



**WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Thursday, December 5, 2019
Community Room, 540 Hibbard Road
5:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

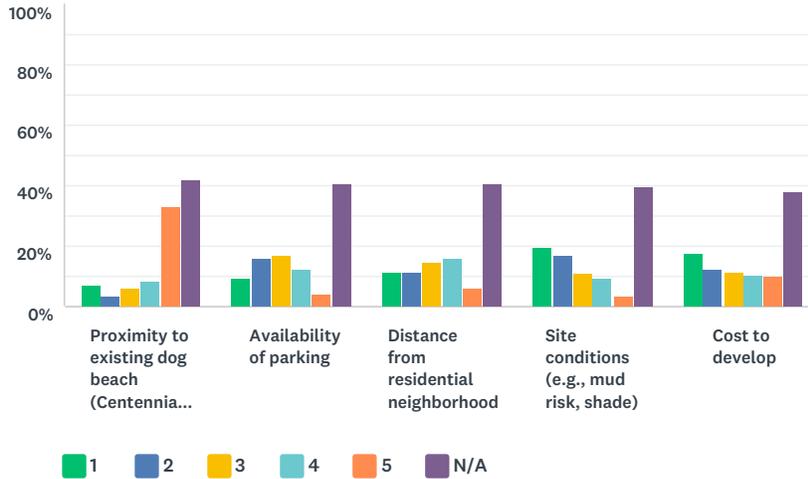
1. Roll Call
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Communications
4. New Business
 - a. Winnetka Caucus Survey & Park Platform*
 - b. 2020 Board Meeting Schedule*
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. 2020 Budget Adjustments*
 - b. Winnetka Waterfront 2030 – Lakefront Master Plan
6. Matters of the Director
7. Board Liaison Reports
8. Staff Updates
9. Closed Session
The Board will enter Closed Session to discuss:
 - a. The purchase or lease of property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
10. Return to Open Session
11. Adjournment

*Items included in packet

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Q22 Several parcels of land have been identified by the Winnetka Park District as possible sites for a fenced, off-leash dog park. Please rank the following criteria for selecting a site in order of importance to you from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important, and 5 being the least important. If you do not want such a park, or are not a dog owner, please check "N/A" for each of the criteria.

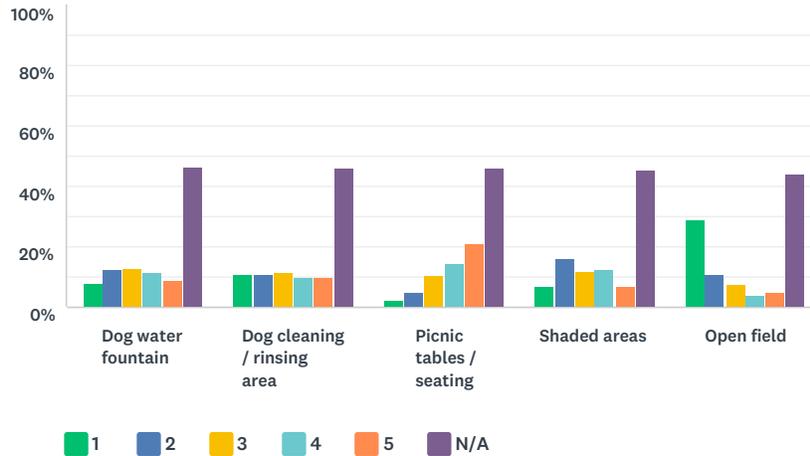
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	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Proximity to existing dog beach (Centennial Park Dog Beach)	7.04% 77	3.39% 37	5.95% 65	8.51% 93	33.12% 362	41.99% 459	1,093	2.01
Availability of parking	9.48% 103	16.10% 175	17.11% 186	12.70% 138	4.05% 44	40.57% 441	1,087	3.24
Distance from residential neighborhood	11.53% 127	11.35% 125	14.53% 160	16.08% 177	5.81% 64	40.69% 448	1,101	3.11
Site conditions (e.g., mud risk, shade)	19.44% 216	17.10% 190	10.80% 120	9.45% 105	3.60% 40	39.60% 440	1,111	3.65
Cost to develop	17.31% 196	12.63% 143	11.75% 133	10.51% 119	9.89% 112	37.90% 429	1,132	3.27

Q23 Please rank the desirability of the following potential amenities at a fenced, off-leash dog park in order of importance to you from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important, and 5 being the least important. If you do not want such a park, or are not a dog owner, please check "N/A" for each of the potential amenities.

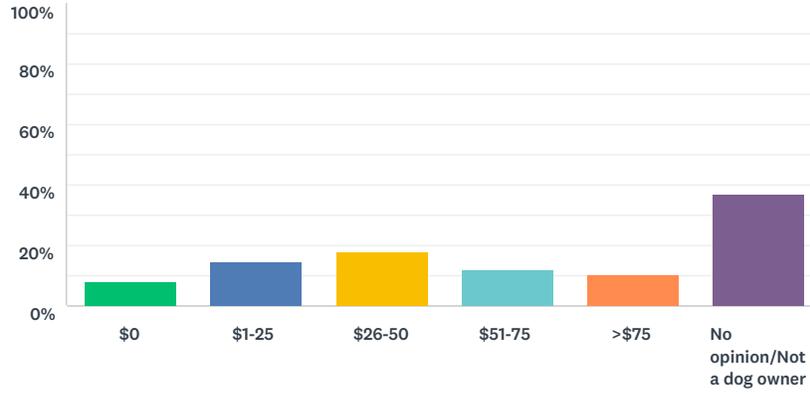
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	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Dog water fountain	7.84% 84	12.31% 132	12.97% 139	11.66% 125	8.86% 95	46.36% 497	1,072	2.97
Dog cleaning / rinsing area	10.79% 117	11.16% 121	11.62% 126	10.24% 111	10.06% 109	46.13% 500	1,084	3.04
Picnic tables / seating	2.68% 29	4.89% 53	10.70% 116	14.67% 159	20.94% 227	46.13% 500	1,084	2.14
Shaded areas	7.10% 77	15.85% 172	11.89% 129	12.53% 136	7.00% 76	45.62% 495	1,085	3.06
Open field	28.76% 319	11.18% 124	7.39% 82	3.79% 42	4.87% 54	44.00% 488	1,109	3.99

Q24 The annual cost of a required Village dog license is presently \$10-15, and the annual cost of an optional Village dog beach pass is \$50. What is the highest annual fee you would be willing to pay to access a fenced, off-leash dog park with these extra amenities?

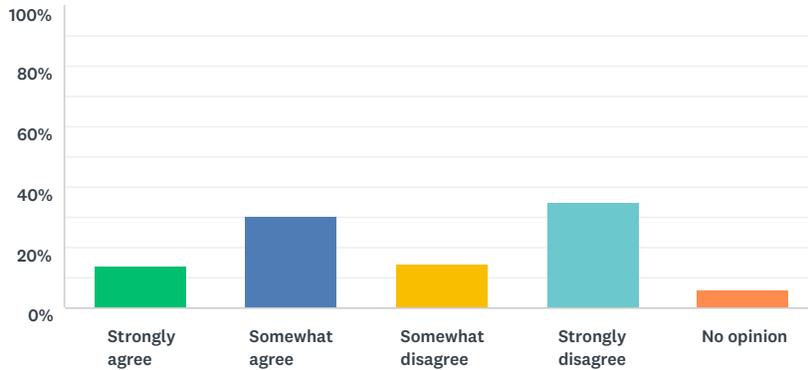
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0	7.97%	91
\$1-25	14.27%	163
\$26-50	18.13%	207
\$51-75	12.08%	138
>\$75	10.68%	122
No opinion/Not a dog owner	36.87%	421
TOTAL		1,142

Q25 In conjunction with residents and lakefront experts, the Winnetka Park District developed and adopted the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plan in 2016. This plan is meant to serve as a conceptual guide for future projects that sustain, preserve, and enhance our five beaches, and you can read more about it here. How strongly do you agree with the following statement: “Prior to taking this survey, I was familiar with the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plan.”?

