



**Parks and Recreation Board Agenda
Department of Public Services
851 South Eton-Conference Room
Tuesday, June 10, 2025
6:30 PM**

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Announcements, Introductions of Guests & Chairpersons Comments**
 1. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update
 2. In The Park Summer Concert Series begins:
 - a) Friday, Jun 13, 2025
- IV. Open To The Public for Items Not On the Agenda** (*two minutes per person*)
 - No one may speak a second time until everyone in the audience has spoken.
 - The chairperson may alternate speakers pro & con on issues being discussed.
- V. Approval of the minutes of: May 6, 2025** (*regular meeting*)
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 1. Adams Park (photos of updates)
 2. Booth Park Update
 3. Pumphouse Park & West Lincoln Well & Park Playgrounds
- VII. New Business-** *Written and submitted by 5pm Monday at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, one week prior to the meeting.*
- VIII. Miscellaneous Communications**
 1. Communication regarding parks
 2. Communication regrading Kenning Park
 3. Communication regarding Pumphouse Park
 4. Communications regarding Accessibility
 5. Communication regarding Golf Courses
- IX. Reports From Staff**
 1. July Parks and Recreation Month
- X. Items for Next Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

XI. Adjournment

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Minutes are available for review at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 East Lincoln, Birmingham, MI 48009*

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Board strives to provide opportunities for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration for present and future generations of residents and visitors through stewardship of natural, cultural and recreational resources. By continuously elevating the beauty and quality of the parks and recreation system of Birmingham, the Parks and Recreation Board will promote health and wellbeing, and strengthen the community.

You may also present your written statement to:
City of Birmingham, Parks and Recreation Board
851 South Eton, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 prior to the meeting.

City of Birmingham
Parks And Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
851 South Eton - Conference Room

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chair Heather Carmona, Vice Chair Pam Graham; Board Members Susan Collins, Jessica Einstein, Sarah Kupczyk, Anne Lipp, Steve Sweeney; Alternate Board Members Narlu Castellano, Joseph Wrobel (non-voting); Student Board Member Abigail Murphy (left 7:07 p.m.)

Absent: Student Board Member Jack Bassett

Staff: Department of Public Services Director Zielinski; Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent Folk, Parks and Recreation Manager Laird, Parks and Recreation Foreman McNab

III. Announcements, Introductions Of Guests & Chairperson Comments

1. USTA-May is Tennis Month

The Chair delivered the proclamation.

- 2. The City of Birmingham Ice Show-May 17th Show Times: 11am and 4pm**
- 3. Department of Public Services Open House-May 17th Event Time: 10am-2pm**
- 4. Annual Rouge River Clean-Up-May 17th Event Time: 10am-12pm**
- 5. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update**

VC Graham provided the update and encouraged listeners to communicate their opinions about the future direction of the project to the City Commission.

IV. Open To The Public For Items Not On The Agenda

Mark Werder supported improving conditions at Springdale and Lincoln Hills golf courses.

Kevin Meade supported improving the user experience of the online pickleball and tennis court reservation system.

Michael Davies supported a bridge being built between Linn Smith Park and Linden Park.

V. Approval Of The Minutes - April 1, 2025

Motion by Lipp
Seconded by Collins to approve the minutes.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Kupczyk, Einstein, Sweeney, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp
Nays: None

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Proposed Time Change to Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- Meeting at 6:00 p.m. could be prohibitive for people who work outside of Birmingham.
- This change in timing could reduce commenters' ability to attend meetings, and might also reduce the age and experience diversity of present and future board members.
- Moving it to 6:00 p.m. could make it easier on staff members, and could also leave people more time to put their children to bed.
- More board members supported leaving the time as-is, presently.

Motion by Einstein

Seconded by Lipp to keep the time.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Kupczyk, Einstein, Sweeney, Collins, Carmona, Graham, Lipp

Nays: None

2. Booth Park Update

The Chair introduced the item and staff presented the item. Staff answered informational questions.

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- It could be worth considering furniture that is also site-specific public art for this and future projects. This could be done in collaboration with the Public Arts Board.
- The locations for the benches were well-selected.
- The landscaping nearest the benches should be selected so as not to attract stinging insects.
- The bench should be comfortable.
- Wood would likely be uncomfortable to sit on in skirts or shorts. Splinters could also become a concern.
- It might be more appropriate to consider a few smaller picnic tables rather than one large one.
- Having to re-oil the benches on an annual basis indicates that the material might be more porous than is preferable.
- A composite material might be more suitable.
- The Douglas Fir finish is described as smooth.
- The material for the swing cables should be identified.
- The swing design echoes the bathroom design.

Public Comment

Diane Kramer supported in-person evaluations for benches in order to select for increased seating comfort.

Mr. Werder commented that the picnic table was some distance from the entrance.

Staff answered questions from Coral Par.

3. Playground Design Input Session

Staff introduced the items and Lance Shipman from Penchura. Mr. Shipman presented the items and answered informational questions.

a. Pumphouse Playground

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- Children using wheelchairs are often not able to access playground equipment.
- Children using wheelchairs would not be able to navigate directly up to the swingset at this playground.
- At least one of the swings should be accessible for wheelchair users.
- Poured-in-place surfaces and pathways should be installed selectively but deliberately. A poured-in-place surface increases usability throughout the year, reduces maintenance time and costs, improves safety, and improves accessibility for users across the lifespan.
- Accessibility and aging-in-place are priorities of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the City's 2040 Plan.
- If some proposed amenities need to be scaled back in order to include some poured-in-place surfaces, that should occur.
- Per nearby residents, the amount of seating in the park was sufficient.

Public Comment

Abby Werder supported using the first concept because it covers a wider range of ages and retaining the name Pumphouse Park.

Kevin Zurro concurred with Ms. Werder, and supported the proposed changes, installing a saddle spinner in addition to the other proposed equipment, removing the old poles that remain in a few spaces within the park, closing the gap between the ground and the fence that is between the country club and the park, and an expedient installation process.

Wendy Leary supported focusing the playground equipment on the younger age range and installing 'children at play' signs on the street.

Mr. Werder commented about the schematic showing the smaller houses, saying it did not align with the character of the neighborhood.

Another resident disagreed with Mr. Werder.

b. Lincoln Well Site Playground

Board members raised the following points during discussion:

- This first round of feedback should be treated as just a starting point for this process.
- The next presentation for both parks should include callouts for features that are or can be made accessible.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Paranjpe supported playground equipment that aligns better with the subtler aesthetic character of the neighborhood, reintroducing a sandbox, gearing the playground towards the younger age range, and providing comfortable places to sit for caregivers.

Carol Keidan supported playground equipment featuring earth tones.

Ms. Par concurred with Mses. Paranjpe and Keidan regarding design considerations, and supported retaining the fountain, reintroducing the sandbox, retaining seating and adding seating in the shade, adding a pollinator area, adding a bench swing that could be used by adults, and adding amenities such as a place for adults to play checkers or chess.

Tricia Meade concurred with Mses. Paranjpe, Keidan, and Par, supported replacing two of the spinners with one bench swing in the shade, and commented concerns that adding more attractions could cause the number of visitors to outpace the available parking.

Kevin Meade concurred with Mses. Paranjpe, Keidan, Par and Meade regarding design considerations, and supported reintroducing the sandbox and adding the more horizontal play structures in earth tones versus the more vertical play structures.

Cathleen Greiner concurred with the other commenters about appropriate design for the context, supported the swingset design, adding a bench swing, adding a treetop structure, adding accessible paths, and reintroducing a sandbox.

Brigetta Greiner supported retaining the swings, adding a treetop structure, having sufficient seating and tables, and reintroducing a sandbox.

Trevor Andrews supported the taller play structure over the treetop structure, focusing on the 5-12 age range, retaining the swings, retaining the sandbox, adding more interesting features in the space adjacent to the tennis courts, adding higher monkey bars, and adding rope features similar to the ones at Pierce.

A resident of 1751 W. Lincoln commented concerns about drainage issues within the park.

VII. New Business

VIII. Miscellaneous Communications

Communications can be found in the evening's agenda packet.

A brief discussion occurred on how public comments made during 'Open To The Public For Items Not On The Agenda' are addressed by staff.

IX. Reports From Staff

1. Park Updates

X. Items For Next Meeting

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Connie Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist









MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: June 2, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Booth Park Update

Designs for the communal picnic table and bench swing presented at the May 6, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting prompted discussion about materials, size and cost of the table in addition to confirming a proper location for each item. At the May meeting, the Board reviewed designs for both amenities, the communal picnic table and bench swing, proposed to be made from kiln dried Douglas Fir with a smooth finish and involving annual maintenance of applying oil in advance of the summer season.

The Board expressed interest in reviewing a composite material opposed to wood for maintenance and durability reasons. Sue Grissim, Grissim, Metz, Andriese, has explored the possibility of using a hardwood in lieu of the Douglas Fir for both the picnic table and swing. A sample of both the Douglas Fir and White Oak will be provided at the June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

Additionally, based on discussion at the May meeting, as an alternative to the custom large communal table, Sue provided the provided the attached specifications for the Harvest picnic table by Landscape Forms. They are oversized (8' long), well proportioned, heavy (260 lbs) and don't try to emulate wood. Sue suggested the leaf green color. Two tables ganged together would create the same communal effect.

Cost estimates at this time are as follows:
Custom built bench swings: \$31,600-\$35,000 (cost for two swings)
Custom Communal Picnic Table: \$32,000
Harvest Tables & Benches: \$13,240-\$14,280

As mentioned at the May meeting, these items will be available as donation items, and promoted on our donate page under the Booth Park category.

Lastly, Sue confirmed that for the custom swings, 1" diameter steel support rods attach the swing to the beam.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Landscape Forms Harvest Table Brochure, Product Data, Pricing



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Natural Fit

Making people's outdoor experiences better: It's what we do and, in Loll Designs, we found the perfect partner to keep that mission going. Loll Designs shares our enthusiasm for good design that fits the spirit of the outdoors—fresh, natural, and inviting.



Shared Experiences

The Harvest line of communal tables brings us together—whether friends, coworkers, or classmates—to share our experiences outdoors. It celebrates the good life for those who work hard and relax harder. It invites us to “settle in” and share a conversation, a meal, a goal, a laugh, or simply to enjoy the view.









Fun in Function

Some of our best moments are made outdoors, and Harvest is here to help. Including rectangular tables in standing and dining heights, round tables in standing and dining heights, a round casual height table, and a round side table, the Harvest line welcomes a full range of postures from upright and more formal to low-to-the-ground, kicked back and fully relaxed. Across the board, Harvest tables are generously sized and constructed from durable high density polyethylene (HDPE), designed to gather the whole group in daylight or moonlight. For the rectangular tables, an optional LED light spanning the center sets the mood with warm, gentle illumination. For the round side table, an optional fire pit insert creates a signature outdoor experience that reflects the casual, carefree and “lollygagging” spirit at the heart of Harvest. Benches and stools in standing and dining height round out the Harvest line, accommodating a variety of postures, outdoor environments, and use cases.





Casual Done Right

Harvest's HDPE surfaces won't get too hot or cold and require low-to-no maintenance. The line's colors are blended into the plastic, and a UV-resistant compound is added to the pigment, ensuring many vibrant years in Leaf Green, Apple Red, Sunset Orange, Navy, Dusk, or Black. The rust-proof commercial grade cast and extruded aluminum supports and understructure are finished with Landscape Forms' proprietary powdercoating to resist fading and chipping.









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The Harvest table, bench and stool tops are made with post-consumer recycled plastic, keeping a considerable amount of valuable HDPE out of the landfill. All elements in the Harvest line are manufactured with nearly zero waste, and, at the end of their useful lives, your Harvest tables, benches and stools can be completely recycled.









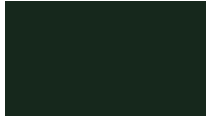





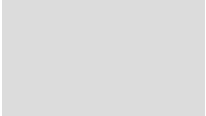








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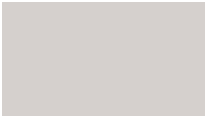

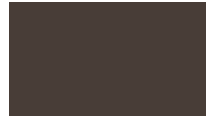



Vivid Series - Powdercoated Metal* (Fine Texture)

					
Clay	Lemon	Mango	Loll Sunset Orange	Chili	Loll Apple Red
					
Loll Leaf Green	Moss	Forest	Loll Navy Blue		

Neutral Series - Powdercoated Metal*

					
Silver Metallic	Mercury Metallic	Steel Metallic	Bronze Metallic	Titanium Metallic	Gloss Black
					
Gloss White					

Architectural Series - Powdercoated Metal* (Fine Texture)

					
Fog	Obsidian	Matte Black	Terra	Nutmeg	Onyx
					
Sage	Blue Ash	Dusk			

Materials

Loll Designs - High-Density Polyethylene (H.D.P.E)*



Black



Charcoal Grey



Apple Red



Leaf Green



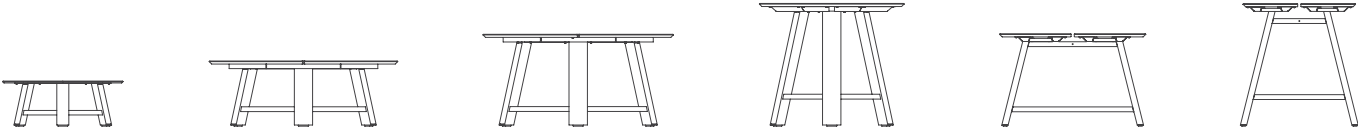
Sunset Orange



Navy Blue

Statement of Line

Table



Bench



Stool



Fire Pit with Cover





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

Including rectangular tables in standing and dining heights, round tables in standing and dining heights, a round casual height table, and a round side table, the Harvest line welcomes the full range of postures and use cases. For the rectangular tables, an optional LED light spanning the center sets the mood with warm, gentle illumination. For the round casual height table, an optional fire pit insert creates a signature outdoor experience. Benches and stools in standing and dining height round out the Harvest line. Harvest's durable, post-consumer recycled HDPE plastic surface requires low-to-no maintenance. The line's vibrant colors are blended into the plastic, not surface applied, and a UV-resistant compound is added to the pigment to ensure longevity. The metal structure and legs are finished in Pangard II® HAPS, VOC, and lead-free polyester powdercoat that resists fading and chipping.




Harvest Rectangular, Round and Side Tables


- Harvest table options include a round side table, round casual height table, round dining and standing height table, and rectangular dining and standing height table.
- Harvest rectangular tables are constructed of extruded aluminum legs bolted to steel table top supports, with a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) table top.
- Harvest round casual, round dining, and round standing height tables are constructed of extruded aluminum legs bolted to aluminum table top supports, with a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) table top.
- The rectangular dining height table is ADA compliant.
- Table leg glides are made of tough nylon to resist damage from dragging on rough surfaces.
- Harvest tables are available freestanding or surface mounted (must be surface mounted when used with an umbrella).
- Round dining height table will have six bag hangers, and the round standing height table will have three bag hangers for stowing bags and purses.
- Optional umbrella hole available on the rectangular dining height table, rectangular standing height table, round casual height table, round dining height table, and round standing height table.

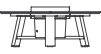

Harvest Fire Pit Table

- Harvest fire pit table is constructed of extruded aluminum legs bolted to aluminum table top supports and high-density polyethylene (HDPE) with a burner constructed of brass and mounted to an aluminum pan and surrounded with an aluminum wind deflector.
- Fire pit table is a round casual height table, available with a match-lit or electronic ignition.
- Electronic ignition allows for use of an on/off switch, emergency stop and dial timer.
- The table is available in propane or natural gas. It is not intended for use with portable propane tanks.
- Burner output is 120K BTU (electronic ignition), 65K BTU (match lit ignition).
- A key valve and cover is included.
- Rolled lava rock is included.
- Fire pit table must be anchored.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier

Rectangular Table	Style	Depth	Length	Height	Weight
	Dining Height	47.5"	94.75"	30.25"	260 lbs
	Standing Height	36.75"	94.75"	40"	230 lbs

Round Table	Style	Diameter	Height	Weight
	Casual Height	62"	21.5"	147 lbs
	Dining Height	62"	30"	153 lbs
	Standing Height	47.25"	40"	104 lbs

Side Table	Style	Diameter	Height	Weight
	Side Table	40"	15"	49 lbs

Fire Pit Table	Style	Diameter	Height	Weight
 	Fire Table	62"	21.5"	157 lbs

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





Harvest Fire Pit Table (cont.)

- Burner assembly and optional electronic ignition components are assembled to burner pan at the factory. Pan requires installation in table and connections to gas lines.
- For outdoor use only.

