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(2024)

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(2025)  
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(2025)  
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**Parks, Trails, and  
Recreation Committee  
January 24, 2023  
6:30 p.m.  
City Hall**

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### City Vision

Arden Hills is a strong community that values its unique environmental setting, strong residential neighborhoods, vital business community, well-maintained infrastructure, fiscal soundness, and our long-standing tradition as a desirable City in which to live, work, and play.

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### Agenda

#### CALL TO ORDER

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Documents:

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5. REPORTS

6. NEXT MEETING

6.A. Tuesday, February 28th, 2023

**ADJOURN**

**A quorum of the City Council may be present at this meeting.**



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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, 6:30 PM  
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Marie Hinton called the November 15, 2022 meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Marie Hinton, Committee Members Paul Beggin, Kristine Poelzer, Mark Kelliher, Kerri Seemann, Jill Anderson, Tim Nelson, and Dan Dietz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Public Works Director/City Engineer David Swearingen, Arden Hills Foundation Board Member Arlene Mitchell and Lacey Loosbrock

**ABSENT:** Committee Members Micah Kiernan, and Council Liaison Steve Scott

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Chair Hinton** said there were two items to add: a programming update that includes the Recreation Coordinator position, and an update from the Arden Hills Foundation.

**Committee Member Poelzer** said she would provide an update on volunteers at Floral Park.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Kelliher and seconded by Committee Member Beggin to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. September 9, 2022 PTRC Minutes**

**B. October 18, 2022 PTRC Minutes**

**Committee Member Anderson** noted a typo on page 2 of the October minutes.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson and seconded by Committee Member Poelzer to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Arden Hills Foundation Board Member Mitchell** distributed a handout with a breakdown of funds tagged for PTRC projects, and a list of things that have been done previously that tie to parks and trails. She explained that they are a 501(c)(3) charity which provides a tax write off for anyone donating to the Foundation. She further explained the amounts shown as donations relating to parks

and trails, and the projects that have been completed. Since the Foundation was founded 10 years ago they have received over 300 donations totaling \$118,000, of which \$85,000 has been disbursed. The Foundation would appreciate suggestions on how to best make use of the parks and trails funds.

**Committee Member Kelliher** asked how much money the Foundation currently had and if any of that could be used for parks and trails.

**Arden Hills Foundation Board Member Mitchell** responded they have \$32,000. Not all money can be used for parks and trails, some has been donated specifically for other projects. She explained that the City Council has to approve the donations that the Foundation makes to the City, but that not all Foundation money goes to the City. She gave examples of other ways the funds are spent.

**Committee Member Poelzer** said there are some items on their work plan that the Foundation could help fund.

**Arden Hills Foundation Board Member Mitchell** said the PTRC would have to work with the City to know if the items would be acceptable, and if so they should put a request together to submit to the Foundation for possible approval. She can help with banking, thank you/receipt letters for donations etc. as they collect funds. She explained that an acknowledgement is sent to the donor, not to the family of the person the donation is made in memory of as she wouldn't have that contact information.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** said they no longer use a flat rate for benches mostly because of shipping costs increasing and the unknown of that price. He would prefer that the PTRC Chair communicates with the Foundation and copies the staff liaison.

### **3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Trail Projects Update**

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** reported that the Old Highway 10 feasibility study was recently completed which will be used to pursue funding opportunities and can be found on the City website. The Lake Johanna Boulevard study is also on the City website, the County is planning to program the trail for 2028. The Parkshore Drive exercise trail loop has asphalt but the equipment is not yet installed. The Mounds View High School trail improvement open house will be at City Hall on November 16 and PTRC members are encouraged to attend.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** said the Arden Manor park improvement survey will close at the end of the week, the Floral Park survey will follow. Once the surveys are complete there will be a work session discussion with Council to determine preliminary design that the consultant can use to design the parks. The CIP for park related items is online, the budget is being finalized. And finally, Matt Johnson has accepted the offer for Recreation Supervisor with an anticipated start date of December 5.

## **B. PTRC Item Update**

**Chair Hinton** said Council Liaison Scott had provided her an email update stating the Council agreed to purchase some volunteer vests, and the trail naming contest was rejected and they would like PTRC to submit names for consideration.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** stated he would need to verify about purchasing vests, it was his understanding these items would be brought to the December 19 work session by the PTRC.

Discussion took place regarding who could attend the work session.

## **C. Parkshore Loop Trail Name**

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** explained that PTRC had suggested holding a contest to name the trail, the idea was brought to Council but Council wanted PTRC to suggest names, using the criteria on the handout.

**Committee Member Kelliher** suggested they narrow down which criteria they would like to use.

**Committee Member Poelzer** said it will be the only park with exercise equipment but wasn't sure how to put it into the name.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** said they should keep in mind that the trail is next to the senior living facility and the equipment is geared toward that age group.

**Committee Member Beggin** noted that it the property is located on the south side of Round Lake.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Kelliher and seconded by Committee Member Poelzer to concentrate on the function and location criteria and bring names to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **D. 2023 PTRC Work Plan Trail Recommendations**

**Chair Hinton** asked if anyone had a preference of what trails were mentioned in the 2023 work plan.

**Committee Member Nelson** suggested an extension of the Elmer Anderson trail from the high school to County Road E2.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of the proposed trail.

**A motion to add the extension discussed was made by Committee Member Nelson and seconded by Committee Member Kelliher. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Chair Hinton** asked to have any additional ideas sent to her via email.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Member Beggin** said winter programming was discussed by the Council and he would like an update.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** stated the strategy was to hold programs that have a built-in instructor, such as dance, tai chi and yoga. The programs that needed seasonal workers to staff were dropped temporarily as there is currently no-one to manage the staff. However, four seasonal employees were hired to work at the ice rinks on weekends, and there will be a floating seasonal for the weekdays at all rinks.

Discussion reverted back to the work plan and which trails and other items to take off of the recommended list due to being in progress or completed.

##### **A. Park Stewardship**

**A motion to table to the next meeting was made by Committee Member Kellier and seconded by Chair Hinton. Motion passed unanimously.**

##### **B. Park Restroom Locks**

**Committee Member Poelzer** said currently Perry and Cummings parks' indoor restrooms aren't open unless the facilities/ball field are rented or when the city holds an event.

**A motion to request a cost feasibility study to install automatic timer open/locks at Perry and Cummings Parks restroom facilities, and add to the 2024 budget if not capable to install sooner was made by Committee Member Poelzer.**

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** said this would lead to a constant maintenance need. They would need to determine to cost of maintenance and staff time.

**Committee Member Beggin** requested to amend the motion to include cost of staff time, supplies and installation of the locks.

**The motion as amended was seconded by Committee Member Seemann. Motion passed 7-1 with Committee Member Kelliher opposed.**

##### **C. Review Status of Past PTRC Goals**

**Chair Hinton** stated she would remove this item from the agenda as they will be reviewing goals with the City Council in December.

##### **D. Rain Gardens**

**Committee Member Poelzer** said she would like to know if anyone would be interested in helping with the upkeep of City rain gardens.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen** noted they are on City property and collect stormwater runoff. There are about 100 privately maintained gardens and dozens of city-maintained gardens. He is working on a map and addresses of gardens.

**A motion to table this item until a map and list of addresses was available from staff was made by Committee Member Poelzer and seconded by Committee Member Kelliher. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **E. BWSR Pilot Program**

**Committee Member Anderson** said she was asked to forward the information to PTRC.

**Committee Member Seemann** said the city can't apply for the program, it has to be through a county or another partner.

#### **F. January and February Revised Meeting Dates**

**Chair Hinton** noted they were meeting with the City Council in December and usually PTRC doesn't hold a meeting in December, and there were meeting date conflicts in January and February due to holidays.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Nelson and seconded by Committee Member Poelzer to not hold a December meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson and seconded by Committee Member Nelson to accept the upcoming meeting dates of January 24 and February 28, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **G. Term Limits**

**Chair Hinton** acknowledged the resignation of Committee Members McGaugh term completions of Committee Members Kiernan and Beggin.

### **5. REPORTS**

None.

### **6. NEXT MEETING**

PTRC will meet with the City Council on December 16. The next PTRC Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

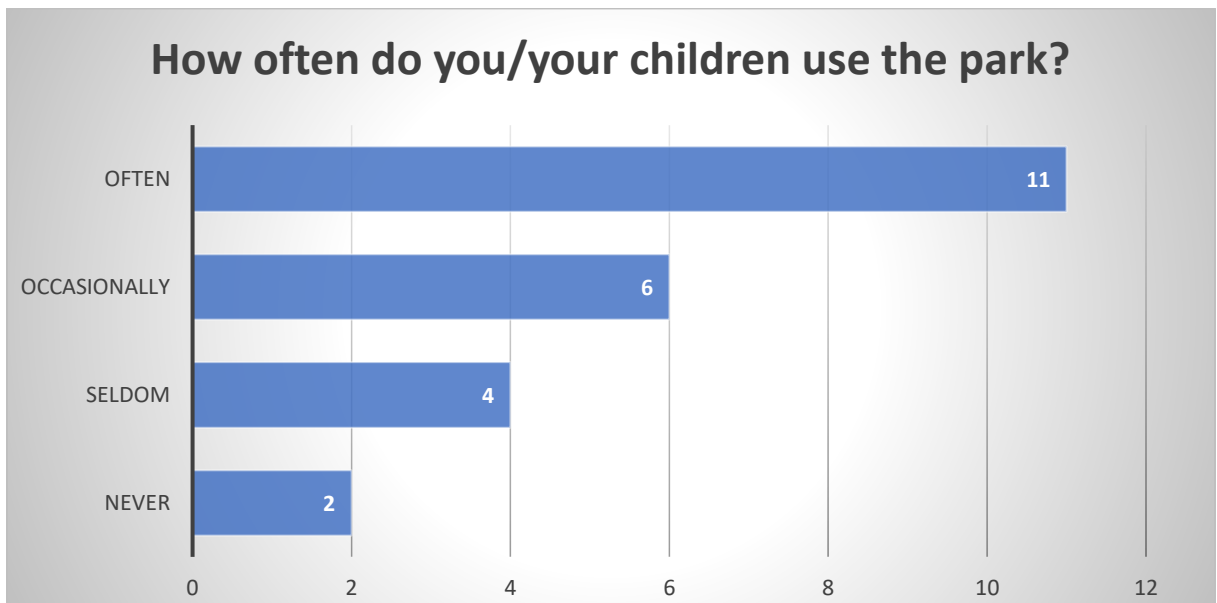
The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



