
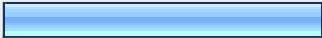
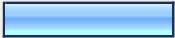
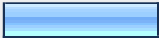
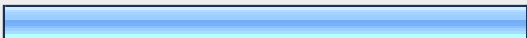
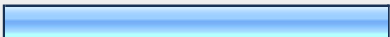


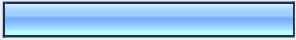


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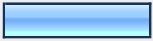
1. How many Ridgeland Common Facility & Site Plan Community Meetings have you attended?			Response Percent	Response Count
0			30.0%	18
1			35.0%	21
2			18.3%	11
3			16.7%	10
			answered question	60
			skipped question	2

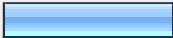
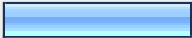
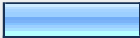

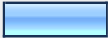
2. What overall Visionary Plan (which combines Park District property with Oak Park River Forest High School property) do you like best?			Response Percent	Response Count
Visionary Plan Option One			57.8%	26
Visionary Plan Option Two			42.2%	19
			answered question	45
			skipped question	17

3. Why do you like this option best?		Response Count
		56
		answered question
		56
		skipped question
		6

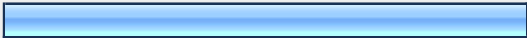
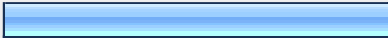
4. What overall Expanding Plan (which utilizes current Park District property) do you like best?			Response Percent	Response Count
Expanding Plan Option One			57.4%	27
Expanding Plan Option Two			10.6%	5
Expanding Plan Option Two A			31.9%	15
		answered question		47
		skipped question		15



5. Why do you like this option best?		Response Count
		47
	answered question	47
	skipped question	15


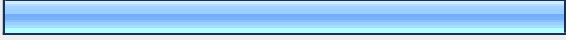
6. What specific Pool Plan do you like best?			Response Percent	Response Count
Expanding Plan Option One			18.2%	8
Expanding Plan Option Two & Two A			15.9%	7
Visionary Plan Option One			50.0%	22
Visionary Plan Option Two			15.9%	7
		answered question		44
		skipped question		18

7. Among all proposed plans, what one do you favor most?			Response Percent	Response Count
Existing Plan			18.5%	10
Expanding Plan Option One			20.4%	11
Expanding Plan Option Two			0.0%	0
Expanding Plan Option Two A			14.8%	8
Visionary Plan Option One			35.2%	19
Visionary Plan Option Two			11.1%	6
		answered question		54
		skipped question		8

8. Why do you favor this plan most?		Response Count
		44
	answered question	44
	skipped question	18

9. Do you favor closing Scoville Avenue to allow for more space at the site as shown in the Visionary Plans?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			57.7%	30
No			42.3%	22
		answered question		52
		skipped question		10

10. Do you favor closing Scoville Avenue to allow for more space for the Expanding Plans?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		56.6%	30
No		43.4%	23
<i>answered question</i>			53
<i>skipped question</i>			9

11. If the Park District considers converting one of the two 50-meter outdoor competition pools, Ridgeland Common Pool or Rehm Pool, to a more recreation-based pool, at what pool would you make the conversion?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Ridgeland Common Pool		38.0%	19
Rehm Pool		62.0%	31
<i>answered question</i>			50
<i>skipped question</i>			12

12. Do you have any other comments?		
		Response Count
		47
<i>answered question</i>		47
<i>skipped question</i>		15

Question #3 – What do you like best about the Visionary Option you prefer?

1. Outdoor lap pool. Mon, 5/5/08 6:36 PM
2. The more pool options, the better. There needs to be an outdoor pool, preferably with 50 yd. lanes. Thu, 5/1/08 10:11 PM
3. It allows space for Scoville to pass through. I like the ice rink in the middle. Thu, 5/1/08 10:07 PM
4. I do not remember what each individual plan was. I favor any and all plans that keep the 50-meter pool intact for swimmers, including seniors and the TOPS swim team. As a healthy senior who does not drive, I would deteriorate physically if I lost my only lap swim option. (Rehm is no good for swimming. It lost one lane when it was connected to the kiddie pool. Contamination from the kiddie pool also contaminates the main Rehn pool. Rehm cannot be used for competition by the TOPS or Masters swim teams because it is too shallow for diving -- and because it has lost the use of one lane, as above. You are intent on providing athletic fields for the youngsters, the soccer players, and the baseball players (the majority of whom are boys). To be truly representative of Oak Park's diversity, you must keep the 50-meter pool, which can be used by old and young, male and female, fast and slow, competitive and non-competitive. DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SWIMMERS, SENIORS, AND WOMEN! Thu, 5/1/08 10:04 PM
5. Includes 50 meter pool and combined fields Thu, 5/1/08 8:22 PM
6. Best use of space for fields and indoor/outdoor pools as well as a regular rink and studio rink Thu, 5/1/08 7:55 PM
7. leisure pool Thu, 5/1/08 3:22 PM
8. It includes both an outdoor and indoor competitive pools. Thu, 5/1/08 8:35 AM
9. Don't know--They all look the same. Wed, 4/30/08 10:33 AM
10. Although I am not a swimmer, there appears to be more options for swimming events/activities. Tue, 4/29/08 11:46 AM
11. Seems reasonable, yet still visionary. Like the pools. Tue, 4/29/08 9:01 AM
12. I would like a 50 meter pool for swim meets. I am a hockey player but swimming is more accessible and less expensive than hockey. Mon, 4/28/08 9:56 AM
13. Has a 50m outdoor lap pool. The additional, indoor pools are an added plus. Sun, 4/27/08 7:54 PM
14. They are both okay but not dog park is a problem. Sun, 4/27/08 3:20 PM
15. Two ice rinks Fri, 4/25/08 1:31 PM
16. Localization of facilities towards Scoville. Roof utilization. Neither plan addresses lack of parking, and the resulting increase in congestion in the nearby blocks. East should be close for additional parking and to reduce congestion. Fri, 4/25/08 10:15 AM
17. I love all of the options presented in this plan, and it gives everyone everything that they're hoping for in a facility that can be truly year-round and doesn't have to end certain activities (i.e. closing the pool at the end of the summer). There's so many great options to this plan, and it should be the one built, using partnerships and alternate funding sources. Fri, 4/25/08 9:03 AM
18. least objectionable Fri, 4/25/08 5:54 AM
19. Both are good plans but I prefer a facility that has 2 full ice Fri, 4/25/08 12:24 AM

