



City of Appleton

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Meeting Agenda - Final-revised Parks and Recreation Committee

Monday, July 25, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 6th Floor

1. Call meeting to order

2. Roll call of membership

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[16-1157](#) Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of the 7-11-16 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.pdf](#)

4. Public Hearings/Apearances

[16-1167](#) Presentation of \$5,000 Donation from Arby's for the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department - Kent Kaphingst

5. Action Items

6. Information Items

[16-1169](#) Review of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Chapter 18

Presentation by SEH Representatives Andrew Dane and Gregg Calpino

Attachments: [Parks & Recreation Chapter 18 Comprehensive Plan \(7-25-16\).pdf](#)
[Parks & Recreation Chapter 18 Comprehensive Plan Survey Results \(7-25-16\).j](#)

[16-1168](#) Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Mid-Year Report

Attachments: [PRFM Mid-Year Report \(7-25-16\).doc](#)

[16-1158](#) Erb Park & Pool Update

[16-1159](#) Director's Report

7. Adjournment

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of the Common Council may be present during this meeting, although no Council action will be taken.

Reasonable Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities will be made upon Request and if Feasible.

For questions on the agenda, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department at 920.832.5514



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1. Call meeting to order

Vice Chair Spears called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Roll call of membership

Others: Dean Gazza, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management; Chris Behrens, Legal Services; Kurt Eggebrecht, Health Department; Alderperson Jirschele, District 15; Alderperson Lobner, District 13; Alderperson Meltzer, District 2; Alderperson Plank, District 7

Present: 3 - Spears, Williams and Mann

Excused: 2 - Martin and Croatt

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

[16-1065](#)

Minutes of the June 20, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of the 6-20-16 Parks & Recreation Committee \(7-11-16\).pdf](#)

Mann moved, seconded by Williams, that the Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee be approved. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Williams and Mann

Excused: 2 - Martin and Croatt

Abstained: 1 - Spears

4. Public Hearings/Appealances

None

5. Action Items

[16-923](#)

Resolution #7-R-16

June 1, 2016

Submitted by Alderperson Meltzer & Alderperson Reed

Whereas, our parks are a valuable community resource, and

Whereas, the current ban on dogs in parks restricts access of many members of the community who would otherwise responsibly enjoy this resource,

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Appleton allow dogs in parks under full control of a collared leash by the owner at all times.

Referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee

Attachments:

[2016 Resolution for Dogs in Parks- PRFMD, Health, PD.pdf](#)

[WI Department of Tourism National Dog Owner Statistics.pdf](#)

Alderperson Spears distributed a handout by the Wisconsin Department of Tourism entitled "National Dog Owner Statistics"

Williams moved, seconded by Mann, that the Report Action Item be recommended for denial. Roll Call. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Spears, Williams and Mann

Excused: 2 - Martin and Croatt

6. Information Items

[16-1066](#)

Erb Park & Pool Update

This item was presented

[16-1075](#)

Reid Golf Course Participation, Expense & Revenue Report Through June, 2016

Attachments:

[June, 2016 Reid Expense, Participation & Revenue Report \(7-11-16\).pdf](#)

This item was presented

[16-1067](#)

Director's Report

This item was presented

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mann moved, seconded by Williams, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll Call.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Spears, Williams and Mann

Excused: 2 - Martin and Croatt

Park and Recreation Master Plan

- Background Information
 - Park Facilities and Recreation Programs Inventory
 - Recommendations
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Appleton last adopted a **Park and Recreation Master Plan** in 2010, updating a series of prior plans dating to 1965. The 2010 plan was meant to provide recommendations for the period from 2010 through 2014. It is the City's policy to update this plan every five years both to provide guidance concerning park and recreation facilities and operations, and to meet requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for grant funding eligibility. This current update will address the years 2017 to 2021.

Background Information

A growing body of research provides evidence of the importance of parks, open space, and leisure programming to the environmental, social, and economic health of communities. Sufficient parks and open spaces provide habitat for plants and animals, contribute to effective stormwater management, and offer additional environmental benefits. Parks and open spaces enhance the value of nearby property, and special facilities such as downtown plazas or event spaces can be significant contributors to commercial vitality. Park facilities and programming enhance quality of life while facilitating the social interaction of community residents, thereby making the city a more desirable place to live.

The Appleton **Parks and Recreation Master Plan** is designed to guide the Parks and Recreation Department, city officials, advisory committees, and other partners and stakeholders as they strive to provide the best possible facilities and leisure activities for the citizens of Appleton. To do this, the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department operates with the following mission statement:

The Appleton Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing leisure services, recreational facilities, and environmental management to enhance the quality of life for the community.

Key Accomplishments

- Children's Week program was developed by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2010. This includes a variety of programs for kids and an annual parade.
- In 2013, the City of Appleton achieved bronze-level bicycle friendly community status through the League of American Bicyclists.
- A new website for the Parks and Recreation Department was launched in 2015.
- In 2013, City's dance program was rebranded, becoming the Unity Dance Academy.
- New amphitheater and stage constructed at Pierce Park.
- The Learning Pathway for Youth was installed in Pierce Park in 2014.
- The Parks and Recreation Department assumed management of the Scheig Center and Appleton Memorial Park Gardens in 2014.
- Parks and Recreation Department became the sole operator of all golf course operations at Reid Golf Course in 2015.
- In 2016, the City finalized plans for redevelopment of the Erb Park pool.
- In 2016, Ellen Kort Peace Park is named.
- In 2014-2015, Houdini Plaza is reconstructed.
- Skateboard park constructed at Telulah Park.
- Establishment of Pioneer Park.

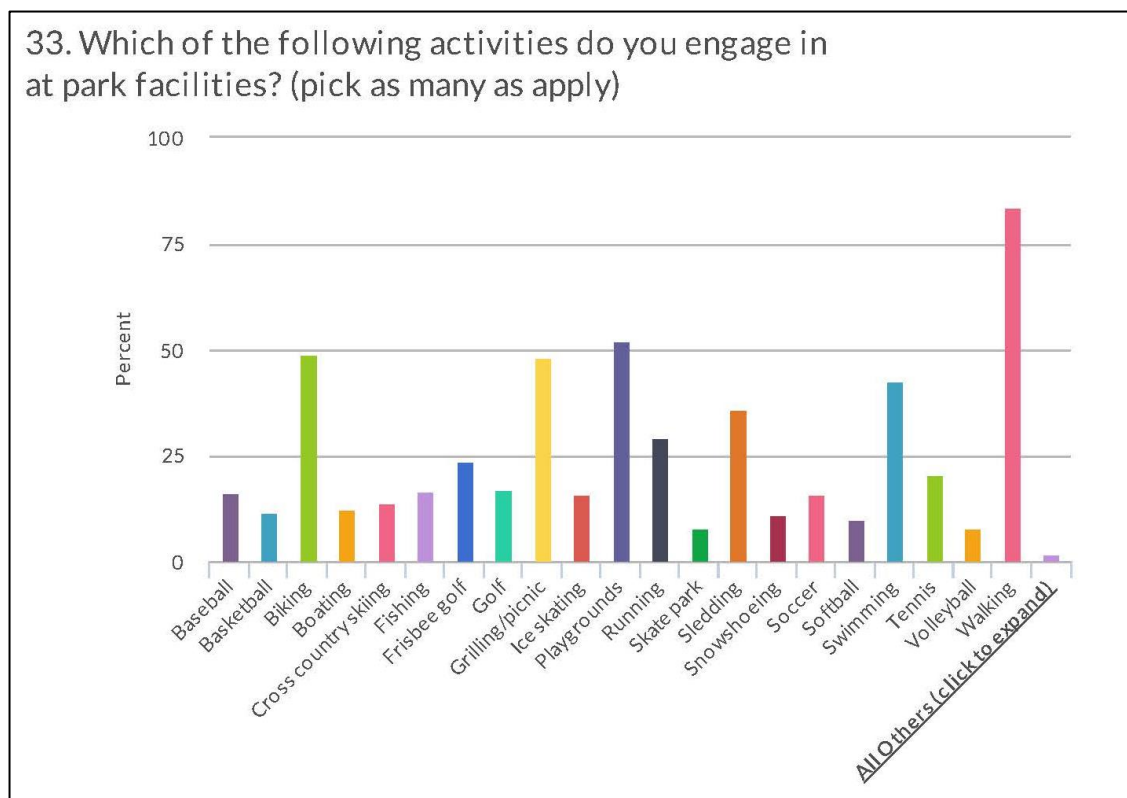
Community Input

The **Park and Recreation Master Plan** was prepared with considerable public input beginning with the visioning process for the **Comprehensive Plan**, which began in 2016. It included several public meetings, workshops, a community bike tour, a 3-day design workshop, and a community survey. Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan documents the results of the visioning process. A full copy of park related input and the community survey results are provided in the **Appendices**.



Key themes from the workshops and survey included:

- The number one activity that park users engage in is walking, followed by playgrounds, biking, and grilling/picnic. The following chart shows the responses for all activities.



- When asked "what specific park amenities or trails do you feel are needed (and where) within the City?" the most frequent responses included:
 - Biking and walking trails
 - Enhanced river access and recreational opportunities
 - Dog facilities
 - Splash pads
- 81.2% of respondents indicated that existing parks offer equipment that satisfies the needs of all age groups.
- 19.6 % of respondents rated the overall quality of recreational programs that their household has participated in as excellent. 51.0 percent rated these programs as good, while 20.45 indicated that they did not use these programs.
- Of those who participated in Department programs, the most commonly participated-in activities included special events, family fun events, and youth swim lessons.
- When asked "What recreational programs, leagues, and educational opportunities would you like to see offered by the Parks and Recreation Department?" the most frequent responses included:
 - Yoga
 - Dance

- o Variety of programming for different age groups

Park Facilities and Recreational Programs Inventory

Appleton maintains a diverse assortment of parks, open spaces, and other recreational facilities. This section of the plan is intended to define key terms and identify the existing system resources. The City's park and recreation inventory is discussed in the context of objective standards adopted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Definitions and Park Classifications

■ Active Recreation Site

A park designed primarily for active recreation of one or more age groups. This type of design may have as its primary feature playfields, playground apparatus, ball fields, ball courts, or a combination thereof.

■ Bicycle or Pedestrian Trail

A path designed for use by non-motorized means of transportation, and specifically for bicycles and/or pedestrians, although roller blades, skateboards, and other devices may be allowed on some facilities. Unlike on-street bicycle lanes, trails and paths are separated from driving lanes when located adjacent to roadways. Typical improvements for this type of park feature may include trail heads, bike parking, and signage to mark the trail system.

■ Community Garden

Community gardens are small plots of land made available to residents of the community to grow plants either for ornamental purposes or for food. Areas for vegetable gardens are typically located in parks or greenway corridors. They may also be located on other community-owned land or on land made available by other property owners such as utility right-of-way. Ornamental or flower gardens may also be located in parks, or on key sites within neighborhoods where they can contribute to creating a sense of community. Examples may include boulevard medians or neighborhood gateways.

■ Open Space or Passive Recreation Site

A park primarily designed for picnicking, walking, and other non-organized recreation interests. This type of facility often emphasizes natural settings and de-emphasizes active recreation areas. It may also include stormwater facilities or undeveloped natural areas where no uses have been identified.

■ Play Structure

A play system which incorporates a variety of functions such as slides, climbing bars, suspended platforms and railings interconnected in one unit. Structures are usually sized for preschool and elementary users with structure height and apparatus complexity being the determining criteria.

■ Single/Special Purpose Park Facilities

These facilities are unique to the community. Examples include zoos, marinas, fairgrounds, and historical features. Due to the varying characteristics of these resources, the user age group is often widespread. The service area may include the entire community or entire region. No average park size or service area exists.

■ Water Trail

A water trail is a route planned for non-motorized boat travel. Typical improvements for this type of park feature may include launching facilities, portages, and signage to mark the route.

Park Categories

The following park classifications have been utilized in preparing this update. These classifications reflect the diversity of Appleton's parks and the unique nature of some of its facilities



- **Pocket Parks or Mini Parks**

These are small parks that tend to meet a specific need. Pocket parks provide greenery, a place to sit outdoors, and sometimes a children's playground. They may be created around a monument, historic marker or art project. They are often created on a single urban lot or remnant parcel where larger land assembly is not warranted, or difficult to accomplish.

- **Neighborhood Parks**

Neighborhood parks are designed to provide both active and passive short-term recreation activities. The primary users range from 5-15 years of age. However, informal recreation opportunities cater to groups of all ages. Neighborhood parks should provide play apparatus for both preschoolers and school age children. Other facilities include shelters, open play lawn areas, multi-use paved court areas, areas for field games with possible limited seating, wading pools, horseshoe pits, outdoor ice rinks, and some off-street parking. Passive areas of neighborhood parks are wooded, scenic, and well landscaped. Facilities in the passive areas are limited but should include picnic areas (complete with tables and grills), drinking fountains, and pathways.

The service area for a neighborhood park should include the entire adjoining neighborhood. If the park contains some unique features, such as a wading pool, the service area may be slightly larger. The average neighborhood park serves from 500 to 2,500 people. Neighborhood parks commonly range from 5-10 acres in size with a service area radius between 0.25 and 0.5 miles.

- **Community Parks**

This type of park is designed to serve several neighborhoods while minimizing park travel distance. Though community parks are designed to accommodate all age groups, most activities cater to the active recreation needs of junior and senior high school students and adults. Although size is not always a sound criterion for classifying parks, it is generally recognized that community parks are more spacious than neighborhood parks or playgrounds. Community parks provide a combination of intensive and non-intensive development ranging from play apparatus to trail systems. In addition to the kinds of facilities provided at neighborhood parks, community parks may provide facilities such as swimming pools, picnic areas, elaborate playfields, game courts, ice skating, shelters, sanitary facilities, and ample off-street parking.

Community parks have an effective service area of one to two miles (or sometimes more) and can serve from 2,500 to 20,000 people. Most community parks have an average size of between 20 and 35 acres.

- **Greenspace or Open Space Parks**

In addition to providing numerous recreational experiences, these types of parks provide environmental quality and act as land use buffers. Additional attributes help break up development congestion and provide aesthetic quality. Most urban greenspace or open space parks contain natural areas such as woodlands, floodplains, wetlands, rock outcroppings and scenic views. Common recreational developments include biking, hiking, jogging, bridle paths and cross country ski trail systems. Some active recreation facilities are provided where land is conducive to that type of development, however, it is preferred that these areas stay in a predominantly passive state if possible.

Parks where trail systems are developed serve the entire community. Though no set standard exists, several communities use a ratio of one acre for every 1,000 residents as a basis to project community demand.

- **Greenway Corridors**

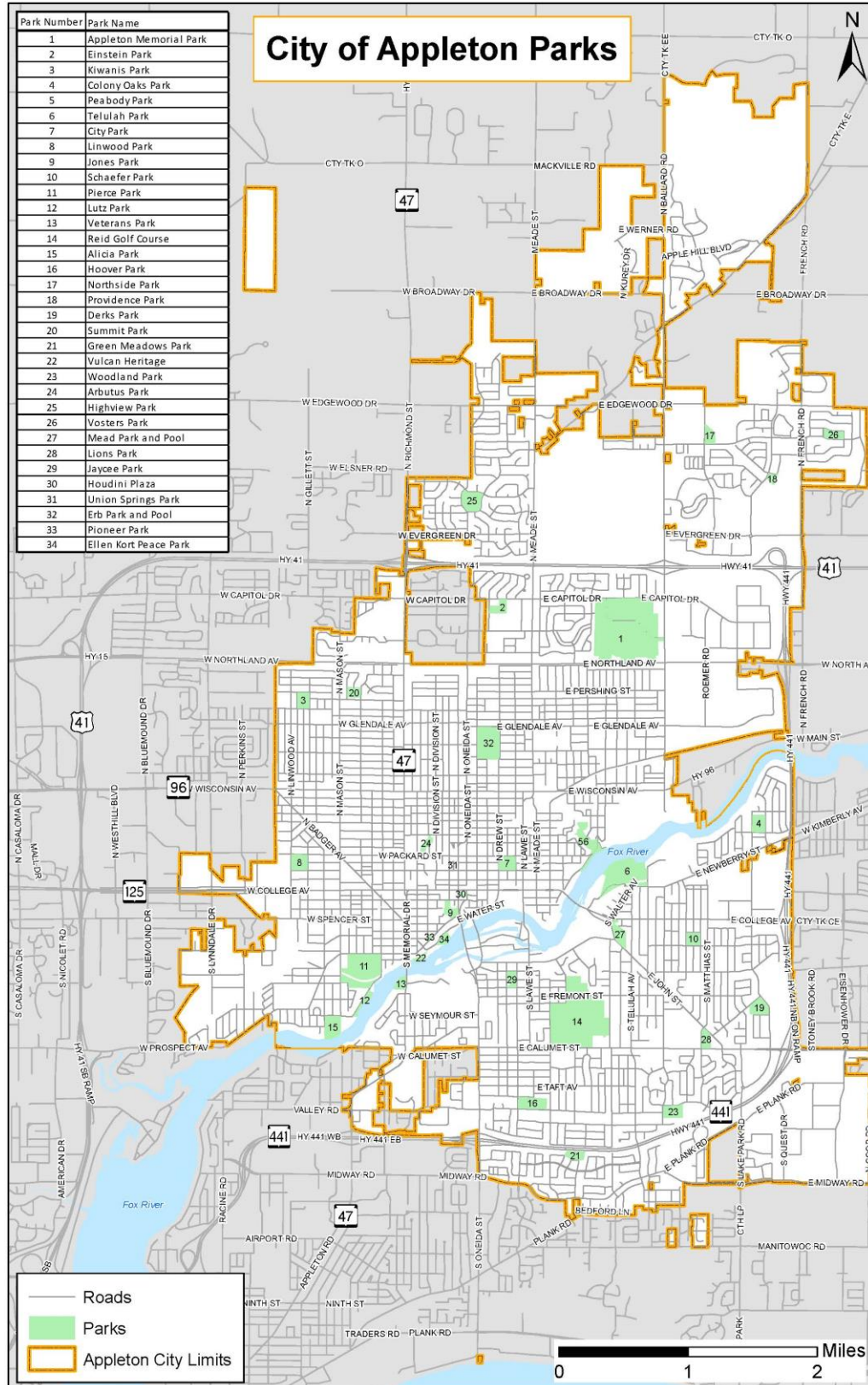
Greenways tend to be linear features that may wind through neighborhoods, often connecting larger park sites. These may be comprised of wetlands, floodplains, and other environmental features, or include storm-water management facilities. Greenways may be undeveloped, or often contain minimal improvements such as paths.

- **Urban Plazas**

Urban plazas are places for people to gather together and host events and other functions that contribute to civic life. These spaces can be used for a range of formal and informal community activities, such as farmers markets, concerts, art shows, and other community activities. They are located within the more

densely-developed and commercial parts of the community, and unlike other parks, tend to be predominantly developed with impervious surfaces and structure. Houdini Plaza and Soldier's Square are urban plazas within Appleton.





■ Special Recreation Areas

This "catch-all" term is used to describe a wide variety of other park and recreation facilities. Examples include Reid Golf Course, and Union Springs.

National Recreation Facility Standards

The National Parks and Recreation Association has established standards for the provision of some park facilities. These standards are presented as a basis for evaluating the existing park and open space resources of the City. Specifically, the National Parks and Recreation Association recommends the following standards:

- provision of two acres of neighborhood park land per 1,000 community residents; and
- provision of eight acres of community park land per 1,000 community residents.

These standards result in a target of 10 acres of neighborhood and community park land per 1,000 residents. Appleton's population is estimated by the Wisconsin Department of Administration to be 73,150 residents as of 2013, and will grow to 76,370 by the year 2020. These numbers result in a current need for about 730 acres of park land, growing to 760 acres by 2020. The following table presents a summary of the acreage of existing neighborhood and community parks in Appleton.

Area of Existing Park Land in the City of Appleton

Neighborhood Parks		Community Parks		Special Areas	
Alicia	12.0	Appleton Memorial	139	Houdini Plaza	1.0
Arbutus	3.44	Erb	27.75	Reid Golf Course	107.6
City	8.0	Pierce	34.91	Union Springs	0.1
Colony Oaks	7.88	Telulah	39.3		
Derks	9.07				
Einstein	6.6				
Ellen Kort Peace	3.38				
Green Meadow	5.6			Apple Creek Trail	10.4
Highview	12.59			Apple Hill Trail	0.73
Hoover	11.6			Newberry Trail	10.7
Jaycee	4.0			Highview Trail	2.4
Jones	5.75			North Island Trail	1.4
Kiwanis	6.5			Providence Trail	4.6
Linwood	9.5				
Lions	4.4				
Lutz	2.7				
Mead	8.5				
North Side	6.77				
Peabody	16.2				
Pioneer	0.52				
Providence	3.33				
Schaefer	6.4				
Summit	5.49				
Veterans	2.0				
Voster	5.1				
Vulcan Heritage	2.05				
Woodland	8.7				
Total Acreage	178.07	Total Acreage	240.96	Total	138.93
Acreage Standard (2013)	146.3	Acreage Standard (2013)	585.2		
Acreage Standard (2020)	152.74	Acreage Standard (2020)	611.0		

Source: City of Appleton Parks and Recreation Department



A second set of standards relates to the distribution of parks within a community. The goal is to provide relatively easy access to park facilities for all residents of the community. In addition to the distance standards here, access should consider whether there are significant barriers that may prevent some residents from conveniently accessing parks. Busy streets, for instance, may prohibit small children from walking or riding a bike to a park, at least without adult supervision. The following standards are recommended.

- a distribution of neighborhood parks so that at least one is located within $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of every residence; and
- a distribution of community parks so that one is located within two miles of every residence.

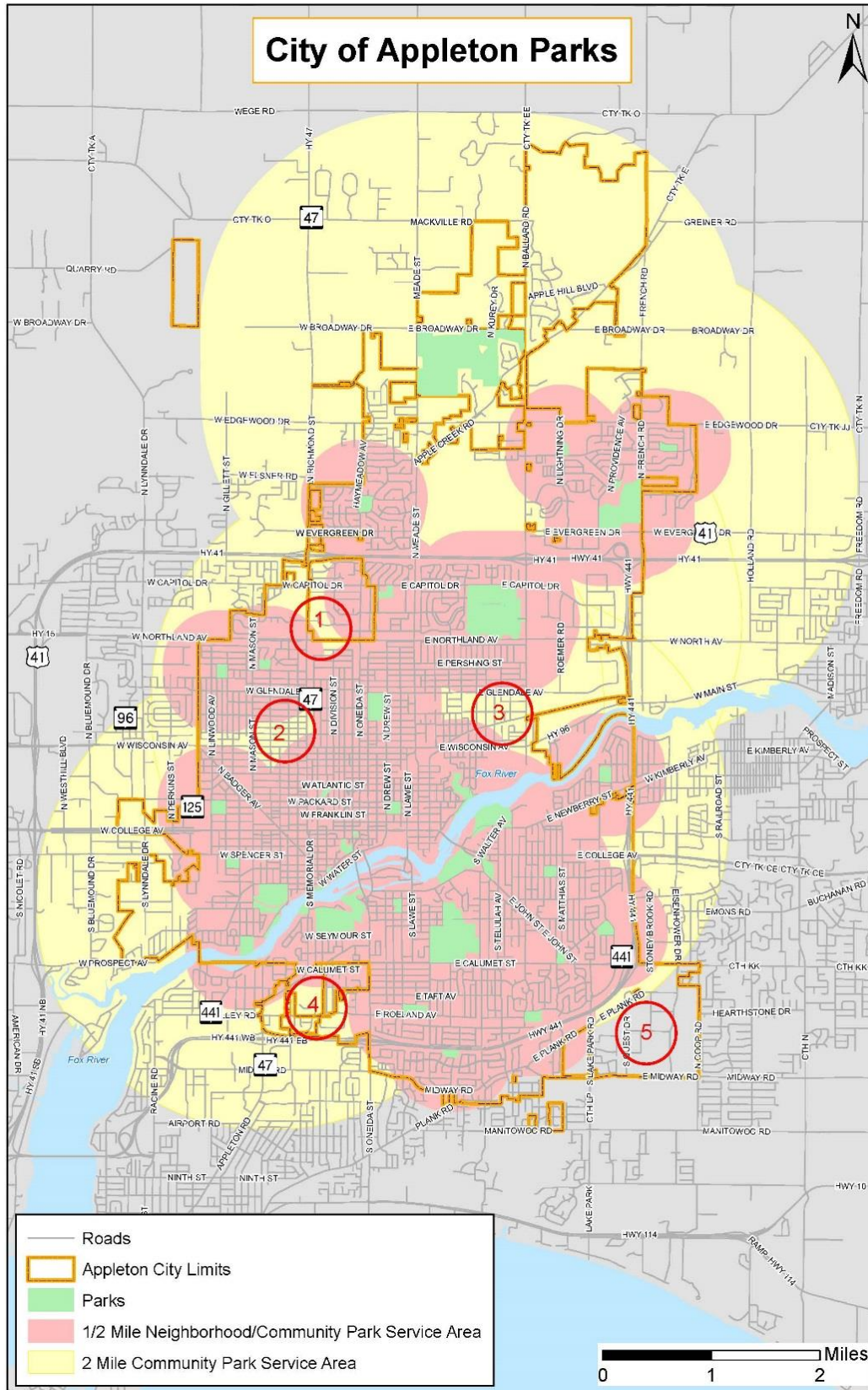
As the table shows, the City of Appleton exceeds adopted standards for the provision of neighborhood parks, but lacks sufficient community parks. This is ameliorated to an extent by the presence of Plamann Park, which is not owned or programmed by the City, but located near the City's north side. The 257-acre park is owned and maintained by Outagamie County and features many of the amenities expected within a community park, such as ball fields, shelters, a swimming beach, and trails. With Plamann Park included, Appleton has 498 acres of community parks, falling 87 acres short of the current standard, and leaving a deficit of 113 acres by 2020. Including the 139 acres of other park and recreation areas, Appleton's Park and Recreation Department maintains a total of 558 acres. This equates to 7.57 acres per thousand residents, and is projected to be 7.31 acres per thousand residents in 2020 if no additional park space is created.

