



## **Kawkawlin Township**

### **Community Description**

Kawkawlin Township is located north of Bay City and Monitor Township along Saginaw Bay. Lands within the Township are largely agricultural with some woodlands and wetlands located near the Bay and along the Kawkawlin River. According to the 2000 Census the population of Kawkawlin Township is 5,104.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in Kawkawlin Township are administered by a seven-member Parks and Recreation Committee. The committee members are appointed by the Township Board and their actions are subject to Board approval. The Township hires someone to mow the grass in the park each year. The Kawkawlin Ball League maintains the ball fields.

The Kawkawlin Ball League and the Tri Village League work with Kawkawlin Township in offering a summer ball program. The local American Youth Soccer program and the Bay Area Soccer Association use both parks in Kawkawlin for practice and some games. Approximately 30 to 40 volunteers assist by coaching and working in the concession stand for each ball season. More volunteers assist with special events. The Park and Recreation Committee has improved the entire park with many volunteer hours and volunteers.

**Budgets**

The sources of **funding** for the park and recreation budget in Kawkawlin Township are the township general fund, **fundraisers** and donations. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$4,167</b>
<b>Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$2,161</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>

**Recreation Inventory**

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for the each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Kawkawlin Township owns one traditional park, Kawkawlin Park. It owns a portion of Linwood Scenic Park. The portion of Linwood Scenic Park on the north side of Linwood Road is owned by Fraser Township and the portion of the south side of Linwood Road is owned by Kawkawlin Township. Kawkawlin Township also owns four Saginaw Bay waterfront access points. Those include a small beach park known as Brissette Beach and three road end easements. Another important park in the community is Linwood Bicentennial Park, owned by the Pinconning School District. The parks are inventoried in the chart on the following page. A park location map is included at the end of this section.

## KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

	Kawkawlin Park	Linwood Scenic Park	Brissette Beach Park	Road End Easements**
Park Type*	Community Park	Special Use Park	Special Use Park	Special Use Park
Acreage	53	.8	.2	
Accessibility*	4	4		
Service Area	Entire Township and community of Linwood	Frasier Twp & Kawkawlin Twp		
Boat Launch		Yes		
Ball Diamonds	4			
Football/Soccer Fields	2			
Boardwalk		Yes		
Playground Equipment	2			
Tennis Courts	2			
Open playfield	Yes			
Pavilion	1			
Grills	3			
Restrooms	Portable			
Waterfront Access		Yes	Yes	Yes
Swimming Beach			Yes	

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

\*\* 66" wide located at the end of Boutell Road, Cottage Grove Road & Lebourdais Road

### Goals and Objectives

The Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

#### GOAL 1

Encourage community health and fitness while promoting “community” for all ages.

#### GOAL 2

Provide safe and enjoyable recreational activities.

### **GOAL 3**

Offer appropriate access and opportunities for our special needs population.

*Objective:* Add more special needs equipment to the park and playground.

### **GOAL 4**

Enhance the natural beauty of Kawkawlin Township Park.

