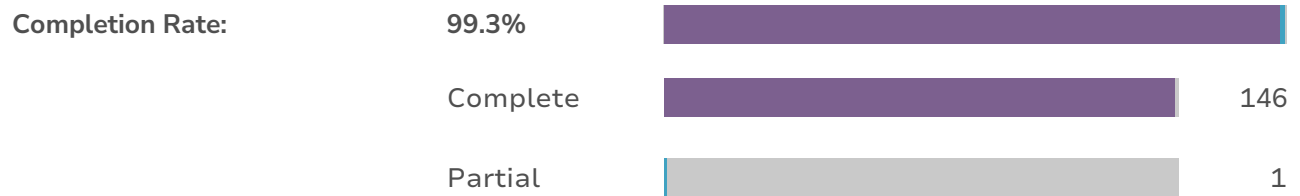


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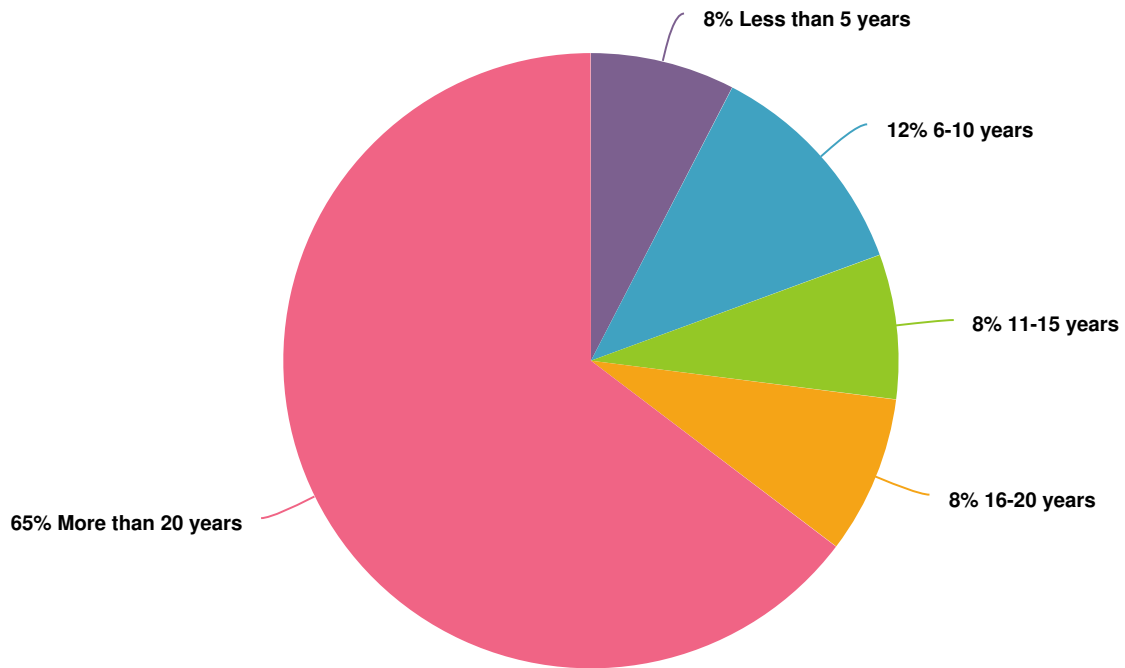
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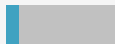





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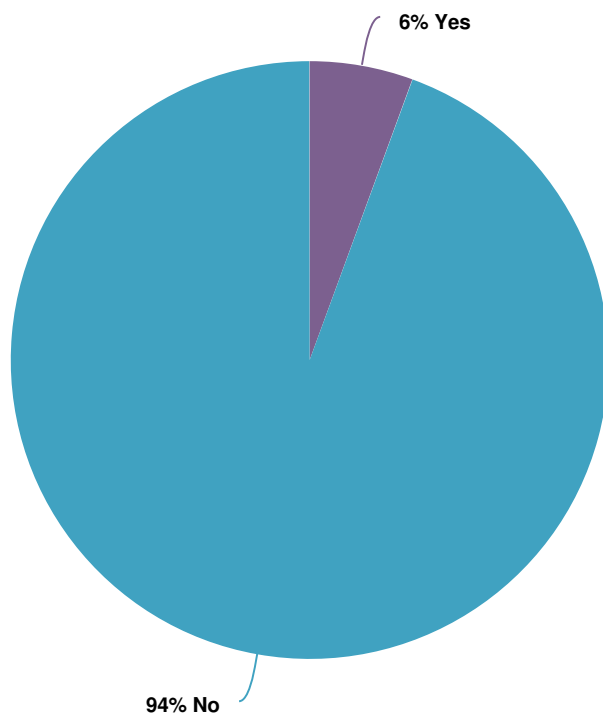
# 1. How long have you lived in the City of Iron River?



Value		Percent	Responses
Less than 5 years		7.6%	11
6-10 years		11.8%	17
11-15 years		7.6%	11
16-20 years		8.3%	12
More than 20 years		64.6%	93

Totals: 144

## 2. Are you a seasonal resident?



Value		Percent	Responses
Yes		5.6%	8
No		94.4%	136

Totals: 144

### 3. How many people, including you, by age, currently live in your household?

0-5 years

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ResponseID	Response
2	1
7	0
14	0
18	1
20	1
29	3
30	1
43	1
44	0
46	1
48	1
49	1

ResponselD	Response
51	2
55	0
65	1
71	1
72	1
73	1
81	1
83	1
85	1
89	2
94	1
96	1
97	0
98	1
99	0
100	1
101	1
111	1
117	1
122	1
134	1
135	1
138	1
141	2

ResponseID

Response

146

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147

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6-10 years

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ResponseID

Response

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18

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30

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44

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49

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53

2

ResponseID	Response
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71	1
72	2
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ResponseID

Response

146

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11-20 years

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ResponseID

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72	1
75	3
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82	2
86	19,19
87	2
90	1

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21-40 years

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37	1

ResponselD	Response
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147	2
148	31