## Arden Manor Park Online Survey Questions and Responses

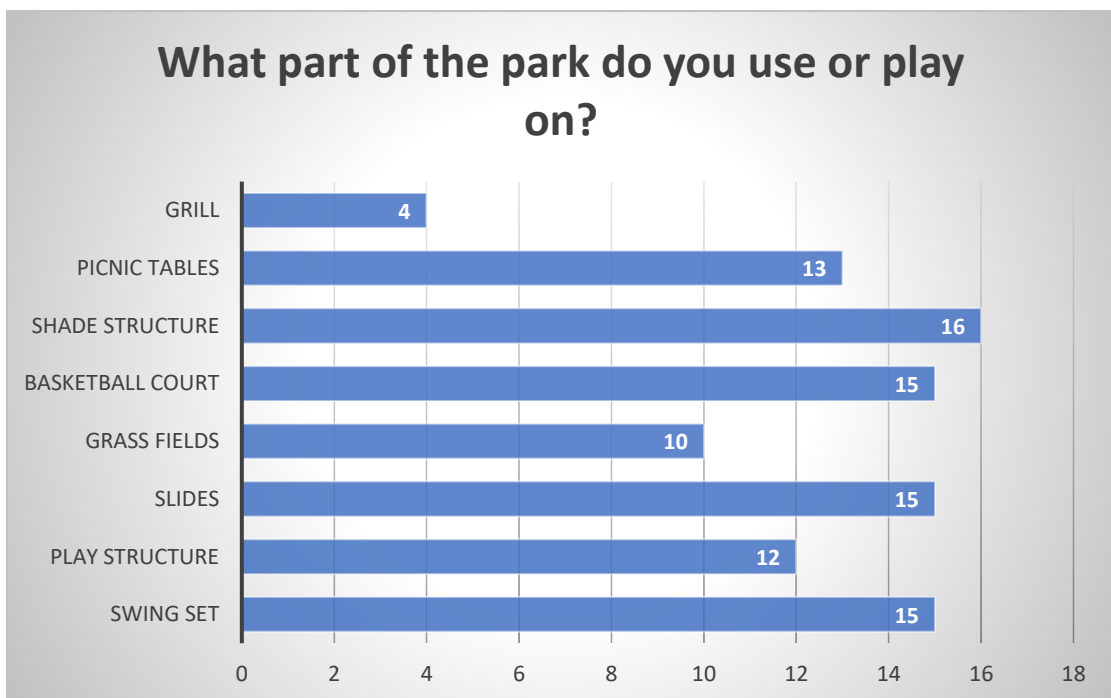
1. How often do you/your children use the park?
  - a. Never
  - b. Seldom (1-3 times per month)
  - c. Occasionally (5-8 times per month)
  - d. Often (more than 10 times per month)

23 respondents:



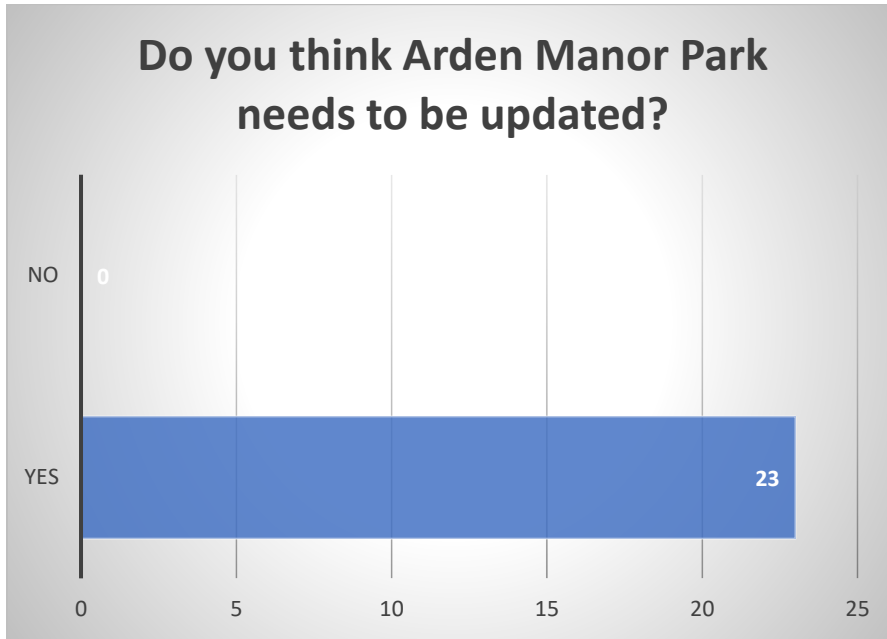
- 2. What part of the park do you use or play on (can choose more than one)
  - a. Swing set
  - b. Play Structure
  - c. Slides
  - d. Grass fields
  - e. Basketball court
  - f. Shade Structure
  - g. Picnic tables
  - h. Grill

23 respondents:



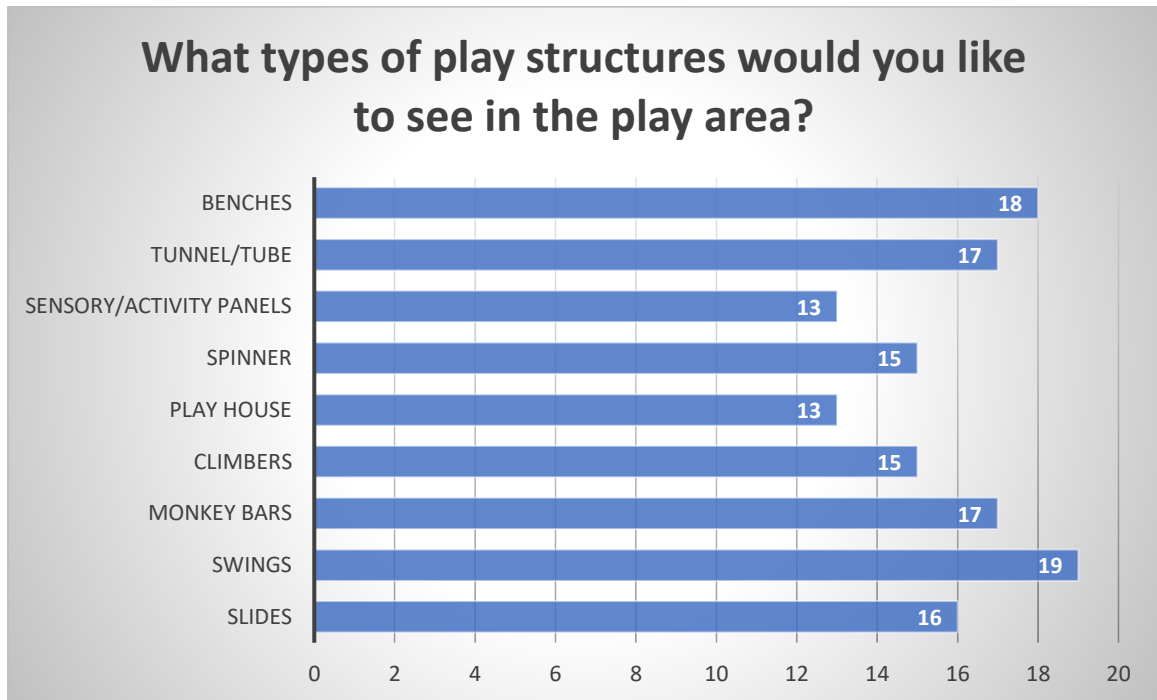
- 3. Do you think Arden Manor Park needs to be updated?
  - a. No
  - b. Yes

23 respondents:



4. What types of play structures would you like to see in the play area? (can choose more than one)
- a. Slides
  - b. Swings
  - c. Monkey bars
  - d. Climbers
  - e. Play House
  - f. Spinner
  - g. Sensory/Activity panels
  - h. Tunnel/Tube
  - i. Benches
  - j. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - k. None

23 respondents:



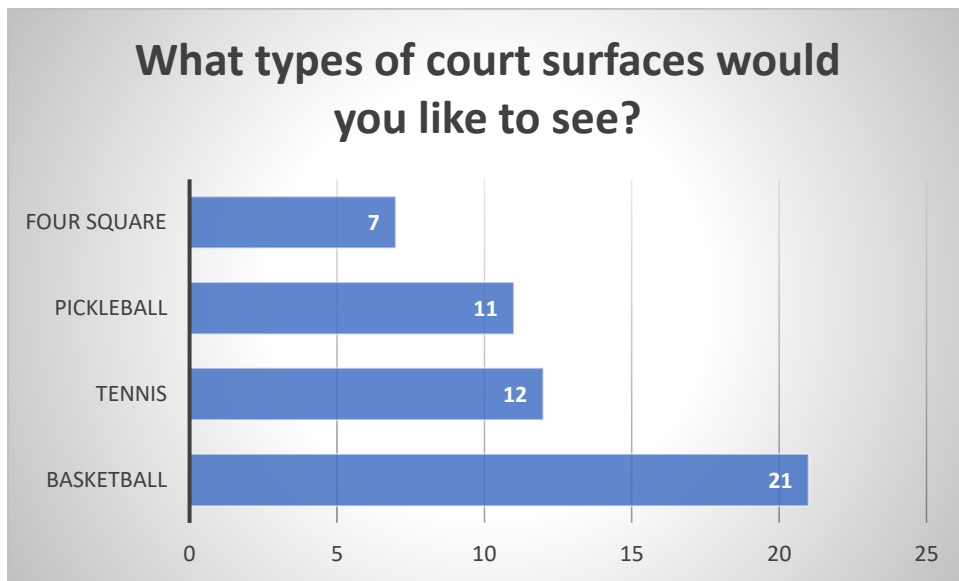
Other:

- a. Ice Rink
- b. **Dual swing** for child and adult same as Perry park
- c. Poured surface for ground would be ideal instead of the wood chips. The area is frequented by a lot of families so a much bigger structure that's accessible to a wide range of ages would be good. Maybe something more like what's at Spooner Park in Little Canada or Long Lake Park in New Brighton.