surfaces. This was not one of the options.

20. Best pool and field configuration. However, I would eliminate the outdoor pool and make the indoor facility more competition-friendly (i.e. more deck space, stands and a larger indoor pool(s)). Thu, 4/24/08 11:19 PM
21. outdoor pool space Thu, 4/24/08 10:46 PM
22. geographic layout Thu, 4/24/08 8:30 PM
23. Best utilization and flexibility of fields Best proximity to parking Best pool, good gym & fitness Thu, 4/24/08 4:31 PM
24. Neither. It looks too extensive for the area. It is a dense area and traffic is a concern already. Too many activities will cause traffic problems. Thu, 4/24/08 2:21 PM
25. It maintains the 50-meter outdoor swimming pool. Ridgeland Common currently has a magnificent and versatile swimming facility. It would reduce the value of living in Oak Park if we were to lose such an important recreational and athletic asset. Thu, 4/24/08 12:08 PM
26. I do not like either of the plans because neither plan includes a dog park. Thu, 4/24/08 9:35 AM
27. Open field space is preserved along East Ave; I'm sure people who live in the condos directly west of East Ave would rather look at open field space than a 2-3 story building. Thu, 4/24/08 8:46 AM
28. Both plans have benefits and drawbacks - aesthetically plan one is nicer in having everything together - the building facility is larger and the fields are together. However, neither plan includes a DOG PARK and therefore not acceptable since it was going to be included in the evaluation. Wed, 4/23/08 10:37 PM
29. Seems to make the best use of the whole space Wed, 4/23/08 10:36 PM
30. takes in all of the needs people want - plus Wed, 4/23/08 9:33 PM
31. Neither because it closes Scoville & forces even more traffic onto East Av. Wed, 4/23/08 8:59 PM
32. In Option 2 the drop off for the building is almost equidistant between East and Ridgeland. The Plan 1 is closer to East, making it more likely to cause heavier traffic flow through East ave. Wed, 4/23/08 7:53 PM
33. Maximizes open space, field flexibility, puts building close to major parking garage. Wed, 4/23/08 7:37 PM
34. It minimizes disruption to the existing soccer area. Regardless of the plan neither has a dog park. That is a must. Wed, 4/23/08 7:28 PM
35. neither...too big of a project, costing taxpayers too much. Plus, closing of Scoville not a good idea in already congested area. Wed, 4/23/08 7:18 PM
36. dog park Wed, 4/23/08 6:42 PM
37. I prefer any of the existing expanding options...the cost will be less to an already overtaxed community. Wed, 4/23/08 5:15 PM
38. Fields are combined Wed, 4/23/08 4:43 PM
39. Like having the pool etc in the middle Wed, 4/23/08 4:29 PM
40. Neither, as I am opposed to closing Scoville Avenue, Wed, 4/23/08 4:15 PM
41. I like the arrangement of the pools and fields. Wed, 4/23/08 11:22 AM
42. Neither. Both have higher costs with little additional benefit. Too many field use conflicts; tearing up one field to build another is wasteful and unnecessary. Traffic problem with Scoville closure. Wed, 4/23/08 9:53 AM

No need for both outdoor and indoor pools, especially with Rehm availability and room to expand.

