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Meeting

December 9, 2021

**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Township Board of Trustees will be meeting in person. The public can attend in person or view the meeting online by visiting the Township's website at <https://twp.northville.mi.us/RemoteMeetings> . All Public Comment participation will be in person or by sending a letter to the Clerk's Office prior to the meeting for public comment; letters will be accepted via email (clerk@twp.northville.mi.us), in person at the Clerk's Office or by postal mail.

DATE: Thursday, December 9, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:	Mark Abbo, Supervisor	Scott Frush, Trustee
	Roger Lundberg, Clerk	Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
	Jason Rhines, Treasurer	Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee
		Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- 1. Resolution – Financial Institution Amendment**
- 2. Proposed Skate Park Town Hall**
- 3. Brief Public Comments:** (Anyone wishing to comment on an agenda item, or any other matter, may do so at this time. Citizen Comments are requested to be limited to two minutes.)
- 4. ADJOURN:**

Respectfully submitted:
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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*Only the business listed on this agenda may be transacted unless all board members are present; then, business that might lawfully come before a regular meeting of the board may be transacted. (MCL 42.7(4)).

Item 1

RESOLUTION 2021-0

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall, the following information was offered:

WHEREAS: The Charter Township of Northville investment policy requires that the Board of Trustees approve savings and investment options; and,

WHEREAS: The Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended, authorizes a governing body, by resolution, to invest in securities that comply with Public Act 20 and the Township's Investment Policy; and,

WHEREAS: The Northville Township Treasurer, after consulting with the Treasury and Finance Committee, wants to invest in U.S. Treasuries; and,

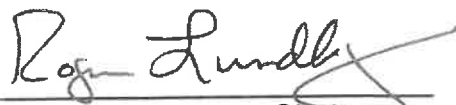
WHEREAS: The preferred method for purchasing U.S. Treasuries is through a brokerage account with Huntington Securities Inc., a division of Huntington Bancshares Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Upon Motion by Treasurer Rhines and second by _____ to approve the addition of Huntington Securities Inc. and Huntington Bancshares Inc. to the list of approved financial institutions.

AYES: Abbo, Lundberg, Rhines, Frush, Herrmann, Jankowski, Roosen
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I, Roger Lundberg, Clerk of the Charter Township of Northville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution of action approved by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting held on December 9, 2021, at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.



Roger Lundberg, Clerk

Item 2

**Resolution – Support of Skate Park Project
Charter Township of Northville
RESOLUTION 2021-081**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall, the following information was offered:

WHEREAS, A group of Northville residents with a common interest, working with a Township Trustee/Parks and Recreation Commissioner and staff, have formed the Northville Skate Park Committee, and

WHEREAS, The Northville Skate Park Committee wishes to develop a skate park as a unifying space for skateboarders and a safe environment for wheel sports in memory and honor of Dominic Duhn, and

WHEREAS, The Northville Skate Park Committee plans to initiate a fund raising effort to contribute to the development of a skate park in Northville, available for use at no cost to the skateboarding community, and

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports provide physical health benefits for all ages, regardless of gender, background, or ability, providing a physical outdoor activity, and keeping them away from video screens, and

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports provide mental health benefits to participants by giving an outlet for relieving stress, enabling participants to connect with peers who share their passion, and develop determination, self-discipline, and resiliency as they work for hours to learn new tricks – all skills that can be applied to other facets of your life, and

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports offer an alternative recreational activity to individuals, particularly older youth, who are not as comfortable or interested in organized team sports, and provide an activity where there is no right or wrong and where no one gets cut, and

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports can be participated in with relatively low cost, with no need to purchase expensive equipment and team gear, and

WHEREAS, Skate Parks can reduce damage to private property by providing a designated place for skateboarders to participate in and practice their craft, giving youth something to do and a place to go,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northville Township Board of Trustees recognize the recreational and community value of having a skate park and fully supports the efforts of the Northville Skate Park Committee.

