ADAMS TOWNSHIP, NORTH ADAMS VILLAGE AND

NORTH ADAMS RECREATION COMMISSION RECREATION PLAN

2027-2032



Adams Township, North Adams Village, and

North Adams Recreation Commission Recreation Plan

Acknowledgments

A Public hearing on the plan was held on December 21 at 6:30 pm. On at 7:30 pm the Adams township board approved the plan. On the North Adams Village board approved the plan. On the board of the North Adams recreation commission approved the plan.

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INTRODUCTION

A Recreation Plan for Adams Township, North Adams Village & North Adams Recreation Commission

These three entities have developed a Recreation Plan to serve as a guideline to improve recreation facilities and develop new recreational opportunities. To that end, this document forms the basis to guide policy for the implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of these three communities. The development of this plan was guided by these three entities.

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand what the needs of the residents are, what recreational opportunities already exist, and what sort of projects and programs are relevant for residents based on age, ability, population, density, and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This plan has carefully considered input and suggestions via active communication from area residents, officials, and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component to this plan, and together, the voices of the residents in these three jurisdictions have united to develop a recreation plan to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

The foundation for the development of the Recreation Plan for these three entities was based on the following goals:

a. Involve the community in the process to develop a five-year recreation plan.
b. Inventory and map existing recreational facilities in the three entities.
c. Build common ground among citizens in these three entities in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the communities.
d. Enable these three entities to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Recreation plan.
e. Facilitate inter-agency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and actions.
f. Consistency with and expansion upon goals and objectives set forth in existing planning documents that deal partially or wholly with recreation.

Broadly speaking, officials of these three entities intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreational and parks projects within their jurisdictions. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary for the governmental entities to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Recreation Plan is written for Adams Township, North Adams Village, and the North Adams Recreation Commission. It covers all aspects of recreation within these three entities.



Community Description

These three entities are located in Hillsdale County Michigan, which is in south central Michigan. North Adams Village is located within Adams Township. The Recreation Commission consists of these two entities as well as the North Adams-Jerome Public School district. The school district encompasses areas in Wheatland and Moscow Townships. Both Wheatland and Moscow townships requested to withdraw from the Recreation Commission and that requests was granted on May 5, 2026 at a meeting of the Recreation Commission.

Adams Township and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools have only one recreational area between them which is the park controlled by the Recreation Commission. North Adams Village has that park also, as well as two other small parks, Cleve Crater Park, and Gary Sarles Park. An aerial image of Adams Township is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1

ADAMS TOWNSHIP AND NORTH ADAMS VILLAGE



None of the three political entities have any major state or federal highways running through them. It is a very rural area with limited manufacturing.

Figure 2

Political jurisdictions for Adams Township, North Adams Village And North Adams-Jerome Public Schools



According to the 2024 American Community Survey 5 year estimates from the U.S. Census, the population of each entity is North Adams Village 435, Adams Township 2,327. North Adams-Jerome Public Schools will have the same essential characteristics as Adams Township. This is an estimated decrease of 17 from the 2020 census.

According TO THE 2025 American Community Survey 5-year estimates from the U.S. Census there are 1,312 housing units in these three political entities. About 1,170 of these are owner occupied. The median age of the population in North Adams Village is 39.5 years and in Adams township it is 46.3 years. The median age in Michigan is 40.9 years. Selected data for North Adams Village and Adams Township are compared to the State of Michigan as shown in Figure 3 below.

Figure 3

SELECTED CENSUS DATA FOR COMPARISON

NORTH ADAMS VILLAGE, ADAMS TOWNSHIP AND MICHIGAN

	North Adams Village	Adams Twp	Michigan
Population 2020	452	2,149	10,077,331
Population 2024 estimate*	435	2,327	N/A
% of population 65 & older*	18.9%	25.5%	20.5%
% of population under 18*	20.7%	20.6%	23.8%
Median Age*	39.5	46.3	40.9
% of population with disability*	20.7%	18.7%	14.8%
% bachelor's degree or higher*	7.8%	12.0%	33.9%
Median household income*	$52,813	$58,021	$75,832
Average household size*	2.89	2.96	3.01
Median housing value	$100,000	$170,000	$275,000

*2024 American Community Survey from the U.S. Census

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

How Parks and Recreation Function in Adams Township, North Adams Village, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

Adams Township and North Adams-Jerome Public schools have no independent parks. They, and the Village, banded together nearly 50 years ago to form the North Adams Recreation Commission. This Commission has developed the park that sets next to the Public School. Money to keep up this park is donated by the three entities comprising the commission. The Recreation Commission has also sought and received grants to build the park and then to repair it. North Adams Village has two small parks within the village, Gary Sarles Park and Cleve Crater Park. These parks have been totally maintained by the village throughout the years through its general fund. Monies are allocated as needed.

North Adams Village has been spending about $2,500 a year on each of it's parks and about $500 per year maintaining the Recreation Commission Park, mainly by filling the cracks that develop on the playing surfaces.

North Adams-Jerome Public Schools spends about $600 a year paying for the electricity used at the Recreation Commission Park. It also keeps the grass mowed during the summer.

The Recreation Commission has the authority to accept grants for the maintenance and rebuilding of the facilities at the Recreation Commission Park.

The Recreation Commission Board consists of one representative from each of the entities, North Adams Village, Adams Township, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools.

RECREATION INVENTORY

The work done at the three parks is done by 1 part time employee with occasional volunteer help from local citizens. I conducted the inventory of the parks and photographed them in June of 2026. The ADA checklist for play areas shows that the parks are not ADA compliant at this time. I have classified the parks as basic recreation parks. Figure 6 gives the detailed definition for each type of park. These definitions are modified from the State of Idaho.

Figure 6

PARK CLASSIFICATION FOR NORTH ADAMS VILLAGE, ADAMS TOWNSHIP, AND NORTH ADAMS-JEROME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	CONSERVATION PARK	RECREATION PARK
Qualitative Value of Area Resources	Varied resource value	Low to moderate resource value
Value of Area for Active Recreation	Low to moderate	Diverse, significant, and high active recreational Value
Degree of Educational Opportunity	Moderate	Moderate
Resource Area Characteristics	Although able to accommodate groups of visitors these areas are generally quiet and passive	Areas are public and dynamic. They are readily accessible, busy, and characterized by almost continuous activity
Typical activities	Natural park activities, Plus fishing and special Events	Natural and conservation park activities plus swimming, picnicking, group Sports, playground Activities
Acceptable level of Resource impact	Low to moderate	Moderate to high
Anticipated degree of Human contact	Frequent encounters with other individuals and groups	Visitors are certain to encounter many other visitors engaged in a variety of recreational and social activities
Management objectives	Provide use and protection; establish use limits for conservation	Provide recreational opportunities; no irreparable resource damage

Inventory of Additional Recreation Facilities

Name of Facility	Owners	Acres	Facilities
Hillsdale and Jonesville Golf Courses	Private	80	9&18 hole course
Country Club Golf	Private	60	9 hole course
Sandy Beach Park	Public	64	Dock spaces, picnic Tables, fishing, grills, Swimming, playground, Bathhouse
County Fairground	Public	70	Horseshoes, museum. Grange hall, camping
Hillsdale College	Private	180	Athletic facilities, gun Range
Owens Memorial Park	Public	25	Playground, grills, Picnic tables, shelters, Benches
Marina	Private(Am Legion)	2	Clubhouse, docks, Playground
Jonesville/Hillsdale Trail system	Public		Non-motorized bike and walking path

In addition every village, city, and some townships have recreational parks as well. These mostly consist of picnic tables, grills, and some playground equipment. These parks number around 19.

Cleve Crater Park in North Adams Village

Cleve Crater Park is a 2 acre lot in North Adams Village.