Harvest Luminaire

- The Harvest rectangular tables are available with an optional LED luminaire accessory.
- The Harvest luminaire is constructed of aluminum supports and housing
- LED light has a color temperature of 3200K
- Harvest luminaire is available at a 6" height and a 14.25" height (measured from the table top surface to the top of the luminaire).
- The luminaire bolts to the Harvest table top support through the gap between the two HDPE table top panels. Please refer to the Harvest Installation Guide for more details on mounting and wiring.
- The Harvest luminaire is finished with Landscape Forms' proprietary Panguard II® polyester powdercoat, a hard yet flexible finish that resists rusting, chipping, peeling and fading.
- Available in all standard powdercoat colors.

Luminaire	Style	Depth	Length	Height	Weight
	Table with 6" Height Luminaire	47.75"	94.75"	36.25"	265 lbs
	Table with 14.25" Height Luminaire	47.75"	94.75"	44.5"	265 lbs
	Table with 6" Height Luminaire	36.75"	94.75"	46"	235 lbs
	Table with 14.25" Height Luminaire	36.75"	94.75"	54.25"	235 lbs

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Harvest Benches

- Harvest benches are constructed of extruded aluminum legs bolted to steel bench top supports and high-density polyethylene (HDPE).
- Dining benches are available in 46" and 94" length.
- Benches are available in dining or standing height.
- Bag hangers for stowing bags and purses on the standing height bench.
- Bench leg glides are made of tough nylon to resist damage from dragging on rough surfaces.
- Harvest dining and standing height benches are available freestanding or surface mounted.

Harvest Stools

- Harvest stools are constructed of extruded aluminum legs bolted to steel top supports and high-density polyethylene (HDPE).
- Stools are available in dining or standing height.
- Stool leg glides are made of tough nylon to resist damage from dragging on rough surfaces.
- Harvest dining and standing height stools are available freestanding or surface mounted.

Bench	Style	Depth	Length	Height	Weight
	46" Dining Height	15.75"	46"	18.75"	52 lbs
	94" Dining Height	15.75"	94"	18.75"	90 lbs
	46" Standing Height	21"	45.5"	29"	60 lbs

Stool	Style	Diameter	Height	Weight
	Dining Height	16"	18.75"	17 lbs
	Standing Height	16"	29"	21 lbs

Accessories	Style
	Bag Hanger*

*available only with standing height benches and round dining and standing height tables

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Finishes

- All metal components are finished with Landscape Forms' proprietary Pangard II® polyester powdercoat, a hard yet flexible finish that resists rusting, chipping, peeling and fading.
- Table tops and seating surface material are made of Loll Designs' recycled high-density polyethylene (HDPE) sourced primarily from milk jugs. Please note that when the Harvest product is placed in FULL direct sun, testing has demonstrated that the following Loll HDPE colors have exhibited NO significant change of color over time: Black, Charcoal Grey, and Navy Blue. Testing has also indicated that the following HDPE colors have shown INCREASED change of color over time: Apple Red, Sunset Orange, and Leaf Green. Please note that the changing of color of the HDPE can occur at a different rate than the changing of color of the powdercoated aluminum.
- Available in six standard colors: black, charcoal grey, apple red, leaf green, sunset orange, and navy blue.
- Call for standard color chart.

To Specify

- Specify Harvest rectangular table and table style (dining height or standing height). Choose powdercoat color, HDPE color, and mounting (freestanding or surface mount). Select optional umbrella hole (if selected, tables must be surface mounted). Choose optional luminaire (6" or 14.25"). Rectangular tables ship knocked-down.
- Specify Harvest round table and table style (casual height, dining height, or standing height). Choose powdercoat color, HDPE color, and mounting (freestanding or surface mount). Select optional umbrella hole (if selected, tables must be surface mounted). Round tables ship fully assembled.
- Specify Harvest side table and choose powdercoat and HDPE color. Select mounting (freestanding or surface mount). Side table ships fully assembled.
- Specify Harvest fire pit table. Select powdercoat color and HDPE color. Table comes standard surface mounted. Table ships assembled but the fire pit insert ships separately and requires installation.
- Specify Harvest bench, length (46" or 94") and style (dining height or standing height). Select powdercoat color, HDPE color, and choose mounting freestanding or surface mounted. Benches do not ship fully assembled.
- Specify Harvest stool and style (dining or standing height). Select powdercoat color, HDPE color and choose mounting (freestanding or surface mounted). Stools ship fully assembled.

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FW: Booth Park, Birmingham

Sue Grissim <sueg@gma-la.com>
To: Carrie Laird <claird@bhamgov.org>

Tue, May 13, 2025 at 2:23 PM

Carrie, I apologize I am sending this info piecemeal, but our sales rep Scott is all over it and thought you could join this info with the info I sent earlier on the Harvest Tables. The brochure I sent earlier shows the option of 2 benches vs one long one.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this product. I have seen these tables in quite a few parks so I am a bit biased on wanting to do our custom one – but Landscape Forms products are top of the line!

Susan L. Grissim, PLA, ASLA

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From: Scott Black <sblack@landscapeforms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 2:07 PM
To: Sue Grissim <sueg@gma-la.com>
Subject: Re: Booth Park, Birmingham

Hi Sue,

Here is pricing information for the Harvest Table:

- Harvest Table, 95" length, freestanding, dining height = \$3,060 ea.
- Harvest 46" length bench, freestanding, dining height = \$1,400 ea.
- Harvest 94" length bench, freestanding, dining height = \$1,780 ea.

Also attached are a couple images of the Harvest Table in Leaf Green.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any question or need anything else.

Stay dry today!

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From: Sue Grissim <sueg@gma-la.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 1:05 PM
To: Scott Black <sblack@landscapeforms.com>
Subject: Booth Park, Birmingham

Hi Scott, we are providing options for picnic tables and would like to add the Harvest Table as an option.

Could you pls provide pricing for 2 of the picnic tables to be purchased this fall? Do you have a photo of the table in the leaf green I could show them?

Thanks

Susan L. Grissim, PLA, ASLA

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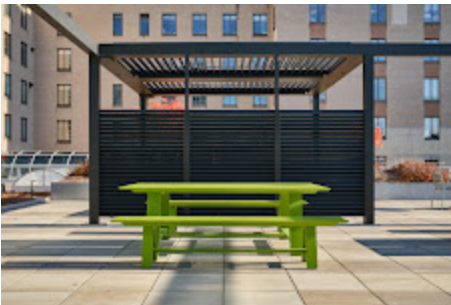
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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: June 6, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie Folk, Ice Arena and DPS Facilities Superintendent
Brad McNab, Parks and Recreation Foreman

SUBJECT: Pumphouse Park & West Lincoln Well & Park Playgrounds

INTRODUCTION:

Over the last few months the Department of Public Services (DPS) has been preparing for citywide playground improvements. The City procured services through MITN/bidnet and now has a contract in place with Penchura, LLC for playground design services over the course of the next few years. The first two playgrounds to be replaced are Pumphouse Park and West Lincoln Well & Park.

BACKGROUND:

The DPS hosted two (2) playground planning sessions in mid-April for Pumphouse Park, and West Lincoln Well & Park. The planning sessions were advertised on social media, through constant contact, and by contacting the area neighborhood associations. Additionally, a public input session was held at the May 6, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting and was also advertised via social media, in the City's Around Town publication, and door hangers were placed at nearby residences.

A survey was posted on Engage Birmingham from May 9-May 27 for each conceptual park playground. Survey results are attached to this report and will be presented at the June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

In addition to providing feedback about the playground equipment, survey participants were also presented with a question if they believed the park(s) should be renamed (as a suggestion from the City Commission as these sites are former well sites and recently designated as parks) and if they believed so, the survey included an open box to include a park name suggestion. The idea is, if determined appropriate, the suggested names would be evaluated and the top names would be part of a phase two survey for each park.

As mentioned previously, Pumphouse Park was formerly Wakefield Well, and named Pumphouse Park by the neighborhood association in 2010. A renaming of this former well site/mini park may not be appropriate at time.

Playground Concepts

Two (2) separate concepts for each park were part of the engage survey. One with an emphasis on play equipment intended for ages 0-5 and the other with an emphasis on equipment intended for ages 5-12.

The architect has revised the playground concepts incorporating all feedback received as appropriate, and a final proposed layout design, and cost estimates for each park are attached to this memorandum and will be presented at the June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting for approval and recommendation to the City Commission for purchase.

Pumphouse Park has a budget of \$150,000 and the current plan meets this budget. West Lincoln Well & Park has a budget of \$200,000. Two concepts for surfacing were prepared for this park. One with a Poured In Place (PIP) pathway to provide a more accessible connection to the various equipment. The proposal attached is for the surfacing to be ADA accessible engineered wood fiber and totals \$200,999.03. The concept with the PIP will increase the total by approximately \$20,000.

Lead time for equipment delivery upon ordering is approximately 8 weeks, however, scheduling installation can add to the timeline. It is anticipated the installation for both parks will occur late summer/early fall.

Other Park Site Amenities

The DPS Park Division budgets annually for park system wide site furnishings and amenities. Depending on need, items could include benches, receptacles, tables and chairs, picnic tables, new fencing, bike racks, drinking fountains, and more. With each playground equipment project, the department plans to include these types of items as appropriate.

Additionally, the approved budget includes sidewalk and parking improvements at West Lincoln Well & Park. The DPS plans to coordinate the installation of the new parking and sidewalks with the playground installation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Engage Survey Response Report for Pumphouse Park and West Lincoln Well & Park
- Updated playground layouts, images and estimated costs for Pumphouse Park and West Lincoln Well & Park

SUGGESTED BOARD ACTION:

To approve the updated playground layout design for Pumphouse Park and recommend the playground equipment including installation and surfacing, purchase for Pumphouse Park be forwarded to the City Commission for consideration of approval.

AND

Either,

Option 1:

To approve the updated playground layout design with the ADA accessible surfacing for Lincoln Well Park and recommend the playground equipment purchase for West Lincoln Well Park be forwarded to the City Commission for consideration of approval.

Or,

Option 2:

To approve the updated playground layout design with the ADA accessible surfacing AND PIP pathway for Lincoln Well Park and recommend the playground equipment including installation and surfacing, purchase be forwarded to the City Commission for consideration of approval.

AND:

To recommend "Pumphouse Park" remain the name of the park, and that "Well" be removed from the name of West Lincoln Well & Park.

Pumphouse Park Playground Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

09 May 2025 - 27 May 2025

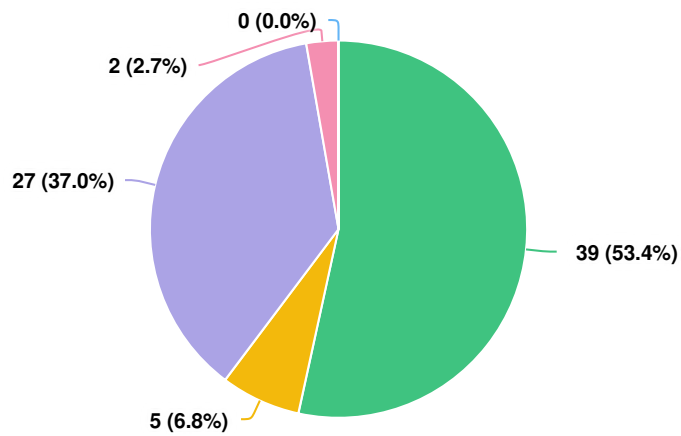
PROJECT NAME:

Pumphouse & West Lincoln Well Park Playground Improvements



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | How do you typically get to Pumphouse Park Playground?

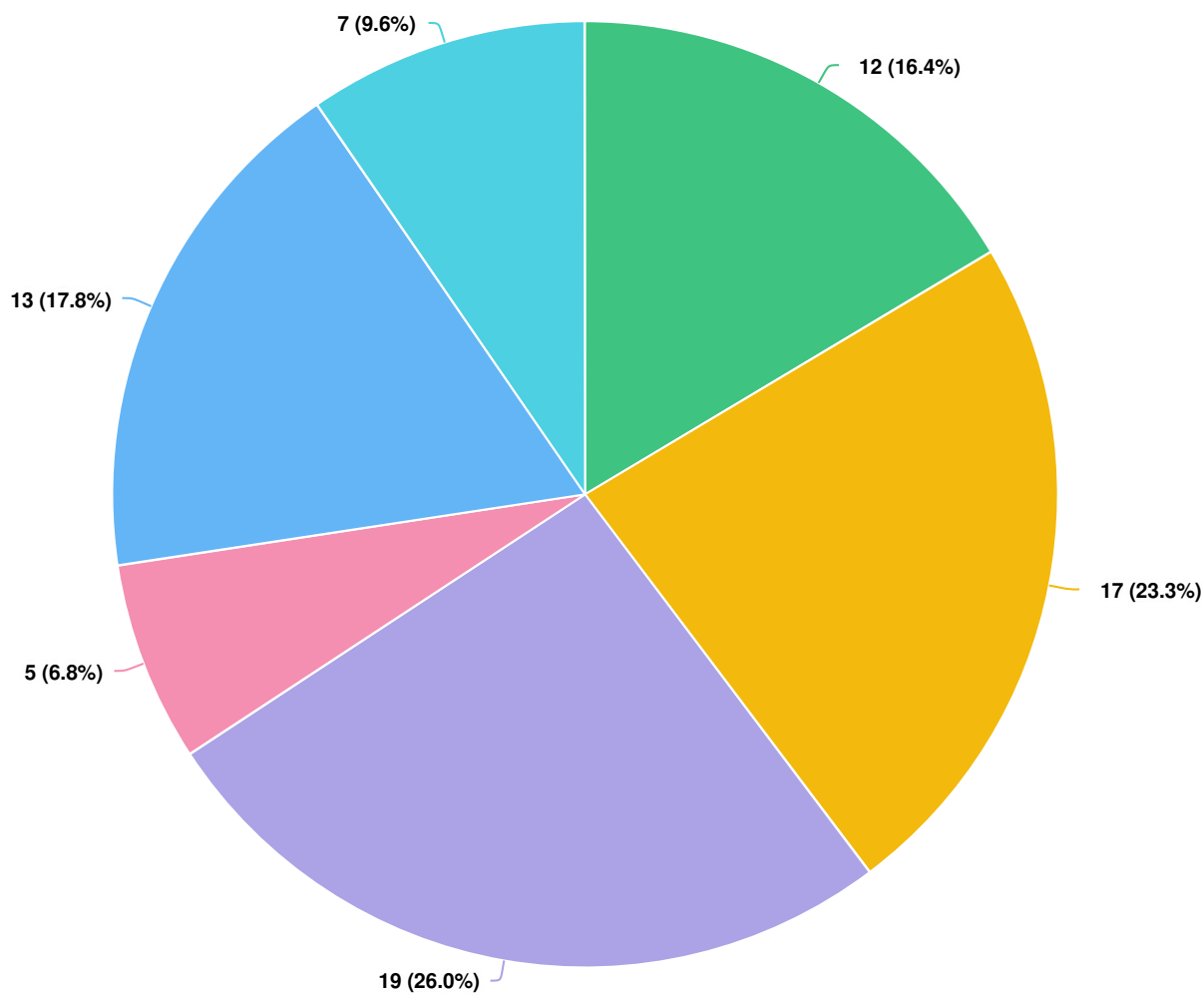


Question options

- Walk
- Bike
- Drive
- Other (please specify)
- Public Transportation

Optional question (73 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 How often do you visit Pumphouse Park Playground?