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41-75 years



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ResponseID	Response
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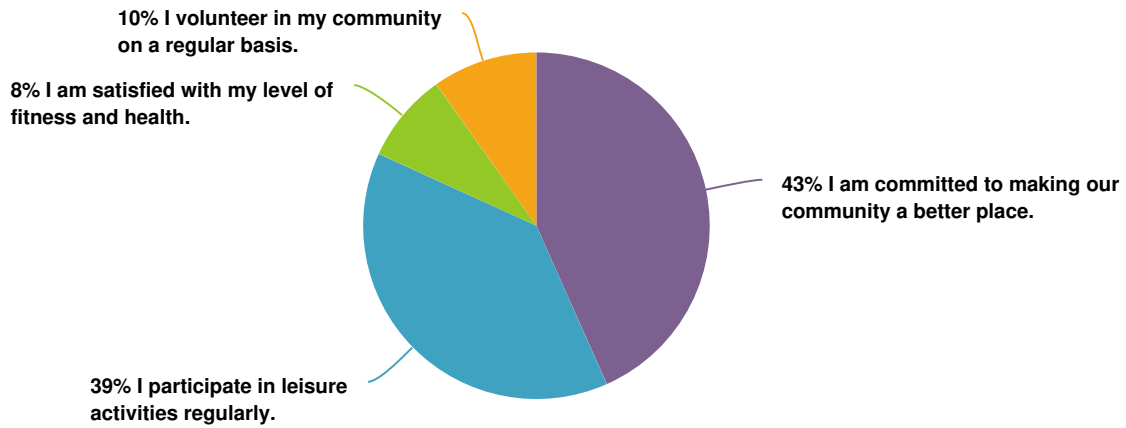
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75+ years

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55	0
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122	0
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143	2

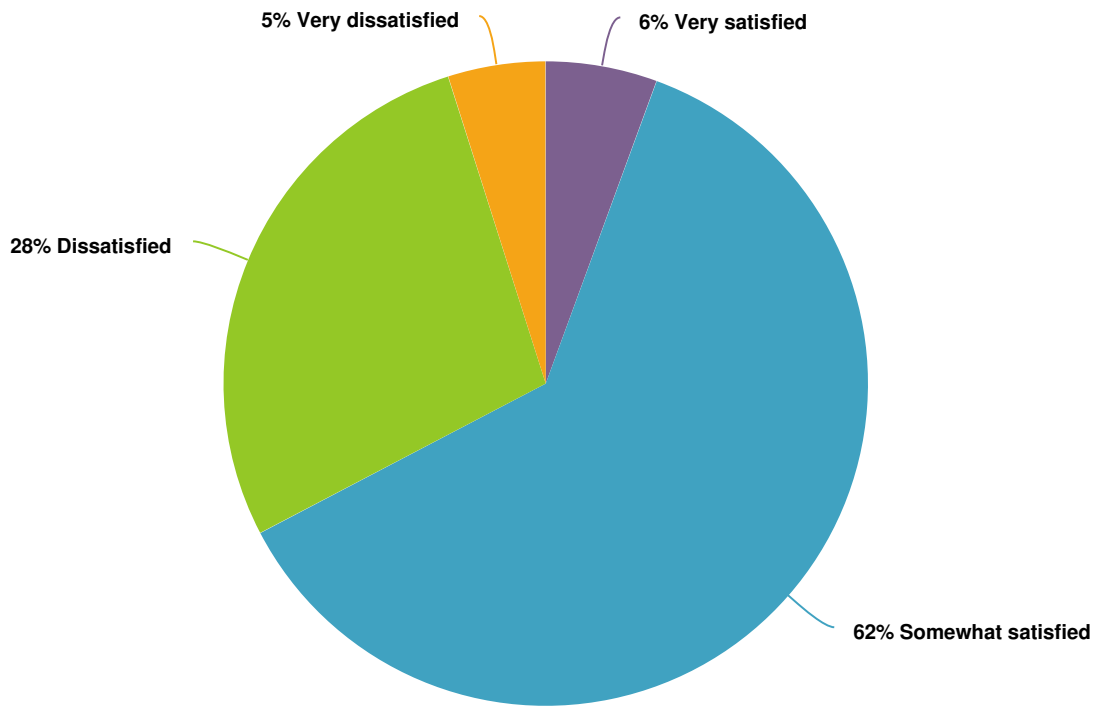
4. Please choose a statement that describes you or members of your household.



Value		Percent	Responses
I am committed to making our community a better place.		43.4%	62
I participate in leisure activities regularly.		38.5%	55
I am satisfied with my level of fitness and health.		8.4%	12
I volunteer in my community on a regular basis.		9.8%	14

Totals: 143

5. Overall, how satisfied are you with the City's recreational opportunities?



Value	Percent	Responses
Very satisfied	5.6%	8
Somewhat satisfied	61.8%	89
Dissatisfied	27.8%	40
Very dissatisfied	4.9%	7

Totals: 144

## 6. How often do you use the following City Parks?

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Not at all	Responses
Forbes Park Count Row %	8 5.7%	20 14.2%	29 20.6%	84 59.6%	141
Homer Location Park Count Row %	7 5.0%	12 8.5%	22 15.6%	100 70.9%	141
James Location Park Count Row %	6 4.3%	11 7.8%	23 16.3%	101 71.6%	141
Ice Lake Park Count Row %	11 7.6%	52 35.9%	39 26.9%	43 29.7%	145
Bachman Park Count Row %	58 40.0%	56 38.6%	14 9.7%	17 11.7%	145
Skate Park Count Row %	4 2.8%	15 10.5%	22 15.4%	102 71.3%	143
Mattioli Park Count Row %	1 0.7%	6 4.3%	27 19.1%	107 75.9%	141
Segundo Park Count Row %	1 0.7%	4 2.8%	22 15.6%	114 80.9%	141
Nanaimo Park Count Row %	11 7.9%	45 32.1%	31 22.1%	53 37.9%	140
Honor Roll Park Count Row %	2 1.4%	3 2.1%	21 14.9%	115 81.6%	141
Hoover Park Count Row %	2 1.4%	5 3.5%	21 14.9%	113 80.1%	141