It contains a ball field for younger kids to play on, dugouts,

Bleachers, and a donated scoreboard

Cleve Crater Park

Recreational Park

Dugouts

Bleachers

Service Area- local Residents



Gary Sarles Park in North Adams Village

Gary Sarles Park is a lot about 60 feet by

By 120 feet in size. It contains a playground,

picnic facilities, and a shelter.

Gary Sarles Park

Recreational Park

Shelter

Picnic facilities

Playground

Service Area-local Residents



North Adams Recreation Commission Park

This park consists of a ball field for older Kids, a pair of tennis courts, and two Basketball courts. There is a small storage Building. There is a well, but no bathroom Facilities. It has parking available and is Located next to the public school. It is 2.5 acres

Recreation Commission Park
Ball field
Tennis Courts
Basketball courts
Parking
Service area- anyone
A water well, no bathrooms

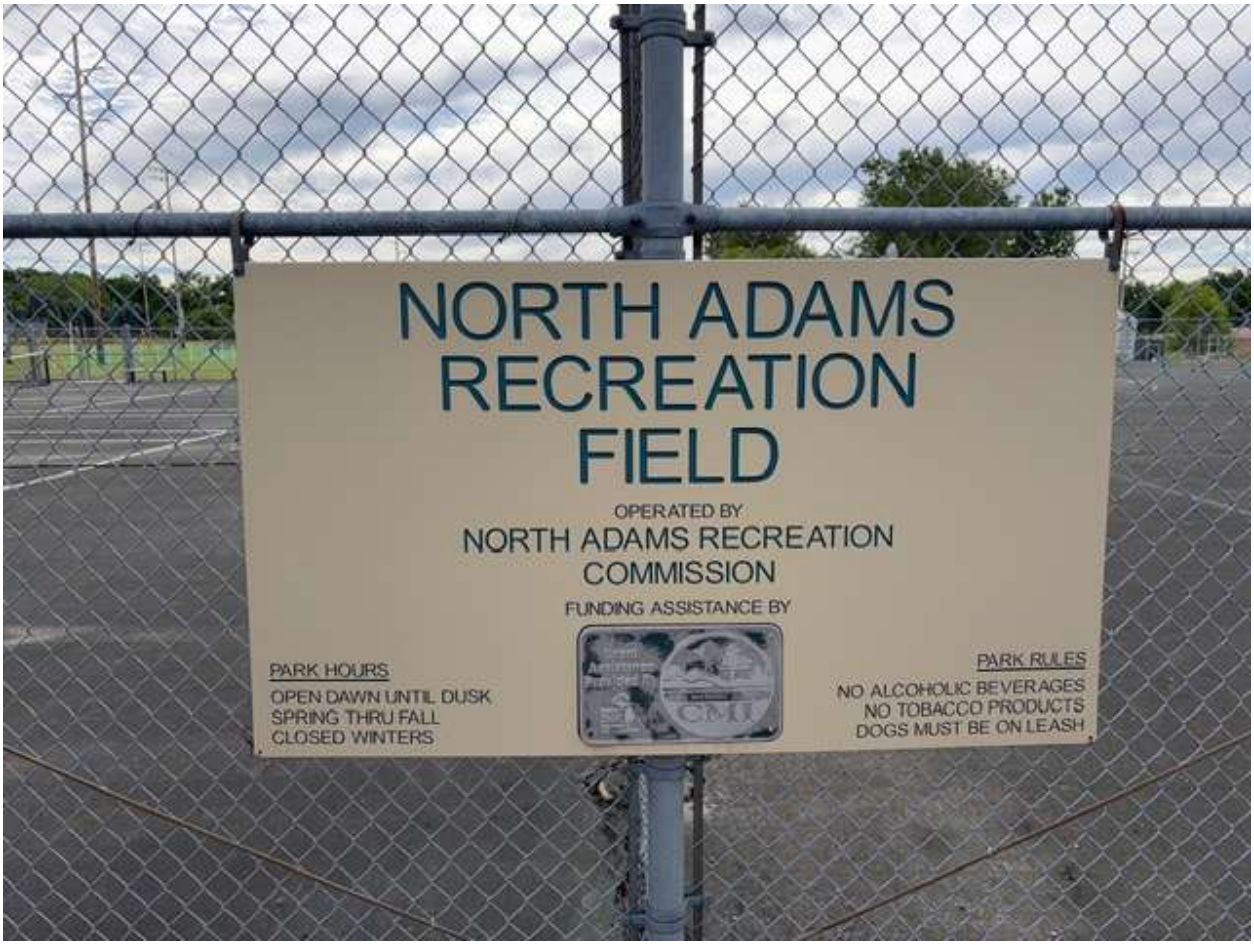


Figure 7

North Adams Village, Adams Township, Recreation Commission Inventory

	Rec. Commission	Cleve Crater	Gary Sarles
Ball Diamond	x	x	
Basketball court	x		
Tennis court	x		
Pavilion			x
Playground			x
Restroom building			
Lake access			
Trails			
Acreage	2.5	2	.3

Grant Status Report

No state grants have ever been received for Cleve Crater or Sarles parks. The Recreational Commission park received a "Bond Fund" grant in the 1971 to build the original park. A "Clean Michigan Initiative" grant was received in 2000. Originally the park had access to oil royalties from an oil well. This money was used to repair things. When this money ran out, the local governmental entities donated money when needed to keep up the facilities. Appendix A will have the complete history.

ACCESSIBILITY

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the American Disabilities Association (ADA) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The accessibility system uses a five point system ranging from one, none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to five, the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

An ADA compliance assessment of these three parks was done in June of 2026. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regards to access and circulation in relation to the park facilities. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

Cleve Crater park meets one ADA guideline, parking. Gary Sarles park meets no ADA guidelines. The Recreation Commission park meets two ADA guidelines, accessible parking, and access to activity areas for tennis and basketball.

The Hillsdale County Planning Commission has recommended that the township, village, and school district adopt this recreation plan. The resolution is in Appendix D.

Figure 8

ADA ACCESSIBILITY GRADING SYSTEM

FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Accessibility Grade	Definition	Noted Park
1	None of the facilities/park Areas meet accessibility Guidelines	Gary Sarles Park
2	Some of the facilities/park Areas meet accessibility Guidelines	Cleve Crater Park Recreation Commission Park
3	Most of the facilities/park Areas meet accessibility Guidelines	
4	The entire park meets Accessibility guidelines	
5	The entire park was developed/ Renovated using the principles Of universal design	

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

When studying parks and recreation resources in a community, it can be worthwhile to examine natural resources that may be in need of conservation or protection. None of these three parks have any need of conservation or protection of any natural resources.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Listening to residents of Adams township, North Adams Village, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

One of the most important aspects of a community's recreation plan is the inclusion of the resident's opinions about how they view the future of their parks and recreation system. North Adams Village, Adams Township, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools created an online survey link to gather information which would guide their parks and recreation program for the next 5 years. A complete tabulation of the results is available for review in Appendix B. The text below provides a description of significant results.

A second means of input was provided in a public meeting on November 13, 2026 at the North Adams Village Office. This meeting was held to get additional input from citizens. 11 people were present at this meeting.

These three governmental entities developed an online survey that was made available from Survey Monkey. The public was made aware of this survey by posting the link on the Facebook page of the Village, and on the web page of the township.

Responses were gathered from 19 people. So, in total 30 people offered their opinions on the direction the governmental entities should pursue in their recreational outlooks. This was a very high percentage of input from citizens and provided needed input on which to base decisions.

GOALS

Guiding principles

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal is to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics, and the input of the community.

Maintaining and updating park and recreational facilities will preserve the value of the local park system. Demographic and lifestyle changes will lead to new demands such as new sporting activities, and more up-to-date playground equipment.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overreaching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goals. The Action Program is the last level and it identifies specific projects and programs. These three governmental agencies formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the characteristics of the overall community, the input received at the community input sessions, and the survey.

