



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Agenda

Thursday, September 21, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84, Notice is hereby given to the public that a meeting of the **Board of Park Commissioners** of the City of De Pere will be held on **September 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR CITY HALL, 335 S. BROADWAY STREET, DE PERE.**

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I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

II. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. Chapter 6-3(f) DPMC

III. Action Items

1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the August 17, 2023 Meeting.
2. Approval of Donation from Associated Bank for the Nelson Family Pavilion.

IV. Discussion Item

1. Discussion and Review of Petition Submitted by Michael Kostrewa regarding music levels at VFW Pool.
2. Discussion regarding removal of Community Garden at Lions Trailside Park due to condition.
3. Continued Discussion on ordinance related to dogs in De Pere Parks.

V. Staff Updates

1. Staff Update on Playground Installations at Kelly Danen, Legion and Lawton Parks.
2. Staff Update on Nelson Family Pavilion Ground Breaking.
3. Staff Update on repair of Southwest Park Shelter.

4. Staff Update on Comprehensive Plan Status.

5. Staff Update on Major Projects.

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Adjournment

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of their disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 339-4050 by Noon, the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

Board Members

Alderspersons

Mayor James Boyd

Larry Delo, City Administrator

Tony Wachewicz, City Attorney

Marty Kosobucki

Carey Danen, City Clerk

City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor

De Pere Girls Softball

Connor Goodman, Teen Advisor

Connor Mason, Teen Advisor

Mike Kostrewa

Charity Olson, Associated Bank

De Pere Youth Hockey

De Pere Select Soccer

De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce

Definitely De Pere

Brown County Library – De Pere

TV & Radio Stations

De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer

De Pere Baseball

Christopher Thompson, De Pere School Dist.

Dennis Krueger, WDP School District

Wayne Endries

Robert Wildgrube

***All items marked with an asterisk will be forwarded to the Common Council.**



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Grace Lahtela

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the August 17, 2023 Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Minutes 8-17-23 (PDF)



Board of Park Commissioners

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Draft Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member Randy Soquet

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melissa Thiel Collar	Board Member	Present	
Ryan Jennings	Board Member	Present	
Jim Kneiszel	Board Member	Present	
Amy Chandik Kundinger	Aldersperson	Present	
Shana Defnet Ledvina	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Connor Mason	Teen Advisor	Present	
Connor Goodman	Teen Advisor	Present	

Others present:

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

Grace Lahtela, Administrative Assistant

II. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners. Chapter 6-3(f) DPMC

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry reminded everyone that the last beer garden for the year is being held on Tuesday, August 22nd. Durr Systems is the sponsor for the August event and Amerilux is the events main sponsor.

III. Items

1. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the July 20, 2023 Meeting.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting, seconded by Aldersperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
AYES:	Thiel Collar, Jennings, Kneiszel, Kundinger, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet

2. Consideration & Possible Action to Accept a \$700 Donation from BCCWC for Community Center Facility Needs & Programs*

Aldersperson Chandik Kundinger moved to accept a \$700 donation from the Brown County Community Women's Club for Community Center facility needs and programs, seconded by Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Shana Defnet Ledvina, Alderperson
AYES:	Thiel Collar, Jennings, Kneiszel, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet

3. Consideration and Possible Action to Accept \$500 Donation from Pink Flamingo Classic Inc. for Summer Carnival*

Alderperson Chandik Kunding moved to accept a \$500 donation from the Pink Flamingo Classic, Inc. for the Summer Carnival, seconded by Melissa Thiel Collar. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Melissa Thiel Collar, Board Member
AYES:	Thiel Collar, Jennings, Kneiszel, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet

4. Consideration & Possible Action to Accept a \$250 Donation from Pink Flamingo Classic, Inc. to the Rec Scholarship Fund*

Alderperson Chandik Kunding moved to accept a \$250 donation from the Pink Flamingo Classic, Inc. for the Recreation Scholarship Fund, seconded by Alderperson Raasch. The above motion passed unanimously.

Randy Soquet thanked the Brown County Community Women's Club and The Pink Flamingo's for their generous donations.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Chandik Kunding, Alderperson
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Thiel Collar, Jennings, Kneiszel, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet

5. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Final Master Plan and Cost Opinion for Wilson Park.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that Kristan Sanchez from Graef used the comments from the July Park Board meeting to prepare a final master plan. From the final plan, a cost estimate was also prepared for the project.

Alderperson Raasch commented on the crushed gravel pathway and the durability of the product. The aesthetics of the crushed gravel would look good, but he would be alright if blacktop is used.

Randy Soquet agreed that blacktop would be a more dependable and ADA accessible product.

Marty Kosobucki stated that for sidewalks, cement is usually used instead of blacktop, and will work with Graef to provide another cost estimate for hard surface sidewalks, along with the crushed gravel estimate that has been prepared already.

Conner Mason, Teen Advisor, commented that he felt there should be more picnic tables placed throughout the park. Marty Kosobucki explained that moveable picnic tables could be placed throughout the park and the draft plan only shows the permanent fixtures.

Alderperson Raasch moved to approve the master plan for Wilson Park, with the addition of getting another cost estimate for hard surface sidewalks, seconded by Randy Soquet.

Discussion followed.

James Kneiszel questioned if hard surface just means concrete because he likes the look of the granite walking path. Marty Kosobucki stated if staff had a choice, we would prefer a concrete hard surface. There is an area of crushed gravel in a city park, and it requires a lot of maintenance. However, this existing area of crushed gravel does not have the polymer base, so the recommended product is much different than what we currently have.

Ryan Jennings stated that Wilson Park would be a good park to try the granite polymer material and would like to keep the granite pathway as an alternative.

James Kneiszel questioned if the main reason they were recommending the gravel pathway was to keep costs down. He would hate to see the project cut due to the cost of hard surfacing.

Alderperson Defnet Ledvina questioned if it made sense to have Graef prepare a cost estimate for concrete and the granite pathway. Marty Kosobucki stated he can have Graef prepare an additional estimate for the pathway to be concrete.

Alderperson Raasch stated he struggles with the decision to do something other than concrete. If the granite polymer does not last, then the base will have to be redone the correct way and it would be at full cost again.

Randy Soquet moved to open the meeting to public comment at 6:52 pm, seconded by James Kneiszel. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Nicks stated he went to Wilson Park to try to visualize what the draft plan would look like. He feels that the design is pretty good for the park and was happy that a cost estimate was prepared. Mr. Nicks is concerned that there is only \$50,000 being requested in the 2024 budget, and is not sure how the project could be implemented in a two-year period. Mr. Nicks would like to see the Park Board approve the plan and for the full project cost be requested in the 2024 budget.

Alderperson Raasch commented that he knows that Mr. Nicks would prefer the project to be done at once, but for the Nelson Family Pavilion, council put aside money for 5 years prior to doing any fundraising. If money is put aside in stages, the project may be able to get done.

Joe Nicks stated that this parcel of land is very significant. The property has not been kept up in the past and is worried that the project will not be done. He feels it is important to not only vote for approval of the project, but also for budgeting the money to get the project completed.

James Anderson commented that all the conversation has been about college kids using the park and never about the elderly residents of the nearby Nicolet Highlands Apartments. Mr. Anderson feels that the hard surface path would be better for the elderly and that there should be money placed in the budget to get the project completed.

Aldersperson Raasch moved to go back to regular order at 7:08 pm, seconded by Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina commented that there are projects and playgrounds that have been in the budget for years that keep getting cut. The Park Board is very serious about getting this project done, but it might take a while before funding is approved.

Aldersperson Raasch clarified the motion that it included getting a quote for hard surfacing and moving the master plan forward, Randy Soquet agreed to the clarification. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Thiel Collar, Jennings, Kneiszel, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet

6. Approve bid for fall surfacing at Kelly Danen and Legion Playground Projects.

Ryan Jennings moved to approve the bid from Bluemels, in the amount of \$73,335 for the poured in place surfacing at Kelly Danen and Leion Park playground projects, seconded by Aldersperson Raasch.

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina questioned if the Lawton Park playground was getting poured in place surfacing. Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that there was only money in the budget for woodchips at Lawton Park.

Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ryan Jennings, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
AYES:	Thiel Collar, Jennings, Kneiszel, Kunding, Defnet Ledvina, Raasch, Soquet

7. Review and Consideration of 2024 Proposed Budget.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry explained that in the agenda packet budget section, the pools, recreation, and special event budgets were inadvertently left out. These budgets are provided in the handouts tonight. Marty provided a recap of the budgets and as prepared, the budgets show a 5% increase in expenditures, and a 4% increase in revenues. Most increases are directly relative to salary and insurance costs and then explained any additional increases. Marty stated that

there is a requested increase in building maintenance at the Community Center due to the Maintenance Supervisor requesting regular manual maintenance to be done on the boiler. For parks, we have several very old playgrounds. The life expectancy of a playground is 20 years, and we have many over the 20-year-old mark. Also, the cost of flags is continuing to increase, which is reflected in the budget. In pools, expenses are decreasing. With the addition of the third maintenance staff, the maintenance supervisor feels the contractor is not needed to open and close the pools for the season, so this contract has been eliminated. The special event budget increased because we are proposing a grand opening celebration for the Nelson Family Pavilion. Marty explained that there are also some proposed staffing changes. The Community Center would like to add a part-time office assistant. The forestry department is also requesting additional help but has a few different suggestions. The first option would be to have a specified seasonal staff employee, that has forestry experience, along with permanently removing the duties of the current arborists that do not pertain to trees (hanging baskets, flags, decorations, and so forth), and assign them to a different department. Or, if the forestry department is to continue all the other duties, then to hire an additional forestry employee.

Alderson Defnet Ledvina questioned the age of the Willems and Rainbow Park playgrounds as these two keep getting cut from the budget. Marty Kosobucki estimated the two playgrounds to be 24-26 years old.

Alderson Raasch stated that the non-forestry type work needs to go to a different department so the forestry employees can focus on keeping up with the forestry work.

James Kneiszel questioned a few topics on the budget and expressed his interest in seeing funds going toward Wilson Park, rather than the Jim Martin Park parking lot. Marty Kosobucki explained that the Jim Martin Park parking lot has been included in the budget for around 10 years and has always been cut.

Ryan Jennings questioned why only \$50,000 was put in the budget for Wilson Park. Marty Kosobucki explained that the cost estimate was not received from Graef when the budget needed to be submitted and knew that the \$50,000 would be for a phase of the project, not completion.

Alderson Raasch questioned the stumper cost and if it would be better to contract this service out. Marty Kosobucki explained that our stumper is extremely old and even if stump removal was contracted out, the department would still need a stumper for emergency removals. The stumper is also used for tree planting, which is a month-long process and if stump removal was to be contracted out, it would need to be added to the budget.

Alderson Raasch suggested requesting the full cost estimate of Wilson Park and the mayor can elect to reduce it if he wants to do it in phases.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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IV. Staff Updates

1. Staff Update on Nelson Pavilion.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that good news was received from the DNR. They stated that construction of the Nelson Family Pavilion will not be hindered by the soil tests and the city might even receive the required permits today. Staff has a meeting with the consultant and IEI tomorrow, with the bid hopefully going to the first council meeting in September for approval. Once approved, the contracts need to be signed, with ground-breaking taking place mid to late September. If all goes as planned during construction, the facility could open as early as May 2024.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. Staff Update on Comprehensive Outdoor Plan.

Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that he had a meeting with Mead and Hunt and all the survey comments received were good. Mead and Hunt are now in the process of doing research, breaking down the survey results, and reviewing each park. They are hoping to have a rough draft ready in September and a draft to the October Park Board meeting.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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V. Future Agenda Items

Aldersperson Raasch requested a report from the Forestry Department on the estimated number of properties that have dead ash trees on them that might be a public safety risk. Marty Kosobucki, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry stated that the topic of residential dead ash trees is going to the Board of Public Works next month to be discussed.

VI. Adjournment

Aldersperson Defnet Ledvina moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Melissa Thiel Collar. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Approval of Donation from Associated Bank for the Nelson Family Pavilion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.Nelson Pavilion Donation (DOCX)
- City of De Pere - Pledge (PDF)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Marty Kosobucki

Date: September 21, 2023

RE: Donation from Associated Bank for Nelson Pavilion

We have received a proposal from Associated Bank to donate \$60,000 toward the Nelson Pavilion, contingent upon a few criteria. First, it would be over a span of 5 years. Second, the City agrees to not award any naming rights sponsorship to a financial institution. Right now the only naming rights sponsorship left is for the patio. This would not prohibit other financial institutions from donating at the lower levels.

Staff would recommend accepting the donation.



200 North Adams Street
Green Bay, WI 54301

September 13, 2023

Re: Nelson Pavillion Pledge from Associated Bank

Dear Marty,

Per our conversations, Associated Bank, N.A., would be willing to make a pledge of \$60,000 over 5 years designated for the Nelson Pavillion contingent on no other financial institution obtaining naming rights within the Pavillion.

If you have any questions about this or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Charity.Olson@AssociatedBank.com or 920-433-3169.

Sincerely,

Charity R Olson

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Senior Vice President

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City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Discussion and Review of Petition Submitted by Michael Kostrewa regarding music levels at VFW Pool.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.VFW Noise Complaint (DOCX)
- Memo summary_VFW music (DOCX)
- 20230817081548297 (PDF)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: September 21, 2023

RE: VFW Aquatic Facility Noise Complaint

We have received a petition from some residents to have the music removed from VFW Aquatic facility or significantly turned down. A copy of the petition and names is within your packet of information.

Background/Summary

On the weekend of August 12-13 the DePere Police Department was contacted because the music was very loud and could be heard by residents. The Police Department stopped at the VFW Pool explained the situation and asked the Pool Manager to turn the music down. A short time later the Police Department was called again with a continued complaint of loud music. The Police Department came back and asked staff to turn the music off for the evening. This occurrence was during a rental.

Upon learning of this situation, and knowing we had one week left in the season, staff were instructed to turn the music down one notch during the day hours and turn the music completely off for the evening shift. This would allow us time to research the situation.

We contacted the Health Department in which Trista Groth came out and met staff. She brought the department's noise monitor and went through a series of readings. Trista has submitted a report that indicates her findings.

Staff Opinion:

By indications, it does not appear the City is violating the noise ordinance outlined by the City. However, in certain locations in close proximity to the pool it appears the music of the pool is traveling. We are not experts in the science of how noise/music travels so we are reaching out to people/places that could help explain why the music would travel and facility noise (children, water slides, etc...) would not.

We believe music is an integral part of operations from an entertainment and staff morale perspective and should not be eliminated. That being said, we do not want music from the facility to be a detriment to the area and believe we should work with a professional to better understand how sound travels and redesign our sound system so this is minimized.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MARTY KOSOBUCKI
FROM: TRISTA GROTH, RS
SUBJECT: VFW MUSIC/NOISE COMPLAINT
DATE: AUGUST 16, 2023
CC: CHELSEA MOBERG

This is a summary of the observations and findings related to a complaint about the music played at VFW Aquatic Facility during operational hours.

On Monday, August 15, 2023 the Health Department was informed of a complaint received over the weekend regarding the music volume at VFW Pool. A responding police officer requested staff to turn the music down. They did so, however another complaint made by the same individual was received by the first responding officer. According to the police report, the officer then requested staff to turn the music off completely, which they did.

On Tuesday August 16, 2023, Environmental Health Sanitarian (EHS), Trista Groth, responded to VFW with the sound level meter to measure decibel levels related to the music. Noise levels were taken on the North side of the pool outside the fence with the music playing and without the music playing. Noise levels were also taken on the North side of the pickle ball courts, at the property line with music playing and without music playing.

The following observations were made:

1. Decibel levels obtained during the monitoring at both locations had little to no change with the music on versus with the music off. The difference was no greater than 1 decibel therefore, it was concluded there were no violations of the Municipal Code Chapter 146 Noise.
2. At the location just outside the pool fence, it was noted that the sounds of children playing, laughing, and/or yelling was perceived louder than the music.
3. At the location at the property line (other side of pickle ball courts), it was noted that the music was perceived louder than the sound of children playing. The music was not “loud” when measured by decibels but was clearly audible from this location.
4. After completing the noise level readings on City property, the EHS went to Reid Street with the noise level meter to assess noise near the complainant’s property. Upon arrival to Reid St., it was noted that heavy road construction was taking place. There were dump trucks, excavators, and other heavy equipment actively working in the area. Coincidentally, no noise from the pool could be heard at that time (before 5:00pm), only the noise created by the construction and heavy equipment. A city Employee in the area was asked about the construction and it was stated that

the work has been going on for approximately 2 weeks and takes place during typical business hours; the work is generally completed by 6pm.

Conclusion

While the music at VFW may be heard by Reid Street residents (at times without heavy construction), there is no violation of the city Noise Ordinance.

VFW Pool Music Noise Complaint.

This petition calls to the attention the issue with the music at the VFW water park.

Residence of the area have many times ask management via polite phone calls to turn down the music,

So neighbors can enjoy time in their homes and yards.

Currently the music is so loud that it can be heard in our homes with windows and doors closed as if its our own systems playing the music.

Either the music is kept to a minimum so that it is heard at the pool and not the other residences or we would like the music removed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Michael Kostrewa	Reid St	8-14-23	It's so loud it can be heard over your TV when windows and doors are closed. I'm a block away from it and can't enjoy my backyard or an evening show on TV.
HANNA TAYLOR JACOB TAYLOR	Reid St.	8/14/23	LIGHTS LEFT ON ALL NIGHT MUSIC BLASTING LATE.
Tim Gongoll	Reid St	8-14-23	loud music
Sandy Gongoll	Reid St	8-14-23	Loud music!!
Chris Wilkins	Reid St.	8-14-23	Loud Music!!
Gary Allen	Reid St.	8-14-23	Loud Music
Sak D SL	Reid St	8-14-23	Loud music

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NameStreetDateComment

<i>Kim Boettger</i>	<i>652 Reid St</i>	<i>8/14/2023</i>	<i>Loud music 24hrs/7 Days</i>



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Discussion regarding removal of Community Garden at Lions Trailside Park due to condition.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.Lions Trailside (DOCX)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: September 21, 2023

RE: Brown County Community Garden – Lions Trailside Park

We received a request from Alderperson Hansen to have the Board of Park Commissioners review the issue and concerns of some residents regarding the condition of the Brown County Community Garden and their request to have it removed from Lions Trailside Park.

