



# Glen Arbor Township Community Parks and Recreation Plan

Public Meeting Presentation  
October 12, 2022



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# Agenda

- Public Engagement Survey Results
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Previous Public Meeting Recap
- Public Forum
- Next Steps

# Public Engagement Survey

## **Glen Arbor Township Community Parks & Recreation Plan**

The Glen Arbor Parks & Recreation Board, in conjunction with the Township Board are in the process of developing a MDNR 5-year Community Parks and Recreation Plan. This document will aid in the future planning and development of park facilities and recreational programming for the Township as well allow for the Township to pursue State grant funding.

The Township would like to engage you in this process by asking that you fill out a survey which is available both online and at Glen Arbor Township Hall. To complete the survey online, scan the QR code or visit the Parks & Recreation webpage at [www.glenarbortownship.com/departments/parks-and-recreation.com](http://www.glenarbortownship.com/departments/parks-and-recreation.com). Survey responses will be accepted until September 6, 2022.



The Parks & Recreation Board will also be hosting two public input sessions at the Glen Arbor Township Hall. Dates for these meetings are as follows:

August 10, 2022 at 7:00pm  
October 12, 2022 at 7:00pm

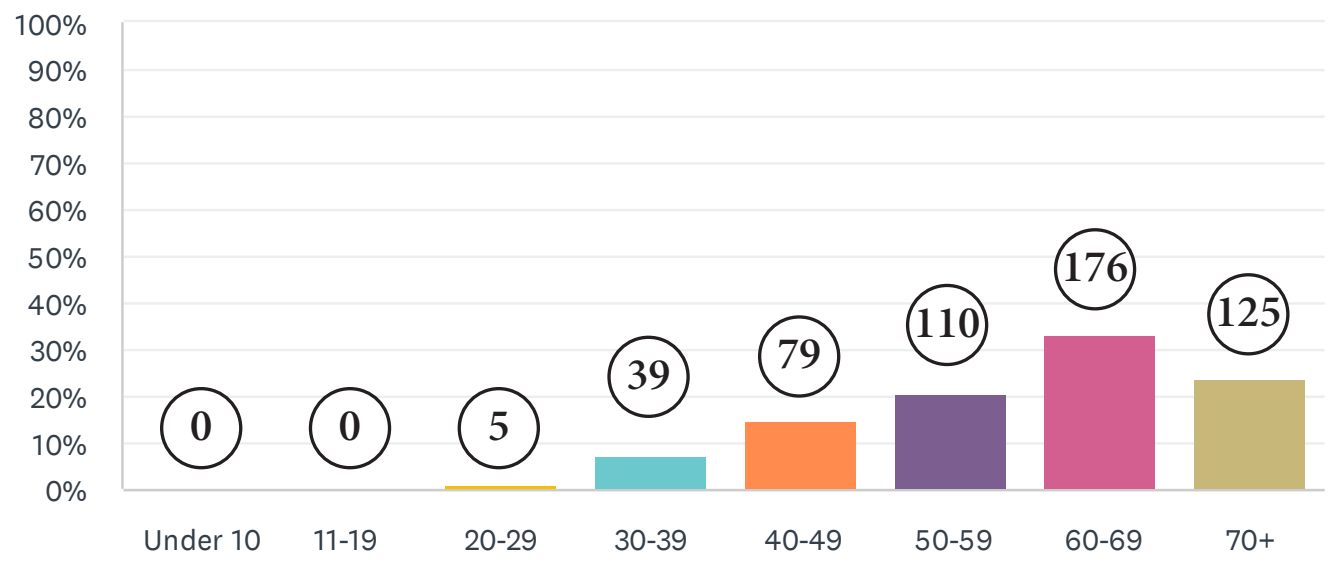
# Public Engagement Survey Results

Total Number of Respondents

534

Q1 What is your age?

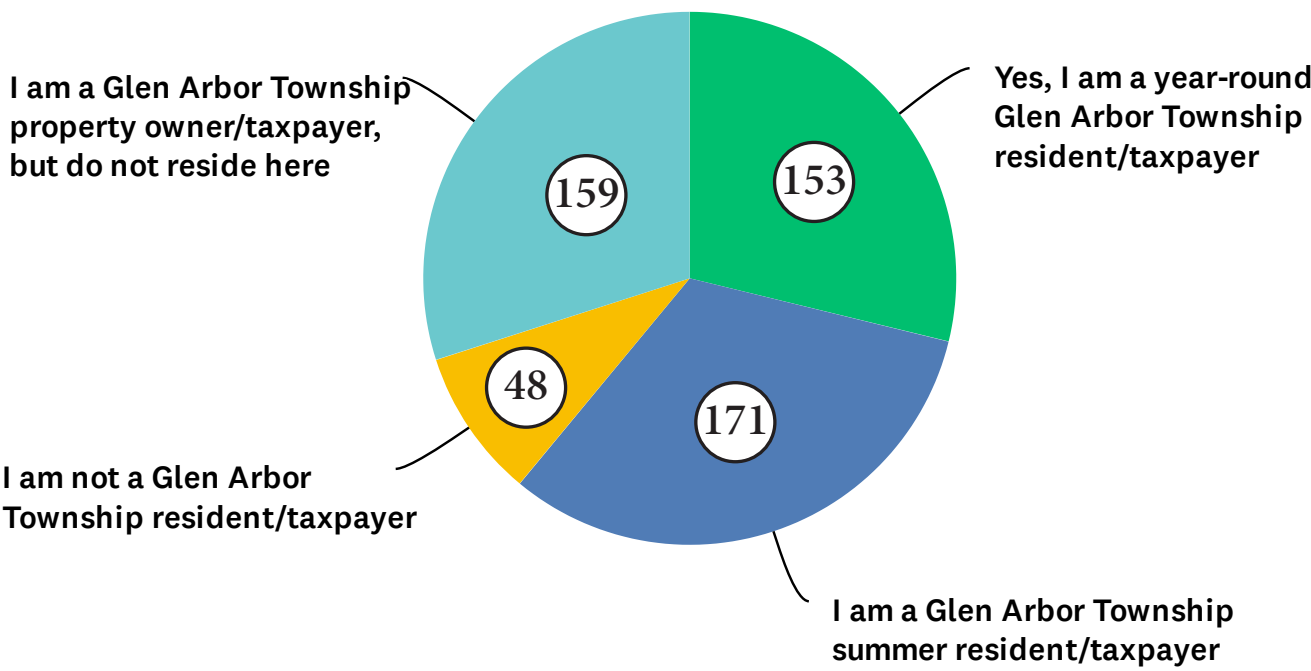
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q2 Are you a year-round resident of Glen Arbor Township?

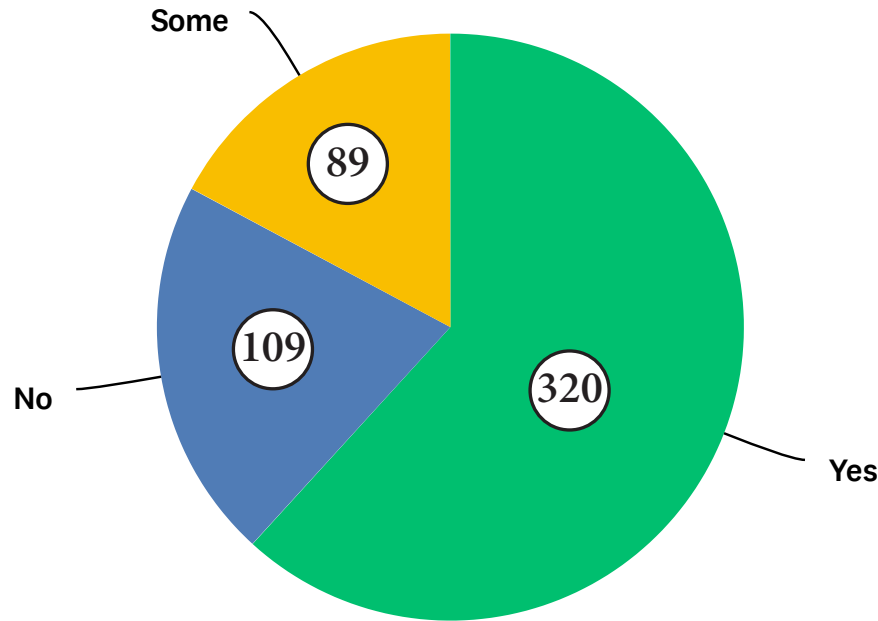
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q3 Do you participate in recreation activities (e.g. sports, physical wellness, outdoor play, etc.) as often as you would like?

