



Memorandum

Date: September 10, 2020

To: Members of the Parks & Recreation Committee
Commissioner Michael Murdock, Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Clarke
Commissioner Amy Wolfe

From: Emily Guynn, Superintendent of Recreation

cc: Steve Wilson, Executive Director

Re: Community Playfield Survey Results

As part of the public input process, the Wilmette Park District conducted a community-wide resident survey to better understand residents' opinions about the District's Community Playfields, located between Wilmette Junior High and Highcrest Middle School. The survey included questions about awareness, usage, and potential improvements to the Community Playfields.

The initial survey was distributed on August 4, 2020. There were 620 responses. The initial survey was amended based on input from the Parks and Recreation Committee and re-distributed on August 14, 2020 with an additional 140 responses.

Survey respondents expressed their opinion on possible park improvements. In the order ranked by respondents, the top three improvements are listed below.

Initial Survey Results:

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2. Recreational fitness path around perimeter of park
3. A comprehensive landscape plan for the entire park

Amended Survey Results:

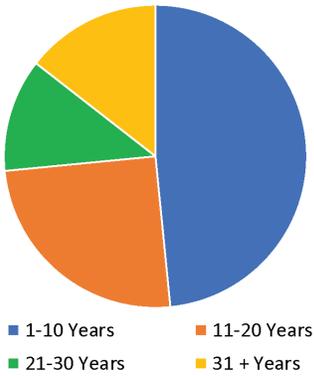
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For your review, attached is both the initial and amended survey result summary.

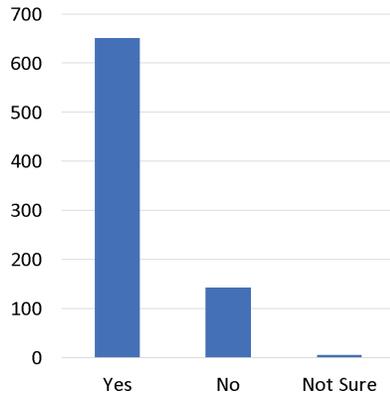
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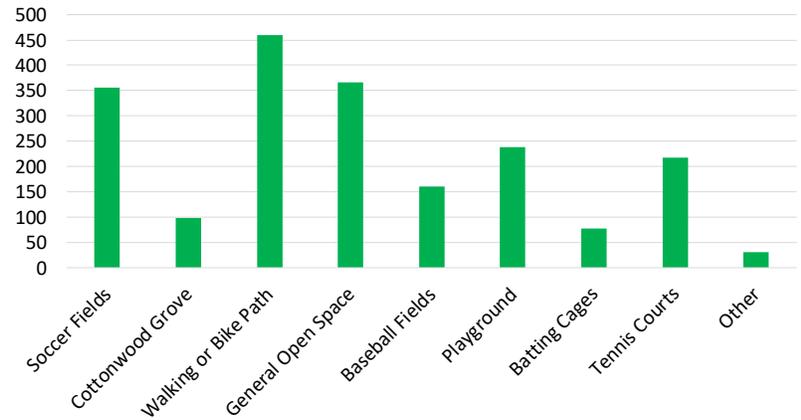
Q1: Years living in Wilmette



Q2: Visited in the last 12 months



Q4: Amenities Used²



Q5: What activities do you do at CP?

620 Total Responses

- Walk/run on path
- Biking on path
- Dog walk
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Tennis
- Frisbee
- Playground

Q6: What do you LIKE about CP?

600 Total Responses

- Open space
- Beauty
- Location
- Variety of activities
- Path
- Cleanliness

Q7: What do you DISLIKE about CP?

516 Total Responses

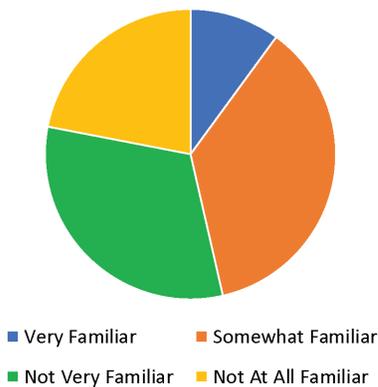
- Nothing
- Flooding
- No public restrooms
- Not enough parking

Q8: Why haven't you visited CP?

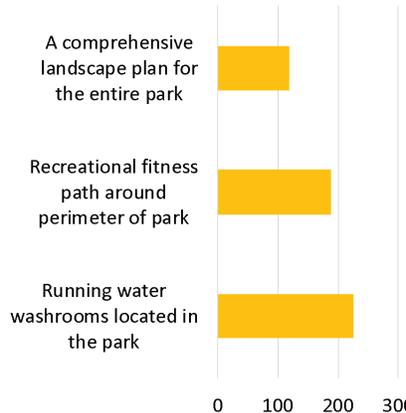
181 Total Responses

- Proximity
- Children are older/not right demographic
- Concern over COVID-19

Q9: Stormwater Project Familiarity



Q10: Important Possible Improvements



Q11: Improvements in order of Importance



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Dog park
There could be lights and a scoreboard on at least one baseball field like the fields on Willow Road in Northfield.
Food truck on Soccer Saturdays
An area for dogs to play off leash. Aside from the beach, there is no area for dogs. West Park is a disaster.
More baseball fields
Just try not to be intrusive, put bathroom behind the Jr. High. Leave the trees alone. No more cement. Path around perimeter should be finely crushed gravel.
less flooding, seating options
A statue of Mr Wilson
Artificial turf
Clean up/make nicer the baseball fields
again, add more garbage cans and don't remove them during the winter offer a dog-friendly or dog-only water fountain. I understand shutting off the drinking fountains during COVID, but if you had the lower fountains, the dogs could drink on really hot days
Shade structures
Dog park area
Take the fence down at Gilson. Check for Wilmette stickers and ticket others
keep it open space
A seating or bench area for grandparents to sit and Also enforcement of dogs on leashes only
Nicer bike path
More water fountains. (Or WORKING water fountains.) Pavilion with benches or picnic tables. Increased seating!
Lighting would be great - but otherwise I think it is great as it is!
Is there an opportunity to provide concessions anywhere during the weekend? Seems like there's enough traffic? Also regarding parking - maybe a walkway on the south side of WJHS OR allow pass through the walkway to the CLR to allow for access from the front parking lot of WJHS to the back without having to walk all the way around the North side
Better drainage from rain for soccer fields
More benches scattered throughout the field
A sprinkler system, or even a regular sprinkler for the soccer fields
NA
Enforcing the laws to protect the citizens from dog owners w/o control of their almost always BIG dogs running wild in the park EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!!!!!! There are no lap dogs running wild in the park.
No answer for parking I think it is what it is!
Improve outfields and drainage for all baseball fields. Improve field conditions and drainage for soccer fields. We would LOVE an outdoor basketball court. To our knowledge, there is not one Park District outdoor basketball court.
possible area for portable stage for community concerts, etc. Possible picnic/family use fields with shelter structures (roof only). Winter ice rinks with heated warming house. 2 rinks - hockey and recreation skate only. Parking to accommodate new uses, but not obtrusive or too large.
Leave as much open space as possible. No need for permanent restrooms. Blue temporary restrooms are enough. Just leave them available in the cooler weather. Save all trees.
Lighting along main walk. Dark during parts of the year for people to walk through the park early and late.
Night Lights on tennis courts Fix/ upgrade tennis courts
High level lights for soccer fields.
Movies