43. It maintains the OPRFHS field as a separate entity, allowing more freedom for the Park district to control the eastern fields. However, these should also accommodate a dog park. Also, the building location places the main facility close to the Village/HS parking ramp, which may be of critical importance (WHERE'S THE PARKING?). HOWEVER, the upper level pool is a non-starter, and the indoor competitive pool may be too small for dedicated swimmers. The studio rink is nice, IF it is warranted. If not, jigger the 1st ground floor layout to provide an outdoor pool. Generally, it would be better to approximate the building layout of Visionary 1 (or Expanding 1) into this configuration. Tue, 4/22/08 8:18 PM
44. Does not intrude on the townhouse owners on East. Staff would be in the center of the space instead of at the far end. Tue, 4/22/08 3:12 PM
45. I like the pool Fri, 4/18/08 7:03 PM
46. I don't like either one as they both exclude a dog park. Fri, 4/18/08 4:47 PM
47. I don't like either. I feel it leaves out a large group of people who use the area every day, all year long. There is no dog park. Fri, 4/18/08 4:15 PM
48. I like the one that incorporates a dog park! That facility needs to be included in any plan Thu, 4/17/08 2:20 PM
49. 50-meter outdoor competition pool, 25-yard indoor competition pool and associated teaching pool; expanded ice capability; great fields; so many amenities and opportunities. Wed, 4/16/08 9:24 PM
50. includes an indoor pool for swimming competition, without reducing existing playing fields Wed, 4/16/08 3:10 PM
51. Provides for two ball fields and maximizes outdoor space as well as provides a new, centralized facility with upgraded swimming and skating opportunities. Wed, 4/16/08 2:44 PM
52. The aquatics program is the vision I see as appropriate for Oak Park. I am a strong supporter of a 50 meter outdoor pool. I think aquatics should be a showcase for Oak Park. I do not think a leisure pool will meet the needs of the future. We should think big or let the facility remain as it is. I can not support any of the expanding plans. If we can not truly improve what we have, I think we should leave the facility as it and do necessary repairs when needed. Wed, 4/16/08 1:22 PM
53. This option combines all of the needed facilities including indoor and outdoor pools, 2 ice surfaces and close proximity to the parking structure. Does not have the gimmick of a pool on the roof. Wed, 4/16/08 12:33 PM
54. This plan offers the best opportunity for expansion of programs, including year-round programming that is not feasible with the current design and equipment within the building, while also keeping some of the current spaces that are in high demand. Wed, 4/16/08 9:37 AM
55. Neither. They provide nothing of any use to the High School. I would actively oppose either option. Wed, 4/16/08 8:52 AM
56. More feasible Tue, 4/15/08 5:26 PM

5. Why do you like this option best? (Expanding Option)

1. Only one that keeps both baseball fields and some semblance of a lap pool. Dog park conception is Two A is wholly inadequate in size and placement. I don't want to be in the line of fire of a baseball outfield. Mon, 5/5/08 6:36 PM
2. Competition pool. Thu, 5/1/08 10:11 PM
3. I like the ice rink in the middle. I like space for Scoville to go through. Thu, 5/1/08 10:07 PM
4. See response to #3. Thu, 5/1/08 10:04 PM
5. includes dog park Thu, 5/1/08 8:22 PM
6. Because it retains the outdoor competition pool which is important both for lap swimmers and competitive teams Thu, 5/1/08 7:55 PM
7. Because Option 1 includes a competitive pool in its design. If Ridgeland was to no longer include a competitive pool, the only other option for lap swimming will be the limited hours that Rehm offers. I believe it is important to consider and include all pool uses including family fun swims and lap swimming. Thu, 5/1/08 8:35 AM
8. Don't know--They all look the same. Wed, 4/30/08 10:33 AM
9. I did not like any of these options. I think they all take away the existing swimming options we have at Ridgeland Commons. Tue, 4/29/08 11:46 AM
10. I like none of them. Mon, 4/28/08 9:56 AM
11. At least it has a pool--though a 25m one is a big comedown. Why go to all this effort to LOSE facilities? Sun, 4/27/08 7:54 PM
12. DOG PARK! Sun, 4/27/08 3:20 PM
13. Should mean ice rink not "lost" during construction Fri, 4/25/08 1:31 PM
14. Dog park. Fri, 4/25/08 10:15 AM
15. No particular reasons. Fri, 4/25/08 9:03 AM
16. includes dog park Fri, 4/25/08 5:54 AM
17. Best pool configuration. Thu, 4/24/08 11:19 PM
18. pool on scoville not ridgeland Thu, 4/24/08 10:46 PM
19. whichever one kept the dog park Thu, 4/24/08 8:30 PM
20. best field utilization, proximity to parking, Thu, 4/24/08 4:31 PM
21. Please do NOT close Scoville, as traffic on East Ave is dangerous. This will only worsen the existing issue. Thu, 4/24/08 2:21 PM
22. This plan has the 3rd best pool configuration (after the Existing Plan and the Visionary Plan Option 1). The other expanding plans are worse because they remove the options of lap swimming, competitive swimming, and daytime recreational swimming, allowing only for non-swimming aquatic activities. Thu, 4/24/08 12:08 PM
23. I like this plan because it includes a dog park. Thu, 4/24/08 9:35 AM
24. I prefer open field space bordering Ridgeland. Also, I'm not opposed to a dog park, but I really don't want one around baseball fields, etc., because of the strong likelihood of dog crap left behind, unintentionally or not. Thu, 4/24/08 8:46 AM
25. It has a DOG PARK. However, I like the idea of the layout on Option 1 better with the building on the west. Wed, 4/23/08 10:37 PM

