

# City of Harbor Beach Parks and Recreation Five-year Plan 2022 - 2027



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## **Section One: Introduction**

The Five-Year Recreation Plan is a blueprint for the City of Harbor Beach to expand its recreational opportunities for visitors and residents of the City. While the main goal of the plan is to improve the infrastructure within the city for recreational purposes, a secondary goal is to increase the appeal of the City to potential businesses and residents.

The recreational inventory section in this document reveals an extensive park system, with a multitude of recreational amenities. Harbor Beach's close proximity to Lake Huron also opens up all kinds of opportunity for recreation on the water. In total, what the city, the schools, private entities and Mother Nature have to offer within the City limits of Harbor Beach for recreational activities is almost limitless.

The Recreation Commission in conjunction with the City Council has traditionally been very supportive of recreation in the city. Funding has been in place to maintain what is currently here and additional funding is appropriated to make improvements. The relationship between the City and other local agencies is strong, setting the foundation for a collaborative effort to provide a wide range of recreational opportunity.

The population of Harbor Beach has decreased to 1604 in 2020 from 1703 in 2010. The demographics have also shifted. The average age of residents in the city is currently 46.9 up from 43.8 in 2010. The population of Harbor Beach is dropping and the demographics of the city is aging. This trend is consistent with county wide trends. This is an important factor in determining what type of amenities the residents of the community would be seeking.

The recreation plan was developed following the outline set forth by the Department of Natural Resources in the booklet "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans." The City Council in conjunction with the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission are responsible for preparing, reviewing and approving the City's Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan. The Park and Recreation Commission, City Director and the Community Promotion Director implemented the planning process to develop this plan that was adopted by the City Council on May 2, 2022.

The initial step in the planning process was to review the Five-Year Recreation Plan that expires on December 31, 2022. The second step in developing the City's five-year plan was to gather information on what the people in the community would like to see added to their park and recreation opportunities. The next step in the planning process was to develop a "wish list" as the focal point of discussion. Step four was to conduct a survey to prioritize the list of possible projects. Community input was again solicited in step five, as the top fifteen projects were unveiled for public debate. Meetings included: public hearings sponsored by the Recreation Commission, the City's Planning Commission and the City Council. Review and approval of the Five-Year Recreation Plan by the Planning Commission and adoption of that plan by City Council was step six in the process. Step seven and the final step in the Five-Year Recreation Plan

process was to send the document to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their approval and to forward copies to the county and regional planning authority.



## **Section Two: Community Make-up**

Harbor Beach is a city located in the eastern Thumb of Michigan, on the shores of Lake Huron. It is a peninsula inside a peninsula.

### **MICHIGAN MAP / HARBOR BEACH**

The City of Harbor Beach has a balanced mix of industry and tourism to support its local economy. Neighboring the City are Sand Beach and Rubicon Townships. The area is blessed with rich farmland that grows sugar beets, beans, corn, winter wheat and various other crops. The major employers in Harbor Beach are Corteva, Sensient Flavors, Harbor Beach Community Schools and the Harbor Beach Hospital. Corteva and Sensient Flavors have been in an expanding mode, with both industries investing millions of dollars at their facilities and providing opportunities for local employment. The Harbor Beach Hospital is also planning an expansion. The city has adjusted to losing its biggest tax payer DTE, by stream lining services, the implementation of an energy efficiency program and finding additional revenue streams.

### **Profile of General Demographic Characteristics**

The U.S. Census Bureau with the 2020 census put the total population of Harbor Beach at 1,604. The median age of Harbor Beach is 46.9 years this is an increase from 43.8 years in 2015. Over 77.9% of the population is eighteen (18) years of age or older and 26.2% is sixty-five (65) or older. There are 354 under the age of 18 living in the city. The average family size in Harbor Beach is 3.01. The median household income for the City of Harbor Beach is \$41,167 an increase from \$35,263 in 2015. The median household income for the state came in at \$59,234 in 2020. 13.2% the population in the City live under the property line, compared to 13.7% for the state.

### **Zoning**

See Zoning Map      Appendage A

### **Physical Characteristics**

Land Use Map      Appendage B

Soils Map      Appendage C

Contour Map      Appendage D

## **Section Three: Administrative Structure and Budget**

### **Administrative Structure**

The current administrative structure for Parks and Recreation in Harbor Beach was instituted in 2000. Ordinance #181 was passed and adopted on February 7, 2000. The ordinance provides for the establishment of a Parks and Recreation Commission. The purpose of the Recreation Commission is to provide for the administration, maintenance and the operation of all facilities, programs and equipment for the city-owned museums, parks and the municipal marina.

The Recreation Commission of the City of Harbor Beach consists of seven voting members, two of which are members of the City Council. The Mayor and the City Finance Officer serve as non-voting members in an ex-officio capacity. The Mayor, subject to City Council approval, appoints all members. No city employees are allowed to serve on the Commission. All members of the Recreation Commission, other than Council members, serve for a three-year term. City Council members serve for a one-year term.

The Officers of the Commission are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are elected the first regular meeting of the calendar year and serve one year. The City Clerk serves as Secretary and the City Treasurer serves as the Treasurer of the Commission.

The Recreation Commission holds regular monthly meetings at City Hall, which are open to the public. Meetings of the Recreation Commission must be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Records of its resolutions, transactions, findings, determinations and recommendations are kept. Minutes from the Commission's regular and special meetings are stored in the office of the City Clerk, where they are available to the public for inspection.

The budget of the Recreation Commission is submitted to the City Finance Officer for approval by the City Council. The budget for the Recreation Department follows the same fiscal year as all the other city departments. The fiscal year begins on April 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through March 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. All fees, charges and other revenue generated through the use of the City recreation facilities or programs are deposited by the City Treasurer into the Recreation Fund. The Recreation Fund is maintained for the dedicated purpose of recreation facility and program maintenance and operation through annual appropriation of the City Council, donations, gifts and revenue generated from user fees and charges. Expenditures from the Fund are made in accordance with the Recreation Budget as approved by City Council.

The Mayor with approval of the City Council appoints the Recreation Director. The Director is a split position with the City Director. The City Director/Recreation Director performs all the duties and responsibilities charged to and delegated by the City Council and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission hires 15 to 20 part-time employees to fill positions at the campground, marina and museums; position duties also include park maintenance, festival and special event setup.

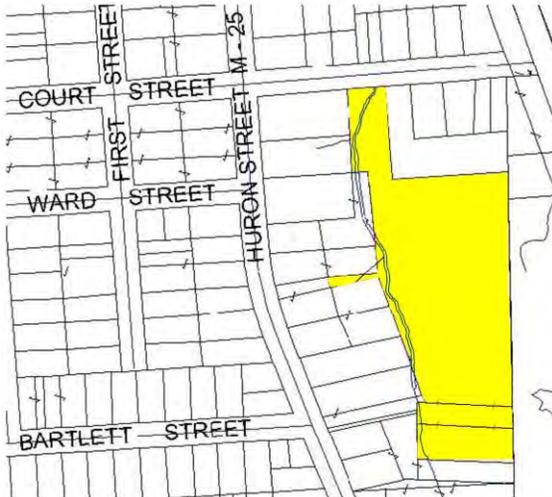
### **Parks and Recreation Budget**

The Parks and Recreation Fund and the Recreation Budget for the City of Harbor Beach was established under Ordinance #181. The total operating budget for the Harbor Beach Parks and Recreation Fund and Marina Fund for 2021- 2022 was \$573,650. Of this budget, \$452,700 or 79% was generated from the operation of North Park Campground and the Municipal Marina; recreation fees, rentals and contributions. The other 21% is provided by an appropriation from the City’s General Fund or grant funding. The following table shows a breakdown of the Parks and Recreation Fund and Municipal Marina Fund Budgets for fiscal years 2018-2019 through 2021-2022. The appropriation is abnormally high in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 due to several projects that were planned for the museums and parks. The budget for 2020-2021 was abnormally low because of the pandemic. Numbers for 2021-2022 have rebounded. The anticipated budget for 2022-2023 will increase by a minimum of 20% due to the increased revenue from the marina, because of recent renovations and a surge in camping reservations due to post covid demand.

<b>Department</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
<b>North Park Campground</b>	<b>\$ 297,135</b>	<b>\$ 305,800</b>	<b>\$ 233,450</b>	<b>\$ 206,700</b>
<b>Municipal Marina</b>	<b>\$ 213,820</b>	<b>\$ 206,600</b>	<b>20,750</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>
<b>Parks</b>	<b>\$ 95,990</b>	<b>\$ 150,700</b>	<b>\$ 133,950</b>	<b>\$ 79,450</b>
<b>Recreation Programs</b>	<b>\$ 19,500</b>	<b>\$ 14,900</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Murphy Museum</b>	<b>\$ 13,950</b>	<b>\$ 16,700</b>	<b>\$ 10,250</b>	<b>\$ 8,500</b>
<b>Grice Museum</b>	<b>\$ 21,600</b>	<b>\$ 25,950</b>	<b>\$ 11,500</b>	<b>\$ 22,000</b>
<b>Visitor Center</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,500</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<b>Softball Fields</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Maritime Festival</b>	<b>\$ 31,250</b>	<b>\$ 32,500</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 22,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 703,245</b>	<b>\$ 765,150</b>	<b>\$ 418,400</b>	<b>\$ 573,650</b>

## **Section Four: Recreation Inventory**

The City of Harbor Beach owns and administers a multitude of recreational properties, coupled with three schools located within the City and the Community House, which is operated by the Library Board; the citizens and visitors to this community are treated to a large variation of recreational opportunities. The inventory and summation of each entity is as follows:



This park is approximately 5 acres.

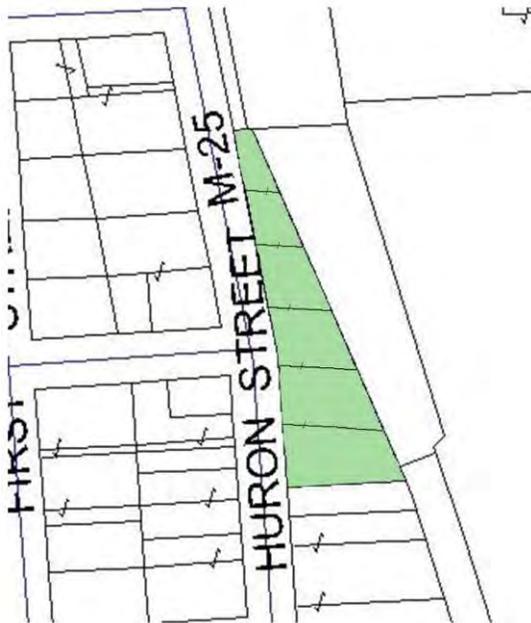
### **Davidson Park**

Davidson Park is located off of Court Street. The park is mostly grass with trees throughout. The park's main amenity is the tennis and basketball courts, with a total asphalt surface area of 30,864 square feet that was constructed in 2007. The old courts were removed and fill sand was used to raise the elevation of the new courts 24" to prevent flooding. The new courts have three permanent tennis courts, one auxiliary tennis court and two full court basketball courts. The Recreation Commission plan to add pickle ball courts in the spring of 2022.



Davidson Park also contains a golf cart storage barn. Space in this building is rented out to area golfers to store golf carts. The park is located next to a nine-hole golf course which is open to the public. The course is owned and operated by the Harbor Beach Resort Association. Other amenities in the park include a picnic pavilion; and a playground was added in 2016. There is also a new restroom facility which was built in 2014. Family get-togethers, basketball and tennis activities utilize this park.

## Memorial Park



Memorial Park is located in the downtown area of Harbor Beach adjacent to the Community House. This narrow piece of property runs along M-25 and is approximately 1.5 acres. It has a manicured lawn and several shade trees. Memorial Park contains a Veterans Memorial, Fireman's Memorial, flagpole, clock tower, park benches and a lion's head drinking fountain. Phase I of the Harbor View Trail runs through this park from Lytle Avenue to the east side of the Community House. Memorial Day ceremonies are conducted here every Memorial Day following the parade.



## Waterworks Park

Waterworks Park is located on the north side of Harbor Beach between the Municipal Marina and the Water Filtration Plant. The park consists of approximately two acres and has approximately 300 feet of Lake Frontage inside the harbor. Facilities in Waterworks Park include: a new 40' x 56' pavilion and four cottages that were constructed by students from the Huron County Technical Center. The cottages are located on the lake shore and provide a view for visitors of the harbor,



break wall and lighthouse. This park is used for family gatherings, kids' fishing day and several fishing tournaments. The cottages are reserved and maintained by marina personnel.



