

Lindberg Park Options

Are there any other amenities or changes you would like to see at Lindberg Park?		Response Count
		101
	<i>answered question</i>	101
	<i>skipped question</i>	300

Response Text		
1	Drinking fountains for small people and/or dogs. Basically leave the park alone but add a path for walkers along the north eddge (not close by the street).	Oct 14, 2010 5:04 AM
2	Common sense and practicality! Being sensitive to neighbors and balancing the "passive" and "active" areas. Do not add basketball courts, but expand the tennis courts to meet regulations. Is it possible to flood the prairie gardens for an outdoor ice-skating rink in the winter? Years ago the tennis courts at Taylor were flooded, and our family had wonderful memories of skating and sledding when our children were young (enjoying the outdoors during the winter months). And a special thank you to Ms. Lindberg for her presentation!	Oct 14, 2010 4:52 PM
3	Keep the Prairie Gardens!!!!	Oct 14, 2010 10:10 PM
4	Please do not take down the trees!	Oct 14, 2010 11:29 PM
5	changes we would NOT like to see is redo of concession stand which is in perfect condition and was redone barely a decade ago.	Oct 14, 2010 11:54 PM
6	Leave the Park basically the same. No astro-turf, no lights, no cut-outs for drop off. The park district likes to spend money-it's a terrible economy and it ALWAYS costs the taxpayers.	Oct 15, 2010 2:35 PM
7	Get the police department to enforce parking rules!	Oct 15, 2010 5:00 PM
8	Improved maintenance (edging, trimming, pruning, etc.).	Oct 15, 2010 6:46 PM
9	in areas where dogs are walked, install several containers that provide bags for picking up dog waste. With this step, hopefully more dog owners will pick up after their animals	Oct 15, 2010 10:37 PM
10	There is massive pressure on this park from the existing usage of athletic fields. Safety, parking, etc are all valid concerns. Adding lighting to these fields will only make these issues worse. Plus I have to play the green card here, has anyone calculated the additon to Oak Prak's carbon footprint if we light up Lindburg Park?	Oct 16, 2010 2:06 AM
11	As a neighbor of Lindberg park for the pass 45 years, having five children growing up using the park and currently three grand children using the park, I can tell you that Lindberg Park is beautifully designed and a quite, pleasant green space surrounded by single family residents - that should not be destroyed to "improve" it.	Oct 16, 2010 8:20 PM
12	I love the prairie plantings. They attract beautiful birds and insects. I agree that they need to be better maintained. As for the flagpole issue, I agree that needs to be addressed, but I'd like to see plans before I agree with the listed options.	Oct 17, 2010 1:32 PM

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13	minimize changes	Oct 17, 2010 5:11 PM
14	A fenced area for dogs to play and run.	Oct 17, 2010 5:26 PM
15	I have lived in Oak Park for 17 years (on Linden), and visit this Park every day of the week (with my dogs). The short sports season (a few hours per week/20 weeks for soccer) is but a blink in the life of this Park. Don't graft artificial, non-sustainable, energy and water-wasting, destructive and prohibitively expensive arena-features onto this very small but crucial slice of nature.	Oct 17, 2010 8:20 PM
16	KEEP SKATEBOARDERS OFF THE TENNIS COURTS. REDIRECT COLLEGES USING THE LINDBERG COURTS TO OTHER LOCATIONS. PLEASE REPLANT NEW SHADE TREES AROUND THE TENNIS COURTS (MANY HAVE DIED RECENTLY) AND/OR PROVIDE SHADE STRUCTURE. PROVIDE TOOLS TO SELF-MAINTAIN THE COURTS (BROOMS TO SWEEP LEAVES, ROLLER TO GET RID OF PUDDLES)	Oct 18, 2010 1:52 AM
17	Only 50% of the questions in this survey have an option to "leave it alone and do not spend money". It seems like only 50% of the choices have this option and the PDOP is detemined to take action on the other 50%.	Oct 18, 2010 2:11 AM
18	<p>The tennis courts are underutilized. I believe two tennis courts would more than serve the community. Furthermore, these two courts should be configured or capable of being converted to floor hockey during the offseason. Multi-purpose is key.</p> <p>Tennis has been a sport on the decline for quite sometime. To enjoy the game even at a recreational level requires instructional guidance, relatively expensive equipment, and numbers (ie more than one person). To devote the space for 3 or more courts seems wasteful and short-sighted, given the decline in tennis' popularity in general.</p> <p>The area would be put to better use as 2 basketball courts, a sport that has much lower barriers of entry (one person can "shoot around" by himself w/ only an inexpensive ball). Plus it build comraderie as many individuals can descend on one court and join together to participate, something the game of tennis does not afford.</p> <p>The area in general already has a plethora of tennis courts available to the public (there are over 20 courts within 2 mile radius). On the other hand, there are few opportunities for an OP citizen to play basketball outdoors.</p> <p>Finally, please remember Lindberg Park in a park for ALL OP residents, not just the NW side.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Oct 18, 2010 8:22 PM
19	change as little as possible. it is wonderful as is.	Oct 18, 2010 8:29 PM
20	Please do not put all the sports fields on the same level. Having the fileds on two levels add interest. I really enjoy the flower beds that you plant each year. The memorial trees that were planted about 10 - 15 years ago are really coming in nicely and it is good to see.	Oct 19, 2010 4:02 PM

