

Laketon Township

Park and Recreation Survey

The Laketon Township Planning Commission is currently working on a 5 year Review/Update to the Park and Recreation portion of the Laketon Township Master Plan.

The State of Michigan, via the Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of 2008) requires that the community's master plan be reviewed at least every 5 years. (The rest of the Master Plan will also be reviewed this year.)

As part of this review process, the Planning Commission has created a short survey regarding park and recreational amenities &

opportunities that are currently in place and also those that may be desired by the community in the future.

In an effort to keep costs low and utilize current technology to expedite the process the survey is being offered online only on the website—Survey Monkey. The survey is short and will only take a few minutes of your time. Please visit the website at the end of this article to take part in this survey regarding township parks and recreational amenities & opportunities. The survey will be available online until Sunday



March 10, 2019. So please don't delay—log on to the survey as soon as you can. Your participation and opinions are very much needed and appreciated.

There will also be a public open house held to gather additional public input but a date/time has not yet been determined, please stay tuned for that announcement.

Survey Website: A link to the survey will be posted on the homepage of the Township Website: www.laketon.org

March Board of Review—How to Make an Appeal

If you do not agree with the proposed 2019 State Equalized Value, property classification or any transfer of ownership for your property you may appeal to the Board of Review.

Appeals are made to the Board of Review and completing the petition form L-4035 which is available at your appointment or online at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf.

The Board of Review will meet on Monday 3/11/2019 from 3 PM to 9 PM and on Tuesday 03/12/2019 from 9 AM to 3 PM Call 231-744-2454 to make an appointment.

If you are unable to appear in person, you may appeal by mail. Complete the L-4035 form and mail it to Laketon Township with your letter and any facts to support your appeal. Your mailed appeal MUST be received by Laketon Township BEFORE the close of the March Board of Review at 3:00 PM on 03/12/2019 and MUST include the completed form (L-4035) and can also include a letter and any supporting documents you wish to include for the Board of Review to use in their consideration of your appeal.

If you have any questions about your assessment notice or making an appeal ap-

pointment, please call Laketon Township for assistance. Office hours are Monday—Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Assessor Wanda Budnik is available in the office Monday thru Wednesday. You can also email her at

wbudnik@laketon.org

More information can be found on the Laketon Township Website at:

<http://www.laketon.org/departments/assessing>

Or on the State of Michigan Treasury Dept. Website at:

https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1751_2228---,00.html

TIDBITS:

- **Water/Sewer bill payment options: Auto Pay**—visit the Muskegon County DPW website (or stop in to Laketon Twp Hall) for the appropriate forms! <http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1574/Automatic-Bill-Payment-PDF?bidId=>
Online Bill Pay—to pay online visit: <https://www.govpaynow.com/gps/user/plc/6897>
- **Mullally Park—Pavilion Rentals:** Rates for the 2019 season are as follows: Mullally pavilion \$75.00 per session Lange/NS Lions pavilion \$50.00 per session. Visit the website for more info: <http://www.laketon.org/departments/parks-rec>
- **Basic Recycling**— drop off household batteries, cell phones, printer ink cartridges & CFL light bulbs at Laketon Township Hall during normal business hours.
- **Scrap Tire Recycling**— 2019 scrap tire recycling event dates are now available—pick up a flyer at the Twp Hall. The Mullally Park event date: Saturday 5/4/19 from 9 am to 2pm.
- **Dog Issues**— neighborhood dogs running at large or unlicensed? You must call 911 for assistance.

Horton Park

Spring/Summer 2019 Construction

Laketon Township was awarded a matching grant from the State of Michigan DNR Trust fund for renovations and upgrades to Laketon Township's Horton Park, which is located off Glenwood Avenue and includes public access to Bear Lake. The \$300,000 grant award is for a renovation project that includes the following: new pavement for parking & sidewalks, electrical & lighting upgrades, a new playground, upgrades to the boat launch, a new kayak launch, a new pavilion and new landscaping. In addition to the grant project work, Laketon Township will also be working on the bathroom facilities.



Due to the nature of the work that will be done at the park and for the safety of the public and work crews, there may be times when the park will be CLOSED and UNUSABLE. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience this may cause.

Anti-Blight Ordinance & Disposal Information

The Anti-Blight Ordinance requires the continued and ongoing maintenance of our yards/property by keeping yards free of junk/debris and keeping grass mowed and leaves raked etc. Visit the Township website to read the entire ordinance. <http://www.laketon.org/general-township-info/general-ordinances>

In an effort to help residents properly dispose of various materials Laketon Township has several programs **for residents**.

Landfill Card—stop in to the Twp Hall & get a card for 2 (two) discounted trips per calendar year to the Muskegon County landfill to dispose of household debris.

The Annual FREE Clean up Day— 2019 date not yet set, but call the office late March or early April for more information.

Yard Waste Site— for \$15.00 per calendar year to dispose of grass clippings, leaves & small brush—spring/summer hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 10 AM to 7 PM. Many recycling options are also available—stop in for a guide book.

Reduce Flooding—Keep your Ditch & Culvert Clean

Often, with the spring season comes rain and flooding. Roads and driveways are dependent upon water flowing away through ditches & culverts. When ditches or culverts are plugged and water cannot flow away it causes flooding, potholes and washouts. These damages result in costly repairs. In addition, standing water on roadways can create serious hazards for motorists that can result in accidents and injuries.

Culverts are an essential part of roadside drainage. They keep water from collecting along the margins of the roadway and eating away at the underside of the road bed—when culverts are plugged up, roads & driveways can flood and even collapse or wash out.

Since plugged culverts can also cause property damage & flooding, restrict access and cost you money it is im-

portant to know how and when to keep them clear.

Never dump leaves, yard waste or any other debris in any ditch and make sure to remove any leaves or other debris that naturally accumulates in ditches. Make it a habit to inspect and clean your ditch &/or culvert each spring before the summer thunderstorm season arrives. Make sure nothing blocks either end of your ditch or culvert—sometimes all it takes is a shovel to clear debris. Annual cleaning prevents problems before they start! If you find the culvert is collapsing, it will need to be replaced. And remember; a plugged culvert not only affects your property, but many other properties "downstream" as well.

The Muskegon County Road Commission has a website www.muskegoncountyroads.org that

contains a wealth of helpful information. You can report the need for road maintenance on their site or call them at 231-788-2381 for more information or assistance. **Examples: Above—an open/clean culvert. Below—a blocked culvert.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS

If you would be interested in volunteering to help remove invasive plants from areas along the bike path on Bear Lake Road, please contact Twp. Supervisor Kim Arter (by email karter@laketon.org or by phone 231-744-2454). If there is enough interest, those that respond will be contacted in an effort to organize an event to remove invasive plants (such as garlic mustard) from around the bike path.

COUNTY WIDE ELECTION

MAY 7, 2019

On the ballot will be a question regarding funding for 9-1-1/Central Dispatch.

We do not have details or ballot language as of yet, but will post information on the Clerk's page of our website (www.laketon.org) as soon as it becomes available.

NO SNOWMOBILES ON THE BIKE PATH OR SIDEWALK!

All paths/walkways in Laketon Township are for NON—MOTORIZED use ONLY. NO snowmobiles, motorcycles, mopeds, 4-wheelers etc.

For full rules/regulations regarding snowmobile use and sidewalk ordinance information—please visit www.laketon.org and click the link on the homepage!