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Removal or reconfiguration of the floodlights on WJHS. They add significant light pollution to the entire park.
Better signage and direction to specific soccer fields. It's frustrating to park at Highcrest only to find out your field is by the Junior High, and vice versa. Also, are there bike racks located anywhere along the bike path? Those would be helpful during soccer season.
No dogs
I would like to see a roller hockey rink installed in the community playfields. Also, a sledding hill.
I am not familiar with how these playfields are actually used. I rank lighting along the fitness path #1 only in so much as you expect use of this improvement after dark. If not, however, I would rank water and washrooms as #1 and lighting #4. If appropriate, I would encourage signage to differentiate different fields and areas for gathering.
Pickle ball courts
Playground to tailor for older children
As mentioned, drinking fountains. If you're building a running water washroom building, I assume fountains are coming too! Also, to clarify my ans to #10&11: I don't see a great need to a peripheral fitness path, but IF you are building it, pls provide lighting, and fitness equipment would be nice.
open spaces to play with our dog off leash. Water fountains like at the village hall which are dog friendly.
Please, just add a path. Please be cognizant of our tax burden If trends continue, we will have to leave wilmette and it will become a place for wealthy families only :(
Handball, squash or skateboard court
I think it would be great to consider an official track for HMS and WJHS and community to use (not just a perimeter path). Also (though this is likely not a popular idea) a turf field or two would be super great for when we have torrential spring rains. These fields may not flood as bad.
A wider pathway through the middle for bikers and walkers to more easily share.
Improved parking flow.
You need more play areas for kids. The scale is large enough that you could turn even just one small portion of it into an amazing play area for children. Think Maggie Daley Park downtown. But of course, bathrooms would be key to making it usable.
Improvement to the baseball fields - covered dugouts
some improvements to the parking situation
Do not cut down too many trees without replacing and don't take up all the green space
Improved parking options.
Heated sidewalk from HMS to WJHS
Parking
More path for walking and biking
Lighting for fields
Pickle ball courts
A portion of the park with astro turf option for soccer/baseball, etc. We live in an area that gets considerable rain. This will keep programs moving and on schedule. It has worked quite well in Winnetka.
Lightening hut
Improved baseball fields and a concession building
More benches surrounded by prairie flowers and stargazing opportunities (the WJHS lights are very bright).
Golf practice area. Disc golf course. Something to fill the huge open space on the south side
n/a
more parking
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Improvements to the fields to allow for more and better play by youth
Parking additions

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better parking lot configuration
Native plants, benches, grouped seating for outdoor meetings, seed exchange station, chews tables
I think the whole project is a boondoggle and a waste of my taxes.
Basketball
Parking.
More sitting areas to socialize outdoors.
Item 10 would not let me indicate 10 So I will suggest restrooms being most important
More tennis courts; basketball courts
Water fountains that are maintained better and work.
Walking path - circular
Please continue to protect the trees! :)
Better parking esp on Highcrest side
Resurface tennis courts
More places to sit places to eat/gather/picnic- pavilion type place
They would be great for outdoor learning during the pandemic. Setting up covered tents would allow kids to SD and extend outdoor options
Probably nothing can be done... but if there's a way to drain the water out faster after it rains, that would be nice.
Possibly a water park area?
Adequate bike parking if not already available on both ends of the park. Benches if not already installed along path. Manual timer light poles for late practices in the fall.
Better configuration in parking lots. Highcrest and WJH parking lots are a disaster between games
It would be great if a section of the CPF could be fenced off for a dog run. Other than the dog beach, there is no please else in the Village dog owners can exercise their pets off lease if they don't have their own fenced in back yard.
Please maintain open space, big trees. Do not over develop
More benches
Nice flat soccer field with either turf or grass that is kept short
Gathering spaces or group meeting areas -- think COVID-19 where we need places to meet safely outdoors and maintain social distancing. Picnic area with tables and benches. Could double as outdoor work spaces -- again, think COVID-19. Wifi access! Nature display of birds and trees of Illinois - educational for kids and adults alike.
Lightning for night games for baseball and soccer
Improved soccer fields. More natural landscape features, LOVE the prairie at Centennial.
better parking and access
A bike trail from south to north thru the park.
I would like to see an enforcement of mask wearing and social distancing within the park.
Improved parking
A stage for the kids to improvise and perform would be nice!
Track, grading of soccer fields
Leave it alone, let it be open space. Leave the existing trees.
Plant native wildflowers/plants to enhance the playfields for birds, butterflies and bees. Please do not build up this playfield - what makes it so special - is the large swatch of OPEN GREEN SPACE. We don't need to spend taxpayer money to build up things the community doesn't need. Please DO NOT SPEND OUR tax dollars to pay a firm to make a plan
There has got to be some way to improve parking/traffic flow. Even if it's just through better scheduling of soccer games (so cars have time to leave after one game and then others can arrive and park).
plan to replace the cottonwood trees that are a nuisance to us nearby neighbors and are not recommended for planting in residential areas; my a/c repairs are a direct cause of the cottonwood "snow" we receive for 2-3 weeks every Spring