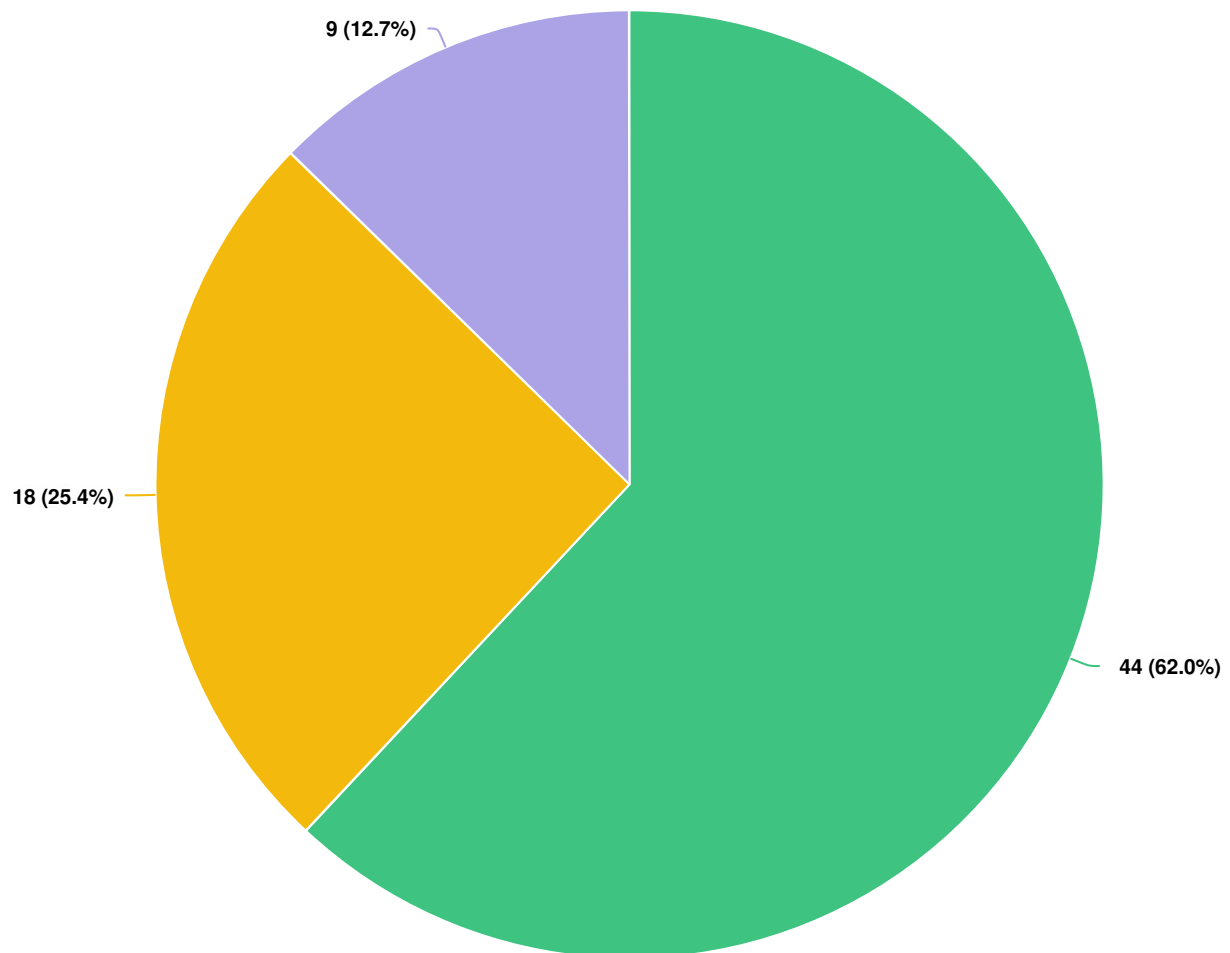


Question options

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Yearly
- Less than 1 time per year
- N/A

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Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 | What is the age of the playground user in your household, or if not in your household, the age of the playground user while visiting?



Question options

- 0-5 years
- 6-12 years
- 13+

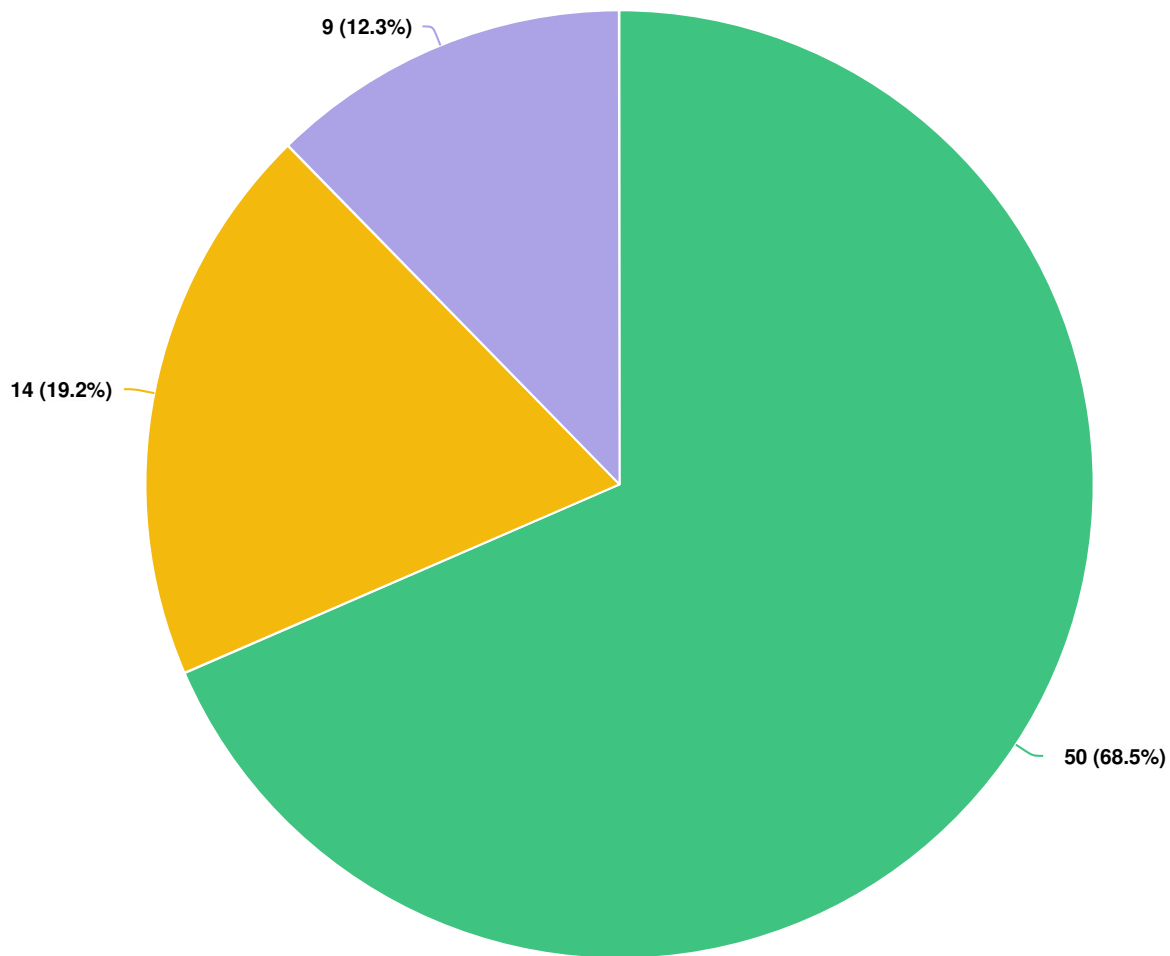
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Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | What types of features would you like to see at the new playground? Please rank from highest to lowest

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Climbing	2.91
Swings	3.14
Slides	3.22
Accessible play elements	3.71
Spinners/Bouncers	3.79
Sandboxes	3.91

*Optional question (69 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q5 Pumphouse Park Concept 1 - Emphasis on equipment for 5-12 year olds [To view the concept document, please click here.](#)



Question options

- I like it!
- I like it, but I would change something.
- I don't like it.

Optional question (73 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 | If Concept 1 doesn't appeal to you, please let us know why:

gabrown

5/10/2025 06:54 AM

Nothing for younger children

Ewesman883

5/10/2025 04:01 PM

It looks so boring, it's just ropes and climbing

daveancath

5/14/2025 12:25 PM

emphasis should be for younger age group

Sokky

5/14/2025 12:38 PM

There should be safety material used on the ground, not wood chips or gravel. There is no accessible equipment shown.

avschreiber

5/14/2025 12:45 PM

I don't see anything that would make older kids want to visit the oak

RAvsh

5/14/2025 06:28 PM

It's a little too challenging for my kids. They aren't into all that climbing. They are more into pretend play.

vadim.avshalumov

5/14/2025 08:00 PM

It seems like it's for advanced climbers or like for ropes course kids. By kids like things that are less scary /challenging.

mstabet

5/16/2025 11:32 AM

I preferred Concept 2

Optional question (8 response(s), 67 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 | If there's something you would change about Concept 1, please tell us below:

NCGreen

5/10/2025 05:57 AM

Please add swings in the big kid area, too. Otherwise, they drift over to the younger kids area and scare them :-)

Lossiach

5/10/2025 06:42 AM

I would not put turf I do not like all the rope stuff, it's not fun for kids. kids like to walk on structures rather than swing on structures

Jamansour24

5/10/2025 08:49 AM

I would make the structure bigger and with more option

mcphar19

5/13/2025 03:18 PM

More for younger children.

Jstodd

5/14/2025 12:16 PM

I would add another bench

Margaret Murray

5/14/2025 12:37 PM

It looks similar to other playground equipment in Birmingham.

Onedogmama

5/14/2025 01:47 PM

Better of the 2 concepts. Has the swings my kids love. My 3 and 5yo would prefer this over concept 2 that they would find boring

CM/AD

5/14/2025 08:05 PM

Seems too compressed

ESlabotsky

5/16/2025 06:24 PM

Love that there are swings for both age groups. Love there is a separation between a play set for younger children and older children. LOVE sun shades! Please, please consider rubber instead of wood chips -- it is so helpful for new walkers, much more accessible for the disabled, is more sightly, and holds up better. Please put railing on stairs. Please close off some of the elevated surfaces -- kids seem to lose balance and falling from those heights is very dangerous. I prefer parks with less "rope structures" and more slides, pretend play areas (like concept 2), and structures they can crawl/walk through.

Drieka

5/17/2025 08:29 AM

Looks good, but can't imagine how it would fit among existing mature trees

Resident1979

5/17/2025 10:02 AM

Possibly add more climbing features

ReddingRd

5/19/2025 07:49 AM

I would alter the "middle" playground, focused on smaller children to be one of the 2 structures in the concept document for the Concept 2 - emphasis on 0-5. There's a lot of crossover in the current document and typically kids graduating to going to the larger playground fairly early, around 3 or so. Given either of the structures in the 0-5 Concept #2 have different activities than the current, I'd recommend using one of those in place. In general, i think it's a great layout! I may

also add 1-2 more regular swings. There don't need to be an additional "baby" swings. E.g. I've never seen more than 2 being used at Crestview at a time.

Alice

5/20/2025 10:46 AM

You need to have accessible swings with back support for children with disabilities.

grannyh

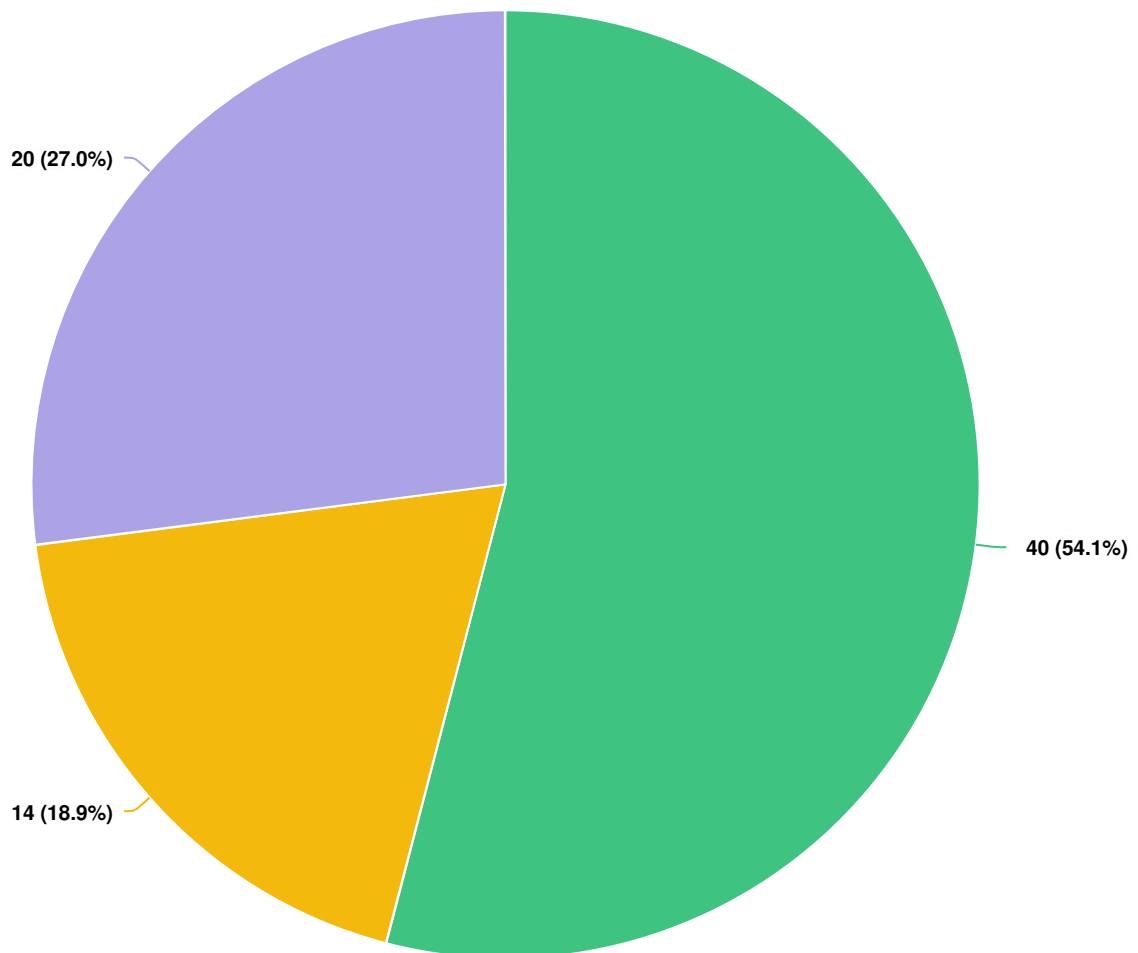
5/20/2025 02:09 PM

something for toddlers who come with oldersiblings

Optional question (14 response(s), 61 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 Pumphouse Park Concept 2 - Emphasis on equipment for 0-5 year olds [To view the concept document, please click here.](#)



Question options

- I like it!
- I like it, but I would change something.
- I don't like it.

Optional question (74 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 | If there's something you would change about Concept 2, please tell us below:

katrinapardi

5/10/2025 04:56 AM

Get rid of the climbing stuff where kids can fall

Jonassta

5/10/2025 05:00 AM

I would add a mini climbing wall

gabrown

5/10/2025 06:54 AM

Swings

Ewesman883

5/10/2025 04:01 PM

The age range looks super limited but it looks engaging

HR

5/14/2025 10:59 AM

Add baby and kid swings

avschreiber

5/14/2025 12:45 PM

I like the house but rarely see kids playing on structures like this one and the features all seem too close together

Laura Engelland

5/14/2025 06:23 PM

Add swings.

Engellja

5/14/2025 06:55 PM

It seems limited, it would be nice to blend both concepts.

MMW

5/15/2025 04:49 AM

The play house is cute for little children and unique from the other parks. The other structure is very condensed and a little complicated.

Sdwise57

5/15/2025 05:08 AM

Moving parts won't work in a few years. Think long term.

ESlabotsky

5/16/2025 06:24 PM

This is my favorite! There are not enough playgrounds for young kids. There are so many parks, rope courses, and indoor play areas for older kids but almost nothing for younger (<5 y/o) kids. LOVE the pretend play house and attached structures! So unique! Please include swings for both age groups. Please include sun shades! Please, please consider rubber instead of wood chips -- it is so helpful for new walkers, much more accessible for the disabled, is more sightly, and holds up better. Please put railing on stairs. I don't

like the second structure at all -- I prefer parks with less "rope structures" and more slides, swings, pretend play areas (like the house), and structures they can crawl/walk through.

ShawnC

5/17/2025 07:38 PM

1. Make it easier for adults to assist children going through it (open up the house element) 2. Add sound element (chimes, drums) to it

Alice

5/20/2025 10:46 AM

Where are the accessible play structures??? You need to incorporate accessibility into the designs.

Optional question (13 response(s), 62 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q10 | If Concept 2 doesn't appeal to you, please let us know why:

Kellyamac

5/10/2025 04:17 AM

Too young for my needs and the needs of kiddos in the walkable area

KathrynMurray

5/10/2025 05:19 AM

It is cute, but there are less things for children to do in this concept. Slides are something all children no mater age can use with or without parents and this concept doesn't have that.

Mmwrights

5/10/2025 05:27 AM

Fully enclosed roofs/areas like this one often have spider and or bee hive infestations that are hard to eliminate without chemical treatment and put kids at risk for bites/stings

Lossiach

5/10/2025 06:42 AM

We have been to things like this and the kids lose interest immediately

Jamansour24

5/10/2025 08:49 AM

Even though my son is five he is too old for thjs

brmngm2021

5/11/2025 06:19 AM

The one structure is too limiting for very young children while the other one seems like it's only for much older kids. It would be better to have one main structure for all.

catealex

5/11/2025 01:26 PM

Even my three year old wouldn't play on this - she would play on the 5-12 one above

Ausra Zurro

5/12/2025 04:20 AM

Will not be used as much. This Park is mostly used by 3-6 and not much is in it for 5-8.

Kaysol11

5/13/2025 05:04 AM

I like concept one for 0-5 year olds better.

pkittinger

5/13/2025 07:09 PM

Too juvenile

PEARLS

5/14/2025 07:44 AM

Too cramped in one area. Difficult for lots of kids to use at the same time due to the proximity of the playground elements.

