



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Township and Schools

The Argentine Township Board has final authority related to development and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities on township owned property under Act 157 of the Public Acts of 1905. Currently, the township owns two properties that are considered undeveloped but are allocated for future park improvements. The township also continues to pursue acquisition of properties as needed to develop a cohesive parks system that concurs with the overall parks and recreation goals and objectives. The Planning Commission will play an advisory role to the Township Board by reviewing projects in relation to this plan's goals and objectives and seeing that they are being met. The Board has authority over the progress the township takes toward implementing the action program and approval of financial expenditures. The Township understands the economic burdens families are presently faced with. Therefore, plans for future development are intended to incorporate volunteer opportunities and fundraising efforts as much as possible. The township strongly intends to seek funding through various federal, state, local, and philanthropic sources, as well. When necessary, funds may be included as a line item in the township's budget for recreational planning, improvements, and maintenance of township facilities, as needed.

Like the Township Board, the Linden Community School Board has final authority over financial expenditures related to school owned property. The board seeks the guidance of their Facility Needs Committee who, like the Planning Commission, serves as an advisory committee to the school board. This committee and the school board meet on a regularly scheduled basis to review and discuss needed improvements and new development. Presently the school uses their "sinking fund" and in-kind donations as the funding source for many recent and proposed improvements. The schools 2007-2008 to 2016-2017 "sinking fund" budget can be found in the Appendix. Maintenance of the schools recreational facilities is taken out of the "contracted services" line item of their budget which is \$300,000.00 for 2009-2010. This line item is used for a host of services from waste removal to mowing. As with the township board, the school board is not apposed to applying for funds through various federal, state, local, and philanthropic sources.

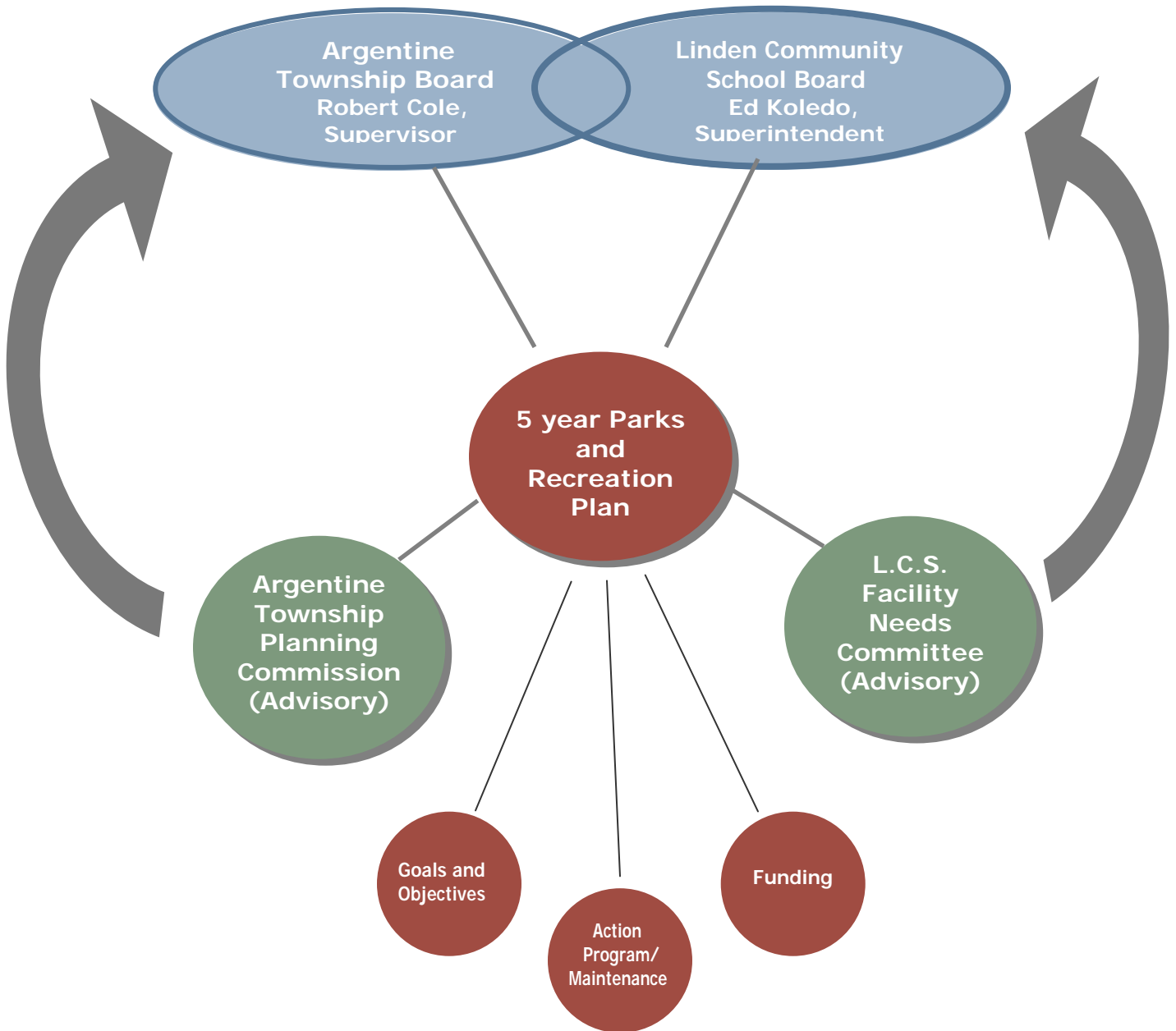
Both the Township and Linden Community Schools have recognized early on in this process that collaborating with one another will achieve the best results for the overall community. As in the past, both are committed to working together toward reaching the goals and objectives laid out in this plan. Both have the authority to make decisions related to recreational expenditures in their respective jurisdictions. Therefore, communications between the Township Supervisor and School's Superintendent will be on going and



coordinated in an efficient manner by consulting their advisory committees and combining resources and ideas whenever appropriate. Continual reference will be made as to the goals and objectives and action program specified within this document.

The following figure is a graphical representation of the administrative structure.

Figure #10 Administrative Organization Chart





Community Partnerships

Community partners provide support, insight, technical, and “hands on” assistance for future planning and implementation. Both Argentine Township and Linden Community Schools recognize the valuable resources these groups are to the community. They are committed to building on existing relationships and cultivating new ones so that a sustainable parks system can be developed. This is also an important component toward building positive social interactions and economic growth within the community and on a regional scale as well.



Current Partnerships include:

CAER - Center of Applied and Environmental Research (University Outreach, UM-Flint)
Genesee Regional Trail Council (Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission)
Southern Lakes Planning Initiative
SAGE (Safe and Active Genesee for Everyone)
Headwaters Trails Inc.
Shiawassee River Trail Group
Fenton Area Paddlers
Lions Club
Swartz Creek Schools
Michigan Nature Association
Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation

Potential Partnerships include:

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance
League of Michigan Bicyclists
Keep Genesee County Beautiful
Ruth Mott Foundation
Genesee County Conservation District
For-Mar Nature Preserve – Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
Regents of University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Disability Network
Local Boy Scout Clubs
MSU Master Gardeners – Genesee County