



## City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report

### Lenier Crawford, Parks Manager

#### Administrative

- **Parks Advisory Board meetings being held in park in 2022**

- Starting in April, we will be holding 1 of our bi-monthly meetings in each of our 7 parks.. We will highlight each park and engage the community and collect data for future use as the community grows. More information will be given at next council meeting regarding our goal of the meetings. See attached schedule. We hope to see ward representatives present in the parks.

#### ➤ **Project updates**

- **Aeration of Ponds:** Service will be added soon waiting on Contractor (CS Electric) AEP)
  - Only completing Liberty Park this season. Citizens Park will be delayed due to Headwall construction being planned this summer
- **Security Cameras:** Final quote has been approved. We are added camera systems in Foundation Park, Municipal Park and Freedom Park. In 2023 we will add cameras to the other parks with the funds currently in the CIP budget.
- **Ice Machines:** Installed April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pool Pump:** New Pump/motor has been installed
  - **Pool Pre-Season Prep** work began the April 18<sup>th</sup>
    - **Planning to fill pool on May 10th**
  - **AEP:** The blown transformer had been has been fixed as of April 22nd
  - **Backflow valve check #2:** Fixed
- **Foundation Park: Athletic Field Development Project:** Preliminary planning for the future of our parks and recreation program growth. Parking will be included in the plan as well.
  - We are in the process of obtaining a feasibility study for Foundation Park open space. The goal of this study is to add additional fields to help with our existing programs (Soccer). These additional fields will also be a resource for other leagues within the community who need open athletic field space for practices and games. We are working with Verdantas to obtain a site image of the site work. This feasibility study will be completed by September 2022. Athletic field improvements are currently in our unfunded CIP.
- **Citizens Park planning:** The goal this year is to apply for a nature works grant for this park. We are waiting on site plan from Midstate Recreation. We are writing the grant to engineer the area and do the following in 2024: The nature works grant is a 25% allocation from the city. The goal would be to apply for improvement two years in a row.
- **The second meeting in May I will have a resolution to apply for said Nature Works Grant and more details regarding the application/improvements**
  - Add/Upgrade Parking lot on site
  - Add caged basketball court

- Add an aggregate walking path around the perimeter of the park and connect to Faith Ann (Taylor Rd)
- Grade field area to add greenspace so that its usable space for the West Side of Pataskala. Athletic Fields

### **Parks and Recreation News/ New Updates:**

#### ○ News:

- **Pool Recruiting is complete. We are now working on pool opening**
- **We will be offering a summer youth soccer program in July until Fall season starts.**
- **Licking Memorial will be using our facilities for Walk with a Doc program on July 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Pace with Passion 5K Race: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022: Have sponsors**
- **Story Walk: May 27<sup>th</sup>: TBD Also opening day of the pool 4pm**
- **Outdoor Adventure Day: Fishing, Archery and more: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
- **Pataskala Chamber 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event: June 11<sup>th</sup>: planning is in progress. The event will take place at foundation Park. A movie will be played, music, vendors tent. More information to come.**
- **United Way 5k July 2nd, 2022: Confirmed the race for July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

# Pataskala Parks Survey

1,124 responses

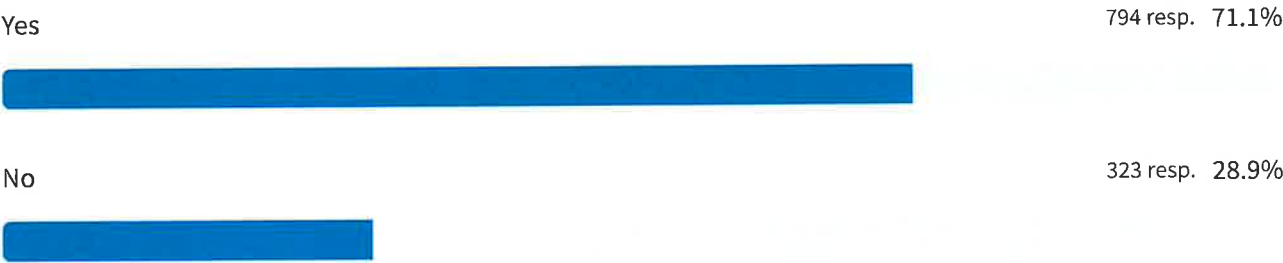
How often do you use the parks in Pataskala?