Bmcnab

5/14/2025 10:31 AM

I think we should emphasise the 5-12 age range

Sokky

5/14/2025 12:38 PM

There should be safety material used on the ground. There is no accessible equipment shown.

Onedogmama

5/14/2025 01:47 PM

What is the chicken coup? Where are the swings?

Evol_ving

5/14/2025 02:13 PM

Doesn't fit the neighborhood and limited use in the long room for families. As kids grow they won't visit as much. Waste of funds.

Loweryfamily

5/19/2025 06:27 AM

I worry about the adjacent golf course. We get a lot of balls hit into the park. That's very dangerous

ReddingRd

5/19/2025 07:49 AM

See comments above. Kids graduate out of these kind of structures pretty quickly, and I think it's important to have a larger, main structure for older ages. For context, my children are 4 and 2.

Lb96

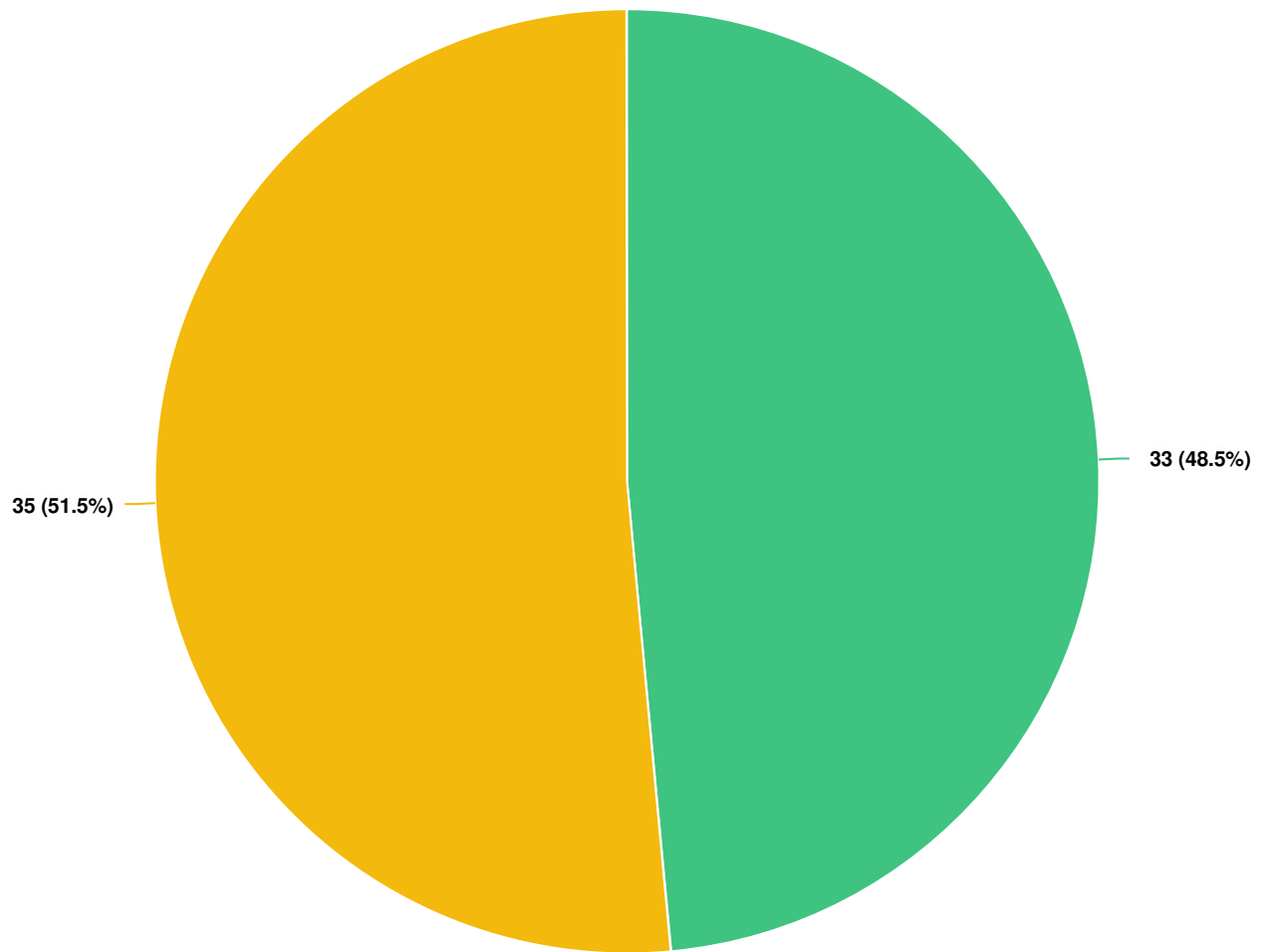
5/22/2025 06:42 PM

Slides are the main attraction and you only have one. It also looks like it would get crowded up in those little towers. Climbing features are stressful with parents of children ages 0-3.

Optional question (18 response(s), 57 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q11 | I prefer:

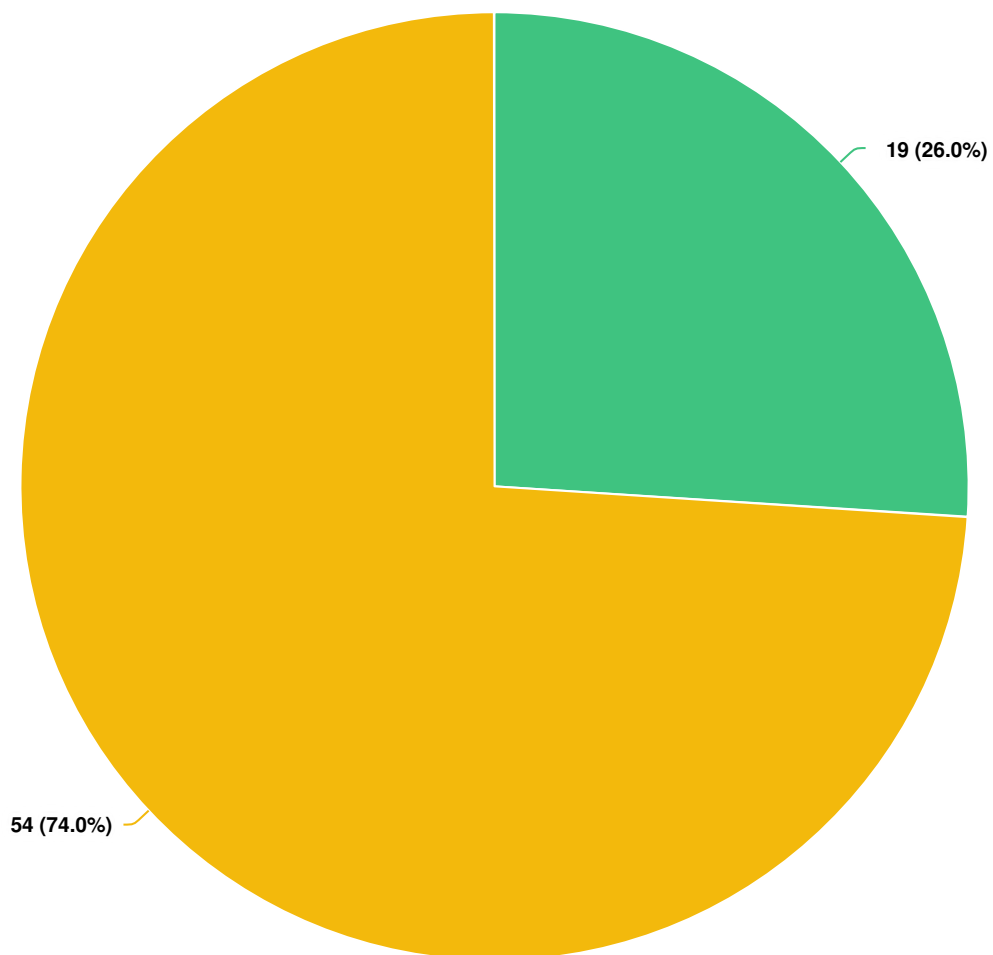


Question options

- Playground with an emphasis on equipment for 0–5 year olds
- Playground with an emphasis on equipment for 5–12 year olds

*Optional question (68 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q12 | Do you think Pumphouse Park should be renamed?



Question options

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (73 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q13 | If yes, what name would you suggest?

Kellyamac

5/10/2025 04:17 AM

Slow down park. Or kids play here park. To emphasize people need to slow down on Norfolk!

KathrynMurray

5/10/2025 05:19 AM

I was unaware of this park until now. I do not care if it is renamed or not, but am excited to try this new park with my kids once it is complete.

TMCB627

5/10/2025 08:27 PM

The Little Commons

pkittinger

5/13/2025 07:09 PM

Rosa Park

HR

5/14/2025 10:59 AM

Bingham Farms Park

avschreiber

5/14/2025 12:45 PM

We always called it the caterpillar park after the original play structure there.

RAvsh

5/14/2025 06:28 PM

Birmingham Farms Pocket Park

ESlabotsky

5/16/2025 06:24 PM

Sprout Park

DV

5/17/2025 02:16 PM

Norfolk Park

diver3

5/17/2025 07:54 PM

Saxon Park

Kathemar

5/21/2025 08:48 AM

If you go the route of emphasizing younger children's play structures, maybe a name that reflects that

Optional question (11 response(s), 64 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q14 | Is there anything else you would like to share about this playground?

Kellyamac

5/10/2025 04:17 AM

Coverage at fence for golfballs. Consider fencing or shrubs at street bc of reckless and fast drivers who don't stop at the stop signs and the lack of stop sign at Wakefield and Norfolk.

Avasileff

5/10/2025 04:20 AM

More options for young kids to play and climb would be amazing! We live down the street and visit this park frequently. Also, please keep the picnic tables.

katrinapardi

5/10/2025 04:56 AM

I live across the street. This park has some excellent features already but definitely needs more play places (like the one in concept 1) but it also needs a combo of both. The cute store house concept would be fantastic for little. Keep the slides and swings for all ages.

Jonassta

5/10/2025 05:00 AM

It gets very muddy and wet when it rains would love to see a rubber surface which maybe it is in the photos, not sure

Lossiach

5/10/2025 06:42 AM

We love the simplicity We end up watching the golfers and looking for bigs and leaves and and watching squirrels after we swing. Please keep it simple.

Jamansour24

5/10/2025 08:49 AM

No

Ewesman883

5/10/2025 04:01 PM

I would love to see less ropes everywhere on playgrounds. They're dangerous and terribly inaccessible to kids who don't want to climb.

brmngm2021

5/11/2025 06:19 AM

This playground is very close to the street. Although it is a neighborhood street and there are two stop signs, most people don't stop or do a rolling stop and it's dangerous with young kids playing that close to the street. Having this fenced in by the street side would put many parents at ease.

Susan M

5/11/2025 06:37 AM

Develop a mixed use for 0-12 year olds

WGL

Lots of little kids in this neighborhood. More born every month

5/11/2025 02:39 PM

Ausra Zurro

5/12/2025 04:20 AM

Please preserve the trees while redoing this park. Also, consider including some sort of fencing around the narrow sections of the park by Norfolk st. Drivers tend to speed on this street and do not pay attention to the stop sign.

TJR123

5/13/2025 04:15 PM

We used to live directly behind before moving up the street. Our yard had gate to park. It's a great park and well used by neighborhood so this is a great initiative. I recommend shading because it gets hot in summer and a lot of sun. Also please please preserve the sandbox with the manual digger. That is a valuable and precious toy. My son adored it and girls even like it too. Honestly it's a great park now. Just make it better! And shade will help usage on hot days. Lastly I voted for 5-12 because that's more inclusive but be careful it is still for the young because that's who uses it and we don't want to invite older and rougher kids or families from other areas

Madison St

5/13/2025 05:31 PM

Sandboxes and water fountains don't mix. Sand ends up in the fountain and dog dish.

PEARLS

5/14/2025 07:44 AM

Bocce or Badminton courts would be fun for both kids and adults to play together while visiting the playground.

HR

5/14/2025 10:59 AM

This will be a fantastic upgrade for our community, thank you! I think the more little and big kid elements can be blended will benefit all.

avschreiber

5/14/2025 12:45 PM

Not enough swings

Onedogmama

5/14/2025 01:47 PM

When will Kenning park get a much needed update?

Steve Nickoloff

5/14/2025 01:52 PM

The parking is a little vague

RAvsh

5/14/2025 06:28 PM

Please add picnic tables and keep the benches. We live on Worthington and go to the park everyday. I am so happy they are updating the park. I love the pictures with the "play house" Please put both baby swings and kids swings near each other! I have three kids and it's very hard to have the baby in one swing and the kid swings far away. (I have that complaint at Crestview park too) We have slides

and climbers at Crestview park and Pierce, so I think something different would be great for our neighborhood!

vadim.avshalumov

5/14/2025 08:00 PM

The road in front of it is in pretty bad shape. They need to repave it asap. My kids have a hard time biking there because there are so many potholes

CM/AD

5/14/2025 08:05 PM

Provide more benches at parks

MMW

5/15/2025 04:49 AM

Include benches

maureen.b.field

5/15/2025 07:17 AM

I would like playground equipment that is suitable for ages 0 to 12, not one or the other. The neighborhood had a contest to name the park several years ago, why are you suggesting it be renamed? The name should not be changed.

mstabet

5/16/2025 11:32 AM

I'm a member at Birmingham Country Club which borders this park. There is a risk of errant golf balls entering the park which could pose a safety concern.

ESlabotsky

5/16/2025 06:24 PM

Pumphouse Park is so special to us because it is truly (and almost literally) our backyard park. It was a huge factor to why we moved here three years ago. We go to this park daily, We especially love it because there is so much charm in that it is small enough that we don't feel overwhelmed or intimidated to take our 2-year-old but yet fun enough with the slide and swings to keep him busy for a little while. It definitely could use upgrades to make it more exciting. My son took some of his first steps at this park, and we have our annual end-of-year neighborhood picnic here. Please take care of this park. It is so important to us. Thank you investing in this park, it means a lot!

Drieka

5/17/2025 08:29 AM

In addition to adding new equipment, please take care of existing condition issues: Fill holes, plant grass in bare spots, remove redundant utility poles, add mulch around boulder, add gravel or otherwise designate parking area.

KimA

5/17/2025 11:44 AM

This was named by a vote from the areas neighborhood association and it a nod to the area having a pump house! Why do we have to change everything in Birmingham????? It's annoying!

DV

5/17/2025 02:16 PM

We need a pet waste dispenser . And it would be most preferable to have play scapes for children in both age ranges (0-5, and 5-12).

ShawnC

5/17/2025 07:38 PM

I cannot answer question 8 because I believe you need to have things for both age groups. As the only neighborhood park, please be inclusive of all the children 0-12 making sure to equipment or play areas for all.

RdIP

5/18/2025 08:00 PM

Maybe include an explanation of where the name came from.

Loweryfamily

5/19/2025 06:27 AM

Somehow make it more safe from golf balls

ReddingRd

5/19/2025 07:49 AM

Adding a few picnic tables would be great too. This is a great idea!