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A hut that sells snacks and drinks during weekend peak season
Yes outdoor lights for sport fields
Keep all trees
Separate walking/running versus biking paths. The existing path is used by both foot traffic and bike traffic. I've almost been run over by bikes while walking, and similarly when biking it's very challenging to safely dodge walkers.
Water refill station with drinking fountains
A track for the schools to use for gym and track practices and meets
Landscape and beautification of access points .
Cut grass better
Dog park area/ dog run.
Water feature/splash pad
add more bench,drinking & water faucet to wash hands
Adequately maintained and groomed field hockey fields or turf; bocce ball / boule courts
Lighting for evening sporting events and more parking
Better defined access points from surrounding neighborhoods
Soccer fields
larger space for recess for Highcrest - this is desperately needed. possibly have a path around that area for recess to be used for a mileage club type program
Native flowers
Readily available trash containers with signage to indicate the importance of keeping the play fields clean. We live near Howard Park and find significant amounts of trash when the teams leave after use. If the kids don't know any better, surely the coaches do.
Thanks. Just keep it open, like it has been.
Outdoor ice rink
Drainidge
A dedicated bike path in addition to the Fitness path around park perimeter that is separate from pedestrians and dog walkers
More parking options. Better drainage for playing fields. More centrally located playground so children can play and be watched by parents while their siblings are involved in sports practices or games without having to walk to the far west end of the park.
Improve/Increase soccer fields with nets Significantly increase natural adequate and healthful SHADE
This is not an "improvement" per se, but I would hope that the park will be returned to its natural lovely self once the construction is finished, and that the community amenities, such as the ball fields, will be as nice as before.
More benches, trees
I like the natural beauty of it all with walking trail. Love that area kids can play baseball and soccer. Would add batting cages and maintain the baseball fields to top use.
Better drainage
Frisbee golf would be fun if there was room
baseball lights
A frisbee golf course!
I would like the comprehensive landscape plan to include trees, shrubs, other plants that are native to the area and beneficial to our local ecosystem.
Some sort of centralized shelter that the kids can run to/under when bad weather pops up. We have been caught there before in surprise storms.
Please don't take down any more trees !
Benches or seating
Biking park version of skate park
Parking, parking, parking

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Better drainage on the fields
basketball courts
Turf fields
Playground or a nature path
An area designated as a 'food forest' with raspberry bushes and fruit trees.
outside basketball hoop at the rec
It would be wonderful to have an off-leash dog run area!!! There are so many dogs in Wilmette, and the only two (legal) off-leash dog runs are at the far East side (beach) and far West side (West Park). For the vast middle of the village those are only accessible by car. A mid-village option would get a ton of use! Thank you for considering!
a turnout or drop off area on the wjhs side
one comment - running water washrooms are expensive to install & maintain - do not feel that that is the best use of Village resources - thanks
Additional trees planted
I would like it to be simple, open, and green. More trees and benches.
A lacrosse goal with a backstop would definitely get used.
Evening out the terrain of the soccer fields Snack bar?
In the winter it is dark at 4:30. I would love more night time lighting to walk in the park at night.
More trees in the whole park. No bathrooms should be placed near homes. Especially no path near homes because we already have trouble with unescorted young children harassing my dogs.
WJHS really need a playground. Those kids are growing and still need to move their bodies and play at lunch/recess. We need big kid equipment (think Ninja Warrior course) or bouldering type wall. Maybe tether balls or funnel balls or other such things. They need a fun way to move during their break time. They need something to do outside.
we do not need lighting or bathrooms, keep it LESS not more developed.
lights at baseball field
lights to play sports at night/dusk
Lights for tennis courts.
Fenced dog park
More playground equipment (zip line, more challenging monkey bar type things)
Native plants keep open areas open no artificial turf nearby playground should be more natural and less plastic Outdoor fitness equipment should fit in with a natural landscape
More level fields
More bleachers/park bench seating around sport play fields
Tennis courts improvements
Parking, more police present, security camera, basketball hoops, fix wilmette Junior- itâ□□s so run down looking
Better drainage throughout park More field spaceA turf field A concession area for Saturday soccer Pickleball courts An indoor facility with courts and a Fieldhouse for basketball, volleyball, soccer, etc
More soccer fields
vERY PLEASED WITH THE JOB BEING DONE OVER THE YEADS
parking chaos
Lighting for the path at night.
Artificial turf! Even if itâ□□s one field. Small concession stand (the fundamentals to sell some items on busy days).
Outdoor pickleball courts.
Please always keep the trees.
more drinking fountains?
Parking lots at both HMS and WJHS need to be expanded. There used to be a frisbee golf course; why was that taken out, could it be brought back in? More benches or a gazebo like the one at Malincrodt .

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Perennials but less trees. Design should help the students for recess and PE classes along with park district use. Age appropriate playground(s)?
I think Lovelace Park in Evanston is a good model-it would be really cool to have a sledding hill here and maybe a pond but not sure if there is enough space for that.
Living on the park, I have mixed feelings about a path around the perimeter and the loss of privacy. I would not be completely opposed to it though, if it were there I would use it!
Better marked parking.
Please make as few improvements as possible. The space is best left as is. NO FITNESS PATH! However, I can see how many residents might appreciate washrooms. These should be simple, sustainable. They should be built to last so that they do not become eyesores in just a few years. E.g, materials that do not need to be painted, won't rust, etc.
Please preserve the beautiful large trees.
The Community Playfields are a great place for a pollinator garden or native plant garden.
Lights for a soccer field
My husband would like a frisbee golf course. Weâ□□d both like a bocce court, please! I know this is ridiculous, but now is the time to ask, what about a 9 hole mini golf course?
Less flooding
There are a number of places that could Easily accommodate a dog park There are so many dogs in the area that would accommodate this I hate the cottonwood trees I know they were slated for removal but people (not near the park) petitioned to keep them If known I would have attend meeting Hard to breathe!!!! Allergies and breath in!
Leave it alone. It's fine as it is. Stop looking for ways to spend our tax money. Lower taxes!!!
Better and larger playground Actual cross country route for schools
Separate biking and walking lanes
Item 7 continued, we often see dog owners letting their dogs drink from the water fountains. This is disgusting and totally unsanitary. Thanks.
Parking help when super busy on Saturday and sundays and also more benches for watching sports
Perhaps a gazebo would allow for periodic entertainment.
Add in smaller tree groves to provide more shade and if landscape then use native species that are cohesive with the environment
More soccer fields the east end of the fields is completely unused and could fit a nicely graded soccer field
more parking
More parking accessibility, especially on busy game days.
Bring back nature to the area, kidsâ□□ imaginations can flow so much just by being in nature. During these trying times the serenity of nature can bring peace to many, as well. Kids need Vitamin N (nature)
I think the list of improvements that are listed are great ideas. I would be willing to help fund the fitness path
Reduce flooding of the fields if not part of the current flood control project.
A running track.
Keep the park closed at night so people don't congregate when the park is suppose to be closed. Remove the garage and paving placed in the park. Keep open space rather than trying to pave over the park. Plant more trees. Add a dog park area. The most important idea is to catch up to other suburban areas by putting in a perimeter walking path.
drainage- our backyard frequently floods where it backs up to the park.
Complete separation of paths for bicycling and pedestrians. That is, no bicycles, skateboards, scooters, baby carriages, etc., allowed on paths for pedestrians so pedestrians won't be in danger of being run into by such wheeled vehicles. Fitness paths for pedestrians should have separate lanes for walkers and runners.