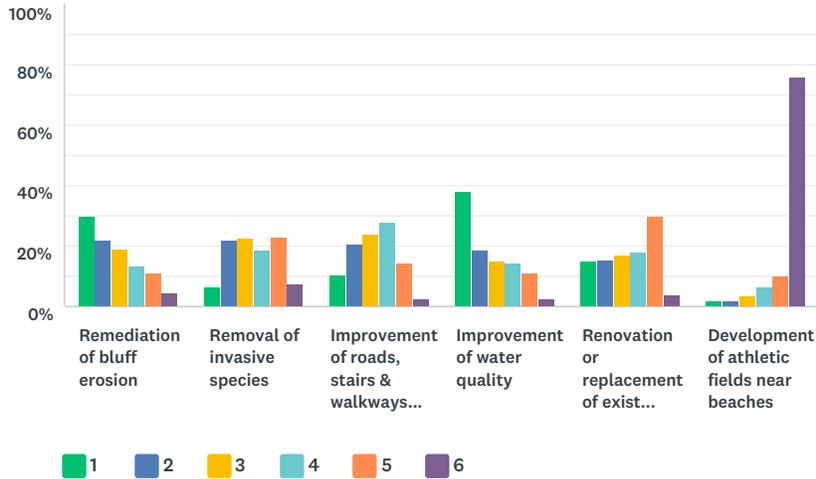
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	14.10%	161
Somewhat agree	30.30%	346
Somewhat disagree	14.54%	166
Strongly disagree	34.94%	399
No opinion	6.13%	70
TOTAL		1,142

Q26 Please rank the following aspects of the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plan in order of importance to you from 1 to 6, with 1 being the most important, and 6 being the least important

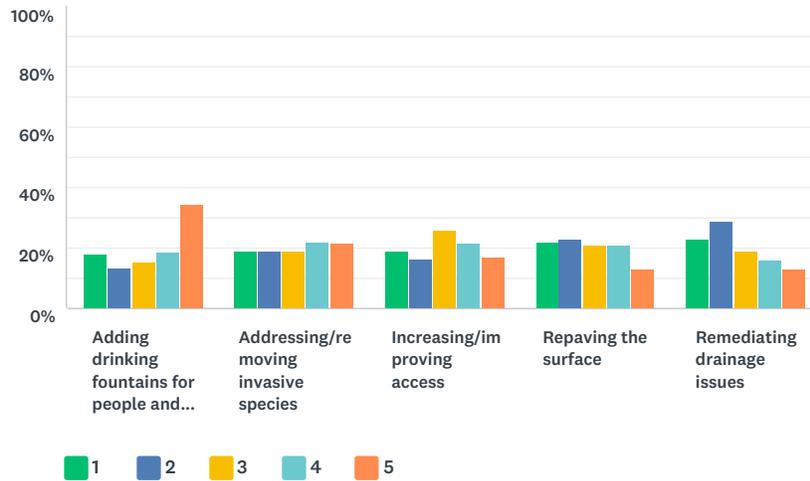
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Remediation of bluff erosion	30.12% 316	22.02% 231	18.78% 197	13.44% 141	11.06% 116	4.58% 48	1,049	4.33
Removal of invasive species	6.67% 70	22.10% 232	22.48% 236	18.48% 194	22.76% 239	7.52% 79	1,050	3.49
Improvement of roads, stairs & walkways, and expansion of parking	10.68% 113	20.70% 219	23.91% 253	27.79% 294	14.65% 155	2.27% 24	1,058	3.78
Improvement of water quality	38.22% 407	18.69% 199	15.12% 161	14.46% 154	10.80% 115	2.72% 29	1,065	4.51
Renovation or replacement of existing beach houses, and renovation, addition of fire pits, outdoor grills	14.83% 160	15.66% 169	17.24% 186	18.07% 195	30.03% 324	4.17% 45	1,079	3.55
Development of athletic fields near beaches	2.12% 23	2.03% 22	3.50% 38	6.45% 70	9.86% 107	76.04% 825	1,085	1.52

Q27 Please rank the following improvement steps for the Green Bay Trail in order of importance to you from 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important, and 5 being the least important.

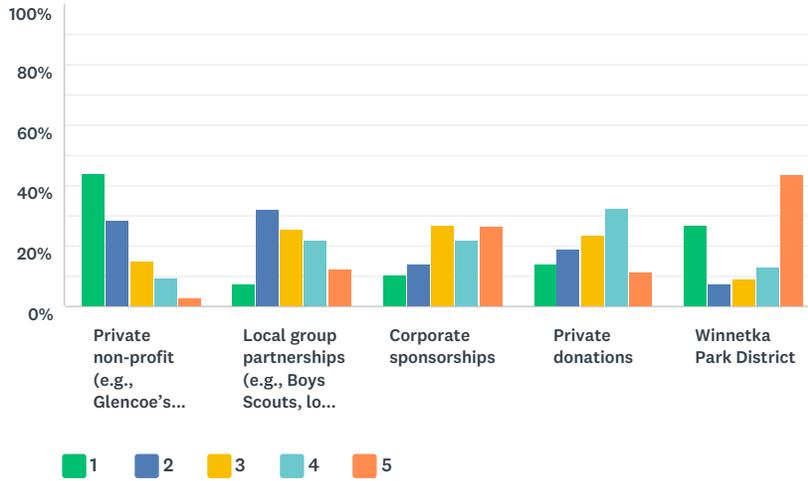
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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Adding drinking fountains for people and dogs	17.85% 186	13.72% 143	15.45% 161	18.62% 194	34.36% 358	1,042	2.62
Addressing/removing invasive species	19.19% 199	18.80% 195	18.80% 195	21.79% 226	21.41% 222	1,037	2.93
Increasing/improving access	19.11% 198	16.31% 169	26.06% 270	21.53% 223	16.99% 176	1,036	2.99
Repaving the surface	22.19% 233	22.76% 239	20.95% 220	21.14% 222	12.95% 136	1,050	3.20
Remediating drainage issues	22.97% 246	29.23% 313	19.14% 205	15.87% 170	12.79% 137	1,071	3.34

Q28 Please rank the following potential funding sources to partner with Village authorities to improve the Green Bay Trail in Winnetka from 1 to 5, with 1 being the best suited, and 5 being the worst suited.

Answered: 1,072 Skipped: 228



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Private non-profit (e.g., Glencoe's Friends of the Green Bay Trail)	44.16% 450	28.36% 289	15.11% 154	9.32% 95	3.04% 31	1,019	4.01
Local group partnerships (e.g., Boys Scouts, local sports teams)	7.70% 78	32.18% 326	25.57% 259	21.92% 222	12.64% 128	1,013	3.00
Corporate sponsorships	10.60% 108	13.94% 142	26.99% 275	22.18% 226	26.30% 268	1,019	2.60
Private donations	14.00% 145	19.02% 197	23.36% 242	32.34% 335	11.29% 117	1,036	2.92
Winnetka Park District	26.79% 281	7.63% 80	9.06% 95	13.06% 137	43.47% 456	1,049	2.61

Q29 Please use this space to provide any comments or suggestions for the Winnetka Park District Board.

Answered: 229 Skipped: 1,071

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	those who use will gladly pay	6/17/2019 11:46 AM
2	I really have an issue with the proposal of converting a large open green space to a closed off dog park. I especially take issue with it being so close to our schools.	6/16/2019 11:42 PM
3	We had a dog and used the dog beach occasionally, but I don't think a dog park in Winnetka is a priority. We will most likely get another dog and my vote is the same. Regarding the waterfront, I think water quality should be our first concern. After that, I think the beaches should look as natural as possible. The buildings and playgrounds at Tower Road Beach look incredibly cold and institutional. Regarding the Green Bay Trail, let's do whatever Friends of the Green Bay Trail are doing. Glencoe's part of the GBT looks beautiful. We do need to deal with drainage, though. Also, I would love it if the Green Bay Trail was still gravel. It seems that everyone (runners + walkers) wants the gravel....even bikers would be fine on it. Forget repaving it!	6/16/2019 7:35 PM
4	I strongly oppose a dog park in Crow Island woods. My daughter walks to school through the park and play in the park a lot. She is scared of dogs that she is not familiar with. She is scared of dogs barking. A dog park would mean she will no longer be able to walk to school alone and no longer play in the park. If there will be a dog park in Crow Island woods, this means you prioritize dogs over our children being outside playing!	6/16/2019 3:43 PM
5	LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS AND QUIT LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO SPEND MORE MONEY THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WINNETKA'S PART OF THE GREEN BAY TRAIL.	6/16/2019 3:38 PM
6	Question 28 is poorly worded or options not really make sense. A group like Scouts/ sport teams will not provide funding but can provide resources to help with projects, clean ups etc.	6/16/2019 2:22 PM
7	NO DOG PARK, certainly not across from the public schools! stop overdeveloping beaches etc. just maintain them	6/16/2019 1:48 PM
8	Absolutely no second dog park. Elm Street park by Skokie School is a particularly horrible suggestion.	6/16/2019 1:43 PM
9	Keep up with activities so we are competitive With other towns like Wilmette when new buyers are looking	6/16/2019 12:59 PM
10	No dog park please. What a waste of money and resources especially along the lake.	6/16/2019 11:23 AM
11	I love how Glencoe has worked hard to remove invasive species and planted plants and flowers to encourage butterflies and bees along the trail.	6/16/2019 7:21 AM
12	O athlete fields at lakefront \$\$\$ do not sell off existing open space	6/16/2019 6:57 AM
13	We do not need a dog park on the beach which pollutes the water and makes 100 people move to a small crowded beach for the dogs. Move the park west.	6/16/2019 6:32 AM
14	The improvements of the Green Bay Trail involves being invested in the care of the trail and its connection within the community. This is as a result of time, investment, and appreciation of this rare resource. Anyone can throw money into projects, but the longterm maintenance of Winnetka Park District resources involve perpetually investing in, caring for, protecting, and promoting these resources within the community. The Winnetka Park District needs to conduct a systemwide evaluation of safety concerns (e.g., Happ Road Park is in need of lighting) and to work to connect the community to these vital resources (e.g., work with Glencoe's Friends of the Green Bay Trail volunteer and educational opportunities). If people in a community do not feel connected to the resources, or the green spaces, they will not care for them.	6/15/2019 9:27 PM
15	A dog park at Elm Street appears to be a wonderful idea.	6/15/2019 9:23 PM
16	The dog park idea is frivolous given that we have one already...but if it is determined to be critical place it in an area that had no homes nearby ...wait for the village dump or place it on a portion of the golf course or fields	6/15/2019 7:22 PM
17	The dog park near the schools is a terrible idea. Near Beach or forest preserve is better	6/15/2019 4:08 PM
18	Dont need a second dog park. Not many dogs at the current one. My dog would like to see more dogs there, not lose many to another park!	6/15/2019 2:40 PM
19	My ranking numbers are not staying on the screen so might not be recorded? Most important: keeping the water clean and area natural -- not to please landowners but as a free lakefront, removing invasive species, not paving and improving access if that means ruining lakefront.	6/15/2019 1:29 PM