Background:

Alderperson Hansen and Gantz received concerns from some residents with regard to the condition and maintenance of the Community Garden located at Lions Trailside Park. The Community Garden is managed by the Brown County Extension office and was helped into existence by the efforts of the De Pere Lions Club. Upon hearing of the concern regarding the garden and its appearance, our Park Superintendent made contact with the Brown County Extension Office. We were informed that they experienced some challenges this summer, with one of them being the loss of their staff person in charge of the garden program. The Brown County Extension was not able to hire a new person until recently. We have invited the BC Extension Office to attend the meeting so they can share their information with you.

Summary:

While the garden is not managed or overseen by the City of De Pere, the garden is located on City owned property and we have the right to discontinue the relationship with them, if you so choose. The agenda item is a "Discussion" item so no action can be taken, however the intent is to hear the concerns from the residents and Alderperson Hansen, and decide what direction you would like staff to investigate. Staff direction could be, but not limited to; do nothing, work with Extension office to improve maintenance of the garden, come back to future park board meeting with action item to remove garden from Lions Trailside Park.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Continued Discussion on ordinance related to dogs in De Pere Parks.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.Dogs in Parks (DOCX)
- De Pere CORP Survey_Responses - Data_All_230815_Dogs (PDF)

CITY OF DE PERE MEMO



To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: September 21, 2023

RE: Dogs in Parks

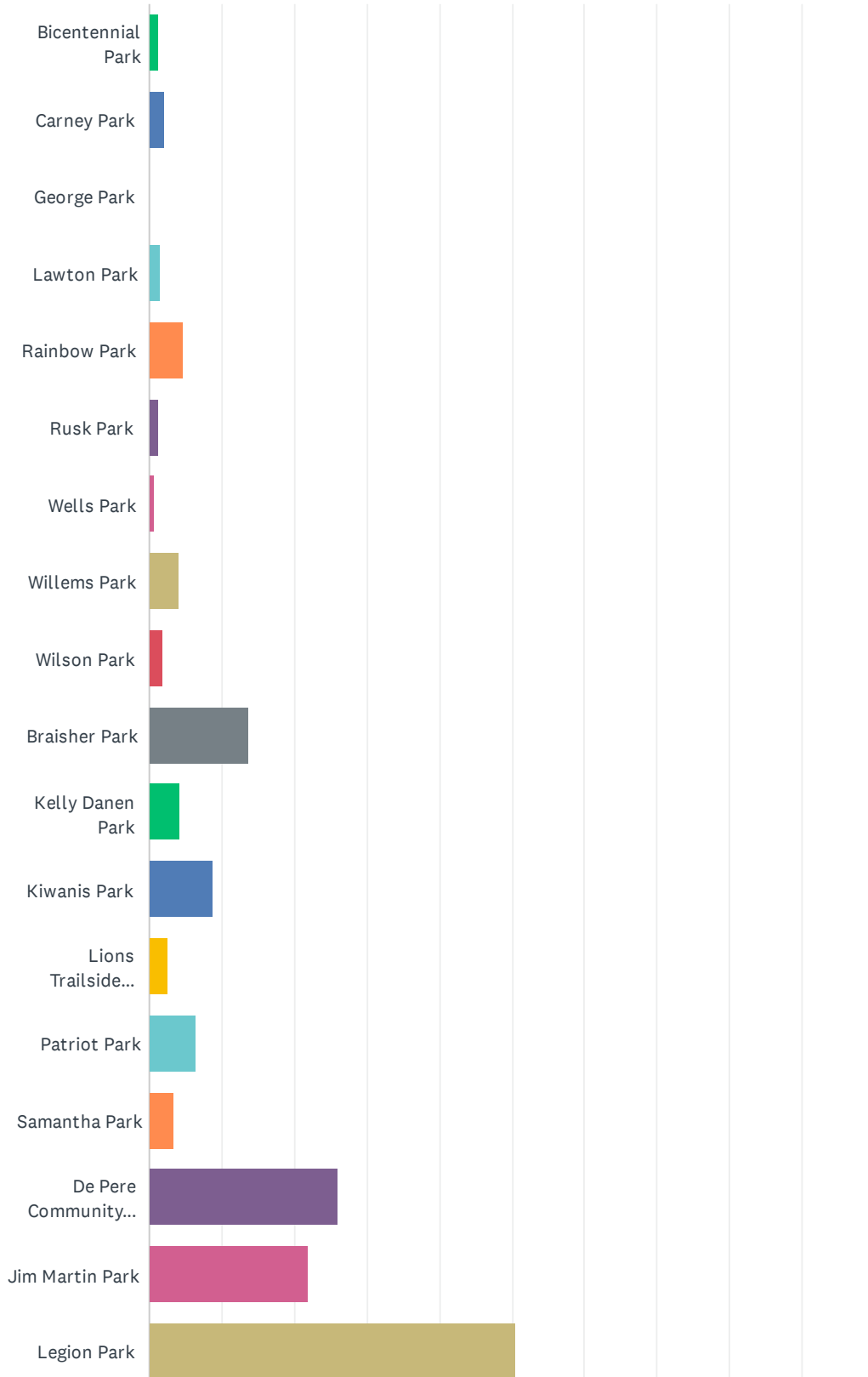
Recently the Park Board reviewed the topic of allowing dogs in the parks, but deferred any action until community input was collected. Our consultant hired to update the Comp Plan (Mead & Hunt) just completed their community survey, and we have extracted all the information relevant to the topic of dogs in our parks. We have included this information in your packet. While there is beneficial information and insight in multiple questions of the survey, I believe Question 29 begins to show where our community stands on the topic of dogs being allowed in our park system.

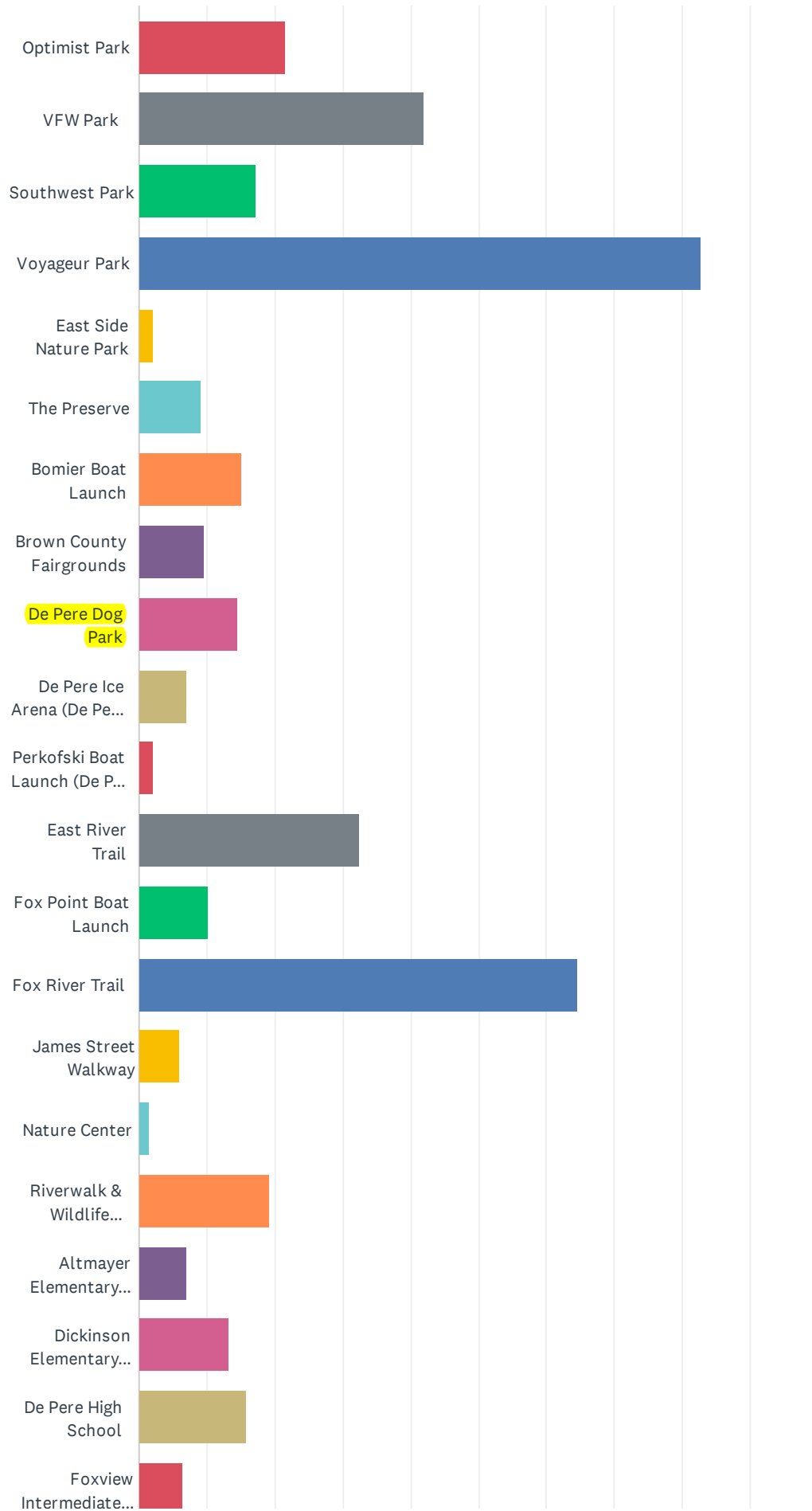
Staff's opinion is that there appears to be some continued concern related to allowing dogs in the parks, however, the vast majority of the respondents, feel they City should move in a direction that allows admittance of dogs in our park system in some controlled capacity.

From this meeting our goal is to obtain a direction/guidance from the Park Board as to whether we should change our ordinance to be more acceptable of pets within our park system. If the general direction is yes, staff will work with our Legal office to generate a proposed update to the ordinance and bring back to the Park Board. If the general consensus is that we should not move in a direction of allowing dogs, staff will not pursue an ordinance change.

Q8 Which of the following parks or recreational facilities do you visit most frequently? Select all that apply.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 52





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bicentennial Park	1.23%	4
Carney Park	2.16%	7
George Park	0.00%	0
Lawton Park	1.54%	5
Rainbow Park	4.63%	15
Rusk Park	1.23%	4
Wells Park	0.62%	2
Willems Park	4.01%	13
Wilson Park	1.85%	6
Braisher Park	13.58%	44
Kelly Danen Park	4.32%	14
Kiwanis Park	8.64%	28
Lions Trailside Estates Park	2.47%	8
Patriot Park	6.48%	21
Samantha Park	3.40%	11
De Pere Community Center	25.93%	84
Jim Martin Park	21.91%	71
Legion Park	50.62%	164
Optimist Park	21.60%	70
VFW Park	41.98%	136
Southwest Park	17.28%	56
Voyageur Park	82.72%	268
East Side Nature Park	2.16%	7
The Preserve	9.26%	30
Bomier Boat Launch	15.12%	49
Brown County Fairgrounds	9.57%	31
De Pere Dog Park	14.51%	47
De Pere Ice Arena (De Pere Fairgrounds)	7.10%	23
Perkofski Boat Launch (De Pere Fairgrounds)	2.16%	7
East River Trail	32.41%	105
Fox Point Boat Launch	10.19%	33
Fox River Trail	64.51%	209

James Street Walkway	5.86%	19
Nature Center	1.54%	5
Riverwalk & Wildlife Viewing Area	19.14%	62
Altmayer Elementary School	7.10%	23
Dickinson Elementary School	13.27%	43
De Pere High School	15.74%	51
Foxview Intermediate School	6.48%	21
West De Pere High School	7.10%	23
West De Pere Middle School	4.94%	16
Westwood Elementary School	9.57%	31
Other (please specify)	3.40%	11
Total Respondents: 324		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	DePere dog park	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
2	Ledgeview park	7/21/2023 8:15 AM
3	West De Pere Intermediate School	7/4/2023 6:27 AM
4	Heritage elementary	7/1/2023 6:38 PM
5	The snow hill by the apts on east side	7/1/2023 9:38 AM
6	Ashwaubemay Park	6/30/2023 11:08 AM
7	Heritage	6/27/2023 7:46 PM
8	Sand acres	6/25/2023 12:36 AM
9	Sand Acres	6/22/2023 8:20 PM
10	Hemlock creek elementary	6/22/2023 7:43 PM
11	Hemlock Creek, Sand Acres	6/22/2023 1:44 PM

Q9 Why do you visit this area most frequently? (location, amenities like playground equipment, good spot for fishing, etc.)

Answered: 285 Skipped: 91

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Good places for walking and viewing wildlife	8/12/2023 10:44 AM
2	location, walking	8/10/2023 6:53 PM
3	Kids play, summer day camp, swimming, boating, biking	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
4	Bike Trails (or safe street bike lanes) are very important to our activities	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
5	location and good equipment	8/2/2023 2:29 PM
6	I like trees	8/2/2023 1:42 PM
7	Easy parking Beautiful landscape Nice friendly shops/restaurants Quality food Great service Wonderful atmosphere	8/2/2023 9:30 AM
8	Pool Usage, along the river	8/2/2023 7:23 AM
9	To walk my dogs	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
10	playground	8/1/2023 4:27 PM
11	Playground, walking on Fox River Trail, VFW swimming and walking out on the pier.	8/1/2023 3:53 PM
12	Walking—I like to walk the dogs I take care of in these areas	8/1/2023 2:09 PM
13	Walking, able to park, location	8/1/2023 12:57 PM
14	amenities. pool, soccer, disc golf	8/1/2023 12:47 PM
15	nice view of the river	8/1/2023 12:28 PM
16	Location, playground equipment, soccer fields, fishing, trails/walking paths are kept up and nice view	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
17	location, nice walking trails	8/1/2023 12:02 PM
18	Hanging out, Celebrate De Pere, walking	8/1/2023 12:02 PM
19	.	7/31/2023 1:20 PM
20	Playground near home	7/31/2023 10:17 AM
21	pickleball courts, trail	7/30/2023 1:45 PM
22	Playground equipment, bike trails, kid goes to camp by VFW Park, free kids lunch at Legion Park	7/30/2023 8:31 AM
23	Location	7/29/2023 12:43 PM
24	Walking and biking	7/28/2023 3:42 PM
25	Location and they are clean and well kept and safe	7/27/2023 4:44 PM
26	We take our Grandchildren to play and use the park play equipment. Exercise for our dog and ourselves.	7/26/2023 10:20 AM
27	Biking, great playground, baseball fields	7/24/2023 9:35 AM
28	Playground and amenities	7/23/2023 8:09 PM
29	Wide varieties of activities for kids. Good spots to exercise. Fishing. Swimming.	7/23/2023 7:09 AM

30	Dog walking	7/22/2023 3:38 PM
31	Voyager is right by our library so it's convenient. The fox and east river trails are because we like to bike. The rest is because we like variety:)	7/21/2023 5:45 PM
32	Nearby, like the playground equipment, and my kids go to the school as well.	7/21/2023 8:15 AM
33	Convenient	7/20/2023 9:31 PM
34	Nice walking areas - bring my grand kids when they are in town	7/20/2023 8:43 PM
35	Near by, Nice view	7/20/2023 8:13 PM
36	1-3 times a week	7/20/2023 12:34 PM
37	Playground	7/20/2023 7:43 AM
38	Dog walking	7/20/2023 7:42 AM
39	Location, playground	7/20/2023 7:35 AM
40	Willems and Carney - Location The others - amenities	7/19/2023 2:17 PM
41	Location, equipment	7/19/2023 10:58 AM
42	It has the most kid friendly parks!	7/19/2023 6:19 AM
43	Playground equipment, sports fields	7/18/2023 9:28 PM
44	Playground	7/18/2023 8:45 PM
45	Playground equipment, boat launch, waking/biking trails. Nice fields for team sports	7/18/2023 7:05 PM
46	Location	7/18/2023 6:03 PM
47	Playground and biking	7/18/2023 1:57 PM
48	Location	7/18/2023 11:45 AM
49	Easy walk with grandkids	7/18/2023 7:45 AM
50	Playgrounds, location near our home	7/18/2023 12:55 AM
51	Location and Playground Equipment	7/17/2023 8:19 PM
52	activitied	7/17/2023 7:21 PM
53	my grandson lives across the street from Southwest Park. We go to Voyageur Park due to the playground being more appropriate for my grandson's age. We walk on the Fox River Trail & I ride my bike/	7/17/2023 5:12 PM
54	Proximity to home	7/17/2023 4:20 PM
55	Walking and bike trails, less crowds, nice playground equipment	7/17/2023 3:02 PM
56	Location and playgrounds.	7/17/2023 2:29 PM
57	Playground equipment, location	7/17/2023 2:08 PM
58	Location to our home. VFW playground has great squishy material vs wood chips which is great for very young kids. Something for all age levels to enjoy.	7/17/2023 1:31 PM
59	Amenities, walking park check out the river and fishing!	7/17/2023 12:53 PM
60	Walking	7/15/2023 8:12 AM
61	Location and events	7/14/2023 7:50 AM
62	Location	7/13/2023 6:15 PM
63	Biking and proximity	7/13/2023 6:03 PM
64	My child likes the Playgrounds ^ our family enjoys nature, we like to bike, walk, boat, kayak & swim	7/13/2023 4:38 PM