### **Judge James H. Lincoln Memorial Park**

Judge James H. Lincoln Memorial Park is located at the end of Trescott Street directly on the harbor. This park had a complete makeover in 2012. In 2021 with the assistance from a Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Acquisition Grant, the City purchased a parcel directly to the south of the park and added an additional 80 feet of lake frontage. With this addition, Lincoln Park has 560 feet of beach on the shores of Lake Huron. The park has an excellent sandy beach for beachgoers that is unique to this area of Lake Huron's shoreline. The park has a picnic pavilion and a playground with a physical fitness theme. A mixture of young and mature shade trees is located throughout the park. Lincoln Park also has a restroom facility with running water, two large parking lots and a concession stand that is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. At the end of Trescott Street, there is a flag mall positioned in the turn-around.



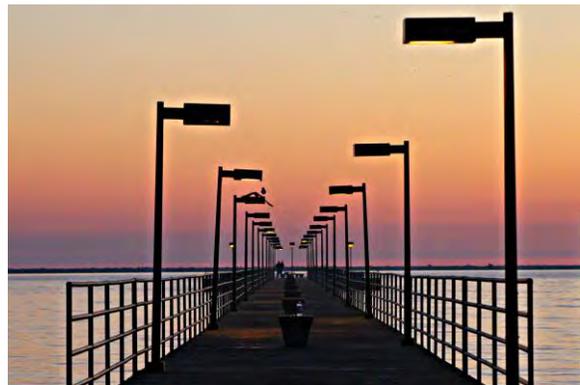
At the end of Trescott Street, there is a flag mall positioned in the turn-around. Phase IV of the Harbor View Trail creates a half mile loop in the park. This section of path along the lake connects Trescott Street Pier to existing sections of path, which allows a person to walk or bike from Lincoln Park to the marina, North Park Campground, or the newly constructed Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail.



The waterfront area and the Trescott Street Pier that is adjacent to Lincoln Memorial Park is the epicenter of Harbor Beach's Maritime Festival, which is held in the summer. The large open green space is used for youth flag football in the fall. A gazebo that was donated to the City by the Rotary Club in 2016 is a popular setting for weddings with the harbor and lighthouse as a backdrop. This park is approximately 8 acres.

### **Trescott Street Pier**

Jetting out into the harbor at the end of Trescott Street is the Trescott Street Pier. The pier is 1,015 feet long, handicapped accessible and well lit at night. It is furnished with benches and trash receptacles. Many people enjoy walking out to the end to get a closer view of the Harbor Beach Lighthouse or fishing over the railing. The Trescott Street Pier is one of the finest viewing points for the annual Jet Ski races held in the harbor or the spectacular fireworks display held in conjunction with the Maritime Festival.





### **Bruce Johnson Softball Fields**

Bruce Johnson Softball Fields are located at the southwest corner of North Park Campground. This complex contains two softball fields, one of which has lights for night games. There is also a building that contains a concession area, storage and men and women's restrooms. There are several youth leagues that use the softball complex.

### **Bike and Pedestrian Path System "Harbor View Trail"**

The Harbor View Trail is a connecting grid of our park and recreation system. It is and will be a link for hikers, bicyclists and handicapped individuals to have access to all our parks, marina, campground, museums and pier. These facilities align the waterfront or are in close proximity to the shoreline. These projects increase opportunities to offer the fullest enjoyment. The system was planned to be constructed in five phases and, when finished, will be over four miles in length.

When completed, a biker or walker would have access to the following: shoreline north of the marina, marina, breakwater that jets out into Lake Huron at the marina, North Park Campground, Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail, Grice Museum, Memorial Park, the downtown district, the Visitor Center, the Murphy Museum Complex, Retention Basin Recreation Area, Lincoln Park and Trescott Street Pier.



The system is designed with a ten-foot asphalt mat laid on top of compacted aggregate to ensure the longevity of the project. Ramps are constructed at three points to transcend the two hills. Lights are installed to illuminate the path for continued use at night. Benches, trash receptacles, landscaping, and signage were incorporated into the projects. There are also flower gardens planted by the local Bloomers Club. The design of the Harbor View Trail meets all ADA standards. The Harbor View Trail connects to the State's path that runs alongside M-25 in three places: in front of the Visitor Center in downtown Harbor Beach, by North Park Campground, and on the north end of the city limits at the end of the Backus Trail.

Phase I of the Harbor View Trail was completed in 1997. This path runs approximately 5,000' from Memorial Park in downtown Harbor Beach to North Park Campground on the north end of the city. This path provides safe walking and bicycling access to downtown Harbor Beach, North Park Campground and to boaters at the Municipal Marina. It also provides recreation for residents in the city by providing walking and biking access to Waterworks Park, the Municipal Marina, North Park Campground, Bruce Johnson Fields, and the Grice Museum.

Phase II of the Harbor View Trail is an intermediate segment to this multi-phased project that will provide further access to the Lake Huron shoreline in Harbor Beach. This portion of the path skirts the downtown district, allowing the people using it a panoramic view of our harbor and lighthouse. This link was critical in establishing a system of paths that will eventually connect all recreational areas of Harbor Beach. Phase II was constructed in 2003. This section added a 1,700' extension to the City's current Bike and Pedestrian Path. It connects the south end of the existing path at Memorial Park and proceeds south behind the Community House. At that point it crosses State Street at the base of the hill and follows on the west side of Water

Street to the south. It continues until it crosses the county drain. From there, it crosses Water Street to the west and ends at the Visitor Center.

Phase IV was constructed in conjunction with Lincoln Park in 2012. This section of path creates a half mile loop in the park. It runs along the lake and connects Trescott Street Pier to existing sections of the Harbor View Trail.



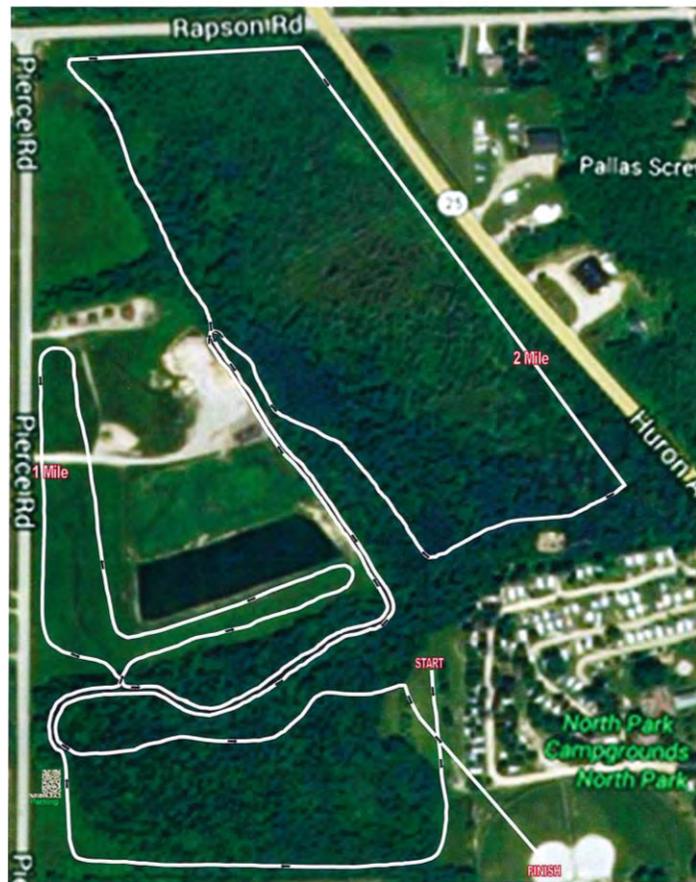
### **Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail**

This trail is named in honor of Brian Backus, a resident of Harbor Beach who was tragically killed in the war in Afghanistan. The 1.5-mile trail is a combination of asphalt and mulch in a natural wooded area adjacent to North Park Campground. Two bridges allow access to the trail from the campground by hikers, trail bikers, and maintenance equipment. Hikers and bikers are enticed by the covered bridge at the campground trailhead. Seven additional bridges and boardwalks blend with this natural wooded area. The trail also has a gazebo honoring our local heroes.

With the addition of this trail, it allows a person walking or biking to traverse from Trescott Street Pier all the way to Rapson Road on the north edge of the city limits. It provides another link for pedestrians, cyclists, and handicapped individuals access to the marina, campground, parks and now a natural area. There is parking at the trail heads. The east half of the path is hard surface and would allow for universal access. The west portion remains in a natural state and would not provide access to individuals with certain handicaps. This area encompasses approximately 30 acres. In 2021 the trail was extended into the adjacent field to create a cross country course. The Harbor Beach Pirate Cross Country Team uses it to train. The new cross-country course was also home for the Harbor Beach Invitational inaugural cross country meet. Eighteen area schools competed on the scenic course for a race in the fall 2021.



### Harbor Beach High School Cross Country Map



### North Park Campground

North Park Campground is north of downtown Harbor Beach off of M-25 just inside the city limits. This park contains 17 acres of campground area with an additional 120 acres of wooded nature area. Within the campground are 184 campsites all with electric, water and sewer connections. Cable television is available on 64 sites. There are three modern restrooms/shower buildings, an open air park pavilion, a park office, a storage garage and a sanitary sewer/water station for recreational vehicles. Each campsite has a fire ring and picnic table. Recreation activities available include a basketball court, a set of two lit

horseshoe pits, fitness circuit, volleyball nets and the Mega Tower Playscape. Items sold to the campers are firewood and ice. There is a convenience store and restaurant located directly across the road.

Patronage in the campground has seen a steady increase over the last 15 years. Seasonal Campers that spend most of the camping season at North Park Campground occupy approximately 55% of the sites. Camping groups also frequent the campground and return year after year. Restrooms and office building are ADA compliant.



### Frank Murphy Museum

The Frank Murphy Museum is owned by the City of Harbor Beach and is administered by the Park and Recreation Commission. The Museum consists of a complex on 1.7 acres and has five buildings including: the Murphy Law Office, the Frank Murphy House, Visitors Center, a barn and stable. The museum grounds are beautifully landscaped with a mixture of flowerbeds, shade trees and ornamentals.

This Museum celebrates the birthplace and childhood home of Harbor Beach's most famous son. Frank Murphy held the following public offices:

- First Assistant U.S. District Attorney,



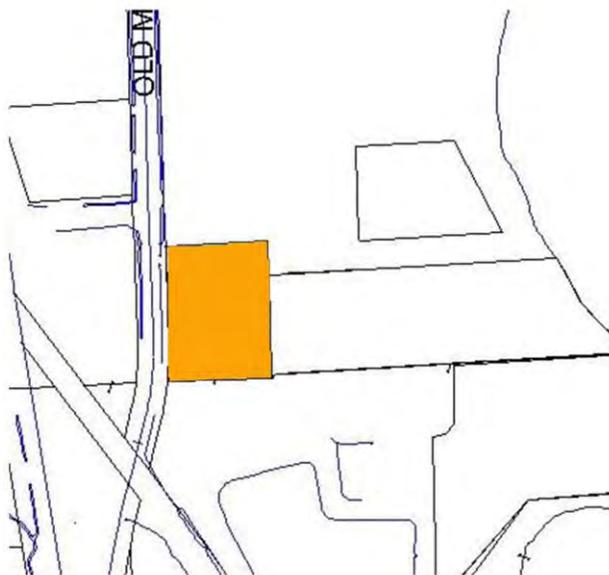
Eastern Michigan District from 1920 to 1923

- Recorder's Court Judge in Detroit from 1923 to 1930
- Mayor of Detroit from 1930 to 1933
- Last Governor General of the Philippines from 1933 to 1935
- U.S. High Commissioner of the Philippines from 1935 to 1936
- 35th Governor of the State of Michigan from 1937 to 1939
- Attorney General of the United States from 1939 to 1940
- United States Supreme Court Justice from 1940 to his death in 1949

The Frank Murphy Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The Friends of the Murphy Museum is a volunteer committee that is geared toward supporting the museum. They sponsor special events throughout the year at the Museum. This group also has been instrumental in making sure the artifacts, buildings and grounds are cared for properly. Some areas of the museum are not universally accessible.



## Grice Museum



The Parks and Recreation Commission also operate the Grice Museum Complex. The complex consists of three buildings. The main museum building, the Grice House, was built in 1873 and survived the Great Fire of 1881. A two-story cut field stone addition was built in 1883. Descendents of James G. Grice owned the property until 1960, when it was sold to the City of Harbor Beach. The Grice House Heritage Society volunteers sponsor special events at the museum. They also help oversee the artifacts, buildings and grounds.

