edge that are causing erosion problems. The site meets the standards for accessibility.

2. FIVE CHANNELS PROJECT EXISTING FACILITIES

Five Channels Impoundment Boat Launch

Access is west of M-65, immediately after the AuSable River when traveling north. It consists of a small gravel parking area with a narrow (12') and rather steep concrete launch ramp. It is suitable for launching only small watercraft and does not meet accessibility standards.

To preserve the semi-primitive recreational experience and eagle habitat in the Five Channels project area, no improvements will be made to this facility, except for the installation of a vault toilet. Consumers Energy Company is responsible for O&M of this site.

Five Channels Dam Canoe Portage

The Five Channels Canoe Portage is located south of the powerhouse, and consists of a wooden take-out platform attached to the corewall and a grassy path, about 260 feet long. It runs down to a dirt road that provides unfacilitated access to the tailwater. This facility does not meet the standards for accessibility.

Due to the low use this site receives and the area's semi-primitive management objectives, no improvements are proposed for this facility. Consumers Energy Company is responsible for O&M of this site.

3. COOKE PROJECT EXISTING FACILITIES

This section contains descriptions of the existing recreation facilities on the Cooke Project. Included is a discussion of the existing improvements at the site, the level of accessibility, who is responsible for operation and maintenance (O&M), and a reference of the RD plan if there are any proposals for additional development or improvement at the site.

HMNF Pine Acres Boat Launch

This is a small, gravel surfaced, boat launching and docking site, located on the north side and at the upper end of Cooke impoundment. Prior to 1986, when it was purchased by the USFS, this site was operated as a Consumers Energy Company leased facility called Vince's Landing. It is now commonly referred to as Pine Acres. The USFS is responsible for O&M. It is used as an upper impoundment launch, and the USFS also provides some permitted boat docking for area residents.

Access to the site is via a narrow, unsurfaced road, and unorganized parking is available for 15-20 vehicle/trailer units. The site does not meet the standards for accessibility.

HMNF Iargo Springs Interpretive Site

This is a HMNF site located on top of a high bluff overlooking the south side of Cooke Impoundment, and one of several scenic attractions located on the River Road National Scenic By-Way. The site contains interpretive signing, a paved parking area, vault toilets, portable water, a deck that allows visitors to look out over Cooke Impoundment, a long stairway down to the pond and a series of wooden walkways and decks for viewing the springs that are along the shoreline at the base of the bluff. The facilities on the bluff are accessible, but due to the height and steepness of the bluff, disabled access is not provided to springs are at the bottom.

This site was reconstructed in 1991 and no new capital improvements are needed. In 1994, Consumers Energy Company began making support payments to the USFS who is responsible for annual O&M of this site and will continue to do so.

HMNF Canoer's Memorial

This is a HMNF site located on top of a high bluff that overlooks Cooke Impoundment, and one of several scenic attractions located on the River Road National Scenic By-Way. The site provides visitors with a scenic view of Cooke Impoundment. The site contains a paved parking area and a monument to the sport of canoeing, which has the names of several deceased canoeing enthusiasts. This site meets accessibility standards.

This site was reconstructed in 1993 and no new capital improvements needed.

HMNF Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center

This is a HMNF Recreation Area and a major tourist attraction. The recreation area sits on top of a high bluff overlooking Cooke Impoundment and is one of several scenic attractions located on the River Road National Scenic By-Way. The area contains interpretive displays of early logging activity, a statue commemorating the lumber barons of the late 1800's, a visitor information center with modern bathroom facilities, a mini-theater pavilion, a gift shop, large paved parking areas and sidewalks, picnic grounds, scenic overlooks, foot trails along the top of the bluff and a long stairway down to the pond. The facilities on the bluff meet the standards for accessibility. Due to the height and steepness of the bank, access for the disabled is not provided down to the impoundment.

In 1994, Consumers Energy Company began providing support funds to the USFS who is responsible for annual O&M.

HMNF Lumberman's Monument Campground

Located adjacent to the Lumberman's Monument Visitor Center, this is a 20 unit, rustic campground with gravel interior roads and camping spurs, vault toilets and water pumps.

This site does not meet the standards for accessibility. In 1994, Consumers Energy Company began providing support funds to the USFS who is responsible for annual O&M of this site.

HMNF Sawmill Point Camping Area

This is an area, located in the upper half along the shoreline of Cooke impoundment, that has been heavily used for unfacilitated camping for many years. In 1991, because this portion of the Cooke impoundment is being managed to provide users with a semi-primitive recreational experience, the USFS established a permit system to control where people camped and the level of use the area received. Specific sites were designated where camping could occur, and persons wishing to camp at one of these sites have to obtain a permit. The designated sites at Sawmill Point are still unfacilitated, and access is provided by an unsurfaced, poor quality sand road. This site does not meet the standards for accessibility. In addition to the Sawmill Point area, there are also designated camping locations on Loud, Five Channels and the lower Cooke impoundments where use is controlled under the same permit system.

In 1994, Consumers Energy Company began providing support funds to the USFS who is responsible for annual O&M of this site.

Cooke Impoundment Boat Launches

This is a Consumers Energy Company boat access located near the south end of the dike for Cooke Dam. It consists of a small graveled surface parking area with a narrow concrete ramp suitable for launching small watercraft. It contains no other improvements and does not meet the standards for accessibility.

Consumers Energy Company is responsible for the O&M at his site.

Cooke Dam Canoe Portage

This portage is located on the east side of the dam and consists of a wooden platform attached to the corewall and an elevated wooden stairway, about 100 feet long leading down to the tailrace area of the dam. This site does not meet the standards for accessibility.

