

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VEVAY TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

The following is a synopsis of the actions of the Recreation Commission throughout 2024.

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 Parks & Recreation Plan, focusing on development, funding strategies and community outreach.

The Recreation Commission held eleven (11) regular monthly meetings. At the organizational meeting Roger Cargill was elected Chairperson, Coe Emens was elected Vice-Chairperson, and Mary Ruttan was elected Secretary.

The Recreation Commission continued the implementation of the first phase of the playground renovation funded by the 2023 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant. The first phase included the construction of a one-half mile walking path, ADA accessibility, two sway benches, ADA bench pads, a solar charging picnic table, and expanded playground area with a rope climber.

In coordination with the park renovation, the Vevay Township Downtown Development Authority replaced the fractured concrete in the pavilion floor, installed drain tile along the east side of the pavilion and west side of the ball diamond, and added a 48-inch catch basin. The Vevay Township Downtown Development Authority re-committed \$150,000 in match funding. The Recreation Commission appreciates and values the continued support of the Vevay Township Downtown Development Authority.

Vevay Township was conditionally awarded two Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage Round 8 grants. The first Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage Grant was for the implementation of phase two of the Vevay Township Community Park Improvements in the amount of \$290,000 and the second grant was for the Hayhoe Trail Extension & Trailhead in the amount of \$1,200,000. The conditional award depends on the passage of the 2026 Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage.

The Recreation Commission continues to work on the development plan for an outdoor restroom. The Vevay Township Board of Trustees authorized the submission of a second Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant. If awarded the grant, the funds would be available in 2026.

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

Respectfully,



Mary Ruttan, Secretary