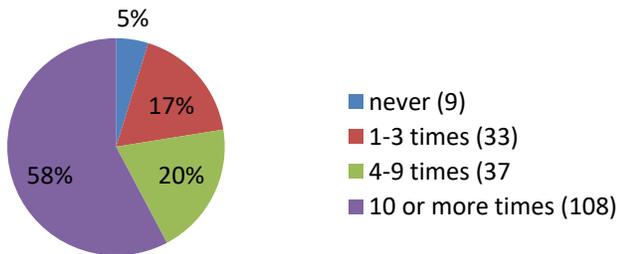


City of Tawas City

2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan and Master Plan Community Questionnaire

The Tawas City Planning Commission mailed a Community Questionnaire to 1,132 taxpayers in Tawas City with the 2017 Assessment Change Notices on February 10, 2017. The questionnaires were due on March 20, 2017 and the City received a 17.0% return rate with 193 responses. A summary of the responses with comments follows.

1. How many times did you use a park in the City of Tawas City in the past year?



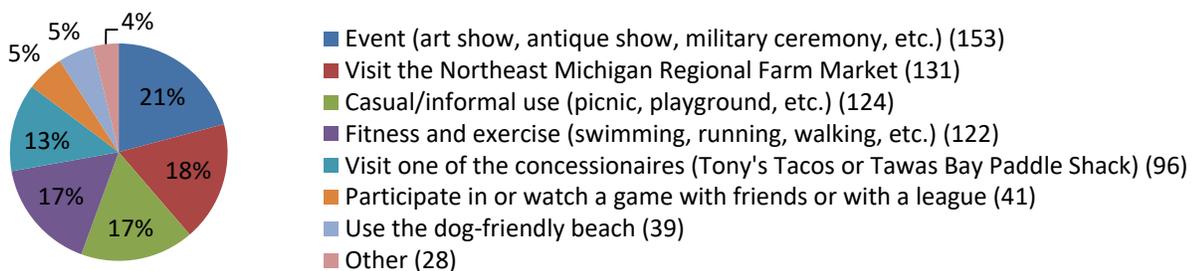
Comments:

- Can't walk my dogs in the park (Gateway Park)
- Every day, weather permitting

2. Which of the following parks did you visit in the past year? (Please check all that apply.)



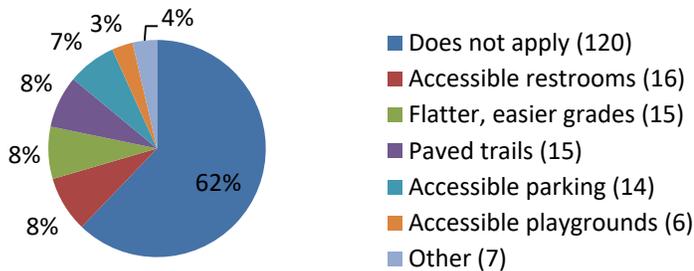
3. Why do you visit parks in the City of Tawas City? Please check all that apply.



Other:

- (9) Fishing
- car show
- friends visiting
- I walked thru Veteran's Memorial Park to pay respect to the veterans.
- boat launch
- fire works
- Doesn't live in the area
- Would like "Farm Market" if I could walk to it. Where is the Dog park? I use E.T. I would like to walk on the pier. Needs to be like Oscoda's pier.
- For pleasure/beauty/relax
- Family Reunion
- Put canoe/kayak in the water
- Chill at the beach!
- Group use of pavilion for picnic
- enjoyment of beach
- kayaking, paddle boards
- canoe - fish
- Viewing open water on bay (day and night), also star gazing, birds and eagles
- just to hang out and relax
- sit on the beach and read

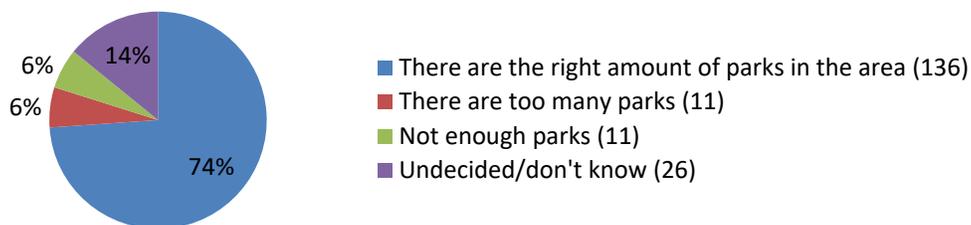
4. If you or someone in your family has a disability, please indicate which of the following would make Tawas City's parks more user-friendly:



Other:

- Dog park or dog beach closer to Walmart area (emotionally helps people)
- Closer parking to beach access
- Fix Pier for easier walking
- I do not walk well, but find parking generally quite adequate.
- Family that visit need accessibility
- US 23 traffic stopping pedestrian crossing in front of Sheriff's Dept.
- More seating for older people and mothers with babies

5. Thinking about the number of parks in the Tawas area as a whole, are we meeting the needs of the residents and visitors to our area?

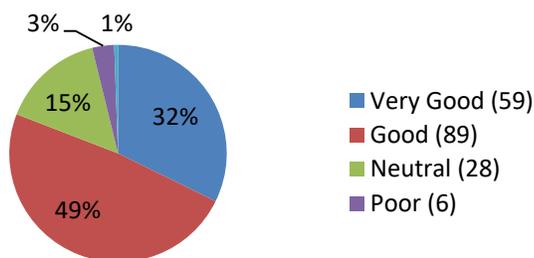


Comments:

- Some of these I didn't know existed. Are there signs or anything but grass? Work on those!
- Need a park near Walmart/hospital area. But need parks we can walk to or free shuttle too.
- right amount but if adjacent buildings are no longer used, the city could extended the Shoreline Park could be extended
- Water view very important (no tall bldg.'s, etc.)

6. Please evaluate the following general aspects of parks and recreation in the City of Tawas City by checking the box you feel is the proper rating for each of the following.

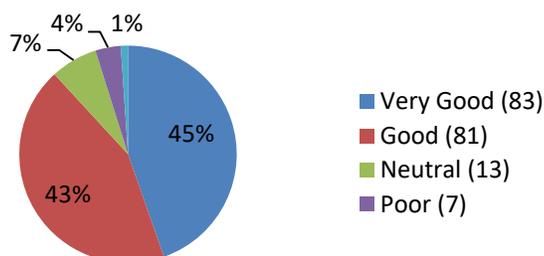
Variety of Facilities/Amenities



Comments:

- need more eating areas
- Too Good
- Like more than taco stand to eat at
- Restrooms, Canadian Geese Treatment
- Always need bathrooms
- Good at Shoreline, poor at Gateway

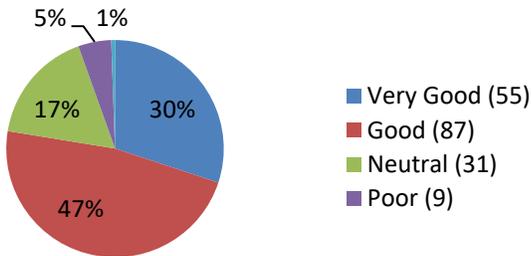
Maintenance and Appearance



Comments:

- Pier awful
- (2) Goose Droppings
- Most emphasis put on parks on US-23

Safety and Security



Comments:

- At night more lighting
- Goose Droppings
- Don't know
- Borders on Harassment
- The beach at Shoreline Park was quite dirty (though to be fair, wind coming off water). Dead seagull on beach.
- Shoreline Park - Pier/extension out in water at Tony's Taco; otherwise good. Improvements to tennis/basketball courts near library as well as softball field.

