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**AGENDA
VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
5:30 PM TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

PRIDES CROSSING PARK - N70W23483 Prides Road Sussex, WI 53089

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Village of Sussex Park & Recreation Board, at which a quorum of the Village Board may attend virtually in order to gather information about a subject which they have decision making responsibility. The meeting will be held at the above noted date, time and location. Notice of Village Board Quorum, (Chairperson to announce the following if a quorum of the Village Board is virtually in attendance at the meeting: Please let the minutes reflect that a quorum of the Village Board is present and that the Village Board members may be making comments under any area where the public may comments or if the rules are suspended to allow them to do so.)

1. Roll call
2. Discussion on Prides Crossing Neighborhood Survey & Neighborhood Input
3. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting.
4. Comments from Citizens Present
5. Park & Recreation Director's Report
6. Topics for Future Agenda Items
7. Adjournment

Robert Fourness
Chairperson

Jeremy Smith
Village Administrator



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**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN**

Minutes of the Park & Recreation Board meeting held on April 20, 2021.

1. Roll call

Members Present: Kelly Tetting, Nadine Coenen, Chairman Bob Fourness, Mike Waltz, Chuck Vojtas, Trustee Ron Wells
Members Excused: Chris Kostka

Village Board Present: President Anthony LeDonne

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Halie Dobbeck; Administrative Services Director, Sam Liebert; Assistant Village Administrator Kelsey McElroy-Anderson

2. Meeting Minutes

A motion by Wells; Seconded by Tetting to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion Carried 6-0

3. Comments from Citizens Present

None

4. Update on Village Board Actions

A motion by Waltz; seconded by Vojtas to send the fence proposal back to Village Board, change coating to green and adding shrubs on the North side. The request is that the fencing is implemented as soon as possible. Motion Carried 6-0

A motion by Fourness; seconded by Waltz to Restrict Civic Center front lawn, sides, and parking lot to only rent for the non-profit community market. Motion Carried 6-0

5. Park and Recreation Board Meeting Times

A motion by Waltz; seconded by Wells to approve the Parks and Recreation meeting time change to 6:30 p.m. beginning May 18, 2021. Motion Carried 6-0

6. Prides Park Survey Questions and Tentative Designs

Dobbeck presented designs and a survey for feedback. This will be mailed to the subdivisions surrounding Prides Park for feedback.

7. Park & Recreation Director's Report

Butler Wetlands – Butler Wetlands is mowed because if it isn't mowed it will eventually become wetlands again. The mowing is to stabilize the area so that if we chose to make a trailhead in the future we have a place to do so.

Storywalk – "Am I Yours" storywalk started in Village Park yesterday.

Rummage Sale – Sussex Village Wide Rummage is May 7-8.

Batting Cages – Alternative funds were found at the SAS Club. \$12,325 has been committed to this project. Project is seeking Village Board approval at the 4/27 meeting. \$5,000 per year depreciation for replacement.

8. Topics for Future Agenda Items

Prides Neighborhood Meeting at Prides Park on May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Baseball User Groups Review (requested by Waltz)

9. Adjournment

A motion by Waltz; Seconded by Vojtas to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Carried 6-0

