

# CITY OF SEYMOUR OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN 2011-2015



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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **RECREATION PLANNING IN SEYMOUR**

For many years comprehensive recreational planning has guided the growth and development of Seymour's park system. The need for an updated plan was identified in the city's recently completed community development plan, which recognized the importance of continuing this planning process. Seymour, with the assistance of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, began updating its comprehensive Open Space and Recreation Plan in May 2010.

This new plan, developed with the Seymour Park Committee, draws upon past goals, objectives, and recommendations tempered with new considerations which have evolved since the last adopted plan in 1995. The City's newly adopted, 2009 Smart Growth comprehensive plan, will also provide guidance as the Committee goes through the update. After state and local approval, the plan will allow the City to continue participation in the federally funded Land and Water Conservation Program (LAWCON) and state-funded grants available through the DNR-administered Stewardship Program. Both programs provide up to 50 percent matching funds for the acquisition and development of park land.

### **PREVIOUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Over the years, Seymour has received \$16,697 in matching funds from LAWCON and the expired Outdoor Resources Action Program (ORAP). Most of these funds have been used to acquire and develop Recknagel Park and improve Lake Park. Since completion of its 1987 plan, the city has not received funding for parks and recreational facilities.

### **CHANGES TO PARK IMPACT FEE LAW**

Park and recreation needs may include the need for additional parkland to accommodate new facilities, the need for additional parks in areas not adequately served by existing facilities or where new residential growth is occurring, or the need for new or improved park facilities and equipment. This section addresses recent changes to Wisconsin Statute Section 66.0617 pertaining to park impact fees. A needs assessment that justifies why a fee should be imposed is required under section 66.017(4)a. A municipality can no longer impose a park fee in its subdivision ordinance as a condition of subdivision plat approval. Municipalities have authority under section 66.0617 to impose a fee on new land development for capital costs to construct, expand, or improve park facilities. This includes the cost of land for, among other things, parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields needed as the result of new development. For the purposes of this assessment, a 10-year timeframe (2010-2020) will be used. Ten years is the maximum amount of time a municipality has to expend impact fees that were collected.

## PLANNING CRITERIA

A good recreation plan is carefully tailored to the community for which it is prepared and reflects user needs on a qualitative as well as quantitative basis. Nationally accepted park planning standards provide a gauge of the overall adequacy of the quantitative aspects of a community's park system. As such, they are useful in determining what and where specific recreational needs exist and suggest appropriate measures to fulfill these needs. Often, however, these park standards are not sensitive to the many variables which make each community unique; thus, in addition to general park and recreation standards, other criteria related to particular local characteristics are employed. These enable a community to refine the national standards to accommodate its own needs based on community interest and involvement, available physical resources and the financial capacity to operate the park system. The following general park standards and important local criteria influenced the preparation of this plan:

**Acreage Standard.** The most common standard for park and open space in a community is 10 acres for each 1,000 residents. Generally, however, smaller communities such as Seymour will require substantially more acreage if all recreational needs are to be met.

**Facilities Standard.** This standard pinpoints the number of recreation facilities, such as tennis courts or picnic tables, that should be found in a community based on its population. While this standard is useful in discovering major discrepancies, a more accurate reflection of true community park needs is found in the demands expressed vocally by community residents.

**Park Site Standards.** Park site standards, established by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, help determine the size and service area of the parks and the facilities that should be made available in various types of parks appropriate for a community. Community parks and neighborhood parks are the types of facilities most appropriate for a community the size of Seymour.

**Neighborhood Park.** A neighborhood park is a 5 to 25 acre park that provides recreational facilities for all ages. Typical facilities include play equipment, picnic areas, a basketball court, and an open play area with backstop for unorganized activities. A desirable service radius for a neighborhood park is a quarter mile or ten-minutes walking time.

**Community Park.** A community park serves the entire community. In addition to providing most of the facilities recommended for neighborhood parks, a community park should include such facilities as restrooms, shelters, nature trails or areas, swimming areas, a band shelter, and similar facilities which would be used by the entire community. A desirable service radius for a community park is one mile or five-minutes driving time.



**Citizen Involvement.** Community views are reflected in two ways: (1) guidance from the Seymour Park Committee in formulating goals and objectives, in identifying local problems and needs, and in synthesizing and reviewing final plan proposals; and (2) participation by community residents at public information meetings and/or online surveys to review plan proposals and offer suggestions. (See appendices for survey results.)

**Environmental Quality.** Unique land forms, wooded areas, water bodies, drainage courses, and other areas of significant environmental quality are often excellent candidate locations for parks and other open space areas. Although Seymour's natural features are relatively limited, those that exist are identified and evaluated according to their potential for future recreational development.

**Land Use.** Future park locations must have a relationship to predicted land use patterns, especially to residential areas. Seymour's existing and future land use trends are evaluated to determine the locations of future park areas.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

As its initial task, the Seymour Park Committee confirmed the following goals and objectives. These serve as a guide for the type of park and recreation system community residents would enjoy. The goals are stated as desirable conditions to strive for in the future. They are common ideals of the community that can be achieved through the actions of government leaders, private organizations, and individual citizens. Objectives specify in greater detail how these desired goals can be achieved. Together, the goals and objectives provide a basis for establishing city policy regarding the planning, acquisition and future development of park and recreation facilities.

**GOAL: To establish a communitywide system of parks, open space and recreation facilities that will provide all residents of Seymour with adequate facilities.**

### **Objectives:**

- Provide park and recreation facilities that adequately serve all residential areas of the community.
- Ensure that newly developed residential areas are provided with adequate and accessible park and recreation facilities.
- Provide a wide variety of recreational activities that will serve the residents of Seymour on a year-round basis.
- Improve existing park and recreation facilities to meet community standards and needs.
- Provide safe and adequate accessibility to all community park and recreation areas for all segments of its population.

**GOAL: To ensure that open space and recreational facilities are designed to meet the special needs of all residents, especially the elderly and physically challenged.**

### **Objectives:**

- Encourage participation of elderly and physically impaired citizens at Park Committee meetings.

- Design active and passive recreational areas which can be utilized by elderly or physically impaired citizens.
- Ensure that elderly residents of the community have access to suitable park and recreation facilities.

**GOAL: To conserve, protect and beautify natural resources in the city and surrounding environs.**

**Objectives:**

- Ensure that environmental and aesthetic qualities of the community are considered when planning for park and recreation development.
- Preserve and maintain natural drainageways and other natural resource areas in and around the community.
- Maintain and improve the quality of water resources in the city.

**GOAL: To encourage cooperation with the school district in utilizing appropriate school facilities for open space and recreational needs.**

**Objectives:**

- Encourage increased public use of the school system's indoor recreational facilities.
- Ensure continued public use of the school system's outdoor recreational facilities.
- Encourage cooperative community/school projects to improve and expand recreational facilities at the public schools.

**GOAL: To encourage continued involvement of Seymour residents when planning for park and recreation development.**

**Objectives:**

- Conduct an online public survey to permit citizen involvement in developing the city's open space and recreation plan.
- Hold annual public meetings to review, revise, and maintain a realistic and workable open space and recreation plan for the city.

## **EXISTING CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES**

### **BACKGROUND**

Home of the Outagamie County fair, the City of Seymour has a long history as a retail and service center for the strong dairy-based agricultural area which surrounds it. Located in the northeastern portion of the county, the city is located on two state highways (STH 54, STH 55) which intersect on the south end of Main Street. STH 54 provides an east-west route through the city, connecting with Green Bay to the east and New London to the west while STH 55 is designated as Main Street and runs through the downtown connecting with the Fox Cities to the south and Shawano to the north. Seymour's many highly regarded small town attributes and its proximity to employment and shopping opportunities in both the Green Bay and Fox Cities urban areas have made the city an ideal place to raise a family and bode well for its continued growth and prosperity.

Seymour's corporate limits enclose about 1,661 acres. Its central business district is located along Main Street (STH 55) in the heart of the city while more recent commercial growth is found along STH 54, which carries the bulk of the through traffic passing through the city. In addition to a new industrial park in the eastern portion of the city, other industrial land uses generally are located along the railroad track, which passes in an east-west direction through the center of town. About 45 percent of the city's corporate area remains undeveloped, providing ample room for future growth. Most of the residential growth is expected to occur in the northeastern portion of the city.

### **POPULATION**

Over the past four decades, Seymour has shown moderate population growth, increasing from 1,760 in 1950 to an estimated 3,485 in 2009 (Table 1). Overall, the city has grown by 77.8 percent during this time, its steady growth providing evidence that the city has not been impacted by the blighting influences of population decline which have been felt by many other small rural communities. The population of Seymour is projected to continue growing, increasing from 3,335 in 2000 to 4,210 in 2030. Its increase of 26.2 percent during this period is slightly less than Outagamie County's projected growth rate of 34.6 percent and somewhat greater than the state's rate of 19.6 percent.

As in most smaller rural Wisconsin communities, Seymour is characterized by a relatively high elderly population (Table 2). Nearly 16 percent of its residents are age 65 or over compared with 10.9 percent for Outagamie County and 13.1 percent for the State of Wisconsin as a whole.

One reason for this is the presence of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, a large extended care facility for elderly residents. At the same time, although the under 18 years of age component of Seymour's population is slightly higher than both the county and state, the population of working age in the city comprises a somewhat smaller percent of its total population. Seymour's median age is lower than both Outagamie County and the state as a whole.

Table 1

POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS, 1950-2030  
City of Seymour

Year	Population	% Growth
1950	1,760	-
1960	2,045	16.2
1970	2,194	7.3
1980	2,530	15.3
1990	2,782	10.0
2000	3,335	10.1
2010	3,619*	8.5
2020	3,938*	8.8
2030	4,210*	6.9

2009 Estimate: 3,485

\* ECWRPC Projection

\*\* Wisconsin Dept. of Administration Estimate

Table 2

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP  
City of Seymour

Year	City of Seymour		Outagamie County		Wisconsin	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5 Years	218	6.5%	11,124	6.9%	342,340	6.4%
5 - 17 Years	714	21.4%	33,403	20.8%	1,026,416	19.1%
18 - 64 Years	1,881	56.4%	98,859	61.4%	3,292,366	61.4%
65+ Years	522	15.7%	17,585	10.9%	702,553	13.1%
Total	3,335	100.0%	160,971	100.0%	5,363,675	100.0%
Median Age	34.3		34.4		36	

Source: U.S. Census 2000, Summary File 1 (SF1)

## NATURAL RESOURCES

The natural resource base is not only a major determinant of potential physical and economic uses of the land, it also suggests areas which are prime candidates for parkland and other open space uses. Communities which make public management and preservation of these resources a priority are rewarded with an enhanced quality of life for local residents. Among environmental characteristics well worth protecting for open space are topography; streams, lakes and other drainage corridors; floodplains; woodlands; and soils which are unsuitable for most types of intensive land use development. In many cases, private development of these environmentally sensitive areas is strictly regulated to protect the important environmental benefits they provide.

There are no particularly outstanding natural resources in the Seymour area. Topography surrounding the community is generally characterized by flat to gently rolling uplands interrupted by broad depressions. Elevations in the city range from around 840 feet above sea level in the southern corners near the high school to about 780 feet above sea level along Black Creek and at the north end of the city. Several small wetlands, generally three to six acres in size, exist along Black Creek and in the western portions of the city. Black Creek, which flows through the northwestern portions of Seymour, and its tributary Little Henry Creek, which flows through the heart of the community, are the primary surface waters in Seymour. A floodplain averaging about 500 feet in width exists along Black Creek. Although Little Henry Creek is an intermittent stream, it has a drainage basin which extends well to the south and southeast of the city and subjects some portions of the community to occasional

flooding and drainage problems. With increased development in and around Seymour, opportunities exist for integrating stormwater management practices with open space along the stream corridor in strategic locations. Several sizable undeveloped wooded tracts exist in floodplain areas along Black Creek and in conjunction with wetlands.

## **EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Several recreational facilities within and near the city are available for use by Seymour residents. Outlying facilities include Fallen Timbers Environmental Center, a 360-acre site three miles southwest of Seymour operated by the Seymour Community School District, and Crystal Springs Golf Course, an 18-hole layout a mile northwest of town available for public play. In addition, there are several thousand acres of DNR-managed fisheries and wildlife area located within a short drive of the city.

Seymour has a well developed system of parks and recreational facilities for a community of its size. Within the city limits, local open space and recreational land totals over 130 acres. The city maintains five parks and open space areas with a combined area of 65.4 acres, open space available at public schools and other sites exceeds 20 acres, and the Outagamie County Fairgrounds contains 47.2 acres (Table 3 and Exhibit 1).

Table 3

EXISTING PARK AND RECREATION ACREAGE  
City of Seymour

Facility	City	School District	Private	County
Lake Park	43.0			
Rock Ledge Park	16.3			
Recknagel Lions Park	5.6			
Nagel Park and Museum	0.5			
Behrendt Park	5.1			
Seymour School Complex		20.0		
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church			1.0	
Assembly of God Church			0.1	
Good Shepherd Nursing Home			5.0	
Outagamie County Fairgrounds				47.2
Total	70.5	20.0	6.1	47.2

### Lake Park

Located in the northwestern portion of Seymour adjacent to the Outagamie County Fairgrounds, Lake Park is the city's largest park with 43 acres available for recreational use. The park is bisected by Black Creek, which flows in a southwesterly direction through the park.

Facilities east of the creek include a large open shelter, a small shelter with restrooms, picnic tables and grills, a variety of play equipment, a volleyball court, a lighted softball diamond with spectator seating and a portable restroom, a newly built fire pit donated by the boy scouts that is wheelchair accessible for resident gatherings, two parking lots with a combined capacity of approximately 100 vehicles, and park identification signs. Unlike other portions of the park, which are accessible from North Main Street, the parking area serving the ball diamond is accessible from Henry Street to the south.

After the construction of the Aquatic Center, use of this park decreased and costs to maintain the once 3-acre swimming lake has become a major factor. At the present time, the lake was drained and fenced in to eliminate liability to the site until the City decides on it's use.



## **Rock Ledge Park**

Rock Ledge Park is located on High Street in the southwestern portion of the community. The 16.3 acre site serves primarily as a community park. The park contains Seymour's only full sized baseball diamond, a fenced and lighted facility with spectator seating, dugouts, electronic scoreboard, an elevated press box, and two nearby batting cages. The baseball diamond is used for high school games as well as other amateur teams. A lighted and fenced softball diamond with spectator seating is also found in the park. This diamond is also used little league games. Other facilities in Rock Ledge Park include a combination concession/storage building, two tennis courts, a small paved basketball court, a variety of play equipment, a sandbox, a small number of picnic tables and benches, a park identification sign, and paved parking areas. Park users can also park in the overflow gravel parking lot adjacent to the ball diamonds. A scout building, used as a meeting place by local scouting organizations and for social gatherings, is located in the northern portion of the park. Although restrooms are located in the main level of this building, they are somewhat inconvenient to most of the park's primary activity areas. The western third of the park remains undeveloped and its relief provides a small sledding hill and ice skating rink. An underutilized, but attractive open area partially surrounded by the remnants of an abandoned quarry face is located in the southeastern portion of the park. The nice mix of undulating topography and mature tree cover near the street provides an opportunity for expanded picnic facilities.

## **Lion's Recknagel Park**

Lion's Recknagel Park is a neighborhood park located adjacent to Mainline Drive and High Street in the southeastern part of the community. The 5.6-acre park includes a variety of play equipment, a sandbox with digger, an open play area with backstop, a sand volleyball court, picnic facilities, bench swings and other sitting areas, a shelter with restrooms, drinking fountain, a small lighted ice skating rink, an attractive park identification sign, landscaping, and a small parking lot for about a dozen vehicles. A paved pathway across a public easement and a pedestrian bridge which spans the drainageway along the west side of the park provides access to the park for residents living to the west. The use of the pedestrian bridge is an excellent example of how to successfully provide convenient access to a neighborhood park. The size of the park and the range of facilities provide a good template for developing new neighborhood parks in the northeastern and later southeastern portions of the city.