The map on the following page depicts the service territories of all of the parks in Appleton. Most of the existing city and its future growth area is adequately covered by the distribution of community parks. The exception to this is the far southeastern part of the service area. This includes the Southpoint Commerce Park (a business park) along with areas that are planned for future residential use.

Service area coverage for neighborhood parks is not as consistent. Several parts of the community are not served by neighborhood parks within the desired $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile radius. While the lack of coverage is not a concern over parts of the community that are dedicated to business or industrial parks, there are **five** areas within the developed part of the community in which coverage may be considered to be inadequate.

- The area northeast of the intersection of Northland Avenue and Richmond Street is a primarily residential neighborhood that is currently within the Town of Grand Chute. Although beyond $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, residents of this area may travel to Einstein Park without having to cross any major streets.
- The second area of concern lies north of Wisconsin Avenue and west of Richmond Street. This is a densely-developed residential neighborhood providing no obvious sites for a new park. Residents may travel north to Kiwanis Park or Summit Park without significant obstacles. South of Wisconsin Avenue, the City may partner with Lincoln Elementary School to help meet service needs.
- North of Wisconsin Avenue, between Meade Street and Ballard Road, there is another neighborhood area that does not have adequate park facilities. These three streets have heavy traffic that can deter residents from traveling to parks outside of the neighborhood. Opportunities to provide park facilities in the area may include collaboration with other entities such as the Appleton Area School District and registered neighborhoods in the City. For Example, Huntley Houses Neighborhood community fitness project is currently planned to be implemented at Huntley Elementary School. Huntley's campus serves as a de facto park for the area.
- The fourth area of concern lies north of Highway 441, south of Calumet Street, west of Oneida Street, and east of Memorial Drive. Portions of this area lie within Appleton and the Town of Menasha. It is planned for predominantly commercial and multi-family residential uses. There is vacant land located within this area, and as it develops, the City of Appleton should pursue park dedication. Opportunities to provide park facilities in the area may include collaboration with other entities such as the Town of Menasha.
- The fifth and final area of concern lies in the southeast corner of the City, adjacent to the Town and Village of Harrison and the City of Menasha, and was noted as an area in need of a community park above. It includes the Southpoint Commerce Park (a business park) along with areas that are planned for future residential use. Opportunities to provide park facilities in the area may include collaboration with other entities such as the Town of Menasha.





In addition to population growth, anticipated development patterns may create a need to evaluate the adequacy of existing park and recreation facilities. In particular, the City has established goals to encourage mixed-use and residential redevelopment or infill in specific parts of the urban core, including the downtown, the industrial flats, and the Richmond Street, South Oneida Street and Wisconsin Avenue Corridors.

Residential densities in these redevelopment areas are anticipated to be higher than elsewhere in Appleton, increasing the potential number of users for existing parks within the area. At the same time, residents moving into these new developments are likely to have a demographic profile different than that of the community as a whole. Urban mixed-use and multi-family development tends to attract a higher proportion of singles and childless couples. This suggests that future needs may be less focused on play structures and other amenities for school-age children, and more on adult-oriented active and passive uses. Multi-purpose trails, pocket parks, community gardens, and urban plazas are examples of the kinds of facilities to consider. The **Downtown Plan** and **Fox River Corridor Plan** contain suggestions of specific sites to consider.

The Hadzi sculpture site New park land acquired along the Fox River, remnant parcels bordering the Wisconsin Central (Canadian National) Railroad, and privately-owned and maintained facilities within development projects can be considered to meet future park needs.

The Appleton Park and Recreation Department's Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan identifies numerous improvements planned between 2017 and 2021. While these are summarized here, it should be recognized that these are likely to change based upon the availability of funding, grant cycles, evolving needs, future prioritization of projects, or other factors.

2017 Scheduled Improvements

- Erb Park pool improvements
- new playground equipment at Kiwanis Park
- acquisition of land for new southeast community park
- skate park phase two for Telulah Park
- new tennis courts at Erb Park
- construct Telulah Park riverfront trail phase one
- construct riverfront trail at Lutz Park/Appleton Yacht Club

2018 Scheduled Improvements

- construct parking lot and pavilion; demolish and replace Jones building and walkways at Appleton Memorial Park
- paint water slide structure, re-coat pool, and upgrade sand play area at Mead Park
- new playground equipment and rubber surface at Pierce Park
- reconstruct parking lot at Reid Golf Course
- site development for new southeast community park
- construct trail from Trolley Square Trestle to Ellen Kort Park

2019 Scheduled Improvements

- construct trail, upgrade fences, and install irrigation and lighting at Appleton Memorial Park
- install new splash pad at Derks Park
- construction at Ellen Kort Park and Jones Park
- new playground equipment at Linwood Park
- pave paths and update bathrooms at Reid Golf Course
- repair safety hazards at Scheig Center



- develop ball diamonds at new southeast community park
- riverfront development phase two at Telulah Park
- new tennis courts at Jaycee Park
- construct trails for Foremost Trestle

2020 Scheduled Improvements

- construct Northland Avenue parking lot and synthetic turf fields; new playground and rubber surface at Appleton Memorial Park
- develop athletic fields at new southeast community park
- construct Riverview Gardens Trail

2021 Scheduled Improvements

- construct new splash pad at Appleton Memorial Park
- new playground equipment at Jaycee Park
- Reid Golf Course renovations
- develop pavilion and hardscapes at new southeast community park
- new tennis courts at Linwood Park
- construct Lutz to Vulcan Trail
- construct We Energies Trail

In addition to these specifically-identified improvements, the Parks and Recreation Department has budgeted \$50,000 per year for ADA improvements throughout the park system. The Parks and Recreation Department has also budgeted and between \$10,000 and \$30,000 per year for Statue and Monument Restoration on various City properties.

Recreational Programs

The Parks and Recreation Department offers an extensive array of sports, socialization, and educational programs using both the City's facilities and other venues, such as school district pools and gymnasiums. Activities are provided for all age groups. Classes are grouped in categories including early childhood, youth, adult, senior, and healthy lifestyles. Registration is available by mail, in the office, or via the internet.



Recreational Programs Offered by the City of Appleton for Selected Age Groups

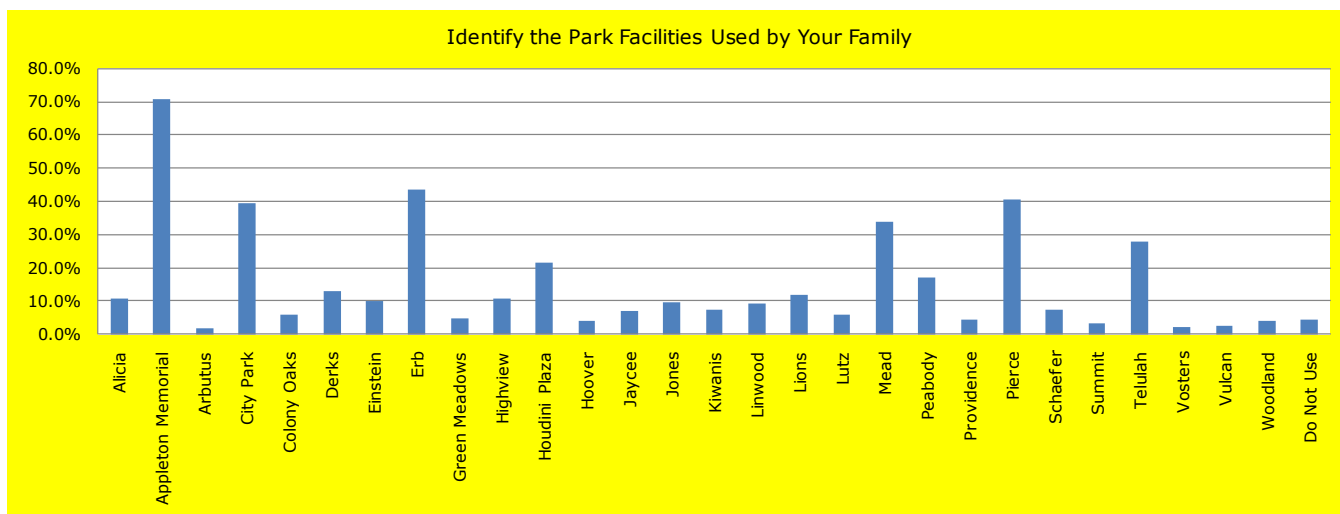
Young Children	Youth Programs	Teen Programs	Adult Programs	Older Adults
Baseball	Acrobatics	Archery	Bootcamp	Forever Fit
Friday Fun	Archery	Dance	Dance	Slow Stretch
Fun Runs	Baseball	Dance	Flag Football	Special Events
Karate Fun	Basketball	Fun Runs	Kayak	Stretch/Strength
Little Hitters Tennis	Camp APRD	Junior Leader	Kickboxing	Swim Lessons
Little Learners	Dance	Kayak	Recreational	Trips
Soccer	Flag Football	Kickboxing	Rowing	Walking Group
Softball	Fun Runs	Open Gym	Running Program	
T-Ball	Golf	Parkour	Scuba	
Teacher and Me	Karate Fun	Recreational	Self Defense	
Tot Time	Kickball	Rowing	Snorkel	
Tumbling	KidStage	Running Program	Softball	
Golf	Open Gym	Scuba	Spanish	
Sports Exploration	Parkour	Self Defense	Special Events	
Swim lessons	Playground Program	Snorkeling	Strength	
	Scuba	Special Events	SUP Yoga	
	Skateboarding	STEM Programs	Swim Lessons	
	Snorkeling	Swim Lessons	Tennis	
	Soccer	Tennis	Trips	
	Softball	Trips	Water Aerobics	
	Special Events	Yoga	Yoga	
	STEM Programs		Zumba	
	Swim Lessons			
	T-Ball			
	Tennis			
	Urban Riders			
	Yoga			

~~User Survey Results (PROPOSE DELETING)~~

During the update process the City of Appleton conducted a survey of park users. This provided input in addition to the public comment opportunities available through two workshops and other meetings of the Park and Recreation Committee. A total of 253 responses were received. Some of the more significant survey results included the following:

- Appleton Memorial Park received the most use. Other community parks and a couple neighborhood parks also saw significant use. These included Erb Park, Pierce Park, City Park, Mead Park, and Telulah Park. Three quarters of respondents visited a park at least once per month, and 40 percent visited a park at least every other week.
- About two thirds of the respondents indicated that they used the City's trails (Highview, Apple Creek, Providence, CE, Newberry, or North Island).
- About 72 percent of respondents made use of the City's pools, with Mead Pool and Erb Pool receiving the highest use. (These numbers may reflect the fact that the survey was conducted during the summer.)
- Of the City's recreational programs, the ones receiving the most use included swimming lessons, softball and baseball, soccer, tennis, and dance. Ice skating and hockey were mentioned in written comments, as was interest in a dog park.





- Favorite park activities included swimming, sports, playground programs, and park pavilion rental. Dog walking, walking in general, archery, geo-caching, disc golf, ice skating or hockey, and enjoying nature were some of the specific activities listed.
- There was overall satisfaction with the City's park and recreation facilities and programming, in terms of quantity, quality, diversity, and cost.
- Some of the needs that were identified include a skate park, more areas in which to take dogs, more trails, a community meeting room, a pool or water park on the north side of the City, mountain biking trails (Plamann Park), an indoor playground, ice skating rinks, more amenities such as restrooms and drinking fountains in parks and along trails, more natural areas, and more pocket parks.
- More than half of the responses favored adding new trails and continuing to improve the riverfront. Support for an indoor aquatics center was also strong.
- The greatest number of responses did not favor adding new programs. Ballroom dance and salsa lessons were the highest scoring of the potential new programs.
- Three out of five persons responding to the survey indicated that they would be willing to pay more for additional facilities or programs.

Recommendations

The following recommendations should guide the City of Appleton and the Parks and Recreation Department in the provision of parks and recreation facilities:

Objectives and Policies

Appleton will provide a variety of parks and recreational programs to fulfill its mission. This will be carried out through the implementation of the following goals, objectives, and policies:

Park and Open Space Acquisition

18.1 OBJECTIVE: Identify land for acquisition, or opportunities to share facilities, to provide adequate access to parks in developed parts of Appleton where there are no existing parks.

- 18.1.1 As noted above, there are areas within the developed part of Appleton and parts of adjoining towns that may someday come into Appleton, that are not adequately served by existing parks. The City should seek to provide desired facilities within these areas in partnership with other stakeholders. Priorities may include partnering with the Appleton School District

to provide public access and recreational facilities for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

- 18.1.2 Acquire and **develop** additional park areas in neighborhoods where residential density is expected to increase through redevelopment activities. These may include remnant parcels along the railroad track north of downtown, sites along the Fox River, and publicly- or privately-owned pocket parks and plazas on individual redevelopment sites.

18.2 OBJECTIVE: Continue to work with land developers to acquire new park land through dedication or other means, as new development occurs.

- 18.2.1 **Continue** park land **and trail** dedication, or fee-in-lieu-of land dedication requirements for all new residential development. Additional land should be required for new development in the north, far southeast, and southwest parts of Appleton and its future growth area.

- 18.2.2 Where development may occur in adjacent municipalities, the City should work with the municipality to identify suitable locations, require dedication, and develop park facilities to meet the needs of current and potential future Appleton residents.

- 18.2.3 Evaluate feasibility of impact fees to provide funding support.**

18.3 OBJECTIVE: Develop the City's park system as an interconnected network of sites linked by greenways and trails.

- 18.3.1 **Create linkages between parks with long-term goal to have the City's parks arranged as nodes connected by recreational or environmental corridors. Stormwater drainageways, floodplains and wetland areas, utility corridors, railroad corridors, and other greenways may serve this purpose.**

Park and Recreation Facilities Development

18.4 OBJECTIVE: Continue to make parks and recreation facilities and programs as efficient and effective as possible.

- 18.4.1 **Where it makes sense**, adopt practices to cluster or consolidate dedicated athletic fields in order to reduce maintenance costs and to provide greater flexibility for the use of neighborhood parks. Neighborhood parks are typically small facilities. Installation of large athletic fields intended for a single, or small number of uses, can eliminate the potential for other activities to occur. Additionally, having these dedicated athletic fields scattered throughout the city can increase maintenance and operational costs.
- 18.4.2 Preserve the maximum flexibility for use of neighborhood parks while simultaneously reducing costs by concentrating similar dedicated-purpose fields in a limited number of central locations.
- 18.4.3 Investigate and implement technologies that reduce maintenance costs or allow more intensive use of park facilities.
- 18.4.4 **Continue to consider** alternative approaches that may help to mitigate the impacts of park use, or reduce maintenance costs. For example, artificial turf can bear more intensive use than a conventional grass playing field with less maintenance, but has a higher installation and replacement cost, and may contribute to stormwater runoff. The use of naturalized plantings can reduce mowing requirements and have environmental benefits, but may not be an aesthetic accepted by all members of the community. The benefits and drawbacks to practices such as these should be weighed when contemplating alternatives.
- 18.4.5 Monitor and assess the demand for new facilities related to specific emerging or growing recreational pursuits.

18.5 OBJECTIVE: Expand and develop additional park and recreational facilities along the Fox River.

- 18.5.1 Plan, design, and construct additional facilities to facilitate greater access and enjoyment of the river including but not limited to boat launch and parking, canoe/kayak launch, additional trail facilities, trail heads, trail parking, and wayfinding signage.**



- 18.5.2 Plan, design, and construct Jones Park improvements in conjunction with the Exhibition Center in order to create stronger linkages between downtown and the river, while maximizing the visitor experience and creating a stronger downtown neighborhood.

18.6 OBJECTIVE: Plan, design, and develop additional parks and recreational facilities that meet current and emerging needs of the community.

- 18.6.1 Plan, design, and construct additional facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- 18.6.2 Plan, design and construct new facilities to better serve those areas of the community where service coverage gaps exist as discussed earlier in this chapter.

18.7 OBJECTIVE: Continue to implement the Capital Improvement Plan for development of specific parks and facilities.

Recreational Programs

18.8 OBJECTIVE: Engage, leverage and develop community and corporate partners to optimize and broaden programs and services.

- 18.8.1 Plan With the numerous recreation service providers throughout our community, it is important we stay on top of trends and strengthen partnerships to become more responsive to community needs. Community partnerships play a vital role in our future success and ability to broaden our program offerings.

18.9 OBJECTIVE: Expand public outreach and participation in community groups, organizations and events to advocate our programs, facilities, and services.

18.10 OBJECTIVE: Enhance health and wellness within our community and provide opportunities for learning and socialization to promote personal growth and well-being for adults in our community.

- 18.10.1 With the surge of baby boomers coming into the older adult population, it will be critical for us to continually evaluate our program offerings and services to this demographic.

18.11 OBJECTIVE: Increase programming directed to minority and cultural interests, and for persons who are physically or mentally challenged.

- 18.11.1 Appleton will continue to program activities of cultural interest, as well as provide facilities and activities that are universally accessible.

18.12 OBJECTIVE Develop and deliver meaningful outdoor adventure and educational experiences for members of our community to help connect them to the outdoors. Work to promote the trail system and increase use of our outdoor amenities.

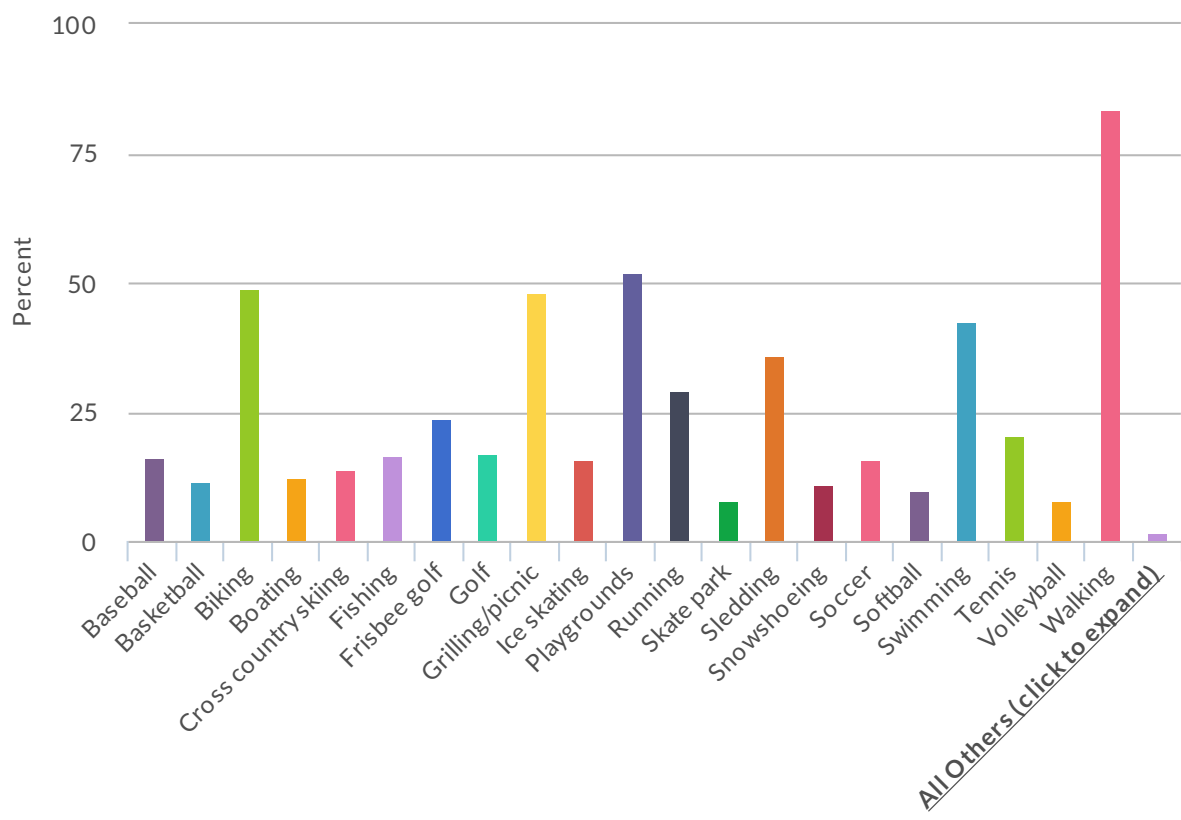
Management and Operations

18.13 OBJECTIVE: Continue to enhance Departmental management and operations to better serve the community.

- 18.13.1 Conduct a periodic review of Appleton's park land dedication ordinance as well as impact fees for development of park facilities.
- 18.13.2 Evaluate impact fees as a means of funding park capital costs.
- 18.13.3 Continue the Park and Recreation Department's practice of evaluating the carrying capacity of park facilities and establishing standards or use limits that protect them from damage caused by over-use. This policy mitigates damage to facilities that would incur costs to repair and deprive residents of the use of the facility while repairs were made.
- 18.13.4 Continue the Park and Recreation Departments commitment to, and implementation of "best practices" for sustainable park development and operations including but not limited to:

- acquisition of land for parks as well as the preservation of natural features;
- development of paths and trails that facilitate non-motorized transportation modes;
- specification of local, recycled content, or other products that minimize processing impacts to the environment;
- improvements in energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources;
- adoption of design elements that enhance the environment and reduce maintenance costs; and
- utilization of low-maintenance and native planting materials

33. Which of the following activities do you engage in at park facilities? (pick as many as apply)



Value	Percent		Count
Baseball	16.0%		142
Basketball	11.5%		102
Biking	49.0%		434
Boating	12.4%		110
Cross country skiing	13.8%		122
Fishing	16.5%		146
Frisbee golf	23.8%		211
Golf	17.1%		151
Grilling/picnic	48.2%		427
Ice skating	15.7%		139
Playgrounds	51.9%		459
Running	29.0%		257
Skate park	7.9%		70
Sledding	35.7%		316
Snowshoeing	11.1%		98
Soccer	15.6%		138
Softball	9.7%		86
Swimming	42.5%		376
Tennis	20.6%		182
Volleyball	7.8%		69
Walking	83.6%		740
<u>All Others (click to expand) ▶</u>	1.7%		15

34. What specific park amenities or trails do you feel are needed (and where) within the City?

park parks
trails
river
walking
bike
trail

Count	Response
6	Not sure
5	Dog park
3	?
3	not sure
2	None
2	Unsure
1	we need to get the parks to be used instead of skateboarders and loitering being done in streets and in our business districts. If the parks do not get better use, lot them off and build that we could get taxes off the land
1	"Memorial Park" type of park on the south side of the city.
1	(1) Complete trails targeted through Riverview Gardens (2) Complete a "trestle trail" or two in the flats area of the river
1	- Fitness Course - Expanded walking/running trails
1	- 'Workout' areas similar to what Menasa put into Fritsch Park. Erb and Appleton Memorial Parks would be ideal. - Paved bike/walking trails in Plamann park - Appleton needs a dedicated N/S bike lane across the city. Oneida St is ideal. - Appleton needs a few dedicated N/S bikes lanes on both sides of the river (Mason is great!), Drew from Wisconsin to OO would be a great addition. On the south side Telulah would be great - Appleton needs a few E/W bike route with dedicated lanes across the city on both sides of the river; Capitol Drive, Glendale, Spencer, and Prospect on the north side are ideal. Valley Road and Roeland need a dedicated lane on the south side. - Connect the river way parks/paths into continuous walkways on both sides of the river.