65	Playgrounds	7/13/2023 1:47 PM
66	location	7/13/2023 10:56 AM
67	Schools, ball fields and pools	7/13/2023 6:42 AM
68	Location, trails.	7/12/2023 8:28 PM
69	Love bicycling the trails and using our boat	7/12/2023 5:21 PM
70	Location	7/11/2023 3:10 PM
71	Location, nice playground equipment	7/11/2023 3:09 PM
72	Pass through either biking or running.	7/11/2023 12:38 PM
73	Biking and walking	7/11/2023 12:28 PM
74	Walking, dog walks, playground for grandkids, access to Fox River	7/11/2023 12:14 PM
75	Running, biking, walking the dog.	7/11/2023 11:37 AM
76	Location and quality of equipment	7/11/2023 11:29 AM
77	For multiple reasons. Our kids love the playgrounds at De Pere parks (and in neighboring communities). During the summer, we make a point to visit as many parks/playgrounds as possible. Some of their sports are also hosts by De Pere parks (i.e.). As a runner, I also really enjoying running on the East River and Fox River trails.	7/6/2023 10:39 AM
78	Playground equipment	7/6/2023 10:33 AM
79	Trails, running, biking, events put on by city.	7/6/2023 8:11 AM
80	I work downtown and have property there	7/6/2023 7:32 AM
81	Boating and running on trail	7/5/2023 7:46 PM
82	Work, sports	7/5/2023 7:21 PM
83	Community garden plot at Lions. Good basketball courts at Optimist	7/5/2023 2:24 PM
84	The dog park is close to my apartment, so I take my dogs there every day. Voyageur park/the Fox River Trail are my favorite spots because they allow for walking.	7/5/2023 10:58 AM
85	Proximity to our house; not for our dog; natural setting	7/5/2023 6:47 AM
86	Location and playground equipment	7/4/2023 8:35 AM
87	Walks, fishing, swimming, shade	7/4/2023 7:23 AM
88	Playgrounds, swimming, city scheduled activities, baseball	7/4/2023 6:27 AM
89	Location (close to house), amenities (playground), proximity to Fox River Trail (walking/biking), youth sports events/public skating	7/4/2023 4:29 AM
90	Playgrounds	7/3/2023 3:54 PM
91	Location, toddler park equipment, nice for walking	7/3/2023 2:09 PM
92	Swimming at the outdoor pools	7/3/2023 11:48 AM
93	Rainbow Park: Location; Legion and VFW: Pool; Voyageur: Playground equipment and riverwalk	7/3/2023 10:02 AM
94	We live here and like the new playground upgrades	7/3/2023 8:46 AM
95	Organized League Activities, Biking and walking, festivals and events	7/3/2023 8:40 AM
96	Our 2 yo toddler is obsessed with your slides. Also like to take the boat out on occasion, skate in the winter, ride bikes and walk on the trails.	7/3/2023 8:20 AM
97	Playground	7/3/2023 8:13 AM
98	For programming or proximity	7/3/2023 6:36 AM

99	Calm, nice views & nearby my house	7/2/2023 11:04 PM
100	Open space for the kids. Pickle ball at Legion. Pink Flamingo. Beer gardens	7/2/2023 10:36 PM
101	Amenities: Swimming pool	7/2/2023 10:18 PM
102	Playground equipment and pool	7/2/2023 10:10 PM
103	Varies	7/2/2023 9:56 PM
104	Children. Live near it	7/2/2023 9:51 PM
105	Closest to it home.	7/2/2023 8:53 PM
106	We take our grandchildren to play on the playground at the parks. We enjoy walking on the trails.	7/2/2023 8:18 PM
107	Dog-friendly parks	7/2/2023 7:14 PM
108	Amenities. A lot of the other parks are old, no restroom facilities, and do not have other activities nearby (for example, yoga in the park, farmers market, trails).	7/2/2023 6:47 PM
109	Near our home	7/2/2023 6:12 PM
110	Location	7/2/2023 6:11 PM
111	Playground and walking trails	7/2/2023 6:03 PM
112	Close to home, some are within walking distance	7/2/2023 6:03 PM
113	Location and amenities	7/2/2023 5:50 PM
114	We love Legion Pool. We also go to Voyager to play on the playground. The fox river trail is a great way to commute to relatives.	7/2/2023 5:47 PM
115	Hiking/biking	7/2/2023 5:33 PM
116	Location & like the playground equipment	7/2/2023 5:27 PM
117	Sports	7/2/2023 11:20 AM
118	VFW - my family uses the new pickle ball and tennis courts Legion - my family uses the disc golf course and my son plays basketball there	7/2/2023 9:51 AM
119	To attend events, walk, ride bike	7/2/2023 8:58 AM
120	My daughter attends Westwood, takes swimming lessons at VWF, and ice skates at the De Pere Ice Arena. We live near Kiwanis Park.	7/1/2023 11:36 PM
121	Hockey, playground equipment or swimming	7/1/2023 6:38 PM
122	Trash cans	7/1/2023 2:47 PM
123	We like variety.	7/1/2023 11:48 AM
124	To relax and take walks	7/1/2023 11:46 AM
125	Location and events	7/1/2023 10:14 AM
126	Kite flying,	7/1/2023 9:38 AM
127	Good facilities compared to other public parks.	7/1/2023 8:19 AM
128	Playground equipment, location	7/1/2023 8:03 AM
129	Playground equipment	7/1/2023 7:28 AM
130	playground equipment and location. we live in ledgeview	7/1/2023 7:09 AM
131	Recreational trails, exercise opportunities	7/1/2023 6:52 AM
132	Location	7/1/2023 6:21 AM
133	Westwood is within walking distance to our house with a nice playground for our daughter. Voyagers is a destination on the weekends after the library	7/1/2023 6:19 AM

134	Playground. Walking trails. Pool	6/30/2023 11:33 PM
135	I usually use both the Fox river and east river trails for running and biking because they're great places for a scenic trip while avoiding traffic.	6/30/2023 10:47 PM
136	Close to home or for the pools	6/30/2023 10:07 PM
137	Easy to walk to locations with playground equipment.	6/30/2023 9:50 PM
138	Location (next door to my house); amenities (pool/bike trails/water views)	6/30/2023 9:32 PM
139	Easy locations for us to visit, nice playgrounds, pool locations, sports fields.	6/30/2023 6:14 PM
140	playground equipment, view of the river, shade	6/30/2023 5:27 PM
141	Playground and amenities	6/30/2023 4:57 PM
142	Playgrounds and running	6/30/2023 4:52 PM
143	Close to home	6/30/2023 4:47 PM
144	Events	6/30/2023 4:43 PM
145	Sports, view, relaxation, pool	6/30/2023 4:24 PM
146	close to my house and more naturai	6/30/2023 3:55 PM
147	Trails are great for walking	6/30/2023 3:36 PM
148	Boat launches/fishing, park visits with my daughter	6/30/2023 3:29 PM
149	De Pere has many wonderful green spaces and we love visiting them all!	6/30/2023 2:54 PM
150	Playgrounds, restrooms, recreation	6/30/2023 1:50 PM
151	We love the trails! We attend events at voyageur park	6/30/2023 1:31 PM
152	Location events	6/30/2023 12:57 PM
153	Kiwanis- hill, green-space, location, playground although it could use an update Voyageur-playground equipment, concerts in the park, location	6/30/2023 11:56 AM
154	Kiwanis is in my neighborhood so we walk there. Voyageur is great for a lot of playground equipment. We go to VFW for the Pool.	6/30/2023 11:25 AM
155	Just that's where we always have gone to	6/30/2023 11:21 AM
156	Kids soccer games	6/30/2023 11:17 AM
157	Going for walks & attending events (Voyager)	6/30/2023 11:10 AM
158	Location and having dogs allows them to play.	6/30/2023 11:08 AM
159	Proximity to my home	6/30/2023 10:51 AM
160	Sports, trails	6/30/2023 10:31 AM
161	Take visitors	6/30/2023 10:27 AM
162	Walking every day for exercise and taking photographs -- I am a photographer	6/30/2023 10:04 AM
163	Location and amenities	6/30/2023 10:03 AM
164	fishing, youth sports, exercising (walking/biking), wildlife viewing	6/30/2023 9:36 AM
165	Location	6/30/2023 9:34 AM
166	Group event	6/29/2023 6:23 PM
167	For yoga!	6/29/2023 1:55 PM
168	Location ; enjoy walking it.	6/29/2023 1:25 PM
169	Close to house, nice playground equipment	6/29/2023 11:37 AM

170	Nice trails	6/29/2023 9:31 AM
171	Clean	6/29/2023 9:00 AM
172	Playground and sporting events	6/28/2023 4:04 PM
173	Swimming, playground, basketball, tennis	6/28/2023 1:17 PM
174	Location, kids go to school there, exercise (fox river trail, east river trail), and beauty (Voyeur)	6/28/2023 12:49 PM
175	Equipment	6/28/2023 10:29 AM
176	Walks and bike rides	6/28/2023 9:24 AM
177	Location, pool	6/28/2023 9:03 AM
178	Location, love the plant and wildlife, water	6/28/2023 8:31 AM
179	location to home or fun areas that we have visited before and liked.	6/28/2023 8:12 AM
180	Location, view, amount of nature	6/28/2023 4:53 AM
181	Location	6/27/2023 10:14 PM
182	Play ground. Walking	6/27/2023 10:03 PM
183	Location and events	6/27/2023 9:34 PM
184	Playground equipment, close to home, close to other things to do in De Pere	6/27/2023 9:23 PM
185	Location, tennis courts	6/27/2023 9:20 PM
186	Location, Amenities, Functions	6/27/2023 9:04 PM
187	Location, amenities.	6/27/2023 9:03 PM
188	Location and playgrounds	6/27/2023 8:39 PM
189	Walking and swimming	6/27/2023 8:26 PM
190	Location	6/27/2023 8:11 PM
191	Pool and tennis courts	6/27/2023 8:04 PM
192	Outdoor activities	6/27/2023 7:48 PM
193	Location, pool, playground	6/27/2023 7:46 PM
194	Enjoy it	6/27/2023 7:31 PM
195	Pretty locations, good variety of activities to take part in	6/27/2023 7:16 PM
196	Playground outdoor activities for family	6/27/2023 7:11 PM
197	Dog walking	6/27/2023 6:59 PM
198	Location closest to our home.	6/27/2023 6:52 PM
199	Location	6/27/2023 6:46 PM
200	To drink beer	6/27/2023 6:42 PM
201	Biking/ pickleball	6/27/2023 6:40 PM
202	Activities	6/27/2023 6:38 PM
203	Walk, location	6/27/2023 6:35 PM
204	relaxing, events, location	6/27/2023 6:33 PM
205	Amenities and location	6/27/2023 6:31 PM
206	It's my front yard	6/27/2023 6:01 PM
207	City events and ice skating	6/27/2023 5:18 PM

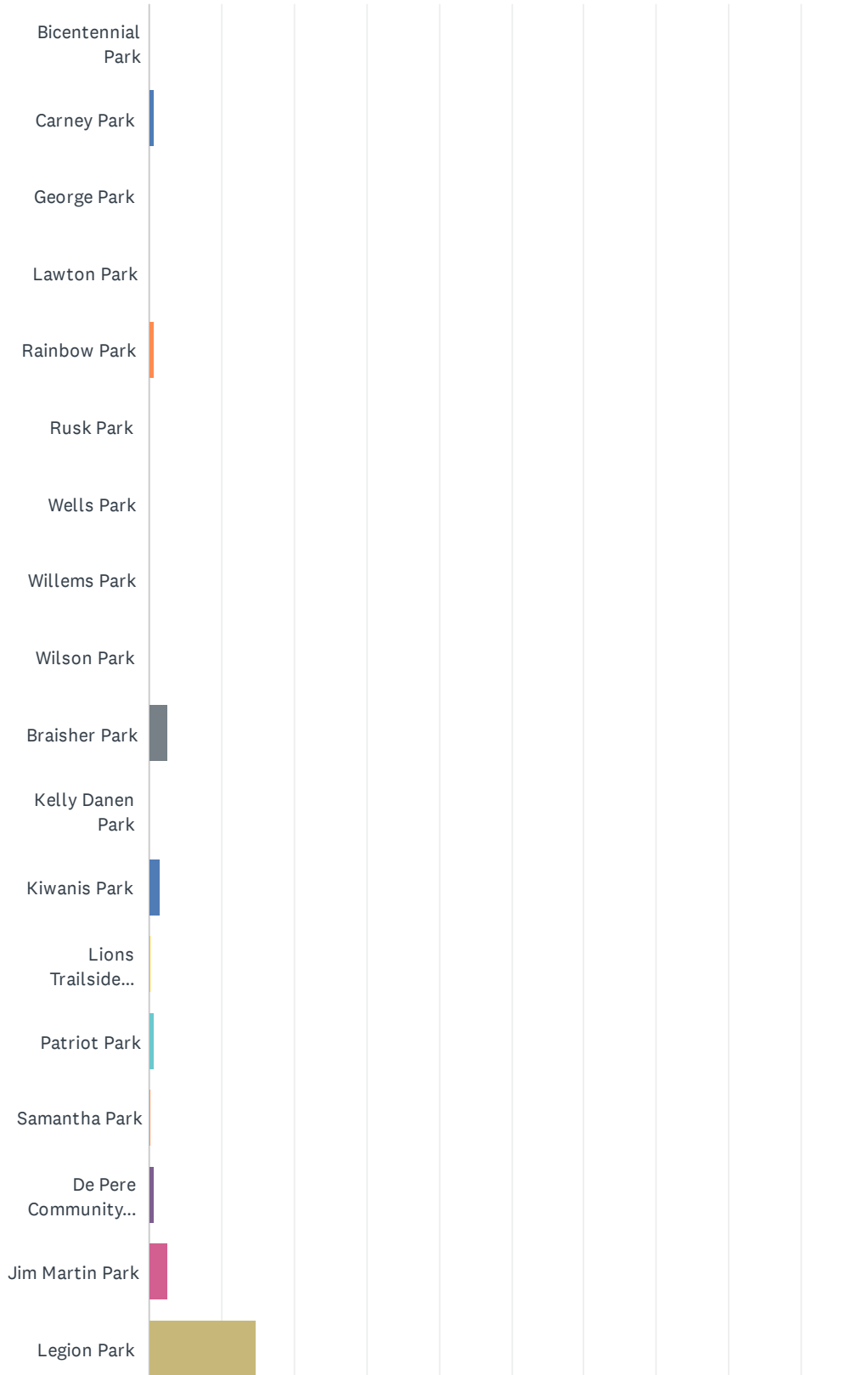
208	Activities going on in park. Trail is awesome for walking and biking!	6/27/2023 3:30 PM
209	Good events nice place to be that feel safe and is laid back place to be	6/27/2023 3:17 PM
210	Location and green space	6/27/2023 3:17 PM
211	Location	6/27/2023 3:06 PM
212	Each park for different reasons	6/27/2023 3:02 PM
213	Playground equipment	6/27/2023 2:42 PM
214	Location and the playground equipment. Also really enjoy the bike trails	6/27/2023 2:29 PM
215	playgrounds,swimming,children's programming, cycling,running	6/27/2023 2:28 PM
216	Location for many. Playground equipment is a big draw. I run the trails a lot and use the boat launch facilities often.	6/27/2023 1:40 PM
217	amenities	6/27/2023 11:02 AM
218	Boating and nice playgrounds	6/25/2023 8:56 PM
219	Location	6/25/2023 5:54 PM
220	Soccer, pool, not as busy, fishing and park program of course!	6/25/2023 10:51 AM
221	Convenience of location. We love biking the East River Trail and the parks along the way. We enjoy having a few parks close by to our home for our children to enjoy.	6/25/2023 9:11 AM
222	Open area for sports. Playgrounds for kids. Entertainment space.	6/25/2023 5:22 AM
223	Playground equipment, fishing, location	6/25/2023 12:36 AM
224	Close to my house	6/24/2023 10:38 PM
225	Close to home. Playgrounds. Walking in nature	6/24/2023 9:05 PM
226	Location	6/24/2023 8:51 PM
227	Location, playground,sports,swimming, safe routes for biking, walking	6/24/2023 5:42 PM
228	Playground, walking	6/24/2023 3:14 PM
229	Location, playground, dogs allowed, running, biking, swimming	6/24/2023 1:57 PM
230	Sports programs, playground equipment	6/24/2023 1:53 PM
231	Playground, wildlife, access to Zestys.	6/24/2023 1:42 PM
232	Location	6/24/2023 3:08 AM
233	Pool Riverwalk concert special events like yoga or beer garden memorial Day activity	6/24/2023 2:15 AM
234	playground, swimming	6/23/2023 9:35 PM
235	Close to home, kids activities	6/23/2023 7:23 PM
236	Walking	6/23/2023 7:06 PM
237	Close to home	6/23/2023 6:12 PM
238	Location	6/23/2023 5:21 PM
239	Walkable	6/23/2023 3:37 PM
240	location and playground equipment	6/23/2023 3:22 PM
241	Convenient location and amenities (playground or trails)	6/23/2023 2:13 PM
242	Close to our home	6/23/2023 11:34 AM
243	Good spot, beverages available and toilets	6/23/2023 8:08 AM
244	location	6/23/2023 7:21 AM