### **GOAL 5**

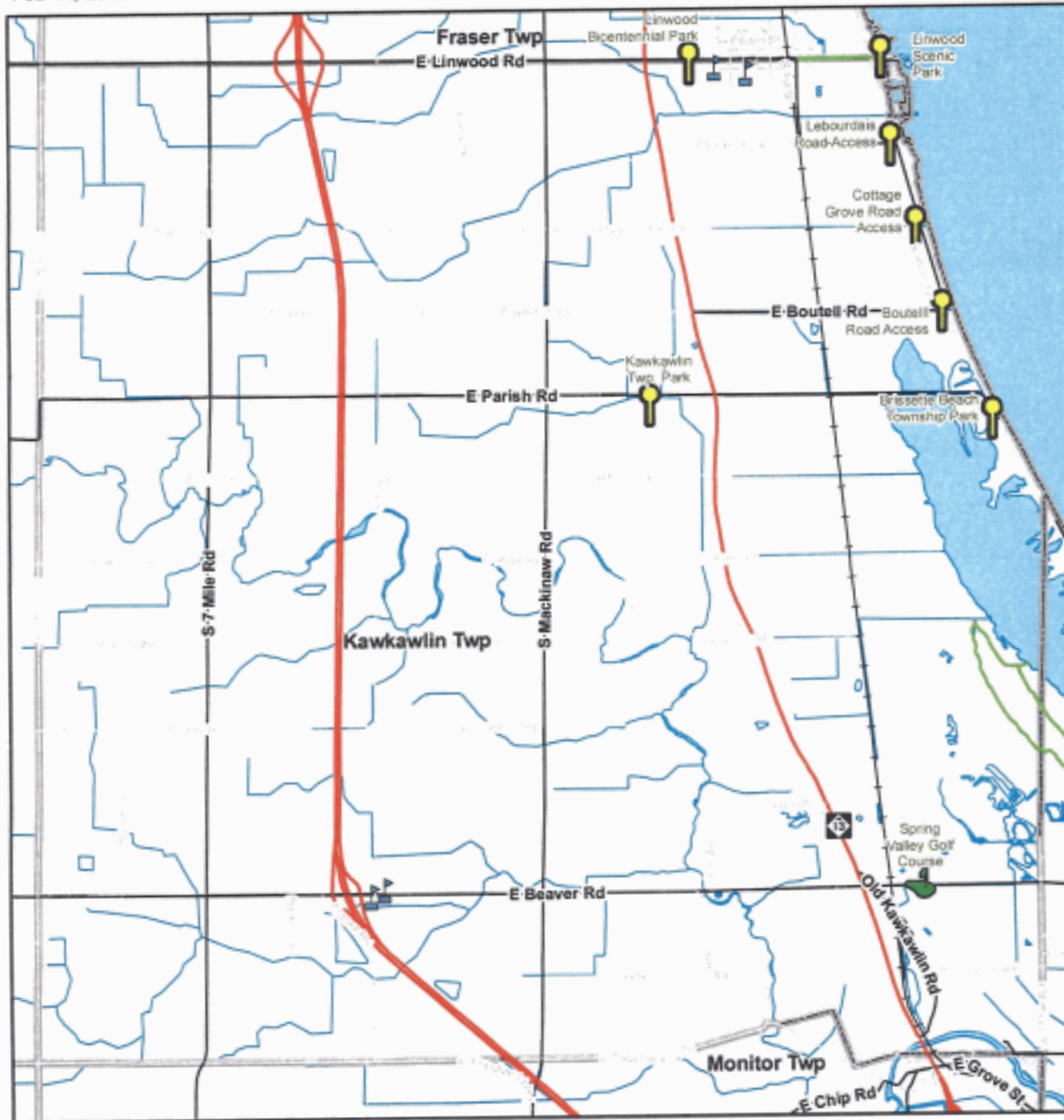
Strengthen recreationally related social opportunities within the community.

### **Action Plan**

1. Develop a walking path with Kawkawlin historical markers.
2. Install basketball courts.
3. Repair and update ball field lights, fence guarding, and back stops.
4. Create a sand volleyball court.
5. Add trees to provide shade throughout the park.
6. Create a sledding hill.
7. Rebuild fourth ball field in Kawkawlin Park to better accommodate **numbers/teams**.
8. Provide a spray park for summer enjoyment.
9. Build an additional pavilion to serve the south end of Kawkawlin Park.
10. Create an accessible walking path.
11. Construct cement pads under the bleachers.
12. Add storage facility
13. Develop walking groups.
14. Continue to host local events to raise park **funds/awareness**.