26. Maintains two baseball fields. Moves the pool and rink to the west end of the park, and potentially allows the operation of the current facilities while the new facilities are under construction. Wed, 4/23/08 10:36 PM
27. provides a lap pool Wed, 4/23/08 9:33 PM
28. Includes dog park & does not close Scoville Wed, 4/23/08 8:59 PM
29. Has lap and leisure pool. keeps Scoville open for more parking and have more traffic distribution. Wed, 4/23/08 7:53 PM
30. Seems to leave open the option of combining the two field spaces into one, should closing Scoville become an option later. Wed, 4/23/08 7:37 PM
31. Dog park included Wed, 4/23/08 7:28 PM
32. dog park Wed, 4/23/08 6:42 PM
33. any Wed, 4/23/08 5:15 PM
34. This plan seems to cater to a broader population since it includes a dog park. I also like the arrangement of the overall facilities. Wed, 4/23/08 11:22 AM
35. Allows two badly needed baseball fields, closer to parking garage and otherwise address all needs of community and squeaky wheels except dog park (which is provided elsewhere in city). Did people even have dogs before dog parks? Wed, 4/23/08 9:53 AM
36. It provides for the construction of a new building while maintaining the present one during the construction process and puts the new facility in proximity to the parking ramp. It also strikes a nice balance in improving ice/pool facilities and adding needed gym and exercise space without cramming every conceivable addition or option into this already costly mix. However, better use might be made of Scoville, either in terms of parking and drop-off space or in terms of the additional space it's air rights might provide. Finally, perfection would be achieved by adding a dog park -- even at the expense of one of the ball fields. Tue, 4/22/08 8:18 PM
37. Dog park is mentioned. The dog park is important. Tue, 4/22/08 3:12 PM
38. again, I like the pool. I really think water slides will be a great benefit and keep OP residents from going over to Forest Park to swim - also, it has a competition pool and the leisure pool and that seems to make sense to have both in the same area Fri, 4/18/08 7:03 PM
39. I like this best because it includes a dog park. Fri, 4/18/08 4:47 PM
40. Dog park Fri, 4/18/08 4:15 PM
41. I don't really like any of the expanding plan pool options unless the pool configuration is changed to a full 50m competition style. If that aspect is changed, I like option 1 the best. Wed, 4/16/08 9:24 PM
42. Includes a more useful larger indoor pool Wed, 4/16/08 3:10 PM
43. It provides for improved indoor facilities AND spares the trees and Scoville Avenue. Wed, 4/16/08 2:44 PM
44. Any plan needs to have 2 baseball diamonds. This plan also moves the building to a place where parking is more accessible. Wed, 4/16/08 12:33 PM
45. Although the other plans are okay, this one seems to be more feasible at least with the outdoor fields, since programming for outdoor sports (i.e. softball, baseball, etc) can also be in just as high of a demand as the indoor programs. The only downside to this is the fact that it does not address the need to have a year-round indoor pool, which will be badly needed with the YMCA moving out of Oak Park. Wed, 4/16/08 9:37 AM

46. None. They all eliminate the 50 meter pool - the one unique swimming facility in the area.

Wed, 4/16/08 8:52 AM

47. facility can stay open while other is built

Tue, 4/15/08 5:26 PM

8. Why do you favor this plan most?

1. Expanding plans and Visionary plans appear to presuppose that all activities need to be centered at Ridgeland Common. There are other facilities both within the Park District and at local schools that duplicate these functions. Mon, 5/5/08 6:36 PM
2. I think it best serves the needs of all members of the community. Thu, 5/1/08 10:11 PM
3. I think it is the most realistic. Thu, 5/1/08 10:07 PM
4. See answer to #3 and #5. The plan I favor most is the one that keeps the 50-meter pool and adds a 25-yard indoor pool. Obviously, we swimmers would then be able to swim year round. Also, OPRF and YMCA swim teams would be able to use the smaller pool for competition, which would generate revenue. Thu, 5/1/08 10:04 PM
5. 2 ice surfaces & both 50 meter pool & teaching pool Thu, 5/1/08 8:22 PM
6. That it includes both an indoor and outdoor competitive pools. As an avid triathlete, I would love to be able to use the Park District for all of my swimming. Thu, 5/1/08 8:35 AM
7. We get a main rink and a studio rink! Wed, 4/30/08 10:33 AM
8. It appears to offer more options for a variety of sports activities but I am uncertain about taking the existing HS fields at Lake Street and moving them East. I would like the building structures of Visionary Plan 1 moved to the center of the complex as in Visionary Plan 2. The current VP 2 loses some swimming lanes. Tue, 4/29/08 11:46 AM
9. Seems to offer the best combination of visionary, yet still practical. Tue, 4/29/08 9:01 AM
10. As mentioned previously having a 50 meter pool is important to having a great swim program. Very few northern cities have this luxury. Mon, 4/28/08 9:56 AM
11. For me, the pool is the most important factor, and the existing plan has the most critical element, the 50m outdoor lap pool. The pools are great in Visionary 1, along with many other features, but I think the plan may be more ambitious and expensive than necessary, and also presents the possibility of difficulties regarding Scoville Ave. Otherwise, Visionary 1 looks good. None of the "expanded" plans looks to me to be better than the "existing," and pool-wise they're all worse. Sun, 4/27/08 7:54 PM
12. It expands the lighted playing fields for soccer and other sports, which we really need, and it includes a dog park. Between soccer and dog park, I use the park a minimum of twice a day. Sun, 4/27/08 3:20 PM
13. Two ice rinks Fri, 4/25/08 1:31 PM
14. Rooftop pool. Fri, 4/25/08 10:15 AM
15. This plan gives the Park District the maximum potential to meet the needs of its patrons, expand on existing programs, create new programs, and attract customers and instructors back who have gone elsewhere because it is not a year-round facility. This plan provides the best and most optimal chance for a successful operation, and meets the increasing demands on the Park District, which will last far into the future. Fri, 4/25/08 9:03 AM
16. includes dog park Fri, 4/25/08 5:54 AM
17. Oak Park is taxed out Thu, 4/24/08 8:30 PM
18. Best revenue source (training pool) as well as competitive pool for OPRF partners Thu, 4/24/08 4:31 PM