Goal 1—Maintain and improve existing facilities to meet the needs of park users.

Goal 2—Retain public land for future generations

ACTION PLAN

Planning for improvements

With goals and objectives in place, North Adams Village, Adams Township, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools were able to develop a 5-year action program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Plan details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality of their parks and recreational opportunities.

Potential projects were assigned a priority of 1 through 10 with 1 being the most important and10 being least important. Each action item relates to one or more of the numbered goals from the previous section. Potential capital improvements described in this plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers but also to allow the governmental entities to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element and it is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the input received from the on-line survey and the community open house. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The Action Plan is shown in the table that follows.

Financing potential improvements

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

NORTH ADAMS VILLAGE, ADAMS TOWNSHIP, AND NORTH ADAMS-JEROME PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTION ITEMS 2027-2032

Priority	Action Item	Purpose	Location	Relates to Goal
1	Build 1 pickle-ball & 1 basket-	Create usable playing surfaces	Recreation Comm. Park	1
2	Install small Playground	Give little kids a place to play while Parents are watching Older kids playing ball	Recreation Commission	1
3	Rebuild basket-Ball courts	Create usable playing surface	Recreation Commission	1
4	Erect a Pavilion	Allow picnics and Family gatherings	Recreation Commission	1
5	Rebuild parking Lot	Improve parking	Recreation Commission	1
6	Shuffleboards	Another activity	Recreation Commission	1
7	Bathrooms		Recreation Commission	1
8	Splash Park	Another activity	Recreation Commission	1
9	Community Garden	Another activity	Recreation Commission	1
10	Flower beds	Beautification	Recreation Commission	1

SUMMARY OF THE PLANNING PROCESS & ADOPTION

A Plan supported by the Community

In its effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens North Adams Village, Adams Township, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools has developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This plan is an effort by these local government officials to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. It will also provide them eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

These three governmental agencies contracted with Bruce Caswell, a local grant writer, to assist them with the completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Bruce worked with all three governmental agencies through the course of the plan and would like to thank them for their help.

Data was collected about these three governmental agencies including maps, demographics, park information, and an inventory of existing facilities. The data was collected from county staff, field observations, various websites, and other relevant planning documents.

Community input was collected via an on-line survey in the summer of 2026 and a public meeting held on November 13, 2026. Based on this survey and a community public meeting these three governmental agencies developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation. Then, action plan items were written that would work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives.

The consultant completed the draft Parks and Recreation master Plan after the public meeting held on November 13,2026. The plan was then available for review on each governmental agencies website for at least 30 days beginning on November 20, 2026. The final opportunity for community input was held on December 21, 2026 at the North Adams Village offices at129 W Main Street, North Adams, Mi

On each of the governmental agencies passed a resolution recommending the formal adoption of the plan. Copies of the advertisements and resolutions are included in Appendix D.

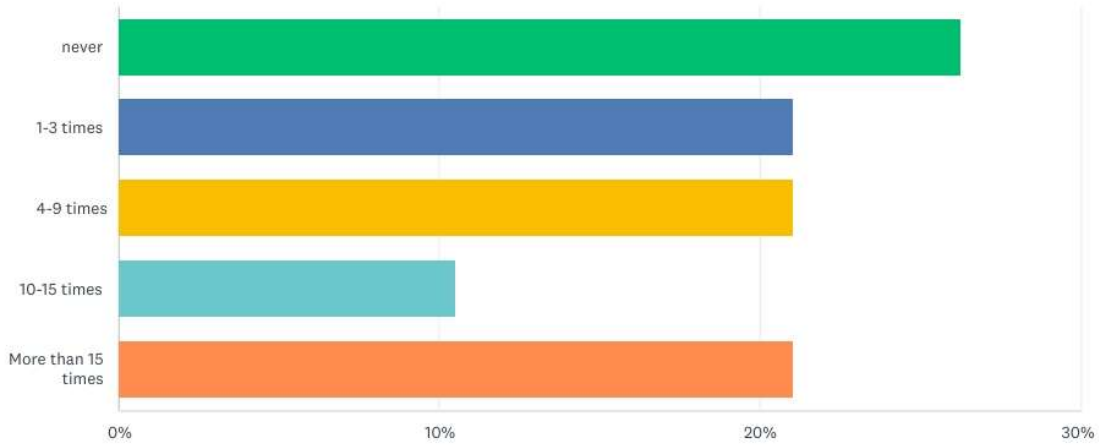
Appendix A—Recreation Grant History

Year	Grant	Amount	Park
1971	Bond Fund	$20,529	Recreation Commission
2000	Clean Michigan Initiative	$88,088	Adams Township

Appendix B—On-line Survey Results and Public Meeting results

Q1 How many times have you or your family used a North Adams park in the past year?

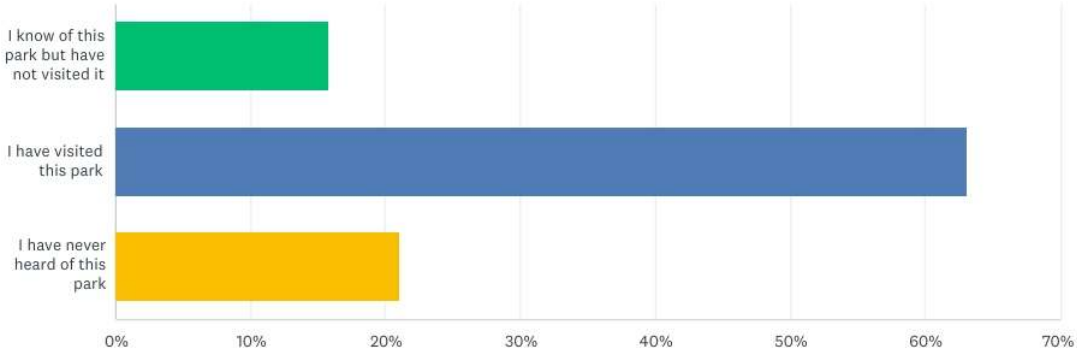
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
never	26.32%	5
1-3 times	21.05%	4
4-9 times	21.05%	4
10-15 times	10.53%	2
More than 15 times	21.05%	4
TOTAL		19

Q2 Please indicate your familiarity with the North Adams Cleve Crater Park.

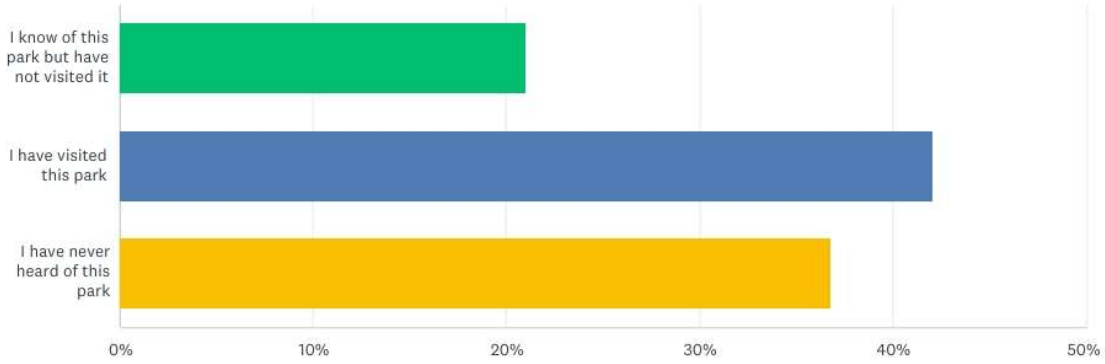
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I know of this park but have not visited it	15.79%	3
I have visited this park	63.16%	12
I have never heard of this park	21.05%	4
TOTAL		19

Q3 Please indicate your familiarity with the North Adams Gary Sarles Park.

