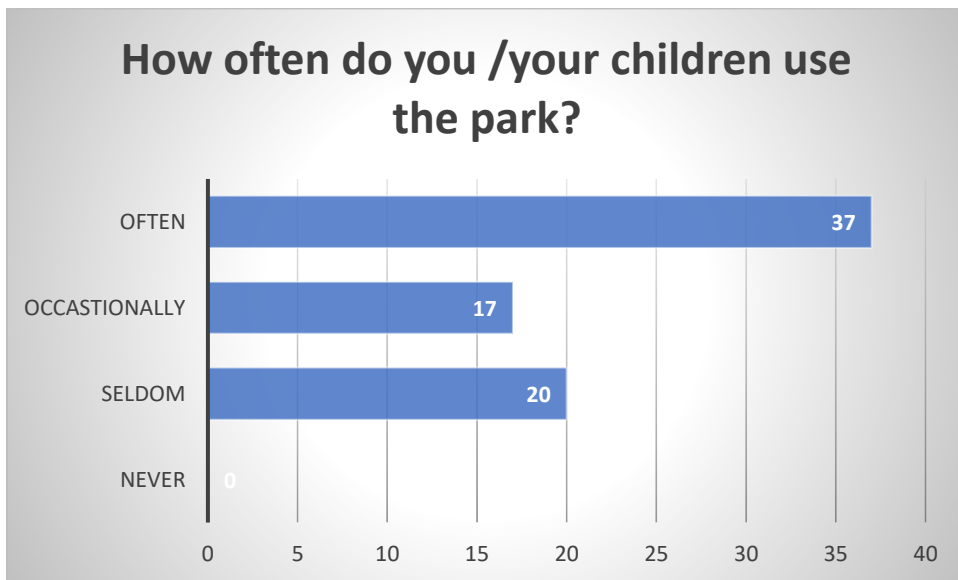


## Floral Park

### Online Survey Questions and Responses

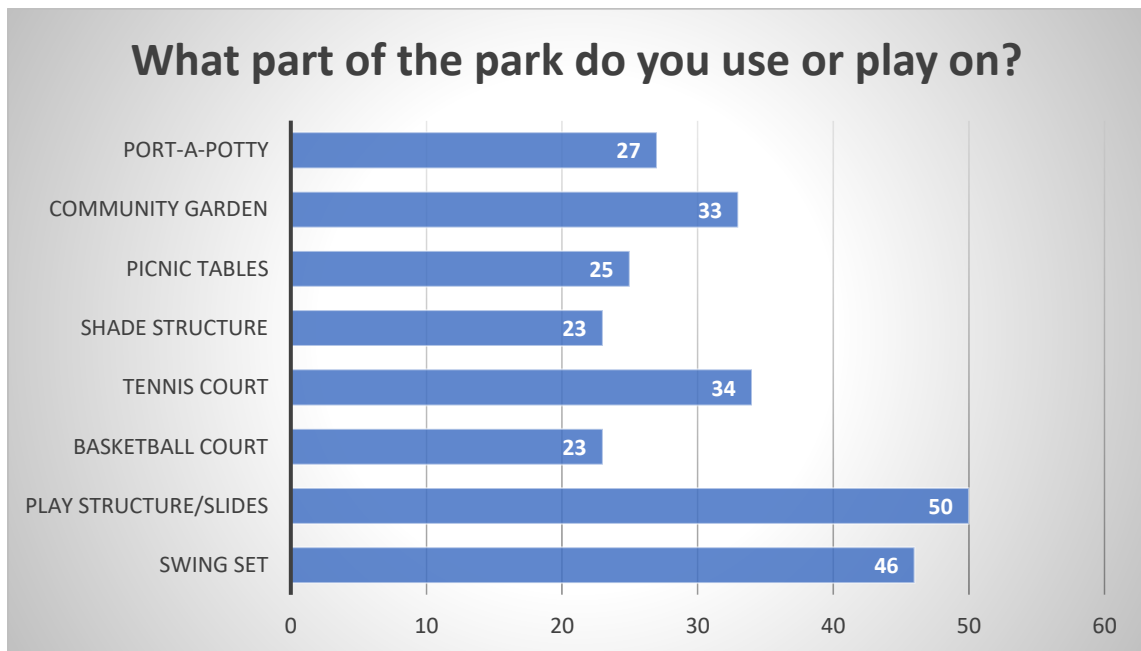
1. How often do you/your children use the park?
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  - c. Occasionally (5-8 times per month)
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74 respondents:



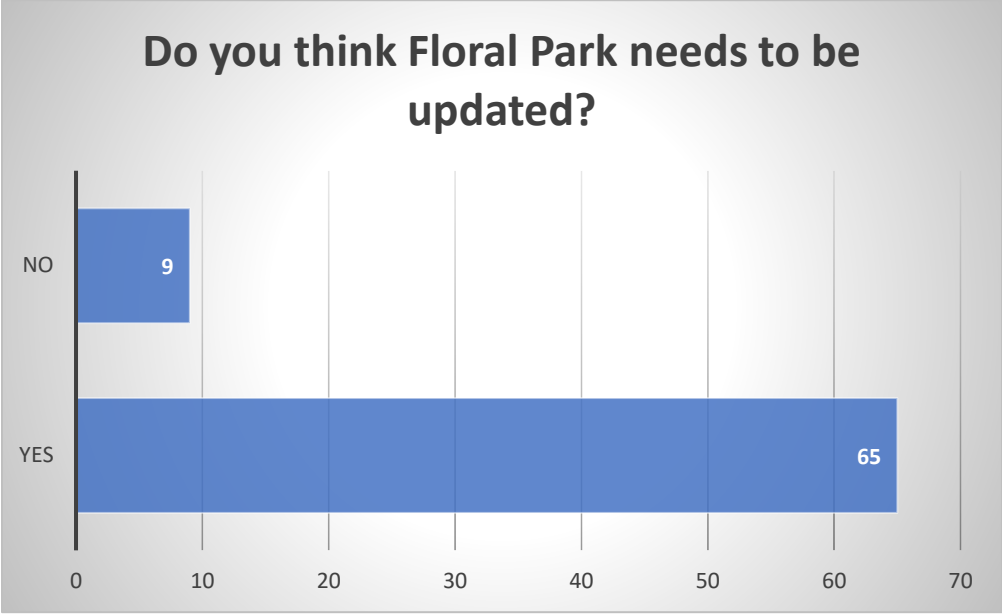
- 2. What part of the park do you use or play on
  - a. Swing set
  - b. Play Structure / slides
  - c. Basketball court
  - d. Tennis Court
  - e. Shade Structure
  - f. Picnic tables
  - g. Benches
  - h. Community garden
  - i. Port-a-potty

74 respondents:



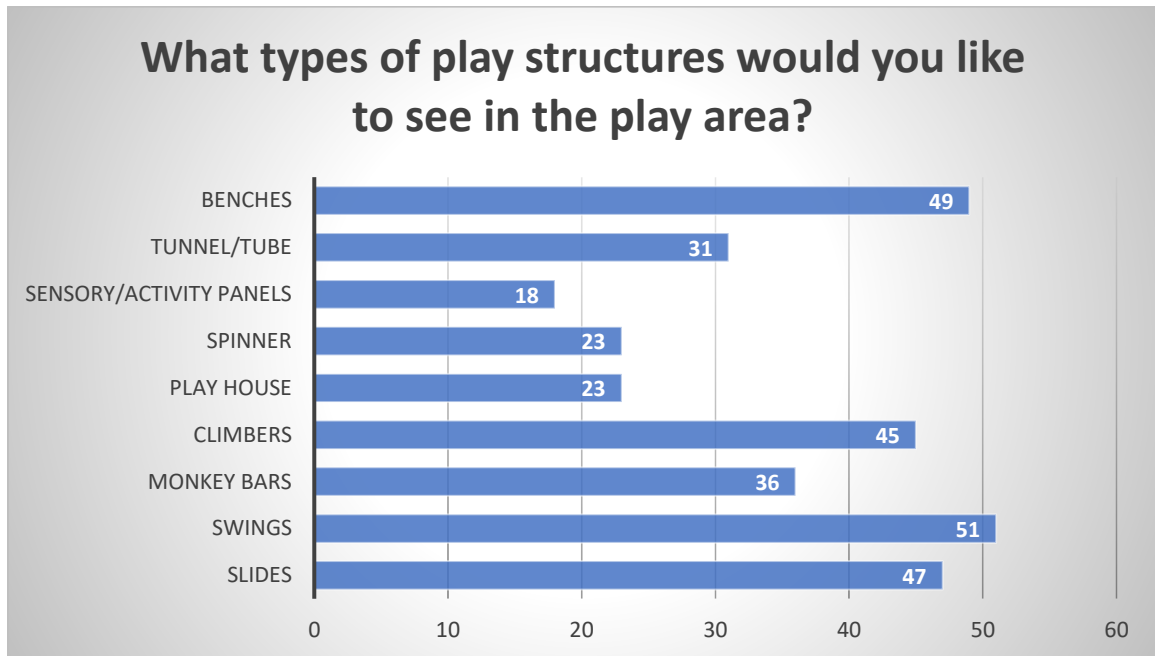
- 3. Do you think Floral needs to be updated?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