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20	NO TO DOG PARK AT EITHER LOCATION. Having more people and dogs so close to schools grounds - on property that is used by the schools - is unsafe The traffic alone on elm st near the west elm park is out of control and then to encourage more people to come and park - where parking is VERY limited anyway is just irresponsible	6/15/2019 12:28 PM
21	Thank you for finally taking on the topic of a possible dog park. This has been a needed feature for many years. The park district has been great in working with residents in this process.	6/15/2019 12:03 PM
22	Anyone willing to fund Green Bay trail improvements is OK with me.	6/15/2019 10:35 AM
23	Please stop the dog park initiative. We are dog owners and love dogs but dog parks are disgusting. The smell, they are loud and they are terrible for a neighborhood. We are adamantly opposed to any dog park.	6/15/2019 6:23 AM
24	parking at beach needs to be enforced rarely is someone stopped from parking at the beach and as a result parking is not available to residents who pay for the privilege.	6/14/2019 10:28 PM
25	Please continue to improve our lakeshore water quality and maintain clean beach sand and shore recreational area.	6/14/2019 9:13 PM
26	The idea of taking a park across from two schools to become a dog park is ridiculous. The taxes I pay I do not want to look out my window and see Elm Park for dogs. I don't pay taxes for that dog park. Whoever brainstormed this idea is crazy!!!	6/14/2019 3:19 PM
27	What about the indoor tennis courts?? They could use some upgrading, especially indoor court lighting and painting.	6/14/2019 11:38 AM
28	1. Keep the Dog Beach. Do /not/ eliminate it in favor of a "people" beach. If necessary and required by Cook County, split it into two unequal parts for large and small dogs so that they can run and swim. Also, consider closing the dog beaches for safety reasons when there is ice present. 2. If a suitable space can be found for a dedicated off-leash dog park, we are in favor of it, and would pay the associated fees. West Elm Park is /not/ a suitable space for a dog park. Period. There is no other green space in west Winnetka for walking and sitting, and for Skokie School students. A perimeter fence would completely destroy the esthetics of West Elm Park. And the traffic and parking issues from people coming to West Elm Park from all over Winnetka would make our neighborhood less livable and more dangerous for kids.	6/14/2019 11:26 AM
29	1. Golf is in decline, and local golfers have many other course options. Consider repurposing the village golf course for recreational activities that appeal to a broader swath of the community. 2. It is unfortunate when weather prevents the opening of the Indian Hill outdoor ice arena. Are there any options under consideration to make it possible to use even if weather conditions are not ideal?	6/14/2019 10:39 AM
30	Great work	6/14/2019 10:19 AM
31	I do not want to dog park in West Elm Park. Any future dog park should not be in an open, well used, coveted area. It should be in a place on the outskirts of town that is not used for many other important purposes.	6/14/2019 9:32 AM
32	A fenced in dog park is much needed. If there is going to be a fair amount of mud, it's important to have a rinsing area. Also, depending on size of facility, we should look to fee structures of other large dog parks to help finance.	6/14/2019 9:30 AM
33	We need more parking spaces for motor boats!! The PD is not adequately serving the residents as the waiting list for a space in the cage is ridiculous!! Our waterfront is our biggest assess! We need to offer residents more motor boat parking spaces and an updates launch area should go hand in hand with the increase in spots .	6/13/2019 9:46 PM
34	On Question 24, my expectation is that the fee would cover both the beach and the land park. With all the regulations now in place, we desperately need a free-run land park in addition to and not in lieu of the beach park. Furthermore, dogs should be permitted on the beaches generally during the period Labor Day to Memorial Day. Many, many residents understand this to be the tacit understanding but the police seem to take a different view.	6/13/2019 4:37 PM
35	We have a dog but don't use the dog park. We do not think another park in Winnetka for dogs is necessary.	6/13/2019 4:27 PM
36	NEED community pool. The lake can only be swam in for 2 months of the year. Some residents have private clubs, but that represents a small portion of the community. If you want younger people to move in - a community pool is important.	6/13/2019 3:46 PM
37	With all the regulation that presently exists, we very much need a dog park where the canines can run free. This should be in addition to and not in lieu of the dog beach. Furthermore, during the period Labor Day to Memorial Day, dogs should be permitted to go on the beaches. Many of us have assumed that was the understanding. The police seem to take a different view.	6/13/2019 3:38 PM
38	I am strongly against a dog park in West Elm Park. That area is a beautiful open space in the community that should be preserved for all village residents to use / benefit from.	6/13/2019 1:27 PM
39	fix the bike pump near the playground in Hubbard Woods Park	6/13/2019 10:14 AM
40	As a parent of three school-age children, I am strongly against putting a dog park next to Skokie school. I am a parent and am concerned about safety issues with increased traffic and non-residents coming to Winnetka. This will also increase traffic and congestion. Finally, Winnetka shouldn't put a dog park in the center of town.	6/13/2019 10:03 AM