No plans are proposed for improving this portage. Consumers Energy Company is responsible for O&M at this site to ensure user safety and adequate sanitation.

4. FOOTE PROJECT EXISTING FACILITIES

HMNF Foote Pond Overlook

This is a HMNF site located on top of a high bluff overlooking Foote impoundment, and is one of several scenic attractions located on the River Road National Scenic Byway. The site provides visitors with scenic views of Foote impoundment, and contains a paved parking area and paved walking for viewing the pond. The site meets accessibility standards.

This site was constructed in 1993 and no new capital improvements are needed. Consumers Energy Company proposes to begin making support payments to the USFS who is responsible for annual O&M of this site.

AUSABLE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

1. **AuSable Lakeshore Park** - 10 acres on Lake Huron, off U.S. 23. This is owned by AuSable Township and includes a picnic area, beach, and tourist information center.
2. **Children's Park** - a three-acre park located in downtown AuSable. It includes a fenced-in area with playground equipment, a pavilion with a restroom, and a walking path.
3. **AuSable Township Fishing Pier** - a barrier-free fishing bank owned by this Township.
4. **Harbor Street Boat Launch** - located across from Children's Park, where parking is available. Owned by AuSable Township, this AuSable River access has ramp space for two boats.
5. **AuSable Township Hall** - this facility provides meeting room for community functions with a 75 person capacity.
6. **Oscoda-AuSable Senior Center** - located at 653 State, this facility is jointly operated by Oscoda and AuSable Townships. A meeting room is available; this facility is mainly for the use of senior citizens.

PRIVATELY-OWNED/MAINTAINED RECREATIONAL PROPERTY

Unique Areas

Goodwin Gersham Site (Archaeological Site 20 is 8, Iosco County) - located north of Oscoda in Section 34 of T24N, R9E off Hughes Street. This is also known as the Pine River Bluff Site. (Although this site is privately owned and not presently available to the public, it is listed as a site of historic value.) The site is a Native American burial site dating from approximately 1150 B.C. For about 3000 years (1150 B.C. to 1860) the site was occupied by Native Americans. For part of this time it was a spit of land between the AuSable River and Lake Huron. Various artifacts have been found on the site, including projectile points, bone, debris from various quality flint materials, an abundance of pottery pieces, and an archaic, red ochre burial from 1150 B.C. Although most major artifacts have likely been recovered from this area, its preservation and protection as a site commemorative of the area's Native American heritage would be valuable.

Golf

Lakewood Shores Golf Course - located on Cedar Lake Road, north of Oscoda. This recreational site contains three golf courses. The first, an 18 hole golf course 6,806 yards in length, features nicely contoured greens, areas of mature hardwoods, pines and new plantings and plenty of open water. The second, known as "The Gales," is a Scottish links-style course with deep pot bunkers and long fescue rough. The third is known as "Blackshire", located north of county line road in Greenbush Township.

Campgrounds

YMCA Camp Nissokone - located on the shores of Van Etten Lake, off F-41; 50 cottages and a dining hall are available.

Camp Cherith - located at 1154 W. River Road in the Huron-Manistee National Forest (near Lumberman's Monument). This privately owned summer camp allows for tent camping on pallets. There is also a pool, dining hall, nature center (museum), and stables. This camp is usually used as an all-girls' facility; occasionally, other groups use it.

Marinas and Boat Launches

The Landing - located at 680 W. River Road. This facility has served the area over the years as a boat launch, and a convenience store.

Water Excursions

AuSable River Queen - located six miles west of Oscoda on the River Road National Scenic Byway on property leased from Consumers Energy Company. Excursions on the AuSable are provided by the AuSable River Queen. With a capacity of 130 people, this boat showcases the scenic and natural intrigue of the AuSable and the surrounding area in a nostalgic river journey. Fall color tours, conducted twice a day, attract full-capacity crowds. During the rest of the season, the tours average about 50 passengers and run once a day.

Boat Charter Services

Many private boat owners offer fishing and specialty charter service both on Lake Huron and on the AuSable River. Sailing charter service is also available.

Theater

Northeast Academy of Dance – a privately owned dance studio.

Shoreline Players Theater – community theater

Lake Theater - a privately owned movie theater.

Bowling Alleys

Vista Lanes and Lounge is the privately owned bowling lane.

Farm Markets

Chamber of Commerce – the chamber sponsors a Farmer's Market periodically during the growing season.

CULTURAL/PROGRAMMED EVENTS

In addition to these properties, Oscoda Township features many cultural and program activities. A local group called the Shoreline Players perform several times a year. Over 50 different clubs and organizations offer something for every age and interest. The Township is also host to or shares sponsorship of many events which stretch from the beginning of the year to its end.

Township / Community Sponsored Offerings

Klondike Canoe Race	AuSable River Days
Gagaguwon Pow Wow	Harry Curley Canoe Race
Art on the Beach	Northern Lights Christmas Parade
Fishing Tournament	Woodcarvers Show
Concerts on the Beach	Business Expo
Movies under the Stars	Paul Bunyan Days
Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks	
AuSable River International Canoe Marathon	
Veterans' Day Parade and Celebration	

Oscoda Community Center

Basic Aerobics	Spinning	Community Mini-Seminars
Home and Garden Show	Yoga	Volleyball
Zumba	Wallyball	Roller Skating
Tai Chi	Dog Show	
Stretching and Abs	Spring Garage Sale	

Old Orchard Park Campground

Weekend Hayrides	Karaoke Nights
Arts and Crafts Show	Hot Dog Days
Kids Carnival	Bike Parade
Music at Pavilion	Game Nights
Jamborees	Concert on the Hill
Camping Groups	Snow Box Derby
Renaissance Festival	

SECTION IV: PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Oscoda Township's first public input opportunity was an Open House held on December 1, 2010 at Oscoda Township Conference Room from 4 to 6 p.m. Citizens were invited to drop in for a few minutes to offer their opinions on recreation in Oscoda Township. Responses were written on large flip charts that were posted around the room. Approximately 25 people attended.