The Grice Museum displays the original lens used in the Harbor Beach Lighthouse as well

as other artifacts. Rooms are furnished with 19<sup>th</sup> Century furniture and articles. In 1982, the Grice House was listed in the National Register of Historical Places. In 1988, a rural schoolhouse was moved to the site. Artifacts dating back from 1888 to 1930 include: desks, a stove, books and other articles common to rural schools of that time.

In 2016, the North Park Pavilion was moved to the Grice Complex to house a growing inventory of farm machinery that dates back from 1875 to the 1930s. The two-story structure that was moved was built in 1905 and replaces a pole structure that was moved off the property. This will allow for more floor space for displays and the turn of the century building is more in keeping of early 20<sup>th</sup> century homestead. Some areas of the museum are not universally assessable.



## Municipal Marina

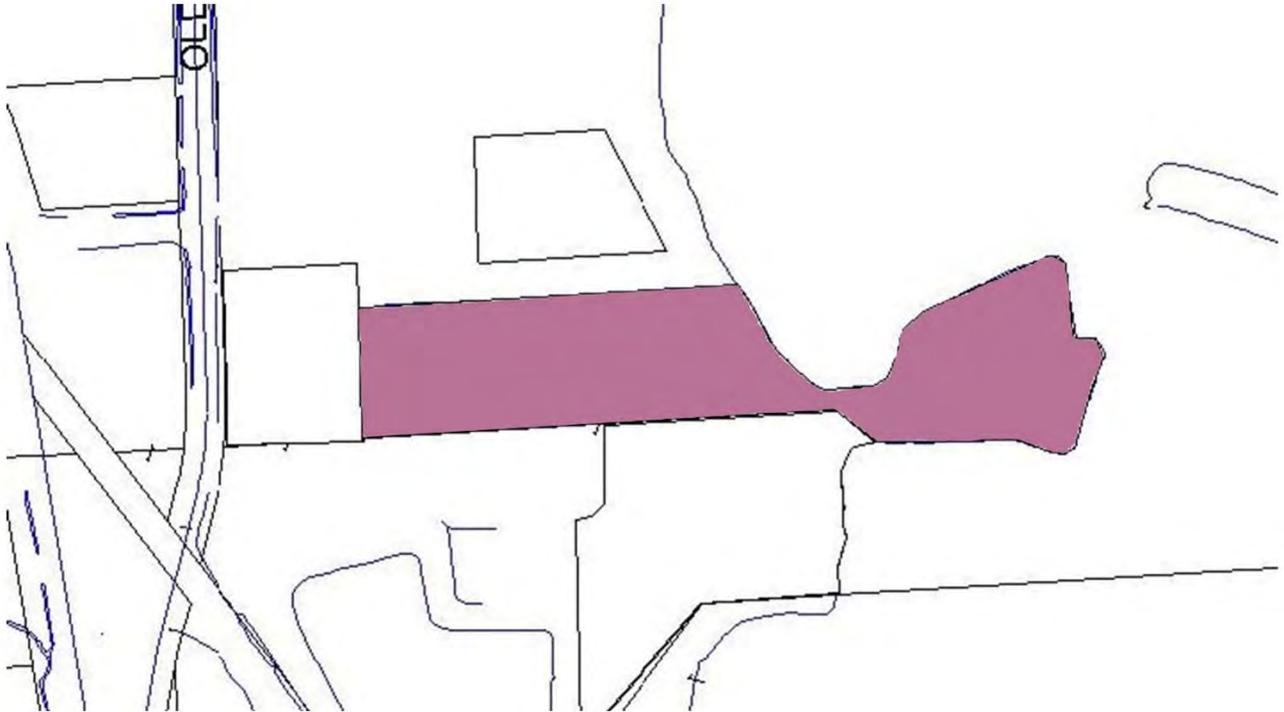


The Harbor Beach Municipal Marina was constructed in two phases. Phase I was completed in 1983, and Phase II was completed in 1985. The Harbor Beach Municipal Marina was constructed with the help of a Department of Natural Resources Grant. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Harbor Beach. The responsibility for operating the facility was transferred from the Harbor Authority to the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2000.

In 2022 the city will complete a 2.2-million-dollar renovation project at the marina. The renovation included a complete replacement of the original docks. Due to high water in 2020 compromising the fixed docks in the facility, a design was incorporated to include floating main and head piers. The 72 seasonal and transient slips consist of 8 60-foot docks offering 50-amp service, 12 45 docks wired for 30/50-amp service and 52 30 docks with 30-amp service. New fuel, water, sewer and fire suppression systems were installed in the docking system. The restrooms, shower rooms and office were upgraded. Concrete was replaced and asphalt is scheduled to be replaced in May of 2022. When the asphalt is replaced, the entire marina will meet universal access guidelines. This multi-million-dollar renovation project was made possible from funding provided by eight Department of Natural Resource Waterways grants and an investment by the City of Harbor Beach.

A six-bay launch ramp and fish cleaning station is also part of the facility. Other services include fuel sales for gasoline and diesel, pump out, shower and restroom facilities and a shuttle

service. Wireless Internet and the web cam are also available at the Marina. The foot-print of the marina is approximately 5 acres.



### **Harbor View Cottages**

Four cottages were constructed adjacent to the marina along the shore of Waterworks Park in 2015-2016. These are a very popular destination for visitors coming to Harbor Beach either by land or water. The cottages were constructed and installed through a collaborative effort by the City of Harbor Beach and the Huron Area Technical Center.



### **Wastewater Retention Basin**

In 2008, the City of Harbor Beach constructed a 2-million-gallon water retention basin to expand the City's wastewater treatment capabilities. The retention basin is designed to handle

extraordinary wastewater flow in the event of abnormal precipitation. The project was done in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Quality. The City was aided with funding the 4.5-million-dollar project from the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and State Revolving Fund.

The retention basin, because of its proximity to a hill, also works well for sledding and tobogganing in the winter months.

Because of the foresight of the City Council, change orders were incorporated during the construction, allowing for a dual-purpose project; a waste water retention basin and recreational facility. The need to position the basin by the waterfront requires it to be part of any recreational development plan along the harbor's shoreline. Basketball and pickle ball courts are being planned to be set up on the concrete surface.

### **Veterans Memorial Garden**

The American Legion spearheaded this garden to honor Harbor Beach's fallen heroes. Five Harbor Beach fallen soldiers are each honored with a plaque. These plaques are part of the Historic Walking Tour of interpretive signs. A large rock is engraved with the garden's name. Six flag poles have been erected to display the US flag, a flag from each of the military divisions and the POW flag as they fly over the garden.



### **North Park Pavilion**

This 32' x 40' open air structure is used in late spring, summer and fall months for family reunions, small parties and camping group gatherings. Special events such as DJ in the Park, Karaoke, and Halloween weekend activities are scheduled at the pavilion. The pavilion setup is ADA compliant.

### **Mega Tower Playscape**

Mega Tower Playscape was a community build project that was built in 2004; a grant from the Land and Water Trust Fund helped pay for the project. The play structure has a multitude of activities built in: slides, swings, climbing wall, and the Mega Tower, to mention a few. It can best be described as a kid magnet. Families from around the area and campers visiting Harbor

Beach enjoy spending time at the playscape. It has been a tremendous draw for North Park Campground. An eighteen-station exercise circuit was built adjacent to the playscape.



### **North Park Pavilion**

A new indoor-outdoor pavilion was built in 2018. This pavilion is unique for two reasons. First because of its design and construction. The pavilion has eight glass garage doors, which give it the flexibility to be used as an open-air pavilion when the weather is pleasant and warm, or it can be closed when the weather turns cold in the fall, winter and spring. The building is equipped with furnaces for heat, a gas fire place, big screen tv, tables and chairs. The pavilion can comfortably seat 160 people. The City rents it to people for a multitude of reasons including graduation parties, weddings, showers, and family get togethers. Local industries use it for meetings. Local church groups, civic organizations and non-profits use it for their events. The City Council will waive the fees for such events.



### **Harbor Beach Lighthouse**

The Harbor Beach Lighthouse was built in 1885 and stands offshore at the end of the main breakwater, at the main entrance to the harbor. The City of Harbor Beach took over ownership of the lighthouse in June of 2010 from the United States Coast Guard.

The Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society has been instrumental in making sure that the structure is well preserved for future generations to enjoy. The Preservation Society in conjunction with the Coast Guard have taken many steps to ensure that the structure is secure and preserved. They also have meticulously gone through the interior of the lighthouse and completed rehab projects that brought the 125-year-old lighthouse back to its original luster. A replica operating 4<sup>th</sup> Order Fresnel lens was installed in 2015. The Lighthouse Preservation Society conducts tours of the lighthouse each summer from June – September. The Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society rebuilt the fog signal building in 2017.



### Interpretive Sign Project

The Recreation Commission took on a project to incorporate interpretive signs along the Harbor View Trail starting at Trescott Street Pier and going all the way to the Marina. The signs depict historic and significant sites along the pathway. Twenty-nine (29) signs have been installed along the pathway since the summer of 2011.







### Golf Cart Path

In 2017, the City adopted Ordinance number 222 Chapter 36 allowing golf carts on City streets. This Ordinance gave City Residents access to most parts of the City with golf carts. Carts are allowed to move on City streets and may **cross** M-25 (Huron Avenue) or M-142 (State Street), but cannot drive on those highways. Golf carts are not allowed on Pierce Road, the road the City shares with the County. They are also prohibited on the Harbor View Trail (Bike Path), because that trail was constructed with grant money creating a non-motorized trail.

Because of the City Ordinance, State Law, and County Ordinance, residents of the City cannot access North Park or the Marina with a golf cart. Likewise, visitors to the Campground and Marina cannot access the City and the businesses with a golf cart.

The creation of this trail, depicted on the attached map, will facilitate access to all points in the City by golf cart. The trail will also provide a secondary access to North Park, the Marina, and the Backus Trail by walkers or bicyclists without crossing the state highway.

The path is laid out on property owned by the City and on easements garnered by the city from ITC and Agri Valley Communications.

Cost to develop this trail would be approximately \$80,000.

### Other Area Recreational Facilities

The residents and visitors to Harbor Beach also have access to many other recreational entities that are not owned or operated by the City’s Recreation Department.

Besides amenities owned and operated by the City of Harbor Beach, residents and visitors to the area are able to pursue other recreational activities because of facilities that are operated by private businesses, other agencies and what Mother Nature has provided. These opportunities, coupled with the recreational inventory the City has compiled, enhance the recreational opportunities available to the public.

Within the city limits, there is a Community House building, which houses a gymnasium, theater, library and several rooms used for different public gatherings. The building and activities that take place in it are funded from a millage proposal that is levied on the citizens of

Harbor Beach and surrounding townships. The Community House operates under its own board separate from the City.

The City of Harbor Beach also has three separate schools. Zion Lutheran School and Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School are pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade institutions. These two schools have a gymnasium, playgrounds, outside basketball courts and open playing fields that are accessible to the public.

The community school system in Harbor Beach provides the residents and visitors to the city with several more recreational opportunities. The school has two, full-size gymnasiums, two girls' softball fields, a baseball diamond, a fitness center, inside walking circuit, football field, six-lane, 400-meter rubberized track, a playground and open areas that are all available for public use. Baseball, softball, football and soccer youth leagues use these facilities. The gymnasiums are used for the youth basketball program along with open gym times for older adults. The fitness center houses a multitude of exercise equipment and is available for a modest membership fee.

### **Lake Huron**

Harbor Beach is located on the shores of Lake Huron. Because of its location, many additional recreational activities are offered to residents living or visiting there. Boating, fishing, swimming and other water sports are available. The lake is the front door to this community and many people are attracted to the area, because of the proximity to the water.



### **Breakwater**

Construction on the breakwater began in 1873. It was made from wood cribs built on shore, then floated to the site and filled with rock gathered locally. Construction on the wall took eleven years. The breakwater was built in three sections. The North Wall is 1,500 feet long, the Main Wall is 4,575 feet long and the South Wall stretches for 1,952 feet. All together the breakwater protects over 650 acres of water inside the harbor. Although this structure is

owned and maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers and it serves many functions, the breakwater is an important recreational entity for Harbor Beach and the surrounding area. The protected harbor is big enough to serve as a playground for boating enthusiasts and fishermen.

