Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Session – Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 3:15 p.m. *Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan* <u>https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2481</u>

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Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Session – Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Tentative Minutes – Meeting Recorded

Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2419

The meeting of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Casey Noonan at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Noonan led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

- Roll Call:John Arens, absentDave Barrons, Vice-ChairmanSteve ChristensenDon FrerichsCharles GodboutMelinda Lautner (Arrived at 3:20 p.m.)Casey Noonan, ChairmanJohn PopaRick Robbins, absentF. Jon Walter, absent
- Staff Present:Laurel Evans, Executive AssistantW. Scott Bradley, Maintenance Worker

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Motion by Godbout to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Barrons.Discussion – None.Ayes – 6 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Noonan, Popa)No – 0 Absent – 4 (Arens, Lautner, Robbins, Walter)Motion Passes.

Action Items –

Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2022, Regular Session:

Motion by Godbout to approve the November 2, 2022, Regular Session Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – Barrons inquired about delivery of the two percent allocation application to the Grand Traverse Board of Ottawa and Chippawa Indians to fund invasive species eradication. Evans confirmed the application was delivered to the Tribe at the end of November (2022).

Ayes – 6 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Noonan, Popa)

No – 0 Absent – 4 (Arens, Lautner, Robbins, Walter)

Motion Passes.

Approval of Financials:

- Transaction History Listing Report November 1-30, 2022
- Revenue & Expense Report Period Ending November 30, 2022

Motion by Barrons to approve the financials, as presented. Seconded by Godbout.

Discussion – Bradley reported expenditures were at 100.66 percent, with an outstanding \$4,500.00 expenditure for Repair and Maintenance. Evans added that the Administrative Assistant stipend was also outstanding. Barrons inquired about the accounting process for overages. Evans explained that Accounting performs yearend budget amendments to adjust for the overages which the Board of Commissioners needs to approve. Frerichs mentioned the Capital Outlay overage of \$26,000.00 (per Bradley, it was for a new tractor.) Godbout inquired if the budget was increased to accommodate this expenditure. Bradley confirmed that it was.

Ayes – 6 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Noonan, Popa)

No – 0 Absent – 4 (Arens, Lautner, Robbins, Walter)

Motion Passes.

Poor Farm Barn:

Report by Steve Stier, President, Leelanau County Historic Preservation Society (LCHPS), which leases the Poor Farm Barn and the surrounding two acres. Stier said the lease states that LCHPS "shall maintain and rehabilitate the structure on the premises and shall collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Commission to insure the same is incorporated into the Leelanau County parks system." In addition, the lease specifies that a six-person committee shall be formed, comprised of the Chairman of Parks and Recreation Commission, two members of the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee, and three board members from LCHPS. This committee recently met and by consensus determined that public use is the best direction for the Poor Farm Barn. Public use requires a change in use via a special use permit. Stier stated that an architect needs to be retained to facilitate the permit application. Christensen inquired about who will pay for the architect. Noonan explained Stier was simply providing an update and that he was not ready to discuss funding for engagement of the architect. Evans encouraged Stier to include the County Administrator in discussions about the Poor Farm Barn, since it is county property. Both Stier and Noonan were unclear about whose purview the Poor Farm was under; the County Board of Commissioners or the Parks and Recreation Commission; however, Noonan suggested that LCHPS first work with the Parks and Recreation Commission and then the Parks Commission would make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on behalf of the LCHPS.

Godbout asked for an explanation for the change of use for the Poor Farm Barn. Noonan explained the barn has been an agricultural barn and opening it to the public for educational use, for example, requires identification of safety hazards, among other things, which would be addressed through the change of use process. Popa said he highly supported the preservation of the Poor Farm Barn and confirmed the Parks Commission had not been involved in the project in the past five years; he said county commissioners were the involved party. He advised a refinement of the mission statement to include mention of public use. Popa said there would be a lot of bureaucracy, but he thought LCHPS could successfully navigate the process. Frerichs commented that the intention for use of the barn was educational and not for

use as a wedding venue or for a "barn dance." Barrons advised that if LCHPS secured their own financial support for the Poor Farm Barn, it would mitigate County Board bureaucracy. Stier responded that since the Poor Farm Barn was County property, he was willing to work through the bureaucracy. He added that it was his understanding that the Poor Farm Barn Committee would be in charge of programming and determining use and that the County would assist in "what happens there." Popa explained that about June of 2023 is when solicitation for items for the budget would begin, adding that this timeline gives LCHPS six months to decide what direction to take regarding funding.