Following are the summary comments from the public input session:

- ▶ Furtaw Field – Focal point – Walking area, water fountain, group events, keep recreation – Do not develop into commercial.
- ▶ Move skate park to Wurtsmith.
- ▶ Furtaw – Boblo Island needle – Could it be relocated – New attraction.
- ▶ New playground equipment at Oscoda Beach Park – Grills and garbage cans.
- ▶ Skate Park – Concrete instead of the wood ramps.
- ▶ Beach Park – Concession stand – Encourage restaurant.
- ▶ Old Orchard Park – Larger docking system – Store on water for boaters to have convenient access.
- ▶ Replace Old Orchard Park house with cabin structure for rentals.
- ▶ Pier is a good idea.
- ▶ Trash cans and covered picnic tables.
- ▶ Birding opportunities.
- ▶ Need to improve boat launch at Old Orchard (main launch).
- ▶ Replace pavilion and Old Orchard – Similar size.
- ▶ Add play equipment pieces at Old Orchard.
- ▶ Furtaw Field – Small kids water park – Similar to Clay Township.
- ▶ Need to irrigate soccer fields.
- ▶ Michigan Audubon Conference in Oscoda Area each year –
 - Approximately 250 attendees
 - 7 states
 - 2 countries – Canada & France
- ▶ Riverbank Park good for birding especially spring.
- ▶ Inadequate parking at Riverbank Park.
- ▶ Place Riverbank sign perpendicular to road.
- ▶ Enforce car placement/parking at Riverbank Park.
- ▶ Need a dog park
- ▶ Convert Lumbermans Monument to new Education Center.
 - Native American Exhibits.
 - Keep Lumbermans.
 - Energy efficient building.
- ▶ Develop trails in Clarks Marsh.
- ▶ Need bike paths throughout.
- ▶ Don't need ORV campground at McQuaig.
- ▶ ORV Scramble – Idea good proposed location – Gravel pit.
- ▶ Pavilion/shelter at Riverbank.
- ▶ Clean up Hull Island area.
- ▶ Enforce – Do not feed swans at Old Orchard and Footsite Parks.
- ▶ Need a cross country ski club.

- ▶ Nordic and cross country skiing on base?
- ▶ Skiing at Eagle Run.
- ▶ Love improvements at Riverbank Park – Makes river accessible.
- ▶ Pocket Park – Nice in Downtown.
- ▶ Furtaw Field has lots of potential – Not sure what.
- ▶ Need more bike paths.
- ▶ Sidewalks in City are bad.
- ▶ Need a path through City.
- ▶ Love the pier.
- ▶ New spot for Skate Park.

Other Input Considered

Oscoda Township held a public input open house in May of 2009 to take input on the conceptual plans for the Oscoda Sports Complex. Further input was taken at a public meeting held in October of 2010.

Iosco County completed a recreation plan in 2010. The County offered an online survey in late 2009 to take input on recreation. Oscoda Township reviewed and considered this input when developing its plan.

SECTION V: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Goals and Objectives listed on the following pages were developed by Oscoda Township after considering the public input, demographic factors, other related plans, and determination of need by Township staff and officials. The goals are broad and address general needs, and establish the basis for expanding its programs, and facility objectives. The objectives are measurable results that the community works toward accomplishing.

COORDINATION WITH OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS

In developing the goals and objectives (and the action items in the following section) Oscoda Township took into consideration several other local and regional plans that consider parks and recreation in the Township.

- ▶ Oscoda Township Master Plan
- ▶ Charter Township of Oscoda Capital Improvements Plan 2010 – 2014
- ▶ Oscoda Charter Township Outdoor Sports Complex Development Plan - 2010
- ▶ Oscoda Township Pathway Plan - 2009
- ▶ 2010 Iosco County Recreation Plan
- ▶ River Road National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan – 2010
- ▶ US-23 Sunrise Side Coastal Highway Management Plan - 2003
- ▶ Iosco County Master Plan – 2006

SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS TO BE CONSIDERED

The 2000 Census showed 7,240 people living in Oscoda Township Township. The 2008 Census estimate showed that this had decreased to 6,810. (2010 Census data for the Township was not yet available when this plan was written.)

Median Age

The median age in Oscoda Township is 42.9 years. This is significantly higher than the State of Michigan median which is 35.5 years. This most likely indicates a higher proportion of retirees and senior citizens. This population may have different and/or specialized needs in terms of parks and recreation.

Seasonal Homes

Approximately 27% of the housing units in Oscoda Township are seasonal homes. Many of these are waterfront cottages; others are wooded cabins. This group may also have differing needs in terms of recreational facilities. For example, this population may create and increased need for boat launches and fishing piers.

Income

Median Household Income in Oscoda Township is \$31,250. This is significantly less than the State of Michigan which is \$44,667. Residents with a lower income level tend to have a greater need for basic park facilities such as playgrounds and picnic facilities. Further, their income level limits their ability to pay fees

for facilities and services.

Goal 1: Continue to provide and improve recreational and support facilities that inspire community pride.

Objective: Continue to provide a high level of cleanliness and upkeep/maintenance of existing facilities.

Objective: Improve existing facilities that need improvements or become outdated.

Objective: Focus on improving Old Orchard Campers access to water.

Goal 2: Continue to preserve, protect, and enhance the variety of water and natural forest resources in Oscoda Township and the recreational opportunities that they provide.

