


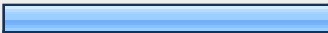
Wenonah Tot Lot Site Plan



1. What do you like about Concept A?		
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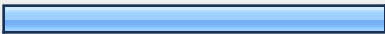
2. What do you dislike about Concept A?		
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3. What do you like about Concept B?		
		Response Count
		16
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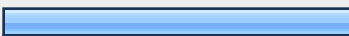
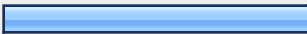
4. What do you dislike about Concept B?		
		Response Count
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	<i>answered question</i>	15
	<i>skipped question</i>	2

5. What overall concept do you prefer for Wenonah Tot Lot?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Concept A		50.0%	8
Concept B		50.0%	8
		<i>answered question</i>	16
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

6. Do you think it is important to locate the existing cement turtle in the new site plan?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		47.1%	8
No		52.9%	9
		<i>answered question</i>	17
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

7. Do you think a neighborhood meeting is necessary to discuss the design of the Wenonah Tot Lot?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		41.2%	7
No		58.8%	10
		<i>answered question</i>	17
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

8. If a neighborhood meeting is planned for the Wenonah Tot Lot site plan on Thursday, August 6 at 7pm, would you attend? (A decision on a neighborhood meeting will be posted on the Wenonah Tot Lot web page by August 3).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		53.3%	8
No		46.7%	7
		<i>answered question</i>	15
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

9. Do you have any other comments?

		Response Count
		11
		<i>answered question</i>
		11
		<i>skipped question</i>
		6

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Response Text		
1	The necessary upgrades can be accomplished at a lower cost. More to the point, it will cost less over time because it will be easier and less time consuming to maintain.	Jul 24, 2009 2:27 PM
2	It keeps the turtle.	Jul 24, 2009 9:33 PM
3	The traditional play apparatus.	Jul 24, 2009 11:53 PM
4	I like the change in entrance and the fencing across the street to block some of the highway. The highway noise is one of the major downsides to this park.	Jul 25, 2009 1:46 AM
5	Play Equipment has more to offer and children have more to explore on thier own.	Jul 25, 2009 3:39 PM
6	I really like the fact that there is a designated sand area with the diggers (my kids love playing on those at other parks), but I also like the fact that sand is not EVERYWHERE like it is in the existing park. I like the "car" motif, especially if there are cars that the kids can play on as shown in the picture (though I do not see where they would be in the diagram). I also tend to favor the more traditional apparatus, plus I am STRONGLY in favor of rubberized surfacing over wood chips.	Jul 27, 2009 2:22 PM
7	I like the sand area. I am happy that the turtle will not be in the sand area--it is too hard and dangerous for small children to play on. It really should be removed.	Jul 27, 2009 2:24 PM
8	Preserves the Turtle! Love the doggie bowl.	Jul 27, 2009 2:56 PM
9	It sounds more natural and fitting to the surroundings. It sounds attractive. Nice for kids, adults, and dogs.	Jul 28, 2009 6:54 PM
10	The Traditional playground is superior to weevos and is more popular for this age group. Prefer to keep original design element of this Park	Jul 29, 2009 8:51 PM
11	fence and trees along expressway retaining turtle	Jul 30, 2009 5:45 PM
12	A smaller sandlot	Jul 30, 2009 10:52 PM
13	I primarily like the inclusion of the shadowbox fence and the trees along the southside of Harrison as a sound and visual barrier between the tot lot and the Eisenhower.	Jul 31, 2009 1:53 AM
14	multiple play areas (play structure, sand box) that can accommodate numerous children; option for rubberized surface	Jul 31, 2009 2:51 AM
15	1) Traditional play structure that includes raised areas on which to crawl, "play house," etc.; 2) a sand area with diggers; 3) retaining the turtle; 4) the car theme; and 5) money isn't spent unnecessarily on a new sidewalk - the existing one seems fine.	Aug 1, 2009 1:09 AM

