

**CARBONDALE PARK DISTRICT
GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
4:00 PM
HICKORY LODGE
1115 WEST SYCAMORE STREET
CARBONDALE, IL
VIA ZOOM: <http://ZOOM.us/j/9031181650>**

AGENDA:

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - 1. July 6, 2021 meeting.
- D. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Limited to items not appearing on the agenda.
- E. OLD BUSINESS:
 - 1. Capillary Concrete Project Update.
 - 2. Kids Golf Foundation Program Update.
 - 3. Hickory Ridge Capital Development Fund Update.
 - 4. Clubhouse Restaurant Operations Update.
- F. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Women's Association Report.
 - 2. Men's Association Report.
 - 3. Senior Association Report.
 - 4. Golf Superintendent's Report.
 - 5. Golf Professional's Report.
 - 6. Review financial reports:
 - a. May 2021
 - b. June 2021
 - 7. Carbondale Park District Strategic Plan
 - 8. Committee Discussion / Recommendations:
 - a. Open discussion.
- G. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: October 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- H. ADJOURNMENT

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 6, 2021

The Carbondale Park District's Golf Advisory Committee held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at 1115 W. Sycamore Street, Carbondale, IL. The attendees participated via zoom format.

PRESENT: Chuck Vaught, Kay Brechtelsbauer, Elaine Vitello, Dominic Cittadino, John Washburn, Brian Matzenbacher, Tom Brooke, Trey Anderson and board liaison Commissioner Jane Adams.

Absent: Danielle Kauffman.

Guests: None.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of June 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Landscape Project Update:** Plantings were completed at the #17 Tee and at the entrance to the course. Pavers to be installed at a later date.

2. **Kids Golf Foundation Update:** The program will begin next week and will run July 12 through July 16, 2021. Forty five kids are enrolled and volunteers will assist Tom and Danielle with the program. Speakers are scheduled to address the group on Wednesday and Thursday.

3. **Hickory Ridge Capital Development Fund Update:** The donations to the Hickory Ridge Capital Development Fund will be placed in a separate cash account and not commingled with the district's general fund finances. The current balance in the fund is approximately \$8,000. A fundraiser is under consideration as a way to provide additional contributions to the fund. Individuals and groups will be included in the decisions on how the contributions to the fund will be used.

4. **Reservoir Overflow Project Update:** Replacing the existing overflow will be a fall project. The low level of the water in the reservoir is due to a leak in the overflow.

5. **Sand Trap Recovery Project Update:** The vegetation in the bunkers has been sprayed. The maintenance staff will follow up to spray and clean out the bunkers. Dominic Cittadino offered to get some volunteers to assist with the cleanup if necessary. The installation of the Capillary Concrete in the bunker on the number one green is still planned.

6. **Clubhouse Restaurant Operations Update:** Dee has been scheduled to be back in the clubhouse restaurant on Wednesdays for the Senior Association. The Lions Club meets at the restaurant on every other Friday.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Women's Association:** The Association play continues but the higher temperatures has effected attendance.

2. **Men's Association:** The Men's Association are averaging 4-10 players each week. Some members of the Senior Association are playing with the Men's Association. More origination will be introduced to the weekly play to make it more enjoyable.

3. **Senior Association:** The second tournament of the year was played last week. About 40 players participated. The Association thanked Tom Brooke for opening the restaurant and scheduling Dee on Wednesdays to serve the Senior Association players.

4. **Golf Superintendent's Report:** Trey Anderson provided the following information of course conditions for the committee:

1. Staff applied a growth regulator, two fungicides, fertilizer and a wetting agent to the greens on June 29, 2021.

2. New flags for the greens have been ordered. It is the time of the season to use the irrigation system and repairs to the irrigation system are ongoing.

3. The individual temporarily filling the vacant mechanics position has performed well. He recently repaired the clubhouse attic fan and replaced a contact in the irrigation pump motor. The listed price for a new contact was \$900, but a replacement was found on eBay for a total cost of about \$70, a significant savings.

4. Trey arranged for a small group to a tour and review of Kokopelli Golf Club bunker project. They are redoing their sand bunkers using a "Billie Bunker" system which consists of a 2inch aggregate layer coated with a polymer. After the polymer is cured, it is covered with a minimus 4 inch layer of granular or manufactured sand. The bunker stone liner is rated to drain at a rate of 1,500 inches per hour. The rebuilt bunkers built to Billy Bunker's specifications will have a significant reduction on maintenance staff time by eliminating the grading, raking, pumping water and pushing sand back up the edges of the bunkers after it rains.

5. Trey announced that the Saluki Invitational Golf tournament will return to Hickory Ridge next year but scheduled for September rather than March. The tournament should have better weather in September than March.

6. Trey informed the committee that the fan on the #17 green is set on a timer.

5. Golf Professional's Report: Tom Brooke provided the committee with the following information:

1. Revenue for the month of June 2021 was \$63,051 vs \$51,454 for June 2020. Rounds played in June 2021 were 1,691 vs 1,870 for June 2020. There were four outings in June. One outing payment is outstanding from June. Two outings are scheduled in July.

6. **Review Financial Report:** The committee reviewed the April 2021 financial report. Revenues exceeded the expenditures for the month by \$4,557. Year to date, the revenues exceed the expenditures by \$9,947. For the Jan-April, 2021 period, the financial position is \$51,367 better than the budget had forecast.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: No discussion.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

NEXT MEETING: August 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in person at the clubhouse and via zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:54 p.m.

Table 1

HICKORY RIDGE GOLF COURSE									
Financial Report for: May 2021									
		May 2021				Jan - May 2021			
		Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
REVENUE		\$43,828	\$66,600	-\$22,772	-34.19%	\$170,050	\$182,525	-\$12,475	-6.83%
EXPENDITURES									
A	Customer Service								
	Personnel Service	\$9,484	\$8,703	-\$781	-8.97%	\$32,140	\$41,074	\$8,934	21.75%
	Supplies & Services	\$9,294	\$13,073	\$3,779	28.91%	\$28,626	\$41,304	\$12,678	30.69%
	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Total Customer Service	\$18,778	\$21,776	\$2,998	13.77%	\$60,766	\$82,378	\$21,612	26.24%
B	Course Management								
	Personnel Service	\$17,564	\$23,833	\$6,269	26.30%	\$76,642	\$92,726	\$16,084	17.35%
	Supplies & Services	\$11,705	\$11,428	-\$277	-2.42%	\$27,148	\$39,280	\$12,132	30.89%
	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Total Course Management	\$29,269	\$35,261	\$5,992	16.99%	\$103,790	\$132,006	\$28,216	21.37%
	Total Expenditures	\$48,047	\$57,037	\$8,990	15.76%	\$164,556	\$214,384	\$49,828	23.24%
	Net Income (Loss)	-\$4,219	\$9,563	\$13,782	-144.12%	\$5,494	-\$31,859	\$37,353	117.24%
Report Name: Hickory Ridge Summary Financial Report									
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Carbondale Park District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
GOLF OPERATIONS

	May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Alternative Revenue	281.25		
Alternative Revenue-Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Beer Sales	2,603.70	1,500.00	1,103.70
Concessions	973.86	3,500.00	-2,526.14
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Driving Range	2,972.00	2,400.00	572.00
Facility Rental	200.00	100.00	100.00
Gaming Machines	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Gift Certificates (Golf)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Golf Cart Fees	9,752.00	11,000.00	-1,248.00
Golf Fees	22,084.03	40,600.00	-18,515.97
Jr Golf Fees	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Kitchen	1,895.16		
Merchandise	2,363.27	2,500.00	-136.73
Miscellaneous Shop Revenue	-60.54	1,000.00	-1,060.54
Rental Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	763.64	500.00	263.64
Total Income	43,828.37	66,600.00	-22,771.63
Expense			
(A)Payroll Expenses			
FICA Expense	615.14	532.00	83.14
Health Insurance Expense	78.67	697.00	-618.33
IMRF Expense	432.17	279.00	153.17
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	143.10	0.00	143.10
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unemployment Expense	317.08	235.00	82.08
Wages Hourly Fulltime	3,625.60	2,560.00	1,065.60
Wages Hourly Part Time	4,272.40	4,400.00	-127.60
(A)Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (A)Payroll Expenses	9,484.16	8,703.00	781.16
Advertising/Promotion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards/Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	1,130.31	700.00	430.31
BEER/LIQUOR	1,351.30		
Building Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	167.00	-167.00
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concession Supplies	612.58	2,000.00	-1,387.42
Contractor Fees	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Electric Utilities	834.77	1,000.00	-165.23
Equipment Parts/Repairs	0.00	42.00	-42.00
Equipment Replacement	193.45	2,750.00	-2,556.55
Fax/Modem	299.00	25.00	274.00
Food/Provisions	1,141.63	100.00	1,041.63
Gas Utilities	415.18	159.00	256.18
Golf Shop Supplies	1,664.49	1,667.00	-2.51
Inspection Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Carbondale Park District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
GOLF OPERATIONS

	May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Janitorial Service	0.00	20.00	-20.00	
Janitorial Supplies	0.00	20.00	-20.00	
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	114.80			
Licenses	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Maintenance Contracts	302.00	417.00	-115.00	
Misc Supplies	245.01	417.00	-171.99	
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Office Supplies	70.98	42.00	28.98	
Postage/Freight	0.00	29.00	-29.00	
Printing/Reproduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Program Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rentals	0.00	400.00	-400.00	
Safety/First Aid Supplies	0.00	42.00	-42.00	
Sales Tax Expense	559.00	400.00	159.00	
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	76.13	0.00	76.13	
Telephone Expense	102.36	417.00	-314.64	
Training and Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	137.10	42.00	95.10	
Water Utilities	43.57	42.00	1.57	
Total Expense	18,777.82	21,776.00	-2,998.18	✓ +
Net Income	25,050.55	44,824.00	-19,773.45	✓ -

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
GOLF MAINTENANCE

	May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Alternative Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense			
(A)Payroll Expenses			
Disc Golf Labor	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
FICA Expense	1,133.52	1,393.00	-259.48
Health Insurance Expense	157.34	1,452.00	-1,294.66
IMRF Expense	1,041.03	1,161.00	-119.97
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	267.20	300.00	-32.80
Salaries	6,273.60	5,810.00	463.60
Unemployment Expense	349.35	615.00	-265.65
Wages Hourly Fulltime	2,142.40	4,836.00	-2,693.60
Wages Hourly Part Time	6,199.60	7,266.00	-1,066.40
(A)Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (A)Payroll Expenses	17,564.04	23,833.00	-6,268.96
Building Repairs/Maintenance	1,198.80	100.00	1,098.80
Chemicals	2,113.05	3,000.00	-886.95
Clothing	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Materials	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Consultant Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contractor Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Course Accessories	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electric Utilities	987.35	1,400.00	-412.65
Equipment Parts/Repairs	769.07	100.00	669.07
Equipment Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fax/Modem	147.97	0.00	147.97
Fertilizer	313.49	0.00	313.49
Food/Provisions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel/Lubricants	1,521.64	1,440.00	81.64
Gas Utilities	473.05	0.00	473.05
Inspection Fee	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Irrigation/Drainage Supply	192.53	0.00	192.53
Janitorial Supplies	32.99	20.00	12.99
Landscaping Supplies	706.51	0.00	706.51
Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Contracts	591.61	280.00	311.61
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	19.98	35.00	-15.02
Paint/Supplies	16.14	35.00	-18.86
Payment Other Entities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage/Freight	0.00	15.00	-15.00
Rentals	148.00	0.00	148.00
Safety/First Aid Supplies	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	545.77	150.00	395.77
Telephone Expense	447.25	150.00	297.25

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GOLF MAINTENANCE

	May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Training and Travel	0.00	750.00	-750.00	
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	1,354.33	1,333.00	21.33	
Water Utilities	125.18	90.00	35.18	
Total Expense	29,268.75	35,261.00	-5,992.25	✓ +
Net Income	-29,268.75	-35,261.00	5,992.25	✓ +