Objective: Develop strategies for controlling invasive species in the parks.

Objective: Work with state, and federal agencies to maintain and improve water and shoreline quality.

Objective: Work with other public recreation providers to coordinate and collaborate woodland and water opportunities and avoid duplication of effort.

Goal 3: Promote and provide diverse recreational opportunities that are functional for a variety of uses and are able to satisfy all age groups and levels of ability.

Objective: Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. Remove existing barriers to recreation facilities.

Objective: Add new amenities to Oscoda Township park facilities based upon community input and need.

Objective: Examine opportunities for increased recreational programming in Oscoda Township. Work with local municipalities, arts and culture organizations, schools, private property owners and service clubs where possible.

Objective: Create new programs to enhance physical fitness and health.

Objective: Create programs that provide inter-generational interaction between seniors and youth/preschoolers.

Objective: Plan for development and construction of expansion of the Oscoda Sports Complex on the Wurtsmith District as outlined in the Outdoor Sports Complex Master Plan.

Goal 4: Create community awareness of Oscoda Township recreational opportunities and promote them to citizens and visitors.

Objective: Work on web site and develop other online opportunities to communicate with the public about Oscoda Township park facilities and events.

Objective: Consider other opportunities for advertising and promotion.

Goal 5: Focus on developing pathway and trail opportunities.

Objective: Utilize the 2008 Non-Motorized Pathway Plan and plan for the projects outlined therein.

Goal 6: Investigate innovative ways to fund and reduce costs of programming, marketing and staffing.

Goal 7: Create mechanisms to maintain positive public relations.

Objective: Provide regular opportunities for public input.

Objective: Continue working with and developing partnerships with organizations involved in recreational opportunities.

Objective: Continue and improve coordination with schools.

SECTION VI: ACTION PLAN

This Chapter of the plan is the culmination of a comprehensive planning effort that began with the thorough analysis of the needs and desires of the community. With goals and objectives in place, Oscoda Township was able to develop a 5-year action program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Program details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Potential projects were assigned a priority of 1 through 5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important. Each action item relates to one or more of the numbered goals from the previous section. Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers but also to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element and it is neither all inclusive or exclusive. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The Action Items are listed to correspond to each of the sections in the Goals and Objectives section: Facilities, Programming, Access to Facilities, and Administration and Organization.

The Action Plan for Oscoda Township Parks is shown on the following page.

Financing Potential Improvements

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a myriad of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. Appendix C contains a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.

Oscoda Charter Township Recreation Plan Action Plan		
Project	Relates to Goals	Priority
Oscoda Beach Park		
Resurface basketball courts, update hoops, create aesthetically pleasing dual purpose permanent wall for seating and sand barrier	1, 3	2
Skate park - work with founding organization to make improvements and/or relocate	1, 3, 7	2
Observation/Fishing Pier	1,3	1
Fixture improvements: trash cans, playground, grills, horseshoe, volleyball, install pet waste receptacles, bike racks	1, 3	1
Install outdoor shower/foot rinse stations	1, 3	5
Bath house improvements/concession stand creation	1, 3	2
Improve entrance with landscaping possible water feature, gateway to the Beach Park	1, 2, 3	1
Pursue grant opportunities for acquisition of vacant beach front land to the north of existing Township property, possible RV campground opportunity	1, 2, 3	1
Boardwalk and lighting replacement as stated in Capital Improvement Plan	1, 5	3
Develop new bird-watching opportunities	2, 3	3
New playground equipment	1,3	3
Old Orchard Campground		
Replace or make improvements to existing pavilion	1,3	1
Add new playground equipment	1,3	5
Store improvements	1,3	4
Replace Old Orchard Park house with cabin structure for rentals	1,3	3
Upgrade existing bathhouse	1,3	1
Update modern tent camping	1,3	2
Add additional docking system and improve main boat launch ramp	1,2,3	2
Furtaw Field		
Develop a plan for future use of the field	1,3	1
Ken Ratliff Memorial Park		
Pave entrance/parking area	1	4
Replace existing playground equipment	1, 3	4
Replace decking around pavilions	1, 3	4
Warrior Pavilion Deck	1	1
Foote Site Park		
Construct Pavilion	1, 3	4
New playground equipment	1,3	3
Develop new bird-watching opportunities	1, 2, 3	4
Riverbank Park		
Pave Parking Area	1	5
Oscoda Sports Complex		
Develop elements in the Oscoda Outdoor Sports Complex in cooperation with sponsoring groups.	1,3	1
Unspecified		
Continue to pursue the river boardwalk concept	1, 3, 5	2
Work on bike paths and non-motorized transportation throughout the community as described in the 2008 Non-motorized Pathway Plan.	1, 3, 5	2
Develop an on-line reservation and registration system for park facilities	4, 6	3

SECTION VII: SUMMARY AND ADOPTION

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Oscoda Township has developed a Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. It is an update of the Recreation Plan that was last completed in 2006.

This plan is the latest effort by the Oscoda Township to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide the City eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Oscoda Township contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist them with completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The consultant met with city staff and officials several times during the development of the plan. Data was collected about the participating community including maps, demographics, park information and an inventory of existing facilities. This data was collected from a number of resources such as: township staff, the existing Oscoda Township Recreation Plan, various web sites (census, city and school district) and through field observations.

Community input was collected via a community open house held in December of 2010. Based upon the existing information and the community input, the Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation in Oscoda Township. The Township also developed an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan.

The consultant completed the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document and it was made available for review at office of the Oscoda Township Clerk for at least 30 days beginning on February 9, 2011. This reviewing opportunity was advertised in the Oscoda Press. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held prior to adoption of the plan. This meeting was held on March 14, 2011.