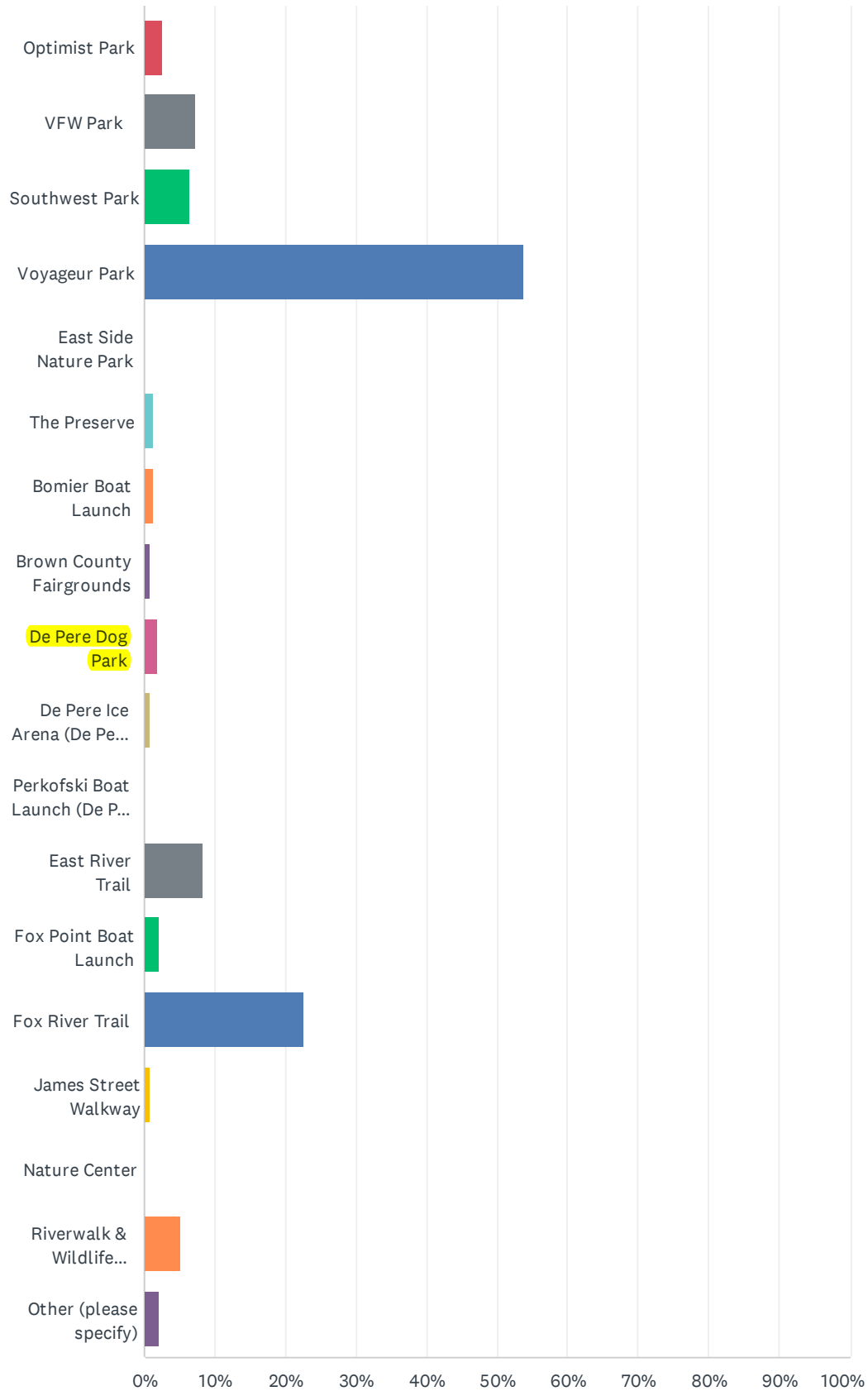
245	Pool, playground, walking trails	6/23/2023 5:31 AM
246	Nice walking path. Beautiful view. Quite.	6/23/2023 4:55 AM
247	Trails, benches to read	6/22/2023 11:43 PM
248	Location	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
249	Close to my house or sports	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
250	Love walking our dogs on the trail and Riverwalk.	6/22/2023 9:17 PM
251	Equipment for the kids. Depends on how they want to get their energy out. Convenience.	6/22/2023 8:20 PM
252	Family walks, beautiful views	6/22/2023 7:43 PM
253	Location, boat launch, events/activities	6/22/2023 7:40 PM
254	Proximity to our house, play grounds, and pools	6/22/2023 7:18 PM
255	Location, playground equipment, variety of uses	6/22/2023 6:51 PM
256	Braisher and Legion are closest to us and we really like the community orchard at Braisher	6/22/2023 5:30 PM
257	Location and great walking areas.	6/22/2023 4:56 PM
258	For the amenities and proximity to my house	6/22/2023 4:50 PM
259	Events and walking	6/22/2023 4:22 PM
260	family	6/22/2023 3:43 PM
261	Playground and hiking/biking	6/22/2023 3:14 PM
262	Playground and baseball	6/22/2023 2:11 PM
263	Playgrounds	6/22/2023 1:44 PM
264	Easy to walk/bike to with kids.	6/22/2023 1:06 PM
265	Kids activities including park equipment, ball diamonds, etc	6/22/2023 12:48 PM
266	Location	6/22/2023 12:45 PM
267	To enjoy the beauty of nature...birds, water, trees etc..	6/22/2023 11:55 AM
268	Playground, location, recreation	6/22/2023 11:21 AM
269	Proximity to home	6/22/2023 11:11 AM
270	Kids sports and school activities. Special needs child uses playground equipment	6/22/2023 11:05 AM
271	Sporting events and location	6/22/2023 10:45 AM
272	Big playgrounds, trails	6/22/2023 10:44 AM
273	Location, or we're at the park for soccer, summer lunch, etc. playground equipment	6/22/2023 10:11 AM
274	walking fox river trail, trail in voyager park, celebrate de pere, de pere city band, lap swim at vfw pool	6/22/2023 10:06 AM
275	Location and events	6/22/2023 10:01 AM
276	Legion Pool, playgrounds, events	6/22/2023 9:49 AM
277	Pools, pickleball courts, handicapped accessible swing and other areas, kayaking	6/22/2023 9:40 AM
278	Pickleball courts, fox river trail is nice, etc...	6/22/2023 9:38 AM
279	Playground	6/22/2023 9:38 AM
280	Grew up with it in my back yard	6/22/2023 9:34 AM
281	Enjoy it. Locations are good	6/22/2023 9:29 AM
282	Kid's baseball/softball programs	6/22/2023 9:20 AM

283	Sports, summer camp, equipment	6/22/2023 9:18 AM
284	Location, water front, running trails, planned community events	6/22/2023 9:15 AM
285	School, park closest to home and allows dogs	6/22/2023 9:11 AM

Q10 Which park or outdoor area in the City of De Pere is your favorite to visit?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 62





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bicentennial Park	0.00%	0
Carney Park	0.64%	2
George Park	0.00%	0
Lawton Park	0.00%	0
Rainbow Park	0.64%	2
Rusk Park	0.00%	0
Wells Park	0.00%	0
Willems Park	0.00%	0
Wilson Park	0.00%	0
Braisher Park	2.55%	8
Kelly Danen Park	0.00%	0
Kiwanis Park	1.59%	5
Lions Trailside Estates Park	0.32%	1
Patriot Park	0.64%	2
Samantha Park	0.32%	1
De Pere Community Center	0.64%	2
Jim Martin Park	2.55%	8
Legion Park	14.65%	46
Optimist Park	2.55%	8
VFW Park	7.32%	23
Southwest Park	6.37%	20
Voyageur Park	53.82%	169
East Side Nature Park	0.00%	0
The Preserve	1.27%	4
Bomier Boat Launch	1.27%	4
Brown County Fairgrounds	0.96%	3
De Pere Dog Park	1.91%	6
De Pere Ice Arena (De Pere Fairgrounds)	0.96%	3
Perkofski Boat Launch (De Pere Fairgrounds)	0.00%	0
East River Trail	8.28%	26
Fox Point Boat Launch	2.23%	7
Fox River Trail	22.61%	71

Q11 What specific features or qualities of this park make it your favorite to visit?

Answered: 273 Skipped: 103

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wildlife	8/12/2023 10:44 AM
2	cleanliness, scenery, well-maintained	8/10/2023 6:53 PM
3	Pools and courts	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
4	Bike trails and well maintained area	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
5	location and equipment	8/2/2023 2:29 PM
6	I like trees	8/2/2023 1:42 PM
7	Water views Access to bike trail Parking	8/2/2023 9:30 AM
8	Pool, shaded area, play structure	8/2/2023 7:23 AM
9	The ability to have my dogs off leash	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
10	Scenic	8/1/2023 3:53 PM
11	Shade and benches	8/1/2023 2:09 PM
12	Open space gives sense of knowing who and what is around me, usually others present	8/1/2023 12:57 PM
13	view of the river	8/1/2023 12:28 PM
14	Overlooks water plus variety of activities - fishing, walking, playground equipment, picnic/shelters, live entertainment	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
15	Nice trails, lots of wildlife and nature, dogs allowed	8/1/2023 12:02 PM
16	The big slide, the whole playground, wildlife viewing pier, walking trails, easy access to Fox River Trail.	8/1/2023 12:02 PM
17	You feel a true connection to nature	7/31/2023 1:20 PM
18	Close to home	7/31/2023 10:17 AM
19	Changing scenery and long	7/30/2023 1:45 PM
20	Voyeauger has best equipment in a Brown Co. We like Optimist, too.	7/30/2023 8:31 AM
21	There is a wide range of activity's like a playground, walking trails, events and picnic areas	7/29/2023 12:43 PM
22	Safe walk and bike	7/28/2023 3:42 PM
23	Answered above	7/27/2023 4:44 PM
24	Play equipment and soft surface in play area.	7/26/2023 10:20 AM
25	Accessible, unique design, close to the library	7/24/2023 9:35 AM
26	Play equipment. Clean. Friendly	7/23/2023 8:09 PM
27	Pool, disc golf, pickleball, basketball, playground, pink flamingo, ice rink in winter	7/23/2023 7:09 AM
28	Riverside location, mature shade trees, lots of benches	7/22/2023 3:38 PM
29	There is something for everyone. And it's beautiful	7/21/2023 5:45 PM
30	Kids enjoy the playground equipment and it's a nice place to sit.	7/21/2023 8:15 AM

66	Enjoy walking along the river.	7/11/2023 3:10 PM
67	Variety of equipment, picnic tables, close to trail and library	7/11/2023 3:09 PM
68	Lots of choices of things to do. Lots of activities in the park.	7/11/2023 12:38 PM
69	Trails	7/11/2023 12:28 PM
70	The River, playground and Riverwalk	7/11/2023 12:14 PM
71	The children's playground is neat	7/11/2023 11:37 AM
72	Quality of equipment	7/11/2023 11:29 AM
73	Jim Martin is closest to our house, so we can walk. Voyageur, though, has a really nice playground and a great vibe--middle of downtown, located on the river, and close to downtown amenities like the library and restaurants.	7/6/2023 10:39 AM
74	Accessible, lots of equipment	7/6/2023 10:33 AM
75	Voyageur is beautiful. East and Fox RT both allow great, safe space from vehicles for biking and running.	7/6/2023 8:11 AM
76	The scenery	7/6/2023 7:32 AM
77	Beautifully maintained trail	7/5/2023 7:46 PM
78	The trail	7/5/2023 7:21 PM
79	Good basketball courts	7/5/2023 2:24 PM
80	I like being able to walk along the river for such a long distance.	7/5/2023 10:58 AM
81	Proximity to our house; variety of activities for my kids	7/5/2023 6:47 AM
82	River Walk, view of river, City Band concerts	7/4/2023 4:50 PM
83	Location, clean and updated facility	7/4/2023 8:35 AM
84	No issues, just visit others because they are closer	7/4/2023 7:23 AM
85	Swimming, playground	7/4/2023 6:27 AM
86	Open grass area, playground, walking along river	7/4/2023 4:29 AM
87	Playground pavilions	7/3/2023 3:54 PM
88	Walking trails, park equipment, dog friendly	7/3/2023 2:09 PM
89	Large spacious areas	7/3/2023 11:48 AM
90	The river walk/viewing pier; bird watching; the playground equipment	7/3/2023 10:02 AM
91	Variety of playground equipment, location, bathrooms and shelter	7/3/2023 8:46 AM
92	Legion pool, softball league, pink flaming, disc golf	7/3/2023 8:40 AM
93	Location	7/3/2023 8:20 AM
94	Close to home	7/3/2023 8:13 AM
95	The playground	7/3/2023 6:36 AM
96	Vast, right on a walking path, on the water	7/2/2023 11:04 PM
97	Setting and the kids play area	7/2/2023 10:36 PM
98	Swimming pool	7/2/2023 10:18 PM
99	Water Park is Great	7/2/2023 10:10 PM
100	View	7/2/2023 9:56 PM
101	Kids playground and near the trail	7/2/2023 9:51 PM

102	The pool and disc golf.	7/2/2023 8:53 PM
103	Scenic along the river.	7/2/2023 8:18 PM
104	Dog-friendly	7/2/2023 7:14 PM
105	Location (close to other activities hosted at this park, walking trail nearby, bathroom facilities.	7/2/2023 6:47 PM
106	Playground and location	7/2/2023 6:03 PM
107	Playground, close to walking trails, space for gatherings	7/2/2023 6:03 PM
108	Love hockey	7/2/2023 5:50 PM
109	Playground	7/2/2023 5:47 PM
110	By River, long continuous path for walking	7/2/2023 5:33 PM
111	Ballpark and pool plus sheltet	7/2/2023 5:27 PM
112	Updated equipment that is good for all ages and has a lot to do.	7/2/2023 5:27 PM
113	Softball fields and for my kids to hang out with their friends	7/2/2023 11:20 AM
114	We love the River Walk, enjoy watching the sun set from Voyager Park	7/2/2023 9:51 AM
115	I use the trail for exercise, meeting up with friends, transportation to downtown GB, the library, etc.	7/2/2023 8:58 AM
116	We love the aquatic facility!	7/1/2023 11:36 PM
117	Close and has a lot of items to do	7/1/2023 6:38 PM
118	Boating with friends	7/1/2023 1:29 PM
119	Peaceful	7/1/2023 11:48 AM
120	By the river	7/1/2023 11:46 AM
121	Water & a lot to do for the kids	7/1/2023 9:38 AM
122	Vicinity to our home. This park is in desperate need of a bench or two though...	7/1/2023 8:44 AM
123	Tons to do.	7/1/2023 8:19 AM
124	Not as crowded and few rowdy loud teens	7/1/2023 8:03 AM
125	Walking distance to home	7/1/2023 7:28 AM
126	pickleball courts	7/1/2023 7:09 AM
127	Access to river walk, Fox River trail, social opportunities (beer garden, band concerts, etc)	7/1/2023 6:52 AM
128	Pool	6/30/2023 11:33 PM
129	Convenient to my home, scenic, not crowded, and I use it to visit other parts of town.	6/30/2023 10:47 PM
130	The trail for walking	6/30/2023 10:07 PM
131	Playground equipment for multiple age ranges. Easy to access. Large fields to run around in.	6/30/2023 9:50 PM
132	Closest to my home; pool; walkability	6/30/2023 9:32 PM
133	Along the river	6/30/2023 6:14 PM
134	Pools	6/30/2023 5:36 PM
135	combination of stuff for kids and places to walk for adults	6/30/2023 5:27 PM
136	Play equipment for all ages, convenient parking and restrokm	6/30/2023 4:57 PM
137	Just close to home	6/30/2023 4:47 PM
138	Location	6/30/2023 4:43 PM
139	The view of the river and the hilly landscape and walking trails.	6/30/2023 4:24 PM

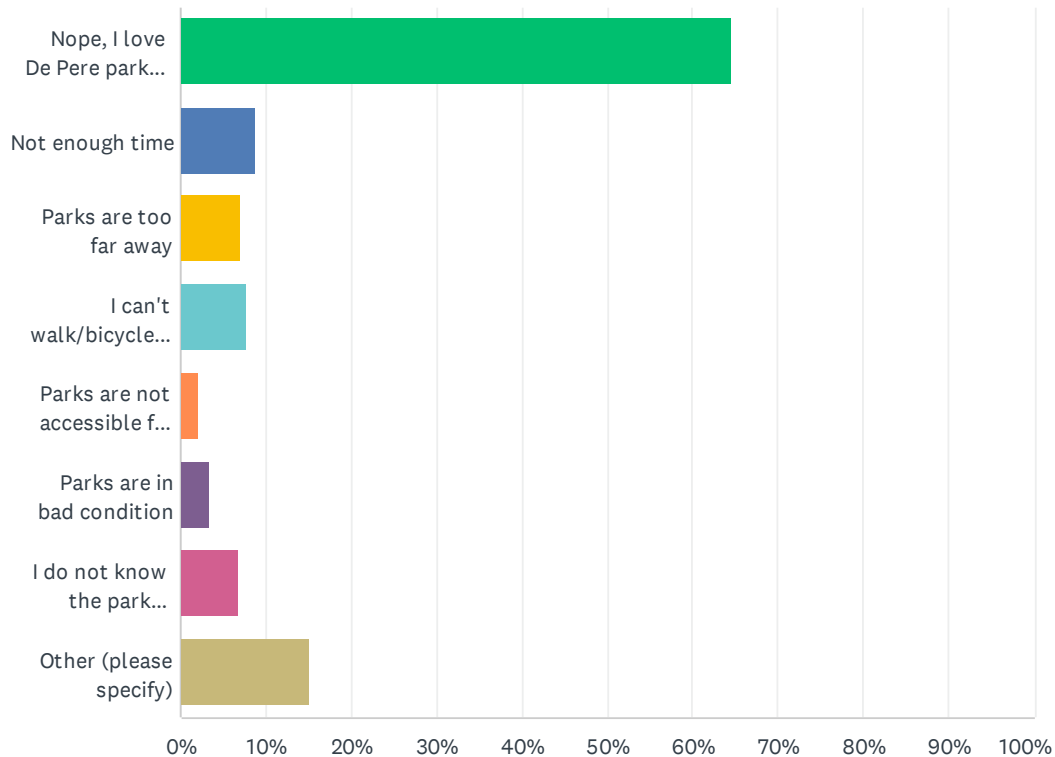
140	by water quite	6/30/2023 3:55 PM
141	Scenery and variety of surroundings	6/30/2023 3:36 PM
142	Proximity to my house	6/30/2023 3:29 PM
143	Our family plays Pokemon Go and lots of people who play, play at Voyaguer. It's such a beautiful park with lots of space for everyone.	6/30/2023 2:54 PM
144	Location. It's near trail, library, restaurant and bathrooms.	6/30/2023 1:50 PM
145	We love disc golf!	6/30/2023 1:31 PM
146	Variety of playground equipment for different ages, family activities like concerts in the park, walking paths along the river and thru park	6/30/2023 11:56 AM
147	Large park and variety. Playground, pier, open areas, and walking distance to downtown.	6/30/2023 11:25 AM
148	The trails an the fishing	6/30/2023 11:21 AM
149	Best soccer and bathroom facilities	6/30/2023 11:17 AM
150	wildlife viewing	6/30/2023 11:10 AM
151	Variety of amenities and things to do. Dog friendly!	6/30/2023 11:08 AM
152	Proximity to my home	6/30/2023 10:51 AM
153	Close to home and has the Pink Flamingo!	6/30/2023 10:31 AM
154	Historical significance, beauty, river view, pelicans and wildlife	6/30/2023 10:04 AM
155	Grounds, and spend lots of time at De Pere Ice Arena	6/30/2023 10:03 AM
156	nature viewing	6/30/2023 9:36 AM
157	It's clean and has a lot to offer	6/30/2023 9:34 AM
158	On the River.	6/29/2023 6:23 PM
159	Close to house, nice to walk around	6/29/2023 11:37 AM
160	Paved trails	6/29/2023 9:31 AM
161	On the shore	6/29/2023 9:00 AM
162	The variety of amenities, especially the pool.	6/28/2023 4:04 PM
163	Aquatic facilities	6/28/2023 1:17 PM
164	Exercise, natural beauty	6/28/2023 12:49 PM
165	By the river, equipment	6/28/2023 10:29 AM
166	Beautiful, natural environment	6/28/2023 9:24 AM
167	Location - proximity to home	6/28/2023 9:03 AM
168	Has everything- water, plants, animals, trail is nice	6/28/2023 8:31 AM
169	love the variety of park equipment for the different ages my kids are. I love that it has other things at the park (boat area to watch, trails, the water) to keep us occupied all day.	6/28/2023 8:12 AM
170	The view, amount of nature. We miss the little ice cream shop that was by voyager park.	6/28/2023 4:53 AM
171	The pool at Legion. The playgrounds, the tennis courts. The trees and shade!	6/27/2023 11:25 PM
172	Green space and trail	6/27/2023 10:14 PM
173	That I can bring my dog	6/27/2023 10:03 PM
174	Typically other events going on around the park, or great upkeep	6/27/2023 9:23 PM
175	Riverfront	6/27/2023 9:20 PM