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Not at all	Responses
Nelson Field					
Count	75	55	6	9	145
Row %	51.7%	37.9%	4.1%	6.2%	
Disc Golf Course					
Count	2	18	22	100	142
Row %	1.4%	12.7%	15.5%	70.4%	
Totals					
Total Responses					145

## 7. How would you prioritize improvements to the City's Existing Parks?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	N/A	Responses
Forbes Park Count Row %	6 4.3%	21 15.2%	48 34.8%	63 45.7%	138
Homer Location Park Count Row %	5 3.6%	19 13.8%	51 37.0%	63 45.7%	138
James Location Park Count Row %	5 3.6%	18 13.0%	55 39.9%	60 43.5%	138
Ice Lake Park Count Row %	57 40.7%	51 36.4%	13 9.3%	19 13.6%	140
Bachman Park Count Row %	103 73.0%	22 15.6%	7 5.0%	9 6.4%	141
Skate Park Count Row %	19 13.6%	29 20.7%	59 42.1%	33 23.6%	140
Mattioli Park Count Row %	5 3.6%	15 10.9%	62 45.3%	55 40.1%	137
Segundo Park Count Row %	3 2.2%	11 8.0%	57 41.3%	67 48.6%	138
Nanaimo Park Count Row %	25 18.1%	39 28.3%	38 27.5%	36 26.1%	138
Honor Roll Park Count Row %	4 2.9%	14 10.2%	58 42.3%	61 44.5%	137
Hoover Park Count Row %	4 2.9%	10 7.2%	58 42.0%	66 47.8%	138



	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	N/A	Responses
Nelson Field Count	95	31	8	7	141
Row %	67.4%	22.0%	5.7%	5.0%	
Disc Golf Course Count	21	35	43	41	140
Row %	15.0%	25.0%	30.7%	29.3%	
Totals Total Responses					141

8. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Bachman Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Tennis Courts</b>					
Count	61	51	23	8	143
Row %	42.7%	35.7%	16.1%	5.6%	
<b>Parking Lot</b>					
Count	53	53	24	11	141
Row %	37.6%	37.6%	17.0%	7.8%	
<b>Signage</b>					
Count	36	48	46	12	142
Row %	25.4%	33.8%	32.4%	8.5%	
<b>Pickleball Courts</b>					
Count	31	43	45	22	141
Row %	22.0%	30.5%	31.9%	15.6%	
<b>Dog Park</b>					
Count	35	31	23	54	143
Row %	24.5%	21.7%	16.1%	37.8%	
<b>Little League Portable Fence</b>					
Count	58	57	17	11	143
Row %	40.6%	39.9%	11.9%	7.7%	
<b>Dugouts</b>					
Count	64	58	15	6	143
Row %	44.8%	40.6%	10.5%	4.2%	
<b>Lighting</b>					
Count	83	48	10	2	143
Row %	58.0%	33.6%	7.0%	1.4%	
<b>Basketball Courts</b>					
Count	71	53	15	4	143
Row %	49.7%	37.1%	10.5%	2.8%	
<b>Playground</b>					
Count	84	46	11	3	144
Row %	58.3%	31.9%	7.6%	2.1%	
<b>Sidewalks</b>					
Count	59	53	24	6	142
Row %	41.5%	37.3%	16.9%	4.2%	

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Bleachers</b>					
Count	60	51	24	7	142
Row %	42.3%	35.9%	16.9%	4.9%	
<b>Fencing</b>					
Count	53	52	30	6	141
Row %	37.6%	36.9%	21.3%	4.3%	
<b>Softball/Baseball Field</b>					
Count	72	44	19	6	141
Row %	51.1%	31.2%	13.5%	4.3%	
<b>Restrooms</b>					
Count	92	39	10	0	141
Row %	65.2%	27.7%	7.1%	0.0%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					144

9. What other improvements would you like to see at Bachman Park?



ResponseID	Response
2	Dog park
3	I don't know
4	Soccer field
7	More items for older children to play on
9	Please find different location for dog park, such as Nanaimo Park.
12	concessions
13	How many individual benches are there?
16	Cameras are desperately needed. Kids destroy the tennis nets while parents watch. Adults climb the playground equipment and 300 pounders sit on the swings. DO NOT let them add a dog park in this location. That area is used by the rodeo and demo derby for staging and parking.
20	Na
21	Restore use as an ice rink
22	Ice rink in the winter months
24	Cleaning
25	Any and all!

## ResponseID Response

26	Mostly an improvement to the baseball field. It looks rundown and should have an update to be used very often in the summer months. Also tennis courts could use an update, they used to be used very often from what I've seen.
29	I don't think this is a good place for a dog park. I think the parking lot is utilized quite a bit so I wouldn't want to see less parking there. I also think in general the playground equipment should be updated. This is a very visible park for the kids in the neighborhood. It should be geared towards them and their activities and should look more appealing.
30	Better playground equipment. No rocks on the play ground.
31	Cleaner and nicer bathrooms, updated tennis courts
32	Have an outdoor skating rink like they did years ago.
35	More tennis courts
38	Na
39	I think that it needs to be more updated
41	Ice rink in the winter time with the building used as a warming area/ concession area
42	Better house keeping. Keep the amount of glass, trash, and cigarette butts under control.
43	Updated park equipment. On one side of the fence it can be easy for a kid to run onto the road if a parent or guardian is paying attention.
45	Cleaner
46	drinking fountain
49	Updated playground equipment, clean it up, fresh paint, better benches, better seating areas in general for families visiting the park, unlocked bathrooms, potential better option instead of rocks (have found broken glass buried in the rocks), welcoming aesthetic
50	mainly just tennis courts, basketball courts, pickle ball courts, and lights.
51	None
52	Overall improvement

## ResponseID Response

53	This field needs to be used for baseball. There is huge interest from our youth. We are already down the the Caspian baseball field, this places needs to be a priority.
54	Infield dirt fixed or little league baseball and men's softball league
56	Maybe an area to host youth football, concession stand, ice rink in winter.
57	N/A
58	No dog park. Updated benches on playground.
62	None
63	Cameras
64	Up to date items, better seating at playground, picnic table in or very near to playground
65	Everything should be improved. This is the center of the city. All sports should have space at this park. Add a soccer field if space permits.
66	Handicap accessibility
67	Better cleanup and monitoring of the litter and drug problem.
70	Volleyball courts
71	Splash pad
75	Na
76	More activities
77	camera for security
78	Take the gravel out in the play area, little kids have a hard time walking in it. It gets in the kids shoes, kids throw rocks at each other, the riding animals need attention too
80	Need newer playground equipment
82	security cameras
85	The park equipment is nice, but the park has had quite a bit of garbage and broken glass in the past when I've taken my child to play.