The Township Board adopted the Recreation Plan by resolution on April 11, 2011. Copies of the advertisements, meeting minutes and the resolution are included in Appendix D.

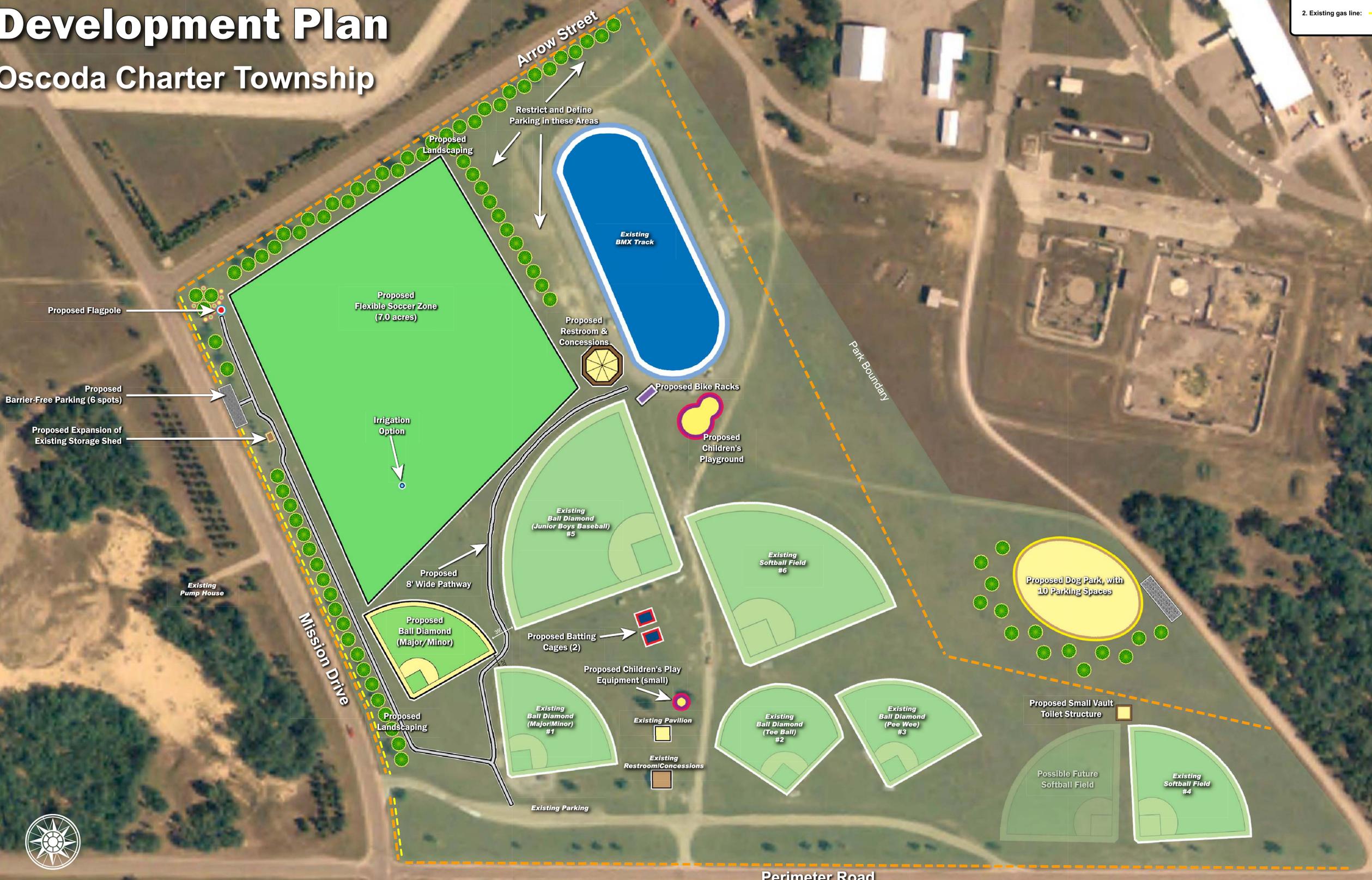
APPENDIX A

Outdoor Sports Complex Development Plan

Outdoor Sports Complex Development Plan

Oscoda Charter Township

- Notes**
- Existing power line: - - - - -
 - Existing gas line: - - - - -



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APPENDIX B

Handicap Accessibility Checklist

Oscoda Charter Township Parks Barrier Free Accessibility Assessment

	Billy McQuiag Park	Fireman's Park	Township Beach Park	Huron Sunrise Park	Piety Hill Fishing Pier	Furtaw Field	Community Center NE	Community Center SW	Wurtsmith Sports Complex	Ken Ratliff Memorial Park	River Bank Park
Sidewalks & Paths											
1 What is the surface material?	Gravel	Concrete	Wood (Boardwalk)	Asphalt	Wood (Boardwalk)	Gravel & Grass	Concrete	Concrete	Gravel & Grass	Concrete & Wood	Ashphalt & Cement
2 Does the surface quality affect barrier-free accessibility (potholes, sunken slabs, etc)?	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
3 What is the width?	N/A	N/A	83"	118"	86"	N/A	46 "	46"	N/A	66"	98"
4 Does it connect to the parking lot?	yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Does it connect to an existing system outside of the park boundaries?	Yes*	No	Yes**	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes*	Yes**
6 Does it connect barrier-free to existing park facilities?	No	No	Yes***	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
7 Is the grade greater than 5%?	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No
8 Is the cross slope greater than 2%?	No	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No
9 Are there any stairs/steps?	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
10 Do the stairs possess railings on both sides?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11 Are there ramps?	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
12 Do the ramps possess railings on both sides?	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	N/A
13 Are the ramps less than 12%?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Unknown	N/A
14 Are the ramps wide enough to be recognized as barrier free, minimum of 32" clear, unobstructed opening?	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Unknown	N/A
15 Are landings present at both top and bottom of ramp?	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A
<p>* Snowmobile Trail ** Downtown *** State Roadside Park</p>											

