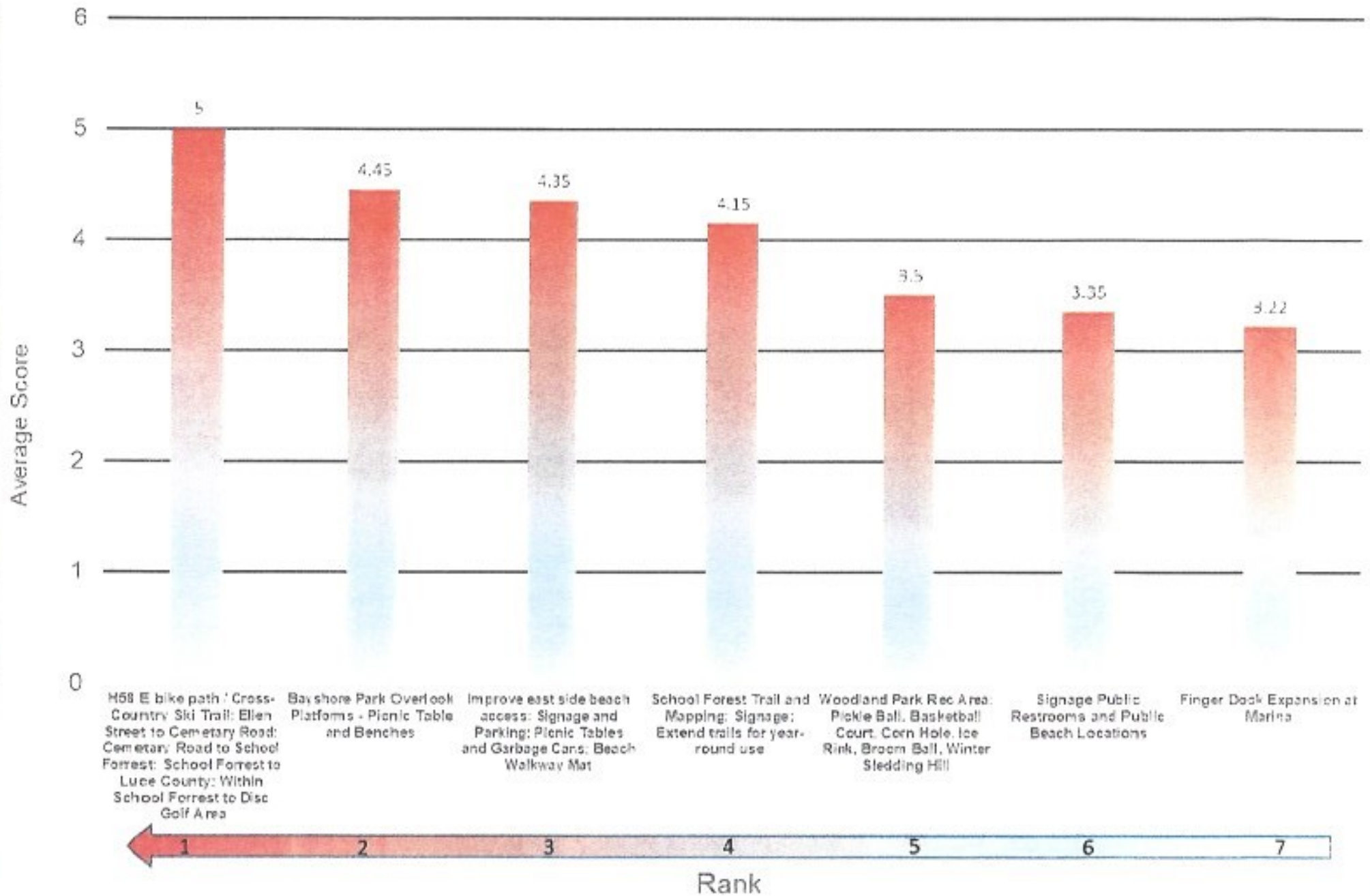


Burt Township 2021 Recreation Plan Survey Results



Total Open-Ended Responses: 134, Total Correctly Completed Surveys: 213, Total Incorrect Surveys with Open-ended responses: 77

ALL Open-Ended Responses:

1. Tennis Courts
2. Your priorities are wrong. You should come up with a plan to help the tax paying people that are losing their homes and property out at Lonesome Point and elsewhere in the township due to the erosion problem which in part has been amplified by the break wall. This problem should be solved before spending on recreation.
3. Yes, something for the full-time residents that live here and support this town. Maybe update outside of the community center so it all matches, make a safe inside place to walk into during the Wintertime.
4. Woodland park is no longer a park for the town. Way too many sites especially by the pavilion. Folks should check the history on the use of the park. The town is also too dusty from ATV activity and has noise pollution. Create a quiet zone in town so that ATV's cannot create so much noise.
5. With the increase in traffic, a bike path is a great idea. Enforce side by side laws and speed.
6. We need a snowmobile trail to the east with access to town. The school forest trail and mapping will have minimal usage. There should be no kids in town! Snowmobile trail west so we do not need to ride on the road. Snowmobile trail to the East so we can access town rather than coming in from the West.
7. We need a greenspace upgrade.
8. We have a hill, set up some enclosed slider for kids and adults. Like a water slide to the bay.

9. We do not have enough restrooms for the number of visitors.
10. Wall off dumpster from the greenspace.
11. Visual and sound/noise block between greenspace and tavern. Tavern back deck parties and music are not in keeping with greenspace purpose and family use. Plant tall Cedars?
12. Visitor Center with brochure and maps of area.
13. They all sound good to me.
14. There needs to be campground reservations and more outdoor seating around town.
15. The number one priority should be the sewer system. Focus more on bringing in families instead of campers, we need a school and will not get one with campers. We need people to stay in Grand Marais year-round.
16. The finger dock expansion and beach access are not needed and should not be prioritized with taxpayer money and should stay natural. Signage for public restrooms and beach locations would spoil natural views. Woodland Park Rec Area is perfect as-is. You can't top Mother Nature. Agate Beach and Lake Superior don't need to be junked up. Keep it natural.
17. The dock expansion needs to be funded by Marina income and the same goes for the Woodland Park Rec Area, it should be funded by Woodland Park Rec Area income. Maintain Boardway area access, parking, etc. for Superior use. Maybe more parking area since its popularity is growing. Promote Blueberry and Agate hunting activities. Promote walks and hikes withing Game Management area.

18. The area is often overcrowded - often side by sides and ATVs use the whole road and do not get off to the side. Its past time to have law enforcement to manage this. Put money into law enforcement! Roads as well could be better maintained. Another idea is to create a committee of NON-Board members to work with the Chamber of Commerce to encourage community unity. Id love to help make the town more community friendly and have less bickering and drama.
19. Tennis courts with new nets and areas for pickle ball
20. Tall fence or Cedars along alley behind Tavern, block the Tavern off from the greenspace.
21. Table Tennis in the Pole barn
22. Surely you jest when referencing a finger dock expansion? The H58 bike path should've been a hiking and biking path to Superior shore years ago with no motorized vehicles allowed, hence, we need our own Police. The school forest trail and mapping should be dealt with by the Chamber of Commerce. Doesn't the school own the school forest anyway? Would be nice to keep something for the locals. You need to start taking better care of the taxpayers versus the tourists. After all, you do work for us. Will you ever, "get this"?
23. Support the Lake Superior Sanctuary!! Absolutely insane not too.
24. Stop catering to tourists and do something for the taxpayers
25. Showers on the beach
26. Save the money and reduce taxes
27. Restore Sable Lake! Clear path from parking lot to lake, add changing station. Clear lake of debris to make it swimmer friendly.
28. Reduce school taxes and move more money to recreation
29. Public restrooms on or near the greenspace