1119 out of 1124 answered



Do you think the parks in Pataskala are easy to find and navigate to?

1117 out of 1124 answered



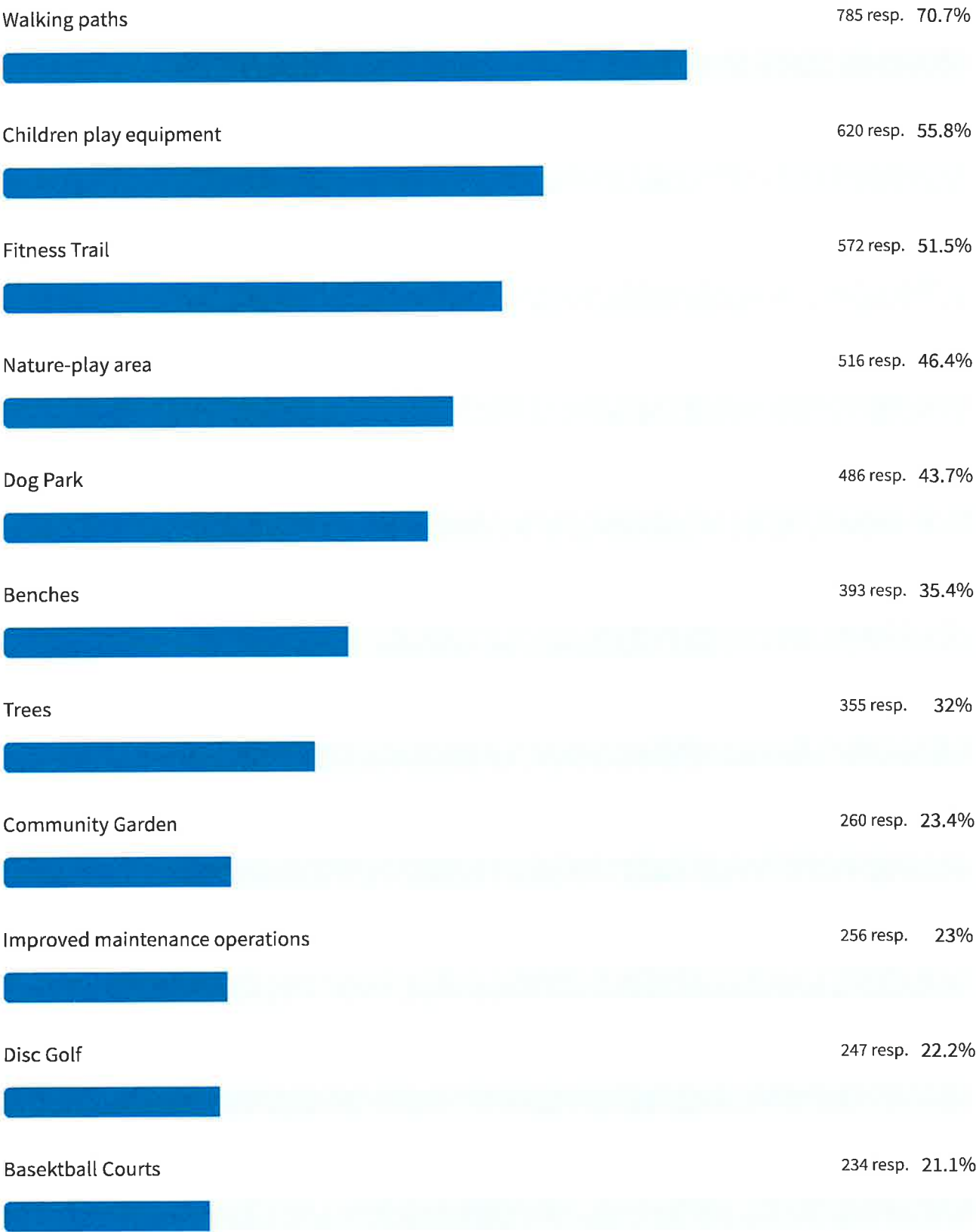
What is your overall opinion of Pataskala parks and playgrounds?

