



Public Participation Plan
City of Oak Creek
Abendschein Park Master Plan

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On the Cover: High Bridge, Smith Ave. and Dodd Road Community Workshops

A resident discusses pedestrian issues along the High Bridge in St. Paul.

1 Purpose and Background

Arthur Abendschein Park is one of two of Oak Creek’s Community parks and is named after Oak Creek’s First Mayor. The park is centrally located within the City of Oak Creek, east of S Howell Avenue and south of Drexel Avenue. The park is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and a few remnant large, rural lot residences and farms. The 75-acre Abendschein Park provides an abundance of opportunities for visitors, including: a skatepark, a hardball field with practice mounds and batting cages, an 18-hole disc golf course, an open-air shelter, a playground, multi-use trails, a concessions/ restroom facility and a cricket pitch.

The City’s first Community Park Master Plan was adopted for Abendschein Park in 2000, three phases of the project have been implemented so far. The recent redevelopment of Lake Vista Park along Lake Michigan has prompted to City to re-evaluate the previous plan for Abendschein and determine what residents would like to see in the park and what amenities would be feasible, understanding that there are wetlands in the park. This current master plan update will identify issues and opportunities for the future development of Abendschein Park.



Seven Mile Road Park Master Plan

Stakeholders work to develop design concepts in a charrette.

2 Goals and Intended Outcomes

The overall goals of the PPP are to:

- Use a variety of outreach techniques to make it easy for everybody to participate in the planning process, focusing on going to the public and meeting stakeholder groups where they are.
- Use innovative engagement methods and a variety of online and in-person platforms to reach more individuals and groups typically underserved in community planning engagement efforts.
- Share information in an open, accessible, and timely manner.
- Guide the development of Plan objectives and implementation strategies through timely and relevant community feedback.
- Convey the importance and relevance of the Park Master Plan to Oak Creek's stakeholders.
- Build community support for Plan objectives.

The success of this PPP will be the extent to which stakeholders have actively participated in the planning process and helped to shape the outcomes of the Abendschein Park Master Plan. A secondary outcome is that there will be broad buy-in and ownership of the policy, design, and investment direction set for Abendschein Park, through the master plan.



High Bridge, Smith Ave. and Dodd Road Community Workshops

Community members discuss issues and tradeoffs along Smith Ave. in West St. Paul.

3 Audiences

Stakeholders

A stakeholder is generally defined as a person, group or organization with a specific interest in a plan. A broad list of stakeholders has been developed for this master plan process. Additional stakeholders may continue to be included as the planning process evolves and as specific needs are identified. It is understood that not every stakeholder shares the same level of interest or commitment to the planning process. As a result, it is important to offer opportunities across the spectrum of involvement, including:

- **Inform:** to provide accessible, objective information to assist stakeholders and the public in understanding the planning process and its relevance to their lives
- **Coordinate:** to share resources and expertise
- **Consult:** to consider the views, actions or information from others prior to taking action
- **Cooperate:** to work together to achieve a common goal or objective

Specific groups of stakeholders and their targeted level of involvement in this Plan are described below. Additional stakeholders may continue to emerge throughout this process. They will be made to feel welcome and every effort will be made to help them understand the current stage of the planning process and empower them to participate in a meaningful way.

City of Oak Creek

City staff plays a critical role in implementing park development and programming through day-to-day decision-making. It is important that Oak Creek employees be engaged in the master planning process, so they develop buy-in and support for the final plan. City staff will be responsible for the on-going implementation of the plan.

City Council

The City's elected leaders have a critical role in implementing the goals and policies of the Abendschein Park Master Plan through subsequent Council actions. The City Council ultimately approves the City's budget and spending priorities as set forth in the Master Plan.

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission is the body charged by law with developing regulations and a capital budget for the improvement and operation of parks in Oak Creek. The Abendschein Park Master Plan is an important document to guide this work.

Partners

Oak Creek’s agency partners will play a key role in helping the City to develop toward its desired future. These include Milwaukee County, officials in adjacent communities, and state agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, and parks and open space. These groups are considered partners, since they play an important role in planning and developing a strong community and park system in Oak Creek.

Public

As the ultimate beneficiary of planning outcomes, the general public is a key audience the City of Oak Creek intends to reach through the Abendschein Park Master Plan. The interest of a member of the general public may be less specific than that of another stakeholder group, but is no less important. Those with any level of interest should have the opportunity to learn about the Master Plan and provide input. Oak Creek and the consultant team will employ a variety of outreach techniques with the goal of reaching a broad audience. Oak Creek will also provide specific outreach opportunities for traditionally underserved populations by creating pop-up and online engagement opportunities that are highly visual and understandable for participants of all ages and language skills. These targeted populations include ethnic or racial minority groups, low wage earners, non-English speakers, elderly, youth, and persons with disabilities.



Marshalltown Comprehensive Plan

Local youth participate in the planning process by sharing their favorite places in Marshalltown, IA.

4 Project Advisory Structure

Working Group

The City of Oak Creek will convene a Working Group to provide input at every stage of the Plan's development. The make-up of the group will include diverse community stakeholders. The purpose of the working group is to create an opportunity for intentional participation among a committed and focused group of community representatives. They will provide input on every stage of the Master Plan's development and develop a thorough understanding of the vision, goals, and implementation strategies for Abendschein Park. The working group is intended to serve as the champions of the planning process who can share information with other members of the community and serve as liaisons to bring community input into the planning process.

This group is comprised of members of the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission, City Staff, and Alderman.

City Council

The Oak Creek City Council must adopt the updated master plan, and ultimately has the authority to implement the final master plan. The City of Oak Creek will brief the City Council at monthly meetings and via periodic e-mail updates at key stages of the project. Aldermen will also be able to follow the project on the project website and social media.

5 Project Phases

There are a number of phases to developing a park master plan. The type of outreach and the audiences targeted vary with each phase. Opportunities for all stakeholders to participate will be available throughout the planning process. The following list identifies project stages and summarizes the type of outreach to occur during each phase:

- **Background, Context, and Vision:** This phase includes identification of key issues to be addressed through the Abendschein Park Master Plan. This phase will include internal research and analysis as well as key meetings with city staff and the working group.
- **Detailed Analysis and Programming:** This phase will focus on in-depth engagement and research on the issues and opportunities facing the park. Engagement strategies in phase two include a pop-up public event, a working group meeting, focus group meetings, and social media updates.
- **Draft Updated Master Plans:** This phase summarizes the data collected in the first two phases and translates that information into draft alternatives (plans and illustrations). Like phase two, it will include an open house, a working group meeting, and social media updates.
- **Refined Master Plan Alternative:** Project staff will refine the master plan, and prepare cost estimates and a phasing plan as part of this phase of the project. Community engagement will consist of meetings with elected officials and social media updates.
- **Final Master Plan:** The final phase of the planning process includes the development and adoption of the final master plan for Abendschein Park. Stakeholders will be able to provide feedback and comments on the final plan in an open house, working group meeting, and official hearings.

6 Outreach Techniques

The following list describes the core public outreach techniques that will be employed during the master planning process. The techniques include both in-person and on-line engagement activities to maximize opportunities for participation. At any point in the project, a group may request a presentation or a meeting with City staff to present their own ideas as an input opportunity beyond those that are specifically described below.

In-Person Engagement Events

Stakeholder Meetings (Focus Groups)

Consultant and City Staff will schedule informational meetings with stakeholder groups. The goal of these meetings is to increase overall project awareness and provide key information to stakeholders to help them understand the importance of the Abendschein Park Master Plan and its relevance to them, and to allow stakeholders the opportunity to share their ideas directly with staff.

Staff Requirements: 2 Stantec employees, 1 City Staff

Materials needed: large paper, pens/markers, maps, comment forms, post-it notes

Approvals Process: City Staff to review content 1 week prior to event, sending feedback in 2 days

Potential Stakeholder Groups: Library Programs, Summer Camps, School Groups, Church Groups, Youth Sports Organizations, Senior Groups, User Groups (Criket, Disc Golf etc.), Neighborhood Associations, etc.



Bossen Field Master Plan

Local elementary students help design the future Bossen Field in Minneapolis.

Site-Specific Outreach/Community Events (Pop-up Engagement)

The working group will identify retail destinations and community facilities and events and work with those properties to schedule pop-up engagement sessions at these locations. These may take the form of booths or kiosks with information about the Master Plan and opportunities to participate in surveys or questionnaires about key issues or plan priorities. The goal of these events is to reach individuals who do not normally participate in the planning process by making it easy and convenient. These activities will occur throughout the master planning process with a higher intensity early in the planning phases, when there is greater opportunity to influence project development.

In addition to workplace-based outreach, the working group will identify community events throughout the City for additional engagement sessions, including the Farmer's Market. The sessions will consist of information sharing and interactive exercises. A particular focus will be given to events that help reach traditionally underserved and hard-to-reach populations.