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

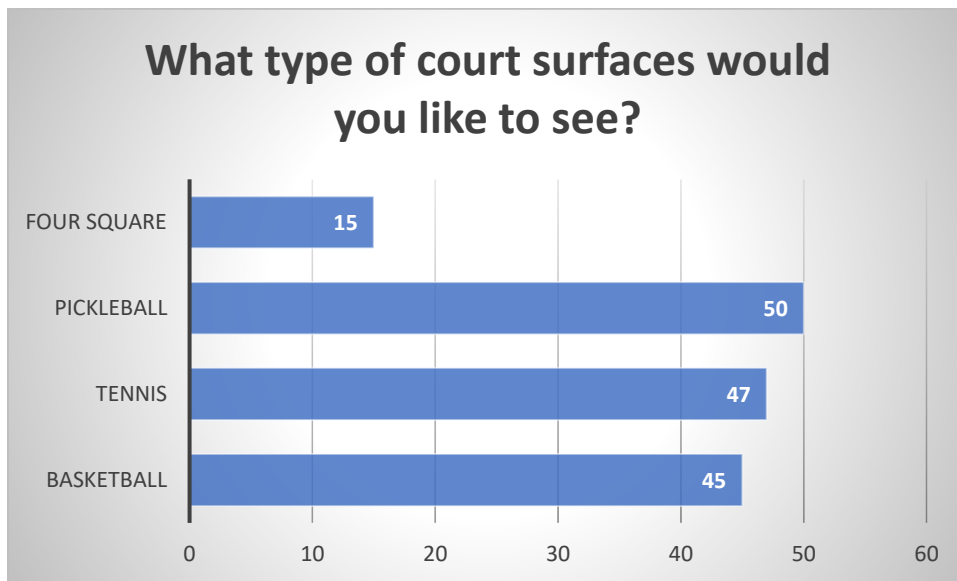
Cummings and they are very disappointed in the new park because their 7 year old get bored and there is only 2 swings. So I am hoping Floral gets a better update. Floral doesn't have to be fancy - their is fun and beauty in simplicity.

- 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:

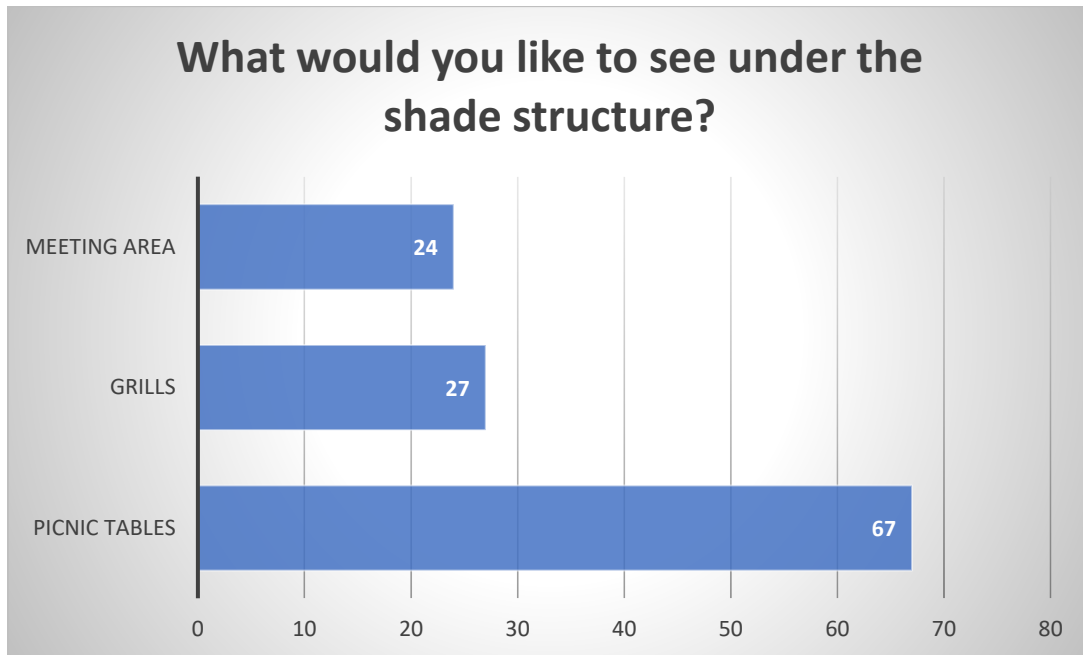
- a. Disk golf course
- b. 9-hole Disc Golf course
- c. Just throwing this out, but what about **badminton** and **volleyball**? I see a lot of people want to play volleyball at Cummings park. Maybe Floral park is too small to accommodate that, but wanted to mention it. I'm not dying to play volleyball, 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