Count	Response
1	1) Formalize trail from Peabody to Wisconsin Ave. 2) Improve Gazebo/bathrooms at City Park.
1	18 hole disc golf. More biking along river
1	50 Meter pool in Erb Park! Thank you
1	??
1	???
1	A Water park would be ideal if we had the space for it and the parking needed for it.
1	A better river walk trail.
1	A few more tennis courts on southside of Appleton
1	A large loop type trail that takes the rider through varying neighborhoods. Trail should be a complete loop so the rider doesn't have to back track. Again, refer to the Green Circle trail in Stevens Point.
1	A place to play Frisbee golf, soccer, and basketball. Specifically in the inner city. More green space, especially on the boulevards.
1	A rugby field! Trails to connect multiple parks. Planned recreational activities.
1	A small area to park near veterans park, more adult activities near playgrounds like volleyball, tennis etc but overall good!
1	A trail connecting Neenah to Appleton that doesn't just follow a road like the CE trail.
1	A trail connecting the Telulah park bike trail along the river and the trail by the Banta bowl.
1	A unique all-ages web-like playground and outdoor fitness park like Fritsch Park in the Town of Menasha. Trails that allow walking along the length of the river, from Lutz Park to Peabody Park.
1	Access for dogs in all parks
1	Access to bathrooms (sometimes they are locked and kids can't wait to go).
1	Access to pools; trails connecting to other trails.
1	Access to trails from anywhere instead of having to drive to a parking spot to hop on a trail so you can walk.
1	Access to water for kayaks.
1	Access to water on River trail
1	Accessible walking and biking trails connecting to various state trails.
1	Additional Sand Volleyball courts - City Park, Memorial Park, Erb Park
1	Additional medium sized shelters available for rent would be welcome at 2-3 more parks in each quadrant of the city. These would be built where there is space available or a smaller shelter could be expanded.

Count	Response
1	Additional trails, particularly with safe and easy road crossings.
1	Adult exercise equipment north west side of the city
1	Adventure playgrounds, improve the safety of Arbutus park, reopen Badger pool for open swim in the summer.
1	Again, dog parks are needed throughout.
1	All city parks should have playground surfaces like Memorial & City Park for access for all. MUST put a gated fence around Universal Playground at Memorial Park. Great park but sight lines are very poor and the park is too close to the pond for safety. I have a child with autism that wanders. It takes only a moment for a child to be out of a parent/caregiver's sight. We are quite lucky no one has drowned! I know there have been close calls in recent years.
1	All parks need more sporting/recreational facility.
1	Allow dogs at parks.
1	Allow dogs in All Appleton parks for walks.
1	Allowing dogs.
1	Along the Fox River Trail, from Peabody Park up to College Ave
1	Along, across the Fox River under Oneida Bridge - how about an edible garden (not for the geese) - for people
1	An aquatic center - north side or a pool
1	Any family recreation along the Fox River would be nice. This might include new parks, beaches, more trails, etc.
1	Anything pet friendly- the sidewalk is bussy with people walking dogs. It would be nice to have other areas with trails bridges and resting areas built into community. The dog park sucks! Aesthetically pleasing areas with plants and design. Activity water fountain Why not build the library close to a park area and rent equipment for community activity. Examples snow shoes, gardens, bikes.
1	Appleton does a pretty good job with its parks. We need to look for any place that can be used for green space. The park along South Kensington Drive is a good example. This is a very new park, as parks go and it is very popular. What a shame if it had never been conceived.
1	Appleton parks are good. Maybe more green space in general.
1	Arbutus needs more police patrol and supervision. I know that is not the questions, but a simple walk through is more than enough to just show that someone is watching the ravine. The over growth that provides secrecy for unsavory activity should also be addressed. We rented a home off of Wis. Ave for 5 years and played there often. Our son was 3 weeks old when we moved in. I never felt comfortable enough to go alone with my son. I always had my husband along.
1	Areas to have family gatherings such as places to grill or play, and bike trails.

Count	Response
1	Art public art and gardens not just flowers – gardens of sustainably grown fruits and vegetables
1	BASKETBALL COURTS. There isn't really a good spot to play basketball in Appleton. I usually leave town to play at either the heart of the valley ymca or the civic center in Kimberly.
1	Basketball court at Arbutus park.
1	Basketball courts, soccer feild,
1	Bathrooms open year round.
1	Bathrooms. Not Porta potties.
1	Be nice to have the river bike trail connect to the CE more practically. Memorial Park is wonderful. like the way that park is set up.
1	Benches for trails, better signage
1	Better and more trails along the river. New park equipment at Jaycee park. Or at least clean it up a bit and make the area more decent
1	Better baseball and restroom facilities at Plamann park. Additional ice sheet at Memorial park (and maybe a bar/restaurant)...lets complement Cornerstone in Green Bay and draw more tournament visitors!
1	Better bike/walking access from South Onieda St. to the downtown area.
1	Better trails along the riverfront.
1	Bike improvements across the board. Adult playground space (near downtown - look to Davis, CA for inspiration), better parking at trail heads, more grilling and spread out small gathering spaces
1	Bike paths that connect to other trails, parks, connectivity that avoids busy streets
1	Bike trails
1	Bike trails and lanes
1	Bike trails so you aren't just biking on the roadways next to cars.
1	Bike trails that lead to downtown. Bike trails that lead to mall area, on college or wisconsin
1	Bike trails. Dog trails. Dog run in larger parks.
1	Biking and walking trails
1	Biking and walking trails. Maybe connecting the Friendship trail to CE or Newberry trails.
1	Biking trails.... North Appleton!!!!!! Expand the current trail all the way to Purdy Preserve! The opportunity exists and likely could be funded privately
1	Biking, kayak

Count	Response
1	Both sides of the Fox.
1	Bubblers and allow dogs.
1	Camping Swimming obsticol courses Panic area to alert police
1	Camping- Memorial Park
1	City Park needs a kitchen,
1	Clean bathrooms and water. A bike/walk trail along the river is needed. Splash pad right downtown.
1	Clean bathrooms.
1	Clean restrooms
1	Community gardens in all the parks.
1	Competitive pool at Erb Park Trails that connect various amenities throughout the city so biking is more feasible and safer
1	Complete the trail that goes next to Thrivent. Make it stretch all around the city.
1	Connect Pierce Park to Lutz Park! I am very uncomfortable letting my kids ride bikes (or even walk) down the Pierce Street hill or (very narrow) Cedar Street hill to get there!!! No sidewalks!
1	Connection between existing trails. Newberry Trail and Downtown, Connection between Apple Creek and Downtown.
1	Connection between trails and residential areas for walking and biking. Getting from north side to downtown.
1	Connections of the various trails within the city
1	Continuous and accessible river trail, additional boat access, boat docks to tie up and go to shop or eat. Heritage trails and walking/driving tours.
1	DOG PARK in river flats or city park
1	Develop the riverfront below the Fox Banquets site.
1	Do not kniw
1	Do not know.
1	Dog Parks. Also trestle bridge completions for trails. I do not trust city of Appleton to ever complete the trestle trails. This has been talked about for years meanwhile Neenah and menasha trails circling lake. Kimberly downtown more progressive with downtown plans and actually follow through with their trails too. Appleton has the money but too frugal;cheap)"Pennie saved and a pound foolish"
1	Dog access at all parks. Biking/running trails along the river and through the surrounding countryside.
1	Dog friendly

Count	Response
1	Dog friendly areas.
1	Dog friendly parks (Appleton is one of FEW in the country that don't allow leashed dogs - what century is this??) Trails for pedestrians and bikes so that bikes can get off the roads.
1	Dog friendly parks and trails
1	Dog friendly parks everywhere.
1	Dog friendly parks to walk though, all through the city. More waste receptacles through out the city.
1	Dog friendly walking paths
1	Dog friendly--everywhere
1	Dog park, south side probably.
1	Dog park. Esp at green meadows park!
1	Dog walking.
1	Dog-friendly trails
1	Dogs allowed areas at all parks. Beach areas for swimming hiking trails
1	Dogs allowed in parks!!
1	Dogs allowed on trails or at least to walk through.
1	Drinking fountains
1	Drinking fountains, safety features-good lighting
1	East side
1	Easy access from college ave downtown
1	Erb Pool development, ice rinks and warming shelters
1	Erb park renovation with pools and splashpad, improved playground (like at memorial park)
1	Erb pool is very important to my family. We spend every morning at swim lessons there in the summer.
1	Erb pool. :)
1	Erb pool. An actual pool
1	Every park should have a bathroom
1	Expand and connect the bike trail system

Count	Response
1	Extend Newberry trail along river also add public bathrooms and shops.
1	Extend the Newbury Trail beyond Olde Oneida St.
1	Extend the riverfront trail connect with other trails
1	Extension west of trail that terminates on E South River by Between the Locks. No where to go but down into the flats on sidewalk.
1	Finish the Lutz to Vulcan Heritage Park connection! Horseshoe pits in some parks are welcome. Why not Bocci Ball?
1	Fitness trail stations along the water
1	Fitness walks. Better access points and parking by walks.
1	Frisbee golf course on the north side. Plamann park is the only one I know of on the north side and it is PACKED!
1	Frisbee golf near college campus. Mini golf. Cross country skiing path for winter use.
1	Frisbee golfing near downtown.
1	General updates in lighting, landscaping and trails
1	Grand chute connecting to Appleton trails
1	Green space connections between parks and along the river.
1	Grills and picnic tables at park on Railroad Street many many people use the park and more like to picnic near the playground
1	Groomed cross country ski trails would be nice but I'm not sure where. Kayak rentals would be great
1	Hiking trail from Lutz Park past downtown on the river. A new park in the flats to take advantage of the river.
1	Historic and eco friendly trails for the little ones
1	Hoops for basketball. Bike racks to lock your bike. Benches
1	I am concerned about the plan to replace the Telulah Park soccer field with tennis courts. This field is used almost continuously in season, with soccer, ultimate frisbee, etc. drawing many people to the park. I don't think tennis courts could draw as many people. In any case, tennis courts could be constructed on the site of the parking lot at the corner of Weimar and Newberry, if desired.
1	I am glad they are making the 50m pool again at Erb. Nicer bathrooms would be good. Maybe family bathrooms at parks.
1	I am happy with current trails and parks. Just want them to continue to be maintained and open bathrooms sooner.

Count	Response
1	I am not sure that we need to add anything, but we need to maintain what we have. The various buildings, picnic tables, grills, etc, should be maintained or replaced, if needed.
1	I don't even know what pickleball is. More connected bike trails. I know there is a plan for this, just needs to be executed.
1	I don't use city parks
1	I feel like there's everything I need and want
1	I feel that trails are needed in the northland avenue area. And I also feel that all parks should have areas for children 3 and under to play in.
1	I feel there is a shortage for swimming lessons for working families in the evenings or on weekends
1	I have no answer for this one.
1	I like all the ones Appleton currently has. Versatile uses for parks
1	I like the decisions that have been made about Erb Park. Bravo for listening to the voice of the people! I would like to see fountains where kids can play on a hot day like in larger cities near downtown.
1	I like the idea of splash pad at pierce park. Updated or repairs to equipment at Alicia Park. Hands on exploration such as overlooking the river at Alicia Park. Organic style interactive play.
1	I love the neighborhood parks with playgrounds for my grandchildren. I wish we dog-walkers didn't need to circumvent parks when our dogs are on a leash. Trails need to connect - they're great but sometimes they just stop. Trails along the river are especially attractive.
1	I love the walking paths created in the City parks such as Linwood but to save money I don't think they should be shoveled and plowed in the winter.
1	I really don't understand what's happening near Telulah Park with the Riverheath and construction. Public access to the water, and trails along the water, and preservation of green space is important.
1	I specifically bought a house near Erb Pool.
1	I think an off street paved trail would be nice connecting the trails near Ballard to the Plamann Park area.
1	I think there are a lot of great parks in Appleton and they get used very well.
1	I think water pad for younger kids and more bike lanes/paths to get to downtown
1	I think we have a great selection of trails and amenities. Some of them are not the easiest to find parking though.
1	I think what really makes a city special is that there are places where people can meet. I have heard this about Erb Park. Not sure how to make a park a place where people can meet, but that would be special.
1	I walk the city streets. I'm not a park walking person
1	I wish City Park had a nice sharing rink with a concession stand.

Count	Response
1	I would like more trails going through neighborhoods of north Appleton
1	I would like to see a more connected bike/walking trail throughout the city. And more hiking trails along the river.
1	I would like to see a nordic ski center with miles of trails.
1	I would like to see more trails near the riverfront, ideally connected to downtown and that lead to restaurants/bars - so a destination is possible.
1	I would love to see a park that offers outside exercise equipment like Fritsch park in Menasha.
1	I would love to see a small water feature near the playground in City Park. They exist in many urban New York City parks, and they are popular and fun.
1	I would love to see some tennis facilities on the Northeast end of town.
1	I would say making more trails along the river and making them safer. As a woman I would never walk down them by myself.
1	I'd like to walking/biking trails connected and safe.
1	I'm not sure
1	I'm pretty comfortable with what's currently there
1	I'm satisfied with what we currently have.
1	Ice skating rink and pools are a must. As are empty spaces.
1	Ice-skating rink. Erb park pool needs to be expanded. More rails-to-trails.
1	If web is closing, there needs to be another pool. Not splash pads. Swimming lessons will be harder with only Meade being the only outside pool. Acceptance of Grand Chute into resident prices.
1	Improvements could be made to ball diamonds at local schools with minimal expense. They are sub-par. Leashed dogs should be allowed in some areas.
1	Indoor water park-type facility; trails along the river (connecting Lutz Park with the rest of the city).
1	Interactive playground equipment similar to Memorial Park.
1	Interconnected bike trails, as in Minneapolis
1	Is it feasible to create a trail system to connect some/many of our parks?
1	It is difficult to skateboard in Appleton. It is restricted downtown and there really are no other places to skateboard safely.
1	It was a good decision to invest in the Erb pool and also need to maintain or expand Meade pool facilities. Bike lanes within certain proximity to all parks should be a goal.

Count	Response
1	It would be GREAT if all the various trails were connected somehow!
1	It would be amazing to have a walking trail/foot bridge across the river. I realize that it's probably not realistic expense-wise, but Eau Claire has some and they are great additions to the community.
1	It would be great if there was a bike trail system that you could ride through out the whole city.
1	It would be nice to have a dedicated bike trail that connects the city parks.
1	It would be nice to have more nature preserves and parks. It would be nice to have a climbing wall. It would be nice to have ice skating rinks devoted to beginners only (it is hard to bring children to the rink when hockey players are practicing-- the hockey players come during open skate periods and it is too chaotic sometimes for small children).
1	It would be really nice to have some green space west College pass PAC
1	It'd be great to be able to run through the some of the parks with a dog - staying on a designated trail.
1	It'd be nice to see more green spaces and squares mixed in the downtown area. Also, more connectivity between trails.
1	It's hard to get to most of the bigger trails. Need to cross very busy intersections.
1	Jones park needs more equipment for ages 5+ as it seems to mainly be for toddler preschool aged children. The pavilion there feels unsafe and hidden, would like to see it changed or perhaps turned into a stage for music or other activities. Peabody park riverfront seating (ie..swings) could use updating and added benches. A path or sidewalk in that area would also allow for easier access as its currently a muddy, shallow grass area. Personally that area could be beautiful and functional with some much needed landscaping and updating work.. The under bridge area also is rather dirty area, perhaps added trash cans to the walking path would help this.
1	Jumps and pump tracks
1	Just a bike trail that's Downtown.
1	Just a good place to relax
1	Just safer
1	Keep Reid golf course and listen to its users, apologize for the way you treated Mr. Gassner.
1	Keep Telulah park baseball in place--nice for South and East side kids
1	Keep bathrooms open more.
1	Large park on the south side similar to Memorial Park
1	Lawe street hill wheelchair and stroller access. You cannot get from neighborhood on top of hill down to tge riverfront trail via lawe street due to stairs.
1	Lights on trails. Many parks aren't connected to each other. Would be nice if trails or paths connected them. vs running on sidewalk or the street.

Count	Response
1	Linwood needs to be freshened up with playground Peabody trails ruts filled in Erb pool fixed properly
1	Longer trail connections along the river!
1	Love memorial park offerings along with fishing options
1	MIT trails branching out off the CE trail into the downtown area and more going over the river
1	Major park on the south side
1	Maybe a drinking fountain along the river walking trails. Also, finish the walking/biking trail from the boathouse at Telulah past the new Riverhealth development. As I'm assuming the developer is getting some sort of financial assistance from the city, have this trail finished sooner than later.
1	Memorial Park
1	Might as well make the trail from Rankin street to the river and Peabody/cemetery an official trail. I would use it 20-25 years ago.
1	More Waterfront usage
1	More access to trails along river Park and playground along the river to showcase its beauty
1	More bike trails
1	More bike trails... would be nice to bike through downtown and along the river. Restore the history of downtown.
1	More bike trails/lanes.
1	More bike/running trails along the river
1	More bike/walking trails in north Appleton.
1	More biking and hiking trails
1	More canoe/kayak friendly landings
1	More cc skis trails possibly at Erb and Memorial parks.
1	More connected trail system.
1	More connected trails
1	More connectivity from downtown to riverfront
1	More continuous river side trails. Trail connecting Plamann and Buboltz Nature Center.
1	More cross country ski trail options
1	More cross country skiing-not sure where

Count	Response
1	More disc golf areas in more parks in the city
1	More disc golf in all parks
1	More frisbee golf courses. And refurbishing existing courses.
1	More garbage cans
1	More ice skating and hockey rinks, ice skating paths and lighted tennis courts. All at neighborhood parks.
1	More in pierce park and Lutz. They need more safe trails
1	More kids playground items scattered throughout Appleton
1	More lap/adult swim times at mead pool. A golf pro at Reid.
1	More mountain bike trails
1	More opportunities for golf. More opportunities for trails for walking, running, strollers, bikes, rollerblades. More opportunities for off-road mountain bike trails. More opportunities to connect trail systems within the city and surrounding areas.
1	More parks that are handicap accessible. We could use more volleyball courts and disc golf. Parks located are more scarce on the North side of Appleton than on the South side. Most parks on the north side require children to cross busy streets.
1	More parks would be wonderful especially in areas along the riverfront. I've always felt that the Foremost Dairy site could become a great city park.
1	More places to get water while on trails
1	More playground equipment and better shelter amenities at current parks is needed.
1	More playground equipment at Highview Park
1	More playground equipment for children. More biking trails.
1	More pleasant places to sit and talk- gazebo type areas with tables and comfortable seats, etc. Many areas could benefit from this, especially Vulcan park.
1	More pools they get too busy
1	More pools: one more on the south side and one on the north side. Some parks need updated and more equipment.
1	More publicity about parks that do exist
1	More restrooms along trails
1	More riverfront trails and additional tennis courts throughout the city.
1	More riverside trails, more bike trails

Count	Response
1	More running trails and bike lanes in orders part of Appleton
1	More signaled cross walks on busy intersections. Ensuring sidewalks or paths are connected so you aren't forced to be on the street.
1	More smaller parks would be nice
1	More stroller friendly paths and bathrooms open at the parks before may!
1	More swings at parks; more toddler swings and at least one adult/child swing (like at Memoria Prk) at every park would be awesome!
1	More tennis courts
1	More tennis courts and bike trails would be great
1	More tennis courts with lights so you can play at night.
1	More things for pre-teen and teenage children. Exercise equipment for parents to use while their children play.
1	More trails
1	More trails
1	More trails along the water and around Memorial Park.
1	More trails and parks developed at the River level going all the way to Little Chute and all the way to Stroebe Island.
1	More trails by water
1	More trails connecting the cities that make up the Fox Cities
1	More trails connecting to neighboring towns - ie one connecting directly to wiowash trail on the north side of town, etc. Paved not gravel.
1	More trails in the north central area. Most are concentrated along the river.
1	More trails north of the river, more garbage cans/pet waste bags
1	More trails so people can safely ride bikes the center of the city...
1	More trails that are biker/walker/dog friendly
1	More trails that loop and /or lead to other trails. These trails need to be well marked and promoted. Less typical, predictable, safe playground equipment- more like Fritch park in Menasha. Less chemicals being sprayed.
1	More trails, cleaner public bathrooms
1	More trails, especially along the riverfront
1	More trails. More shelters.

Count	Response
1	More trash cans, bike rentals at various downtown to major streets and/or trails with drop off and pick up locations, outdoor exercise equipment at various parks, equipment for the differently abled at many parks.
1	More use of the river front More tennis courts Permanent bathroom facilities at Veteran's Park
1	More walkability and biking trails connecting all Appleton to help make it a safer place for recreation and transportation on a bike or walking.
1	More walking and biking trails (off of city streets).
1	More walking and biking trails. Also, free wifi in the parks - they do this in bigger cities and my family and I would love to see it here!!
1	More walking trails (at all parks, if possible). Indoor parks for winter.
1	More walking trails < 3
1	More walking trails near the river.
1	More walking trails that are safe to walk..more trails like the Apple Creek trail. Updated playground equipment. Memorial is so much fun but gets so crowded
1	More walking/biking by the river
1	More water fountains all over and particularly more at Memorial Park playground, at Telulah Park by skate park, around the down town and trails areas.
1	Most everything we need is here or could be made available easily
1	Mountain Bike Trails
1	Much better links between College Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue and between College Avenue and the river.
1	My son uses some playground equipment...otherwise, I don't use the parks.
1	N/A
1	N/a
1	NO woodchips/rocks on playgrounds
1	Natural parks along river and in ravines
1	Need a nice peaceful park where the elderly can walk "slowly" and be able to sit and rest many spots as needed. Drinking fountains would be nice
1	Needed on the south side-see other answers
1	New Erb Pool!