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GOLF OPERATIONS

	Jan - May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Income				
Alternative Revenue	301.27			
Alternative Revenue-Other	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Beer Sales	6,333.62	6,600.00	-266.38	
Concessions	2,536.62	10,400.00	-7,863.38	
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	8,000.00	7,000.00	1,000.00	
Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Driving Range	10,054.50	6,600.00	3,454.50	
Facility Rental	350.00	325.00	25.00	
Gaming Machines	89.75	3,000.00	-2,910.25	
Gift Certificates (Golf)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Golf Cart Fees	35,107.90	39,000.00	-3,892.10	
Golf Fees	96,187.74	91,100.00	5,087.74	
Jr Golf Fees	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Kitchen	2,973.90			
Merchandise	5,753.02	10,000.00	-4,246.98	
Miscellaneous Shop Revenue	658.68	3,000.00	-2,341.32	
Rental Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sales Tax	1,703.29	1,500.00	203.29	
Total Income	170,050.29	182,525.00	-12,474.71	✓-
Expense				
(A) Payroll Expenses				
FICA Expense	1,881.39	2,494.00	-612.61	
Health Insurance Expense	3,181.35	3,485.00	-303.65	
IMRF Expense	1,600.49	1,395.00	205.49	
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Overtime	308.85	0.00	308.85	
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Unemployment Expense	884.00	1,100.00	-216.00	
Wages Hourly Fulltime	14,677.07	12,800.00	1,877.07	
Wages Hourly Part Time	9,607.18	19,800.00	-10,192.82	
(A) Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total (A) Payroll Expenses	32,140.33	41,074.00	-8,933.67	✓+
Advertising/Promotion	0.00	500.00	-500.00	
Awards/Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bank Charges	3,463.36	2,700.00	763.36	
BEER/LIQUOR	1,351.30			
Building Repairs/Maintenance	1,811.90	835.00	976.90	
Computer Equipment/Software	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Concession Supplies	3,963.27	7,450.00	-3,486.73	
Contractor Fees	0.00	150.00	-150.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	340.00	625.00	-285.00	
Electric Utilities	2,666.19	3,600.00	-933.81	
Equipment Parts/Repairs	0.00	210.00	-210.00	
Equipment Replacement	428.85	2,750.00	-2,321.15	
Fax/Modem	1,196.00	125.00	1,071.00	
Food/Provisions	1,401.77	200.00	1,201.77	
Gas Utilities	898.20	886.00	12.20	
Golf Shop Supplies	5,508.65	8,335.00	-2,826.35	
Inspection Fee	1,219.77	0.00	1,219.77	

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Janitorial Service	0.00	100.00	-100.00	
Janitorial Supplies	64.34	100.00	-35.66	
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	114.80			
Licenses	177.25	2,000.00	-1,822.75	
Maintenance Contracts	1,142.26	2,085.00	-942.74	
Misc Supplies	245.01	2,085.00	-1,839.99	
Office Equipment	0.00	700.00	-700.00	
Office Supplies	210.99	206.00	4.99	
Postage/Freight	20.90	145.00	-124.10	
Printing/Reproduction	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Program Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rentals	0.00	400.00	-400.00	
Safety/First Aid Supplies	0.00	210.00	-210.00	
Sales Tax Expense	1,013.00	1,400.00	-387.00	
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	230.70	0.00	230.70	
Telephone Expense	414.81	2,085.00	-1,670.19	
Training and Travel	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	226.06	210.00	16.06	
Water Utilities	116.49	210.00	-93.51	
Total Expense	60,766.20	82,376.00	-21,609.80	✓+
Net Income	109,284.09	100,149.00	9,135.09	✓+

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
GOLF MAINTENANCE

	Jan - May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Alternative Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense			
(A) Payroll Expenses			
Disc Golf Labor	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
FICA Expense	4,364.59	5,350.00	-985.41
Health Insurance Expense	9,150.70	7,260.00	1,890.70
IMRF Expense	4,206.48	5,805.00	-1,598.52
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	285.29	600.00	-314.71
Salaries	29,156.00	29,050.00	106.00
Unemployment Expense	1,467.53	2,361.00	-893.47
Wages Hourly Fulltime	15,757.24	24,180.00	-8,422.76
Wages Hourly Part Time	12,254.40	16,120.00	-3,865.60
(A) Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (A) Payroll Expenses	76,642.23	92,726.00	-16,083.77
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,678.17	100.00	2,578.17
Chemicals	4,649.69	10,000.00	-5,350.31
Clothing	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Materials	55.72	2,000.00	-1,944.28
Consultant Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Contractor Fees	205.00	0.00	205.00
Course Accessories	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
Dues and Subscriptions	250.00	375.00	-125.00
Electric Utilities	4,292.34	3,300.00	992.34
Equipment Parts/Repairs	1,403.88	100.00	1,303.88
Equipment Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fax/Modem	593.66	0.00	593.66
Fertilizer	901.49	5,000.00	-4,098.51
Food/Provisions	21.06	0.00	21.06
Fuel/Lubricants	2,774.29	2,920.00	-145.71
Gas Utilities	861.54	1,000.00	-138.46
Inspection Fee	889.00	1,200.00	-311.00
Irrigation/Drainage Supply	192.53	11.42	181.11
Janitorial Supplies	32.99	100.00	-67.01
Landscaping Supplies	910.04	250.00	660.04
Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Contracts	1,017.36	1,400.00	-382.64
Office Equipment	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Office Supplies	93.34	175.00	-81.66
Paint/Supplies	60.42	175.00	-114.58
Payment Other Entities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage/Freight	27.92	75.00	-47.08
Rentals	148.00	2,200.00	-2,052.00
Safety/First Aid Supplies	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	910.56	750.00	160.56
Telephone Expense	539.03	750.00	-210.97

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	Jan - May 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Training and Travel	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	3,315.27	3,999.00	-683.73
Water Utilities	324.72	450.00	-125.28
Total Expense	103,790.25	132,006.42	-28,216.17
Net Income	-103,790.25	-132,006.42	28,216.17

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HICKORY RIDGE GOLF COURSE									
Financial Report for: June 2021									
	June 2021				Jan - June 2021				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	Actual	Budget	Variance	%	
REVENUE									
	\$68,945	\$76,100	-\$7,155	-9.40%	\$239,045	\$258,825	-\$19,580	-7.57%	
EXPENDITURES									
A									
Customer Service									
Personnel Service	\$10,698	\$10,542	-\$156	-1.48%	\$42,839	\$51,616	\$8,777	17.00%	
Supplies & Services	\$15,373	\$16,623	\$1,250	7.52%	\$42,999	\$57,925	\$14,926	25.77%	
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Customer Service	\$26,071	\$27,165	\$1,094	4.03%	\$85,838	\$109,541	\$23,703	21.64%	
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Course Management									
Personnel Service	\$18,635	\$32,641	\$14,006	42.91%	\$91,891	\$125,367	\$33,476	26.70%	
Supplies & Services	\$17,613	\$32,741	\$14,928	45.59%	\$44,961	\$72,022	\$27,061	37.57%	
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total Course Management	\$36,448	\$65,382	\$28,934	44.25%	\$136,852	\$197,389	\$60,537	30.67%	
Total Expenditures	\$62,519	\$92,547	\$30,028	32.45%	\$222,690	\$306,930	\$84,240	27.45%	
Net Income (Loss)	\$6,426	-\$16,447	\$22,873	-139.07%	\$16,355	-\$48,305	\$64,660	133.86%	
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	Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Alternative Revenue	83.99		
Alternative Revenue-Other	0.00	10,500.00	-10,500.00
Beer Sales	2,751.66	1,400.00	1,351.66
Concessions	1,724.68	3,500.00	-1,775.32
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Driving Range	4,880.00	1,500.00	3,380.00
Facility Rental	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Gaming Machines	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Gift Certificates (Golf)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Golf Cart Fees	11,759.00	13,000.00	-1,241.00
Golf Fees	39,590.59	40,600.00	-1,009.41
Jr Golf Fees	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Kitchen	2,412.74		
Merchandise	4,772.26	2,500.00	2,272.26
Miscellaneous Shop Revenue	-109.71	1,000.00	-1,109.71
Rental Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax	1,051.82	500.00	551.82
Total Income	68,917.03	76,100.00	-7,182.97
Expense			
(A) Payroll Expenses			
FICA Expense	333.25	649.00	-315.75
Health Insurance Expense	804.66	697.00	107.66
IMRF Expense	445.72	419.00	26.72
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	94.50	250.00	-155.50
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unemployment Expense	144.57	287.00	-142.43
Wages Hourly Fulltime	3,834.00	3,840.00	-6.00
Wages Hourly Part Time	5,041.68	4,400.00	641.68
(A) Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (A) Payroll Expenses	10,698.38	10,542.00	156.38
Advertising/Promotion	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Awards/Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	1,016.71	700.00	316.71
BEER/LIQUOR	2,059.00		
Building Repairs/Maintenance	99.08	167.00	-67.92
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concession Supplies	1,140.28	2,650.00	-1,509.72
Contractor Fees	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Dues and Subscriptions	360.00	125.00	235.00
Electric Utilities	2,094.37	1,000.00	1,094.37
Equipment Parts/Repairs	98.43	42.00	56.43
Equipment Replacement	0.00	2,750.00	-2,750.00
Fax/Modem	598.00	25.00	573.00
Food/Provisions	1,137.76	100.00	1,037.76
Gas Utilities	414.40	159.00	255.40
Golf Shop Supplies	2,481.50	1,667.00	814.50
Inspection Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Janitorial Service	0.00	20.00	-20.00	
Janitorial Supplies	7.88	20.00	-12.12	
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	170.11			
Licenses	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Maintenance Contracts	614.95	417.00	197.95	
Misc Supplies	0.00	417.00	-417.00	
New Equipment	966.90			
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	42.00	-42.00	
Postage/Freight	0.00	29.00	-29.00	
Printing/Reproduction	0.00	500.00	-500.00	
Program Supplies	1,080.00	3,500.00	-2,420.00	
Rentals	0.00	300.00	-300.00	
Safety/First Aid Supplies	5.06	42.00	-36.94	
Sales Tax Expense	764.00	400.00	364.00	
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Telephone Expense	181.39	417.00	-235.61	
Training and Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	0.00	42.00	-42.00	
Water Utilities	33.11	42.00	-8.89	
Total Expense	26,071.31	27,165.00	-1,093.69	✓ +
Net Income	42,845.72	48,935.00	-6,089.28	✓ -

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	Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Alternative Revenue	28.35	0.00	28.35
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	28.35	0.00	28.35
Expense			
(A) Payroll Expenses			
Disc Golf Labor	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
FICA Expense	604.14	1,960.00	-1,355.86
Health Insurance Expense	2,198.66	1,452.00	746.66
IMRF Expense	1,108.87	1,742.00	-633.13
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	587.78	300.00	287.78
Salaries	3,136.80	8,716.00	-5,579.20
Unemployment Expense	227.42	865.00	-637.58
Wages Hourly Fulltime	2,171.86	7,254.00	-5,082.14
Wages Hourly Part Time	8,599.40	9,352.00	-752.60
(A) Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (A) Payroll Expenses	18,634.93	32,641.00	-14,006.07
Building Repairs/Maintenance	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Chemicals	4,833.81	3,000.00	1,833.81
Clothing	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Materials	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Consultant Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contractor Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Course Accessories	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electric Utilities	2,100.64	1,400.00	700.64
Equipment Parts/Repairs	342.60	100.00	242.60
Equipment Replacement	0.00	17,000.00	-17,000.00
Fax/Modem	295.94	0.00	295.94
Fertilizer	3,265.00	1,000.00	2,265.00
Food/Provisions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel/Lubricants	1,626.81	1,440.00	186.81
Gas Utilities	409.22	0.00	409.22
Inspection Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Irrigation/Drainage Supply	1,683.48	313.46	1,370.02
Janitorial Supplies	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Landscaping Supplies	37.00	2,000.00	-1,963.00
Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Contracts	294.24	280.00	14.24
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	35.00	-35.00
Paint/Supplies	56.17	35.00	21.17
Payment Other Entities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage/Freight	8.85	15.00	-6.15
Rentals	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Safety/First Aid Supplies	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	51.88	150.00	-98.12
Telephone Expense	54.50	150.00	-95.50