## **Nagel Park**

Nagel Park is located on the north side of Depot Street, which parallels the railroad tracks east of Main Street in the downtown area. The primary purpose of Nagel Park is for community functions and includes a gazebo for the arts, the Seymour Museum and the old GBW railroad depot, which houses a mode railroad display and storage for the Hamburger group. The park is the central point of downtown that provides a picnic area and hosts the annual Hamburger Days Festival and farmers markets. The park has recently undergone some new landscaping

with brick facing south of the gazebo and depot. A veteran's memorial lies on the corner while the State Newton-Blackmour trail runs parallel to Depot Street, crossing Main Street.

### **Behrendt Park**

This newly formed 5 acre neighborhood park's primary function is family oriented. The park contains a picnic pavilion, a small play area for children, benches, a sand volleyball court, and horseshoe pits.

### **Newton-Blackmour Trail**

The trail is a multi-use facility for hiking, biking, horseback riding and snowmobiles in the winter months. There are no ATV's allowed. The trail crosses through the heart of the City as it runs along Depot Street and East Wisconsin Street. Currently the trail is completed between Seymour and Black Creek with future plans to connect to Shiocton and New London. This state-owned facility is part of the rails to trails initiative. The trail's name is derived from the cities it connects: **NEW** London, Shioct**ON**, **BLACK** Creek, & Sey**MOUR**.

### **Seymour School Complex**

Operated by the Seymour Community School District, the school complex is located in the southwestern part of the city between Hickory Street and STH 54. The site includes Seymour Community High School, Seymour Middle School, and Rock Ledge Elementary School. Rock Ledge Park abuts the northwestern part of the site. The site provides about 20 acres of athletic fields, play areas, and other open space for Seymour's youth. Facilities include a lighted football field/track complex, eight unlighted tennis courts, a fenced unlighted softball and diamond with spectator seating and scoreboard, an unlighted baseball diamond, a sand volleyball court, a total of 10 basketball hoops, two soccer fields reserved for the high school, 4 soccer fields for the younger youth groups and 2 fields for the older youth groups, two paved play areas with a variety of play apparatus, and undesignated open space. Parking for about 600 vehicles is available on the site.

### **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

Located on South Main Street, the church provides about an acre of open space. Recreational facilities include a variety of play equipment and two basketball hoops on the large parking lot. A little grassy open space exists on the site.

### **Assembly of God Church**

A basketball hoop is the only facility available at the Assembly of God Church site, which is located on the northwest corner of Lincoln Street and Pope Street east of the school complex.

### **Good Shepherd Nursing Home**

A portion of the grounds at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home grounds has been developed to provide outdoor experiences for residents of the home. An ornamental garden with sitting areas and a Wells Fargo exercise/nature trail are also available for use by other residents of the community. Together, the two areas are estimated to contribute about five acres to the supply of open space available in the city.

### **Outagamie County Fairgrounds**

The Outagamie County Fairgrounds is located in the northwestern part of the city along Main Street generally south and east of Lake Park. Facilities include a grandstand/race track complex, numerous exposition buildings and a horse show ring. Most open space on the site is used for parking or targeted for building expansion. During the summer months, the site hosts races for the late-modifies IMCA series on Sunday nights and the Outagamie County Fair in late July early August. The housed areas offer storage for recreational vehicles during the winter months. In general, the 47.2-acre fairgrounds site is not commonly used by city residents for outdoor recreational activities.

## **RECREATIONAL NEEDS**

Park and recreation needs may include the need for additional park land to accommodate new facilities, the need for additional parks in areas where new residential growth is occurring, or the need for new or improved park facilities and equipment. While recreation standards can be used to identify these needs, it is generally more appropriate to place emphasis on citizen input in communities the size of Seymour.

### **LAND NEEDS**

While not entirely applicable to smaller communities such as Seymour, land demand standards of 10 acres of publicly owned open space for every thousand residents nevertheless provides a useful barometer for determining whether a community has adequate park land to meet the recreational needs of its residents.

These standards suggest that Seymour's present acreage need is a minimum of 36 acres. This figure is expected to grow to about 42 acres by the year 2030. Generally, however, a smaller community needs additional acreage to provide the entire range of recreational opportunities desired by its residents and a range of 50 to 60 acres is more indicative of its present and future need. With just over 90 acres of parks and school related open space presently available for outdoor recreation, Seymour has adequate park and recreational land to meet existing and projected needs.

### **LOCATIONAL NEEDS**

In Seymour, as in many other communities, recreational facilities and activities are not evenly distributed throughout the city. Some activities are available in most parts of the community, while others are available only in one particular place or, in some cases, are simply not available.

To determine how well basic recreational facilities serve the residents of a community, features which act as barriers to pedestrians who wish to reach various parks and other recreational facilities need to be identified. Although little residential development presently exists south of STH 54, this highway is another potential barrier which will increase in importance should additional growth occur in this area. Both Main Street and STH 54 have high traffic volumes and considerable truck traffic. Highway 55 splits the City into east and west quadrants but with the creation of the Newton-Blackmour trail, there is access from the north and south portions. Significant natural barriers, which can also restrict convenient pedestrian movement, do not exist in the city. A park presently exists in each of the four quadrants of the city providing recreational opportunities without the crossing a barrier.

## **FACILITY NEEDS**

Among the facility needs identified by the Park Committee were the need for updated play equipment, additional picnic facilities, soccer fields, and tennis court lighting. Providing better access to the parks and their facilities so they can be more easily utilized by a broader segment of the city's population, including those who are physically impaired, has been identified as a need. Making downtown areas more reachable and attractive would be one way of addressing this demand. Site-specific needs are addressed in the following section.

## **COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

The City of Seymour conducted an online survey via the [surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com) website from September 13-30, 2010. A total of 63 residents completed 38 questions at a 100% response rate. To see the detailed survey results, please see Appendix B.

The questions covered the amount of use in each park, maintenance ratings, and the facilities in general at the parks. The Newton-Blackmour trail was the most used facility in the city along with Lions/Recknagel Park. Maintenance and facility ratings averaged between good to very good. The least used of all of the facilities was the skate park and the fairly new Behrendt Park on the City's east side.

Of the questions asked, the most interesting ones were those of what to do with the Lake Park fenced area and the skate park location. Of those residents taking the survey, an overwhelming 69% thought the swimming area should be brought back as opposed to only 21% for a creation of the dog park. As for the location of the skate park, most residents thought it should be removed altogether or left in its current location, next to the police station or to relocated Behrendt Park (32%).

Other comments recorded had to do with the Newton-Blackmour trail as residents would like to see a paved stretch through the city for roller blading as well as benches and restrooms along the way. Overgrown weeds and horse waste on the trail was a big downfall. Also, ATV use on the trail was high on the list of wants.

Nagel Park was also well received by residents but the City should look into a permanent restroom facility for use during the music fests and possibly some play equipment for the children.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The plan recommendations are intended to upgrade Seymour's system of parks and open space by providing a diversity of facilities and distributing these facilities in an equitable manner throughout the community. Some of the proposals may not be feasible in the near future, but they represent courses of action that should be taken if the opportunity or need arises. Proposals that should be implemented within the next few years are included in the community's five year action program. The action program also identifies long range projects; although sufficient funding may not be available during the five-year time frame, it is important that the city not lose sight of the need to have a long-term commitment to undertaking them at some future date. Some of the projects identified in the action program are well lent to the use of volunteer effort by community-spirited groups and service organizations. Plan proposals should be reviewed annually to accommodate changing needs of the community and the costs associated with them. The city should also think about budgeting each year for summer interns or part time employees to aid in the maintenance and upkeep of the parks since there is no formal parks department.

To establish a communitywide park system that provides a wide variety of recreational activities, the following improvements are recommended:

### **LAKE PARK**

The following improvements have been identified to improve and expand recreational opportunities at this major community park:

1. Resurfacing of the parking areas into the park and up to the pavilion should be a top priority with angle parking allowing for maximum capacity and installation of new bumper blocks.
2. The park entrance sign coming into the park off of CTH G should be moved closer to the road to allow for visibility for passers by as well as maintenance given to the sign.
3. Consideration should be given to rejuvenating the now overgrown lake/beach area. According to survey results, residents are requesting to re-establish the swimming area (Exhibit 2, Alternative 1). A complete cost analysis should be done and a public meeting held as well as the development of a support group to create funding opportunities and donations. A master plan would also need to be created as the project could prove to be quite costly. Upkeep and maintenance as well as liability to the City should be considered in the final decision.
4. Additional restrooms and a new bathhouse should also be considered in this area to accommodate residents should the swimming beach be refurbished.

5. A second alternative to the swimming area would be to refill the lake and have it be a catch and release fishing pond. An aerator system could be put in play as well as possible funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
6. Re-filling the lake and using it as additional parkland as well as the creation of a dog park (Exhibit 4) are other alternatives looked at for the lake area. According to residents, the dog park idea was not well received and should be a last resort option.
7. The playground equipment that meets safety standards near the beach area, should be removed and placed in other parks (such as Nagel) in the city or phased out entirely if no longer fit for use.
8. Although the play equipment is generally well maintained in the center of the park, some is obsolete from a safety standpoint (i.e., the swinging gate) and should be phased out and replaced with new equipment that meets updated safety standards.
9. A trail should be developed along the east bank of Black Creek in the wooded area. This trail should be incorporated into a groomed cross-country ski trail during winter months.
10. Landscaping around the pavilion should be maintained as well as the picnic tables located within the shelter i.e. being stored properly during the winter months.
11. The current restroom should be maintained and updated.
12. The area north of the ball diamond should be reserved for a future soccer field.
13. A permanent restroom should be constructed to serve the softball diamond. A concessions area should be considered as part of this structure.
14. An ongoing program of picnic table and tree replacement should be implemented.
15. Landscaping should be installed to visually screen material and equipment storage areas of the adjacent fairgrounds. This project could be done either independently or with the Fair Association.
16. Planting of annuals/perennials next to the flag and near the pavilion would make the park more attractive to users.
17. A city fundraising event could be held to help in the rejuvenation efforts of the park such as a picnic in the park or bonfire/smore's roasting event to christen the never used fire pit installed by the boy scouts.

## ROCK LEDGE PARK

The following recommendations are proposed for this highly used park:

1. An octagonal open shelter should be constructed in the area fronting High Street and additional picnic facilities installed. This area, with its nice mix of tree canopy and topographic character, is ideally suited for additional picnicking. A paved parking area for about 20 cars should be developed north of the little league diamond to serve this expanded picnic area.
2. A possible relocation of the skate park from city hall could be sited in the open space next to High Street and across from the sledding hill and ice rink. Parking already exists in this area. Additional fill would have to be added to accommodate the slope in this area but it would be adequate for drainage. The ramps could be incorporated right into the topography were appropriate to minimize the need for fill in some areas. The skate park would be visible from the street where on-street parking is also available. The recommended square footage is 7,000-12,000 which makes this an ideal location. Presently the skatepark is only 5,750 sq ft and faces west/east so this would give the City a chance to expand the play area and orientate elements north-south to minimize sun interference. (See Exhibit 5 and Appendix A)  
Fencing and signage should also be placed around the skating complex.
3. The existing play equipment should be maintained, painting of the merry-go-round / teeter totters, etc. Obsolete and unsafe equipment should be replaced.
4. Consideration should be given to lighting the sledding hill to facilitate after school and evening use.
5. A tree planting program should be initiated to replace mature trees as they die off, i.e. provide shade by the bleachers for baseball games.
6. Scheduled yearly maintenance should be kept on the picnic tables in the shelter. Tables should be tipped up in winter months to avoid elemental damage.
7. Consideration should be given to updating the lighting of the ball diamonds with more energy efficient structures based on age of the current fixtures.
8. More benches along the existing playground equipment should be installed.
9. The scout house should have regular maintenance, with the addition of a new flag and/or signage out front



### **LIONS RECKNAGEL PARK**

1. The City should consider additional play equipment and benches.
2. Removal of graffiti on current equipment should be looked at.
3. The drinking fountain should be fixed as well better maintenance to restrooms and general up keep to the grounds.
4. The open play area provides an opportunity to develop a soccer field if portable goals are utilized.

### **BEHRENDT PARK**

1. The front bench facing the street should be turned around to face the playground.
2. Additional intermediate play equipment, such as climbers, swings, and monkey bars could be added for the 8-12 age group.
3. More trees should be planted to incorporate shade into the site.
4. A smaller picnic shelter could be integrated for smaller group gatherings.

### **NEWTON-BLACKMOUR TRAIL**

1. Consideration should be given for the addition of benches and/or rest areas along the trail.
2. The City should consider adding some restroom facilities along the trail.
3. Overgrown weeds along the trail should be trimmed seasonally.
4. Horse waste should be removed promptly or waste bags be placed on horses in order to use the trail.
5. Consideration should be given to pave a stretch of the trail (DNR allowing) through the city to allow for roller blading and other active recreational activities.

### **SEYMOUR SKATE PARK**

1. As a suggestion for relocation, the park could be moved to Rock Ledge Park to allow for more parking spaces at city hall. The current ramps are rusted as well as the fun box and grinding rails. These should be painted or replaced if moved to a new location.

2. Additional benches in and around the park should also be considered.
3. Another recommendation would be to remove the equipment all together and sell off the apparatus as the park rarely gets used.

### **A “New” Southeast Neighborhood Park**

If the area south of Highway 54 and east of CTH C develop as a residential area in the future, the city should consider the acquisition and development of a three to five acre parcel in this area to serve these residents as a neighborhood park and stormwater detention facility. Having an area development plan in place would ensure that the city could target a suitable site which would achieve both park and stormwater management objectives. As with Behrendt Park, appropriate development would consist of play equipment, an open play area with a backstop, a basketball court, sand volleyball court, a limited amount of picnic facilities, and a small shelter. A separate off-street parking lot is not likely to be required.

### **SCHOOL COMPLEX**

It may be to their mutual advantage for the city and school district to cooperate in providing and/or funding certain types of recreational facilities. With this in mind, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Consideration should be given to lighting the existing softball diamond to accommodate community use during evening hours.
2. If the city is to address the need for lighted tennis courts, those at the school site should be targeted as the logical choice as they are in good condition and somewhat removed from nearby residences. Although there may be no need to provide additional courts in the city, lighted courts are a cost-effective way of accommodating increases in demand and, equally important, expand the hours of use into the evening when playing conditions are often at their best.

## ACTION PROGRAM

Priorities for development of recreational facilities for the five-year period from 2011 to 2015 along with potential long range projects and their estimated priorities are identified below and on the following pages. The action program provides an initial focus on the rejuvenation of Lake Park and initiating its redevelopment to make it a more usable community park. Other high priority projects include improvements at Rock Ledge Park and the relocation of the skate park. Since costs fluctuate, priorities were listed to provide some direction of timeframes and immediacy.

The action program list is ambitious; however, many of the proposed actions are long-range considerations which are relatively speculative at this time. Their viability as future projects is expected to crystalize as the city updates its open space and recreation plan in coming years. Outside funding sources, cooperation of the school district, voluntary assistance from individuals, services clubs and other organizations, and bequests can have a significant impact in reducing the cost to the city in implementing the action program. Each action item is based on a level of priority: (H,M,L – High, Medium, and Low Priority LR = Long Range).