Staff Requirements: 2 Stantec employees, 1 City Staff

Materials needed: Info boards, maps, comment forms, table

Approvals Process: City Staff to review content 1 week prior to event, sending feedback in 2 days

Potential Stakeholder Events: Farmers Market, Library Events, Drexel Town Square booth, Grocery Store, Movie Night

Public Open Houses

Public open houses provide an in-person opportunity for stakeholders, including the general public, to come to an event hosted by the City of Oak Creek and have a conversation with project staff and elected officials. The City will host three open houses during this planning process. If possible, these events will be scheduled at local restaurants such as the BelAir Cantina. Hearty snacks will be provided to support relationship-building and an atmosphere of conviviality among participants. Depending on the expected level of participation, this could cost approximately \$250.

Staff Requirements: 2 Stantec employees, 2 City Staff, 3 members of the Working Group

Materials needed: Info boards, pens/markers, maps, comment forms, post-it notes, tables, chairs

Approvals Process: City Staff to review content 1 week prior to event, sending feedback in 2 days

Potential Open House Location: Abendschein Park , City Hall, Bel Air Cantina, Water Street Brewery,

Online Engagement Tools

For a community-wide effort with broad applicability, online engagement is critical to reaching a greater audience. For this reason, the engagement strategy for this planning process includes robust use of online tools. These tools will mirror those implemented in-person, allowing for consistent messaging and integration of project feedback.

Project Website

The Abendschein Park Master Plan will have a dedicated website, linked on the City of Oak Creek's official website. This project website will serve as a hub for information, resources, and online engagement opportunities for the Master Plan. The website will serve as a repository of documents produced throughout the planning process, so that stakeholders can stay up-to-date with project development. It will include a calendar of events and opportunities to contact project staff with questions and feedback. Stantec staff will host and maintain the project website.

Staff Requirements: 1 Stantec employee

Materials needed: Wix.com online web platform

Approvals Process: City Staff to review content prior to Stantec posting online

Social Media

Social media will be used to promote engagement activities as part of the master planning process and to generate excitement about the project. Stantec will develop content advertising the master planning process for facebook, twitter, and Instagram. The ads will be highly graphic and formatted to fit an instagram post. The ads will also include pertinent project information that will be clear, easy to understand, and effective for e-readers (ADA accessible). The City of Oak Creek will post this content to their social media platforms and engage with participants by answering questions and respond to comments.

Staff Requirements: 1 Stantec employee

Materials needed: N/A

Approvals Process: City Staff to review content prior to City posting online

Web Survey

Project staff, the working group, and City Council will gain feedback from the public on key issues affecting Abendschein Park using an interactive web survey. A brief, easy-to-use survey will be developed to gather this input via SurveyMonkey. The survey will be designed to include approximately ten multiple choice and free response questions, taking users approximately five minutes to complete.

Staff Requirements: 1 Stantec employee

Materials needed: SurveyMonkey online platform (Stantec has a corporate subscription)

Approvals Process: City Staff to review content prior to launching survey

Stakeholder E-mail Updates

E-mail lists will be developed to provide updates to interested stakeholders. A link to sign up for the email list will be available on the project website. E-mails will be sent at key stages in the master planning process and will highlight recent discussions and upcoming opportunities for input. E-mail messaging will be succinct and branded to promote readership.

Staff Requirements: 1 Stantec employee, City Staff

Materials needed: N/A

Approvals Process: City Staff and Stantec to review and agree to content prior to sending



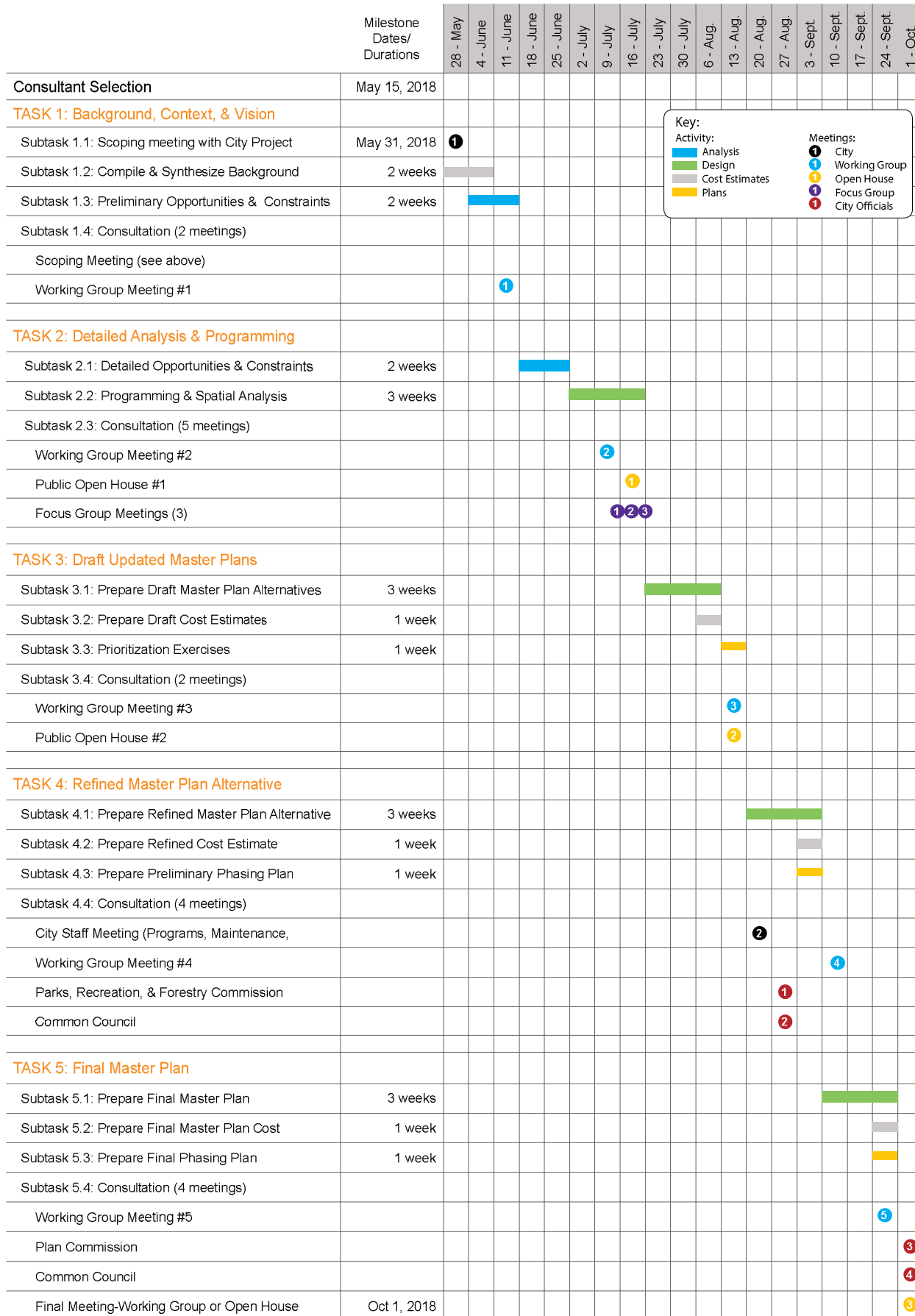
MnDOT Two Harbors Route Study

Residents engage with planners about possible trail routes at the local farmer's market

Tools What tools are planned?	Timing When and for what duration?	Audience Level	Input Solicited What is needed from participants?	Con How via f
In-Person Activities				
Stakeholder Meetings (Focus Groups)	Three events, held early in the planning process	Stakeholders	Present information about the plan and ask key questions about stakeholder needs	Estab
Site-Specific Outreach (Pop-up Engagement)	One event	Stakeholders, Public	Present information about the plan and ask key questions depending on the stage of plan development	List com
Public Open Houses	Three open houses throughout the process	Oak Creek staff, City Council, Partner, Stakeholders, Public	Present findings, provide opportunities to comment; focus is on creating buy-in	E-m web mou walk

Tools What tools are planned?	Timing When and for what duration?	Audience Level	Input Solicited What is needed from participants?	Con How via t
Online Tools				
Project Website	Hosted for one year with updates at key planning phases	City of Oak Creek staff, City Council, Partner, Stakeholders, Public	Provide information on the planning process and development of plan documents	In-p soci
Social Media	Hosted for the duration of the project with updates for key events and milestones	City of Oak Creek staff, City Council, Partner, Stakeholders, Public	Provide information on the planning process, create opportunities to comment and be responded to by City staff	In-p folo
Web Survey	Throughout the planning process, emphasis during Phase 2 Detailed Analysis and Programming	City of Oak Creek staff, City Council, Stakeholders, Public	What changes to Abendschein Park should Oak Creek plan for? What are key issues facing this park? How well is this park working for you today?	In-p soci
Stakeholder E-mail Updates	At key project phases (average monthly)	City of Oak Creek staff, City Council, Stakeholders, Public	Provide updates on the process; share opportunities to get involved	In-p soci

7 Outreach Schedule



Key:

Activity:

- Analysis
- Design
- Cost Estimates
- Plans

Meetings:

- City
- Working Group
- Open House
- Focus Group
- City Officials

8 Evaluation of Outreach Efforts

Evaluation of engagement techniques will be based on the following criteria.