Bingham Township Letter of Support Request:

(Lautner arrived here.)

Christensen stated he had received an email from Bingham Township Trustee Todd Stone dated December 5, 2022, as a follow-up to his conversation with Stone regarding a request for a letter of support from the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission. The support letter is a DNR Sparks Grant requirement. Bingham Township is pursuing the Sparks Grant to facilitate construction of a permanent parking lot for Boughey Park, which would help to alleviate dangerous public parking along M-22.

Motion by Christensen for Evans to draft a letter of support for Bingham Township for the full Parks Commission's approval so Noonan could "send it out." Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – Popa inquired if approval of the letter would take place at the January (2023) Parks Commission meeting since no definitive timeline was included in the motion. Christensen explained that Evans would send the letter for review by the Parks group via email and would revise the letter based on comments received back from the group. Evans would then finalize the letter for Noonan's signature.

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa) No – 0 Absent – 3 (Arens, Robbins, Walter) Motion Passes.

Committee Reports and Recommendations -

Myles Kimmerly Park Committee

Frerichs reported that the September 7, 2022, recommendation prepared by the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding their nonsupport for the sale of park properties has yet to hit the County Board agenda. Evans "heard" the topic would be on the January (2023) County Board meeting agenda. Frerichs said he was unsure of the status of the Parks Commission's request for a bump of \$190,000.00 in Capital Outlay for paving the loop trail at Myles Kimmerly Park. Evans said she had an informal discussion with the Finance Director, who did not recall an increase in Capital Outlay; however, Evans said the item is included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Regarding the Myles Kimmerly master plan, Christensen said he felt with so many visions by the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee and so much work invested to make things happen and with outside interests competing for uses for the park (ball fields, fire station, dog park, etc.) he was passionate that without a plan, they have no direction for the future of the park. He said, "All these people want to do stuff with our park, and we don't have on the master plan what we're going to do with it." He added, "It's like trying to sail a boat without a

rudder." Without a master plan, pursuing a grant would be futile. He felt \$4,700.00 was money well spent to get a new master plan. Noonan supported pursuit of a new master plan, but encouraged the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee to meet and review the topic with their new committee members (Arens and whomever replaces Robbins who lost his seat on the county board in the November mid-terms), then come back to the Parks Commission with a recommendation. Frerichs noted accomplishments at Myles Kimmerly Park in 2023, which included the removal of the grub shack and installation of new trail signage.

Maple Valley Nursing Home Easement Update:

Evans reported on the upcoming termination in April 2023 of the lease agreement with Maple Valley Nursing Home for Myles Kimmerly Park property which accommodates the nursing home's septic field. Evans said she had talked with County Administrator Chet Janik for guidance on termination of the lease (before Janik retires at the end of the year). Janik recently received a letter from John Kasben Jr. (son of the owner of Maple Valley Nursing Home) stating they are "doing something different" and though unsure, Evans thought possibly Kasben may be requesting an extension of the lease. Evans said she will forward a copy of the purchase and lease agreements to counsel to get an opinion on how to proceed. Once she hears back, she will put it on Parks agenda, hopefully by January (2023). Frerichs commented that this issue needs to get resolved before the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee can proceed with creation of a new master plan.

Old Settlers Park Committee:

Lautner said she was unsure about how the budget request was made for the replacement of dock sections at Old Settlers Park, but she thought that the dock sections were recently replaced. Bradley confirmed that there was no need to replace them. Noonan said he added the request during the budget process because he thought they might be something that needed attention. Bradley and Godbout both agreed that the bottom of the dock stairs and the shoreline coming into the dock were what needed maintenance. Lautner reported that she is still researching options for the playground "jumpers" for the Nancy Lanham memorial. She wants to find an animal jumper that is a good fit for the park and, so far, found a lady bug. Lautner said she thought she could buy two jumpers and is also looking for a bunny, which is an animal that Lanham was particularly fond of.