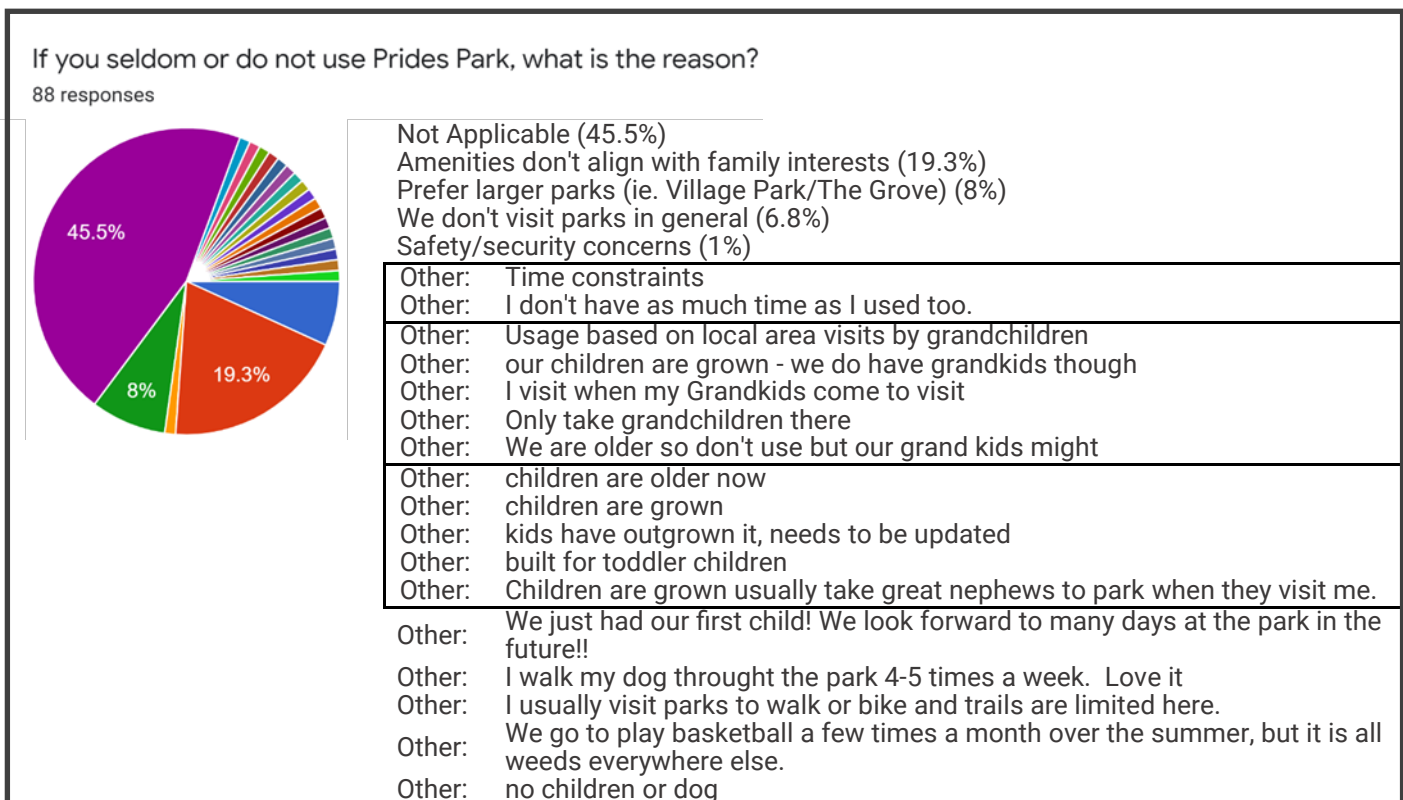
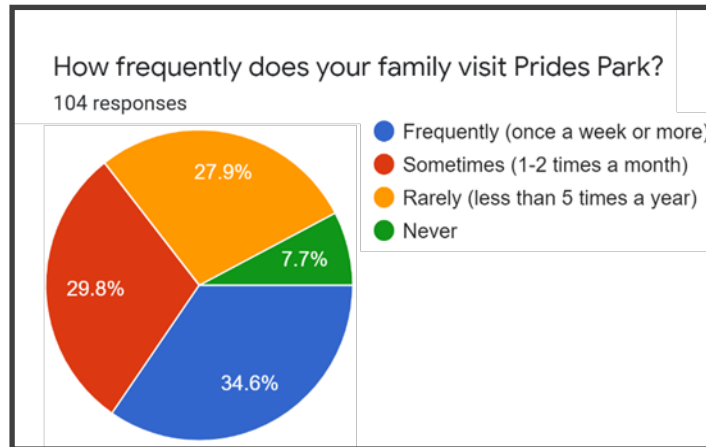
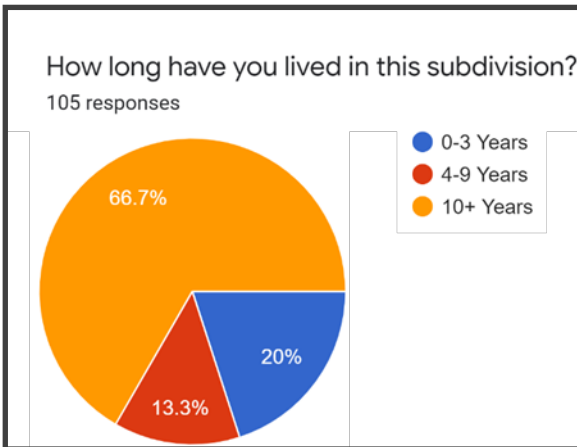
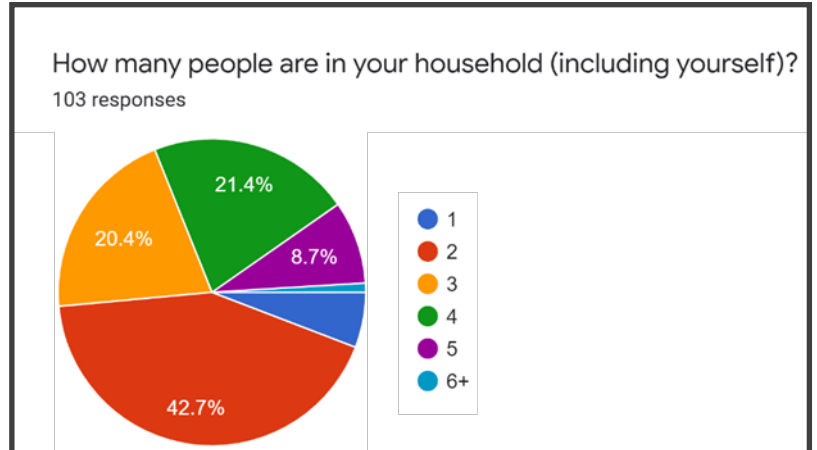
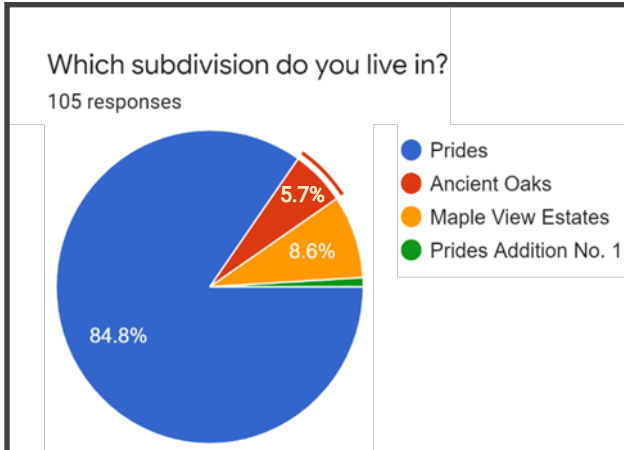
Respectfully Submitted,