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21	<p>Adding a TENNIS Wall--clear (for aesthetics) and making minimal sound (as possible) so one-person tennis players/students can practice alone at times. Often during the day mid-week, no one uses the courts and its difficult finding add'l players. Being able to go play tennis alone and/or to practice would be REALLY helpful! And its low-cost/low-maintenance! (pretty please!).</p> <p>Really like the idea of changing the TOT LOT into a small & older child PLAY AREA (e.g. with swings, physical activity challenges). Doesn't have to be like Field Park or draw the same crowds, but more multi-age and larger would be better.</p> <p>What if a larger play area could be placed near or where the most northern soccer field is? Somewhere on the northern edge seems to make the most sense and can be planned with the tennis court & shelter changes. Tx!</p>	Oct 19, 2010 6:26 PM
22	I would love to see a low-maintenance granite or quartz "gravel garden" with lower prairie plantings surrounding the flagpole area and the replacement of one of the high maintenance prairie flower beds with a rose garden. The prairie flowers provide a great habitat for wildlife so please keep a large portion of these. The groupings of grasses have worked wonderfully - please keep and maybe add more of a variety.	Oct 19, 2010 6:41 PM
23	A children's outdoor swimming pool similar to the one located at Wrightwood Park (located at Wrightwood and Ashland) adjacent to the tot lot.	Oct 20, 2010 5:17 PM
24	Clean up the low-hanging branches on trees on the east side of the park--near the baseball field.	Oct 20, 2010 5:45 PM
25	Baseball batting cages similar to Keystone Park in River Forest.	Oct 20, 2010 6:18 PM
26	better snow and ice removal on the the entrances and the paths.	Oct 20, 2010 6:51 PM
27	My only comment does not relate to upgrades/changes in Lindberg Park, but to safety. I have lived a couple of houses in from the park on Belleforte Ave for 22 years. I can't tell you how many times I've seen thunderstorms moving in and neither the umps/refs or the coaches have not halted play while there is lightening and thunder in the area. They wait until it's pouring to finally call the game. We all know that a park is not a safe place to be when lightening is in the area. Is there a way the Park District could address this for the safety of our children and families? Thank you!	Oct 20, 2010 6:59 PM
28	Better drainage for lower field.	Oct 21, 2010 12:41 AM
29	Oak Park really needs to have additional baseball support areas. A small caged batting training area, such as that at Keystone Park in River Forest is much needed and would be highly used. Oak Park has an extremely high number of baseball players who would really use this area!	Oct 21, 2010 1:30 AM
30	Lighting with a clear schedule for certain sports areas including one soccer and one ball field!	Oct 21, 2010 3:51 AM
31	I don't see where you can put a shelter. If you are looking for highest and best use, then tennis courts are not serving the largest number of people. If you took out one court and built a shelter next to a fence - like the old Maple park - which had fences on 4 sides - then the roof would protect from stray balls. I just believe you are asking to much from one park. Take your day care to Field in inclement or threatening weather - there is a building there and it is very close. Do not drastically change the park. Where is all this money coming from? I know everyone is already paying too much in property taxes. Don't say Federal Grants. Federal money comes out of my pocket - the same as state and local tax. We the people are the Village - and it's about time we start reminding the Village of that.	Oct 21, 2010 8:56 AM

