

Green Valley Park Survey Results

June 2016

The New Sewickley Township Park and Recreation Board conducted a survey to gather thoughts and opinions from the community in order guide the preparation of a master plan for Green Valley Park.

A total of 469 surveys were completed. The following is a summary of the results.



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Total Responses

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Question 1: What municipality do you live in?

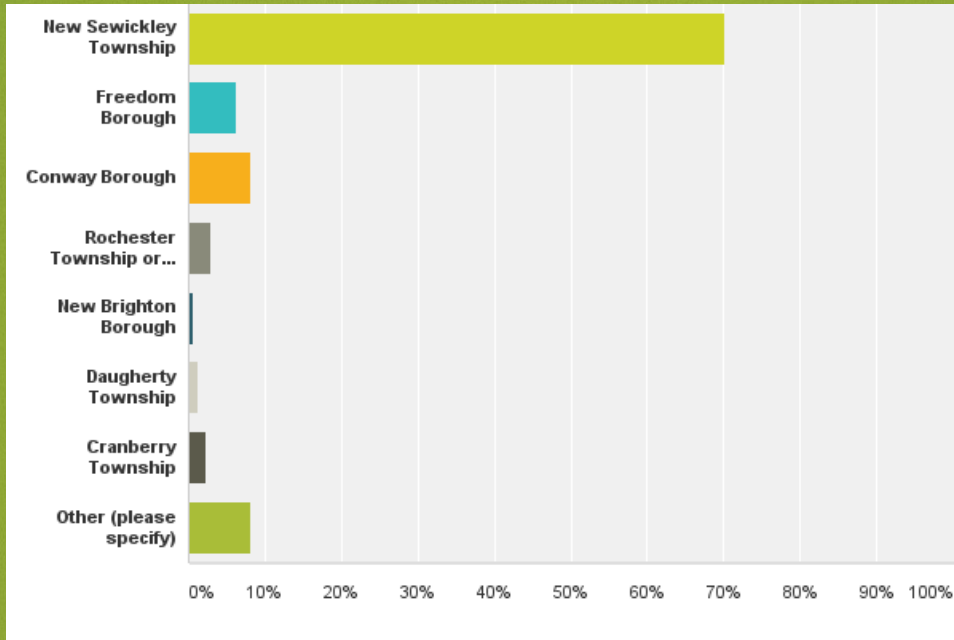
Answered: 467 Skipped: 2

It is apparent that a majority of the people using Green Valley Park live within the Township. Therefore, survey results reflect the interest of Township residents.

What municipality do you live in?	Responses	Percent of Total
New Sewickley Township	328	70.24%
Conway Borough	38	8.14%
Other	38	8.14%
Freedom Borough	29	6.21%
Rochester Township or Borough	14	3.00%
Cranberry Township	11	2.36%
Daugherty Township	6	1.28%
New Brighton Borough	3	0.64%

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Answered: 467 Skipped: 2



The 38 “Other” responses recorded, a majority of these residents lived in North Sewickley, Ambridge, Beaver, Center County, Patterson Township, and Chippewa Township. The total “Other” responses accounted for 8.14% of the total results.

Question 2: For statistical purposes and planning age appropriate activities, please indicate the number of people in your household in each age group:

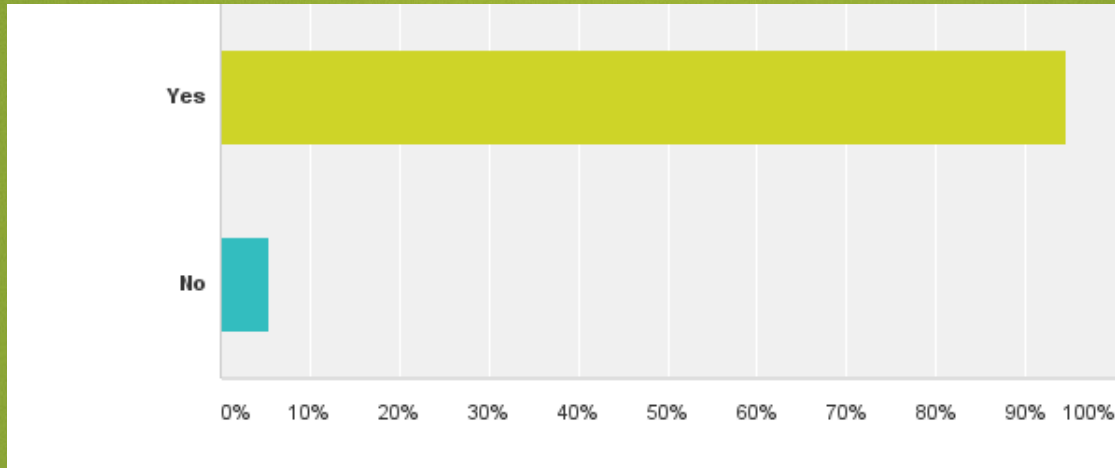
Answered: 466 Skipped: 3

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
0 to 9 years of age	42.33% 91	34.42% 74	15.81% 34	4.19% 9	3.26% 7	215
10 to 19 years of age	47.03% 95	38.61% 78	11.39% 23	1.98% 4	0.99% 2	202
20 to 34 years of age	43.96% 91	45.41% 94	8.21% 17	0.97% 2	1.45% 3	207
35 to 59 years of age	22.56% 74	75.91% 249	1.22% 4	0.30% 1	0.00% 0	328
60 to 74 years of age	39.06% 25	57.81% 37	0.00% 0	3.13% 2	0.00% 0	64
75 years of age and up	50.00% 3	50.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6

Of the 466 responses received, a majority of people responded that they have one or two people living in their household between all age ranges options listed. The largest response indicated that 249 people (75.91%) have two people living in their homes between the ages of 35 to 59. This age group also received the largest amount of answers, reaching 328. The categories 0-9, 10-19, and 20-34 all received between 200 and 215 votes.

Question 3: Have you or a member of your household ever visited Green Valley Park for recreational purposes?

Answered: 465 Skipped: 4



Of the 465 responses, 94.62% (440) people have been to Green Valley Park for recreational purposes.

The remaining 5.38% (25) had not been to Green Valley Park for recreational purposes.

Question 4: If you answered Yes to Question No. 3, please indicate how often you or a member of your family visits Green Valley Park during each of the following seasons:

Answered: 438 Skipped: 31

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Total Respondents
Multiple times a week	88.49% 269	82.57% 251	58.55% 178	7.24% 22	304
Once a week	41.34% 74	60.89% 109	48.04% 86	15.64% 28	179
Once a month	37.64% 67	35.96% 64	47.75% 85	30.90% 55	178
Once a year	35.71% 30	40.48% 34	42.86% 36	47.62% 40	84
Never	2.08% 2	5.21% 5	12.50% 12	100.00% 96	96

Of the 438 responses, 304 people signified that they visit the park multiple times a week, mainly in the spring (269) and summer (251).

The responses for once a week and once a month visits were nearly identical, the main difference indicating that people who visit the park once a week are most likely to visit during the summer months (60.89%). As for the once a year visits, all of the seasons received an average of 35 votes each. As expected the winter season has the lowest visitation.