Veronica Valley Park Committee

Barrons reported that "Trapper Ron" Baker has removed one beaver and four or five muskrats from the upper ponds. Baker thinks there is still another beaver, but Baker dislocated his shoulder and cannot pursue the hunt until he recovers. Once Baker resumes, he will continue until the end of trapping season.

(Lauter left the meeting here at 3:35 p.m.)

Christensen asked Bradley if he had all the equipment needed to groom at both Myles Kimmerly and Veronica Valley Parks. Bradley responded he had sufficient equipment.

Public Comment:

Steve Stier commented that it would be helpful if name plates were displayed at the Parks Commission meetings so the public could get to know their Park representatives.

Commissioner Comments:

Popa commented regarding the letter of support for Bingham Township. He said the township has met many times with the County Road Commission and the County deemed roadside parking unsafe along M-22 at Boughey Park, especially near the entrance where safe exiting is impeded due to the parked cars blocking the view of oncoming traffic. He thought this information should be noted in the support letter from the Parks Commission. Evans asked Popa if Bingham Township had approached the Road Commission for a support letter. Popa was unsure, but committed to following up.

<u>Chairperson Comments:</u> Noonan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

<u>Adjournment:</u> The meeting adjourned to the call of Chairman Noonan at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori D. Eubanks, Recording Secretary

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission Organizational Session – Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Tentative Minutes – Meeting recorded Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2475

The Organizational Session was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Executive Assistant, Laurel Evans.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Evans.

Roll Call:John Arens (Absent)Dave BarronsSteve ChristensenDon FrerichsDon FrerichsCharles GodboutMelinda LautnerCasey NoonanJohn PopaKama RossJon Walter

Guest present: None.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lautner to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Christensen. No discussion.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Action Items -

Election of Chairman, 1-Year Term:

Evans noted that the Planning Commission will be selecting its representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its Organizational Session later this month, and that she has confirmed that Noonan is still the sole member of that Commission in the recreation category, and the Planning Commission bylaws state the Planning Commission representative to the Parks Board will be either the Planning Commission Chairman or his or her designee. Evans added that she had spoken with Noonan earlier and that he would be willing to serve as Parks Chairman, if so appointed. Evans called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Lautner nominated Casey Noonan as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Popa.

No further nominations; nominations were closed.

Evans called for all those in favor of Casey Noonan as Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.

No discussion.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Evans declared Noonan Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks & Recreation Commission, and turned the meeting over to Chairman Noonan.

<u>Election of Vice-Chairman, 1-Year Term, and Election of Secretary, 1-Year Term:</u> Chairman Noonan called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Frerichs nominated Dave Barrons as Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Lautner.

No further nominations; nominations were closed.

Chairman Noonan called for all those in favor of Dave Barrons as Vice-Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.

No discussion.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Chairman Noonan declared Barrons Vice-Chairman of the Leelanau County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Chairman Noonan called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Lautner nominated Steve Christensen as Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Barrons.

No further nominations; nominations were closed.

Chairman Noonan called for all those in favor of Christensen as Secretary of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission.

No discussion.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule:

Chairman Noonan called for a motion to approve the 2023 meeting schedule of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission. (All meetings are slated for 3:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. No meeting in July.)

Motion by Lautner to change the 2023 meeting start time for the Parks and Recreation Commission from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Seconded by Christensen.

Discussion: Lautner explained a change to a 3:15 p.m. start time would resolve a conflict in her schedule. Evans noted meeting time changes for the June 7, 2023, meetings (as a result of the new meeting time) as follows; Regular Session, 3:15 p.m.; Executive Committee, 3:45 p.m. (or immediately following the Regular Session, whichever is later).

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Motion by Lautner to approve the 2023 meeting schedule of the Parks and Recreation Commission, as amended. Seconded by Christensen.

Discussion: None.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

2023 Parks Commission Standing Committee Appointments:

Evans reviewed current appointments. Frerichs said he would welcome new member, Commissioner Ross to the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee. Ross accepted the appointment.

