

PART 4 - INVENTORY OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Numerous facilities are located within the Township which provide a wide range of recreational opportunities for Township residents. The general types of facilities include Township Parks, County Golf Course, School Facilities, private facilities at mobile home parks and apartment complexes and commercial facilities such as bowling alleys or movie theaters. A detailed inventory follows:

TOWNSHIP PARKS

I. PONDSIDE PARK

Includes 30 acres and is located at the northwest corner of Ridge and Jones roads. This facility was constructed as a joint storm water retention basin - Township park. About 5 acres is a permanent basin and another 5 to 10 acres are flooded during the spring thaw and are not available for use during that period. Existing facilities include the following:

Active

- Par Course Fitness Center
- 1 Regulation Baseball Diamond
- 2 Grass Baseball Diamonds
- 1 Sledding Hill (15 - 20' vertical height)
- 4 Tennis Courts (lighted)
- Playground Equipment

Passive

- Picnic Area
- Large Pavilion
- Outdoor Grills
- Pond
- Grass Fields

Support

Restrooms
2 Off-street parking lots

2. RIDGE AND PINE ROAD PARK

This is a small six-acre park that serves the southwest portion of the Township. Activities at this park are the following:

Active

1 Baseball Diamond
1 Small Sledding Hill (10" vertical height)
Playground Equipment
Ice Skating Rink

Passive

Picnic Area
Outdoor Grills
2 Small Pavilions
Grass Field

Support

Parking Facilities
Restroom Facilities

3. FINN ROAD PARK

This is a 12 acre site located on Saginaw Bay.

Active

Small Boat Launch
2500' long handicap walkway extending about 1600' into the bay for fishing and sightseeing.
Campground with 28 sites completed and 15 sites that are not completed.
Playground Equipment

Passive

Picnic Area with 28' diameter pavilion.
Outdoor Grills

Support

Sanitary Sewer Service
Public Water Service
RV Sanitary Pump Out Facilities
Paved off-street parking facilities for cars and boat trailers.
Restrooms with showers
Fencing around entire site.
Full time manager during summer months.

OTHER TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

4. SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Hampton Township maintains a Senior Citizen Community Center. This facility is adjacent to the Township Hall and contains kitchen and dining facilities along with meeting rooms for organized activities.

5. TOWNSHIP OFFICES & HALL

The Township maintains a banquet hall, with full kitchen facilities, which is available for use by Township residents and others for a rental fee.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

There are four public schools located in Hampton Township and a fifth school is located nearby in the City of Essexville. While a cooperative relationship exists between Township and school officials the use of school facilities are generally available only on a specific "permission" basis. The schools are also within two distinct school districts and are available for members of each respective district. The facilities are as follows:

BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

6. HAMPTON SCHOOL, 1980 W. Youngs Ditch Road (10 acres)

Active

- 1 Par Course Fitness Center
- 1 Gymnasium
- Outside Basketball Courts
- Playground Equipment
- 2 Baseball Diamonds

Passive

- Grass Field
- Class Rooms

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GARBER HIGH SCHOOL, 213 Pine Street (40 acres)(Essexville)
CRAMER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 313 Pine Street (Essexville)

Active

- 1 Par Course Fitness Center
- 6 Tennis Courts
- 2 Gymnasiums
- 1 Olympic Swimming Pool
- Outside Basketball Courts
- Soccer Field
- 1 Baseball Diamond
- 1 Regulation Hardball Diamond
- 1 Regulation Softball Diamond
- 1 Lighted Football Field
- 1 All Weather Track

Passive

Classrooms

7. BUSH SCHOOL, 800 Nebobish Avenue (7 acres)

Active

1 Par Course Fitness Center
1 Gymnasium
Outdoor Basketball Courts
Playground Equipment
2 Baseball Diamonds (Grass Fields)

Passive

Classrooms

8. VERELLEN SCHOOL, 612 Borton Avenue (20 acres)

Active

1 Par Course Fitness Center
1 Gymnasium
Outside Basketball Courts
Playground Equipment
2 Baseball Diamonds (Grass Fields)

Passive

Classrooms
Grass Field

HUGHES SCHOOL, 805, Langstaff,(Essexville) (7 acres)