Question 5: Are you or a member of your household active in any of the following organizations? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 284 Skipped: 221

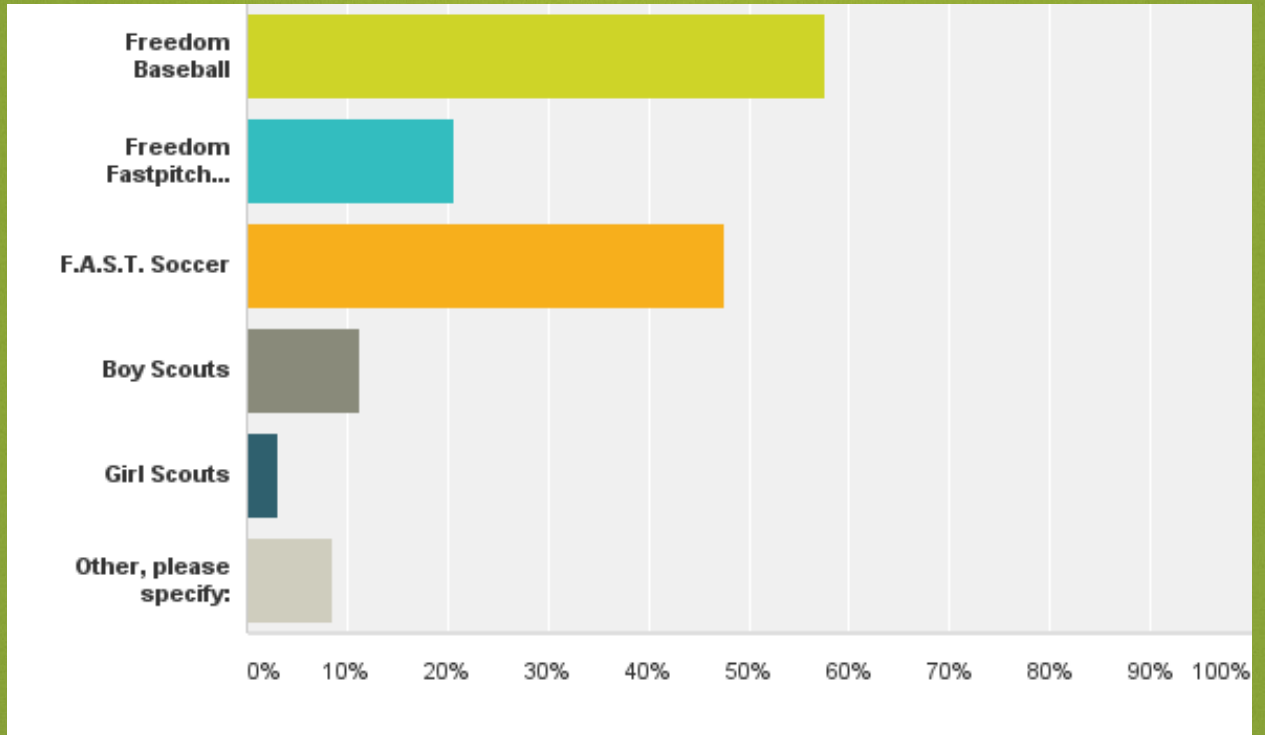
Organizations	All Respondents	Township Residents	Percent of Responses Representing Township Residents
Freedom Baseball	143	104	72.73%
Freedom Fastpitch Softball	51	39	76.47%
F.A.S.T. Soccer	118	84	71.19%
Boy Scouts	28	22	78.57%
Girl Scouts	8	6	75.00%
Other	8	6	75.00%

60% of respondents indicated someone in their household participates in one of the organizations.

For the 40% who skipped this question it most likely indicates there are no representatives in their household who are involved in organizations that utilize Green Valley Park.

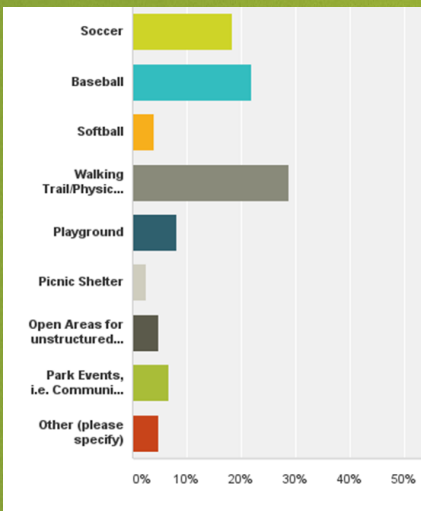
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Question 6: What is your primary reason or what do you do most often at Green Valley Park?

