

Sands Township Parks and Recreation Survey form (deadline: 15 Oct 2007)

Sands Township would like to know your opinion on recreation to support the revision of the township Recreation Plan (available at: <http://www.mgtinfo.org/government0002.asp>). Please circle or write in your responses representing your household.

1. **How many people are in your household?**
___ adults age 18 to 29 ___ adults 30 to 50 ___ adults over 50 ___ children under 13 ___ children 13 and older

2. **What form of recreation do you and your family enjoy? Please check all that apply.**
___ cross-country skiing ___ snowshoeing ___ basebal/softball ___ soccer ___ tennis ___ football ___ hiking
___ walking ___ running/jogging ___ ATV/ORV ___ snowmobiling ___ road biking ___ mountain biking
___ volleyball ___ frisbee/disc golf ___ swimming ___ fishing ___ hunting ___ other _____

3. *Sands Township has a formal Parks and Recreation Committee whose purpose is to implement the Recreation Plan, represent recreation interests of citizens, and promote healthy recreation.*
Do you feel that recreation is important to your quality of life in Sands Township?
YES NO DON'T KNOW

4. *Sands Township just recently built a park (named Sands Park) next to the Township Office Complex that includes 2 basketball courts, 2 tennis courts, and a playground. The plan for the park also includes a soccer field, a baseball field, and a pavilion.*
In what order do you think we should build the remaining components of the park (rank 1, 2, 3)?
___ SOCCER FIELD ___ BASEBALL FIELD ___ PAVILLION

5. **What other components would you like added to the park?**
FITNESS TRAIL DISC GOLF OTHER _____

6. *Sands Township just completed construction of an indoor multipurpose (IM) room in the rear of the Township Office Building for indoor recreation and for reception/banquet rental. The IM room has a basketball/volleyball court, banquet tables and chairs (seating 150 people), and a warming kitchen.*
How many hours per day do you feel the indoor multipurpose room should be available for public recreation use?
3 hours 4 hours 5 hours 6 hours other _____

7. **What times of day would be the best for you (and your family) to use the indoor multipurpose complex for public recreation? Please circle one choice for each season.**
During winter (school year):
9am to 12pm 12pm to 3pm 3pm to 6pm 6pm to 9pm
During summer (non-school year):
9am to 12pm 12pm to 3pm 3pm to 6pm 6pm to 9pm

8. *Sands Township owns the Strawberry Lake Recreation Area (located southwest of the Marquette County Fairgrounds) which is for public use and includes a small lake that the DNR has stocked with brook trout, a short walking path, more than 100 acres of surrounding forest land, and a township-owned house.*
Did you know that the township had this recreation area available to the public?
YES NO

9. **Do you think the township should make the township-owned house at Strawberry Lake available for public use?**
YES NO

10. **Do you think the township-owned house at the Strawberry Lake Recreation Area house should be available as a rental banquet facility for activities such as wedding receptions and graduation parties?**
YES NO

11. *Michigan residents have one of the highest obesity rates in the nation due to more sedentary lifestyles than past generations. One of the goals of the Sands Parks and Recreation Committee is to promote healthy recreation. One idea the committee has is to provide family-oriented outdoor experiential education programs that include outdoor activities coupled with outdoor education at township recreation areas. Examples include: interpretive nature hikes, introduction to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, winter ecology snowshoe hikes, basic outdoor survival, basic compass/map reading skills, jackpine forest plains ecology, blueberry festival.*
Do you support the concept of outdoor experiential education programs in Sands Township to promote healthy recreation and outdoor skills education?
YES NO DON'T KNOW

12. **Are you interested in being informed of Sands Township activities?**
YES NO SOMETIMES
If yes or sometimes, what approach would you use to stay informed?
ATTEND MEETINGS WEB PAGE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER MEETING MINUTES
CALLING/ GOING TO TOWNSHIP OFFICE

13. **Would you like to be informed of upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meetings and proceedings? If yes, please let us know your name and e-mail address or phone number.**

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

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Please MAIL OR DROP OFF AT TOWNSHIP OFFICE by 15 August 2007

Sands Township Parks and Recreation Committee

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Sands Township Recreation facilities:

Sands Park, located next to Township Office Complex

Indoor Multipurpose complex, located inside Township Office Complex

Strawberry Lake Recreation Area, located behind Marquette County Fairground

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