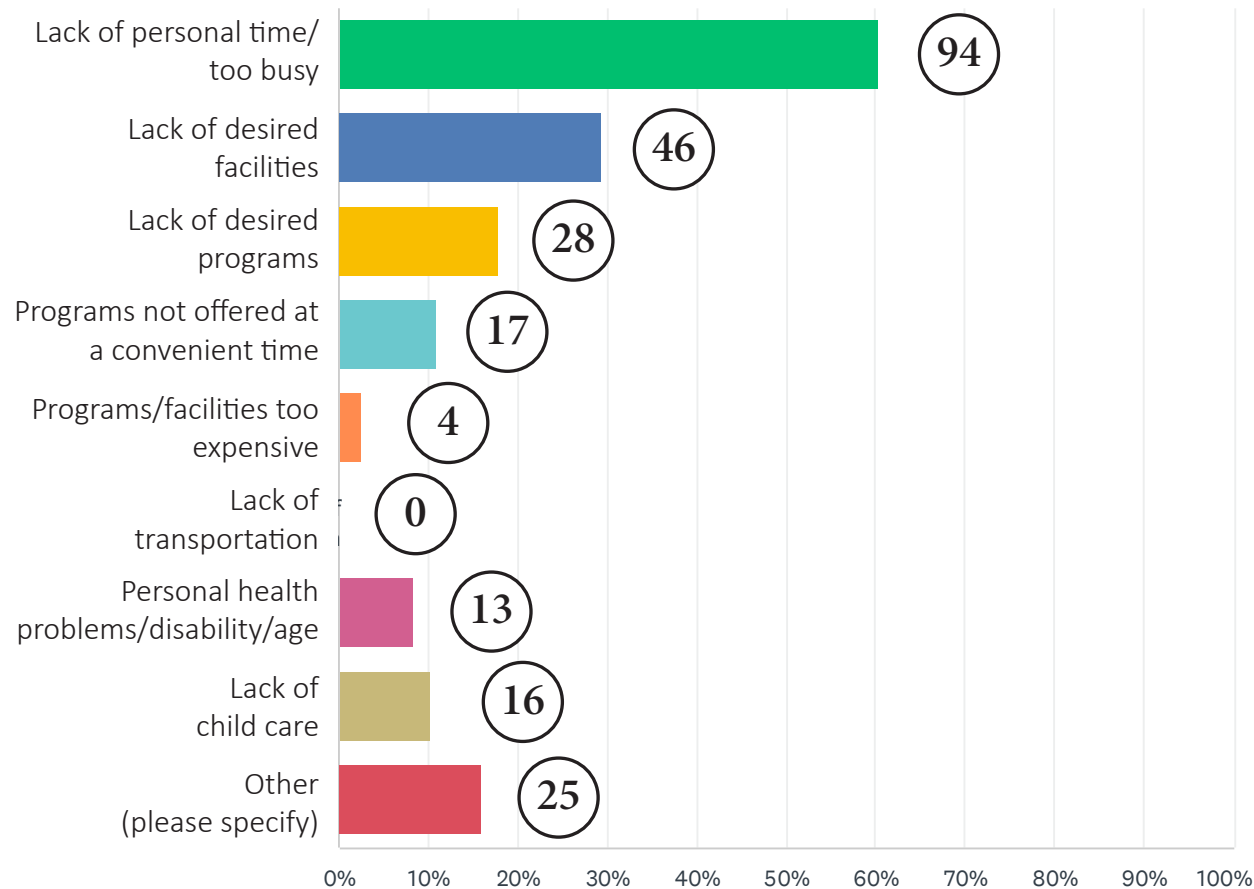
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q4 If you answered "No" to question three, please identify the reasons why you are not able to participate in recreation activities as often as you would like. Please check all that apply.

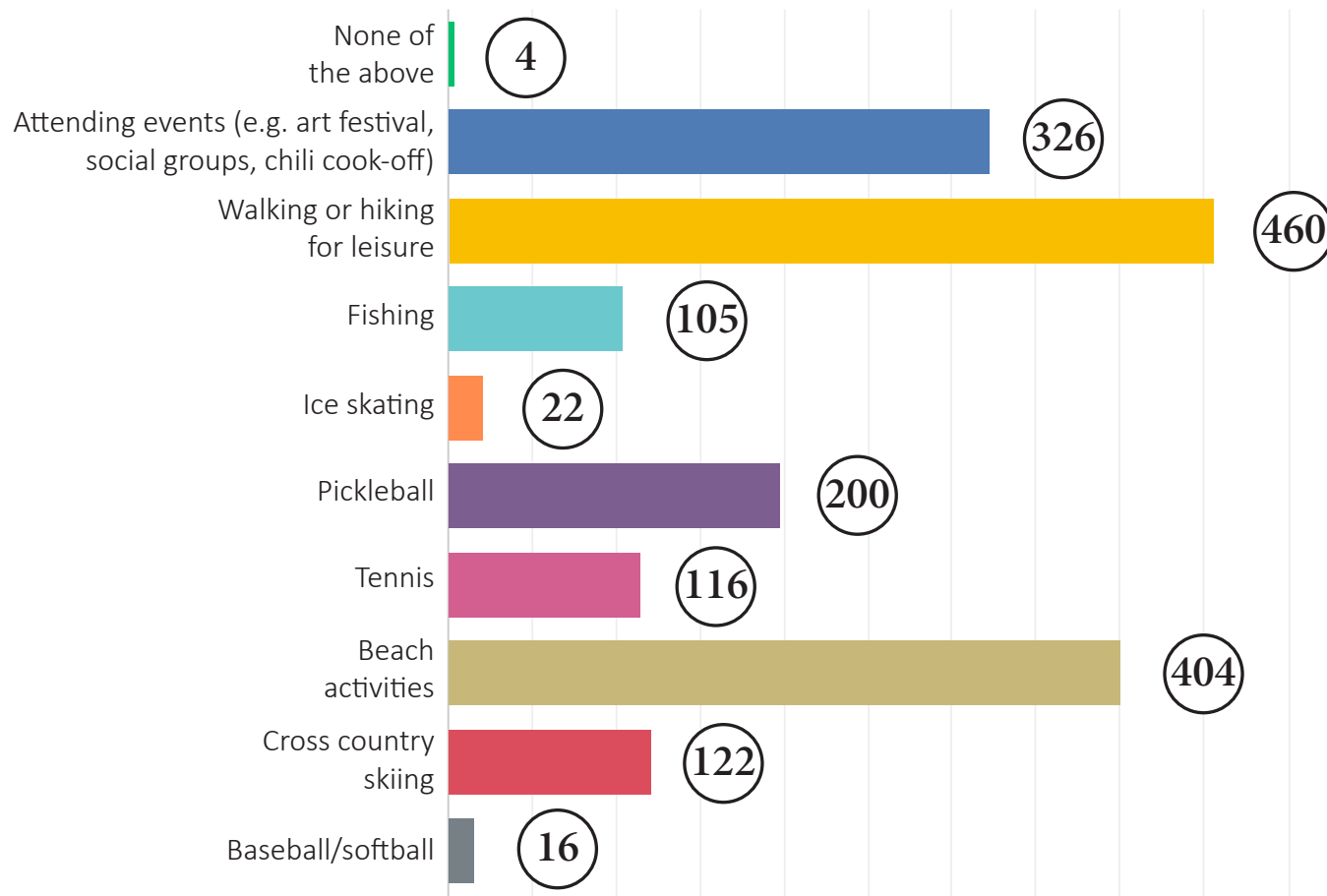
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q5 Within the last 12 months, which of the following activities have you participated in? Please check all that apply.