Answered: 443 Skipped: 26



Answer Choices	Responses
Soccer	18.28% 81
Baseball	21.90% 97
Softball	4.06% 18
Walking Trail/Physical Fitness Stations	28.89% 128
Playground	8.13% 36
Picnic Shelter	2.48% 11
Open Areas for unstructured play	4.74% 21
Park Events, i.e. Community Days, Movies in the Park	6.77% 30
Other (please specify)	4.74% 21
Total	443

Question 6: What is your primary reason or what do you do most often at Green Valley Park?

Answered: 443 Skipped: 26

The primary singular use of Green Valley Park is indicated to be passive use - Walking trails and Physical Fitness Stations, receiving a total of 128 votes (28.89%) of the 443 total responses. Additionally, people who answered “other” indicated that they use the park for dog walking.

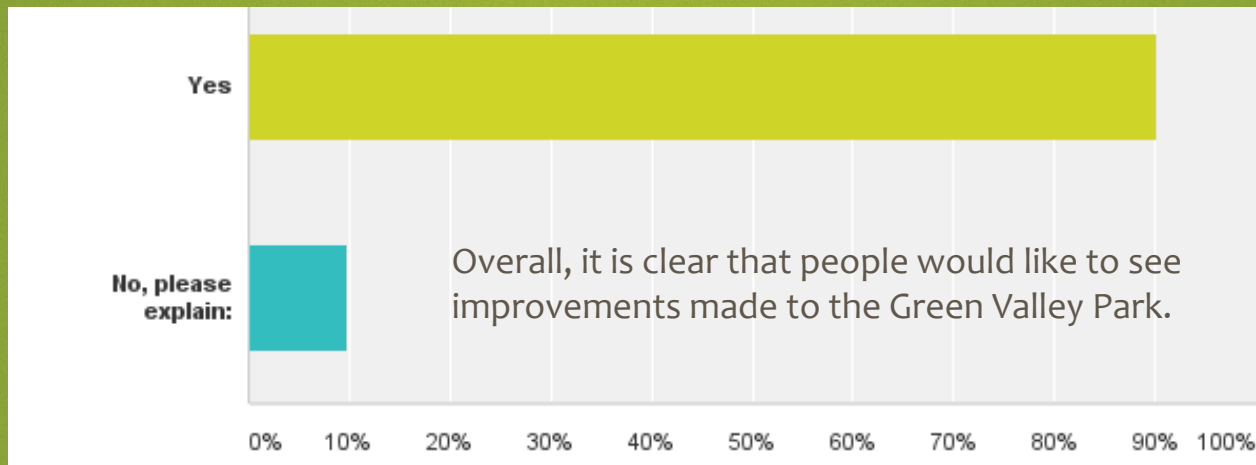
The next highest category of votes was for athletic uses, including baseball (21.90%), Soccer (18.28%), and Softball (4.06%). When combining total sports related use, 44.24% of all responses indicate they visit the park for organized sports.

Playground use, open areas for unstructured play, park events, and picnic shelters bring in a total of 22.12% to Green Valley Park.

“Other” answers include nature elements such as the creek and fishing, camping as well as disc golf.

Question 7: Would you like to see improvements made to Green Valley Park?

Answered: 435 Skipped: 34



Of the 435 responses, 392 people (90.11%) indicated that they would like to see improvements made to Green Valley Park. This is a conflicting number, however, because 22 people that voted “no” then suggested improvements for the park such as additional, permanent restrooms, more lighting, more parking lots located closer to playing fields, additions of bleachers near the playing fields, and designating the park as non-smoking, and adding scoreboards to the play fields.