7. **The Tawas City Planning Commission has identified the following to be considered as future projects in the City's Parks and Recreation Plan. Please number your top five (5) projects in order of importance with #1 being the most important and #5 being the least important.**

NOTE: The Planning Commission members and City Council members were also asked to rank all the projects in order of priority with #1 being the most important and #18 being the least important.

Project	Community	Planning Commission	City Council
Rehabilitate the pier at Shoreline Park	1	1	3
Construct restrooms at Gateway Park	2	3	1
Construct a sidewalk toward the High School and Clara Bolen Elementary School in coordination with Tawas Area Schools, surrounding townships, and MDOT	3	2	1
Install a spray ground/splash pad at Gateway Park or Shoreline Park	4	10	12
Resurface the pathway and update the lights to LED lights; possibly work in coordination with East Tawas and with MDOT reconstruction of US-23	5	5	5
Construct additional pavilion space for the Farm Market at Gateway Park	6	15	8
Expand the play scape at Shoreline Park	7	6	6
Property acquisitions to expand Shoreline Park/Town Square	8	7	9
Expand parking lot and resurface existing parking lot at Gateway Park	9	8	7
Expand the Sports Complex on Tenth Avenue with property acquisition and pave the parking lot	10	14	13
Develop a campground along the river on the property currently owned by Lake State Railway Co.	11	16	15
Redesign Town Square with an amphitheater	12	9	17
Install additional lighting and security at Shoreline Park	13	4	4
Construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park	14	12	15
Develop a skate park at the Tawas City Sports Complex	15	18	18
Redevelop the tennis courts at Independent Park; possibly include pickleball court	16	13	13
Install irrigation at Gateway Park	17	11	10
Install irrigation at Town Square	18	17	11

Comments:

- Extra climber on playground
- Fixing the pier is important - someone is going to get hurt.

- There is already a beach and play equipment at Gateway and Shoreline. Campgrounds are noisy for residents - we have enough campgrounds. I'm sure a lot of money was spent on the boat launch at Gateway. Gateway is a park for boaters and fishermen not just for the market. People can hardly launch boats on Saturday morning now and little space to park trailers.
- Expand play scape at Gateway. No more pavilion space for the Farm Market and no campground.
- Irrigation at Gateway is a waste of money. Pier needs new sidewalks. Absolutely no on the campground, day use park. It would be a waste to construct fishing facilities at Sawyer Thornton Park because there is no fish there. A campground at the Lake State Railway would drop our property values so absolutely no.
- Resurface - Yes. LED Lights - No. Difficult to see.
- Shops and boardwalk along the length of the river on the Lake State Railway Property

8. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to our existing parks or included in a new park(s) other than those listed above?

- Expand Bike Paths - Incorporate Bridge across Tawas River at Beech Street. Bike and foot only. #1
- Expand/improve fishing pier at Shoreline Park.
- Fix rail trail sidewalk close to US 23 city
- Use this land as a natural wildlife habitat area. This area is on a flyway for the birds that come and go. Trails and birding areas would be great. Perhaps some grants to pursue this?
- Improvements to natural habitat to benefit birds, waterfowl, butterflies and wildlife by planting native trees, bushes, flowers and grasses.
- Enforce the no dogs allowed at the part at Shoreline and Gateway
- Wheel chair ramp to beach at Gateway Park. I have no other that if feel knowledgeable to choose.
- Consider buoys at mouth of river and be sure to maintain adequate depth in low water years
- Update play area in Gateway Park, maybe in conjunction with spray pad. Clear bike path through Shoreline Park
- Restrooms and drinking fountains at Gateway Park!
- Repurpose the pier to be basketball courts (enclosed)
- Improve swim area at Gateway Park
- Bike path along US-23 - Bikes ride on the sidewalk now
- Tawas City needs a campground to bring in revenue.
- Playground equipment that attracts families to the park.
- Should be restrooms at all parks. All of these projects have importance and should be worked on over time and repair of parking lots as needed. All would add to increasing tourism and local use. All parks should have playground equipment- swings, slides, etc.
- An ice cream stand
- The pier at Shoreline should be extended out into Tawas Bay sufficiently to provide good fishing for trout, walleye, perch as well as whitefish. In addition, the pier could be used for picnicking, sightseeing, and any number of other lakeside activities.
- We need a dog park.
- Put tennis courts elsewhere that I can walk to near water. A farm market/craft flea market that people can WALK to. Dog park like Cadillac, fenced in, tennis courts near Shoreline Park. Buy land near Walmart/Oak St (old roundhouse) for tennis courts, fruit/veggie flea market etc. people can walk to. Have more seating on water between Chamber of Commerce and Walmart.
- Less money needs to be invested in parks. More funds should be invested in roads/water infrastructure. Most of the above projects would not benefit most residents.
- When traveling I always enjoy where they have "turn outs." Here one can peacefully enjoy the view whether standing by a wooden rail or sitting on a bench. Here one can fully absorb the view of

mountain ranges, sand dunes, the spectacular fall colors, or the vastness of the Great Lakes. Mostly it is restful and makes one want to return. Here you have the attraction of the freighters going by. Something not seen that often, especially when they go by lit up at night. I have no idea where you would locate this.

- Trampoline Park
- None
- Gateway Park - I think it is great to have a place to let your dog play - but it is so close to the road, a fence would be nice.
- Existing Parks - emphasis in taking care of what is in place and being used. Regular maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities will help with the public also taking care of them.
- Playscape on other side of Tony's Tacos! So there is two in that large park.
- Shower and changing rooms
- Dog clean up stations at all
- #2 Dr. Sharma's office and Tawas Bar
- What about security cameras at Shoreline Park and others according to damage reports.
- I think a nice pier at Shoreline Park would be nice. We like the one in Oscoda and so after and bring our guests as well. Also if the beach could be rehabilitated at Gateway Park so people would use it more.
- Where is all this money coming from - the tax payers??
- Install new playscapes at Gateway similar to the one at Shoreline
- Fix up Independent Park
- Pave the parking area at Sports Complex
- If you want a campground use the compost area, lots of nice property there. The property along the river is too close to homes.
- Add more playscape along with restrooms at Gateway Park.
- Open the 120 acres to the people of Tawas
- Goose control or cleanup of their feces. Sometimes it is out of control.
- Some form of restrooms at every park
- A fish cleaning station at Gateway Park. It can be attached to the public restroom... a DNR grant project that exists in many other Michigan/Great Lakes communities.
- Does not show on map but if considered it should be restricted to max 1 month stay to encourage turnover and avoid "trailer park."
- A wash the sand off shower/foot wash just off the beach area. In winter add an outdoor lighted skating area.
- Benches, more picnic tables on the fourth of July! Return fireworks to Shoreline Park. It was the place to go!
- Really need boating access to the pier. Now the only option for boaters is Bikini's. Day slips would be wonderful.
- Break wall - but out in bay to prevent the river mouth from needing to be dredged.
- Bathrooms at Gateway
- Day slips for boaters at Shoreline Park crosswalk w/ stairs a Whittemore St.
- The need is great for toilets at Gateway Park
- Olympic size indoor pool. I would be willing to pay for membership
- more swings and slides, more unique play structures like before
- I would like to see my tax dollars go towards fixing my street which is still gravel and my car bottoms out where the gravel meets the pavement. Spend tax payer money on tax payers instead of tourist or people passing thru!
- Bigger play area/space at Tawas City Park. Too small and a lot of children enjoy it. It gets crowded.
- more "food" vendors
- day slips or other means of mooring a boat at Shoreline Park

- roller hockey at Independent Park
- I would like to see some form of recycle bins. I went to Cozumel Mexico and they had them on street corners to help make a world a better place. Every little effort helps.
- If amphitheater is installed, restroom facilities should also be a priority.