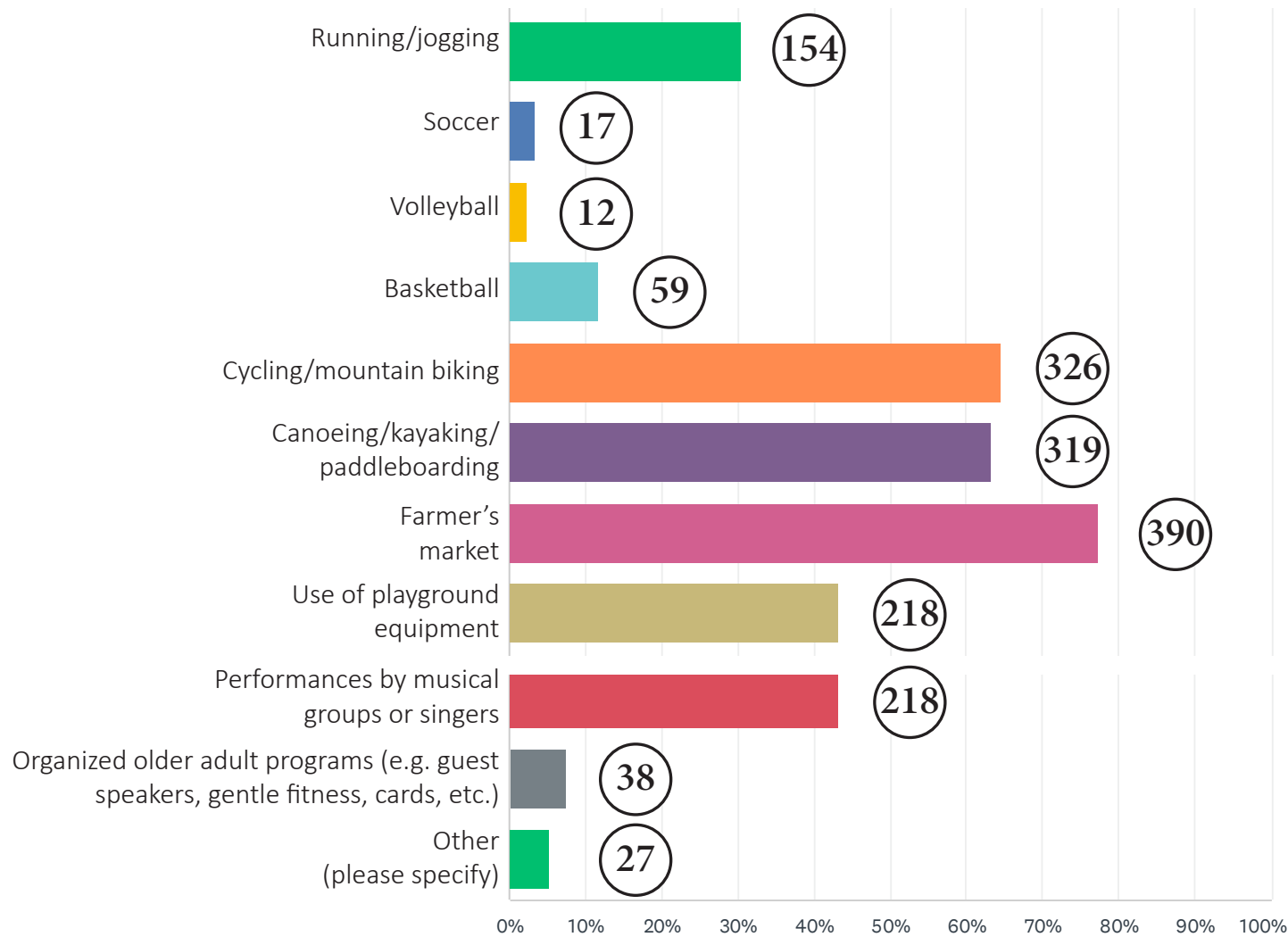
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

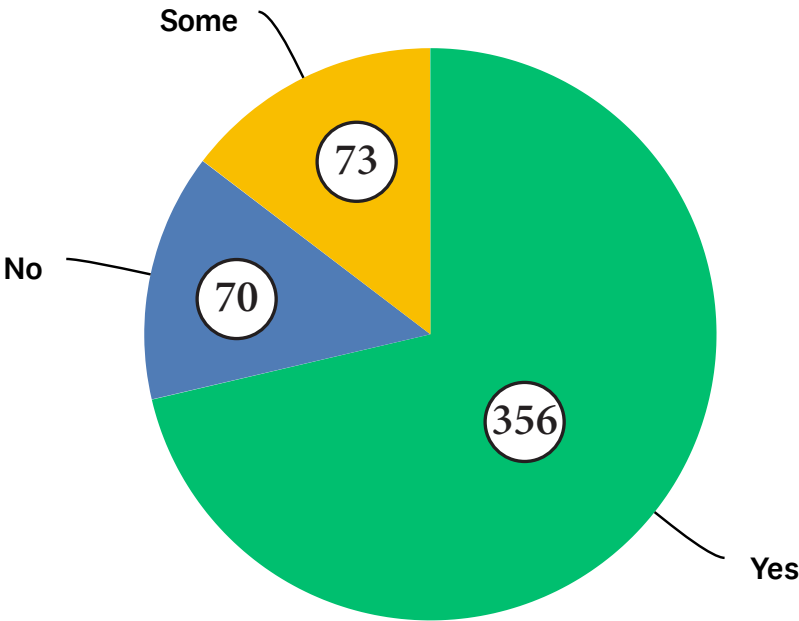
Q5 Continued.



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q6 Did any of the activities identified in question five utilize Glen Arbor Township community recreational facilities?

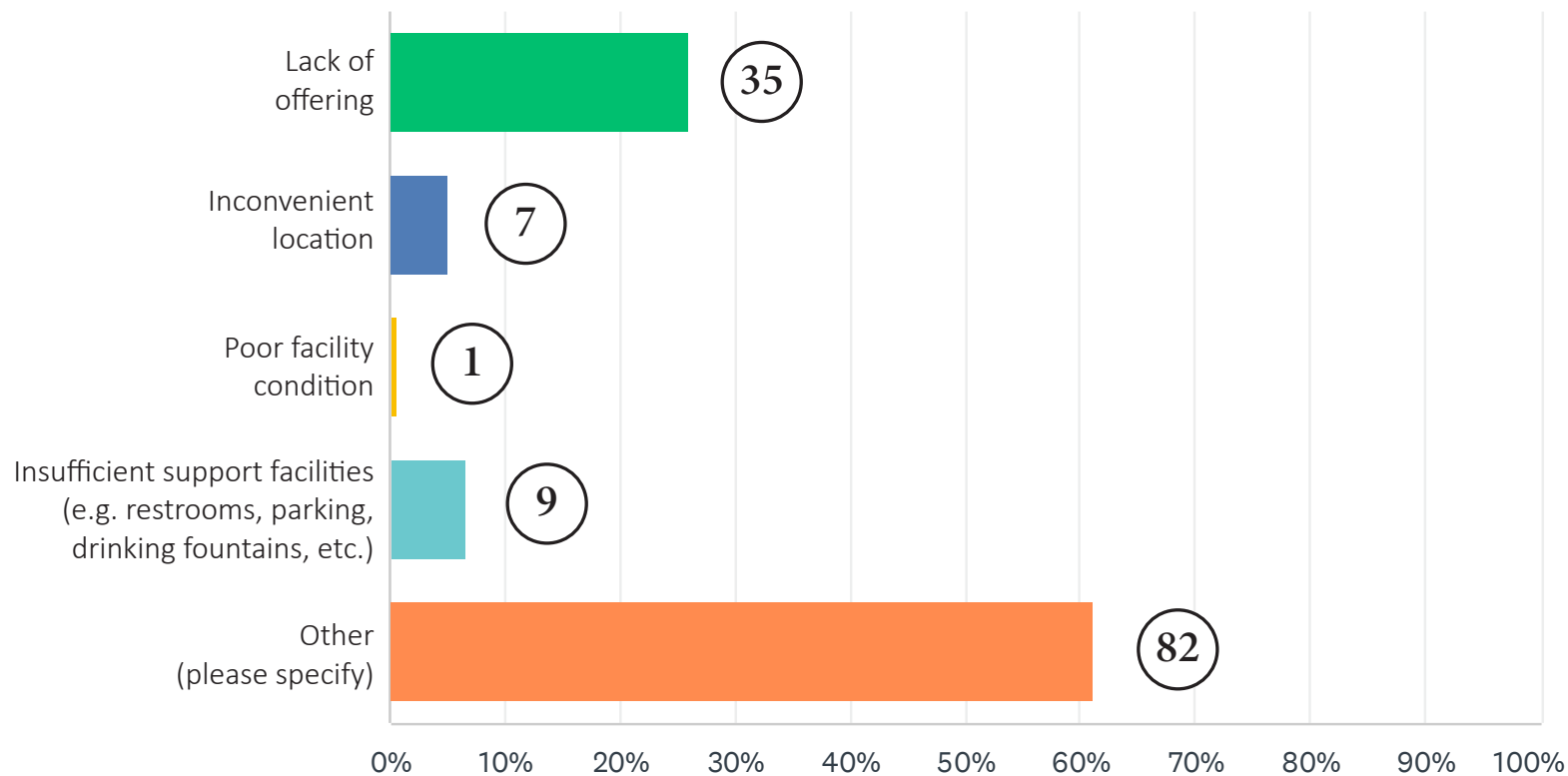
Answered: 499    Skipped: 35



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q7 If you answered "No" or "Some" to question six, what is the primary reason for not utilizing Glen Arbor Township community recreational facilities?