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Parking Lot											
1 What is the surface material	Gravel	Asphalt	Asphalt	N/A	Gravel	Gravel	Paved	Paved	Gravel & Grass	Paved & Gravel	Gravel
2 Are there handicap parking stalls?	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	No	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes
3 Is the cross slope greater than 2% within the handicap stalls?	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	N/A	No
4 Is the cross slope greater than 2% from the handicap stalls to the pathway?	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	N/A	No
5 Are there stairs/steps?	No	No	No	N/A	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
6 Do the stairs possess railings on both sides?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7 Are there ramps?	No	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
8 Do the ramps possess railings on both sides?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	N/A
9 Are the ramps less than 12%?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	Yes	N/A
10 Are the ramps wide enough to be recognized as barrier-free, minimum of 32" clear, unobstructed opening?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A
11 Are landings present at both top and bottom of ramp?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Playground Equipment											
1 Is the playground equipment accessible via a sidewalk or path?	No	No	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
2 What is the playground safety surface material?	Sand	Grass & Sand	Sand & Wood Chips	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sand	N/A
3 Is the surface material contained within a concrete curb or border, and does the edge create step?	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
4 Is the playground compliant with the most recent barrier -free codes?	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Unknown	N/A

* 1 on soccer field side only

Oscoda Charter Township Parks Barrier Free Accessibility Assessment

	Billy McQuaig Park	Fireman's Park	Township Beach Park	Huron Sunrise Park	Piety Hill Fishing Pier	Furtaw Field	Community Center	Wurtsmith Sports Complex	Ken Ratliff Memorial Park	River Bank Park
Other Facilities (Ballfields, rinks, fields, etc.)										
1 Are they accessible from the parking lot?	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
2 Are they accessible from other areas of the park?	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
3 Is the facility itself of barrier-free design?	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
Picnic Tables/Benches										
1 Do they have barrier-free accessibility from existing paths?	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	Yes
2 Are the picnic benches at a minimum height of 46"	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Do the picnic benches allow for wheelchair accessibility and opportunities to sit at the table?	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
4 Are the benches mounted on a hard surface that would allow wheel chairs to sit adjacent?	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*	Yes
Water Fountains										
1 Are they accessible in height and placement?	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes**	No	N/A	N/A
2 Is there a barrier-free button?	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	N/A
Park Buildings										
1 Is the building connected to the park facilities via a sidewalk or path?	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
2 Is the building multi-level? If so, is there a barrier-free elevator?	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes/No	No	No	N/A
3 Are there steps entering the building?	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	N/A
4 Are there steps within the building?	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	No	N/A
5 Are there ramps entering the building?	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
6 Are there ramps within the building?	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	N/A
7 Are the doors wide enough throughout the building to be recognized as barrier-free, minimum of 32" clear, unobstructed opening?	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A
* Not mounted but on cement ** Inside only										

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Bathroom Facilities										
1 Are the bathroom facilities connected to the park facilities via a sidewalk or path?	No	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
2 Are there steps entering the facilities?	Yes	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Yes, 1	Yes	No
3 Are there ramps entering the facilities?	No	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	No	No
4 Are the ramps less than 12%?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	N/A
5 Are railings on both sides present?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	N/A	N/A
6 Are the ramps wide enough to be recognized as barrier-free, minimum of 32" clear, unobstructed opening?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	N/A
7 Are landings present at both top and bottom of ramp?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	N/A
8 Are the doors wide enough throughout the facility to be recognized as barrier-free, minimum 32" clear, unobstructed opening?	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
9 Are there handicap accessible stalls?	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	No	Yes
10 Are the sinks barrier-free?	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	N/A

APPENDIX C

Sources of Funding for Parks and Recreation Projects

SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
 - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection – very important
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1 (secondary application for acquisition only in August)
- www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$100,000 (\$200,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Enhancement Funds

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot Go to “Projects and Programs”.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Relatively simple application form and requirements
- Due in early September
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

- Objectives
 - Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
 - Restore historic structures
 - Revitalize urban waterfronts
 - Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$50,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- Due annually on May 1
- www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal

Other grant programs to consider:

Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)

- Five focus areas:
 - Agriculture and Pollution Prevention
 - Communication / Regional Marketing
 - Land Use
 - Water Resources
 - Wildlife Stewardship
- www.saginawbaywin.org

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions
TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- www.michigan.gov/deq - Go to “Surface Water” and then to “Non-point Source Pollution”.

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments

Wickes Foundation
Strosacker Foundation
Gerstacker Foundations

KEEP IN MIND...

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash,
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think “regional” projects.
- Grant applications can be complicated, detailed and competitive. Make sure your grant writer is familiar with the grant and funding source. Learn as much as possible ahead of time to know if your project has potential for funding.

APPENDIX D

Input and Adoption Documentation

STATE OF MICHIGAN }ss

John Morris

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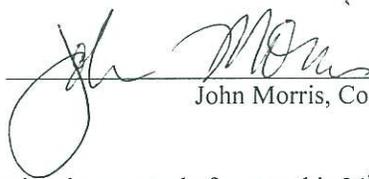
being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Co-Editor of the OSCODA PRESS a newspaper published and circulating in the County of Iosco, in said State; that the annexed printed notice has been published in said newspaper at least once each week for 2 weeks preceding the 1st day of December, 2010, mentioned in said notice, and the first insertion hereof was on the 17th day of November, 2011 and the last insertion was on the 24th day of February, 2011.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Parks and Recreation Plan
Community Input Open House

The Charter Township of Oscoda is seeking ideas and recommendations for updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

An "Open House" event is scheduled to receive ideas and recommendations from all interested individuals and organizations. This event will be conducted, between **4 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2010**, in the Township Conference Room, which is located at 208 S. State Street.