The west end of the north wall ends by the shoreline just north of the marina. In fact the north wall acts as the north side of the Municipal Marina. The wall is connected to the shore by a walkway. This allows people to walk or ride bicycles all the way to the north gap. Fishermen enjoy casting their lines off the side of this structure. The north wall is also ADA compliant. The walkway on the wall, will be resurfaced in May of 2022.



### **Harbor**

The harbor is truly an asset. The breakwall, which protects the harbor adjacent to Harbor Beach, creates, in effect, an inland lake encompassed by the big lake. The 640 acres of protected water allows boating, fishing and other water sports to occur even when the weather prohibits those activities in the open waters of Lake Huron.



#### **Private Marina**

Besides the Harbor Beach Municipal Marina, which the City owns and operates, there is a privately owned marina that caters to the boating public.

#### **Baseball Diamond**

Harbor Beach Community School owns and maintains this field. Besides being used by the high school baseball team, the field is used by the Little League Association's junior team.

#### **Little League Baseball Fields**

Harbor Beach Community School owns and maintains these fields. Besides being used by the high school girls' softball team, the field is used by the Little League Association's little league, minor league and T-ball teams.

#### **Football Field**

Harbor Beach Community School owns and maintains this field. Besides being used by the high school football team, the field is used by the youth flag football program.

#### **Recreation Organizations**

- Recreation Commission
- Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce
- Maritime Festival Committee

- Truck Show Committee
- Library Board
- Rotary Club
- Lions Club
- Friends of the Murphy Museum
- Grice Museum Heritage Society
- American Legion
- Lighthouse Preservation Society
- Athletic Association
- Hospital Auxiliary
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Fire Board
- Bloomers Club
- Little League Association
- AYSO Soccer
- Harbor Beach Community School Board

### **Recreation Organizations**

The Harbor Beach Community has a multitude of organizations that contribute in one way or more to the recreational opportunities that residents and visitors to Harbor Beach can participate in. The following list is a summation of those organizations and a brief description of their role in the recreational make-up of the City of Harbor Beach and surrounding area

#### **Recreation Commission**

The Recreation Commission is the governing body for recreational activities within the City of Harbor Beach. This commission oversees the operation of the City's marina, campground, park system, festivals and recreational programs offered by the city. The Commission, in conjunction with Maritime Festival, Ag Venture Day, and the Truck Show committees, administers those major festival/events in Harbor Beach. The Commission also works hand-in-

hand with the Friends of the Murphy Museum, Grice House Heritage Society and the Lighthouse Preservation Society to maintain and provide activities at the City's historic sites. This commission answers to the City Council.

#### **Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber of Commerce works in conjunction with the City of Harbor Beach to offer events and activities for residents and visitors. The Chamber also partners with the City to promote the City of Harbor Beach and all it has to offer residents, visitors, businesses and industries.

#### **Maritime Festival Committee**

The Maritime Festival Committee is an organization of volunteers under the umbrella of the Recreation Commission, which plans and orchestrates the Maritime Festival for the city the main summer events.

#### **Truck Show Committee**

This group plans and orchestrates the annual Truck Convoy, Show and Lighted Parade. The Convoy travels throughout Huron County which begins and ends in Harbor Beach. The Show is held in downtown Harbor Beach, and the lighted parade travels through and around the city.

#### **Library Board**

The Library Board is the governing body for the Community House. It is funded by a separate levied millage. The Community House houses the library, theater, gymnasium and several meeting rooms. This facility is open to the public for a multitude of recreational activities.

#### **Rotary Club**

The Rotary Club, through fundraisers, donated an exercise circuit that was built in conjunction with the Mega Tower Playscape at North Park Campground. In 2016 this organization donated funding to build a gazebo on the lakeshore in Lincoln Park. The Harbor Beach Rotary partnered with Corteva to spearhead a reforestation project in the woods surrounding the Backus Trail. Emerald Ash Bore has devastated the ash trees in the Harbor Beach area. This project has help reestablish the tree population in and around the trail area.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus sponsor an annual community free throw tournament.

#### **Lions Club**

The Lions Club, through fundraisers, has also contributed to the recreational amenities of Harbor Beach. Besides building a pavilion in one of the City's parks, the Lions sponsor the annual Easter egg hunt on the grounds of the Murphy Museum.

**Friends of the Murphy Museum**

The Friends of the Murphy Museum is an organization of volunteers, under the umbrella of the Recreation Commission, which oversees the operation of the Murphy Museum. They do fundraisers, maintenance projects, plan activities and organize tours of the museum.

**Grice Museum Heritage Association**

Grice Museum Heritage Association is an organization of volunteers, under the umbrella of the Recreation Commission, which oversees the operation of the Grice Museum. They do fundraisers, maintenance projects, plan activities and organize tours of the museum.

**American Legion**

The American Legion sponsors a little league team. This Veteran's group also runs the annual cart derby on Trescott Street in Harbor Beach.

**Lighthouse Preservation Society**

The Lighthouse Preservation Society is an organization of volunteers under the umbrella of the Recreation Commission, which oversees the operation of the City's off shore lighthouse. They do fundraisers, maintenance projects, plan activities and organize tours of the lighthouse.

**Athletic Association**

The Athletic Association is a support group for the Harbor Beach Community Schools sports programs. Through fundraisers, the Athletic Association has assisted the school in rebuilding the school's athletic complex, including the baseball field, softball fields, football field, soccer field and track. This organization also paid for materials and provided the labor to build a new field house for the school's sports teams, a tower by the football field and shelters for the soccer program. They also provided funding for the school's sports teams. In 2008, the Athletic Association partnered with the city to build tennis and basketball courts in Davidson Park.

**Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts**

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts provide activities for young girls and boys.

**Harbor Beach Area Fire Department**

The Fire Board collaborates with the Parks and Recreation Department to sponsor "Firemen's Camping Weekend" at North Park Campground. This event has numerous family friendly activities that draw people to the campground.

**Bloomers**

The Bloomers is a group of volunteers that plants and maintains several flower beds in the City's parks, along the bike and pedestrian path and on the grounds of the Murphy and Grice Museums.

### **Little League Association**

The Little League Association runs the youth baseball and softball program for girls and boys.

### **AYSO Soccer**

AYSO Soccer runs the youth soccer program for girls and boys.

### **Harbor Beach Community School Board**

The school shares all its recreational resources with the community. Members of the community are welcome to use the gyms, fitness center, inside walking track, outside track, baseball, softball, and soccer fields.

### **Recreational Events**

- Souper Saturday
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Can2Can Fishing Tournament
- Memorial Day Parade
- Youth Basketball Camp
- Truck Show
- Veterans Fishing Day
- Lighthouse Tours
- Maritime Festival
- Farmers Market
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament
- American Legion Cart Derby
- Kids' Free Fishing Day
- Family Fun Weekend
- Bi-yak-a-thon
- Storm the Beach 5K
- Pirate's Motorcycle Run
- Salsa Tasting
- Heritage Days at the Grice House Museum
- Harvest Festival
- Halloween Weekend Camping at North Park Campground
- Harbor Beach Christmas Parade



## **Section Five: Planning Process**

The City Council in conjunction with the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission are responsible for preparing, reviewing and approving the City's Parks and Recreation Five-year Plan. The Park and Recreation Commission and Recreation Director implemented the planning process to develop the plan that was finally adopted by the City Council on May 2, 2022.

The initial step in the planning process was to review the Five-Year Recreation Plan that will expire on December 31, 2022. The review was critical to determine what parts of that plan were implemented and what parts were not acted on. Findings from that review indicated that many of the projects that were incorporated in that plan were completed. Major projects such as:

- Dock replacement at the Harbor Beach Municipal Marina
- Pet friendly beach
- Marina fuel system upgrade
- Marina parking lot and sidewalk upgrade
- Marina restroom and office upgrade
- Waterfront cleanup
- Tree restoration Backus Trail
- Development of a cross country course in conjunction with the Backus Trail
- Development of waterfront property adjacent to Lincoln Park

The second step in developing the City's Five-Year Plan was to gather information on what the people in the community would like to see added to their park and recreation opportunities. A letter dated February 22, 2021 was sent to all water utility customers in the City with their first quarter utility bill in April of 2021. A copy of the letter can be found in Appendage F.

Because of the pandemic gatherings, meetings, and brain storming sessions were limited. In addition to the letter requesting input being sent to every household in the City, the letter was posted on the City's website and the City's Facebook page inviting citizens to voice their option on potential improvements to the recreation amenities and programs in the city.

Respondents had the opportunity to respond via one of the following options:

1. Provide your input via the online survey available on the city's website (harborbeach.com under "News"), Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
2. Email ideas to [cityofharborbeach@gmail.com](mailto:cityofharborbeach@gmail.com)
3. Text ideas to 989-553-3419
4. Write down your ideas and drop them in the drop box at City Hall
5. Write down your ideas and mail them to City Hall, 766 State St., Harbor Beach
6. Call Ron at 989-551-3393

The input from the community was gathered and a "wish list" was developed, including small ideas like adding additional bike racks to major projects like developing an eighty-site campground on the waterfront on property the City owns. Following is the list of ideas that were gathered with the original survey:

## Parks and Recreation Wish List

- DOG RUN/PARK
- DISC GOLF
- CABINS AT NORTH PARK
- PARKS & RECREATION APP
- PUTT-PUTT GOLD/BATTING CAGE
- LIVE STREAM CAMERAS IN PARKS
- SPEAKER SYSTEM IN PARKS
- POCKET PARK DOWNTOWN
- CITIZENS MEMORIAL PARK
- COMMUNITY GARDEN
- DEVELOP CAMGROUND ON WATERFRONT NORTH OF MARINA
- BIKE RACKS
- NEW PAVILION AT LINCOLN PARK
- FISH HATCHERY
- BEACH KIOSK
- SPLASH PAD
- GAGA BALL
- MOVE TRAIN DEPOT TO GRICE GROUNDS AND DEVELOP
- PERMANENT BASKETBALL COURTS ON TANK
- WIFI ON BEACH
- QR CODES ON INTERPRETIVE SIGNS
- SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS
- MORE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN PARKS
- EXPAND GOLF CART STORAGE AT DAVIDSON PARK
- LIGHTING ON COURTS AT DAVIDSON PARK
- SIGNAGE ON MAIN ROADS/ALONG HARBOR VIEW TRAIL/DOWNTOWN
- DARK SKY PARK
- PHASE 4 BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH – TRESLE TO MARINA
- PHASE 5 BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH – LINCOLN PARK TO DAVIDISON PARK
- BLACK TOP NORTH PARK ROAD
- LIFE GUARD ON BEACH AT LINCOLN PARK

The next step in the planning process was to develop a survey with this “wish list” as the focal point. Individuals that participated in the second survey were asked to prioritize the complete list in the order that they would like to see these ideas come to fruition. The survey was handed out at another special Five-Year Recreation meeting and also at several civic organization meetings. Individuals visiting City Hall were also asked if they would like to participate. Again because of the pandemic a survey was posted on the Cities website asking people to participate. The City Community Promotion Director was charged with gathering the information and feedback from the community. The City Director/ Parks and Recreation Director oversaw the survey.

During this entire process, citizen input was solicited.

Compiling the results of the survey was step four. A spreadsheet was formulated and the data was entered. Items receiving the lowest average point total were then ranked 1 through 10. It was decided through the planning process that the top fifteen projects would be included in the new Five-Year Recreation Plan. The top ten projects are as follows:

## Survey Results

1. Cabins at North Park
2. Putt-Putt Golf/Batting Cage
3. Develop Campground on Waterfront (north of marina)
4. Splash Pad
5. Phase 4 Bike and Pedestrian Path (Trestle to Marina)
6. Phase 5 Bike and Pedestrian Path (Lincoln Park to Davidson Park)
7. Dog Run/Park
8. Pocket Park Downtown
9. More Playground Equipment in Parks
10. New Pavilion at Lincoln Park

Ideas such as fish hatchery, move the train depot to the Grice Grounds, blacktop North Park roads, establish a dark sky park, and the creation of a Citizens Memorial Park garnered support, but were rated eleven to fifteen on the survey.

From the original ideas that were entered on the wish list it was determined that some of the ideas did not constitute a big enough project to be placed on the list of potential projects for the Five-Year Recreation Plan. Some of the ideas were thought to be great ideas to enhance the recreational opportunities for people in the community and were put in a separate category with the goal of implementing them as soon as time permitted. Due to the nature of these ideas/projects funding was not as challenging as the major projects on the list of fifteen listed before. Following is the summation of the ideas and smaller projects that were identified from

the second survey as being minor in nature and how the Recreation Commission could address them:

**16# Community Garden** It was determined that a community garden was being offered by the Harbor Beach Chapter of the FFA. The FFA have established a community garden on property adjacent to the school on Fifth Street. Some questions will have to be asked, does the FFA garden meet the needs of the community, are putting resources into another garden warranted, maybe the Recreation Commission should help promote the FFA's efforts?