Count	Response
1	New play grounds more disc golf
1	Newberry Trail could be cleaned up a bit. Would be nice to see water while walking. Safety rails for kids along Newberry Trail by the condos too (area under bridge). Edge of grass drops right into river. Would be devastating to see a small child in a bike go off the edge.
1	Newer swing sets at Pierce park
1	Nicer basketball courts
1	Nicer trails on the riverfront.
1	None at this time
1	North side of Appleton.
1	Northland Mall area needs to get linked to Thrivent & the other trails. It's dangerous crossing Northland & Richmond today
1	Northwest side of Appleton/Grand Chute.
1	Not applicable
1	Off road Trail connection From Lutz/Alicia Park Area to the CE Trail. Revamping of Erb Pool area. Efforts to connect Pierce, Lutz and Alicia areas with trails, creation of park next to River accessible from downtown.
1	Off-leash park for people/dogs. Not sure where.
1	On-leash, dog friendly parks!
1	Open spaces for special vents along the river We need a plan to encourage people to check out the river
1	Our parks are great as is
1	Our parks are somewhat tired, need freshening up. more trail connectivity, particularly the riverfront
1	Outdoor swimming for all ages
1	Paddle boats in Memorial Park
1	Parks are actually pretty damn good!
1	Parks need to be cleaned up.....and dogs should be allowed in all parks with leash and doggie dropping picked up by owner or pay a fine...
1	Parks that are different from each other, they tend to be all the same
1	Parks where people can bring dogs. Everywhere. If you want happy families out having fun, include the whole family. More bike infrastructure making bicycling more convenient than driving if you live within 3 miles of downtown. Parklets and green space on Wisconsin Ave with cafes and less traffic

Count	Response
1	Parks with trails you can take your dog on, downtown/near downtown or Wisconsin Avenue between Calumet and Ballard splash pad or fountain you can actually play in downtown/near downtown or Wisconsin Avenue between Calumet and Ballard
1	Peabody Park- Many times have seen glass shattered off of the Pacific St. bridge on the ground below. More maintenance needed there. The park overall seems a bit sketchy later in the evening. Jones Park feels somewhat unsafe to me. Probably the worst of any park in Appleton because of proximity to the jail/ Huber release workers coming and going. Have seen vagrants here/ public urination/ teenagers drinking and smoking drugs in the middle of the day. Both Peabody and Jones being down in a valley area make them harder to enforce via sight lines from any road and it feels like drugs/ alcohol use/ teenage crime exist there. Perhaps officers could walk these parks on occasion?
1	People love pickleball, I'd like to see more pickleball courts. I don't really use the parks much, but I like to walk once in awhile. Could we get a community garden in one of the parks?? Or do more with the Scheig Center gardens??
1	Pet friendly options - somewhere other than just the county park (i.e. closer to downtown)
1	Pickleball
1	Pickleball courts not shared with tennis courts
1	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. right now, but there are almost no courts in Appleton. I would love to see either one extensive complex or courts located throughout the city.
1	Pierce Park trail along the railroad tracks down to the riverfront
1	Pierce Park, specifically, seems like it needs updates to trails and lounge areas. There are very few places to picnic or take a rest, etc.
1	Play areas access by all children handicap or not.
1	Playground equipment for older children at Jones Park.
1	Playground equipment for young children (0-4).
1	Playgrounds are great. Especially with the new turf- like city park got last year. Awesome. There seem to be a number of trails that don't really go anywhere and aren't that long. Lutz park is in an amazing location and has a nice dock type area, but there isn't much there. Couldn't there be a trail along the river somewhere in that area? It would be nice if there was an area people could rock boats and have food and cocktails somewhere too. Downtown Green Bay is accessible in this way. A lot of parks need more baby swings. Memorial park only has one now that there is the parent\child swing.
1	Please don't pave Erb Park with gratuitous trails that wreck things for those who cross country ski in the winter. Arbutus Park needs rec staff.
1	Pools, tennis courts, golf courses, etc. that allow neighborhood kids to get out and exercise, experience nature, build skills, etc are a great addition to the city, even if I don't use them myself. I want to live in a city that provides positive opportunities for our youth.
1	Portable potties

Count	Response
1	Possible trail along the north side of the river.
1	Private pavilions
1	Provisions for cyclists along college ave beyond downtown.
1	Remove wood chips from existing parks, splash pad @ memorial park and/or highview Park,
1	Renovated tennis courts (Colony Oaks)
1	Repairs (tennis courts in Colony Oaks) Trails (along the riverfront)
1	Restrooms
1	River front And I am completely against allowing dogs in parks. There was just a huge dog bite in the paper today at a dog park. We can't risk hurting children!!! Nor do we wanted to be stepping in dog poop.
1	River front. A connects loop of trails around appleton that connect to the rest of the fox cities
1	River trails, regional connection
1	River walk Outdoor ampetheatre Incorporate art/sculpture in our parks
1	Riverfront access
1	Riverfront more parks and trail access direct from downtown
1	Riverfront park development, more off street trails, take that would connect to other municipalities
1	Riverfront parks and trails
1	Riverfront trails that are clearly marked (signage) and fishing piers. I would also like to see kayaks that are available for rent similar to the program available in Omro.
1	Safe trails free of the homeless
1	Security at Pierce Park
1	Security, workout equipment, geese reduction
1	See previous answers
1	Skate board park is very good
1	Skate skiing trails
1	Sledding hills in neighborhoods Trails through wooded areas Sensory playground (feel the dirt, dig, get wet, build a fort, climb a tree, etc.) Trails where people are watching for children and expect them on bikes. More things for tweens/early teens
1	Snowshoe and cross country trails along the river.

Count	Response
1	So glad we get to keep the pool at Erb and not get stuck with just a splash pad!
1	Some concert like area near river and seating, either grass or benches at the very least
1	Some parks need a little TLC like the park over by horizons school is Schaefer circle
1	Some trails running along the railway corridors would be nice. There are very few pleasant ways of running or riding bikes from the downtown area that don't cross tons of side streets, and getting to Grand Chute/Northwest Appleton is extremely unpleasant from downtown. Throwing down an 8 foot wide strip of asphalt along the corridors that cross at Memorial/College and Badger/Bluemound could provide some great diagonal ways to get around.
1	Some walking trails that allow leashed dogs
1	Splash pad
1	Splash pad, more trails
1	Splash pad, walking trail/bike lane
1	Splash pads
1	Splash pads (water activities without a pool) - Erb Park.
1	Splash pads :)
1	Splash pads in the bigger parks. More walking trails by river. Ping pong table and fire pit as found as Fritsh Park in Menasha. Rope climbers as found in parks in Neenah and Menasha. Signs prohibiting smoking on and near playgrounds. Recycling bins.
1	Sure there's qualified people to figure that out
1	Swimming and playgrounds are my top picks.
1	Talks need to be connected
1	Tandem swing for parent and small child near east high school
1	Tellulah park needs more attraction
1	Tellulah Park has become very developed. I am very worried about the plan to add tennis courts in the open space where many people (and many people from under represented minorities) for soccer, rugby, football, kite flying, ultimate frisbee, etc. We not need tennis courts!
1	Tellulah park seems to have potential for development for outdoor concerts, etc.
1	Tennis Courts at city park. Why'd they get removed anyways? More parks.
1	Tennis court Highview
1	Tennis courts in City Park.

Count	Response
1	Tennis courts we will wait for courts at Erb and always have others waiting for us. More usable courts would be great.
1	Tennis courts, dog park
1	Thank you for the skatepark!
1	The Newberry Trail is nice, but could be updated. The trail under the College Avenue bridge could be updated. Memorial Park trails are great.
1	The bike trails need to be better connected throughout the city. There are good stretches of trail but in between are roads and busy streets
1	There doesn't seem to be any good walking areas over by the Valley Fair Mall area
1	They fine right now.
1	Think it's good oh maybe water park in area
1	Trail along the river on the south side is Great! I walk/run there almost every day. I appreciate how it is maintained.
1	Trail at Telulah Park (by the Boathouse) needs lighting and connection to Newberry Trail along the River. Right now it's a dark dead end in the woods. Kayak/canoe launch at Peabody or Telulah.
1	Trail on the north side of the river, and better develop the trail on south side as in better lighting, clearing brush along river, adding more rest stops along river with a drinking fountain or two.
1	Trailheads connecting to micro businesses local small business and other parks is a necessity
1	Trails NE Appleton/Little Chute < -> Downtown
1	Trails along the water
1	Trails and park near riverfront with housing and restaurants
1	Trails connecting existing trail systems throughout Fox Cities
1	Trails for pedestrian and bikes to access west College, Northland area, new Meijor area development, etc
1	Trails off road from busy streets
1	Trails that connect parks to each other and that connect walkers or cyclists to retail and restaurants.
1	Trails that lead from downtown to the waterfront would be lovely. There's no good (and safe) way to get from downtown to the riverfront by foot. It would be nice to be able to have a nice meal at a restaurant downtown and be able to take a stroll down by the river.
1	Trails to connect the residential communities with the downtown to make it easy for people to commute downtown without a car to work.
1	Trails with public restrooms, coffeeshops, unique restaurants

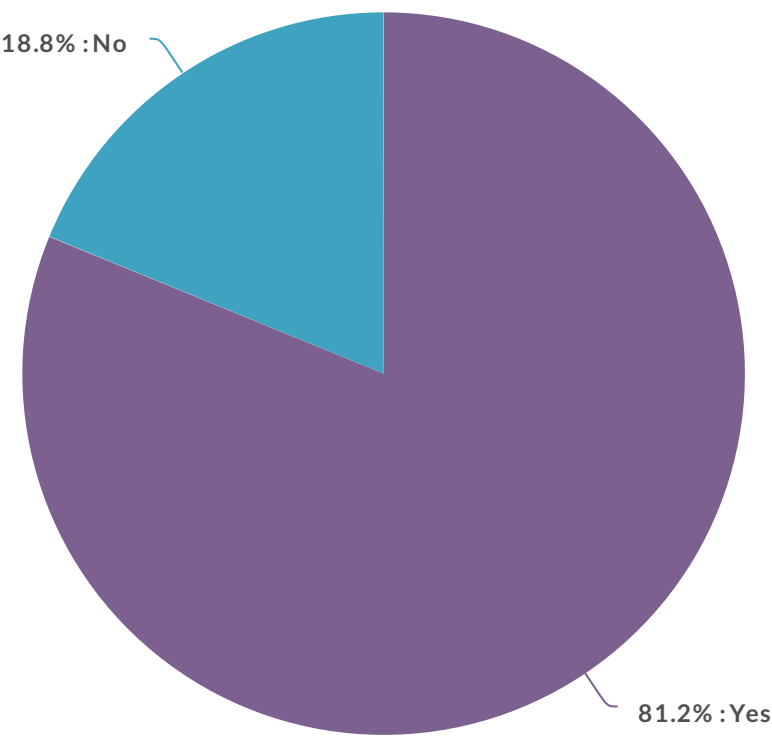
Count	Response
1	Trails, sidewalks, and parks on the east side.
1	Trestle trail, trails on riverbanks (what we have is great -- want more), more arts (City Band concerts are great -- what about jazz, symphony, drama?), giant chessboards, Tai Chi, creative landscaping -- put a couple hills into City Park to create zones. Send park designers to Shanghai & Lucerne for ideas. :-)
1	Unsure.
1	Updated Erb
1	Updated tennis facilities and adding a park closer to Richmond/41 area
1	Upgrade to pierce. City park is great now
1	Volleyball courts - sand at Erb park
1	Walk/run/bike trails that connect our community. Today we are pockets of things. Some good trails but no connection to things. Would be good to add outdoor exercise equip to parks like pull up bars.
1	Walking
1	Walking "trails" with nature markers (trees, plants, birds, etc) at larger parks like Telulah, Pierce, Memorial, Erb. Trails could also include "workout" markers for fitness activities (lunges, stretches, etc).
1	Walking and running trails
1	Walking biking trail from city to dog park. More trails along the river
1	Walking trail in pierce park so that you don't have to walk in the road when entering the park on foot. One of the parks with a pool to have some really fun water slides. Might help people stay in Appleton for the weekend rather than going to the Dells.
1	Walking trails along river. Extending the present ones
1	Walking trails near Oneida St area
1	Walking trails that allow dogs, clean bathrooms, all parks
1	Walking trails that provide easy access to the riverfront
1	Walking trails, Jones Park cleared of homeless. Pioneer park should have included Electricity, Maybe a small pavilion and permanent tables.
1	Walking/bike trails throughout. Public grills and places to sit/gather in central areas.
1	Water Park at Memorial Park
1	Water activities, walking trails
1	Water fountains, bubblers.
1	Water fountains. Running in the heat, downtown, can be rough with limited water fountains.

Count	Response
1	Wayfinding for trails needs to be easier to find; many "trails" marked on the map are actually busy arterials such as Richmond street...not exactly a 'trail'! A dog park would be nice but I'm not holding my breath
1	Ways to get around within communities (I.e. no way to safely walk to Walmart, Festival or Menards on East side or Westside of Appleton.
1	We could really use a splash pad or 2 in the city. I think City Park, Pierce Park, or Memorial Park would be good locations.
1	We have enough parks. We need more manufacturing jobs. People can enjoy the park more if they can afford to buy food to bring on their picnic.
1	We need another sheet of ice at AFIC. Improvements need to be made on the fields at Memorial Park. It would be nice for the City to allot dollars to assist to the improvement to Scheels USA Youth Sports Complex.
1	We need more off-road/mountain biking opportunities. With new snow bikes rising in popularity, mountain biking is becoming a year round sport. Cutting more such trails in along the river would be perfect.
1	We need to let dogs in parks. Small parks are often unused or underused.
1	We seldom use the parks, except when grandkids are around.
1	We should have a much better and extended trail system. One should be able to ride their bike from Green Bay to Fon Du Lac.
1	We use the parks on a quite limited basis, so for us, things are adequate.
1	We would like to see more opportunities to ice skate outdoors during the winter.
1	Well maintained restrooms. Family programs in summer. Consistent police or community service supervision or inspection.
1	West Appleton lacks access and Parks.
1	Whitewater kayak/canoe access points, removal of hazards like unused train trestles and old supports with rebar, etc. We have a lot of potential water activity that would create a spectacle for people to enjoy if some attention were paid to it. The paddlers who live here are driving elsewhere.
1	Would be great if we could connect all the trails in the valley from Neenah to Kaukauna.
1	Would be nice if the bathrooms at parks could be open more so like a family w/ little kids who have to go pretty often could enjoy them longer. Oh also if there was soap by the sinks.
1	Would be nice to have a dog park in the downtown area
1	Would love longer biking/walking trails. And didn't realize we had all these other amenities - don't know where to find them?! We have pickleball?? Are there leagues? I want a field hockey league, and a frisbee league. Just saying.
1	Zip line - John park Bean bag toss games at veterans park
1	a trail that connects downtown with North Appleton

Count	Response
1	allow leashed dogs in parks
1	along the river walkway
1	bathrooms open sooner. More pickle ball courts
1	better access to Memorial Park from the south for walkers and bikers
1	bier garden (Tosa and Estabrook Park, MKE) model
1	circuit training in city park
1	connect trails with outlying trail system (ie, CE trail)
1	drinking fountains closer to the playgrounds at all parks.
1	feel like there are many already
1	fishing piers
1	longer trails that are connected, more groomed cross country trails, maybe a place to rent good kayaks to paddle on the river - all throughout the area.
1	more benches along the walking trails
1	more bike and walking trails, especially near the river and through historic neighborhoods. I didn't check those sorts of things previously because I don't think we have enough to say they are things I "value" about the downtown.
1	more disc golfing, the kids love that stuff.
1	more garbage containers
1	more trails
1	more trails by the river and lakes
1	more trails connecting college ave to the river
1	more water fountains
1	neighborhood park. Calmes drive
1	not sure of all the possibilities
1	not sure right now
1	off street trails from neighborhoods to downtown, connections between existing trails
1	old fashioned teeter totters. The new ones are boring to even the youngest kids. Otherwise, the playground equipment at most parks is good.

Count	Response
1	outdoor pool walking/running trails
1	pet friendly areas
1	restrooms
1	restrooms during winter months
1	sad to see tennis courts go from downtown (City Park)
1	safe biking lanes on streets. Expand and connect river trails into a complete, connected system.
1	scenic walking and biking trails that are well light, safe and integrated.
1	small parks on Wisconsin Ave trails that connect Fox West to Greenville
1	specialty - ie. skate park at Tellulah, more indoor facilities at parks to bring the community together during indoor seasons
1	splash pad, expanded playground equipment, additional biking trails
1	swimming pools biking trails
1	tennis courts at Memorial Park
1	trails/bike lanes from other parts of the city to facilitate non-vehicle transportation to and from downtown for various events
1	walk or bike trails on the southeast side without sidewalks
1	walking and cycling paths/lanes to connect west to east and north to south
1	water pads more advertising on kid events, not only to our area but also to the surrounding to attract more
1	waterfront boat docks.
1	work out stations
1	would like a lighted walking path along the river
1	~ Would love to see tennis courts at Hoover Park (please) ~ More flower/plant gardens in smaller parks

35. Do the existing parks offer equipment that satisfies the needs of all age groups?



Value	Percent		Count
Yes	81.2%	<div><div></div></div>	717
No	18.8%	<div><div></div></div>	166
Total			883

36. If No, please describe why:

park
parks
or

Count	Response
1	Older kids and adults don't have playground equipment at that suits their needs. Fritsch Park in the Town Of Menasha is a great example of an all-ages park.
1	A large park would be beneficial south of the river
1	Accessibility
1	Add to the mix more for old persons: Parcours, etc.
1	Appleton could use more physical challenges or adventures for teens
1	Areas to focus on younger children and toddlers
1	At pierce (the park by my home) it would be nicer to have a larger play space, for the volume of people at that park at one time, there needs to be more there.
1	Because adults can't drink
1	Body fitness equipment would be greay
1	Could add the exercise based outdoor equipment to more parks, such as the ellipticals, etc (like the park in Menasha)
1	Could use more equipment for tween age kids.
1	Could use more park areas for handicap & wheelchair bound people on the South side (Pierce Park).
1	Dog friendly areas
1	Each park has to be updated

Count	Response
1	Erb pool needs work.
1	Good for kids. No adult space(pull up bars,)
1	Great for young kids. Older kids aren't inspired to go to parks from what I've experienced. More places to sit would be good for adults as well
1	How about some equipment for older folks - there's some neat stuff available that keeps people active.
1	I do not frequent parks on our walk cause dogs are not allowed. They are not a destination.
1	I feel some of it is outdated and unsafe. Plamann park has a tremendously high, metal slide that is truly a death trap for young children.
1	I have 2 small children that love the parks but I've noticed that there are times that the middle school/high school kids come and play on the same equipment as the kids. It might help if there were something for the older kids. Possibly a fitness course (along the river?) or something that caters more toward older kids.
1	I have only seen equipment for children & some parks have old, outdated equipment. There are not many parks with good sized, well kept pavilions.
1	I have seen adult equipment in other cities. A place along a trail where there is equipment for pull ups, balancing exercises etc
1	I have to drive to the park.
1	I think making the trails especially running and biking more fitness friendly with sponsored local business stations to do specific things to engage people as they're walking through the area would significantly improve the numbers on the trails and parks systems
1	I think older kids need a place because they come on the younger kids play areas and are too aggressive for them
1	I think we need more equipment aimed at older kids
1	I would like more for older kids. My older two are almost 11 and soon to be 9. They are starting to outgrow the parks.
1	I would love to see a park with grown up size playground equipment including some of the special contoured chairs as swings that are usually used for children with disabilities.
1	I'm concerned with the handicapped accessible equipment that is being put in everywhere. At least by my park, it's ostensibly for 6-12 year olds, but it's really more appropriate for toddlers and little kids. We've ended up with a situation where all the little kids flock to the equipment for the big kids and the big kids aren't necessarily always careful around them. The kids also regularly ride their bikes, skateboards, and rollerblades down the handicapped ramp. The equipment is also not as durable--all the built in activities (the piano, the spinny ball thing, etc...) break down and fall apart on a regular basis, so it requires more upkeep. I've also heard some of the other kids say, "This is for little kids. I liked the old (non-handicapped accessible) equipment better." I feel like we're failing 99 percent of our kids to serve the 1 percent who are handicapped.
1	I'm not a senior citizen but I don't think we have anything specifically for seniors.
1	I'm really not sure if all the parks do.

Count	Response
1	Improvements could be made to allow older individuals safer access to walking paths, but I am not sure what they would need. So many walk at the malls.
1	In every park I've been to there are play areas for children 3 and up. I want play equipment that would be safe for children under the ages of 3 to play on.
1	It would be awesome to have outdoor exercise for adults
1	It would be good to see Chess offered for older folks. A giant jenga would be fun for younger kids.
1	It would be great to have geriatric swings/equipment.
1	It's all little kids stuff it's not anything for adults and there is no comfortable safe place for people to rest or read a book or enjoying the green space
1	It's geared mostly to young children.
1	It's geared toward small kids.
1	Jones- seems only to offer preschool-toddler equipment and the basketball court provides for teens lacking equipment for school aged children. City Center- offers toddler-school aged but seems to lack things for pre-teens and teens.
1	Lack of tennis courts in City Park.
1	Limited handicap access and features
1	Many cities now offer parks that have exercise equipment specifically designed for senior adults - this would be a welcome addition in Appleton.
1	Many of the playgrounds are geared for older (7+) children. Finding a toddler-friendly playground can be challenging.
1	Many parks need updated equipment
1	Maybe some things for seniors would help.
1	Memorial Park is great but no pool.
1	More adult and dog friendly
1	More baby
1	More benches and places to sit for older people
1	More equipment for special needs at each park would be nice.
1	More equipment needed for older kids (8 & up)
1	More gliders or swings for older adults to sit and relax. Like at Lutz and Peabody Parks.
1	More handicapped accessible playgrounds

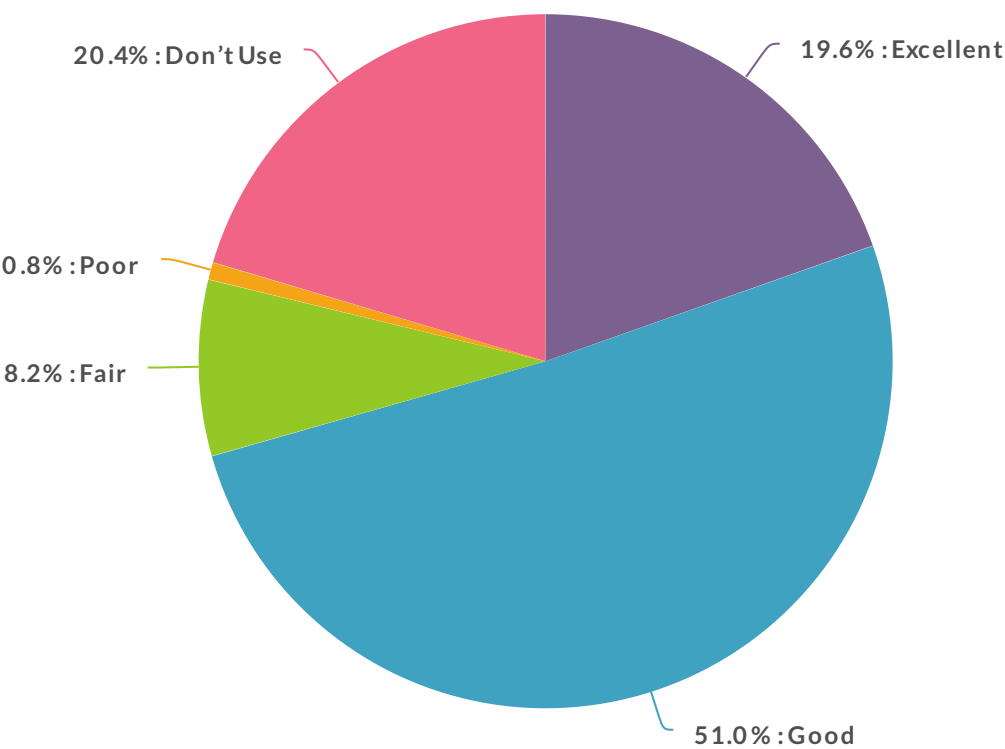
Count	Response
1	More needed for young adults
1	More places for adults to sit and enjoy the outdoors
1	More teen friendly attractions. Maybe a zip line, tennis courts
1	More things for ages newborn-3.
1	Most park equipment is geared for young kids
1	Most parks just have playgrounds
1	Most playground equipment is made for toddlers so older kids get bored fast
1	Mostly centered on small children.
1	Mostly for little children.
1	Mostly for little kids
1	My kids feel the playgrounds are for little kids.
1	Need more beauty, flowers, landscaping, sculpture. The older parks really could use "beauty upgrades". Parks should be gems and attract people.
1	Need more bike trails, incl. Maintain bike trails
1	Need more disabled equipment
1	Need more for older children and exercise equipment
1	Need scenery and place to relax safely
1	Need something that young adults and adults can participate in and with.
1	Need things for the older kids
1	No enough access to indoor, year round adult swimming venues. All high schools should be available for this instead of just the oldest one.
1	Not all do. Some do but a lot don't
1	Not all parks do - hence you have to drive to parks that offer various equipment such as tennis courts
1	Not all the parks have handicap accessible
1	Not as much for pre-teens/teens.
1	Not enough safe options to use bike, walking or running to go into and out of Downtown.

Count	Response
1	Not enough- small parks along a walking path or Boardwalk. Open areas where possible for ball games, frisbee golf, etc.
1	Not much for adults. Climbing wall or athletic courses would be great.
1	Only one handicap park and you have to walk quite a distance to get to it?
1	Park structures could be geared to the 5 and over group
1	Parks are geared for kids
1	Peabody park seems more to accommodate children 6 or under for playground equipment. And then teenagers for basketball hoops.
1	Playgrounds are geared for younger children. I want my older child to participate in a meaningful way, not loitering
1	Relatively few parks offer activities for grown-ups, though most have play equipment.
1	Seem many citizens set up their own soccer goals or volleyball nets
1	Seems challenging for the older population to get around.
1	Senior citizens and middle age folks are pushed out of the parks by the kids hanging out and the drunks
1	Should have handicapped swings
1	Skate boarding and other activities for HS population
1	Some aren't age appropriate
1	Some equipment is geared for toddlers but not enough equipment is provided. Some equipment is too high off the ground and could use more safety features. It would be nice for ALL parks to have the soft, rubberized ground around the equipment.
1	Some good for little ones, others older kids
1	Some of the equipment is old.... need more tennis courts and pavilions need to be updated.
1	Some of the parks don't have equipment for toddlers
1	Some of the parks only cater to smaller children.
1	Some parks are better than others. Memorial Park is good for all ages. Erb is good for all ages but needs serious updating & maintenance. It seems most of the parks either cater to little guys or big ones --- not many take care of both.
1	Some parks only focus on the very young
1	Some playgrounds are designed for young children, others have equipment that doesn't challenge or interest older children.