30. Public restrooms at greenspace within plain sight.
31. Prohibit Jet Skis at finger dock. Fund local person to enforce the rules and handle fines and payment. Encourage camping, hiking and promote fall colors and North Country Trail. Prohibit ATVs in Woodland Park and have no electric vehicles there either. Set restrictions for ATVs and snowmobiles. Stop snowmobilers from running on people's lawns. Stop snowmobilers from setting up trailers on plots of lands essentially creating a trailer park for snowmobilers (area by Valentine Road). Chamber of Commerce notable to overrule Township decisions.
32. Portable toilet at Marina needs regular cleaning
33. Please, no more traffic directed onto Lake Ave. North
34. Please Enforce no parking on greenspace or build a fence
35. Please allow some of Woodland Park campsite to be reserved online. Resurface Tennis Courts, add new nets and space for pickle ball
36. Plant trees in open space perimeter and along platform bench areas. Also put in pet waste bag disposal stations, water fountain and faucet to fill water bottles and dog bowls.
37. Planning should be done with residents first and visitors second. More Wintertime activities are needed. PLEASE reduce the speed limit on H-58 East. 55 mph is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Thank you!
38. Pave new road from M-77 to H-58
39. Oil dusty street shoulders (medical center and east) so that residents don't need the dust created by ATV's and motorcycles.

40. Number one priority is to pay off current debt
41. More beach walkovers to protect the dunes and to help people with limited mobility
42. Make recreation center area more usable for visitors and summer residents.
43. Mainstreet Development or streetscaping
44. Mahoney Lake Road is impassable. Ridiculous!
45. Keep the forest quiet. Let's try and promote quiet outdoor spaces. ATVs, ORVs and snowmobiles are ruining Grand Marais
46. Improve some camp sites within Woodland Park. Some sites have become very low and water collects. Add fill mark to make level sites. Create some pull-through sites. could increase rates for those sites. Make improvements in areas that the majority of visitors and residents use often.
47. Improve signage at end of H58 or improve the road. Motorcyclists have no idea that the pavement ends at Luce County on H-58 East
48. I think everything is perfect the way it is
49. I am sick of all of our money expended on tourism. No consideration for our community. A community will not survive on tourism alone! The homes and property are being bought up by people who do not live here, enriching only themselves. Our H58 East is a crumbling highway that continues to be highly traveled by snowmobiles and ATV's. Some of our streets have potholes that remain for years but we have a fish cleaning station! We have broken sidewalks that don't lead to the park! Now you want to block our community access to the bay view by rimming the bank with overlooks and picnic tables. Many of us don't go to town on the 4th of July because the Bayshore has been completely obscured by vehicles parked days in advanced by people who are not from town.

Do you see the theme here? Stop pouring money into tourism only. Please work to attract families and don't spoil the natural beauty of the area because of greed.

50. I am not in support of any of the projects

51. How about some sign around town in front of businesses, post office, beaches, encouraging drivers to shut off their idling engines to preserve the clean Grand Marais air that we all enjoy and to help us all to breathe a little easier.

52. Have side by sides use snowmobile trail to bypass homeowner's residence! Very intrusive noise pollution,etc.

53. Greenspace needs to be fenced in and turned into a park

54. Get focused on bringing young families to live in Grand Marais then continue with the mentioned projects. We need a lot in this town, just listen to people instead of thinking you have all the answers.

55. Get control of our town away from the Chamber of Commerce. It's our town, not theirs. We pay money while they make money!!! No secrets!!

56. Garbage drop off for weekenders/temporary visitors. A system where bags can be sold, or tags sold with a place to drop off. Even the Hiawatha is here by 7:30 - 8 on Mondays. People leave cans with garbage for bears to pillage Sunday nights. At least, get the word out that they 'CAN'NOT do this. I am tired of picking up garbage. And the Woodland Park Rec Area needs something for sure.

57. Focus on Greenspace

58. Fix the side of East H58 that was postponed when the village water system was upgraded. it's been too long and gets worse each year.