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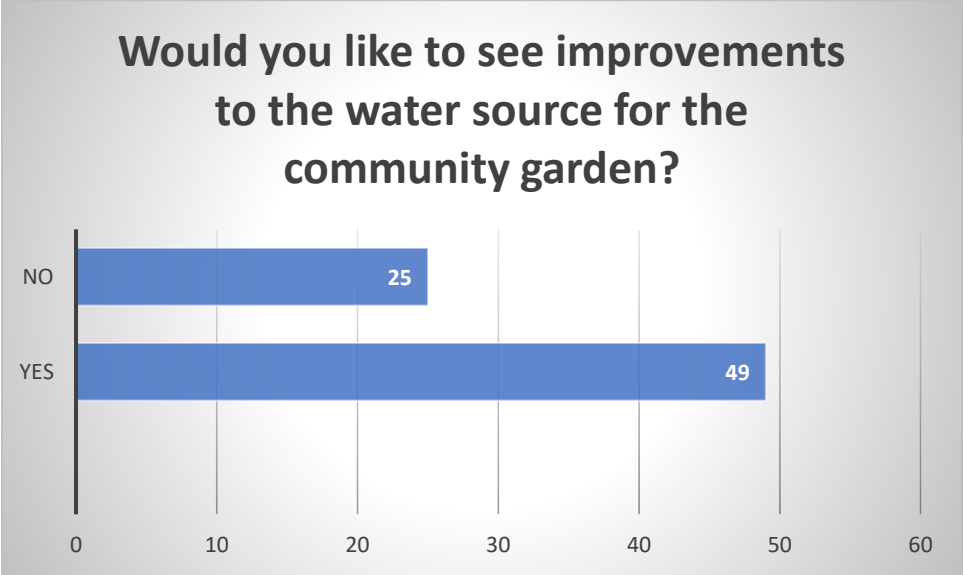


Other:

- 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**

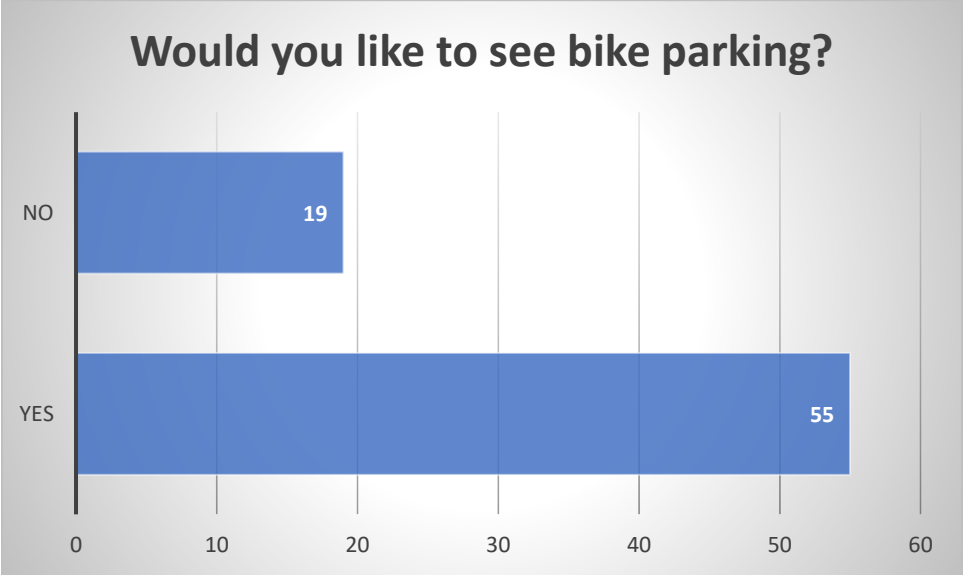
- 7. Would you like to see improvements to the water source for community garden?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