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| 19. I would like to see a renovation that is cost effective, since our taxes are already high. | Thu, 4/24/08 2:21 PM |
| 20. The existing plan safeguards Ridgeland Common's most important assets (the pool, the ice rink, the athletic fields) at what will surely be the most reasonable cost to the community. | Thu, 4/24/08 12:08 PM |
| 21. It includes a dog park. | Thu, 4/24/08 9:35 AM |
| 22. Obviously, we don't know about costs yet, but I suspect Expanding Plan Option 1 would provide the most bang for the buck, which is an issue for residents already burdened with very large tax bills. Both of the visionary plans seem to relegate outdoor recreational pool space (which is probably one of the biggest reasons people currently use the facility) to an after-thought. I would rather see an improved and larger outdoor, recreational pool space become the focal point. It would also be great if the parking structure at OPRF could be leveraged, and provide primary parking for use of the facility (depending on proximity of the structures, etc.) | Thu, 4/24/08 8:46 AM |
| 23. Because it does not close Scoville (too many closed streets in OP already), because it is only on Park district land (don't need to deal with School). However, it needs to include a dog park! | Wed, 4/23/08 10:37 PM |
| 24. Because it uses the whole space and provides for the best possible mix of facilities/activities. | Wed, 4/23/08 10:36 PM |
| 25. i believe this will be the only opportunity to build a sports/recreational complex for the next 50-100 yrs. do it right | Wed, 4/23/08 9:33 PM |
| 26. Scoville remains open, includes dog park, allows for more activities & offices | Wed, 4/23/08 8:59 PM |
| 27. it has a good mix of fields, lap/recreation pool, ice rink. plus it keeps all the streets open. Closing scoville means diverted traffic flow into East. | Wed, 4/23/08 7:53 PM |
| 28. Maximizes open space, field flexibility, puts building close to major parking garage. | Wed, 4/23/08 7:37 PM |
| 29. Again, dog park. Any plan would work as long as a dog park is incorporated. | Wed, 4/23/08 7:28 PM |
| 30. Less disruptive to traffic in area which is already bad. | Wed, 4/23/08 4:43 PM |
| 31. Because Scoville is left open. | Wed, 4/23/08 4:29 PM |
| 32. Again, it includes a dog park which the other plans do not. This would thus serve a greater portion of the Oak Park community. | Wed, 4/23/08 11:22 AM |
| 33. Provides the most for the least amount of money. | Wed, 4/23/08 9:53 AM |
| 34. In addition to the reasons cited, it appears to be the most realistically achievable at an affordable cost with the potential to give the biggest bang for the buck. | Tue, 4/22/08 8:18 PM |
| 35. Good indoor pools. Let those who want sunshine go to Rhem-- drop the notion of a 3rd floor pool. | Tue, 4/22/08 3:12 PM |
| 36. i like this best because it includes a dog park and seems more economically feasible. | Fri, 4/18/08 4:47 PM |
| 37. Dog park | Fri, 4/18/08 4:15 PM |
| 38. So much possibility for so many different uses - indoor and outdoor swimming, facilities for seniors, more ice, better fields - expanded uses for the future if we can afford it. | Wed, 4/16/08 9:24 PM |
| 39. pool facilities. | Wed, 4/16/08 3:10 PM |

40. It is the most forward thinking. If it is too costly, I would propose only having the fields, aquatics and hockey and eliminate any of the new programmatic areas, since these are duplications of services that are available elsewhere within the village. Wed, 4/16/08 1:22 PM
41. Best combination of needs and overall use of space in conjunction with existing garage location and possible Highschool use. Wed, 4/16/08 12:33 PM
42. Through the use of partnerships, this plan seems to be the strongest option of all of them. It addresses the recreational needs of residents, while keeping and expanding on familiar and popular favorites (i.e. will offer more programs, etc). The reason why Ridgeland is functionally and physically obsolete is because we can't offer year-round programming, and this gives us the best opportunity to correct that deficit plus expand on those programs as well. None of the other plans really address that, especially with the pools. Wed, 4/16/08 9:37 AM
43. Has a 50 meter pool without destroying HS athletic facilities. Wed, 4/16/08 8:52 AM
44. I like the variety of features Tue, 4/15/08 5:26 PM