Motion By: Trustee Frush

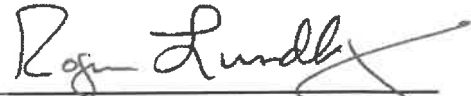
Support By: Trustee Roosen

AYES: Abbo, Lundberg, Rhines, Frush, Herrmann, Jankowski, Roosen

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I, Roger Lundberg, Clerk of the Charter Township of Northville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution of action approved by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on June 17, 2021 at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Lundberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk

Resolution in Support of Skate Park Project

WHEREAS, A group of Northville residents with a common interest, working with a Parks and Recreation Commissioner and staff, have formed the Northville Skate Park Committee, and

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WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports offer an alternative recreational activity to individuals, particularly older youth, who are not as comfortable or interested in organized team sports, and provide an activity where there is no right or wrong and where no one gets cut, and

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports can be participated in with relatively low cost, with no need to purchase expensive equipment and team gear, and

WHEREAS, Skate Parks can reduce damage to private property by providing a designated place for skateboarders to participate in and practice their craft, giving youth something to do and a place to go,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes the recreational and community value of having a skate park and fully supports the efforts of the Northville Skate Park Committee and the concept of having a skate park located in a Northville Park.



Resolution in Support of a Northville Skate Park Project

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools was held at Hillside Middle School on the 9th day of November, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Jaafar, Vice President.

Present: Members Jaafar, Hwang, Mazurek, McIntyre, Lynn, Wilson

Absent: Members Prescott

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member McIntyre and supported by Member Hwang.

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WHEREAS, The Northville Skate Park Committee has initiated a fund raising effort to contribute to the development of a skate park in Northville, available for use at no cost to the skateboarding community; and

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports provide physical health benefits for all ages, regardless of gender, background, or ability, providing a physical outdoor activity;

WHEREAS, Skateboarding and wheel sports provide mental health benefits to participants by giving an outlet for relieving stress, enabling participants to connect with peers who share in this type of activity; and

WHEREAS, our vision is for all youth to be engaged in meaningful and diverse activities that cultivate their unique individual talents; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools supports the health, safety, and well-being of our community's youth; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northville Public Schools Board of Education recognizes the recreational and community value of having a skate park and fully supports the efforts of the Northville Skate Park Committee and its continued quest for a potential skatepark located in the Northville community.

Ayes: Members McIntyre, Mazurek, Wilson, Hwang, Jaafar, Lynn

Nays: Members None

Resolution declared adopted. 6-0.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Michigan hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a Regular meeting held on November 9, 2021, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roland Hwang".

Roland Hwang
Secretary, Board of Education

June 13, 2021

Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

Dear Trustees,

The Northville Youth Network commission support the exploration of a proposed skatepark in Northville at Millennium Park. Our vision and mission align completely with projects such as the creation of a community skatepark.

The **vision** of the Northville Youth Network is *“a community where all Northville youth are supported and encouraged to develop resiliency and a positive sense of self”*. Our **mission** is *“to partner with families and community stakeholders to offer socially and culturally inclusive programs and opportunities for youth that foster physical, emotional and social wellbeing helping them to reach their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens”*.

Additional support for the skatepark are as follows:

- Activities like skateboarding not only improve physical health and emotional health but are shown to improve academic performance and reduce at-risk factors in American youth.
- Skateparks will draw a range of ages, where they will recreate together as peers. What other recreational facility in our community shares this quality and provides an avenue for face-to-face interaction with their peers, which our children need in this challenging time in our world?
- The skatepark bestows community benefits beyond physical activity. Skateboarders build friendships and a kind of micro-community with other skaters from the area at the skatepark. Skateboard parks have been demonstrated to organically provide a community that will encourage and support its members. Many of these friendships will last for years, or even decades.
- The diversity of skatepark communities introduces younger skaters to adults as respected peers and can provide a social support network and a sense of belonging where school and family may not be adequate.
- Youth helping to design and oversee the development and actual creation of the park in their community solidifies a pride in “their” park-offering a leadership role to youth. In addition, those youth and families using a community park take care of “their” space. It is a win-win for all.
- The benefits of skateboarding are research based. A first-of-its-kind study of skateboarding culture reveals that skateboarding improves mental health, fosters community, and encourages diversity and resilience. The study was conducted by the Pullias Center for Higher Education at USC’s Rossier School of Education and USC’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, February 26, 2020.