Susan

5/21/2025 05:37 AM

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Optional question (33 response(s), 42 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

West Lincoln Well & Park Playground Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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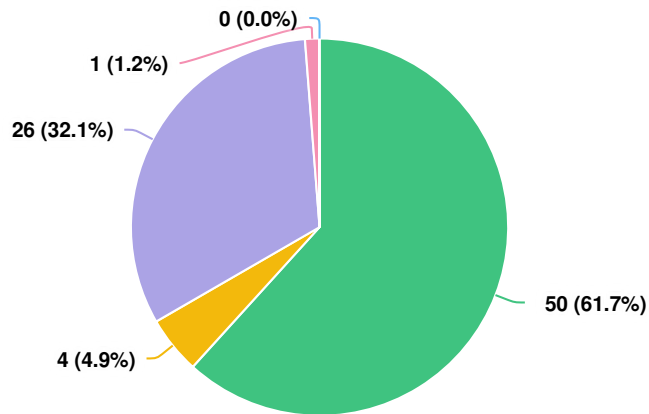
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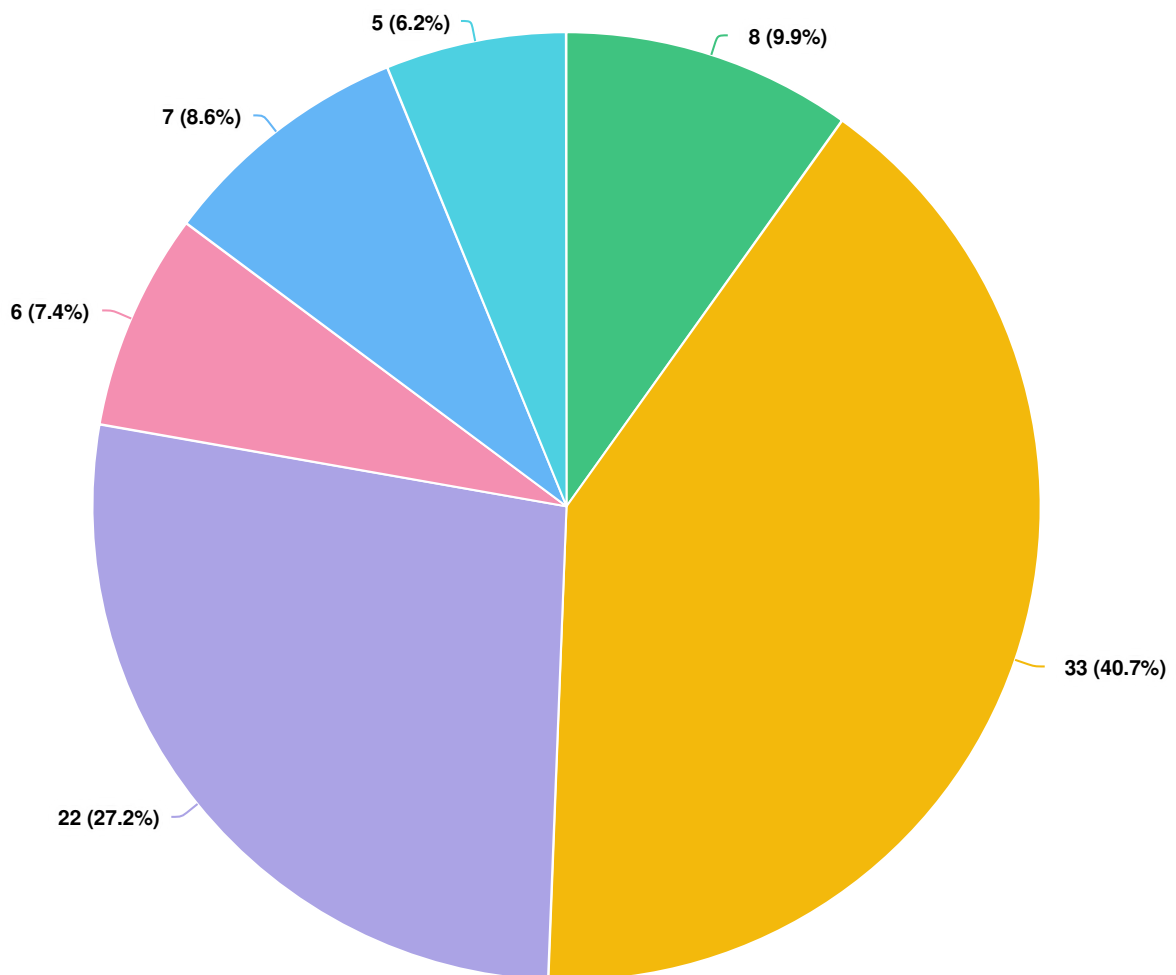


Question options

- Walk
- Bike
- Drive
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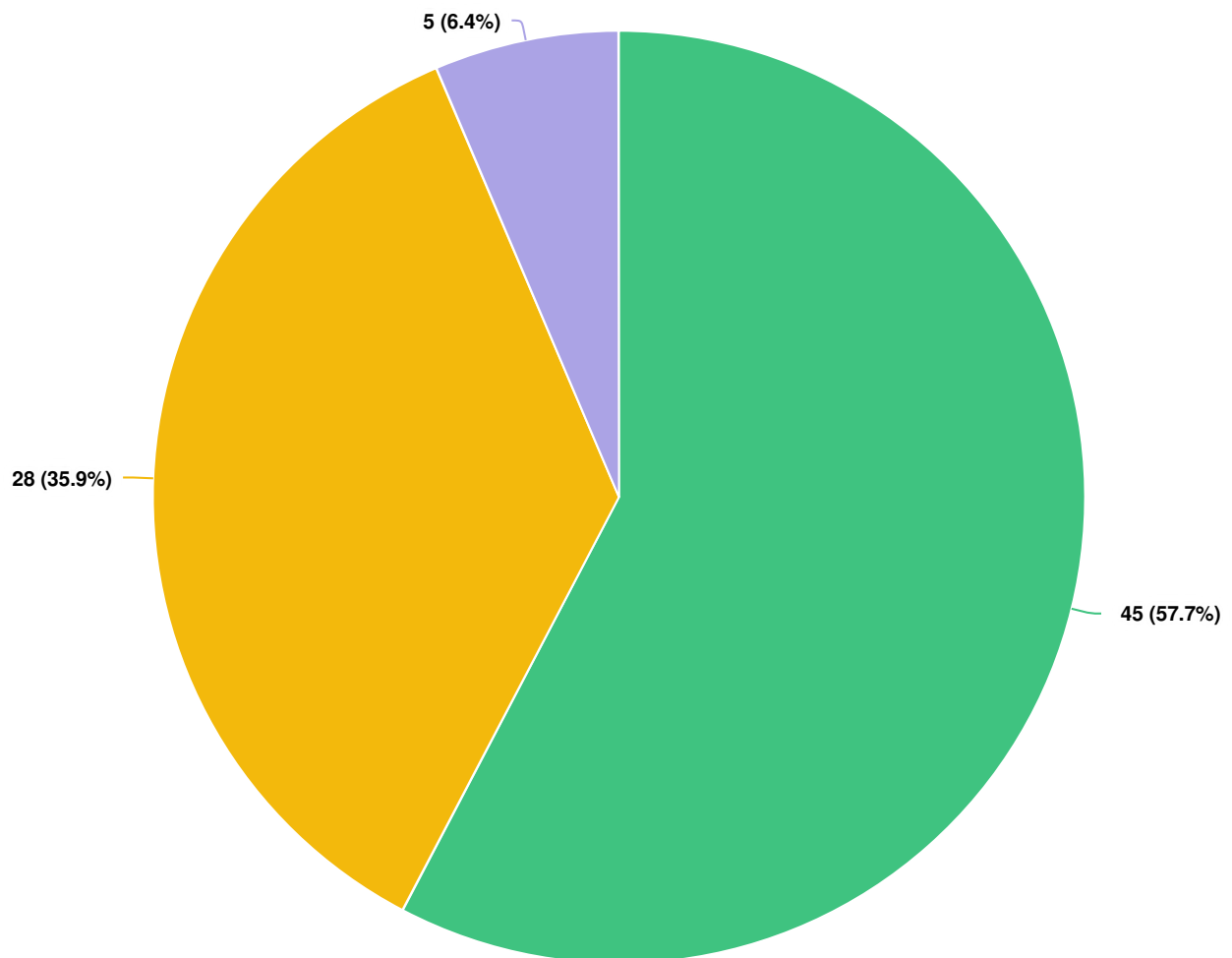


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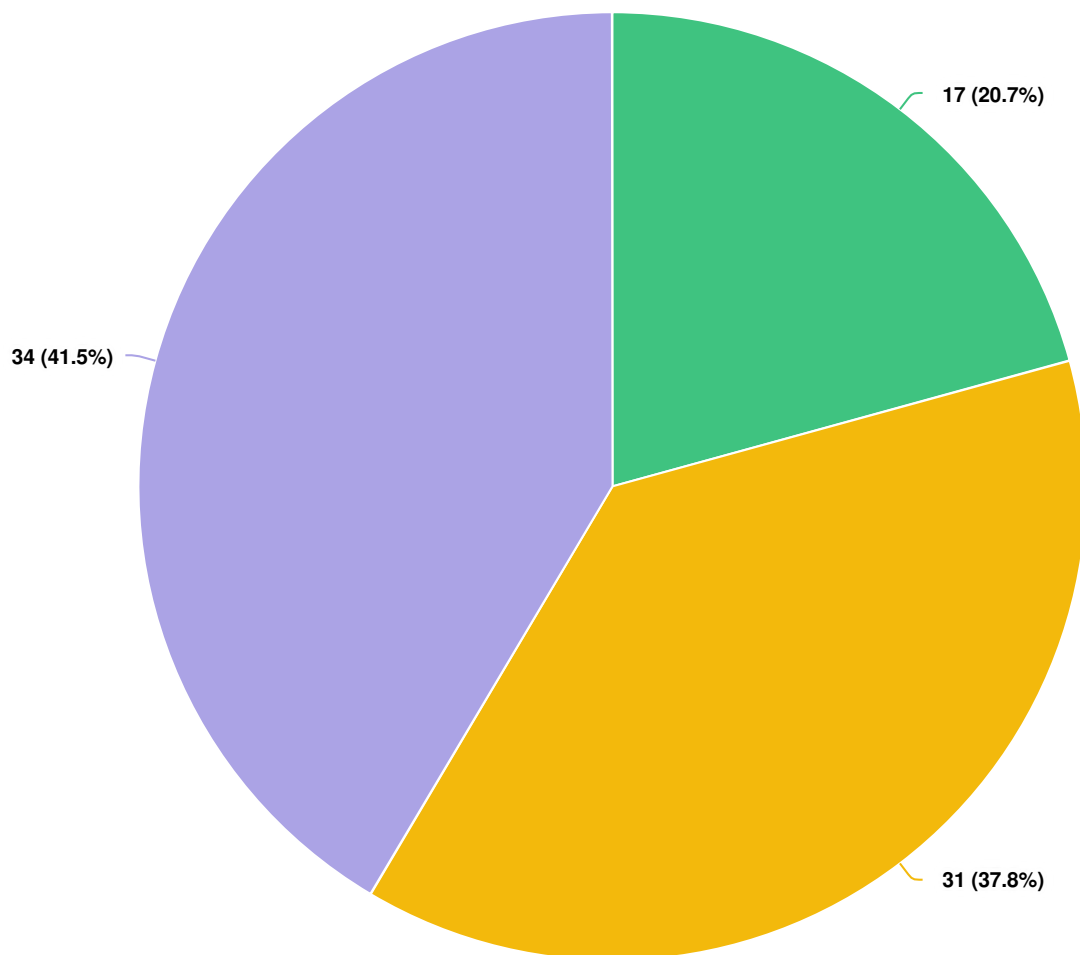
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Question type: Ranking Question

Q5 | **West Lincoln Well and Park Concept 1** [To view the concept document, please click here.](#)



Question options

- I like it!
- I like it, but I would change something.
- I don't like it.

*Optional question (82 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q6 | If Concept 1 doesn't appeal to you, please let us know why:

mernst822

5/10/2025 04:19 AM

This park is nice because it has multiple smaller features. It can get very busy here. Also there is no shade at all currently and could use some sun sails etc. a lot of smaller kids go to this park. There needs to be swings etc.

Jkpb

5/10/2025 06:03 AM

I do not like the modern/contemporary feel Of the first structure. I dislike the tall wavy poles sticking up and think it will make the equipment dated more quickly as it does not have a timeless playground feel. I feel strongly that option two is much better!

Kromant

5/10/2025 06:28 AM

I'm not a fan of the abstract design concept for West Lincoln Park, but I really like all of the climbing features. I also don't love that there aren't separate play areas for various age groups.

Lossiach

5/10/2025 06:46 AM

This is not good at all My kids and all kids I know like the old fashions style of play structures like at Beverly park where they can walk on the structure and not just swing around on ropes Please no this is awful and we will never go here

brianmyers3

5/10/2025 10:03 AM

It's too bright and "loud." I would like to see something that fits in better for the area. Something more natural- like Booth park. That said, I am very happy this park is getting an update!

Romantan

5/10/2025 01:29 PM

This looks worse than the current set up.

Ewesman883

5/10/2025 04:02 PM

It looks small and is too climbing focused.

weinjared

5/10/2025 06:48 PM

Doesn't include swings and hard for young kids to navigate.

catealex

5/11/2025 01:28 PM

Ugly - bright colors and the long poles do not fit in with the neighborhood

kvplumb

5/12/2025 02:18 PM

The play structure looks fun, but it's ugly. I think it would be an eye sore in the neighborhood.

Eweiner

5/12/2025 03:19 PM

Concept 2 seems to offer much for all ages. This looks too hard for littles and too small for big kids.

mdleduc

5/13/2025 07:11 AM

My kids (ages 9 & 7) vastly preferred concept 2 over concept 1.

PEARLS

5/14/2025 07:37 AM

Great concept but forces kids to be in very close proximity which could create conflict and become dangerous for younger users.

emgreiner

5/14/2025 12:19 PM

It is very ugly. Why does it have the horrific and unnecessary elements that add to its height? I am disappointed that anyone would imagine resident of the community would want to see this every day. The long tubes on top look ridiculous and shouldn't have even been considered. The double slides are nice, though.

Sokky

5/14/2025 12:42 PM

There is no accessible equipment. There should be safety material on the ground: one cannot push a wheelchair through wood chips and wood chips can cause splinters.

avschreiber

5/14/2025 12:49 PM

We love the sand feature of the existing park. This okay structure needs more things for climbers learning to climb

kvh

5/14/2025 01:10 PM

No swings

Jen

5/14/2025 01:51 PM

The structure appears small and limited in functionality. The color scheme lacks visual appeal, and the tall protruding poles may present a safety hazard, particularly as children might be tempted to climb them.

helen

5/14/2025 05:38 PM

The general playset is just ok. I think it will be congested. I also think you need swings.

Laura Engelland

5/14/2025 06:21 PM

Lack of swings.

Lisaclark

5/14/2025 07:23 PM

The stick projecting into the sky

vadim.avshalumov

5/14/2025 08:06 PM

It's too challenging for little kids. I fear they would keep falling off. I would have to closely supervise and that defeats the purpose of bringing kids to the park so that you don't have to actively watch them...

Staygreenbham

5/15/2025 08:32 AM

Horrifying style, colors, and just plain ugly. This is neighborhood park in an area of traditional homes. Would prefer "Birmingham Green", which blends in better with the natural elements.

mstabet

5/16/2025 11:33 AM

I prefer concept 2

diver3

5/17/2025 07:56 PM

It looks "cheap"

Avendt

5/18/2025 10:49 AM

This Concept's visual elements are too high, also it is to compact.

BPA1954

5/19/2025 06:00 AM

As our neighbors on Lincoln who attending the meeting (we live across the street from the park) unanimously stated - this concept does NOT fit in with the neighborhood at all! Looks like "Cedar Point" on steroids, and color doesn't matter.

ReddingRd

5/19/2025 12:30 PM

only 1 structure, it's not big enough.

Susan

5/21/2025 05:35 AM

Prefer the model that looks like trees for Lincoln

pollack.christina

5/22/2025 06:22 PM

We love this park because of its simplicity and basic park features (slide, swings, sandbox). I feel the new design takes away from this.

Optional question (30 response(s), 52 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 | If there's something you would change about Concept 1, please tell us below:

Jax

Larger and keep swings and sandbox. Maybe 2 play structures, a

5/10/2025 03:28 AM

smaller one for young kids and the larger one. Other things besides just the structure

Emmister

5/10/2025 04:09 AM

Wood chips are not accessible. I don't see any ramps or structures that offer wheelchair/walker access. Updating playgrounds in 2025 should include accessibility considerations beyond just 1-2 features near the sidewalk! How can we make the playground inclusive for all kids and families?

Aanna27

5/10/2025 04:20 AM

Add swings. and it's fairly small. The kids also LOVE the sandbox. Adding shade with canopies is also very appreciated.

Jbarnet57

5/10/2025 04:21 AM

Keep swings https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mgXuGmMCzCi_1KT_4X1jRFVg-evv9_8aF/view?usp=drive_link

BhamMom

5/10/2025 04:38 AM

More spread out concept and more natural looking like Booth Park. Natural playgrounds have become more Popular in recent years so I'm surprised one so plastic and bright looking was considered.

MaureenRenaud

5/10/2025 04:40 AM

I like it but prefer concept 2

themissionista

5/10/2025 04:46 AM

Use more greens than blues. I don't think the swirling antenna looking things are necessary. Also more shade on the west side of the park is necessary as it's hot most of the day there. Please don't cut down trees!

Megan

5/10/2025 04:50 AM

This seems to cater to younger kids and frankly is not that different from what is there currently. I would like to see some elements that can be enjoyed by kids 6-10. This doesn't seem like something my kids would be particularly excited about. The current playground equipment is in fine condition, this seems like a replacement for no real reason. I would like to see something larger and different.

karmstrong

5/10/2025 04:50 AM

There is a ton of space in this area - make the play structure bigger!

KathrynMurray

5/10/2025 05:24 AM

I like this for older kids and believe all my kids could play on this now at age 4+, but think this design would be difficult to use by families

with younger kids.