**17# Disc Golf** The City currently has disc golf targets set up on property the City owns across from North Park Campground. Discussion has already started about moving the disc golf goals that are set up along the Harbor View Trail be moved to the Backus Trail and more goals added. Input from individuals that are familiar with disc golf indicates by setting up a course within the nature trail would make the course more challenging and possibly draw more participants.

**18# Parks and Recreation App** The creating of a parks and recreation app could be turned over to the people that work with our technology and website.

**19# Permanent Basketball Courts** Adding permanent courts on the retention tank will be a matter of installing poles and backboard on the concrete surface.

**20# Speaker System in the Parks** Installing speaker systems in the parks could be turned over to the people that work with our technology and website.

**21# Live Stream Cameras in the Parks** Installation of live stream cameras in the parks could be turned over to the people that work with our technology and website.

**22# WIFI on the Beach** Setting up WIFI on the beach could be turned over to the people that work with our technology and website.

**23# Bike Racks** Bike racks should be purchased and setup.

**24# Shuffle Board Courts** Shuffle board courts could also be established on top of the retention tank. Markings would have to be painted on.

**25# Signage on the Main Roads, Along the Harbor View Trail and Downtown** Signage depicting the location of the parks, marina, campground, pier and museums on the M-25 and M-142 will have to be approved by MDOT. Wayfinding signage along the Harbor View Trail should be installed. The Huron County Road Commission sign shop could be consigned to make the signs.

**26# Volleyball Courts North Park Campground** Volleyball courts could be setup in the open space east of the pavilion at North Park.

**27# Lights at Davidson Park Courts** Light at Davidson Park courts will have to be looked into. Daylight hours for spring, summer and fall are already extensive. Additional hours of use with artificial lights may not justify the cost. City Ordinance calls for the park to be closed by 11PM.

**28# Life Guard on the Beach at Lincoln Park** A lifeguard could be a liability issue for the City. Also, the availability of a certified lifeguard staff would be costly. Research will need to be conducted to see if this would be a possibility.

**29# Beach Kiosk** A Kiosk in Lincoln Park with coming events and information will be setup in the summer of 2022 for a trial period.

**30# Gaga Ball Court** Gaga ball appears to be a popular youth activity. The Recreation Commission could set up a court at North Park Campground.

**31# Expand Golf Cart Storage at Davidson Park** The City owns a building in Davidson Park next to the Harbor Beach Resorts' golf course next to number one tee. Golfers rent spaces in the building to house their golf carts. This arrangement makes it very convenient for golfers. There are currently 16 spots available to rent. There has been traditionally a waiting list to park a cart in the in the "golf cart storage barn" The expansion of the golf cart storage garage will be determined by the number of people on the waiting list. The waiting list was rather lengthy prior to the City Council changing the Ordinance allowing golfcarts on City streets. There are currently 4 on the waiting list.

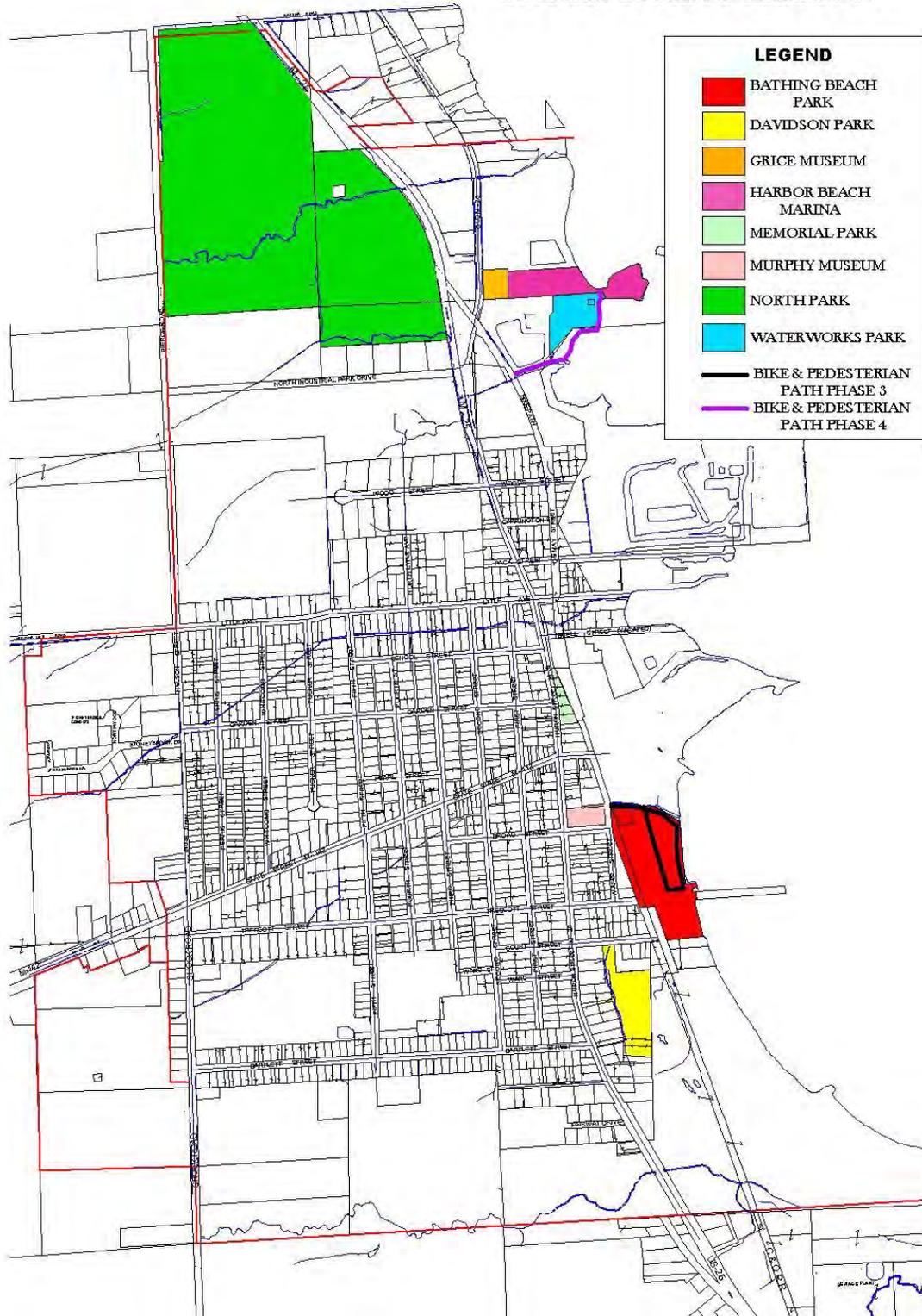
**32# QR Codes Added to Interpretive Signs** The City has 29 interpretive signs that make up the Historic Walking Trail in Harbor Beach. The plan would be to add QR codes depicting the information on the sign. Setting up the QR codes could be looked into by the people that work with our technology and website.

Step five in the planning process was to detail how the recreation plan was administered in the city, the budget for the program, the recreational inventory of what the city had currently, and what other agencies had to offer to the public for recreation. The presentation illustrated the process the City was undertaking to develop a new Five-year Recreation Plan. Finally, the list of the top 15 projects was unveiled for discussion. Presentations were made at several more meetings including a public hearing sponsored by the Recreation Commission, the City's Planning Commission and the City Council; at these meetings, public input was again solicited.

Review and approval of the Five-Year Recreation Plan was made by the Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and adoption of that plan by City Council was step 6 in the process.

Step seven and the final step in the Five-Year Recreation Plan process is to download the document on MIGrants on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website for their review and approval.

# HARBOR BEACH PARKS & RECREATION



## **Section Six: Five-year Recreational Plan Projects**

### **1# North Park Campground Cabins**

The City of Harbor Beach collaborated with the Huron Area Technical Center to build and install 4 cottages along the lake shore, in Waterworks Park, adjacent to the marina. These units are self-contained, efficient suites, equipped with sleeping quarters for seven, kitchen and bathroom facilities. The structures are insulated and heated for year-round use. The cottages are extremely popular with visitors to Harbor Beach. The plan would be to replicate the cottages as cabins in North Park Campground. Again, the City would collaborate with the Tech Center to have their building trades students construct the units and the City DPW crew would install them in the campground. The estimated cost for each cabin and infrastructure costs would be approximately \$40,000 per unit.



### **2# Putt-Putt Golf / Batting Cage**

Putt- Putt Golf and batting cages are usually set up in a community by a private investor as a business. The city decided to get into this business it could incorporate one in conjunction with North Park Campground where city residents and campground visitors would have easy access. Campground office staff could be charged with its operation. The estimated cost of developing a putt- putt golf course could range from \$50,000 to as high as \$150,000.

Harbor Beach High School already has a batting cage adjacent to the high school baseball field and another one adjacent to the high school softball fields. If the city chooses to construct an

additional one in the city, it could be located by the Bruce Johnson Softball Fields. The cost for the city to establish a batting cage would approximately \$10,000.



### **3# Develop Campground on the Waterfront North of the Marina**

The City of Harbor Beach currently owns and operates North Park Campground. North Park Campground has 184 sites with water, sewer, electrical and WIFI on each site. Cable TV is also available on 60 sites. The campground is extremely popular with sites booked far in advance, most weekends the campground is fully booked, and there is a waiting list for those campers wishing to camp in Harbor Beach on a seasonal site. This project is to develop a new eighty site campground on property the city owns on the waterfront north of the City's marina. The campground would be designed to accommodate larger RVs and would be geared to campers wanting to stay for extended periods of time. This project would be well suited to be built in phases. Possibly four phases with twenty sites developed at a time. The revenue generated from camping fees could then be used to fund additional development. Infrastructure including roads, water/sewer mains, and electrical would have to be built. Preliminary estimates for construction of the campground could be as high as \$750,000.

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### 4# Splash Pad

A splash pad could be developed near the waterfront on city owned property. Residents of the city want a splash pad to compliment water activities Lake Huron affords. The cost to undertake this project could range greatly depending on the foot-print of the pad and the number of water features.



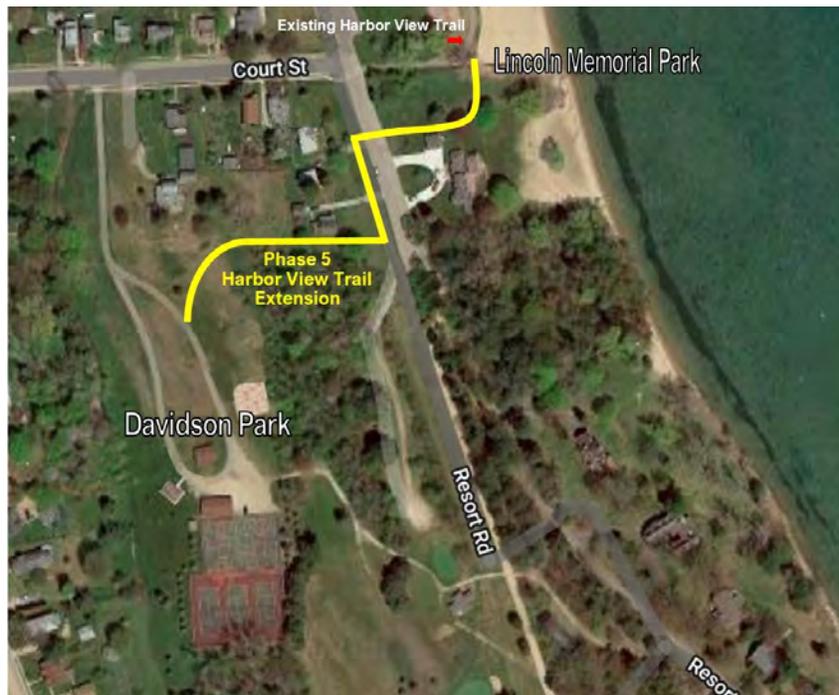
#### **5# Harbor View Trail Extension – Phase 4 / Trestle – Marina**

Phase 4 of the Bike and Pedestrian Path would connect to the existing path just north of the trestle and would follow the north side of the creek to the waterfront. At that point it would follow the waterfront over to the marina and the north break wall. This extension would be approximately 1,400 feet. The property where part of the path would be located is in Waterworks Park, property already owned by the City of Harbor Beach. As part of this Bike and Pedestrian Path project, this shoreline property would be landscaped with trees to enhance the natural beauty of the park and lake setting. Projected cost to complete this section is \$110,000. The City has applied for grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and has been unsuccessful. Funding to do this project may have to be secured from local sources.