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## Park & Trail Locations

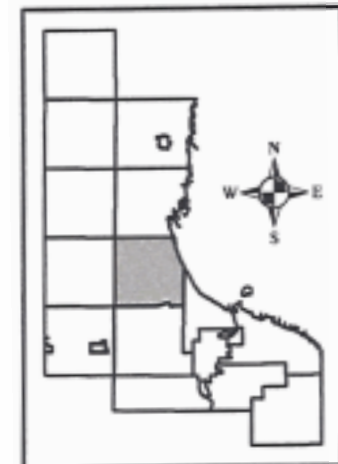
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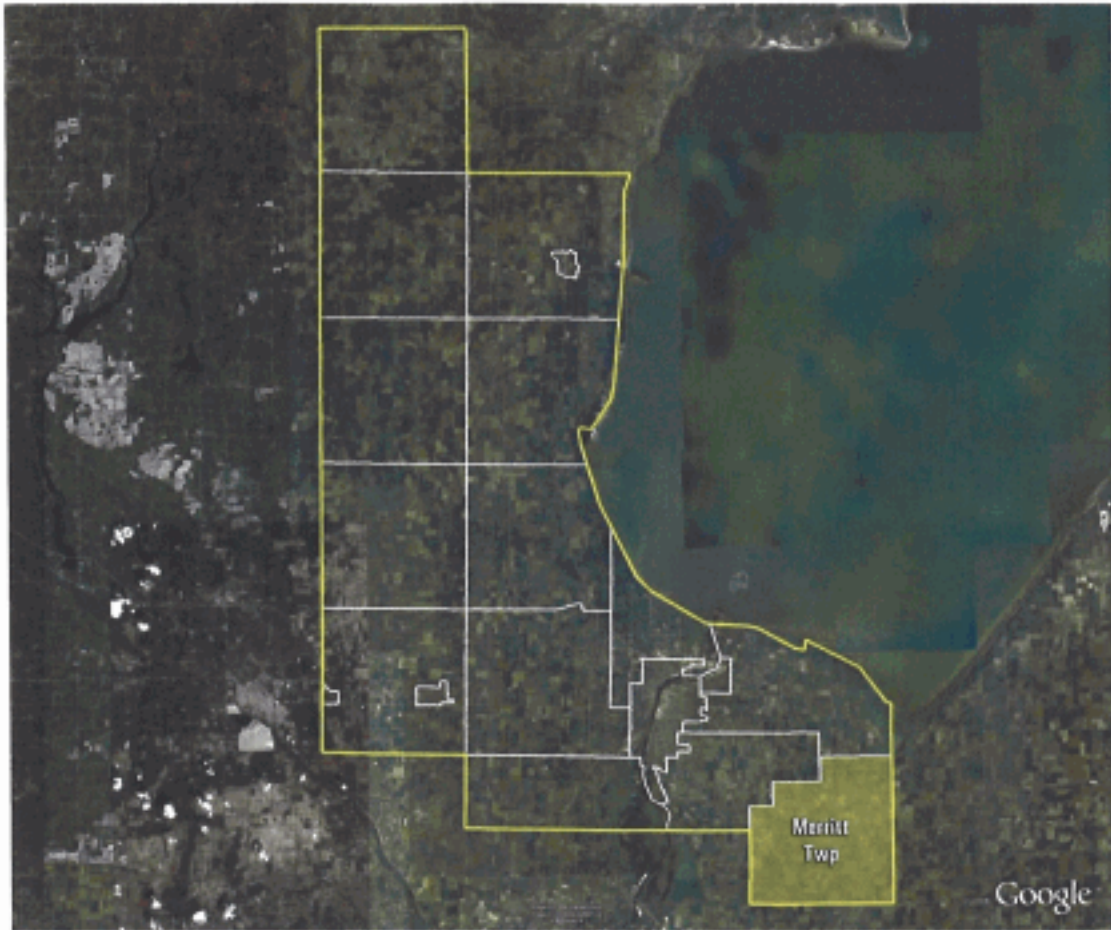
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## **Merritt Township**

### **Community Description**

Merritt Township is located at the southeast corner of Bay County, south of Hampton Township and southeast of Portsmouth Township. It contains the unincorporated community of Munger. The land in Merritt Township is largely rural and agricultural. According to the 2000 Census, Merritt Township has 1,510 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in Merritt Township are administered by the Township Board. They are assisted by the Munger Volunteer Fireman Corporation which assists with many functions including administering the summer ball program for boys and girls. The Park is maintained by Township staff. Approximately 20 to 25 volunteers assist with the youth ball program each year.

**Budgets**

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Merritt Township is the township general fund, donations, and the **Munger** Volunteer Fireman Corporation. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>MERRITT TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$3,640</b>	<b>\$3,640</b>
<b>Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>\$1,360</b>

**Recreation Inventory**

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Merritt Township has one park, Merritt Township Park. It is inventoried in the chart below.

<b>MERRITT TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>	
<b>Merritt Township Park</b>	
<b>Park Type*</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>
<b>Acreage</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Accessibility*</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Entire Township</b>
<b>Ball Diamond</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Multi-use Path</b>	<b>¾ mile</b>
<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Picnic Area</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Playfield (openspace)</b>	<b>Yes</b>

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Merritt Township developed the following goal for parks and recreation in the community.

### **GOAL 1**

Provide a park that the community can be proud of.