Quantitative

- How many in-person outreach activities occurred? What was the attendance?
- How many people have signed up for project updates via e-mail?
- How many people have viewed the project website? How many have left responses?
- How many have participated in the web survey?
- How many people have engaged on social media (likes, re-tweets, comments etc.)?

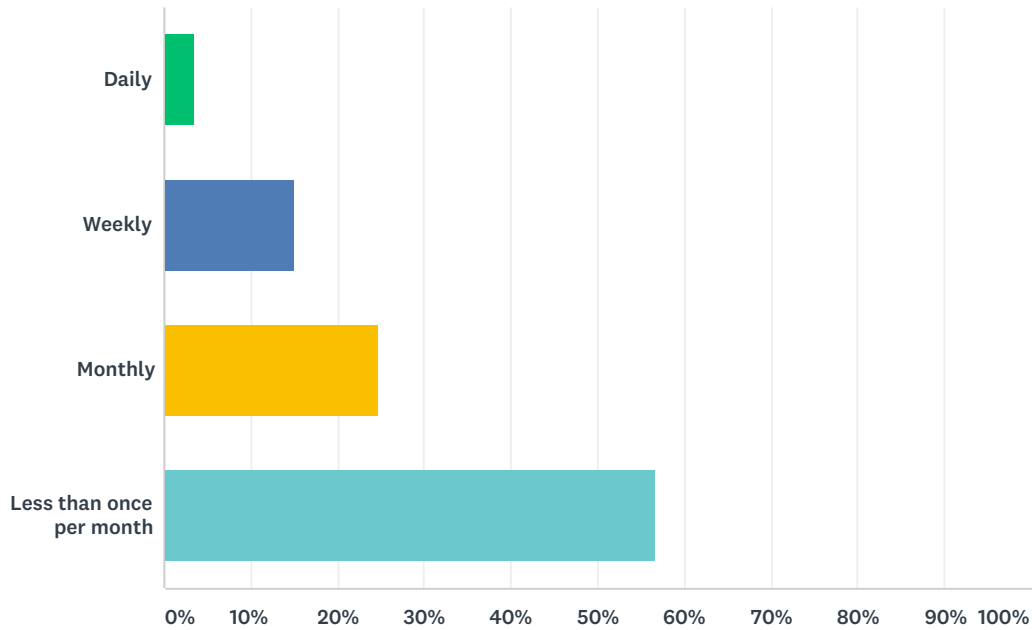
Qualitative

- What kind of feedback was received from the in-person and online outreach?
- Were the locations of these meetings appropriate?
- Have stakeholders identified barriers to participation or expressed challenges accessing any of the outreach tools?
- Have key demographic groups and under-represented populations been present?

The qualitative and quantitative measures will be summarized in an outreach summary document. When possible, this will include demographic information regarding participants to ensure full representation among Oak Creek's stakeholders.

Q1 How often do you use Abendschein Park?

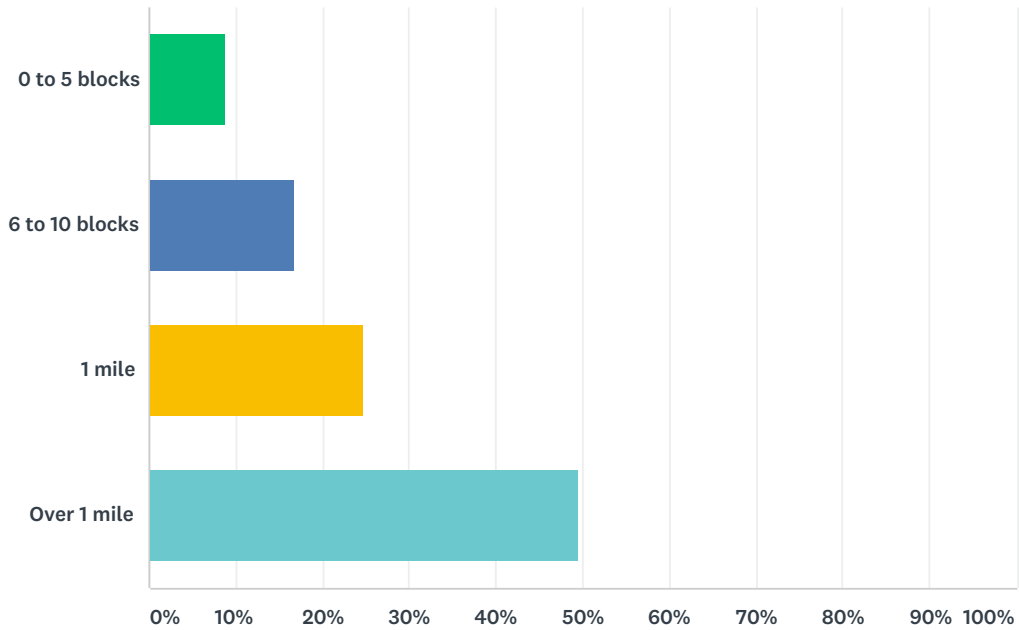
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Daily	3.54% 4
Weekly	15.04% 17
Monthly	24.78% 28
Less than once per month	56.64% 64
TOTAL	113

Q2 How far do you travel to get to Abendschein Park?

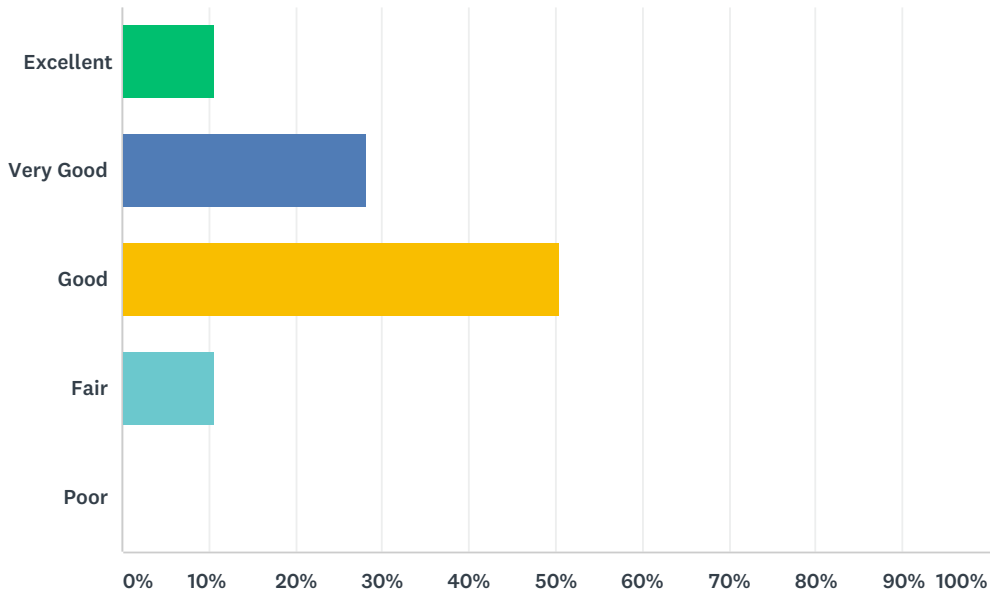
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 to 5 blocks	8.85%	10
6 to 10 blocks	16.81%	19
1 mile	24.78%	28
Over 1 mile	49.56%	56
TOTAL		113

Q3 What is your overall opinion of the park?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	10.62%	12
Very Good	28.32%	32
Good	50.44%	57
Fair	10.62%	12
Poor	0.00%	0
TOTAL		113

Q4 What is the thing you enjoy most about Abendschein Park?

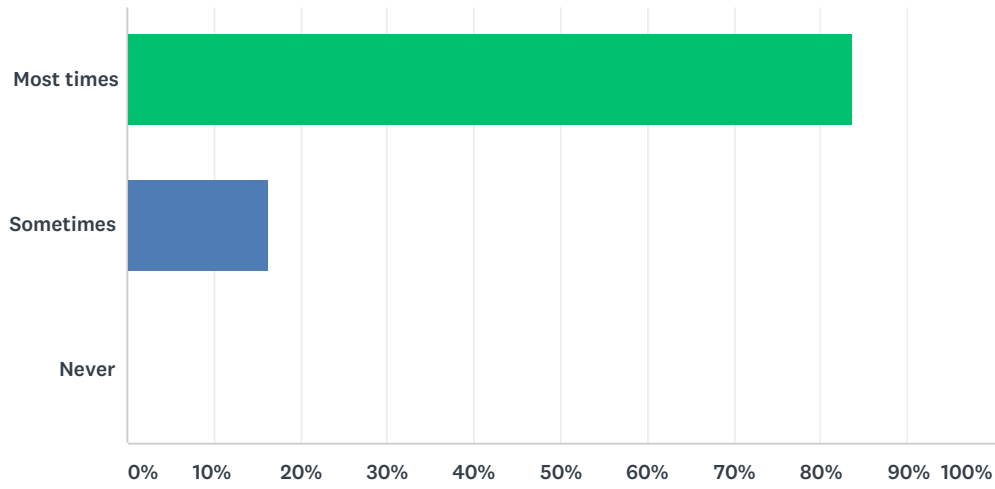
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Q5 What needs the most improvement in Abendschein Park? In other words, what would you change?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 19

Q6 Is the park usually clean when you visit?

