

**City of Pataskala Parks and Recreation Department Council Report**  
**Lenier Crawford, Parks Manager**



**Administrative**

- **Park Projects:**
  - **Foundation Aggregate Path Project:**
    - Ads: October 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Opening Bids: November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - **Liberty Park:** The administration has agreed to move forward with the Liberty Park Project. We are non-performing the shelter installation for the project. Due to the uncertainty of whether the appeal would be successful and risking the loss of 5 points for every 6 months extension by ODNR for future grant submission is not worth the wait. I will be amending my original grant submission within the next two weeks adding in the parking lot extension plus misc. park amenities and furnishings for the park. Details will be given once vetted out with PAB on October 6<sup>th</sup>. ODNR is in support of the changes and understand why the amendment is occurring and has encouraged the city to move forward with the project to obtain all the grant funding. The amendment will be submitted to ODNR by October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - **Karr Park Improvements NatureWorks Grant:**
    - Ads: October 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Opening Bids: November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - **Municipal Park:** Ball Diamond is in the process of rehab. This facility will be added to our rental facilities in 2021.
  - **Freedom Park:** Little Library installation coming soon to Freedom Park. Pending approval from council and buildings and grounds.

**Parks and Recreation News/Updates:**

- **Out of school time activity partnership opportunities:**
  - Tech Programming with Tech R2. Meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss 2021 plans as we work with the YMCA to offer a tech club/Esport program while using the YMCA community room. YMCA will be host facility for program in 2021.
  - Amazon has verbally committed to partner with the City of Pataskala to help create and sustain yearly a technology program with the recreation department. Drafts were given for review on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Between 20-30 Amazon employees will be in the City on November 4<sup>th</sup> to spruce up William V. Karr Park in prep for 2021 major improvements.
- **Current Programs Update**
  - Last day for Fall Youth Soccer is October 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Hosting an Adult Coed Cold Turkey Softball Tournament November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds will be used towards facility improvements such as future scoreboards for all ball diamonds and potential lights for our Volunteer Park Facility.

**Pool Updates:**

- Water shut off for pool facility and other locations: October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Pool winterization scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>
- See attached document to show potential plan for 2021 season

## **Creating swim lesson schedule for 2021**

Session 1 June 14-25<sup>th</sup>

Session 2: June 28-July 9<sup>th</sup>

Session 3: July 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

Use Fridays of each session as makeup day.

Organize lessons based on skill not age.

Morning lessons: 10:30-11, 11:00-11:30, 11:30-12

### **Hours of operation**

Monday-Saturday: 12-7

Sunday: 12-6

### **Beginning of season start date**

May 22<sup>nd</sup>- September 6<sup>th</sup>: May

During street fair days- offer parties reserved for full day- no open swim

### **Pool events throughout the season**

Pool parties offered Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights

Friday and Saturday 7-10, Sunday 6-9

### **Pool Activities (Depending on COVID regulations)**

Offer park days- open pool and host games at pool and park. Pick a Saturday and charge normal admission but additional events

Can include slip and slide, kick ball, egg toss, hoola hoop contest, limbo, chalk drawings, bubbles

Dime a dog events: Coordinate with PRA concessions

Kids triathlon event: LMH July 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Weekly Adult Lap Swim: 7am-8am**

### **Pataskala Porpoises 8am-10:30am (Monday through Friday), 7-8:30pm (Monday-Thursday only)**

Schedule a guard specific for swim team and swim lessons in morning

Porpoise swim meets will be scheduled Wednesdays or Saturdays. Saturday mornings meet will be done by noon. Wednesday evenings schedule warmups to start at 6pm (close pool 1 hour early).