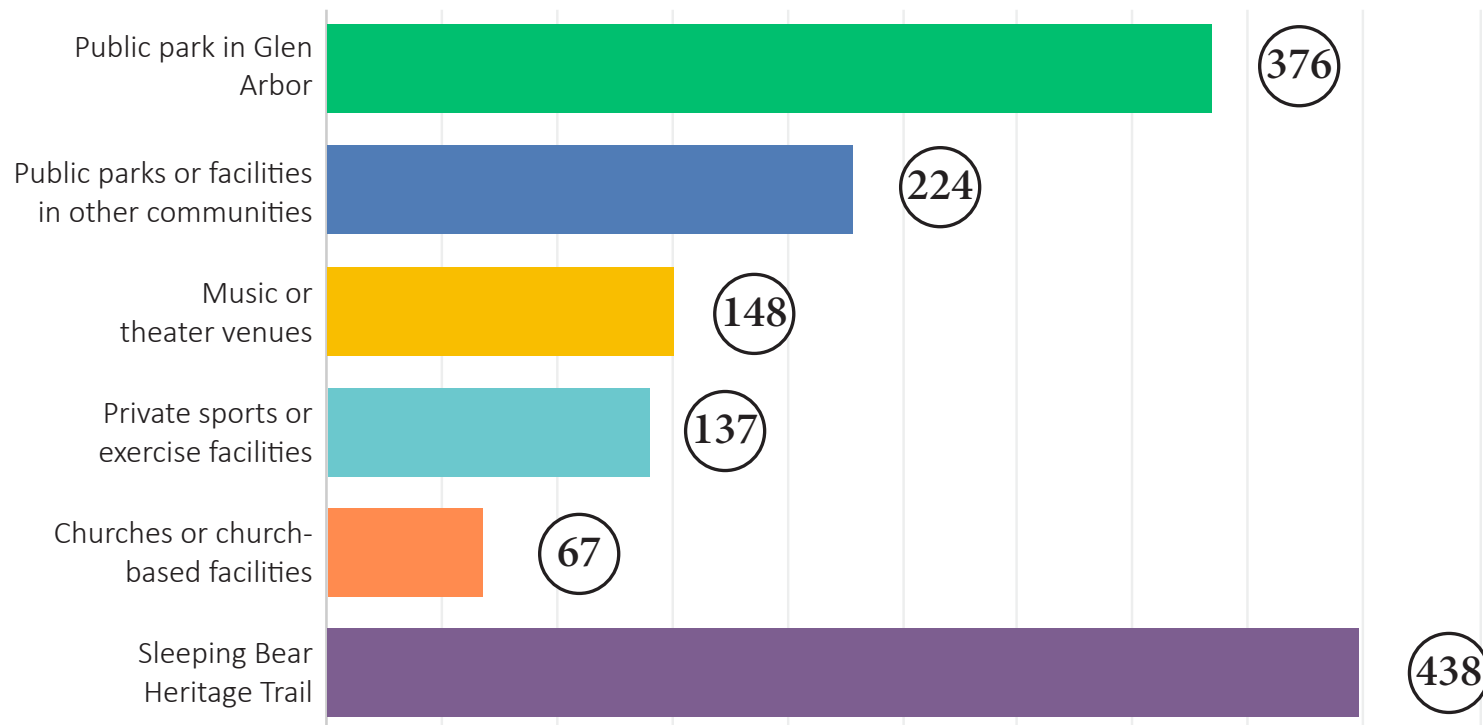
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

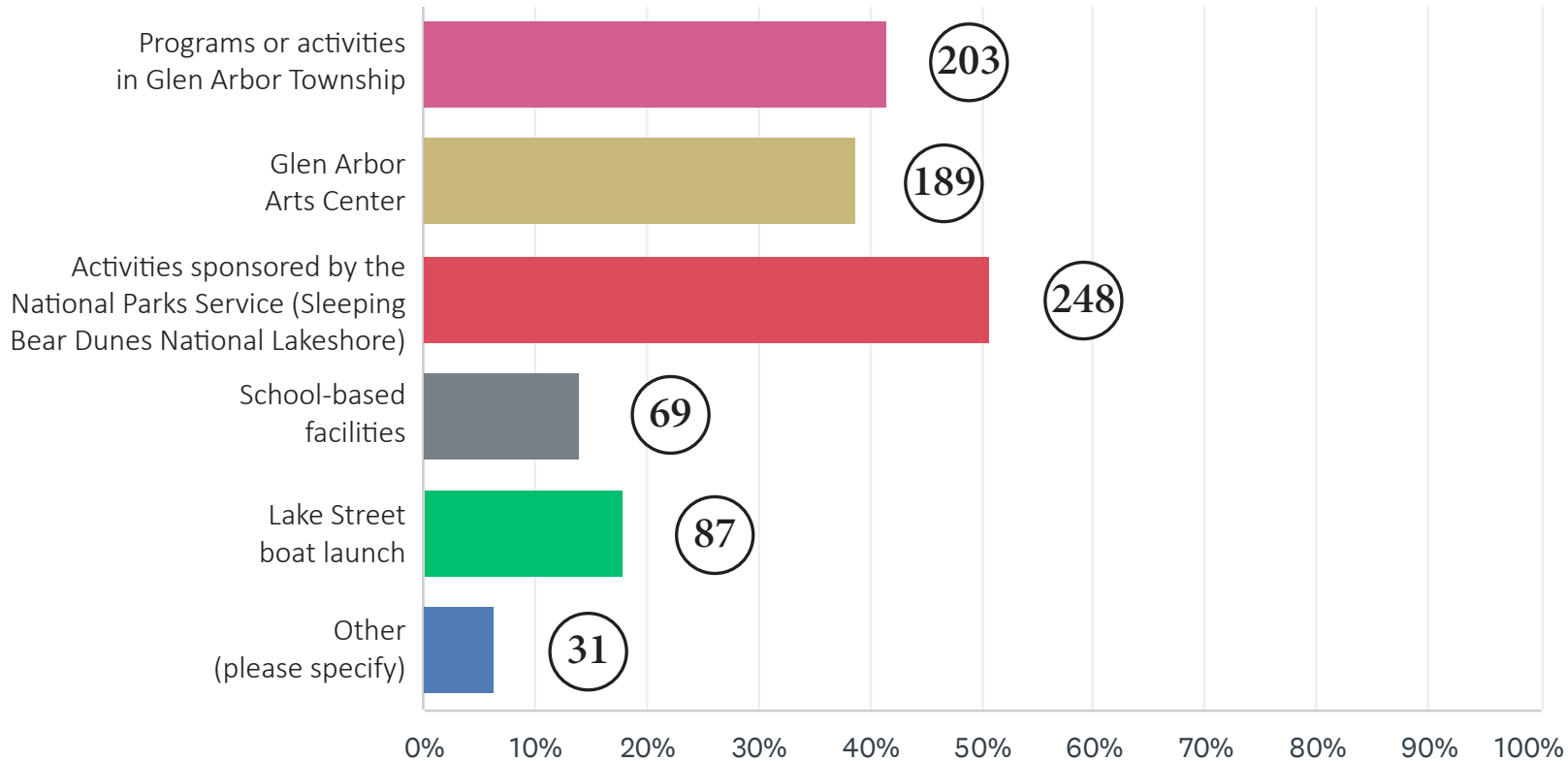
Q8 What facilities in Glen Arbor Township and the surrounding communities do you use for recreation, well-being, and cultural activities?  
Please check all that apply.