For further information, please call (989) 739-6999.



John Morris, Co-Editor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November A.D. 2011.



Natalie A. Rigg, Notary Public for Iosco
County, Acting in Iosco County, Michigan

My Commission expires April 30, 2014.

above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower agrees by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Date: February 16, 2011
For more information, please call:
C/D (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer and/or
Mortgage Holder
1440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File # 362728F01

NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by his property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. If you are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below.

Attention: The following notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc.

Attention Clifton E. Murphy and Betty Murphy, regarding the property at 1009 Barnsworth St., Oscoda, MI 48750. The following notice does not apply if you have previously agreed to modify the mortgage loan under section 3205b, 3205a, 3205b and 3205c do not apply unless the terms of the modified mortgage loan entered into were complied with for one year after the date of the modification.

You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, (248) 344-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.mshda.org.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cary S. Walker, a married man, and Kimberly S. Walker, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated October 26, 2001, and recorded on October 31, 2001, in Liber 655 on Page 661, in Iosco County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Twelve and 69/100 Dollars (\$73,112.69), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Iosco County, at 10:00 AM, on February 23, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Charter Township of Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the Township of Oscoda, Iosco County,

in that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald J. Smith, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2006, and recorded on October 6, 2006, in Liber 901 on Page 812, in Iosco County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 80/100 Dollars (\$81,564.80), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Iosco County, at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Charter Township of Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Lakewood Shores, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Pages 46-47 of Iosco County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance

interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the

IOSCO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 2011 ANNUAL ROAD MATERIAL & SERVICES REQUIREMENTS IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive sealed proposals for its 2011 Annual Road Material & Services until 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, February 21, 2011, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. A list of the items being bid can be found at www.ioscoroads.org by clicking on bids and selecting bid packets.

**BOARD OF THE IOSCO COUNTY
ROAD COMMISSIONERS**
Frank M. Leiva, Chairman
Calvin McLaren, Vice-Chairman
Richard M. Harris, Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE March Board of Review for Oscoda Township

**OSCODA TOWNSHIP HALL
110 S. State Street, Oscoda, MI 48750
Tuesday, March 15
12 Noon-3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 17
12 Noon-3 p.m. & 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 19
9 a.m.-12 Noon & 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Protests may be filed in writing.**

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Iosco Equalization Department.

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.31	0.99384
Commercial	49.29	1.01440
Industrial	50.49	0.99030
Residential	54.41	0.91895
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	53.25	0.93897
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

**Jim Baier
Oscoda Township Supervisor**

Notice of Review Oscoda Charter Township DRAFT Five Year Master Plan

Oscoda Charter Township has developed a Draft Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, establishes goals for parks and recreation in the township and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that the Township wishes to pursue. Copies of the Draft Plan will be available for review at the Township Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Thursday, March 11, 2011.

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send written comments to the address listed below by March 11, 2011.

For more information, please contact:
Robert F. Stalker II, Superintendent
110 S. State St., Oscoda, MI 48750
989-739-8299

A public meeting to take input on the draft plan will be held on March 14, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Oscoda Township Conference Room.

Posted: February 9, 2011

at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 80/100 Dollars (\$81,564.80), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Iosco County, at 10:00 AM, on March 16, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Charter Township of Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Lakewood Shores, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Pages 46-47 of Iosco County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2011

For more information, please call:

FC F (248) 593-1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee terms of the modified mortgage. Borrower(s)

Notice of Public Meeting

On March 14, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda Township Conference Center, 208 South State Street, Oscoda Charter Township will host a public meeting on the Township's proposed five year recreation plan. The plan evaluates existing and potential recreation opportunities within the Township, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, develops goals and objectives for recreation in the Township and it proposes a five year schedule of improvements that the Township wishes to pursue. A copy of the draft plan is available at the Township Clerk's Office for review from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written comments regarding the plan should be submitted in advance of the public hearing to Robert F. Stalker, Superintendent, 110 South State Street, Oscoda, MI 48750.

1:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

You may protest to the Board of Review by letter. Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Board of Review petition form (form L-4035) The petition form approved by the State Tax Commission (form L-4035) is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury. When you reach the site, click on Property Tax Forms, then click on Property Tax - Board of Review. Written protests must be received by 9 p.m. March 16, 2011.

RECOMMENDED EQUALIZATION RATIOS AND MULTIPLIERS AS PROVIDED BY THE IOSCO COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	Ratios (Percentage)	Multipliers
Agricultural	N/A	N/A
Commercial	53.31	0.9336
Industrial	48.69	1.01260
Residential	50.15	0.9772
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Kevin Beliveau, Township Supervisor
Lynn Mitchell, Township Clerk
Jessica Williams, Assessor

SPORTS

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN. PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald J. Smith, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2006, and recorded on October 6, 2006, in Liber 901 on Page 812, in Iosco County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 80/100 Dollars (\$81,564.80), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Notice of Public Meeting

On March 14, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda Township Conference Center, 208 South State Street, Oscoda Charter Township will host a public meeting on the Township's proposed five year recreation plan. The plan evaluates existing and potential recreation opportunities within the Township, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, develops goals and objectives for recreation in the Township and it proposes a five year schedule of improvements that the Township wishes to pursue. A copy of the draft plan is available at the Township Clerk's Office for review from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written comments regarding the plan should be submitted in advance of the public hearing to Robert F. Stalker, Superintendent, 110 South State Street, Oscoda, MI 48750.

signature for electronic mail may be filed with the appeal);

3. Identify the decision document by title and subject, date of the decision, and name and title of the Responsible Official;

4. Identify the specific change(s) in the decision that the appellant seeks and rationale for those changes or portion of the decision to which the appellant objects and an explanation for the disagreement;

5. State how the Responsible Official's decision fails to consider comments previously provided, either before or during the comment period specified in 215.6 and, if applicable, how the appellant believes the decision violates law, regulation, or policy.