Active

1 Par course Fitness Center
1 Gymnasium

Outside Basketball Courts
Playground Equipment
2 Baseball Diamonds (Grass Fields)

Passive

Classrooms

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

In addition to the public schools there are three smaller private schools that contribute to satisfying the recreational needs of Hampton Township residents. They are as follows:

9. BETHEL LUTHERAN (5 acres)

Active

Playground Equipment
Gymnasium
Basketball Courts

Passive

Classrooms

10. TOTSVILLE CHILDRENS CENTER

Active

Playground Equipment

11. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Active

Outside Basketball Courts
Soccer Field

Passive

Classroom

COUNTY FACILITIES

12. BAY COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Bay County owns, operates and maintains an 18 hole golf course which is available for public use. It is located within the Township, near the intersection of Harnpton & Knight roads.

PRIVATE FACILITIES

In addition to the public and semi-public facilities there are a number of private recreation facilities located within the Township. They are as follows:

13. EASTLAND RECREATION

Active

48 Lane Bowling Alley
Billiards

14. EASTLAND CINEMA SIX

Passive

6 Movie Theaters

75. SAGINAW BAY ESTATES (Mobile Home Park - 318 spaces)

Active

Tennis Courts
Basketball Courts
Playground

Swimming Pool

Passive

Community Center

16. OLD ORCHARD BY THE BAY (Apartment Complex - 288 units)

Active

Swimming Pool

Tennis Courts

Playground Equipment

Passive

Community Building

17. HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS (211 units)

Active

Swimming Pool

Passive

Community Building

18. VILLAGE SQUARE APARTMENTS (92 units)

Active

Swimming Pool

Passive

Community Building

19. EAST BAY VILLAGE APARTMENTS (208 units)

Active

Swimming Pool

Passive

Community Building

20. ALERT LANES

Active

48 Lane Bowling Alley

Passive

Restaurant & Lounge

21. KNIGHT HARBOR

Knight Harbor is a commercial boat launch and 50 slip marina located on the Saginaw Bay at the end of Knight Road. This facility, which includes about 52 acres, was not open in 1990 due to low water conditions in the Bay.

22. SAGINAW BAY YACHT CLUB

Saginaw Bay Yacht Club is a private marina with 127 boat slips. The facility is located on the Saginaw River with vehicular access from Weadock Road.

23. GIDLEY BOAT WORKS

Gidley Boat Works is a private marina with frontage on the Saginaw River.

OTHER MARINAS

In addition to the two marinas within the Township, there are 10 other marinas within the metropolitan. Collectively these marinas have approximately 1800 slips.

24. CONSUMERS POWER CO. - HIKING TRAIL

Consumers Power Company has recently developed a hiking trail that is open to the public. It is accessed at their main gate on Weadock Road. The trail meanders through marsh and along the Saginaw River.

25. ESSEXVILLE - HAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE

The Essexville-Hampton Little League has recently developed 4 little league ballfields at the north end of the Verellan School property. The fields are lighted and a concession stand has also been constructed.

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HAMPTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION FACILITIES

Type of Facility	Acres	Ballfield	Tennis Courts	Outside Basketball	Par Course Fitness Center	Playground	Stedding Hill	Grass Field	Gymnasium	Picnic	Swimming Pool	Campground	Boat Launch
Public													
Pondside Park	30	3	4		1	1	1	1		1			
Ridge Road Park	6	1			1	1	1	1		1			
Finn Road Park	12					1		1		1		1	1
SUB-TOTAL	48	4	4	-	2	3	2	3	-	3	-	1	1
Schools													
Hampton	10	2		1	1	1		1	1				
Garber	40	3	6	1	1			1	2		1		
Bush	7	2			1	1		1	1				
Verellan	20	2		1	1	1		1	1				
Hughes	7	2		1	1	1		1	1				
SUB-TOTAL	84	11	6	4	5	4	-	5	6	-	1	-	-
Other													
Bethel Lutheran	5			1		1			1				
Totsville Center	1				1								
First Baptist Church	2			1				1					
Essexville-Hampton Little League	•												
SUB-TOTAL	8			2	1	1	-	1	1	-			
TOTAL	140	15	10	6	7	9	2	9	7	3	1	1	1

* Included at Verellan School