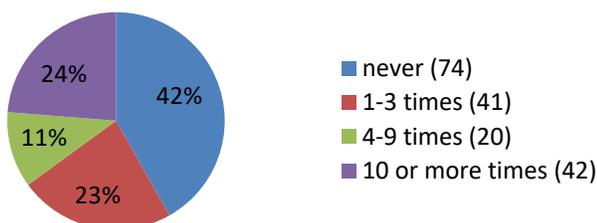
9. Tawas City owns approximately 120 acres of undeveloped property that is identified on the map on the first page of this questionnaire. Over the years, a number of investors have contacted the City about developing the property with projects ranging from a residential subdivision, an industrial use, and a rustic campground. Please share your thoughts, ideas, or visions regarding the future of this property and any potential developments.

- (5) residential subdivision
- Mixed residential housing. Some low-income, some multi-family, some upscale.
- Townhouses
- Residential makes most sense to me. Too close to residential for industrial. Too far from water to be rustic campground.
- Subdivisions
- Residential subdivision 1 to 3 acre lots
- A residential subdivision would be a good way to put money back into the cities account.
- Decent, affordable housing a good thought
- How about a senior apartment based on income like Bay Park Towers? Tawas could use one.
- Tawas City and East Tawas needs a nice complex for rental units. It is hard to find places to rent in our area - (long term).
- When that property was first acquired it was contemplated that it would be platted in 10 acre parcels for homes where families could have their own houses. (Would probably work for chickens too!) Those would probably be high-end homes and would add a great deal to our tax, plus bring in a higher income class of citizens, a developer interested in building anything there should not be given a deal - a minimal price - so he can make big bucks off of our property. Do not give it away! Sell lots (e.g. Lakewood Shore Homes) to individuals.
- Condos or campground but nice cable hook up and 30 amp at least
- Residential housing w/ strict stick built/min square footage zoning and prefer a "non" rustic campground
- (10) rustic campground
- Campground
- RV park
- An additional campground would be exceptional especially since it is on the River.
- Rustic camp grounds would bring more tourists & business to the area. There is enough industry area at this time
- RV park or campground would have revenue potential for the city
- A campground, not rustic. This would bring revenue to Tawas City, giving East Tawas Park competition for their over inflated lot rent. Also add new jobs to Tawas City to maintain the park.
- rustic campground, nature habitat and trails
- campground and picnic area
- I would like to see a campground. I always have people ask where they can camp. I tell them go out 5 miles. We need this in town. So close to Gateway Park and the river. It would bring people to Tawas City.
- To make it into a campground would bring people into the area and it would help businesses. There seems to be many families purchasing RV's and need an area to enjoy their time with their families.
- I would love to see it become a rustic campground. My husband agrees with this. (Would it be privately owned? Or city owned? I think privately owned might be better.)

- It's a very pretty piece of property near our house. We'd like to see it become a rustic campground.
- (2) rustic campground or parks - this will help to bring tourists and bring profits to town for the local businesses
- A rustic campground would be wonderful. The campgrounds are always full in the area. Additional money for the City would be great.
- A campground would ease the overcrowding at the State of Michigan campground on Tawas Pt. Good idea.
- Campground and/or dog park
- (2) I would like to see a nature center and hiking trails here
- Day park walking and biking. Dog park, dog running area. Sled area. Overnight camping for residents.
- Rustic campground or something quiet should be built. Pet stores like Petsmart would be very nice to have up in this area. Fenced in dog park.
- I like the idea of modest amount of campsites plus a nature center or pathway. We already have an abundance of commercial and industrial buildings (many sitting empty.)
- Could be a source of income for city if it was a campground.
- Develop a campground in this area
- A campground sounds good. East Tawas makes a good chunk of money off of their campground.
- Use for parks and rec, do not develop for residential (too many homes for sale) or industrial use.
- Nature Trails, Disc-golfing course, Go "Green": solar panels, greenhouses
- How about a nature park
- Keep as a natural area - nature trails
- Nature trails and Frisbee golf
- Nature park/City forest with foot path trails (check out Midland City Forest) Midland, Michigan
- recreational use would be best
- A rustic park for hiking and possible exercise stations.
- It should be cleaned up as it is a disgusting mess back there. I think a rustic campground and arboretum would be nice.
- moto cross, outdoor activity area, disc golf, go cart track water park, more things for children to do
- In view of the fact that we are a tourist area I would think that a campgrounds on part of the space would be a viable choice. Close to bike path, river, bay, etc. Have a vendor set up rentals for these areas. Our E/T Park and the point are very busy. This would offer a more relaxed quiet option.
- Please DO NOT allow industrial or subdivision to go there. Perhaps a nice wildlife rec area with hiking trails and the like.
- Enough campgrounds in the area. This property could best be used as a combination of residential/industrial development.
- (2) I would prefer no industrial
- Industrial use
- Not sure you need more residential. Industrial would be good if it brings business (jobs) to the area.
- Good area for an industrial park area
- Not a campground - we need industry
- industrial use would bring much needed jobs to our area
- We feel industry is much needed and camping expansion would be huge effect to Tawas City.
- I'd be ok with a campground or residential but not ok with an industrial use.
- Industrial use would be best - maybe for jobs!
- Please don't sell. Ya never get it back
- The property setting there dormant is not an asset.
- Hold for the future. Focus on other areas of Tawas City now.
- Maybe move Brooks junk yard to that area.
- shopping mall, restaurants

- How about a zoo? With small animals (petting zoo), including indoor insect (butterflies, spiders, snakes, etc.) building and maybe dinosaur area used as learning tool about the past and present.
- I'm not sure the proximity of this parcel to the downtown area lends much to aid tourism. Certainly could add to the tax base if the city does not become overzealous in offering incentives.
- Any of the above - It's doing nothing fast sitting there (Tax \$ Wise)
- Community center with an indoor track for winter exercise. Ann Arbor's County Farm Park would be a good example of trails to hike/exercise stations/dogs on leash/bathroom facility.
- Sell it to the highest bidder and let them do what they want with it.
- Whatever will bring the most income to the area
- I think our local Planning Commission needs to brainstorm this together with the Iosco Co. Planning Comm. Perhaps DEQ input would be helpful. I believe a campground there is not advisable.
- Ask for volunteers
- Perhaps the City should consider selling those 120 Acres and using the dollars gained to help invest in one of the projects under # 7.
- We should keep this property and develop it. The city needs housing, both senior & low income. And possibly some business and industry.
- Leave as is. Why do we have to "develop" every piece of land there is? If anything make it available to anyone who enjoys undeveloped or natural areas.
- No residential, no commercial. Campground or other rustic use ok.
- Quaint, village-like retail shops. It would be great to have access to a river, or water - feature with a boardwalk. Residents and tourists alike would love a gathering place.
- Leave it alone! Leave it "as is."
- Discuss to do a land swap with the owners of the salvage yard so they will be away from the residential area of the city. Then expand Union Park.
- Let the people of Tawas City use it.
- I don't know exactly what type of property this is but I have talked with many people who would like to have a Meijer shopping center. I agree!
- For community use such as parcels for residents to have gardens
- I would like to see the area (town) have an area that is an activity center for adults and youths - an arcade, dance floor, snack bar, a family center with activities like Chucky Cheese has.
- Partial use for tourists/vacationers, partial for local residential. (flea market, fitness area, occasional activities) (i.e. paintball, fall- maze, pumpkin patch)
- Sell some. Develop area - campground or subdivision.
- pool?
- sell it - so the city receives tax dollars
- How about an enclosed firing range, as there is no place to practice using hand guns or rifles when the Iosco County Sportsman Club closes down in the winter.