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What do you dislike about Concept A?		
		Response Count
		15
<i>answered question</i>		15
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Response Text		
1	The possibility of combining poured-in-place surfacing with sand. The sand always makes the surfacing look dirty and unkempt. Both Barrie and Longfellow have clearly shown that it is virtually impossible to get the sand out of the poured-in-place even with an exorbitant expenditure of time and manpower. Therefore, either eliminate the sand or the poured-in-place.	Jul 24, 2009 2:27 PM
2	Nothing. It will be like a traditional park.	Jul 24, 2009 9:33 PM
3	That is doesn't have the train.	Jul 24, 2009 11:53 PM
4	That the space isn't being used more. The grassy areas in this lot are not used much.. this is not a picnic destination...(noise) I think it makes more sense to add more climbing apparatuses or swings!	Jul 25, 2009 1:46 AM
5	Sand areas seem to difficult to keep neat and clean and take away from overall appearance of lot in a short time.	Jul 25, 2009 3:39 PM
6	I feel as though the design is very similar to some of the other parks that have been redesigned recently. Nice, but the same.	Jul 27, 2009 3:53 AM
7	I don't understand why you are putting the drinking fountain outside of the fence...this is a HUGE problem as now kids have to leave the safety of the park in order to get a drink. This makes absolutely no sense to a parent. Also, putting a doggie bowl drinking fountain is a problem for me. Even though I love dogs, we have had a real problem of people using this tot lot as a place to exercise their dogs...resulting in dogs urinating etc. within the park, a place that is supposed to be safe for toddlers to play in the sand and grass. I have actually grown very upset about this as I feel my kids are playing in a big litter box...and putting a dog drinking fountain attached to the park, I fear, would only encourage this behavior.	Jul 27, 2009 2:22 PM
8	I think that swings need to be added where the current play structure is. The new play structure can be moved farther into the lot. I do not like the dog bowl idea. Having dogs enter the play lot is scary to many small children. It is not a dog lot!!	Jul 27, 2009 2:24 PM
9	The potential cosst.	Jul 28, 2009 6:54 PM
10	The popular Turtle should remain in the sandbox	Jul 29, 2009 8:51 PM
11	sand	Jul 30, 2009 5:45 PM
12	A lot of the existing park remains. Both of my kids have been scrapped up on the turtle.	Jul 30, 2009 10:52 PM
13	Unfortunately, Plan A doesn't differ enough from the current tot lot to justify this plan as a redevelopment of the site.	Jul 31, 2009 1:53 AM
14	turtle - rarely gets use now; unclear if there will be a play car (preferred), image of car shown but not on map (what does "play pieces with car-themed components" refer to?)	Jul 31, 2009 2:51 AM

Response Text

15	I really don't like the placement of the play panels. They are right in front of the benches, and appear from the drawing that they would obscure the view of parents/caregivers on the benches. In other words, it would be difficult to see past the panels to the kids on the equipment behind them. I think the panels should be moved to the Southeast corner of the equipment area, and positioned so that the "v" points to the southeast (i.e., they open toward the equipment area).	Aug 1, 2009 1:09 AM
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		16
<i>answered question</i>		16
<i>skipped question</i>		1

Response Text		
1	It eliminates the sandbox	Jul 24, 2009 2:27 PM
2	Like the Weevos, like the CTA theme, like the new entrance. Like the train for the kids to play on.	Jul 24, 2009 9:33 PM
3	The train Theme.	Jul 24, 2009 11:53 PM
4	It is very creative. It gives that park a specific character and makes it more of a destination place. I think I like the weevo too, though I don't honestly know which kind of structure is preferable to kids. I like the entrance change, and the fence across the street as well. The train is cool. My kids would love it.	Jul 25, 2009 1:46 AM
5	The play train set	Jul 25, 2009 3:39 PM
6	I like that it offers something a bit different for the children. Also, kids LOVE trains and there is only one other park that I know of nearby with a train motif. (It is not in OP, either)	Jul 27, 2009 3:53 AM
7	I like the train motif, and I really like that trains that the kids can play on...though I cannot see on the diagram where those would be. I also like the use of the colored concrete within the park.	Jul 27, 2009 2:22 PM
8	It is unique and creative.	Jul 27, 2009 2:24 PM
9	Doggie bowl.	Jul 27, 2009 2:56 PM
10	Dog bowl and drinking fountain.	Jul 28, 2009 6:54 PM
11	Nothing	Jul 29, 2009 8:51 PM
12	better seating areas train car new type play equipment new plantings	Jul 30, 2009 5:45 PM
13	The weevos equipment and no sandlot	Jul 30, 2009 10:52 PM
14	I love the entire plan. The theme in terms of how it relates to the el train is appealing, the modernizing of the facilities, the modern play structure, and the fencing along the southside of Harrison are all excellent.	Jul 31, 2009 1:53 AM
15	unique Weevos play structure; option for rubberized surface; train car (although unclear where this would be and if the picture shown is representative of the actual structure)	Jul 31, 2009 2:51 AM
16	I don't really like Concept B at all.	Aug 1, 2009 1:09 AM