- d. Grandkids don't like the playground equipment as old and broken
- e. Play structures for children of all ages
- f. Working with park mgmt to have more open hours at the swimming pool. Opening before school is finished and after Labor Day.
- g. **Zip line swing**
- h. Somewhere to play soccer
- i. **Zip line.**
- j. I would be so happy to see a **baby's area**... i have to drive 10 minutes to another park that has baby's area i would love to have a baby park
- k. Play structure needs update. **Swings** are to high for kids to get on them, a **spinner** would add a lot. I like the **bridge**, my daycare kids enjoyed playing tag on the structure. I used to go everyday with my daycare kids. The other okay structure by the Big Ten is not used very much. Needs some **slides**.

5. What types of court surfaces would you like to see? (can choose more than one)
  - a. Basketball
  - b. Tennis
  - c. Pickleball
  - d. Four Square
  - e. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - f. None

23 respondents:

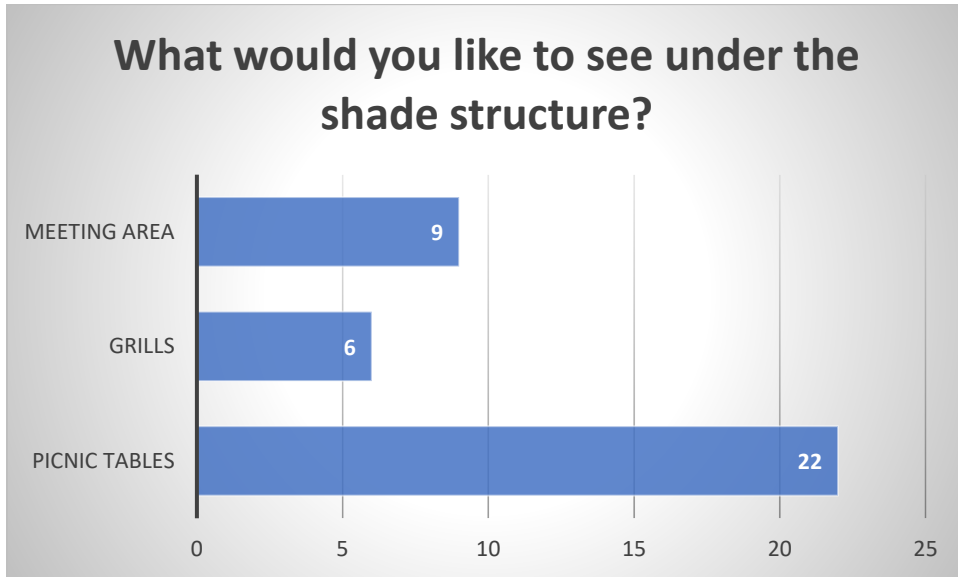


Other:

- a. **Volleyball**, there is a group of teens that set up and try to play
- b. **Soccer** field
- c. The **BasketBall** Court is the most participation among the middle and high school. Some adults too play with the above group. I have lived here for 27 years and that one court has been so good for less mischief, and crime. Updating it would be great.
- d. **Basketball** and **skate boarding** floor
- e. **Skateboarding** surface

- 6. What would you like to see under the shade structure? (can choose more than one)
  - a. Picnic tables
  - b. Grills
  - c. Meeting area
  - d. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - e. None

23 respondents:

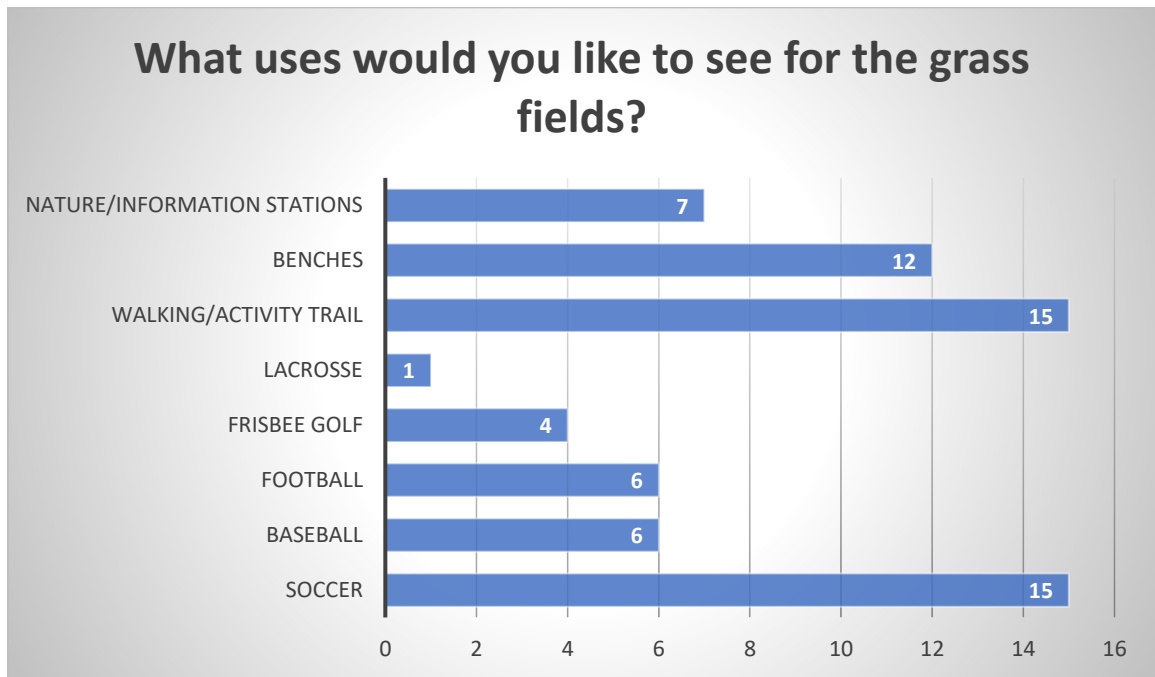


Other:

- a. **Checker/chess board table** like triangle park
- b. And keep the geese out! Can't or don't use as geese make such a mess there
- c. More than one **picnic table**
- d. **Benches**
- e. The only time I use it is when I watch my grandson or other kids playing at the park.

7. What uses would you like to see for the grass fields? (can choose more than one)
  - a. Soccer
  - b. Baseball
  - c. Football
  - d. Frisbee golf
  - e. Lacrosse
  - f. Walking/activity trail
  - g. Benches
  - h. Nature/information stations
  - i. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - j. None

23 respondents:



Other:

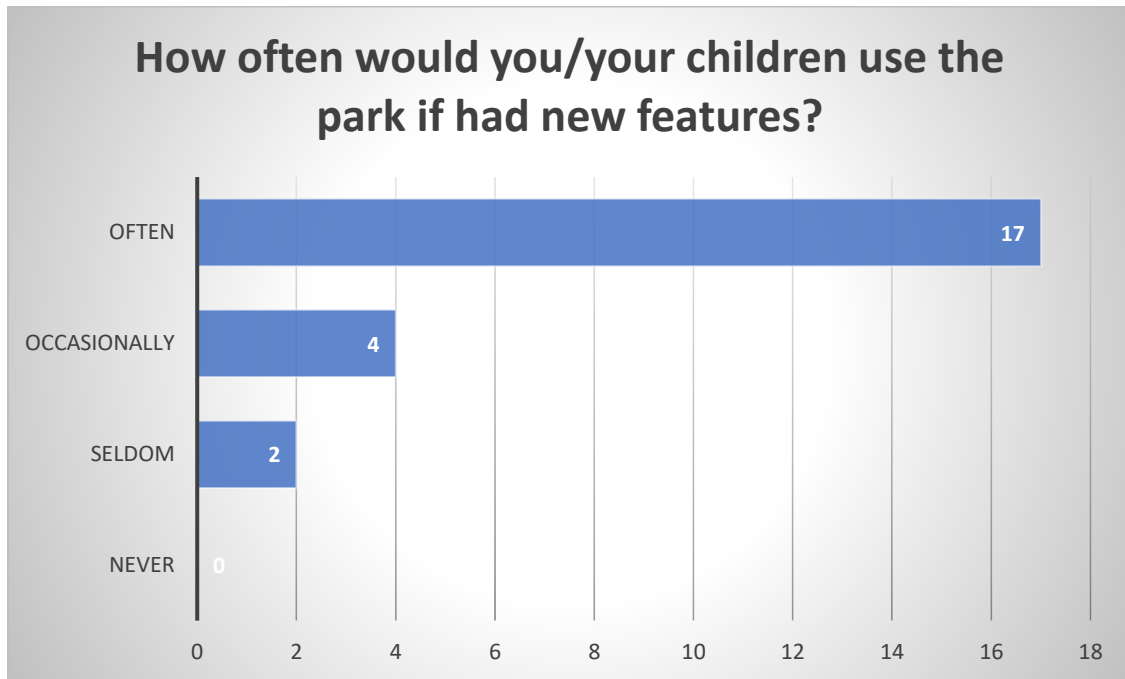
- a. **Benches** facing east, sunrise. And west, sunset
- b. I worry about activities like football and baseball as our bay window overlooks the grassy area. Please keep in mind that this area is very wet and soggy. It is prone to flooding with heavy rains. We have had to build a new shed that sits more than a foot off of the ground due to this flooding. Many times our shed has flooded. 2021 it had to be replaced as the floor boards were starting to rot out.
- c. **Bike path**