Halie Dobbeck
Parks & Recreation Director

Prides Crossing Park Neighborhood Survey Results

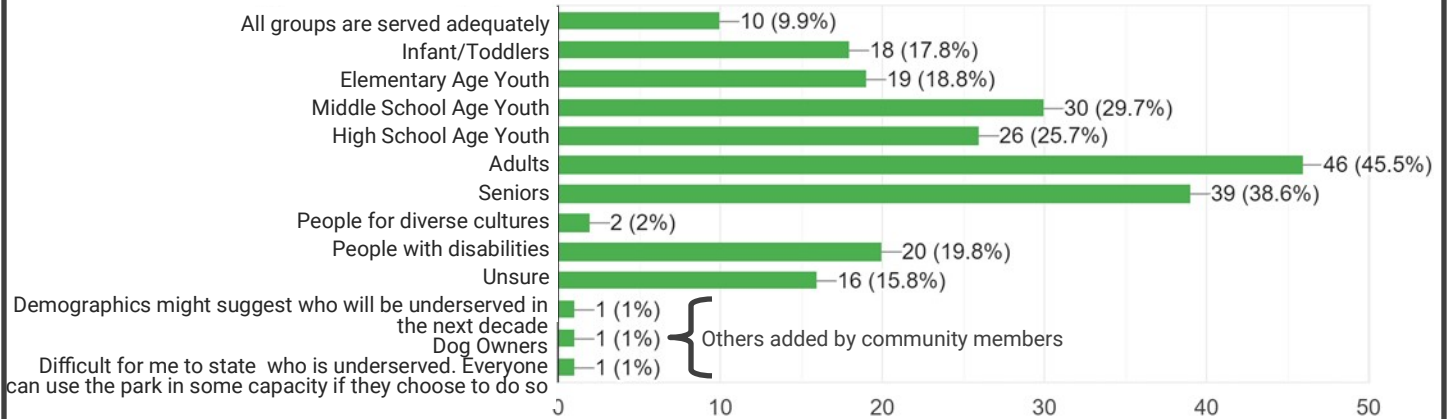
Responses were collected from 4/30/21-5/17/21