Please consider supporting the exploration of a proposed skateboard park within the Northville Community!

Sincerely,
Northville Youth Network Commission

REASONS FOR NORTHVILLE NEEDING A SKATE PARK

THE BENEFITS OF PUBLIC SKATE PARKS

SKATE PARKS ARE ANOTHER ATHLETIC AMENITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

It is another selling point for parents looking to move to Northville
A great addition to our other playground parks that will attract the older youth

SKATE PARKS REDUCE ILLICIT BEHAVIOR

Countless studies conclude that providing designated spaces for positive physical and social activities is the best way to curb unlawful behavior among youth. When youth have nothing to do or nowhere to go – that is when they get into trouble.

SKATE PARKS REDUCE DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

If your town doesn't have a skate park, it is one. Without designated skate parks, skateboarders will make use of any and all terrain in their community. This often includes the private property of homeowners and local businesses, as well as public spaces such as downtown plazas

SKATE PARKS PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR WHEEL SPORTS

SKATEBOARDING & WHEEL SPORTS PROVIDE PHYSICAL HEALTH BENEFITS

Finding an activity that gets people off the couch and toxic video screens and keeps them in shape is vital for the youth of this nation, especially in this time of a national obesity crisis.

SKATEBOARDING PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

At its most basic level, skateboarding is a great way to relieve stress and unwind with a community of people who share your passion – particularly valuable in light of today's rates of depression and teen suicide. Through the hundreds of hours it takes to learn a new trick, skateboarding also teaches determination, self-discipline and resiliency – all skills that can be applied to other facets of your life. They need to be out, hanging out with people, laughing, connecting to something larger than themselves and their worries.

SKATEBOARDING IS A BIG SAVINGS FOR PARENTS

No need to purchase expensive equipment and team apparel. There is no cost to play or need to pay for coaches.

Skatepark Budget FAQ Sheet

Maintenance:

- Concrete repair: crack sealing
 - 61 cents/ft.
 - Kyle Langlois: Parks and Recreation Director, Sterling Heights, MI 16k sq. ft. skatepark
 - I do not have a day to day operating breakdown for water, staff, trash bags, etc. It is all wrapped up into our general park maintenance. As for bigger maintenance, we have to reseal the concrete every couple of years, which costs about \$4,000. Add repainting some areas on a similar schedule and we are up to about \$6,000.”
 - Dennis Tratham: Parks and Operations, Troy, MI 10k sq. ft. skatepark (wood)
 - We haven’t spent much in recent years on the maintenance. Last year I spent about \$9,000 on maintenance at that facility primarily in replacement decking, shipping, and labor.”
 - Mike Hoffmeister: Residential Services Director, Ypsilanti, MI 9k sq. ft. skatepark
 - “We did not even budget for maintenance for the first 2 years of the skatepark.”
- Steel Coping and Edging
 - Vince Onel: Spohn Ranch
 - “Yup, easy to maintain. They are made of hot-dip galvanized steel and cast in concrete, so no nuts/bolts to maintain. Typical detail is attached. Sometimes the steel is powder coated after galvanization to create a pop of color and that color can fade over time, but touch-up paint can address that if necessary.”
 - Removal of graffiti
 - Bench repair/replacement
 - Landscaping upkeep/replacement
 - Trash cans

Operations:

- mowing
- daily clean-up and trash removal

Insurance:

- Craig Manser: “There is no extra cost for skate parks and even the asset really isn’t insurable because it’s mostly just cement, which wouldn’t be covered. The only time the liability would end up costing you more is if you started having a bunch of losses because of it, but MMRMA risk control can help minimize those with proper signage and other recommendations.”

ADDRESSING COMMON SKATE PARK MISCONCEPTIONS

SKATE PARKS ARE DANGEROUS

FACT: Statistically, skateboarding is safer than playing basketball, football and soccer. Skateboarding on public streets is more dangerous and can produce serious injuries due to collision with motor vehicles. The potential benefit from the skateboard park is that it will shift riders from the sidewalks and streets to the park, and there will be fewer falls due to surface irregularity.