### 6# Harbor View Trail Extension – Phase 5 / Lincoln Park to Davidson Park

Phase 5 of the Bike and Pedestrian Path would connect the existing path near the waterfront transverse the new lot the city purchased over to Resort Road. At that point the trail would follow Resort Road to the Harbor Beach Resort guard shack and then cut across a wooded area to Davidson Park. The property where part of the path would be is located on property already owned by the City of Harbor Beach. A portion of the property where the trail is planned would have to be leased or purchased from a private individual. This extension would be approximately 1,000 feet. This section would complete the trail. The Harbor View Trail would then connect all parks, museums, marina, campground, and the downtown district. Projected cost to complete this section of the Harbor View Trail is \$95,000.



### 7# Dog Run / Park

The plan for a dog area is simple. Designate an area along the beach adjacent to the Harbor View Trail in Lincoln Park. Signage will be placed on the north side of the walkway leading to the water on the beach. The west side will be delineated by the concrete retaining wall and more signage. The north boundary will be the creek on the north edge of Lincoln Park. This will be ideal for this application, because of its close proximity to the Harbor View Trail and the lake. Animals can take a refreshing dip in the lake after a walk on the trail without co-mingling with people using the beach or taking a swim. Doggy Pot dispensers will be installed in the area for owners to clean up after their pets. The cost of this project will be minimal.

### 8# Downtown Pocket Park

The City of Harbor Beach owns a lot in the downtown area that is vacant as the result of the removal of a condemned building. The project calls for the construction of a pocket park. The park would have iron arch and gateway on the street side, with a walkway leading to the

municipal parking lot behind the downtown area. The park would be landscaped with trees and flower beds. Benches, picnic tables, lighting, and trash receptacles would be included in the layout. This area would be set up as a WI-FI hot spot. Cost of this project is projected at \$40,000.

### **9# Additional Playground Equipment**

Members from the community have been suggesting the construction of additional playground equipment with a “Pirate Theme”. The local school mascot is the Harbor Beach Pirates. A pirate ship playscape would be a great addition to the waterfront of Harbor Beach. The cost to bring a pirate ship playscape to Harbor Beach’s waterfront would be in a range from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

### **10# Harbor View Pavilion**

Ever since the waterfront in Harbor Beach has been renovated it has become an increasingly popular spot for residents and visitors. With the addition of the gazebo, couples have utilized the natural beautiful setting on the waterfront to hold weddings and receptions. Several weddings a year are conducted in the park. Tents and other amenities are rented by individuals and brought in for the occasion. The people in the community thought it would be a good idea to construct a building that would be suited for gatherings on the waterfront. The pavilion would be equipped with an open floor area, kitchenette, and restrooms. The sides would be designed with glass panel overhead doors that would give the building flexibility to be used as an open-air pavilion or a closed in hall depending on the weather. A suitable spot for the building would be the new parcel the city recently took ownership of on the southside of Lincoln Park. By positioning it there it would not obstruct the view of the harbor, lake and lighthouse. Estimated cost of this pavilion is \$250,000.

## **Section Seven: Goals and Objectives**

The Five-Year Recreation Plan calls for the addition of recreational amenities in the City of Harbor Beach. The main focus again of this plan is to provide additional opportunities to walk or ride bicycles within the city. Bike path extensions from the trestle to the marina and the section from Lincoln Park to Davidson Park were projects that were pinpointed in the last Five-Year Recreation Plan. Due to funding and time restraints Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Bike and Pedestrian Path were not constructed. The community again indicated from the surveys that they wanted those projects completed. This has been a major goal for the community to effectively link all parks and recreational properties in Harbor Beach together by means of a walking or biking trail. The city may have to appropriate the funds to undertake these two path extensions, because two funding requests from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources were denied.

The construction of cabins in North Park Campground that were originally scheduled to start in 2019 was delayed because of the major renovation project at the marina and because of the pandemic. The Huron Area Technical Center has agreed to build the cabins. Material will be

purchased for the project from revenue derived from the operation of North Park Campground. Infrastructure for the project will be put in place by the Harbor Beach DPW staff. One cabin per year will be added in the campground. The number that will be added will be determined by the response of the people willing to rent them.

The addition of campsites on the waterfront by the marina was also a top choice on the survey. The City's current campground is very popular and has developed a lengthy waiting list. The construction of additional sites should be a top priority. The campground already generates revenue that helps fund the operation of the parks, museums and other recreational amenities in the community. Additional sites would generate more revenue, building extra funds to create more recreational opportunities, without putting extra strain on the city's budget.

The city has established a pet friendly beach in Lincoln Park. A dog park/run with a fenced in area could be created near the Water Treatment Plant on the south side of Waterworks Park.

The downtown pocket park was another project on the 2017 Recreation Plan that was not implemented because of time and funding restraints. Grant funding will not be sought for this project. Funding from the city's general fund, along with city equipment and labor will be used to create this park.

Residents of the city have suggested additional playground equipment be set up in Lincoln Park. Because the community high school mascot is a pirate, a pirate theme with a "Pirate Ship" is being explored.

The city constructed a new indoor / outdoor pavilion in the North Park Campground. This facility is extremely popular with residents from the city and surrounding areas. The pavilion is reserved for most weekends thru the spring, summer and fall. A similar size/style pavilion, as the one at North Park, could be built on the property recently acquired by the city located on the south boundary of Lincoln Park. That location would provide a great view of the harbor, lighthouse, and lake, without creating an obstruction of those views for the rest of the park. It would also be positioned for easy beach access. The cost to construct the North Park Pavilion was in the neighborhood of \$300,000. If this project was undertaken the cost to replicate a pavilion by the beach would be similar.

The City of Harbor Beach has made great strides in the transformation process of the community. The plan is to continue this transformation process into the future. The Recreation Commission will recommend to the City Council the order in which these projects are completed. The order the projects are listed from the survey will not be the order the projects will be pursued. The schedule will be adjusted to accommodate for the availability of funding, need, and staff scheduling. The city plans to do the majority of the work with its own workforce, and to use as many of its own resources as possible to help stretch every dollar invested in recreational amenities in our community.

## **Section Eight: Appendages**

**Appendage A - Zoning Map**

**Appendage B - Land Use Map**

**Appendage C - Soil Types Map**

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**Appendage G - 2021 Parks & Recreation 5 Year Plan: Survey #1 – Brainstorm Ideas**

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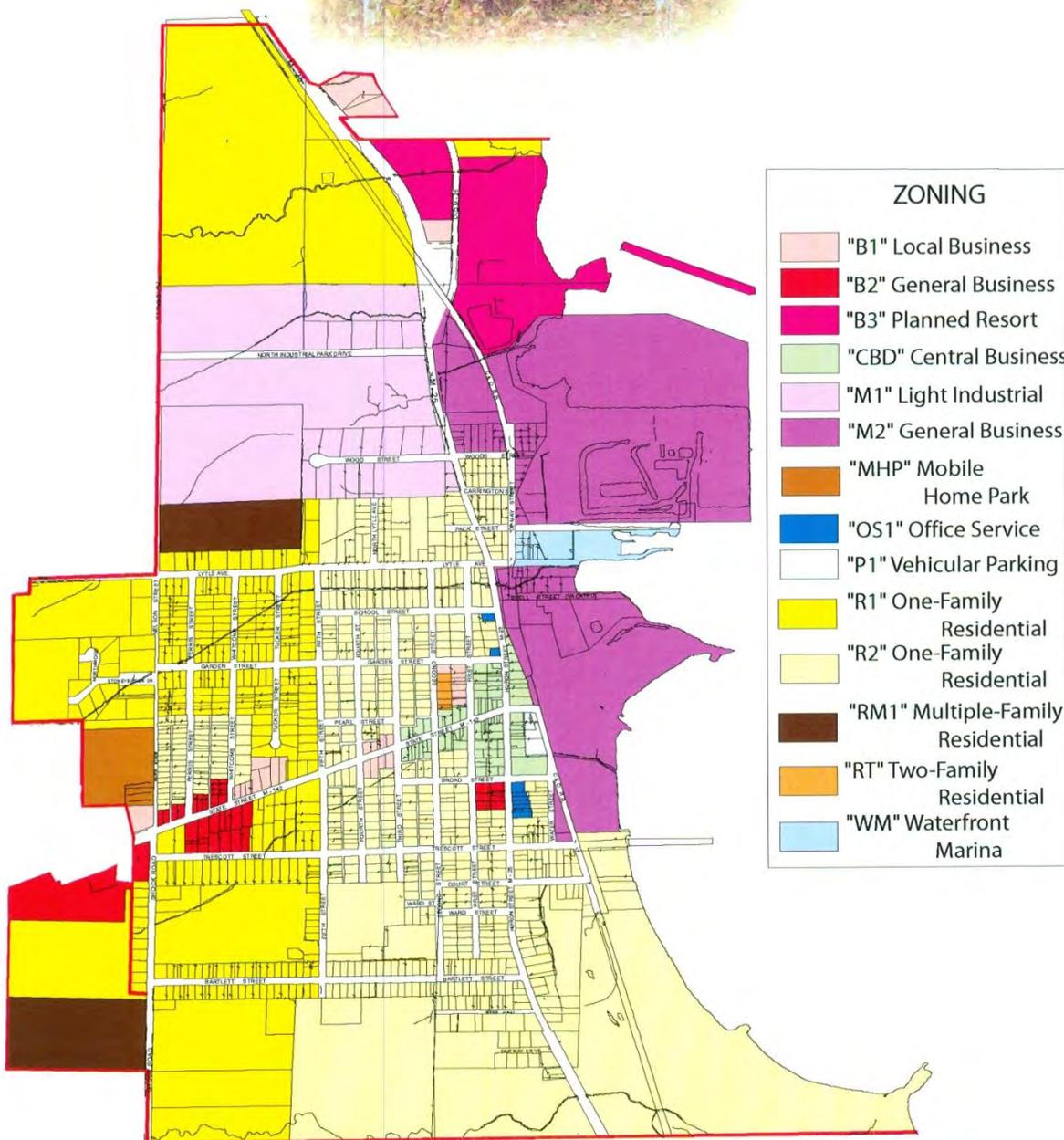
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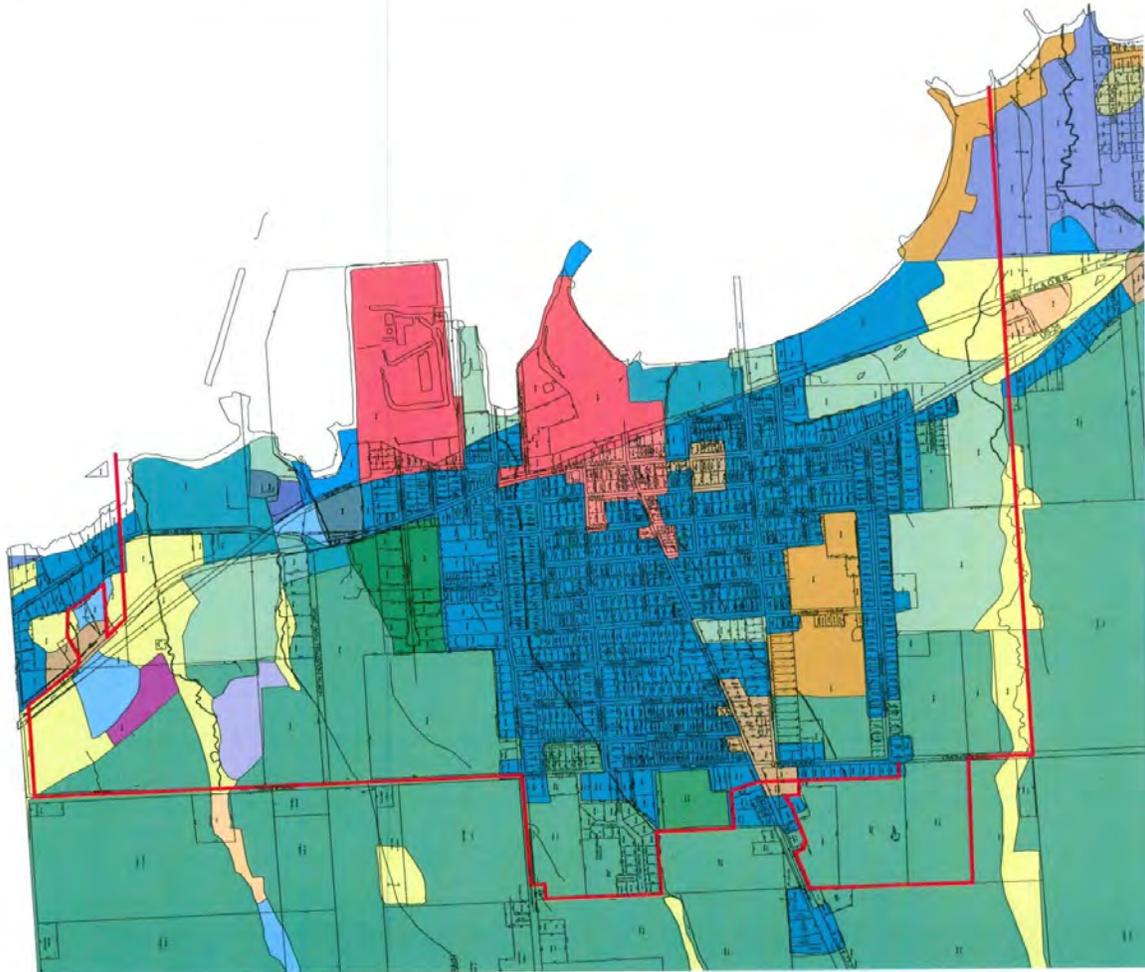