### FIVE-YEAR ACTION PROGRAM 2011-2015

Recommendation / Facility	Level of Priority	Action Year					
		11	12	13	14	15	LR
LAKE PARK							
- Refurbish swimming Lake – <i>Alt. 1</i>	H	11	12				
- Replace ticket booth/concessions stand with new building to include restroom facilities (bathhouse)	H	11	12				
- Refill in pond for fishing/general park area – <i>Alt. 2</i>	H	11	12				
- Creation of a dog park – <i>Alt. 3</i>	H	11	12				
- New shelter west of ford with picnic facilities	M						LR
- Additional tables/benches near lake area	M		12	13			
- Shade canopies (2)	L			13	14		
- Upgrade play equipment / maintenance	M			13	14	15	LR
- Trail along creek	L						LR
- Develop soccer field	L			13			LR
- Restrooms near ball diamond	M		12				
- Pave parking area by ball diamond	M				14		
- Pave main parking area/drive; install new bumper blocks	M	11	12	13			
- Move park sign for more visibility	M	11	12				
- Landscaping along fairgrounds / CTH G entrance and pavilion areas	M				14		LR

Recommendation / Facility	Level of Priority	Action Year						
		11	12	13	14	15	LR	
ROCK LEDGE PARK								
- Pave Phase III parking	M					15	LR	
- Upgrade little league field lighting	H	11						
- Octagonal picnic shelter	M		12					
- Additional picnic facilities	M		12					
- Parking for picnic area	L					15		
- Additional play equipment	M		12	13				
- Additional little league diamond	L					15		
- Adult softball diamond	M				14		LR	
- additional for lighting	M						LR	
- Light sledding hill	M				14			
- Re-locate skate park – <i>Option 1</i>	M	11	12					
- Scout House signage/flag	H		12					
LIONS RECKNAGEL PARK								
- Additional benches	H	11				15		
- Additional play equipment	M		12				LR	
- Portable soccer goals	M			13				
- Removal of graffiti	H	11					LR	
- Maintenance to drinking fountain	H	11					LR	
BEHRENDT PARK								
- Additional intermediate play equipment	M	11	12	13				
- Additional shade trees	H	11	12					
- Small Picnic Shelter	M		12	13	14		LR	
NEWTON-BLACKMOUR TRAIL								
- Addition of benches	M	11	12	13				
-Rest rooms along the trail	H	11	12					
-Weed control, clean up, maintenance	H	11	12	13	14	15	LR	
-Paving of trail through the city (with DNR approval)	L					14	15	LR
SKATE PARK								
- Replacement of equipment	M		12	13			LR	
- Moving of the park / elimination	M		12					

Recommendation / Facility	Level of Priority	Action Year					LR
		11	12	13	14	15	
<b>SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD PARK</b>							
- Land acquisition	L						LR
- Prepare master plan	L						LR
- Development (to be determined)	L						LR
<b>SEYMOUR SCHOOL SITE</b>							
- Light softball diamond	M						LR
- Develop soccer fields (2)	L						LR
- Light tennis courts	M						LR

**TOTAL ACTION PROGRAM PROJECTS:**

2011 Projects: H = 8, M = 5, L = 0  
 2012 Projects: H = 4, M = 14, L = 0  
 2013 Projects: H = 1, M = 9, L = 1  
 2014 Projects: H = 1, M = 5, L = 2  
 2015 Projects: H = 2, M = 2, L = 2

**Total Projects in Five-Year Program: 56**

Total Long Range Projects: LR = 21

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-188**

**ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SEYMOUR  
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Seymour has requested the development of a communitywide open space and recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Seymour Park Committee has worked closely with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to prepare the city's Open Space and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Seymour Open Space and Recreation Plan encompasses a general outline and plan for the recreational development of the city's park system through the year 2015, and

WHEREAS, adoption of said plan is required for the City of Seymour to become eligible for cost sharing aid programs administered by the State of Wisconsin, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEYMOUR COMMON COUNCIL:**

That the **City of Seymour Open Space and Recreation Plan** be adopted as the approved recreation plan for the city.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 2010-188

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Absent 0

Passed and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day

of November, 2010

Signed by:

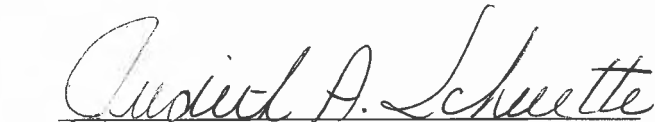
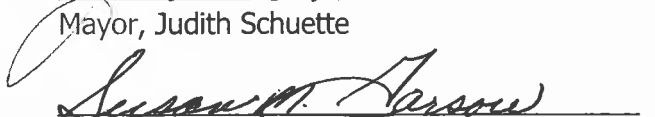
  
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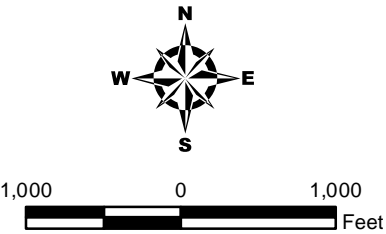
EXHIBIT 1

EXISTING  
RECREATIONAL SITES  
City of Seymour

- Parcels
- Newton-Blackmour Trail
- School / Church Recreation Facilities
- Parks / Recreation Facilities

- 1 Lake Park  
2 Rock Ledge Park  
3 Recknagel Park  
4 Nagel Park / Museum  
5 Seymour School Complex  
6 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
7 Assembly of God Church  
8 Outagamie County Fairgrounds  
9 Behrendt Park

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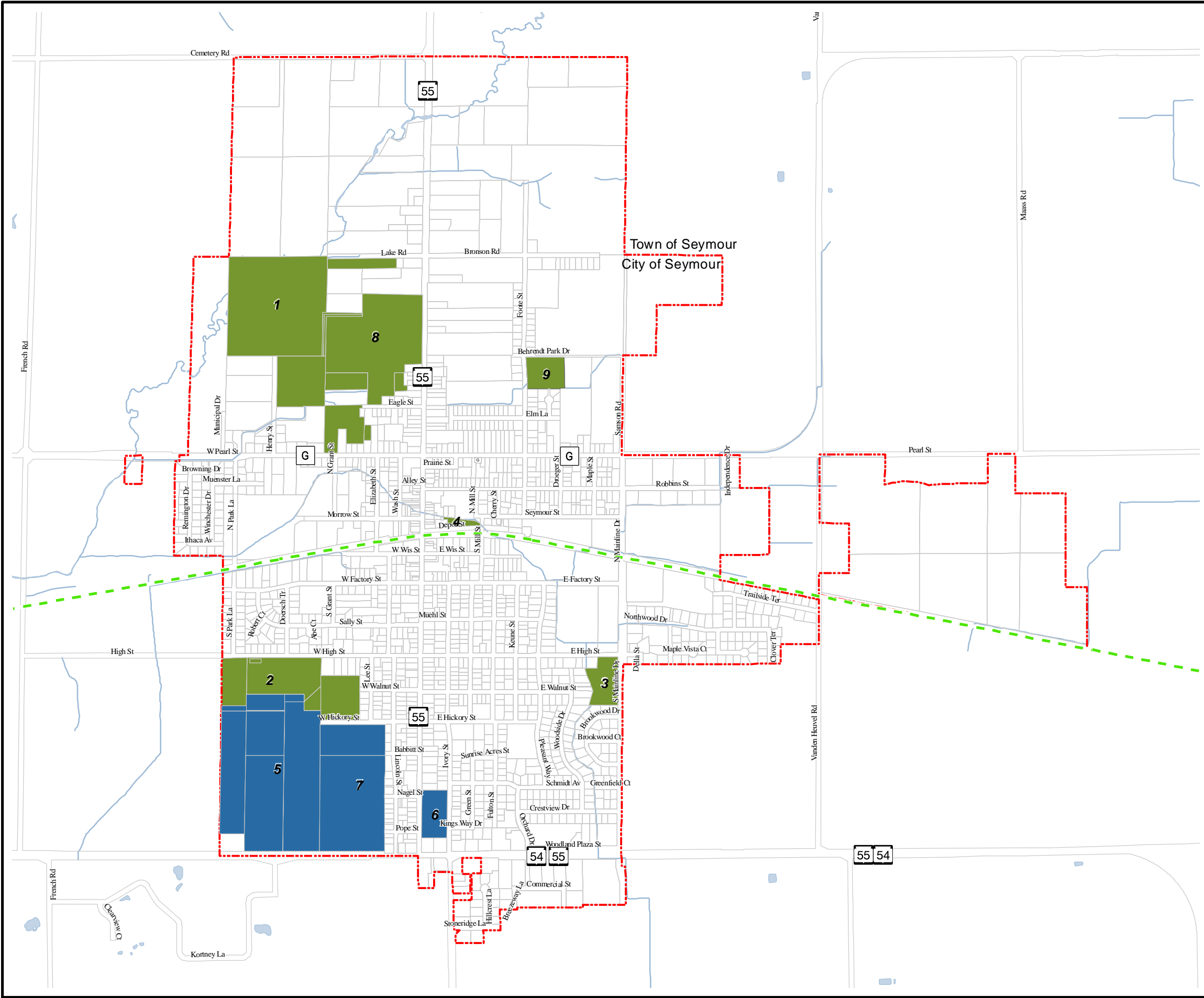




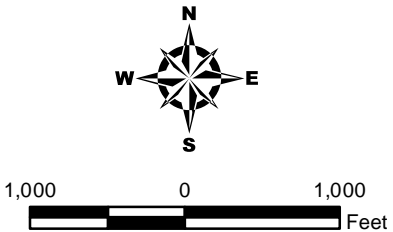
EXHIBIT 2

Lake Park Concept Plan  
City of Seymour  
Alternative 1 -  
Swimming Lake/Beach

Legend

- 2 foot contours
- Walking / Cross Country Ski Trail
- Landscape Berm
- Parking Area
- Restroom Facility
- Soccer Field
- Lake Park Boundary

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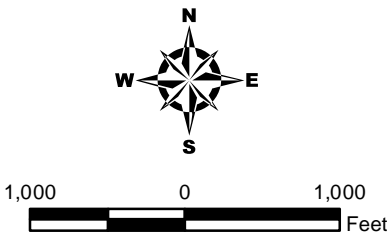
EXHIBIT 3

Lake Park Concept Plan  
City of Seymour  
Alternative 2 - General Park

Legend

- 2 foot contours
- Walking / Cross Country Ski Trail
- Landscape Berm
- Parking Area
- Restroom Facility
- Optional Soccer Field
- Lake Park Boundary

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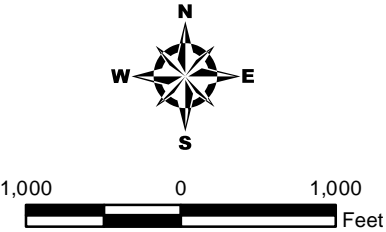
EXHIBIT 4

Lake Park Concept Plan  
City of Seymour  
Alternative 3 - Dog Park Facility

**Legend**

- 2 foot contours
- Dog Trail
- Walking / Cross Country Ski Trail
- Landscape Berm
- Parking Area
- Restroom Facility
- Optional Soccer Field
- Proposed Dog Park
- Lake Park Boundary

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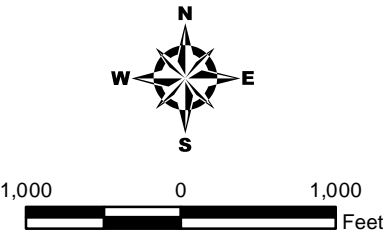
EXHIBIT 5

Rock Ledge Park  
Concept Plan  
City of Seymour  
Skate Park Re-location

**Legend**

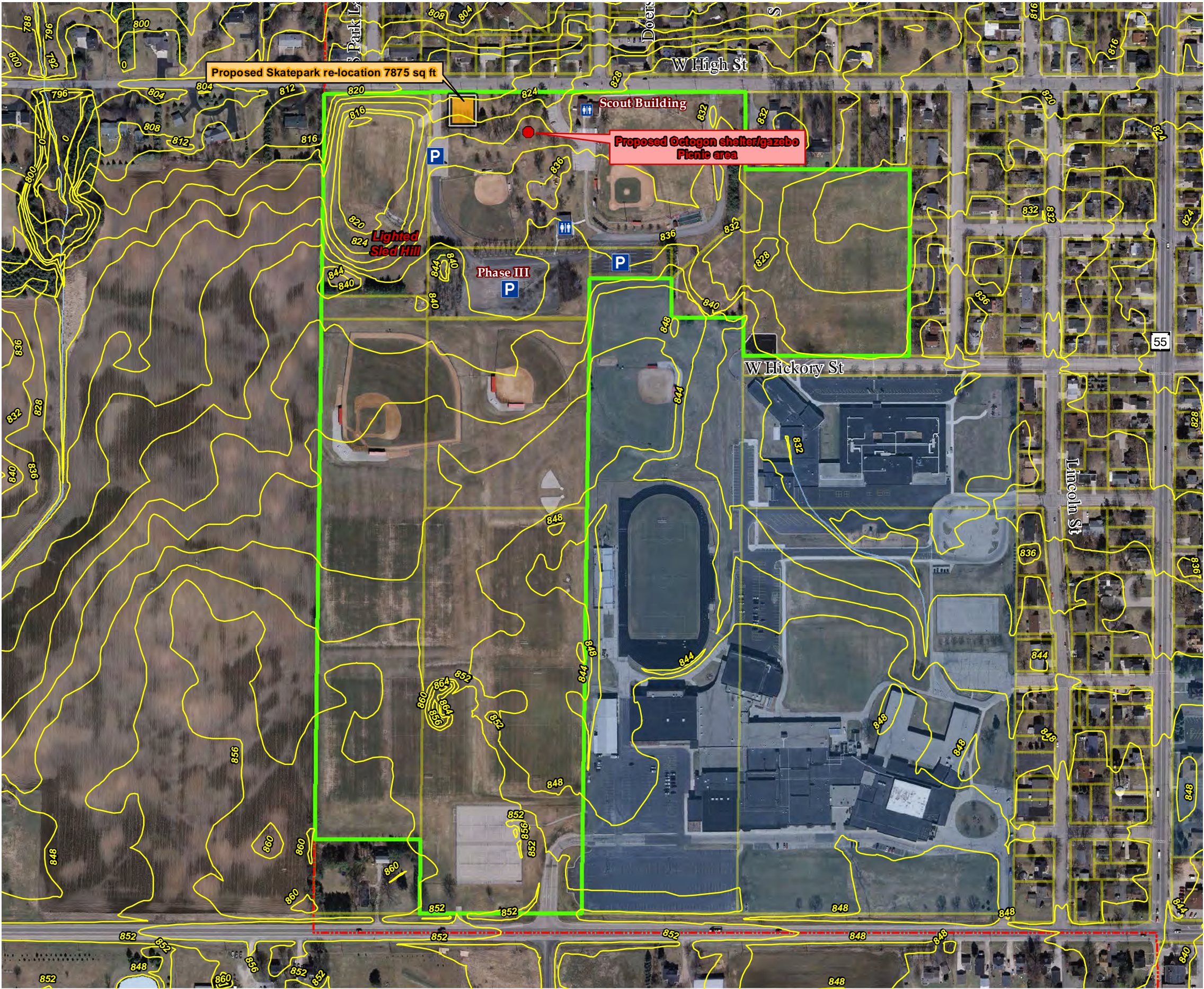
- 2 foot contours
- Proposed Skate Park
- RockLedge Park Boundary
- City Boundary
- Parcel Lines
- School Property

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## APPENDICES

- A: Skate Park Specs
- B: Detailed Survey Results

## **Maintenance**

- ice grooming equipment is required

## **Cooling Strategies Overview**

- cooled liquid circulated through pipes embedded in the concrete surface helps slow ice loss when temperature rise above freezing.
- ice rink measuring 180' x 90' contains 52,000' - 60,000' L.F. of pipe
- pipes are made of either steel or polyethylene
- most systems circulate brine or ethylene glycol solutions
- solution is cooled in chiller barrel
- Two cooling solutions:
  1. Brine Solution:
    - highly corrosive
    - excellent heat conductivity
    - requires lower horsepower to pump than ethylene glycol
  2. Ethylene Glycol:
    - lower cooled temperature
    - less corrosive
    - poorer heat conductivity
    - higher solution cost
    - requires more horsepower to pump ethylene glycol

## **Special Considerations**

- the rink location should be near a water source and consider adjacent drainage patterns
- if artificial ice, consider a covering to prevent melting by sun

# **Skate Parks**

## **Recommended Area**

- 7,000 - 12,000 square feet

## **Orientation**

- orient elements north-south to minimize sun interference

## **Surfacing**

- concrete or metal plate over plywood structure
- surface drains may be necessary to prevent pooling water

## **Drainage**

- underdrainage reduces hydrostatic pressure

## **Lighting**

- Illuminating Engineering Society of North America does not provide lighting recommendations for skate parks. Recommended lighting levels for recreational or social play ice hockey may provide guidance. Ice hockey illumination should measure horizontal 10-20 foot-candles

(maintained light levels).