12. Do you have any other comments?

1. In all of the plans, natural turf is replaced with artificial turf, meaning that its use as Dog Park Plus must be ended. This is a very important park use for many residents of Oak Park that don't use other programs and facilities, and it seems to have been completely ignored in the planning process. There are many households that do not use the countless programs for children and youth that are provided by the park district, and whose recreational needs don't seem to be seriously addressed. I am also concerned that only one of the 6 options includes a permanent dog park, and based on the drawings only appears to be 8000-9000 sf, and placed in the outfield of a baseball field, where stray balls could hit me and my dog. (I remember a Park District employee mentioning during the Dogs in the Parks planning process that he wanted to re-orient or expand the baseball fields because balls were being hit into Ridgleand Avenue, so it obviously does happen. Also, the sled hill has disappeared in each option (including the "existing plan", although there has been very strong public support for that. I'm appalled that the "Visionary" Plan Option One reduces the existing number full sized fields for field hockey (a women's sport) from two to one and puts a corner of that field in a baseball infield, in order to add a field for football (a men's sport). I don't believe that the reduction of athletic opportunities for girls and women should be part of the Park District's "vision." It would be nice to see some more athletic opportunities for adult women. There are currently no leagues for adult women teams in any sport.

Mon, 5/5/08 6:36 PM
2. Keep it simple, don't fix what isn't broken and don't spend the taxpayers money just to do it. Don't understand why the infrastructure in the aging buildings can't be updated without tearing up a whole city block to re-invent the wheel. Keep the existing OPRF and Park District playing fields and Keep the sledding hill!

Mon, 5/5/08 12:22 AM
3. Where am I going to park?

Sat, 5/3/08 10:00 PM
4. Please keep as much outdoor pool space as possible. Our kids love the pool and only having one outdoor choice in Oak Park would, in my opinion, be a mistake.

Thu, 5/1/08 10:11 PM
5. I would like the ice rink to be operating year round.

Thu, 5/1/08 10:07 PM
6. Rehm Pool has already been ruined for competition and serious swimming.

Thu, 5/1/08 10:04 PM
7. I'd love a YEAR-ROUND rink!

Wed, 4/30/08 10:33 AM
8. Neither. I would prefer to have 50-meter competition pools at both sites and allow the JH and HS to hold more Summer meets.

Tue, 4/29/08 11:46 AM
9. Why convert either pool? These are athletic facilities, and there is a public-health mission as well. Both are served by recreational lap swimming, more even than competitive, and neither is served by a facility that only permits splashing. Fewer available facilities will discourage recreational swimming. The village's population is growing--please, let's not go backwards on available facilities.

Sun, 4/27/08 7:54 PM
10. Can we stop playing music on the loudspeakers at Ridgeland pool? It makes it difficult to relax and read a book while at the pool, and adds to the general noise level of a very busy corner.

Sun, 4/27/08 3:20 PM
11. I know all groups (swimming,baseball, and skating) will be impacted during construction, but please keep in mind that

Fri, 4/25/08 1:31 PM

Ridgeland is the ONLY PLACE TO SKATE AROUND HERE.
There are other baseball fields and swimming pools. So please use a plan that will keep the rink open during construction or it will be a death-penalty for youth hockey in Oak Park.

12. Closure of Scoville will provide more space, but traffic analysis for East is needed. Too much traffic and parking woes will be shunted to East if the 100N block of East is kept open. I think it should be closed to through traffic and that block should be converted to parking. Too often Oak Park ignores the parking situation and it's impact on neighborhoods. Let's have a parking lot for once, rather than be scrambling with our children for dangerous street parking on lake. Fri, 4/25/08 10:15 AM
13. I saw the last survey with all of the comments from the residents from the 100-300 block of south East. Perhaps it might be wise to also absorb East Avenue in this plan as well, and use that to provide access to the underground parking that is proposed to be under the new facility (with access off of both South Blvd and Lake St. A canopy can be put over part of the area with natural grass, which could be made into a dog park - one that would be dedicated use, not mixed use. Fri, 4/25/08 9:03 AM
14. There are more dogs than school children in Oak Park. Ridgeland Common needs to accomodate these members of our community. Fri, 4/25/08 5:54 AM
15. Rehm should have a recreational outdoor pool and Ridgeland should have an indoor, competition and recreational pool that could be used year-round and by various groups with interests in hosting meets, practices, aerobics, etc. (e.g. high school, club teams, etc.) It seems wasteful to have two outdoor pools in such a cold climate. They sit empty for more months than they are open and are exposed to the elements in the winter months. I recommend eliminating all outdoor pool components at Ridgeland and keeping Rehm as-is, but make sure to make the indoor pool improvements ideal for multi-use (rec and competition). I believe the village would gain revenue and decrease expenses with a year-round indoor pool that the citizens and high school could utilize. Thu, 4/24/08 11:19 PM
16. Artificial turf has now been shown to be full of contaminants. We do not need another Barrie Park remediation Thu, 4/24/08 8:30 PM
17. Please consider the traffic concerns. There are already problems in the area. Please talk with beat officer Officer Primak and Ray Wiggins of Traffic Engineering regarding East Ave traffic concerns. Thu, 4/24/08 2:21 PM
18. Please do NOT convert either of our two 50-meter outdoor pools. Why does the Park District persist in referring to them as "competition pools"? They are SWIMMING POOLS, useful for recreational swimming, lap swimming, and other aquatic activities including play, floating, and cooling off, as well as being suited to competition. Please, please do NOT destroy either Ridgeland or Rehm pools. They are loved by Oak Park's recreational swimmers, most of whom (myself included) do not swim competitively, but who look forward every year to the opening of the pool for lap swim, public swim, or both. If you read the responses to the earlier questionnaires , you will see that the only recreational facility more valued than the dog park is the 50-meter Swimming Pool. It will break the hearts of Oak Park's residents if you take that away from us. Thu, 4/24/08 12:08 PM
19. Please do not get rid of the dog park at Ridgeland Common. There are so many apartments between Lake and Washington that Ridgeland Common is the best palce for these residents. The Thu, 4/24/08 9:35 AM