Count	Response
1	South side of city (south of river) offer very little to a large population. Bring back ice skating rinks to neighborhood parks (and maintain them). How about more places for volleyball or disc golf?
1	Teenagers need skateparks or something for them to do rather than hanging out by their cars.
1	Teens are overlooked
1	The majority of parks have equipment for little kids or for a group of people for sports. If you don't fit either of those categories then most parks have little to offer.
1	The park off Railroad street is geared for small children only
1	The parks are different and that is good. If all the same it would be boring. For example, Pierce Park and Memorial Park both have good qualities. I could visit both and enjoy them. If they had the exact same equipment, neither would be as interesting.
1	The parks in general appear to be missing the 25-45 group in facilities (workout facilities).
1	The very young and older adults need more
1	There is very little for young children.
1	There needs to be a plan to allow dogs on leashes and with license to be allowed present. It's archaic that this is not allowed.
1	There should be greater development in the flats of Appleton. It could be a center with a lot of hip bars and parks for local musicians to play. Right now it is underutilized. The parking lot next to Jone's park is also an eyesore and is not properly utilized.
1	There should be more table and structures that promote social interaction. Public art, Chess tables, park vendors.
1	There's done enough places to picnic or sit and meditate. It be nice to have a park dedicated to yoga or tai chi and meditation
1	They are all too similar and don't have much to offer
1	They're almost entirely geared towards children.
1	This should not be a yes/no question. It's a "maybe" for some parks. There could be more focused activities within appropriate parks, i.e., bird watching walks, naming trees and flowers (which would also bring people together), geologic formations
1	Trails are not complete
1	Updated playground facilities
1	Very young children and 40+ seem covered. Little to no use for 20-40 year olds.
1	Want fewer facilities in some parks; should have some more natural
1	Wheelchair bound, and short kid consideration,

Count	Response
1	Why would a person without children go to a park except for a special event?
1	You need a water facility similar to OSHKOSH
1	additional parks in the south and east sides there could also be some exercise equipment added to the parks, Town of Menasha has an example just south of UW Fox
1	good for younger kids (under 10). older kids use the equipment in unsafe ways to make it a challenge
1	more playground equipoment
1	more tennis courts
1	most tennis courts have been taken out
1	not enough events places for picnics kid stuff
1	not many benches to sit and relax, restrooms are not always open or clean
1	not welcoming to older or special needs individuals
1	restrooms; no thing for disabd
1	skewed to younger children/families
1	we need more pool space during the summer.

37. How would you rate the overall quality of recreational programs that you and members of your household have participated in?



Value	Percent		Count
Excellent	19.6%	<div><div></div></div>	178
Good	51.0%	<div><div></div></div>	464
Fair	8.2%	<div><div></div></div>	75
Poor	0.8%	<div><div></div></div>	7
Don't Use	20.4%	<div><div></div></div>	186
Total			910

38. How would you rate the overall quality of recreational programs that you and members of your household have participated in? - comments

Combine the rec with Appleton Little League.

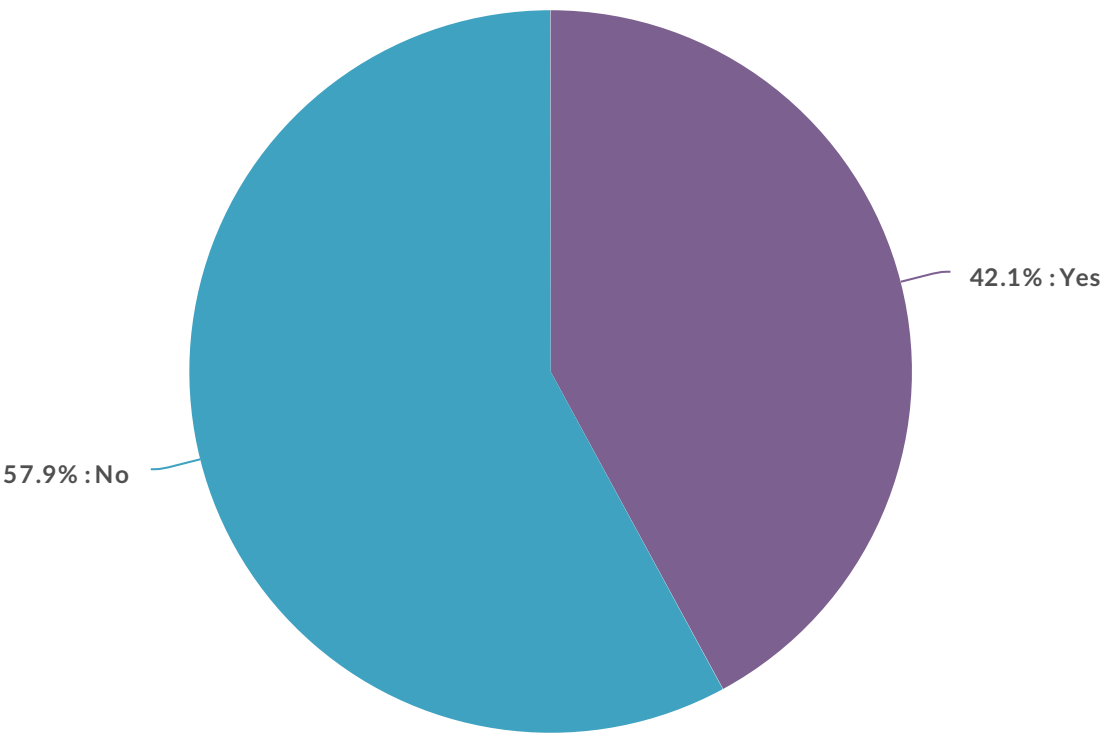
Count	Response
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1	I do not use Appleton library because I refuse to pay a meter to use something that I already help to pay for. I can go to Menasha or Neenah and not plug a meter.
1	After what I experienced last year, I stopped signing my son up for recreational programs. The high school students spend more time on their damn phones than interacting with the children.
1	Appleton tall was bad so I left and we use grand chutes which is awesome. I recommend everyone to grand chute baseball and wish they had more sports.
1	Both my husband and I have participated in the Learn To Row program offered through the Parks department. It was a great opportunity for the 2 of us.
1	Combine the rec with Appleton Little League.
1	Did one swimming class but water was too cold for small children and nothing was done. Had to stop classes but like all the different options of classes
1	Have not found anything offered to try
1	I am a single person without kids. If I had a family I am sure I would take advantage of city parks and rec.
1	I am pleased that interest is taken regarding these questions.
1	I coached my daughter's tball team last year through APRD and it was a good experience with Nate, the program director.

Count	Response
1	I don't believe I've been in any official programs
1	I hope the Rec Department can join in with the plans for a combined new library/senior center/meeting room area/civic center, whatever you want to call it. The rec department rents spaces for some dance classes and other activities. If it was all in the same building, it would be cool.
1	I know my husband would say you can never have enough bike trails
1	I travel out of the area to ride my mountain bike as do many. I ride my road bike on the roads and I'm constantly harassed by drivers of cars.
1	I use the parks and trails, but haven't participated in any actual programs.
1	I would say that the actual programming is of great quality but we technically live in Grand Chute so have to pay non-resident fees which are typically double what residents pay and it seems unreasonable considering the town of Grand Chute doesn't offer the same amount, type or age appropriate programming for our family (we have a 4 and 3 year old).
1	I've only done CPR and enjoyed it!
1	In the past the coordinated park use with Little League
1	Just recently moved here - not very familiar with the programs and amenities.
1	Kids love the parks program in the summer
1	LOVE the Unity Dance Academy!
1	Little League and Reid Golf--although a lot of people left when you screwed Stacy Gassner and won't return. Pitiful.
1	Love Angie & the water fitness program at Erb Pool!
1	Love Mile of music. Please use the new Pioneer Park as a venue.
1	Loved the laid-back nature of PR summer sports when my kids were in grade school but that is decades ago.
1	More focus on concussion prevention by enforcing use of concussion headbands for sports for youngsters, and making them reasonable to buy or rent by parents. Would like to see very affordable kayaks/canoes available for use at accessible river locations in Appleton.
1	More support and guidelines should be provided to volunteer youth sports coaches. Had an excellent TBall coach (Mochinski), had a less than excellent soccer coach for the 5 year old group. Please offer sports for younger kids too.
1	Music is offensive at the pools. Our girls are no longer in the dance program due to the graphic moves/music in some of the classes.
1	My family loves the skate park.

Count	Response
1	My kids LOVE swimming lessons at Erb. The instructors are outstanding. All of the Parks and Rec programs in which we have participated (including swim lessons, archery, preschool park activities, bike safety, and others) have been outstanding.
1	No children in our home, I think families with kids use the programs more. Maybe an outdoor yoga or tai chi class would be used by adults
1	Options are too few
1	Our children are all grown, but when they were younger they all participated in park programs at Pierce and Alicia Parks. My husband and I walk for an hour daily through Alicia, Lutz, and Pierce Park and the surrounding neighborhood. There are always other walkers, and I am constantly amazed at the number of people playing frisbee at Pierce's course. The playground equipment is usually being used by families, too.
1	Our family LOVES Memorial Park the best, especially the playground there and ice skating rink!
1	Our son used to participate in summer Park & Rec programs, but has aged out. Lack of programming for "tweens".
1	Parks and Rec soccer was not good both times - mostly due to coaches and other kids involved. We had a great Baseball coach last year though. Swim class is hit and miss. We had one bad year with teachers, but I complained and then it got much better.
1	Parks program for kids is excellent
1	Plastic colored furniture is a turn off!
1	Played softball at Memorial for 20 years. Love the bandshell at Pierce. Enjoy walking on the river where I can.
1	Softball at Memorial park is quite expensive. Especially if your team is playing to have fun in a lesser competitive league. Somewhat pushes more casual players to play in different cities
1	Specifically, the APRD swim instructors are all fabulous - has been a great experience for our family.
1	Swim lessons at Erb park were a wonderful experience for my family when my kids were a little bit younger.
1	Swimming lessons at Erb Pool are superb every summer.
1	Thank you, Mayor Hanna and the Parks and Recreation Dept
1	Thanks for offering a wide variety of programs!
1	The offerings are great, especially swim classes, however many swim instructors do not have adequate training in teaching.
1	The softball fields at memorial need work, the outfields are terrible and uneven which causes a concern for injuries
1	The softball program was much better under city and Fox Valley Recreation Association management than now. I no longer participate.
1	Unity Dance has a wonderful family oriented program for dancers of all ages!

Count	Response
1	We do a lot of the park and rec classes for our kids a little more supervision of the kids running the programs is needed. Swimming has been great but soccer last year the kids running the program were pretty disinterested in being there
1	We do use Mead Pool quite a bit - son used the swim program that was offered.
1	We eventually will need more tennis courts with Pickleball lines painted as the sport grows.
1	We have a disabled son and enjoyed Challenger league type activities. Please support those.
1	We have had issues with summer park programs ... mostly the young people "running" the classes don't seem very engaged or don't relate to young children.
1	We have lived in 6 states and 4 countries. Appleton has the best park and rec department for families!
1	We have participated in run/walks and other organized events on College Ave but not sure about programs.
1	We haven't used a rec program yet. I hope we might be interested in some in the future. I am interested in archery being added to another park.
1	We haven't used them yet, but with a child turning 4 very much expect to use them.
1	We travel and often feel as if we are missing out and our children are limited in some degree here in Appleton
1	We've done Park & Rec swimming lessons for years and think they're fantastic. Open swim is also fantastic. Our children have been involved with the Appleton Soccer Club for years and it's got an amazing program.
1	When my kids were young we participated in Little League, Babe Ruth, swimming, football, etc.
1	When our children were young we used the park and rec department classes for sports and dance quite often!
1	With the YMCA and Appleton Parks and Rec, we have access to so many options for activities!
1	glad to see Erb pool getting an upgrade
1	some of the instructors need to be more experienced and have better knowledge of how to deal with children and want to be doing their job
1	summer camps for teens would be welcome, the age before they can drive and go to jobs, 12-16 ages
1	would like to see more zumba and yoga, or maybe just better advertising of the options they do have?

39. In the past 12 months, have you or members of your household participated in Appleton Parks and Recreation programs?



Value	Percent		Count
Yes	42.1%	<div><div></div></div>	384
No	57.9%	<div><div></div></div>	529
Total			913

40. If no, please describe why

activities kids interest

Count	Response
5	No time
4	No interest
3	Busy
3	No kids
2	Busy with other activities
2	Cost
2	No children.
2	None of interest
2	Too busy
2	Too busy.
2	time
1	
1	.
1	?
1	Adult programs I haven't really looked at. Healthy cooking would be nice.. But maybe I will look into more..

Count	Response
1	After participating in Appleton softball programs for 20 years I and most of my teammates either went elsewhere or no longer play because of the way the program is currently administered.
1	Age of teenager.
1	Age.
1	All children moved to different cities.
1	Baby
1	Basketball league
1	Because I don't care to.
1	Because of a sports injury, I dropped out of the Rec Dept's tennis league. I will participate this year.
1	Been too busy with my personal life.
1	Being older, all of my participation activities are at the Appleton YMCA.
1	Belong to the Y, and all our needs are met there
1	Both retired....what would you suggest?
1	Busy
1	Busy and distracted
1	Busy enough with current activities
1	Busy with high school and college kids
1	Busy with other things.
1	Busy with work and the events we do.
1	Cant afford and too busy for that
1	Children are grown now. They used the programs extensively growing up (1992-2013)
1	Children are in college. My husband and I use the parks and pools for fitness and recreation. A structured class is not our style.
1	Children are not old enough
1	Children are now in college. We did when they were younger.
1	Children are too young
1	Children too young

Count	Response
1	Choose to move out to kaukauna
1	Couldn't afford it because I'm considered a non resident... My kids are in t-ball, softball, swim lessons and fall dance because my parents are paying otherwise my kids would have a pretty boring summer ahead
1	Currently do not have time with our work schedules.
1	Currently too busy
1	Daughter still too young and timing hasn't worked well for adult programs
1	Did not fit with work schedule
1	Do not have school age children
1	Do not have children that young anymore
1	Do not have kids
1	Does not apply.
1	Don't have children for parks programs anymore.
1	Don't hear about them.
1	Don't know about them
1	Don't know what is going on. Need to get program out to the public.
1	Don't know what programs are offered
1	Don't know what this includes, haven't seen what programs are available
1	Don't need them to organize tennis with a friend, but I remember them fondly from when I was a child
1	Don't need.
1	Don't offer enough for adults
1	Don't see anything for me
1	Dont have the ability to transport my child for only half day programs
1	Employed by the Y so utilize Y programs
1	Enrolled this summer
1	Expense
1	Extended travel during summer months.

Count	Response
1	Family members are getting older.
1	Few options for older kids and adults
1	Go on my own
1	Go through the ymca
1	Grandkids do, but we dont
1	Handicap
1	Have been told by many people about the race discrimination and prejudice by staff
1	Have not found anything of interest
1	Have not wanted to to pricey since our mailing address is Appleton but technically we live in Grand Chute we would have to pay higher price
1	Have other interests and the kids have grown up and moved away.
1	Haven' seen any offerings
1	Haven't found the time or interest.
1	Haven't had time, but planning on checking out programs now that time has freed up some
1	Haven't heard about them
1	Haven't lived in the city long enough (been here approx. 3 months) to "investigate".
1	Haven't made the time for it.
1	Haven't needed, but will be doing swimming lessons next month with our 2 year old.
1	Haven't really seen or noticed offerings for adults and not sure we would use them even if they existed. But with a child turning 4 very much expect to use them.
1	Havn't seen any of interest to me
1	Health issues tend to limit us on occasion
1	I am a bachelor.
1	I am a member of the Y, so I haven't engaged in P&R programs since it's an added cost for many of the same things I can engage in through the Y.
1	I am active in recreational groups that the city does not offer
1	I am an empty nester. I am sorry that the Thompson Center closed. I am not in the loop of what is currently available at ST Bernards.

Count	Response
1	I am disabled & not many parks are disabled friendly.
1	I am not sure what is offered
1	I am single, no kids. If I had kids, I'd consider the programs.
1	I belong to a private club
1	I did when I was a child but my child right now at the moment is not old enough to do that we will engage this coming summer however I think the team at the Appleton Parks and rec led by Nikki wendt do a fantastic job
1	I didn't know programs existed.
1	I do not do many sports being empty nesters
1	I don't have children
1	I don't know about them.
1	I don't live in Appleton plus I'm not an active person.
1	I don't use the Park programs
1	I find it sad that although we have an Appleton address we are technically in the village of Kimberly and aren't able to participate for the resident prices.
1	I grew up with them, but as a senior there isn't much involvement
1	I guess I need to seek out information on what is available to senior-type folks.
1	I guess we don't know what's offered.
1	I have 2 very young children. We will absolutely be participating in the near future.
1	I have a gym membership so my exercise either happens there or on public trails throughout the city. I think once my husband and I have children we will utilize the park and rec programs.
1	I have no children, I recreate independently.
1	I have not looked into what is offered.
1	I have personally been away at college
1	I haven't decided which programs would best suit my needs to join.
1	I haven't lived here a year--and now you probably know who I am!
1	I hope to soon
1	I prefer my own schedule

Count	Response
1	I prefer to do activities on my own and not be tied down to a once-a-week thing. I do get involved in activities but usually only the "one time" events.
1	I recently moved to Appleton - need more time.
1	I take my grandkids to parks and activities
1	I use the pools but not specific classes. My kids played soccer and basketball, did gymnastics when they were younger, took swimming lessons. I play tennis or pickle ball on my own, not organized.
1	I used to go to a senior women's exercise class at the library but now have an advantage card and use the YMCA.
1	I wish there were opportunities for kids in middle school and high school who are not athletic enough to play for their school teams but still enjoy sports. A basketball league for high school age would be wonderful!
1	I work for a living
1	I'm a senior. My grandkids might be involved. Unsure if their activities are city programs.
1	I'm busy and my kid's only 2.
1	I'm not aware of any for seniors. I'm happy taking my daily 1 hour walk in the parks.
1	I've been busy
1	I've found more expensive classes more organized and valuable
1	I've had difficulty signing up
1	I've not been informed of any that pertain to my interests.
1	It seems like they are for children
1	It's just me, and I honestly haven't researched much what's out there.
1	Just been busy working
1	Just haven't gone. The kids are too old. We go to the YMCA
1	Just married, pregnant with first child. Too busy with work and travel for now.
1	Just moved here
1	Just moved here. Don't know what is available.
1	Just moved in back in March
1	Kayaking classes at Erb Park, to improve my skills.
1	Kid are older and we belong to the Y

Count	Response
1	Kids are growing up and they participate more in their school programs. Didn't have a lot of time to purchase the City pool pass last year.
1	Kids are grown now
1	Kids are grown up
1	Kids are grown up.
1	Kids are grown. We used to participate all the time. Not much of interest to someone my age 50's.
1	Kids are not old enough yet
1	Kids are older. They participated at a high level when they were younger.
1	Kids are too old for the Park And Rec programs.
1	Kids are too old now.
1	Kids are too young
1	Kids are very young.
1	Kids gone....we are past that. Played softball, soccer and volleyball when younger
1	Kids have aged out of recreational level sports and we are too busy with club and school activities presently. Wish I had time for more.
1	Kids have grown and are using school programs and more intense private lessons. I have been meaning to check out fitness for myself but it's hard to find time in my schedule.
1	Kids have outgrown the city programs.
1	Kids not old enough. Planning to participate this summer.
1	Kids were in other activities
1	Lack of availability during the day, too restrictive of ages (very little offered for preschoolers), very little if anything offered for 20-50 year olds.
1	Lack of information on what is available
1	Lack of time
1	Lack of time.
1	Lack of time. Busy with work and moving into first home.
1	Limited free time. Son participates in soccer through Appleton Soccer Club.
1	Limited time.

Count	Response
1	Little information about programs, geared toward small kids, or expensive
1	Live alone, working full time and no grandchildren yet to entertain.
1	Live in menasha...if there was morE reciprocity for pools, etc
1	Most of the programs I see listed in the city's newsletter are for children/young adults. I do attend various events in the parks.
1	Mostly, ignorance of them.
1	My child is going to be 4 and he will start shortly. But we have been watching baseball at Memorial park from the playground.
1	My children are grown. It was much more of a need when they were growing up.
1	My children do activities through private organizations like the Fox Cities Racquet Club and Heart of the Vally Dance Studio
1	My family doesn't have interest in it or it is too much money.
1	My husband tried to play softball but hasn't been able to find a team to play on.
1	My kids are grown and I work too much to have time to do all the things I would like to do.
1	My kids are grown now, but were involved in City rec programs on a regular basis.
1	My kids are just now getting old enough to do some of them, but we are mostly busy with activities through other groups and the YMCA.
1	My kids are swamped with work, school, marching band, music lessons and Scouts.
1	My kids use to play rec ball. They are all older now.
1	My schedule has been hectic lately.
1	My son wanted to do the Parkour program last summer, but we didn't sign up in time and it was full.
1	My son was too young yet and we are just starting into using park and rec activities
1	N/A
1	NA
1	NO time at the present
1	Need more choices for seniors.
1	New baby
1	No children

Count	Response
1	No children and dogs not allowed :)
1	No children at home anymore.
1	No children in household and I use planet fitness for exercise
1	No children in our home
1	No children in the household
1	No children yet.
1	No children, participate in my own personal activities
1	No current need
1	No information
1	No interested
1	No kids old enough yet.
1	No kids, busy schedules, we do really enjoy the parks but just don't participate in programs although the I do appreciate their importance.
1	No kids/other interests
1	No need at this time.
1	No need or interest.
1	No one in the household to use the programs.
1	No programs for older people.
1	No programs relevant to my interests and I tend to pursue solitary activities.
1	No time or money for it.
1	No time.
1	No times work for me.
1	No use
1	No, because we all unfortunately do not have enough time.
1	None applicable
1	None for our age group.

Count	Response
1	None of us are old enough. I did when I was younger though and it was fun
1	Not always fitting into schedule.
1	Not applicable to our ages.
1	Not applicable to us for the most part
1	Not aware of too many adult-centered programs in the Parks and Rec. department. But, we're also just not seeking them out at this time.
1	Not city resident
1	Not enough programs (athletic) that appeal to me.
1	Not from are
1	Not good times
1	Not in the community yet
1	Not interested
1	Not interested
1	Not interested in types of events ive seen.
1	Not interested,
1	Not interested.
1	Not interested. Also, not aware of programs.
1	Not interested. But I participated as a child and loved the activities and have many friends whose children participate now! Keep up the good work.
1	Not interstellar at the time
1	Not necessary
1	Not needed
1	Not organized enough.
1	Not publicized well or it doesn't interest me
1	Nothing has been of interest, or it's rather expensive
1	Nothing interesting
1	Nothing interesting or at a time I can enjoy

Count	Response
1	Nothing of interest
1	Nothing of interest to me personally
1	Nothing particularly appeal to me and no time
1	Only me! And I am too busy working
1	Other commitments. When our kids were growing up, we participated in MANY of the activities all the time.
1	Our children are too young < 2
1	Our children are still teeny weeny, so not yet.
1	Our children didn't want to participate in organized sports this past fall and winter.
1	Our children participated in many Park and Rec activities but they are grown
1	Our daughter is older and time is filled with school, clubs, etc Family time is full with child commitments, work, volunteering, etc
1	Our family has been in the middle of a move
1	Our kids are teenagers - not much for them once they get into high school.
1	Our kids have aged out of the programs
1	Our son is signed up for t-ball, but it hasn't started yet.
1	Out of town very often
1	Out of town; elderly.
1	Part of other programs such as YMCA rec sports
1	Participate mostly through schools.
1	Scheduling
1	Scheduling conflicts
1	Scheduling issues with activities available
1	Senior
1	Swimming lessons
1	The hours aren't compatible with a working parents
1	The programs that are of interest are at odd times for our family. Many seem to run during mealtime hours or at same hours school related activities go on.