Brianjvargo

5/10/2025 06:54 AM

Ensure there are still swings and a sandbox

Lindsay0407

5/10/2025 08:47 AM

Space out

George

5/13/2025 05:48 PM

Spread out features

conniemdt

5/13/2025 07:34 PM

Have a large focal point for climbing . . . a house, a a ship, a tree

Jstodd

5/14/2025 12:21 PM

I would add some shade

christinazivan

5/14/2025 12:58 PM

Monkey bars and/or rings

BFrey4

5/14/2025 01:27 PM

It could be bigger, maybe it's the way it's represented in the image but it seems small

ksk

5/14/2025 02:41 PM

I would add a swing set and sandbox somewhere in the park

Rabeea

5/14/2025 02:50 PM

There is no division of age groups. It creates unsafe conditions for younger kids and also older kids will struggle to enjoy. Spreading out activities is better.

Engellja

5/14/2025 06:21 PM

There are no swings, baby swings, or sandboxes. The concept seems limited.

Smcraig

5/15/2025 12:26 PM

Add swings (baby/toddler size and adult size) and separate entities

wademezey

5/15/2025 01:24 PM

Color

ArielleRan

Some ideas: Inclusive play areas for DHH, ie) music play equipment,

5/15/2025 06:27 PM

sign alphabet, sensory boards.

KatyD

5/16/2025 02:17 PM

I would add swings.

linsayreijmer

5/17/2025 09:54 AM

An accessible way for littles to climb up and go down the slide like steps, an accessible ramp for new walkers and those with mobility challenges. Shade covers and benches for parents/caregivers

lwoch

5/19/2025 09:03 AM

I don't like the tall sticks.

ChristineAndrews

5/22/2025 01:56 PM

Hard to compare the two since this only shows 1 structure. It looks like fun if they could lose the top portions that just stick up. I think colors are fun. I think we have great slides currently (fast/straight, short/straight and twisty). This could have a true twisty slide added. Kids love the fireman's pole, not sure if this has it. Also a zip liner and monkey bars are huge with my kids.

RJKing

5/22/2025 06:33 PM

The tall arms don't make sense. Seems small given the size of the park.

Lb96

5/22/2025 06:37 PM

The ropes climbing area just looks like a hazard for little ones. And that's who you see frequenting this park the most..

KatK14

5/23/2025 08:27 AM

Nothing for younger kids (toddlers)

Larsonj08

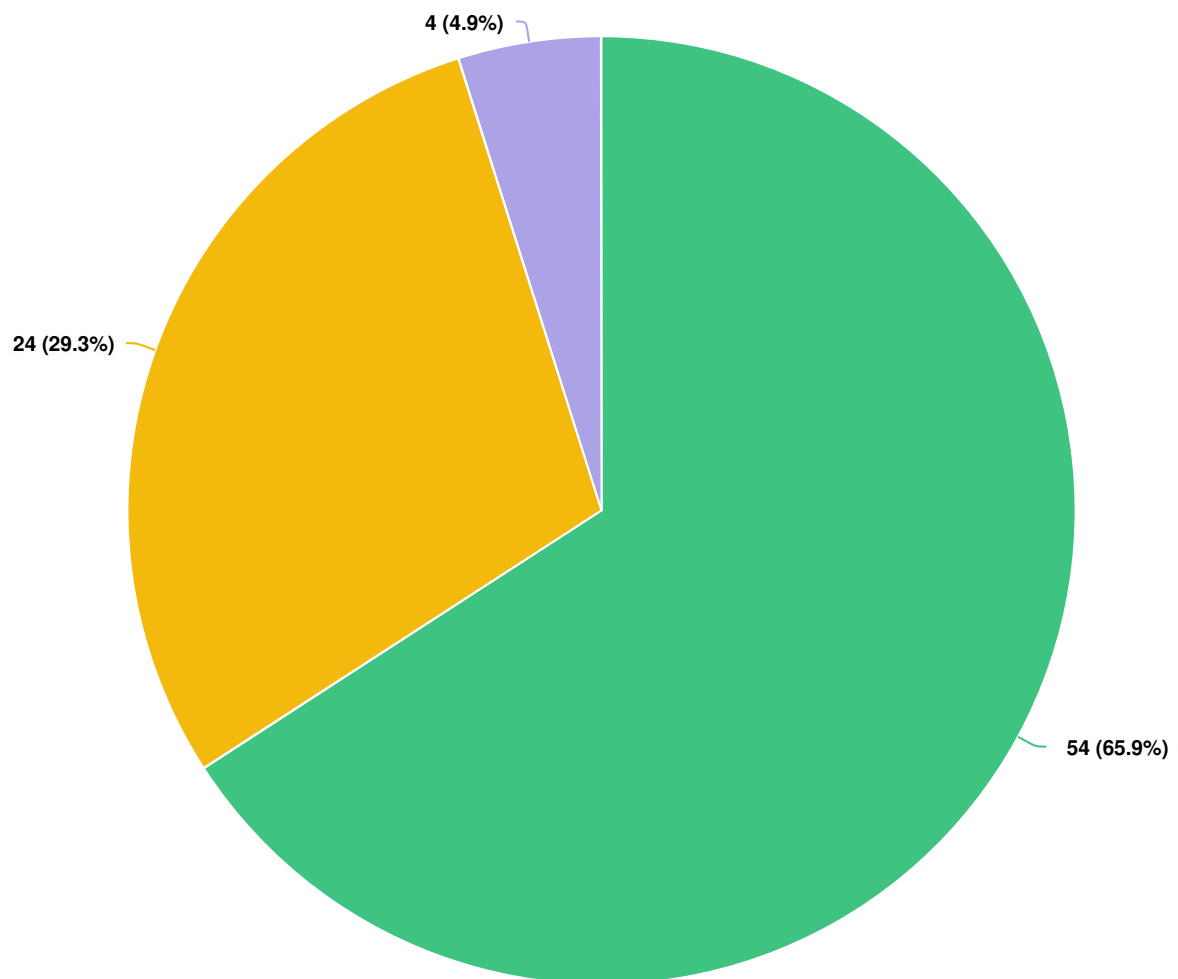
5/23/2025 11:02 PM

Design looks nice but too low to the ground, even my 6 year old would be bored with that slide.

Optional question (31 response(s), 51 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 | **West Lincoln Well and Park Concept 2** [To view the concept document, please click here.](#)



Question options

- I like it!
- I like it, but I would change something.
- I don't like it.

Optional question (82 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 | If there's something you would change about Concept 2, please tell us below:

Emmister

5/10/2025 04:09 AM

This concept includes an image of a wheelchair user but I am not sure how the actual structure would be inclusive for them? Wood chips are not accessible and the structure itself does not have wheelchair access in any way. Inclusivity does not mean having one component off to the side that a disabled child can access with support from an adult.

BhamMom

5/10/2025 04:38 AM

I like how this is spread out and has shade umbrellas. The structures are not visibly appealing. Would like it to be more of a natural look like Booth Park.

Megan

5/10/2025 04:50 AM

Please do not bring back the sandbox!!!

karmstrong

5/10/2025 04:50 AM

I still think play structure could be bigger. Also include swings for babies.

Mmwrighs

5/10/2025 05:30 AM

More options for shade, sitting for parents and kids

Jkpb

5/10/2025 06:03 AM

I really love concept plan 2. The only thing that I definitely would change is I would prefer to see the structures done in green. The same color green that the city has designed as Birmingham green that is used for all the benches and signage. I like the branding of it city wide and think it also is nice if the playground looks like in the green and encourages well especially at Lincoln with all the trees and bushes there.

Kromant

5/10/2025 06:28 AM

I like how there are separate areas and shaded areas. I would add more seating and climbing features. Again something for a little older age group as well.

amfrey4

5/10/2025 08:17 AM

Additional structures for older children 6-12

Romantan

5/10/2025 01:29 PM

This is better than #1 but still lacking a lot. The park should incorporate some sports elements like a soccer net or basketball net.

catealex

5/11/2025 01:28 PM

Add baby swings in place of the disk swing, add more seating and swing chair for adults

mcphar19

5/13/2025 03:20 PM

More for toddlers

Madison St

5/13/2025 05:35 PM

Too spread out for such a small park.

Bmcnab

5/14/2025 10:33 AM

I would prefer to see more color in the playground

Sokky

5/14/2025 12:42 PM

There isn't enough accessible equipment. There should be safety material on the ground: one cannot push a wheelchair through wood chips and wood chips can cause splinters.

Jen

5/14/2025 01:51 PM

I would recommend adding more seating for caregivers, as well as designated eating areas. Many parents, including myself, enjoy bringing lunches or snacks to share while at the playground. Incorporating a water feature or garden area would be a great enhancement, adding both visual appeal and sensory engagement to the playground.

helen

5/14/2025 05:38 PM

You need to add infant swings.

Lisaclark

5/14/2025 07:23 PM

Would not include a sandbox. Litter box for wild animals.

Staygreenbham

5/15/2025 08:32 AM

PLEASE consider adding a single adult bench swing at West Lincoln Well park, rather than installing two at Booth Park. We enjoy a nice multigenerational mix of park users. Young and old parents, grands, would all appreciate a nice place to sit in a shaded area. Your consideration would be most appreciated!

Smcraig

5/15/2025 12:26 PM

Add baby/toddler swings (the ones with the bucket seat)

ArielleRan

5/15/2025 06:27 PM

Same as above.

Susan

5/21/2025 05:35 AM

The large play structure would be better towards the back of the park.

ChristineAndrews

5/22/2025 01:56 PM

I like the shade this provides. Need baby swings next to regular swings. I think it could be fun - same comments as above and it could use a true twisty slide. My kids are into rock walls, spinners, zip line, fireman's poles.

KatK14

5/23/2025 08:27 AM

Maybe add a tunnel and/hill like they have at booth park.

Larsonj08

5/23/2025 11:02 PM

Design looks great but I'd recommend planting some trees around for additional shade.

Optional question (24 response(s), 58 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q10 | If Concept 2 doesn't appeal to you, please let us know why:

Lossiach

5/10/2025 06:46 AM

Again why is there no walking area on the play structure??

conniemdt

5/13/2025 07:34 PM

Too busy looking. Needs a strong focal point, then space out activities

Lb96

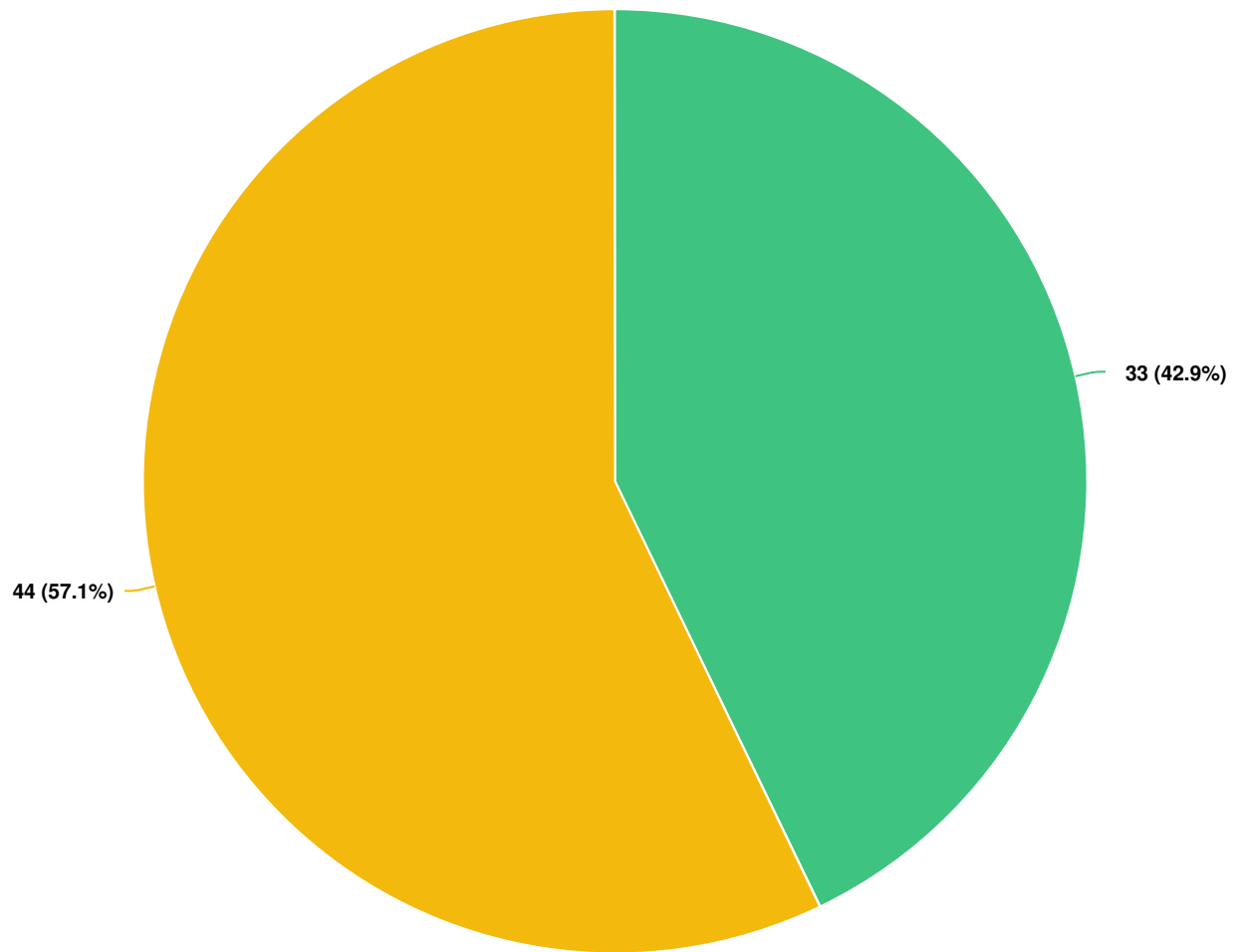
5/22/2025 06:37 PM

Again, there is so much for little ones to get hurt on here. A child must have strong climbing abilities to navigate this structure.

Optional question (3 response(s), 79 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q11 | I prefer:

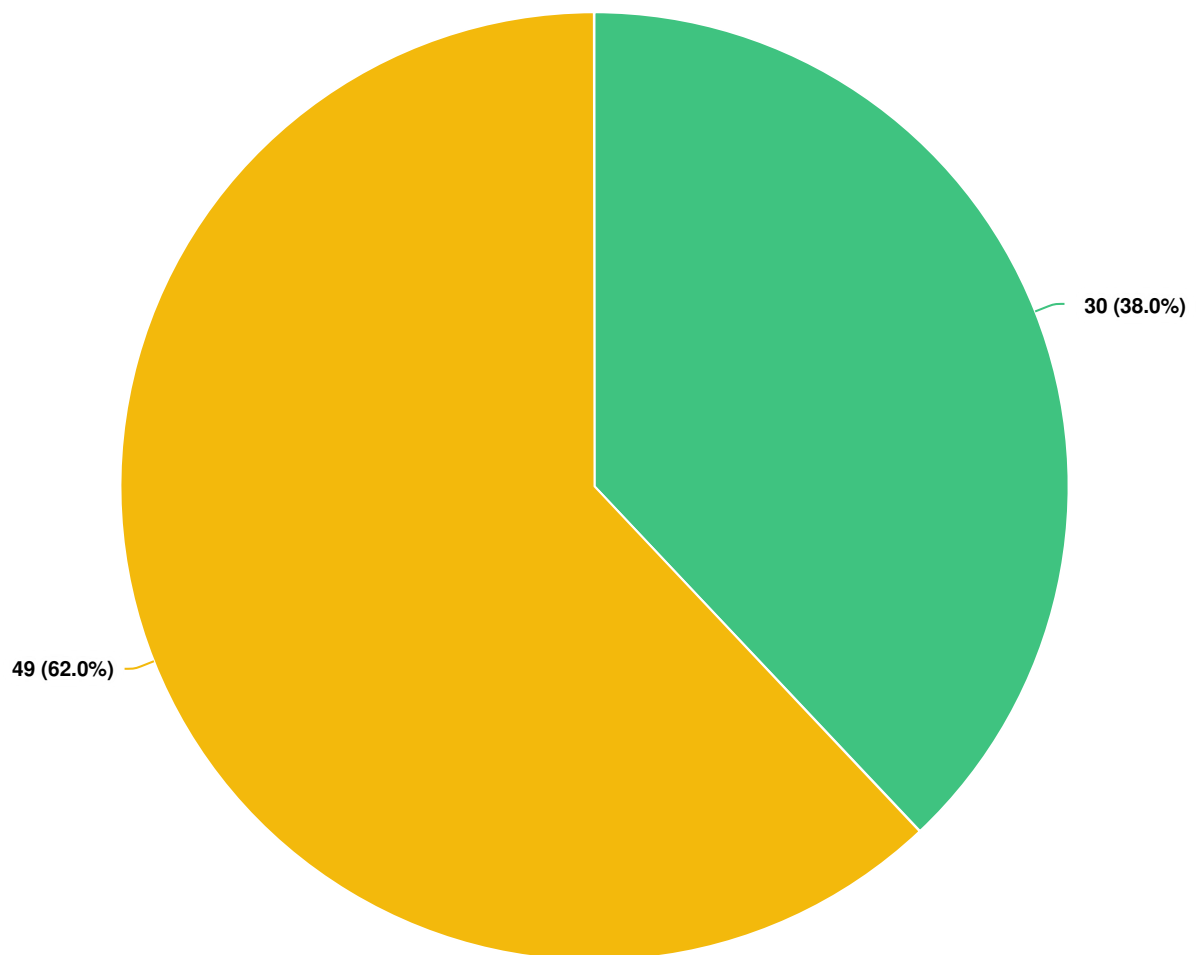


Question options

- Playground with an emphasis on equipment for 0–5 year olds
- Playground with an emphasis on equipment for 5–12 year olds

Optional question (77 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 | Do you think West Lincoln Well and Park should be renamed?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (79 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 | If yes, what name would you suggest?