SKATE PARKS create liability

FACT: All U.S. states have legislation on the books protecting municipalities from liability when someone is participating in a hazardous recreational activity in a public facility. Also, the townships insurance does not increase with a skate park.

SKATE PARKS ARE HUBS FOR ILLICIT BEHAVIOR

FACT: The vast majority of skate park users are extremely focused individuals engaged in a physically and mentally demanding activity.

In a recent study by the Journal of Adolescent Research, Dr. Graham L. Bradley explains that “skate parks are positive places, which encourage civic responsibility and social skills. We also watched and observed kids acquiring social skills, learning to cooperate, to take turns, to take some responsibility for their sporting arena. They have pride in it and they look after it.

Christian Weurth: Village Manager in Milford, MI

“In the end, we looked at a few skateparks that didn't work out (Brighton was one, I'm drawing a blank on the others at the moment) and looked at what was different. The ones that had issues were tucked away and were out of sight had more issues and complaints, it seemed. The ones that saw fewer complaints - Ludington, Marquette, Ann Arbor - were in places that had higher non-skatepark foot traffic and just traffic in general. This matched with what our Police Chief suggested - eyes on the park helps keep things at bay. It's still early for us, but we think the location (next to our Senior Center) is helpful, plus our Police and DPS staff are through the area 24/7 as it's adjacent to our Civic Center. We did have concerns from the adjacent neighborhood, and a few complaints when the park first opened, but the park was acting as a regional draw initially because of being new, but that should quiet down as it's a small park.”

SKATE PARKS REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT OVERSIGHT

FACT: Skateboarders have a unique community; they teach, coach, learn, practice, and regulate their practice area silently but effectively.

SKATE PARKS REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT MAINTENANCE

FACT: A concrete skate park designed and built by a professional skate park design-build firm can withstand decades of daily abuse from skateboards, bikes and scooters without requiring any major repairs.

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Operating:

Daily clean-up; trash removal

Kyle Langlois: Parks and Recreation Director, Sterling Heights, MI

“I do not have a day-to-day operating breakdown for water, staff, trash bags, etc. It is all wrapped up into our general park maintenance.

As for bigger maintenance, we have to reseal the concrete every couple of years, which costs about \$4,000. Add repainting some areas on a similar schedule and we are up to about \$6,000.”

Christian Weurth: Village Manager in Milford, MI

“Maintenance is expected to be mainly cleanup, which was already happening because we built it in an existing park. It is a concrete plaza-style park, so other than periodic cleaning and concrete repairs, we do not expect much maintenance.”

Dennis Tratham, Parks and Operation Troy, MI

“I can tell you that if I had to do it again I would spend the extra money to have cement elements and not wooden elements. It is my understanding that our Skate Park was only supposed to be temporarily in its location and has become permanent. The decking is really hard to procure and I have only found suitable replacement materials on the west coast. We use a product called “Skatelite” and it is between \$200 and \$400 per sheet of decking. It weather ok but not great. Most other products will not hold up to the harsh outdoor environment. Also, using the “portable” elements were problematic as we have had some of the smaller ones stolen.

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Vince Onel: Spohn Ranch

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They are made of hot-dip galvanized steel and cast in concrete, so no nuts/bolts to maintain. Typical detail is attached.

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SKATE PARKS ARE LOUD

FACT: Modern skate parks consist of smooth concrete, free from expansion joints and metal plates. The primary sound generated by a skate park will be the nearly undetectable hum of urethane wheels on smooth concrete.

SKATE PARKS ARE ONLY FOR KIDS WITH NO FUTURE

FACT: Skateboarding will debut as an Olympic sport this Summer in Tokyo; recognizing that it is now a mainstream sport of all ages and genders of different backgrounds. This sport is great for the any kid that does not want to be part of a group sport. Everyone works at their pace to improve their skills with no set schedules or stressful coaches.