Appendage A

# Harbor Beach Land Use

— City Limits

LAND USE	
[Red]	CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
[Light Blue]	COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, INSTITUTIONAL
[Light Green]	CONFINED FEEDING
[Yellow]	CROPLAND
[Light Blue]	EMERGENT
[Light Purple]	FLATS
[Light Orange]	FORESTED
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[Light Green]	SECONDARY BUSINESS DISTRICT
[Light Green]	SHRUB
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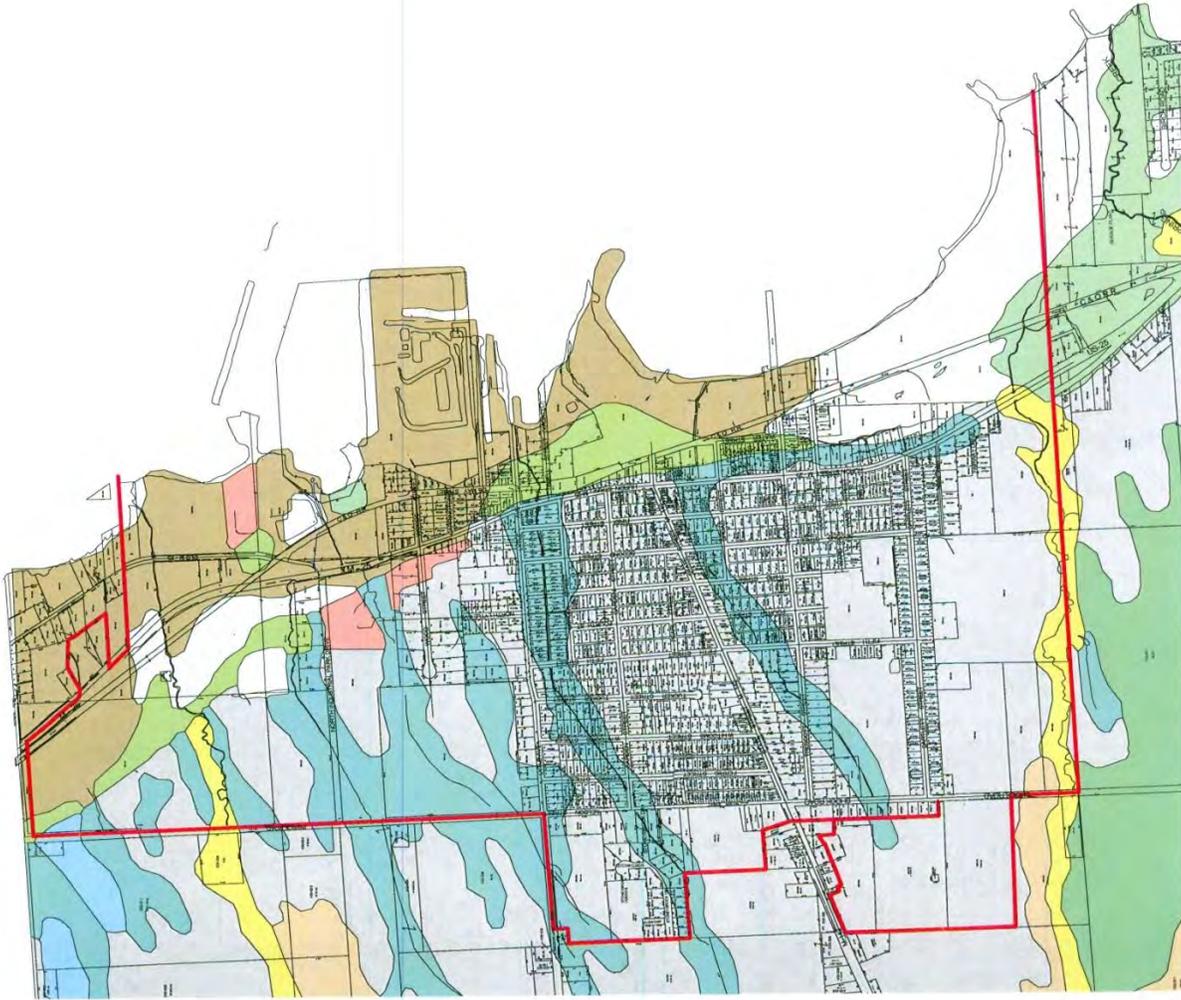
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# Harbor Beach Soil Types

— City Limits

## SOILS

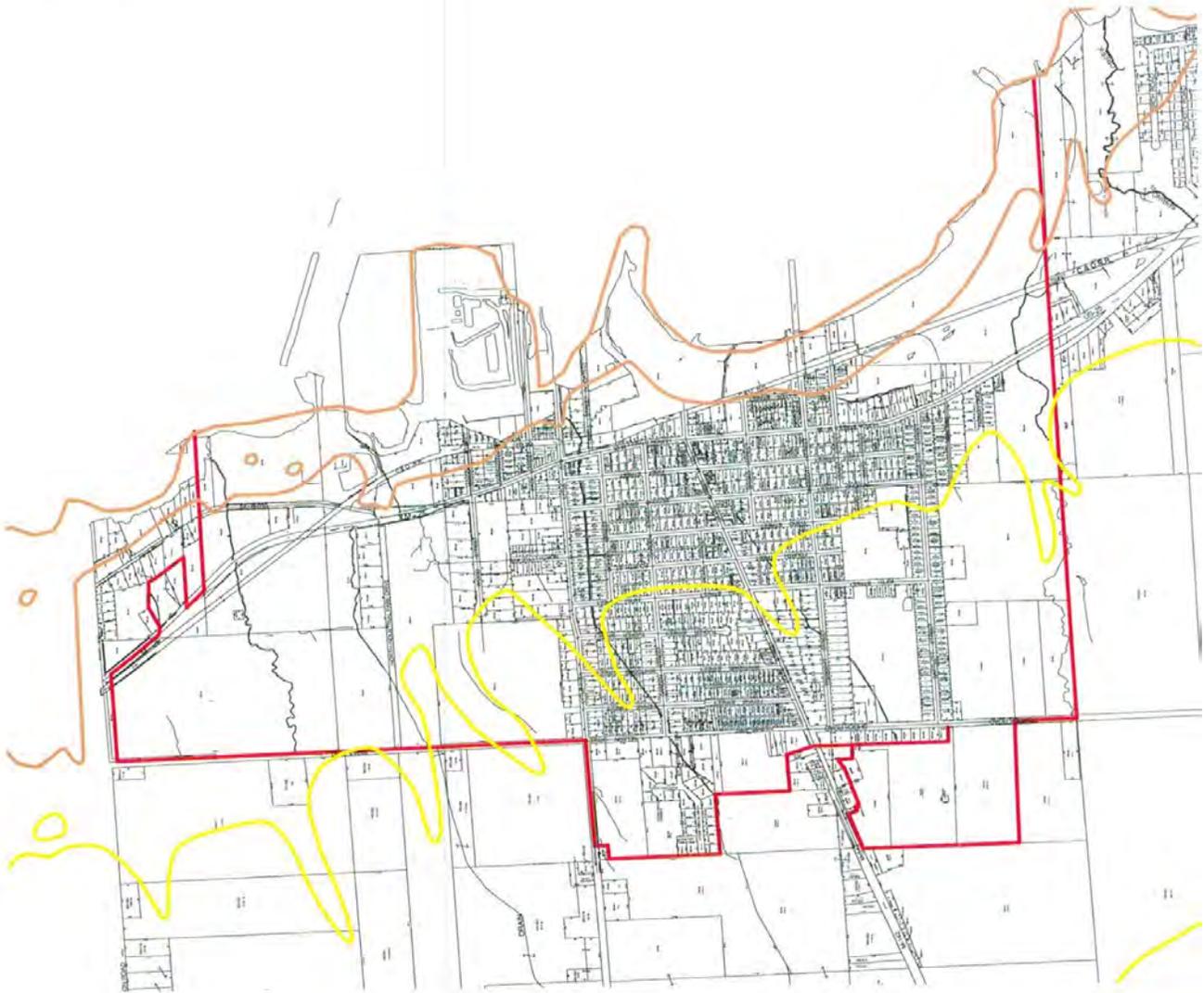
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# Harbor Beach Contours

— City Limits

CONTOURS	
—	577 - 606 Feet
—	607 - 656 Feet
—	657 - 721 Feet
—	722 - 787 Feet
—	788 - 853 Feet



Appendage D

## **ORDINANCE #181 RECREATION COMMISSION**

An Ordinance to provide for the establishment and organization of a Recreation Commission for the City of Harbor Beach; to establish the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Commission; and the rescind and Ordinances of the City regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Harbor Authority of the City of Harbor Beach.

THE CITY OF HARBOR BEACH ORDAINS:

Section 1.      **COMMISSION ESTABLISHED**

The City of Harbor Beach hereby establishes a Recreation Commission for the City of Harbor Beach pursuant to Section 20, Chapter IV, of the Charter of the City of Harbor Beach.

Section 2.      **PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Recreation Commission is established is to provide for the administration, maintenance and operation of all facilities, programs, and equipment for all City owned museums, parks and the municipal marina.

Section 3.      **RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

The Recreation Commission for the City of Harbor Beach shall consist of seven (7) voting members, two (2) of whom shall be members of the City Council. The Mayor and City Finance Officer shall also serve as non-voting members in an ex-officio capacity. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council approval. No City employees may serve on the Commission. Members may be removed by the City Council, for cause, as provided in the City Charter.

Section 4.      **COMMISSION TERMS**

All members of the Recreation Commission, other than the Councilmen, shall serve for three (3) year terms of office. Initial appointments are as follows:

- (1) member whose term expires 12-31-2000
- (2) members whose term expires on 12-31-2001
- (3) members whose term expires on 12-31-2002

Subsequent appointments will be made by the Mayor, subject o City Council approval, as terms expire or vacancies occur. City Council member shall serve for one (1) year terms.

**Section 5. COMPENSATION**

All members of the Recreation Commission shall serve without compensation. The City Council may, however, authorize payment of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by any member in fulfillment of duties and obligations on behalf of the Commission.

**Section 6. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Authority shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board shall elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Commission at their first regular meeting of each calendar year and terms shall be for one (1) year. Each officer shall hold office until their successor is appointed. The City Clerk shall serve as Secretary of the Commission and the City Treasurer shall serve as Treasurer of the Commission.

**Section 7. MEETINGS**

Within thirty (30) days following appointment by the City Council, the Recreation Commission shall hole their first meeting. The Commission shall hold regular, monthly meetings at City Hall which shall be open to the public. Notice of any meetings of the Recreation Board shall be given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (Act Number 267 of the Public Acts of 1976).

**Section 8. BY-LAWS REQUIRED**

The Recreation Commission shall prepare By-Laws to govern the procedure of meetings, powers of Officers and general operation of the Commission.

**Section 9. RECORDS**

The Recreation Commission shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, determinations and recommendations. Also, minutes of all Commission regular and special meetings shall be kept, with a copy of all minutes from these meetings stored in the office of the City Clerk, where they shall be available to the public for inspection.