one planned for Taylor park is surrounded by one family houses that have yards. These residents may not find a dog park as necessary. In addition, a dog park is not just for the dogs. It is a wonderful community that bring both young and old together. It is used 365 days out of the year, unlike the swimming pool or ice rink which is strictly seasonal.

20. I strongly oppose any closure of scoville without a concurrent closing of East Avenue between North Blvd (just north of the train tracks)and Lake St. Residents on East Ave. have already been working with the Village and have expressed various concerns about traffice volume and related safety issues. If anything, closing that portion of East potentially provides more park space. Thu, 4/24/08 8:46 AM
21. Ridgeland Common is not a parkland and will not be a leisure park (such as Lindberg)- it will be a high activity, destination park . So far consideration and design of a DOG PARK at Ridgeland has been an afterthought - it needs to be seriously and earnestly included in the design process. Instead of closing Scoville, could you consider extending the building over the street, thereby keeping the street open and expanding the footprint of the building facility. There are many great ideas in these plans but I can't say the visionary plans are all that visionary. They are dlctated stricly by the pool and ice rink and few dual purpose areas: what could the ice rink be used for in the summer (basketball, roller skating, parties, events,) ; what could the pool area be used for in the winter? Using bubbles over the fields could extend the use; do staff offices need to be at this site taking space away from acitivity space? Finally, parking in the area has not really been addressed adequately and to have drop off points on Lake St. does not make sense, especially the closer the drop off point is to Ridgeland. Wed, 4/23/08 10:37 PM
22. Any of the plans are going to have a battle with the South East Avenue residents. I would suggest that Visionary #1 could be made more palatable to them by moving all of the buildings to the west end of the property and creating a much more passive face to the west. Move all the pools, fields and lights east and away from East Avenue. Remove the traffic light at East and put one in at (the former) Scoville. The entrance to the facility will need to be down near the Scoville entrance of the parking garage anyway. This will also tend to move the high school foot traffic away from the East Avenue people-you know that this is one of the things they don't like, they just can't say it. The plan of the pool and rink facility will presumably be better thought out than is shown in the preliminary plan. One chance to do this! Hope the visionary plan wins out and that the price tag doesn't gag everyone! Wed, 4/23/08 10:36 PM
23. we can do it Wed, 4/23/08 9:33 PM
24. If Scoville will be closed for expansion, the traffic will be diverted to East Ave, which is already experiencing so many traffic problems (volume of traffic, speeding, failure to stop at the stop sign) If part of East Ave can also be closed to prevent through traffic between Lake and Madison in a way that all the traffic go through Lake or Ridgeland to get to Ridgeland Commons that would be ideal. Wed, 4/23/08 7:53 PM
25. My comments, of course, hinge on the cost of the final project. But, boy, it would be nice ... Wed, 4/23/08 7:37 PM
26. Pedestrian and bike access should still be available if scoville is closed. Wed, 4/23/08 7:28 PM
27. Please consider traffic patterns and cost to taxpayers. This is a highly congested area. Safety needs to be a priority. Do not close off Scoville unless East Ave is closed somewhere as well. Wed, 4/23/08 7:18 PM

