



Maple Park Master Plan Questionnaire
 June 18, 2007 Community Meeting



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Please assist us in gathering information so we can create the best master plan for you. Please answer some or all of these questions.

1. What are the number, age, and gender of your household members?

Women	_____	Age	_____
Men	_____	Age	_____
Children	_____		
Ages 1-2	_____		
Ages 3-5	_____		
Ages 5-12	_____		
Ages 13+	_____		

2. How many years have you resided in the Village of Oak Park?

less than one year	_____
1 – 5 years	_____
6 – 10 years	_____
11 – 20 years	_____
More than 20 years	_____

3. How often do you use Maple Park?

More than once a week	_____
Once a week	_____
Two to three times per month	_____
Once per month	_____
Less than once per month	_____

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4. Three focus group meetings focused on Maple Park were held regarding:
- Buildings and Grounds, Health, Safety & Security
 - Park District Staff - Opportunities and Concerns
 - Recreation Organizations - Creative Play, Passive Space & Sports Areas

The participants in the Maple Park Focus Group meetings identified issues and opportunities that they deemed important. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Circle all those that apply:

Playground

- a.) The existing playground is enjoyable as is and only needs minor restorations (e.g. replacement of rotting steps, making it handicap accessible, more woodchips in areas, etc.)
- b.) The vegetation within the playground is too dense and should be trimmed for purpose of better visibility into the park
- c.) The playground is too dark at night and needs more lighting
- d.) The existing playground is outdated and unsafe
- e.) The existing playground should be taken down and a completely new playground should be built
- f.) The existing playground should stay but another, smaller playground should be built in closer vicinity to the baseball diamonds
- g.) Other comments _____

Restroom and Storage Station

- a.) The existing restroom and storage facility is fine as is and needs only minor rehabilitation
- b.) The existing restroom and storage facility should be more easily accessible from either end of the park
- c.) Other comments _____

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New Shelter

- a.) A new shelter located at the northern half of Maple Park would provide more seating, a roofed picnic area, and better opportunity for more recreational activities
- b.) A completely new shelter is unnecessary – rather, more seating should be placed in the vicinity of the existing restroom and storage facility
- c.) Other comments _____

Northern End - The Passive Zone

- a.) The northern end of the park should be kept as a passive space and not allow any athletic recreation
- b.) It should be kept a passive place but allow for pick-up sports games and practices
- c.) The bird feeder should be moved to provide another practice space
- d.) It should be an active zone rather than a passive zone and reformed into a more recreational landscape
- e.) The many memorial trees should neither be removed nor moved
- f.) In order to create a larger recreational space, it would be okay for the memorial trees to be moved to another location within the park
- g.) Other comments _____

Baseball, Pee-Wee Soccer, Tennis

- a.) There is a need for more pee-wee soccer and T-ball fields
- b.) Do not add new fields, just improve what we have
- c.) Another diamond should be added to the southeast end of the park
- d.) A pee-wee soccer field should be added to the south end of the park as both T- ball diamond and pee-wee soccer could fit
- e.) The tennis courts are used frequently
- f.) The tennis courts are used rarely
- g.) None of the tennis courts should be removed
- h.) It would be alright to remove one tennis court in order to create space for a path connecting the southern and northern halves of the park

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In partnership with the community, we provide quality parks and recreation experiences for the residents of Oak Park.



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i.) Other comments _____

Pathways

- a.) Currently, the system of paths is adequate
- b.) Currently, the system of paths is inadequate
- c.) A path should be added along the eastern edge of the park so that pedestrians do not have to walk on the street
- d.) The park needs continuity in pathways from the south end to the north end
- e.) The park's path system needs to be more handicap accessible
- f.) Other comments _____

Dog Park

- a.) Are you in favor of a dog park at Maple Park? Yes No
- b.) What are the positive or negative aspects of a dog park at Maple?

- c.) Other comments

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5. What new programs and facilities should the Park District consider? Circle all those that apply:
- a.) Replace chain-link fence along Harlem with either an ornamental fence or a fence that projects a positive image of Oak Park and the community
 - b.) Add a multi-use trail around the entire site, or part of the site, for jogging, running, walking etc.
 - c.) Provide more recreational activities to teenagers
 - d.) What could they be? _____

 - e.) Add a sand volleyball court
 - f.) A buffer of ginkgo trees along the edge of Harlem Ave.
 - g.) More seating areas within Maple Park
 - h.) Remove old concrete pads that were used for basketball and tennis
 - i.) Quiet areas are important. Enlarge the quiet landscaped zones for strolling, seating and picnics.
 - j.) Other comments _____

7. What do you most like and dislike about Maple Park? Are there any other amenities or changes you would like to see in Maple Park? Please list below.
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8. Are there any other amenities or changes you would like to see in Maple Park?
Please list below.

Thank you for helping to shape the future of Maple Park.

Please return this questionnaire by July 20, 2007 to John Mac Manus,
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