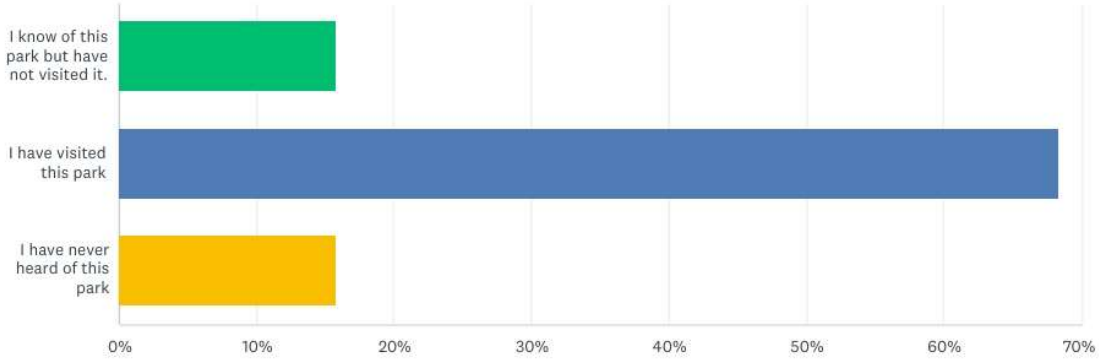
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I know of this park but have not visited it	21.05%	4
I have visited this park	42.11%	8
I have never heard of this park	36.84%	7
TOTAL		19

Q4 Please indicate your familiarity with the North Adams Recreation Park.

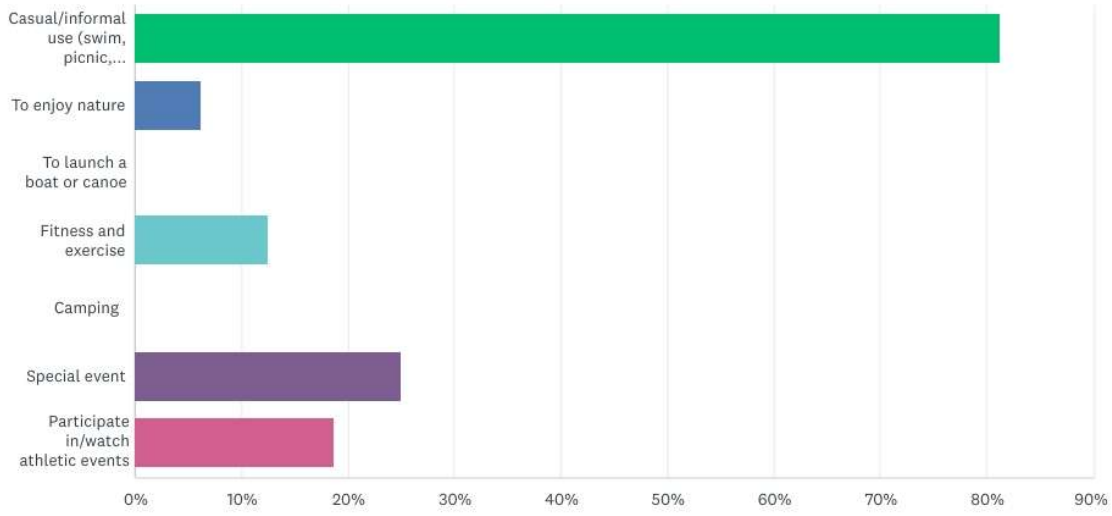
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I know of this park but have not visited it.	15.79%	3
I have visited this park	68.42%	13
I have never heard of this park	15.79%	3
TOTAL		19

Q5 Why do you and/or your family visit North Adams village parks?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Casual/informal use (swim, picnic, playground)	81.25%	13
To enjoy nature	6.25%	1
To launch a boat or canoe	0.00%	0
Fitness and exercise	12.50%	2
Camping	0.00%	0
Special event	25.00%	4
Participate in/watch athletic events	18.75%	3
Total Respondents: 16		



Online survey results for Adams Township, North Adams Village, and North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

There were 19 opinions generated by the on-line survey. 11 people attended the public meeting on November 13 at the North Adams Village Hall. Following are the results and number of people who mentioned it.

1. Community Garden	1
2. Flower Beds	1
3. **Pavilion**	11
4. Splash Park	2
5. **Updated playground equipment**	12
6. Permanent bathrooms w/ running water	7
7. **1 Pickleball court & 1 tennis court**	12
8. Repave parking lot	9
9. Shuffleboard	6
10. **Rebuild the basketball courts**	11

Q7 Please evaluate the following aspects of North Adams Parks: Variety of Facilities/amenities.

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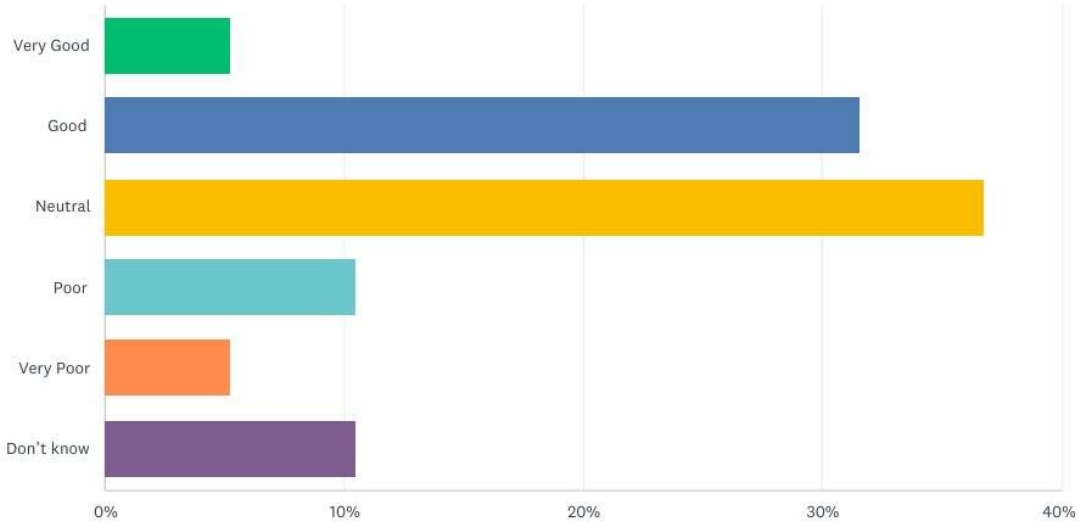
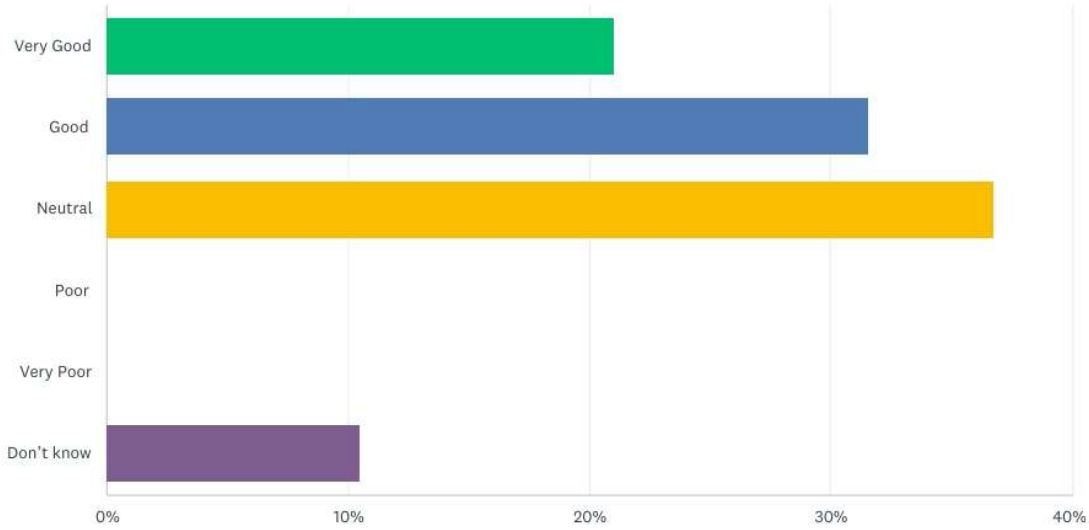


