



Memorandum

Date: July 1, 2020

To: Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Mike Murdock, Chair
Cecilia Clarke, Member
Amy Wolfe, Member

From: Steve Wilson

Cc: Emily Guynn

Re: Community Playfield Amenities Public Input

At the request of the Committee, and as discussed at a prior Board of Park Commissioner's meeting, the staff has been requested to outline a recommended process for gathering public input regarding amenities at Community Playfields as negotiated with the Village of Wilmette as a part of the storm water reservoir project.

Attached you will find a rough draft of a survey that would be sent to the community to gather input. The basis for this survey is the survey the District commissioned with an outside consultant regarding the amenities in Gillson Park in 2016. The survey has been converted to be specific to Community Playfields and the items negotiated in the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Wilmette. At the meeting, the Committee can determine if it wishes to proceed with a survey in this format or in another manner.

In addition to the survey, staff is recommending two public input sessions be conducted in addition to encouraging public input at all future Parks and Recreation Committee and Board of Park Commissioner meetings until final decisions are made. Staff is recommending the two public input meetings be conducted outdoors to encourage as much participation as possible given the varied level of comfort by residents surrounding COVID-19. The meetings would take place in Community Playfields themselves and can be facilitated by staff, the Parks and Recreation Committee, or a Committee of the Whole.

Staff will be seeking board guidance on timing of the survey and public meetings during the discussion at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Wilmette Park District Community Survey Regarding Community Playfields: Questionnaire

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Introduction

The Wilmette Park District is conducting 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 includes questions about awareness, usage, and potential improvements to these properties, and this is your opportunity to share your opinions. Your answers will remain completely anonymous and will be grouped with all others who complete the survey.

We thank you for your participation and your feedback; your opinions are very important.

1. How many years have you lived in Wilmette? _____
(If less than one year, please enter "1".)
2. In the past twelve months, have you or have any other members of your household used or visited Community Playfields?
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 3 Not Sure (Community Playfields is located between Wilmette Junior High and Highcrest Middle School)
3. [IF YES TO Q2]: In the past twelve months, how often have you and other household members used or visited Community Playfields? Please provide your best estimate.
4. [IF YES TO Q2]: Below are some specific **areas and features/amenities** at Community Playfields. Please indicate all that you and other household members have used or visited in the past year. [VARY ORDER]
 - 1 Soccer Fields
 - 2 Walking or Bike Path

- 3 Baseball Fields
- 4 Cottonwood Grove
- 5 Playground
- 6 Tennis Courts
- 7 General Open Space
- 8 Other areas or park features: Please specify. _____

5. [IF YES TO Q2]: What do you and other household members typically do when you visit Community Playfields? Please list the types of **activities** and **things that you do** when visiting Community Playfields.

6. [IF YES TO Q2]: What do you like most about Community Playfields currently? Please be specific.

7. [IF YES TO Q2]: What do you dislike most about Community Playfields currently? Please be specific.

8. [IF NO TO Q2]: Why has your household not used or visited Community Playfields in the past year? Please be specific.

[ALL]:

9. Overall, how satisfied are you with Community Playfields currently using a zero through ten scale. Zero means you are completely dissatisfied with Community Playfields, ten means you are completely satisfied, and five is a neutral score.

10. In general, how much would you say Community Playfields contributes to the overall quality of life in Wilmette?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Somewhat

- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

11. How much would you say that Community Playfields contributes to the overall image of the community?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Somewhat
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

12. As you may know, the Wilmette Park District has considered concepts for improvements to Community Playfields as a part of the Village's Storm Water Reservoir project. Overall, how familiar are you with these improvement options?

- 1 Very familiar
- 2 Somewhat familiar
- 3 Not very familiar
- 4 Not at all familiar

Below is a list of possible improvements to Community Playfields. The improvements have been agreed to in concept via an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Wilmette. Please indicate how important or necessary you think each improvement is using a zero through ten scale. Zero means you think it is not at all important, ten means it is extremely important, and five means it is of average importance.

- a. Running water washrooms located in the park
- b. Recreational fitness path, including outdoor fitness equipment and low ground lighting, around the perimeter of the park
- d. A comprehensive landscape plan for the entire park

15. From that same list, please rank in order of importance the improvements you would like to see at Community Playfields.

Please place a "1" next to the most important improvement, a "2" next to the second most important improvement, and so on.

You may select any number of improvements that you feel are most important.

16. Aside from those listed in the previous questions, are there any other improvements you would like to see at Community Playfields?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

17. [IF YES TO Q16]: What other improvements would you like to see at Community Playfields? Please be specific.