A written notice of appeal must be submitted within 45 calendar days after this Legal Notice is published in the Oscoda Press; however, when the 45-day filing period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, then filing time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day. The date of the publication of the Legal Notice is the only means for calculating the date by which appeals must be submitted. The Notice of Appeal must be sent to:

Attn: Appeal Deciding Officer, USDA, Forest Service, Gaslight Building, Suite 700, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202. The Notice of Appeal may also be faxed to: 414-944-3963, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office. Office hours for those submitting hand-delivered appeals are: 7:30 to 4:00 pm CT Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

The Decision Notice for the Snow Bird Kirtland's Warbler Project is available upon request from the Huron Shores District Ranger at 5761 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI 48750, (989) 739-0728, TTY (989) 739-0806. For further information on the project contact Paul Thompson at (989) 739-0728 x 3028.

**OSCODA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
04-11-2011**

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Baier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Present: Mr. Pappas, Mr. Baier, Mr. Ballor, Mr. Hinckley, Mr. Binkowski,
Ms.Carrasco Absent: Ms. McGuire

AGENDA ADDITIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mary Althaver regarding the Community Center and how well it has
done this season

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes, Finance in the amount of \$167,463.75 and Reports.
Mr. Binkowski supported a motion by Mr. Hinckley to accept the consent agenda as presented.
ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Passport Grant Application Public Hearing/Capital Improvement Planning – Mr. Pappas
supported a motion by Mr. Binkowski to schedule the Public Hearing for the next regular meeting on
April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Changes to Capital Improvement Plan – Mr. Binkowski supported a motion by Mr. Hinckley to
approve the changes as presented. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Old Orchard Park Operations Plan – Mr. Pappas supported a motion by Mr. Baier to postpone
this topic until the April 13, 2011 work session. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Water Main Replacement Project Engineering Contract – Mr. Ballor supported a motion by Mr.
Binkowski to authorize the execution and signing of the contract documents.
ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Oscoda Beach Park Pier Bridge Span Structures – No action required.

Merit Network Metro Act Permit – Mr. Ballor supported a motion by Mr. Pappas to authorize the
execution of the Merit Act Permit. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Septage Dumping Fee "Bad Debt" – Mr. Hinckley supported a motion by Mr. Binkowski to
postpone a decision until the April 25, 2011 meeting so further information could be gathered.
ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Recreation Master Plan Presentation/Resolution – See Resolution 2011-12

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

AuSable River Canoe Marathon 2011 Program Book Advertising Request - -- Mr. Ballor supported a motion by Mr. Pappas to purchase the ad for \$500.00. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Passport Grant Application/Site Development Plan - Mr. Ballor supported a motion by Mr. Binkowski to authorize Spicer Group to proceed with the Old Orchard Park Pavilion drawing, not to exceed \$800.00. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Ferris Front Mower Bids – Mr. Hinckley supported a motion by Ms. Carrasco to accept the low bid of \$8,200.00 from Lincoln Outdoor Center. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

MDOT 2012 Road Reconstruction: South Bound Right Turn Lane State/River Rd – No action required.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2011-12 Re: Adoption of Recreation Master Plan – Mr. Pappas supported a motion by Mr. Binkowski to adopt Resolution 2011-12. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

OTHER

Police Officer Resignation-Christopher Weber – Mr. Pappas supported a motion by Ms. Carrasco to accept the resignation of Officer Weber with regrets. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Fuel Purchase Contract – No action required.

AuSable Valley Steelheaders/Passport Grant Application – No action required.

Community Center Funding 2011/2012 – Mr. Binkowski supported a motion by Mr. Pappas to continue to support the Community Center financially through the 2011-2012 season and to thank the Committee for their efforts. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Case #720 Rezoning Application – Mr. Ballor supported a motion by Mr. Hinckley to move ahead with the rezoning as requested by the Planning Commission. ALL YEAS-MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment – None

Board Comments – None

Adjourn – Mr. Pappas made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Christine Carrasco
Oscoda Township Clerk

James Baier
Oscoda Township Supervisor

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSCODA
RESOLUTION REGARDING:
ADOPTION OF A RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

2011-12

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Oscoda has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2011 and 2015, and

WHEREAS, a public comment session was held March 14, 2011 at the Oscoda Township Conference Center, 208 S. State St., Oscoda, Michigan to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Oscoda has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and intends to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the public meeting, the Charter Township of Oscoda Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Oscoda Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Oscoda Township Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Charter Township of Oscoda.

MOVED BY: Binkowski SUPPORTED BY: Pappas

YEAS: Binkowski, Carrasco, Pappas, Hinckley, Ballor, Baier

NAYS: None

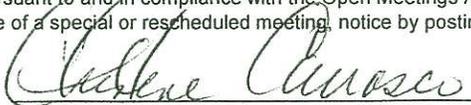
ABSENT: McGuire

Adopted this 11th day of April , 2011.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Oscoda at a meeting held April 11, 2011 , 2011, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: April 11 , 2011


Christine Carrasco -4-11-11
Christine Carrasco, Clerk