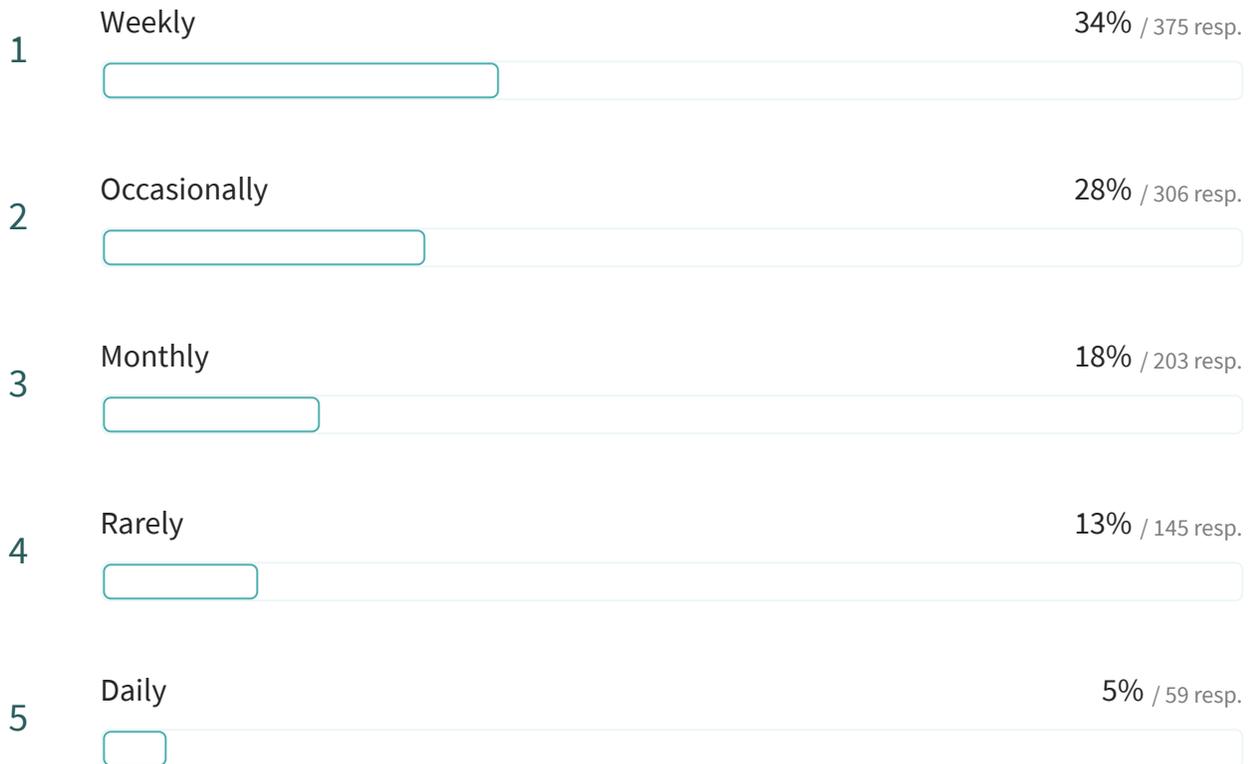
# Pataskala Parks Survey

1,092 responses

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How often do you use the parks in Pataskala?