Jbarnet57

5/10/2025 04:21 AM

West Lincoln Community Park

BhamMom

5/10/2025 04:38 AM

Lincoln Woods Park or Lincoln Green Park

KathrynMurray

5/10/2025 05:24 AM

I do not care about the renaming, but do call this park Lincoln Park.

Jkpb

5/10/2025 06:03 AM

Lincoln Park. It should absolutely have Lincoln in the name as that is how people in the. Neighborhood refer it it. But the West and Wells

Kromant

5/10/2025 06:28 AM

The park at Midvale, Midvale woods park, Lincoln court park, Midvale neighborhood park

brianmyers3

5/10/2025 10:03 AM

Remove "well" from the name. It doesn't sound right, and there doesn't seem to be a "well" at the location.

DebL

5/11/2025 08:05 AM

Birmingham park or Lincoln Landing

kvplumb

5/12/2025 02:18 PM

West Lincoln Park

mdleduc

5/13/2025 07:11 AM

My kids have always called it the Yellow Park because of the yellow equipment. I think West Lincoln Park sounds fine - the term "Well" is confusing.

pkittinger

5/13/2025 07:06 PM

Mary Todd Lincoln Park

conniemdt

5/13/2025 07:34 PM

Adventure Land

avschreiber

5/14/2025 12:49 PM

Something not related to it's streets

BFrey4

5/14/2025 01:27 PM

I'd love it to be named after Elijah Staunton Fish or George Basil Taylor, deceased Birmingham residents that were associated with Michigan's Underground Railroad in the years before he civil war.

Rabeea

5/14/2025 02:50 PM

a shorter name would be better

helen

5/14/2025 05:38 PM

West Lincoln Park

Laura Engelland

5/14/2025 06:21 PM

West Lincoln Park (simplify)

Lisaclark

5/14/2025 07:23 PM

Little Lincoln Park; Grand Lawn Park

Sdwise57

5/15/2025 05:16 AM

West Well Park; Southwest Park; something generic

KatyD

5/16/2025 02:17 PM

Lincoln Westchester Park

Susan

5/21/2025 05:35 AM

West Lincoln-yes pump house is not near me however I think the residents like that name.

ChristineAndrews

5/22/2025 01:56 PM

Lincoln Park

KatK14

5/23/2025 08:27 AM

Lincoln Park

Optional question (22 response(s), 60 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q14 | Is there anything else you would like to share about this playground?

Emmister

5/10/2025 04:09 AM

Please be thoughtful about accessibility! Are most features accessible with a wheelchair or walker? I just hate to have the funding and opportunity and miss including all kids and families. Have families with experience with wheelchair use and/or disability been contacted and asked for input? Including folks with lived experience in the design

process is so important!

mernst822

5/10/2025 04:19 AM

This playground is a neighborhood icon! We go there multiple times a weeks and see the same families coming back too. There are lots of smaller kids that come to this park and very rarely older kids. The equipment would better serve 8 and below. I would love to see Sun sails and more shade options here. On the afternoon there is no shade at all.

Aanna27

5/10/2025 04:20 AM

My children love the playground, but I would love if the base of the playground was that rubber material instead of wood chips. The wood chips are a mess and with the rubber, very small toddlers/babies who are learning to crawl/walk have a more comfortable place to do so. Also more benches potentially with shade would be great. Thanks for updating our extremely loved park!

Jbarnet57

5/10/2025 04:21 AM

Needs more shaded area. It's all in the sun especially the swings.

BhamMom

5/10/2025 04:38 AM

Please consider more natural look play structures.

themissionista

5/10/2025 04:46 AM

More shade. More trees planted. A lot of little tiny kids play here. It would be nice if it could have space for them while also engaging 6-12 year olds. I like concept 2.

karmstrong

5/10/2025 04:50 AM

Adding additional shade and placing seating in the shade would be a plus.

LibraryRat

5/10/2025 05:06 AM

Love the blue color!

KathrynMurray

5/10/2025 05:24 AM

I like the play structure that is currently at the park and am honestly surprised this playground is getting a refresh. I think this playground would get more use if it had a fence.

NCGreen

5/10/2025 06:00 AM

As much shading as you can add and more seating for parents - thanks!

Kromant

5/10/2025 06:28 AM

We would love to see a small basketball area added and to avoid using wood chips as ground cover. Roper Park is a great example of a well-designed space that accommodates a wider range of age groups, not just younger children ages 0–5. It would be wonderful to include features for older kids, ages 6–10, such as a basketball hoop or a small soccer area.

Lossiach

5/10/2025 06:46 AM

These new style playgrounds aren't find for kids They leave no imagination it's basically a bunch of ropes connected by poles Please no

amfrey4

5/10/2025 08:17 AM

Eliminate sandbox feature to eliminate spread of germs.

Lindsay0407

5/10/2025 08:47 AM

Splash pad or mister, water feature, soccer nets or sport court

Romantan

5/10/2025 01:29 PM

There is plenty of grass on both sides which should be used.

weinjared

5/10/2025 06:48 PM

Please restore the drinking fountain and include a porta-potty.

brmngm2021

5/11/2025 06:22 AM

Please Consider adding a fence with gate on the street side since this playground is very close To the main road.

Eweiner

5/12/2025 03:19 PM

It would be nice to update the seating to have a nicer community gathering space like the pergolas at Barnum. Also the space in the far side of the tennis courts is just lots of wasteful grass — would love to see native plants/pollinator gardens. Probably, beyond the scope of this project but to expand to older ages, a basketball half court would be amazing like Adam's park.

mdleduc

5/13/2025 07:11 AM

My kids have used this playground since they were toddlers. They loved the sandbox when they were little, and could use most of the equipment even when they were little. The tire swing is too small for them to share now, so they would love one of the larger swings as depicted in Concept 2. They have always loved using the regular swings as well (and baby swings when they were little). Many parks don't have enough swings. I support having a playground that has equipment for all ages - maybe divided into areas for little ones and older ones.

Madison St

5/13/2025 05:35 PM

Water fountain with bottle refill spout near the tennis courts.

George

5/13/2025 05:48 PM

The current mix of features has been very good for our grandkids. Replacing with similar items would be good. They all liked the sandbox. Definitely need benches and tables for snacking/eating.

conniemdt

5/13/2025 07:34 PM

Please include: Plenty of climbing and sliding features well spaced, multi-tiered, padded soft and spongy flooring, Bucket swings, Picnic tables, Sandbox, bounce spot, place for bikes,

PEARLS

5/14/2025 07:37 AM

Monkey bars are always welcome by children and challenging for all ages.

emgreiner

5/14/2025 12:19 PM

Sandboxes should remain. Also, the second concept looks so much better visually. The colours look so much better.

daveancath

5/14/2025 12:23 PM

tables and benches for adults needed

kvh

5/14/2025 01:10 PM

Needs bathroom facilities

Steve Nickoloff

5/14/2025 01:56 PM

Everyone calls it Lincoln Park so I'm a little confused. Love the tennis courts!

ksk

5/14/2025 02:41 PM

It looks like concept 2 has equipment for both age groups, it's good if all users can enjoy..

Rabeea

5/14/2025 02:50 PM

Can the parking lot get paved? It is a little difficult to get into. Also clear rules on pets and garbage.

helen

5/14/2025 05:38 PM

Walkway from sidewalk to play area

Laura Engelland

5/14/2025 06:21 PM

Emphasis on swings, climbing, and providing shade, please. Thank you!

vadim.avshalumov

5/14/2025 08:06 PM

The park needs more shading. It's too hot there on sunny afternoons .

CM/AD

5/14/2025 08:13 PM

Both concepts are appealing; #2 layout offers a well spaced variety

MMW

5/15/2025 04:50 AM

Benches and picnic tables with shade

Staygreenbham

5/15/2025 08:32 AM

A beautiful, adult size bench swing would be GREAT! Would be happy to install a small native garden space for park visitors to enjoy. Just need location, site plan approval. We will provide all of the plants, subject to approval and do the installation. Then our park would be joining the Homegrown National Park & Pollinator Pathways projects. Thank you again, for seeking out our input on this project. We are so appreciative of your willingness to listen to, and work with us. Looking forward to enjoying this beautiful new space!

Smcraig

5/15/2025 12:26 PM

Swings are a must- both toddler swings and "adult" sizes. Increasing the amount of baby/toddler swings would be so helpful as they are usually full. I see many adults with cognitive needs use the adult swings as well, a huge benefit to keep them!

ArielleRan

5/15/2025 06:27 PM

texturized rubber/grounds. Fenced in from Lincoln street traffic.

KatyD

5/16/2025 02:17 PM

My kids went there on field trips from Midvale. I think this park would be better utilized if it had better equipment and more resources. Thank you!

linsayreijmer

5/17/2025 09:54 AM

Consider putting in a fence along Lincoln, drivers can be fast and unpredictable.

BPA1954

5/19/2025 06:00 AM

Concept 2 appears to have been updated (in a good way!) to address neighborhood feedback at the public planning session - thank you! I now see that popular "access" swing added, along with what looks like a sandbox with shade (as we all stated, the existing sandbox is a longstanding neighborhood favorite. Also...be sure to have a couple of picnic tables (the old- fashioned kind are fine) as these get a LOT of use. The playground should align with the character of the surrounding neighborhood - this is important. Parking must also be a

consideration, as the lot next to the tennis court can fill up and parking on the surrounding side streets is problematic. In other words - please don't overbuild this. I also observed at the meeting that the older children (say 10+) tend to be engaged in other activities, not playground centered (for example, playing soccer or baseball in the lot at the other side of the tennis courts). The "age breaks" here seem rather arbitrary and don't align with what I've observed at various play parks around the city. Certainly, an improvement more in the spirit of Concept 2 will be appreciated.

Susan

5/21/2025 05:35 AM

Thankycu! The population has graven on this side of town. This park gets a lot of use.

ChristineAndrews

5/22/2025 01:56 PM

We back up to the park. We have a 10 month old and 4 and 6 year olds. They definitely need more for older kids, but I'm not sold on a structure for the younger kids just because they just want to be where the big kids are. Beverly Park, my kids never spent any time on the structure for younger kids. They did however use all other equipment (spinners, climbers, sand box!) I say put more in like that and skip the baby structure. The bouncers that are there (construction truck and dinosaur) are perfect as they are and I'd be disappointed to not have them stay. The construction truck is brand new. There has to be both regular and baby swings (near each other) as that's a lifeline for us moms. Also more shade and seating. Would love some sort of bench along the sand box as sitting on the wood around it is so uncomfortable and also then we're in the kids' way. Also the excavator in the sandbox — keep it!! Need monkey bars and fireman's pole at minimum.

Lb96

5/22/2025 06:37 PM

Keep it friendly to little ones. This park is full of toddlers. If you want to add a climbing feature don't make it the main pieces that connects the structures. That's a nightmare for parents with little ones.

KatK14

5/23/2025 08:27 AM

Concept 1 is good for older kids but it doesn't seem to have any elements for younger kids. I think there should be a combination of the two concepts for both younger and older kids. I love the concept 2 little toddler/kids elements.

Larsonj08

5/23/2025 11:02 PM

Survey design is incredibly poor, it's not clear if I should rank the choices (1st to 6th) or assign a score highest to lowest (6 to 1). My observation of playground equipment is 0-5 stuff is actually of interest to only the youngest end of the group (0-2). For example, all of the kindergarteners prefer to play on the main playground at the

elementary school whenever given the option. Kids have a developmental need for “risky play” (look it up there’s many academic studies on the topic), so will use equipment in an inappropriate way to make it more interesting if it’s built to be way too boring, which is how Birmingham parks are mostly constructed with old and out-of-date equipment. <https://cps.ca/en/documents/position/outdoor-risky-play> Benches for parents are needed, as well as picnic tables. That helps the park become more of a gathering space where families may bring dinner or push tables together for a kids birthday party or boy/girl scout meeting.

Optional question (45 response(s), 37 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question



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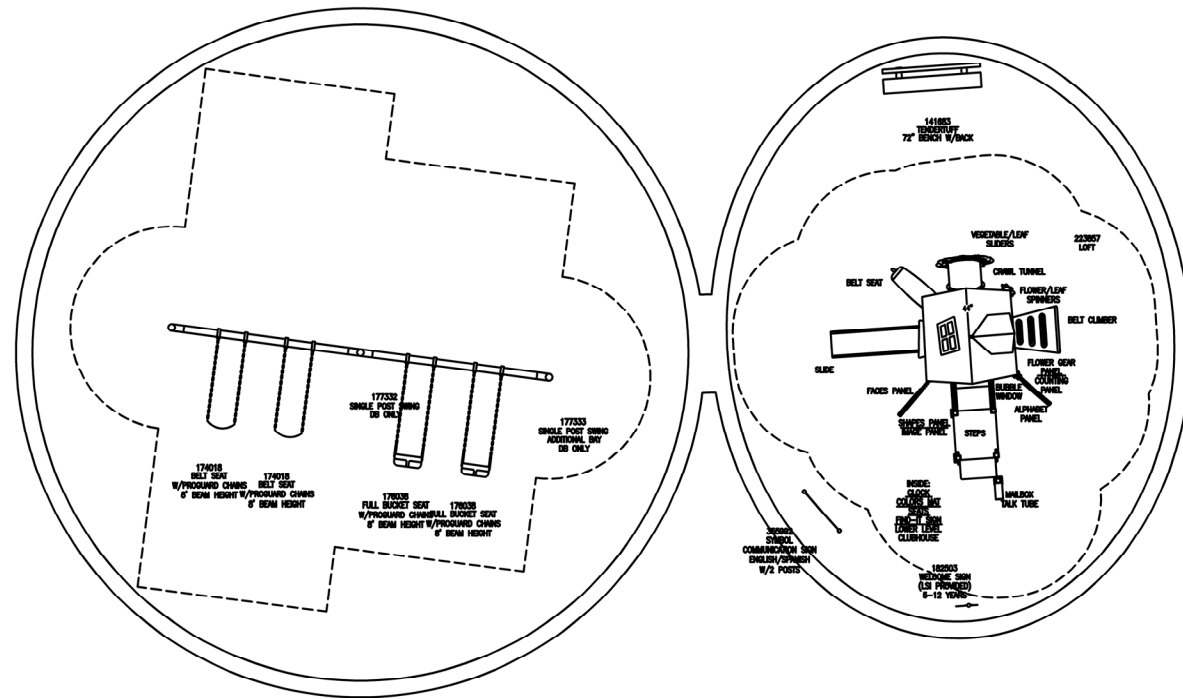
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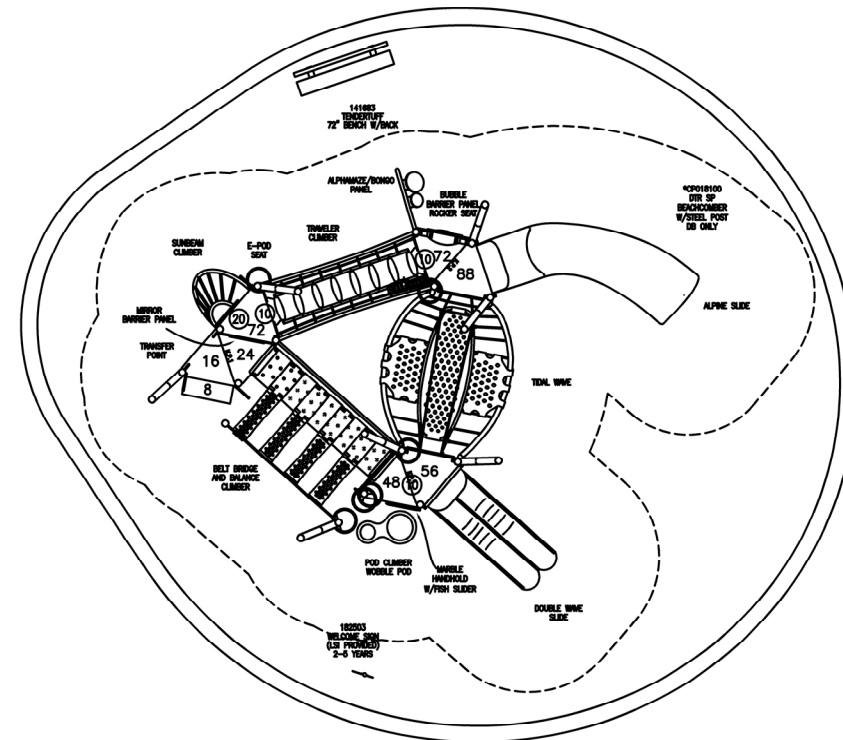
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(2-5 years)
Max Fall Height: 96 inches