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What do you dislike about Concept B?		
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<i>answered question</i>		15
<i>skipped question</i>		2

Response Text		
1	The new plaza on the corner will make snow removal far more difficult and time consuming as it will require considerable hand work	Jul 24, 2009 2:27 PM
2	The doggie bowl water fountain	Jul 24, 2009 9:33 PM
3	The play apparatus does not seem to accommodate as many children as the traditional one.	Jul 24, 2009 11:53 PM
4	Still no swings, still does not use the space as much as I think it could be used.	Jul 25, 2009 1:46 AM
5	The Weevos equipment seems sparse and not a good use of footprint	Jul 25, 2009 3:39 PM
6	My biggest issue with this concept is the lack of a sand area...kids love to play in sand! The colored concrete plaza out front makes no sense to me, and seems to be both a waste of space and money. And again, I have a BIG issue with both the drinking fountain being outside of the park (I just can't get over how, as a parent, it just makes NO sense for a kid to have to leave the safety of the park in order to get a drink)...and I am against adding a doggie bowl (really, I'm not against dogs, but I am so tired of people using this park as a pet exercise area...it literally makes me not want to take my kids there anymore).	Jul 27, 2009 2:22 PM
7	The play structure does not appear to be able to accommodate many children. I don't like that there is no sand play area. The game table is unnecessary as older children would use that and the play area is not for older children. Also, I don't like the dog water bowl idea. Many children are scared of dogs and now we are going to encourage dog owners to open the play lot gate and let their dog have a drink!! Even on a leash, small children who are afraid of dogs will not feel safe in the play lot, knowing that a dog may come in at any time. This is not a dog lot!! We really need to adjust where all the elements will go in the tot lot. There would be room for swings where the existing play structure is now if the new play structure was moved farther into the lot. Why are we wasting so much space on bushes and decorative elements? The kids don't care. They want to play.	Jul 27, 2009 2:24 PM
8	no turtle. SAVE THE TURTLE PARK!	Jul 27, 2009 2:56 PM
9	I don't like this concept. Its tacky and sounds a lot more expensive than Plan A. I don't like the learning panels. Sounds boring.	Jul 28, 2009 6:54 PM
10	Weevos is crap for this age group. No design changes needed	Jul 29, 2009 8:51 PM
11	no fence along expressway? no turtle	Jul 30, 2009 5:45 PM
12	No swings. I know that it said it is too small of a space - but for a small 2 tot swings that are placed high - I don't understand why this can't be done	Jul 30, 2009 10:52 PM
13	I would like to see additional new plantings and less of the existing grass that is difficult to use.	Jul 31, 2009 1:53 AM
14	seems to have only one significant play area (Weevos) that is able to accommodate multiple children (play table of limited utility)	Jul 31, 2009 2:51 AM

