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ABSTRACT

Recreation is a key aspect in designing and developing of new communities. The word 'recreation' originates from the Latin word which means 'recreation to health'. The historic approach in defining recreation park has been to regard as it as an activity as it renews and refreshes people for work. On the other hand, recreation park gives workers relaxation and enables them to stop thinking about for a while all the stress that they are facing, before commencing the new live/work.

Local authority Perak Tengah, Batu Gajah and Gunung Lang as local authority organisation has Thirstier Government empowered by the mandate of government to implement all of related policies and regulation. The most important roles is basically to provided the infrastructures and services facilities to user. The recreational park facilities as a part of the infrastructure has provided by the local authority. The aim of establishment the recreational park are to provide the essential needs of the public to rest and enjoy for the users. It's have many of facilities and services managed by the Local Authority.

This studies will identified the problem incurred in managing and maintaining recreational park by local authority. many alternative method was used to identified the factor by obtaining qualitative method and quantitative method. Qualitative data is considered as first phase of data collection. Qualitative method will be used to get the main factor for this study. This in-depth literature review is a primary study resulted from secondary data collected from various sources available on the effectiveness of local authority in managing and maintaining recreational parks. From the intensive literature review outcomes, several factors with the highest rating issues are recognised from discussion by expert researchers; which contribute to the park management's incompetence in managing and maintaining the recreational places. The results are recorded and discussed between researchers before proceeding to the next stage to develop a conceptual framework and hypothesis to ensure the variables collected are accurate to the statement of problem identified earlier. From the summary of literature review, have three (3) main factor were identified initial contribution as lack of the performance of managing and maintaining the recreational park by local authority. Three (3) main factor are *financial constrain, poor in managing and maintaining and human or user behaviour*

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