### **GOAL 2**

Provide a safe trail system which will promote health and fitness for township residents.

### **GOAL 3**

Provide family friendly activities in the park.

### **GOAL 3**

Provide safe equipment for youth participating in activities.

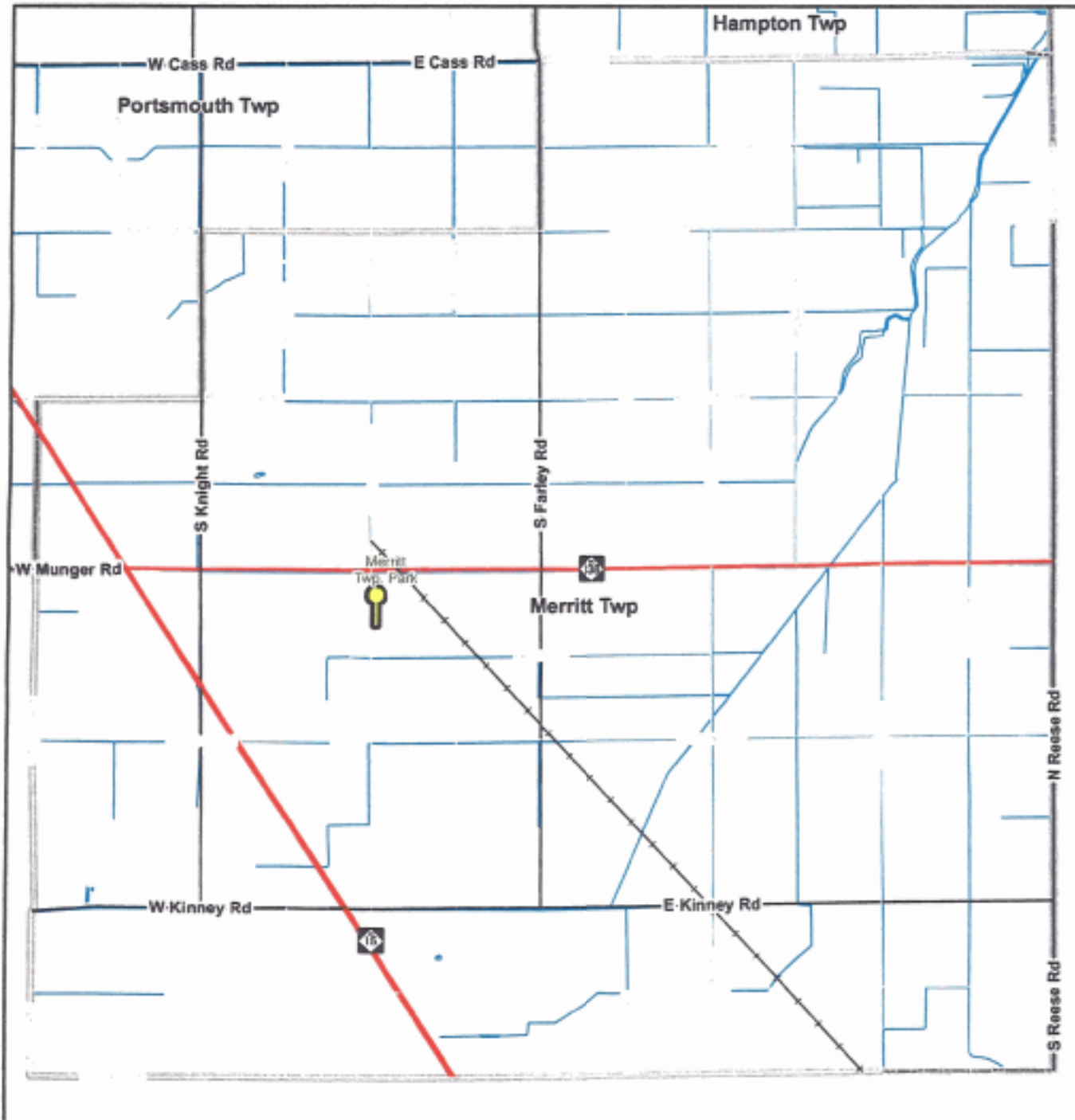
## **Action Plan**

1. Provide a non-motorized walking trail between Reese and Munger.
2. Provide a non-motorized walking trail between Munger and Bay City.
3. Update playground equipment in the park.
4. Update youth softball equipment.



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