213	Close to home	6/24/2023 9:05 PM
214	Lots to do for all ages	6/24/2023 8:51 PM
215	It has everything, pool, disc golf, tennis and somewhat safe to bike too.	6/24/2023 5:42 PM
216	Pool for kids, large trees for shade	6/24/2023 3:14 PM
217	Dogs allowed, playground, water access, trail access, events	6/24/2023 1:57 PM
218	New equipment	6/24/2023 1:53 PM
219	Playground, proximity to home	6/24/2023 1:42 PM
220	Nature, walking trails	6/24/2023 3:08 AM
221	Pool	6/24/2023 2:15 AM
222	pool	6/23/2023 9:35 PM
223	Scenery	6/23/2023 8:51 PM
224	Kids play area	6/23/2023 7:23 PM
225	Trails & activities in park	6/23/2023 6:12 PM
226	Play area for kids. Location.	6/23/2023 5:21 PM
227	Great playground, water frontage and walking paths	6/23/2023 3:37 PM
228	combination of walking for the adults and playground equipment for the kids plus the beautiful views of the river	6/23/2023 3:22 PM
229	Park contains both a playground and walking trail access	6/23/2023 2:13 PM
230	Love walking the trail	6/23/2023 8:08 AM
231	Flower gardens (maintained by the Master Gardener group) and the Fox River riverwalk	6/23/2023 7:21 AM
232	Pool	6/23/2023 5:31 AM
233	Open space. No buildings in park.	6/23/2023 4:55 AM
234	The water, trails, benches, near good parking	6/22/2023 11:43 PM
235	Exercise walking path Pokémon go	6/22/2023 11:31 PM
236	Soft ground, location, I feel safe here, other parks in the area at times attract disruptive kids and this park does not	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
237	Lots for the kids to do. Big open space to play	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
238	I love walking the dogs by the river!	6/22/2023 9:17 PM
239	Location. Scenery	6/22/2023 8:20 PM
240	Great walking areas, playground, right in water, good location, lots of grassy space, pavilion, shady areas, boats/fishing, appropriate number of garbage cans, doggy poo bags, very clean	6/22/2023 7:43 PM
241	Events/activities	6/22/2023 7:40 PM
242	Pool and playground	6/22/2023 7:18 PM
243	Many options for recreation: playground, river walk, trail, proximity to library, fishing, location	6/22/2023 6:51 PM
244	It's across the street from our house.	6/22/2023 5:30 PM
245	Walk areas, bridges, fishing access, boat docking, playground and swings.	6/22/2023 4:56 PM
246	I like the trail because it is long, smooth, and minimal traffic to dodge. Legion has the best pool-lots of room to swim. Voyageur has a good playground, lots of trees, great views, and the river walk is fun to visit.	6/22/2023 4:50 PM
247	nature, cleanliness, condition of the trail	6/22/2023 4:22 PM

248	water access, nature	6/22/2023 3:43 PM
249	Really nice playground. River view	6/22/2023 3:14 PM
250	Voyeur has the best all around play group equipment for different ages and abilities.	6/22/2023 2:11 PM
251	Rubberized playground, close to river, near library	6/22/2023 1:44 PM
252	Large, updated playground, and walkable to pier.	6/22/2023 1:06 PM
253	Close to home	6/22/2023 12:48 PM
254	Walking trails, the water	6/22/2023 12:40 PM
255	The birds, trees and wildflowers. It is very serene and a great connection with God and nature.	6/22/2023 11:55 AM
256	Near trail, water, library and has the soft ground at the playground	6/22/2023 11:21 AM
257	Shaded wooded quiet space to feel out of the city	6/22/2023 11:11 AM
258	Water park is popular with our kids. Love the peacefulness of the southern end of the walking trail.	6/22/2023 11:05 AM
259	Great place to walk or ride my bike. I generally feel safe because there are a lot of people around	6/22/2023 10:45 AM
260	Playground size, with equipment for small toddlers, nice padding vs wood nips	6/22/2023 10:44 AM
261	Great playground equipment	6/22/2023 10:11 AM
262	access to Fox River Trail from Voyageur	6/22/2023 10:06 AM
263	Events, amenities	6/22/2023 10:01 AM
264	Legion Pool	6/22/2023 9:49 AM
265	Near water, large area, near bike trail and library	6/22/2023 9:40 AM
266	Clean, nice, good exercise	6/22/2023 9:38 AM
267	Pool and sledding hill	6/22/2023 9:34 AM
268	Choices of things to do	6/22/2023 9:29 AM
269	Close to home. Pool.	6/22/2023 9:20 AM
270	We can walk here. Can take our dog	6/22/2023 9:18 AM
271	Waterfront access, lots of planned activities (beer gardens, music, etc), access to Fox River Trail	6/22/2023 9:15 AM
272	Playgrounds, nature, swimming	6/22/2023 9:14 AM
273	Dog friendly	6/22/2023 9:11 AM

Q15 Are there any reason's you don't use parks in De Pere? Please choose all the reasons that apply or tell us if there are any other reasons not listed here.

Answered: 324 Skipped: 52



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nope, I love De Pere parks and already use them!	64.51%	209
Not enough time	8.64%	28
Parks are too far away	7.10%	23
I can't walk/bicycle to the parks	7.72%	25
Parks are not accessible for people with disabilities	2.16%	7
Parks are in bad condition	3.40%	11
I do not know the park locations	6.79%	22
Other (please specify)	15.12%	49
Total Respondents: 324		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The DePere dog park gets really muddy, the water does not drain well	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
2	Pets not allowed in most	8/1/2023 4:13 PM

3	Pools are only open 2 - 3 months of the year	8/1/2023 2:36 PM
4	Would be nice if dogs could share in parks	8/1/2023 2:09 PM
5	dont have adequate disc golf course other than a small one at leigeon	8/1/2023 12:47 PM
6	Dog poo issues in parks/areas where pets are not allowed	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
7	.	7/31/2023 1:20 PM
8	Not enough pickleball courts	7/30/2023 1:45 PM
9	I use the parks, but wish there were more connecting bike and walking trails	7/19/2023 10:01 PM
10	Not enough shade. The play equipment gets hot for the kids to play on.	7/18/2023 6:03 PM
11	Parks closest to us don't offer much	7/18/2023 11:45 AM
12	Not enough hiking trailz	7/17/2023 5:12 PM
13	don't know the locations of a lot of the parks in the list	7/13/2023 10:56 AM
14	Lack of garbage cans in the winter	7/11/2023 12:14 PM
15	My kids are older. Don't do sports anymore	7/6/2023 7:32 AM
16	Jim Martin is closest to my house but the basketball courts are not good.	7/5/2023 2:24 PM
17	Na	7/4/2023 7:23 AM
18	Dogs frequent the parks, especially Patriot park even though there is a sign specifically stating 'No dogs allowed'.	7/3/2023 11:48 AM
19	No equipment, no bathrooms	7/3/2023 8:46 AM
20	Would love to see some pickle ball courts at Jim Martin. Also better basketball facilities (more kid friendly)	7/2/2023 10:36 PM
21	Antiquated no-dog rules.	7/2/2023 9:56 PM
22	No Xc ski trail	7/2/2023 9:51 PM
23	I avoid the ones that are not dog-friendly	7/2/2023 7:14 PM
24	Need more long distance opportunities	7/2/2023 5:33 PM
25	Some are boring- just a lawn and a bench	7/1/2023 6:38 PM
26	Dogs not allowed	7/1/2023 2:47 PM
27	I'm more of an indoor person/ allergies.	7/1/2023 1:29 PM
28	Trouble making mouthy teens	7/1/2023 8:03 AM
29	The soccer folks make it too congested	6/30/2023 3:29 PM
30	Need to explore and become more familiar with DP park offerings	6/30/2023 11:56 AM
31	Just I am set in my ways	6/30/2023 11:21 AM
32	don't have kids & don't engage in many park activities (sports)	6/30/2023 11:10 AM
33	Not enough amenities in my local park	6/30/2023 10:51 AM
34	Basketball court at VFW is near impossible to shoot on, rims are ancient and backboard as well. It's difficult to play and the pavement is cracked	6/28/2023 1:17 PM
35	There are several listed I've never heard of and don't know about	6/28/2023 8:31 AM
36	If I don't go to certain parks, it is because there is not enough shade, more garbage and not great crowd.	6/27/2023 11:25 PM
37	I free run my dogs at other locations	6/27/2023 10:03 PM
38	Not dog friendly	6/27/2023 8:26 PM

39	Nothing tailored for adults without children	6/27/2023 6:46 PM
40	Not enough beer	6/27/2023 6:42 PM
41	Hesitant to visit some parks when there are a lot of unsupervised children	6/27/2023 3:06 PM
42	can't bring dogs	6/27/2023 11:02 AM
43	Honestly, we homeschool our kids so we have the ability to go to parks during the day which is great! However, when we got to parks during the summer and when other children are out of school we encounter a lot of bad behavior and language that we do not want our family around. When we do go to parks, we spend some time doing park clean up of trash and other items. The park closest to our house (Rainbow Park) has a lot of areas that are rusty and our children and others have gotten cut by the sharp edges. We enjoy parks but children need more unstructured play and exploration. I wish there were some parks that weren't the big, expensive, limited play equipment but were made of logs, things to climb, build, maybe even a treehouse.	6/25/2023 9:11 AM
44	No sidewalks available all down Lawrence Road	6/23/2023 11:34 AM
45	Don't offer a lot of things to do - trails, hiking	6/22/2023 7:40 PM
46	I use them	6/22/2023 12:40 PM
47	Too hot and playground not shaded	6/22/2023 11:11 AM
48	Kids at some of these parks are horrible. Swearing at other kids and adults and making fun of my autistic son. Kids vandalizing and spitting on playground equipment	6/22/2023 11:05 AM
49	Some of the kids at the sledding hill by the VFW are getting out of control. People are disrespectful of the neighboring property	6/22/2023 9:34 AM

Q16 Are there any parks in De Pere that you dislike or think could be improved? If so, please explain why:

Answered: 138 Skipped: 238

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Roatary needs more tables and benches on the concrete slab	8/2/2023 1:42 PM
2	No	8/2/2023 9:30 AM
3	Improve water drainage and trails (mulch more) at DePere dog park	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
4	Pets should be allowed	8/1/2023 4:13 PM
5	East River trail has become too overgrown, don't feel safe	8/1/2023 12:57 PM
6	disc golf course at southwest. More effort to ice skating improvements.	8/1/2023 12:47 PM
7	The preserve trails by Humana need maintenance, especially the wooden bridges have lots of rotten boards. We don't use the trails as much as we used to for that reason, feels unsafe. Also Samantha park could use maintenance as well. I see they put in a cement sidewalk that leads up to the playground equipment which was much needed, but feel more upkeep by way of replacing damaged equipment, weed/thorn control - hard to play in the grassy areas with so many pickers.	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
8	Legion play equipment for older kids.	7/30/2023 8:31 AM
9	No	7/28/2023 3:42 PM
10	Nopes	7/23/2023 8:09 PM
11	Brashier & Legion Parks: Open portions of them up to dog walking	7/22/2023 3:38 PM
12	Optimist park was kind of dirty when we were there but it was also very busy.	7/21/2023 5:45 PM
13	Nope	7/21/2023 8:15 AM
14	More Shade over the playground equipment.	7/18/2023 6:03 PM
15	Southwest park needs to offer more. Things like splash pads, skate parks, things for teens to do, etc.	7/18/2023 11:45 AM
16	Splash pad at a park with parking	7/18/2023 12:55 AM
17	Legion Park (Webster Ave) could be updated	7/17/2023 8:19 PM
18	Southwest should have tennis courts & pickleball courts. Needs a water pad.	7/17/2023 5:12 PM
19	No.	7/17/2023 2:29 PM
20	Legion park!!!! The playground equipment has nothing for littles and the slide is dangerous! No sides!	7/17/2023 2:08 PM
21	VFW park could really use new basketball court/hoops. Everything else has been upgraded but this area.	7/17/2023 1:31 PM
22	Near our area!!!!	7/17/2023 12:53 PM
23	Bicycle accessibility and walkability would really expand our park reach.	7/13/2023 6:03 PM
24	The new aquatic center should be larger with more room for lap swimming with hours 8am-9pm & run like any other business with guards having breaks & lunches, not opening at 1pm or closing for dinner & offering basic lifesaving skills.	7/13/2023 4:38 PM
25	Dickinson elementary, old equipment and they have so many children it should be nicer and newer	7/13/2023 1:47 PM

26	N/A	7/12/2023 8:28 PM
27	Years ago we were informed Rainbow Park would be getting new playground equipment. To date we still have the original equipment minus some things that broke. When is going to be looked into?	7/12/2023 5:21 PM
28	Willems- old equipment, carney (old and rusty equipment)	7/11/2023 3:09 PM
29	All parks should have dog bag/poop receptacles	7/11/2023 12:14 PM
30	Wilson Park - no place to sit, rarely mown, dead and diseased trees,neglected	7/10/2023 5:50 PM
31	Let me start by saying that most of the parks seem to be kept up. But there are two in my own experience that jump out at me as needing attention. The Legion pool facilities are flat out disgusting. They need to be completely redone and kept up. Our kids play soccer at Southwest Park. The soccer fields are the worst kept out of all the cities we play in. The grass was long for more than half of our games this spring/summer. When it was finally mowed, the fields were covered in very long trimmings that made the game difficult to play. Visiting parents from Howard, Appleton, Oshkosh, etc., often comment on the lack of care shown to the soccer fields at Southwest. We wish we could take pride in these being our home fields, but they are not kept up at all. Don't know whose job it is to paint the lines on the fields, but those were also nonexistent for much of the year.	7/10/2023 12:18 PM
32	I think Voyageur could be improved even more and made a "center piece" of the city. The new restrooms will help, but perhaps add some sculptures among the trees near the playground as well? Improving the trail along the river would also be nice. Otherwise, a few parks could use some updated or expanded playground equipment. Overall, though, the parks are great.	7/6/2023 10:39 AM
33	N/A	7/6/2023 8:11 AM
34	Add a kayak rental at bomier launch	7/6/2023 7:32 AM
35	Jim Martin is closest to my house but the basketball courts are not good.	7/5/2023 2:24 PM
36	Overall I'm pretty happy with the parks that I've used. The grass at the dog park could be cut a little more frequently, but otherwise I have no complaints.	7/5/2023 10:58 AM
37	Not able to answer; don't visit many of the other parks.	7/4/2023 4:50 PM
38	I recommend more natural flower beds in the parks (like the planting by the lock bridge? and a splash pad or two. Maybe some water stations on the fox trail	7/4/2023 7:23 AM
39	Legion needs more to do	7/3/2023 3:54 PM
40	Would really love to see lights at tennis courts so we can play at dusk/dark when the weather is a bit cooler.	7/3/2023 2:09 PM
41	Improved upon only by enforcing no dogs allowed. I don't care for dogs, especially when they run or jump on strangers. I've seen them in Patriot park when there are DP park Dept people there and nothing is done to discourage the owners from bringing their dogs.	7/3/2023 11:48 AM
42	Parks need inclusive playgrounds that include music and sand	7/3/2023 8:46 AM
43	Not dislike by any means but it would be very neat if there were other items beyond a slide and swings at the smaller parks.	7/3/2023 8:20 AM
44	Kiwanis	7/3/2023 8:13 AM
45	Would love to see better playground equipment at Legion Park especially with the pool being right there	7/3/2023 6:36 AM
46	Optimist Park is really just meant for baseball. Not particularly nice and not many trees or leisure areas or nice views.	7/2/2023 11:04 PM
47	Legion Park needs to upgrade their children's pool	7/2/2023 10:10 PM
48	Allow pets. Stop punishing responsible pet owners because of a few jerks	7/2/2023 9:56 PM
49	Rusk park. Not really much of a park	7/2/2023 9:51 PM
50	I think more parks should allow leashed dogs.	7/2/2023 7:14 PM

80	The playground equipment at Legion Park is aging and the newer equipment is only geared at older age levels.	6/28/2023 4:04 PM
81	VFW- basketball court!	6/28/2023 1:17 PM
82	Some equipment too high, not enough equipment for toddlers, We want splash pads! The new aquatic center is too packed!	6/28/2023 10:29 AM
83	N/A	6/28/2023 9:03 AM
84	Optimist (I know you can't fix this), but it seems like there is damage to the playground area from people that live by or visit that area. Dickinson Elementary School playground could be improved. Rusk Park- it would be nice for people in that area to just put a small playground set. How about a place close to downtown with a splash pad or a splash pad at a park?	6/28/2023 8:12 AM
85	In general, please continue to plant trees, especially with losing so many due to EAB. The shade is so helpful and the trees yield so much beauty beyond shade. Please continue to plant trees!	6/27/2023 11:25 PM
86	The lawns at most of the parks could be better kept up on such as mowing. Voyageur park is way too busy and also there are always teenagers using/sitting on/loitering on playground equipment that is meant for younger children	6/27/2023 11:16 PM
87	Wilson Park!	6/27/2023 10:14 PM
88	N9	6/27/2023 10:03 PM
89	Designated gravel paths for dogs That way it can be apart from people Who do not liked dogs yet I can bring my leashed dog	6/27/2023 8:26 PM
90	No	6/27/2023 8:11 PM
91	Update the pool and building at Legion	6/27/2023 8:04 PM
92	No	6/27/2023 7:46 PM
93	N/a	6/27/2023 7:16 PM
94	No	6/27/2023 6:59 PM
95	Kiwanis!	6/27/2023 6:52 PM
96	Jim Martin park doesn't feel safe.	6/27/2023 6:44 PM
97	VFW park	6/27/2023 3:31 PM
98	Willems Park on 4th has been neglected far too long. Please keep as a green space and welcoming for residents to sit and relax. Preferably dog free.	6/27/2023 3:30 PM
99	No	6/27/2023 3:17 PM
100	I want to see the green space at Voyageur Park maintained for everyone's use - I do not want to see buildings and large events there.	6/27/2023 3:17 PM
101	No	6/27/2023 3:06 PM
102	Legion park could use an upgrade on playground equipment currently two areas	6/27/2023 3:02 PM
103	Legion. The upper is too small and outdated and the lower is made for much bigger kids	6/27/2023 2:42 PM
104	Fox Point Boat launch should be open year round for trail users, especially now that the trail is cleared all winter.	6/27/2023 1:40 PM
105	I would love if a splash pad could be at a De Pere park.	6/25/2023 8:56 PM
106	Kiwanis has had the same equipment for many years. Something new on the playground would be nice. Also, the berm by the parking lot needs attention. I saw like 5 dead bushes.	6/25/2023 8:51 PM
107	Braiser for a better shelter for the parkees/kids	6/25/2023 10:51 AM
108	As noted above, Rainbow Park has many edges that are sharp and some rusty. Even on the metal benches there are some sharp edges. This is a small neighborhood park with a great field and it would be a great place for some new equipment incorporating nature as well. We do	6/25/2023 9:11 AM