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Good	5.26%	1
Good	31.58%	6
Neutral	36.84%	7
Poor	10.53%	2
Very Poor	5.26%	1
Don't know	10.53%	2
TOTAL		19

Q8 Please evaluate the following aspects of the North Adams Parks: Maintenance and Appearance

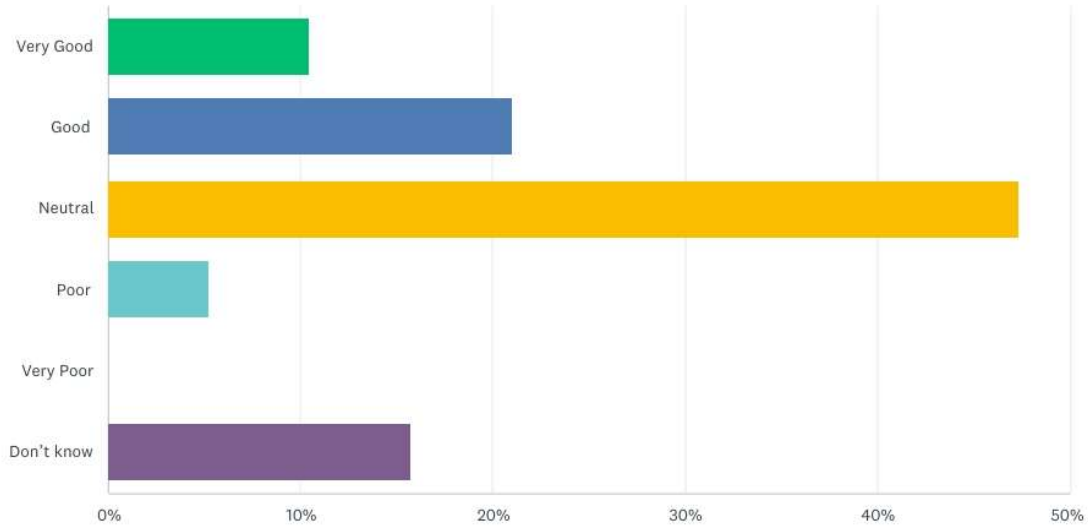
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Good	21.05%	4
Good	31.58%	6
Neutral	36.84%	7
Poor	0.00%	0
Very Poor	0.00%	0
Don't know	10.53%	2
TOTAL		19

Q9 Please evaluate the following aspects of the North Adams Parks: Safety and Security

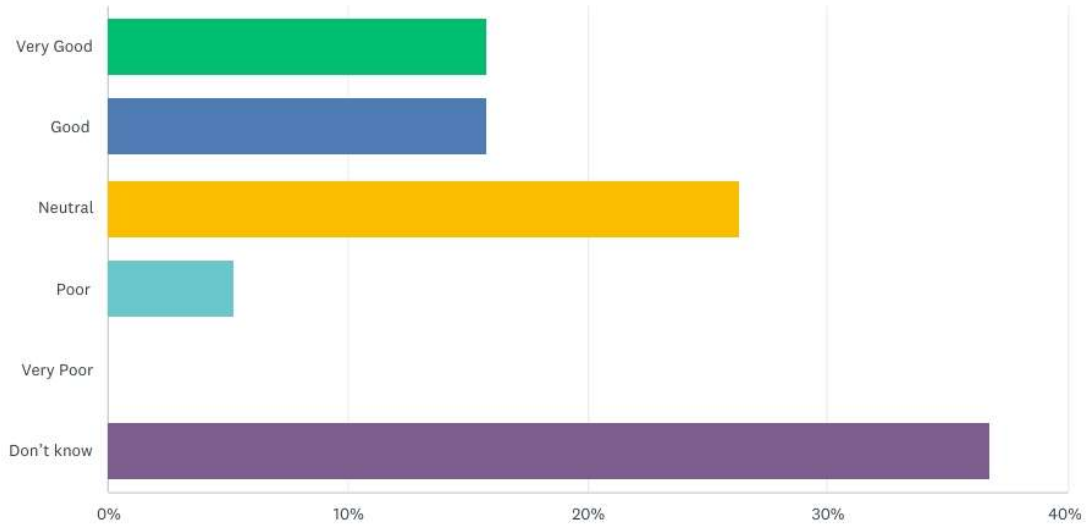
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Good	10.53%	2
Good	21.05%	4
Neutral	47.37%	9
Poor	5.26%	1
Very Poor	0.00%	0
Don't know	15.79%	3
TOTAL		19

Q10 Please evaluate the following aspects of the North Adams Parks: Quality/Friendliness of Staff

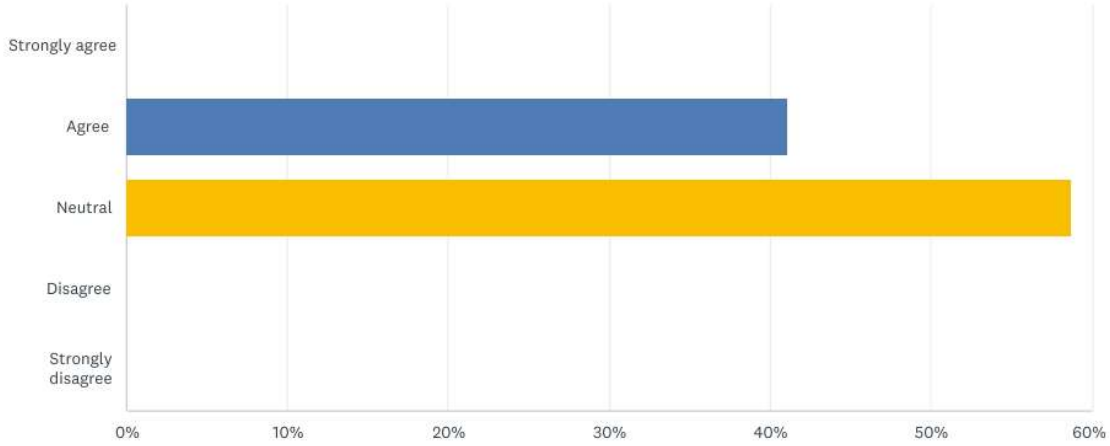
Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very Good	15.79%	3
Good	15.79%	3
Neutral	26.32%	5
Poor	5.26%	1
Very Poor	0.00%	0
Don't know	36.84%	7
TOTAL		19

Q11 Do you feel the Cleve Crater Park area is satisfactory?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	0.00%	0
Agree	41.18%	7
Neutral	58.82%	10
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		17