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41	Control spend. You are one of many taxing bodies and it is currently out of control. Find profit (golf course, rent fields, etc.)	6/12/2019 11:29 PM
42	good Job	6/12/2019 6:17 PM
43	I don't think any resources, focus or time should be devoted to developing a dog park	6/12/2019 4:47 PM
44	Homeowners cannot fund! We are all sinking in high taxes.	6/12/2019 4:39 PM
45	You should allow people to comment on whether/ how much they value these projects at all , e.g. Green Bay Trail. I do not think modifying the GBT is an important project compared to other needs. Also if the dog park is not a large area it is just silly and I would not pay to use it. The two sites under consideration near crow island and Skokie schools do not seem to provide much land so are not very useful. Also I do not think it is worth the added difficulty for school use and traffic/parking in those areas. They are already busy enough during school hours.	6/12/2019 3:49 PM
46	Buckthorn along the Winnetka portion or the green bay trail is getting denser every year- would be happy to participate in a community clean up to help remove.	6/12/2019 3:35 PM
47	No dog park please. These things are messy with dog waste and trash the area. Using a 5 acre lakefront parcel for this is totally absurd use of the the park.	6/12/2019 11:36 AM
48	Green Bay trail is owned by the Village of Winnetka. The WPD maintains the trail for the Village. It is not appropriate to include the WPD as a funding source within Question 28.	6/12/2019 11:02 AM
49	These "forced-ranking" questions are poorly formed. Until Winnetka can present residents with an opportunity to understand and choose among ALL projects (school, park, library etc) then it is hard to speak favorably of doing any. We need a means to understand what the overall needs and priorities are in the community and then choose how we order and value them. Senseless to keep asking for spends in individual fiefdoms! If we do them all we crush our tax rates.	6/12/2019 11:00 AM
50	Spend money on maintanece not on amusement parks that drive up the cost by updating and renewing every few years	6/12/2019 10:41 AM
51	Please do not get rid of the dog beach. It is the best multigenerational facility in the Village.	6/12/2019 10:19 AM
52	The greenbay trail needs to be more aesthetically pleasing with nicer foliage and shielding from train. The beaches need better clean-up. They are full of garbage. Someone should be doing a hand-pick-up of garbage daily during the beach season.	6/12/2019 1:25 AM
53	Next time you have a survey please provide an option that reads something like "Don't to anything to the existing structures, surfaces, etc. SPEND NO MONEY	6/11/2019 8:14 PM
54	We do not need an off-leash dog park. West Elm Park is a particularly bad location given the proximity to houses, schools, heavy traffic areas and the limited parking nearby.	6/11/2019 2:51 PM
55	I do not support a dog park nor do I believe one should be located near a school or in other high visibility areas of the Village.	6/11/2019 2:32 PM
56	Parks should have compost bins and recycling bins readily available	6/11/2019 9:00 AM
57	A dog park serves a very small percentage of Winnetka residents. It should be placed in the least visible part of Winnetka.	6/11/2019 7:29 AM
58	Any of the above are fine, but NOT THE CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS, please!!!!	6/10/2019 10:34 PM
59	Please go organic in our parks!!!	6/10/2019 10:29 PM
60	no dog park needed. to many signs, they cheapen the village, just plain ugly.	6/10/2019 8:52 PM
61	no dog needed and way to many signs	6/10/2019 8:50 PM
62	Build an outdoor pool!	6/10/2019 8:29 PM
63	Greenbay Trail needs attention to keep it in good shape and accommodate daily use by residents. Tree trimming and path resurfacing are required.	6/10/2019 3:31 PM
64	using a 5 acre park on the lakefront for a dog park is nuts. the dog beach is already ridicules enough. put them out by the village dump	6/10/2019 2:51 PM
65	Winnetka has amazing beaches. Would love to see the water quality issue addressed more effectively. I think there also needs to be some greater control of the evening, after hours crowd on the beaches. Mostly to prevent the trash from piling up on the beach and adjacent parks. The lifeguards have a fair amount of downtime to be increasing beach cleanliness but they rarely do this. The facilities all could use an upgrade. It would be nice to be able to rent chairs and umbrellas at the beach as well versus having to bring. It might be worthwhile to do a testcase rental system to see if it works at all. Finally, it would be nice to have a Sailing Club element similar to Kenilworth. I love the idea of a fenced in dog park. It would be nice to some greater level of waste pickup monitoring for the dog beach and also for any fenced in park that may come about. It's frustrating.	6/10/2019 1:48 PM

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66	I think that waiting until 2030 to improve the beaches is way too long. Highland Park and Glencoe both updated their beachfronts and I think Winnetka is missing the boat by waiting any longer. The beachfront should be the star of Winnetka and the main focus as a new and improved beach front would ultimately draw a lot of people to the business. My suggestion would be to make the beachfront the primary focus for of energy and money. Tower rd beach currently is an eye sore for Winnetka. As a resident I am embarrassed by the the presentation. This needs to be addressed. Also, I do think that there should be 2 more paddle courts built. Lastly, it would be nice to create a winter cross country ski lodge in the current golf clubhouse. There could skis for rental throughout the season.	6/10/2019 1:17 PM
67	As dog owner, i think spending time, money and effort on another dog park is ridiculous! Have the dogs play in your yard. Let's spend money and effort on solving so many infrastructure problems that exist in Winnetka.	6/10/2019 11:14 AM
68	Please do not sure WPD funds.	6/10/2019 10:53 AM
69	Our beaches are under utilized as the facilities are rundown. Some beaches are in huge trouble with current forecast of rising waters. The park district needs to understand the rising water issue and not put huge sums of money in facilities on beaches that might disappear. I would think it is likely only Tower will survive the next 50 years...focus on improving what is reasonably sustainable.	6/10/2019 10:13 AM
70	freshman baseball field is an embarrassment. needs to be fixed, dugouts and drainage at a minimum.	6/10/2019 9:57 AM
71	it would be crazy to spend money to develop a fenced in dog park with plumbing, etc. you're going to do more maintenance, more capital, more complaints...and a dog attack just waiting to happen in a confined area...	6/10/2019 9:14 AM
72	Do you really expect us to read a 173 page report? Ever hear of summaries?	6/10/2019 7:57 AM
73	I don't know how bad the bluff erosion is - if it is a problem, it would radically alter the priority I placed on it in Q 26	6/9/2019 6:55 PM
74	As a resident who lives close to Crow Island Woods, I would not like to see this as the site for an off leash dog park. Children go through the woods as they go to and from school and others use the woods as part of their walk and do not want to be "surprised" by romping dogs. The grassy area west of the shelter would be better than the woods for this purpose.	6/9/2019 6:07 PM
75	I strongly disagree with a dog park in West Elm Park.	6/9/2019 5:07 PM
76	IMPROVE THE DRAINAGE ON BASEBALL FIELDS. Winnetka 3 is often unplayable.	6/9/2019 4:51 PM
77	I would hate to see corporate sponsorship with the requisite "naming rights" spoil the Green Bay Trail.	6/9/2019 4:32 PM
78	This group also spends way too much money on making themselves look good. And they spend way too much money on prompting residents to spend more money on the things that fall under the purview of..... "taa daa" the park district. their budget should be cut 50%. Close the golf course. Winnetkans don't play there enough to justify it's expense. Here, of course is where the WPD will say that they actually make money. Not with climate change making the course unplayable more days every year. Not when you consider the growing pension responsibilities. And no, we don't need a skate park, drone flying zone, a second pool, ice rink, etc.	6/9/2019 4:31 PM
79	Please do not put a dog park in the Elm Street Park. It's risky because of all the children and cars going to and from Washburne, Skokie, Crow Island, and Adventures in Learning, not to mention Park District programs in the summer. The park should be LEFT AS IS.	6/9/2019 3:39 PM
80	I remember the lot being available between elder and centennial. It was listed, then offered at a much higher price to the park district before it was developed. The problem with these new plans is that their existence creates a \$100M imperative but conversely needed to opportunistically, cost effectively move forward, such as the missed opportunity above. What is missing is trust in doing a reasonable thing. On balance the plan has good long term ideas. we will see how flexible folks are to modifications and sustained progress.	6/9/2019 2:21 PM
81	These forced-ranking of options cannot provide meaningful data. Without knowing costs of relative choices, it is impossible to conclude preference. This is a poorly designed way to gather info. ugh.	6/9/2019 9:56 AM
82	Do NOT bring Corporate Partnerships into our Village. There is no need. Get rid of all of the tacky park district banners and signs around town. They are unattractive and a waste of taxpayer money. STOP spending so much money on worthless, expensive communication--hardcopy brochure and mailings, banners, signage. Where are the bike lanes? Work with the village and get them done--that should be a higher priority than a dog park. Any place for a dog park should be "remote" and NOT part of a residential neighborhood. If a spot like that can't be found, we can live without one.	6/9/2019 9:24 AM
83	We don't need an off leash dog park. This is not at all necessary. These open spaces are lovely as parks and do NOT need to be a dog park. There is already a dog park. Don't need another one	6/9/2019 9:09 AM
84	Fix Elder Lane Beach	6/9/2019 9:04 AM
85	We do not need a dog park. Especially near schools. It is dangerous.	6/9/2019 8:41 AM