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32	The passive recreation area has been a very nice addition and should be retained. The tennis courts are used by folks in the community and should be retained and the small playground area is a nice feature. The bathrooms were well designed and the snack area really only is used during baseball season. It would be nice to have a shelter, room for warm up and paths along the perimeter. Unfortunately, there is just not enough room for these amenities and trying to squeeze them in simply impairs the ability to provide active recreation space. While there are trade-offs and compromises made in any project, it's important to remember that you can't negotiate away the only baseball fields available for older kids in the community and one regulation size and two smaller sized soccer fields in a town that is starved for field space. Turf and lights are great ideas if you're serious about addressing the problems of field space. If not, you need to do a better job of planting and maintaining your grass on the fields- Lindberg, Mann/Field, Barrie, Ridgeland, Longfellow, and Taylor are all barren. The status of these facilities make the strongest case for overuse and the need to explore other options.	Oct 21, 2010 2:42 PM
33	Lindberg doesn't have to be everything to all people. As long as an amenity is available somewhere in the village, the existing resources should be established so as to maximize usage at each park.	Oct 21, 2010 8:20 PM
34	Please see my suggestion emailed to Diane Stanke regarding model vegetable garden for children by tot park.	Oct 21, 2010 9:11 PM
35	Some signs that tell you that building has bathrooms since you feel like you shouldn't open the doors. It is a nice building though.	Oct 22, 2010 12:03 AM
36	I would like to see more paved entrances to the park, better marked entrances where parking is not allowed, a path that loops the park, and upgraded and expanded play equipment to include older children. Also, my 1st grade daughter is requesting monkey bars if possible.	Oct 22, 2010 2:49 AM
37	I would like to see the "active recreation" area in the east side of the park completely removed. You should make the east side like the west side with a pathway all around to accommodate the walkers/joggers.	Oct 22, 2010 3:25 AM
38	My top 3 priorities: 1. complete the loop around the park with a path on the north side of the park (south side of LeMoyne) 2. gardens should be replaced with a more manageable garden. Now its overgrown and ugly and had grown over the walking path 3. improve baseball field amenities	Oct 22, 2010 2:07 PM
39	Each park in Oak Park has the amenities. One park should be for sports.	Oct 22, 2010 9:23 PM
40	no dog park	Oct 22, 2010 9:48 PM
41	I think Lindberg is the best park in the village to be utilized for youth sports like soccer and baseball. Something of extreme importance to families living here. Landscaping the active area to get the most usable space should be a priority. Smaller parks without enough space for youth sports can be the focus of more passive park activities. Not every park in the village needs to accommodate all possible needs.	Oct 22, 2010 9:58 PM
42	Consider taking out ugly and un-used gardens on west end, replacing with fenced, off-leash dog area for dog owners. This will be used constantly, and will keep dogs off of main park. It will also improve safety for dogs, dog owners, and non-dog people.	Oct 22, 2010 10:02 PM
43	Water cooling stations	Oct 22, 2010 10:14 PM
44	More wooden benches along the existing (and hopefully new) east-west pathways.	Oct 22, 2010 10:40 PM
45	If prairie or other gardens are maintained, forgo the annuals and the associated costs/labor to concentrate on the existing gardens and green space.	Oct 22, 2010 10:46 PM