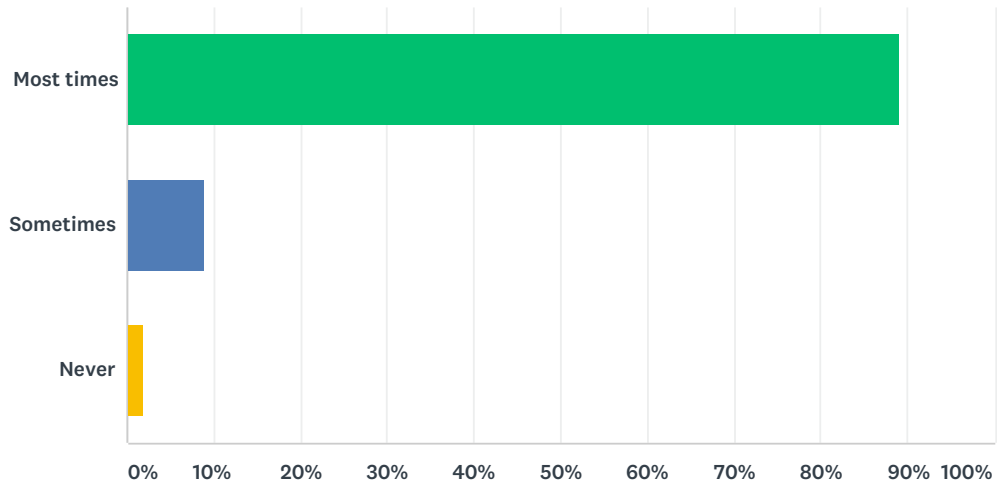
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Most times	83.64%	92
Sometimes	16.36%	18
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		110

Q7 Do you feel safe in the park?

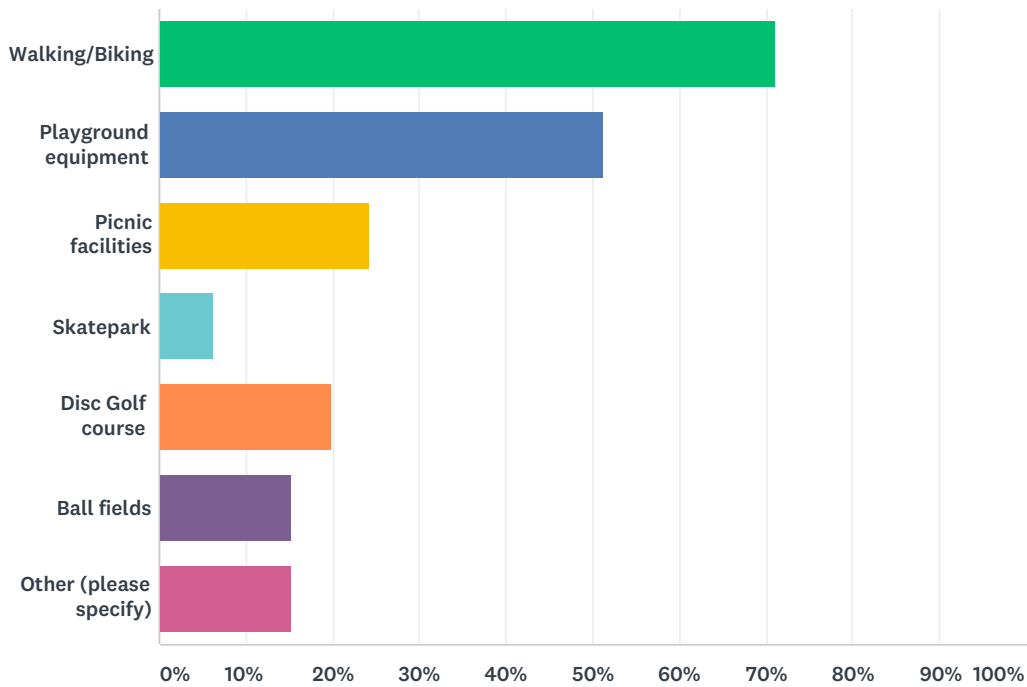
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Most times	89.09% 98
Sometimes	9.09% 10
Never	1.82% 2
TOTAL	110

Q8 When you visit Abendschein Park, what activities do you or members of your household participate in? (Check all that apply)

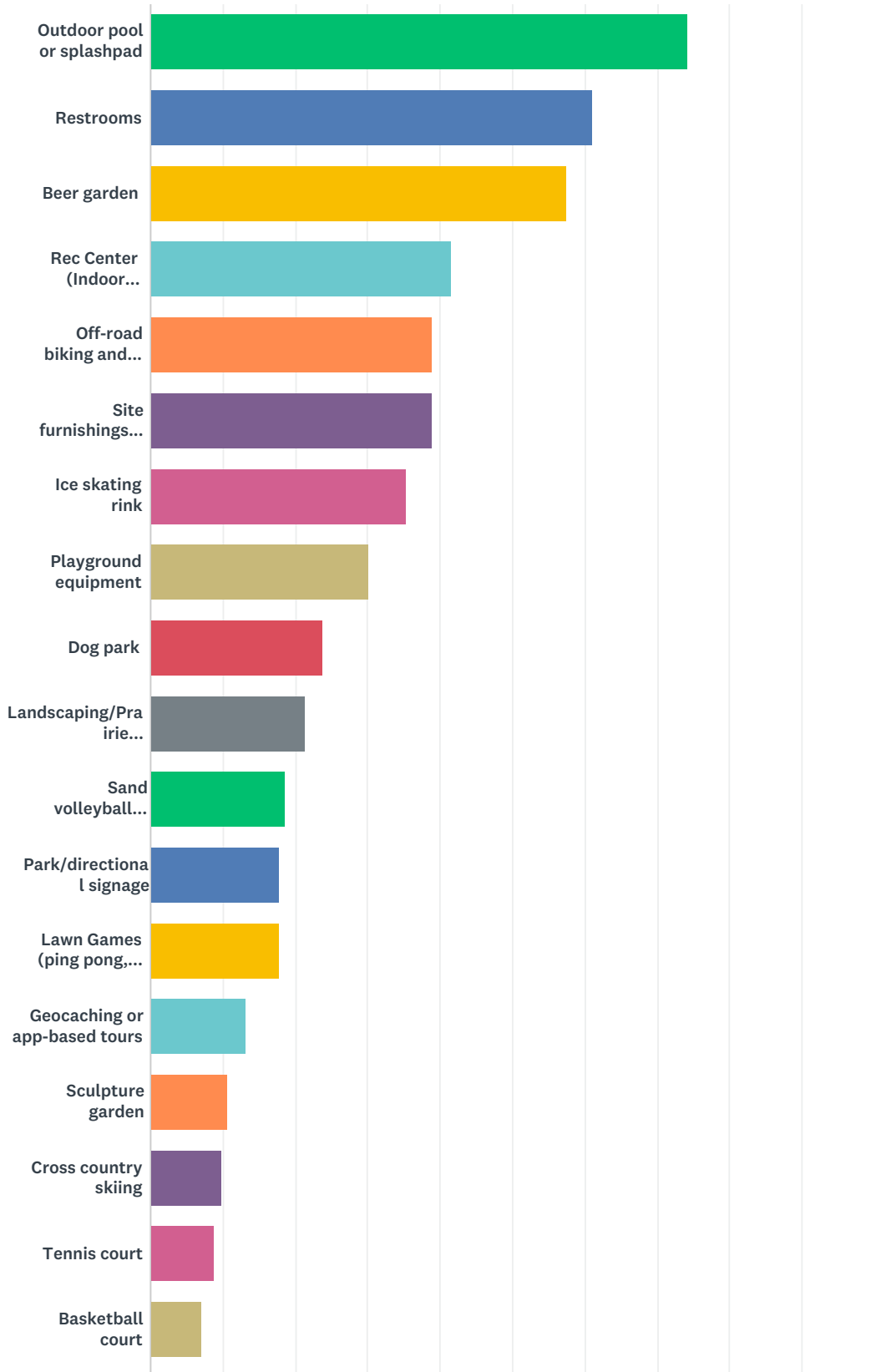
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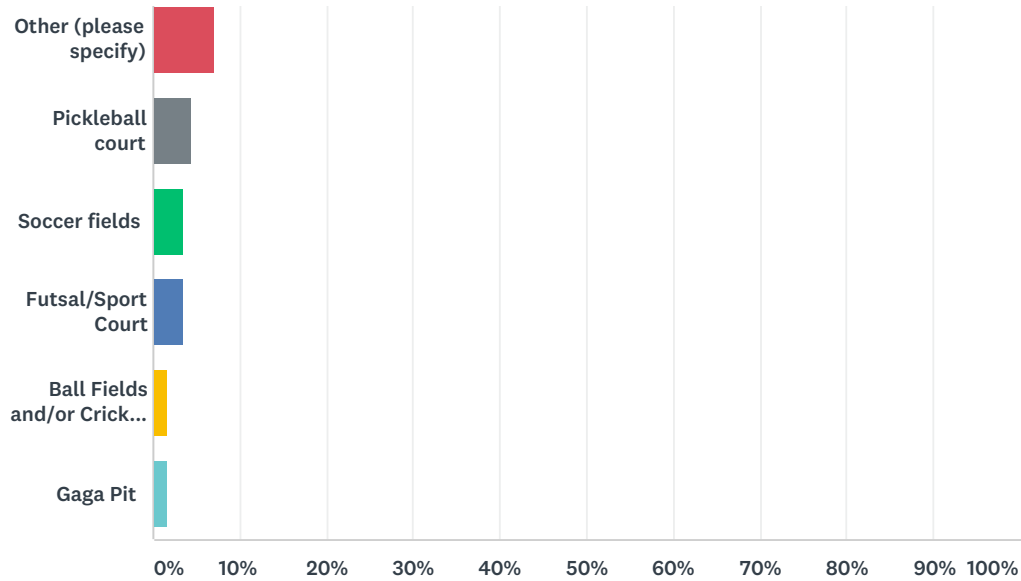