### **Fencing**

- skate parks should be fenced

### **Landscaping**

- screening the facility may be desirable depending upon the context

### **Parking**

- 5-10 parking spaces
- see Appendix 1 for more information on parking

### **Accessibility**

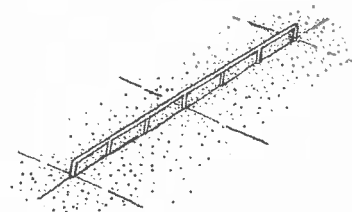
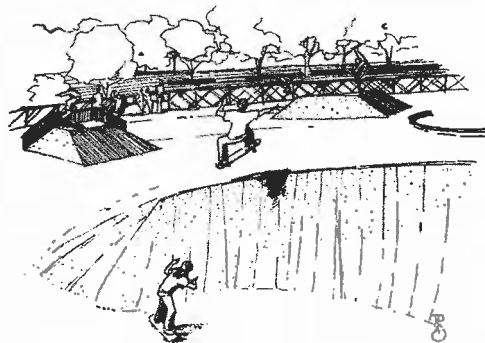
- if parking is provided, connect the parking area to the skate park with a 36" wide walk that is firm, smooth, and slip resistant (maximum 5% slope, maximum 2% cross slope)

### **Maintenance**

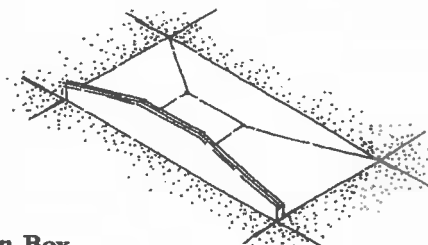
- inspect the facility and structures daily
- regular sweeping and washing required
- due to the harsh nature of the sport, elements will require replacement
- consider the replacement of elements during design development

### **Signage**

- explicitly state park rules and regulations
- encourage or require safety equipment such as helmets, wrist, elbow, and knee pads



**Grinding Rail**



**Fun Box**

## **SKATE PARK CONSIDERATIONS**

1. More skate parks built in last 3 years than previous 20 years.
2. The 3 "B's". Boards, Blades and Bikes: which will be allowed? Bikes do damage equipment. Some recommend prohibiting them.
3. Support Facilities: restrooms, water fountains and pay phones.
4. Size.
5. Surfacing.
6. Equipment.
7. Hours of operation.

8. Vandalism / graffiti.
9. Donations, community involvement
10. Visibility. Police and parks crew can drive by and view area.
11. Accessibility.
12. Recommend length to be at least 100' to provide adequate space to use larger ramps.
13. Do not use light weight material. Needs to be replaced almost annually.
14. Grind rails are very popular. Put in more than one if possible.
15. Signage should strongly recommend safety equipment. Do not require it if you can not enforce it.
16. Recommend not supervising skate park. Less liability.
17. Fencing and locking??
18. Mobility of equipment. Can the layout be changed? Can equipment be added?
19. Incorporate minimum 4-5 runs/routes in the skate park design
20. Offer areas suitable for beginners as well as intermediates and experts
21. Include free-style elements, such as bowls, and street course elements, such as fun box and grinding rails
22. Allow an adequate fall zone between elements
23. Incorporate opportunities for skaters to rest and watch
24. Use local skaters to serve as experts in the design process

### **Skate park examples:**

Watertown - 60' x 150' = 9000 sq. ft.

Verona - 80' x 100' = 8000 sq. ft. Asphalt slab.

Platteville - 60' x 60' and 60' x W = 6000 sq. ft. Concrete slabs.

Middleton - 80' x 120' = 9600 sq. ft. All concrete.



# *2010 Park and Rec Survey Results*

Survey conducted online at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)  
From Monday September 13, 2010 – Thursday September 30, 2010

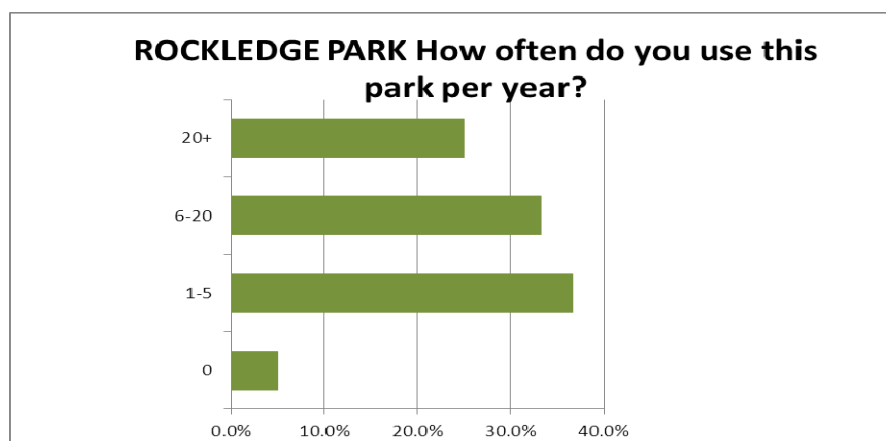
**Total Started Survey: 63**  
**Total Completed Survey: 63 (100%)**



## Seymour Parks & Recreation

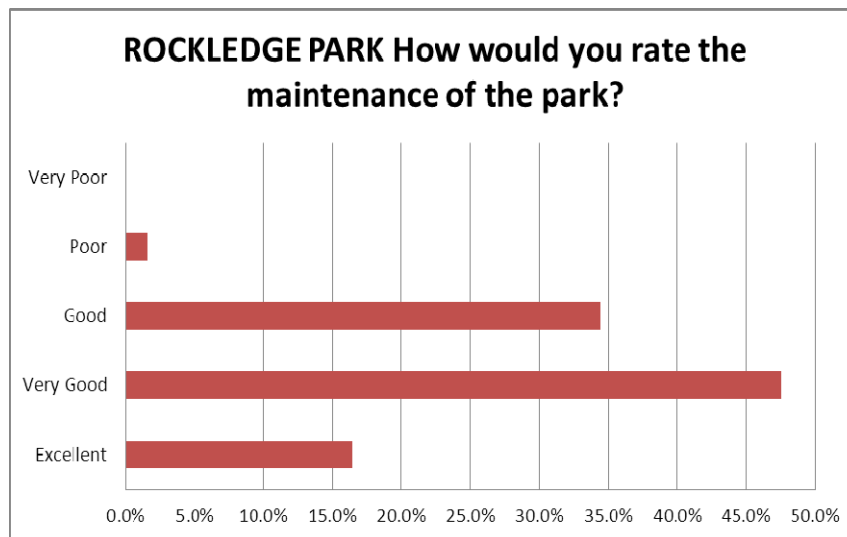
### 1. ROCKLEDGE PARK How often do you use this park per year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	5.0%	3
1-5	36.7%	22
6-20	33.3%	20
20+	25.0%	15
<i>answered question</i>		60
<i>skipped question</i>		3



### 2. ROCKLEDGE PARK How would you rate the maintenance of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	16.4%	10
Very Good	47.5%	29
Good	34.4%	21
Poor	1.6%	1
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		61
<i>skipped question</i>		2



**3. ROCKLEDGE PARK What type of additional maintenance would you suggest if any?**

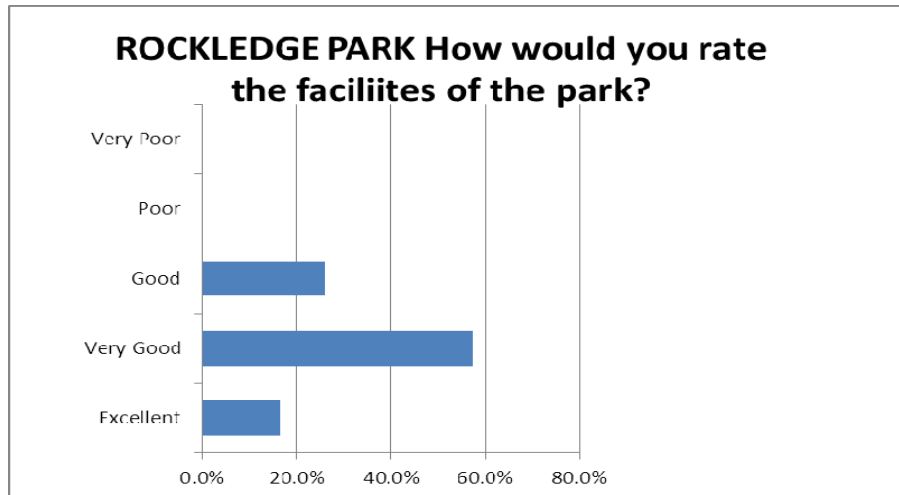
Answer Options	Response Count
	17
<i>answered question</i>	17
<i>skipped question</i>	46

Number	Response Date	Response Text
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1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	wood chips or something added
2	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	cut the lawn when the grass is not wet to prevent the clumps that then turn yellow. Trim the weeds along the berm.
3	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	Bring back the parks namesake "rock". Seriously, who's brainchild was it to fill in the exposed Limestone ledge. It was a fun place for kids and offered a great outdoor learning lab.
4	Sep 21, 2010 8:33 PM	The hard ball diamond needs some additional attention. Specifically the lights need to be replaced. General upkeep, fair amounts of weeds along roads that lawnmower does not get stand 18" high, just doesn't look as good as it should or could. As projects are completed, seems the "fit and finish" could be better to complete the project, some work is completed and looks a little sloppy after the crews have left, not real positive when spending public dollars. Paving of the road should have included the parking areas for the skating rink and the sledding hill as these are now weed-filled gravel areas.
5	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	The ponding in the graveled parking area of the south end could be addressed as well.
6	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	Tennis and volleyball courts should be added.
7	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	Better weed control, pave parking lot.
8	Oct 5, 2010 9:07 PM	Maintain scout house better.
9	Oct 6, 2010 5:58 PM	Would have liked to have seen the ledge that was filled in left alone.
10	Oct 6, 2010 6:10 PM	More trimming of grass, etc. Needs painting of equipment, new trash barrels, blue ones very ugly, new wood chips in playground early in season, make a sidewalk extended to High St., owners need to clean up after dogs waste on sidewalk...signs needed or stricter ordinance. Clear sidewalk to park in winter.
11	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Clean up after baseball games, remove rust on equipment, overall cleanup.
12	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Create trail up to softball diamonds for summer baseball that is easy accessible for handicapped individuals.
13	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Shade tree by bleachers in baseball diamonds, gets very hot - especially with little kids
14	Oct 6, 2010 8:09 PM	Better sledding area.
15	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	Remove restroom graffiti
16	Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM	Port-a-potty needs to be cleaned and emptied more - disgusting
17	Oct 7, 2010 4:39 PM	

#### 4. ROCKLEDGE PARK How would you rate the facilities of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	16.4%	10
Very Good	57.4%	35
Good	26.2%	16
Poor	0.0%	0
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>61</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>



#### 5. ROCKLEDGE PARK What type of new, expanded or additional facilities would you suggest if any?

Answer Options	Response Count
	16
<i>answered question</i>	<b>16</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>47</b>

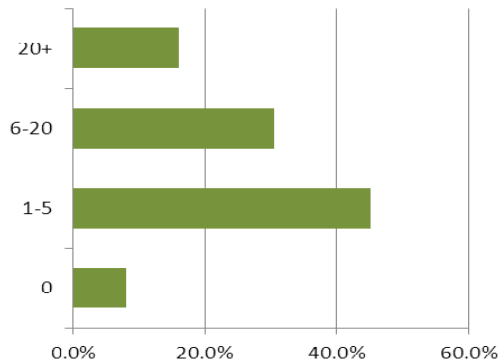
Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 9, 2010 3:18 AM	repair and maintenance of bleachers for baseball games
2	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	bath room or water facilities I'm sure this park is probably the most used of all in the city. It could use more playground equipment and volleyball courts. What about disc golf as the people who want to play now have to drive to the valley.
3	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	would like to see more shade trees or something else put up for shade over the bleachers for the baseball games. basketball would be great. would like to see a summer program for the kids..at one park only, you would have more kids to work with. our city is what 2-3 miles square..I think the kids can bike or walk to either park or alternate parks by week? or year?
4	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	better sledding hill set up.
5	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	None at this time
6	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	More playground equip.
7	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	

8	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	More benches around playground equipment.
9	Oct 5, 2010 9:07 PM	More benches.
10	Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM	Scout house could use work. Needs more modern equipment. Add a small picnic shelter with tables, landscape around scout house, improve appearance of woodshed fence around large garbage bin, plant new trees.
11	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Great restrooms!
12	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	More challenging climbers fo older kids, playground for small children and toddlers, basketball court.
13	Oct 7, 2010 12:25 PM	Better parking
14	Oct 7, 2010 12:30 PM	Basketball, better parking area instead of gravel road
15	Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM	I think we have enough parks in this city with plenty to do.
16	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	

#### 6. RECKNAGEL / LIONS PARK How often do you use this park per year?

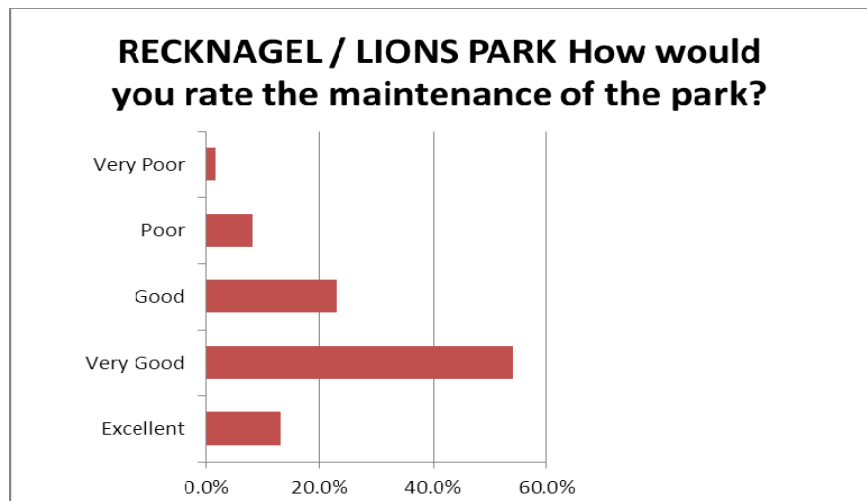
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	8.1%	5
1-5	45.2%	28
6-20	30.6%	19
20+	16.1%	10
<i>answered question</i>		62
<i>skipped question</i>		1

#### RECKNAGEL / LIONS PARK How often do you use this park per year?



#### 7. RECKNAGEL / LIONS PARK How would you rate the maintenance of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	13.1%	8
Very Good	54.1%	33
Good	23.0%	14
Poor	8.2%	5
Very Poor	1.6%	1
<i>answered question</i>		61
<i>skipped question</i>		2



