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Approval of Master Plan Gives Parks and Recreation a Clear Path Forward

Macomb Township, Mich., — The Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Department has a vision for the next five years now that the new Recreation Master Plan has been approved.

After months of planning and public input, the Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the January 25 meeting. Having beautiful, available, and accessible public spaces are the cornerstone of a thriving community. The 2023-2027 Master Plan's goal is to create programs and parks that improve the quality of lives of our residents and meet their needs.

"Having a plan in place is important to ensure we are moving forward with direction," said Parks and Recreation Director Sal DiCaro. "We are confident this plan will do great things for Macomb Township residents. This will also qualify us for state and local grant opportunities."

Development of the plan included collaboration amongst the Township and County staff in addition to a public input survey that generated over 500 unique responses. The survey was available at multiple locations within the Township and a link to the online survey was posted across multiple social media platforms. Once input was gathered and research was conducted a draft version of the plan was made available to the public for over two months. State law requires it being available for 30 days but the Township wanted to make sure that everyone had ample time to review it and provide meaningful feedback so more than twice the amount of required time was offered to the residents. Lastly, a public hearing was held at a Board Meeting to give everyone a final chance to provide feedback. While there were many ideas and suggestions brought forward in the survey, the top of the list includes walking trails, picnic areas, play structures, and a canoe/kayak launch. All of these suggestions and many more were reviewed and planned for accordingly in the Master Plan.

"This Board has consistently proven its commitment to our parks and our residents' wellbeing," said Macomb Township Supervisor Frank Viviano. "The approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan gives us a vision for improving our parks while ensuring our people continue to get the best value."

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