



Monitor Township

Community Description

Monitor Township is located west of the City of Bay City and **Bangor** Township. It is largely rural and agricultural in nature, with more dense residential and commercial land uses located on the east side of the Township. According to the 2000 Census, Monitor Township has 10,037 people.

Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation **functions** in Monitor Charter Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board and a two person Parks Committee which is comprised of Township Board members. Two part-time employees maintain the two parks in the Township. Approximately 40 volunteer coaches assist the township each year.

Budgets

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Monitor Township is the Township general fund. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown in the chart below.

MONITOR TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS		
	2008	2007
Operation & Maintenance	\$15,000	\$11,700
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	N.A.	N.A.
Capital Expenditures	\$40,000	\$20,335

Recreation Inventory

The planning consultants supplied inventory forms for the each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Monitor Township has two parks that comprise 22.5 acres. They are inventoried in the chart below.

MONITOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY		
	Monitor Park	Steih Park
Park Type*	Community Park	Special Use
Acreage	21.25	1.24
Accessibility*	2	2
Ball Diamonds	2	
Non-Regulation Ball Diamonds	2	
Canoe Launch		Yes
Grills	3	
Horseshoe Pits	4	
Pavilion	1	
Picnic Area	Yes	Yes
Playfield	Yes	
Playground Equipment	Yes	
Restrooms	Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes

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

Goals and Objectives

Monitor Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreational facilities and in the township.

GOAL 1

Continue to improve and upgrade Monitor Township's recreational facilities so as to have parks the township can be proud of.

GOAL 2

Improve the health and fitness of Township residents.

Objective: Develop an exercise facility at the Monitor Park.

GOAL 3

Develop Steih Park to increase its use.

Objective: Enhance the recreational opportunities of the Kawkawlin River bordering the park.

GOAL 4

Make existing parks more user friendly.

Action Plan

1. Update restrooms at Monitor Park to make barrier **free**.
2. Add additional electrical service to the pavilion and play area in Monitor Park.
3. Develop a **walking** path and exercise stations at Monitor Park.
4. Add picnic tables and grills to Steih Park.
5. Pave the roadway at Monitor Park.
6. Add lighting around ball diamonds, playground area, and parking areas at Monitor Park.

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Park & Trail Locations



Legend

- Parks
- Golf Courses
- Schools
- Boat Ramps
- Existing Trails
- Railroad
- Local Roads
- State Trunklines
- Major Roads
- Streams & Drains
- Township City Boundaries
- Saginaw Bay



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