**ResponseID Response**

86	Anything to make it be used more. To get the community out and active.
87	Bleachers for spectators, updated tennis and basketball courts, a nice updated parking area
88	None I can think of
89	I would like to see new playground equipment added. There used to be horse swing things that shouldn't have been removed. Confessions or vending machines of some sort would be nice too.
90	Seating for adult visitors
91	Ice Rink
92	Clean, usable, unlocked restrooms; something other than pea gravel on the ground around playground equipment; NO dog park where kids play
94	Nothing but make sure it still functions for all of the events that are held there.
95	Ice rink in the winter like in the past
96	More playground equipment
97	Baseball field needs attention. The whole park needs improvement
101	Ice skating in the winter where the basketball quart is again like we did a long time agogo
102	A walking path improvement would be nice
105	Safety
108	N/A
111	None
112	Repair what is there now. Tennis, basketball, and baseball. All lifelong sports. The softball field needs lots of updates. Little league needs the field this summer.
113	more parking in outfield area, general upkeep of ball diamond
114	Infield of baseball field
117	Winter ice rink on the basketball court

**ResponseID Response**

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120 more outfield parking

121 More options for the 6-10 age range

122 Bleachers upkeep on grass, cleanliness bathrooms

126 Remove the grey dust from the ballfield!

127 more events

129 Garbage cans, lighting, cameras

137 Road into park paved

139 Ice rink

143 maintenance

146 We need to specialize each area we have. Bachman being prime for baseball/softball. Expand that opportunity



10. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Nelson Field?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Signage</b>					
Count	35	53	42	8	138
Row %	25.4%	38.4%	30.4%	5.8%	
<b>Pickleball Courts</b>					
Count	28	37	47	25	137
Row %	20.4%	27.0%	34.3%	18.2%	
<b>Lighting</b>					
Count	58	44	25	10	137
Row %	42.3%	32.1%	18.2%	7.3%	
<b>Basketball Courts</b>					
Count	44	62	20	10	136
Row %	32.4%	45.6%	14.7%	7.4%	
<b>Playground</b>					
Count	62	53	14	8	137
Row %	45.3%	38.7%	10.2%	5.8%	
<b>Sidewalks</b>					
Count	52	38	32	14	136
Row %	38.2%	27.9%	23.5%	10.3%	
<b>Fencing</b>					
Count	36	44	41	15	136
Row %	26.5%	32.4%	30.1%	11.0%	
<b>Restrooms</b>					
Count	86	34	12	4	136
Row %	63.2%	25.0%	8.8%	2.9%	
<b>Benches, Picnic Tables, Grills, etc.</b>					
Count	76	40	16	5	137
Row %	55.5%	29.2%	11.7%	3.6%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					138

11. What other improvements would you like to see at Nelson Field?



ResponseID	Response
2	Benches and parking Ada
3	Dog park area
4	Soccer fields
8	Ticket booth
9	Seating for tennis courts
11	None
14	Bathrooms need serious work
15	More tennis courts. Improve baseball field or junk it
16	Seasonal ice rink
20	Re-painting the basketball lines on the basketball court.
21	Ramp to top of grandstand with wheelchair accommodation at top of the grandstand
22	Rest room
24	Cleaning
25	Bathrooms

## ResponseID Response

29 Nelson is well taken care of and it shows. This is such an appealing park and being basic maintenance and upkeep I think it already looks pretty awesome. Adding more places to sit and eat and spend time with friends is an excellent idea.

31 updated/ nicer bathrooms

35 More activities

38 Na

40 Would love to have picnic tables there, as we often have picnics in the summer.

41 Got to get a sign for our hometown Olympian

42 Better house keeping

43 Updated playground equipment.

45 More garbage cans available, less littering

46 Baseball field

49 More things for kids to climb on

50 new bathrooms.

51 None

52 Bathroom and concession stands under grandstand

53 Cameras for bathroom vandals. Reach out to students at west iron to help fix..

56 Pool

57 N/a

61 Make baseball field usable again

63 Cameras

64 Fence between playground and track

65 Use the space to the far left to either IMPROVE the baseball diamond or put in a level soccer field. The space should not be wasted as it is right now.

**ResponseID Response**

66 Handicap accessibility

70 Parking

72 Sandbox so kids won't play in the track sandpit

75 Na

76 More usage! Such a beautiful place! Used to have concerts there.

77 Public to be able to utilize it for events.

78 Bathroom are a bit embarrassing when we have home games. I understand that people vandalize the bathrooms but there must be a way to help with that. There should be sidewalk/stairs with a railing from the school entrance for elderly people. Many elderly do not like going to the park because of the steep hill.

80 I can't think of anything at the moment

82 Parking!

85 Clean grounds and better sidewalks surrounding the area.

86 Items for smaller kids

90 Accessible playground

92 Clean, usable, unlocked restrooms

94 None

95 Park is great fencing could use an update

96 Na

97 None

106 Dog park

108 Na

112 Update the baseball field. Mainly bleachers and add dugouts.

113 rest rooms need to be renovated

115 Water feature, splash pad ect

**ResponseID    Response**

121            Seems fine

129            Terrible walking to tennis court 1 singles , back to doorway fence by benches for teams, dangerous and embarrassing compared to other schools. It gets slippery and hard to get by players sitting on the benches waiting to play. WE SHOULD DO BETTER SINCE THE COURTS HAVE BEEN REDONE. HIGHEST PRIORITY!!!!!!!