1K out of 1K answered



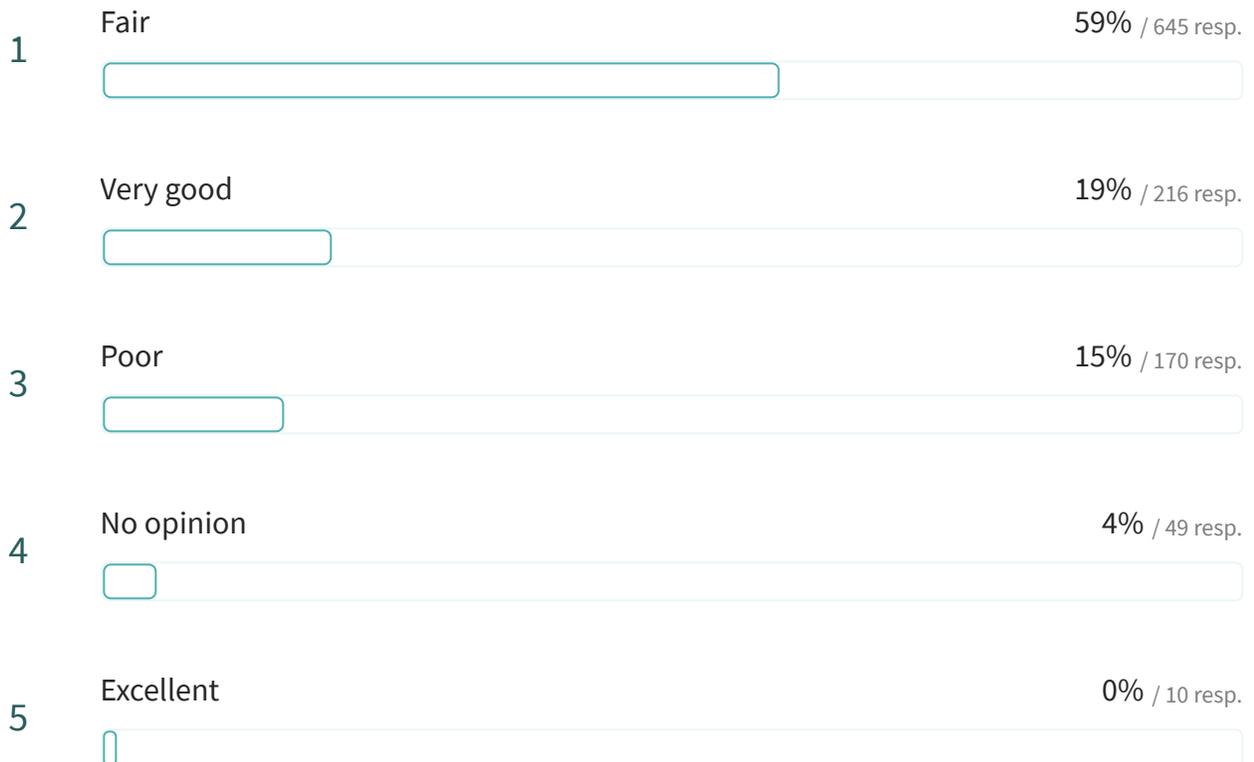
Do you think the parks in Pataskala are easy to find and navigate to?

1K out of 1K answered



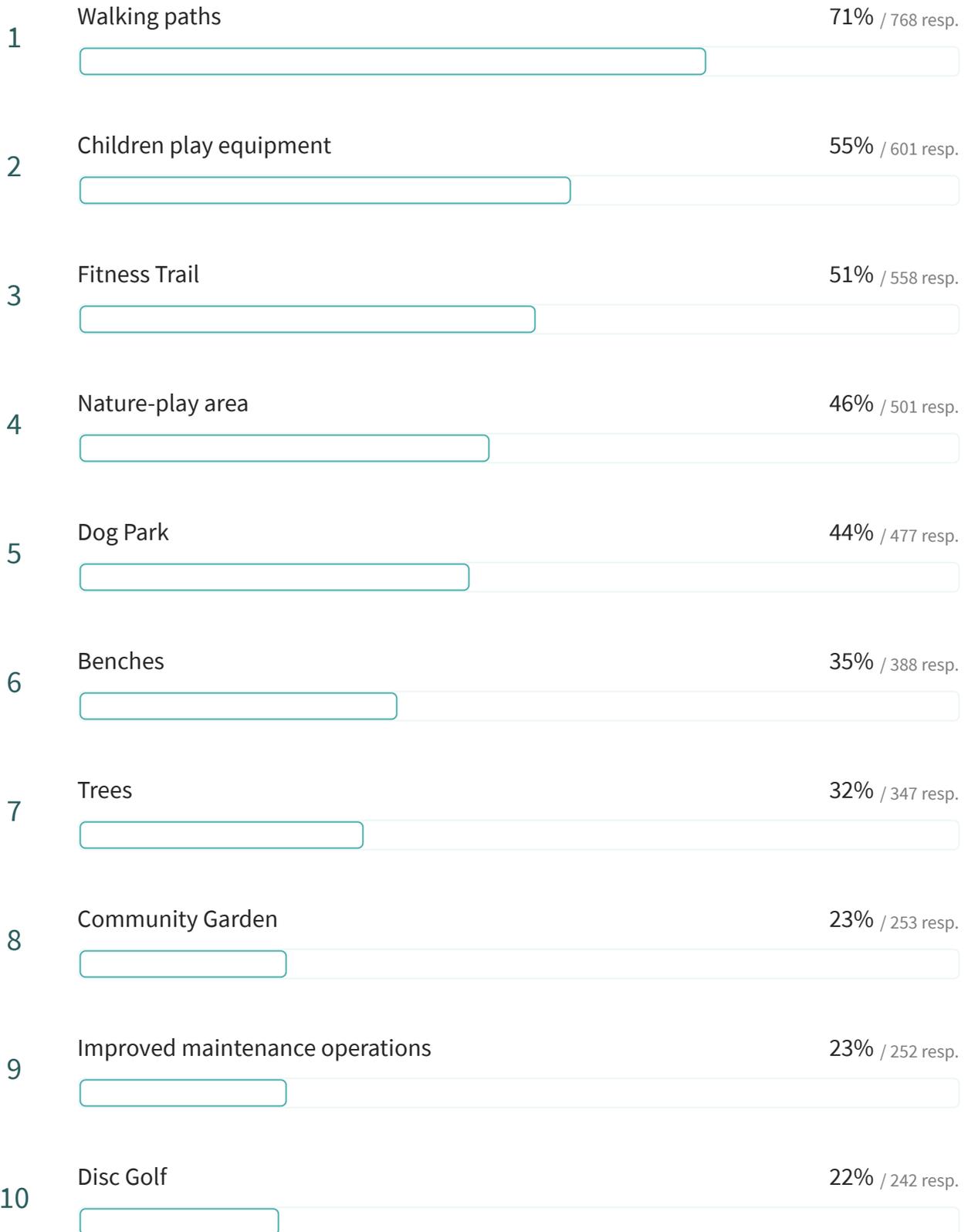
What is your overall opinion of Pataskala parks and playgrounds?