SKATE PARKS ARE ONLY BUILT IN LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES

FACT: More upscale communities are recognizing the need and benefits of having one. Successful ones built in our surrounding area are, Ann Arbor, Farmington, Milford, Troy, and St. Clair shores to name a few.

THERE ARE ALREADY SKATEPARKS NEARBY

FACT: Many communities continue to ignore the need for a safe, accessible place that skaters of all ages can reach. Though older, mobile skateboarders often travel to their favorite parks, younger skaters are frequently limited to whatever is nearby. Is there a Skatepark in your community? If not, your community is the Skatepark.

SKATEBOARDING IS FOR KIDS

FACT: Skateboarding is extremely popular with kids, but not all skateboarders are young. It is one of the few sports where the young and old share experiences and participate as equals; Skateboarding's greatest heroes, people like Rodney Mullen and Tony Hawk are 54 and 53, respectively.

SKATERS ARE A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF OUR ATHLETIC COMMUNITY

FACT: Skateboarding is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. It is projected to grow from a \$1.94 Billion Industry in 2018 to \$2.4 Billion in 2025 and the growth could be even greater due to the Olympic exposure this Summer. It is the 3rd most popular sport behind football and basketball and has surpassed them recently as the healthy activity of choice. There are about 13 million skateboarders in the U.S. with a 10% annual increase in participation during the previous 3 years. Growth is mainly driven by the increased awareness given to it by X-Games, Street League, Social Media, and the fact that it is becoming the transportation mode of choice on college campuses. Also, the accessibility to it during the Pandemic spiked a major increase in participation. Skateboarding is mainstream and here to stay.

SKATEBOARDING IS JUST FOR BOYS

FACT: Current statistics show that female participation is @ 25%, but is the fastest growing demographic.

Mental and Physical Benefits of Skateboarding

Physical:

- enhances coordination and agility
- improves balance
- increases metabolism
- increases muscle development
- builds physical endurance

Mental:

- reduces depression, anxiety and stress
- allows for creative freedom
- builds resilience
- inculcates bravery
- socializing with other skaters creates a sense of belonging which is crucial for healthy relationships
- builds confidence and self-esteem
- improves attention and concentration
- helps brain heal from past trauma
- improves self-regulation and management of complex emotions

- increases patience and distress tolerance
- encourages diversity



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Public Comments

Roger Lundberg

From: Northville Township Webmaster <notification@twp.northville.mi.us>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Roger Lundberg; Todd L. Mutchler; Township Webmaster
Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* Contact Clerk Lundberg

Contact Clerk Lundberg

Submission #: 1308348
IP Address: 107.5.19.224
Submission Date: 11/19/2021 8:59
Survey Time: 9 seconds

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Name

Julie Van Ameyde

Address

48920 Running Trout Lane
Northville, MI 48168



Message

I want to let you know I am vehemently against this skate park. It is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer funds. There is so many other projects that need to be done in Northville.

Thank you,
Northville Township, MI

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Jodi Mitchell

From: Northville Township Webmaster <notification@twp.northville.mi.us>
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* Contact the Clerk's Department

Contact the Clerk's Department

Submission #: 1307021
IP Address: 50.4.169.191
Submission Date: 11/18/2021 2:12
Survey Time: 11 minutes, 24 seconds


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Name

Holly Giannola

Address

16257 Aspen Valley
Northville, MI 48168



Message

I would like to officially comment on the proposed plans to build a skateboard park in Northville supported, at least partially, by the township. I understand this plan was inspired by the tragic death of a young man who was skateboarding with extreme recklessness down the hill from in front of the township hall to the bottom of the valley on Sheldon after 11:00 at night in an extremely dark location where the road narrows so much that there is no available shoulder and the guard rails go along the edge of the lane. It was the epitome of poor judgement and a bad decision. I have the utmost sympathy for his family and friends, but in the very least, this skateboard park, if it comes to fruition, should not be named after him. That incident should not be honored, but rather be a warning. I also do not think a skateboard park is a good thing for government to provide. It is an attractive nuisance and the insurance will be very high. My husband and I urge the township to defeat this proposal.