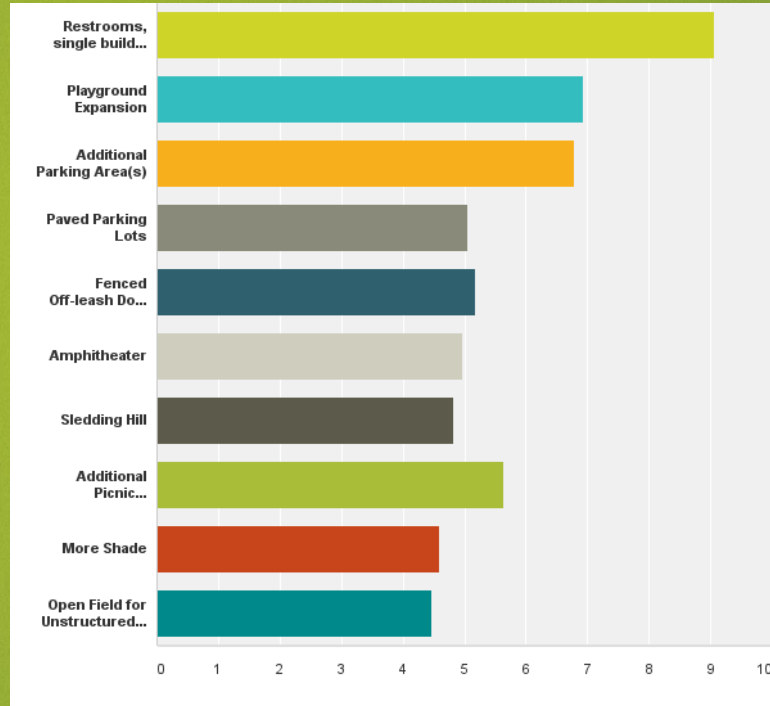
Question 8: Please rank the below list of possible general improvements in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important...

Answered: 390 Skipped: 79

Of the choices provided, the top three priorities for improvements include:

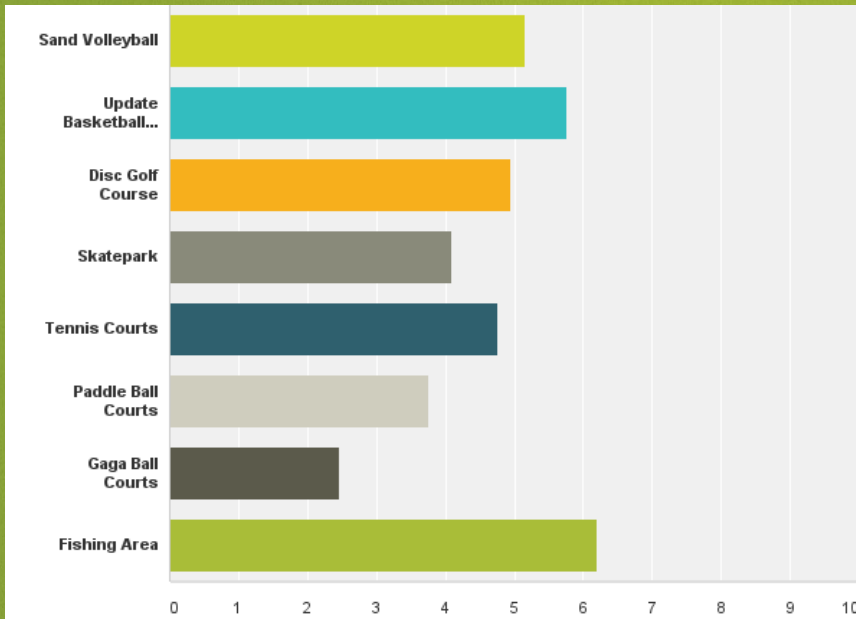
1. permanent restrooms
2. playground expansion, and additional parking areas
3. followed by a dog park, an amphitheater and additional picnic shelters.