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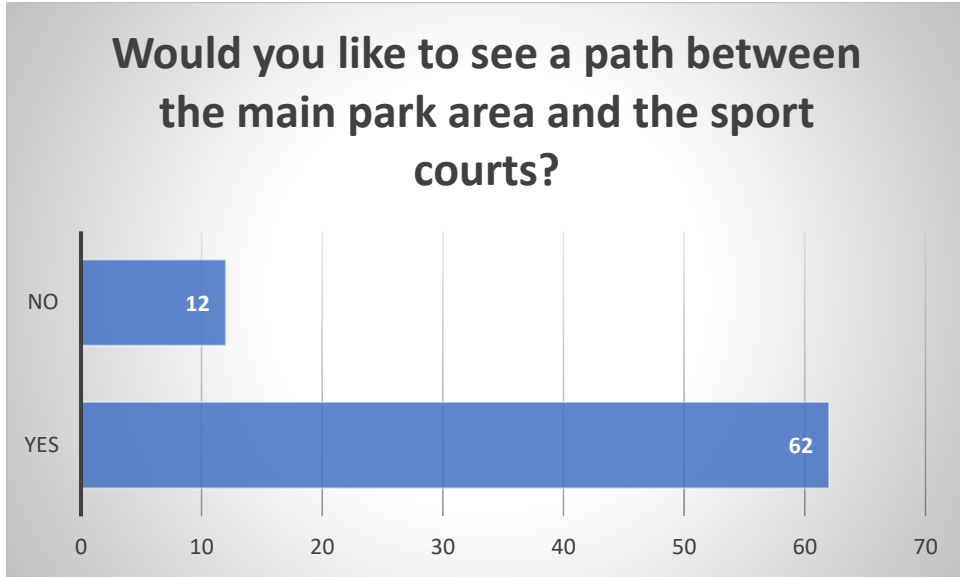
- 8. Would you like to see bike parking?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

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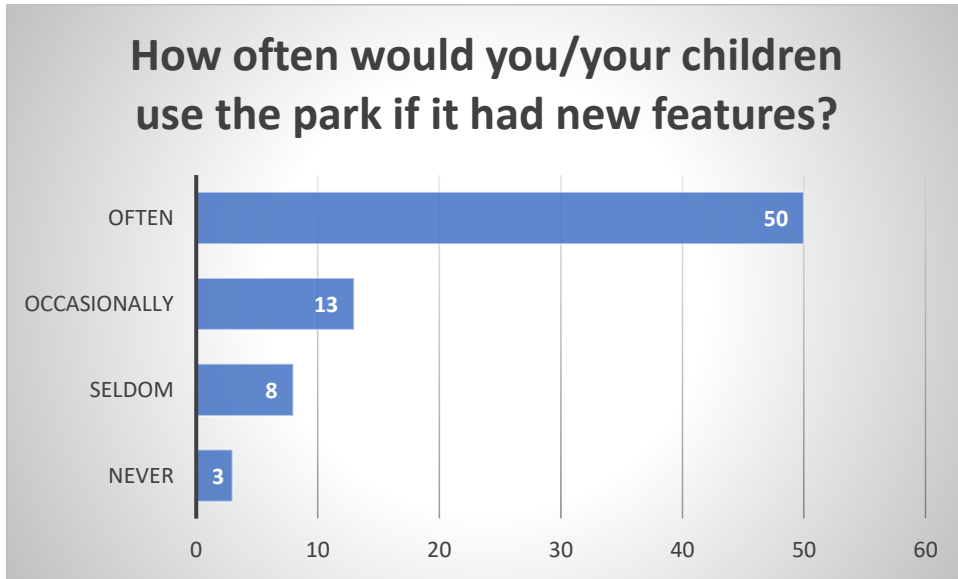
- 9. Would you like to see a path between the main park area and the sport courts?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

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?
- Please list

74 respondents:

- N/A
- ?
- More info for the honeybee area**
- Paths and trails**
- 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.
- 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.