10. How many times did you use the Tawas City Library in the past year?



Comments:

- as I cannot walk there
- Every week
- but haven't lived there long enough yet
- this year I was recuperating from my second hip surgery
- probably about 30 times a year

11. Why do you visit the Tawas City Library? Please check all that apply.



Other:

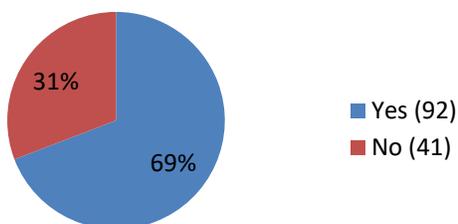
- (14) use computers
- (2) Wi-Fi
- Use computer and pick up talking books
- I haven't visited, but plan to with my kids for books and children's programs.
- to drop off donated books
- I sometimes meet people for a meeting
- I belong to the friends group and work at the store and attend meetings and events.
- Use copy machine and computer
- Has a good selection of books. Cover a wide variety of topics they are helpful in ordering what they don't have on hand.
- We have the BEST librarian
- Just looked at books available
- See what's new
- Volunteer. Terri Stein, the Librarian and Volunteer at library.
- Buy used books
- Will start now
- Book Sales
- Audio books and DVD's
- Initial investigation
- Use computers - very beneficial park outside - see children enjoying "Disney" statues.

12. Please list any services or programs you would like to see added to the Tawas City Library.

- Adult seminars: laws, taxes, government, fed, state, and local, misc subjects.
- Xeroxing copies, more than 3
- library online allowing users to rent books online for reading through ereader products
- Newer - Better - Open More
- More computers. Speakers such as authors of adult books example, lighthouses of Michigan (they spoke in E.T.)
- These programs are very beneficial to residents. Very well run.

- they are amazing
- They have what I need. I really like the new East Tawas Library. A wonderful addition to the area. I wish it was located on US 23.
- Longer Hours on Sat. Later Hours a day or two/week. Librarian needs to park further from the building.
- Improve Restrooms
- Murder mystery theater or dinner
- More space - expand the building
- I think the Tawas should have a joint library
- Open library on Fridays. Have Wi-Fi available 24/7
- A well operated library
- A meeting room large enough for groups of 20-30 with kitchen access. Actually, I believe we should be one city and our library money could have helped build an outstanding library instead of the box they built in East Tawas.
- Political - social issues lecture series. Wide-ranging all year.
- Expand it to have recreational activities for boys and girls, like "big brothers/big sisters"
- To be able to check out movie DVD's
- Expand Hours
- Hobby classes
- make it bigger, offer videos
- More hours of availability
- Perhaps have a writer of a well liked book to have open discussion. As a side note, Library is run very well and nice, orderly, clean.
- audio books - down loadable
- Our library is great and Terri who runs it is very knowledgeable and professional. It is always clean, neat and orderly and we love it the way it is.
- It would be nice to have volunteers to show older people how to use the computer. Advertise monthly classes.

13. The Tawas City Library's hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and Saturdays from 10:00 am to Noon. Do you feel these hours are sufficient to meet the needs of our community?



Suggested Changes from those who answered "No":

- (2) do not close for lunch
- Except the noon hour. I don't know what to say except that's when I seem to get there.
- do not close for lunch; open Friday
- I would like it open on Fridays but not sure if I would frequent there on Friday.
- Open Friday; possibly close 1 morning. We'd pay.
- I have stopped at the library many times on Fridays forgetting they are closed but if that is what it takes to keep financially sound I can live with it. Otherwise be open on Friday.

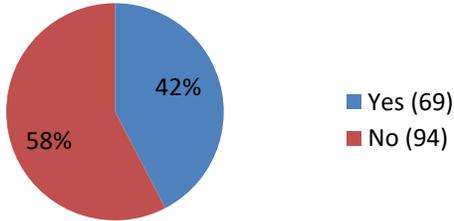
- (2) open longer on Saturday
- longer Saturday hours
- longer Saturday hours - especially fall/winter months - coincide with school year
- Saturday could be until 2 or 3
- Add extra hours on Saturday
- 9-1 on Saturdays would be helpful
- 4 hours on Saturday would be nice
- Saturday until 1:00 / 2:00?
- Saturdays should be open longer for kids 10-4 pm.
- Sat should be longer for parents that have to work and can't take their kids till later.
- For someone that works 9-5 and Saturdays you aren't open when average person can go.
- later at night
- Extend into evening till 7 pm
- one evening until 6pm
- Evening hours - until 6-7 at least- I work until 5 M-F
- Longer Hours
- 9-1, 2-6, Sat 9-1
- Most work 9-5, after 5 would be helpful
- Maybe evening hrs for people who work
- Add one or two evenings and keep current hours
- Evening hours are needed during the week!!
- Would like more hours - evenings?
- Maybe 1 day mid week evening till 8:00 or 9:00
- At least one evening open until 9 pm for residents who work days
- Hire more people. People need more jobs. Mon - Fri 9am to 7 or 8 pm. Sat 10am to 3 or 4 pm
- Ok, when you get used to those hours. I always go on Fridays! It would be more convenient if it was open at least 10-5 M-F and 10-12 Sat.
- Yes - for retirees, no for working people - open one evening.
- longer Friday and Saturday
- one later night, more Sat.
- Open til 6pm. Sat 10 to 2pm
- I believe the library should be open at least 6 days a week (Monday - Saturday)
- Weekday evenings and Saturdays - when people aren't working.
- They are sufficient for retirees but people who work would probably like to see evening hours at least once per week or all day Saturday hours.
- 6 pm closing weekday; 2 pm Saturday
- Weekdays. I don't get out of work till 3 weekdays, children are in school then.
- More weekend hours/ one weekday with extended hours
- Most people work
- Night classes if possible
- not very often you see anyone there
- Open hours are not working. Full time students and day workers need to visit later at night and Saturdays.

14. In 2015, the City Council approved a sidewalk replacement/repair and drainage ditch alteration program where the City will cover 50% of the cost to replace or repair a damaged sidewalk, or 50% of the cost to fill in a drainage ditch. Are there specific areas of the City where you feel we need to replace, repair, or install new sidewalks or alter drainage ditches?