The remaining options (open fields, amphitheater, more shade, additional picnic shelters, and a sledding hill) all received roughly the same low numbers of votes, indicating that these options are not priorities for most people.



Question 9: Please rank the below list of possible recreation/sports improvements in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important...

Answered: 362 Skipped: 107



Of the 362 responses received, 126 people indicated their first priority for recreation improvement as the need for a fishing area, followed by updates to the basketball courts (64), and a disc golf course (60).

Of the responses, a gaga ball court and skate park were ranked as a last priority but a total of 151 people.

Question 10: Please rank the below list of possible trail/path improvements in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important...

Answered: 372 Skipped: 97

The most popular answer for this question was to repair existing walking trails with 109 of 372 people ranking this as their first priority.

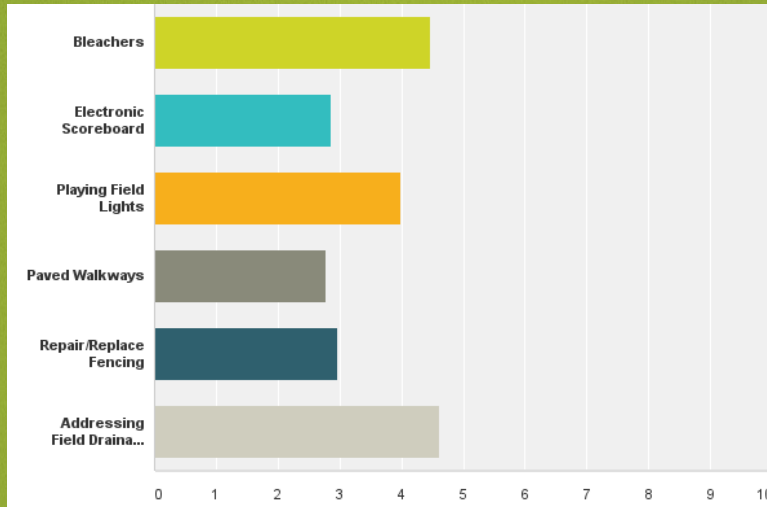
The bicycle, nature, and hiking trails all received roughly the same number of votes as the first priority.

The order for trail improvement suggestion rankings would be to first repair existing trails, then create biking trails (87), followed by nature trails (84) and hiking trails (79).

A majority of people indicated that the creation of nature and hiking trails would be their last priorities, with their main focus of repairing existing trails and creating bike trails as their first and second priorities.

Question 11: Please rank the below list of possible baseball field improvements in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important...

Answered: 330 Skipped: 119

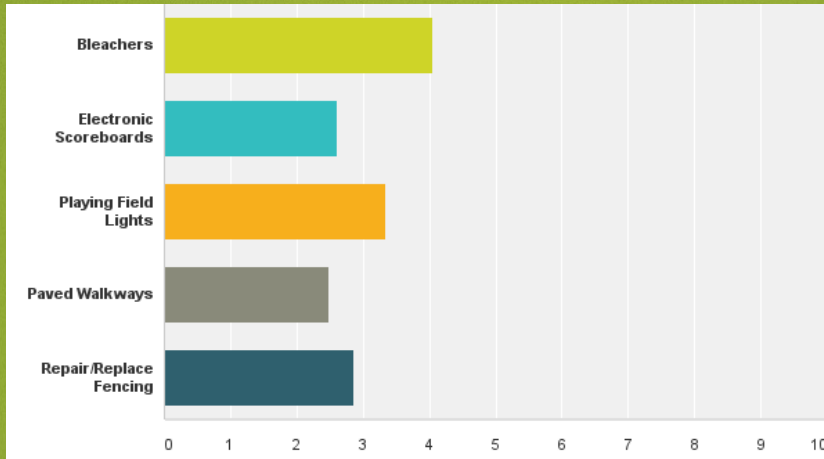


Of the 330 people who answered, 134 of them listed that their first priority was to see improved drainage on the fields (113) secondly, to see additional bleachers (100). A popular third priority was the addition of playing field lights (54).