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	Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Training and Travel	0.00	750.00	-750.00
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	2,665.55	1,333.00	1,332.55
Water Utilities	87.51	90.00	-2.49
Total Expense	36,448.13	65,382.46	-28,934.33
Net Income	-36,419.78	-65,382.46	28,962.68

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GOLF OPERATIONS

	Jan - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Income				
Alternative Revenue	385.26			
Alternative Revenue-Other	50.00	12,500.00	-12,450.00	
Beer Sales	9,085.28	8,000.00	1,085.28	
Concessions	4,261.30	13,900.00	-9,638.70	
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	8,000.00	7,000.00	1,000.00	
Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Driving Range	14,934.50	8,100.00	6,834.50	
Facility Rental	350.00	425.00	-75.00	
Gaming Machines	89.75	4,000.00	-3,910.25	
Gift Certificates (Golf)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Golf Cart Fees	46,866.90	52,000.00	-5,133.10	
Golf Fees	135,778.33	131,700.00	4,078.33	
Jr Golf Fees	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	
Kitchen	5,386.64			
Merchandise	10,525.28	12,500.00	-1,974.72	
Miscellaneous Shop Revenue	548.97	4,000.00	-3,451.03	
Rental Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sales Tax	2,755.11	2,000.00	755.11	
Total Income	239,017.32	258,625.00	-19,607.68	✓-
Expense				
(A) Payroll Expenses				
FICA Expense	2,214.64	3,143.00	-928.36	
Health Insurance Expense	3,986.01	4,182.00	-195.99	
IMRF Expense	2,046.21	1,814.00	232.21	
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Overtime	403.35	250.00	153.35	
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Unemployment Expense	1,028.57	1,387.00	-358.43	
Wages Hourly Fulltime	18,511.07	16,640.00	1,871.07	
Wages Hourly Part Time	14,648.86	24,200.00	-9,551.14	
(A) Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total (A) Payroll Expenses	42,838.71	51,616.00	-8,777.29	✓+
Advertising/Promotion	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Awards/Recognition	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bank Charges	4,480.07	3,400.00	1,080.07	
BEER/LIQUOR	3,410.30			
Building Repairs/Maintenance	1,910.98	1,002.00	908.98	
Computer Equipment/Software	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Concession Supplies	5,103.55	10,100.00	-4,996.45	
Contractor Fees	0.00	200.00	-200.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	700.00	750.00	-50.00	
Electric Utilities	4,760.56	4,600.00	160.56	
Equipment Parts/Repairs	98.43	252.00	-153.57	
Equipment Replacement	428.85	5,500.00	-5,071.15	
Fax/Modem	1,794.00	150.00	1,644.00	
Food/Provisions	2,539.53	300.00	2,239.53	
Gas Utilities	1,312.60	1,045.00	267.60	
Golf Shop Supplies	7,990.15	10,002.00	-2,011.85	
Inspection Fee	1,219.77	0.00	1,219.77	

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	Jan - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Janitorial Service	0.00	120.00	-120.00	
Janitorial Supplies	72.22	120.00	-47.78	
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	284.91			
Licenses	227.25	2,000.00	-1,772.75	
Maintenance Contracts	1,757.21	2,502.00	-744.79	
Misc Supplies	245.01	2,502.00	-2,256.99	
New Equipment	966.90			
Office Equipment	0.00	700.00	-700.00	
Office Supplies	210.99	248.00	-37.01	
Postage/Freight	20.90	174.00	-153.10	
Printing/Reproduction	0.00	500.00	-500.00	
Program Supplies	1,080.00	3,500.00	-2,420.00	
Rentals	0.00	700.00	-700.00	
Safety/First Aid Supplies	5.06	252.00	-246.94	
Sales Tax Expense	1,777.00	1,800.00	-23.00	
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	230.70	0.00	230.70	
Telephone Expense	596.20	2,502.00	-1,905.80	
Training and Travel	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	226.06	252.00	-25.94	
Water Utilities	149.60	252.00	-102.40	
Total Expense	86,837.51	109,541.00	-22,703.49	✓+
Net Income	152,179.81	149,084.00	3,095.81	✓+

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	Jan - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Alternative Revenue	28.35	0.00	28.35
Contributions/Grant Opportuniti	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	28.35	0.00	28.35
Expense			
(A)Payroll Expenses			
Disc Golf Labor	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
FICA Expense	4,728.76	7,310.00	-2,581.24
Health Insurance Expense	11,349.36	8,712.00	2,637.36
IMRF Expense	5,315.35	7,547.00	-2,231.65
On Call Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overtime	873.07	900.00	-26.93
Salaries	29,156.00	37,766.00	-8,610.00
Unemployment Expense	1,685.23	3,226.00	-1,540.77
Wages Hourly Fulltime	17,929.10	31,434.00	-13,504.90
Wages Hourly Part Time	20,853.80	25,472.00	-4,618.20
(A)Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total (A)Payroll Expenses	91,890.67	125,367.00	-33,476.33
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,678.17	200.00	2,478.17
Chemicals	9,483.50	13,000.00	-3,516.50
Clothing	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
Construction Materials	55.72	5,000.00	-4,944.28
Consultant Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Contractor Fees	205.00	0.00	205.00
Course Accessories	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00
Dues and Subscriptions	250.00	375.00	-125.00
Electric Utilities	6,392.98	4,700.00	1,692.98
Equipment Parts/Repairs	1,746.48	200.00	1,546.48
Equipment Replacement	0.00	17,000.00	-17,000.00
Fax/Modem	889.60	0.00	889.60
Fertilizer	4,166.49	6,000.00	-1,833.51
Food/Provisions	21.06	0.00	21.06
Fuel/Lubricants	4,401.10	4,360.00	41.10
Gas Utilities	1,270.76	1,000.00	270.76
Inspection Fee	889.00	1,200.00	-311.00
Irrigation/Drainage Supply	1,876.01	324.88	1,551.13
Janitorial Supplies	32.99	120.00	-87.01
Landscaping Supplies	947.04	2,250.00	-1,302.96
Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Contracts	1,311.60	1,680.00	-368.40
Office Equipment	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Office Supplies	93.34	210.00	-116.66
Paint/Supplies	116.59	210.00	-93.41
Payment Other Entities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage/Freight	36.77	90.00	-53.23
Rentals	148.00	2,500.00	-2,352.00
Safety/First Aid Supplies	0.00	180.00	-180.00
Shop Supplies/Small Tools	962.44	900.00	62.44
Telephone Expense	593.53	900.00	-306.47

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	Jan - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Training and Travel	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Vehicle Parts/Repairs	5,980.82	5,332.00	648.82
Water Utilities	412.23	540.00	-127.77
Total Expense	136,851.89	197,388.88	-60,536.99
Net Income	-136,823.54	-197,388.88	60,565.34

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Strategic Plan Implementation

By adopting this plan, the Board of Commissioners is empowering staff to address the goals and activities described herein. The plan only provides a roadmap for future action. The staff should focus energy and resources on executing actionable activities.

Several steps are necessary to implement the plan:

- Communicate the Plan
 - The plan should be communicated to residents (external stakeholders) on the District website and promoted through appropriate social media platforms
 - Park District staff and Advisory Committee members should all receive a copy of the plan and it should be discussed with them in a group meeting. It is important to connect with key internal stakeholders. This is the group that will engage with residents on an on-going basis.
- Mobilize the Staff
 - Each of the activities in the plan should be assigned to a staff member or group. They will be responsible for implementing activities.
 - Initial staff involvement involves: defining realistic performance outcomes for each activity, establishing time lines, describing anticipated implementation costs, and identifying potential sources of funding.
 - It may be helpful to prioritize the list of activities starting with a more manageable list of short-term activities described in the plan. Each list of short-term activities has been prioritized by the Board of Commissioners.

- Monitor Progress and Revise
 - The Board of Commissioners should anticipate an annual review by staff in January, 2022 to assess accomplishments and plans for the coming year
 - Internal and external factors may warrant the need for revisions to the plan. The plan should be revised and adjusted annually to realign priorities.

APPENDIX A

January 8, 2020

Dr. Carl Flowers, President
Board of Commissioners
Carbondale Park District
1 Pine Lake
Carbondale, IL 62901

Dear Carl:

I appreciated having the opportunity to work with Park District Commissioners, advisory council members, and staff on January 6, 2020. I think it is beneficial to meet in a retreat-type setting of this kind. I was most impressed by the spirit of camaraderie among the Commissioners, committee members, and staff.

There are two attachments to this letter. Attachment A shows the revenue-generating ideas gathered at the retreat. Attachment B shows the ranking of those ideas by participants at the conclusion of the meeting. Below, I will list the top 10 revenue-generating ideas ranked by the group. For the complete list of rankings, refer to Attachment B.

1. Hire a marketing professional/business manager/grant writer.
2. Make plans for a referendum to seek increased taxes for a specific purpose.
- ✓ 3. Increase outings at Hickory Ridge Golf Course.
4. Establish a "Friends" of the Carbondale Park District.
- ✓ 5. Tee signs sold as advertising/networking at the golf course
6. Create a Carbondale Park District Foundation.
7. Establish a "Pennies for Parks" program.
8. Utilize a crowd-funding platform for specific purposes—(Tied with No. 9).
9. Provide a price break at the Super Splash Park after 5 p.m.
10. Schedule more pre-season groups at the Super Splash Park.

I suggest that this letter and attachments be used in discussions with Commissioners and staff. I was very pleased that we were able to drill down and discuss in depth each of the revenue-generating ideas that you identified. I was also impressed with the extensive discussion of issues affecting the Park District in the future and your interest in more long-term strategic

planning. The discussion by the participants demonstrated to me that you, as a group, are committed to our City and residents.

Thanks so much to all of the participants on January 6. My compliments to you all for taking the planning process seriously.

Sincerely,

John S. Washburn

Attachments

cc: Kathy Renfro, Executive Director
Carbondale Park District

APPENDIX B

On April 20, 2020, the Carbondale Park District Board of Commissioners and staff were surveyed to get their perceptions of existing strengths, challenges, and long-range needs for the District. A summary of those responses follows:

Strengths:

- Amount of green space owned by District
- Outstanding and experienced staff – “we act as a big family”
- Diversity of programs – unwavering dedication – all ages
- ✓ • Quality of programs (aquatic, golf, day camps, childcare, outdoor education, gardening, Life Center, Super Splash Park, parks, Sunset Concerts, senior programs, dog park)
- A genuine concern for the overall health and wellbeing of all Park District residents
- Improved and easy to navigate website
- Good quality print program guide
- Doing a lot with a little
- Openness to working with other agencies
- Programs are affordable

Continuing and New Challenges

- Excessive financial limitations (diminishing tax base and infrastructure) effects ability to serve citizens
- Marketing-press releases, “telling our story” – public perceptions
- Take advantage of opportunities to restructure, consolidate programs and services
- Hostility from City leadership
- Ongoing deferred maintenance issues
- Reduction of debt (financial stabilization)
- Addressing COVID concerns

- Maintaining adequate staffing
- Importance of moving forward – not backward – capital improvements
- Technology improvement
- Expanding volunteers
- ✓ • Golf course revenue over expenses about \$125,000 annually
- Large number of out-of-district users subsidized by residents
- The need for “clear” priorities
- Neglected parks
- Decreasing number of University students
- The need for annual, incremental tax increases – things are currently not sustainable

Long-Range Needs

- Debt reduction
- New sources of revenue and avoiding new debt
- Marketing – address public perceptions – positive image
- Consolidate assets
- Addressing needs for deferred maintenance – need a comprehensive list
- Continue to invest in existing (and new) infrastructure and equipment – especially parks!
- Establishing a contingency fund
- Establish an endowment
- Improve relationships with area agencies
- ✓ • A new life center, break even in the golf course and splash park
- Bring the procedures handbook up-to-date
- Need for several community meetings to:

1. Review mission, vision and goals, and
 2. Assess public's needs
- A "top ten" for each department

APPENDIX C

Impressionistic Summary: December 2020 Park District Virtual Forums and Written Comments

The Carbondale Park District Board of Commissioners is engaged in a long-range strategic planning process. The Board and staff have drafted mission and vision statements, goals and activities to be addressed through 2030. The draft mission and vision statements, goals and activities have been distributed to the community and four virtual forums were held to gather public input. Virtual forums were held at varying times on December 2, 5, 7, and 8. The public could also provide input in writing. Unfortunately, only 22 people (unduplicated count) participated in the virtual forums and 2 individuals provided written responses.