Answered: 488 Skipped: 46



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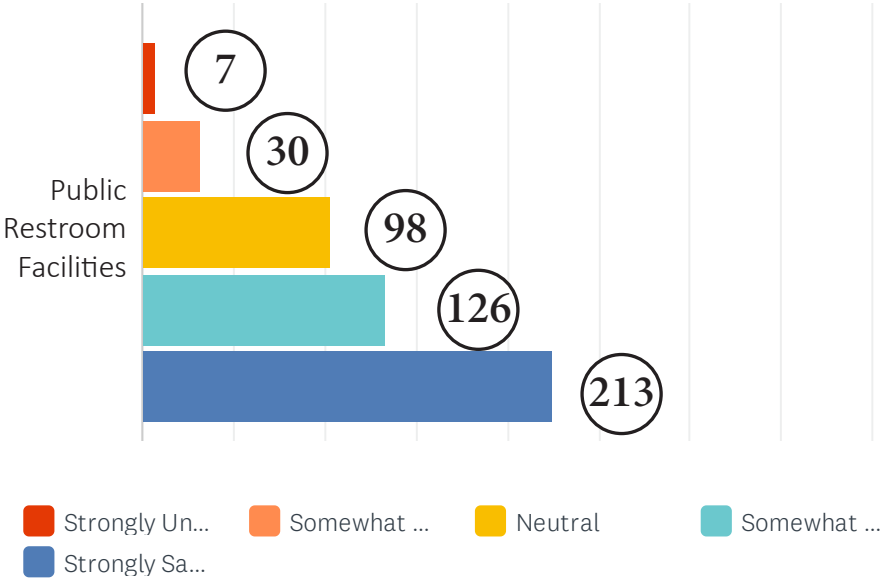
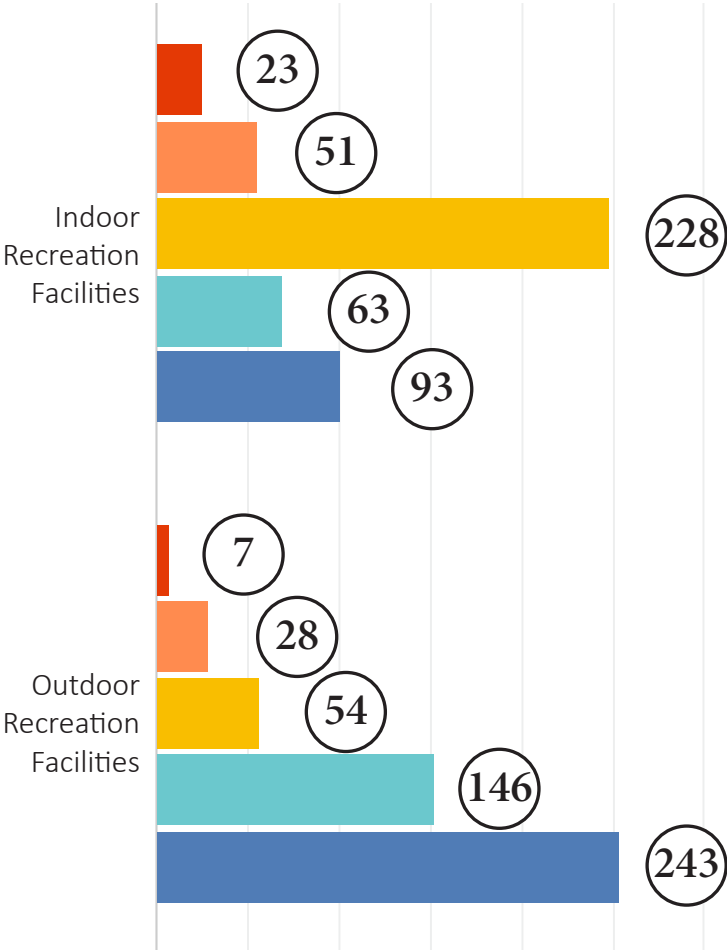
## Q8 Continued.



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q9 What is your satisfaction level with the following Glen Arbor Township facilities?

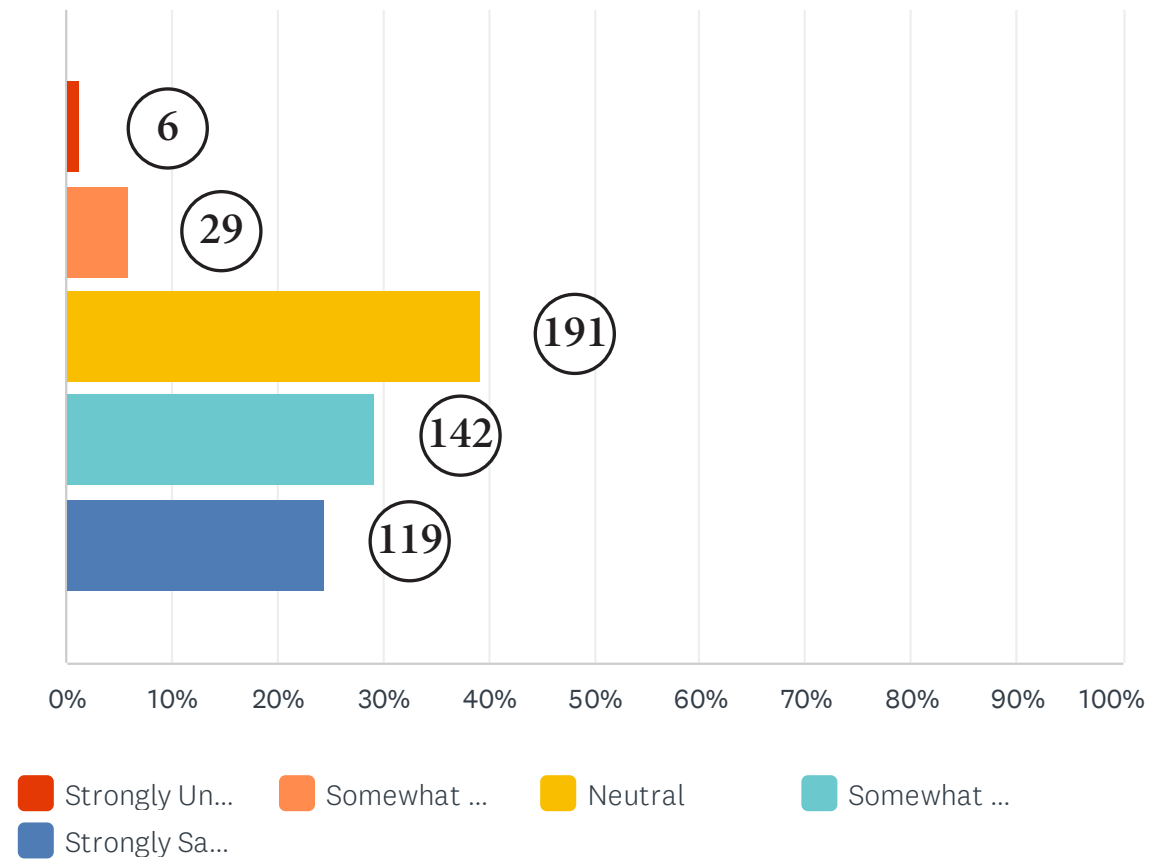
Answered: 492 Skipped: 42



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q10 What is your satisfaction level with Glen Arbor Township's recreational activities and programming?