1121 out of 1124 answered



What amenities and facilities would you prefer to see added to the Pataskala park system?

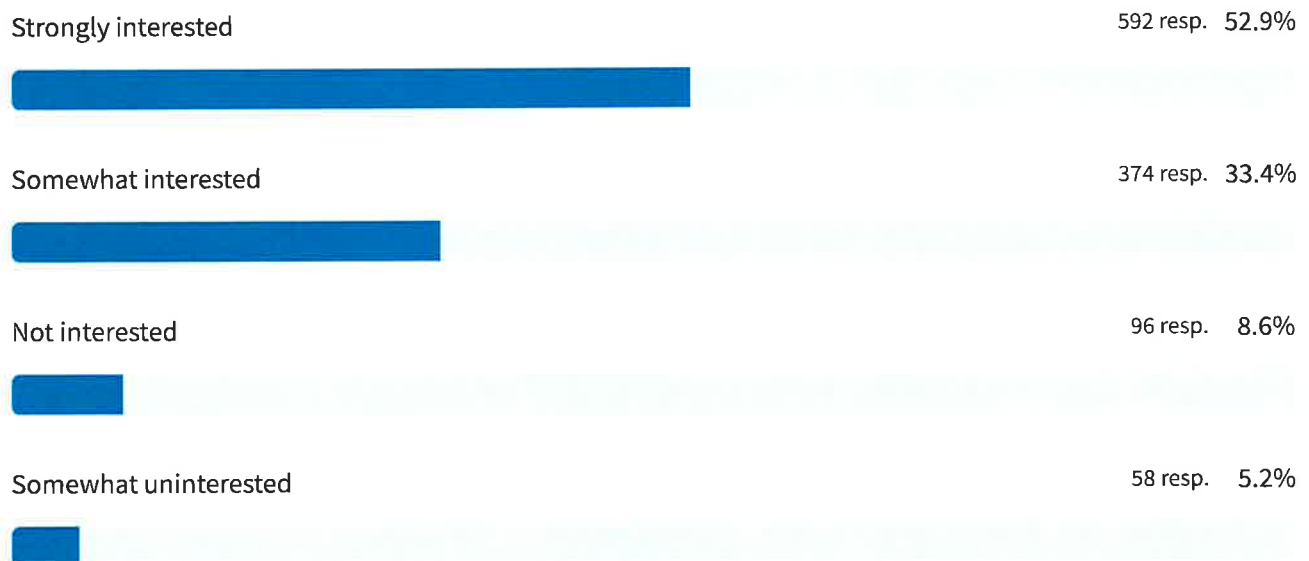
1111 out of 1124 answered





Would you be interested in the parks system having an indoor multipurpose facility to support year-round events and activities?

1120 out of 1124 answered



Are the parks programs currently offered adequate or is there need for additional active programs (e.g. sports/instructional programs) or more passive activities (e.g. trails)?

1100 out of 1124 answered

Needs more active programming AND needs more passive amenities 630 resp. 57.3%



Needs more passive amenities, BUT current active programming is just right 263 resp. 23.9%



Current active programming AND passive amenities is just right. 121 resp. 11%



Needs more active programming, BUT passive amenities are just right 86 resp. 7.8%



Would you attend an outdoor recreation event if offered through the parks department?

1109 out of 1124 answered

Yes 1k resp. 92.2%



No 87 resp. 7.8%



Would you be willing to support a property tax less than or equal to \$10 per month to help fund future park improvements, programs, and additional employees for the City of Pataskala Parks Department?

1115 out of 1124 answered