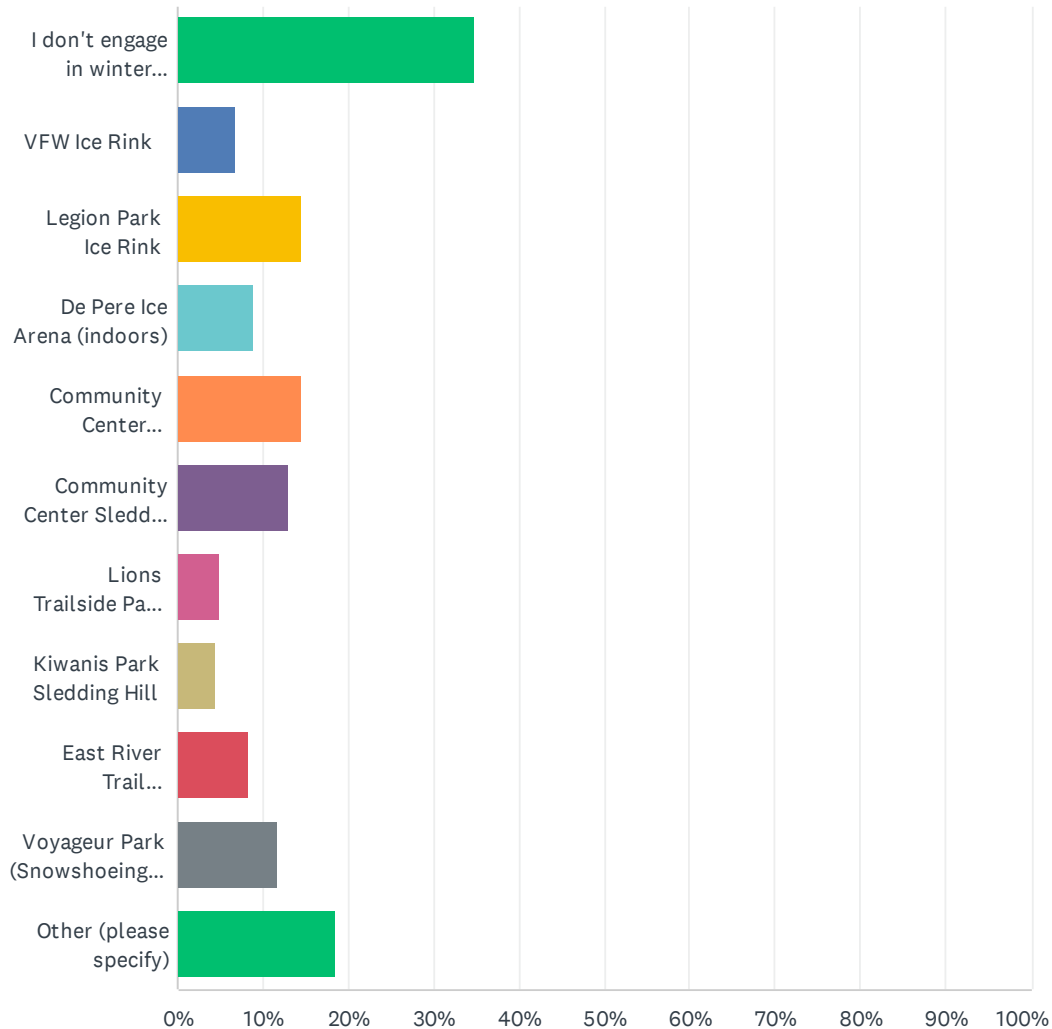
a lot of get togethers as a neighborhood in the field and park. We are blessed with such a great field space! The lack of mulch is often an issue there as bees make their way underground in the open dirt areas. This park is frequently used by many and it would be great if it was cleaned up a bit. Maybe even a gaga ball pit! A climbing apparatus (like the big spider webs)

109	Lack of enough shade or sheltered space at parks with athletic fields or playgrounds.	6/25/2023 5:22 AM
110	Samantha park could use improvement (very outdated, minimal equipment). Southwest park could use an addition since the area is being built up so large.	6/25/2023 12:36 AM
111	All parks-planting areas of native forbs and grasses. Plant only native trees.	6/24/2023 3:14 PM
112	It would be nice if dogs were allowed in more	6/24/2023 1:57 PM
113	There needs to be safer ways to access some of the parks with bike paths, etc.	6/24/2023 1:53 PM
114	Legion pool needs an update	6/24/2023 2:15 AM
115	Rainbow park could use some updated equipment	6/23/2023 5:21 PM
116	Rusk is pretty limited	6/23/2023 3:37 PM
117	The equipment at carney park is worn down. We like going there because my boys can ride their bikes there and there is shade. But its close to the westwood so if its not too hot and sunny, we just go to the school playground because the equipment is better. It would be nice for families with young children to use during the day when they can't use the school playground if the place was updated.	6/23/2023 3:22 PM
118	It would be wonderful if more shade and benches could be added to the parks overall. We frequently visit Jim Martin and our experience would be greatly improved by a shaded area with benches or tables	6/23/2023 2:13 PM
119	Voyager park, add toilets and drinking water access	6/23/2023 8:08 AM
120	I had no idea there were so many parks in De Pere - I am only aware of a few. I can't think of any improvements on the ones I know about.	6/23/2023 7:21 AM
121	NA	6/22/2023 11:43 PM
122	Carney Park!!! There is plenty of space. You have a tiny slide and monkey bars. That makes one item for small kids and one item for a big kid. Many people do the park laps in this area multiple times a week (carney, Willems, OLOL, and Westwood). It would be nice to have the water issues at Willems fixed and the equipment at carney fixes.	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
123	The park on Outward could use fixing up. So could the park by the college with just the swings.	6/22/2023 8:20 PM
124	Toilet facilities with diaper changing stations, more places to take dogs	6/22/2023 7:43 PM
125	More trees in the field by Rainbow Park would be nice	6/22/2023 6:51 PM
126	I think there needs to be a park that has more nature based equipment. We love the section at the botanical gardens that has logs for balance, stepping stones etc.	6/22/2023 5:30 PM
127	Fox River Trail - could shovel further south on the trail. We were walking in the spring and had to turn back because the trail wasn't plowed.	6/22/2023 4:22 PM
128	Legion pool is due for an update	6/22/2023 3:14 PM
129	I wish the sledding hills had some amenities like bathrooms	6/22/2023 2:11 PM
130	Optimist park softball fields need improvement.	6/22/2023 12:40 PM
131	Would be great to have a splash pad at a park or wading pool.	6/22/2023 11:21 AM
132	Not enough shade at the playground.	6/22/2023 11:11 AM
133	We need more water options, like splash pads and pools...especially on the East side!!!	6/22/2023 11:05 AM
134	Continue to circulate police presence to keep parks positive, safe and respected	6/22/2023 10:44 AM
135	A band shell for the De Pere City Band at Voyageur Park would be nice.	6/22/2023 10:06 AM

136	We should have public rain barrels, and compost containers in all city parks	6/22/2023 10:01 AM
137	picnic tables and benches at parks, especially those with playgrounds (Jim Martin)	6/22/2023 9:49 AM
138	I would like a dog area on the east side	6/22/2023 9:11 AM

Q17 During the winter months, where do you participate in recreational activities? Please select from the options below or write your own:

Answered: 290 Skipped: 86



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't engage in winter recreation.	34.83%	101
VFW Ice Rink	6.90%	20
Legion Park Ice Rink	14.48%	42
De Pere Ice Arena (indoors)	8.97%	26
Community Center (indoors)	14.48%	42
Community Center Sledding Hill	13.10%	38
Lions Trailside Park Sledding Hill	4.83%	14
Kiwanis Park Sledding Hill	4.48%	13
East River Trail (Snowshoeing, cross country skiing)	8.28%	24
Voyageur Park (Snowshoeing, cross country skiing)	11.72%	34
Other (please specify)	18.62%	54
Total Respondents: 290		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We snowshoe, but haven't found any place in town that we like.	8/12/2023 10:44 AM
2	Walk the Fox River trail	8/10/2023 6:53 PM
3	Dog park	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
4	I work out w/ a personal trainer	8/1/2023 2:09 PM
5	hilly haven golf course	8/1/2023 12:28 PM
6	Water aerobics at Sybil Hopp school	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
7	We still play at playgrounds in the winter.	7/30/2023 8:31 AM
8	Fix River trail walking and skiing	7/27/2023 4:44 PM
9	Fox river trail running	7/24/2023 9:35 AM
10	Walk in parks and on city streets and sidewalks	7/22/2023 3:38 PM
11	I use other trails during the winter, including the Fox River Trail	7/19/2023 10:01 PM
12	Hiking & walking trails, sledding hills	7/17/2023 5:12 PM
13	Reforestation camp - cross country skate ski	7/17/2023 1:31 PM
14	Would like to start!	7/17/2023 12:53 PM
15	Fox River trail daily walking	7/15/2023 8:12 AM
16	Ride fat bike	7/13/2023 6:03 PM
17	Barkhausen, GBBG, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and Machikanee cross country skiing & snow shoeing, North skiing, sledding, ice skating	7/13/2023 4:38 PM
18	Tubing near algoma	7/13/2023 1:47 PM
19	I didnt realize you could snowshoe at some of the parks.	7/12/2023 8:28 PM
20	Reforestation camp to ski	7/11/2023 11:37 AM
21	Sledding at De Pere High School hill.	7/6/2023 10:39 AM

Q18 Are there any specific age groups that you feel are not adequately served with the existing parks and recreation programming? Please explain:

Answered: 90 Skipped: 286

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not really	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
2	More sledding hills would be nice	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
3	No	8/2/2023 9:30 AM
4	Teens	8/1/2023 4:13 PM
5	People who have dogs or care for dogs are massively discriminated against	8/1/2023 2:09 PM
6	Don't know	8/1/2023 12:57 PM
7	The playground equipment at Samantha park does not serve kids older than say 8 years old or so, and Southwest park equipment, maybe to age 10 or so. Kids older than that could use some playground equipment geared toward more advanced abilities and heights, etc.	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
8	Tweens and teens.	7/30/2023 8:31 AM
9	40-65	7/28/2023 3:42 PM
10	A lot of the park equipment is geared toward older kids would love some more low/toddler friendly areas!	7/23/2023 8:09 PM
11	Maybe real little kids. Don't see to many places that they can play around in relative safety allowing parents to relax a bit. So maybe a place just for those little ones.	7/21/2023 5:45 PM
12	No	7/21/2023 8:15 AM
13	0-5 sports	7/20/2023 12:32 PM
14	10-18 year olds and working adults that can't participate in programs during work hours.	7/18/2023 11:45 AM
15	need more access to pickleball & tennis courts. c	7/17/2023 5:12 PM
16	No.	7/17/2023 2:29 PM
17	Na	7/17/2023 12:53 PM
18	Nope.	7/13/2023 4:38 PM
19	No	7/12/2023 8:28 PM
20	Difficult for disabled or those using walkers/assistive devices.	7/12/2023 5:21 PM
21	Ni	7/11/2023 3:09 PM
22	Beyond athletic fields, perhaps some additional amenities or programs for older kids?	7/6/2023 10:39 AM
23	N/A	7/6/2023 8:11 AM
24	More basketball courts at Jim Martin would be nice for teenagers.	7/5/2023 2:24 PM
25	No.	7/5/2023 10:58 AM
26	More activities for older kids 8-12 range	7/4/2023 8:35 AM
27	Possibly more teen 13-15 activities.	7/4/2023 6:27 AM
28	60+	7/3/2023 11:48 AM

Q19 Do you have any safety concerns about the parks in De Pere? Please share any concerns you have:

Answered: 113 Skipped: 263

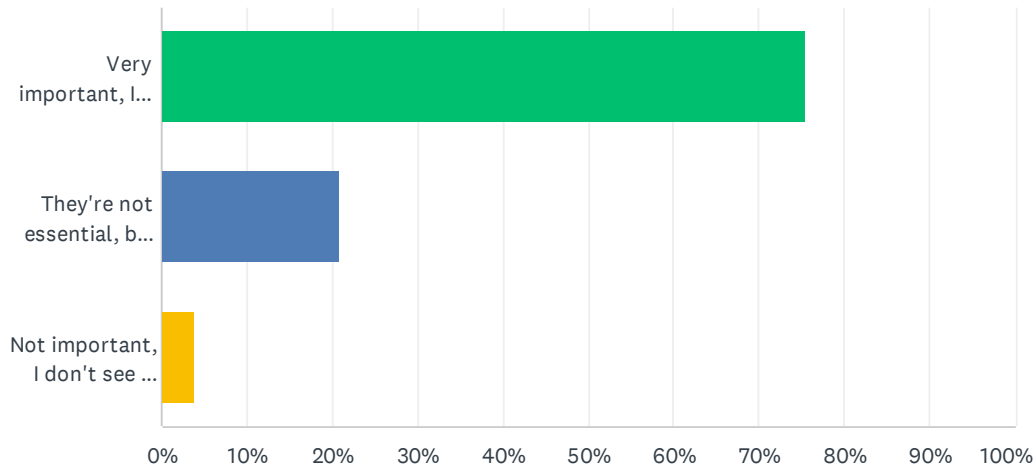
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Concerns with walking at dusk/night	8/10/2023 6:53 PM
2	No	8/5/2023 11:17 AM
3	The workers	8/2/2023 1:42 PM
4	No	8/2/2023 9:30 AM
5	Sometimes I don't feel safe at the dog park if there are not many people out there. Camera footage would be nice. Also sometimes it is too muddy, if you could check a camera online to see if it was muddy before going that would be nice.	8/1/2023 7:36 PM
6	No	8/1/2023 2:09 PM
7	Anywhere, not just East River Trail, always cautious about people who aren't also exercising. Would be nice to have alarm boxes	8/1/2023 12:57 PM
8	Bridges on the Preserve trails have rotten wooden boards. And folks still bring their dogs to sporting events in the parks when signs posted saying prohibited - causes distractions during games which can be unsafe, let alone the poo no one cleans up on the fields.	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
9	no	8/1/2023 12:02 PM
10	Yes - night time issues. Older kids (teenagers) using playground equipment meant for toddlers.	7/31/2023 10:17 AM
11	No	7/28/2023 3:42 PM
12	More toddler friendly park equipment. A lot of the equipment now is geared toward older kids and not safe for babies/toddlers	7/23/2023 8:09 PM
13	Bikes getting stolen from Legion	7/23/2023 7:09 AM
14	I don't appreciate the loud music coming from groups of teenagers clustered around tricked-out pickups in Voyageur Park's front lot	7/22/2023 3:38 PM
15	Not particularly.	7/21/2023 5:45 PM
16	Nope	7/21/2023 8:15 AM
17	Being female a slight concern of safety when by myself if the trail is quiet	7/20/2023 8:43 PM
18	No	7/18/2023 11:45 AM
19	I use to snow shoe & bike on East River Trail but I would go by myself. After several criminal activity incidents along the trail, I no longer go there.	7/17/2023 5:12 PM
20	No.	7/17/2023 2:29 PM
21	Na	7/17/2023 12:53 PM
22	Homeless at voyager park	7/15/2023 8:12 AM
23	Nope.	7/13/2023 4:38 PM
24	last time I went to voyageur park, there were (used/open) condoms on the playground. I haven't been back.	7/13/2023 10:56 AM
25	No	7/12/2023 8:28 PM
26	No	7/12/2023 5:21 PM

27	I don't feel safe on the East River Trail since that woman and her baby were assaulted.	7/11/2023 3:10 PM
28	No	7/11/2023 3:09 PM
29	Most are not dog friendly and garbage cans are only available during summer. Why?	7/11/2023 12:14 PM
30	Voyageur often has children who are not accompanied by adults. Middle and high school children on the playground often intimidate the younger children.	7/10/2023 12:18 PM
31	None.	7/6/2023 10:39 AM
32	No	7/6/2023 7:32 AM
33	No.	7/5/2023 10:58 AM
34	The pond at Optimist needs a fence!! The kids play down in the water and harass the wildlife!! I have called 911 because of the safety issues!!	7/3/2023 2:56 PM
35	Dogs, both loose and on a leash. Golfing at Patriot park.	7/3/2023 11:48 AM
36	Some playground equipment is very high and steep for young children.	7/3/2023 8:46 AM
37	My father and I like to walk in the winter and most frequently will walk on the fox trail. 2 years ago, my father slipped on an ice patch. I understand clearing roads and sidewalks take priority, however the trail is not cleared for most of the winter and turns into an ice sheet. Is it possible to clear it, even just once a month? Thanks for the consideration.	7/3/2023 8:20 AM
38	No	7/2/2023 11:04 PM
39	None	7/2/2023 10:36 PM
40	No	7/2/2023 9:56 PM
41	No	7/2/2023 7:14 PM
42	No	7/2/2023 6:47 PM
43	Concerned with vandalism lately	7/2/2023 6:03 PM
44	N/A	7/2/2023 5:27 PM
45	No	7/2/2023 11:20 AM
46	Wish dogs were allowed.	7/1/2023 11:48 AM
47	No	7/1/2023 9:38 AM
48	Optimist park by the softball fields often have much older kids that are disrespectful. Makes it hard to bring younger kids.	7/1/2023 7:45 AM
49	Park Rules would be nice for the particularly larger parks like voyager. There have been multiple times I have left due to language and violent behavior by some of the older tweens/teenagers at the park. Being able to point out the rules would be helpful.	6/30/2023 9:50 PM
50	I do not feel safe or allow my children to attend Optimist Park because of the sex offender registry which shows many living nearby.	6/30/2023 9:32 PM
51	The amount of trash left around is concerning, also some bathroom facilities could use updating.	6/30/2023 6:14 PM
52	sometimes teenagers hang out in the voyageur park playground equipment and it frightens the children for whom the equipment is age appropriate. carney park feels a bit suspect/run-down. I wish there had been more public reassurance from the city/police after the attack on the trail on the east side. I don't feel comfortable walking alone as a woman on the trails.	6/30/2023 5:27 PM
53	No	6/30/2023 4:47 PM
54	Teen agree hanging out	6/30/2023 4:43 PM
55	more lights	6/30/2023 3:55 PM
56	No	6/30/2023 3:36 PM
57	None	6/30/2023 3:29 PM