Count	Response
1	The times don't typically work, and I already belong to Empower yoga.
1	There are no programs I'm currently interested in
1	They need updating
1	Time
1	Time and location are not conducive to my schedule.
1	Time constraints
1	Time doesn't allow. We go to yoga in City Park and golf at Reid
1	Time for activities. Work days and most of the time activities that interest me take place then.
1	Time just bought house
1	Time/money
1	Timing is off. We only have certain days of the week to participate and the programs that are offered are on different days.
1	To be honest I think I forget. We do allot through the Y. But I'm looking forward to putting my daughter in a dance class this fall
1	To expensive
1	Too busy
1	Too busy or not interested in offerings
1	Too busy w other commitments
1	Too busy with other things. No interest in what they offer.
1	Too busy with regular school activities
1	Too busy.
1	Too many other things to do.
1	Too young kids
1	Tore my Achilles :(
1	Transitional period in our lives (job changes, pregnancy)
1	Unaware of programs
1	Unsure of what's available

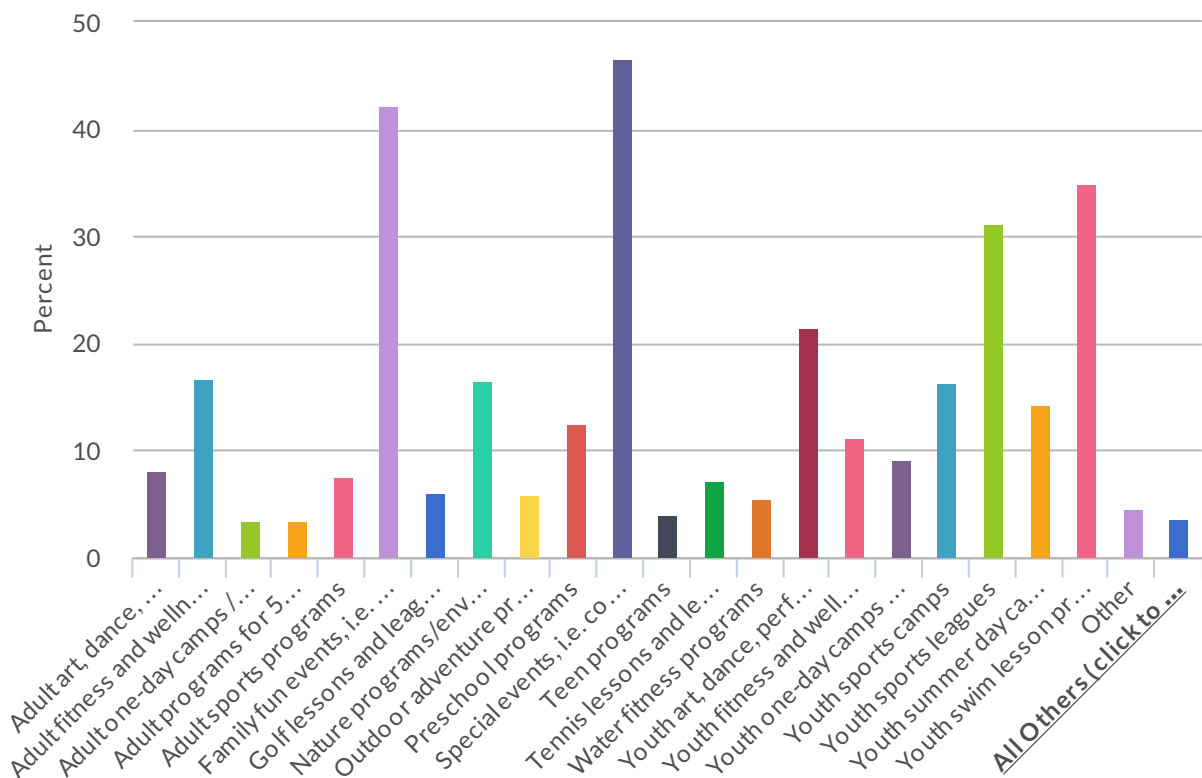
Count	Response
1	Use other local programs
1	Use ymca
1	Used to attend a belly dance class, the time conflicted with other events.
1	Usually geared towards the 9-5 crowd.
1	Very busy with other commitments. Belong to YMCA.
1	Very few options for adults.
1	We are Y members
1	We are busy
1	We are retired no children are here any longer
1	We didn't do swimming last year because it filled up so fast, and this is our first year doing tball which hasn't started yet
1	We didn't find anything in the guides that we wanted to sign up for.
1	We didn't get information early enough to register.
1	We don't have children, and I believe most programs are geared towards children.
1	We don't have people in our family that are young
1	We don't live in Appleton.
1	We either haven't been aware of programs or haven't seen any of interest to us.
1	We either haven't pursued programs or they are not readily available to us.
1	We enroll our kids in little chutes summer programs while mom and dad work. Grandparents live there.
1	We have a YMCA membership.
1	We have adult children who have moved out of Appleton. They used to be involved in programs.
1	We have no children living at home
1	We have no small children and go to the parks when there's a family event or cultural event
1	We have property out of town and spend much free time there. Our children are married and live in other cities
1	We live out in the country in Kaukauna and participate in Kaukauna park and rec activities
1	We prefer to do activities at our own pace when it's convenient for us. Many rec activities I have found in the past was during my work hours. At the time my work was not flexible and I couldn't just leave to bring my child.

Count	Response
1	We probably will in the coming years, our son is only 2 so not old enough for most programs yet.
1	We used them frequently when our children were young. I have gone to the pools and parks with my grandchildren in the past year and have frequently walked and biked through the parks and trails. One of our new favorite "stops" when using the playground or biking is to watch the kids at the Telulah Skate Park. Although I don't (and never will!) participate, I appreciate that this park was developed and love watching the kids and adults using it.
1	We used to be in dance but left long ago due to poor management.
1	We very rarely do as the cost we have to pay as out of towners (Grand Chute) is ridiculous and frustrating
1	We will, but my kids are still too young
1	We've been too busy.
1	We've only been here a year & are busy restoring the house we bought.
1	With all our other stuff going on we haven't made time, although a few are on our list to do.
1	Work travels
1	Wrong ages. We work uneven schedules
1	Y membership
1	YMCA programs
1	age and disability
1	age, kids gone
1	busy with other things
1	busy with work and family
1	children grown
1	do not know what is out there for the elderly. Joined the YMCA due to the fact the City does not cater to aging/disabled (at least as far as I know).
1	don't apply to me
1	i don't have kids
1	kids are at college and I haven't had a need
1	kids are older
1	kids are too old now.
1	kids are too young

Count	Response
1	lack of advertising, locations/parking
1	lack of time but I think the offerings look great.
1	last year was the breaking point. Due to the above issues.
1	lifestyle is different
1	my child wanted to take a break from swimming lessons.
1	my kids are grown but may be utilizing some this summer with grandkids
1	my kids are too old for some of the programs or it doesn't fit in our schedule
1	new
1	no kids
1	no kids at home no appropriate dance classes for adults
1	no need
1	no need.
1	no programs that interest me
1	no specific reason
1	no time
1	no time; children are grown
1	no young children
1	not accomidaing
1	not interested at this time (no kids)
1	park and rec is for the kids.
1	pursue own activities
1	really don't know what is available for older adults
1	schedule
1	time and age
1	time commitment

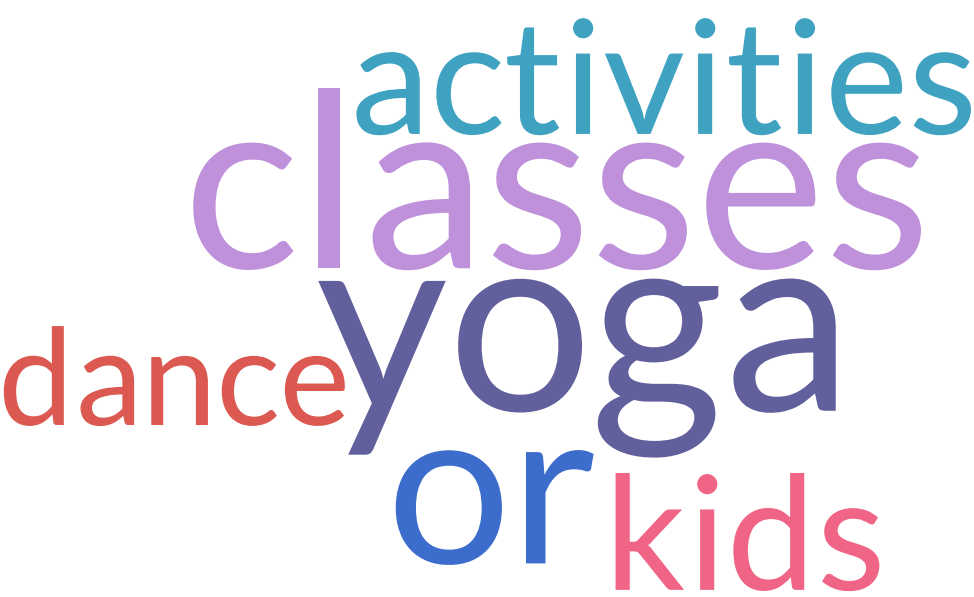
Count	Response
1	to old in 70,s
1	unable to because of temporary health reasons.
1	unaware of everything offered and not always at convenient times.
1	usually held in the AM...I need more PM things!
1	we do unstructured activities
1	you did no thing to address the senior center

41. If yes, which programs do you or members of your household participate in? (check all that apply)



Value	Percent	Count
Adult art, dance, performing arts	8.1%	31
Adult fitness and wellness programs	16.8%	64
Adult one-day camps / workshops	3.4%	13
Adult programs for 50 years and older	3.4%	13
Adult sports programs	7.6%	29
Family fun events, i.e. movie on the hill, fun runs, playground fair	42.3%	161
Golf lessons and leagues	6.0%	23
Nature programs/environmental education	16.5%	63
Outdoor adventure programs, i.e. kayak, scuba, fishing	5.8%	22
Preschool programs	12.6%	48
Special events, i.e. concerts in the park, etc.	46.5%	177
Teen programs	3.9%	15
Tennis lessons and leagues	7.3%	28
Water fitness programs	5.5%	21
Youth art, dance, performing arts	21.5%	82
Youth fitness and wellness programs	11.3%	43
Youth one-day camps / workshops	9.2%	35
Youth sports camps	16.3%	62
Youth sports leagues	31.2%	119
Youth summer day camp/ playground programs	14.2%	54
Youth swim lesson programs	34.9%	133
Other	4.5%	17
All Others (click to expand) ▶	3.7%	14

42. What recreational programs, leagues, and educational opportunities would you like to see offered by the Parks and Recreation Department?



Count	Response
6	Not sure
5	NA
4	N/A
4	None
3	n/a
2	?
2	???
2	I don't know
2	Softball
2	Yoga
1	'Senior' yoga and/or meditation classes in Memorial Park Gardens
1	- Tball - Golf - Dance - Soccer
1	.
1	1) Open to public pools: Meade & Erb 2) More programs of interest through library. eg: genealogy and history.

Count	Response
1	??? We're too busy to participate in anything most of the time. Maybe yoga if it were on an evening I was free?
1	A free, public yoga class in parks would be nice.
1	A kickball league could be fun
1	A not so serious coed softball league on the east side of town
1	Activities for homeschooled kids throughout the year.
1	Activities for those over 40 only. Like Bocci ball, tennis, ping pong, horseshoe, archery, etc
1	Additional Archery classes.
1	Additional programs for children that are offered on weekends or nights for parents who work and aren't able to attend those that are held primarily during the working hours.
1	Adequate offerings currently
1	Adult day trips. Milwaukee, Green Bay, Waupaca
1	Adult kickball and soccer teams
1	Adult rec leagues
1	Adult volleyball league in a gym setting
1	An indoor baby toddler play area, baby dance and music activity. Family dine and dance event
1	Any educational stuff for kids like growing your own garden or taking care of birds or anything really. We homeschool and take advantage of lots of other learning opportunities.
1	Any kind of art, exercise or community projects
1	Anything
1	Anything that is partially supported by the user, and not by tax dollars.
1	Anything youth related, and sports.
1	Art, badminton, health/nutrition/cooking, childhood development
1	As a grand chute resident in the Appleton school system, I would love a little less disparity in resident vs non resident pricing. I'm excited to see STEM support through partnership with backyard hackers.
1	Ballroom dance , different foreign language classes.
1	Ballroom dance for kids and adults
1	Baseball

Count	Response
1	Baseball & basketball programs for kids past 6 grade.
1	Baseball, softball, ice hockey! Current hockey offerings are far too slim and many of us can't get in
1	Basketball leagues for adults
1	Basketball/volleyball for 30+ women
1	Bicycle repair for women and children separately
1	Can't think of any
1	Can't think of more. Park and Rec does a good job.
1	Canoe and swimming
1	Check other cities for ideas and then offer these to citizens for their input
1	Continue the current activities such as the fireworks on July 3, music and movies.
1	Continue with Spanish. Social dance for adults. Golf lessons by pro at Reid.
1	Continued support of ice arena, USA Youth and the arboretum site. Make as much of these sites as possible
1	Cooking classes
1	Cooking classes, photography, more exercise classes, ARCHERY..
1	Create more events for teens and/or club for ages 15 to 18 like Brooklyn's used to be?
1	Cycling programs Running programs
1	Dance classes for my daughter not only on a Saturday! I'd like them during the week in the evening.
1	Dance programs for adults.
1	Day trips
1	Dog training and other dog friendly events
1	Dog training classes Yoga for adults offered outside of the 8-5 work day
1	Don't have any
1	Don't know.
1	Dragon boat racing
1	Existing programs are sufficient.
1	Feel there is good offering now

Count	Response
1	Field hockey and frisbee at the club levels.
1	Foot golf.
1	Foreign language courses, cooking classes
1	Frisbee Golf League
1	Gardening, harmonica
1	Get togethers for kids, Football, wrestling, math club, basketball, movie nights
1	Golf for teens
1	Golf lessons
1	Golf lessons for both adults and children
1	Golf lessons, swimming lessons and maybe nature recognition lessons be it tree and plant identification or wildlife identification.
1	Grilling, cooking, wine tasting events or classes
1	Historical programs are my favorite, so anything involving history.
1	Horse shoe pits.
1	Horse shoes leagues
1	Houdini plaza music, ice sculptures, parks with grandkids are current but not enough
1	I believe the options are sufficient
1	I can't say
1	I don't know what they currently offer
1	I don't know.
1	I don't need them but many people do.
1	I have always thought they had a pretty good assortment of things.
1	I liked that you had skateboarding, but I wish it was cheaper.
1	I think a program educating why the parks are important and also education and prevention of littering as well as park safety.
1	I think it's pretty well covered.
1	I think old people leagues (baseball for over 50, for example, during the day) would be well received.

Count	Response
1	I think there's already a TON of awesome programs! Can't wait to partake in more.
1	I think they gave a great variety.
1	I think they offer quite a wide range of activities and at reasonable prices
1	I think we need to take a look at it either reality shows or you have competitions etc. I think a community versus community would engage people a lot more in the Funway of course I think there's a lot of opportunities to engage community members that otherwise would not look to the parks and rack for the opportunity like
1	I think you offer a good variety.
1	I would like to take some running, walking, yoga, stretching, breathing, boot camp classes. Again they may already have these but finding time is the issue.
1	I would love to see some shooting programs available to the public. Not only would it make our residents safer and strengthen our 2nd Amendment rights it would remove some of the stigma of lawful gun ownership.
1	I would love to take art, music or exercise classes through parks and rec.
1	Idk
1	Instead of more opportunities, do better, more visible and accessible advertising/marketing of the current offerings. Suggest MUCH more use of social media for this purpose.
1	Judo, dog training.
1	Junior golf at Reid.
1	Kayaking canoeing
1	Kayaking/Paddleboarding or other water related sports/activities
1	Kickball
1	Kickball leagues for kids.
1	Kickball or welding or sewing. Needs to be advertised more for adults and at decent times (after 6)
1	Kickboxing and weight loss groups
1	Kids yoga,
1	Lacrosse
1	Languages other than Spanish
1	Leagues for 13-17 year olds
1	Lectures, Performances by classical groups, Chess or Card Games.
1	Ledger of programs seems thorough and diverse enough to me.

Count	Response
1	Like what we have
1	Little learners program for children starting at the age of 3 instead of 3 1/2.
1	Live monopoly
1	Many- I have not checked them out in years, but when I retire in June, I will.
1	Martial arts, dance for preschoolers, LEGO league, robotics.
1	Maybe more for retired people
1	More activities for midaged adults
1	More adult education programs
1	More adult learning topics. Add some non-traditional sports to the lineup (lacrosse, rugby, ice hockey).
1	More adult swim time at the pools.
1	More affordable educational programs for younger children
1	More art, language, nature related
1	More classes or opportunities for young adults, intramural leagues etc for opportunities to meet other people
1	More concerts and arts. Get Lawrence involved in Appleton Parks activities. So much talent, built in audience.
1	More dance and gymnastics. Self defense courses
1	More dance, meditation, yoga and gymnastics classes for children
1	More education and alliances for environmental causes
1	More evening/weekend based activities and programs for preschool age children. Most are in the morning or during the day, and many parents work
1	More fine arts
1	More for seniors
1	More high school age sports.
1	More hobby related activities as needed
1	More information on sustainability and the history of Appleton
1	More kids programs

Count	Response
1	More mom&me stuff
1	More nature walks, moonlit cross country ski and snowshoe events.
1	More of the same!
1	More opportunities for younger children. 2-5 yrs
1	More preschool/play schools/kids' activities.
1	More programs for 60 plus. I would like to see bus trips.
1	More programs for girls. Gymnastics
1	More programs for kids with special needs. Utilize old gardens building for more programs.
1	More programs for kids.....and family timeswhere it's a day only families can use c park...
1	More programs for our TEENAGERS
1	More programs geared to children so they have better opportunities within the community.
1	More programs toward 8-14 year old... many programs for the young, but not many for older kids. Also more times than not, over the years, it is useless to put my name on a waiting list, you never call when there are open spots.
1	More special needs programs. I had to sign my daughter up through Neenah's special needs softball program. Would be nice if Appleton offered something to support our community.
1	More survival guidance.
1	More things for adults
1	More tumbling classes. Better summer swim class availability
1	More walking programs, more tours of interesting/historic Appleton locations
1	More winter activities
1	More yoga
1	More yoga and "natural well-being" classes.
1	More yoga opportunities
1	More young adult leagues and sports, more water safety and training for infant-100, a collaborative senior + preschooler athletic program to benefit both populations
1	Most offerings are too expensive for an entire family anyway so I have no suggestions.
1	Mostly, access points to the whitewater river with a simple changing room at put-ins and take outs.

Count	Response
1	My husband currently goes to the Thompson Center for a program called Mindworks Mondays & Wednesdays 11-3. Thrivent is a major contributor to this program. It would be nice to have some type of programs for him to participate in on the other days --
1	N/A to me
1	N/a
1	Na
1	Nature oriented
1	Nature adventure education
1	Nature programs, biking programs.
1	Nature walks showing edibles and animals living with us there.
1	Need more programming for those who are not children or have no children and are also not a senior/retired.
1	Neighborhood get togethers
1	New ones targeting low income families and culturally diverse (Hmong led, or Latino led?). It gives those kids the chance to create their own sense of belonging in the community. I think it's often felt that things like that are not "for them", creating a bigger cultural divide in adolescents in schools, etc. My family is bi racial and we see that poorer kids in our child's school are very seriously struggling while the rest of Appleton thrives. These problems exist whether the wealthier residents want to acknowledge them or not. It exists in every community! We should more actively engage with one another!
1	No answer.
1	No answer.
1	No comment.
1	No opinion
1	No suggestions
1	No suggestions.
1	None
1	None additional
1	None in particular.
1	None that I am aware of.
1	Not sure.
1	Nothing coming to mind at the moment.

Count	Response
1	Offerings specifically for seniors, especially since the senior center will be closing.
1	Outdoor ti chi
1	Outdoor Rollerskating opportunities Iceskating opportunities Night sky / amateur astronomy event Use of the river - paddling - activities that involve the waterfront. Not geared only for kids but engaging all ages of adults also.
1	People need transportation to these activities, especially for people that can't drive themselves, like children whose parents work during the day. Would like to see offered: Teens on the college process, how to prepare for college, application process, teach freshman what colleges want on a transcript. Field trips to visit colleges to receive more information when starting college decision/application process. Life development, finding out who you want to be, what you love doing, etc. "how to adult" classes (how to change a flat tire, sew a button, tie a tie, pay bills, what do all the terms mean on the taxes, basic survival skills, grow your own food, approach and meet new people, self-defense, budget money, navigate around without using a GPS, write professionally research efficiently, clean properly, etc.) Art/writing classes Finding your family's genealogy Computer programs (photoshop, powerpoint, excel, word, also using google alternatives, slides, docs, sheets) fin
1	Perhaps more organized bus trips for shopping in Milwaukee/Chicago?
1	Photography Lessons ?
1	Pickle ball instruction/league, alternative to Zumba for us older people, exercise classes held in other places than the lower level of the library.
1	Pickleball
1	Pickleball clinics, lessons and leagues
1	Pickleball league
1	Playgroups for infants/toddlers, especially in Winter
1	Possibly public workout sessions, but low priority for me
1	Pre-teen & Teen friendly activities
1	Programs for 3 and under
1	Programs that might help bring adults together - lessons to learn something new or to promote active lifestyles and socializing (tennis, golf, grilling/cooking, outdoor yoga, open mic, jam sessions, etc.)
1	Put more money into trails, maintenance of existing plantings, dog parks, more tennis courts especially at telulah park
1	Put together areal plan for elderly community center and activities.
1	READING community cleanups
1	Rugby, judo, continue soccer program, dance, a workout gym? continue golf opportunities. Honestly, the parks department does a great job. Our family would benefit for more offerings, not in diversity of programs, but more times available

Count	Response
1	Running classes, boot-camp style classes
1	Running races, groups that are more affordable
1	See above.
1	Senior Softball
1	Soccer and ultimate Frisbee
1	Some affordable rowing, kayak rental, canoe rental, rowboat or paddleboat rentals in the IN-Appleton area that is affordable for families who really don't have extra money to spend. There are so many offerings in Appleton that are geared for upper income, and a huge part of our population is not upper income.
1	Spanish or language classes for adults. Barre classes for adults. Cooking classes for adults.
1	Special needs
1	Sporting Leagues that utilize the parks
1	Sports and dance from other cultures that are represented in Appleton (Hmong, Mexican, Somali, Congolese, etc.)
1	Sports for kids 3-4 years old. Gymnastics.
1	Spthe selection is good I'd love to see golf during times summer school is not in session
1	Summer basketball youth
1	Supported but unorganized softball games at Pierce Park.
1	Sustainable gardening, creation of public art, American Indian history culture and arts
1	Swimming
1	Swimming lessons. CPR and first aid.
1	Tai chi
1	Team sports for all ages. Nature and history education as well
1	Tennis courts More like art in the park type things. Sand volleyball
1	The ones previously described. Also more music in the parks during the summer.
1	Theater programs.
1	They offer many.
1	Think there are good choices just not a lot of time choices

Count	Response
1	Think they cover a good variety now
1	Toddler sports/activities/dance and maybe some educational classes for toddlers also that are affordable
1	Toddler swimming lessons
1	Tutoring for students possibly
1	Ultimate frisbee, walking clubs
1	Unknown
1	Unsure
1	Unsure
1	Unsure at this time.
1	Unsure at this time. There seems to be a good variety of things offered.
1	Unsure!
1	Use of the outdoor space at the scheig center. Nature/garden programs.
1	Volley ball leagues
1	Volleyball (everything is offered through bars in the valley), Adult lap swimming
1	Volleyball, softball leagues
1	We have a nice variety.
1	We need a YMCA or exercise building on the Northwest/Grand Chute area of Appleton.
1	What you have is fine.
1	Would like to do more youth programs but always conflict with swimming dates and times.
1	Would like to see department partner with other local providers so that programs (ie. soccer, dance, yoga, etc) are not duplicated
1	Yoga Skate boarding (classes?)
1	Yoga and mindfulness programs for youth and teens.
1	Yoga at a lower price
1	Yoga for kids
1	Yoga in the park