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking/Biking	71.17%	79
Playground equipment	51.35%	57
Picnic facilities	24.32%	27
Skatepark	6.31%	7
Disc Golf course	19.82%	22
Ball fields	15.32%	17
Other (please specify)	15.32%	17
Total Respondents: 111		

Q9 Which of the following amenities would you like to see added or improved at the park? (check all that apply)

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0



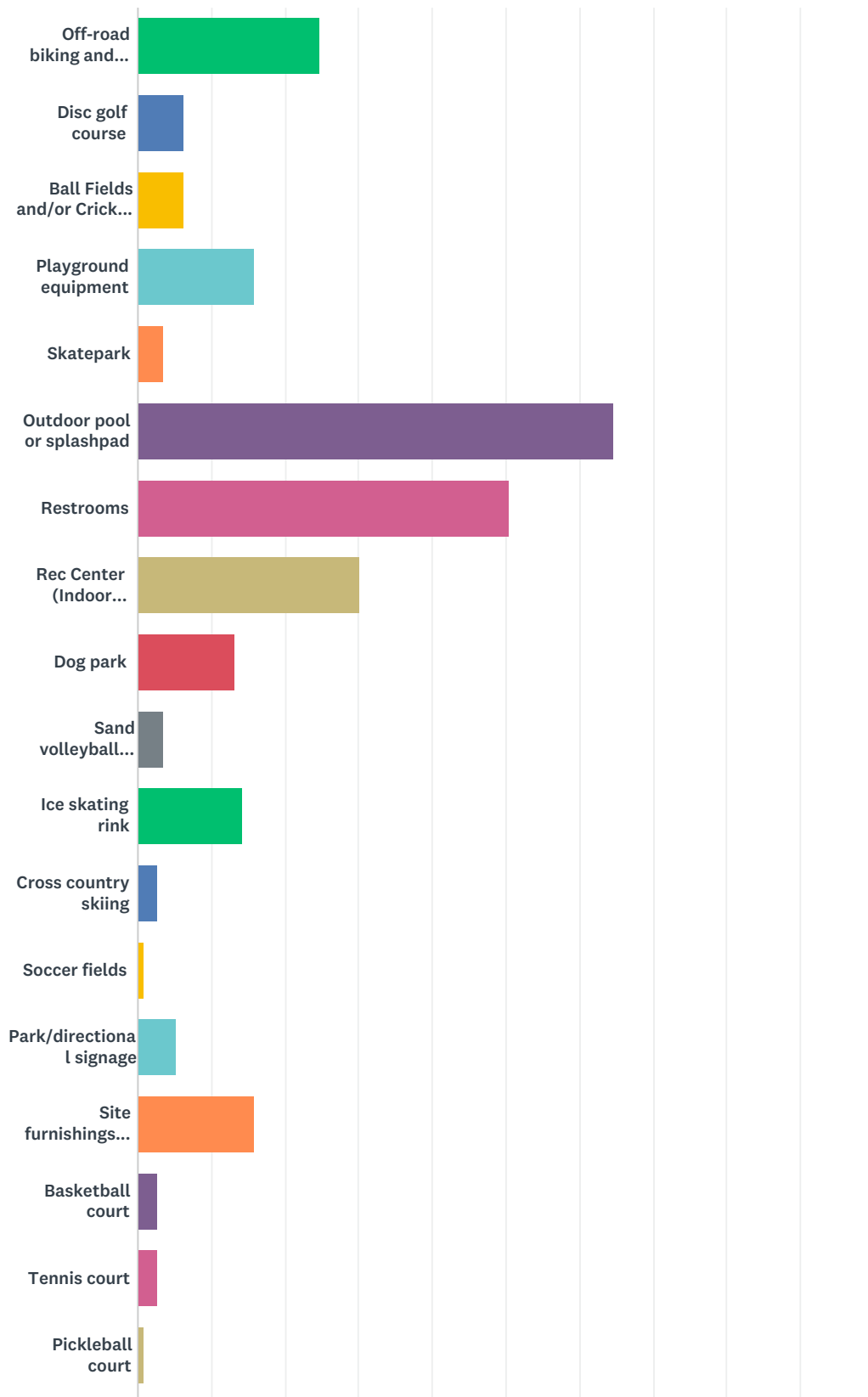


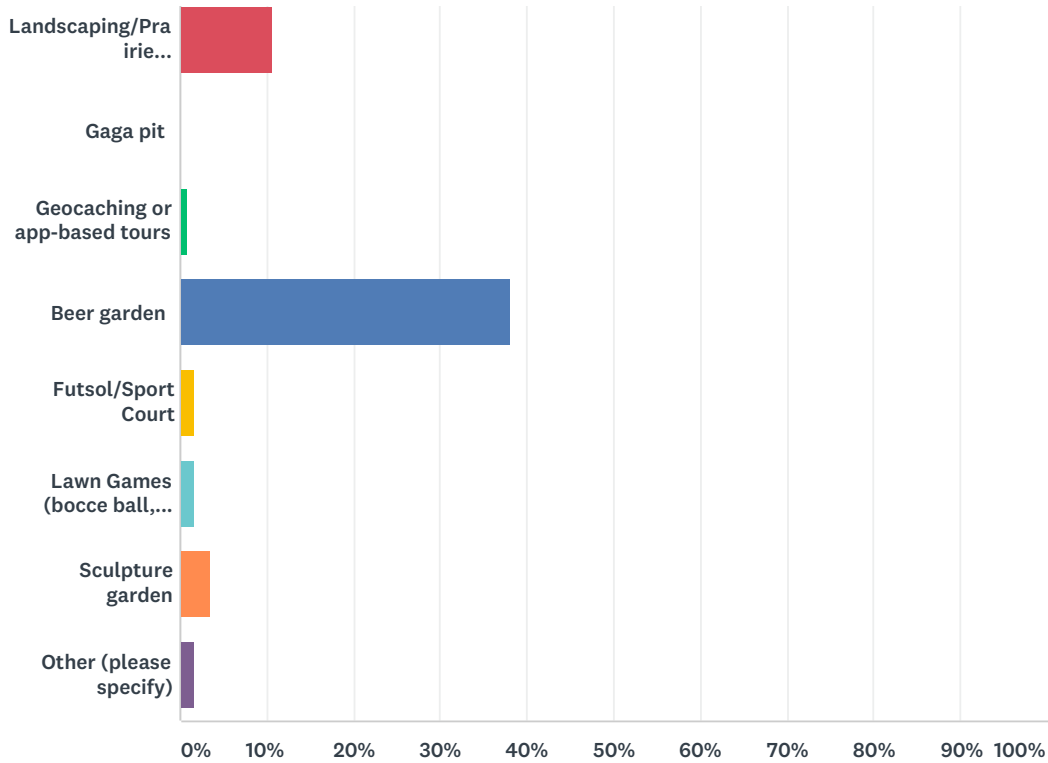
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Outdoor pool or splashpad	74.34%	84
Restrooms	61.06%	69
Beer garden	57.52%	65
Rec Center (Indoor building)	41.59%	47
Off-road biking and walking trails	38.94%	44
Site furnishings (benches, trash cans, grills/cooking spaces, picnic tables)	38.94%	44
Ice skating rink	35.40%	40
Playground equipment	30.09%	34
Dog park	23.89%	27
Landscaping/Prairie Restoration	21.24%	24
Sand volleyball courts	18.58%	21
Park/directional signage	17.70%	20
Lawn Games (ping pong, balls, bocce ball)	17.70%	20
Geocaching or app-based tours	13.27%	15
Sculpture garden	10.62%	12
Cross country skiing	9.73%	11
Tennis court	8.85%	10
Basketball court	7.08%	8
Other (please specify)	7.08%	8
Pickleball court	4.42%	5
Soccer fields	3.54%	4
Futsal/Sport Court	3.54%	4

Ball Fields and/or Cricket Pitch	1.77%	2
Gaga Pit	1.77%	2
Total Respondents: 113		

Q10 What amenities should the City of Oak Park prioritize funds for in Abendschein Park? (check your top 3)