105 responses received out of 300 surveys sent (35% response rate)



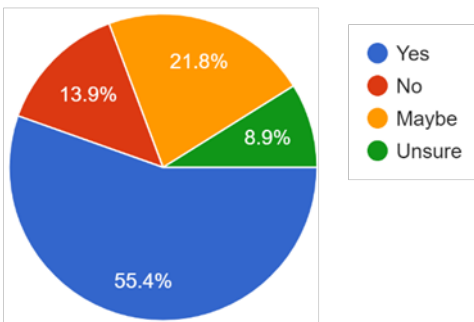
Which groups do you feel are most underserved by the current park?

101 responses



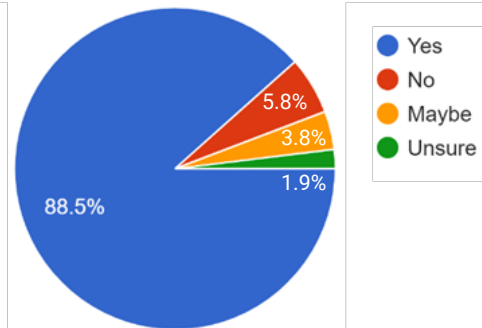
Does the half-court basketball area add value to Prides Park?

101 responses



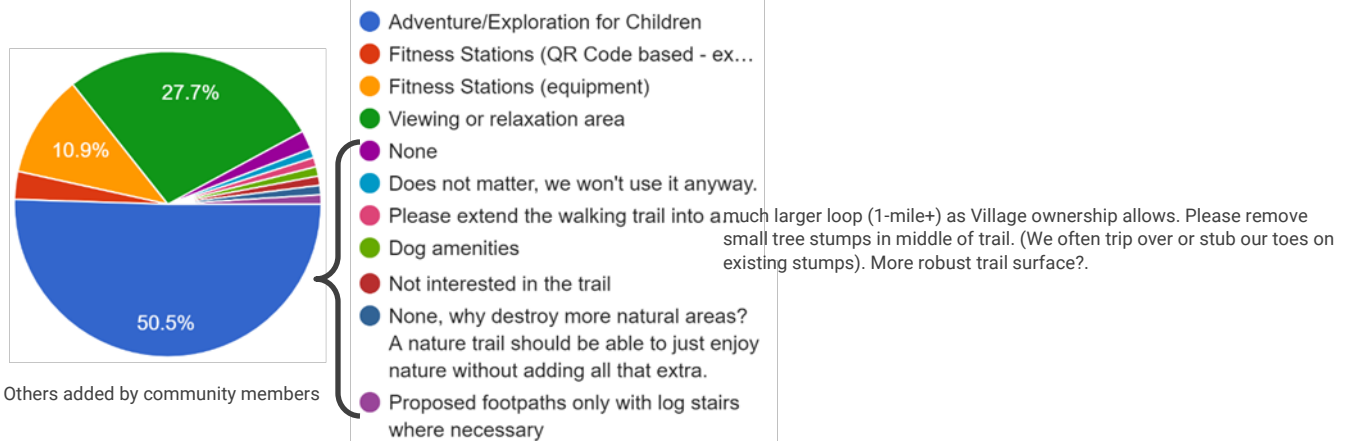
Does the playground add value to Prides Park?