Below are the highlights of the comments from the 4 virtual forums and written responses:

- One individual suggested with all of the issues surrounding the pandemic that the district should “focus on what is essential right now.” This individual was concerned about the district’s financial situation and suggested developing short-term specific actions that can be accomplished at limited financial cost. For example, decisions should be made soon about the location of Kids Korner instead of waiting till the last minute for negotiation with the City. Or, an alternative to the use of the Life Center pool should be made available for the youth and adult communities. The notion here is that specific, short-term achievable actions would help with public trust in the Park District.
- ✓ • Several participants suggested “rebranding” and using social media to more effectively describe what the Park District currently offers. One person noted the need for a new logo. People may not be aware of the array of programs and offerings of the district. For example, some people don’t know that canoes are available for rent. Or, that you can get golf clubs to use at Hickory Ridge if you don’t own a set. It was suggested that short videos showing Park District offerings be developed and uploaded to multiple platforms to make good use of social media. Also, it is important to direct people from social media platforms to the District website rather than directing them from the District website to social media.
- There were some questions raised about enclosing a portion of the Splash Park. This was discussed as an alternative to the Life Center pool that appears beyond repair. It was noted that Cape Girardeau has an enclosed Splash Park and has problems with air quality, damage from storms, and heating. This participant suggested using caution in moving forward.

- Much of the discussion in one of the forums focused on environmental stewardship and education. One participant suggested incorporating this language into the draft vision statement. It was noted that Marberry Arboretum was not referenced in the strategic plan. The real question here is how can the Park District better connect people to its land? Support for supervised, unstructured play in District open spaces is clear.
- There were several discussions related to utilization of the parks. Evergreen Park appears to be heavily utilized. Participation in other parks, such as Oakdale and Tatum Heights, appears to be limited. Participation at Attucks Park could be dramatically expanded with events that serve children and their parents.
- A number of the activities referenced later in this summary speak to the importance of activities for “teens and tweens.” Generally, the ages 10-12 are considered the tween years but young people mature at different rates. Participants suggested these age groups are looking for different venues for recreation and have unique interests. They are ready for increasing responsibility and privilege and need age-appropriate recreational choices. This is an area where there appears to be a lot of interest by those participating in the forums.
- Two individuals provided extensive written comments. One felt the draft mission statement was too broad and that the District should only focus on park services and amenities. This individual expressed concern with the high taxes in Carbondale, contributing to a loss in population. A suggestion was made to charge a flat fee for the District. A second individual provided extensive and specific comments suggesting actions to enhance the parks’ biological resources, as well as the importance of environmental and civic education. This individual offered suggestions that included “No Littering” signage, using animal-proof trash receptacles, partnering with Keep Carbondale Beautiful, and requiring a refundable deposit for people reserving shelters. Other specific items from this individual are included later in this summary.
- In the virtual forums and written comments there were specific programs that were discussed. Suggestions for specific activities included:
 - ✓ ○ Expanding the number of bicycle trails for teens and tweens at locations like Oakdale Park and Hickory Ridge
 - Instituting smaller group summer programs
 - ✓ ○ Offering cross-country skiing at the golf course or in the parks, if weather permits
 - Offering daytime swimming lessons

- ✓ ○ Providing weekly lessons for young and/or beginning golfers
- Initiating a Chautauqua-type forum for people who share similar interests in areas such as gardening and cooking
- Expanding programs for disabled residents
- Initiating walking history, garden, or art tours
- Connecting with local community garden organizations
- Designing and building a skate park and graffiti wall that involves youth in its design
- ✓ ○ Expanding the disc golf program at Hickory Ridge, making it the “center of gravity” for disc golf in southern Illinois
- Expanding and continuing the adult “Learn to Swim” Program
- Developing a climbing wall in conjunction with SIU
- Erecting a “chimney swift tower” in conjunction with the Southern Illinois Audubon Society
- ✓ ○ Offering a spur off the Carbondale bike path to help people take advantage of Hickory Ridge amenities
- Expanding and increasing the Memorial tree planting program
- Sponsoring a photo contest using the parks as a backdrop

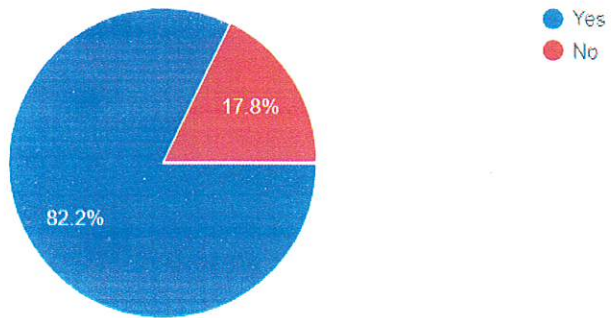
Summary

It was interesting to get a perspective on the varied recreation, wellness, education and leisure interests of the residents. There are a great number of interests in the community to be served by the Park District and it puts the magnitude of the enterprise into perspective.

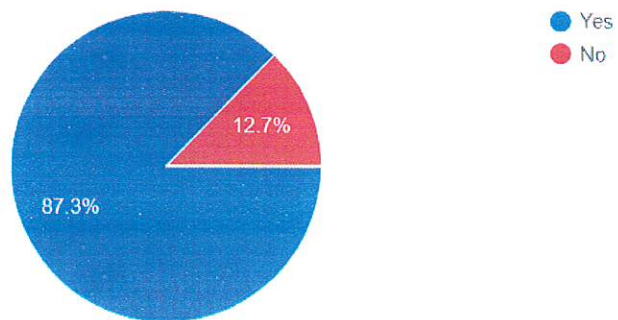
Public input in the form of participation in virtual forums and in writing was very limited. A written survey may be useful to distribute to the community to gather input. The Board of Commissioners will need to decide how best to structure the survey instrument. It can be designed to get a sense of public utilization of existing parks and recreation programs or be designed to get public input on the draft strategic plan. Suggestions by participants also included gathering input from Carbondale United, using volunteers to interview people in the parks, and engaging churches to gather input from their congregations.

APPENDIX D
Community Survey Summary

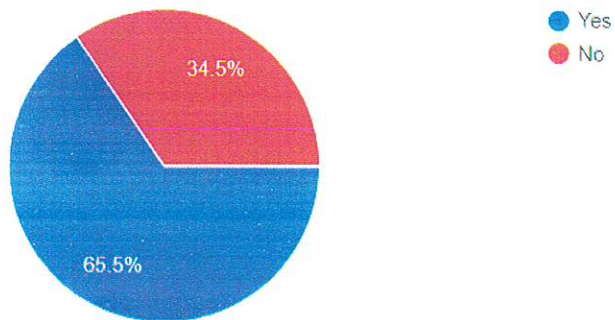
1. Do you reside within the Carbondale Park District?



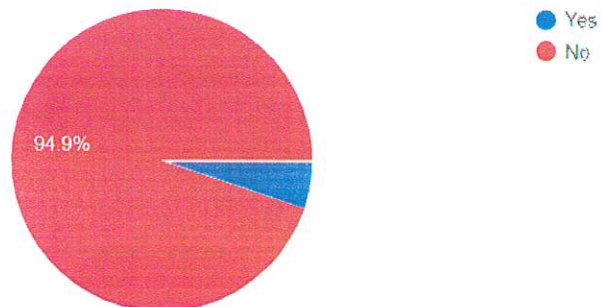
2. Are you a Carbondale resident?



3. Do you work in Carbondale?

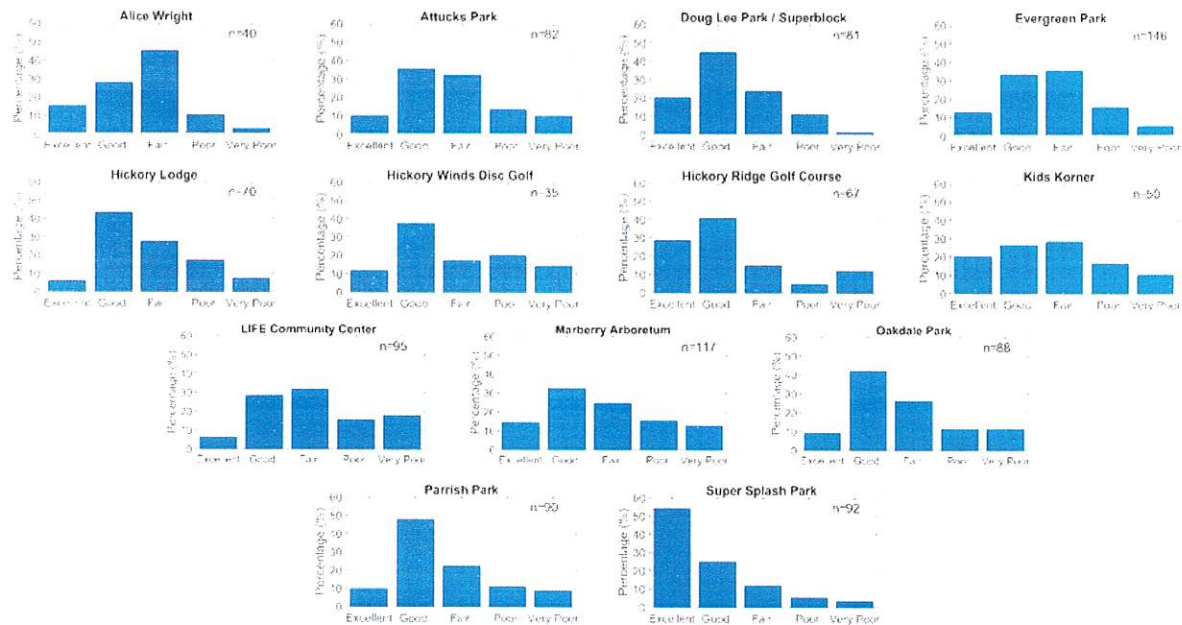


4. Are you a student at Southern Illinois University?

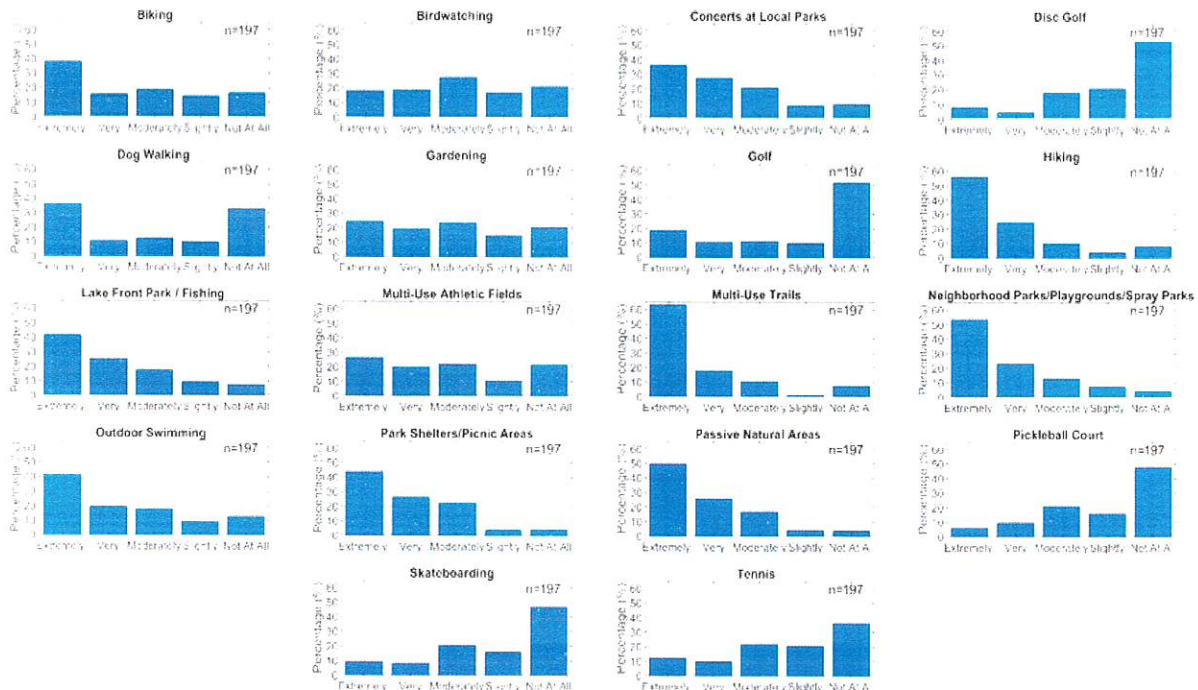


5. Have you used any of the following parks and facilities of Carbondale Park District? If so, how would you rate the condition?