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Off-road biking and walking trails	24.78%	28
Disc golf course	6.19%	7
Ball Fields and/or Cricket Pitch	6.19%	7
Playground equipment	15.93%	18
Skatepark	3.54%	4
Outdoor pool or splashpad	64.60%	73
Restrooms	50.44%	57
Rec Center (Indoor building)	30.09%	34
Dog park	13.27%	15
Sand volleyball courts	3.54%	4
Ice skating rink	14.16%	16
Cross country skiing	2.65%	3
Soccer fields	0.88%	1
Park/directional signage	5.31%	6
Site furnishings (benches, trash cans, grills or cooking facilities, picnic tables)	15.93%	18
Basketball court	2.65%	3
Tennis court	2.65%	3
Pickleball court	0.88%	1

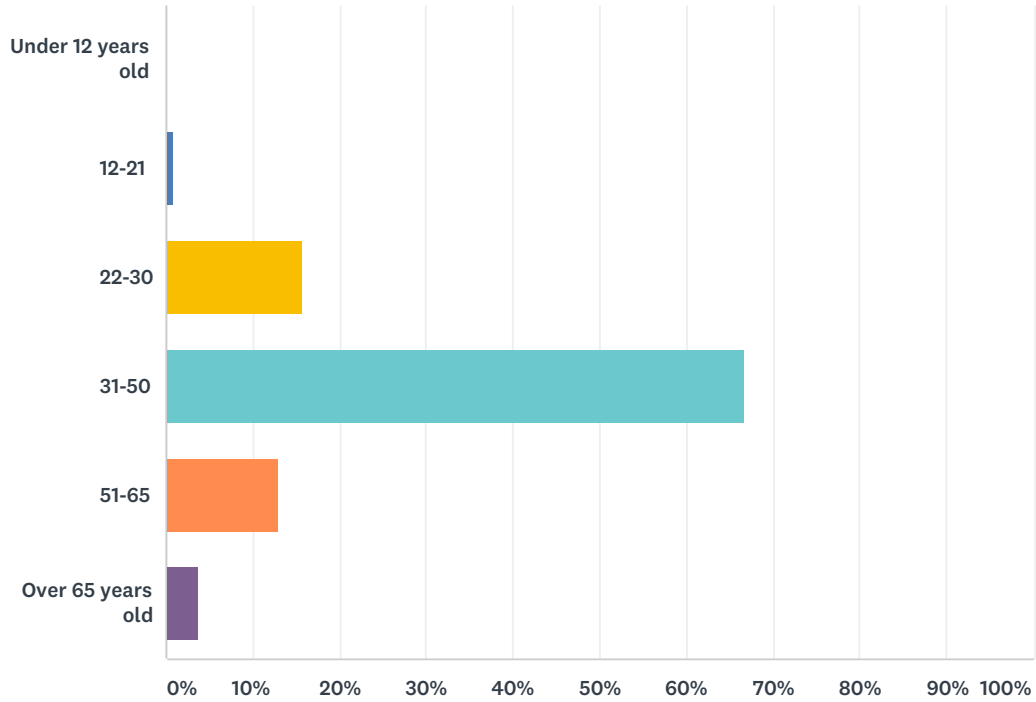
Landscaping/Prairie Restoration	10.62%	12
Gaga pit	0.00%	0
Geocaching or app-based tours	0.88%	1
Beer garden	38.05%	43
Futsal/Sport Court	1.77%	2
Lawn Games (bocce ball, ping pong, bags)	1.77%	2
Sculpture garden	3.54%	4
Other (please specify)	1.77%	2
Total Respondents: 113		

Q11 Any other general comments or things we should know about Abendschein Park?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 72

Q12 What is your age range?

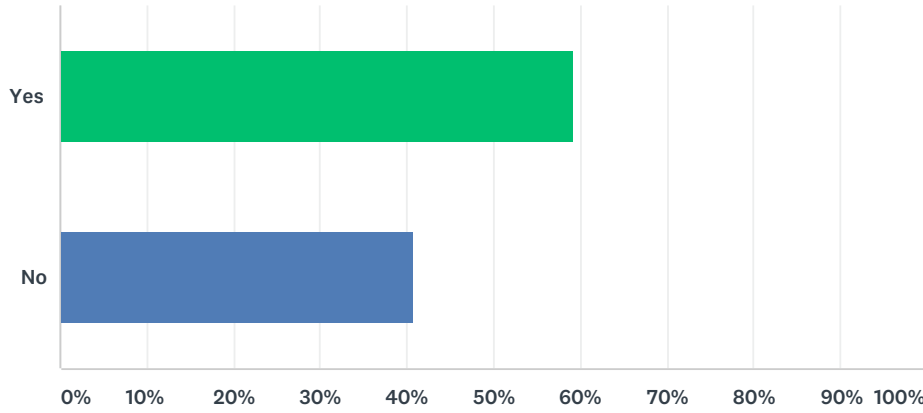
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 12 years old	0.00%	0
12-21	0.93%	1
22-30	15.74%	17
31-50	66.67%	72
51-65	12.96%	14
Over 65 years old	3.70%	4
TOTAL		108

Q13 Does your household include children under 12 years old?

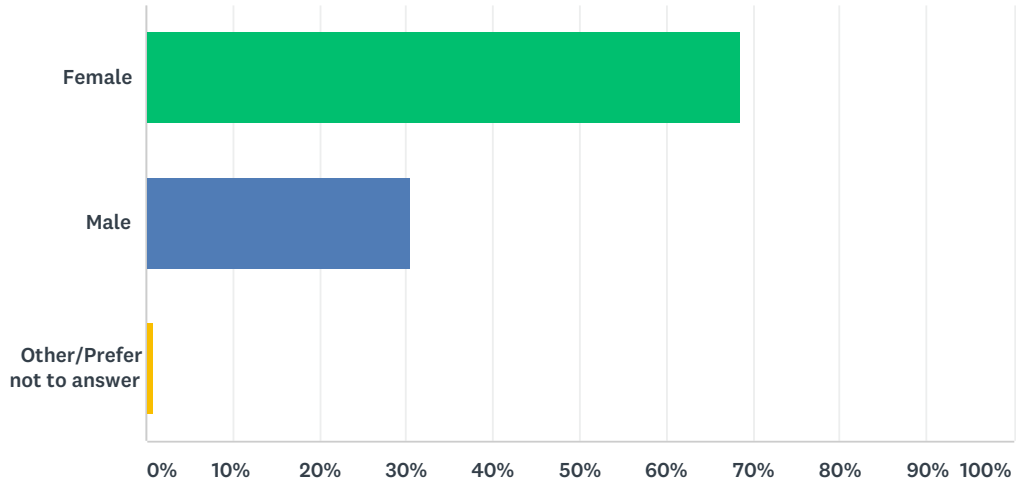
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.26%	64
No	40.74%	44
TOTAL		108

Q14 What is your gender?

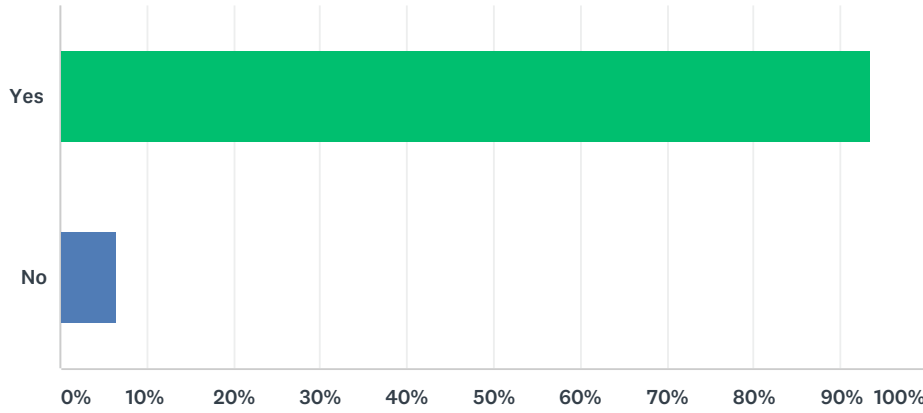
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	68.52%	74
Male	30.56%	33
Other/Prefer not to answer	0.93%	1
TOTAL		108

Q15 Are you a City of Oak Creek resident?

