

# **Gerrish Township Park Advisory Committee**

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# **Gerrish Township Park Advisory Committee Points to Address**

- **PARKING – Overhaul Proposal**
- **SIGNAGE – Visibility, Placement**
- **ENFORCEMENT – Type, Amount, Etcetera**
- **WASTE MANAGEMENT – “7 Wise Men”**
- **IMPROVEMENTS – Site Plan, Capital Investment Considerations**
- **IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATION**

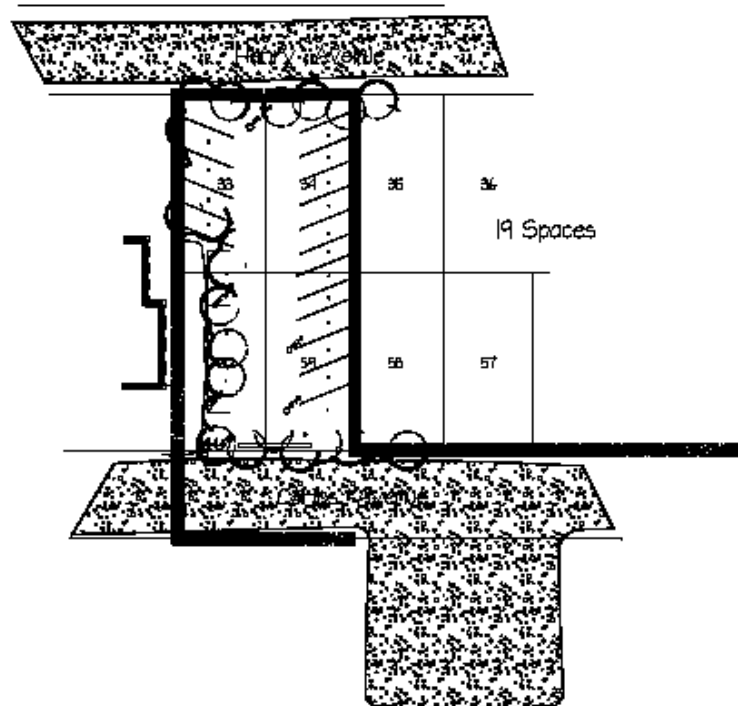
# Parking Proposal / Reorganization

- Remove existing parking lot.
- Move parking to Twp. Lots, with similar number of spaces as now, in a reorganized fashion. Targeted number of parking spaces will not exceed 20 in total (see Relocated Parking layout).
- In the parking plan, provide for aesthetically pleasing yet functional gates on both sides of the proposed parking lot.
- Leave "Green Belts" on each side of new proposed parking area.
- Locate handicap spots with ingress/egress to Twp. Park.
- Provide some guarantee of not reclaiming the old parking lot as an additional parking lot, for a designated number of years.
- If parking is moved to the proposed location, consider creating no parking zones on Henry and Chamberlain.

# Parking Proposal / Reorganization

- Fence – Install split rail fence (matching existing fencing) all along Carlos' west border.
- Add split rail fence where bollards are now, with separations at some access points for entry and exit (see Conceptual Plan).

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Relocated Parking layout

<b>Gerrish Township</b>		
Sovereign Park Higgins Lake		
Drawn by	Date	Project No.
Checked by	Reviewed by	Revision 1
Jim Cating		

# Overview of current parking area located just west of Carlos Avenue.



Wooded lots to the east side of Carlos showing location of proposed new parking area between Carlos and Henry



Wooded lots showing proposed parking area looking back to the west from Henry Avenue.



# Signage Proposal

- Reduce the number of signs.
- A professionally designed “Gerrish Twp. Park Rules” sign should be posted at each entrance, and one facing the water.
- Remove all signs from trees and the “Gerrish Twp. Park Rules” signs from the rest room building. Remove all “No animals or pets” signs.
- All signs should be uniformly designed and placed, matching Gerrish Township’s theme. They should never be mounted on trees.
- Move the “No Lifeguard on Duty” sign to an appropriate location.

# Signage Proposal

- Install an informational shadowbox on a side of the rest room building.
- Remove the “Ecoli Tested” sign from the rest room building and place one in the proposed shadow box.

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Current signs scattered around park located on trees, buildings, sign posts, etc.



# Additional signs in and around park area



# Enforcement Proposal

- Enforcement of the Township Park shall be done by the Gerrish Township Police.
- They shall patrol the Park as per the discretion of the Gerrish Township Chief of Police or his designee with the following “triggers” for extra coverage:
  - Major holidays during Park season (e.g. Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day),
  - During days where the temperature exceeds 80°F,
  - During any Township Board approved special events.

# Enforcement Proposal

- The Township Board shall provide for funding for the cost of the police patrol of the Gerrish Township Park for up to 120 hours per season. This will not include complaint calls to the Gerrish Township Park.
- The Chief of Police will design an education program for the general public in collaboration with other parks about the Gerrish Township Park.
- The parking gate will be opened/closed at the discretion of law enforcement as needed.

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# Waste Management Proposal

- Cleaning: Make a daily checklist for the cleaning employee. To include, but not limited to:
  - clean cigarette butts,
  - empty waste baskets,
  - clean up litter and debris from beach, parking lot and open areas,
  - clean toilets, sinks and mirrors at least twice a day (at least three times on busy, hot days),
  - keep toilet paper, hand towel dispensers and soap dispensers full,
  - mop floors,
  - maintain the cleanliness of the port-a-potty,
  - sweep the gazebo,
  - remove ashes in the grills as needed,
  - hose down concrete areas,

# Waste Management Proposal

- Power wash bathroom floors as needed, or at least once at the beginning of a season.
- Power wash outside of restroom building as needed.
- Place a can return bin and a recycling bin (for non-returnable cans & bottles, etc.) on the grounds.
- Place proper trash receptacles as needed throughout the park.
- Maintain benches in gazebo.