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86	Given what we pay in taxes it is CRAZY that residents have to pay for beach access. What's the point? Its all about the money in this town. The more I live here the more I hate it especially having lived in communities where it was more about community than money.	6/9/2019 8:39 AM
87	Please do not put the dry dog park at West Elm Park. It is a horrible location, both because it was intended to be conservation space and because the current logistics of the space, immediately across from Skokie School with lots of traffic in the area, make that area crowded and complicated already. There has to be a better location.	6/9/2019 6:45 AM
88	WE do not need a dog park.	6/8/2019 11:05 PM
89	Have heard there was discussion to move the dog beach. Strongly disagree, I would say the dog beach is used by more folks consistently year round than any other beach. Plus those of us who use the beach do a good job in keeping the beach clean of debris, we pick-up garbage on the beach which I can say is NOT TRUE of the other beaches. I am always shocked at the garbage that is on the beaches and not picked up. Every morning life guards should be required to walk their beaches and pick-up all the trash that has washed ashore.	6/8/2019 10:34 PM
90	As a girl scout leader the troop helped clean up and beautify the trail. I would like to see that encouraged as a way to help but not with money.	6/8/2019 9:50 PM
91	No dog park!!! There is already a dog beach and plenty of places to bring dogs. Please no!!!	6/8/2019 9:21 PM
92	Bring back Tom Gullen - golf course in a state of disrepair and poor maintenance	6/8/2019 9:21 PM
93	Having a rentable space on the lake or a small cafe would be great. Rehabbing the existing spaces would be good rather than demo.	6/8/2019 8:57 PM
94	This question is completely immaterial. The marketplace will decide. A better question would be: Would you object to corporate (or any other) sources of funding as a means of maintaining the trail without raising taxes? I would not have an objection to that, or any other sources.	6/8/2019 5:31 PM
95	I would have no problem with the Waterfront 2030 if it would maintain the dog beach. This is a critical amenity in our community and I believe the rest of the beaches in Winnetka are ample. We do not need to replace the dog beach with yet another person beach when we already have 4 beaches that barely get used. The dog beach MUST stay!	6/8/2019 3:37 PM
96	Please do not put an off leash dog park across from Skokie School. There are many children afraid of dogs. What happens when one chases a kids down barking on their bikes even if they are fenced in? There is also too much traffic in that area during drop off pick up times. I am also not ok with strangers (if this is available to non-residents) being near the school grounds.	6/8/2019 3:36 PM
97	Not clear on dog park cost, i.e. whether numbers stated are apart from or included with dog beach pass (makes most sense to do that way anyway). Also, wondering why upper Lloyd Beach grassed area was not considered. It's completely underutilized (never, ever have I seen anyone use it) and plenty of parking except on boat worthy weekends of summer (maybe 25 days/year)	6/8/2019 3:00 PM
98	We are strongly opposed to a dog Park in Crow Island Woods. Euclid Avenue where we live would be adversely affected with parking on our small dead end street. It would be a safety hazard for the children that live here as we have no sidewalks. The area designated is directly next to a marsh area that is needed to collect water. We already have a major storm water runoff problem here as we are a flood plain. This idea is pure insanity. I cannot believe you would even consider a dog park in this area.	6/8/2019 2:54 PM
99	Keep the dog beach at centennial and why not make the non beach at centennial?	6/8/2019 2:50 PM
100	Don't need a new dog park!	6/8/2019 2:35 PM
101	Please consider providing pickleball facilities within Nielsen as well a repurposing one outdoor tennis court for pickleball. The current dog beach reduces access to beach facilities for humans. A better unleashed area would be the landfill. The lakeshore master plan calls for combing Elder and Centennial beaches, which is another reason for moving an unleashed area inland.	6/8/2019 1:29 PM
102	Please hold down costs for projects that are not used by a significant number of winnetka resident. I do not see the need for a dog park. People do not clean up after the dogs and the village has seen genuine issues about folks who do not follow the rules and bring animals that may be dangerous to everyone. Using very expensive real estate for a select few is wasteful.	6/8/2019 12:28 PM
103	Winnetka beaches desperately need much better pest management to decrease biting flies and other insects. I rarely use the beach because of biting flies (which are not deterred by DEET sprays). The pier becomes crowded as it is the only way to get away from the biting flies. Other beaches in the area do not see to have so many biting flies.	6/8/2019 12:27 PM
104	No no no to dog parks. Waterfront 2030 should include remediation of Centennial for use by humans, not dogs. No sponsorships, corporate or otherwise, of the Green Bay Trail that require signage.	6/8/2019 11:34 AM
105	Don't use the trail	6/8/2019 8:31 AM
106	I think the Winnetka Park District should take over responsibility for care and programs in the Log House in Crow Island Woods.	6/7/2019 7:30 PM

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107	I do not support using lakeside parks for additional sport fields. The lakefront is a beautiful part of our natural landscape — it's beauty, openness and serenity should be preserved. Busy fields, always reserved by this league or that and drawing a never ending stream of traffic are better placed in a land locked areas more easily accessed from multiple directions.	6/7/2019 6:09 PM
108	Please keep beach areas natural... we do not need Club Med Winnetka.	6/7/2019 5:01 PM
109	1) Winnetka needs an outdoor, lighted basketball hoop 2) One way to improve beach water quality may be to extend the current drainage pipes further into the lake and away from the beaches	6/7/2019 5:00 PM
110	Please take the dog park out of consideration. It makes no sense. To dedicate valuable land for dogs to despoil is preposterous. Dogs have no rights, are not taxpayers and should be kept on a leash or in their own yards.	6/7/2019 4:35 PM
111	No Dog Park in Crow Island Woods	6/7/2019 2:58 PM
112	I believe the dog beach is adequate and the addition of an off leash dog park would be costly and a huge liability for the Village. Have had a dog in village for 20 years BTW.	6/7/2019 2:16 PM
113	Probably more benches along the Trail would be useful. Also, different exercise stations along the way might be worth considering.	6/7/2019 12:46 PM
114	I have tried to have the Park District install more garbage cans along the trail. There should be one at every access point as well as under every bridge. That is not currently the case.	6/7/2019 12:01 PM
115	Stop tax and spend no major projects are needed.	6/7/2019 11:51 AM
116	Your web site doesn't work on my iPhone	6/7/2019 11:16 AM
117	do not spend money when not really necessary "because we are a 'rich' town" as I heard one official say at a public meeting.	6/7/2019 10:24 AM
118	Love the 4th of July festivities	6/7/2019 10:10 AM
119	Lloyd Park could be made more usable for humans.	6/7/2019 10:10 AM
120	I used to use the Green Bay Trail often, but no longer because so many people let their dogs run off-leash on the trail. It's always the same, "He's friendly!" as he jumps on me. I have never seen anyone get a ticket. The trail has been ruined for people like me who just want to take a walk someplace safe, where i don't have to worry about traffic. Why is this OK? Why does the Park District do NOTHING about this? This issue is my number 1 priority. I want to be able to use the Green Bay Trail again!	6/7/2019 9:37 AM
121	Dog park is the first evaluation with several questions - doesn't seem like a priority compared to other issues listed.	6/7/2019 9:28 AM
122	I would like to see more sculptures and art installations.	6/7/2019 9:20 AM
123	Please improve lighting.	6/7/2019 8:19 AM
124	STRONGLY OPPOSE WEST ELM PARK FOR DOG PARK. WHAT A HORRIBLE USE OF A BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACE. TERRIBLE IDEA.	6/7/2019 6:29 AM
125	Survey is flawed--non-dog owners have a say in all park matters as a taxpayer, just as non-parents have a say in school matters. I heard PD is considering Dog Park in West Elm Park. That is a terrible idea. It's in the middle of crowded residential area with kids, cars.. It's one of our pretiest parks--why would you want to ruin it and make it a dog park? How about area near tennis center/baseball diamond? Work with the Village and use the old garbage dump. Or maybe the Post office site? We don't need a dog park that badly...Kenilworth, Northfield, Glencoe, Wilmette...non of our other "land-strapped" communities have one. We already have on at the beach.	6/6/2019 5:25 PM
126	People need to know whether dog beach will still exist in order to address other questions there should be no dog park at West Elm. It is residential, crowded with school children and used as a park. I think everyone likes the beach as do the dogs!	6/6/2019 2:22 PM
127	Why do we care so much about dog parks? If we are going to make a dog park, can we PLEASE not also give dogs a huge beach? People pay taxes (and last I heard, 37 people took their dogs to the dog beach last year). Our kids should use the parks and the beaches.	6/6/2019 1:50 PM
128	I love the overall vision of the 2030 plan BUT HATE THE REMOVAL OF DOG BEACH! Unrealistic to think you can buy the property between Maple and Centennial - missed chance 10 years ago. If off-leash dog park isn't approved or isn't big enough, losing dog beach is going to be a big problem.	6/6/2019 12:16 PM
129	Please don't spend tax payer money on another dog park. And please don't put one anywhere near a school. The two options left are the absolute worst locations.	6/6/2019 10:57 AM
130	Love the dog park ideas! Can't wait- really need updating to beaches for kids parks/ like glencoe and wilmette and highland park did	6/6/2019 10:32 AM
131	Develop safe, efficient, lake-to-forest preserve bike-path connections Keep concessions off of beaches Retain dog beach	6/6/2019 8:58 AM
132	Please don't convert Centennial to a people beach.	6/5/2019 9:36 PM