Count	Response
1	Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation etc. in Houdini plaza
1	Yoga, tai chi, badmitten
1	Yoga, zumba, meditation
1	Young adult activities
1	Younger than 3 activities and times that work for work in people
1	Youth disc golf leagues
1	Youth rugby
1	a computer class for kids?
1	activities for senior citizens as practiced in other countries which contribute to their general health
1	adult ballroom dancing, adult soccer
1	arts programing
1	assisted for those who need i
1	ballroom dancing
1	classes for seniors
1	continue with the special events
1	craft classes , trips to Madison or Chicago, for Adults
1	dance classes for adults besides tap dancing
1	field hockey
1	karate, dance, music lessons
1	kids fishing / boat safety programs that teach our kids to be safe. and it would be nice if this is cheep or free because every child should know safety practices.
1	like to see more free or low cost childrens - teens exercise type programs offered.
1	mens basketball ... what happened to that?
1	mindfullness meditation crew (used to have a class)
1	more for 2-4 year olds.
1	more lanes for swim in open swim times

Count	Response
1	more swimming lessons options.
1	nature talks and walks yoga meditation stress reduction
1	none
1	none.
1	not sure, something for young people
1	offer for 3-4 year old, baseball, soccer, flag football
1	only those with high demand Golf should stay--Reid is a jewel
1	option for martial arts that makes it more affordable for families vs what the valley offers now. Academic leagues (ie, math competitions)
1	parent/child yoga, summer softball for middle school girls for those who may not be high-school caliber/competitive, but want to still have fun.
1	pingpong tables/leagues
1	social opportunities for singletons in their 30s
1	some more exercise programs educational
1	swimming lessons for little ones in a more appropriate pool (schools are too deep). And more evening programs for parents that work
1	things to do for ages 12-16 yrs
1	trendy exercise classes, rock wall, paddle board, rowing,
1	unsure
1	winter bb league referees were not providing good education to young players
1	yoga in the park
1	yoga, zumba and art for kids

43. Please provide any additional comments on the City Parks and Recreation Department that you may have.



Count	Response
11	None
4	n/a
3	N/A
2	NA
1	sad sad
1	"Kids" working at the pool should not be the ones choosing the music.
1	???
1	A few more police patrols in parks near the downtown area
1	Add a splash pad area for children downtown near library and senior center. Follow through and complete trestle trail bridges with connections. Add lights to trails.
1	Again, more dog-friendly places outside. We have a hard time enjoying the beautiful outdoors/parks in the area because many of them are restrict dogs. We'd happily keep them on a leash in certain areas but well-behaved dogs should be able to enjoy a walk through a park. Offer a fine for those people who do not pick up dog waste or abuse this privilege. Moving here from Southern California, we've found Appleton to be VERY UNFRIENDLY towards dogs. In other cities we are able to bring our dogs everywhere and in Appleton, there are very limited areas where dogs are allowed, which is sad.
1	Allow Dogs in Appleton Parks on Leash!
1	Allow dogs in parks

Count	Response
1	Allow dogs in parks and my family would use them
1	Allow dogs on leash! And have a dog park.
1	Allowing dogs to walk though out parks leashed do no damage, and less then unruly children or disrespect adults.
1	Appleton has great parks.
1	Appleton parks are clean, groomed and readily available, keep up the great work
1	Appreciate all you have done for this great city! LOVE living here!
1	Appreciate the low cost of adult fitness classes.
1	Bathrooms should open earlier in the year
1	Beautiful place to live & work.
1	Beautiful. Really enjoy all of them.
1	Bicycle safety, repair
1	Bring back 18 holes to telullah!
1	Camp APRD is great! I also love the Unity Dance Academy. Miss Lisa is awesome; so inspirational!
1	Care of the environment should be a priority...I hope you are not treating the grass in local parks with harmful chemicals...recycling should be widely available.
1	City tries hard to meet needs of all of us
1	Classes need to be scheduled outside of the 9-5 timetable. It's frustrating that my daughter can't do certain classes through the park and rec because she has two working parents
1	Clean up pierce park. Too many adult men parked in cars just watching children
1	Congratulations on having the foresight to build the great skate park!
1	Cost of programs is a bit high, especially for nonresidents.
1	Disappointed that the tennis courts were removed from City Park.
1	Doing great with what is provided ! Keep up the great work! Thanks for all you do for all of us!
1	Don't do away with swimming, diving, and lesson spaces, or open swim spaces. A splash pad isn't a substitute even if it is a place to cool off or will save money.
1	Focus on neighborhood programs for kids and families. Encourage the use of parks to build strong communities where people come together to play, to picnic, and to relax in a safe and well maintained area of natural beauty.

Count	Response
1	Generally do a good job. They should be commended.
1	Go look at Lake Butte de Morts causeway American Indian team and it's educational kiosks etc. All of it was all my idea. I think that Appleton should create something in downtown Appleton and elsewhere in the city that reflect that kind of American history and art and architecture.
1	Good job keep it up
1	Great job... hope you can continue this!
1	Great staff. Thanks for the pleasant experiences.
1	Have had many positive experiences in the past.
1	Homeless loitering in park MUST BE STOPPED. Gay men having sex in park bathrooms and homeless people defecating in parks is appalling. At this point, I don't consider our parks safe for children, and I don't feel safe in them alone.
1	Hope you continue the band concerts in Pierce Park. I have taken my grandsons as young as 4 and they really enjoy them.
1	I am super excited to see the changes that happen with Erb pool. The residents in the neighborhood love the pool. It is in a beautiful park.
1	I believe the lack of parking is a huge issue for the future of the golf course.
1	I disagree with the no alcohol policy at parks. Our family use to go to Peabody park with friends every weekend the kids played parents cooked out and had a few drinks. As an adult we continued the tradition to create memories for our kids. In my opinion just because a few adults are not responsible you have taken away casual get togethers for all!
1	I don't have kids so this isn't really my area.
1	I enjoy the programs, especially for my young child, but the downtown City Center is inconvenient in terms of accessibility, parking, cost, etc.
1	I enjoy their adult walking tours
1	I have a strong concern for the use of pesticides/herbicides and any other chemicals being sprayed down on public lands where our kids play. There are alternatives to controlling invasive weeds and pests that don't have detrimental health side affects. Plus, there are so many medicinal herbs growing in our parks that many would love to feel good about wild crafting... or educating others about!
1	I have none.
1	I like all the parks. Love them.
1	I like the Appleton parks, and would consider them to be a strong point.
1	I look forward to the expansion of rugby in our community!

Count	Response
1	I love our parks and wish I could walk in them more, but I can't bring the dog so I stick to streets or go to High Cliff
1	I love what the Parks & Rec dept. does for our community!
1	I loved yoga in the park last year!
1	I really think the P&R department is doing a fine job. We just need to keep it going, especially for the younger generations.
1	I think APRD does a great job and offers a lot of fine programs. We'd take part in more, we just have young children - once they get older, we certainly will take part in more. My wife is very interested in paddleboard yoga. Perhaps a city-wide sports Olympics would be cool? More things to get more people into the parks (which are great)? Also, doing a great job of getting the word out on all the programs would be great - Facebook is good, but if there's a way to post a community calendar with everything (emphasis on EVERYTHING) going on in the area (if there's not already), that would be cool.
1	I think Appleton has a stellar Parks and Rec Dept. I'm from the Milwaukee area and moved here only 2 years ago. I was totally amazed by all Appleton has to offer.
1	I think Appleton should have a public shooting range.
1	I think Park & Rec does a wonderful job. As a resident, need to make sure I find out about all the programs offered.
1	I think for our existing programs and leadership they work hard, really listen, and implement well.
1	I think it's great!
1	I think park maintenance is really important for safety reasons and for recreation reasons. I think our parks are in pretty good shape, but there is always room for improvement. A park along the riverfront would be so wonderful. Jones Park is nice but it doesn't really have a view of the river.
1	I think the park & rec dept does a fine job for the children of Appleton.
1	I think they do an AMAZING job!
1	I think this is one of our key benefits within Appleton and at the very least, I don't want to see the benefits reduced through park closures or reduction in usage.
1	I think we're very fortunate to have such a great program in our area.
1	I wish the parks would be cleaner. It breaks my heart to go to parks and they are covered in trash. I know that none of your fault but it just looks so bad.
1	I would like the river to be more accessible and have more activities available to enjoy it
1	I would like to be able to walk my dog or allow him to be (responsibly) off leash in city parks.
1	I would like to see Parks and Recs sponsor a community garden program.
1	I would like to see community gardens stressed more.

Count	Response
1	I would like to see the flag raised again at Alicia Park for Alice Conkey Reid. It would be great to partner with Appleton Historical Society to get that done.
1	If the taxes go up from all of this so called improvements I will leave the state.
1	If this a short survey, what is a long survey? I want to give good feedback, but man this was LONG. Sorry I gave some crap answers, but I need to get on with my day.
1	In general, I am happy with the quality and quantity of city parks. I am glad that Appleton offers a variety of venues and programs for families and individuals.
1	In what we pay in property taxes, should doesn't show in the recreation part of the department. You work force of high school students is pathetic... not good with children... they do not interact, just sit on their phones and whittle the time away, collecting their pay check while my child gets NOTHING out of the class.
1	Increased and early advertising.
1	Install AED's
1	It is truly fantastic! I should probably take advantage more....
1	Just a thank you for all the work done in our behalf
1	Just consider adding grand chute as a resident price, the kids out there are offered nothing really.
1	Keep costs down for classes.
1	Keep eyes out for litter and drinking in City Park
1	Keep the neighborhood baseball fields and tennis courts. Don't turn Lions Park into a retention pond. Need more parks.
1	Keep things clean and updated
1	Keep up the good work
1	Keep up the good work!
1	Keep up the good work.
1	Keep up the work.
1	LOVE the Friday kids sessions, children's carnival, park week. Wish Grand Chute had reciprocity.
1	Let us bring our dogs for goodness sake.
1	Love Memorial Park
1	Many unique parks of all sizes scattered around appleton. Neat to discover.
1	Maybe more activities for retired people?

Count	Response
1	More dedicated running paths. I don't feel safe running on the road or stopping at each traffic light. The river has more potential.
1	More diversity than just sports. Not enough music, literature, arts, natural world non-competitive opportunities for kids. If they don't have access to appreciating the natural world, what are we teaching?
1	More hockey rinks and winter activities
1	More open swim for adults
1	More playgrounds with turf surface under the playground equipment
1	Most parks are kept clean and appealing.
1	Move park and receive classes out of the cm city centre, not convenient to have to pay for parking and climb stairs.
1	My son is part of a group that meets most Sunday afternoons in Peabody park and they often find the bathrooms are locked. They hop in a car and come to my house a few blocks away to use my facilities, but others simply pee in the bushes. Please keep bathrooms unlocked during the daytime when folks will be using the parks. Thanks!
1	Needs more police officers driving through them...
1	Niki Wendt is a tremendous ambassador for the Park and Recreation Department
1	No answer.
1	No comment
1	No more drinking in the parks without a permit! Scared in the early am to go to park
1	None
1	None
1	None at this time
1	None.
1	Not to charge Grand Chute as a nonresident to participate in programs
1	Nothing
1	Nothing comes to mind.
1	Open the parks for leashed dogs with responsible owners.
1	Out of town residents should not have to pay way more money for things
1	Overall great

Count	Response
1	Overall parks are done well.
1	Overall, I love the parks, especially for young kids. I think some improvements can be made to help cater to older kids and to help keep park goers safer from people who do not appear to be there for use of the park so much as to sell/consume drugs/alcohol
1	Overall, the city parks are pretty nice. Erb is the best kept and the nicest.
1	Overall, they offer a lot. Probably have not taken full advantage of what can be used.
1	PLEASE go back to another option for winter swimming. Appleton West pool sucks!! We used to have both north and east as options. PLEASE reconsider!!!
1	Park and rec are have great programs for kids. We enjoy what they have to offer and it is reasonable to join(if you live in the city).
1	Parks and Rec seems to be good use of money. It gives back to EVERYONE in the community should they want a place to go.
1	Pay more attention to young professionals and the new way we do business - the old ways of doing things are working less and less. Change ahead of the curve.
1	Peabody Park needs to be more accessible. Handicap people cannot get to the river, there are no sidewalks, so dangerous with cars parked, cars driving and people walking on the road. No canoe or kayak access. Except for lights no updates have been done to Peabody Park.
1	Please consider working families and have more opportunities on weekends.
1	Please continue to maintain them at the level that's behind done now
1	Please find a way to keep some sledding at Erb Park and not have a possibly dangerous storm water retention pond within the park.
1	Please give more hockey opportunities
1	Please keep Erb pool
1	Please keep it active and affordable for young families!
1	Please lower the cost for Grand Chute residents
1	Please, no pesticides or chemicals. We are poisoning the children of this city who play in that grass.
1	Pools should be open longer! Close too early in August. They should be open until Labor Day. Difficult to get a hold of Parks & Rec. City seems to give this dept short end of the stick - taking away offices, etc. We VALUE recreation & parks in this community!! Please fund accordingly!
1	Programs sound good.
1	Really do not use since not a resident of Appleton
1	Reasonable prices for activities at this time. I like that

Count	Response
1	Regarding the recently remodeled Banta Bowl: (not sure if this is the right place to post this). The new PA system they installed is obnoxiously loud. I never noticed it in the 20 years we've lived in this neighborhood, but now it is a nuisance. People living in River Heath or along the river near there probably hate it. If the Foremost site gets redeveloped into residences, they'll hate it too. I know some downtown bars have had to re-adjust with reasonable noise ordinances for outdoor live music, perhaps this place needs to be looked at as well.
1	Reid is a gem. I hope it runs better this year.
1	Safety is an issue. Hoover Park has large groups of teens present frequently.
1	Seek the opinion of those closest to the action. Survey, question and talk to those currently using your programs on how to improve. Don't worry about what other communities are doing.
1	Seriously. We have catered to the very few bike riders enough.
1	So pleased with the improvement and growth of the Baseball/ Softball program last year!
1	Some of the parks are old and in need of repair
1	Some parks are never visited. Close them and add more to the parks that are visited more.
1	Stop park names after real people!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
1	Thank you for all of your creative ideas and hard work for us! We appreciate you!!! :-)
1	Thank you for allowing me to share my wishes for Appleton!
1	Thank you!
1	Thank-you for listening to the community on the Erb Park pool project !
1	Thanks for the people who work at the department with their great communication skills
1	The Gassner fiasco requires an apology, even if not public. To lose that many happy, loyal customers is a tragedy.
1	The Green Bay area has 5 very active ice rinks with hockey boards in the winter and takes very good care of the ice. the entire Fox cities really only has one - Jones park - which by far has the most ideal location for outdoor ice but does not seem to get the resources and attention it needs to really be a great community asset.
1	The Reid changes a few years back were handled poorly and many citizens are angry.
1	The abundance of parks in Appleton is a very good thing. It's a shame they're not used more.
1	The bathrooms need to be updated and open for more of the year
1	The city parks I have used are very well maintained and serve a variety of ages.
1	The dance program was a little too watered down for our little one so we switched to ultimate fusion. Would like to see a higher level of training in all of the sports and fitness programs.

Count	Response
1	The kids need to get out more and be active, but society says its not safe.. more marketing toward the Park & Recs Dept. would encourage parents to get involved. have like an opening week to meet the counselors.
1	The more trails and outdoor spaces to relax, the better!
1	The playground program is such an amazing community program. I hope it continues forever!
1	The popular programs seem to fill up very quickly.
1	The website is not very friendly to navigate. The visual layout can be confusing.
1	The workers do a great job. We could use more direction (like this survey) in the future.
1	There are lots of verbal hate/prejudice statements that is aimed at Hmong patrons. Many feel powerless and do not use these facilities.
1	There should be at least an hour per day of lap swimming at the 2 outdoor pools.
1	They do a good job of maintaining facilities and grounds and the people are friendly when I see them.
1	They do an excellent job of offering a variety of programs at an affordable price.
1	They need to do a better job with social media.
1	They seem to be kept up nicely
1	Though things can always be improved, the parks are wonderful. Thank you for your hard work.
1	Unsure
1	Very easy to work with when needing to adjust classes.
1	Want more information on programs currently offered. I feel like we don't have enough information to fully participate.
1	We actually have a City of Menasha address, but home is in the Appleton School District attendance area. We have to pay out of city fees for our children to participate in activities with their friends from school. I wish this could change.
1	We have been happy with everything we have ever done through park and rec... Great job!!
1	We have been very impressed with the programming offered by the City Parks and Recreation Department. We especially enjoy the summer fun runs and the movies on the hill.
1	We like the outdoor movies and Ice skating during the holidays. There are events which we go to that we aren't sure it APR is in charge of. Someday I would like to take park in the Travel adventures, but I have to work.
1	We need more opportunities to stay and get active in the cool parts of the year. Generally, the weather from November to April is not very conducive to playing outdoors at the parks with small children and I don't feel there are a lot of great options, other than ones that cost families too much for it to be a regular activity.
1	Website for registration is a little clunky.

Count	Response
1	Wish tennis doubles league didn't have to be mixed. Would also be cool if they somehow partnered up with racquet clubs to offer discounted indoor court rental or something like that.
1	Would be nice to have bathrooms at the parks open during the winter months, especially for runners.
1	Would like to be able to walk my dog through the parks, Riverside Park in Menasha has dog bags throughout that help those who forget a bag to clean up after their dogs
1	You do a great job.
1	You guys are doing a good job
1	You guys do a great job!
1	You need to allow people to bring their dogs on leash to the parks.
1	build the new library. Have council snd library board visit a new library in cities the size of Appleton so they can understand the value for the community
1	i am low income so finding cheep entertainment is hard. i would get my kids involved in summer activities if i could afford it. britten beach is free concerts are free, I like palman park play area, talulas water area for fishing, we like the water front and seeing the new residents(pelicans) but there is much of the river that we can not go too. like under collage ave bridge on the west side. as a kid we use to go fishing there all the time. now it is closed off. I would love to be part of a group talk on Appleton possibilities
1	never should have left Witzke
1	not applicable
1	opportunities need to be better advertised--often hear of things after the fact
1	see above
1	smaller class sizes in swimming lessons
1	uninspired....stuck due to budget constraints
1	use dollars wisely
1	very impressed with the soccer and basketball programs so far. Don't love that the parks are leaning to the "fake" turf. Prefer the playgrounds with woodchips and "old school" playgro und equipment.
1	we are excited about the new erb pool!
1	we have always had a great experience with park and rec activities

PARKS, RECREATION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

MID-YEAR REVIEW

July 20, 2016

This mid-year report attempts to summarize the majority of initiatives completed or in-progress during this period.

Mid-Year Events:

Parks & Grounds

Contracted Projects

- Erb Park and Pool redevelopment project begins in August
- Pierce Park portions of the roadway and parking bump outs will be resurfaced
- Telulah Park 2nd phase of skate park is being designed with improvements planned in the fall
- Painting of the locomotive at Telulah Park is scheduled
- Lighting improvements and additions are being designed for Telulah Park
- Kiwanis Park the roadway and parking/basketball area will be resurfaced in the fall
- Schaefer Park the roadway and parking/basketball area will be resurfaced in the fall
- City Park several areas identified in the ADA audit will have concrete replaced
- New LED lighting will be installed at City Park
- Highview Park will have a basketball and tennis court added in the fall
- Colony Oaks Park the tennis courts will be reconstructed to include one new tennis court
- Phase one of the Scheig Center will include replacement of water feature and paver bricks, removal of boardwalk, and improved landscaping
- Wastewater Plant will have portions of the roadway reconstructed
- Fire Station #1 the remaining portion of the parking lot will be reconstructed
- Contracted with Alta Planning and Design for Trails Master Plan
- Contracted with Corre, Inc. for design and permitting for Lutz Trail and AYC improvements
- Permitting approved to install new LED park sign at AMP
- Contracted with Rettler Corporation for design and permitting of Lower Telulah Park trail and site amenities
- Updating Chapter 18 of the City Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Department

Special Events

- Ultimate Baseball Tournament
- Miracle League opening day and Special Olympics
- Triple Crown 32 team softball tournament
- South Appleton Rockers 48 team softball tournament

- Northside Sizzle tournament 32 team softball tournament
- Sierra Club Hike and Sole Burner
- Memorial Day and Flag Day Parades
- Houdini Plaza and Jones Park Thursday concert series
- Mash Blood Drive Houdini Plaza
- Civil War Reinactments at Woodland, Pierce and Erb Parks.
- Appleton Food Truck Rally Pierce Park
- Things that Go Pierce Park
- Juneteenth African heritage celebration City Park
- Butterfly Festival City Park
- Fox Cities YMCA swim meet Erb Park pool
- Movie on the Hill Appleton Memorial Park
- Appleton Ale Fest. Appleton Ice Center fund raiser Scheig Center
- Appleton Jaycee fireworks. 20,000 people in attendance. Appleton Memorial Park
- Pierce Park Car Show
- Farmers Market and Art on the Town
- BMX and Skate Exhibition

Grounds Division Projects

- Colony Oaks basketball court repainted and striped
- Installed surface drain and tile at Wastewater Plant
- Hired and trained 22 seasonal Grounds employees for the summer.
- Replaced privacy fence at Fire Station #3
- Installed new landscaping at Fire Station #2
- Replaced concrete sidewalks and added ADA pathways to playground at Jaycee Park
- Installed new directional signs at Telulah Park
- Planted annual beds
- Surfaced mulched 28 park playground areas.
- Improved landscaping and added concrete staging area at Skate Park
- Replaced slides at Schaefer Park playground
- Provide softball diamond maintenance for Fox Cities Athletic Association at Appleton Memorial Park diamonds 1-7 May through August.
- Provide baseball diamond maintenance at 10 parks for various youth programs.
- Provide setup support for Recreational events such as the Park playground programs, Pierce Park Children's rummage sale, Movie on the Hill, Yoga in the Park, Play Ground Fair etc.
- Met with Sculpture Valley representatives to discuss renovations to existing public sculptures
- Continued to work with major partners (Appleton Family Ice Center and USA Youth, Inc.) on contractual items, development opportunities, current operations, etc. that impact the community and user groups.
- Developed 2017 operational and capital improvement program budgets

- Replacing baseline fencing at Linwood Park
- Coordinated landscaping improvements at Vulcan Heritage Park
- Updated park informational signs and added QR codes for damage reporting and interactive trail map

Grounds Division Collaborative and Volunteer Projects

- The Friends of the Memorial Park Gardens continued relationship for labor and expertise in maintaining the gardens
- Coordinated work day with the Kiwanis Club at Kiwanis Park and the Scheig Center
- Working with the AmeriCorps Group with various tasks throughout parks
- Working with the Department of Correction crew to help with demolition at the Scheig Center for phase one improvements
- Coordinated with school groups, Fleet Feet, and scouting troops to pick up litter, sticks, and trash clean up
- Assist the Facilities Division during the winter for large painting projects
- Continued sharing of equipment with the Department of Public Works

Recreation

Marketing:

- Developed a marketing calendar/timeline for the Recreation Division staff to utilize for timely promotion of programs/activities through:
 - website (including webtrac calendar)
 - constant contact e-newsletter
 - social media outlets
 - public service announcements
 - flyers/brochures
 - school district monthly distributions
 - City Guide
- Utilized “Youth Sports Tuesdays” to leverage Social Media (primarily Facebook) and highlight engaging youth sports topics, promote program philosophy, and advertise registration opportunities for upcoming programs.
- A PowerPoint presentation was created highlighting the June programming highlights and events. The presentation is being shown at Mead Pool to help promote our upcoming activities.
- A new “Special Event” constant contact was created in May to help with promotion of summer special events/activities. The constant contact email list is up to 9,780 contacts and the mass emails have been averaging about a 26% open rate.
- Recreation Programmer, Nate Baldwin was a guest on “The Big One – with Marques Pfaff” on June 21, through a continued quarterly partnership with 95.3 “The Score” radio

in Appleton. Segment provides us with an opportunity to establish APRD as a local authority on youth sports topics, and highlight the philosophy and offerings of the department.