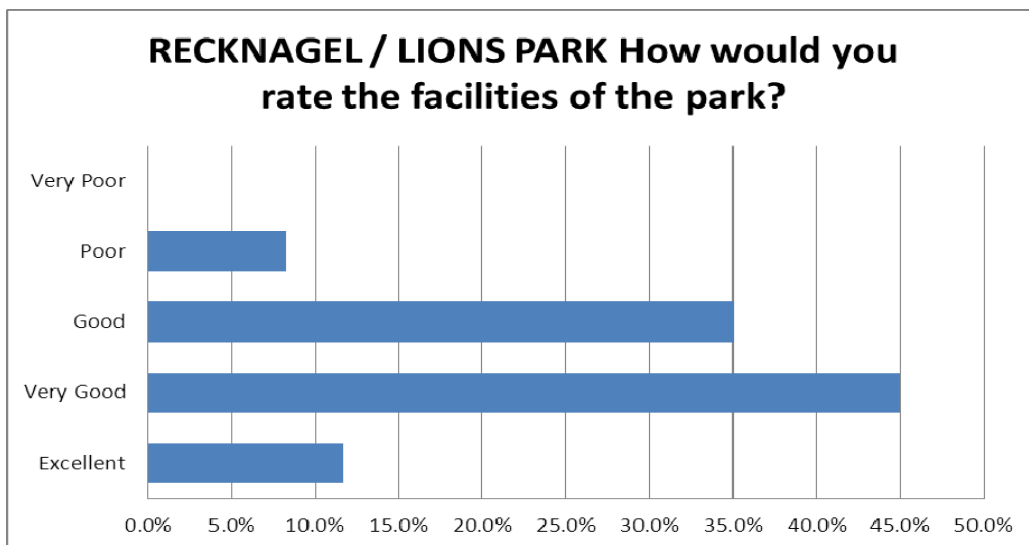
**8. RECKNAGEL / LIONS PARK What type of additional maintenance would you suggest if any?**

Answer Options	Response Count
	20
<i>answered question</i>	20
<i>skipped question</i>	43

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	landscaping, weeds, lawn cut
2	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	Remove the inappropriate graffiti on the equipment. The tube slide in particular.
3	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	lots of writing on play equipment.
4	Sep 21, 2010 6:20 PM	There have been a few times that we've been there and there was no toilet paper in the girls' bathroom.
5	Sep 21, 2010 8:38 PM	Better maintenance of the skating rink in the winter so the ice bed is better. More seating near the equipment. The merry go round is in really bad shape. The sand box is in rough shape too. And that spinning thing near the bridge could use some upkeep.
6	Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM	Facilities appear to be well maintained, again with the general upkeep/
7	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	maintenance have the appearance of being sloppy More garbage cans by equipment, outside of shelter. People do not seem to want to walk that far.
8	Oct 5, 2010 1:56 PM	Baby Swings
9	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	Removal of graffiti and profanity from playground equipment.
10	Oct 6, 2010 5:58 PM	The water fountain / bubbler needs to be fixed.
11	Oct 6, 2010 6:00 PM	Put new woodchips early in the year for playground 12" deep, repair walkway, fill cracks in blacktop walkway, trim bushes/trees over fenced walkway and bridge, clean dry grass from fence along mainline. Empty blue trash can on corner, full of dog crap!
12	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Restrooms should be improved or kept cleaner.
13	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	More lights to prevent vandalism
14	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Too much graffiti and trash
15	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	Lots of graffiti on equipment, please remove
16	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	Remove graffiti from slides
17	Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM	Cleaner restrooms, always looks dirty. Leaks in both mens and womens.
18	Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM	Drinking fountain needs to be fixed.
19	Oct 7, 2010 4:36 PM	Lighted skate rink in winter.
20	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	

### 9. RECKNAGEL / LIONS PARK How would you rate the facilities of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	11.7%	7
Very Good	45.0%	27
Good	35.0%	21
Poor	8.3%	5
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>60</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>



### 10. RECKNAGEL / LIONS PARK What type of new, expanded or additional facilities would you suggest if any?

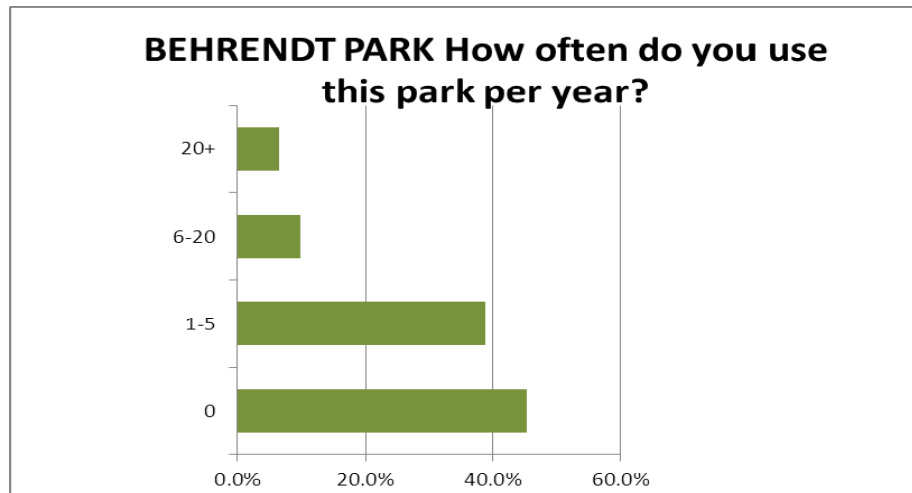
Answer Options	Response Count
	18
<i>answered question</i>	<b>18</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>45</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	not alot there for kids
2	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	coule use some sprucing up.
3	Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM	Bigger skating rink would be excellent. We are very lucky to have all the options at these parks, baseball, basketball, ice skating, etc.
4	Oct 5, 2010 1:56 PM	More trees shade
5	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	More picnic tables in lawn area.
6	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	Bigger pavilion.
7	Oct 5, 2010 9:08 PM	

8	Oct 6, 2010 5:47 PM	Update Restrooms
9	Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM	Volleyball court sand should be tilled more often.
10	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Small picnic shelter with picnic table for small group or family to rent/use by grill.
11	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Improve restrooms.
12	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	Needs updating of equipment
13	Oct 7, 2010 12:25 PM	More challenging climbers fo older kids
14	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM	A public pool where the baseball is if lake park will have no lake.
15	Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM	New updated restrooms preferred.
16	Oct 7, 2010 4:36 PM	Better drinking fountain...not the lion, too much maintenance. I think we have enough parks in this city with plenty to do.
17	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	Better restrooms /
18	Oct 7, 2010 6:12 PM	lighting

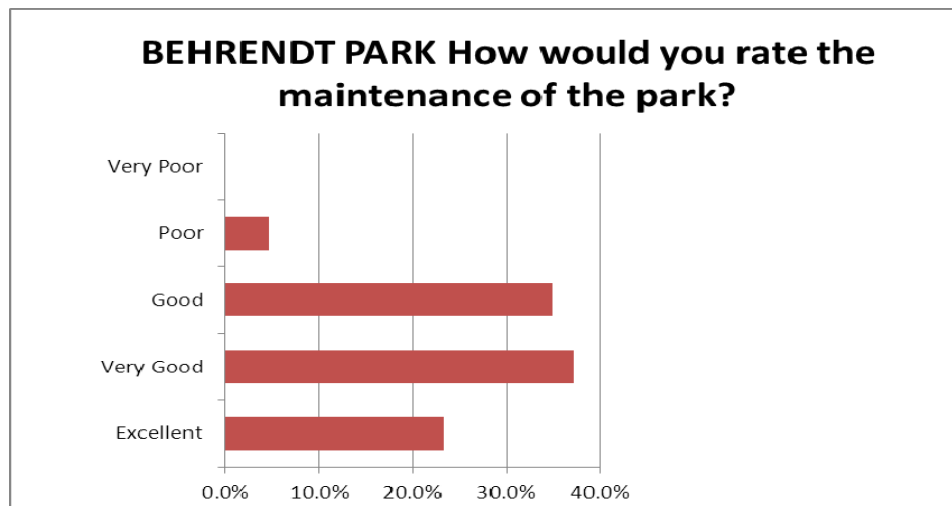
#### 11. BEHRENDT PARK How often do you use this park per year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	45.2%	28
1-5	38.7%	24
6-20	9.7%	6
20+	6.5%	4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>62</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>



#### 12. BEHRENDT PARK How would you rate the maintenance of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	23.3%	10
Very Good	37.2%	16
Good	34.9%	15
Poor	4.7%	2
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>43</b>
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**13. BEHRENDT PARK What type of additional maintenance would you suggest if any?**

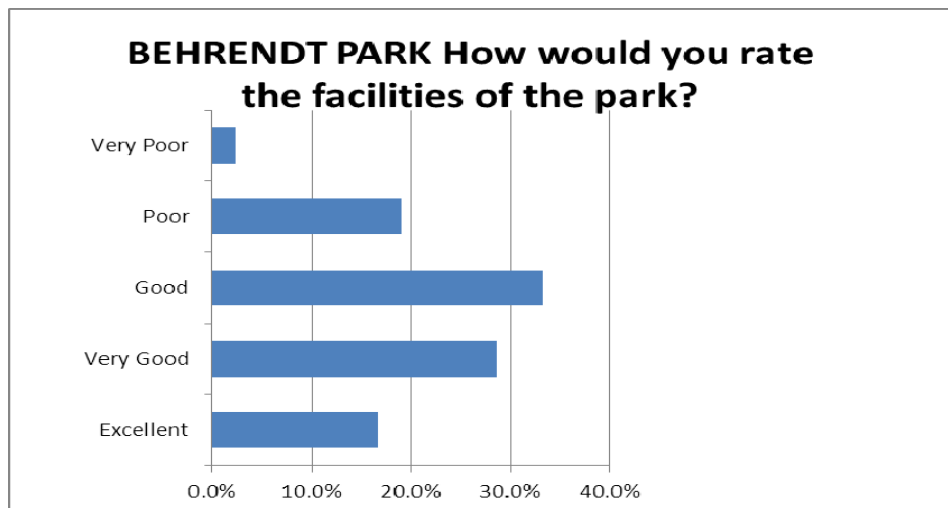
Answer Options	Response Count
	5
<i>answered question</i>	5
<i>skipped question</i>	58

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	nothing that is green and grassy
2	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	none
3	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	More trees for shade
4	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Maintain playground.
5	Oct 6, 2010 8:26 PM	Better toys than what is there. Hard for adults to get on.

**14. BEHRENDT PARK How would you rate the facilities of the park?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	16.7%	7
Very Good	28.6%	12
Good	33.3%	14
Poor	19.0%	8
Very Poor	2.4%	1
<i>answered question</i>		42
<i>skipped question</i>		21





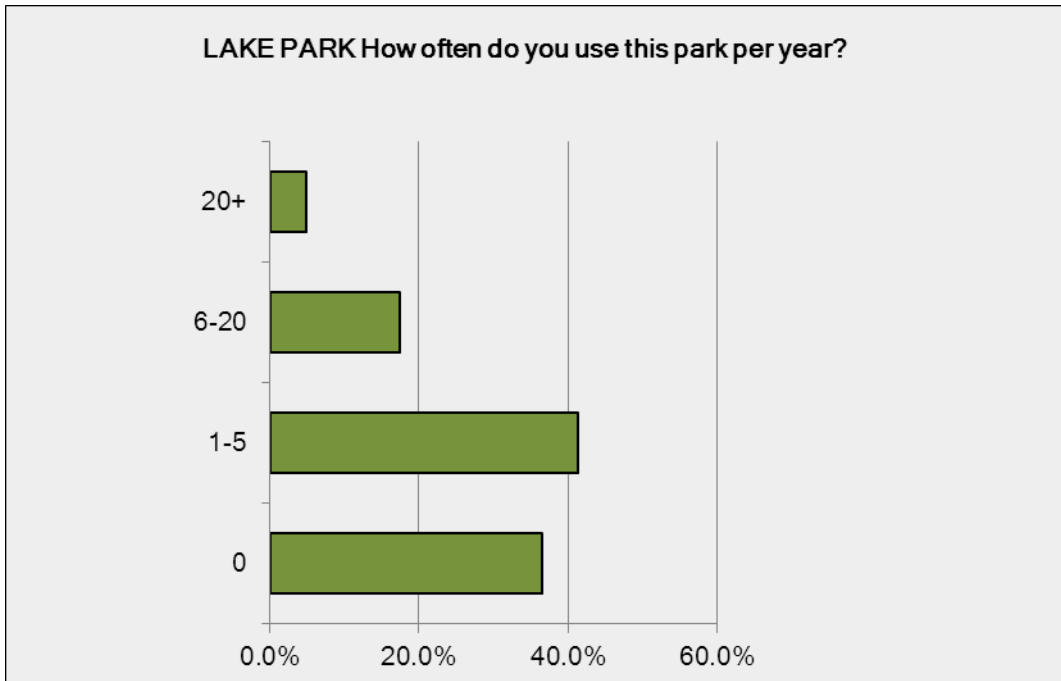
**15. BEHRENDT PARK What type of new, expanded or additional facilities would you suggest if any ?**

Answer Options	Response Count
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<i>answered question</i>	<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>49</b>

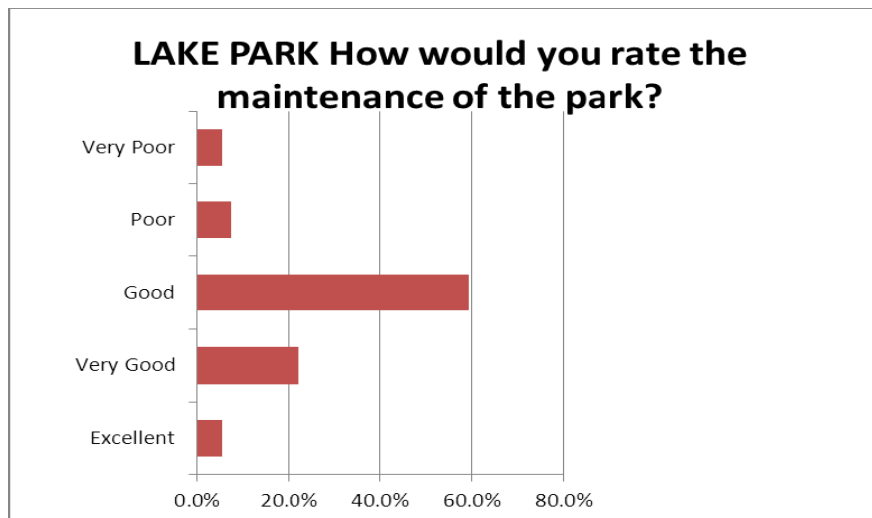
Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	nothing there!
2	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	none - I think this park was a waste of city \$\$ as anytime I go past, I have never seen anyone using the facility.
3	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	none, I never see anyone there.
4	Sep 21, 2010 8:38 PM	Better play area for kids, soccer field/goal.
5	Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM	More trees, sand box.
6	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	More swings/ baby swings
7	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	More picnic tables in lawn area.
8	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Add more trees, picnic shelter for small group, play equipment.
9	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	More toys / play equipment
10	Oct 6, 2010 8:17 PM	A jungle gym / more equipment.
11	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	Make more appealing / inviting
12	Oct 7, 2010 12:25 PM	More challenging climbers fo older kids, basketball court
13	Oct 7, 2010 4:54 PM	Put the ice rink back in.
14	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	I think we have enough parks in this city with plenty to do.