- Maintaining bike path & have sweepers once a month on trails
- it's a good program and hope more homeowners take advantage of it
- US-23 South of River to City Limits
- Part of Rail Trail Sidewalk along US 23
- Both sides of First Street
- Sidewalks from Shoreline Park, South to the old Mitch's Pizza especially in front of the doctor's building and the old Tawas Bar
- tree growing in and cracked and filled up drain hole - Behind TUMC parking lot- between parking lot and Moffatt's house on Victoria Lane
- South Plank Road, Harris Ave, South 5th Ave
- Asphalt path along narrow beach from Shoreline Park entrance to where it meets concrete sidewalk. It's uneven and severely tilted towards beach.
- M-55 north side
- I would like the ditch covered on the west edge of my property (corner of German & River Street). This ditch is just a mosquito habitat in the summer. No drainage!
- 1st Ave and North Ave: Sidewalks. Maybe on 5th Ave. But would the residents on those roads be responsible for the other 50%?
- the side walk between Shoreline and Gateway Park could use some improvement
- We need a sidewalk to the schools
- Meadow Road, 5th Avenue area too
- 8th Ave has had low areas/drainage problems for 50 years. Can anything be done about this?
- North St. - should have sidewalks. Plank Rd - from M-55 to Harris. 5th Ave - M-55 from Plank to 5th Ave - Nunn Rd.
- Thank you for this - got ours done!
- Need more sidewalks- Beech St.
- Along 5th Ave, east side
- Should not be able to turn into Walmart from US 23 here, too dangerous. A better light/turning situations is needed at Oak and US 23 very dangerous. I need a new street light at Fir St. and Oak St. and a sidewalk on Oak is much needed. As many people walk in the street to go to Walmart, town, McDonald's. A sidewalk in Beech St. as the street is all cracked up and I walk it everyday trip and fall sometimes.
- The bike and walking sidewalks along US-23 need attention. On the west side there are a number of cracks and weeds growing through also, on both sides the grass that was mowed by the city piles up in places along with rocks, mud and debris. Good maintenance will add years to these projects but neglect just costs the city more
- Several, but you know the areas.
- 5th Ave near Manitou Place and Ottawa Village and Tendercare.
- Yes, sidewalks. Don't remember where. Walk them - you will figure it out.
- Replace and repair should be priority 2nd Ave between 1st St and 2nd St come to mind.
- Tawas City 6,7,8,9th
- Mathews St. to Meadow St.
- On First Ave sidewalks would be nice and keep workers out of the road
- 1st and 9th Ave area
- Treat the same as downtown sidewalk with regard to who pays and who maintains!
- I would estimate 65% of walkers on my street walk in the street (year around) even though sidewalk is available on one side every 2-3 blocks. I wonder why I bother to shovel. A proper city has sidewalks around every block!
- Used a lot but the sidewalk to Memory Gardens Cemetery along Meadow Rd. is in poor shape. The drainage ditch along west 8th Ave becomes badly overgrown in summer limiting drainage and making it a mosquito incubator.

- Not sure. I have a problem - live across street from Independent Park and every spring have to pump crawl space from water moving from park to Lake Huron.
- Ditch needs to be filled in along 1st Ave between Sunset and Roberta in the west side.
- We love the Lake Shore Trail
- Drainage ditch plan should be a 100% priority chief of DPW to make his recommendation to the Planning Commission.
- Fill drainage ditch on 1st Ave corner of Sunset and 1st Ave west side.
- Sidewalks in residential areas connecting them to the schools.
- South of Town - that sidewalk was in perfect shape when they cleaned out ditches contractor wrecked more than 30 sections, make them pay for the damage.
- 7th, 8th and 9th Ave all need drainage and some regular maintenance. I think they are the worst in the city.
- Expand/flatten sidewalk along 23
- A walking community is a healthy community. We should restore and expand a sidewalk system throughout the community.
- walk way to Neiman's from the RR tracks side to 55 from Court House.
- Yes! On First Ave some are filled in without tubes.
- Some of the sidewalks between the South end of TC and City Hall along US 23 are bad and sometimes narrow.
- North Street is a favorite for walkers - hardly any sidewalks!
- I have seen several sidewalks/drain ditches that could be repaired/updated but I really could not give a priority as to which first - my first thought would be streets/ditches in areas of homes - not sure
- M-55 to Walmart area - down German St. lots of walkers - no sidewalk
- Down each of the Avenues
- The city should pay 100%. We are over taxed and the way things are being run is why people have moved out of Tawas City. We are seriously thinking about moving also. All you seem to care about is the tourist not the tax payer.
- any area that leads to parks, town area and schools
- Yes - the drainage ditch from the corner of 12th Ave and 5th St and down 5th St to 11th Ave. The water from this ditch runs into my backyard flooding it.
- New street for all of 5th Ave. You did half but not all of the roadway.
- along Oak and Cedar Streets behind Walmart
- They should finish partially completed sidewalks.

15. In 2015, Tawas City worked with an outside consultant to rate all the streets in the city and develop a street improvement plan. The plan, which is updated on an annual basis, identifies streets that are in poor condition and require structural improvements totaling more than \$1 million, with additional streets that require preventative maintenance to slow future deterioration. The City Council has committed to spend approximately \$70,000 per year for street improvements. Would you support a street millage to fund street improvements to complete the work on a faster schedule?

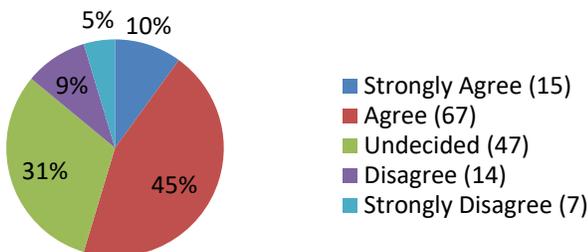


Comments:

- use fund balance
- no millage use fund balance
- Depending on how many mills
- Currently available funds should be better prioritized
- Only if really necessary. When everything again all at one time. Kind of like they are trying to replace all the water pipes at once in Flint. If it had been replaced one time it wouldn't have the hopeless disaster effect it has now.
- No New Millages!
- Perhaps the funds could come from another part of the budget
- I live on N. 1st Ave. My sewer hookup is on Spring St. It goes across my driveway and across my neighbor's yard to Spring St. I would support a millage if sewer hookup on 1st Ave was possible at time of resurfacing.
- Ask citizens about their opinion of a millage to pay for any planned parks/recreation projects.
- Only if the money is actually used for intended purpose
- Depends on the amount
- Stop using taxpayer money for stupid parks and use it to fix streets- what don't you people get?

16. Please rate the following statements in reference to zoning.

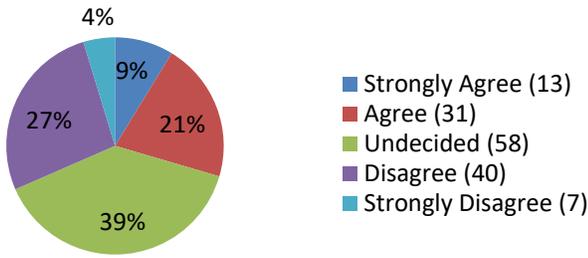
Tawas City adequately enforces the Zoning Ordinance.



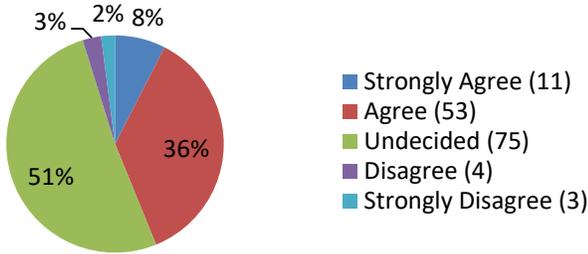
Comments:

- Pavilion broke your own ordinances

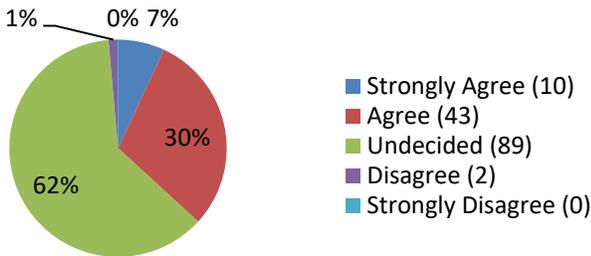
Tawas City needs to enforce its ordinances more strictly.