- Had Stellar Blue Technology come in for a training with the staff on March 24th. The training was extremely helpful in learning how to better position ourselves through use of social media. We learned concepts, tactics as they relate to the ever changing world of social media, etc.
- Managed all website and webtrac updates to correlate with updated guide information.
- Printed 3,000 full color sports league/camp flyers, distributed to the Appleton Area School District offices, private schools, pick up sites, sporting goods stores and customer service areas in the City.
- Information for the summer/fall City Guide was submitted by staff, formatted and presented to the Mayor's office. The Guide was mailed out to residents in early March – Telulah Skate Park was the front cover photo. We have also submitted all program information for the winter/spring City Guide that will be distributed in September.
- A calendar for public service announcements has been created to help the Recreation Division and local media outlets ensure programs/activities are being promoted in a timely manner.
- The Recreation Division created an Instagram account and have been utilizing it to try and reach the younger audience on social media.
- We were able to make our Constant Contact mass emails responsive for mobile users starting in January.

Community Partnerships:

- Partnered with the Head Coach of the Lawrence University Baseball team to create / provide a pre-season pitching seminar for all of our youth baseball coaches heading into the summer season. Seminar covered the basic fundamentals of youth pitching, and gave our coaches the tools to be more effective and confident in their instruction of the mechanics of pitching.
- Began preliminary partnership discussions with the First Tee of Northeast Wisconsin, with consideration being given to implementing their curriculum into our youth golf instruction efforts. We believe this partnership has the potential to provide name recognition / credibility, instructor training, and program consistency in the event of staff changes.
- Collaborated with Timothy Chappa from local organization YouthGo to learn and understand more about their "Badges for Baseball" program for teens / adolescents. We feel this could be a potential model to provide baseball opportunities for kids beyond 6th grade, in our efforts to provide more athletic opportunities for this age group.
- New collaboration for Children's Week between the Building For Kids and Appleton YMCA. Our hope is that with combined efforts our event will be highly considered by businesses and organizations to give monetary donations in order to support the events for the week. Recreation Division staff have been busy contacting local businesses/organizations to seek involvement in Children's Week by hosting an activity

at their site and/or participating in Children's Week events. Currently the Children's Parade has over 1,000 registrations with registration opening on June 1.

- We are partnering with the Appleton Public Library to get books in our playground program sites for kids to check out and bring back (similar concept to free little library). Our hope is to keep kids reading throughout the summer and to use our program as a direct channel to reach kids.
- We have partnered with the Appleton Public Library to assist them with their Summer Reading Program. We have met with Teen Librarian Alicia Woodland to provide ideas and activities to get kids out in our parks this summer. Some of the events that we will be working on include archery instruction, baseball, swimming, bike safety, and golf. Other Recreation staff members have assisted Kabel to help instruct these events.
- Worked with Appleton Police Department, Gold Cross, And Appleton Fire Department to provide Emergency Procedures Training at Erb and Mead Pools on May 31 and June 1.
- We are partnering with Valley Transit to promote our activities during their Rock the Transit Center program taking place on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 p.m. during the summer months. We will have a table displaying our information on the following dates: July 6, July 27, August 17 and August 24.
- Partnering with Empower Yoga to offer Yoga in the Park for free, Wednesday evenings, June 1 – August 31. . Kids Yoga in the Park is an addition two times/month for the summer of 2016. Kids Yoga runs at the same time as the regular Yoga in the Park, just in a different area within the park. The designated Kids Yoga dates are: June 8, 22, July 6, 20 and August 3, 17.
- Our division provided opportunities in the Children's Village at the annual Juneteenth event that took place on June 19.
- Partnered with the Police Department to provide a presentation for summer Playground Leaders on creating a safe environment for our participants and what to look for at their park that might be suspicious behavior.
- Partnering with Fleet Feet Sports, OSI and Community First Fox Cities Marathon on Kids Fun Runs which are offered for free four times a year at Appleton Memorial Park and provides a healthy, family focused community event.
- Working in coordination with Fox Cities Adult Athletics to ensure the continued success of the adult softball leagues at Appleton Memorial Park.
- Partnering with Xcel Sports to provide soccer fields for our Challenger Soccer Camps taking place in July.
- Partnered with Lawrence University Men's Hockey team to offer a free skate program at Jones Park.
- Partnering with the Northeast Stormwater Consortium and the City of Appleton Forestry Division to provide educational programming for our Camp APRD program.
- Partnering with the Boy Scouts to provide activities for our playground program sites once a week.
- Continue work with Neenah and Menasha Parks and Recreation Departments and the Y of Fox Cities for the annual senior games which will be held at Pierce Park this year. This group meets monthly in preparation for this event.
- Partnering with Even Start Literacy / Fox Valley Technical College to offer swim lessons

for minorities at Erb Pool.

- Partnering with 95.3 WSCO “The Score” radio station to host a quarterly in-studio on air conversation (20-30 minutes) to discuss youth sports topics and events. On-air appearance will precede a scheduled advertising run, with a goal of establishing APRD as a voice and content leader in the region.
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- Partnered with the Appleton YMCA on their annual Fox Cities Classic swim meet at Erb Pool June 18 and 19.
- June 14th we wrapped up our four week adult photography class in partnership with Debbie Daanen Photography. The class was full with 20 participants. This is the second time we have offered this class and it has been full. Talks have occurred to offer a Photography 101 and a Photography 201 in the future to keep participants progressing.
- A new partnership with Backyard Hackers where kids ages 5-14 sign up to learn about code by coding, scratch, app creation, Minecraft (computer programming type programs) has started and has been very successful.
- Through a partnership with Gold Cross we were successfully able to obtain an AED machine free of charge to be used on-site at our youth sports leagues.

Community Outreach:

- On February 5 the Recreation Manager presented to the Youth Services Librarians through the OWLS system on incorporating movement into their library programs.
- The Recreation Manager and Golf Course Superintendent attended the career fair at Fox Valley Lutheran High School on behalf of our Department.
- April 7 one of our Recreation Programmers, Nate Baldwin, presented to the K-6th grade classes at Riverview Lutheran School in regards to our upcoming summer programs and activities.
- Heidi attended the Boys and Girls Club Summer Kick-Off event in late May at their facility which allowed our division to share all the fun activities we offer during the summer months. There were approximately 100 families in attendance.
- In May, Recreation Programmer, Nate Baldwin delivered an all-day interviewing skills class for freshmen high school students through a collaboration with Fox Valley Lutheran High School guidance department. Students were given advice on how to prepare to make a positive impression at their first job interviews, and he was given an opportunity to share details of many of the seasonal opportunities within the Parks & Recreation department.

- Recreation Programmer, Heidi Erickson attended the Air WI Employee Wellness Fair in late April. Trail maps, activity guides, youth sports, pool and kids fun run information was just some of the materials provided to Air WI employees.
- Recreation Programmer, Kabel Helmbrecht attended the Health Fair at Johnston Elementary on April 7 where he provided information to the public about upcoming programs, parks, and distributed Appleton City Guides.
- April 7 Recreation Programmer, Nate Baldwin presented to the K-6th grade classes at Riverview Lutheran School in regards to our upcoming summer programs and activities.
- Recreation Manager, Niki Wendt attended the US Venture Employee Health Fair on June 16. This was a great outreach opportunity to meet people from the area and spread knowledge about our programs, services, and amenities.
- Continuation of conversations with a small group of Appleton School District representatives (including a varsity coach, school principle, and teacher) to explore the idea of creating a unified message about youth sports philosophy, and creating a more inclusive, educational environment that encourages children to participate and be active. Intent is to couple that unified message with a collaborative program structure that reinforces full participation, skill development, and the lifelong benefits of sports and physical activity.

Program Development:

- Some exciting future developments have started with a discussion about cross country skiing at Reid Golf Course. Steve Verboomen, a current associate principal at Kimberly High School, will soon be retiring and is interested in partnering with Appleton Parks and Recreation regarding winter recreational opportunities.
- We have also begun discussions with Appleton Downtown Incorporated (ADI) regarding a future winter event involving Jones Park and downtown Appleton businesses.
- Continuing management and operations of the Scheig Learning Center. We have had 41 paid rentals by mid-year 2016. We have also developed a schedule where we are able to utilize the Scheig Center during non-peak rental times for recreation programming needs.
- Developed a revised program for our summer youth baseball, softball, and t-ball leagues where we worked with Appleton Little League to allow more diamond use in the evening to accommodate working families.
- Developed and delivered a comprehensive coach training and bi-weekly lesson plan materials to provide greater consistency in the skill development of our youth baseball, softball and t-ball participants, and rally coaches around newly defined program core principles.

Facilities Management

Projects and Successes

- Replace Aging MCC's & Switchgear (Lake Station) – Project will only include old transformer removal. Project is complete 6/2/16
- Electrical Dist. Testing (Wastewater) - Patrick Engineering is currently working on the

feasibility analysis. Received draft proposal for review on 6/23/16.

- Upgrade Exterior Lighting (Fire Stations #3 & 5) – Currently have signed contract with Contractor K & B Electric. They have ordered the fixtures and hope to begin the construction on 7/11/16.
- MSB - VAV's in Office Areas (Municipal Services) – Project design and bidding is complete. Contract was sent to low bidder and currently awaiting signatures. Anticipated Construction start date is 9/5/16.
- Upgrade HVAC Panels (Water Plant) – Project Complete 4/18/16.
- Repairs to Kathabar HVAC (Water Plant) – Design and Bidding Complete. Waiting for contract to be signed by contractor. Anticipated construction start date is 7/11/16.
- B-Building Pump Replacement (Wastewater) – Currently Performa Engineering is working on the design. Anticipated Construction start date is 8/15/16.
- Evidence Storage System (Police Station) – Project is currently under construction. Anticipated completion date of 7/1/16.
- Upgrade Exterior Lighting (Fire Stations #3 & 5) – Currently have signed contract with Contractor K & B Electric. They have ordered the fixtures and hope to begin the construction on 7/11/16.
- Backflow Upgrades (Wastewater Plant) – Design is complete and we are currently bidding the project out. Anticipated construction start date is 7/18/16.
- Water Lateral Engineering (Wastewater Plant) – Project is complete 6/8/16
- Parking Deck Recoating (Police Station) – We received preliminary construction recommendations from our consultant STR-SEG. We are looking to install some test patches for evaluation this year before we do the complete construction project in 2017. The test patches should be installed by 8/1/16.
- (MSB Partial Roof Replacement) – Project Complete 6/23/16
- UPS Upgrade (City Hall) – Project Complete 6/27/16
- D-Building Lab upgrades (Wastewater Plant) – Project is currently in design with McMahon and Associates. Anticipated Construction start of 9/5/16.
- LED Lighting Upgrades (Various Parks) – Project is currently in Design with Graef Engineering. Project will include new lighting at City Park, Appleton Memorial Park, and Telulah Park. Memorial park is complete – Anticipated construction start date for City and Telulah parks is 9/19/16.
- Park Pavilions roof replacement (Various Parks) – Engineering and bidding is complete. We currently have signed contracts with Pioneer Roofing and Weinert Roofing. Construction will take place this summer and fall as park usage allows. Parks included are Peabody, Green Meadows, Union Springs, Colony Oaks, Alicia, Pierce, and Kiwanis.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant electrical distribution testing- Testing of dry transformers and 5kV breakers in progress.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant transformer replacement- Transformer IDC-2 and 4300B successfully replaced and tested.
- MSB additional condensing boiler- Completed in spring by EGI Mechanical. Final payment and memo to committee in process.
- Fire Station #4 AHU Replacement- Completed in spring by EGI Mechanical. Final payment and memo to committee in process.

- City Hall Health Department Furniture- Renovation of Health Department meeting space furniture installed by Nordon Business Solutions and painting completed by in-house facilities staff.
- City Hall Technology Services renovation- All components completed including furniture installed, new carpet installed, painting, and electrical violations corrected.
- Library Children's Services workstations- Design plans design plans completed. Library board approved Nordon Business Solutions proposal. Furniture install is scheduled to start August 15th.
- Park Security Upgrades- Obtaining proposals for park auto lock install at Lions, Telulah, and Kiwanis Park.
- Fire Station #1 Flooring Replacement- Proposals solicited for Fire Station #1 flooring replacement of public and administration areas. Total Flooring is scheduled to install in August.
- MSB carpet replacement- Design phase completed, currently soliciting proposals.
- Mead Pool additional shade arbor- Additional shade arbor purchased and installed in-house adjacent to the concession stand.
- 222 College Avenue Parklet- Existing light pole and base removed per alder person request.
- Erb Park tennis court lights- Tennis court lighting issues resolved and working properly.
- Dance Studio I dance floor- Studio I floor was recoated in spring.
- MSB outdoor gear ventilation- Outdoor gear ventilation improved.
- Police Station UPS System- UPS defective contactor and faulty battery replacement.
- Kiwanis Golden K- Support Kiwanis Golden K volunteers in painting of Kiwanis pavilion.
- Fire Station 6 HVAC- New rig room heaters replaced existing inefficient heaters.
- Generator Testing- Annual facility generator load testing completed in spring. No major issues reported.
- Generator preventive maintenance- Preventive maintenance including coolant and ignition systems completed on generators at MSB south generator, PRFMD, and FS6.
- Mead Pool Diving Boards- One of the two diving boards was replaced prior to pool season.
- Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department conference room renovation- Completed in spring.
- Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department Project Manager Office- Additional office constructed for new projects manager position for the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department.
- Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management Department exterior lighting upgrades- Completed in spring.
- Houdini Plaza- Audio connection upgrades installed.
- Transit Center- Created lost and found storage area.
- MSB main corridor and vestibule painting- Completed in winter with support from Grounds division staff.
- Exterior lighting survey- Semiannual exterior lighting survey of parks and facilities completed in spring.

- Glendale yard waste site- Windows replaced existing worn and ineffective windows.
- MSB salt shed lighting- Existing HPS lights replaced with LED fixtures.
- Valley Transit- Improved Valley Transit dispatch window for drivers and admin staff.
- USA Youth Sports Complex- Conducted facility assessment for USA Youth Sports Complex.
- Trainings- Following training for maintenance staff have been completed: general employee training, safety training, confined space training, and respirator fit testing. Facility Manager has completed new supervisor orientation, annual supervisor training, CVMIC Strategic Management Planning, Focus on Energy O&M Practices for Energy Efficiency, and WPRA Aquatics training.
- Safety Inspection- Completed safety inspection of Parks, Recreation & Facilities Management facility and MSB facility with CVMIC. No major violations found.
- Fire protection preventive maintenance- Annual fire alarm and fire extinguisher preventive maintenance completed.
- Fire sprinkler preventive maintenance- Quarterly and annual sprinkler preventive maintenance completed.

Work Order Performance

DATE	CREATED	COMPLETED
January	252	196
February	199	179
March	283	229
April	308	247
May	263	229
June	275	175
TOTAL	1,580	1,255
AVERAGE	263	209

Golf Course

- Golf course opened for walking only on March 15th
- Hired new Clubhouse Supervisor on April 21st. Brian Hansen joins us after working at Riverview Country Club and most recently Eagle Creek Golf Club
- New Couple's League introduced on Wednesday evenings, full at 10 couple's
- All day and night leagues returned to Reid in 2016. The addition of a small Tuesday morning league and larger Thursday evening league have maximized our tee sheet during league time

- Family Golf Days have been introduced this summer at Reid. One Sunday per month special rates are in place for families and special short course is setup for the youngsters
- Junior Lesson Program increased from 24 kids in 2015 to 57 in 2016
- Junior League has also increased from 9 players to 24 players in 2016
- Adult City Tournament had increased numbers and players were very happy with the running of event
- The Clubhouse Supervisor is a PGA member and has started giving lessons at Reid, a missing piece in 2015

Financial Breakdown (through June 28th)

- \$356,290 has been run through our POS
 - Annual Passes - \$63,955
 - Pass sales have increased by 11 but revenue is down 2% compared to 2015
 - Junior passes have been the largest increase in sales, jumping from 40 to 60
 - The largest increase in revenue comes from an additional 2 Corporate Passes being sold this year
 - 3 less family passes and 7 less senior passes were sold this year
 - Green Fees - \$163,693
 - Rounds are up from 13,184 in 2015 to 14,263 in 2016
 - Passholder rounds account for almost half of this increase
 - Twilight rounds are the other line item with a nice increase, an extra 339 twilight rounds have been sold this year
 - Internally staff has made changes to the POS tee sheet to try and accommodate more 9 hole play-off #1 and #10 tee. During extremely busy periods this has allowed us to get extra walk in customers onto the course
 - Cart fees - \$50,864
 - Daily cart rentals are up 14% in 2016
 - Annual pass rentals increased by 1 rider
 - An operational change to place a gas tank into the back of a pickup truck has allowed us to save roughly 3 hours per week for filling golf carts without traveling to maintenance building
 - Range - \$14,836
 - Compared to 2015 an additional \$3,889 has been earned from the range
 - Early season Community Color Magazine coupon helped increase range usage
 - Merchandise - \$7,302

- New merchandise was purchased and a larger variety of golf supplies are being offered this year
- Merchandise sales are up 22% over the same period of 2015
- Food and Beverage - \$45,984
 - All categories within F & B have increased
 - Menu simplification and new options have helped increase food sales and minimize waste

Marketing efforts in 2016 to date

- A comprehensive 52 week marketing plan was developed and is in use
- Two new Reid Golf Course flyers were created and printed, one for daily rates, fees and information and the other pertains to businesses and outings
- Community Color Mailer offering specials to get people to the course
- Radio ads have been used multiple times throughout the year to promote tournaments, course opening, family days, etc.
- Constant Contact email marketing, our email blast list, has grown from 1,890 at the beginning of 2015 to 2,244 currently.
- Reid Golf Course attended the Fox Cities Golf Expo with great response and feedback by those who attended. Look for us to continue doing this in the future
- Reid Golf Course was also included in a Spring Golf Flyer throughout the Valley
- The Reid Golf Course phone app is now available for use
- Continued use of Golfnow Reservations as a third party online tee time reservation site to increase our presence
- An emphasis has also been placed to increase our social media presence

Grounds

- Golf Course made it through winter with very minimal damage
- Spring weather allowed for nice course conditions and early opening
- Grounds projects beyond routine maintenance finished in first half of 2016:
 - All bunkers were edged leading up to the City Tournament – necessary to do once per year and once complete staff can keep a nice edge throughout season with string trimming.
 - New stone pavers were added to select cart path edges where carts cut corners (photo below of crossing/intersection at #1 tee).
 - Landscape beds were edged, mulched and pruned
 - A previous under maintained area on East side of clubhouse was pruned extensively and two shrubs were moved from #15 landscaping to the clubhouse planting to help fill in the area/block the air conditioner from view from #18.

- New drainage was added near #10 ladies tee to keep the path drier after rains and to improve the quality of the path. This drainage project is a precursor to the path extension happening later this year
- A new moisture probe was purchased this year which efficiently and directly determines watering practices. A dryer golfer course soaks up heavy rains quicker allowing for carts, less disease pressure and overall healthier turf. The moisture probe attaches a number value to each area probed relating to the amount of moisture currently available. This information is evaluated and individual sprinkler run times will be adjusted to try for a uniform moisture level after irrigation cycles.
- Parking lot repair to East entrance of Customer Parking lot, repair made by DPW
- New for 2016 select Ash Trees have been injected with Insecticide to protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer. This is an every other year process and takes just a few minutes per tree, the injection product is expensive so only key Ash are treated. Key Ash are determined by how they affect the playability of the hole, protect other areas from errant shots, shape, structure and health of the tree. The rest of the Ash are treated with another method called a soil drench.

Performance Data:

PARKS & RECREATION:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Target 2016	Projected Actual 2016
Parks & Grounds	Client Benefits/Impact				
	Provide a proactive grounds program:				
	% of internal satisfied customers	99%	99%	99%	99%
	% of external satisfied customers	99%	99%	99%	99%
	Strategic Outcomes				
	Service performed as scheduled:				
	Work completed in time scheduled	95%	95%	99%	97%
	Qty. of code, safety, etc., citations	0	0	0	0
	Work Process Outputs				
	Cost of service (Pop. 73,016):				
	Per capita	\$23.25	\$25.55	\$25.55	\$25.55
	Quantity of Park Acreage:				
	Community parks acres/1,000	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
	Neighborhood parks acres/1,000	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4

<u>Program</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Target 2016	Projected Actual 2016
Recreation Service	Client Benefits/Impacts				
	Timely and organized program delivery:				
	% of customers who were satisfied with the services provided	94%	95%	100%	95%
	Strategic Outcomes				
	Customer Experience:				
	% of programs with >80% enrollment	90%	95%	95%	95%
	# of new programs offered	14	15	5	5
	Work Process Outputs				
	Number of recreation opportunities:				
	# of programs offered	140	150	155	155
	# of collaborations	72	77	82	82
	Net Cost of service (Population 73,596):				
	Recreation (per capita)	\$11.81	\$12.20	\$12.94	\$12.94

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Target 2016	Projected Actual 2016
Administration	Client Benefits/Impacts				
	Timely and organized support of departments:				
	% of customers who were satisfied with services provided	95%	95%	100%	96%
	Strategic Outcomes				
	Facilities projects completed in year scheduled	98%	94%	100%	100%
	Work Process Outputs				
	# of projects completed	52	55	55	55

<u>Program</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Target 2015	Projected Actual 2015
Facilities Maintenance	Client Benefit/Impacts				
	Provide a proactive maintenance program:				
	% of satisfied customers	99%	99%	99%	99%
	Strategic Outcomes				
	Services performed as scheduled:				
	Cost per square foot maintained	\$1.80	\$1.83	\$1.88	\$1.88
	Work completed in time scheduled	97%	97%	97%	97%
	Quantity of code, safety, etc. citations	0	0	0	0
	Work Process Outputs				
	Service Performed:				
	# of facilities and park structures maintained	69	70	70	70
	# of pools and fountains maintained	4	4	4	4

REID GOLF COURSE:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Criteria</u>	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Target 2016	Projected Actual 2016
Admin.	Client Benefits/Impacts				
	Recreation opportunities				
	Rounds of golf played annually	30,720	33,000	35,000	14,263
	Annual youth pass holders	55	50	115	60
	Family pass holders	5	12	15	9
	Strategic Outcomes				
	Electronic communications with Golfers				
	% of golfers with email addresses	26.6%	35%	40%	25%
	# of emails receiving by-weekly message	834	1,890	2,100	2,244
	# of rounds generated through email messages	50	250	250	95
	% of golfers who rate conditions at good or better	90%	95%	97%	97%
	Work Process Outputs				
	Greens are mowed daily	80%	90%	95%	98%
	Tees and fairways – mowed 2 times per week (May-Aug.)	80%	85%	95%	100%

	Rough – mowed weekly	90%	95%	100%	100%
	Bunkers – raked weekly	90%	100%	100%	100%
	Tees and fairways – mowed 2 times per week (Spring/Fall)	90%	95%	95%	95%

Budget Performance Summary (Parks & Recreation)

This section is to follow the FASTR report of program revenues and expenses and is to present a discussion of budget variances.

Description	Year to Date	Full Year Amended Budget	Percent of Amended Budget
PARK & RECREATION			
16532 Park Maintenance – Revenues	135,834-	173,064-	78.5%
16532 Park Maintenance – Expenses	782,677	1,988,394	39.4%
16532 Park Maintenance – Net Exp.	646,843	1,815,331	35.6%
16541 Recreation Programs – Revenues	314,239-	509,811-	61.6 %
16541 Recreation Programs – Expenses	630,531	1,477,814	42.7 %
16541 Recreation Programs – Net Exp.	316,292	968,003	32.7 %
PARKS & RECREATION – Revenues	450,073-	682,875-	65.9 %
PARKS & RECREATION – Expenses	1,413,208	3,466,209	40.8 %
PARKS & RECREATION – Net Exp.	963,135	2,783,334	34.6%

Budget Performance Summary (Facilities Management)

Description	Year to Date	Full Year Amended Budget	Percent of Amended Budget
Facilities Administration	\$122,873	\$326,173	38%
Facilities Maintenance	\$1,059,315	\$2,391,690	44%
Total – Facilities Mgmt. Internal Service	\$1,182,188	\$2,717,863	43%

Budget Performance Summary (Reid Golf Course)

Description	Year to Date	Full Year Amended Budget	Percent of Amended Budget
Reid Golf Course			

Facilities Maintenance – Revenues	280,746-	572,640-	49.0 %
Facilities Maintenance – Expenses	293,268	573,680-	54.8 %
Facilities Maintenance – Net Exp.	12,522	1,040	3,295.5 %
Reid Golf Course – Revenues	284,095	818,746	34.7%
Reid Golf Course – Expenses	367,043	812,641	45.2%
Reid Golf Course – Net Exp.	88,322	6,105	1,385.7%

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Sincerely,

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