

2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VEVAY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

The following is a synopsis of the actions of the Recreation Commission throughout 2022.

The Recreation Commission was re-established as part of the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan. The members appointed were Roger Cargill, Coe Emens, Mary Ruttan, Patricia McNeilly, and John Fischer. The Commission is responsible for the implementation of the 5-Year Community Park & Recreation Plan, focusing on funding strategies and community outreach.

The Recreation Commission held eleven (11) regular monthly meetings and three (3) special meetings which included two (2) public input meetings. At the organizational meeting Roger Cargill was elected Chairperson, Coe Emens was elected Vice-Chairperson, and Mary Ruttan was elected Secretary.

The primary funding opportunities were through grant applications. The Recreation Commission recommended, and Vevay Township applied for and received a Planning Grant through the Ingham County 7th Round Trails & Park Millage Grant. Currently, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Spark Grant is pending. Also, the Township applied for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport Grant and a Slotkin FY23 Community Project Funding Grant which were not awarded. In addition, the Vevay Township Downtown Development Authority committed \$150,000 in match funding.

The development and design of communication and outreach materials was a priority. The Commission developed the catchphrase “Live and Play in Vevay” as a brand identifying our park. A digital power point was created for community presentations and a tri-fold brochure was developed to inform our residents of the project. Both communication strategies will be used for future community fundraising.

Through the generous donations from the Vevay Township Downtown Development Authority, two Vevay residents, and a local business the Vevay Township Community Park has two new trash receptacles, two park benches and a Vevay Township Community Park sign.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank the Vevay Township Board for the opportunity to serve and pledge our continued support to the 5-Year Community Park & Recreation Plan.

Respectfully,

Mary Ruttan, Secretary