- d. Since there are a lot of Hmong, Hispanic families, I don't know what they would like. I know my grandson loved playing soccer when he was younger. For me **walking trails** and **benches** would be great.
- e. **Big skatepark**
- f. **Skatepark**

- 8. How often would you/your children use the park if it had new features?
  - a. Never
  - b. Seldom (1-3 times per month)
  - c. Occasionally (5-8 times per month)
  - d. Often (more than 10 times per month)

23 respondents:



9. What other improvements not listed would you like to see in the park, if any?
- a. Please list

23 respondents:

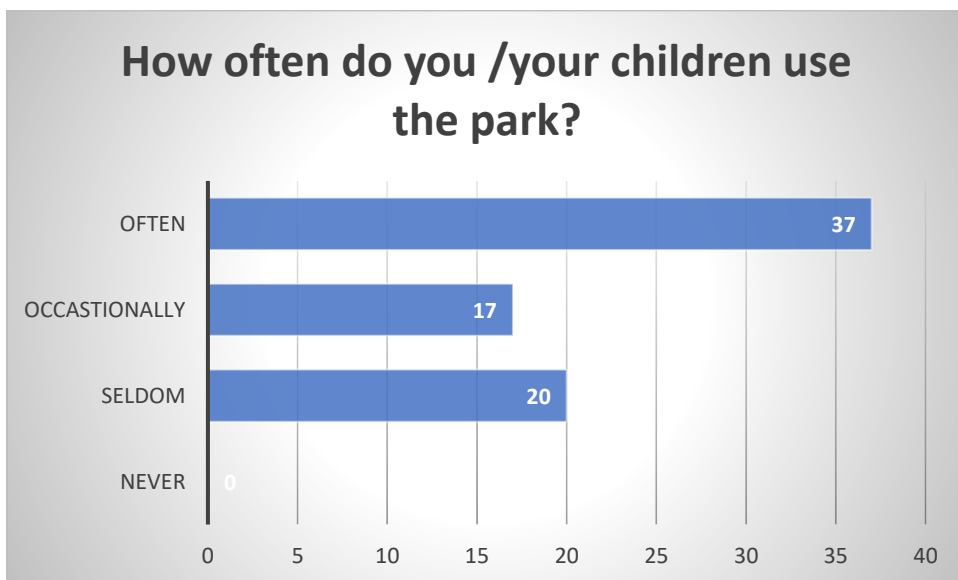
- a. Better park for everyone
- b. **Art, sculptures Water fountain Relaxing benches/ lounge chairs Skate/scooter ramp**
- c. Connect it to other parks via trails
- d. **Flowers**
- e. The children's play equipment definitely needs an upgrade - thank you for taking the time to look into this and helping create positive change! Our family appreciates it!
- f. Please continue with **buckthorn removal**.
- g. **Parking!!!** The manager of park has posted no parking near the entrance of play area and tornado shelter so parking close to play area would be great, the field area around play area is kind of marshy , makes difficult to walk etc there/more walking paths to area
- h. **Better upkeep** so it stays appealing all year.
- i. Some **lighting**
- j. **Updated flooring** in playground area
- k. **Shade trees**. Possibly, a public **garden**.
- l. I don't have children, but think they should have a fun, safe area. I would also like to see improvements to **driveways and tree maintenance**.
- m. **Lights**
- n. No other improvements though I'd like for the **grass field to not be changed** just cause it's nice to see natural life there.
- o. The park needs to be rebuilt. Some **shade** and **grills** would be nice, more **benches** and **picnic tables**. Te kids deserve something better.
- p. **Cloth or chain nets on the basketball hoops**.
- q. More child friendly.
- r. **Lights** in the basketball court
- s. Just **baby area** please
- t. **Play Structure** for that in between age 10-12. Maybe more **climbing structure**, one higher slide.
- u. **Get rid of weeds** in playground
- v. **Skatepark**
- w. **Skatepark**

## Floral Park

### Online Survey Questions and Responses

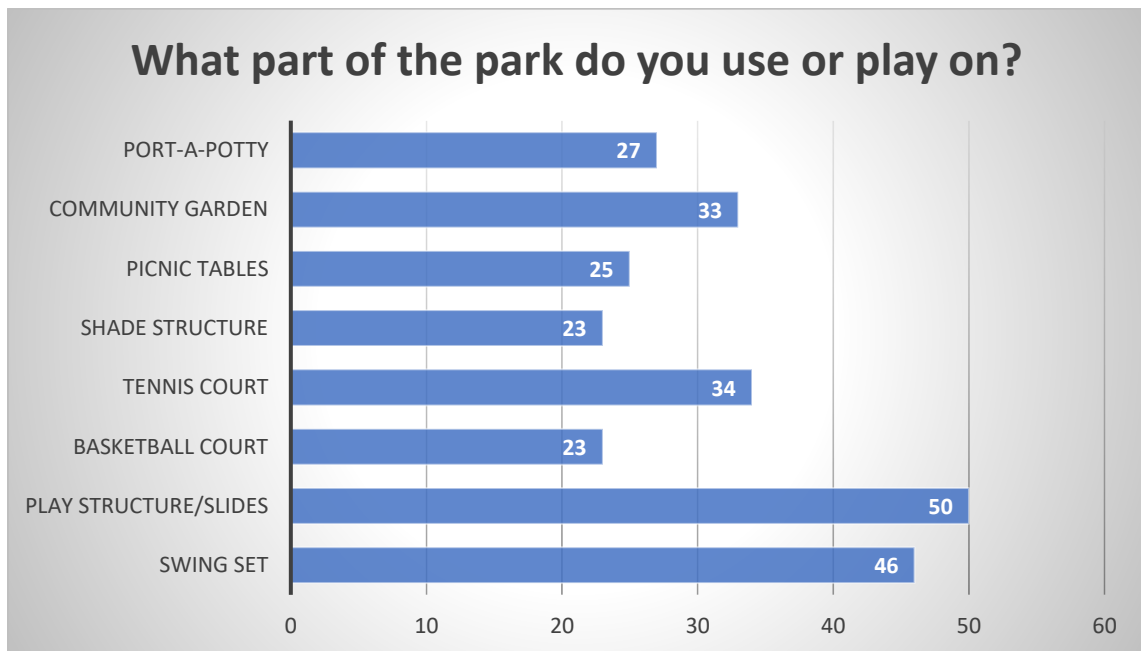
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74 respondents:



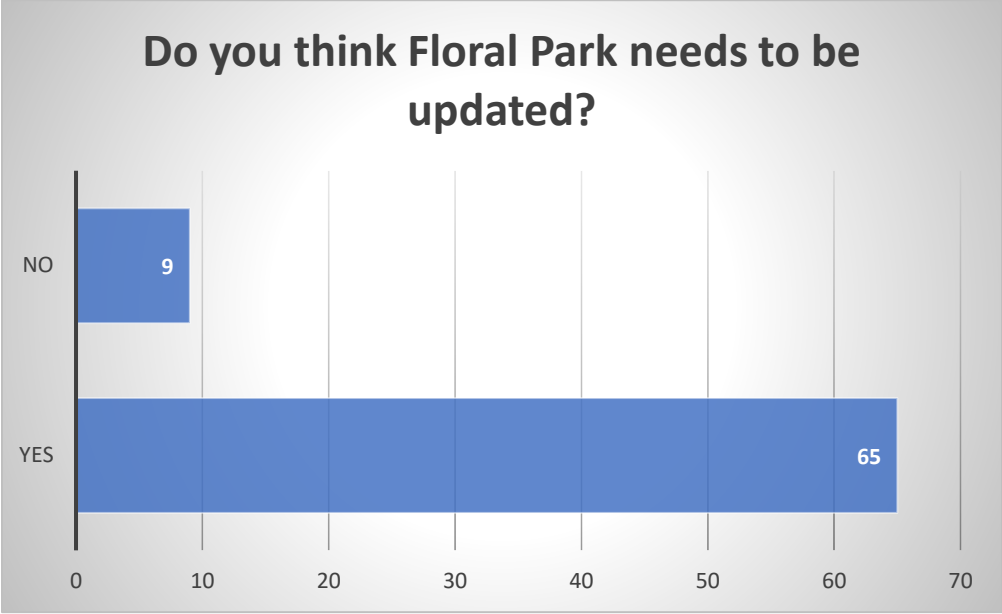
- 2. What part of the park do you use or play on
  - a. Swing set
  - b. Play Structure / slides
  - c. Basketball court
  - d. Tennis Court
  - e. Shade Structure
  - f. Picnic tables
  - g. Benches
  - h. Community garden
  - i. Port-a-potty

74 respondents:



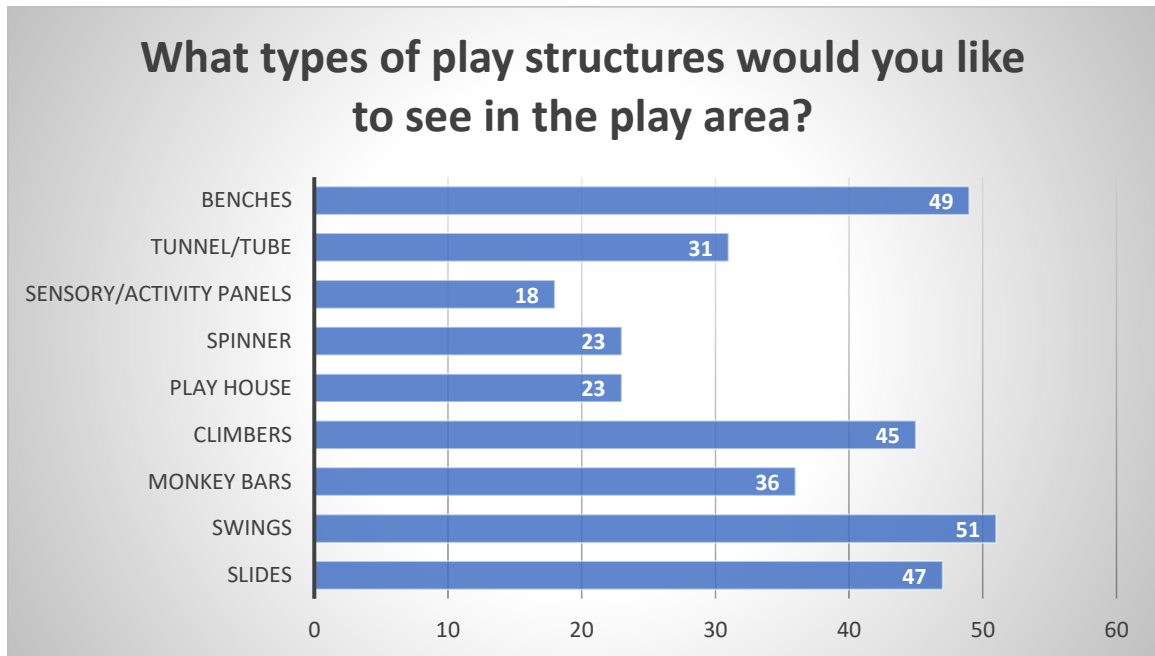
- 3. Do you think Floral needs to be updated?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

74 respondents:



4. What types of play structures would you like to see in the play area? (can choose more than one)
- a. Slides
  - b. Swings
  - c. Monkey bars
  - d. Climbers
  - e. Play House
  - f. Spinner
  - g. Sensory/Activity panels
  - h. Tunnel/Tube
  - i. Benches
  - j. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - k. None

74 respondents:



Other:

- a. **Teeter tauter**
- b. **obstacle course**
- c. Better bathroom.
- d. I babysit my grandkids 2x a week and we love going to Floral Park even though the play area is sad. We would love to see more **climbing, new swings, comfortable slides**, user friendly for older kids. Somehow adults think that kids over 6 don't want to play at parks and that isn't true. I have 4 grandkids ages 4-13 and they all love to climb. My son and his kids live over by

Cummings and they are very disappointed in the new park because their 7 year old get bored and there is only 2 swings. So I am hoping Floral gets a better update. Floral doesn't have to be fancy - their is fun and beauty in simplicity.

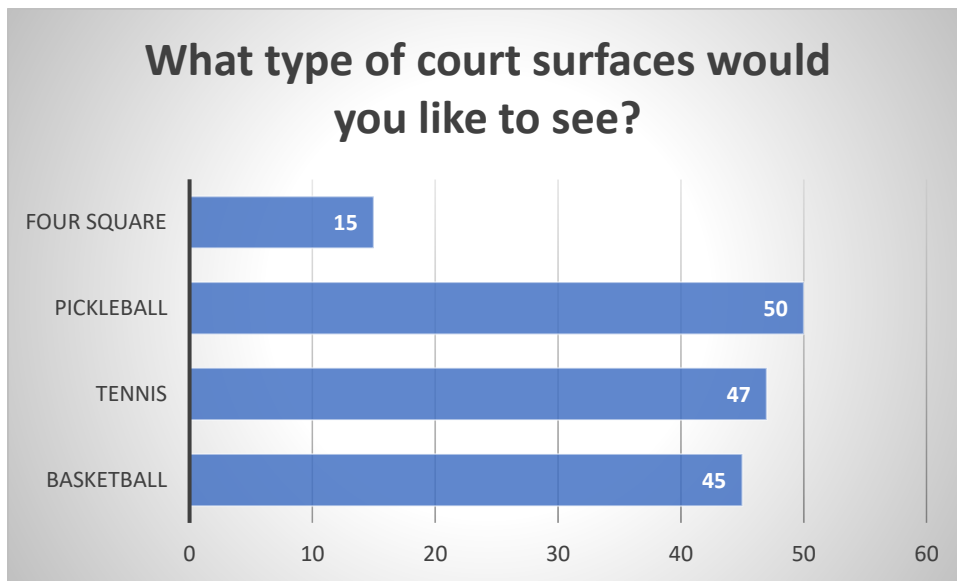
- e. **Zip line Tire swing**
- f. Ninja warrior **Tire swing**
- g. Something for all ages. There currently isn't a **climber** or **slide** for toddler age kids.
- h. The current equipment is so tall it requires very close adult help for our toddler/preschooler age kids, thus we usually choose parks farther away for safety. I think we would play there a lot more with more modern equipment. We always love seeing inclusive and accessible playground setups! Paying attention to entrances and curb cuts to get up and into the playground area for wheelchair accessible space-also beneficial for strollers! Would love to see equipment that appeals to a variety of ages as we hope to use it over the years!
- i. **Climbing walls**, splash pad
- j. Trail work out stations
- k. I have pre-teen children. They dislike the new playsets at Cummings Park because it "baby-fied" the playground. My older son would like **swings** he can jump off of.
- l. **Bars** to swing on
- m. There are a few big trees hanging over the play areas and path that are dead. We have concerns about branches falling down and causing injuries.
- n. Just more **benches**. No more playground equipment. Fix the tennis court, softball field. Do not put in a pickleball court. Cut the dead trees down.
- o. Unique **swings** that are accessible for all - some swings have the option for the parent to face the child. **Small rock climbing structure**.
- p. Improved ground cover under play structure
- q. Fresh wood chips would be a good start. The park looked the worst it has looked this past summer and we've lived in walking distance with 2 kids and dogs for the past 10 years so we are in the park nearly daily.
- r. Hello, The current slide and playground is cracking and falling apart in certain spots. This is really un safe for the kids the and can cause injuries. Floral park has a great natural environment feel with lot of trees and flowers. One thing I did notice while using the park is that it seems to take a long time to dry after it rains. This can make the playground muddy and slippery which is dangerous. Also, the old school wood chips for soft landing isn't a good option anymore. The kids get splinters sometimes when the chips get into their shoes. Rubber turf would be much better option.
- s. **Zip line**
- t. Winter off-leash dog park
- u. Something for older kids. **Skate ramp?**
- v. We love Floral Park! There needs to be a sidewalk from the tennis courts to the playground area. Currently it is cumbersome to get from one to the other.... You either walking on a dirt path through the trees or going down to the street and fighting traffic on Royal Lane (which is too fast and approaches at a blind right angle). It is especially bad for bikes or strollers that cannot use the entrance steps. The main play equipment is nice, though the triple slide is awful and our young kids (3-7yrs) avoid it because it hurts them to go over the bumps and wiggles. A plain **slide** (either straight or corkscrew) would be much more appreciated! The location of the port-a-potty is on a hill. It's so nice having a toilet nearby, but I wish it could be on better grading as it always sits at an angle which makes it difficult for littles to use. I'd suggest a cement pad beneath it or relocating somewhere nearby to flat ground.
- w. **Chess/checkers table** like triangle park. **Dual swing** for child/adult like perry park



- x. What is the seems fine, but maybe a small **area for toddlers**. Like at Royal Hills.
- y. Fix the baseball field. Stop relying on shoreview to shoulder this. Our city must do better.
- z. Any play structure would get a ton of use. Many families use the one that exists now even though it is small.
  - aa. Splash pad
  - bb. Some equipment that can be used for children with different abilities.
  - cc. Play **structure that kids can climb on**, big **slides**, burn off energy. Slides at this park currently are good- please dont take away the large slides like happened at Cummings park. Cummings used to have such large, fun slides, bridges to cross, etc. and they were all taken away.

5. What types of court surfaces would you like to see? (can choose more than one)
  - a. Basketball
  - b. Tennis
  - c. Pickleball
  - d. Four Square
  - e. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - f. None

74 respondents:



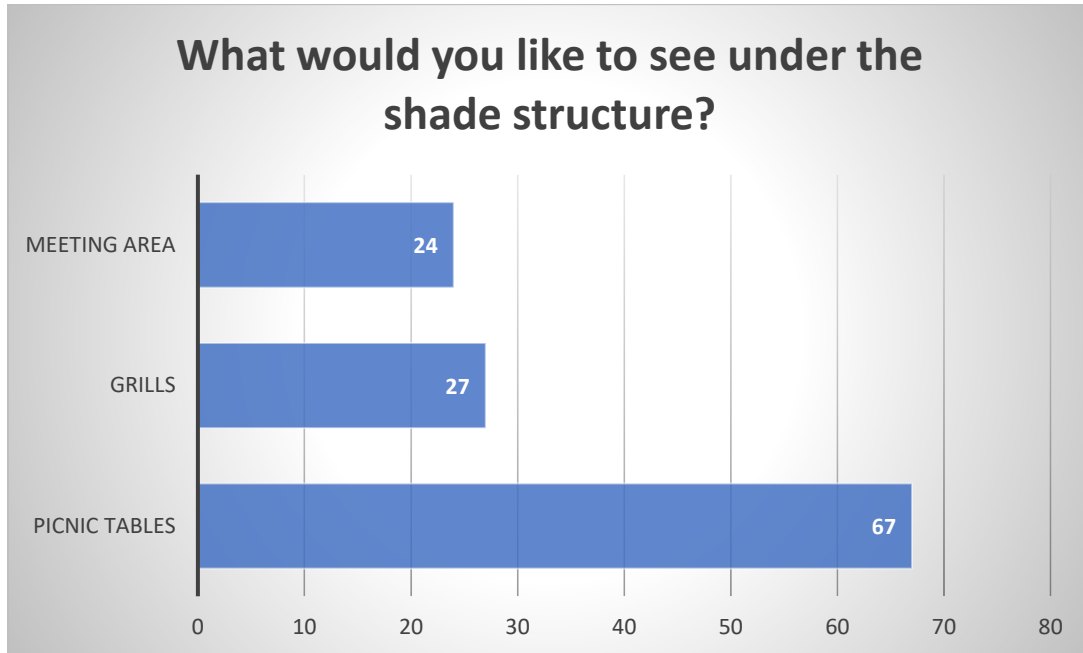
Other:

- a. Disk golf course
- b. 9-hole Disc Golf course
- c. Just throwing this out, but what about **badminton** and **volleyball**? I see a lot of people want to play volleyball at Cummings park. Maybe Floral park is too small to accommodate that, but wanted to mention it. I'm not dying to play volleyball, but others may be interested?
- d. **Volleyball**, a **soccer** net/field goal posts on the opposite side of the baseball diamond.
- e. My husband plays **tennis** and it would be great to have a usable court nearby. I also see kids playing **basketball**. Both of those courts need to be resurfaced.
- f. **No pickle ball**. It will ruin our nice little park and our neighborhood cannot handle the parking load
- g. But not at the expense of the open green space, by the play structure, which is so nice for kids to run on.
- h. **No pickleball**.
- i. **Gaga ball**

- j. Fence around basketball area to stop balls from going into the road and the woods behind the east hoop.
- k. Hello, I live right next to the park and I have 3 kids 6,4,2 and know of three other families with 3 kids and many more with two kids. We have discussed an updated **basketball court with adjustable hoops** would be great for the community. It would be great to consider skate/bike park for the kids to use in the summer that could be converted into a Ice rink in the winter. I know the Oval in Roseville has this set up.
- l. Fix the baseball field. And fix Cummins also.
- m. The **tennis** and **basketball** courts are used by several families and groups of kids every nice day. We live right next to Floral Park and see how often it gets used. I imagine **pickle ball** and **four square** markings would get a ton of use, too.
- n. I will defer to folks that use the courts. We use the playgrounds only.

6. What would you like to see under the shade structure? (can choose more than one)
  - a. Picnic tables
  - b. Grills
  - c. Meeting area
  - d. Other – please list (**see below**)
  - e. None

74 respondents:

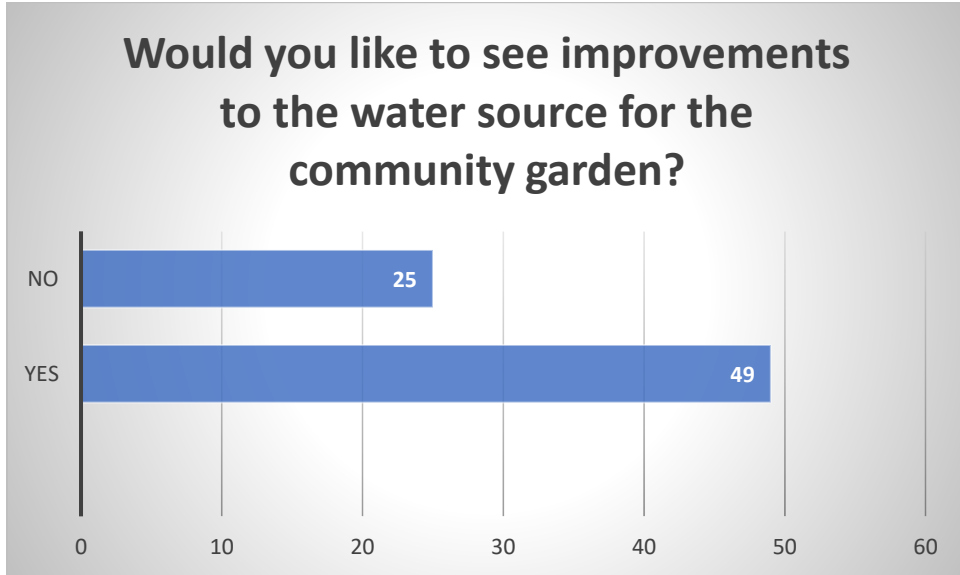


Other:

- a. **Recycling and Trash**--I'm pretty sure they are there, but just adding because I can't remember if there is a recycling bin there.
- b. More than one area for **picnic tables**
- c. **Kitchenettes, sinks, prep/serving counters, running water, bathrooms, lights** Make it more user friendly for outdoor gatherings.
- d. **Water fountain**
- e. More **garbage** and **recycling** cans
- f. Nicer **garbage** and **recycling** receptacles.
- g. Some type of **serving countertop**. **Electricity** would be ideal but probably not in the plan?
- h. **Hammock**
- i. **Lounge chairs**
- j. **W**
- k. **Water fountain** for drinking.
- l. **Relaxing chairs**

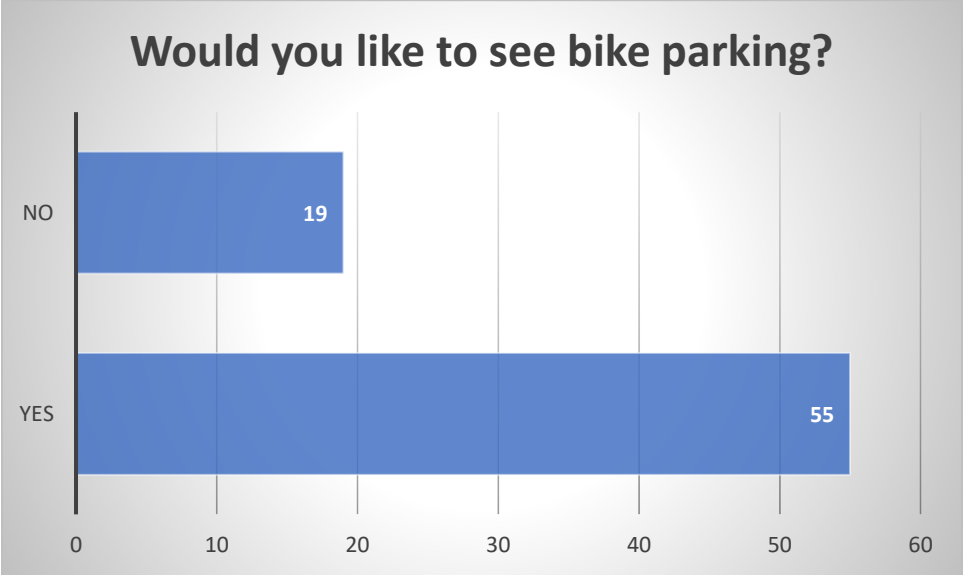
- 7. Would you like to see improvements to the water source for community garden?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

74 respondents:



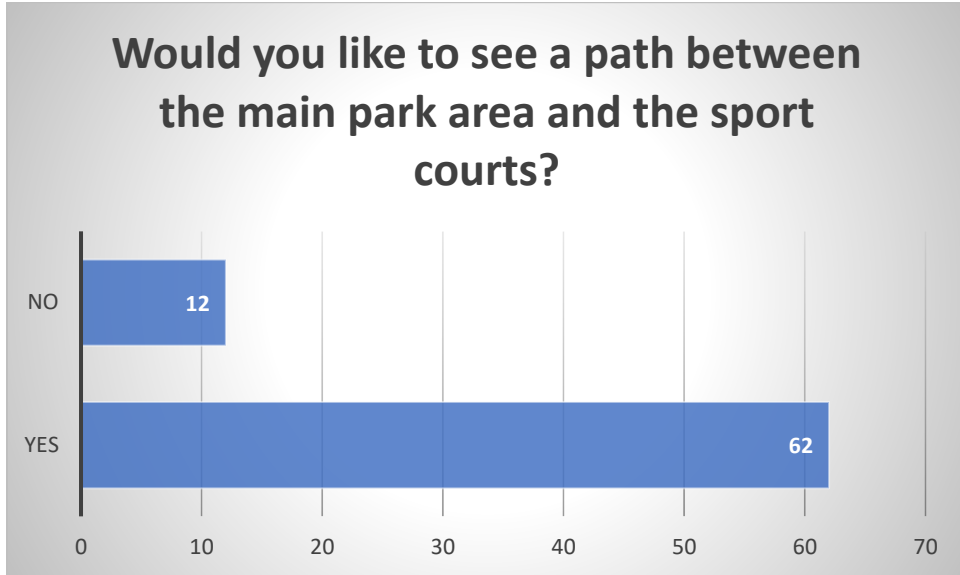
- 8. Would you like to see bike parking?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

74 respondents:



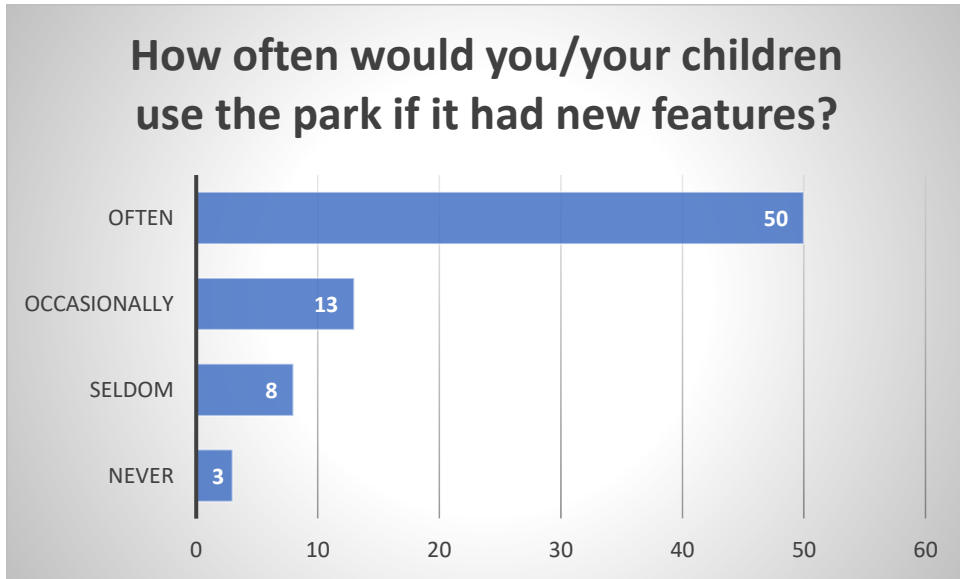
- 9. Would you like to see a path between the main park area and the sport courts?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