Note: The sample size or 'n' represents the number of responses that have used the park or facility in the last 12 months and are rating its condition.



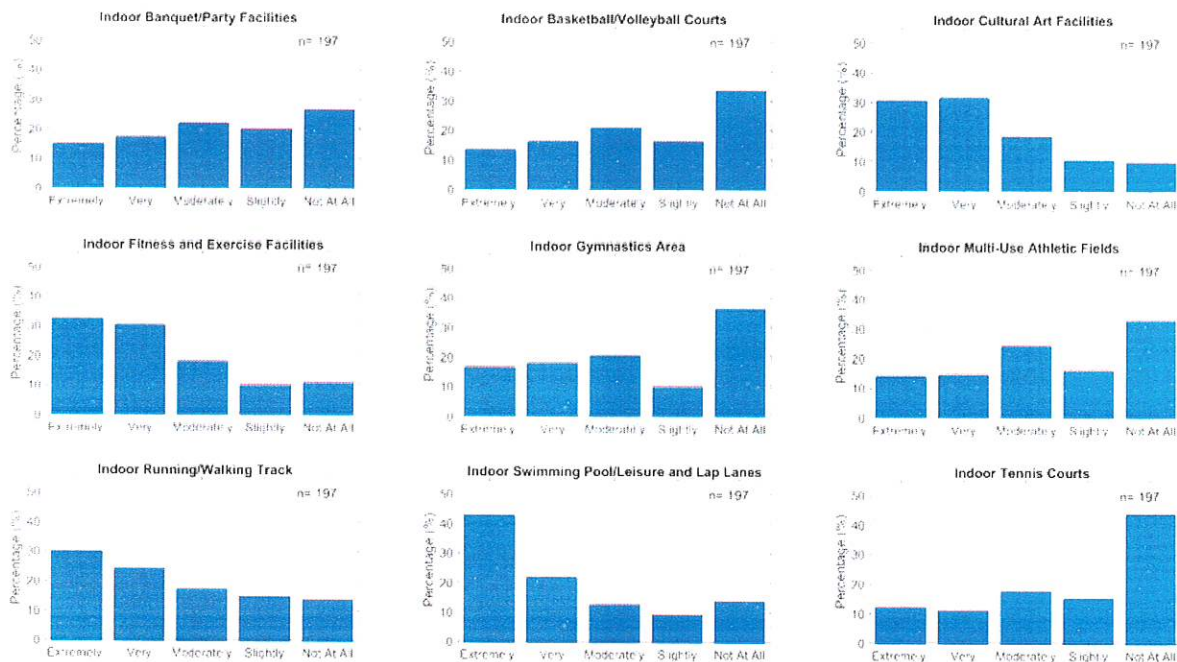
6. How important are the following outdoor recreational amenities to you and members of your household?



7. Are there any outdoor amenities, not listed above, that are important to you or members of your household, that should be considered by the Park District?
- Accessible parks
 - Art/Sculptures
 - Bike track for kids- like BMX or racing
 - Bocce ball courts
 - Bocce ball courts
 - Carbondale deserves a skate park!
 - Childcare, activities for Teens and children.
 - Community garden, clean play area for children
 - Dog park
 - Dog park
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 - Dog park
 - Dog park
 - Dog park
 - Dog park/dog friendly areas
 - Fenced Dog park, PLEASE!!!!
 - Fenced in areas safe for small children to play.
 - Fishing
 - Fitness trail or parcourse
 - Food truck events
 - Free roam dog park
 - Group Fitness
 - Guided tours of parks and facilities, sports lessons
 - I frequently use the trails and love them. Not sure that you are involved with that/. I play tennis at the Law school courts. It would be great to have those updated (vs building from scratch maybe- they are in terrible disrepair). More Tennis courts would be great to have! I was planning on outdoor swimming - but covid.... didn't realize we had the golf courses until this questionnaire so will look into using them.
 - I love how the trees are marked with scan codes on the trail around campus lake. It would be great to see that in other places. Also, I loved the little pamphlet of spring flowers that I found at the entrance to Chautauqua bottoms trail! Thank you.
 - I would like to see the various trees, especially in the arboretum identified and the parking improved.
 - In the first long question, where is the listing for Turkey Park on the corner of Glenview and Highway 13? Is it even on the list? Sorry, I guess I do not know the name of the adjacent childcare operation. My family and I take our young children to Turley all the time. We love the new playground equipment recently installed.
 - It would be great to have walking /hiking trails with a Fitness Trail / Parcourse for exercise incorporated.
 - It would be nice if the lakefront parks (Evergreen and Poplar Camp Beach, even though it's not named here) offered canoe rentals. Perhaps it would even be possible for the Park

District to have something like SIU's Base Camp so that residents could rent a variety of outdoor equipment to be used throughout the region?

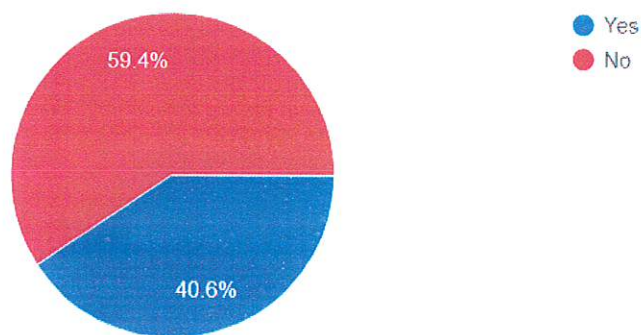
- Bocce courts could also be a nice addition. I've enjoyed playing in Murphysboro and would love to have access to it here. Maybe at the golf course so you could rent balls at the pro shop?"
 - Kayak and canoe
 - Kayaking, rock climbing, slack line, archery, laser tag, paint ball
 - Kayaking. Coordinate with Green Earth parks, as they are additional important greenways. I have a Carbondale address/live near Makanda, and formerly worked in Carbondale, so the Carbondale parks are important to me for walking/hiking/running options, and I have gone to Sunset and Irish Concerts at Turley.
 - Maybe an archery target shooting area
 - Mini golf
 - No bikes allowed trails. Bikes make ruts. Bikes are noisy. Bikes hit wildlife.
 - No, spend tax money elsewhere. Carbondale cannot afford more outdoor amenities.
 - Off leash park for dogs.
 - Outdoor artworks and murals. Playscapes for different age groups. Architectural features. Fountains and water features. Mini city block forests for birdlife.
 - Outdoor community basketball courts should be all around the city with 24-hour lighting. Community sports teams should be expanded, and the parks better used with special events.
 - Outdoor exercise areas, basketball courts, more organized family friendly events
 - Paddling - stand up paddle board, kayak, canoe.
 - Paved walking trails with benches
 - Restroom facilities, trash/recycling containers
 - Rock climbing
 - Rock climbing, slack lines,
 - Safety lights and clean
 - Skate park
 - Space that can be used for an ice-skating rink in the winter and water play area in the summer.
 - Splash pad in a safer area
 - Stargazing
 - Summer camps for kids would be nice.
 - Tatum Heights Park Needs Shelters Built in Barbecue Grills, and more Picnic Tables. Up to date playground area. Shelters with plugins.
 - Things for kids to do that are safe and clean.
 - Turley Park
 - While I'm not into skating, I think we could use skateboarding and roller-skating facilities. We need to reopen the indoor pool at the LIFE Center.
 - You can't afford anything new, so why ask?
8. How important are the following indoor facility amenities to you and members of your household?



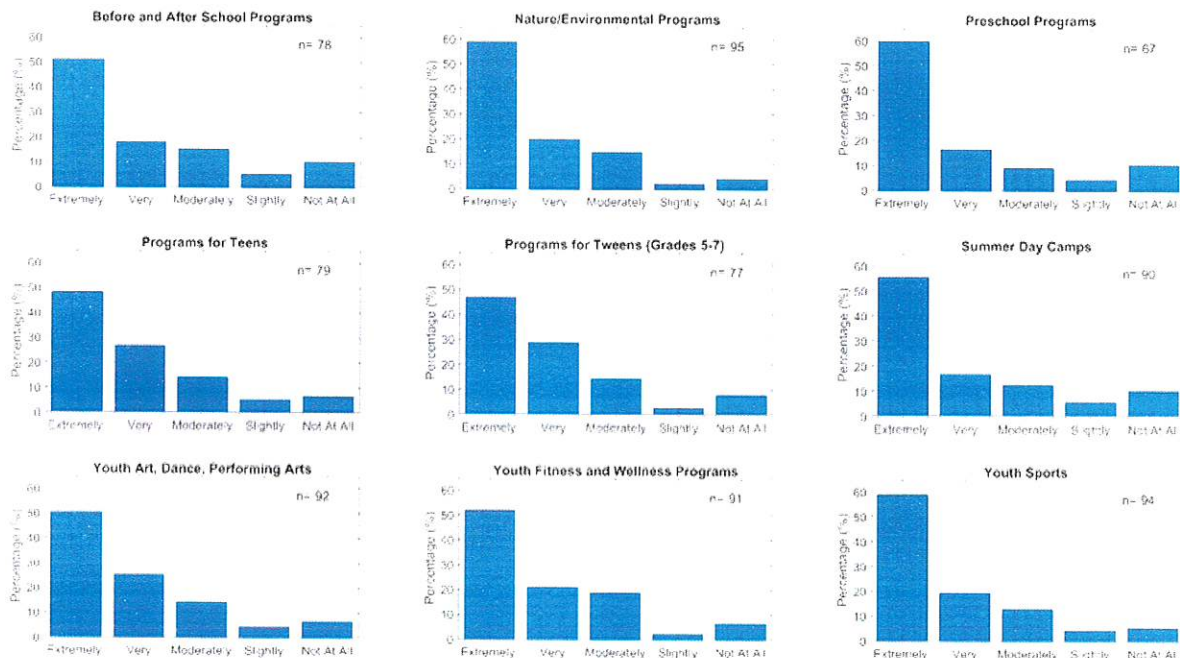
9. Are there any indoor amenities, not listed above, that are important to you or members of your household, that should be considered by the Park District?
- Affordable child care facility
 - Area for dance such as a wood floor.
 - Bathrooms that aren't locked all the time.
 - Can't access numbers below two...I would have ranked them lower.
 - Childcare!!!
 - Dance studio
 - Daycare facilities that promote active kids in the community.
 - Fitness classes
 - I haven't used indoor swimming since I took lifesaving at the Y (Life Center) as a teen decades ago, but the option and swimming lessons are important for our community. Other private or SIU facilities possibly allow the listed indoor activities, but some are more contingent on being SIU students/staff for their use.
 - If the Park District upgrades its indoor facilities, a climbing wall would be a great addition.
 - Indoor bocce could be fun in addition to outdoor.
 - If a new facility is ever built, some games that aren't necessarily athletic might also bring the community in more (things like foosball, ping pong, shuffleboard, pool etc.). I don't have room for these things in my home, or the money to buy them for occasional use, but I'd just like to have a place to get out and play with my child. They could be an additional draw for party rentals as well.
 - Trampolines are also a lot of fun.
 - Improved indoor space for karate, yoga, and other group fitness.
 - Indoor pet walking
 - Indoor pool

- Indoor skate park
- Indoor soccer/futsal
- Just because some of those items aren't important to ME doesn't mean they aren't important to the COMMUNITY. Indoor (and outdoor) basketball and volleyball courts, for example—we could sure use more.
- No, spend money on pension liabilities.
- Please fix the pool at the Life Center
- Rock climbing, slack lines, childcare always essential, measuring wall for kids to see growth.
- Skate park
- Yoga
- Yoga studio

10. Do you or a member of your household have a need for YOUTH (ages 0 - 17) programs?



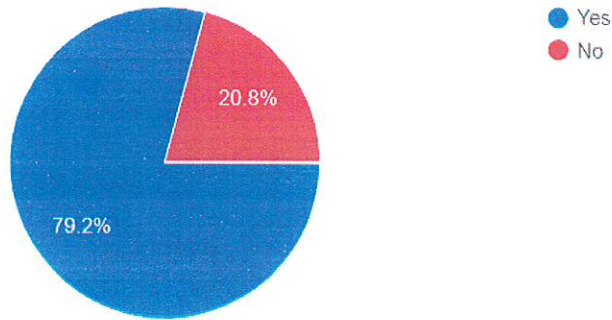
11. If 'yes', please indicate how important the following YOUTH program areas are to you and members of your household. If 'no', please select N/A (not applicable).