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Please consider installing cording off a small portion of the park for an off-leash dog park (or remove the ordinance requiring dogs to be on leashes). There are a lot of Wilmette families with dogs - especially now - but no dog park in central or west Wilmette. Thanks, Stan Diskin
Cameras installed for community safety
improvements in the baseball fields -- fencing to protect individuals at the foul lines, shaded dug-outs (like Glenview has at CPW), more benches
Appropriate equipment for WJHS students to use,.
Lights for tennis courts
Splash pad, bike station with air, basketball courts, with different size hoops, pickle ball
Native plants. Shaded areas with seating. plenty of space for full soccer games. open soccer nets. basketball hoops
I know you'll never reduce greenspace, but potentially more parking (e.g., near Highcrest where there's a lot of unused field space)
Better seating for spectators.
Playground
Improved parking access from the Highcrest side
Butterfly garden
Improved grass maintenance where the grass is shorter and more frequently cut. Add two artificial turf fields for soccer/other sports.
Some lighting so that fields may be used after dark, but only when games or practices are being held.
More trees
Lights for the baseball field
NO PLASTIC BARRIERS! ANYWHERE
Fenced area to be used as a dog park. Wilmette does not have a fenced dog park other than Gilson Beach. We don't always want the mess of a sandy beach. And the one on Lake Ave is not fenced...which is dangerous. So Wilmette desperately needs a non-sandy fenced dog park. Carving out space at Community Playfields would make sense.
Turf a couple fields for year round use
More benches scattered throughout the fields to sit and relax (much like the two benches in the NE quadrant of the field- near Birchwood Lane)
improved bleachers. Air pump located on path to blow up tires
Four square spots.
clear markers for the bikes on the path between schools. it seems to be also used to get from the west to down town.
I'd love to see at least one adult full-sized quality grass soccer field
More shade by the baseball fields for hot days. Cover over the baseball dugouts so the players can be in the shade. Pomona field is uneven.
Leave the playfield for the residents of Wilmette who are tax payers of Village. I do not want other people (mainly adults soccer players from Chicago and other areas come and use our playfield as they do on weekends and cause lots of unnecessary noise and traffic in our community).
Tents for shade?
A running track please!!
Dog park
Solution to flooding, maintain trees and shade
Bicycle path. Children's play equipment. Picnic Tables
specific fenced-in area for dogs. I do not like unleashed dogs and it would be nice for the dogs to have somewhere to run and play.
a dog park
I like the community fitness idea, but why there? It would be nice if you could put that Outdoor fitness equipment in the same space as an extensive playground-Like Vattman. why, As a parent of little kids it

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would be nice to do a workout on equipment while watching my kids play in the play in the playground- Currently impossible task In wilmette
Lighting that would allow the kids to play soccer in the evenings in the fall, when it gets dark very early (during practices)
Basketball courts
I would love for the soccer fields to be resurfaced and made even. Also, the grass can be pretty long by the weekend, which is not good for soccer. The largest soccer field seems small to me, too.
It would be nice to make it look more like a park
Updated playground equipment with more challenging stuff for older kids
scooter/skating/bike path
Disc golf around perimeter
Unable to select all improvement proposals as UNIMPORTANT and allocate #5 against each one! Your survey is rigged to prevent all these proposals being rejected!
A larger playground. A running track with a rubberized or crushed trail surface.
NONE of these "improvements" are needed but you require a ranking!!!?. Washrooms maybe, but where? Open in winter? Landscaping: how much, what cost, maintenance costs? Who goes on a fitness path at night where lighting is needed? Any lighting behind homes will spark an uproar. The Playfield borders many homes. PLEASE accept and respect that.
LIGHTs on the fields and more time for kids to play soccer on these fields
Lights for playing soccer after at sunset. Would allow for longer hours of use for the soccer fields. More bleachers and garbage cans would be nice, too.
Covered dugouts
Parking improvements
A turf soccer field if possible
It would be great if at least a couple areas used for soccer fields had better lighting. Itâs particularly an issue in the fall when it gets dark earlier in the evening.
picnic benches would be nice
More lighting at soccer field to allow players to play at night
A pond or a splash pad
Lights for evening activities
See above. Better grading and field configuration
Better field maintenance
I donât even think those improvements suggested are necessary.
Avoca should remain an area to play soccer
Enter water drainage
Even out the green space
The fields need lights
Track for running helpful for school usage as well as community
Night time lighting for soccer fields and also fields that don't flood
Lights for baseball and soccer fields would be a game changer and incredibly, incredibly useful and helpful.
Turf soccer field
Lighting for night use
Would love to have lights installed for night games & practices.
Lighted fields.
Field lighting
Lights so we can have night games for soccer and baseball.
Smoother playing surfaces & more bleachers
Lights for night soccer. And baseball games
Lights for evening games and play