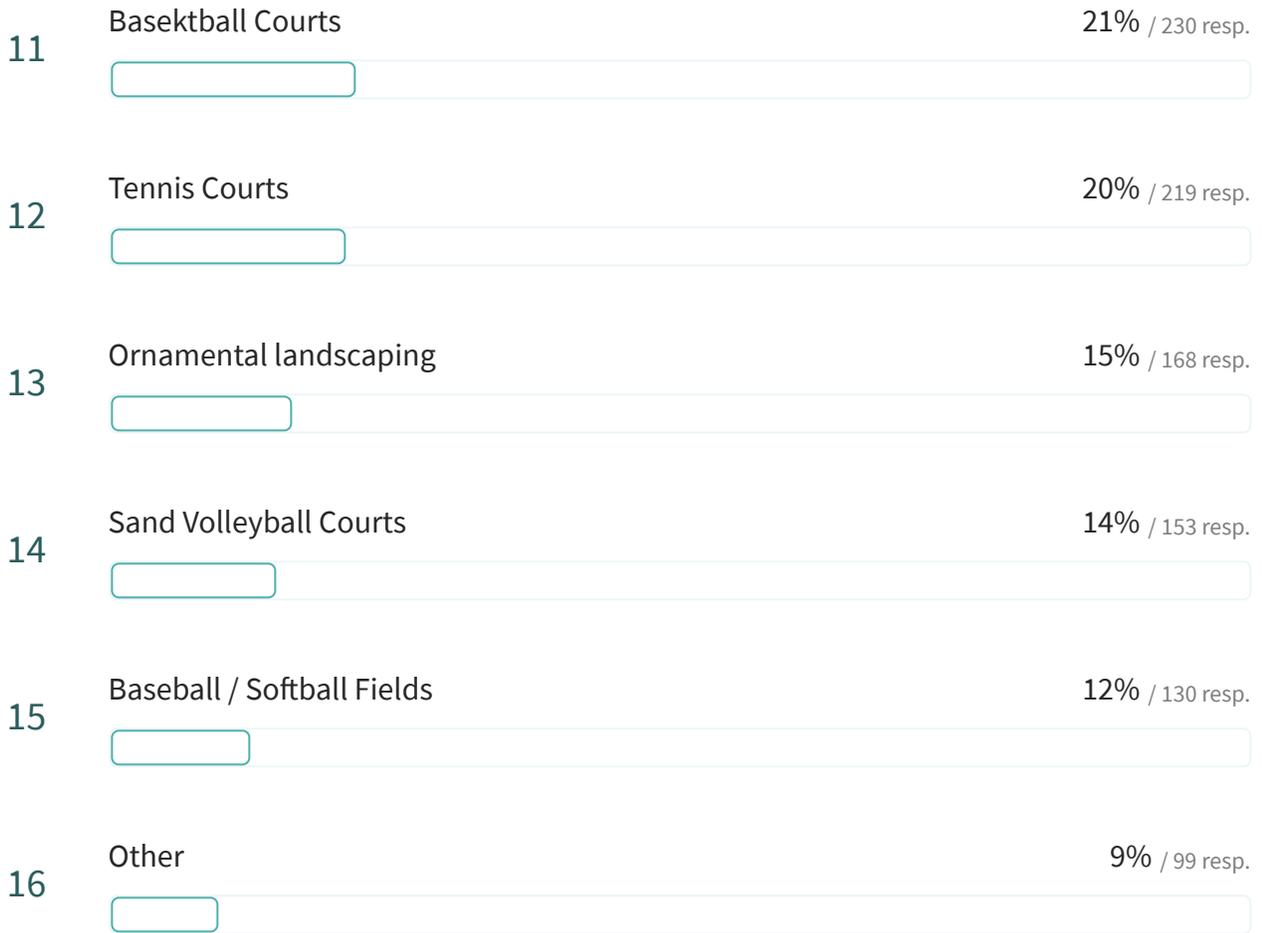
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What amenities and facilities would you prefer to see added to the Pataskala park system?