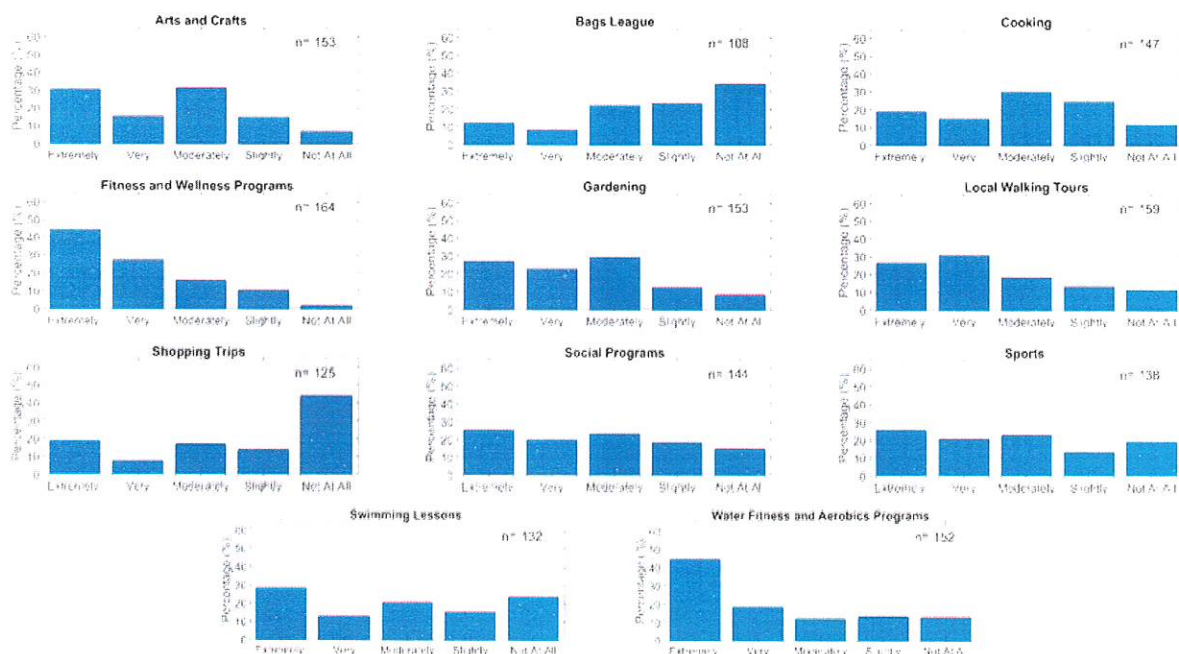
12. Are there any YOUTH programs, not listed above, that are important to you or members of your household, that should be considered by the Park District?

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 - "Adopt A Golf Protégé" modeled after Big Brother/Big Sister program: Each Golfer would 'adopt' a child who was interested in learning the game of golf. The 'Big Brother' would provide golf bag, clubs, balls and possibly shoes (more than likely from excess equipment that they have at home.) The 'Big Brother' would monitor/teach their 'adoptee' throughout the given year. The goal is to get the child interested in golf without the huge startup cost, by someone who is already deeply involved in golf.
 - After school programs that have an emphasis in outdoor recreation.
 - Anything ninja according to my son. Could the park district collaborate with the gymnastics/dance/SIU camps/tennis camps, etc. around town? We live in such a small town.
 - Chess club
 - Community center for youth groups to meet.
 - Grandkids that come in from out of town
 - If I had kids, I would appreciate the abovementioned options for youth in Carbondale. My friends with kids probably want this for their kids.
 - Mindfulness training
 - Music
 - Music
 - Programs for children with disabilities
 - Swimming lessons
 - Teach building skills, construction skills, gardening skills...
 - The babysitting program you offer is excellent.
 - The park district should not be considering anything but reducing costs to residents.
 - There was no line for youth programs grades K-4. I have a 3rd grader and appreciate things targeted that age-group, of course, but I clicked grades 5-7 since it was the closest one. I do value the Park District having programs for kids all ages.
 - Though we no longer have a youth, we used many programs when our kids were growing up. And I still fondly remember and participate in activities that began when I attended park district summer activities when I was growing up some 50+ yrs. ago.
- ✓
 - Youth Golf programs at Hickory Ridge Public Golf Course
 - Youth life skills. Youth carpentry, bike repair, sewing, cooking, financial wisdom,
 - Youth soccer, tennis, outdoor theater, more organized events
 - Youth tennis
 - Youth theater

13. Do you or a member of your household have a need for ADULT (ages 18+) programs?



14. If 'yes', please indicate how important the following ADULT program areas are to you and members of your household. If 'no', please select N/A (not applicable).



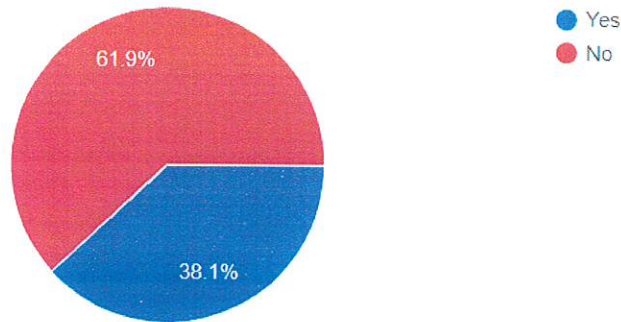
15. Are there any ADULT programs, not listed above, that are important to you or members of your household, that should be considered by the Park District?

- 1) Yoga 2) exploring the hiking trails around Southern Illinois
- Adult dance programs: Tap, ballet, jazz, modern
- Adult women's soccer teams and parents versus kids' weekend sports tournaments
- Concerts, festivals, and performances.... Again, community gardens aren't important to me, but that doesn't make them unimportant to the community. Don't read too much into my responses in other words.
- Dancing. Dog training program
- Food autonomy and renewable energy
- Golf
- Golf lessons
- Golf programs at Hickory Ridge Public Golf Course
- Gun safety, hunting, bow and arrow.

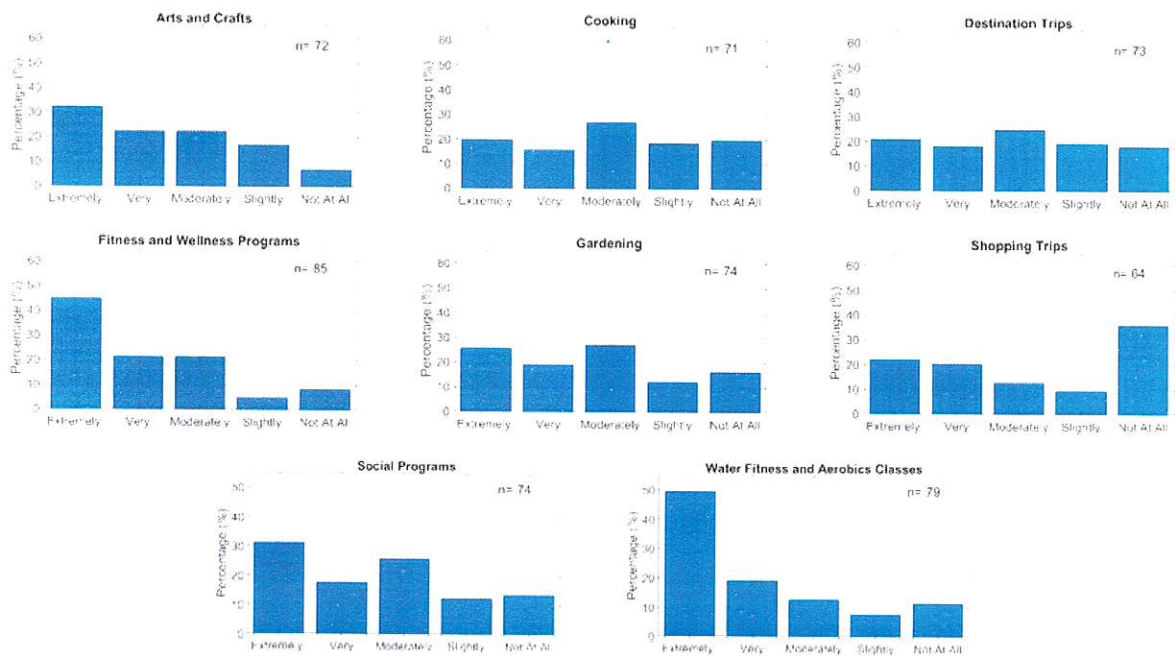
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- improved access to city officials and workers
- language learning, cultural, trivia nights, music lessons and concerts (i.e., girls rock out), weekly or monthly guest lectures, movies in the park or inside, welcome guide.
- More walking and bike paths

16. Do you or a member of your household have a need for SENIOR (ages 65+) programs?



17. If 'yes', please indicate how important the following SENIOR program areas are to you and members of your household. If 'no', please select N/A (not applicable).

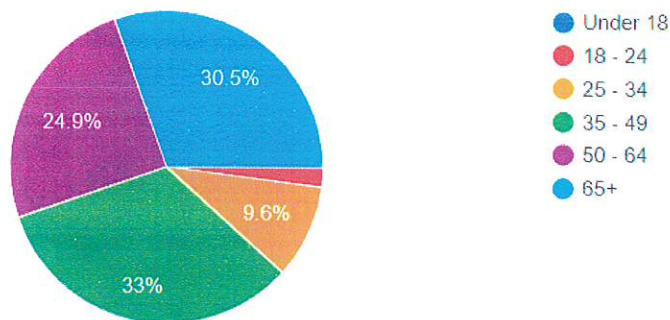


18. Are there any SENIOR programs, not listed above, that are important to you or members of your household, that should be considered by the Park District?