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# Improvements Proposal

1. Reorganize parking per proposal.
2. Reorganize park layout per Conceptual Plan, eg.:
  - Add/centralize a picnic area: grills, picnic tables;
  - Add/centralize a children's playground area near the picnic area;
  - Expand boardwalk;
  - Gaming considerations;
  - Thin lots 44 and 45 as necessary to accommodate expanded picnic area.
3. Improve signage per proposal.
4. Address waste management per proposal.
5. Erosion Control solutions should be explored by Gerrish Twp. Board.
6. Improve/Maintain Gazebo.

Photos showing general picnicking area, volleyball area, playground, and boardwalk for guests.



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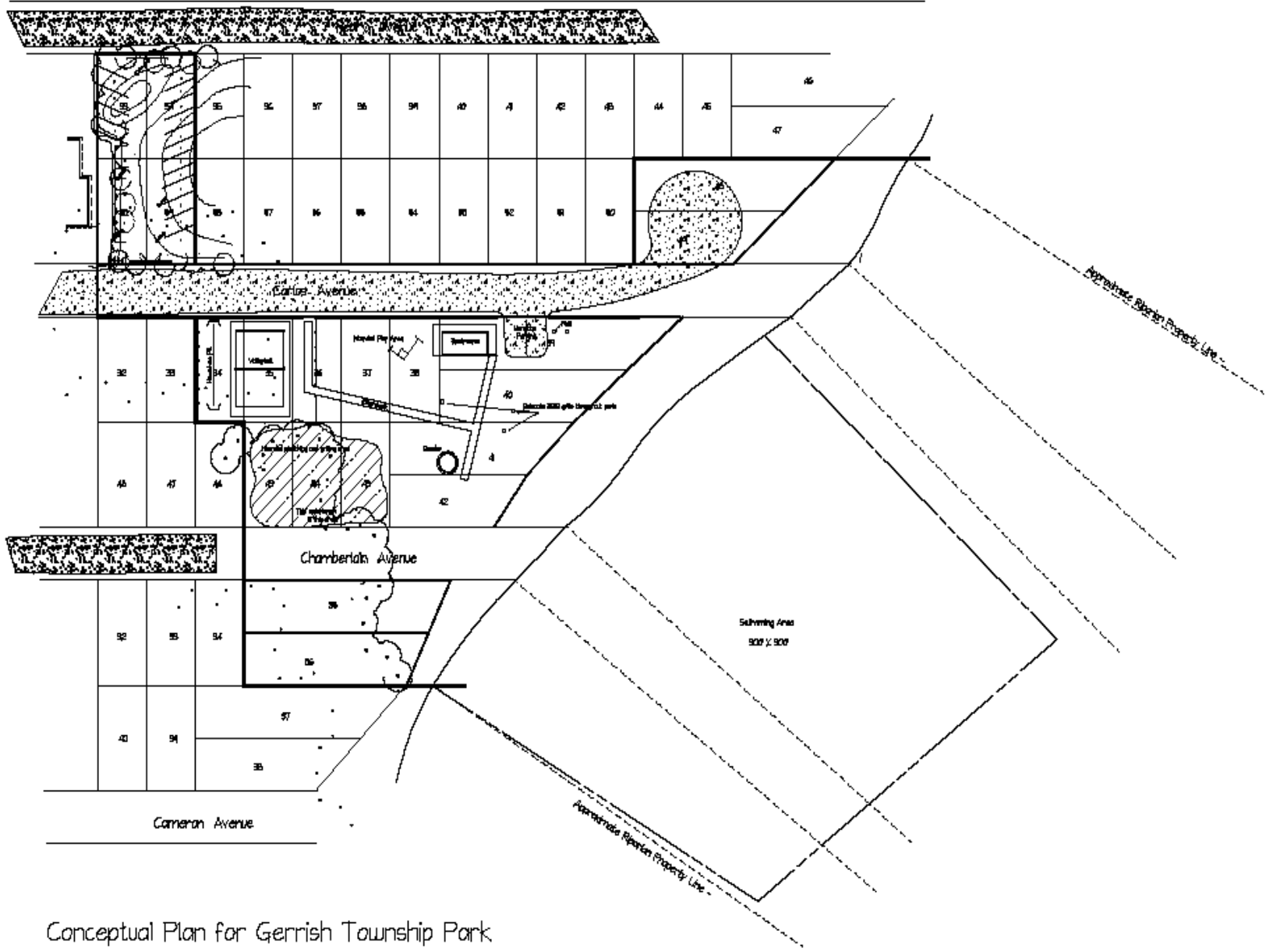
7. Upgrade restrooms: obtain an architectural rendering. Hand blow dryers must be included, as well as changing tables in men's room.
8. Update lighting: types and positions. Most lights should have timers.
9. Add a shed to hold park supplies and equipment.

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# Implementation Recommendations

1. Implement Parking Proposal.
2. Implement Enforcement Proposal.
3. Implement Signage Proposal.
4. Implement Waste Management Proposal.
5. Implement Improvement considerations.

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Conceptual Plan for Gerrish Township Park