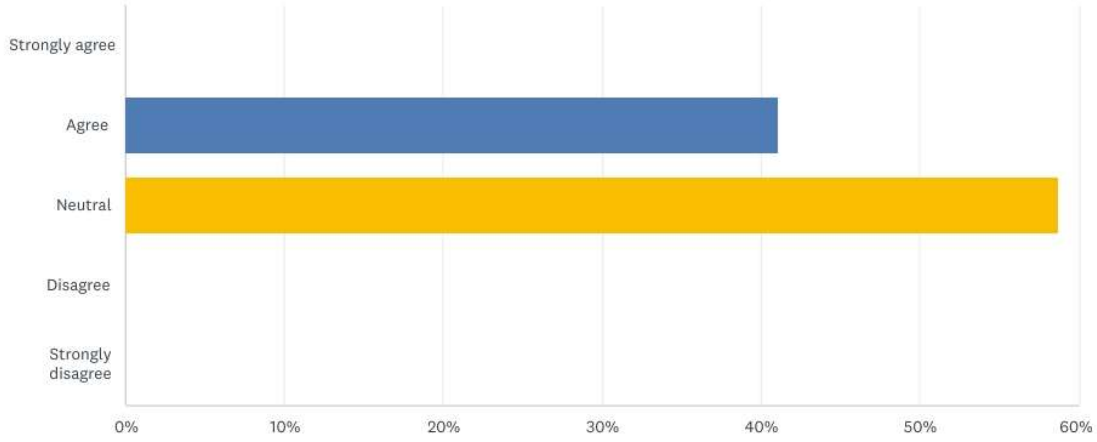
Q12 Please give any additional feedback for the Cleve Crater Park you may have.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 10

See question 6 for a summary

Q13 Do you feel the Gary Sarles Park is in good shape?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	0.00%	0
Agree	41.18%	7
Neutral	58.82%	10
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		17

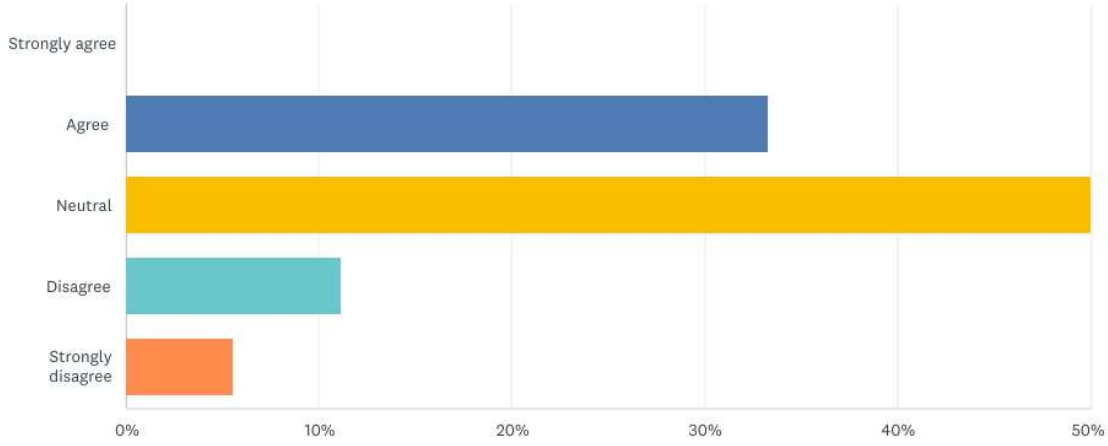
Q14 Please give any additional feedback on the Gary Sarles Park.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 10

See question 6 for a summary

Q15 Do you feel the North Adams Recreation Commission are in good shape?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	0.00%	0
Agree	33.33%	6
Neutral	50.00%	9
Disagree	11.11%	2
Strongly disagree	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18

Q16 Please give any additional feedback on the Recreation Commission.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 12

See question 6 for a summary

Appendix C-Sources of Funding

SOURCES OF GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

Match requirement—minimum of 25%

Development grants

- Minimum grant request $15,000
- Maximum grant request $400,000

Acquisition grants

- No minimum or maximum

Goals of MNRTF

- Resource protection
- Water Access
- Community recreation
- Urban recreation
- Economic development

Due annually on April 1. Awards announced in December

www.michigan.gov/dnr

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Administered by MNRTF

50% match required

Minimum grant request $30,000 ($60,000 project total)

Maximum grant request $500,000 ($1,000,000 project total)

Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation development projects

Applications due annually on April 1. Awards usually announced in December.

Must meet SCORP criteria (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)

www.michigan.gov/dnr A pass through grant from the National Park Service.

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

Administered by MNRTF

Minimum 25% match

Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks

Minimum grant request $7,500

Maximum grant request $150,000

Applications due on April 1. Application is simpler than the above two grants.

For outdoor and indoor recreation projects

Renovation of existing facilities is emphasized.

www.michigan.gov/dnr

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments (Examples)

Wickes foundation (Saginaw)

Strosacker foundation (Midland)

Gerstacker foundation (Midland)

For more complete lists of foundations, search online data bases that can be found at www.nccs.urban.org or www.foundationcenter.org

Appendix D—Notification and Adoption Information

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

North Adams Village, Adams township, North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

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Bruce Caswell, 5 year recreation plan author

10/27/2026

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RECORDED IN DEEDS LIBER 438 PAGE 421

This Indenture, made August 4, 1971

BETWEEN William D. Owens, a widower, the survivor of himself and Mary K. Owens, his wife, whose address is 1538 Vienwood Street, Detroit, Michigan

of the first part,

and North Adams Area Recreation Commission,

of the second part,

whose address is North Adams, Michigan

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and no/100 ($3750.00)----------Dollars

to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, does by these presents, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns,

FOREVER, All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the Township of Adams County of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land out of the Northwest corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 10 in Township 6 South, Range 2 West, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 10, and running thence South 220 feet; thence East 515 feet; thence North 220 feet; thence West 515 feet to the place of beginning; containing 2½ acres of land more or less.

STATE OF MICHIGAN REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX 04.40

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining: To Have and to Hold the said premises, as herein described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said party of the first part, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, doth covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the delivery of these presents he is well seized of the above granted premises in fee simple; that they are free from all incumbrances whatever;

and that he will, and his heirs, executors, and administrators shall Warrant and Defend the same against all lawful claims whatsoever.

When applicable, pronouns and relative words shall be read as plural, feminine or gender.

In Witness Whereof, The said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

William D. Owens

Signed, and Delivered in Presence of

W. Jack Godfrey

Harold C. Trott

William D. Owens

State of Mich., Co. of Hillsdale, S.S. No. 961 I hereby certify that this day was on the lines, the value or unpaid taxes upon the land of 21, when protecting the date of said deed. This date not made a value in persons of authority for Twp., City or Village Officers.

Dated August 4, 1971

Co. Treas.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.

August 4, 1971

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, personally appeared

COUNTY OF WAYNE William D. Owens, a widower, the survivor of himself and Mary K. Owens, his wife,

to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, who has acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