137            Road in paved, skate park added

139            None

143            maintenance

146            Developing the other end of Nelson field if possible. General areas of trees. Dog park, small disc golf area around the field, just enhance the area a little bit.

12. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Ice Lake Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Signage</b>					
Count	48	43	31	15	137
Row %	35.0%	31.4%	22.6%	10.9%	
<b>Parking Lot</b>					
Count	35	54	34	11	134
Row %	26.1%	40.3%	25.4%	8.2%	
<b>Bathhouse/Restrooms</b>					
Count	99	26	6	4	135
Row %	73.3%	19.3%	4.4%	3.0%	
<b>Playground</b>					
Count	78	44	6	6	134
Row %	58.2%	32.8%	4.5%	4.5%	
<b>Pavilion</b>					
Count	79	39	13	4	135
Row %	58.5%	28.9%	9.6%	3.0%	
<b>Pathways</b>					
Count	59	48	20	8	135
Row %	43.7%	35.6%	14.8%	5.9%	
<b>Benches, Picnic Tables, Grills, etc.</b>					
Count	77	45	11	3	136
Row %	56.6%	33.1%	8.1%	2.2%	
<b>Beach Area</b>					
Count	102	24	5	4	135
Row %	75.6%	17.8%	3.7%	3.0%	
<b>Swimming Dock</b>					
Count	86	29	14	5	134
Row %	64.2%	21.6%	10.4%	3.7%	
<b>Fishing Pier</b>					
Count	76	32	20	6	134
Row %	56.7%	23.9%	14.9%	4.5%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					137

13. What other improvements would you like to see at Ice Lake Park?



ResponseID	Response
2	This park needs a complete make over
3	I don't know
4	None
13	The geese have taken over which will cause duck itch if not addressed. Goose droppings everywhere. In the 70's and 80's this park was a gem with sands for sunbathing and a lifeguard on duty. Is ice lake a no motor lake? Jet skis are so noisy. Was shocked to see a big bass boat and motor within swimming area. If allowed I apologize for saying but if not, signage necessary.
16	More advertising. Many new residents didn't know it's there.
18	It's not really a park it needs more then just swings
20	Na
21	Handicap accessibility
24	Cleaning and restoration
29	Ice Lake is our swimming spot of choice when we don't want to drive all the way to Bewabic or Pentoga. It is so convenient to have in town. However the beach is non existant and the playground is a million years old. Also having pathways to the beach would be great as there have been lots of rolled ankles trying to come down that hill.

## ResponseID Response

32 I would like to see the beach cleaned up and the changing house improved. Ice lake used to be packed when I was young and was a beautiful place to spend the day. Now there are so many weeds and so much goose poop it can't be enjoyed. Also no sandy Beach area left.

34 Nice beach area that is kept up ...more options for kids .

38 Na

39 better play ground and much better bathrooms and the changing room

41 Grass cut n sand brought in for beach

42 Better house keeping

43 Everything needs to be updated!

44 Signage directing to the park

46 More playground equipment, beach needs cleaned

49 Regular bird feces clean up, Aesthetic appeal

50 none

51 Na

52 Overall updates

53 I would love a dog swimming access spot.

57 Get rid of geese on beach

63 Cameras

64 Clean it up, last Tito was there the beach was so dirty and disgusting.

66 Handicap accessibility

70 Handicap path

71 Better beach

75 Na

76 Great place for city residents to picnic and swim.



ResponseID	Response
77	total make over
78	Changing houses, bathroom life guard
80	I can't think of anything
82	improved accessibility
85	Clean area with maintained grounds. Small amount of play equipment and a clean swim area.
86	Clean it up and make it easier to get in and more to it.
89	We need sand and play equipment by the beach. It would be nice to have things in the water too, like Chicagoan had a water slide and logs.
90	Accessible playground equipment
92	Clean, usable, unlocked restrooms; some way to regularly clean up after the geese
95	Paved pathways to the lake and changing rooms
96	More of a sandy area
108	Na
112	Dog swim area
113	everything
117	More Sand on the beach
122	Cleanliness bathrooms better beach area playground
129	Cameras to watch who does all the damages to our parks
135	Steps going down to the beach would be nice
137	Goose management, there's poop all over the beach
139	None
143	General clean up ASAP

14. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at the Skate Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Parking Lot</b>					
Count	11	28	46	46	131
Row %	8.4%	21.4%	35.1%	35.1%	
<b>Lighting</b>					
Count	30	31	32	38	131
Row %	22.9%	23.7%	24.4%	29.0%	
<b>Aesthetic Appearance</b>					
Count	32	30	35	34	131
Row %	24.4%	22.9%	26.7%	26.0%	
<b>Signage</b>					
Count	19	32	43	36	130
Row %	14.6%	24.6%	33.1%	27.7%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					131

15. What other improvements would you like to see at Skate Park?



ResponseID	Response
3	I don't know
4	None
16	Get rid of it. It is never used. Kids tried to snowboard there and got hurt.
20	None
22	I drive by very often and notice it being used very little
24	Cleaning
29	My boys love the skate park. Keeping it shining is a high priority for my family.
38	Na
40	I often clean up broken glass while I'm there, but I'm not sure if that can be avoided
41	Nothing
42	Ramp and railing maintenance, more space/expansion, bike area, better surveillance to help prevent vandalism.
49	Benches and tables around the perimeter of fence
50	none

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51 Wash and surface smoothing when needed

53 Nothing. Bummed we raised money for it to just sit there empty. I feel a bike pump track will be the same.

70 It's rarely used

72 Take down some of the fence to open up the space and benches and flowers

75 Na

76 General upkeep and city patrol!

77 not used often enough

78 I rarely see kids there! It's ugly and is not needed

80 I can't think of anything

85 N/A

90 New equipment

92 I am not sure of the skate parks needs.

95 None

96 Na

102 I'd like to see it expanded and more kid friendly

108 Na

112 Nothing, it is a waste. I never see children using it.

113 tear it down just a liability

133 Benches

137 Jumps maintained, painted and added

139 None

142 some lights

143 to maintain

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Lighting would be beneficial to expand the use time and eliminate after hours mischief. A much bigger project would be to put a roof of some kind. Think large metal truss to give a place in inclement weather.

16. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Forbes Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Playground</b>					
Count	18	28	32	39	117
Row %	15.4%	23.9%	27.4%	33.3%	
<b>Benches, Picnic Tables, Grills, etc.</b>					
Count	21	31	29	36	117
Row %	17.9%	26.5%	24.8%	30.8%	
<b>Baseball Field</b>					
Count	23	29	30	34	116
Row %	19.8%	25.0%	25.9%	29.3%	
<b>Signage</b>					
Count	14	27	43	33	117
Row %	12.0%	23.1%	36.8%	28.2%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					117

17. What other improvements would you like to see at Forbes Park?



ResponseID	Response
3	I don't know
4	None
16	Don't know anything about Forbes Park. Ask the people who live there.
20	Na
22	Not needed
24	Cleaning
29	Honestly I'm not even sure where Forbes Park is. Having these parks able to be found on Google maps would be super helpful because I don't always remember names of the parks or know they are in our town.
38	Na
42	N/A
50	none
51	None
70	Rarely used
75	Na

**ResponseID    Response**

76            General upkeep!

78            It is not used often enough. The baseball field is rarely used

80            I can't think of anything

85            N/A

89            I don't know where this is

92            ?

96            Na

102           I don't even know where it is

108           Na

113           playground equipment needed to meet osha standards

117           A better playground

129           All parks need to be more inviting , cleaner so people want to be there.

139           None

143           eliminate dog park

146           We need to eliminate these auxiliary parks that get little to no use.



18. In general, how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Homer Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Playground</b>					
Count	21	23	34	36	114
Row %	18.4%	20.2%	29.8%	31.6%	
<b>Basketball Court</b>					
Count	18	24	35	35	112
Row %	16.1%	21.4%	31.3%	31.3%	
<b>Benches, Picnic Tables, Grills, etc.</b>					
Count	19	27	36	31	113
Row %	16.8%	23.9%	31.9%	27.4%	
<b>Signage</b>					
Count	11	24	44	34	113
Row %	9.7%	21.2%	38.9%	30.1%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					114

19. What other improvements would you like to see at Homer Park?



ResponseID	Response
3	I don't know
4	None
14	We have residents that will pour slab for bball court in field
16	Don't know anything about Homer Park. Ask the people who live there.
20	Na
24	Cleaning
29	Again, not found on Google maps.
38	Na
42	Nobody uses the park.
50	none
51	None
70	?
75	Na
76	General appearance
78	Needs to go
80	I can't think of anything
85	N/A
92	?
96	Na
102	Don't know where this is either
108	Na
139	None
143	neighborhood park?
146	We need to eliminate these auxiliary parks that get little to no use.



20. In general, , how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at James Location Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
<b>Playground</b>					
Count	20	24	32	35	111
Row %	18.0%	21.6%	28.8%	31.5%	
<b>Benches, Picnic Tables, Grills, etc.</b>					
Count	20	25	35	30	110
Row %	18.2%	22.7%	31.8%	27.3%	
<b>Totals</b>					
Total Responses					111

21. What other improvements would you like to see at James Location Park?

A word cloud of suggestions for improvements at James Location Park. The words are arranged in a roughly circular shape. The most prominent word is 'na' in a large, dark blue font. Other words include 'park', 'eliminate', 'auxiliary', 'clue', 'add parks', 'accessibility', 'fencing', 'general', 'google', 'hills', 'handicap', 'maps', 'cleaning', 'bathrooms', 'upkeep', 'residents', and 'mineral'. The words are in various colors including orange, green, purple, red, and blue.

combination park eliminate  
auxiliary clue add parks  
accessibility fencing  
hills na general  
handicap google  
maps cleaning bathrooms  
upkeep residents mineral

ResponseID	Response
3	I don't know
4	None
16	N/A ask the residents there
20	Na
24	Cleaning
29	Please add to Google maps
38	Na
42	N/A
50	none
51	None
66	Fencing, bathrooms, handicap accessibility
70	Not used enough
75	Na
76	General upkeep
78	Needs to go
80	I can't think of anything
85	N/A
92	?
96	Na
102	Again, no clue where this is
108	Na
139	None
143	combination park for Mineral Hills
146	We need to eliminate these auxiliary parks that get little to no use.





22. In general, , how would you prioritize the need for each of the following improvements at Nanaimo Park?

	High	Medium	Low	Not needed	Responses
Screening of Wellhouse					
Count	35	30	31	24	120
Row %	29.2%	25.0%	25.8%	20.0%	
Signage					
Count	24	43	34	21	122
Row %	19.7%	35.2%	27.9%	17.2%	
Volleyball Court					
Count	36	40	27	18	121
Row %	29.8%	33.1%	22.3%	14.9%	
Totals					
Total Responses					122

23. What other improvements would you like to see at Nanaimo Park?



ResponseID	Response
3	I don't know
4	None
9	Place dog park at this location. Plenty of room, easy access, parking off street is available, not as busy as Bachman. Restrooms and pavilion could be updated
17	A volleyball court would be AWESOME! My friends and I would use it a ton.
20	Na
21	Restrooms and lighting
24	Cleaning
29	Please add to Google maps
32	This might be a great place for a dog park! There is a large open field and the river if they want to swim.
38	Na
42	N/A
44	More playground
46	Water/splash pad

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50 more picnic tables

51 None

56 Baseball field, football field

66 I was not aware there was a volleyball court there, that is nice.

70 The general appearance is sad

75 Na

76 Encourage usage

77 nothing to close to Bachman park

80 Improve the bathrooms

85 Possible dog park area

89 More playground equipment. It is very small

92 Clean, usable, unlocked restrooms; the grass cut more often; tables cleaned of bird waste occasionally

96 Na

101 Maybe a small dog park

102 Still no clue where it is

108 Na

139 None

143 expansion, remove water

146 If by screen you mean block the wellhouse. Why not paint it, turn it into art instead.

24. List any other improvements or activities not previously mentioned you would like to see in the City relating to outdoor recreation.



