

**TASK FORCE COMMITTEE ON KATHY'S KAMPGROUND**

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**REPORT TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The Task Force Committee was charged with the mission of recommending to the Township Board whether or not the Township should seek to acquire the campground commonly known as Kathy's Kampground for conversion into a park ....

.... and, in the event of a positive recommendation to recommend to the Board how the necessary money for purchase, remodeling and maintenance could be raised.

The Task Force Committee has met several times and pursued some extensive research to carry out the assignment and is ready now to make the following formal recommendations.

I We recommend against making any effort at this time to acquire interest in the campground. The reason for this strong recommendation is that there is an unresolved matter of serious contamination involving the campground and contiguous properties. It seems likely that there will be extensive legal and technical work to be carried out before that problem is resolved. It seems unwise at this time to involve the Township unnecessarily beyond its existing involvement as the municipal authority.

II We recommend, however, that the Township pursue the appropriate steps toward the use of grant monies, available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, for such purposes as may from time to time seem meritorious. Such funds would facilitate the accomplishment of many projects that the Township may contemplate, such as the acquisition and/or development of recreational and other facilities for the benefit of the Township.

III We also recommend that the Township undertake to prepare, publicly debate and adopt a Township Recreation Plan. Such a current plan, officially adopted by the Township, filed with the DNR and updated periodically, is a necessary prerequisite to an application for the grants mentioned in Recommendation II, and is clearly a worthy accomplishment in its own right.

It is only fair to point out that two recommendations made above entail considerable time and effort on the part of those who may be put in charge of those projects. Although the Township now has an extensive library of the necessary study materials, applications, guidelines and the like, both for the development of a recreation plan and for the eventual attempt to secure fund monies, and has also been offered the assistance of professionals in the DNR in the preparation of these plans and applications--the sheer work involved in such a set of projects is very great.

A sample planning chart attached to this report will give some indication of the many steps required and the long lead times that must be efficiently dealt with.

Our recommendations II and III should not be lightly accepted, without some hard and constructive thought.

It might be useful for the Task Force Committee to discuss these considerations with the Board in some detail before the Board decides to accept or reject our recommendations.

We remain at the Board's disposal for that purpose and, expressing our appreciation to the Board for the confidence it showed in assigning us this interesting mission, we respectfully present our report.

Harvey Jacobitz, Chairman