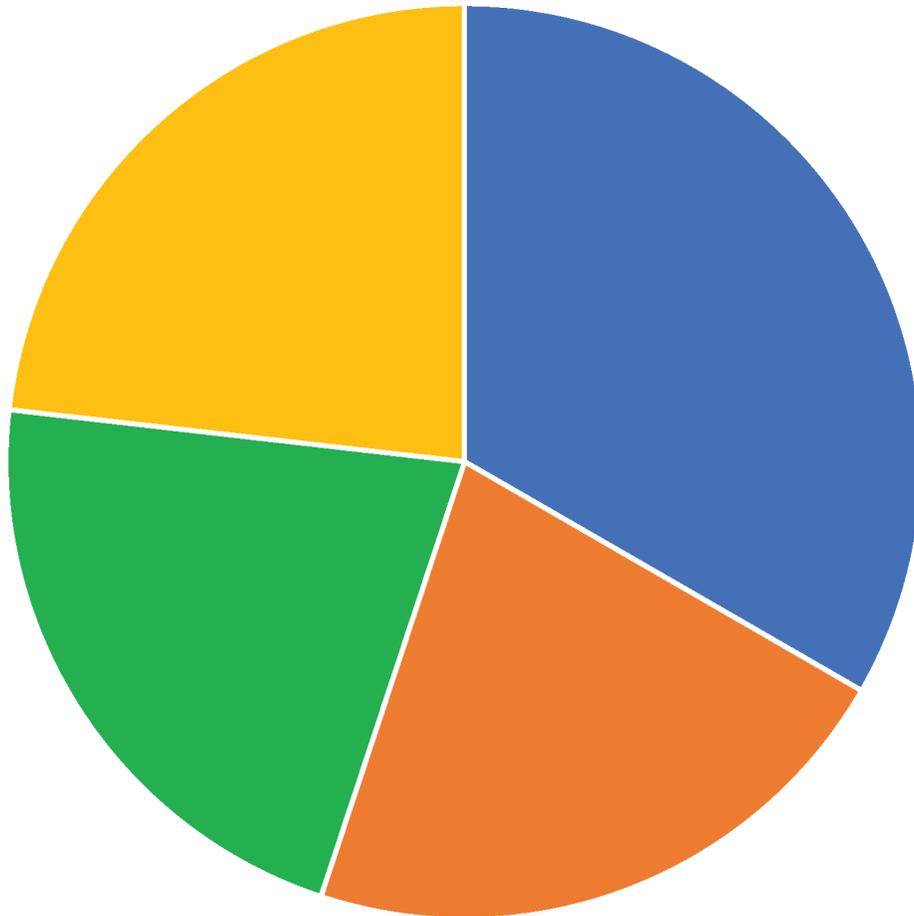
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Lighting to extend practice and game times for organized sports. Without lighting practice time is limited and at times unsafe.
consider shade options near path
Frisbee golf course
More lights for the fields so they can be used at night.
quarter mile track with multiple lanes
Seating by soccer fields and track/fitness path
Cut grass shorter for soccer
prominent signage about social distancing and wearing masks - people are not complying
Lights for soccer and baseball fields

Lights on soccer fields for extended play in evenings
We need lights to be able to use soccer fields or other activities later at night . They can be in an area that would not directly affect surrounding houses.
Two (2) turf soccer fields
Lights to accommodate evening practices and games
Perhaps a sledding hill in the north area of the playfields would be especially fun for kids and families, and also give the playfields purpose in the winter months.
There are so many facilities and places to run / bike; the playfields should be just that.
Lights for nighttime soccer practices and games
Improving the quality of the actual fields! Grading, seeding, improving drainage.
Lights so the fields can be used in the evenings. Fall soccer practice has to end by 5:45 due to the darkness.
LIGHTING FOR THE FIELDS AND TENNIS COURTS
Adding lights to enable at least one field to be used after dusk would be very useful. Fall practices and games, for example, are very difficult to schedule as it gets dark very early by the middle of the fall soccer seasons.
There is no need for landscaping. It would be a waste of money. Thank you for asking our opinion!
Improve baseball fields and dugouts
Field lighting to allow more hours of play
If room, maybe a water feature or fun games like shuffle board or bocce? Something unique!
better use of the space to maximize the use for sports
Better signage, especially for folks unfamiliar with the area it is such a huge space and if you park at the wrong end it don't know where you are going, it is a huge space to get lost in.
This is a terrible survey. We don't use Community Playfields and should not be forced to answer questions when we don't know anything about the subject and don't care.
Flood lights to enable additional late evening sports practices and games
Native plants and trees
Adding lights to the soccer fields- this would allow my son to practice soccer outdoors later into the fall, it's often a challenge to fit all Wings practices together before it gets dark in late fall, this would make it a much more use-able space much later into the fall/earlier in the spring.
Please consider installing turf fields



