



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.

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

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

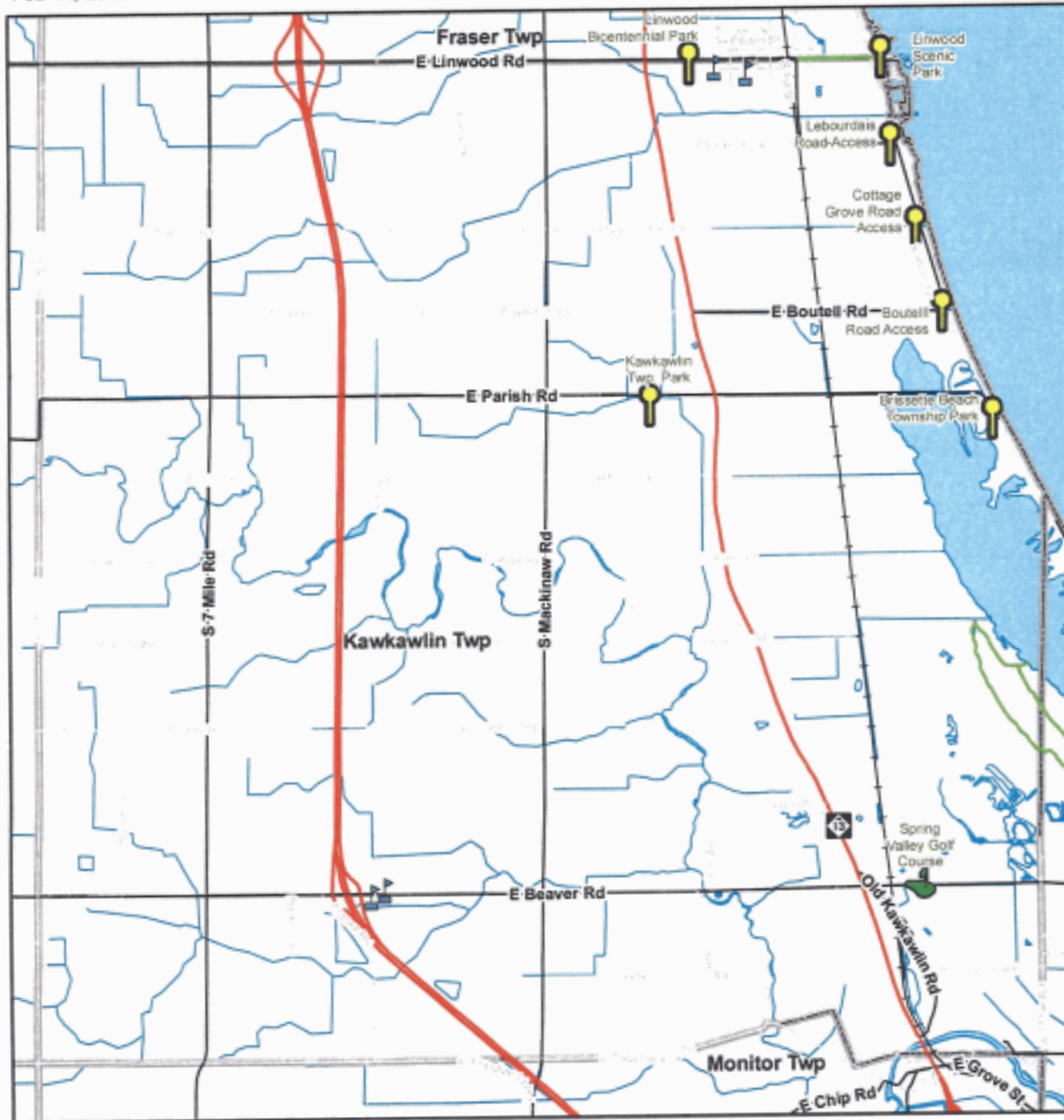
Strengthen recreationally related social opportunities within the community.

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

Legend

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



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