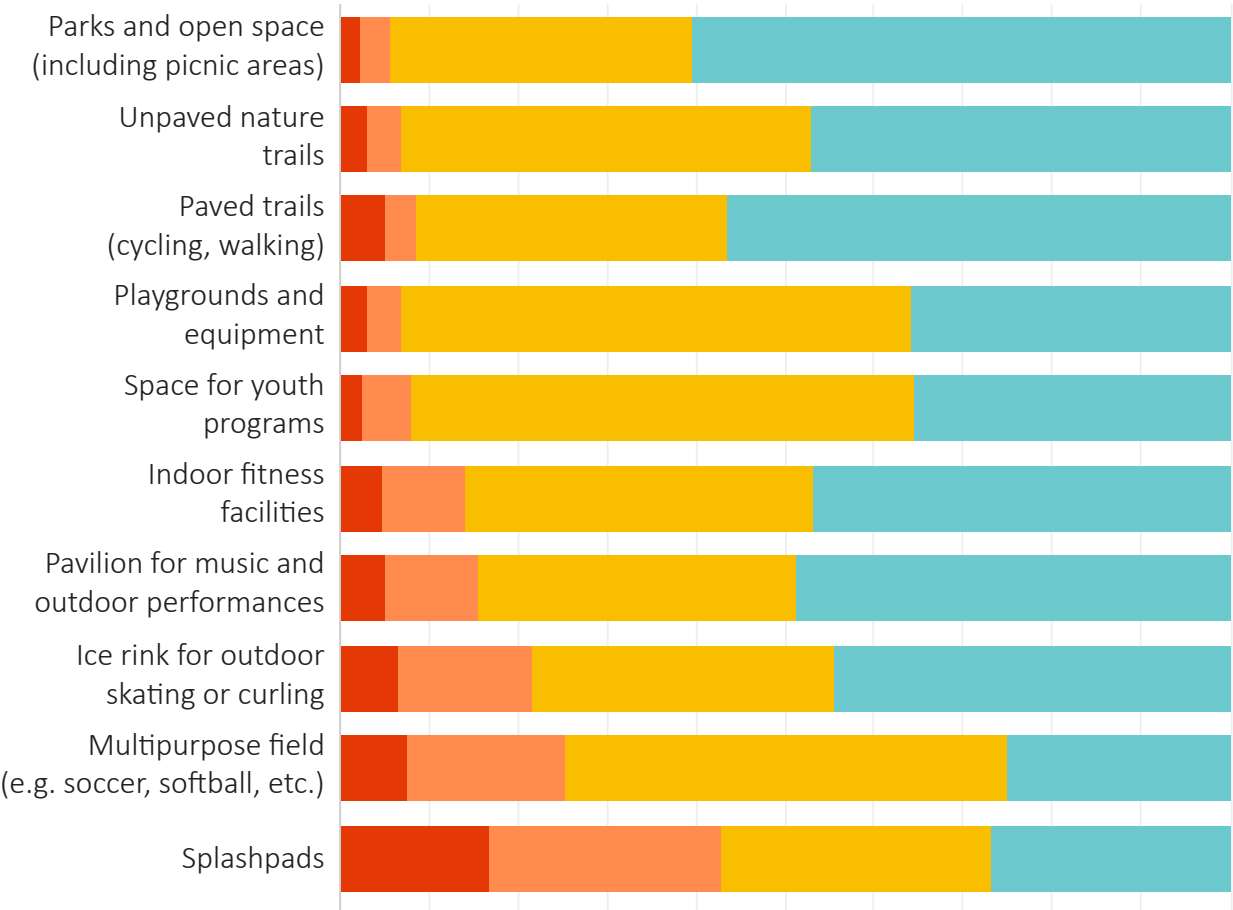
Answered: 487    Skipped: 47



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q11 To what degree do you oppose or support Glen Arbor Township spending public funds on developing new or improving existing facility types?

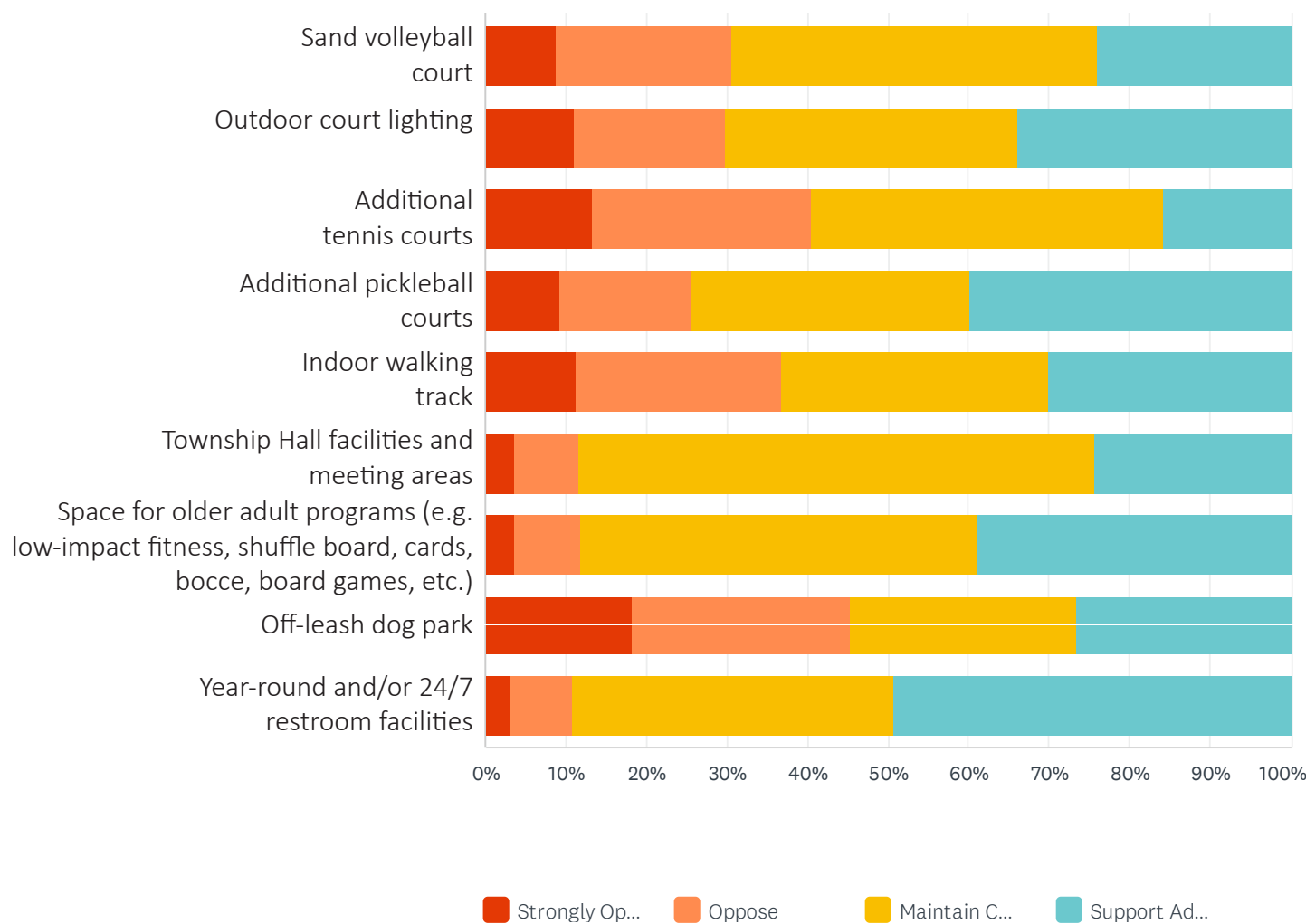
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# Public Engagement Survey Results