104 responses

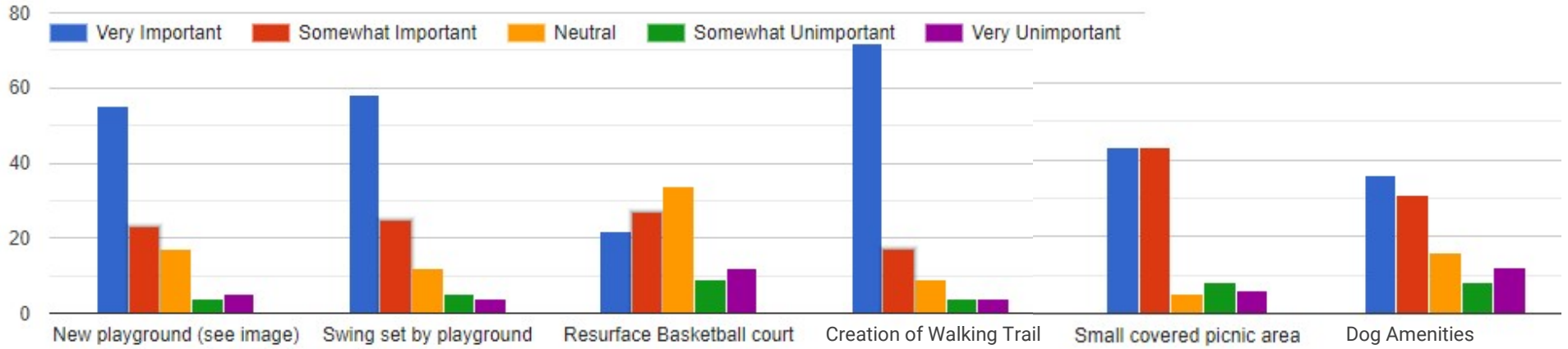


What type of amenities would you most like to see along the trail?

101 responses

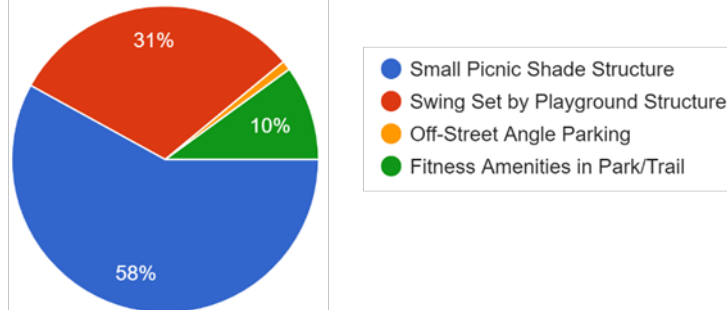


Rank the below listed amenities based on what you would like to see at Prides Park.



Which new amenity would you most like to see added to Prides Park.

100 responses



Please provide any other comments or suggestions for this project. If you'd like to discuss at length, please reach out to the Parks