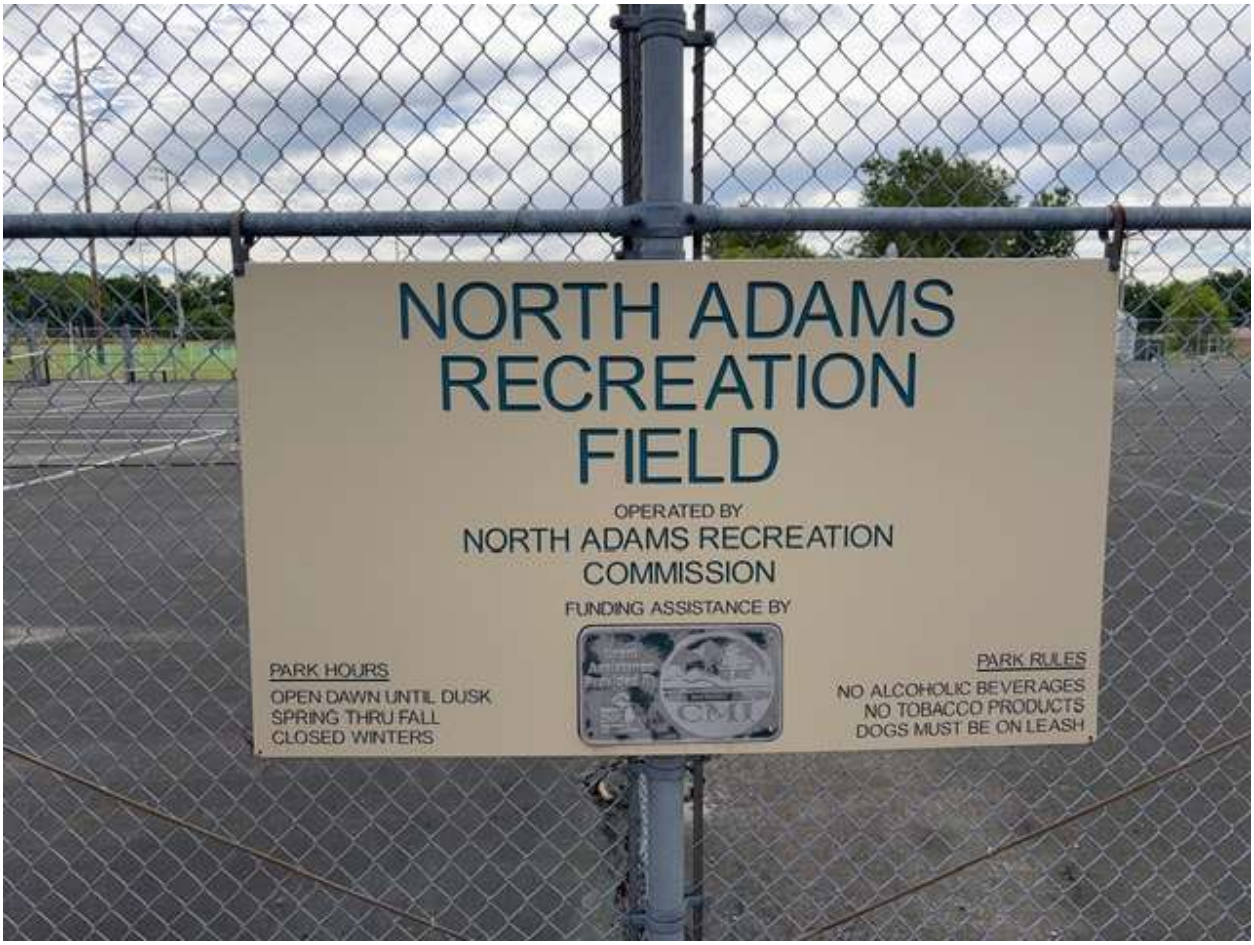
Emil M. Fry, Attorney at Law
16 Budlong Street
Hillsdale, Michigan

W. Jack Godfrey
Notary Public,
Hillsdale County, Michigan, acting in Wayne County, Michigan.

My commission expires June 7, 1974

THIS FORM NOTES ON OTHER SIDE


North Adams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CLOSED WINTERS
PARK RULES
NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
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DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH


NORTH ADAMS JEROME PUBLIC SCHOOL
4555 KNOWLES RD
NORTH ADAMS AREA COMMISSION
KNOWLES RD
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TITUS, SHARON
4331 KNOWLES RD
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Township of Adams

NORTH ADAMS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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PHONE 517 — 367-4214

February 1, 1971

Dave Clow
1116 Moscow Road
Moscow, Michigan

Dear Mr. Clow:

Just to bring you up to date concerning our North Adams Area Recreation Project, it has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and is awaiting legislative approval. We hope that the latter procedure is a matter of routine but anything can happen in our legislature nowadays. If it is approved and the bonds are sold we can progress with an early spring construction.

All townships and units of government have now appointed representatives to the permanent administrative committee. They are as follows:

Jack Godfrey, Chairman, North Adams Village Council
Vernon Briggs, Wheatland Township
Cal Town, Adams Township
Dave Clow, Moscow Township
Louise Alley, Somerset Township
Harold Trott, North Adams Public Schools

The grant in aids was $20,529. and the total local contribution is $4,105.80. This gives us a total project of $24,634. 80. Adams Township, the North Adams Village, and the North Adams Public Schools are going to work out the method of splitting the cost.

All townships have blueprint copies of the project. Committee members should look these over and inform themselves as to what the plans include.

Later, a meeting will be arranged pending the outcome of the legislative action.

Sincerely,

W. Jack Godfrey

Jack Godfrey, Chairman

North Adams-Jerome Recreation Committee
Thursday, March 19, 2026
6:00 pm
Village Hall, 129 West Main Street, North Adams

AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order

II. Public Comment

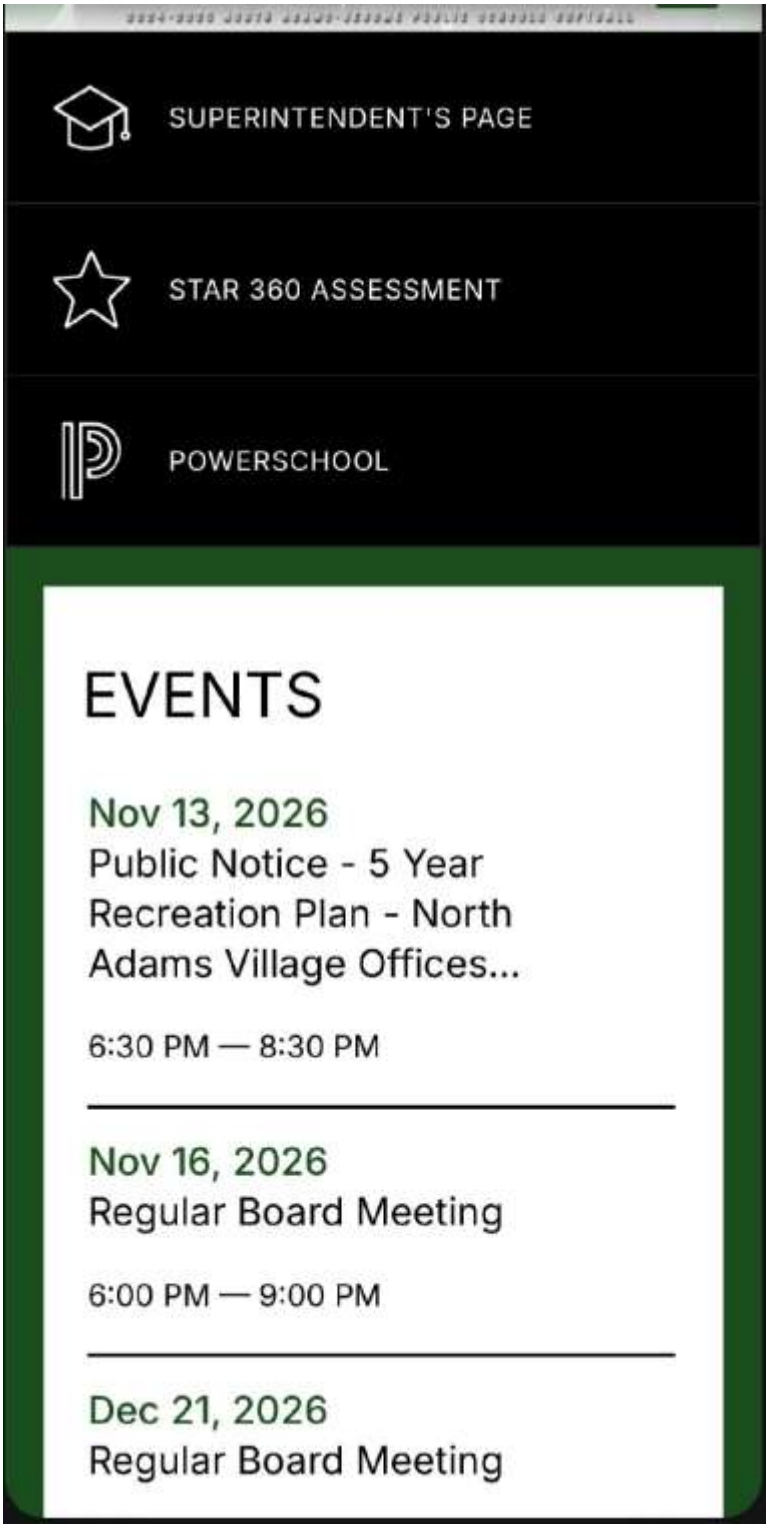
III. - Discussion of Recreation Commission request to be excluded from Moscow and Wheatland Township

IV. Discussion of re-establishing the Recreation Commission with the following entities: North Adams Village, North Adams Township, North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

V. Discussion of moving forward with a new Recreation Commission

a. Percentage shares
b. By-laws, constitution, legal representation

VI. Adjournment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Public Notice - 5 Year Recreation Plan - North Adams Village Offices...
6:30 PM — 8:30 PM
Nov 16, 2026
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM
Dec 21, 2026
Regular Board Meeting

EduStaff Application Links..