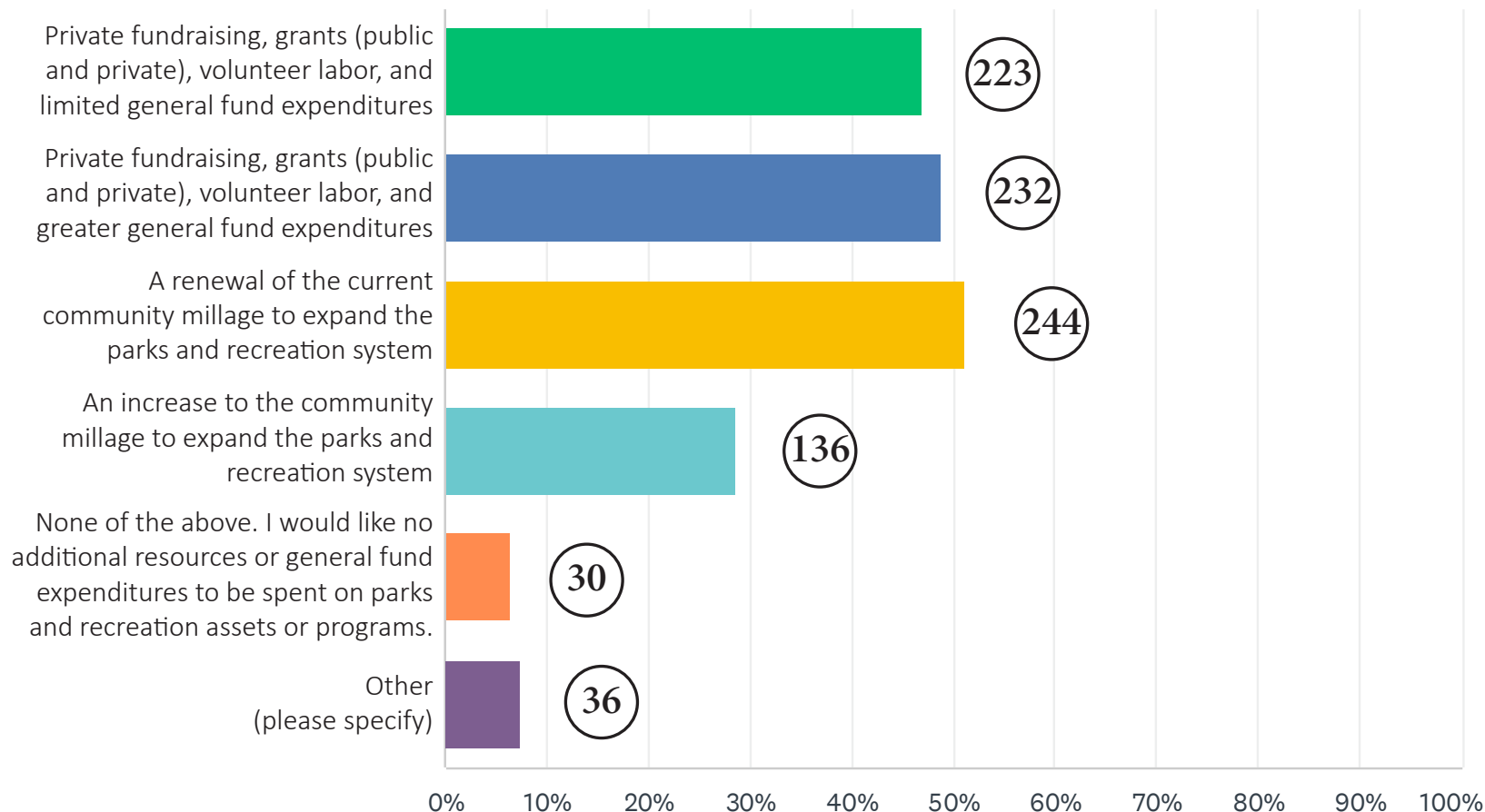
Q11 Continued.



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q12 How do you think the Township should pay for additional parks and recreation amenities and their maintenance? Please check all that apply.

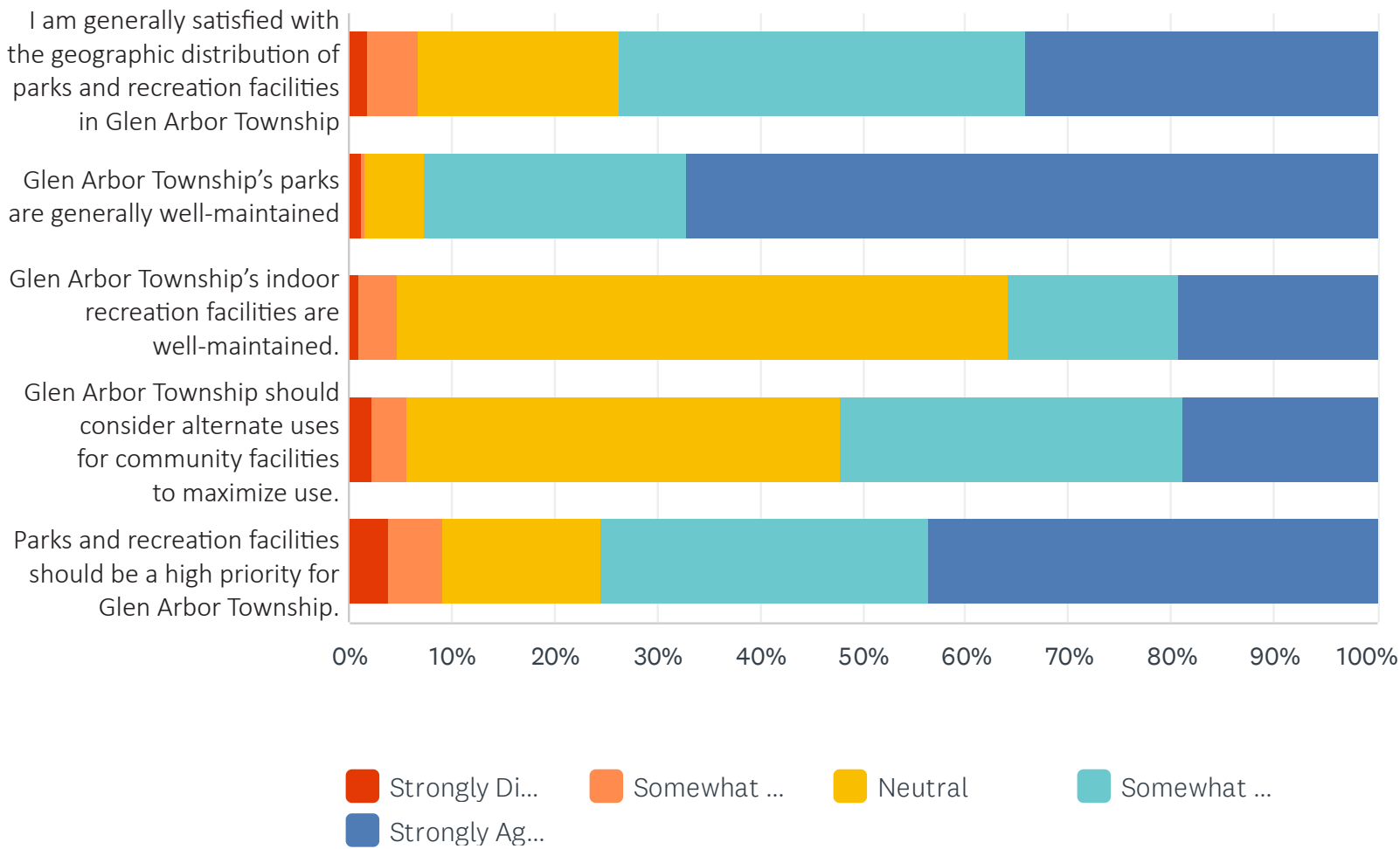
Answered: 476 Skipped: 58



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q13 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 470    Skipped: 64



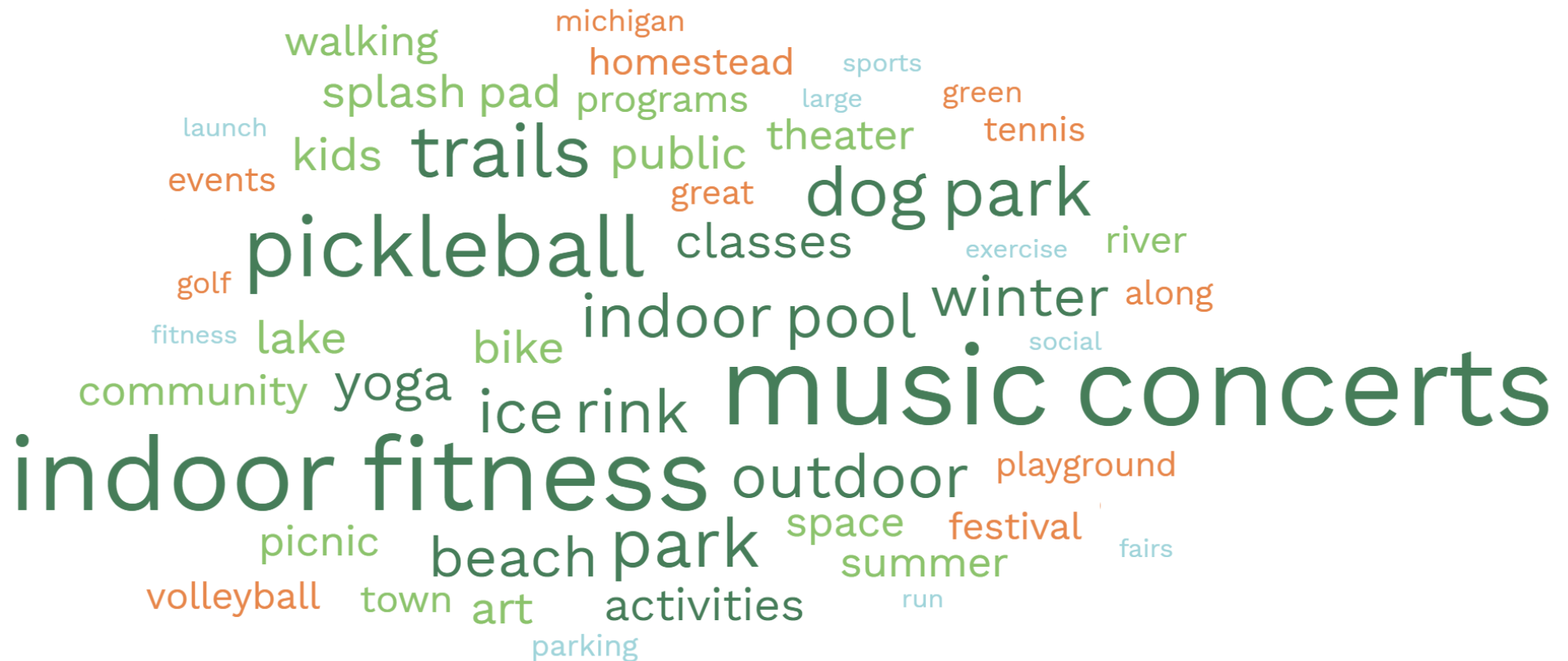
# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q14 Please list the top activities that you participate in outside of  
Glen Arbor Township.