General Excitement	This area would definitely get uses more if the park was updated.
	We are SO excited for this park revitalization! We cannot wait to see the final results, and look forward to spending many many days and evenings at this park in the near future!
	Love the idea of a refreshed park. My wife and I bought our house on Salem Dr 3 years ago and just welcomed our first child in January. We are looking forward to this revamp and will be using the park many times a week in the next few years.
	Love the idea of making the park more adult/parent friendly. I think this will encourage more visits if it's a great
	So excited for this park to be updated!
Dog	Maybe a fenced in dog area? Can't wait to see what develops, our family loves walking to this park!
	The reason I don't frequent the park is there is nothing there for me (a senior) only for little kid. Basketball court rarely used. Could us a dog exercise trail & littler station.
Parking Comments	By not putting parking in, it encourages people to walk to their local park. I would feel bad for the home that sits
	Street parking is more than adequate for a neighborhood park, money could be better used on trail improvements and playground equipment. Signage on the play set to discourage food on the play set would be nice as some members of the community have children with severe food allergies. Wild flower areas, and bird houses south of the baseball diamond along the treeline would help to bring in more diverse wildlife. Trail head signage to ensure easy location and usage of the trails.
	No parking. Lived across street 34 yrs and parking never issue (except pints in park.) A shame you want to destroy the natural green and wooded space. Area is great for wildlife viewing , people and dog exercising. It would be nice for a nature trail but don't add anything, just enjoy nature and wildlife. This isn't an amusement park. Maybe kids now a days need to enjoy nature and not have to have lots of equipment and activities. Adult fitness areas use to be at park and rarely used. Why have to keep adding and wrecking the area and spending more money. Keep it simple.
	PLEASE, No parking. This is a neighborhood park and not a community park. Off road parking is not a proper fit for a neighborhood park! It invites problems for the parks neighbors as well with late night partying etc. The park should be geared toward a neighborhood park and not made into a community park.
Play Amenities	My 7 year old daughter LOVES the Grove at Village Park and the playground at Woodside Elementary, especially the ziplines, monkey bars, etc. Any improvements to be similar to either of those parks would be wonderful! A paved area where she could ride her bike would also be great. She also loves to explore, so she was excited to see the option for Adventure/Exploration for Children along the trail.
	It would have been nice to have a bigger photo of the nature-themed playground. Can't tell if there are swings there for young children(i.e. 10 month old grandchild). How close is basketball court to Nature - themed playground? Are older kids playing 'hoops' going to run into younger kids on playground? Language? What about restroom facilities?
	The playground and basketball court currently get used daily so thEy are both assets to the park and neighborhood. Dog walkers frequently use the open park space too. We are looking forward to the new hiking trail! A large hill slide would be fun... similar to Fox River Park. Hoping our new park has a better base (ie. Rubber ground and not mulch). A couple parking spots would be beneficial to avoid too many cars parking in the road.
	The playground is nice for young children and still in good shape. Maybe additional equipment for a child 8-12. More swings would be nice. I love the 1 mile walking trail idea with dog station/bubbler along with a human bubbler and bags for dog waste.
	We support the installation of a modern playground as long the current playground remains in service until the completion of the new playground. We do not support additional parking, dog or fitness amenities. We support incremental improvement of the existing trails, but this is not a priority.
	Zip line
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Skateboard Amenity	A new basketball court would be extremely nice. New amenitys are due, and with new subdivisions moving in everywhere I do want to make sure all animals have plenty of room to live and grow in. Maybe a skate park would be nice? Lots of new kids are beginning to ride skateboards and that would be great. Thanks.
	I realize this park probably won't have this but please consider at one of the sussex parks a better skateboard area. One's in the surrounding communities are SO utilized and appeal to slightly older kids. In sussex we have lots of park amenities for little kids and adults but the older kids are missed. We drive to Wauwatosa Skate park at least every month.

Trail Related	I think the improved trail system would provide the greatest enhancement to the Park and add to creating a walkable, healthier community. Many people are out walking - mainly in the Road and a better trail system would be safer and encourage walkability/access in the various neighborhoods.
	I think the woods are very beautiful as they are and I hope that the project intends to maintain a more natural state, with trails that resemble a single-track hiking trail instead of a wide and manicured/landscaped path with things everywhere. The woods are a hidden gem and I hope that they aren't changed or landscaped too much as it is a very peaceful place to have in the neighborhood as they are, and there isn't all that many public spaces like this left. I also currently ride my bike on the existing trails and would really appreciate if the trails were kept as multi-use (biking, hiking, etc).
	I would like to see some kind of posting where the park ends and private property begins. People who use the trails must be told some how not to trespass on private property.
	The trail loop is an awesome idea. I think many people would use it. Don't think off street parking is needed. There's plenty of parking on the street and it would take space away.
	There are alot of walkers in this subdivision, so a walking trail would be a great addition and serve the adults in the area .
	My main interest is a good upgrade/extension to the walking trail through the woods.
	We moved here (recent) because of the quiet woods and wild life. Don't mess it up. We like it here! Too much development may take away, rather than attract. I DON'T LIKE THE MULCH TRAIL IDEA AT ALL. JUST LEAVE IT ALONE!
	We think the 6ft wide mulched trail with defined border seems excessive. Preserving the woods is more important. A 3-4ft mulched path without a border seems sufficient. There is plenty of parking available on the street and most people who appreciate and use the park are able to access it through our walkable community. The purpose of this park should be for nature appreciation. We have already removed a LARGE portion of the nature by adding the Ancient Oaks subdivision.
Pickleball/ Tennis	- My family has spent countless hours using the backstop and open field for baseball; by far more than anything else in the park. Would be very sad to see that removed. - If you do unfortunately get rid of the backstop, can we get a tennis court in that
	We would like to see more traveling beer gardens at Prides Park but would like to see big open field utilized for this instead of squeezing everyone into playground area. Also would love to see some pickleball courts there. I believe they would be utilized a lot.
	pickleball court?
	Can the basketball court double as a pickleball court? Just wondering as pickleball is so popular now and a fun sport!
	Would love to see pickle ball courts or a tennis court
	When will the tennis courts at village park be resurfaced and without pickleball lines?
Bathroom	Would a restroom be added to the park, whether a port o john or something permanent
	Some kind of small restroom for kids who are visiting the park. Smaller children are less likely to be able to make it all the way home if they need to use the restroom
Cost Concerns	From my perspective the area is not highly used and does not warrant the expenses
	I really thought the playground was fine, just as it is. I DON'T want angle parking, kids could converge there at night. If there is a new playground, shouldn't swing sets come with it? Again if it's not broken, why fix it. Our taxes are high enough with all these empty buildings. Get more businesses like burger king!!!!
	A total waste of tax payer money. The Village has enough DEBT.
Other	We rarely see cars parked along the street to play at the park. We might see one-two cars per week. Most of the people that play at the park ride bikes and walk. New traffic at the park might increase in the beginning but it will dwindle. A parking lot is a huge waste of money. In addition, that field is a beautiful open space. Kids play soccer, baseball, and fly kites. Is there anyway to modernize the existing play structure without going overboard. I think adding a nature play area would be more appropriate. Upgrading the trail would be great. We see people walking to the park and utilizing the trail the most.
Other	Remove the stone line that separates the 2 sides of the park.
Other	General updates. It is outdated and inadequate compared to other Sussex parks
Other	I spoke with 6 other people in the Ancient Oaks Subdivision and not one received this mailing for their input
Other	My concern is the traffic on Prides. Cars are often speeding near the park. A stop sign may help?
Other	Weed control a couple times a year would be nice. The park is a dandelion farm.
Other	Would also really like to see a picnic shade structure