74 respondents:



10. How often would you/your children use the park if it had new features?
- a. Never
  - b. Seldom (1-3 times per month)
  - c. Occasionally (5-8 times per month)
  - d. Often (more than 10 times per month)

74 respondents:





11. What other improvements not listed would you like to see in the park, if any?
- a. Please list

74 respondents:

- a. N/A
- b. ?
- c. **More info for the honeybee area**
- d. **Paths and trails**
- e. First, I wanted to mention that you asked if we wanted to see updates to Floral park. I struggled with whether to put yes or no. Next time it might be nice if you had some sort of way that people can respond with how MUCH they want something done (such as a scale of 1-10). I'm certainly not against improvements to Floral park, but at the same time I don't think anything is super urgent. One thing I am not sure about, is when is the right time to replace play structures. The play structure at Floral park gets used alot, and it is wonderful to have it there. However, I don't think it's worth replacing it at this point. I used to go use Cummings park alot wth my child, and I was very surprised when the city replaced the play structure. It was still in fantastic condition, in my view, so it didn't seem like the best use of city funds. The play structure at Floral park seems in relatively good condition as well--so not sure if it's really time to replace it? I walk through that park literally every day, and play with my child there many days as well. I think it's a nice, small park and I love the flower gardens and little trails around it. I was suprised your survey didn't mention the **flower gardens**, as that is a huge part of the park. I think it would be good to more formally upgrade the garden beds a little bit and make them a bit more structured. Maybe some **bricks around the garden bed** or that sort of thing? Then, you could ask for volunteers to do various tasks for the garden each year. I know George Kruse and another guy take care of the gardens, which is wonderful. I think it would be good to more formally invite others in the community on a regular basis to help out at Floral park. The city could even do a bit of programming there for adults and kids (monarchs, perennial gardening, composting, etc...). I said I'd like to see a **bike rack**--it would be nice, but not super necessary. It's such a small park it's not like I worried that people would steal my bike while I was there. I do appreciate the **porta-potty** in the summer, it's really nice to have it there. It would be nice to have water there, if you're going to upgrade the water for gardening, it would be nice if it was drinkable too, if that' was not too expensive. I would suggest **making sure the sidewalks are maintained** well there, as many people walk and bike through that park every day. In addition, it would be good to have **more flexible seating** there, under the shade area. I think some people, like seniors or people with various disabilities might have issues getting into the picnic table benches. Might be good to have seating that's somehow more flexible for those kinds of folks as well.
- f. I volunteer at the park maintaining an owls nest that I built and installed in 2018. The pair of Great Horned owls there have raised 2 sets of owlets and are preparing now to nest again and lay eggs. I'm am VERY CONCERNED about the plan to remove dead trees at this park. Dead/dying trees are an integral part of an owls habitat, along with other

birds and wildlife that live in this park. Rodents live in decaying wood that the owls feed on. Please keep the wooded part of the park natural. Owls are a protected species in the state of Minnesota as well. I would like to speak to someone on what exactly the plan is for tree removal in Floral Park. Would you be able to take a phone call this week and talk? Please let me know. Thank you. Trista Snapko 651-230-1273

**g. tennis courts**

**h. Water fountain; scavenger hunts**

**i. More picnic tables/meeting areas** - perhaps by the butterfly garden or in shaded areas. Only one family at a time can currently use the picnic tables. **A separate area for trash and recycling** so that when you sit at the picnic tables, you don't smell trash/dog waste. **Safer and more parking options. More signage** since it's difficult to find the hidden baseball field. Have some of the **field be for soccer or have nets** just set up for individual practice. Thanks for asking for input! We love our parks!

**j. The pavilion** needs major attention. Needs to be upgraded and offer more features. It would be nice if along the walking paths there are added in **fitness stations**. Ex: pull up bar, balance equipment stops. I think if the pavilion gets updated; that you will need to add in some **parking**, or allow for both sides of the street to have parking. It's an amazing park that's incomplete, making it less utilized.

**k. We most frequently use the walking path**

**l. I walk at Floral Park everyday sometimes 2x. I love the park. I would appreciate having the paths resurfaced.** I would also love to see the **2 dead oaks removed** so that the small oak trees can grow. The trees are what make Floral Park so beautiful. I also love spending time in the butterfly garden. So peaceful. Please work to keep Floral a calming experience with nature.

**m. It would be great to have a real washroom** instead of a porta potty.

**n. Full field house w/bathrooms**

**o. Larger play structure space** with a big kid area and and little kid area. **More swings** (kids are always fighting over them)

**p. I would like to see regular maintenance** of the entire park area. This summer, the playground area was covered with prickly weeds which made it difficult to use with a small child. We found ourselves walking to parks further away. The **baseball field** is also in rough shape. Also, along the walking trail I would love to see **dog poop stands/trash bins**. That would hopefully help with waste issues around the walking trails.

**q. The current slide on playground is dangerous and painful! Water feature** would be nice :-)

**r. N/A**

**s. N/A**

**t. Bathroom**

**u. If the basketball court** stays in the same location, would love a **fence** to surround it. When we play basketball with our kids, balls go into the street which is dangerous with cars driving by. We are constantly watching for cars because of this safety concern.

**v. Remove dead trees and plant new ones. Maintenance** of park "as is" is important after above improvements.

**w. Walking path**

- x. Improvements to the **walking trails**. More **trash and dog poop bag stations** on the trails. Much more **park and street lighting** to keep people out of the park after dark. Also, lots **more parking direction signs** on the street - too many people park in both sides of the street.
- y. I love the trails, including the unpaved ones.
- z. More **butterfly gardens**
- aa. **Tennis courts need to be resurfaced; the path around the park could be re-done**, the **picnic shelter needs to be replaced/is damaged**, **picnic tables** are old and icky. Also, there should be some wood chips or something under **the play structure**. A seasonal **ice rink** would be so nice in this area!
- bb. My 4yo said to ask for a **skate park** like shoreview community center and a **swimming pool**. I told them I wouldn't hold my breath but would relay the request. Haha!
- cc. **Keep it clean** and **patrol it often** to keep people away that use the park for mischief.
- dd. Improve the **trails** and **thin out underbrush** in woodland areas.
- ee. **Bases for the baseball diamond** and some **soccer nets** in the field.
- ff. Resurface **paths**. Improve **walking paths** in woods.
- gg. **Water fountain** or place to fill up water bottles, **activities for all ages**, **bouncy rubber flooring** (similar to the park by the shoreview community center)
- hh. I would like to see the **street parking for the park to be on the park side of the road** so the kids don't have to cross the street. It is so dangerous especially since it's on a curve. You can't see when cars are coming.
- ii. These improvements would greatly enhance the park
- jj. **Removal of dead trees and invasive plants**. **Doggie bags and area to dispose if waste**. **Off leash dog area**.
- kk. **Pickleball**
- ll. The park is excellent for me as is. I use it mainly for **walking**. I used to use the **tennis courts**, but have not used them for several years. My only requests would be to **extend the porta potty season by a month** in fall and spring and to **improve the northwest trail entrance**. It is steep and very hard to use when covered with ice/snow. A handrail would help a lot. Maybe it could be re-graded to make it less steep.
- mm. A lot of people already treat the open field like it is an off leash dog park so it would be nice if there was an actual **dedicated dog area**. I would like to be able to send my kids with our leashed dog there without worrying about off leash dogs.
- nn. Na
- oo. Would love for the **basketball court/hoops to be redone** and **for soccer goals to be added to baseball field area**
- pp. **Security cameras**
- qq. More **mulch on paths through wooded areas**.
- rr. Anything that will be **more inclusive/experience enhancement for those with disabilities**.
- ss. not to expensive
- tt. The **walking path is falling apart and needs to be redone**. The walking path is a great way to keep the community active and social. Around the playground it would be nice to

- have a **separate bike or rollerblading path next to the existing path** for the kids. There are elderly people and young kids who use this part of the path and sometimes not having a designated path for bikes, scooters, and rollerblades creates an unsafe space for everyone trying to use the path.
- uu. Just some updates! We live in walking distance but our kids prefer parks further away because they are "more fun." Examples: Cummings park and shoreview community center
- vv. Would like to see the courts transitioned to **pickle ball**. I've never seen anyone play tennis there. We need more pickle ball options.
- ww. **Hand water pump. Potable water.**
- xx. **Winter off leash dog park**
- yy. **Bridge where there is currently just a wood plank** along the woodland trail.
- zz. An updated larger **player ground** that makes better use of the land. Or at least **maintain the land**, this summer was terrible.
- aaa. **Native flower plantings** for bee and bird habitat
- bbb. **Signage about the wetland** on the east. More things like the pollinator garden and the bees. Something on phenology, maybe plants marked for visitors to report on?
- ccc. **Art- sculpture? Place to take cool selfies.... Places to lay down and relax** in the sun. **Reclining lawn chairs.**
- ddd. -The main play equipment is nice, though the triple slide is awful and our young kids (3-7yrs) avoid it because it hurts them to go over the bumps and wiggles. A **plain slide** (either straight or corkscrew) would be much more appreciated! -The location of the **port-a-potty** is on a hill. It's so nice having a toilet nearby, but I wish it could **be on better grading** as it always sits at an angle which makes it difficult for littles to use. I'd suggest a cement pad beneath it or relocating somewhere nearby to flat ground.
- eee. the **play structure** is outdated and needs to get updated.
- fff. **Better markers for types of flowers in butterfly garden. More flowers Drinking fountain**
- ggg. **Paths that make sense**
- hhh. **More Recreation Programs!**
- iii. Can the **open field be used for softball/baseball** or be **enclosed for a dog park?**
- jjj. For the path between the main park and the sport courts, I am fine with the natural existing path.
- kkk. Baseball. So many kids are playing and Arden Hills must be more active in this.
- III. New hoops with the basketball court**
- mmm. **Different age areas**
- nnn. We would LOVE to see a **board on the fence in the tennis court** that allows a single person to hit a tennis ball by themselves. Perhaps **more seating** around the play structure.
- ooo. **A water fountain**
- ppp. It's a great park! We LOVE the nature trails. A **better playground** would be amazing though!