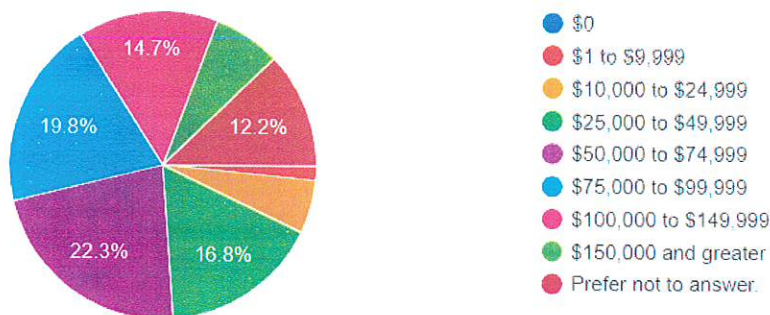
- Bridge club
- Concerts, festivals, and the like. Today's seniors aren't yesterday's—they aren't into church and playing gin at the Senior Center. They're way hipper and more active than that. You're as likely to find them at PK's or the Cellar as college students.
- ✓ • Golf
- Hiking, other outdoor activities

- I'm not quite "Senior" yet, but I will be by the time new facilities are realized, and I would appreciate nearby low-cost options to stay active and in better health (walking, running, hiking, yoga, kayaking, swimming, concerts, art events).
- Line dancing
- My mom visits often (about one week per month), and she would continue to use an indoor water fitness program.
- Senior advisory or mentor groups for death and dying, estate planning, Medicare etc.
- Senior safety: online and cooking, estate planning, themed get together (sports night, sock hop/50's),
- Social music gatherings around bonfires
- Tai Chi
- Volunteer programs
- Walking groups, dance classes

19. What is your age range?

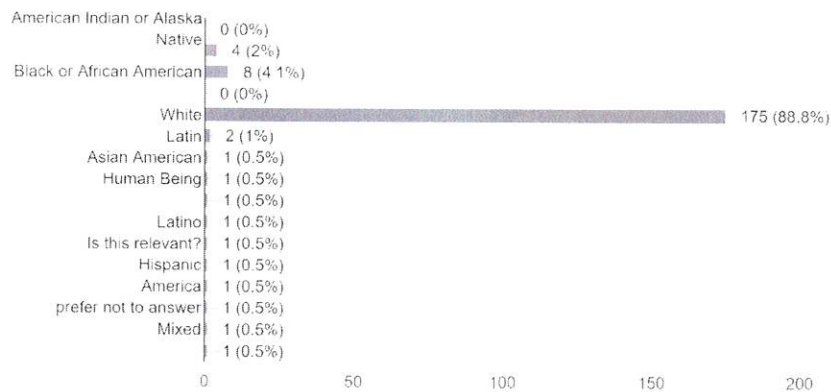


20. What is your income?

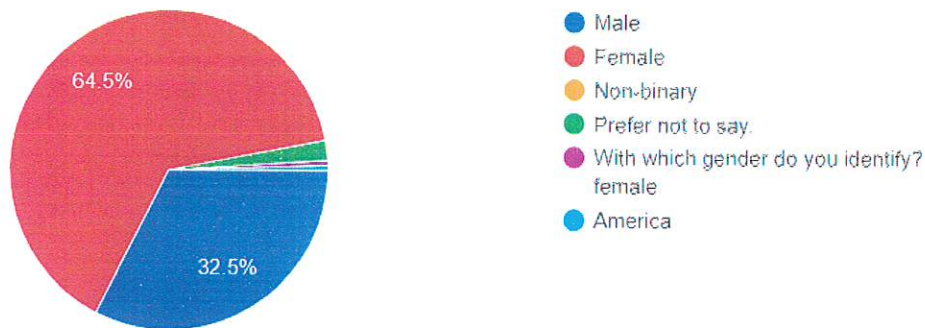


21. How would you describe yourself?

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22. What gender do you identify as?



23. What are the five parks and recreation activities most important to you?

- Evergreen park, hiking, fishing, dog walking, outdoor activity, food autonomy, renewable energy, social programs, arts and culture, biking
- Adult sports leagues, teen programs, tennis courts, basketball courts, biking rides with groups, local concerts
- All of the local parks & arboretum, indoor swimming, outdoor concerts, hiking
- Aquatics
- Arts & Crafts, Fitness & Wellness, Cooking, Social programming, and Destination trips.
- ✓ • Attucks, Hickory Golf, Splash Park, summer programs for kids
- Attucks, Superblock, Splash Park, swimming, hiking trails, crafts.
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- Biking, fishing, hiking,
- Biking, hiking, walking, swimming, playgrounds
- Biking, running, dog walking, hiking, swimming.
- ✓ • Biking, swimming, golf, hiking, gardening
- Biking, Trails, Outdoor Sports, Green Space, Concerts
- Boo Park, Veteran Memorial Park, Superblock, green space proposed park area behind police station, Attucks Park/Splash Park. Organized Sports for children: t-ball/baseball, football, soccer, basketball, fishing and theater
- Childcare, Children's summer camps, Fitness Center, Biking, walking and hiking.

- Childcare, youth programs
- ✓ • Cycling, golf, hiking, yoga, fitness
- Daycare, after school programs, sports & recreation, playgrounds, family events
- Disc golf, hiking, LIVE MUSIC (when appropriate), swimming fitness, arts and crafts
- Dog walking (dog park!), hiking trails, playground equipment for my daughter, Zumba classes, social opportunities
- Dog walking, hiking
- Dog walking, hiking, concerts & festivals
- Dog walking, hiking, fitness
- Dog walking, hiking, fitness
- Dog walking/socializing, hiking, music, community
- Evergreen Park, swimming at Life Center, Turley Park, Attucks Park (Parks should be in all quadrants of the city)
- Evergreen Park, Turley Park, Disc Golf, Hiking/Walking, Fitness
- Evergreen Park, Turley Park, Hickory Lodge
- Evergreen playground, Splash Park, Parrish soccer fields, hiking trails, indoor swimming pool
- Evergreen, Turley, Green Earth, Arboretum
- Facilities for children and seniors, indoor swimming, outdoor swimming, indoor tennis, parks for picnic/gathering
- Fishing, walking, enjoying flowers, biking, birdwatching.
- Fitness, outdoor concerts, playgrounds, hiking trails, dog park
- ✓ • Golf
- ✓ • Golf
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- ✓ • Golf, adult softball, baseball, hiking, bicycling
- ✓ • Golf, fitness, nature, dog park, water activities
- ✓ • Golf, hiking,
- ✓ • Golf, hiking,
- ✓ • Golf, hiking, swimming, gardening, outdoor education
- ✓ • Golf, Trails, Parks, Gardening, Travel
- ✓ • Golf. Hickory is a gem.
- Green Earth, baby. Donation, donation, donation.
- Growing community gardens, access to food. Youth programs! Opportunities for recreation regardless of income.
- ✓ • Hickory Ridge golf, Life Center, Turley Park
- ✓ • Hickory Ridge, Evergreen Park, Pool
- ✓ • Hickory Ridge golf, evergreen park, local lakes, fishing, paddling, walking (this question's a bit confusing)
- ✓ • Hickory Ridge Golf Course
- ✓ • Hickory Ridge Public Golf Course and golfing at this course, hiking, biking, gardening, fishing and bird watching. Occasionally use Evergreen and Cedar Lake to fish. And actively hike in the many Cedar Lake hiking paths from October through April.

- ✓ • Hickory Ridge, Hiking, Evergreen Park
- ✓ • Hickory Ridge, Super Splash Park, Lenus Turley Park, Parrish Park, Super Splash Park. Golf and swimming.
- Hiking, Biking, Gardening, Fitness Programs
- Hiking, biking, walking (with kids), swimming, art and culture
- Hiking, birding, kayaking, hammocking
- Hiking, birding, kayaking, hammocking
- Hiking, natural areas, birdwatching
- Hiking, outdoor space, walking path, outdoor sports facility.
- Hiking, playgrounds, gardens, swimming, dog parks
- Hiking, running, biking.
- Hiking, running, swimming, pickle ball, soccer.
- Hiking, swimming, games, dog park, botanical
- Hiking, walking trails, dog areas, playgrounds, waterfront areas.
- Hiking, walking, yoga, group exercise classes, swimming
- Hiking, walking/jogging trails, tennis, natural areas, pickle ball
- I use all the parks (Turley, Attucks, evergreen, Oakdale, Doug e. Lee), Indoor swimming, young childcare. It's all important. As much as I LOVE the location and parking of the life center, you might want to think about A.) Using the space at the soon to be vacant Best Buy (if possible) or collaborating with Mboro park district in some fashion. Could CPKD collaborate with the REC center and businesses that supplement the park district like SIU and JALC "leisure, community programs," and the dance/gym/martial arts places in town even the Boys and Girls Club. Then there is the Hickory Ridge Golf course. It's a great golf course, but who uses it and when? It serves a single purpose to a select few people with occasional fundraisers and the "hook a kid on golf" program. For the amount of money spent on it for maintenance, and the fact that there is the Jackson County Golf place literally a hop, jump and skip away, Hickory Golf needs to AMP up its daily usage to justify its existence. The life center needs some updating, but just the minimal to stay functional. I almost never go the Sycamore facility - though beautiful. I'm not sure what the usage is over there. Unless it serves a significant function to a wide range of people for most of the year, then it should be let go. I would rather have 2 or 3 places relevant to the people in the community who consistently use something than 5 buildings that only get used partially. This is just my limited, uninformed observation. The sale of one building (on sycamore) could help pay down some debt and help with repairs to other buildings.
- ✓ • Indoor and outdoor pool, swim lessons, youth activities
- Indoor pool, Evergreen Park, hiking/nature walks, concerts,
- Indoor swimming at the Life Center, fitness, indoor walking, classes, programs
- Indoor swimming hiking bike trails
- Indoor swimming, dog park, walking trails, bicycle route.
- Indoor swimming, indoor water fitness, outdoor swimming, outdoor water fitness, soccer
- Indoor swimming/fitness, youth sports, youth afterschool, youth summer day camp, and preschool daycare
- Indoor wellness/exercise programs; outdoor facilities at parks for picnics and playgrounds

- Life Center pool for lap swimming, bird watching at Evergreen Park, walking trails adjacent to Parrish Park, new dog park near Parrish Park.
- Life Center, dog park, programs available in the evening after work, trails
- Life center, indoor and outdoor pool
- ✓ - Life center, Turley, disc golf, Hickory ridge pavilion, trails
- Life Community Center, Splash Park, Evergreen Park, Turley Park, Swimming, Water Aerobics
- Life Community center, Turley Park, Kids Korner, Splash Park, Neighboring parks
- Live music, hiking, not developed nature areas, kayaking, dog walking.
- Love nature
- Mayberry, Turley, Evergreen, Parrish, and Attucks
- Natural surface trails for biking and dog walking, open water swimming, indoor swimming, stand up paddle boarding, bike park.
- Nature walks, cultural activities, gardening, family activities
- Nice Facilities, indoor activities, child programs, all-inclusive playground equipment, recreation center.
- Oakland Park, Evergreen Park, Green earth
- Outdoor exercise, walking/hiking, clean-up and maintenance
- Parks to bring grandkids to with various activities, activities for middle to late ages adult, art/craft, social groups possibly around activities like art, cooking, gardening, phys. fitness.
- ✓ - Parrish, Life community center, Hickory Ridge, Marberry and Super Splash
- Picnic
- Picnicking, Walking
- Picnics, walking trails, sports, family activities, playgrounds.
- ✓ - Place to walk, bike and golf.
- Playgrounds, childcare, community development
- Pool
- Pool, exercise, youth programs, trails, places to gather outside and inside.
- Running, Hiking, Tennis, Dog Walking, Picnic
- Safe play spaces, quality childcare, community gathering areas, organized family activities, cultural events.
- Safe playground, walking paths, indoor swimming, after school care, picnic areas/shelters.
- Senior services, childcare, wellness, nature, music
- Skate park, outdoor concert & entertainment facilities
- Soccer fields, dog park, skate park, picnic tables and pavilions, USABLE BATHROOMS.
- Splash park swimming swim team. Sports teams for youth
- Splash Park, Giant City Park, Green Earth Parks, Cedar Lake, Crab Orchard Preserve, Evergreen Park - Walking, Hiking, Kayaking, Swimming, Biking, Tai Chi
- Sports spectator, walking, tennis, enjoying nature, hiking.
- Sunset Concerts, camps and activities for visiting grandkids, pools (indoor and out), green space, cake and ice cream social
- Sunset concerts, splash park, sunset concerts, splash park and sunset concerts
- Swimming
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- Swimming, music, preschool, hiking and Frisbee golf
- Swimming (indoor or outdoor), indoor walking, indoor fitness
- swimming exercise due to arthritis. Walking is not an option right now.
- Swimming gardening hiking
- Swimming most important. An indoor warm water pool.
- Swimming, concerts, sports, skateboarding, theater
- Swimming, hiking, walking, exercise, concerts
- Swimming, playgrounds, hiking, open space for games, biking
- Tatum Heights Park, Attucks Park and Evergreen Park.
- Tennis- especially indoor since there are limited indoor courts available, trails, golf, swimming, more bike lanes would be great.
- The LIFE Center, martial arts, Green Earth wetlands, Evergreen Park, Turley Park.
- Turley and Evergreen Parks, sunset concerts, walking/hiking tours
- Turley Park and Town Square
- Turley, Attacks, Evergreen, Tatum Hts, Super Block Pool
- Turley, Evergreen, Oakdale, Superblock/Splash Park, Attucks
- Turley, evergreen, splash, trails
- Turley, Splash Park, Marberry Park
- Turley, the walking trail off sunset, splash park
- Walking and running
- Walking paths, concerts, just relaxing outdoors
- Walking paths, arts/crafts/family programs, gardening without deer!
- ✓ Walking paths, golf programs, exercise activities, outdoor activities, outdoor concerts
- Walking track indoor or outdoor, paved bike riding trail, kids play areas, kids sports, kid's activities like crafting, camps, dance classes.
- Walking trails, lakefront areas, dog park, gardening, natural areas
- Walking Trails, Picnic Areas, Dog Park
- Walking, aerobics, gardening, arts and crafts, volunteering
- Walking, biking, swimming, dog park
- Walking, dog walking, nature trails
- Walking, dog-walking, birdwatching
- Walking, fishing, pickle ball, biking, swimming
- Walking, group picnics, birdwatching, dog walking, sitting and relaxing outdoors.
- Walking, hiking, biking, sports,
- Walking, hiking, kayaking, Sunset/Irish concerts, would do yoga more if low-cost and decent instructor (I appreciate Carbondale's various greenways that also include SIU Campus Lake and Green Earth's Chautauqua Bottoms, plus our regional state parks and national forest trails.)
- ✓ Walking, hiking, would love a dog park, biking if I can get my husband to go, birding.
- ✓ Walking, running, swim, golf, arts
- Walking/Biking paths, outdoor concerts, golf, kids sports and activities
- Walking/hiking path, soccer fields, outdoor food truck/concert area