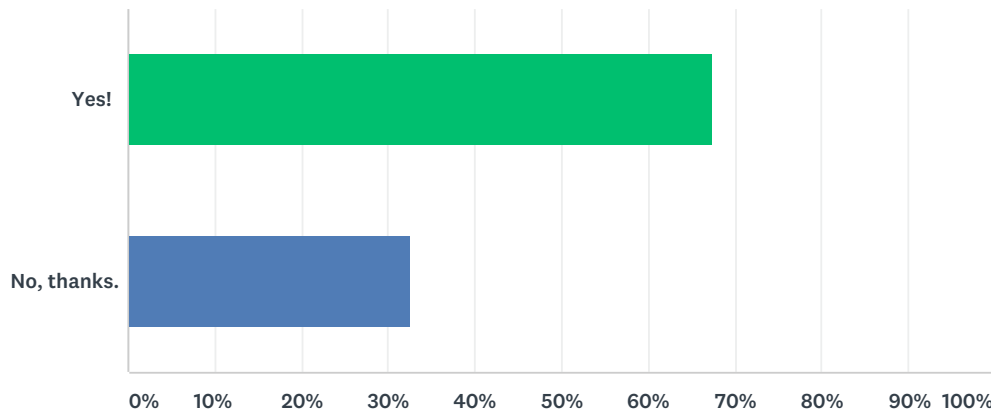
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.52%	101
No	6.48%	7
TOTAL		108

Q16 Would you like to be entered for your chance to win a gift basket from local sponsors?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes!	67.33%	68
No, thanks.	32.67%	33
TOTAL		101

**Q17 Please provide your contact information to be entered into the raffle.
We will not share your information or use it for anything other than
communicating with the winner.**

Answered: 66 Skipped: 47

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	66
Email	100.00%	66
Phone Number	95.45%	63

What is the thing you enjoy most about Abendschein Park?
Open-Ended Response
Bike paths
The trail and park
Not much. Walking paths are uninteresting. I'm sure the disc golf and skate park are fun for those interested, but it doesn't apply to our family right now.
Large Green Space, The Playground, Walking Trails
Disc golf and walking trails
Skate park
We love the playground. We also enjoyed the pop up beer garden. The walking paths are great too!
The trail is nice for bikes with our daughter. Decent play equipment.
Nice place to have outdoor gatherings
We like the trails, playground, and the fact that there have been two beer gardens there. We also appreciate the restrooms and enjoy seeing OC baseball on our way to the playground.
Peacefulness
Walking trail and seeing people use it.
I love the fact that my kid can play in peace.
Nice playground and walking path
Playground
Sports fields
Walking paths and playground with family. Also really enjoyed the traveling beer garden.
Walking path
Playground and that they have the beer garden
Proximity
The trails
I liked the pop up beer garden.
The paths to walk/run on with beautiful scenery.
Open space and walking trails
Frisbee golf course
Lots of space for development, minimal traffic/access, quiet.
I liked the beer garden- in the past I liked the disk golfing even though I haven't gone since having kids.
The paved walkway, especially through the woods and around the pond
Children's play area
Watching cricket
Watching baseball, frofing having nice bathrooms available.
The field for Lacrosse games
Very wide open

Skateboard ramps
Variety of things to do
Lots of greenspace
The playground
the walking paths
Freebie golf
Seems like it's well maintained
Large open space to play. There is multiple use activity there.
Walking my dog a fee more park benches
Baseball field.
Great open space
Baseball diamond and walking paths
disc golf
Its beautiful
Beer garden and water and open space and frisbee golf
Beer garden events.
Skate Park and disc golf
Playground
Walking path
Baseball diamond
Cleanliness
Open Space
Baseball
The space. Its huge!
It's spread out and not cramped
The big open spaces
Walking and natural setting.....well maintained
It's open and clean.
Plauground
Beer garden
The traveling beer garden
Space available
Beach front
Natural beauty

Playground
Frisbee golf and we've been to the traveling beer garden
The nature surrounding it
The walking trails - while my teenage son fishes at the pond.
The walking trails
Playground, water
Trail for walking my dog
Lots of space
Running path
Playground
Disc golf (my son regularly uses it)
Ball field
Baseball games
Open areas
Trails
It is beautiful for walking. The playground is nice.
We utilize the walking path very often. Would be nice if there were more flowers/bushes lining the path
I play disc golf there regularly. It is a good course and close to home and work for me.
Disc golf course.
Space, playground
We come for the baseball games and beer garden. Seems to be maintained well! Our friends walk the paths with their dog and really like it.
The Frisbee Golfing
Bike trails
Walking path
Walking paths
Beautiful
Walking the trail
Being outdoors
The beer garden a few weeks back was fun
I have only been there once for the art fair in the summer.
Clean and safe, wide open.
Walking path and open space.
What needs the most improvement in Abendschein Park? In other words, what would you change?
Open-Ended Response
Bathrooms walking paths

Restrooms by the park and a pool would be a great addition!
I'd love to see a playground, pool, splash pad, etc. I don't know how to make it a more visually appealing park, but that would be great, too. Could this be a venue for music in the park? Unless you're interested in the disc golf or skate park, there's nothing of interest there.
Would be great to have a wading pool or a general pool. A Beer Garden would also be a nice enhancement
Not sure
Nothing
Multiple entrances into the park. Bathrooms closer to the playground. It would be amazing if they put in a public pool!
A community workout center and a pool would be nice.
Whole lot of space, little to do.
I would like to see a seasonal beer garden, maybe a pool, and an ice skating rink.
More community activities. Pool, bar garden, food (like Ferchs in Grant Park)
Plow the walking trail in winter.
As much as I would love to see a pool or a splash pad there's just no room for it. So improve the disc golf course.
Needs restrooms
More parking
More things to do and better use of all the available space.
Nothing
Bigger newer playground equipment A pool would be a wonderful addition
I can't think of anything. Looks like there is continuous improvement.
How to get in by the playground I missed it when meeting a friend and almost did a second time!
There is a lot of unused space.
The park has problems with the kids at the skate park. The playground is so close to the skate park and sometimes language is inappropriate from the skate park as well as behaviors. Also people throw trash around everywhere on the paths and it is going into the creek.
Parking is terrible when events are planned here, need a better plan for the beer garden and if any other large events are planned. People were parking along the road and only 1 car could pass at a time, which was a mess.
Needs a playground
more stuff to do, public activities
Have more events there.
More trees/shade, I only go to the park in the mornings and evenings because the sun is too strong to go otherwise. Bathroom by the playground. Distance markers around the paved loop (how far around the pond? how far around entire loop?). Too many unleashed dogs/dog poop on walkways. A splash pad would be fun. Having that soft gymnastics type flooring for the playground instead of woodchips would be nice. More picnic table options. Permanent beer garden

space/space for live music. More space for the cricket area, the field doesn't seem to be big enough because the circle of cones that needs to be set up during the matches overlaps the paved walkway. A viewing area for spectators by the cricket field (current pavilion seems too far away). A bird/animal identifying guide by the pond. Add a themed garden that can be walked through (like Bookworm Gardens in Sheboygan). An air pump for bike tires would be nice (like the gas station ones but meant just for bikes). Jump on the American Ninja Warrior trend and make that kind of a playground.
I would love to see a community pool
More kids play ground apparatus
Get an indoor sports complex for soccer teams..lacrosse teams etc. can practice in the winter
Nothing
Children's playground equipment
Needs more things to do
More bathrooms
More playground area for smaller children, preferably farther away from the skate ramps. I don't want my 3 year old repeating what they hear from the older kids on the ramps.
the soccer/rugby field along drexel - it needs parking. people park in driving lanes and create a dangerous environment.
Another baseball diamond.
It doesn't seem to have much of a draw. If there were things for me to do with my dogs, I'd go.
Not sure i would change anything.
Entrance to the parking lot. Maybe some sort of sign... unless you live around here you don't know what it is
Nothing. Tax payer money would be better spent elsewhere
People parking along skirts of road in entrance for baseball field, and kids speeding through the parking lot.
Nothing
Basketball court, tennis courts. Rec center.
Not sure
Parking added. More stuff to do for kids.
Just the park? Bathrooms by play area.
Idk
The walking path floods when it rains. The only option for a bathroom was a portapotty.
Disk Gold Course
It could be a great city center park with water parks or pools
More activities like a pool or volleyball, something in that line.

More parking
Less disc golf
Not sure
Nothing
Please install a public pool.
Add a pool
Beer garden being there longer
A public pool would be great
Add a pool
More play areas for kids
Expanded bike path access
A pool of some sort
I don't know if there is a playground there, that would be nice
Something more community oriented, more events
The bathrooms...need more. And are they changing tables? I can't remember. That is a must.
Off leash area for dogs would be amazing
Pool, volleyball more rec dept activities
I would love to see a community pool
More play space. A pool would be wonderful!
Add a community pool
Covered picnic areas
More baseball fields Permanent beer garden
Unsure
I wish there were more picnic tables. Our church would love to rent a local park spot twice a year for our picnics, but we need tables for 75 people.
The walking path could have some flowers/bushes that would make it more attractive to walk
There are some drainage issues on the disc golf course where there is a lot of standing water.
There always seems to be standing water everywhere. Causing us SC to find other places to go play.
Add a community pool!
More things to check out.
Please install drinking fountains
The safety
Put lights at the baseball diamond

I really love all that's been invested in this park after years of it just being an okay park. Keep up the good work!
Make it more sports related
No
This would be a perfect location for a pool/splash pad!
there's almost always cars going into the skate park portion after dark. i'm concerned about illegal activity happening after dark. can there be motion detector camera(s) put on the drive in?
Great park.
Just make sure there's enough parking
No
No
Pool please!
Thanks for doing this
Just give us stuff to do
Not at this time

