

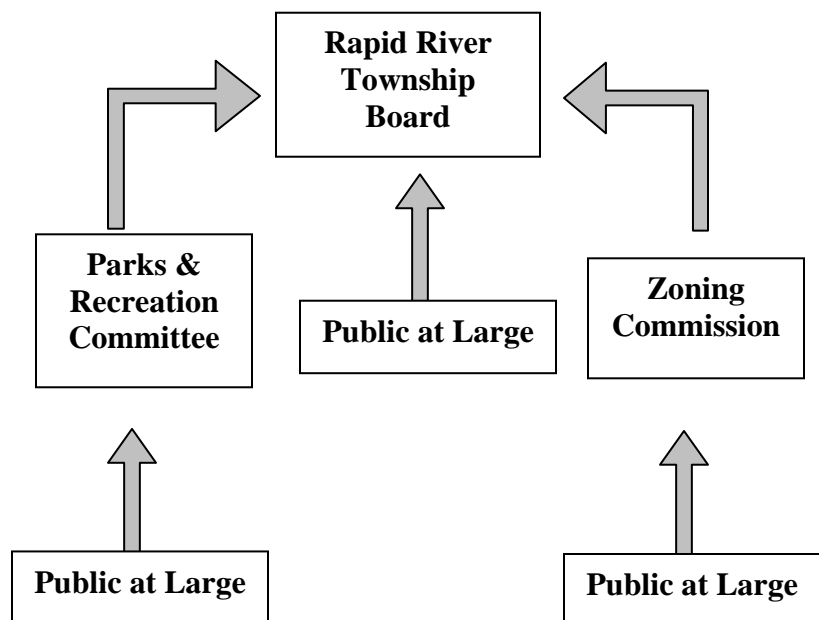
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

INTRODUCTION

The following section provides the basic framework for how the Township's administrative structure is designed for recreation planning. Section 2 also includes a summary of funding and budget considerations as they relate to parks and recreation improvements and daily operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The planning and administration of recreational programs and facilities rests with the following entities:



Township Board

Rapid River Township Board sets the fiscal budgets for the Township, approves contracts, and works with the Township Staff and the public to set policy and takes recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee is made up of five appointed members and three ad hoc members. The Committee works with the Public, Zoning Commission, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments and private consultants on recreation-based project planning. They make recommendations to the Township Board.

The Public at Large

The Township Board and Parks and Recreation Committee both periodically seek input from local residents on recreational matters. Input from the public is sought at regularly or specially posted meetings and hearings.

TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Park and Recreation planning, capital improvements and operational costs are currently funded under a discretionary budget set by the Township Board. The Parks and Recreation Committee make annual budget requests for capital improvements and maintenance to the Township Board.

Funding

For the 2009-10 fiscal years the Township allocated \$45,000 for recreation planning that included a Recreation Plan and Site Master Plan for the Community Park.

2010-11 budget requests included monies for capital improvements to the Community Park and Croy Lake Park. \$81,741 was requested for the Community Park and \$13,577 for Croy Lake. The Parks and Recreation Committee also requested \$6,190 for non-capital improvements that included park maintenance, events and committee expenses.

See Section 6, the Action Program, which outlines estimated costs for projects and identifies possible sources of grant funding which may be sought for implementation.

Maintenance / In-Kind Services / Volunteer Groups

Currently, all general maintenance of the Township's Recreation Facilities are carried out by maintenance personnel. The Township does however take advantage of individuals completing community service and Kankaskas County Jail work crews. Volunteer groups in the past have ranged from scouts, interns and various community volunteers organized through local organizations.