Response Text

15	I dislike nearly all of it. In particular, the play structure doesn't have enough activities, and space is wasted with the overhead bars, which add nothing for kids in the intended age group. I also don't like that there would be no sand area, and that the turtle would be gone. And I doubt that kids 2-5 years old would get much use from a game table, even if it includes a checkers board. That seems like wasted space; the existing table, in its existing location, is adequate, in my view.	Aug 1, 2009 1:09 AM
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Response Text		
1	Our sons played there for many years when we moved onto the block in 1999. They have fond memories of playing with the turtle and the other equipment. The turtle could be moved outside the fence and incorporated into the flowers.	Jul 24, 2009 9:33 PM
2	I think I covered it above, I live very close to this park and I have two little kids, so I would be very glad to have it updated. The turtle doesn't get used much... and overall I don't think the park gets used much. It will need some Punch! Thanks	Jul 25, 2009 1:46 AM
3	I would love to see swings, but understand it is not a possibility for this particular space. I have been in the park on occasion where the grass has been nearly a foot high and there is broken glass. I would like to see it maintained properly and be safe for the children.	Jul 27, 2009 3:53 AM
4	Nice work in putting together options. My favorite choice would actually be Concept A but with the train motif and train that the kids can play on. Regardless of design chosen, I REALLY REALLY hope that you can do the rubber surfacing instead of the wood mulch. As a parent who had explored a lot of the newer parks in the area with my 1 and 3 year olds, the rubber surfacing is an order of magnitude better and safer. If necessary I would rather you cut back on other, non-essential aspects of the park (e.g. custom fence panels, interpretive signs, etc.) that are "nice to have" in order to be able to afford the rubber surfacing...which is a MUST HAVE in my book. We live 1 block away from the tot lot...but if it does not have rubber surfacing then we will most likely not use that park as there are other parks nearby that have the rubber surfacing, which is FAR superior. However, I also want to say THANK YOU, both for putting the time and work into upgrading our tot lot, but also for being nice enough to ask our opinion and involving us in the process. Wonderful!	Jul 27, 2009 2:22 PM
5	Concept B seems bright and shiny, but there's no turtle. SAVE THE TURTLE--an Oak Park legacy!	Jul 27, 2009 2:56 PM
6	I can't attend the meeting as I will be out of town. This is outrageous that OP plans to spend upwards of \$200M on a tot lot. We have so many other issues that need to be dealt with. The budget is out of control and expenses need to be cut. Here is a good place to start. Get real.	Jul 28, 2009 6:54 PM
7	working with idot on the sound barrier on south of harrison st is an excellant idea. Suggest you look at southeast corner at alley to make sure drivers have good view of sidewalk. The bush that is there now has been cut back by neighbors for better line of sight of children & joggers. With the "new" trees now mature, it is now a "dark park" at night, this park should retain open sight lines into it for security reasons. Lighting at Night??	Jul 29, 2009 8:51 PM

Response Text		
8	<p>It is crucial that the fence and trees be put in place on the s. side of Harrison. The noise limits the amount of time that one can enjoy the area.</p> <p>It will be nice to see something new there. After 20 years, it's looking a bit dismal.</p>	Jul 30, 2009 5:45 PM
9	<p>Please replace the existing grass! It is filled with weeds, dirt, and rocks. When I go with my toddlers (3.5 years old) their little brother who is not yet a walker is absolutely filthy because he can't play on the ground anywhere.</p>	Jul 30, 2009 10:52 PM
10	<p>We would love plan B with a sand box (or some other additional and substantial play area).</p> <p>Would definitely attend meeting if available - we are out of town Aug 6, return on the 10th.</p> <p>Rubberized surface is a must have.</p>	Jul 31, 2009 2:51 AM
11	<p>We use the tot lot very often. I believe that a sand area is critical to the enhancement of the lot, as is a play structure that provides some of the same features of the current one -- a platform, places to hide underneath, etc -- albeit in much better, upgraded, and improved form. My 3-year-old really likes a sand area, as do her 2-, 3- and 4-year-old friends of both genders. And from observing kids (mine and others) at the tot lot, I think keeping the turtle is important, as silly as it may seem. My 3-year-old's first questions about the park being renovated were, "They won't hurt the turtle, will they? He'll still be here, right?" She was concerned for herself, her friends, and her newborn baby brother. I like the idea of moving the turtle out of the sand area, as represented in Concept A. Finally, when I marked that I didn't think a neighborhood meeting was necessary, that answer is dependent on the careful consideration of my comments and the others received via this questionnaire. I have spent an extraordinary amount of time in that tot lot in the last two and a half years (and nearly every other park in Oak Park / River Forest), and I strongly believe Concept B won't further the goal of improving the play space for the intended target of 2-5 year old kids. I do very much appreciate that the Village will be improving the lot, and I believe Concept A is a good choice, with a minor adjustment or two (like moving the panels, as discussed above). Thanks very much.</p>	Aug 1, 2009 1:09 AM