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q15 Please list any parks, recreation, or cultural activities that you would like to see offered in Glen Arbor Township that are currently not available.



# Public Engagement Survey Results

Q16 Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding recreation facilities in Glen Arbor Township.

Additional facilities will  
attract more tourists

Additional restrooms,  
year-round restrooms

Better park and facility  
maintenance

## General support for the Glen Arbor Parks and Recreation Board

Additional parking  
should be considered

More pickleball courts  
are needed

Indoor facilities for  
recreation activities  
during the winter months

# Public Engagement Survey Results

Selection of comments from the survey:

- Programming related to pickleball/tennis (i.e. lessons, leagues, socials). Ways to learn a new activity, meet new people and interact on a social level.
- A stronger/safer connection between Glen Arbor and the Homestead would be beneficial.
- Potential tourist taxes and facility usage fees where applicable.
- Acquire the putt-putt golf property on the Crystal River.
- Better partnerships with other providers of parks and recreation activities (i.e. schools, SBDNL, private businesses, etc.)
- I am not aware of any indoor recreation programming.

# Stakeholder Meetings

## Glen Lake Community Schools

- GLCS expressed interest in collaboration with the Township on recreation programming and facility use.

## Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

- Discussed a future plan to extend the Heritage Trail to downtown Glen Arbor.
- Discussed a future plan to replace culverts with open-span bridges along the Crystal River.

## Glen Lake Women's Club

- Air conditioning at the gymnasium.
- Winter activities such as exercise classes, card clubs, movie nights, etc.
- Intergenerational activities such as the fall festival.
- A dog park.



# Previous Public Meeting Recap

## The Miller Hill Property:

- A great lookout.
- Seasonal road is marginally maintained.
- Cul-de-sac could use improvements.
- Property must be used for parks and recreation.

## Pickleball & Tennis:

- Glen Lake School has 8 new tennis courts. Some of the regular tennis players have moved from Township Park to the school.
- Empire has two pickleball courts that one user plays at due to Township Park being so busy.
- The feasibility of adding pickleball courts to Township Park was discussed.

## Township Park:

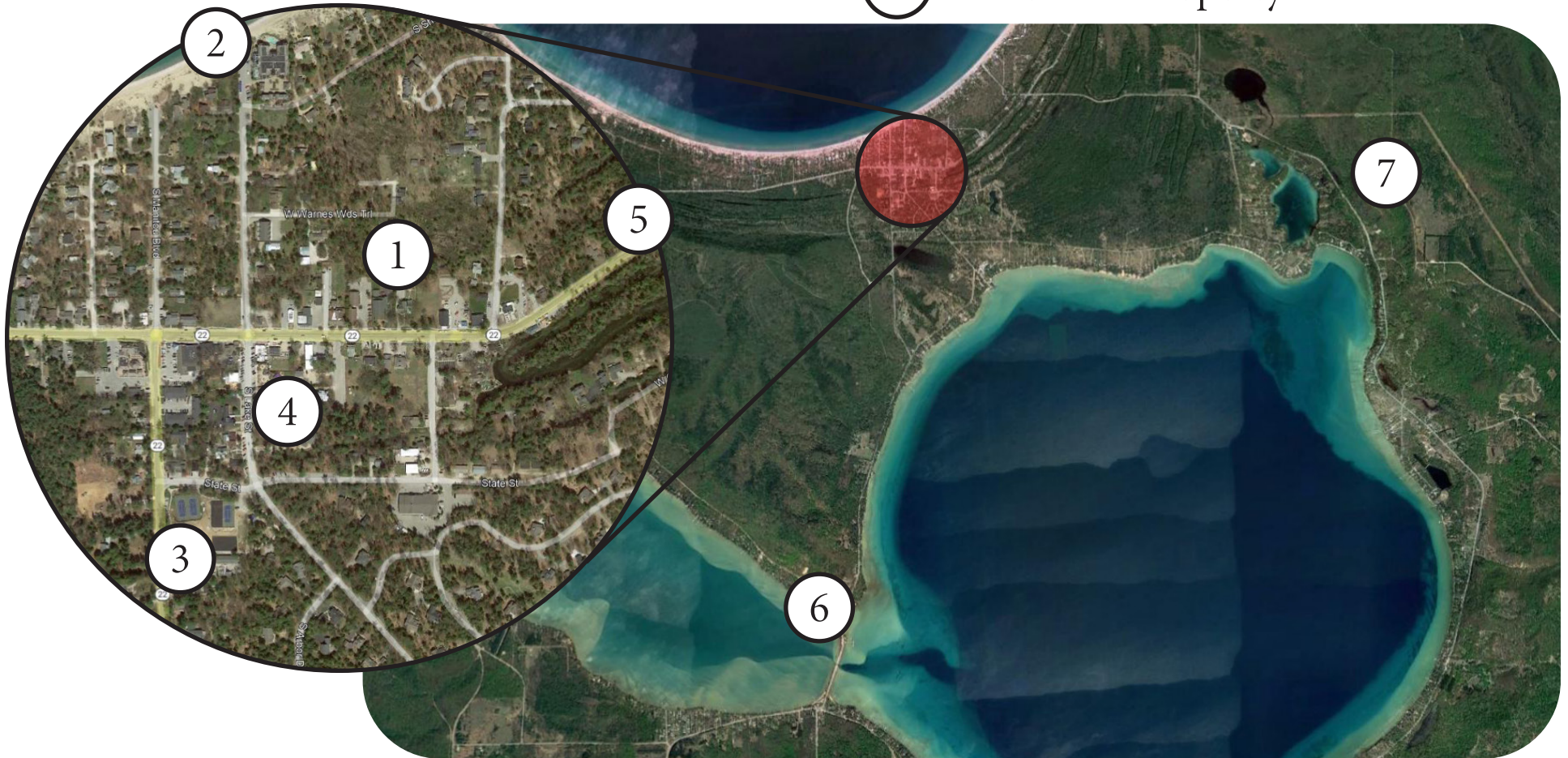
- Outdoor fitness equipment is rarely used.
- Diversity of facilities at Township Park is what makes it successful.
- Greenspace for children to throw a ball or run around is important.
- Property must be used for parks and recreation.

## Other Comments:

- The Township should acquire the putt-putt golf property.
- Maintenance is a concern. Could a “friends of the park” approach work?
- A tourist tax was discussed.
- Silent disco, dances, movie nights, euchre/bunco, bingo, 3x3 basketball tournaments and exercise classes were all mentioned.

# Map of Public Parks and Recreation Facilities

- ① Glen Arbor Township Hall / Gymnasium
- ② Glen Arbor Boat Ramp
- ③ Township Park
- ④ Glen Arbor Garden & Visitor Center
- ⑤ Canoe Access on Crystal River
- ⑥ Little Glen Lake Access at Narrows
- ⑦ Miller Hill Property



# Public Forum

Comments regarding any of the information discussed in this presentation or general comments regarding Glen Arbor Township parks and recreation are welcomed.

## Next Steps...

- Develop a draft community parks and recreation plan for public review during the 30-day review period.

## Important Upcoming Dates

Public Review Period

November, 2022