91	Southwest park....Drain pipe covers should be secured on, any kid can pick up the cover and fall somewhat in	6/24/2023 9:05 PM
92	Unsupervised older kids/teens on the playground	6/24/2023 1:42 PM
93	no	6/23/2023 9:35 PM
94	Sometimes teenagers lurk around carney and willems parks and quite frequently at the top of the voyageur park set. it scares the younger children for whom the equipment is designed. I don't know if I would walk alone on the fox river trail and definitely not on the trail on the east side where the woman was attacked. I don't know if the city really addressed that and what women in particular should do about using the trails. I felt like the city could have done more to make people feel safe again. I also think a no smoking policy should be enforced at the parks, especially around the playground equipment. Little children shouldn't have to breathe in second hand smoke.	6/23/2023 3:22 PM
95	Cyclists on the Fox River trail.	6/23/2023 8:08 AM
96	I have overall safety concerns because of the increase in crime over the past 5 or so years. I would never go alone to any parks.	6/23/2023 7:21 AM
97	Some questionable activity noticed early morning. Will not go to parks then.	6/23/2023 4:55 AM
98	None	6/22/2023 11:43 PM
99	Voyager park often has disruptive older kids who are harsh with younger kids and disrespectful when parents speak up.	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
100	No	6/22/2023 10:03 PM
101	None that I can think of	6/22/2023 8:20 PM
102	The parking lot at Voyageur park sometimes seems to have questionable people/activities in cars going on	6/22/2023 4:50 PM
103	walking on the trail at dusk	6/22/2023 4:22 PM
104	No cameras.	6/22/2023 1:06 PM
105	Sometimes the kids at Optimist park get out of hand. Young kids not being watched and the swearing at such young ages.	6/22/2023 12:40 PM
106	I do have some concerns about the trails, so I try to stay very aware on the Fox River trail. However I do have a large dog so feel safer than I would with no dog.	6/22/2023 11:55 AM
107	Unsupervised preteens that are rude, sometimes harassing, and disrespectful of property. But I'm capable of defending myself and my kids. I feel bad for other kids at parks who become their victims when adults aren't around though.	6/22/2023 11:05 AM
108	Voyageur can get rough sometimes	6/22/2023 10:44 AM
109	Yes - voyageur park seems to have a lot of loud and obnoxious behavior in the evening. Lots of lewd language and behavior, mostly by teenagers.	6/22/2023 10:01 AM
110	None	6/22/2023 9:49 AM
111	Some of the kids at the community center sledding hill will start fights. People are leaving their garbage and trespassing on the neighboring property. Often kids get to close to the RR tracks as well	6/22/2023 9:34 AM
112	No	6/22/2023 9:29 AM
113	We have ran into issues at optimist a time or two	6/22/2023 9:11 AM

Q20 How important are street trees for your neighborhood? (Street trees are typically found between the street and sidewalk and are maintained by the city)

Answered: 293 Skipped: 83



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important, I love having street trees.	75.43%	221
They're not essential, but it's nice to have them.	20.82%	61
Not important, I don't see the value of street trees.	3.75%	11
TOTAL		293

#	IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF STREET TREES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK:	DATE
1	Adds character and shade	8/5/2023 11:20 AM
2	No	8/2/2023 9:36 AM
3	Please line Legion Park with Street Trees	8/2/2023 7:25 AM
4	Please take care of the trees—there are many dead and dying street trees on the north east side	8/1/2023 2:16 PM
5	I still notice a lot of dead ash trees that haven't been removed. I feel like that may be dangerous. There are 3 right by me on the corner of Fulton and Superior.	8/1/2023 12:07 PM
6	Wish a large number of the same species of trees were not planted on the same street. If there is a disease of a species that requires irradiation the street looks bare.	7/26/2023 11:16 AM
7	I walk dogs every day and really appreciate the shade in the summer!	7/22/2023 3:42 PM
8	Provides shade and also essential to the environment	7/21/2023 8:18 AM
9	They lift and damage my side walk for which I have to pay for. I really feel the sidewalks should be repaired and replaced by the city.	7/20/2023 8:27 PM
10	I very much value street trees. My only concern is that very fast growing trees are planted	7/17/2023 4:25 PM

Q27 Is there one thing that would encourage you to visit De Pere parks more often?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 247

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More shade, more picnic benches	8/2/2023 2:34 PM
2	Nicer workers	8/2/2023 2:00 PM
3	No	8/2/2023 9:38 AM
4	More dog parks	8/1/2023 7:40 PM
5	allow dogs	8/1/2023 4:18 PM
6	Yes, please allow dogs to enjoy the parks w/their care givers	8/1/2023 2:19 PM
7	disc golf course addition	8/1/2023 12:50 PM
8	Maintenance, upkeep, and enforcing the rules - such as no dogs allowed (love animals but sick of all the poo)	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
9	Change the hours. Allow adults to be in the parks later	7/31/2023 1:30 PM
10	Unique playground equipment and splash pads/water features for summer	7/31/2023 10:20 AM
11	Splash pad!!!	7/30/2023 8:42 AM
12	More walking paths	7/28/2023 3:45 PM
13	Allow dogs on leash.	7/26/2023 11:18 AM
14	More baby/ toddler friendly play equipment. The ice rink actually being taken care of!!!!!!	7/23/2023 8:14 PM
15	Many of us in NE De Pere either never had children or children moved away years ago but we have dogs. We support having great playgrounds for kids but would more parks to allow dogs	7/22/2023 3:47 PM
16	No, I think they are pretty adequate for my and my children's use.	7/21/2023 8:21 AM
17	Shade canopy near play grounds.	7/20/2023 8:40 PM
18	More awareness of programs for children.	7/20/2023 7:49 AM
19	More biking / hiking trails connecting the parks	7/19/2023 10:09 PM
20	Would they consider a splash pad? The pools get so overcrowded and it may be a great option for the families with younger kids	7/19/2023 6:24 AM
21	More waking and biking trails connecting to parks and existing biking trails. Specifically east river to fox river trail.	7/18/2023 7:10 PM
22	Splash pad	7/18/2023 12:59 AM
23	food trucks	7/17/2023 7:25 PM
24	Mire walking & hiking trails.	7/17/2023 5:18 PM
25	More accessible playground options	7/17/2023 4:27 PM
26	No.	7/17/2023 2:32 PM
27	Nearby us!	7/17/2023 12:56 PM
28	Educating the public about the parks and their offerings.	7/15/2023 8:19 AM
29	Safe bicycle and walking routes. Would really help link the parks and build a green community.	7/13/2023 6:11 PM

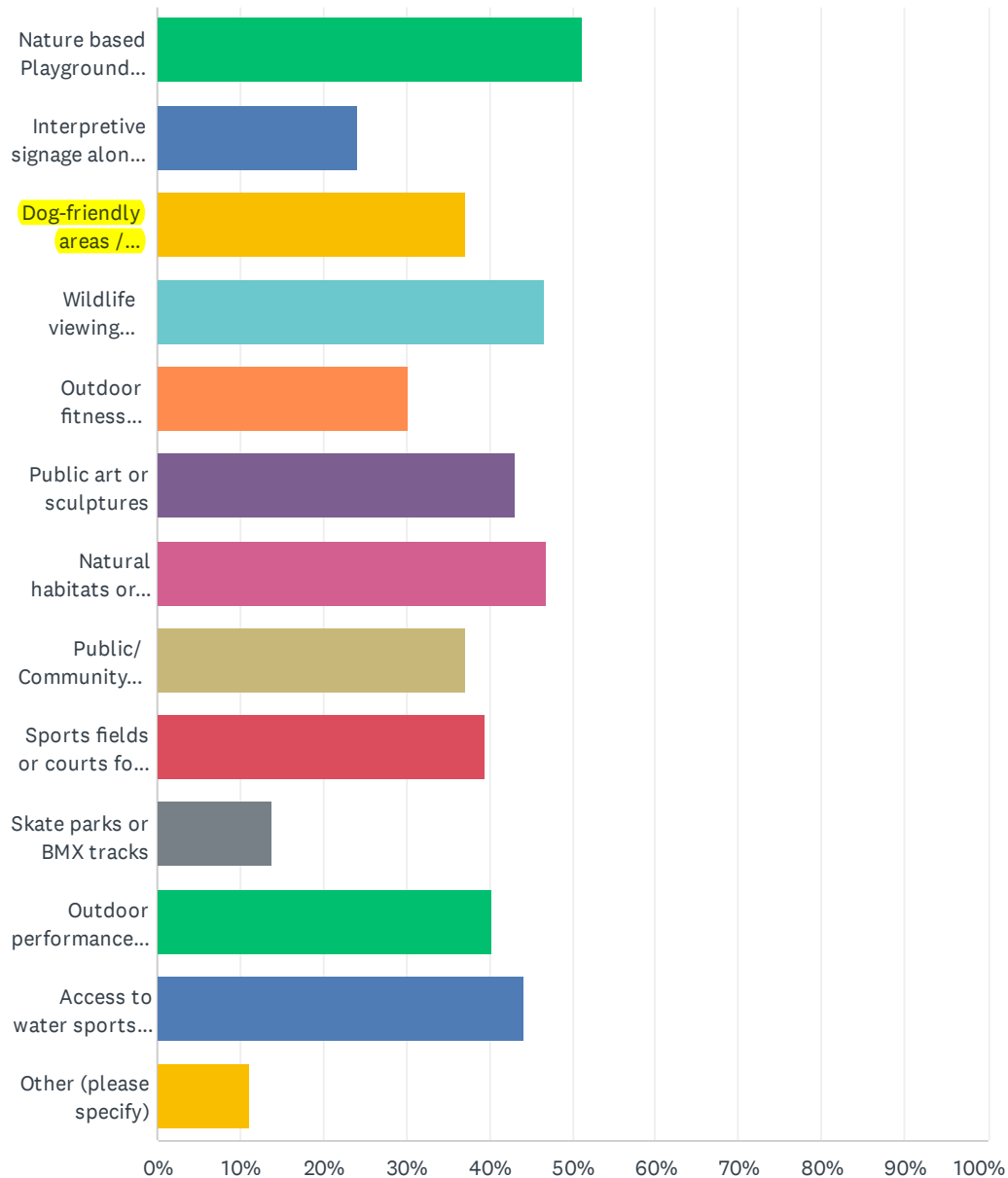
30	Clean restroom facilities & clean drinking water access	7/13/2023 4:47 PM
31	No, I use them regularly.	7/12/2023 8:41 PM
32	Paved trails to park	7/12/2023 5:28 PM
33	Starting community vegetable gardens, planting fruit trees	7/11/2023 3:16 PM
34	New and well kept equipmwnt, bathrooms, near coffee shops/restaurants for walking distance. Would like the little house by voyager to sell concessions again	7/11/2023 3:13 PM
35	Dog poop stations. Dog areas	7/11/2023 12:22 PM
36	More special events like the Beer Garden, especially on weekends. Perhaps additional food trucks rallies or events targeted toward/focused on specific cultures in the community?	7/6/2023 10:50 AM
37	Kayak rental at bomber launch	7/6/2023 7:36 AM
38	It took me several years to realize that we had outdoor ice rinks. I drive past Legion Park on Webster all the time and I didn't know there was an ice rink there. Now, I'm often hesitant to take my kids because I don't know when they're ready or how the weather affects their condition. More frequent communication about their condition would be nice. It would work for me if that was done on social media, but I've also thought that a sign on Webster would be nice. I've also thought that moving the ice rinks to the Shopko parking lot would be great.	7/5/2023 7:04 AM
39	NOTE: I was unable to navigate the two questions where I was to rank the items. That part of this questionnaire is not user friendly!	7/4/2023 4:58 PM
40	Plants and Flowers, water features, different activities. Consider a rose garden at a central park. Consider splash pads, Consider a community movie night, Consider wandering paths along planted beds, well lit.	7/4/2023 7:35 AM
41	More events for kids	7/3/2023 3:56 PM
42	Special events for kids during the summer days, more spread out equipment for all ages and restroom facilities	7/3/2023 8:51 AM
43	Little kid events- for toddlers ie 2-3 y.o.	7/3/2023 8:37 AM
44	Hammocks or places to lounge in the sun/shade like city deck has by the water. Voyager should have a little beach & be built up more there's plenty of parking	7/2/2023 11:14 PM
45	Pickle ball	7/2/2023 10:40 PM
46	Upgrade at legion	7/2/2023 10:13 PM
47	Allow leashed pets.	7/2/2023 10:00 PM
48	More parks that allow leashed dogs	7/2/2023 7:16 PM
49	Events within the parks like the beer garden. More dog friendly areas	7/2/2023 6:16 PM
50	Walking trail and quiet parks for sitting	7/2/2023 6:10 PM
51	More pickleball courts	7/2/2023 5:54 PM
52	Continued care and upgrades to equipment	7/2/2023 5:33 PM
53	No	7/2/2023 9:10 AM
54	Variety of activities and making sure facilities are well taken care of	7/1/2023 6:43 PM
55	Leashed Dog walk access	7/1/2023 2:54 PM
56	More public events such as more Beer Gardens, Live Music, Community Fundraisers, etc.	7/1/2023 8:31 AM
57	Voygeaur park should have a restroom right by the playground.	7/1/2023 7:50 AM
58	Planned/organized event at lesser used locations... walks at The Preserve, yoga or exercise class not just at Voyager.	7/1/2023 7:10 AM
59	Bike trails	7/1/2023 6:29 AM
60	One closer to our house	7/1/2023 6:23 AM

61	More events like the summer beer gardens, live music, or food truck gatherings.	6/30/2023 10:52 PM
62	Knowing the bathrooms would be clean and available to my children.	6/30/2023 9:59 PM
63	More wildlife/animal aspects, whether viewing or education.	6/30/2023 9:42 PM
64	there could be local neighborhood events organized in the parks. it would be nice to see the	6/30/2023 5:40 PM
65	do not touch voyager park no other buildings	6/30/2023 4:04 PM
66	Not really	6/30/2023 3:39 PM
67	An archery range would be great. Increased variability as to what can be enjoyed and what ages could use it. Would also be safer than backyard archers.	6/30/2023 3:36 PM
68	More events like the Beet Gardens! Or maybe encourage block parties so we can meet more neighbors.	6/30/2023 1:36 PM
69	More parks that are dog friendly	6/30/2023 11:43 AM
70	Ease of access and location	6/30/2023 11:17 AM
71	More sidewalks around the entire southwest part of the city and safer street crossing especially Scheuring near Lawrence and in the industrial park area.	6/30/2023 10:56 AM
72	Events	6/29/2023 6:28 PM
73	garbage/recycling, trees for shade by playgrounds and by benches.	6/29/2023 11:44 AM
74	Splash pads, zip lines, cleanliness	6/28/2023 10:38 AM
75	More special events. The bike race this year was just fantastic!	6/28/2023 9:34 AM
76	Labeling trees and native plants	6/28/2023 8:35 AM
77	More events at some of the parks. It is great having Beer Gardens & Celebrate De Pere at the parks. Maybe bring Farmers Market to one of the parks periodically.	6/28/2023 8:19 AM
78	A splash pad at one of the parks or at a downtown space. This would be wonderful and bring people to this space.	6/27/2023 11:35 PM
79	No	6/27/2023 10:11 PM
80	Awareness of various parks and amenities offered at each.	6/27/2023 9:16 PM
81	More picnic tables and shade areas	6/27/2023 9:09 PM
82	Dog friendly areas Leashes But allowed in walking trail	6/27/2023 8:30 PM
83	More advertisement.	6/27/2023 8:09 PM
84	Splash pads in summer , more rest rooms	6/27/2023 7:15 PM
85	Special events/ bands / dog friendly	6/27/2023 6:54 PM
86	Beer events	6/27/2023 6:44 PM
87	More events!	6/27/2023 6:39 PM
88	more recreational events	6/27/2023 6:36 PM
89	Concessions	6/27/2023 6:36 PM
90	More special events of community interest	6/27/2023 5:22 PM
91	Sitting areas for peace and quiet. Away from playground areas where children are playing.	6/27/2023 3:37 PM
92	Better playgrounds and more side walks	6/27/2023 3:34 PM
93	Fewer things like beer gardens and dogs in the parks - we have enough spaces for alcohol in De Pere already without taking away the serenity of the parks	6/27/2023 3:21 PM
94	Kids events more beer garden	6/27/2023 3:20 PM

95	No	6/27/2023 3:11 PM
96	No	6/27/2023 3:05 PM
97	Addition on a splash pad for summer months	6/27/2023 2:33 PM
98	The parks in De Pere, specifically the ones that we frequent that are near our home, are a big reason why we bought our house in our neighborhood. We use the parks all the time and I think they are fantastic. We feel lucky to have them!	6/27/2023 2:03 PM
99	A splash pad	6/25/2023 8:59 PM
100	Events for kids	6/25/2023 10:54 AM
101	Pop ins during some of the summer parks and rec programs. Observing interactions of staff and children in these positions.	6/25/2023 9:25 AM
102	More shade or shelter space need playgrounds and outdoor athletic fields.	6/25/2023 5:29 AM
103	A free splash pad (like redsmith park)	6/25/2023 12:41 AM
104	Yes!!! Southwest Park add some Basketball hoops, tennis/pickleball courts, splash pad something ANYTHING. The map of the park that has been up for YEARS shows this type of stuff so add it. This are is BLOWING up in population. Need something besides soccer fields and baseball, Heck it took a community member over here to get a decent playground going.	6/24/2023 9:19 PM
105	Allow dogs in more parks	6/24/2023 2:01 PM
106	More shade structures and free splash pads to cool off in summer	6/24/2023 1:49 PM
107	Updated legion pool	6/24/2023 2:19 AM
108	no	6/23/2023 9:42 PM
109	More shade and benches please!	6/23/2023 2:18 PM
110	Feeling safe to visit by myself.	6/23/2023 7:27 AM
111	None drinking alcohol events.	6/23/2023 5:06 AM
112	Events	6/22/2023 11:50 PM
113	More Pokémon go stops and community activities on Pokémon go event days. More walking trails. Free mulch delivery to homes	6/22/2023 11:36 PM
114	We like parks with accessible bathrooms	6/22/2023 10:08 PM
115	A quiet area for meditation and yoga. Sound bath classes would be amazing	6/22/2023 8:33 PM
116	Walkable or more tree covered trails nearby to hike	6/22/2023 7:49 PM
117	Something to do at the park - walking trails, events	6/22/2023 7:47 PM
118	A nature playground with community garden or edible landscaping, preferably at Braisher park, a splash pad on the east side downtown neighborhood	6/22/2023 5:35 PM
119	Splash pads with picnic benches	6/22/2023 5:01 PM
120	Better ease of access ie) bikeability and walkability	6/22/2023 4:57 PM
121	I liked the Christmas lights display at Voyager Park, would be nice to see that expanded.	6/22/2023 4:33 PM
122	Easier to bike to.	6/22/2023 1:09 PM
123	Ways to cool off in the summer or more shade for the kids at the playgrounds.	6/22/2023 11:26 AM
124	More trails to access parks from the neighborhood without having to walk to a main road to get to an entrance	6/22/2023 11:15 AM
125	More water options, especially on the east side...and more teen/preteen programming	6/22/2023 11:11 AM
126	When legion is redone making sure the pool capacity doesn't max out constantly like vfw	6/22/2023 10:48 AM
127	More fitness activities	6/22/2023 9:42 AM

Q28 Which of the following park amenities would you like to see in De Pere parks? Please check all that apply. If there are any other amenities or features not listed that you would like to suggest, please write them in the "Other" option.