Q1: Years living in Wilmette



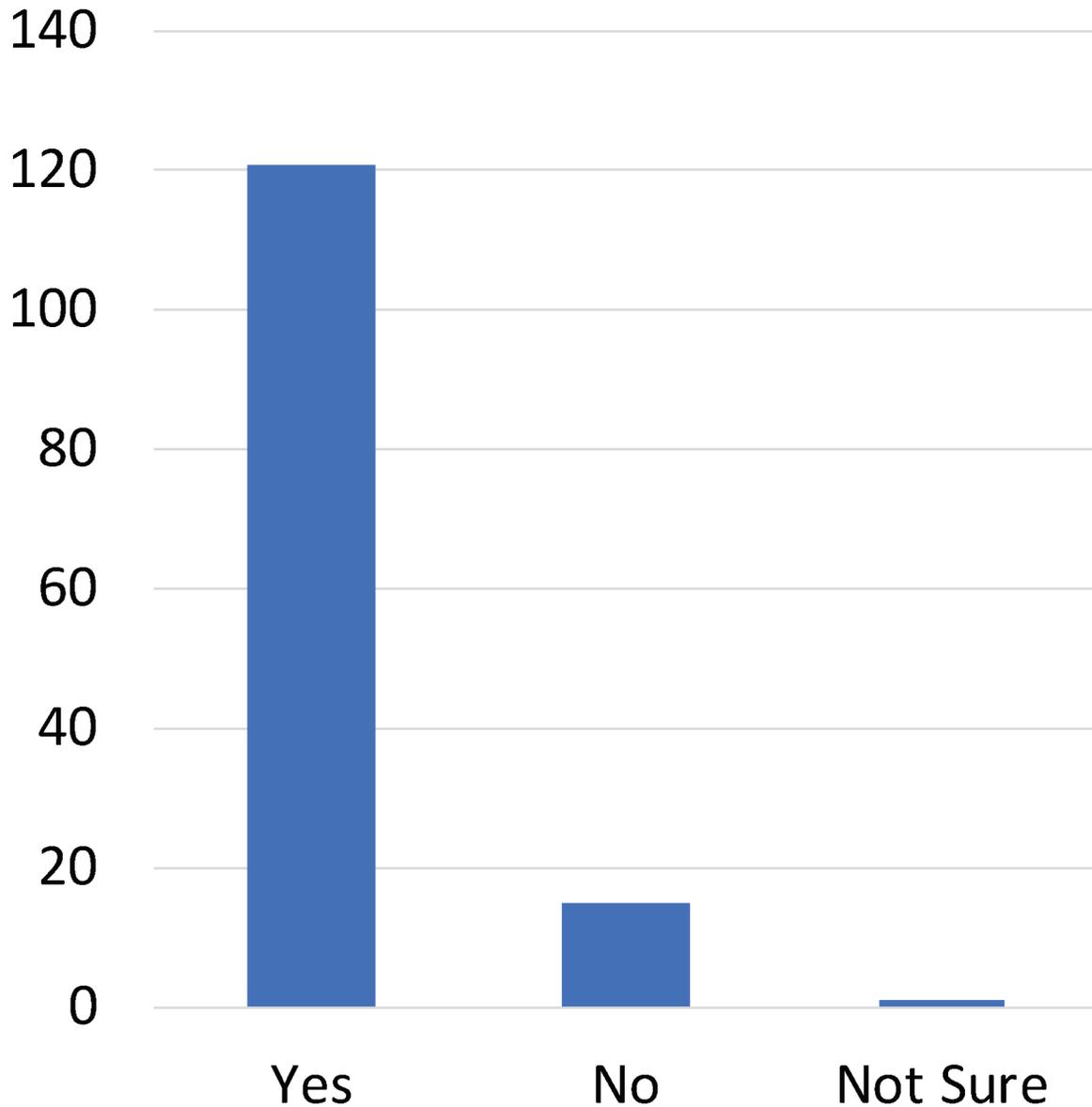
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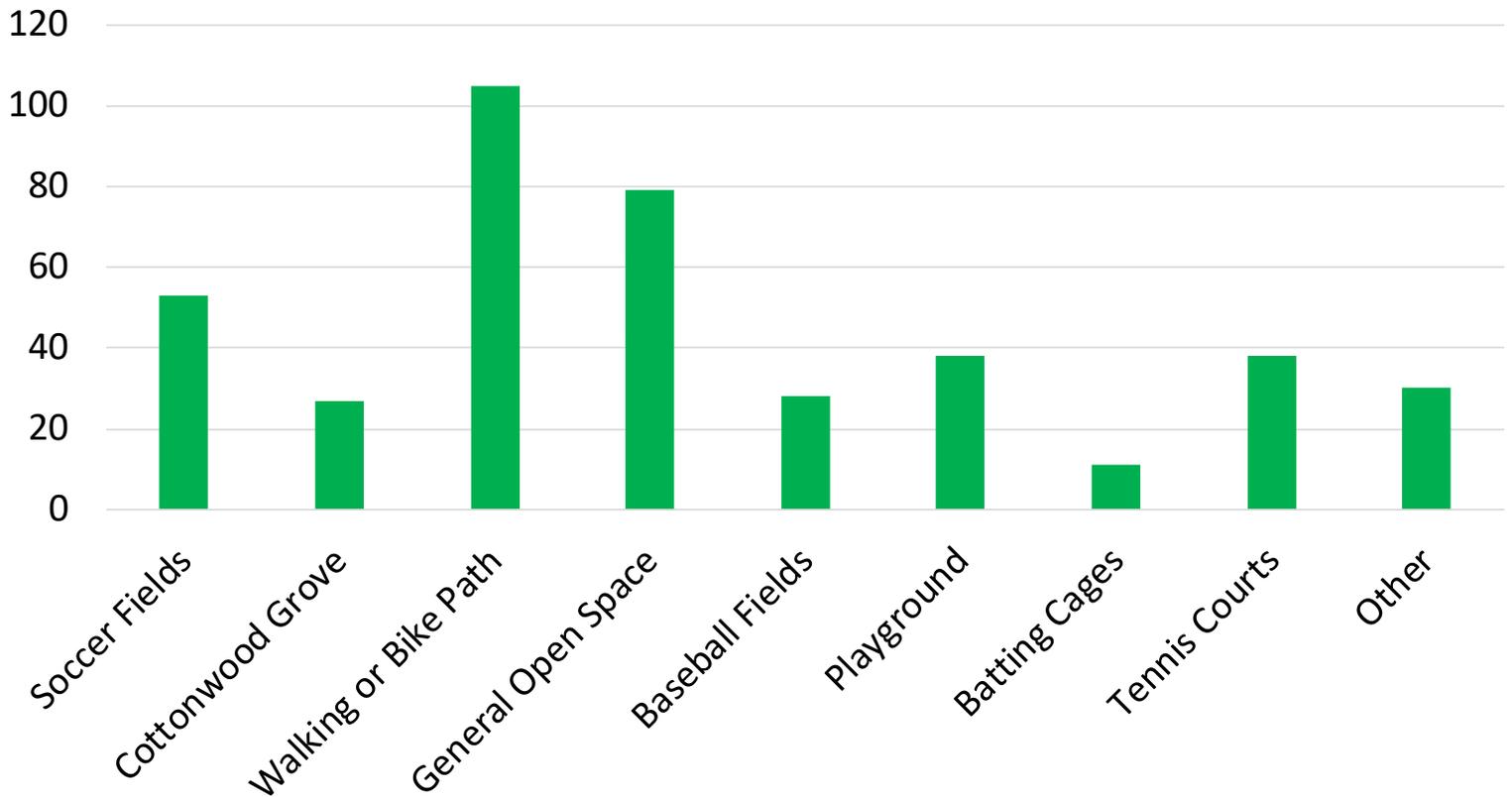
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COMMUNITY PLAYFIELDS **EDITED** SURVEY RESULT SUMMARY

AUGUST 14, 2020 - AUGUST 24, 2020



Q4: Amenities Used2





Q5: What activities do you do at CP?