ResponseID	Response
2	Utv atv parking and signage open river for rec tent camping on river street
3	Mini golf, go carts, bumper boats, more things for teens to do would be wonderful. A dog park or two also.
4	Build some soccer fields
7	Community garden spot would be nice like crystal falls has.
13	I would personally like to see a safe place for little ones to learn how to ride their bicycles.
15	Mountain bike trails. Please plow Apple Blossom Trail year round. Maintain disk golf course.
16	Bachmann Park has dated and worn-out playground equipment. Brighten it up and improve it. Bring back the ice rink at Bachmann. No one obeys the "no dogs" sign. No one will obey any dog park rules. Keep the proposed dog park away from all neighborhoods. Make them put it in a remote location, preferably by the shelter. Better yet, block it completely and use our tax money for children, not animals.
17	Volleyball Court would be great to see! Signage allows increases visual appeal Lighting is a huge one. Growing up I lived next to Bachman but couldn't stay past dark because the lighting was so poor. Would increase usage - lighting added around volleyball / basketball courts would be ideal

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19	Better walking and biking paths. Repair of the Apple Blossom trail
22	Ice rinks in the winter months our indoor rink is nice but open skat is very limited and it would be nice to have an outdoor rink that could be use anytime.
24	Increase in publicity so the parks are used as most are quite hidden and out of the way
26	Lake Ottawa needs complete reformation of beach area, park, and camp grounds. This has gone completely down hill. Ottawa used to be such a beautiful place to camp, swim, fish, and boat - now it sort of looks like nothing to do there. I would greatly like to see this go back up. Also to redo a park and baseball field there too. To please make this a high priority! Not many ice places for us to go anymore in Iron River area at all, this saddens me completely.
29	More sand volleyball court options, newer /safer equipment for kids and better bathrooms are my highest wishlists for all parks. And having all of them listed on Google maps.
30	Water activities for kids.
31	better walk way on apple blossom
32	A splash pad would be cool for little kids.
38	Benches and picnic tables at Hoover Park Tree trimming at Hoover Park. Dead bushes and overgrown trees
41	The use of the attic for teenagers would be great
42	ORV/ATV park so kids have a place to go ride without trespassing or destroying public property.
43	We visit and play at Bachman park almost every nice day in the summer. We would love to see an update on the park equipment. We appreciate everything the committee does!
45	The Apple blossom trail by the camping park down town really needs some attention.
49	More signage for the Apple Blossom Trail, signs for disc golf course, water bottle filling station at Bachman park and Nelson Field
50	Pentoga Park.

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51 Big wheel tricycle track, will bring families to town. I grew up with one in Okemos, mi was a big hit for reunions graduations and everyday after school meet ups etc. Very family friendly.

53 Please don't take away our baseball fields. I am helping the Iron County little league board with signups and there is huge interest. We have 2 teams for sure from Iron River. We are already short Sabol field in Caspian. This affects our youth ages 4-16!!!! CF has 3 fields now at Runkle and Alpha just opened theirs again. CF actually has a high school team too! Dog park is a nice thing, but not in Bachman park. That is the 2nd most used park in Iron River. When we get games going, we will need that outfield parking.

54 Softball tournament

56 Summer pool, Batting cages

61 There is a push to get Little League back in our community and donors to help with that, so if we could get at least 1 if not 2 functional fields that were up to Little League specifications for our youth that would be amazing. I know it was mentioned but just want to emphasize that.

64 Outside of buildings finished of and painted or a mural. Playground in Strawberry Hill area. Picnic area downtown. Outdoor music events

65 It would be nice to have a level, even, smooth surface for kids to Rollerblade.

66 An ATV and off-road dirt bike park. Florence County Wisconsin has a nice one.

70 Improved walking paths, apple blossom trail is nice but honestly some areas are sketchy and the path is very uneven. A covered pavilion area with lighting and restrooms would be great. Like Sunset Lake Park

71 Indoor playground for the winter months Splash pad

74 An outdoor ice rink!!

75 Na

77 River frontage cleared to be utilize by residents and visitors. Downtown area to install fishing pier for elderly and children.

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78	The city doesn't need any more parks. The ones we have are not utilized enough. A dog park is not needed in our area! We have tons of trails, other parks, & woods to roam. Perhaps the chamber of commerce should do a map of dog friendly areas for people to use, instead of a designated park....and post it online. Who will pick up the dog poop and maintain it? The city crew has enough grass to cut and maintain in the summer, why add on to more to the list.
80	The Apple Blossom Walking Trail needs to have the wooden boards replaced in the beginning of the trail, by the RV park, and also replace boards that need it. Also need to check the graffiti that is along the walking trail. It's a wonderful walking trail.
82	Creating spaces does not equate to use. Focus on programs to get the community involved. Create programs for organized league or drop-in play (like basketball & softball) for kids & adults.
83	Fix the Apple blossom trail!
85	Swim area for dogs/pets, overall cleaner grounds & bathrooms at the parks.
86	Dog park
88	More things for kids to do around here
89	A splash pad would be amazing in the summer. An outdoor ice rink.
90	Splash pad at ice lake, Bachman, or Nelson field
92	Clean, usable restrooms are of high importance to me, and to many others. All of the parks I use have extremely dirty, unstocked restrooms, which are often locked.
95	Outdoor ice in the winter, better baseball options! Bachman needs many updates but it is a great place to play ball
96	Na
101	Anything that gives the kids something to do, lots to do outdoors during the summer but maybe something indoors during the winter? Somwthing like the community center that was in Caspian
102	I really enjoy the Harvest fest. I would love to see more community gathering activities in our beautiful little town.
103	Keeping the walking trail safe. Adding lights to the trail, fixing the walkways, keeping it plowed in the winter months

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106 Basketball court added at Nelson Field. Pickelballers have taken over

108 Na

111 No dog park near kids playgrounds or fairgrounds.

112 Sounds like lots of parks with nothing there. At least 4 of these I have no idea where they are. I'm sure all need updates of some sort but hard to make suggestions not knowing details.