Answered: 281 Skipped: 95

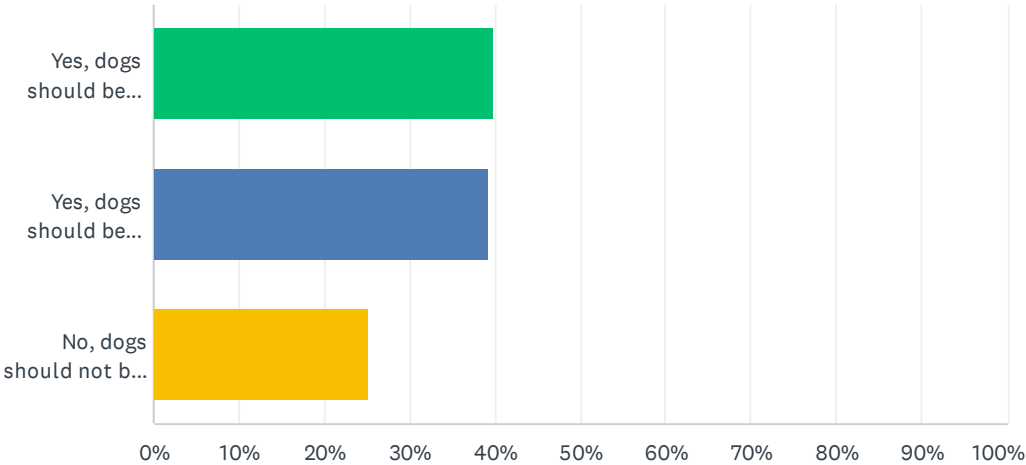


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Nature based Playground equipment	51.25%	144
Interpretive signage along Walking/hiking trails/ biking trails	24.20%	68
Dog-friendly areas / accommodations (i.e., off-leash areas, leashed dogs on trails, etc.)	37.01%	104
Wildlife viewing opportunities	46.62%	131
Outdoor fitness equipment	30.25%	85
Public art or sculptures	43.06%	121
Natural habitats or conservation areas	46.98%	132
Public/ Community Garden plots	37.01%	104
Sports fields or courts for emerging sports (e.g., pickleball, disc-golf)	39.50%	111
Skate parks or BMX tracks	13.88%	39
Outdoor performance spaces or stages	40.21%	113
Access to water sports activities (e.g., kayaking or paddleboarding)	44.13%	124
Other (please specify)	11.03%	31
Total Respondents: 281		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	tennis courts	8/1/2023 12:14 PM
2	Splash pad	7/30/2023 8:42 AM
3	Splash pad	7/19/2023 6:24 AM
4	More shade over playground equipment	7/18/2023 6:07 PM
5	Splash pads	7/18/2023 11:49 AM
6	More walking areas.	7/5/2023 11:24 AM
7	More trees to provide shade for playground equipment	7/3/2023 2:34 PM
8	Pavilion or something to keep slides in the shade	7/3/2023 8:19 AM
9	Youth programming at the park facilities (ex. Art in the Park)	7/3/2023 6:38 AM
10	Beach at voyager & carousel	7/2/2023 11:14 PM
11	Quiet spaces	7/2/2023 6:10 PM
12	Basketball courts	7/2/2023 11:24 AM
13	Courts at Jim Martin	7/1/2023 8:46 AM
14	Some better options on west side.	7/1/2023 7:10 AM
15	Splash pad	6/30/2023 9:59 PM
16	Splash park for kids	6/30/2023 6:19 PM
17	more picnic areas with grills or coal disposals; splash pads or water fountains	6/30/2023 5:40 PM
18	no dog off leashes	6/30/2023 4:04 PM
19	Archery range - brown county has more archers than all other counties besides Dane and mke	6/30/2023 3:36 PM
20	more nature-based solutions to issues like living-walls, rain gardens (makes for learning	6/29/2023 11:44 AM

Q29 Should the City of De Pere allow licensed dogs in parks? You may select multiple options:

Answered: 291 Skipped: 85



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, dogs should be allowed in parks with an owner and on a leash.	39.86%	116
Yes, dogs should be allowed in parks with an owner and on a leash, but not be allowed on sport fields/facilities or playground.	39.18%	114
No, dogs should not be allowed in parks.	25.09%	73
Total Respondents: 291		

Q31 Please use this space to provide any additional comments regarding the parks & recreational facilities in the City of De Pere:

Answered: 56 Skipped: 320

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	do you offer or coordinate spring or fall clean up events at our community parks?	8/5/2023 11:24 AM
2	More kayak launch points on the river would be great	8/5/2023 11:22 AM
3	Parks are important to a city—particularly if they are well-maintained and allow all residents to use them	8/1/2023 2:19 PM
4	Kayak launch should have no fee. We usually launch in Allouez or Green Bay.	7/30/2023 8:42 AM
5	Please look into maintaining the ice in the rink during the winter. It gets flooded and is good for a week and then it's all ruined and dangerous!! I know so many kids who would love to use the ice all winter but it not maintained!	7/23/2023 8:14 PM
6	Love living in De Pere and really appreciate the great work done by the Parks, Rec and Forestry personnel!	7/22/2023 3:47 PM
7	We love to call De Pere our home and love the playgrounds for our children.	7/21/2023 8:21 AM
8	Generally, all the parks in Depere need to be checked for loose bolts, missing hardware and so on. The rubber type surfaces are nice but get very hot. I think I can go to most parks and find something small that should be repaired. I would suspect that some of it could be wear and tear or light vandalism. Overall the parks are well maintained and well planned out.	7/20/2023 8:40 PM
9	It would be really great if the city of De Pere had rental equipment for use on the River such as paddle boards, Lilly pads, etc.	7/20/2023 11:39 AM
10	We enjoy the playground equipment and would love to see continual improvements in those facilities.	7/20/2023 7:49 AM
11	There are no walking parks in the honeysuckle area	7/17/2023 12:56 PM
12	We're good!	7/13/2023 4:47 PM
13	De Pere is a great community and its parks is one of the main reasons. There are a lot of communities in the area that prefer lower taxes to greater and higher quality services. We are really happy that De Pere tends to focus on the latter--this makes it unique in the area and a great place to live and raise a family.	7/6/2023 10:50 AM
14	I love dogs but some dog owners don't pick up after their dog and allow their dogs to be too close to kids they aren't familiar with.	7/5/2023 7:50 PM
15	See my answer about rating - unable to navigate that portion of this questionnaire!	7/4/2023 4:58 PM
16	Everyone is doing a great job, the parks look better and better- thank you!! I appreciate this opportunity to share ideas toward the future plan. Good luck!	7/4/2023 7:35 AM
17	Do something about the parking at Optimist! It's terrible during softball. I live on Coral st and people take our parking and are rude to us.	7/3/2023 3:01 PM
18	LOVE LOVE LOVE the flowers and birdhouses in planter areas dow town. So unique and looks summery and beautiful!	7/3/2023 2:34 PM
19	Thanks!	7/3/2023 10:05 AM
20	Thanks for seeking feedback.	7/3/2023 8:37 AM
21	The parks in DePere are the best. When our children were young we used many more facilities than we do now. We appreciate how well kept everything is.	7/2/2023 9:10 AM

22	Great parks and impressed with the city staff that help make it possible.	7/1/2023 11:53 AM
23	Community Fundraisers such as a DPPD K9 Fundraiser would draw in a crowd, would also really love to see more live music.	7/1/2023 8:31 AM
24	Voyageur park could use a restroom right by the playground.	7/1/2023 7:50 AM
25	Smarter use of funds. Although VFW aquatic center is beautiful, it is frustrating that such a facility was built and is of no use for the majority of the year 🙄	7/1/2023 7:10 AM
26	I wish our street had a sidewalk so it was easier to walk safely to the park. We're a little side street and don't have a sidewalk.	7/1/2023 6:23 AM
27	Woodchips stink as playground flooring! Thank you to all those who work so hard to keep our city looking amazing!	6/30/2023 9:59 PM
28	Would love to see continued growth encouraging and embracing eclectic and diverse activities that compliment the cities current offerings!	6/30/2023 9:42 PM
29	It would be nice if the park and rec dept could sponsor baseball and soccer games like appleton park and rec does and like they already do with flag football--something that is less intense and more family friendly than the current programs. Overall the parks are wonderful and the city is really well kept!!	6/30/2023 5:40 PM
30	You do a great job. I just wish there was a spot I could shoot my bow. Also, the mobile lights at Southwest park are ridiculously bright and shouldn't be used. If any lights are used, they should be required to face down like a parking lot.	6/30/2023 3:36 PM
31	We love De Pere so far! We moved here during COVID so it was hard to feel welcomed into the neighborhood. But hoping to meet new people this summer at events!	6/30/2023 1:36 PM
32	I liked the park highlights shared and would like to see more info and more frequent highlights shared to learn more about what DP offers. Thank you for all you provide and all you do.	6/30/2023 12:10 PM
33	Thanks for all you do!	6/29/2023 11:44 AM
34	Please consider splash pads, as the pools are too full! Please allow toddlers use of baby pool in the morning while swim lessons are in session! Neenah parks have Ziplines, which my kids love!	6/28/2023 10:38 AM
35	Great job. Keep doing what you do for the community!	6/28/2023 8:19 AM
36	I'm very pleased with De Pere parks and it's part of why we love living here. I need to take more time to educate myself on everything that is offered.	6/28/2023 5:01 AM
37	I am thankful to live in a city that care about our parks and forest. Let's keep up the great work and keep making improvements. Thank you!	6/27/2023 11:35 PM
38	The terraces/parkways/boulevards on Ridgeway are terrible. I understand there has been construction on the street for sometime. However over the past six years that I have lived in De Pere, whether there is construction or not on ridgeway, the grass always looks terrible and is not cut regularly, the trees are randomly planted, some are in bad shape, and it is overall not aesthetically appealing, and they hardly trim the edges and around the trees. It's a true eye sore and should be maintained better.	6/27/2023 11:31 PM
39	I believe the parks, arborist and general maintenance is fantastic. Trees should be required in rows. The should be free and food producing. Dogs should be permitted in parks as they are part of the family and of our community. So much ah the for depr had a dog	6/27/2023 10:11 PM
40	Very friendly and safe Love the lights at pickle ball at legion	6/27/2023 8:30 PM
41	Add on to the fox river bike trail (example connect it to Lombardi Avenue)	6/27/2023 6:54 PM
42	Doin a great job folks, thank you all!	6/27/2023 6:50 PM
43	Please maintain the green spaces in the downtown area!	6/27/2023 3:21 PM
44	Overall De Pere's parks and number of parks is outstanding!	6/27/2023 3:11 PM
45	I think the entire parks and rec program in De Pere is the crown jewel of what our taxes fund. We use the parks and the programming all the time. I think everything is executed well and I think staff is very responsive when it comes to any changes or suggestions made. I'm	6/27/2023 2:03 PM

constantly impressed with the offerings, the quality of programming, and the new ideas your department brings about. Keep up the great work!

46	We are thankful to live in De Pere! We enjoy the pools, trails and other amenities!	6/25/2023 9:25 AM
47	Highly recommend updating / adding additional parks in the southwest region of depere as it has grown significantly. Additionally a FREE splash pad would draw so many people to parks as there is not currently any in depere.	6/25/2023 12:41 AM
48	Overall Great job on the Parks. Just what I said above for SouthWest, there is soooo much potential over here at that park! And extend the street tree program to all. And Buy trees from a better quality supplier!!!	6/24/2023 9:19 PM
49	With how crazy traffic and speeding has been lately it would be nice to create more bike lanes and safe routes to and around our parks.	6/24/2023 5:47 PM
50	When trees are planted they need to do a better job prepping the roots I.e. cut off roots that are wrapping around root ball, loosening soil in the root ball. Plant only natives, provide better outreach for invasive pests. Have actual program where they take care of invasive pests. Stop planting annual plants and wasting water and employee time by watering them.	6/24/2023 3:20 PM
51	Thank you for already providing amazing services!	6/23/2023 2:18 PM
52	De Pere is a beautiful place to live ... keep up the good work!	6/23/2023 7:27 AM
53	Overall I'm happy with the parks of West De Pere and De Pere	6/22/2023 8:33 PM
54	I'm very disappointed baby pools have been taken away during swim lessons. That was a big advantage to be able to watch my older child and occupy my younger child. It will definitely influence my decision on doing more sessions during the summer.	6/22/2023 7:24 PM
55	All De Pere parks should be dog friendly as De Pere likes to boast about how dog friendly the city is.	6/22/2023 10:49 AM
56	You should allow dogs in parks but at the 1st violation that persons animal should be banned.	6/22/2023 9:40 AM



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Staff Update on Playground Installations at Kelly Danen, Legion and Lawton Parks.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Staff Update on Nelson Family Pavilion Ground Breaking.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Staff Update on repair of Southwest Park Shelter.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo.Southwest Park Shelter (DOCX)

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To: Board of Park Commissioners
From: Marty Kosobucki
Date: September 21, 2023

RE: Southwest Park Shelter Status

Below is the updates we have received from our Engineering consultant for repairing Southwest Park Shelter.

- Architect is developing summary report of findings and existing conditions documentation, expecting completion by 9/15.
- Detailed structural calculations are ongoing.
- Progress plan review meeting set with City staff – 9/20 – 2:30 pm.
- Plan development is ongoing in September, for bidding in October.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Staff Update on Comprehensive Plan Status.



City of De Pere, Wisconsin

Request For Board of Park Commissioners Action

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

FROM: Marty Kosobucki

SUBJECT: Staff Update on Major Projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Major Projects Summary (DOCX)

Major Projects Summary – As of September 15, 2023

From time to time we give you a comprehensive look at all our major projects over the course of the year. Below is an on going list of projects we have and where they sit.

Project	Completed	Notes
Nelson Technical Design	Yes	
Nelson Fundraising Committee	Yes	
Nelson Bid Approval	Yes	Approved Sept 5
Nelson Construction	No	Construction starting Oct 1
Truck 15 replace	Yes	
Wilson Park Consultant and Design	Yes	
CORP consultant	Yes	
Stump Removal contract	Yes	
Stump removal	No	Completion by end of Sept
Tree and stump removal contract	Yes	
Tree and Stump removal	No	Completion by end of October
Pool Vacuum ordered	Yes	
VFW Flow Meter	Yes	
VFW Alkalinity System	Yes	
Main Ave – No Mow decision	Yes	Going back to DPW for review in the Fall.
Park LED Light replacement	Yes	Voyageur
Truck 4 replace	Yes	
Truck 16 box replacement	Yes	
Preserve Sign replacement	Yes	August
Water Cooler Replacement 2022/2023		
Ice Center Lease	Yes	One year extension completed
Ice Center Long Term Lease renewal	No	Waiting for response from stakeholders. Beginning discussions in September.
Holder #1 replacement	No	Replacement selected and ordered, need to budget additional funds in 2023
Truck 4 Wrap	No	Truck is currently getting wrapped
Sidewalk/Hard Surface Replacement		
Braiser Sidewalk and Storm		
Waterview Heights	No	Funding was provided for grading but park is not established yet or accessible by road.
Southwest Park Door replacement	No	On hold due to fire. A number of doors were damaged in fire and will be replaced due to fire.
Main Street Underpass Consultant	No	No consultants bid on project and its recommended to include in DOT project.
CORP Consultant	Yes	Mead and Hunt hired
CORP Plan update	No	In process of being updated. Target date for completion is Dec 2023.
Perkofski Launch Grant for refurbishing	No	Not submitted due to other grants still submitted and not completed.

Perkofski Dock Extension Grant	No	Budgeting additional funds in 2023 to complete project and grant. Original contractor bailed, new cost is higher.
Bomier and James Street Dock grants	No	Received the grants, confirmed contractor, waiting for Schmidt boat docks to start project.
Canoe/Kayak launch grant	No	WDNR did not award funding. Still waiting for NRDA decision
Perkofski Ticket machine	No	Have not submitted grant because of outstanding grants
Kelly Danen Playground	Yes/No	Playground and sidewalk are installed as of Aug 29. Waiting for PIP to be approved and installed...late Sept/early October. Donor sign and landscaping still need to be done.
Lawton Playground	No	Playground is ordered and old playground has been removed. Waiting for excavation and sidewalk. Installation to occur in Late Sept.
Legion Playground	No	Playground is ordered and old playground removed. Waiting for excavation and sidewalk. Installation to occur in mid September. PIP to be approved in Sept and then installed later in the fall
Legion diamond renovation	No	Diamond renovation is anticipated to be completed September 15. Fencing renovations are expected to be done by end of October.
Heating System Pump replacement	No	Project starting Sept 18.
Southwest Park Fire Restoration consultant	Yes	REL hired
Southwest Park Fire Restoration	No	REL is currently finishing up design and will be looking to go out to bid in September.
Community Center Fan replacement	Yes	Emergency repair. Completed