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46	I grew up playing in Lindberg Park and continue to enjoy walking around and enjoying it's beauty. Back in the day, they flooded the field and we could ice skate where the baseball field on the south east corner currently exists. I would love it if the park district could come up with some "unique" uses for the park as opposed to more organized sports. Please, I beg of you, consider Lindberg a neighborhood park as well as a sport facility. If necessary, do nothing.	Oct 22, 2010 11:02 PM
47	Parks are for all to enjoy. If people living around the park are annoyed by sporting/active activity, they should have thought of that before they moved there. Lindbergh is NOT an extension of their yard anymore than Taylor is an extension of ours.	Oct 22, 2010 11:40 PM
48	Water fountains.	Oct 23, 2010 12:05 AM
49	Please preserve and improve the soccer fields! They really are the best in Oak Park--we've played on them all! And, they are used a lot--which is exactly what we need--our kids enjoying healthy family-centered recreation in our town.	Oct 23, 2010 12:15 AM
50	Good infrastructure for modern sports (soccer) improve kids' athletic activities and make adults' life easier	Oct 23, 2010 12:58 AM
51	Dog facilities	Oct 23, 2010 2:18 AM
52	Dog facilities	Oct 23, 2010 2:39 AM
53	I think it is a useful wonderful park. To updat what already exists would be a wonderful step for our community.	Oct 23, 2010 2:43 AM
54	Lindberg Park is an enormous swath of usable land for our community. Please make it as user-friendly as possible so all members of the Oak Park community feel welcome and invested in its growth and success.	Oct 23, 2010 2:56 AM
55	Water fountains would be nice.	Oct 23, 2010 2:59 AM
56	Has anyone brought up the idea of installing a bio-swale or french drains to deal with the drainage issues?	Oct 23, 2010 3:07 AM
57	We love this park and feel that it only needs minor improvements. Many days my peaceful time walking at the park and enjoying the trees and gardens is the best moment of my busy day. I have gotten to know many of my neighbors because I always see them at the park.	Oct 23, 2010 1:23 PM
58	I am absolutely in favor of a full-sized turf soccer field at Lindberg. It is unfortunate that OP Adult Soccer has to pay to rent the field in FP, and yet it is the best turf field in this area. OP should be able to be competitive in this area.	Oct 23, 2010 3:39 PM
59	If expanding and increasing the quality of the fields I would also add a snack bar that could be used to increase revenues with money going to upkeep of the fields and programs.	Oct 23, 2010 7:45 PM
60	Fix the cupola on top of the field house. Plant ground cover along side of path to Greenfield to prevent mud and erosion at end of the path.	Oct 23, 2010 10:03 PM
61	I feel very strong that the mix of active vs low active areas is fabulous, the best of all the parks in the area. Than mix allows a mix of people as well, old, young, with dogs and sports. In a place like oak park this is important.	Oct 23, 2010 10:45 PM
62	I would like to see a slightly larger tot lot.	Oct 23, 2010 11:54 PM
63	NOOOOOOOOO!	Oct 24, 2010 12:21 AM
64	Please, please, do something with the area around the Flag on the western portion of the park to eliminate or discourage disordly conduct and drinking. I have brought my family to the park on many occasions and found broken beer and liquor bottles in the area around the flag.	Oct 24, 2010 3:11 AM

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65	Physical activity is becoming a have / have-not for many communities. It is incumbent for us to provide our children a suitable, safe facility that is also commensurate with the goals we have for our children once they are in High School and fully representing our community. Completing the path, adding lights, turf and a basketball court (and the safe access points) is the minimum we should be providing. The addition of dog walking kiosks (bags and waste disposal) will have a direct effect on the loitering that currently takes place. When the dog groups were welcome at the park, the presence of the late night group of dogs and owners dissuaded the activity of loitering. When the dogs were no longer welcomed, the loitering returned. Ask the beat cop. This is easy to solve.	Oct 24, 2010 3:57 PM
66	Dog park	Oct 24, 2010 4:56 PM
67	more benches along the south end (playfield) and in the West Park (flagpole)	Oct 24, 2010 5:24 PM
68	Replace concrete / asphalt pedestrian paths with brick pavers. NO LIGHTS, NO BASKETBALL COURT, NO ADDITIONAL SOCCER FIELDS!!	Oct 24, 2010 8:52 PM
69	NO artificial turf.	Oct 25, 2010 12:34 AM
70	Fountain would b nice	Oct 25, 2010 12:46 AM
71	Consistently open and clean bathrooms.	Oct 25, 2010 12:56 AM
72	High quality baseball fields High quality soccer fields Track around the park Lighting	Oct 25, 2010 3:04 AM
73	Someone at the last public hearing in this planning process stated that a subterranean river flowed beneath Lindberg Park. I'm a long time resident of Oak Park but had not learned of this river before. If indeed it really is there, I think that it would be appropriate to educate the general public by noting this fact at the park, such as in the form of a sign or a plaque. If there really is a river flowing beneath the park, anything that might change the hydrology of the park area, such as the proposal to regrade ridge area on the north side of the playing field or the installation of artificial turf, which would change the park's drainage dynamics, could cause the ground to shift over time in unanticipated ways. I'd think that an engineering study of the park's ground water hydrology ought to be commissioned if either of these proposals advances to help ensure that the geological consequences of changing the park's groundwater hydrology are understood by the PDOP, the Village of Oak Park, and the surrounding community.	Oct 25, 2010 6:37 AM
74	Add pavers to walks	Oct 25, 2010 12:59 PM
75	For Question #4 - Provide ADA only parallel parking on Marion...access to Passive area, and paths. For Question #12 - Increase Height of Fence on North/West side of Tot Park to protect children.	Oct 25, 2010 1:52 PM
76	additional bathrooms	Oct 25, 2010 2:52 PM
77	I live in south Oak Park, where we have the Conservatory as a place to help us raise nature-loving kids. I hope the Park development team, Conservatory staff, and OPPD program staff will consider ways to use the passive recreation area plantings to bring nature into the lives of north Oak Park children.	Oct 25, 2010 3:23 PM
78	Please replace the Lindberg Park sign at the south end of the park as there is a sign at the north end of the park. Thank you.	Oct 25, 2010 4:06 PM
79	Do not change the layout of Lindberg Park.	Oct 25, 2010 4:30 PM
80	NEED TURF FIELDS WITH LIGHTING	Oct 25, 2010 4:47 PM
81	--	Oct 25, 2010 5:09 PM
82	Could there on the north end, or wherever it would make sense be a turn in drop off spot like the one at Barrie Center?	Oct 25, 2010 5:12 PM
83	No. Improve things by all means, but keep taxes down.	Oct 25, 2010 5:43 PM