- Water fitness & exercise, fitness & wellness, Parks, walking tours, social programs.
 - Wheelchair accessible anything
 - Youth sports (softball, basketball, soccer) Adult softball league, Splash park, Cedar Beach, Youth activities (Summer camp, programs, canoeing)
 - Youth sports, youth nature, preschool, splash park, walking trails
24. Do you have a special expertise that we would like to hear about? Please let us know and don't forget to include your contact information. (Prefer to keep your survey anonymous? Just contact us at info@cpkd.org or 618-549-4222 instead of answering here.)
- All names and contact information removed.
 - Bach. In Sustainability Management (in progress)
 - I have extensive statewide/national campaign experience. Most recently with Biden for President in New Hampshire, Nevada, South Carolina, Colorado, & Mountain West.
 - I really love programming and event planning. I'm just finally doing this survey.
 - (I have a general interest in health, environmental health and EJ issues, but am I an "expert"? Still, maybe I'd participate in a discussion on such issues, as many of my former jobs and volunteer work have dealt with aspects of health/environment.)
- ✓
- Golfing: Would be available to help with Youth Golf Programs
 - Childcare/education
 - I can coach gymnastic and diving and would love to help with youth programing!
25. Is there any other information you would like to share with us?
- A park within walking distance of every citizen; fewer expensive specialized venues
 - BR is available for grant writing at 618-. Let's do this!
 - Carbondale is in the poor house.
 - Childcare is very important!
 - Consider merging with City to have better parks, facilities, and programs.
 - Eager to see more youth activities in the coming months. Our kids need interaction with other kids- PLEASE!!!
- ✓
- Golf course needs to find ways to make more money.
 - I always wanted to do the Lazy River walking at the Splash Park for exercise but NOT at the crack of dawn. I wanted to do it on those hot summer afternoons when it was too hot to do anything else outdoors. That is MY thing. In terms of others- when I was growing up my hometown offered so many summer programs for kids and tweens. There was gymnastics, archery, swimming, track stuff,... so many! Most were taught or supervised by kids who came home from college for the summer. The cost was negligible as my family was very poor. Those programs were wonderful and gave us something to do while our parents were at work. Hindrances or differences I see between then and now is kids were more independent in a way. We went EVERYWHERE on our bikes and our parents didn't drive us everywhere. Our parents didn't watch our every move, bring snacks to every event, emphasize WINNING as a primary motivator to participate in something. People were much less afraid of their children being snatched or molested, etc. I'm not sure how you could implement programs like those in today's culture. But it would be wonderful. Making Carbondale TRULY bike friendly would be a big step. At this time, it is still dangerous, in my opinion.

- I have a Carbondale address/live (vote) near Makanda, and formerly worked in Carbondale, so the Carbondale parks are important to me for walking/hiking/running and concerts. Carbondale's, SIU's and Green Earth's greenways are also important to our local region to simply have forested/natural areas that add in to the area's general ecological habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife, and help in other air quality and climate change issues. Aesthetically, towns with green space look and feel better to be in versus too much cement and traffic.
- I have answered some of these youth questions as they relate to my granddaughters. They have both benefited from Alice Wright and Kids Korner. The younger one is still attending KK.
- I live in rural Jackson county and our family uses park district programs regularly for years.
- I love you guys and let's open a pool!
- I would gladly help raise funds to fix our indoor pool.
- I'd like to go on a tree id walk at Marberry Arboretum. Keep it up!
- I'm glad that you are doing this survey. I am anxious about the possible merger.
- I'm interested in any further discussion. thanks for the survey.
- I've aged out of the need for parks for kids but support putting resources towards parks for kids' sports and recreation.
- It is criminal how badly you have let the local parks and Life Center decline. Yet, you sunk your money into a Splash Park you couldn't afford. I'm all about swimming. It's one of my favorite sports. But, you couldn't afford it. I'm so glad the city took over Turley and some of the other parks. They already look so much better. The parks should be your top priority and everything else should come second. It's the first word in your name! The people who have allowed this decline in our local parks should be out of a job!
- Keep on trying to figure out how to keep on keeping on through these challenging times. Post-COVID, things will get better.
- "Life Center has outlived its usefulness and needs to be demolished.
- There is no need for a park-district day care or after school care center; there are private centers that can meet the need.
- When programs re-open, after the pandemic, staff needs to be trained in hospitality and all types of life-safety issues.
- Prepare adult fitness brochures and deliver to all family doc offices to make available to patients needing wellness/exercise programs.
- Outreach to all public housing centers in city re youth programs.
- Make major improvements in signage to Splash Park. An out of townner could not find it if limited to the signage. "
- Love the CPKD! Thanks for all you do!!
- Oakland Park needs to be cleaned up and under surveillance.
- Park District needs to merge into a City of Carbondale Parks & Recreation Department like in 48 of the 50 States in the US.
- Please clean mud and debris from sidewalk in front of Administration Lodge. Maybe the neighbors would follow by example. Very hard to walk down Sycamore on that side of the street due to muddy sidewalks not edged.

- "Since coming here in 1975, I have used many of Carbondale Park District's facilities, from the softball fields at Evergreen to fishing at Cedar Lake and playing in the basketball leagues at Lincoln School. Our children used Kids Korner Childcare Center, I coached baseball and soccer at the Superblock and the list goes on and on. I grew up just South of Chicago (Calumet City) that had a great park district so my transition to Carbondale was fun and easy.
- I will close by stating that supporting our parks and recreation in Carbondale is the best thing the people in our community can do. My tax money is well spent and I hope the Carbondale Park District continues to make a positive impression on our community. Thank you!"
- ✓ • Someone to run the golf course instead of letting the Seniors run it. It is terrible the way it is run, the seniors do what they want, when they want without regard to other golfers. We have had a tee time for years and should have a ride of way through the golf course without others jumping in front of us, which happens 4 out of 5 days. Make everyone have a tee time and no starting off the back tees before the first tee times come around. Have some organization and some authority to enforce the rules. You have good people working, Tom, Roger, Mike are all good people and helpful, but without some rules they are helpless. I am a senior and I have a tee time and do my best to be courteous to other golfers, but some of the older seniors think they are owners and can do what they want and they do. Enough said.
- Stop making bad economic decisions like the Splash Park and then try to dump that liability onto the city of Carbondale and the tax payers!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Thank you for coordinating all this. I love the Parks and natural beauty of Southern Illinois!
- Thank you for the survey
- Thank you for working so hard on this, Kathy Renfro and John Washburn!!!!
- The early morning open swim and lazy river exercise classes at the Splash Park are great and such a great new resource for the community
- The park district in Peoria partner with major institutions in their area to build their fantastic Science Center. This is the type of facility that could bring a lot of people to the area. Also, a big community center that offers new facilities to the services offer by the life center, KK, and AW. These could be good long term projects to update the quality of facilities owned by the CPKD. There is definitely a need for new infrastructure.
- The parking lots and streets through the parks need extensive repair. Too many potholes. Many of the tables need replacing.
- Too much emphasis is placed on youth and student populations but they are not the groups who make up the majority of the population nor do they pay the bills. And, not all adults play golf. Indeed, I know none. It's time to cut losses and sell the golf course.
- too much to share here!
- "We adore the Arboretum--the timber bamboo forest is an extraordinary spot for kids to play-- but the parking lot desperately needs maintenance and the park could use a little more cleanup. Some labeling of the trees--perhaps with the help of SIU Forestry students?-- would be welcome as well.

- I haven't used some of the facilities in the last year (LIFE Center, Splash Park in particular) because of Covid. We ordinarily spend an enormous amount of time at the Splash Park (we have a season pass) and love it.
- We occasionally use and enjoy the LIFE Center, particularly for the pool and parties, but it is in truly terrible condition. We've sometimes spent more to use the HUB in Marion or the SIU Rec Center because they're just nicer facilities. The LIFE Center pool has often been a bit awkward to use if you're not swimming laps or in a class. I would try to take my son just to play when he was very young, but the small space in the shallow end that wasn't occupied by lanes was often entirely taken over by classes. We also often ran into issues with HVAC and other equipment that just made the space physically unpleasant, even for short classes, especially with a young child. The hours seemed very restricted (Even within that, we sometimes ran into errors in published hours for open swims and such and ended up missing the window). If Carbondale replaces the LIFE Center pool, I hope they'll make sure it is designed with kids playing as well as adult fitness in mind. I think a pool would be much more profitable if it invited playing (like the HUB). Short, occasional classes and lap lanes aren't enough to develop kids into strong swimmers. I would love to take my child swimming at least a few times a month during the non-summer months, but the LIFE pool could be a lot better (The HUB, SIU, and the pool at SEMO, even though it's very far away, have features that make them worth visiting, so they're not so empty).
- We also enjoy the beach at Cedar Lake and I'm curious why that didn't appear on the survey. It would be nice to be able to rent canoes or other small watercraft at Cedar Lake and/or Evergreen Park.
- We would really love to see more biking trails in Carbondale. I have a 3rd grader and we've often taken his bike or scooter to the Super Block so he can ride without constantly worrying about cars, but it's not really useful for older kids or adults who want to ride.
- Park District summer camps have been fantastic for my family. My child really missed them this summer and so did I!
- Carbondale parks, including the Castle Park and all of the Green Earth nature preserves as well as the Park District parks, are extremely important to my family and are most of what makes this such a good place to live for us. I think we would definitely benefit from more indoor recreational opportunities, so I hope a plan to replace the LIFE Center will be in the strategic plan. Is there any way the Park District could temporarily partner/contract with SIU Rec Center to use their facilities while the LIFE Center is demolished and replaced? We need high quality indoor facilities! Also, although I do not currently have a young child, I hope Alice Wright continues to operate. It has really been extraordinarily valuable to so many people I know in our community (Kids' Corner is fantastic too!).
- We live outside of the park dist. boundary We do like the outdoor concerts and availability of the trails, etc.
- We really need a nice place where families in Carbondale can enjoy swimming and sports with the community.
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- Why doesn't the park district take over the old football field of the old (closed) high school. Turn that into a park with various rec opportunities, and call it the Harvey Welch park.