114 blacktop of Apple Blossom trail in town

119 Soccer field

121 The boardwalk by thr campground I used to use pretty often. I miss having safe access to it. Apple blossom trail is a nice experience

127 improve snowmobile trail maintenance

129 Every park /parking lots have been just let go downhill. Over grown foliage, garbage very uninviting for first impressions visitors.

130 The elevated walkway alongside the campground should have been removed long ago. Should be priority ONE.

135 A safe place to take kids and dogs swimming at the same spot would be amazing.

139 None

143 maintain and improve 4 parks eliminate 5 parks add to 1 park - park for dogs

146 I'm general I feel the parks and rec dept needs to specialize these parks and focus on a specific opportunity in each. We don't need three basketball courts, and three ball fields. Etc, And as far as the playground equipment. To the city's own admittance as soon as we buy a "code acceptable" playground, they've changed the rules and now it's not compliant. Leave well enough alone. Could we maybe look into painting or sprucing up what we have?

147 Playground for smaller children. Preschool age.



25. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our community park and recreation needs?



ResponseID	Response
4	You aren't catering to what the majority of youth want to play, soccer
9	City is doing a great job with recreational opportunities. I often walk the Apple Blossom trail and come across people from out of town who appreciate the trail.
15	Upgrade Ice Lake Park. So much potential there. Pour money into Nelson Field as it us gem of City park system.
16	Take a look at Conover's winter firefighter fundraiser. That would be easy to duplicate. \$5 sleigh rides, sandwiches, outdoor winter games,...
19	A map of where some of these parks are located. Never heard the names of a lot of them
21	Tennis court restoration at Bachman Park
24	They all need to be cleaned and bathrooms need to be open for people to have more desire to use them
26	Lake Ottawa needs a complete upgrade of what it used to be!
29	I've heard a lot of talk about a dog park. I think it would be great to turn one of these ones that people don't even recognize or know they exist into a dog park.
31	no

ResponseID	Response
38	No
41	Fix orv trails
42	Fix the apple blossom trail, at least make the boardwalk usable.
43	All small improvements make a big difference!!
46	I do not think a dog park is needed. A splash pad for the kids would be great
49	Wheel chair accessible playground equipment
50	no
51	Basketball courts should all have chain nets if you can. Remove for winter to make last decades if possible.
53	Please consider evening meeting so others can share their input/talents.
54	Different location for the dog park rather than Bachmann Park
56	We need to get summer youth sports back in this town!
61	Some sort of security cameras to catch vandalism
74	Please build an outdoor ice rink
75	Na
77	Add rustic camping along the river at Nanamio Park.
78	Bachman and Nelson are the top 2 parks that get the most use. I think it would be a good idea to focus on these two. Many people from out of town visit them and we want to make a good example to visitors. I hear from many that iron river is runned down and sad looking. Once these 2 are attended to, then expand into the others.
79	Would like to see a splash pad for the kids at one of our parks.
80	We need to be able to walk inside during the winter months and have the Windsor Center. The only problem is the limited area in the building to walk. I wish we had another building to walk inside during the winter months.
81	Play areas more friendly for toddlers/infants
82	We pay taxes for the entire year. Make parks & recreation available year-round. Plow sidewalks & parking areas.

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85                      Possibly get a volunteer committee to help with beautifying the parks and assist with cleaning the parks once per month etc to help with the overall maintenance needs of each of these areas. My child and I use the various parks regularly, and I pick up trash at each place while he plays to help, but there's been broken glass and such that I couldn't take care of. These things could be cleaned up with regular checks on the parks and volunteers if possible.

87                      I think it is extremely important to update Bachman park, so that we can get baseball and other extra curricular activities back in Iron River, for our kiddos! The tennis courts are definitely in high demand for updating. West Iron utilizes the tennis courts and with all the cracks and uneven areas, it makes it difficult to play at those courts. The parking area is VERY important, as well. Family and friends love to watch the kiddos play sports! A few handicapped parking spots would be great, as well! Personally, out of all parks, I feel that Bachman is the most crucial park needing to be updated. As for a dog park - I personally feel that it is absolutely NOT necessary. Why take away from our youth in Iron County? There are SO MANY areas for our dogs to run and play. We have never had a dog park, so why would we waste the money on one, now? How many people would actually utilize it? I would NEVER bring my dogs there. I foresee a lot of dog attacks on other dogs and humans..... Again - NO to a dog park!

90                      Thank you for supporting updates

92                      I think having the manpower and funds to maintain the parks the city currently has is a lot more important than adding a dog park to the mix. And if the city feels they have the funds and manpower to maintain an additional park, that will, no doubt, require a lot of maintenance and insurance, I hope it is appropriately located. The current location suggested by the dog park people is totally inappropriate, not only for the dogs, but for the kids playing at the park, the people utilizing the ball field, the fairground events that rely on the surrounding parking and those who use the dirt road in front of the arena fence that runs through the proposed dog park property. The location they are suggesting is absurd.

96                      No

100                     Better beaches PLEASE!! Sunset isn't the same anymore. Or Ottawa, or ice lake. They are all rocky and icky

101                     Not sure if its possible but maybe cameras to help keep the parks nice and free from vandalism

102                     We don't need a dog park we live in a rural area with a lot of trails for people with dogs.

108                     Na

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109 How about a soccer field at Bachman

112 I wish the meetings were available to the general public. 10am is not a time people can come and voice concerns when they don't own their own business.

113 more general fund money allocated to recreation

116 Bachman soccer field

127 there is virtually nothing for kids to do without supervision... that sucks. let them play.. hardball, football, soccer etc, without a bunch of rules and "safety measures."

129 Make places for people to sit on warm night, garbage cans, lighting. Police stopping by to visit and encouragement to keep clean.

130 All the empty lots downtown should be utilized as pocket parks. Look what Ironwood has done.

139 No

143 you have too many parks for city size. Abandon 5 do not build move Maintain and improve the ones you have