**16. LAKE PARK How often do you use this park per year?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	36.5%	23
1-5	41.3%	26
6-20	17.5%	11
20+	4.8%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>63</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>



17. LAKE PARK How would you rate the maintenance of the park?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	5.6%	3
Very Good	22.2%	12
Good	59.3%	32
Poor	7.4%	4
Very Poor	5.6%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>54</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>



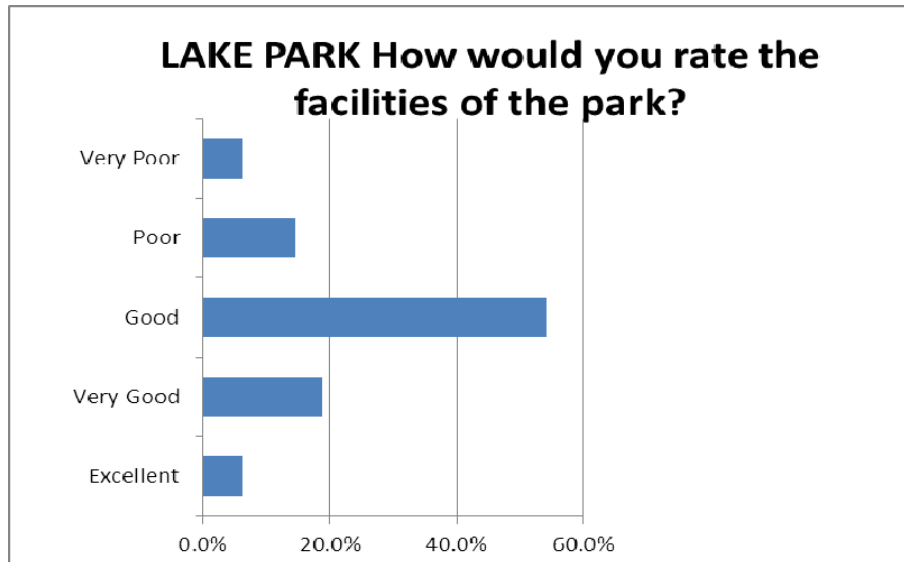
**18. LAKE PARK What type of additional maintenance would you suggest if any?**

Answer Options	Response Count
	23
<i>answered question</i>	23
<i>skipped question</i>	40

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	did not use, what is there left? Road was torn up most of summer.
2	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	seems like the city put it on the back burner.
3	Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM	It's been neglected and no one goes there anymore
4	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	More swings Parking lot repaved, unlock the gate and use space by all.
5	Oct 5, 2010 9:07 PM	Could use a sand box.
6	Oct 6, 2010 5:58 PM	Get lake operating, new lake concessions building, tree care
7	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Overall cleaning and maintenance to whole park.
8	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Open the lake for swimming or fishing like Bonduel's Cedar Park Lake.
9	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Getting older, needs touching up, keep this park, its your best one!
10	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	Freshen and update
11	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	Did not realize we had one.
12	Oct 6, 2010 8:28 PM	Should allow access to the lake and play equipment that is locked up..
13	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	lots of play equipment not getting used.
14	Oct 7, 2010 12:25 PM	Restrooms need maintenance upgrading
15	Oct 7, 2010 12:30 PM	Cleaner amenities, better manintenance upkeep
16	Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM	Update restroom We need the lake in working order or a swimming pool put in at
17	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM	Rocknagel or Lake Park.
18	Oct 7, 2010 4:39 PM	Do something with the lake!
19	Oct 7, 2010 4:47 PM	Would go to this park alot if there was a lake to use. Bring back the lake.
20	Oct 7, 2010 4:50 PM	Fill lake with water.
21	Oct 7, 2010 6:07 PM	Just bring back the swimming lake.
22	Oct 7, 2010 6:12 PM	Open the swimming lake back up. Open the
23	Oct 7, 2010 6:15 PM	lake.

**19. LAKE PARK How would you rate the facilities of the park?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	6.3%	3
Very Good	18.8%	9
Good	54.2%	26
Poor	14.6%	7
Very Poor	6.3%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>48</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>15</b>



**20. LAKE PARK What type of new, expanded, or additional facilities would you suggest if any?**

Answer Options	Response Count
	34
<i>answered question</i>	<b>34</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>29</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	nothing there
2	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	If the lake is going to remain closed, why can't the playground equipment be moved to the park side of the fence instead of being locked in vacant land.
3	Sep 14, 2010 10:21 PM	As a source of income and use of the lake park rent out camp sites in the area of the lake there could easily be 20 to 25 sites rented out for the summer months We used to go there almost daily when the lake was OPEN.
4	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	OPEN the swimming hole back up.
5	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	Bring back swimming at lake Park! We'd be there daily!
6	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	should allow access to the lake park that the city has fenced in thats lots of tax dollars in play equitment rotting away and it's a diamond in the rough. If I could vote a million times, I would do so to cast my vote for opening the swimming area.
7	Sep 21, 2010 6:20 PM	It is such a beautiful area and it looks so sad closed off like it is. I know that there is a beautiful Swimming facility at the Aquatic Center, but there is nothing like being outside

with your family swimming in the lake.

Also, there are many time constrictions to the Aquatic Center where we want to use it but it is being used by lessons and such. My family wants more than anything to have the lake re-opened for swimming! I feel that a lake or outdoor swimming area is the one thing this beautiful city is missing. PLEASE reopen the lake!!!!!!!

8 Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM

Bring back the swimming lake! Bring back the swimming lake!

Put a fountain in the lake and make it a place people want to go for picnics and family gatherings. Build a shelter there that people can rent much like the one a Rock Ledge park. DON'T USE IT FOR A DOG PARK!

9 Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM

10 Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM

baby swings

11 Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM

Picnic tables, more/better play equipment, pave parking lot

12 Oct 5, 2010 9:07 PM

Unlock the gate and use the beautiful space once filled in.

13 Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM

Would like to see the lake again. It was great for the community.

A shelter with more wind/rain protection, open lake - improve swim area, improve restrooms.

14 Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM

The community built the lake through contributions. Don't let it just go. People need low priced recreation for the whole family.

15 Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM

Completely drain the stinky, half full lake, plant grass and trees and tear down crappy fence.

16 Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM

Reopen lake.

17 Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM

Use the equipment thats locked up. Keep the current ones.

18 Oct 6, 2010 8:17 PM

I will go to this park if it becomes available to dogs and / or swimming.

19 Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM

Make more appealing

20 Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM

Fill in the lake and add access to that part

21 Oct 7, 2010 12:13 PM

Open the lake

22 Oct 7, 2010 12:15 PM

Dog park in lake.

23 Oct 7, 2010 12:28 PM

Open lake back up

24 Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM

New play area, swimming pool

25 Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM

Get the lake clean and useable.

26 Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM

The lake is a waste of space!!

27 Oct 7, 2010 4:39 PM

Swimming facility with nice picnic area

28 Oct 7, 2010 4:43 PM

Utilize the lake - we used to fish in the lake under the old mayors.

29 Oct 7, 2010 4:47 PM

Parking up to the pavilion.

30 Oct 7, 2010 4:52 PM

Parking lot up to pavillion

31 Oct 7, 2010 4:54 PM

Bring the swimming lake back.

32 Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM

Parking up to the party shelter.

33 Oct 7, 2010 5:01 PM

Open the swimming lake up again.

34 Oct 7, 2010 6:12 PM

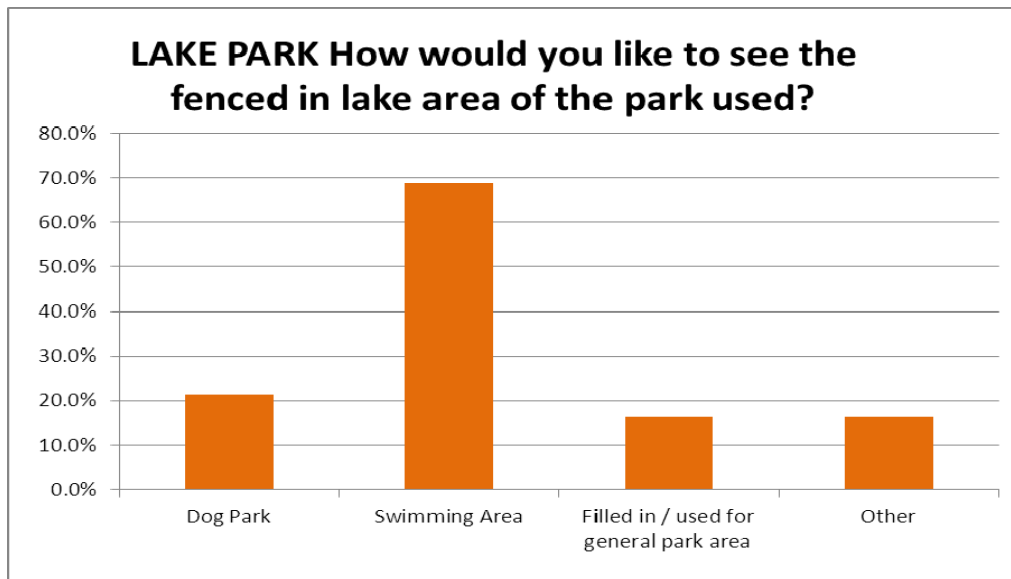
New bathhouse for swimming area once opened.

## 21. LAKE PARK How would you like to see the fenced in lake area of the park used?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Dog Park	21.3%	13
Swimming Area	68.9%	42
Filled in / used for general park area	16.4%	10
Other	16.4%	10
Other (please specify)		17
<b>answered question</b>		<b>61</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

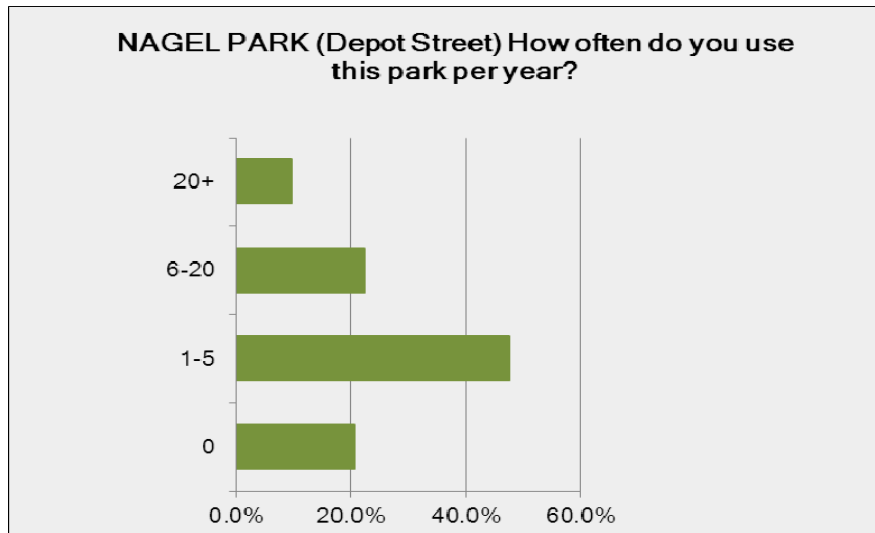
Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 9, 2010 2:42 AM	The city has enough parks, market it for private development! Improve the tax base with economic development.

2	Sep 14, 2010 10:21 PM	rent out camp sites see above something has to be done. could it possible be drained and made into a shooting range? or could just fill it in and have a very nice park but something should be done not just lock it up and forget about it. Again, if I could vote a million times...I WOULD!!!!!!! SWIMMING please!!!
3	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	
4	Sep 21, 2010 6:20 PM	
5	Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM	See above General use area, filled with WATER not soil, possibly allow fishing (at least youth). There has to be a way to allow use of this area without staffing lifeguards and taking on huge liabilities as I've seen many areas in this state that have disclaimers for liabilities such as accidental drowning.
6	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	Move play equipment from lake area and add to existing by pavilion / make a pool with shelter and life guards
7	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	Unlock and allow the open space to be used.
8	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	Campground
9	Oct 6, 2010 6:03 PM	Filled in. Add to forest / natural area.
10	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Fishing
11	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Just let us use it period!
12	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	Like idea of lake to swim outside! Enjoy sun & family picnics etc. Some family members have chlorine allergies so lakes are great! Do something! Could it be drained and used for a shooting range like Shiocton.
13	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	As part of an RV park - privately owned, sell the land
14	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	I would rather have a swimming are than a dog park.
15	Oct 7, 2010 12:21 PM	Fishing - Fishing - Fishing - Fishing!
16	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM	
17	Oct 7, 2010 4:43 PM	



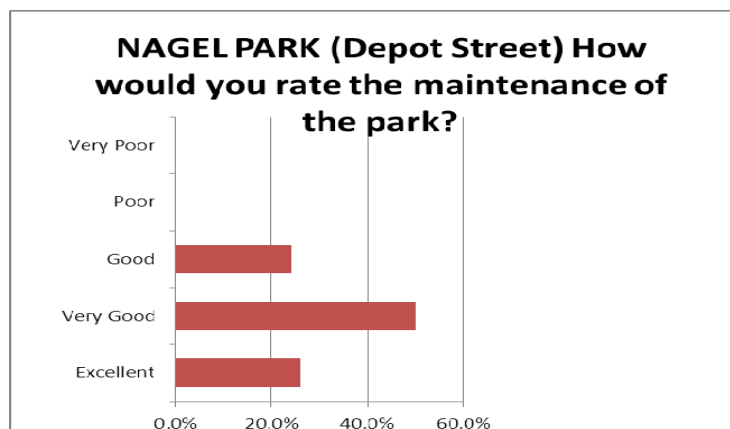
## 22. NAGEL PARK (Depot Street) How often do you use this park per year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	20.6%	13
1-5	47.6%	30
6-20	22.2%	14
20+	9.5%	6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>63</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>



## 23. NAGEL PARK (Depot Street) How would you rate the maintenance of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	25.9%	14
Very Good	50.0%	27
Good	24.1%	13
Poor	0.0%	0
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>54</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>



**24. NAGEL PARK (Depot Street) What type of additional maintenance would you suggest if any?**

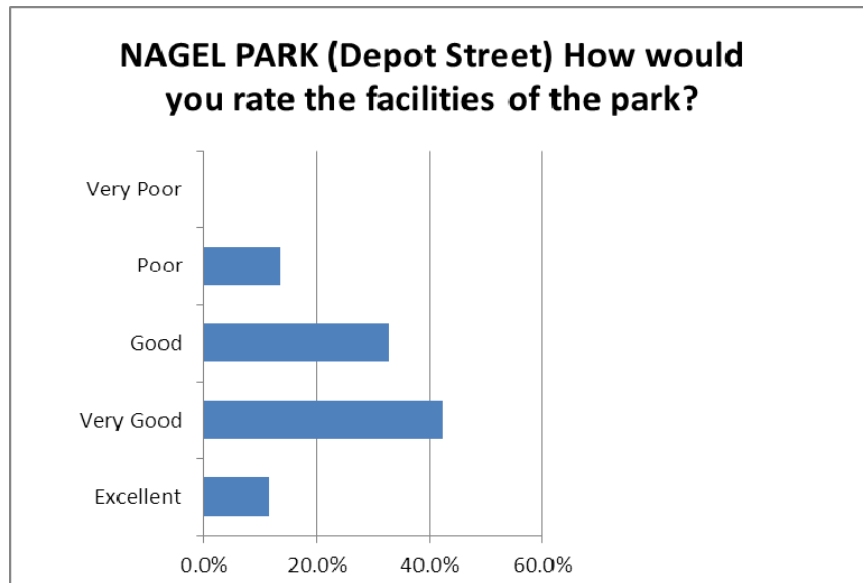
Answer Options	Response Count
	10
<i>answered question</i>	<b>10</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>53</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	Explore restoring the stream for both aesthetics and habitat. It is an underused and under appreciated asset at Nagel Park.
2	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	keep weeds along creek trimmed.
3	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	This park seems to be maintained with a little better "fit and finish"
4	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	More Swings Extend sidewalk to corner
5	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	Horrible blue trash barrels, very distracting.
6	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Always clean.
7	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Permanent restrooms would be nice!
8	Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM	Get rid of the ugly blue barrels. We used to have painted 55 gallon drums, what happened?
9	Oct 7, 2010 4:43 PM	Tear the park down, all they do is close the road.
10	Oct 7, 2010 6:15 PM	

**25. NAGEL PARK (Depot Street) How would you rate the facilities of the park?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	11.5%	6
Very Good	42.3%	22
Good	32.7%	17
Poor	13.5%	7
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>52</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>11</b>