Other	<p>My first suggestion would be to make the basketball court a full length court. This would provide the opportunity for more kids to play basketball and would give older kids the opportunity to play pick up games.</p> <p>My second suggestion would be to leave the natural prairie area to the South of the mowed field and to the South of the basketball courts. Possibly designate this area as a "dog off leash area". Maybe provide fencing for the same. In the Prides neighborhood, there are many, many dog owners. Some of which, use this area already as an off leash area.</p> <p>The wooded area to the South of the field as mentioned above and to the South of Prides Park could certainly use re-forestation. I moved to the neighborhood one year before Ancient Oaks was developed and have been walking the woods there ever since. Myself and several other dog owners that frequent the woods have noticed a very evident decline in the amount of old-growth trees in the woods. I know the ash borers got many of them, but I also think the development changed the ecosystem and contributed to this as well. I believe the developer was tasked with re-planting of trees on the North and South hillsides of the Ancient Oaks development as well as planting trees in the natural prairie area. They did plant numerous trees. However, they were planted in mid to late November and very few of them survived because they did not have a chance to take root before winter. I have found myself picking up the corrugated plastic used to protect the planted trees after they have died. Planting of more oak, maple, cedar, or pine saplings would help preserve the woods for all to enjoy.</p> <p>I have concern about what appears to be a much added to the woods South of Donna Drive adjacent to Ancient Oaks. This is the large wooded hillside area adjacent to the water tower. Myself and several others that walk our dogs in these woods have come to enjoy the amount of wildlife still present in this wooded area. A large deer herd still exists there, I have found a fox den, I have seen coyotes, owls and hawks have nests there. I think this area would be best served to only place a walking path through. Keep the walking path natural with mulch. Lets take into account the wildlife and do what we can to preserve the wildlife and natural beauty for generations to come. I personally have been doing what I can while I walk the woods. I have cleaned up and removed toppled barb wire fencing, have picked up garbage that has blown into the woods from the building of the new homes, have picked up cans, bottles, and other trash left behind by others. Building work out stations, play grounds, and rest areas will only add to the garbage left behind, the departure of the wildlife, and the decline of this natural area. Please keep some natural areas within the developments as just that, natural. Centralize the playground areas in Prides Park. If you would like to speak with me more about this, I can be reached at 262 221 0125. I would welcome any conversation about this area and the proposed improvements.</p> <p>Best Regards, Kyle Falvey</p>
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