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133	We already have an off leash dog park, the dog beach (which is an insanely beautiful space) and should not invest more tax payer resources in more spaces for dogs. Would love to see Winnetka take the lead in taking care of Lake Michigan water quality and working on beach erosion to protect this important resource for future generations!	6/5/2019 9:21 PM
134	This isn't working. When I check one box, all other boxes checked disappear. Nice job.	6/5/2019 9:11 PM
135	I am strongly anti-dog-park. Please do not fence off natural resources to be used as an expensive dog bathroom.	6/5/2019 8:48 PM
136	No dog park!!	6/5/2019 6:23 PM
137	Can anything be done about the birds that attack me while I'm on the Green Bay Trail?? I've seen them on Sheridan Road too. ugh.	6/5/2019 5:46 PM
138	Unless I misinterpreted the questions, I can have no opinions on the dog park since I am not a dog owner. WRONG! I am in favor of a dog park and a dog beach, but not in the center of our fully developed Village. Forest Preserve land or the Winnetka landfill should be developed as potential sites.	6/5/2019 5:20 PM
139	Regarding the possibility of a dog park: West Elm Park is the most beautiful open space left in the Village of Winnetka, and locating a dog park there would be a desecration. West Elm Park is absolutely the worst possible choice for a dog park.	6/5/2019 3:34 PM
140	No view	6/5/2019 3:24 PM
141	Off leash dog park should be away from residential areas. West Elm Park is not a suitable location.	6/5/2019 2:50 PM
142	Not in favor of higher taxes, so consider usage fees to cover any costs of new projects.	6/5/2019 2:32 PM
143	Do NOT build an off leash dog park at W. Elm! Too close to many residents, schools and camps. Lack of parking. Ruins the aesthetic value of entering Winnetka down Elm. It would also impact special events at and around the park.	6/5/2019 1:20 PM
144	Good job!	6/5/2019 1:10 PM
145	I don't understand why the dog beach is being eliminated. We have enough beaches for people. Put up fencing on the beach and let the dogs run there! It's far from neighborhoods.	6/5/2019 12:58 PM
146	Thank you for considering the dog park!!	6/5/2019 12:45 PM
147	Question #22 I interpret to be distance far away from the neighborhoods. It should not be in a high traffic residential or too close to schools.	6/5/2019 12:21 PM
148	We have a small dog & big dogs are usually the ones the go to these parks - so not a good fit for us, so I have not really thought about it. Maybe send a separate letter to residents that have dog licenses and get more opinions that way?	6/5/2019 12:12 PM
149	I would like to see co-ordination with non-profits, but I do not object to the use of public funds to improve the Trail	6/5/2019 12:06 PM
150	Question 26 should not group roads, stairs, walkways and parking. Stairs and walkways are essential and required, roads already exist and are less of a priority, additional parking is contrary to the purpose of the park district (paving paradise to put up more parking without proven need and without priority given to village residents). Many of the parking areas by the beaches are heavily used by contractors (Maple until the police began enforcing parking for use of the park, Tower not police enforced for use of the park and beach). It would be ranked 3 without parking. Similarly, renovation or replacement of beach houses (essential for beach usage) should not be grouped with fire pits and grills (extras). The survey does not gather accurate data when so much is combined. Some of the areas considered for a dog park have parking issues on side streets already in use by the schools, residents and by contractors. Question 23 groups seating and picnic tables, why?	6/5/2019 11:11 AM
151	There should be a separation of walkers/runners and bike riders on the trail.	6/5/2019 10:55 AM
152	I am strongly opposed to most of the Waterfront 2030 plan. I am strongly opposed to buying private property and the proposed rubble break-walls along the lake front. The break-walls will erode the lakefront property of existing private property along the lakefront.	6/5/2019 10:50 AM
153	Better planning to ensure spaces are actually more functional with improvements that actually add value to resident experience and access rather than simply "look better".	6/5/2019 10:39 AM
154	We see corporate advertisements everywhere. Can we keep the green spaces green and free of corporations?	6/5/2019 10:18 AM
155	Great Board of Commissioners!	6/5/2019 9:54 AM
156	Thank you to the park board for great work on events throughout this past year. Looking forward, could we get more clarity on the potential costs and tax impact for the 2030 plan?	6/5/2019 9:49 AM
157	Please join with Glencoe groups to add native plant species along the trail and encourage bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects in the area. https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=563716590750524	6/5/2019 9:41 AM
158	The dog beach is one of the nicest beaches and parks and I question its use for dogs. Why do the dogs need a beach? And if so why not Maple?	6/5/2019 9:38 AM

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159	The park district should purchase the home between Elder Lane Beach and Centennial Park. Why hasn't this been done?	6/5/2019 9:18 AM
160	Please purchase the post office site to expand Dwyer Park, a rare opportunity for the Park District to expand its green space. Also, do not take away any existing green space to add parking, that is not a sound option, especially at Maple. Residents have been crossing Sheridan at Maple safely for years	6/5/2019 9:17 AM
161	I use the Forest Preserve trail just west of Forest Way because it is easy to access from my home in NW Winnetka	6/5/2019 8:47 AM
162	Don't overbuild the dog park. Keep it simple.	6/5/2019 8:10 AM
163	No new dog park! Especially at crow island woods.	6/4/2019 11:05 PM
164	Keep a watch on this. All ages use this trail, all year round. Could be more important and significant than waterfront.	6/4/2019 8:54 PM
165	So sorry that plans for Tower Beach lose the handicapped boardwalks and seating near the water! That's the beach we use the most because we can!	6/4/2019 8:44 PM
166	Location is the most important issue for a dog park and West Elm Park is totally unsuitable for a dog park.	6/4/2019 6:57 PM
167	I'm concerned that we are focusing too much on attracting more people to our beaches from other communities when they don't even pay taxes. Why don't they have to pay to park and why isn't it more expensive for individuals from neighboring communities to access our beaches? Obviously, all are welcome, but their fees should be higher and there should be greater benefits for residents. Also, there needs to be more of a focus on running our beaches efficiently. Garbage is often overflowing, bathrooms aren't maintained and refreshment stand at Tower was rarely open last year. Also, what about security?	6/4/2019 6:34 PM
168	This should be maintained and developed with tax dollars, not corporate sponsorships	6/4/2019 2:56 PM
169	The baseball fields need to be better cared for. Too often after it rains, the infield dirt is not raked, which extends the time period during which the fields are unusable. This is an easy and low-cost way to expand the usefulness of the very nice baseball fields that we already have.	6/4/2019 12:56 PM
170	Dog park is a GREAT idea, but it will not work without rinsing areas, dog fountain or benches	6/4/2019 12:56 PM
171	A dog park would benefit many Winnetka residents	6/4/2019 12:34 PM
172	As a dog owner and regular dog walker, I do not think Winnetka needs a second dog park. Please maintain the current dog beach/park better so that dogs can not escape the area and that it safer for people to enter. Please do not devote space near schools or on residential streets to a dog park as it is unsafe and a nuisance for area residents, children walking to and from school and will depreciate area property values on whatever street it is located at. Current facility is not near homes and tucked in a public park far away from school and school children walking to school just as a dog park should be. Am a dog owner but dogs unleashed (regardless of whether they have a village license or pass) can be dangerous and unpredictable. The existing dog park/beach location is best or use WPD land off Hibbard or by Village, NOT IN ANYONES RESIDENTIAL AREA! NIMBY! And certainly not near an elementary school such as Crow Island!!!!	6/4/2019 11:45 AM
173	Get rid of the dog beach if we will have a fenced dog park. That beach should be for residents to enjoy.	6/4/2019 10:44 AM
174	The dog park questions are flawed. For example, I am a dog owner, but do not want a dog park. However, if there is going to be a dog park, what is most important to me is not going to be part of the consideration - that it be as far away from residential areas as possible. Also, I would be in favor of a dog park, if the dog beach was traded and went back to being a regular beach.	6/4/2019 10:32 AM
175	I hope our beaches become as nice and as accessible as Glencoe's	6/4/2019 9:51 AM
176	I have been harassed by bikers when I have been walking on the trail. Perhaps some sort of signage to indicate that it is a shared use trail.	6/4/2019 8:26 AM
177	Might be better to have initial questions on whether you use the trail & whether you think anything needs to be done.	6/4/2019 8:20 AM
178	We would like a softball league or sub league in Winnetka that is for older/less talented folks to play 12".	6/3/2019 11:01 PM
179	Visit other communities..non inviting except for nannies and toddlers	6/3/2019 10:04 PM
180	One item not mentioned was security on the trail...I would not use it alone without a friend joining me.	6/3/2019 8:56 PM
181	A dog park at West Elm park is not a good idea. High traffic area, too many kids, just not good.. if you want to do something fenced in -maybe somewhere by the athletic facilities is better. Or maybe people can just walk their dogs a little more.	6/3/2019 8:33 PM
182	I strongly object to the parts of the Waterfront 2030 plan that increase density on the lakefront. Way too many boat slots and jetski storage areas are being proposed for Lloyd which is already a very crammed beachfront. No need for a restaurant space there- waste of money. No need to add lake level parking to Tower Beach. Waste of precious lakefront resources to overbuild on these precious bits of sand.	6/3/2019 7:48 PM