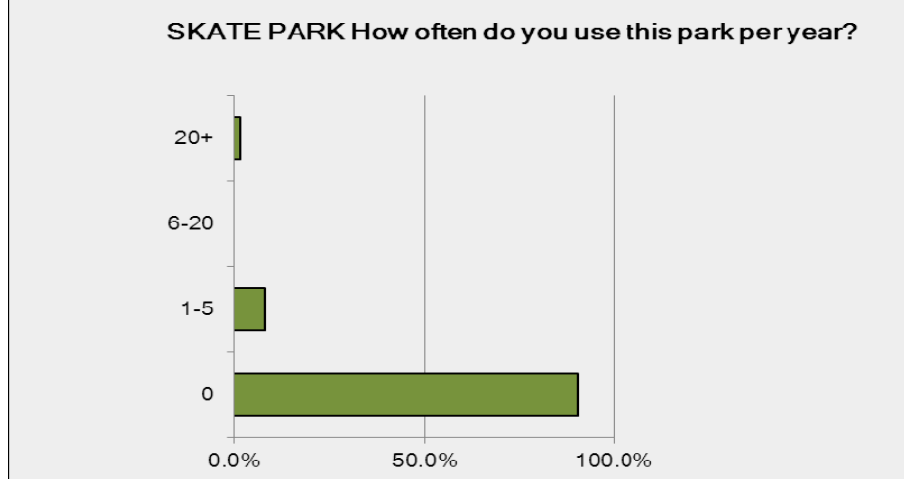
**26. NAGEL PARK (Depot Street) What type of new, expanded or additional facilities would you suggest if any ?**

Answer Options		Response Count
		27
<i>answered question</i>		27
<i>skipped question</i>		36
Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 9, 2010 3:18 AM	rest room facilities
2	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	rest rooms, water, sitting , even parking
3	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	I think the street should be closed to vehicle traffic. What about 3 on 3 basketball nets/courts
4	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	Didn't know it was there...
5	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	Creation of a memorium to "Cheesy" Jim McMaster. Even a simple plaque with perrenial plantings would be nice. He epitomized the spirit of giving back to the community.
6	Sep 21, 2010 8:38 PM	Permanant bathroom
7	Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM	A few pieces of playground equipment for kids during Hamburger Day, and especially during Music Night. The kids are always climbing on Charlie because they don't have any equipment to play on.
8	Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM	Permanent rest rooms for people during Music in the Park & people coming off the walking trail
9	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	Space is somewhat limited here, so none at this time
10	Oct 5, 2010 9:07 PM	Needs restrooms added.
11	Oct 6, 2010 5:58 PM	Permanant restrooms added, not port a potties.
12	Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM	Mini-playground for use during the music in the park, farmers market, burger fest.
13	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Expand musuem.
14	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Not really a park. Gathering place for city.
15	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Regular restrooms, not port a potties needed. otherwise an outdoor entrance to musuems facilities.
16	Oct 6, 2010 8:17 PM	Play equipment / swings / etc.
17	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	Wlth increasing of the traffic of events held there, a permanant restroom facility is needed!
18	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	Some sort of play equipumt needed

19	Oct 7, 2010 12:13 PM	A water, splash pad area
20	Oct 7, 2010 12:21 PM	Better public restrooms
21	Oct 7, 2010 12:25 PM	Public restrooms
22	Oct 7, 2010 12:28 PM	Public Restrooms
23	Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM	Restrooms
24	Oct 7, 2010 4:36 PM	Restrooms PLEASE!
25	Oct 7, 2010 4:43 PM	Restrooms!!!!
26	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	I think we have enough parks in this city with plenty to do.
27	Oct 7, 2010 6:12 PM	Better restrooms.

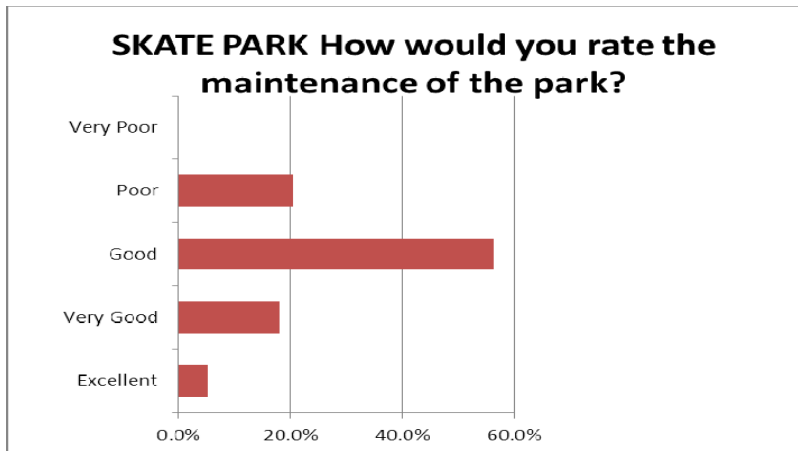
**27. SKATE PARK How often do you use this park per year?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	90.3%	56
1-5	8.1%	5
6-20	0.0%	0
20+	1.6%	1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>62</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>



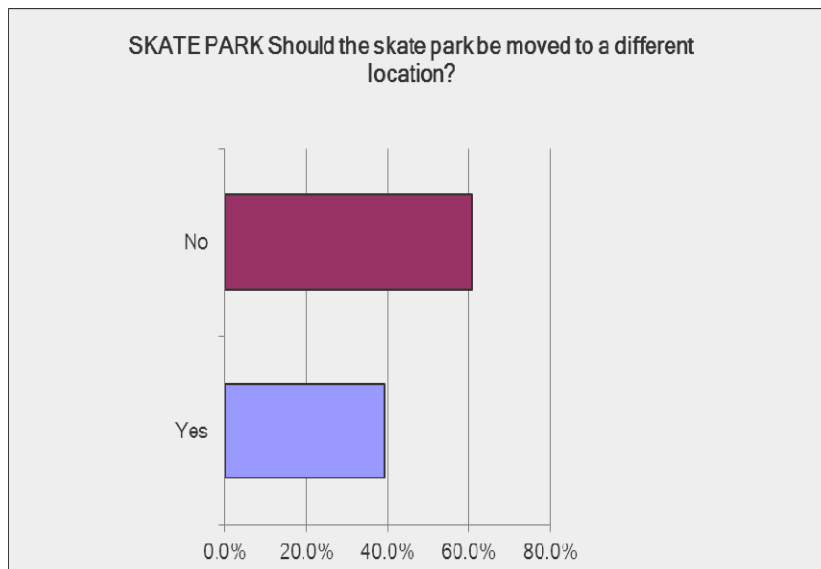
**28. SKATE PARK How would you rate the maintenance of the park?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	5.1%	2
Very Good	17.9%	7
Good	56.4%	22
Poor	20.5%	8
Very Poor	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>39</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>24</b>



**29. SKATE PARK Should the skate park be moved to a different location?**

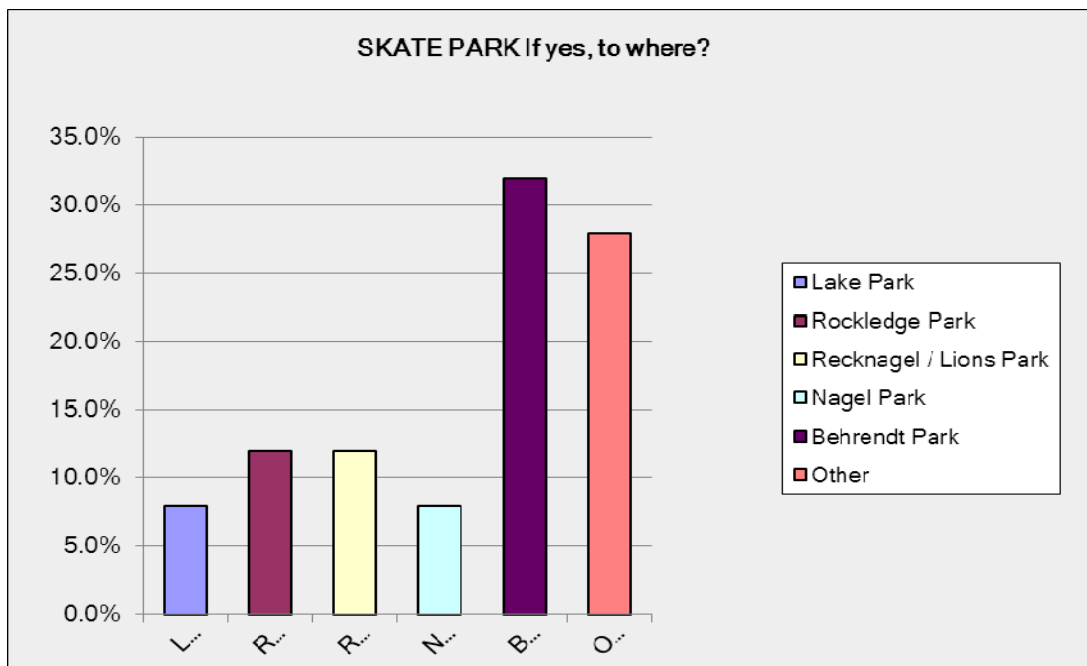
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	39.2%	20
No	60.8%	31
<i>answered question</i>		<b>51</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>12</b>



**30. SKATE PARK If yes, to where?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lake Park	8.0%	2
Rockledge Park	12.0%	3
Recknagel / Lions Park	12.0%	3
Nagel Park	8.0%	2
Behrendt Park	32.0%	8
Other	28.0%	7
Other (please specify)		13
<i>answered question</i>		<b>25</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>38</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	main street
2	Oct 5, 2010 1:56 PM	Good location near police dept.
3	Oct 6, 2010 6:03 PM	Remove completely.
4	Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM	Lions Park is easy to access by kids / parents / cops in the area of town where there are lots of children.
5	Oct 6, 2010 6:10 PM	Depends on if City Hall gets remodeled and additional parking is needed. Keep it where it is. Supervision would be lacking at any other park. Little Chute also has a skatepark near the police station and I think it prevents problems from occurring.
6	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	
7	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	Not Rockledge or Lake Park - keep those family oriented not teenager This is an environment for youth so good to have a central location to keep an eye on them. They do need a healthy activity just need to be kept in view.
8	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	
9	Oct 7, 2010 12:21 PM	Out of town / get rid of
10	Oct 7, 2010 12:30 PM	Or Nagel
11	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM	Whichever park has the room without interfering with established areas.
12	Oct 7, 2010 6:07 PM	It goes unused now, why waste money to move it?
13	Oct 7, 2010 6:15 PM	Sell the equipment, it is rarely used.



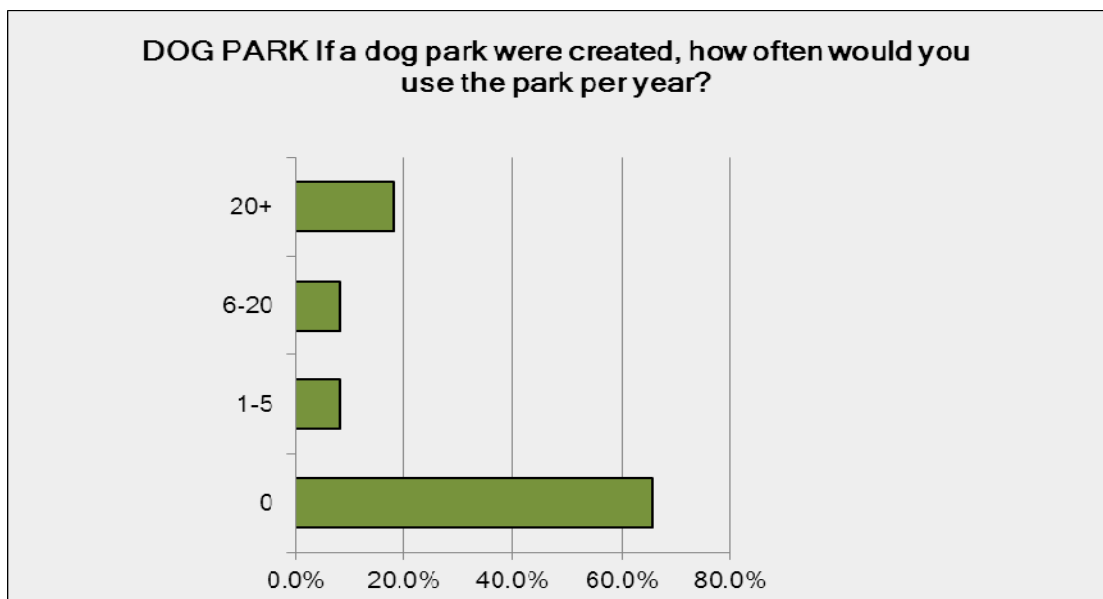
**31. SKATE PARK** What type of new, expanded, or additional facilities would you suggest if any?

Answer Options	Response Count
	13
<i>answered question</i>	13
<i>skipped question</i>	50

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	There should be more equipment put into this area
2	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	how about using one of the many empty buildings on main and make an indoor / outdoor skate park.
3	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	bike jumps
4	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	None at this time
5	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	Benches for people to sit and watch.
6	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	Skate ramps should be sanded and painted and freed of rust.
7	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	Possible more facilities....are trick bikes welcome as well?
8	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	Bike jumps
9	Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM	Enforce helmets, safety gear
10	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM	Expand so more kids could go in at the same time.
11	Oct 7, 2010 4:47 PM	Don't use it now.
12	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	No more parks!!
13	Oct 7, 2010 6:12 PM	A concrete bowl area for skaters/boarders

**32. DOG PARK** If a dog park were created, how often would you use the park per year?

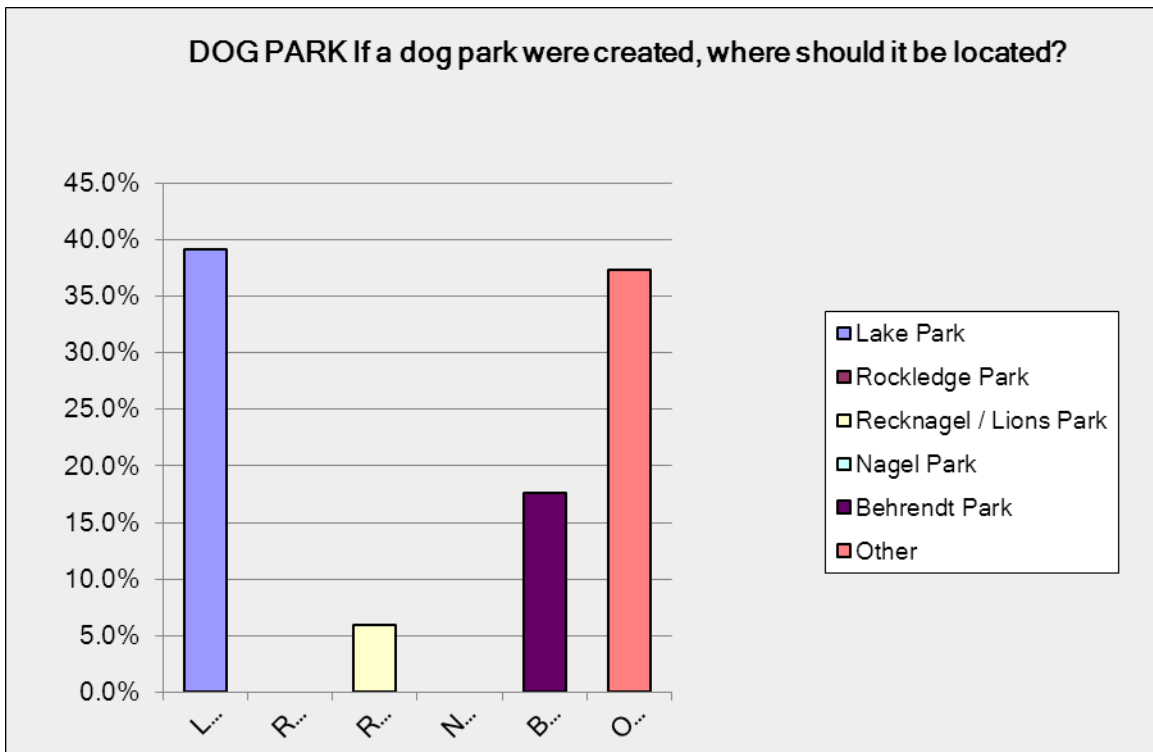
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	65.6%	40
1-5	8.2%	5
6-20	8.2%	5
20+	18.0%	11
<i>answered question</i>		<b>61</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>2</b>