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84	Definitely add lighting to all sports areas	Oct 25, 2010 6:03 PM
85	with improvement at the park, usage will be up, therefore upgrades should be considered to the restroom facilities as well	Oct 25, 2010 6:56 PM
86	There is a need for better parking around Lindberg Park. My suggestion is to provide drive-in spaces at the north and south edges of the park. The eastern edge is currently under utilized. Can't the landscapers design a one-way angled parking area on the eastern edge of the park?	Oct 25, 2010 7:00 PM
87	Turf and lighting at Lindberg to provide longer use of the park.	Oct 25, 2010 7:58 PM
88	I would like to see a pond with water lillies and one or two fountains, perhaps in the rondell area, where the flag pole is now located. Such an installation might deter unwelcome activities in that area.	Oct 25, 2010 8:49 PM
89	It's a beautiful park. Please only make very, very minor changes.	Oct 25, 2010 9:14 PM
90	NO NO NO NO NO NO TURF WHATSOEVER	Oct 25, 2010 10:28 PM
91	oak park needs more higher quality youth fields particularly soccer and baseball.	Oct 26, 2010 12:43 AM
92	Allow parking on Marion	Oct 26, 2010 2:35 AM
93	How about changing one of the tennis courts into 2 paddle tennis courts? River Forest is installing two this winter. It gives adults an opportunity to exercise in the winter when the tennis courts are not viable. They also can be used year-round.	Oct 26, 2010 1:46 PM
94	I believe that the Park as presently configured for activities is quite adequate. I prefer no major changes, and certainly no lights. The addition of a path for walking, jogging along LeMoyné to complete the pathways should be done. Also other parks should be considered as activity sites in order to relieve Lindberg from some of the increased activities of recent.	Oct 26, 2010 4:15 PM
95	Drinking fountains . . .	Oct 26, 2010 4:56 PM
96	If a level synthetic turf field is installed, then it could be an interesting location for an Outdoor Hockey rink in the winter, especially if it was lighted. A frisbee golf course might be a relatively low cost addition to the park. I see these facilities get lots of use in other parks.	Oct 27, 2010 1:35 AM
97	Additional maintenance personnel to ensure the paths are shoveled in the winter, the bathrooms are clean - utilize some of the monies to employ staff versus changing a park that works today. Use money to repair and update versus change and eliminate - update the existing structure's facilities, don't add unwanted artificial turf or lights - repair the paths and create a safe warm up area, don't regrade as it's not "needed" - put the money into the existing structures/ball fields/soccer fields - why redo the tennis courts and waste that money - people play on it today and it's fine - Lindbergh's fields are in great shape come end of the year - see what you can do to fix Field Park's sod and soccer fields they are atrocious - Leave well enough alone	Oct 27, 2010 1:45 PM
98	As I child, I always enjoyed and got excited about playing athletics under the lights. We need more of that excitement for our children. This will allow room for expansion of the village's recreation leagues in all sports with lighted fields. Adults would benefit by having more space for athletic leagues also. Please do the same for planning/discussions with Taylor Park in the future.	Oct 27, 2010 5:09 PM
99	Improvements to the soccer fields would be ideal. Nearby communities of River Forest, Forest Park and Elmwood Park all have turf fields, and at least some of them include lighting. Why not bring these amenities to Oak Park?	Oct 27, 2010 6:00 PM
100	Q4: parking situation is fine as is Q7: Add NO paths should have been an option - seems foreordained that some grass will become concrete - I am against that Q9 How about leave paths as is? Q11 Replace existing building with combo concession, storage, WC and shelter OR why not just extend a roof from one side of existing building as shelter? Q17 just put in a 4th tennis court - no extra room is needed between them Q20 How about leave as is?	Oct 27, 2010 8:22 PM

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101	any healthier food choices at the concession stand? protein bars or something that the kids who are playing hard can benefit more from?	Oct 28, 2010 1:37 AM
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