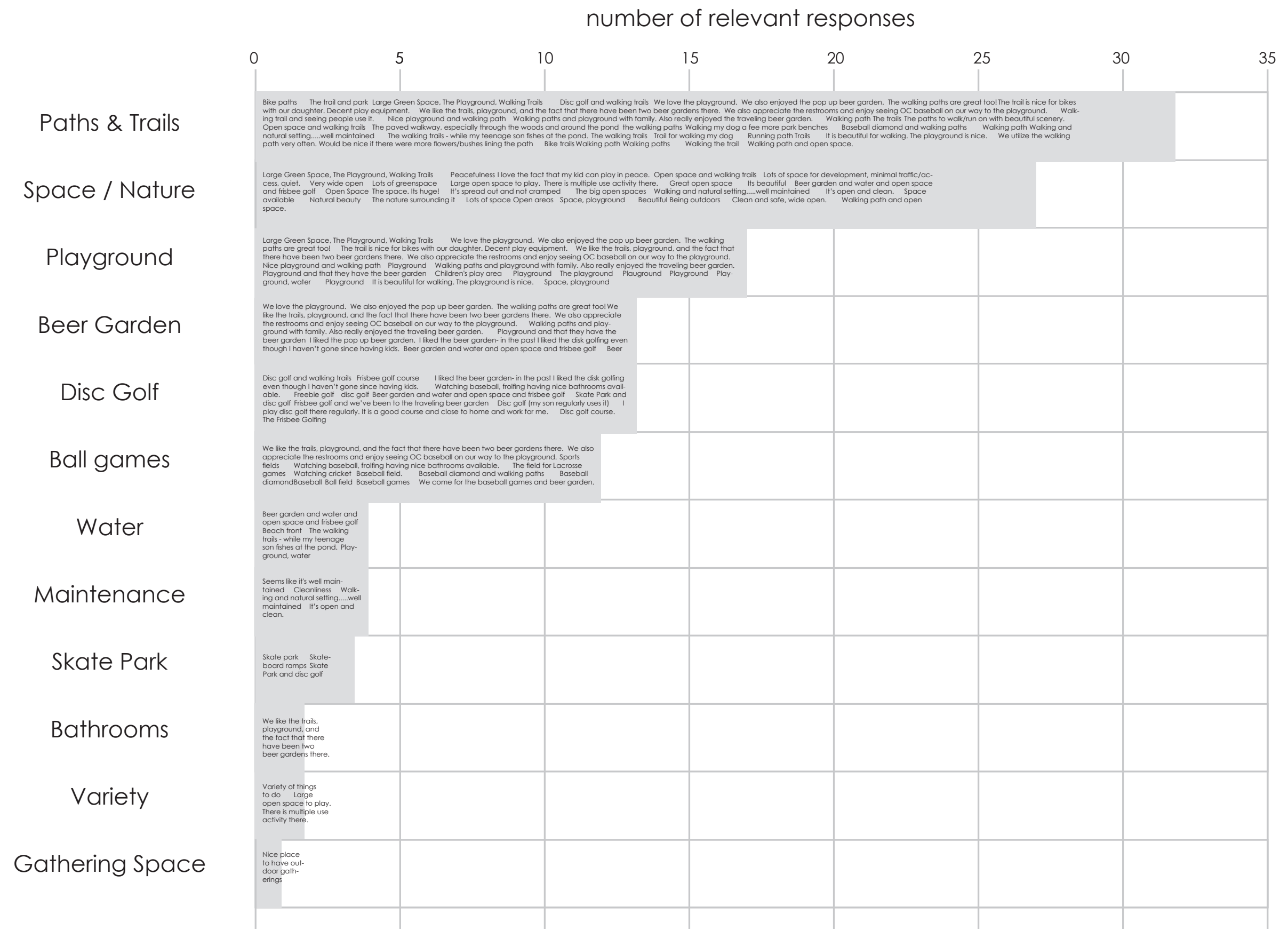
Beer garden is great
N/A
No
More parking as events like the beer garden have caused traffic issues
Great job with it so far
A pool or rec center would be wonderful.
I used to ice skate there when I was little - there was a natural formed pond that is no longer there. But mostly, an indoor sports facility would be fantastic. Our youth sports season is so limited. Winter activities for children would be ideal - less video game time! Even an indoor toddler play space would be great.
I hate the skate part. Kids are rude to others using the park.
The park is a wealth of space and feels underutilized. Personally, my family and I would love a pool but better utilizing the space would be great.
Great asset to the community!
We would love to stay local and have a picnic area to rent that can accommodate 75 people and have restrooms and a pavilion with electricity.
It is a very lovely park. My husband and I love to walk the path around the park. Love the sun, but would love to have more shady areas to walk. I believe our city needs a community outdoor pool. Abendschein Park would be the ideal location!!
Pool please!

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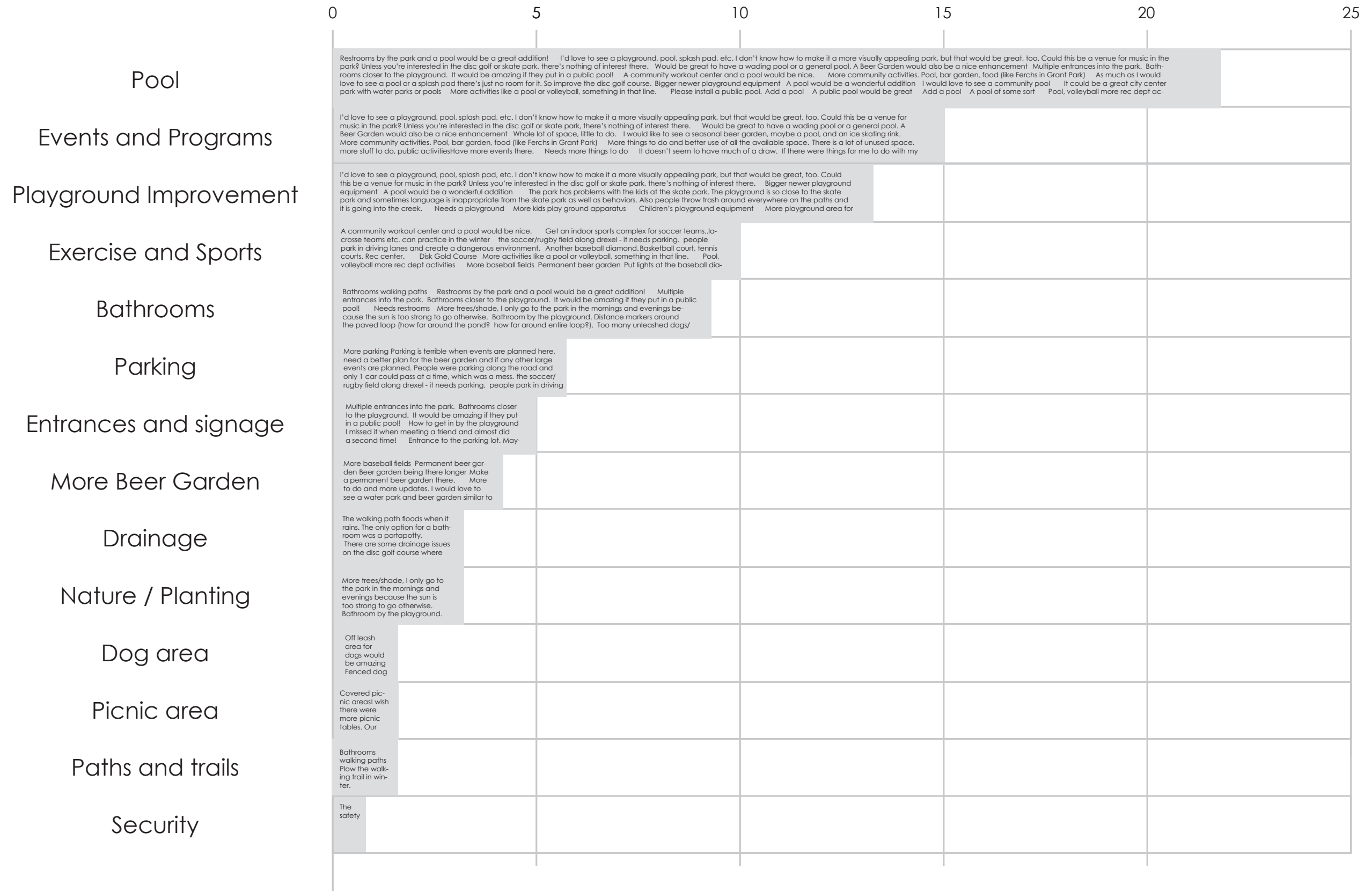
advertise to city of oak creek residents on what the park has to offer. what other parks are there in oak creek?

What do you enjoy most about the park?



What do you think needs the most change?

number of relevant responses



Additional comments?

number of relevant responses

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Pool and Programs

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Excitement and Thanks

Thanks for working to make our community parks stronger! Excited about the potential to make this neighborhood park better! I really love all that's been invested in this park after years of it just being an okay park. Keep up the good work! Great park. Thanks for doing this. Great job with it so far. Great asset to the community! It is a very lovely park. My husband and I love to walk the path around the park. Love the sun, but would love to have more shady areas to walk. I believe our city needs a community outdoor pool. Abendschein Park would be the ideal location!!

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Communications

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Localism

Our family grew up in Oak Creek and now are raising our family in Oak Creek. We would love to see our children stay here as well and hope Abendschein would include more family friendly activities. I used to ice skate there when I was

Security

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Maintenance

Very well maintained