112 Total Responses

- Walk/run
- Biking on path
- Dog walk
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Tennis
- Walk the dog

Q6: What do you LIKE about CP?

110 Total Responses

- **Open space**
- **Path**
- Beauty
- Location
- Variety of activities
- Cleanliness

Q7: What do you DISLIKE about CP?

108 Total Responses

- **Nothing**
- Flooding
- **No public restrooms**
- Not enough parking
- No lights

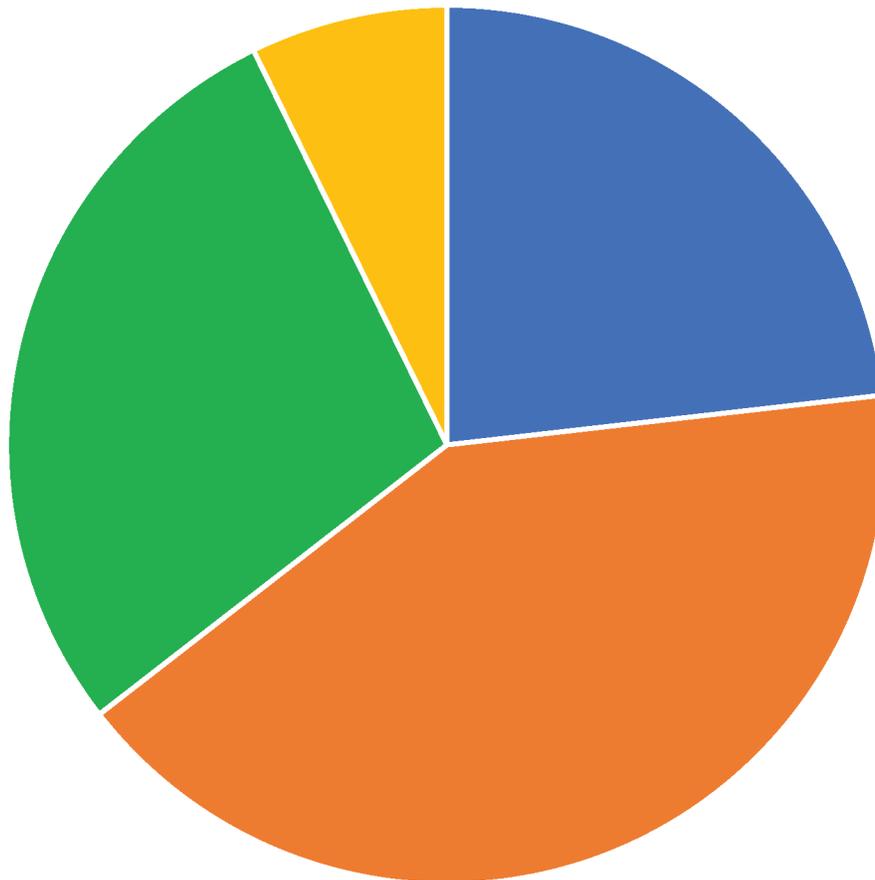
Q8: Why haven't you visited CP?

21 Total Responses

- **Proximity**
- **Children are older/not right demographic**
- Concern over COVID-19



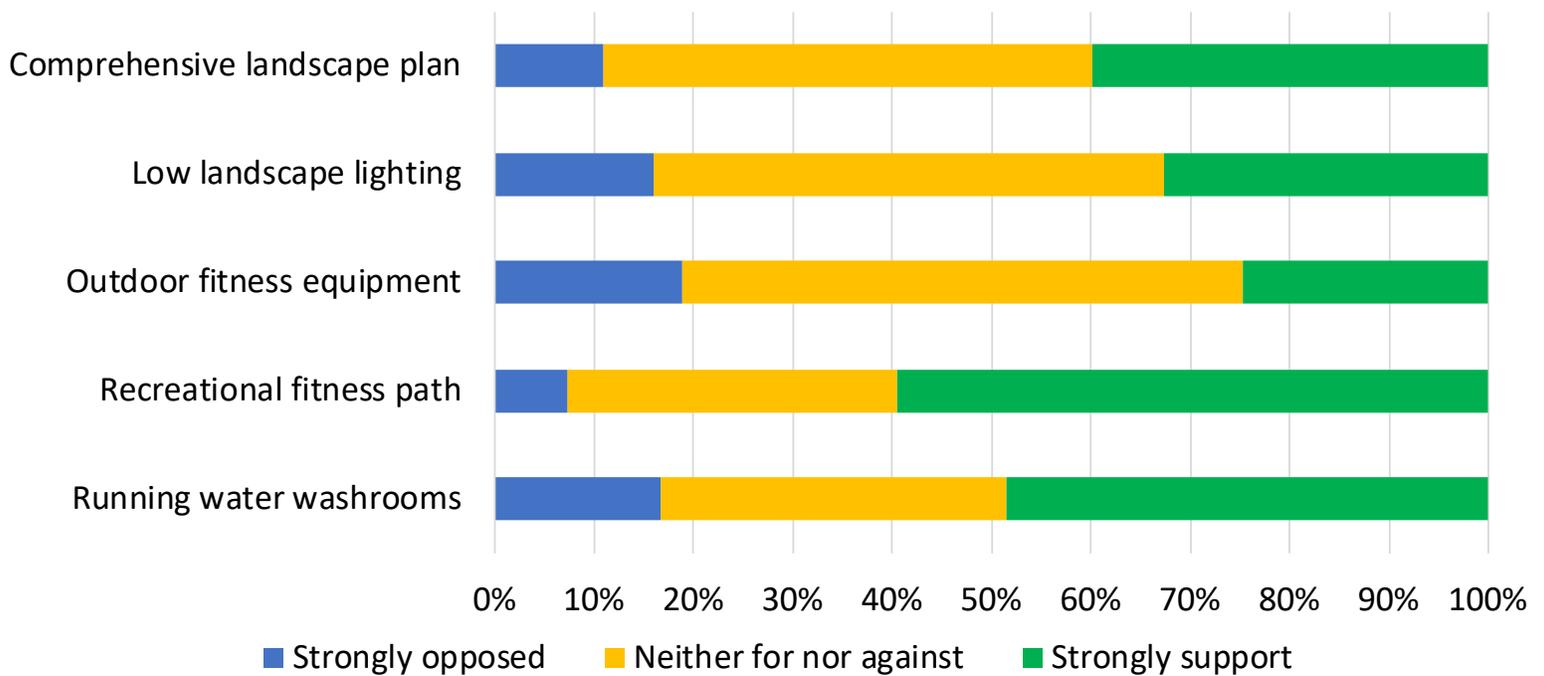
Q9: Stormwater Project Familiarity



- Very Familiar
- Somewhat Familiar
- Not Very Familiar
- Not At All Familiar



Q10: Opinion of Possible Improvements



Q12 Individual Answers: What other improvements would you like to see at Community Playfields?