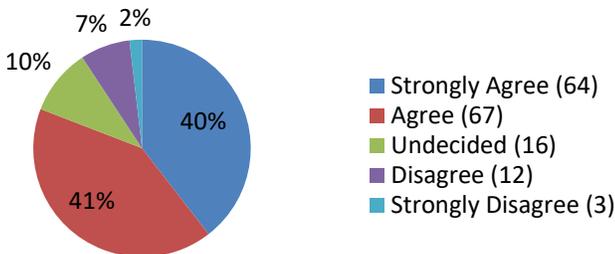
Tawas City is responsive to questions regarding zoning regulations.



Tawas City processes zoning applications in a timely manner.



Tawas City should encourage the preservation of historic buildings.

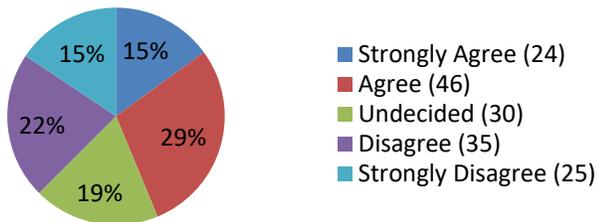


Comments:

- Remember the Grey Stone
- Too Late!!
- to late they are all gone
- If it is a building the City is going to use. Growth does need buildings to be removed.
- You've already destroyed most of them! The "liberty building" is the only historic one in the city that I can think of - other than a few older homes and churches.

- Too late you tore them down already
- Most of the buildings have been torn down, which is a shame!!

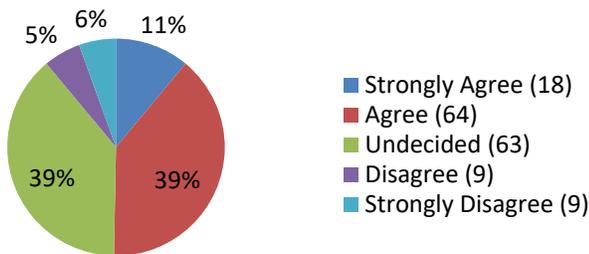
Tawas City should regulate the storage of recreational vehicles on residential property.



Comments:

- Not during summer months
- Should be kept behind of front of house. Set back rule

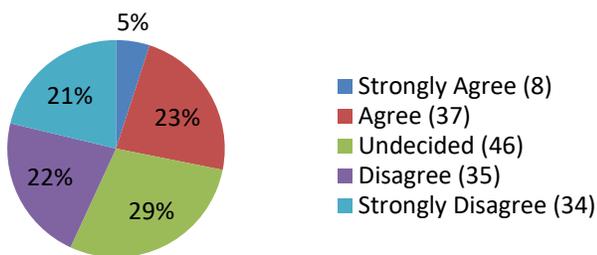
Tawas City should encourage the conversion of uses within the business districts to allow residential as a secondary use.



Comments:

- 2nd story only

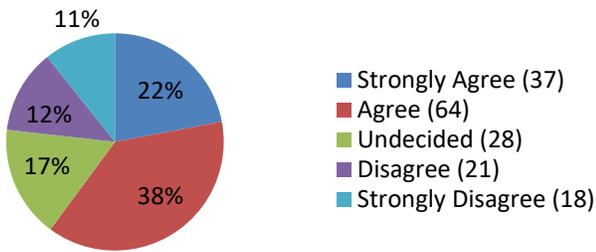
Tawas City should encourage the conversion of hotel/motel rooms to long-term rental units.



Comments:

- As long as they are maintained neatly
- Encourages them to be used as rentals for low income and do not want that. They would be more of a shelter than a hotel. Brings in the bad instead of tourists to visit and spend money in the area.
- What for?

Tawas City should regulate the maintenance - interior and exterior - of rental housing units.



Comments:

- I hope people just won't rent bad ones- which will force the owners of
- rentals to better up keep standards
- Keep it from becoming "slums."
- and homes (personal)
- Exterior - strongly agree/ interior - Undecided

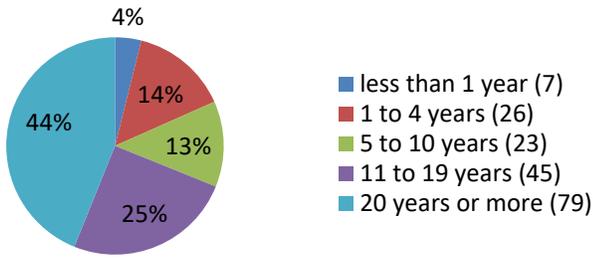
17. Where do you live?



Other:

- Genesee Twp
- Grant Township
- Tawas Bay Marina
- Boat - 5/15 - 10/15
- Munger, MI
- Sterling Heights - we have a summer home in Tawas City for over 12 years
- Summer months
- Jackson, MI, cottage in Tawas City
- Hartland

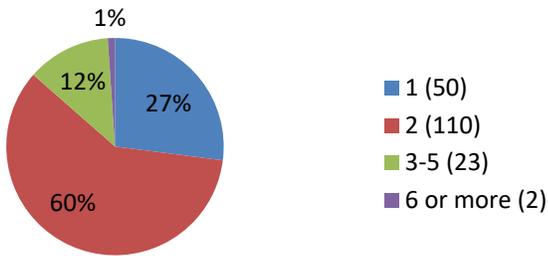
18. How long have you lived in the community you selected in the previous question?



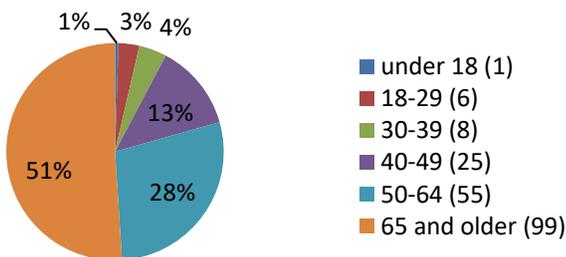
Comments:

- As a property - 30 years as a renter in summer month in E. Tawas City Park
- Less than one year Tawas City; 11 to 19 East Tawas
- seasonal visits -have rental
- Recently returned full time; owned property since 1991
- Currently - was born and raised in Tawas Township moved back in.

19. How many people live in your household?



20. What is your age?



Please feel free to provide additional comments or suggestions regarding Tawas City's Parks and Recreation Plan, or Master Plan.