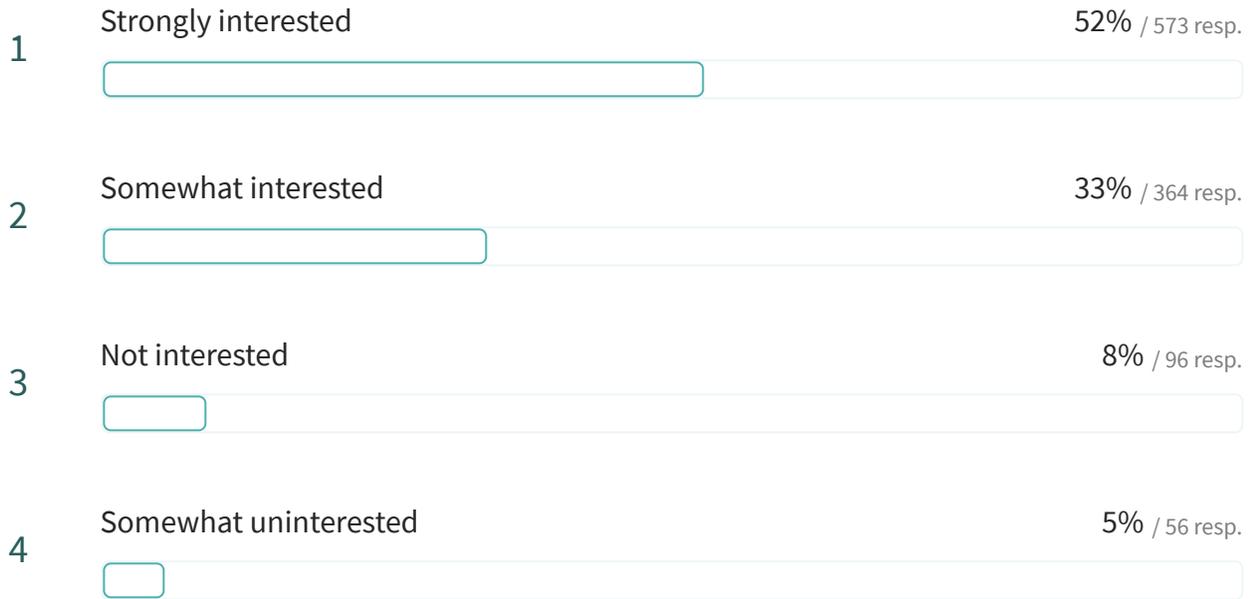
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Would you be interested in the parks system having an indoor multipurpose facility to support year-round events and activities?

1K out of 1K 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)?

1K out of 1K answered



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

1K out of 1K answered



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?

1K out of 1K answered