### 33. DOG PARK If a dog park were created, where should it be located?

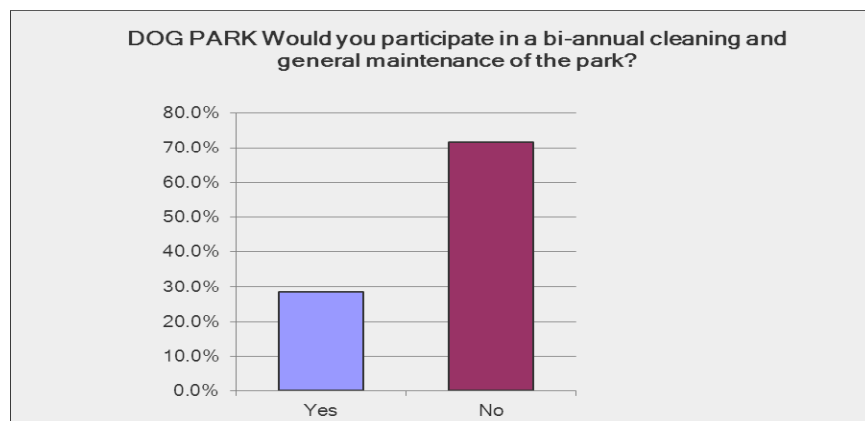
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lake Park	39.2%	20
Rockledge Park	0.0%	0
Recknagel / Lions Park	5.9%	3
Nagel Park	0.0%	0
Behrendt Park	17.6%	9
Other	37.3%	19
Other (please specify)		32
<i>answered question</i>		<b>51</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>12</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Sep 9, 2010 3:18 AM	Comment- I think it a good idea even if we dont have a dog. Dog owners need a place for their dogs to walk & run. Owners MUST clean up after them. I really HATE finding dog waste on my property. (Remember I don't have a dog) Charge the owners a fee to maintain the dog park when they pay for their dog license
2	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	anyone that I have talked to about a dog park that has dogs don't feel that a dog park is needed
3	Sep 14, 2010 10:21 PM	The city should not invest in a dog park
4	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	out of the city limits...surely our tax dollars wouldn't go towards this!
5	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	The area at and near the yard waste drop off seems to be under utilized and larger than what is required. It could be merged into Lake Park and create a space for the dog park.
6	Sep 21, 2010 8:38 PM	No preference for location
7	Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM	We don't need a dog park.
8	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	Corner of west pearl at the end of the road that goes to the golf course.
9	Oct 5, 2010 8:58 PM	Behind the Behrendt Park
10	Oct 5, 2010 9:04 PM	Buy Reis property and make access off park lane, se corner make parking lot on property.
11	Oct 6, 2010 5:51 PM	Doesn't matter but Lake Park would be the best location.
12	Oct 6, 2010 5:58 PM	Not needed, dogs can use any park in Seymour.
13	Oct 6, 2010 6:03 PM	Appleton
14	Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM	Would need a small parking lot, use the area in back that TASK used to use a long time ago.
15	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Beside ball diamond area on western part of Lake Park - use driveway off of Pearl St.
16	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Off of Pearl St. by the sewer/water dept.
17	Oct 6, 2010 8:09 PM	Not at Rockledge Park.
18	Oct 6, 2010 8:17 PM	Any or all of the above., especially Lake or Rockledge.
19	Oct 6, 2010 8:35 PM	Anywhere!
20	Oct 7, 2010 12:13 PM	But not in the swimming area.
21	Oct 7, 2010 12:21 PM	E. Factory St.
22	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM	Dog Parks should not be mixed in at a kids park. Some children are scared of dogs and some dogs aren't friendly with kids.
23	Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM	Already have the area fenced in.
24	Oct 7, 2010 4:43 PM	But not in the present fenced in are of the lake.
25	Oct 7, 2010 4:47 PM	Nowhere.
26	Oct 7, 2010 4:50 PM	Another town/city.
27	Oct 7, 2010 4:52 PM	Not here, Black Creek
28	Oct 7, 2010 4:54 PM	Black Creek
29	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	No dirty dog park here! If you haven't been to the dog park on French Road you should take a ride. Dirty, nasty, filthy.....monkey see monkey do!! Then who pays to clean it up the tax payers. Bring back the lake to swim and bring clean people to the City to spend money!



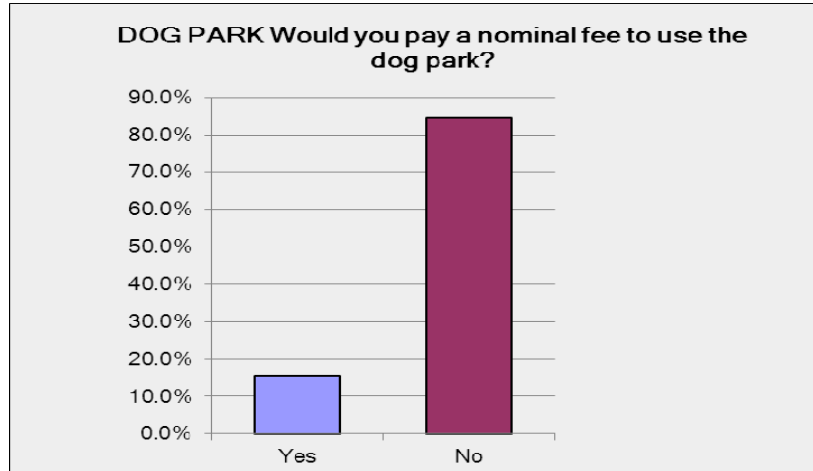
**34. DOG PARK** Would you participate in a bi-annual cleaning and general maintenance of the park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	28.3%	17
No	71.7%	43
<i>answered question</i>		<b>60</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>



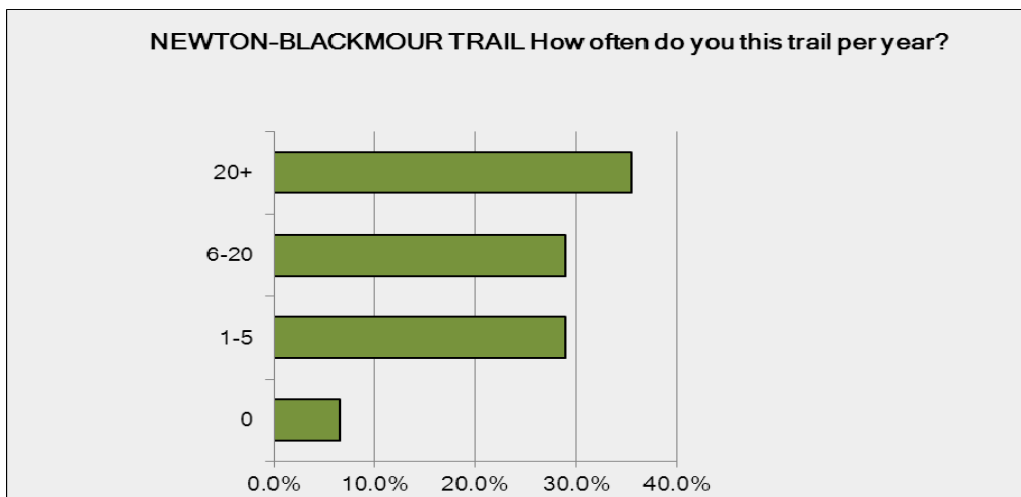
**35. DOG PARK Would you pay a nominal fee to use the dog park?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	15.5%	9
No	84.5%	49
<i>answered question</i>		<b>58</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>5</b>



**36. NEWTON-BLACKMOUR TRAIL How often do you this trail per year?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	6.5%	4
1-5	29.0%	18
6-20	29.0%	18
20+	35.5%	22
<i>answered question</i>		<b>62</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>1</b>





37. NEWTON-BLACKMOUR TRAIL What type of new, expanded or additional facilities would you suggest if any?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	32
<i>answered question</i>	<b>32</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>31</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 10, 2010 7:34 PM	rest rooms / water ? benches - porta potties
2	Sep 14, 2010 12:33 AM	why are horses allowed on the trail when they do not clean up after the horses decide to poop?
3	Sep 14, 2010 12:02 PM	benches
4	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	Looks Great, but where is the start of the trail? for the mile markers. Perhaps a designated pull off area with bike racks at Don's. Also, the trail is lined with poison ivy, wild parsnip and the invasive plant spotted knapweed. Removal of these species and signs showing how to identify poison ivy and wild parsnip would be beneficial.
5	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	gates at roads like the mountain bay trail has, have noticed vehicle tracks on trail and also lots and lots of horse dung. Also snowmobiles go very fast in the winter and could the trail possibly be paved through the city.
6	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	Painted/More visible crossing at the road so cars are more aware.
7	Sep 21, 2010 8:38 PM	A bike riding club- that meets on a regular basis. Signs that direct riders to local businesses off the trail.
8	Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM	Rest rooms somewhere along the trail. Shelters in case people get caught in the rain. And a few benches along the trail for people to stop and rest especially if there is a area with a nice view.
9	Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM	Possibly parking areas near Park Lane and Mainline Drive
10	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	Drive
11	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	More rest stops along the way.
12	Oct 6, 2010 6:08 PM	Would like some of it paved so it could be used for roller blading.
13	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM	Trash cans, benches, clean up overgrown weeds and bushes taking over trail, fill in holes that have washed out.
14	Oct 6, 2010 7:47 PM	Just don't get rid of the surrounding plants and trees, leave trail as is.
15	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM	Excellent addition to the area, Horse riders need to clean up after their animals, too much waste left on trail!
16	Oct 6, 2010 8:12 PM	Allow atv use / clean up horse crap / pull weeds fix cracks in grade
17	Oct 6, 2010 8:17 PM	Porta-potties every mile or so, especially in the country.
18	Oct 6, 2010 8:23 PM	Just getting into using this facility.
19	Oct 6, 2010 8:33 PM	Black top through city. Would be nice if 4-wheelers were allowed.
20	Oct 7, 2010 12:13 PM	Clean up horse crap, close trail for awhile to do a clean up.
21	Oct 7, 2010 12:21 PM	Trimming the greenery that creeps out onto the trail.
22	Oct 7, 2010 12:25 PM	Eventual blacktop schedule, public restrooms along the way
23	Oct 7, 2010 12:28 PM	Educational signs for plants/trees, exercise stations
24	Oct 7, 2010 12:30 PM	Restroom along the trail - finish trail to New London
25	Oct 7, 2010 4:20 PM	Restrooms along trail, more maintenance. Cut the brush and trees overhanging trail.
26	Oct 7, 2010 4:36 PM	ATV trail
27	Oct 7, 2010 4:43 PM	Move weeds along the trail.
28	Oct 7, 2010 4:50 PM	Benches to rest between Seymour and Black Creek
29	Oct 7, 2010 4:52 PM	Blacktop trail through city.

30	Oct 7, 2010 4:54 PM	Black top through the city.
31	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM	Paved through the City. More trees.
32	Oct 7, 2010 6:07 PM	Pavement through city to go roller blading.

38. Any other comments or suggestions in regards to the city's parks and/or recreational facilities?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	21
<i>answered question</i>	21
<i>skipped question</i>	42

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Sep 14, 2010 12:02 PM	horse droppings- a little problem more maintenance on the weeds along trail wash out areas are somewhat of a hazard to the bikers side Walk from subway along 54 over to the mini mall. that is an accident just waiting to happen. cross walk across main for the trail.
2	Sep 21, 2010 12:56 AM	Re-open lake park swimming hole, maybe add a few camping sites to the park, near the swimming area would be great since we don't have a hotel in town I have family that would use it when they visit may - september.
3	Sep 21, 2010 1:06 AM	Wetlands occur to the west of the yard waste drop off area and appear to have been filled. There is potential to restore these wetlands and create a "wetland park". Wautoma has a nice wetland park that it could be modeled after. Again, this could be part of an expanded lake park. The waste drop off could be moved to the County garage area and, with the use of a tub grinder, turned into useful compost.
4	Sep 21, 2010 4:48 PM	what happened to the frisbee golf? its listed on here as something that we have but didn't the city sell it? seems like a poor decision, are they going to start selling every swing and slide if it doesn't get used enough
5	Sep 21, 2010 6:20 PM	Just the swimming area re-opened.
6	Sep 21, 2010 9:23 PM	I exercise in Seymour everyday. Since Mainline Dr. got a sidewalk, the walking/running/biking traffic on that street has at least doubled. Leverage that by steering people onto the trail- near the cannery access point. Organize a community based Park/Rec. committee made up of volunteers who advise the city on park & rec decisions. The committee could also plan events at our parks and on the trail. Work on leveraging the farm market too. And bring back the Swimming Lake!
7	Sep 24, 2010 2:18 PM	Keep the trail cleaner. Cut back the weeds and vines that are starting to cover the trail. Horse owners need to clean up after their horses. If they don't deny horseback riding on the trail. There are also some washed out areas that need to be filled in.
8	Sep 29, 2010 6:33 PM	If a dog park would be created, please do not ban dogs from all of the other parks, Nagel Park I can understand, but not all of the other parks. I understand that not all pet owners are responsible, but as a very frequent visitor to Rock Ledge Park I see many residents and other users of the park (ballplayers) that are also not very responsible either as there are many instances of trash thrown on the ground within feet of a garbage receptacle! I walk my dog most mornings through this park so if dogs were banned from the park, I would have to walk on the street in my area as this is not an area with many sidewalks so safety becomes an issue.
9	Oct 5, 2010 2:11 PM	Keep Nagel reserved for music as that's what it is set up for. During the summer they should have playground equipment at Rockledge Park like years ago for the children and have arts and crafts for something to do. Just like at the Good Shepherd home.
10	Oct 6, 2010 5:58	More summer events for kids... We would like to see the horse owners clean up after the horses on the trail and

		PM	allow 4-wheeling. Allowing snowmobiles in the winter is no different than 4-wheelers. Would also like to see the swimming area utilized at Lake Park very soon. The longer it sits vacant the more money it will cost to bring it back to a useable condition. It is such a nice piece of property and can't stand to see it go to waste.
11	Oct 6, 2010 7:43 PM		Let's take care of what we have, paint, repair, trim weeds/grass under bleachers, plant new trees, make some pretty flower beds to add some asthetics to the parks. I think we have an excellent park system! Too bad we don't have stronger recreational programs. It would be great to have a warming shelter at the ice rinks or benches to put skates on and off.
12	Oct 6, 2010 8:00 PM		Dog Park & Swimming area!!!! Tubing / boats / fishing in Lake Park!
13	Oct 6, 2010 8:17 PM		Depends on fee for dog park. I may pay it.
14	Oct 6, 2010 8:35 PM		Overall the city has an exellent park system of which it should be proud of. At the same time there are quite a fe3\w acres more of parkland than a municipality requires as well as to maintain. We mow way too many acres of grass. Lake Park is way over sized for the use it gets. A sizeable area in the vicinity of the lake could be marketed to developers/owners of RV parks. RV's would be portable and thus eligible for temporary parking in these low areas. Even if the land was given away it would at least go onto tax rolls, providing income and ineliminating maintenance costs as well as bringing people into our shopping area.
15	Oct 7, 2010 12:21 PM		
16	Oct 7, 2010 12:30 PM		ATV trail When we were looking at houses to buy we were told Seymour had a lake for the kids to go swimming in the summer. We bought a house in Seymour thinking this. We went to the lake park to go swimming and no swimming area to be used. Very Disappointing....
17	Oct 7, 2010 4:28 PM		Have a year pass for the dog park for \$15 or \$20 for resident/non-resident. Restrooms at Nagel Park needed greatly!
18	Oct 7, 2010 4:33 PM		If a dog park is created, people who use it should keep it clean, not the city crew or Danny Jach.
19	Oct 7, 2010 4:36 PM		Bring back the swimming lake. Shiocton closed, Black Creek closed - it would be awesome!
20	Oct 7, 2010 4:59 PM		I clean up after my own dog and so should everyone else. The bi-annual cleaning shouldn't be necessary. The city really needs to re-open the swimming lake and move the skatepark so our children have safe things to do in the summer!
21	Oct 7, 2010 6:12 PM		