Thank you,
Northville Township, MI

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate Park

Hi,

The Northville community could use many other recreational use facilities way more than a skate park. Additionally, there are already 3 skate parks approximately 15 minutes from Northville (Farmington Hills, Novi & W Bloomfield). Something like The Summit (Canton) or The Kirksey Center (Livonia) or even PARC (Plymouth) would serve far more members of the community.

Happy Holidays!
Karen Martin
800 W. Main - Northville
[REDACTED]

It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, it's who's around it.
~ Charles M. Schulz

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:56 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skatepark

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello. I'm a Northville resident since 2004. I would love to see Northville get a skatepark as another recreational activity. Northville has wonderful options for recreation and adding the skatepark would be an awesome addition! It would be another option for someone searching for that one activity that really engages them in a positive life. It seems to be the one thing that is currently missing! Our kids / community members need these recreational opportunities to help them navigate our current times! Please consider building the skatepark!

Thanks,

Janean Potter
[REDACTED]

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:25 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate park

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to show our full support for the skate park in honor of Dominic Duhn. Northville Township does need a place like this for kids to go it keeps them busy and out of trouble and financially many have donated so you will not have any trouble with cost, if it is zoning if you could please do what you need to do in order to get approval and anything needed in this email that you need from us specifically in order to help this go through please advise. Thank you.

Cathy & John Recto
16171 Pine Valley Drive
Northville, MI 48268

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:54 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park

As Northville residents and grandparents, we are in support of building the new skate park.
Thank you !
Mary Beauregard

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:08 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skateboard park in Northville

I support the skateboard park in Northville. It would be an asset to the community. Let's proceed quickly.

Thank you.

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate Park

To whom it may concern,

This letter is being sent to affirm our interest in seeing the skate park getting built. We view this as a critical project to keep our community safe.

Kindly,

Amy and Mike Milligan
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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:43 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate Park

As residents of Northville Township we would like to see a skate park built for the youth of our community. They need to have a place to practice and skate in a safe environment.

Thank you,
Mark & Mary Matusz

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate Park

Good afternoon,

To whom it may concern, I am in full support of a skate park. Would be a welcome additional benefit to our community.

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Best Regards,
Rich

Richard Kligman



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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skateboard park

I support the building of the skateboard park in Northville. It is time for us to create a safe environment for our youth to skateboard. We have fields for soccer, softball, baseball etc... Northville has the space to allocate for the building of the park. It is the grassroots effort of the community to raise the necessary funding with support from the township. I plan on attending the December 7th meeting to voice my support.
Dawn March

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Katie Anderson, C.M.C.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skatepark

Hello,
I wanted to reach out to share with you my support for the Northville Skatepark. I have a 14 year old son who just wants more activities and things to do outside. He loves to go to other skateparks but they are sometimes too far away and I don't have the time to get him there. But if we had one in Northville, I could bring him and his friends and I could enjoy being outside while they skate. We need more activities for kids to be active and to be outside (off any devices). A skatepark will provide a safe place for active kids to have fun. I would love to see Northville approve a skatepark!

Thank you,
Stacey Proctor
Northville Ridge Resident

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park

Good morning,
My husband Chris & I are residents of Northville Twp & are fully behind the plans to build a Skate Park in Northville. We think it will fill a need & provide a vital link to young people living in the area & beyond. We support any place that will provide a positive atmosphere & connection for youth. We encourage the leadership to move forward with the building of this skate park for the benefit of those it will serve. It will help the entire community, whether you skate or not.

Thank you for your consideration,
Chris and Lisa Compo
16201 Franklin
Northville, MI 48168

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate park

I just want to send my support for this project, I think this would be a great addition to Northville. And I give it 100% of my support. Thanks for your time. Ted March, [REDACTED]

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: writing in support of the skate park in Northville

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of building the skatepark in Northville. There has never been a more important time to focus on the physical and mental health needs of the youth in our community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Dr. Pam McCaskill
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Northville Resident

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:41 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park

Hello,

We want to convey our support of the Northville Skate Park honoring Dominic Duhn.