Section 10. BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR

Prior to June 1st of each year, the Recreation Commission shall submit to the City Finance Officer a Budget Appropriation Request for approval by City Council. The Budget for the Recreation Commission will be established on the same fiscal year of all other City Departments, being July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

Section 11. RECREATION FUND

There shall be established a Recreation Fund under the control and custody of the City Treasurer of the City of Harbor Beach. All fees, charges and other revenue generated through the use of City Recreation facilities or programs shall be deposited into the Recreation Fund. This Fund shall be maintained for the dedicated purpose of recreation facility and program maintenance and operation through annual appropriation of the City Council, donations, gifts and revenue generated from user fees and charges. Expenditures from the Fund shall be made in accordance with the Recreation Budget as approved by the Recreation Director (See Section 12) under spending guidelines established by the Commission and City Council. Approved vouchers are to be submitted to the City Treasurer for payment.

Section 12. EMPLOYEES

- A) Upon recommendation of the Recreation Commission, the Mayor shall appoint, with City Council approval, a Recreation Director who shall be employed full-time and year-round. The Recreation Director shall perform all duties and responsibilities charged to and delegated by the Commission. The Director shall have Department Head status with the City of Harbor Beach and, as such, shall report to the City Council through the City Finance Officer.
- B) The Recreation Commission shall hire any necessary seasonal or part-time employees as may be necessary to administer, maintain and operate recreation facilities, equipment and programs for the City of Harbor Beach. The Commission shall notify the City Council in a timely manner of all such employees hired.

Section 13. VALIDITY

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other part thereof except the part to Be invalid.

Section 14. ORDINANCES REPEALED

Ordinance # 137, Ordinance # 153 and Ordinance # 159 of the City of Harbor Beach are hereby repealed.

Section 15. EFFECTIVED DATE

The Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after passage by City Council and subsequent publication, thereof.

First Reading: January 24, 2000

Second Reading: February 7, 2000

Publication Date: February 10, 2000

ADOPTED: February 7,2000

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ed Ramsey, Mayor

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Tom Youatt, City Clerk

## Letter to Residents

# City of Harbor Beach

766 State Street  
Harbor Beach, Michigan 48441



Telephone: 989-479-3363  
Facsimile: 989-479-3343

February 22, 2021

Dear Resident of the City of Harbor Beach,

Back in 2016, the City of Harbor Beach updated its “Five Year Recreation Plan.” The purpose of the plan, besides being used as a tool to set goals, is required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to be on file in order for a community to be eligible for grant funding.

The current plan will expire this year, and the City is beginning the process of developing a new plan that will take us into the year 2026. Developing this plan is a several step process. The first step is an assessment of what the City currently has for recreational amenities, opportunities and organizations. Secondly, a study to determine the demographics of the community will need to be completed. Finally, the most important part, what do the members of the community want to develop to enhance the recreational opportunities for its residents and visitors to the community?

This is where you come in, because we need your input. Please join us in this process where first we are going to dream, then brainstorm, and finally devise a plan that will continue to move our community forward in a positive direction. The vision is to build a community for those who live in Harbor Beach to be proud to call home, while at the same time creating an inviting destination for those who wish to visit.

To help you get motivated and engaged in this process, I have compiled a list of projects that the City has successfully completed over the last twenty years. Most of these were incorporated in the Five Year Recreation Plan.

Improvements to the City’s recreational amenities in the past twenty years, as you would see them,

moving from the North City limit to the South City limit:

PFC Brian Backus Memorial Nature Trail / Randy's Bridge / Gazebo Cross County Course

Mega Tower Playscape North Park WIFI North Park

North Park Pavilion

Moving and Restoring the Pavilion from North Park

Dredged the Marina Twice Total Marina Renovation

Four Cottages in Waterworks Park Waterworks Pavilion

Took Ownership of the Old Coast Guard Station Waterfront

Enhancements Project

Harbor View Trail Extension Outfall to Lincoln Park Interpretive

Signs along the Harbor View Trail (16) Memorial Garden

Murphy Museum Complex Landscaping Complete

Reconstruction of Lincoln Park Restroom/Concession Building

Lincoln Park Playground Equipment Lincoln Park

Built a Hydraulic Portable Stage

Extension of the Harbor View Trail through Lincoln Park

Purchase of Waterfront Property Adjacent to Lincoln Park Waterfront

Restoration

Construction of a Gazebo in Lincoln Park

Purchase of Waterfront Property South of Lincoln Park Took Ownership of the Lighthouse

Lighthouse Restoration Restrooms at Davidson Park

Playground Equipment Davidson Park Basketball and Tennis

Courts at Davidson Park

We used innovative ways to complete each project. To cut costs, the City utilized the talents of its own work force and equipment to do much of the work. Volunteers and the Sheriffs Work Crew were utilized to do some of the heavy lifting. The City partnered with the Huron Area Technical Center to construct the cottages at Waterworks Park.

The City also partnered with Harbor Beach Community School to help refurbish playground equipment. Bike Path Extension, Restroom/Concession Building and parking lot reconstruction projects were combined and completed simultaneously as the Waterfront Development Project. Grant funding was matched with the City work force, City equipment, volunteers, donations, and funding provided by the City. With the approach that was used to undertake these projects, utilizing City staff, City equipment, grant funding, and donations, the City was able to save millions of dollars.

Now that you know what the Five Year Recreation Plan is and you understand why certain projects get

done in the City, have I sparked your interest? You must have some ideas that you wish to share. So, I encourage you to get involved, help develop the plan that will pave the way for Harbor Beach into the future. This is your community.

Please fill out the survey and share your ideas. The first survey will act as a brain storming session. The ideas the community submits will be compiled for a second survey. The second survey will ask the community to rate and prioritize the ideas compiled from the first survey and ultimately formulate a plan on paper to be reviewed by the Recreation Commission and Planning Commission. The final plan will then be presented to City Council for approval.

I hope you will take a few moments to assist in this important process. Your ideas can be submitted by going to the link provided; or they can be e-mailed, texted, mailed, dropped off at City Hall or called in. Please see the attached simple guidelines for doing the survey. Contact City Director Wruble if you have questions. Ron's contact information is 989-479-3363 or [rwurple@harborbeach.com](mailto:rwurple@harborbeach.com). The first survey will conclude on March 19, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary S Booms". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "B".

Gary Booms Mayor  
City of Harbor Beach

**Appendage F**

## **2021 Parks & Recreation 5 Year Plan: Survey #1 – Brainstorm Ideas**

Harbor Beach is your community and your home. You are encouraged to dream, envision and share all of your ideas and suggestions to make Harbor Beach a better place to live and visit. Your input for improving Harbor Beach's parks and recreational amenities is important for your city's future.

### **\*\*\* What ideas do you have to develop, improve or enhance the outdoor parks and recreational amenities in Harbor Beach? \*\*\***

You can provide your input via one of the following options:

1. Provide your input via the online survey available on the city's website (harborbeach.com under "News"), Facebook, Instagram or Twitter
2. Email ideas to [cityofharborbeach@gmail.com](mailto:cityofharborbeach@gmail.com)
3. Text ideas to 989-553-3419
4. Write down your ideas and drop them in the drop box at City Hall
5. Write down your ideas and mail them to City Hall, 766 State St., Harbor Beach
6. Call Ron at 989-551-3393

**Thank you for sharing your ideas!**

**Project Ideas Survey**  
**Parks and Recreation Wish List**

- DOG RUN/PARK
- DISC GOLF
- CABINS AT NORTH PARK
- PARKS & RECREATION APP
- PUTT-PUTT GOLD/BATTING CAGE
- LIVE STREAM CAMERAS IN PARKS
- SPEAKER SYSTEM IN PARKS
- POCKET PARK DOWNTOWN
- CITIZENS MEMORIAL PARK
- COMMUNITY GARDEN
- DEVELOP CAMGROUND ON WATERFRONT NORTH OF MARINA
- BIKE RACKS
- NEW PAVILION AT LINCOLN PARK
- FISH HATCHERY
- BEACH KIOSK
- SPLASH PAD
- GAGA BALL
- MOVE TRAIN DEPOT TO GRICE GROUNDS AND DEVELOP
- PERMANENT BASKETBALL COURTS ON TANK
- WIFI ON BEACH
- QR CODES ON INTERPRETIVE SIGNS
- SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS
- MORE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN PARKS
- EXPAND GOLF CART STORAGE AT DAVIDSON PARK
- LIGHTING ON COURTS AT DAVIDSON PARK
- SIGNAGE ON MAIN ROADS/ALONG HARBOR VIEW TRAIL/DOWNTOWN
- DARK SKY PARK
- PHASE 4 BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH – TRESLE TO MARINA
- PHASE 5 BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH – LINCOLN PARK TO DAVIDSON PARK
- BLACK TOP NORTH PARK ROAD
- LIFE GUARD ON BEACH AT LINCOLN PARK

## **FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY #2 - RESULTS**

1. Cabins at North Park Campground
2. Putt-Putt Golf/Batting Cage
3. Develop Campground on Waterfront (north of marina)
4. Splash Pad
5. Phase 4 Bike & Pedestrian Path (trestle to marina)
6. Phase 5 Bike & Pedestrian Path (Lincoln Park to Davidson Park)
7. Dog Run/Park
8. Pocket Park Downtown
9. More Playground Equipment in Parks
10. New Pavilion at Lincoln Park

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## Publication Affidavits

### AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Matter of: City of Harbor Beach  
5 Year Rec Plan Public Hearing

County of Huron, ss:

Jody Woltman, being duly sworn, deposes  
and says that she is the Publisher of the

### Huron County View

a newspaper printed, published and circulated  
in the County of Huron and State of Michigan,  
and that the notice attached hereto is an exact  
copy of a notice which was printed in the aforesaid  
Newspaper, on the following dates, to wit:

Dates:

March 31, 2022

Signed: Jody Woltman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary  
Public in and for the State of Michigan, this  
31st day of March 2022.

Signature: Evon Pfeilstucker  
My commission expires: March 16, 2023

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EVON PFEILSTUCKER  
Notary Public, State of Michigan  
County of St. Clair  
My Commission Expires March 16, 2023  
Acting in the County of Huron

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### AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

IN THE MATTER OF \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN }  
COUNTY OF SANILAC } ss.

Nathan Mark

being duly sworn, says that he is the publisher of the MINDEN CITY HERALD, a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news, which is a duly qualified newspaper, and that annexed hereto is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published.

The annexed notice has been duly published in said paper at least once each week for one successive weeks; commencing March 31 A.D. 2022 and ending March 3 A.D. 2022.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2022.

Jan A. Kautka  
Huron  
Notary Public, Sanilac County, Michigan

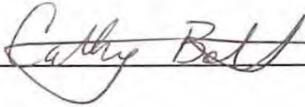
My Commission expires 9-27-, 2023

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
County of Huron

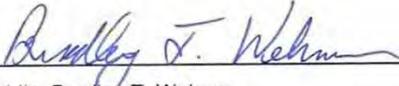
Cathy Bott, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is one of the editors, publishers of the Huron Daily Tribune, a newspaper published and circulated in said County of Huron, and the annexed notice was duly printed and published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

March 30, 2022, March 31, 2022, April 01, 2022, April 02, 2022, April 05, 2022, April 06, 2022, April 07, 2022



Cathy Bott

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 7th day of April 2022.



Notary Public: Bradley T. Wehner  
State of Michigan, County of Huron  
My Commission Expires: August 30, 2023  
(Acting in the County of Huron)

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**Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes**

**April 25, 2022**

**Appendage L**

**Planning Commission Minutes**

**April 28, 2022**

**Appendage M**

**OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**May 2, 2022**

**Appendage N**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION # 2022-\_\_\_\_\_  
ADOPTING FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Harbor Beach held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at City Hall and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Booms, the following Resolution was presented:

Present: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Commission has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its resident during a five-year period covering the year 2022 through 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Harbor Beach has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the Recreation Commission and Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Commission if made up of representatives from the City of Harbor Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Commission began the process of developing a Five-Year Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the City of Harbor Beach were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Five-Year Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft for a period of at least 30 days; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on May 2, 2022 at City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Five-Year Recreation Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City Council and Recreation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, after the public hearing, the City Council of the City of Harbor Beach voted to adopt said Five-Year Recreation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Harbor Beach hereby approves the Five-Year Recreation Plan.

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Leslie A. Woycehoski, Clerk

**CLERK’S CERTIFICATION**

State of Michigan        }  
County of Huron        } ss  
City of Harbor Beach    }

I, Leslie A. Woycehoski, Clerk, of the City of Harbor Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on Monday, May 2, 2022 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Harbor Beach.

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Leslie A. Woycehoski, Clerk

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