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183	As a neighbor of West Elm Park I am not interested in having an off leash dog park near my home	6/3/2019 7:28 PM
184	The Green Bay trail is a Village treasure, like any other park or beach	6/3/2019 6:43 PM
185	not sure why the park district should be improving bluffs for benefit of private homeowners. would like the park district board to commit to halt more levies for 5 years as a sign of leadership to the other taxing bodies	6/3/2019 6:03 PM
186	I strongly oppose a dog park directly across from our public schools. Noise disruption is a concern. Safety, as this would become a destination for nonresidents too. I don't want a dog park where it would disrupt the peace and quiet of any of our neighbors.	6/3/2019 6:03 PM
187	No opinion	6/3/2019 5:01 PM
188	I am firmly against a dog park that poses a nuisance to neighborhoods or how park space is currently utilized. Particularly do not recommend Crow Island Woods	6/3/2019 4:59 PM
189	Please stop using pesticides Please consider adding natural flower gardens in some of the parks (like the butterfly garden at dwyer) in more parks. Please consider adding more natural play spaces (like west school in glencoe with the large tree stumps to climb) at the playgrounds The new playgrounds that have been added in recent years are wonderful	6/3/2019 3:53 PM
190	Please consider building a community pool and grill at the top park area of Elder beach and the top park area of Centennial beach.	6/3/2019 3:10 PM
191	Please do not put the dog park in the West Elm Park right by the schools and children.	6/3/2019 3:02 PM
192	It is my understanding that currently, the Winnetka Park District does little to support the Nielsen Pro Tennis Tournament, an incredibly unique local event that many residents and families enjoy and support. In fact, it is my understanding that the Winnetka Park District CHARGES the tournament \$10,000 each year to use the tennis courts and space at the Nielsen Tennis Center for this event. It's CRAZY for the Park District to be doing this. We almost lost the event this year because costs went up to house the players. The Village and Park District should be supporting this event, not charging them to hold it. What about the Winnetka Parks Foundation? One of our Village/Park related entities should be taking a more positive proactive interest in this event - which promotes Winnetka, the Park District and provides a great event for our residents.	6/3/2019 2:46 PM
193	The trail in Glencoe is beautiful—Winnetka should mimic whatever they did. I think the AP Environmental Science classes at NT could help eliminate endangered species and also research and present solutions regarding drainage.	6/3/2019 2:30 PM
194	more lights	6/3/2019 2:20 PM
195	On the dog park issue, neither proposed site has enough parking, and is too close to neighborhood homes. Elm Park is used by D36 often for KW classes and other activities, as is Crow Island Park. Surrounding homeowners' house prices will decrease, resulting in harm for these people. Further, I doubt PDRMA will even insure a dog park at either site because of these issues (too close to homes/many young kids often in same park)---please verify that before you continue to work on this, making sure WPD can have insurance coverage seems like a very high priority before moving on. WPD management is not responsive to community members emails, voicemails and other requests. Just one example, the stormwater subcommittee continues to meet in private, does not post notice of meetings, does not allow public attendance and comment at meetings, and does not post minutes....all violations of the Illinois open meetings act. Board meeting agendas and minutes state that stormwater updates were given, but do not include those details. For the record the D36 facilities subcommittee (stormwater is in their purview) posts notice of meetings and allows public comment/attendance. Please get it together. Mr Muno's non-responses after repeated contacts about this issue are completely unacceptable.	6/3/2019 2:06 PM
196	I walk the Green Bay Trail daily!	6/3/2019 2:01 PM
197	Unless the current dog park is over utilized, it seems a shame to take land that is currently being used as park land for all and fence it off for off-leash dog park use. I have not heard anyone say the current park is over utilized. If dog owners just don't like a park next to the lake, perhaps trading usage would make sense (i.e. they trade the beach park for some space elsewhere, and we use that lake space for field space to replace the field taken for dog use).	6/3/2019 1:51 PM
198	The dog park should not be at Crow Island. It should be in one of the east Winnetka park, closer to existing dog beach. Crow Island is an important ecosystem that is being restored. Crow island is too close to too many residences and the school. Additionally it is the park that receives the most use by groups, parties, scouts etc.	6/3/2019 1:36 PM
199	Host some 5k fun runs to fund improvements on Green Bay Trail. The Winnetka Park District is doing a horrible job managing the one race per year that they offer.	6/3/2019 1:12 PM
200	Additional posting stating that dogs must be on leash are needed in and around the larger parks such as Corwin. Too often we have had bad encounters with dogs off leash	6/3/2019 1:02 PM
201	I'm hoping we don't completely lose Centennial Park to dogs, but people already don't comply with the leash laws there and also sometimes have dogs at Elder Lane Park, ignoring the sign. I would prefer another location for a non-beach fenced, off-leash dog park because dog owners seem to clearly want one, and to use other parks since one is not available.	6/3/2019 12:49 PM
202	Not sure the WPD owns the Green Bay Trail- so I believe all users/partners should share in maintenance.	6/3/2019 12:45 PM

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203	I would like to see a dog beach kept in the plan. There are many dogs who are active swimmers and the appeal of the dog beach is the water, not the chance to run around with other dogs. A fenced-in off leash park stuck someplace in town is NOT the comparable to the dog beach. Don't eliminate the dog beach. Move the dog beach it to another beach if the expansion and combined Elder and Centennial is successful, (this has been proposed before and failed).	6/3/2019 12:26 PM
204	There is no question here regarding if someone wants a dog park or not. How will you represent the large population that is not in favor at all of off leash park? N/A - does not represent well. It is a big miss to not first determine what the community appetite is for an off leash park at all.	6/3/2019 12:17 PM
205	Green Bay trail the least of the park districts issues. Dog park and waterfront facilities need to be addressed. Public tennis courts and basketball courts added like our neighboring towns of Wilmette and Glencoe.	6/3/2019 12:15 PM
206	This question is misleading. The Park District has money to do this and they should.	6/3/2019 12:12 PM
207	I don't think Elm Street park should be used for a dog park given the proximity to school and high use by kids.	6/3/2019 12:01 PM
208	Build a pool or partner with schools to build one. Crazy that Winnetka doesn't have a good year-round option! High school pools are used 12 months a year from 5:00am to 10:00pm and they are in horrible condition. No other facility in Winnetka is used as much as those two pools. Village needs better.	6/3/2019 12:00 PM
209	The Dog Park is an unnecessary and inappropriate use of park district funds, especially at the 2 locations being considered. Converting either of those locations to a dog park would cut off use of the park at close proximity to 2 schools, and bring dogs and children together in an unsafe manner.	6/3/2019 11:50 AM
210	Do not put the dog park in Crow Island Woods!	6/3/2019 11:41 AM
211	I paid \$250 for a Lake County Dog Park Pass for 2 dogs. Perhaps a lower fee and a request for donations	6/3/2019 11:30 AM
212	The Village does not need an off-leash dog park. The idea is an example of a minority of dog-owners speaking for all dog owners. It is an idiotic expense!	6/3/2019 11:00 AM
213	You are doing a great job!	6/3/2019 10:47 AM
214	I'm disappointed with the maintenance of Hubbard Woods Parks. It looks shabby for being so new.	6/3/2019 10:42 AM
215	This is a poorly worded question. Of course one would want someone else to fund improvement to the trail.	6/3/2019 10:10 AM
216	Thanks for giving our facilities so much time and thought.	6/3/2019 10:05 AM
217	Reduce expenses and property taxes	6/3/2019 10:03 AM
218	definitely get the Boy Scouts, etc. involved - builds great community spirit. But for funding - go corporate.	6/3/2019 10:01 AM
219	Keep the dog beach and do not build another off leash dog park	6/3/2019 9:54 AM
220	Humans are an invasive species. Forget about removing invasive species. Spend less money. If you love to spend money do not worry the tax increases in the state will keep you happy. Parks are fine as is, just enjoy what Winnetka already has. On all of these questions offer the option spend less money and lower property taxes.	6/3/2019 9:52 AM
221	Consider partnering on programming & facilities with the WCH	6/3/2019 9:40 AM
222	Resist the temptation to overimprove the facilities which would be utilized by few and cost ongoing funds to maintain and repair. simple without an over the top perspective.	6/3/2019 9:39 AM
223	WPD is evasive, non-responsive to true issues and dangers, avoids so much	6/3/2019 9:34 AM
224	If you do one, dog park should be at Centennial; other proposals too close to residences/schools, would harm Crow Island Woods ecosystem	6/3/2019 9:28 AM
225	Your work and facilities are important to us all, but your spending in the past has been excessive and contributed to the high tax situation and reduced interest in new people thinking about Winnetka as a reasonable place to live. This is a long term problem for all of us.	6/3/2019 9:24 AM
226	I strongly believe if you live in Winnetka and pay high taxes, dog park should be free! Charge a fee for people who live outside of village--we pay enough already.	6/3/2019 9:22 AM
227	I would love the Park District to revisit improving and expanding our facilities. I know there are a great deal of Winnetka residents that utilize both Glenview and Wilmette park districts as they offer things like swimming, and a much larger offering of dance, art, and other fun classes. I think the Park District is missing a large financial gain by not having the facilities to offer many classes.	6/3/2019 8:58 AM
228	Opposed to dog park in West Elm park. Do NOT use beautiful green space in residential neighborhood. Consider garbage dump? Skokie play field? Post Office site? Would rather do without one than use beautiful park space. If we have one, do NOT give access to NON residents.	6/3/2019 8:57 AM
229	FYI I am not a dog owner. Ergo I answered N/A.	6/3/2019 8:36 AM