28. Keep the dog park Wed, 4/23/08 6:42 PM
29. There is already a problem with traffic in this area..adding more amenities will only amplify this, especially on East Ave. I would hope the community's safety comes first. Thank you Wed, 4/23/08 5:15 PM
30. Close S East between the train tracks and Lake and my opposition to close Scoville changes. Wed, 4/23/08 4:43 PM
31. If you close S East between the train tracks and Lake street I will withdraw my opposition to closing Scoville. Wed, 4/23/08 4:29 PM
32. I think that it is important that this facility serves the greatest portion of Oak Park's population; therefore, I would like to see Expansionary Plan 2A chosen since it is the only plan that includes a dog park. Wed, 4/23/08 11:22 AM
33. Avoid tax referendum; it won't pass. Wed, 4/23/08 9:53 AM
34. KEEP THE DOG PARK!!! Wed, 4/23/08 8:50 AM
35. These plans are by no means exhaustive, nor do any of them necessarily represent the one best approach. More thought needs to be given to parking and convenience of access and to such other space resources as below-grade facilities and air rights over Scoville (as well as modifying Scoville to become a greatly reduced right-of-way as an option to closing it.) Also, a dog park is an amenity most conspicuous by its absence in a facility otherwise dedicated to providing new and/or expanded services. More creative use of the admittedly scarce field space is in order. Tue, 4/22/08 8:18 PM
36. The pool plans are terrible. Does anyone really think that having a leisure pool on the 3rd floor is a good idea (V-Opt.2)? Where would the 8 and 10 yr. olds play (V-Opt.1)? The year round rink is very important but given the lack of space, is a studio rink necessary? Is parking a bad word? It is not mentioned at all. This questionnaire is terrible. Luckily I took good notes. Tue, 4/22/08 3:12 PM
37. Oak Park really needs to have two family-friendly pools as well as a competition pool, as it does seem that swimming is a very popular sport here. I confess that I am more interested in a pool with water-slides and other recreation-based activities than I am in the competition pool..... Fri, 4/18/08 7:03 PM
38. While it would be nice to have an indoor pool for lap swimming that could be used year round, I don't feel that an indoor recreation pool is necessary. Nor do I believe it to be necessary for there to be 2 ice rinks. Lastly, I am strongly in support of a dog park at Ridgeland Common due to the fact that it is the most centrally located park in our community and is the most accessible location to which people may walk their dogs. Fri, 4/18/08 4:47 PM
39. Keep the dog park. Fri, 4/18/08 4:15 PM
40. I understand the Park District board supports the idea of a permanent Dog Park at Ridgeland. The designers need to incorporate a dog park into all future plans. We've had a family pool pass for years. I've coached baseball games at Ridgeland the last five years. And I live just a few blocks away from the park. The most important issue for me and my family is to retain Dog Park Plus for as long as possible and to establish a permanent, high quality dog park at Ridgeland. Thu, 4/17/08 2:20 PM
41. Retaining an outdoor 50-meter competition pool is crucial. If visionary plan 1 is not affordable, one of the expanded plans needs to include this type of pool. I sympathize with dog owners and their desire for community space - if that can be included I Wed, 4/16/08 9:24 PM

support it. Please do not be deterred by obstructionists threatening legal action over closing Scoville. East is a thoroughfare with or without Scoville. I don't want to be insensitive to S. East Ave. residents but absolute opposition to new ideas is unacceptable for this type of project. I live on a thoroughfare also - Augusta Ave. I'd surely love less traffic but I made the choice and live with it. S. East Ave. residents deserve consideration for their concerns and accommodation for possible traffic impacts. My guess is most of those traffic concerns currently exist. Claims that they will only get worse are opinion at this point, not fact. Closing Scoville does not guarantee further deterioration for S. East Ave.

42. Would like to see coordination with OPRF to have an indoor 50-meter competition pool. OPRF facilities lag far behind nearly all peers. Wed, 4/16/08 3:10 PM
43. Please consider the fitness needs of adults. Leisure pools are a trend that I feel will not stand the test of time. I think we need to provide opportunities to promote fitness and health. Swimming is a life long fitness activity. Lap swimming and leisure pools combined are not a happy marriage. Please keep a 50 meter SWIMMING pool in the village. The morning lap swimming adults would likely pay more than the current fee to keep the pool. There are few experiences more enjoyable than the summer swim experience in the morning at lap swim at Ridgeland Commons. The diversity of age groups, all enjoying a common experience together, the fellowship of being with likeminded adults engaging in an activity that is healthy, fun and social is wonderful. For some adults, this is the highlight of the summer. Swimming indoors is more of a chore and does not give the same experience. With the 50 meter pool, more people can swim at once. I have swam with 20 people in a lane going around in a circle on some Saturday mornings! A leisure pool lends itself to the culture of obesity. When you refer to the 50 meter pool, please refer to it as a "Swimming/Competition pool, so non swimmers can realize there is more going on than swim meets. Wed, 4/16/08 1:22 PM
44. Now is the time to allow the visionary plan to be implemented. We are at a time where we can build a facility that can be used for the next 40 years. Why build a scaled down version when we have the ability to build the facility for now and the future. Ridgeland lasted 40+ years, lets build something that will last as long and be as useful. Wed, 4/16/08 12:33 PM
45. I was in attendance at the community meeting, and heard the comments from the 100-300 block of south East Avenue with their concerns regarding traffic. Perhaps a viable alternative is to block off East as well, but still have the viaduct open as that could serve as the entrance to the underground parking that is proposed to be included as part of the building. This would also mean acquiring East Avenue as well, but the grassy part on top could be made into a grassy dog park, to accomodate dog park users, or could be used for further expansion of the building and more program/space options (i.e. the suggestion having two full sheets of ice rather than one full sheet and a studio rink, or a 50 meter indoor pool in addition to the 50 meter outdoor one). Wed, 4/16/08 9:37 AM
46. Question 11 is based on the false premise that Rehm is a 50 meter competition pool. The large opening in the east end wall make it unsuitable for this use. I am very disappointed in the seeming lack of interest in a 50-meter pool. Wed, 4/16/08 8:52 AM
47. Thank you Tue, 4/15/08 5:26 PM