Motion by Christensen to approve the 2023 Parks Commission Standing Committee appointments, with Commissioner Ross being added to the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee. Seconded by Godbout.

Discussion: None.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

<u>Myles Kimmerly Park</u> <u>Committee:</u> John Arens Steve Christensen Don Frerichs Kama Ross* Old Settlers Park Committee Steve Christensen Charles Godbout Melinda Lautner Casey Noonan Veronica Valley Park Committee Dave Barrons Steve Christensen John Popa Jon Walter

*Replaces Rick Robbins

Review of Parks Bylaws:

Evans advised the group that no in-depth discussion was necessary at today's meeting; however, she asked that the group review the bylaws and if there were comments/questions,

the topic could be added to a future agenda. With that said, Frerichs requested that the topic be added to the February 1, 2023, Parks agenda.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Adjournment:Motion to adjourn by Christensen. Seconded by Lautner.Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter)No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens)Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Noonan at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Eubanks Recording Secretary

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Session – Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 3:15 p.m. Tentative Minutes – Meeting Recorded

Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2474

The Regular Session of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Noonan.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was waived, as it was previously recited at the preceding Organizational Session.

Roll Call:	John Arens, (Absent)
	Dave Barrons
	Steve Christensen
	Don Frerichs
	Charles Godbout
	Melinda Lautner
	Casey Noonan, Chairman
	John Popa
	Kama Ross
	F. Jon Walter
Staff Present:	Laurel Evans, Executive Assistant W. Scott Bradley, Maintenance W

Public Comment:

Steve Stier, President, Leelanau County Historic Preservation Society (LCHPS) said he was looking forward to a Poor Farm Barn Committee meeting within the next six weeks and that he was happy to see commissioner name plaques displayed. He added that he was going to "press the envelope" to see if coffee could be served at the next meeting. Noonan said he would add the topic of scheduling the next Poor Farm Barn Committee meeting to the agenda.

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Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Noonan added the topic of setting the date for the next Poor Farm Barn Committee meeting to the agenda.

Motion by Lautner to approve the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Ross.

Discussion – none.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Action Items -

Approval of Financials:

- Transaction History Listing Report January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022
- Revenue & Expense Report Period Ending December 31, 2022

Motion by Barrons to approve the financials, as presented. Seconded by Ross.

Discussion – Bradley reported that the Parks 2022 budget came in at 100.57%. It was unclear what caused the overage, so Chief Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Zywicki was called in for an explanation. She said the overage was due to a project for \$29,000 that came in over-budget (curbs and paving at Veronica Valley Park entrance) and not due to the purchase of a new tractor, which was purchased and added to the Parks budget. Zywicki added that a transfer from the General Fund to the Parks Capital Outlay account covered the purchase of the tractor. Zywicki further explained that the tractor was added to the Parks budget because the tractor that was traded in to purchase the new tractor came from the Parks budget. **Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter)**

No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens)

Poor Farm Barn Committee Meeting Date:

Commissioner Ross agreed to serve on the Poor Farm Barn Committee, replacing Michael Smith. The meeting date for the next Poor Farm Barn Committee meeting was set for 3:00 p.m. on February 3, 2023, at the Government Center. (Subsequently changed to February 16, 2023.)

Motion Carried.

Parks Plan/Parks Administrative Assistant Stipend:

- a. 2025-2029 Plan Evans directed the group to review the parks plan. Godbout added that they needed to take steps in 2023 to align the current Master Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, and the Parks budget in preparation for the development of a new plan in 2024, in order to have a new plan in place by 2025. Christensen reported that the Myles Kimmerly Park Plan is a work in progress. Lautner added that the plan for Old Settlers Park was about five or six years old, but that it would take minimal work to bring it current.
- b. FY 2023 Stipend To ensure the Parks Administrative Assistant \$3,600 annual stipend was included in the Parks 2023 budget, Evans suggested a motion reaffirming the Administrative Assistant appointment that was made at the August 18, 2021, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. How the compensation would be paid (monthly, yearly) has yet to be determined.

Motion by Lautner that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to reaffirm the appointment of a Parks Commission Administrative Assistant to assist and guide the Parks and Recreation Commission. Seconded by Christensen. No further discussion.

Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

Committee Reports and Recommendations -

<u>Myles Kimmerly Park Committee</u> – Frerichs welcomed Ross to the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee. He added that after the upcoming committee meeting, he would have more to report.

<u>Old Settlers Park Committee</u> – Lautner reported that the search continues for the playground jumpers for the Nancy Lanham memorial at the park.

(Frerichs asked if there was an update regarding Maple Valley Nursing Home. Evans reported that correspondence was received by Chet Janik from Maple Valley Nursing Home. Janik forwarded the response to Evans and Evans reported it is now under Counsel's review.)

<u>Veronica Valley Park Committee</u> – Barrons reported that flooding at the park due to beavers damming up the stream has not been resolved. He said he has been unable to contact Trapper Ron and since Ron dislocated his shoulder before Christmas, the project has been stalled. The backup plan is to bring in an alternate trapper and/or have Bradley use equipment to dislodge the beaver dams; however, Barrons said he wants to keep trying to contact Trapper Ron before making alternate plans. Barrons also discussed a letter from the Lake Leelanau Lake Association (LLLA) offering a partnership in assessing and mitigating invasive species in the ponds. Barrons plans to work with Evans to draft a response of interest back to LLLA and also plans to conduct a meeting between Savin Lake Services (contracted for chemical eradication of invasive species in the ponds) and LLLA to devise a comprehensive plan of action. Lautner mentioned tags growing in the ditch along the road at Veronica Valley Park and wondered if the goats could be used to control the tags. Barrons thought it was a possibility, pending notification of the grant award for eradication of invasive species. Popa said he would inquire if the County Road Commission could mow down the tags.

Public Comment:

Steve Stier suggested an alternate date of February 16, 2023, for the next Poor Farm Barn committee meeting; same time and location. Noonan confirmed that the new date would work.

Commissioner Comments: None.

Chairperson Comments: None.

Adjournment:

Chairman Noonan called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Godbout to adjourn. Seconded by Christensen. Ayes – 9 (Barrons, Christensen, Frerichs, Godbout, Lautner, Noonan, Popa, Ross, Walter) No – 0 Absent – 1 (Arens) Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Eubanks, Recording Secretary

Hi Laurel,

I hope I find you well this afternoon and your holidays were wonderful!

I heard you were interested in the rates of our glossy magazines for 2023. Last year you advertised in both the Leelanau Visitors Guide and our Color Tour magazines.

There are actually two associated rates with each.. there's an 'Early Bird' and a 'regular.' The Early Bird is if you confirm before a certain deadline, and the regular is if you commit after. I think it's safe to say that right now you qualify for the Early discount, but I'll list the regular price nonetheless:

Visitors Guide: Half-Page - Full Color EB \$670/\$720 Color Tour: Half-Page - Full Color EB \$500/\$535

I hope this answered your question! Please let me know if I may answer anything else!

Best wishes, Nevin

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LEELANAU COUNTY PARKS





Myles Kimmerly Park. This recreation area is 143 acres, which includes the 4-H Park, located on both sides of County Road 616 in Kasson Township. The amenities here include tennis courts, disc golf, soccer, baseball field, play-



Old Settlers Park. This park is 6.5 acres located on the southeastern shore of Glen Lake on South Dunns Farm Road (County Road 675) in Empire Township. Early settlers established the area as a picnic ground in 1892 with access to Glen Lake. A charming and colorful history of the park is available on our website. Features include fireplaces, barbecues, grills, picnic tables, gazebo, chapel, meeting room, playground and dock available for lake access: swim at your own risk.

ground, covered picnic areas, groomed cross-country trails and hiking trails that provide for an excellent nature experience. For more about history and park features, visit our website.

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Glen Arbor

Empire





Northport

Suttons Bay

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Veronica Valley Park. This park is 92.3 acres and is located in Bingham Township at the junction of Maple Valley Road and County Road 641. The park is a natural area characterized by gently rolling hills, high quality wetlands and a beautiful meandering stream (Mebert Creek) that winds though the park. Features include Kids Fishing Ponds, hiking trails, a trout stream, groomed cross-country trails and bird watching.

Maple City

Cedar