- Foot/Bike bridge would facilitate access to shopping - recreation. Promote physical activity. Let us start walking again.
- The city done such a great job on Shoreline Park, we use it a lot, but even if you don't it looks so nice driving by. E.T. has nothing on us. I think the city crew does a great job also.
- I lived in East Tawas/Tawas Twp for 36 years
- The 120 acres that never got developed would make a wonderful campground for our city. E. Tawas is limited. And would make a good cash cow that could be developed as needed. It has already been phase one with DNR.
- more activity for young people
- 120 acre property- rustic/tents - campground/ campers- nature trails - expand shoreline park waterfront property - *New* Conduct a annual "garage sale weekend" in Shoreline Park - limited to Tawas City residents. This would encourage park use and is a community event. THANK YOU FOR ASKING FOR CITIZEN INPUT!
- I'm only interested in shore line fishing that is why I've moved here 6 months ago so anything that improves fishing areas for seniors would make me happy
- I moved from East Tawas to Taws City last June. I really like the entire area and all the wonderful amenities. I believe however there should be a curbside recycle free for all to use. The current method of taking it to Waste Management is ok, but most people will not go to the trouble of saving and driving their trash to a pick up place. The \$17.00 a month option sounds good but on a small fixed income it is unaffordable. I lived in a community many years ago when they started curb side recycle at first only a few houses did it, however by the end of the first 6 month nearly every house had a full recycle bin at the curb every week. Thank you for listening.
- Hang up more large owls to keep the geese away from our beaches and parks. No one cares for all the geese and gulls when trying to use our parks (2) You folks failed we the people of Taws City Concerning a few chickens being approved by us voters - what must we think you will do with this information
- We enjoy the parks in Tawas and are happy to see upgrades and maintenance continue
- Blight ordinances should be strongly enforced. We have several areas that are not only unsightly but unhealthy
- I love our parks. Keep up the good work! Our library is terrific! (Friendly with lots of activities) I hope Tawas City can get a campground and possibly employ more people. A small but cool river runs through us. But- one minor thing bugs me the Tall Ship sign "Where the River Greets the Bay" should have a different boat.
- Too many boats/trailers, etc. stored year round on owner residential lots. All drainage ditches should be piped and filled and attached to sewer. Put up more street lights in residential areas. What is the old City Hall property by Walmart going to hold in future? How about an updated indoor movie theatre? What is the hold up on other large business coming near Walmart? Lots of empty land sitting there.
- We are pleased with the improvements in the park along U.S. 23 in the CBD - There is not a lot of room for business growth along U.S. 23 - businesses should be encouraged to grow and expand as buildings and space becomes available - Shoreline Park has brought many to the city - additional opportunities need to be made available to keep tourist dollars here! Perhaps a zoning change allowing additional shops along one of the side streets or behind Brugger's Plaza and Neiman's - which I am sure would be opposed by local residents. Very pleased with the progressive attitude of the present council and administrative and maintenance staff. I indicated we have only lived in the city a little over a year, we have been local residents of the area 45 years and have a decent perspective of the area. You could have entangles your survey return by providing an addressed envelope.

- I like the direction the city has taken with the parks in the past few years.
- Roads do need repair and patching not helping and we need a dog park where dogs can run
- Tawas City needs a dog park (fenced in) like Cadillac, Michigan has. Where is out dog beach? I use E. Tawas dog beach. The pier has to be top priority, needs to be like Oscoda's pier. I have lived here 4 years and it is an eyesore and dangerous. The bathrooms either need to be redone/rebuilt/torn down. We need a fruit/veggie/craft flea market we can walk to near Walmart. The old roundhouse lot between Walmart and oak St. would be wonderful but would need sidewalks on Oak St. and Beech St. and better night lighting. There is a building for sale on the lot now. We need a good community center with indoor track for winter exercise. Again near Walmart/Hospital to walk to. We need more seating at land on water across from Walmart/hospital. Oak St. needs sidewalk and night lighting. We had a home invasion on a very dark night. No lights, (Fir and Oak)
- It seems all services for the residents have to be funded with additional voted millage (library, mosq. Control). If improvements need to happen in the Parks for the tourists, let the county pay for it like the Oscoda/Ausable bike trail.
- I am not thrilled with Tony's Tacos. There fare is not what most visitors want. We need a place or service that sells hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, etc.. I know kids, especially, would like these items and the cost is less. Tony's Tacos isn't open at regular hours so one can't count on their services when at the park. I liked the business before Tony's. They had the right "quick" foods and they were more friendly.
- Any future developments on 23 should require a nautical (freshwater-not ocean) theme. New buildings should look more like 432 Us 23 (Abstract Office) Thank You for asking
- I lived near AuGres in the late 70's when Governor James Blanchard started the initiative and funding for the East side of the State to become as attractive as the West Side of the State. I feel like the people here have come a long way toward that goal. I really enjoy driving up 23 to the Mackinaw Bridge. We are as good as the West Side. The changes made the last ten years in the immediate area have been outstanding. (Although I do miss the sight of the Grey Stone Building). It's nice to see the progress made and the nicer improvements that keep taking place. I'm pleased that I have been a small part of it.
- Tawas City needs to upgrade their zoning ordinance in regards to commercial signs used in the City. The existing ordinance is very antiquated and does not allow the use of present day sign programs including motion activity. The set time allowance for changing message on signs
- The T.C. tennis courts/state board park/basketball courts/ ice rink have been a total waste of money for the residents of T.C. I live within 1 block of area, 20 + yrs outside of the baseball field: the area is NOT used. T.C. had tennis courts in the 70's - 80's and were used. The E.T. built their courts (beautiful) and T.C. players went to E.T. to play. The skateboard park - too much bullying of younger kids - bad element hanging out, smoking, cursing just wouldn't work without adult supervision. Next was thousands \$\$ to repave the courts and ass basketball backboards - NEVER ONCE DID I SEE ANYONE playing there!! I think it's time to give it up for sports - maybe a good spot for Farm Market or Residential home that generates a few tax dollars. Thank you
- We have beautiful parks, I love the craft shows in T.C. on Memorial and Labor Day week end. I do believe you should try to get people to fix/make the exterior of their homes presentable. Some are just awful.
- Not familiar with the Parks other than shoreline and gateway.
- We have lots of parks, what we need to do is fix our STREETS!!!! I have to wear boots to get my mail when it rains!! I live on Fourth Avenue.
- We love the Tawas Community and feel the improvements you have out forth the past few years have been well worth the cost! We look forward to your continued success.
- "Let's make Tawas City great again"
- Over the past few years Tawas City parks have grown and become much more inviting spaces for our community. This past year I have spent more time than ever in our own parks rather than

traveling out of Tawas City. Thank you for the beautiful job you guys have done with Shoreline Park and Gateway. Keep up the good work!