The least popular additions were paved walkways and electronic scoreboard, which were both ranked as a last priority by 73 people each.

Question 12: Please rank the below list of possible softball field improvements in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important...

Answered: 308 Skipped: 161



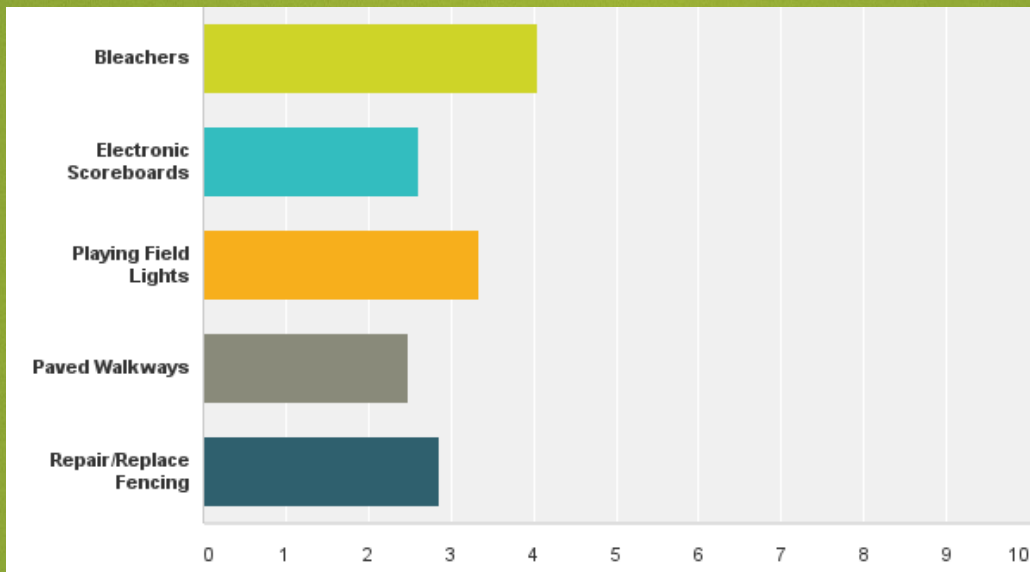
Of the 308 people that answered this question, 134 listed that their first priority improvement for the softball fields was to install bleachers near the playing field.

The second and third priorities of fencing repairs and playing field lights were only separated by one vote receiving 60 and 59 votes respectively.

Paved walkways and additions of scoreboards were ranked as the lowest priorities.

Question 13: Please rank the below list of possible soccer field improvements in order of importance to you, 1 being the most important...

Answered: 303 Skipped: 166



Of the 303 people who responded, 203 indicated that their first priority for improvement was to receive additional bleachers near the field.

This was followed by 73 saying their second priority was playing lights, and 20 saying their third priority was an electronic scoreboard.

Question 14: Keeping in mind that all upgrades and additions will not be completed if the result will increase taxes, would you like to add additional ideas for potential upgrades and/or improvements to Green Valley Park?

Answered: 353 Skipped: 116

Of the 353 responses, 256 people responded that they did not want to provide additional ideas, leaving 97 who did.

Of these ideas, the most popular improvement would be to improve drainage on the playing fields.

The next most popular recommendation was the addition of a disc golf course, with 10 people suggesting this. The third most popular suggestion was the addition of a community swimming pool.