Thank you,
Matt & Vicky Armstrong
48461 Binghampton Drive
Northville, MI 48168

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Duhn Skatepark

Please understand the importance of this Skatepark being built in honor of amazing young man named Dominic Duhn. Such an honor for his family as well.
For people to be able to skate in safety would make all the sense in the world.
Thank you kindly.

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:51 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park

Hello my name is Ryan Friess and I am sending this email to let you know that I am and so many other people are all in agreeance that a skate park should be built in this town. I have been a Northville Township Resident for over 15 years, and something that was always lacking about this town was that there was really never anywhere to go and do anything for fun or to keep you occupied. For so many years me and my friends talked about the different ideas that this town could implement into it to make it an even more appealing town for anyone to visit or grow up in. Since there is not much to do around here, there is plenty of time for exploring new hobbies. One hobby in particular that I always wanted to try but never had anywhere to go and do it was skateboarding. My best friend Dominic Duhn was the one that first opened me up to skateboarding and told me it was a great way to past time and stay in shape. It is also a fantastic option/place for people to go to meet some new people and to keep them out of trouble. All around, a skatepark in Northville will truly make it a gem of a town, and I am sure that It can bring the community together once again.

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:39 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate Park

Hello good morning,

I am in favor of park in Northville Township in the honor of Dominic.

Thanks,

Jenni B.

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate park

We are in favor of a skate park for Northville. There is limited availability providing safe places to skate. This would be a nice addition.

Additionally, we would like to see a recreation facility similar to the Livonia recreation and community center. Northville families drive all over to other cities and pay lots of money for sport training, classes, etc for their children and themselves. Keep Northville families here and employ more people in our community. Our community would support this type of venue and thus making it revenue generating.

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:16 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: Rich Kligman
Subject: Support for Skateboard Park

To whom it may concern,

We would like to strongly urge you to push forward the rapid construction of a skate board park in honor of Dominic Duhn. Our kids would benefit greatly from having a fun and safe place to go within our community, where they could spend time outdoors with friends and fellow skaters. During this pandemic, especially, we need to find healthy mental, physical and emotional outlets for our youth.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rich and Anna Kligman
Northville Residents

[REDACTED]

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skatepark

Hi! This email is to ask for your support in getting the skate park approved for Northville. Its a great opportunity for kids to do something different and I'm memory of Dominic. Thank you!

Kim Montgomery

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skatepark

Please build a skatepark in Northville. It is a much needed thing in order to ensure the safety of everyone. It's also a great place to make friends and for people to gather and have fun.

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 7:38 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: build the skatepark!

Hi, wanted to let the Township know my family & I support building the Northville Skate Park!

Our township needs healthy sports facilities other than soccer fields. Where are basketball courts? Why not grant access to the High School's indoor pool? An outdoor ice rink would be a dream. The Skate Park is a good start.

Thank you,
-- Joan Bisciotti
44830 Oak Forest Dr
Nville

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 8:06 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skate Park

I support building the Northville Skate Park. It's great to add an outdoor place for activity.

Regards,
Kate Barber

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park

I support The Northville Skatepark Project, please help us get a skatepark built in Northville!

Thank you!

Melissa Spindler

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: SKATEPARK - Please give to Board of Trustees

To the Board of Trustees:

My name is Lisa McCausland and I would like to show my support for Northville to build a skatepark. My son, a sophomore, has been skateboarding for many years and last year he started a skateboarding club at Northville High School. The first meeting had about 15 kids join! We have spent a lot of time driving to Riley Skatepark in Farmington Hills where he attended skateboard camps, entered competitions and met up with friends. Early during the pandemic he spent countless hours on the street in front of our house practicing tricks. We don't have a sidewalk and smooth pavement is best (although our street is full of cracks and potholes). He even purchased ramps and rails with his own money so he could practice at home when there was no one to drive him to the skatepark in Farmington Hills.