- Tawas City looks great! Enjoy the beautiful Shoreline! Keep up the good work!
- Preferably, my comment about the undeveloped property should occur along the river or the lake, with a design plan, to be so attractive that it draws to public to shop. Tawas City needs some of the quaint shops East Tawas enjoys. The difference could be a design around the water feature. People love a gathering place to eat, shop and socialize.
- While I understand the mosquito control program - what can be done about the issue of black flies? When we go to the parks - especially Gateway and the beach at Shoreline, you can hardly sit and read the paper - the flies are all over you - even when we have no food. When encountered the same problem at the beach at the State Park out at the lighthouse - can't we spray for them? The beach at Gateway Park could be improved also. Shoreline has a beach, playground, and nice bathrooms, Gateway should have the same.
- A variety of viewpoints in the committees is important. We don't like change unless we see it benefits us. Help us to get outdoors in this blessed scenic area.
- There should be a more effective way of keeping the Canadian Geese out of the parks. Very unsanitary conditions.
- Expand the playscape at Shoreline Park. Provide a place for community group meetings (community rooms) as does East Tawas. Our HOA must go to East Tawas for meeting space.
- No new millages! Maintain what we already have. A multi use softball/baseball field would be nice. Children and elderly fishing access on lake or river. More laws and signs are not improvements and don't help anything.
- I hate the sight of cars parked in front yards or right up to front doors! Curbs might help. I wish there was a way to control the use of Tawas City in news articles about criminal activity. Just because someone has a TC mail address does not make them a resident and a lot of the news gives us a bad name.
- It would be nice if the City would pay better attention to the mowing of the property at the corner of First St. and 8th Ave. It seems like it is only done once a summer and often looks unsightly. We mow it occasionally. Thank you for the mosquito control program info. Very useful.
- Disapprove of the removal of beautiful old trees at Shoreline Park for the upgrade. It changed the appeal and was a poorly thought decision.
- Our family has enjoyed spending the summer months in the Tawas City area for more than 25 years. We enjoy the Parks and Appreciate the amenities and the improvements to the park facilities especially the past few years. The Gordon Clute Play sculptures as well as the play structures have been a very important aspect of the childhood of our grandchildren which now range in age from 9 to 23. We very much appreciate the quality of life in the Tawas Bay Community.
- Tawas City should continue their repairing and replacing of needed streets and curbing. What has been done with curbing on Seventh/Industrial Ave, First Street (by Brugger's Plaza, Mathews St, Whittemore St and Second St has greatly improved the appearance of those parts of our City. Curbing streets save money and the condition of the streets in the long run. Also have the Planning Commission discuss replacing the street lights with street lamp posts. It has been done on US-23 through the City, now put the same emphasis to the other areas of the city. Do a traffic count of the streets in the city and begin with the most used and develop a plan for replacing where necessary curbing where not done and lamp posts. Work on making the interior of the city as beautiful as the US-23 section. Regarding questions #9 - Approach the owners of the salvage yard with a plan to give them more space than they have now in the 120 acres to have them relocate. With proper buffering and design, this new location would not need to offend any future businesses in the 120 acre area. If an agreement could be made, the neighborhood around Fourth St and Ninth Ave would be greatly improved for everyone.
- We would really like to see streets fixed, like Murphy. Patch and fill just makes it worse.

- Limit amount of vendors at Farmers market. Too many non local vendors should be priority first. Losing 10's of thousands of dollars taken away from local businesses each week. I can't afford to water my own lawn, I'm not going to pay for watering more parks like Gateway. Let alone paying for more equipment and gas to cut more. Just increasing maintenance cost. Our city population is decreasing and we only had about 1,500 in the first place. Too much money being spent for tourist friendly projects. Businesses benefit, not residents who have to pay the most of it. A lot of us are on fixed incomes with new challenges that will only make things much more difficult. Stop spending on tourist projects.
- Repair and improve the bike path along the lake. The path has become quite rounded and rough, it needs some work.
- I have an abandoned house next to my property that should be condemned and removed according to the ordinance for dangerous properties. It has been empty and unlivable since I moved in approx 11 years ago. The property address is 505 Mathews St. Why is the ordinance not enforced? Teenagers use the property as a "hang out" place. Tawas spent money for new City Hall and improvements to Mathews St only to leave the eyesore despite the ordinance. I applaud work done to the shoreline and Gateway Parks. I believe their use has increased. A pier similar to the one in Oscoda would enhance the looks of the Shoreline Park and increase the use of the pier.
- Fix other boat launch across from old ITT complex maybe fish station on Tawas River.
- I think Tawas City has done a fantastic job in the last few years. Keep up the good work.
- I have noticed, and pretty sure others have, the sewage treatment facility drains directly into the river. If we did promote the use of the river for canoe or rafting, it might be a good idea to check the river for E.coli or other infectious bacteria. Nunn street and the river first. Trailer park at M-55 and River, and Memorial for Veterans Park canoe launch. With 3 check points like these, Tawas would protect themselves from a DEQ disaster. I don't like not knowing what is discharged into the river. I thought they used the swamp first as a filter, but the pipe just gives me the creeps. Thank you, for allowing pets for responsible owners in our parks. After all, we do pay for licenses and vet bills for vaccines.
- Having the Farmers Market at Gateway Park on Saturday mornings makes boat launch very difficult to use. Saturday is the busiest day for the launch
- Concerning the bike path, please trim the trees high enough that a person seated on a bike won't hit the limbs or be struck in the face. Remind businesses, residents and city workers not to park or leave tools, etc. on the bike paths. This could cause a biker to veer into traffic.
- I would like to see the town have: a Starbuck coffee place or a Caribou coffee house. Tawas City have more restaurants e.g., an AuBonPam, an ice cream place e.g., Rita's and A & W like in the 60's. Make the Tawas Dock into a Pier.
- To reiterate question 13, a library that closes at 1:00 pm on week days does not service children who are in school until 3. This doesn't make sense.
- Would be nice to see improvements made to our pier at the Tawas City Park since all the nice improvements are done with the park, the pier should match up.
- Clean beaches are always attractive - get rid of goose doodoo!
- We explore the possibility of building a break wall out in the bay to help prevent the river mouth from back filling, as the marinas also. Hopefully this will help prevent debris from piling on our beaches and help the Gateway Park Beach Project take off.
- Delete spot zoning and go to district zoning
- Just a thought... there is no place for boats to come up to the beach. Do you think we could get a mooring section? Maybe in front of the pavilion by Dr. Sharma's? If it is over enough, it shouldn't disrupt the paddle boarders.... I know I would like a designated spot to pull up our boat so I can run across the street and get much needed supplies!
- A tennis court "update" or "new" would be nice instead of having to try and use/drive to east Tawas courts in their park. More seats along walkway parallel to US 23 across from Walmart (Adjacent to safety fence) (places to read, enjoy view, lunch, etc.)

- Our parks are well maintained and attractive. One of the big draws to our area.
- The City has improved the parks and made them much better to use and improved the beauty of the shoreline coming into the city they show we care about our shoreline.
- Please add an indoor swimming pool!
- Stop using our tax dollars on tourists. I pay \$1400.00 per year for a gravel drive (street) full of potholes and nothing but mud, my car bottoms out where the gravel meets the pavement.
- How about a "bait shop" at Shoreline and/or Gateway Park. It would bring in money for the City, and a place to buy bait while not having to leave the park to buy fishing bait. As for the "gun range" on the 120 acres, the City should check out "Top Gun" firing range in Daytona Beach, FL to see how it is being used. I used it while visiting my brother in Daytona Beach, FL in January 2017. Thank you for the questionnaire. From Dennis McFeters at 533 12th Ave, Tawas City.
- We live across the road from Elms Neighborhood Park. The neighbors like the little park and it is nice to have a green space in our neighborhood. I hope the City does not sell it. We really need a few nice restaurants in town.
- In regards to ordinance enforcement: yard regulations: 300 block of 5th Ave has many yards filled with debris (appliances, broken vehicles, etc.) that is unsightly. Sec 4-1 Dangerous Animals (B) It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor pit bulls etc. Pitbulls currently reside in the following areas of Tawas City: 1) 300 block of 9th Ave 2) on 8th Ave 3) 921 Harris Ave 4) 902 1st St. This ordinance needs immediate enforcement.
- Maybe in the future a shuffleboard court and a horse shoe pit in the other parks. Shoreline Park new sidewalks do not provide for easy on and off for bike riders. They use to have easy on and off curbs and they were taken away. Bike riding is a huge way of staying fit and that needs to be encouraged in our community. Showing outdoor movies are great for all to enjoy. Everyone brings their chairs and gets to know each other. Do we have an area to ice skate? Great family sport and it give our young people something to enjoy. Hockey and skating would be great to offer the community.
- The City should be proud of the entrance into Tawas City by Gateway Park. Visitor must feel good, as if they just took a breath of fresh air as they pass by our beautiful lakefront that looks pristine even on Sunday evenings. We are so luck to live in such a lovely place. Thank you for helping to keep it that way.