- Lighting main walk/bike path. Students using this path early morning.
- Overhead lights so baseball and soccer games can be played at night.
- more garbage cans all year round in the park
- More path areas and lights for tennis
- dog friendly areas are needed, included areas which are fenced to allow dogs to safely run freely and dog friendly water fountain similar to the one at Village Hall. Plus policy to pull permit for organized sports when the area is filled with litter after an event.
- An artificial turf field to accommodate some sports and allows for some games during wet weather. And lights - I think what Evanston is doing at Crown is what we need to do too
- Lights for night soccer and baseball games
- Parking
- Lighting for the soccer fields and two artificial turf field. I think this is more important than a special interest project to build fitness equipment and a fitness path. We have beautiful sidewalks in the area for people to walk on and run. If you want to put money into the park, enhance the services we already have and make them better.
- Refill water stations
- Any way to get some drainage? It gets so muddy when it rains which dampens the joy of soccer.
- Splash pad for children
- a small vegetable garden for school children to cultivate.
- The park is large enough to support a large scale playground which would be a huge attraction for families with children. There is no reason why you couldn't sacrifice a soccer field or two in order to provide an amazing playground to the children of Wilmette. Think along the lines of Maggie Daley Park.
- lights for tennis courts and/or more tennis courts
- See noted at 10 above.
- Drainage for the north end of the park.
- More flowering shrubs, garden type space with benches would be nice, but I realize there are cost constraints. As a kid, I was involved in the sports camps and worked at the beach during high school and some of college. I have been fortunate to live here and attend our schools. We are very fortunate to live in a community like Wilmette. No complaints
- An indoor pool:)
- Dog park
- add pickle ball courts
- Lights on the playing fields.
- lighting for soccer to be played at night. Would also improve safety
- Water fountains !!
- Off leash dog park! Wilmette needs a dog run area in the center of the village!
- more parking
- More benches for relaxation.
- More benches to sit and observe others and life around me and reflection.
- Between the baseball diamond and the streets (Pomona, Birchwood, and Cardinal), there is huge open space that isn't used as much as the rest of the playfields. Perhaps set up benches/bleachers and add a soccer field or two. We have enough park district and travel teams to support more soccer fields. They're in short supply.
- more/updated playground equipment
- Statue of Mr Wilson
- Just don't clutter the place up. It's nice just being open. Thanks for asking!
- Lights for the tennis courts
- Bigger playground, bike park with obstacles, basketball field, soccer goal, splash pad/park, I like the idea wooden obstacles path/park works for kids and adults, picnic tables (not grills)
- Pickleball courts
- Playgrounds for older kids
- resurface tennis courts
- leave it alone. stop looking for ways to spend our tax money. cut taxes.
- An update to the play ground

- Leave our green space alone!
- Let a ~little Jonny use a portable toilet 2 times a year.
- Allow runners' knees to last longer using sod and existing places to run...
- Wilmette needs a fenced dog park area!!! Gilson beach is nice, but you often don't want to deal with the mess of sand and water. The community play fields are the perfect place to add a dog park area. It is unacceptable to pay the taxes we do in Wilmette, and not have a dog park.
- plant more trees have more benches, more lighting and drinking fountains along the bike path
- Emergency phone ??
- Lights along the path. Also, baggies for when walking the dog. Malinkrodt is a good blueprint but probably doesn't need quite as much landscaping.
- Ring back the frisbee golf course
- Dedicated dog park area, either here or designate the park next to Christen Animal Hospital as a dog park and install the appropriate card reader gate like they have at Glenview's dog park.
- Create shade over the baseball dugouts. I've seen other parks that have done it nicely with sails or temporary items and it would be nice for the players especially on hot sunny days.
- Add native plants and wildflowers to create habitat for birds and butterflies and bees.
- Please be FRUGAL with taxpayer dollars. We have the highest levels of unemployment in 2020 since the Great Depression. Please be aware that not everyone can afford tax increases. Conserve money
- Permanent Bathrooms
- Please save the trees!
- as mentioned above, improvements to the space that highcrest uses for recess is desperately needed. the kids are forced into a very small space and are not able to run around at recess. they should be able to do a running path, like a mileage club type activity and have more room for games like soccer, frisbee, tag, etc.
- Shaded areas for the dugouts, better/extended fencing to protect spectators at the foul ball line, better drainage for the baseball outfield
- replace the cottonwoods so that neighbors like me don't have more A/C repairs due to cottonwood clogs; this is a nuisance tree that does not belong in a residential area
- Sledding hill!
- Better signage
- More trees and landscaping
- Additional native species with a greater variety of grasses, flowering shrubs and trees in between and around the areas reserved for playing fields; more shade for observers of baseball and soccer.
- The addition of a small dog park would be great as a specific destination for dog owners.
- Address flooding of fields
- Improve drainage on the north side (see my comments in Question #7). You installed drain tile near Pomona that goes across the park, please do something similar in the north section! A lot of the field can be usable the entire year then! Otherwise that whole area is impassable from late winter to late spring and after 2" rainfall. Thank you!!!!
- cross country/track path
- Separate bike and walk lanes on bike path
- some extension to the current playground with one or two units for older kids would be very much welcomed
- Would love a designated dog park area fenced in. And an air pump on the bike path to blow up tires.
- Either make the adults play their loud soccer games out in the middle of the park or pull their permit. And enforce whichever option you choose. Also, there are many homeowners who border the park and have received no communication on what is being planned or considered. You need to send out a mailing and give them a chance to respond.