North Adams-Jerome Public Schools

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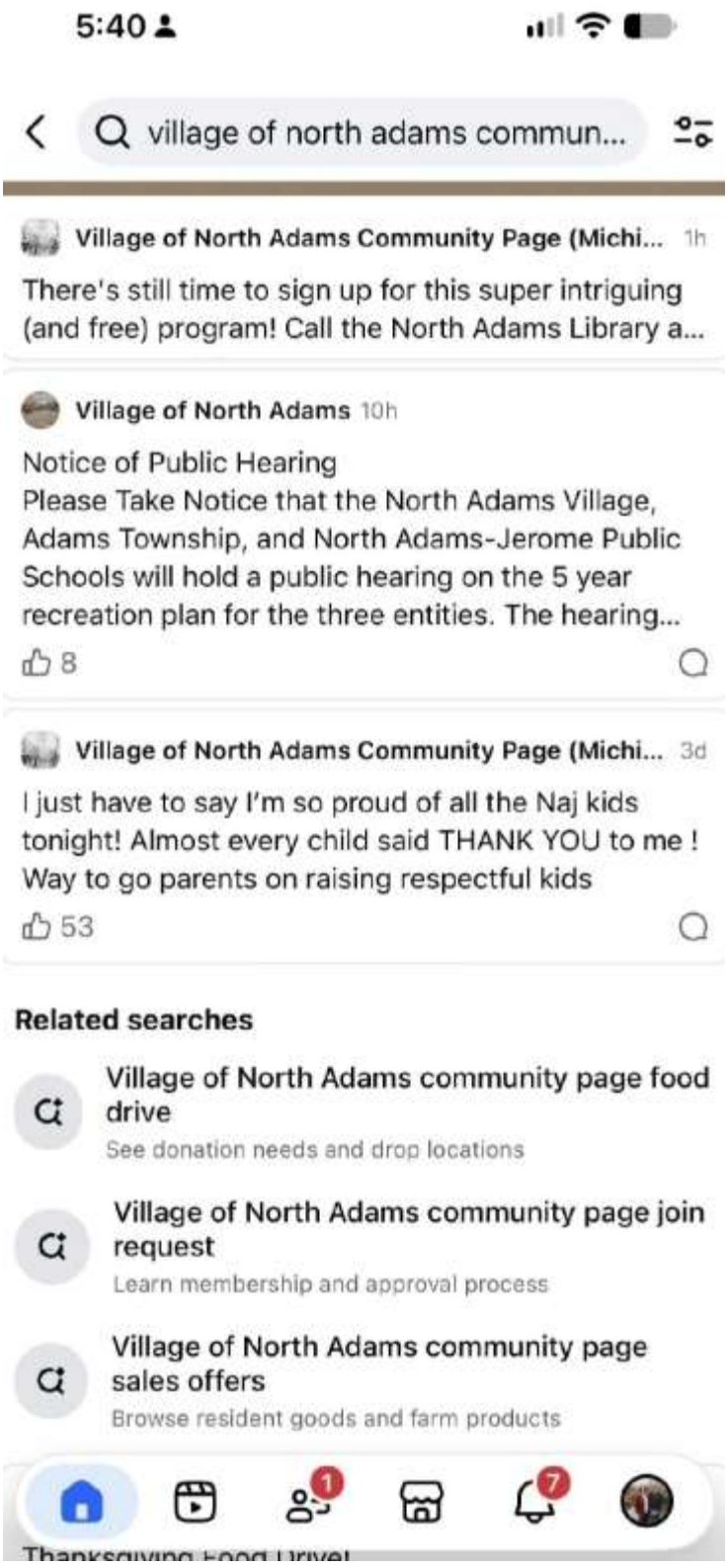
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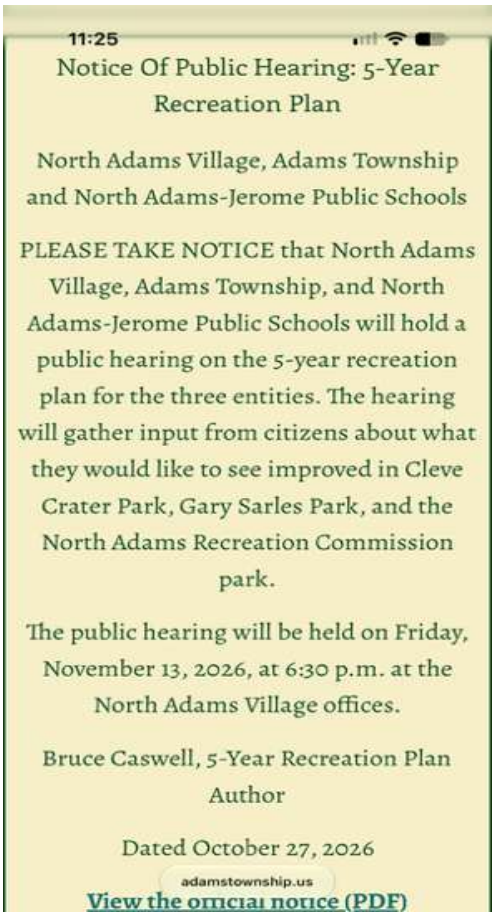
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The public hearing will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Adams Village offices.
Bruce Caswell, 5-Year Recreation Plan Author
Dated October 27, 2026
adamstownship.us
View the official notice (PDF)

Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

Public Outdoor Recreation Grant
Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

(This information required under authority of Part 15, PA 451 of 1994, as amended)
The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964), and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended)

Grant Type: *(Please select one)* ☐ Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund ☒ Clean Michigan Initiative ☐ Land and Water Conservation Fund ☐ Recreation Passport ☐ Bond Fund

Grantee: Adams Township

Project Number: CM 00-207

Project Type:

Project Title: North Adams Recreation Area Development

Project Scope: Tennis courts & Basketball courts

To Be Completed By Local Government Agency (Grantee)

Name of Agency (Grantee): Adams Township	Contact Person: Jason Griffiths	Title: Park Chairman
Address: 5675 Knowles Rd P.O. Box 336	Telephone: 517-200-8561	
City, State, ZIP: North Adams Mi 49262	Email: trustee1@adamstownship@gmail.com	

Site Development

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). ☐Yes ☒No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☒No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☒Yes ☐No

All the courts have large cracks which have been repaired but keep opening back up.

Site Quality

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ☒Yes ☐No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒Yes ☐No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐Yes ☒No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONTINUED

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Please print	Grantee Authorized Signature	Date
Jason Griffiths		11-16-2026
Please print	**Witness Signature**	**Date**
Bruce Caswell	Bruce Caswell	11-16-2026

Send completed report to:

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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