- qqq. **Poured surface on the ground in the play area, proper grading of slides** so water doesn't pool on them after a rain. **Play equipment and swings for a wide range of ages**, from toddler to 10+.
- rrr. There were only yes or no options for item 7. I need more information about 7 to respond appropriately, please list my response as none.
- sss. We live across the street from Floral Park and use the facilities year-round on a nearly daily basis. The paved trails, wooded hiking trails and courts are great. We have two kids, 6 and 4, and the playground equipment represents the biggest opportunity for improvement. We all look forward to the new-and-improved Floral Park in the years to come!
- ttt. **Bike parking** is a great idea. We drop our bikes so many times while taking the hiking paths and I never feel quite comfortable with the bikes just dropped in the grass at the entrance to the hiking trails.
- uuu. It would be great to have **drinking fountains**. Also more **benches** by the basketball court and tennis court.
- vvv. Could you please **pay special attention to the low points of the walking trails**. There are a few spots that flood and ice over. The spots on the top of my head are the curve in the path from the playground to the softball field and the small steep hill on the north side exiting to Briarknoll Drive. It would be nice to build up some of those low points for those of us that are fairly clumsy, or have other health problems that impact mobility. I would love to see **playground equipment that has something for all ages**. Please **keep a baby swing**. We were absolutely bummed when the Cummings park baby swing was removed. We don't feel comfortable using the handicapped swing in case someone who actually needs it would like to swing. **The parking signs along Royal Lane might need replacing** as well. Possibly a no parking between signs could be the best option? I've noticed people tend to park just on the west side of the trail entrance from Royal Lane. Judging from the remaining small amount of yellow paint along the curb it looks like the original intention was for the no parking to go a little further.



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Lucas Miller, Assistant Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Trail Projects Update

**Background**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

- Lexington Ave will not be completed until early summer 2023
- Safe Routes to School from MVHS to E2 down Lake Valentine Road/Old Highway 10 is scheduled for construction this summer 2023. SRF is preparing documents for bidding currently. Open house took place this fall. There were \$450k in grants for this project.
- City is working with a consultant to pursue grants for the trail from Lake Valentine Road to Highway 96 along Old Highway 10. Feasibility study has been completed for this project this last fall. Estimated project cost is \$2.6 Mil.
- Lake Johanna Blvd trail study was completed by Ramsey County and they are pursuing funding currently. They are shooting for a final design in 2028.
- Open House dates for Floral and Arden Manor still TBD based on discussions at work session. Public surveys have been collected and presented to Council for consideration for both. (Results of the surveys are attached for both parks for PTRC to review and discuss). Design for both projects are ongoing and construction is slotted for 2023. Arden Manor funding are grants combined with city funding. Floral is city funding.
- Annual trail maintenance is being scheduled for summer 2023 along Round Lake Rd, Lexington north of 96, Cummings and Floral Parks.
- The CIP for Parks is available online. The budget has been adjusted and will be available when it is approved.

**Attachment**

Attachment A – Arden Manor Park Survey Questions and Responses  
Attachment B – Floral Park Survey Questions and Responses



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Lucas Miller, Assistant Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Oath Renewals

**Background**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.



**DATE:** January 24, 2023

**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Councilmember Emily Rousseau/Lucas Miller, Assistant Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Parkshore Exercise Station Trail Loop Naming Discussion

**Background**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting by Councilmember Rousseau based on feedback from Council at the latest work session.

Below are the past names submitted by PTRC:

1. Exercise park and trail
  2. Workout park and trail
  3. Keep-fit park and trail
  4. Fitness Park and Trail
  5. Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail
  6. For Your Health Park and Trail
  7. Name the trail the length of a certain number of laps: 1-mile trail, 2k trail, etc.
  8. Round Lake Park and South Shore Trail
  9. Boot Camp Park and trail
- (Fitness Park and Trail and Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail had the most votes from PTRC members.)





**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Introductions to new Council and Staff Liaisons

**Introductions**

Council Liaison – Councilmember Emily Rousseau

Staff Liaison – Matthew Johnson



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Meeting Schedules

**Summary:**

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair  
**SUBJECT:** PTRC Goals for 2023

**Summary:**

A discussion with the PTRC members to take place in a work session format.

The following was submitted by Mark Kelliher in advance due to planned absence:

“1) For me, I would like to see us focus on buckthorn eradication throughout our city parks. As I am sure you remember, I have assembled a small cadre of intrepid volunteers and we have been working to remove buckthorn from the wilderness area behind the Valentine Hills Elementary. It’s hard work, but we have accomplished a lot. Ultimately, without a long-term plan, all of our efforts will go to naught because buckthorn is so resilient. That is why I would like to see the City, with our help from PTRC, develop a long-term strategy to keep buckthorn at bay. The work I did volunteering for the NPS at Fort Snelling is an example of how constant harassment of buckthorn growth can ultimately win the battle. So, I guess that’s a long way of saying that I would like to see PTRC develop a long-term strategy to combat buckthorn.

2) Then, on a different note, I would like PTRC to be a little more disciplined in how we conduct our meetings. Specifically, I would like to see us use Robert’s Rules of Order with better proficiency than we have in the past.

I’m not saying that PTRC has to be super-strict about using Robert’s Rules because too much formality will dampen the fun in attending PTRC. I do, however, think that if we all follow a basic framework of Robert’s Rules we will have a better communication process develop between us. Below are some of the basics that I would like to see applied to our PTRC meetings:

1. The Chair (Marie) is responsible for recognizing the next speaker. We, as members, should first ask Marie for the floor.

2. If a motion is presented, it must be seconded by another party. The person who offers the second does not need to agree with the motion. The second is offered only to allow the motion to be considered for further discussion. And, of course, if there is no second, the motion does not advance for further discussion.
3. Once a motion is seconded, it is then open for discussion. Marie is responsible for recognizing the speaker(s) and facilitating the discussion.
4. Once the discussion has drawn to a close, Marie can then entertain a motion to “call the question,” or to “table” the motion for consideration at a later date.
  1. A motion is tabled if there are more facts that need to be unearthed in order to give us a more complete understanding of the issue.
  2. If the motion is fully discussed and is ready for a full vote, the person who originally brought forward the motion would typically reduce the idea into a motion that is clear and actionable, to be voted on, up or down.”



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Follow up to Work Session on 12/19/22

**Summary of items from that meeting:**

**Hazelnut Park Proposals**

- 1) Sledding hill placed on the map at Hazelnut Park.
- 2) Remove invasive species and replace vegetation.

The city removes invasive species, but they do not replace vegetation.

If the council did decide to direct Public Works to add plants, they would need to go through a process of getting bids from several suppliers.

See attachments prepared by PTRC member Kerri Seemann.

**Name badges for PTRC members**

PTRC members have suggested that name badges would be helpful when they are helping to coordinate volunteers.

**Volunteer appreciation**

There are a few volunteers who generously donate countless hours to improve our parks (ex. weeding). We would like these individuals to be recognized by the city.

Letter from the City Council

Proclaim a date for each of them to be [name] day and share that on social media

Feature their stories in an upcoming newsletter

**Reflective vests for volunteers**

Volunteers should have reflective vests for two reasons: 1) safety 2) so that other people using the parks understand that they are allowed to be working in the park.

- Regular volunteers (the ones identified for recognition) should be given a higher quality vest that they can keep that includes "Arden Hills Volunteer" on them. Groups should be given inexpensive vests that they can keep as a small token of appreciation for their work (they can use them for safety when walking in low light conditions).
- Currently, Public Works only provides vests to volunteers if the work being done is near potential traffic or other scenarios where high visibility is needed.

**Parkshore Trail Name Contest**

The PTRC originally wanted to involve the community in the naming process and create engagement through a contest that allowed residents or students to submit possible names. The City Council determined that there was not enough staff time to facilitate a contest and asked for name suggestions. These are the names that were submitted by PTRC members:

1. Exercise park and trail
2. Workout park and trail
3. Keep-fit park and trail
4. Fitness Park and Trail
5. Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail
6. For Your Health Park and Trail
7. Name the trail the length of a certain number of laps: 1 mile trail, 2k trail, etc.
8. Round Lake Park and South Shore Trail
9. Boot Camp Park and trail

(Fitness Park and Trail and Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail had the most votes from PTRC members.)

**Officially name Triangle Park**

Give what's known as "Triangle Park" official park status. Add it to the list of parks and note that it has a chess/checkerboard as an amenity.



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair/Lucas Miller, Assistant Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** New Applicants to PTRC

**Summary:**

There have been two applicants to the PTRC for 2023:

Kate Olson from Ridgewood Court  
Lacy Loosbrock from Lakeshore Place

Matthew Johnson is coordinating with the applicants during the interview process.  
PTRC currently has 5 seats of 12 seats open.



**DATE:** January 24, 2023  
**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee  
**FROM:** Kristine Poelzer  
**SUBJECT:** Winter Volunteer Recruitment for Floral Park

**Summary:**

Winter volunteer recruitment will begin shortly for East side Floral Park

- Saturdays (Sundays? Up to George & Dan)
- Buckthorn, Burdock removal and stacking
- No removal of dead logs or other vegetation due to wildlife habitat in the area





**DATE:** January 24, 2023

**TO:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee

**FROM:** Marie Hinton, PTRC Chair/Lucas Miller, Assistant Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** PTRC Meeting Agenda Drafting Procedures

**Summary:**

A verbal update will be given at the meeting and discussion will follow.