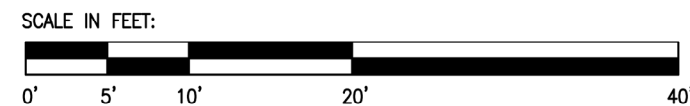
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5-12 AREA

TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS	8		
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	0	REQUIRED	0
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	4	REQUIRED	4
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	3	REQUIRED	3
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	3	REQUIRED	3

2-5 AREA

TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS	5		
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	0	REQUIRED	0
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	5	REQUIRED	3
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	11	REQUIRED	2
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	6	REQUIRED	6



Pump House Park
Birmingham, MI

Penchura, LLC
Lance Shipman

SYSTEM TYPE:
Smart Play
DRAWING #:
PEN1194708-01-02





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Item	Description	Qty	Weight	Price	Total
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CP018100A	DTR PB BeachComber DB Only1			55,065.00	55,065.00
182503A	Welcome Sign Ages 2-5 years Direct Bury	1		0.00	0.00
223857A	Smart Play®: Loft 2-5 Direct Bury	1		23,806.80	23,806.80
355992A	Symbol Communication Sign English-English w/2 Post 2"SM	1		2,233.80	2,233.80
182503C	Welcome Sign Ages 5-12 Direct Bury	1		0.00	0.00
174018A	Belt Seat w/Chains ProGuard Chains for 8' Beam Height	2		168.30	336.60
176038A	Full Bucket Seat w/Chains ProGuard Chains for 8' Beam Height	2		474.30	948.60
177332A	Single Post Swing Frame 8' Beam Height	1		1,662.60	1,662.60
177333A	Single Post Swing Frame Additional 8' Bay	1		1,234.20	1,234.20
Freight	Freight			3,500.00	3,500.00
Installation	Professional Certified Installation	1		42,277.00	42,277.00
Concrete	Concrete curb	376		50.00	18,800.00
EWFI	Engineered Wood Fiber -Supplied & Installed - Safety Surfacing	167		43.00	7,181.00
Sourcewell Dis...	Sourcewell Discount			-7,045.75	-7,045.75

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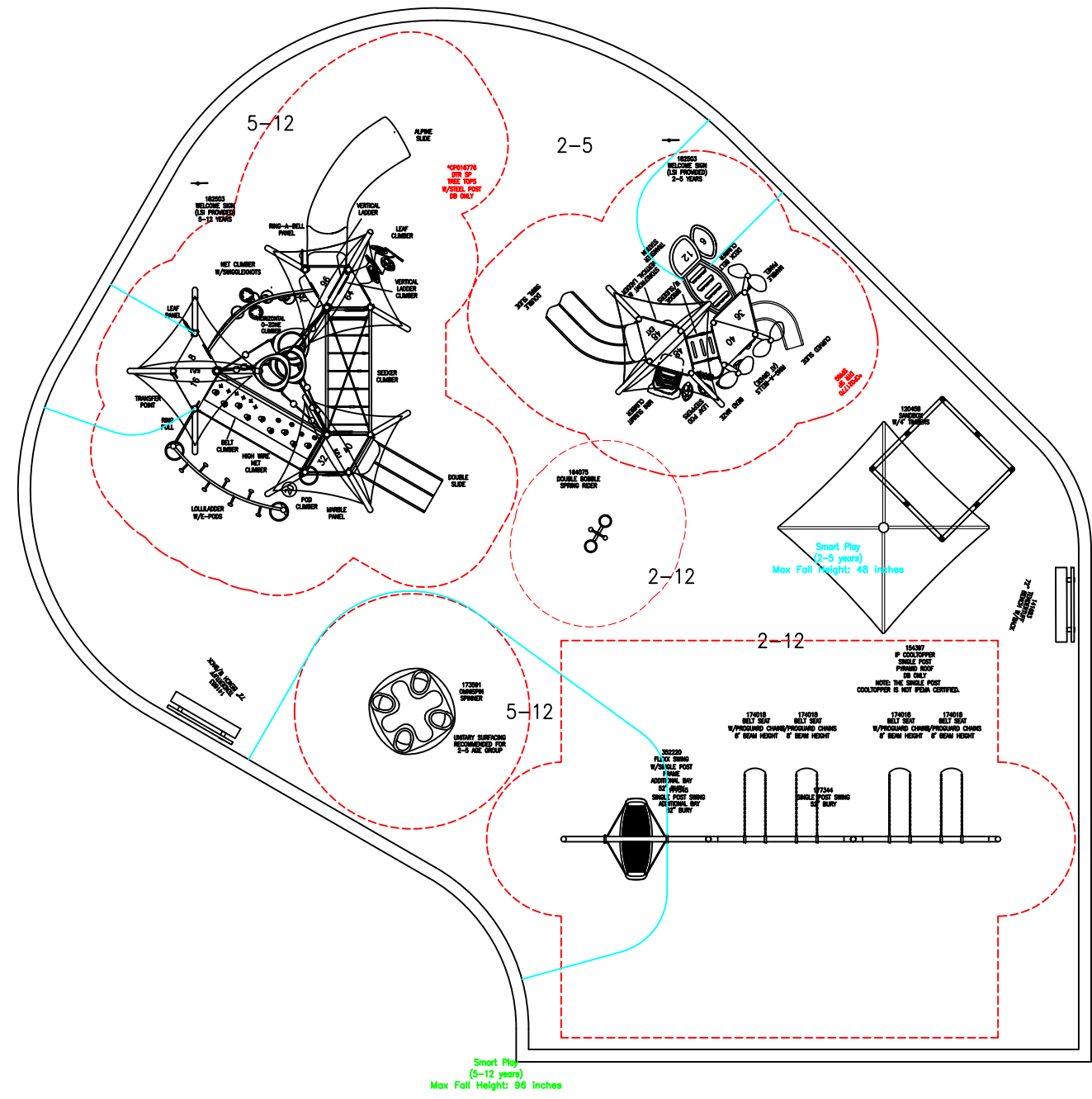
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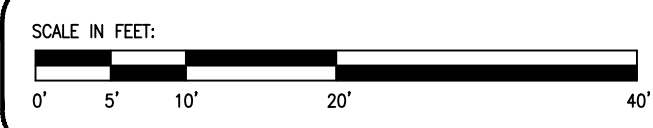


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TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	13	REQUIRED	3
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	6	REQUIRED	6

2-5 AREA

TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS	7		
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	0	REQUIRED	0
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	7	REQUIRED	4
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	4	REQUIRED	2
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Birmingham, MI

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Smart Play
DRAWING #:
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173591A	OmniSpin Spinner, Surface Mount	1		11,153.70	11,153.70
182503C	Welcome Sign Ages 5-12 Direct Bury			0.00	0.00
141683A	TT Coated Bench 72" w/Back Direct Bury (121 lbs)	1		841.50	841.50
174018A	Belt Seat w/Chains ProGuard Chains for 8' Beam Height	4		168.30	673.20
352220A	Flexx Swing w/Single Post Frame Additional Bay 52"Bury			6,385.20	6,385.20
177344A	Single Post Swings, 8' Beam Height			1,846.20	1,846.20
177345A	Single Post Swing Frame 52" Bury Additional Bay 8' Beam Height Only			1,958.40	1,958.40
CP021770A	DTR Smart Play Sprig Play Structure			35,067.60	35,067.60
164075B	Double Bobble Rider, Direct Bury, Yello			2,820.30	2,820.30
120458B	Sandbox w/4' Timbers, 8' Square, w/o Play Table			698.70	698.70
154397A	LSI Single Post Cool Topper			5,380.50	5,380.50
182503C	Welcome Sign Ages 5-12 Direct Bury	1		0.00	0.00
141683A	TT Coated Bench 72" w/Back Direct Bury (121 lbs)	1		841.50	841.50
Freight	Freight			3,500.00	3,500.00
Installation	Professional Certified Installation	1		59,776.00	59,776.00
Concrete	Concrete curb	274		50.00	13,700.00
EWf-I	Engineered Wood Fiber -Supplied & Installed - Safety Surfacing	235		43.00	10,105.00
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Fwd: Park Update

1 message

Carrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>
Cc: Brad McNab <bmcnab@bhamgov.org>, Scott Zielinski <szielinski@bhamgov.org>

Thu, May 15, 2025 at 7:44 AM

Another miscellaneous communication for the June 10th P & R Board agenda, please.

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Carrie Laird** <Claird@bhamgov.org>
Date: Thu, May 15, 2025 at 7:33 AM
Subject: Re: Park Update
To: Patrick Hoye <prhoye@comcast.net>

Thank you for your feedback. We are focusing on replacing playground equipment at this time, but I will keep your input for future park planning!

Thanks again,

On Wed, May 14, 2025 at 3:34 PM Patrick Hoye <prhoye@comcast.net> wrote:

No more pickleball parks. We don't need a lot of non Birmingham residents racing up and down our streets and overcrowding our parks so it's no longer fun for the kids who need the space to play. Whatever is decided insure the parks are exclusively for kids not for dink, dink, dink!!!!

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Fwd: what about Kenning Park?

1 message

Carrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Thu, May 15, 2025 at 7:43 AM

To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Cc: Brad McNab <bmcnab@bhamgov.org>, Scott Zielinski <szielinski@bhamgov.org>

Please include this communication under miscellaneous communications on the June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board agenda. Thank you!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Carrie Laird** <Claird@bhamgov.org>

Date: Thu, May 15, 2025 at 6:51 AM

Subject: Re: what about Kenning Park?

To: Mary Miner <mary.miner@gmail.com>

Hi Mary,

Yes, Kenning Park has plans for an updated Park Master Plan this upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026). Improvements to the entire park, including the playground, are currently slated for fiscal year 2026-2027. Ultimately, the Parks and Recreation Board reviews all projects and recommends them to the City Commission for final approval.

To keep in touch about what's happening in Parks and Recreation, you can sign up for our Constant Contact e-newsletter by [clicking this link](#).

Hope this helps, and thank you for your interest in Kenning Park!

On Wed, May 14, 2025 at 3:33 PM Mary Miner <mary.miner@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello there,

Are there any plans for Kenning Park? It could really use and update!!

Mary

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Pumphouse Park

1 message

Kevin Zurro <evol_z@yahoo.com>

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 8:32 PM

To: "Claird@bhamgov.org" <Claird@bhamgov.org>, "Cfolk@bhamgov.org" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Kevin Zurro, President
Birmingham Farms Neighborhood Association (BFNA)
[1735 Norfolk Street](#)
Birmingham, MI 48009
evol_z@yahoo.com

5/22/25

Subject: Appreciation for Pumphouse Park Improvements & Neighborhood Concerns

Dear Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board,

On behalf of the Birmingham Farms Neighborhood Association (BFNA), I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you and your team for the ongoing efforts to enhance Pumphouse Park within our community. Your dedication to maintaining and improving our public spaces has made a meaningful difference, and we genuinely appreciate the time, effort, and resources invested in making the park a place for families and neighbors to enjoy.

As you may recall, in 2010, the residents of our neighborhood came together to vote on the park's official name, ultimately selecting Pumphouse Park as a reflection of its history and identity within our community. In recognition of this decision, the city placed a commemorative plaque on the rock at the park entrance, solidifying its name as a valued part of our neighborhood's character.

Recently, discussions have surfaced suggesting a potential name change for the park. While we appreciate thoughtful dialogue about community spaces, many of our neighbors are expressing concerns about the idea of renaming it. The BFNA Board unanimously supports keeping the Pumphouse Park name, as it carries a significant historical and sentimental connection for our residents. The existing name was chosen through a democratic neighborhood process and has been embraced by the community for over a decade.

We hope to continue working collaboratively with the Parks and Recreation Board to ensure that Pumphouse Park remains a cherished part of Birmingham Farms. Thank you again for your commitment to fostering vibrant and welcoming spaces for our residents.

Sincerely,

Kevin Zurro, President
Birmingham Farms Neighborhood Association (BFNA)

Fwd: City Parks Design - inquiry about access to play

1 message

Carrie Laird <Claird@bhamgov.org>
To: "Folk, Connie" <Cfolk@bhamgov.org>

Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 1:10 PM

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From: **Carrie Laird** <Claird@bhamgov.org>
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 2:50 PM
Subject: Re: City Parks Design - inquiry about access to play
To: Ian O'Laughlin <ian.olaughlin@icloud.com>
Cc: Ian O'Laughlin <ian.olaughlin@icloud.com>, Jenny O'Laughlin <jenny@thrivehotyoga.com>

Good morning Mr. O'Laughlin & Family,

Thank you for reaching out to us and providing your feedback. As you've noticed, we are beginning to implement citywide playground improvements, starting with the two playgrounds you referenced in your email, Pumphouse Park and West Lincoln Well & Park. We will be installing inclusive playgrounds throughout the City over the next 3-4 years. Next in the queue are Poppleton and Pembroke. Poppleton is slated to have a complete poured-in-place rubber surface or artificial turf surface. Additionally, when we are designing all of the upcoming play areas, we are considering accessible pathways through the play equipment whenever possible if unable to cover the entire area due to budget constraints.

I plan to share your feedback at the upcoming June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Board meeting as part of all feedback received during this playground planning process.

On Sat, May 24, 2025 at 1:15 PM Ian O'Laughlin <ian.olaughlin@icloud.com> wrote:

Hello Carrie,

I'm a resident of Birmingham and saw the survey about the 2 parks design recently by email. My daughter is 8 years old and uses a wheelchair. For her to access play areas in the city, wood chips are not made for wheelchairs to function on, and we drive to other nearby cities that have the rubber flooring (or a firm astroturf) in the playground areas, along with Universal Access designed structures, so her wheelchair can get to the play structures and so she can participate in play on the structures.

Our family would love to see Birmingham parks modernize and be leaders in Southeast Michigan by making the parks and play areas accessible for kids with disabilities and for kids who use wheelchairs, at a minimum the use of rubber flooring instead of wood chips, and ideally some or all play structures that are Universal Access Design.

If you've ever been to parks that are designed this way, you'd see it's good for all children able-bodied and disabled.

Is there any consideration for this in the works?

Same issue about access we find at our daughter's public school in Birmingham as well, and we are starting to take this up with the school and school board.

Thank you!

Ian O'Laughlin & Family
[1672 Cole St](#)

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing anonymously as a concerned resident and regular golfer in Birmingham to express my disappointment in the current condition of both of the city's municipal golf courses — Springdale and Lincoln Hills. The clubhouse staff is great, but the course itself is considerably worse than city courses in municipalities that have a way smaller tax base. The greenskeeper needs to be relieved of their duties.

Springdale was not in operation last season, and frankly, based on its current state, it looks and plays like it still shouldn't be open. The course feels neglected, with poorly maintained fairways and greens that make for a frustrating experience rather than an enjoyable one. There are trees that a storm blew down over a year ago that haven't been taken care of.

Lincoln Hills, despite receiving a new first tee just a couple of seasons ago, remains in poor shape. It's nearly impossible to get a tee into the ground, and the presence of small rocks and pebbles not only disrupts play but also risks damaging expensive equipment like drivers. For a course that should represent the city well, this is unacceptable.

These issues are not just minor maintenance concerns—they reflect a broader problem in upkeep and investment in facilities that many residents rely on for recreation and community engagement. It's disheartening to see such potential wasted due to what appears to be a lack of greenkeeping.

I urge the Parks and Recreation Department, or whoever is responsible, to seriously evaluate the current conditions and take immediate steps toward improvements. A new greenskeeper Better maintenance, basic repairs, and more consistent course care would go a long way toward restoring these courses to a standard Birmingham should be proud of.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Resident and Golfer



MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: June 4, 2025

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Brad McNab, Parks and Recreation Foreman

SUBJECT: July Parks and Recreation Month

This July marks the 40th anniversary of Parks and Recreation Month, as celebrated by the National Recreation and Parks Association. Designed to celebrate park and recreation professionals and the contributions they make to the communities they serve.

This year's theme, "Build Together, Play Together", is especially fitting considering the upcoming park projects that are on the horizon. We are also exploring some new ideas to encourage residents to discover more of our wonderful parks and trails. One concept we're considering is a fun scavenger hunt that would motivate people to visit parks they might not usually explore.

By working together, we can help people connect and play, build family bonds and memories, construct thriving communities, offer high-quality programs, foster inclusivity, and advance our sustainability efforts for the benefit of future generations.