59. Fix 58 East

70. Are there any plans for the softball fields ongoing maintenance and improvements. Also could we encourage softball tournaments with other communities.
71. Additions at the Marina should include payed meters for water usage and fish cleaning stations. Regarding the beach access: there is already plenty of beach access with bathrooms. But since the area is already open it would provide a quieter area and would not cost much to improve. No more frickin signs unless they are for ATVs to keep them side by side and to slowdown at crossings and reduce noise pollution. If the ATVs side by side are riding legally then Calcium Chloride needs to be put down all along H58 at least out to Cemetery Road.
72. Add parking to public beach locations. Pave Rec Center parking lot with designated parking spots.
73. Add a picnic table at East Bay
74. Add a Forever type therapy swimming pool for water therapy for seniors, injured, arthritis, etc. Could be used for swimming lessons for small children too
75. About fixing existing blacktop roads instead of making new ones. How about catering to the landowners instead of tourists
76. A finger dock expansion would be overdoing it. Leave the east side beach access AS-IS. That way it stays quiet and pro nature and natural (People can walk to it, it does not need overdevelopment). Signage for bathrooms and beach locations is obvious and is not needed.
77. Work on Tennis Courts/add new nets to accommodate tennis and pickle ball
78. With the increase in traffic a bike path is a great idea. Enforce side by side laws and speed!
79. We have a hill, set up some slider for kids and adults; like an H2O slide to the bay.

80. Visual and sound/noise needs to be blocked from greenspace and the Tavern.
Tavern back deck parties and music are not in keeping with greenspace purpose and family use. Plant tall Cedars?
81. Visitor center with brochure/maps of area
82. The Finger Dock is revenue producing which is good.
83. The east side beach access is acceptable with the amount of beach available.
Increased private property signs make it less accessible. Is there a solution? It was once a favorable walk.
84. Table Tennis in the Pole Barn
85. Support Lake Superior Sanctuary!! Absolutely insane not too.
86. Sign H58 improved road end. Motorcycles have no idea pavement ends at Luce County on H58 East.
87. Showers at beach area from the sand
88. set restrictions for ATVs/Snowmobiles, stop running on people's lawns.
Snowmobilers buy small lot and put a trailer on it and it becomes a snowmobiler destination (snowmobile trailer park). Chamber of Commerce is notable in overturning Township decisions. Snowmobilers should pay a fee to support our emergency rescue. Encourage camping and hiking. Fund local person to enforce rules. Prohibit Jet Skis in Marina.
89. Revert back to 25 mph speed limit in town and add picnic tables in town, too!
90. Resurface tennis courts, add new nets for tennis and pickle ball. Please allow some of the woodland park campsite to be reserved online!!

116. Improve snowmobile trail/road from West end of town to woodland park.
117. Improve east side beach access on Morris St. Have Bayshore park overlook near top of bank overlooking harbor.
118. Has the township considered making or having something to have a section of property for an overflow of woodland park campers?
119. Greenspace picnic tables just for that space - not taken for the campground or an event. Lots of people have enjoyed eating in greenspace this past summer.
120. Greenspace Upgrade
121. Get control of our town away from Chamber of Commerce. It's our town, not there's. We pay money while they make money. No Secrets!!
122. Fix the bike/walking path to Agate Beach
123. Extend a wheelchair access to the beach somewhere so people in wheelchairs and/or with walkers, disabilities can also touch the water and look for rocks.
124. Dock expansion funded from marina income. Same for W. Park Rec Area, fund from WP income. Maintain boardwalk area access, parking, etc. For Superior use, maybe more parking area since its popularity is growing. Promote Blueberry and Agate hunting activities. Promote walks and hikes within GM area, H.S. Promenade, School Forest, Beaches.
125. Cut down trees - they are blocking the bay view in front of the post office
126. Crosswalk/signage/stamping at 3-way fork at 77 end/Coast Guard Road for Pedestrians

127. Continue to keep various events suppressed until the pandemic is over. Keep the Chamber of Commerce and crowds down!
128. Clean up storm debris from the harbor beach, including raking sticks. This is our crown jewel, and it is a mess. Thank you.
129. Bike trail for walking/biking only - No ATVs or ORVs. Woodland park - reservation system is needed. Fewer spaces/higher price. Sidewalk extension on Brazel street. Make things more biking/walking friendly.
130. Before there is too great of expenditures to pursue a vision let time reveal what extended needs are. In the moment, stay focused on improving the village and the Bay.
131. Bathrooms
132. Are there any plans for softball field ongoing maintenance and improvement? Also for the Township to encourage softball tournaments with other towns.
133. All the amenities the township can provide do not negate the fact that trailers are allowed to be permanently parked adjacent to the beach! it is my understanding that this is against township policy. This has been going on for years! It is time to put an end to it. Please work to preserve the natural beauty of our township.
134. Add new Bayshore park bathrooms and park steps