Skateboarders get a bad rap as being destructive, drug users and troublemakers. In fact, it's quite the opposite. As a parent, I've spent many hours at the skatepark watching all ages of kids and adults skate and skateboarders are one of the friendliest bunch I've ever come across. They encourage each other – even total strangers - offering advice on mastering a trick or helping someone get up and making sure they are ok if someone falls. My son is a polite kid in honors classes and also is a Varsity diver and on the track team. His skateboard buddies are similar.

Downtown Northville has signs that skateboarding is not allowed. I understand there are usually ordinances against skateboarding in towns so as not to ruin brickwork, stairs, benches, etc.... but this forces kids to either sneak around and do it anyway or go places that are not safe such as roads and parking lots.

A skatepark in Northville would benefit all ages with a place to exercise and meet friends. Skateboarding is hard! Have you ever tried it? It is a sport and even added to the Olympics this year.

A skatepark across the street from the high school at Millennium park would be great for kids to walk to right after school.

Please help bring a skatepark to Northville!

Lisa McCausland

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skatepark Supporter

Hello,

I am a Northville Resident and I support The Northville Skatepark Project. Please help us get a skatepark built in Northville.

Thanks

Jeff Scroggs

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2021 7:18 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: In support of the Northville Skatepark Project

I am a member of the Northville community and am in strong support if the Northville Skatepark Project. This project promotes physical activity, mental health awareness, and builds a stronger sense of community for the youth of Northville.

Thank you,
Jack Tsalis

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park

I'm writing you today with the hopes of making a positive impact for our community.

We have been Northville residents since 2005 and are 100% in favor of the proposed skate park for our community.

Having a safe, dedicated space for the youth community to assemble, grow, learn, and connect with one another is an essential part of a strong community.

By continuing to provide these spaces for our residents, we are consistently building on our solid foundation as a desired and in-demand area for families and residents.

By investing in our youth with dedicated spaces for recreation, we are investing in our strength as a community and together we can all reap the benefits of these improvements, especially by enhancing the safety of our residents.

Thank you for your time.

J. Garliauskas
Northville Resident
Since 2005

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 6:11 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Skatepark Project

As a resident of Northville, I support the Northville Skatepark Project and I hope you will do the same! I would love to give the kids of Northville a place where they can be physically active in a safe area.

Ann Marie Cardenas
Running Trout Ln. (Arcadia Ridge)

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:45 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skatepark

Hello,

I am reaching out as a long time Northville resident. Who currently lives downtown Detroit. When I move back to the suburbs this will 1000% effect my decision of wear. Skating is tough and gritty and builds character. I hope my children one day ask to skate! Not to mention this is an amazing project with amazing support from some of the biggest members of the community. Let's get this done for a great cause and to help an amazing family who is experiencing great loss.

Thanks,

Andrew Wright

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Andrew Wright

[REDACTED]

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 5:12 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate park

My name is Jimmy Proctor, I'm 14 years old and I want to tell you why I want to see the Northville Skate Park built. I have always wanted a skate park close to me where I can be outside and ride and let go of stress from the day. I like to ride with my friends and have fun. I would like to be able to go to a good skate park where I can learn new tricks. A skate park gives me something to do instead of being bored at home and this will be close by so I can get there without my parents having to drive me. I think it would be good for other people as a hobby or somewhere different to go too. The Skatepark would be good to honor Dominik who loved to skate. Thank you,
Jimmy Proctor

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Northville Skate Park :)

Hello,

I am writing to show my support of the Northville Skate Park being built. As a Northville resident who grew up in the area with not many places for kids to be kids, I think this would be a great addition to the community! Kids need a place to unplug from electronics, exercise, socialize and get fresh air! I am 24 and would even like to use the skate park at my age! I really hope this is approved so fundraising can start as soon as possible. I know many people who are eager to show their support!

Thank you for your time and have a great rest of your day :)

Sincerely,
Grace Guibord

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Jodi Mitchell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Support for Northville Skate Park

Hello,

Please accept this email as our stated support for the addition of a skate park to Northville. The park would be an asset to the City and Township and provide a dedicated, safe place for people to skateboard and hopefully avoid further tragic accidents like the one that took Dominic Duhn's life.

Thank you.

Manfred and Lisa Schon
306 S. Rogers Street
Northville 48167

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