Number of votes	Suggestion
12	Improving drainage of playing fields, especially soccer field
10	Addition of a disc golf course
8	Community swimming pool
7	Improved maintenance (3 specified snow removal)
5	Bette signage
5	Permanent restrooms
5	Expanded trail network
4	Better parking lots
4	Additions of concession stands, vending machines
3	Exercise machines
3	Already a great park, no improvements needed
2	More seating/shade
2	Improved lighting
1	Batting cages
1	Splash park
1	Bike/jump park
1	Deck hockey
1	Basketball court improvements
1	Tennis courts
1	Community garden
1	Expand park into nearby neighborhoods
1	Dog park
1	Improve nets for soccer fields

Question 15: If you would like to receive more information regarding this master planning process and/or volunteer to help us implement improvement to Green Valley Park please provide us with your contact information.

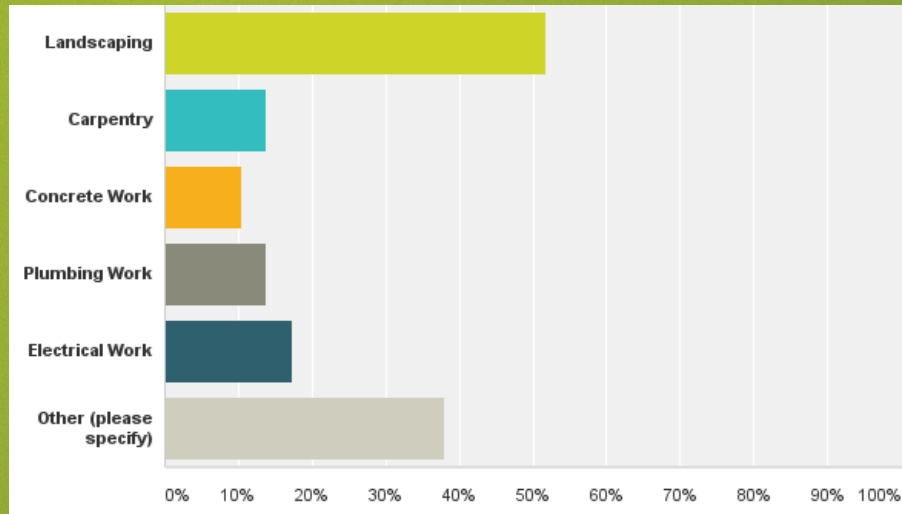
Answered: 39 Skipped: 430

39 respondents provided their contact information indicating they would like to receive more information and/or are interested in volunteering in the park.

Question 16: If you are interested in volunteering, please select your skill set(s) from the following:

Answered: 29 Skipped: 440

- Landscaping- 15
- Other- 11
 - All- 2
 - Civil engineering/land development design- 1
 - Planning/coordination/legal help- 3
 - Disc golf course design- 2
 - Painting- 1
- Electrical work- 5
- Carpentry- 4
- Plumbing work- 4
- Concrete work- 4



Question 17: Please share any additional comments or ideas that you have for the park here:

Answered: 45 Skipped: 424

- Praise for Green Valley Park
- Thanks for survey/time to improve park
- Suggestions about funding/grants/fundraising for improvements
- Addition of restrooms
- Lack of parking
- Addition of indoor facility
- Fix drainage on sports fields
- Promotion of no smoking, more signage against smoking
- Expanded running trail, drainage issues on current trail
- More active outdoor events being held at the park
- Permanent restrooms
- Do not fill in existing open green space, it is used a lot for unstructured activities
- More maintenance
- Add disc golf course
- Make Top Park more open and inviting
- Vegetation improvements, more to encourage wildlife
- Expansion of the playground area with additions to block play area from parking lot with fence, play area considered “too advanced” for younger children

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Summary

Green Valley Park is a destination that people enjoy going to and think highly of. A majority of people surveyed were from New Sewickley Township and use the park at least once a week during the spring, summer, and winter months. People who answered the survey responded that they go there often to utilize playing fields, trails, and playground equipment.

It is a general consensus among survey completers that Green Valley Park is a great park that is in need of a general update.

There wasn't so much of a request for new equipment or facilities but rather to improve or fix existing features of the park.

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Total Responses