2019 WINNETKA CAUCUS SURVEY PARKS COMMENTS WORD CLOUD

Q29 Please use this space to provide any comments or suggestions for the Winnetka Park District Board.

maintain think Winnetka issue site love land work provide make fields another care
close communities facilities oppose dog park go without much walk also costs
considering dog park please dog park West offer Will dog park Crow
already current residents green space think spending village given
many part Green Bay Trail options Please dog owner
dog beach especially Winnetka idea beach new
parking existing dog park large need Glencoe
use build dogs place area off-leash dog park Park District
spend money West Elm Park see one take people priority trail lake
schools park Crow Island space live park West Elm clean Keep access
better really important crazy way location Want funding Crow Island Woods
kids leash dog park years improve put dog park question utilized fenced play greater
enough resources Centennial

2019 WINNETKA CAUCUS SURVEY “Pulse of Winnetka”

RESPONSE SUMMARY

This document represents the collaborative effort of the 2019 Winnetka Caucus Council to summarize both the quantitative and qualitative verbatim comments from the 2019 Survey, conducted June 3-16, 2019. We hope this captures the “Pulse of Winnetka” as of June 17th 2019. We present these findings and encourage you to review the entire survey posted on www.winnetkacaucus.org. 1,300 survey responses were received, representing about 15.5% of the target population of approximately 8,400 individuals (or about 4,200 households), the largest response rate in the last 7 years and a 21% increase from last year. The sampling margin of error is 3.5% at a 99% confidence interval.

Demographics & Communications:

- 59% Female
- 57% between 45-64 years old
- 69% have lived in Winnetka 11 years or longer
- 52% have children (birth through Grade 12)
- 80% receive information from the print media, and 78% via e-mail
- 90% prefer e-mail as the method of communication from Village Boards

WINNETKA PARK DISTRICT

Summary: Winnetkans value our parks and beaches. Over 225 general comments were posted, the vast majority of which opposed an off-leash dog park, with several comments supportive of the existing dog beach. There were also several comments and concerns regarding budget, costs, and taxes.

- Approximately 40% of respondents were not dog owners or did not want an off-leash dog park. Of those who did want a park, site conditions, cost to develop, and available parking were ranked as the top three criteria for site selection.
- Open field, shaded areas, and dog cleaning/rinsing were ranked the three most important potential amenities for those who did want a off-leash dog park.
- 30% indicated \$26-\$75 would be the most they would be willing to pay annually to access an off-leash dog park.
- 49% are unfamiliar with the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plan, with improvement of water quality, remediation of bluff erosion, and improvement in roads, stairs and walkways, and parking were ranked as the three most important aspects of the Winnetka Waterfront 2030 plan.
- Remediating drainage issues, repaving the surface, and increasing/improving access were ranked as the three most important improvement steps for the Green Bay Trail, with 44% of respondents seeing private non-profit potential funding sources as best suited to partner with the Village for the improvements.

2019 CAUCUS COUNCIL PARKS PLATFORM

PLANK#1

The Winnetka Park District (the “Park District”) Board of Commissioners (the “Parks Board”) should endeavor to cooperate with the boards and finance committees of the other three taxing authorities (i.e., the Village of Winnetka (the “Village”) Council, the Board of Trustees of the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District, and the School Board of The Winnetka Public Schools) regarding the order and priority of projected major capital expenditures.

PLANK#2

The Park District should continue to implement Winnetka Waterfront 2030 with a priority on improving communication about the plan. The focus for Winnetka Waterfront 2030 should be on improving water quality, infrastructure, and remediation of erosion rather than amenities and design elements (e.g., food options, fire pits, athletic fields).

PLANK#3

The Park District should actively make improvements to and address the Green Bay Trail drainage, paved surface, and access that will enhance resident experience. The Park District should also convene a meeting of community volunteer groups, other interested parties, and required Village departments to develop a plan to improve trail habitat and beautification of the trail. The Park District should continue to coordinate with volunteer groups interested in leading funding for trail beautification.

PLANK#4

The Park District should carefully evaluate the concept for a dog park. For the majority of respondents who have an interest in a park, the Park District should continue to explore site alternatives that are aligned with expressed priorities: site conditions, cost to develop, availability of parking. Comments were also notably about location and proximity to schools, so this cannot be ignored in any planning and the two sites laid out as options may not be the right combination of these priorities. Also, respondents would like to minimize any fees associated with a dog park to under \$50. One idea from the survey comments could be to identify partnership opportunities with other villages for dog park access. On July 19, 2019, the Parks Board announced that all previously-planned meetings related to the dog park for July and August 2019 were canceled and there would be no new actions taken, as they re-prioritize and re-evaluate a dog park and its location based on community feedback.

**Winnetka Park District
Board Summary**

Date: December 5, 2019
To: Board of Commissioners
Subject: 2020 Annual Meeting Calendar of the Park Board
From: Lara Kuechel, Executive Assistant
Mary Cherveney, Administrative Services Manager
Through: John Muno, Executive Director

Summary:

Please find attached the draft meeting schedule of the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioner for 2020. This schedule takes into account:

- State parks and recreation conference (January 23-25)
- Potential holiday conflicts (President's Day weekend, District #36/New Trier HS Spring Break, Faith, Hope & Charity Spring Break, Memorial Day weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- Keeping similar to the 2019 schedule where possible

Recommendation:

Staff recommends placing on the December 12 agenda for adoption.

END



REVISED DRAFT 2020 Park Board Meeting Schedule

Updated November 25, 2019

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Winnetka Park District Board of Commissioners are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month unless otherwise noted by (*). All meeting for Fiscal Year 2019 are at 5:30 pm at the Administrative Office, 540 Hibbard Rd., on the dates shown below. Please refer to our website: www.winpark.org, or contact the Administrative Office at 847-501-2040 for updates.

2020 Meeting Schedule		
Board Committee Meeting	January 9	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	January 16*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	February 6*	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	February 27	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	March 12	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	March 19*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	April 2*	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	April 23	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	May 14	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting & Annual Meeting	May 21*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee & Regular Board Meeting	June 25*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee & Regular Board Meeting	July 23*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee & Regular Board Meeting	August 27*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	September 10	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	September 24	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	October 8	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	October 22	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	November 12	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	November 19*	5:30 p.m.
Board Committee Meeting	December 10	5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	December 17*	5:30 p.m.

Board Approved _____

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in meetings should contact John Shea, the Park District's ADA Compliance Coordinator, at the Park District's Administrative Office by mail at 540 Hibbard Rd, Winnetka, IL, by phone at 847-501-2040, Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, or by email to jshea@winpark.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Requests for a qualified interpreter require five (5) working days advance notice.

**Board Summary
Winnetka Park District**

Date: December 5, 2019
To: Board of Commissioners
Subject: 2020 Proposed Budget Changes
From: Christine Berman, Superintendent of Finance
Through: John Muno, Executive Director

SUMMARY:

The proposed budget presented on November 14, 2019 included \$12,452,986 in revenues, \$10,840,783 in operating expenses and \$3,143,688 in capitals for a total expense amount of \$13,984,471.

Please find below the revenue and expense changes made to the 2020 Proposed budget:

Revenues:

There have been no changes in revenues for the 2020 budget.

Operating Expenses:

The total amount of changes in operating expenses increased the 2020 budget for services by \$102,646; this includes a decrease of (\$52,239) in medical insurance premiums, a decrease of (\$5,248) in PDRMA premiums and an increase of \$165,133 for contract services to NSSRA, which is the net increase for the District's portion of the new building expenses, payable in 2020. After the 2020 payment is made, the District will be finished making capital contribution payments to NSSRA. The new total for operation expenses is \$10,943,429.

Capital Expenses:

The \$50,000 originally budgeted in the Special Recreation fund for capitals was moved to services to help offset the additional money to be paid for the renovations to the new building for NSSRA. The new total for capital expenses is \$3,093,688 and total expenses are now \$14,037,117.

Public Inspection – Per State Statute:

State Statute requires the proposed budget, in tentative form, be available for Public Inspection at least 30 days prior to final action. The budget will be available on the District's website and at the Administrative offices beginning Friday December 13, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required by the Board at this time.

Please let me know if you have questions.