

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 25, 2025  
6:30 P.M.**



*SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
9300 WEBER PARK PLACE  
SKOKIE, IL 60077-4200*





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION, IF REQUESTED
- V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
- VI. PUBLIC HEARING
  - A. Bond Issue Notification Act – Public Hearing
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - \*A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2025
  - \*B. Minutes of the Public Hearing for Gleiss Park of August 28, 2025
  - \*C. Minutes of the Public Hearing for Lyon Park of September 3, 2025
- \*IX. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025
- X. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
- \*XI. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT
- XIII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
  - A. Community Survey Results Presentation
  - B. Approval of Playground Equipment for Gleiss Park
  - C. Approval of Playground Equipment for Lyon Park
  - D. Approval of Change Order #1 for 2025 Asphalt Improvements Project
  - E. Approval of Full Time Wage Scale
- \*XIV. STAFF REPORTS
  - A. Parks Division Report
  - B. Recreation and Facility Divisions Report

- C. Marketing and Sponsorship Report
- D. Information Technology
- E. Staff and Community Committee Reports

XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
- B. Commissioner Comments
- C. Director Comments

XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Verbatim Records  
5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

XIX. ACTION TO BE TAKE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Approval of Resolution #25-004 Authorizing the Destruction of Verbatim Records

XX. ADJOURNMENT

\*Consent Agenda

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# Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



**Date:** September 25, 2025

**To:** Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

**RE:** Bond Issue Notification Act – Public Hearing

**Summary:** Law requires the District to hold a public hearing on the proposed \$2,800,000 limited tax general obligation bonds Series 2025B. A notice was placed in the paper on Thursday September 4, 2025.

**Procedure:**

1. Call Public Hearing to Order.
2. Call for comments from the public regarding the General Obligation Alternate Bonds, Series 2025B.
3. Close the Public Hearing.

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
AUGUST 19, 2025  
6:30 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman  
Vice President Ezra Jaffe  
Commissioner Antonia Kasalo-Terihaj

Remote Attendance: Commissioner Elsa Fischer

Absent: Commissioner Courtney Williams

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft  
Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt  
Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn  
Superintendent of Recreation Breanne Labus  
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Mary Amato  
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff  
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez  
Skatium Facility Manager Kurt von Helms

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Aberman called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m. President Aberman called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. David Dalka addressed several concerns regarding Sequoya Park. He noted that two picnic tables are currently located in the middle of the playground and suggested relocating benches to the north end of the park to provide quiet seating for visitors. Additionally, he raised an issue regarding School District 68's use of the park district's parking lot and the absence of a stop sign at the alley exit, which he believes poses a safety risk as vehicles may exit directly onto the street. Mr. Dalka also expressed concern about park safety and suggested increased attention from local law enforcement. Mr. Dalka reported that on July 5, individuals set off fireworks at Sequoya Park, where a parking lot camera recorded their license plates. He requested that the board inquire with Chief Barnes regarding the lack of prosecution, noting that such activities posed potential risks to pedestrians in the park.

Ms. Tuft noted the district's strong relationship with police regarding park incidents and expressed satisfaction with their work. She will contact Chief Barnes about the July 5

fireworks at Sequoya Park; Mr. Dalka added that Chief Barnes is not pursuing the culprit.

Ms. Tuft indicated that Mr. Dalka should consult with the school district regarding parking, bus arrangements, and coordinate with the Village concerning the placement of the stop sign.

President Aberman said the parking lots are not restricted and anyone can park in them.

Ms. Tuft thanked Mr. Dalka for his comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2025, bills payable for the month of July/August 2025, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Steve Konters and Ms. Jenna Beck from Hitchcock Design Group presented an update on the Comprehensive Master Plan. Mr. Konters outlined park amenities and noted this was one of three planned meetings with the board. The initial steps include assessing parks, facilities, programs, and gathering community input. No conclusions were made at this meeting, as the data will inform future decisions.

Ms. Beck shared the results from a staff workshop and from the feedback gathered at the Festival of Cultures.

Ms. Bobbi Nance from Recreation Results discussed the analysis of registration and sales data. She reported that participation has increased steadily and that most program areas are experiencing growth.

Ms. Tuft thanked them for all the information.

No motion required, informational only.

### **CHANNELSIDE SOUTH SURVEY RESULTS AND BOARD INPUT**

Ms. Tuft introduced Mr. Gage Berger and Ms. Patty King from Wight & Company to present the results of the survey regarding Channelside South development.

Mr. Berger described the Channelside South site survey, noting that separate surveys were conducted for residents and staff. A total of forty-four staff members and 1,332 residents participated. The survey was highlighted by Patch, which contributed to a high number of responses. Its purpose was to gather input regarding suitable development options for the site, and Mr. Berger provided an overview of proposed programming and sustainability considerations.

Ms. Tuft said the next steps are to develop site plan options and determine project funding. She recommended hiring a consultant to assess referendum prospects, possibly including outdoor pool upgrades. Ms. Tuft will get a proposal from Beyond your Base for the board to consider.

Ms. Tuft stated that there is a possibility of another property being made available to the park district from the MWRD, specifically the area currently leased by Sherman Dodge. Mr. Guynn noted that this property could serve as a storage area.

Ms. Tuft stated that the MWRD wants to bundle the district's leases, which include Skokie Sports Park, Sports Park East, Hamlin Park, Channelside, Channelside South, and potentially the area currently leased by Sherman Dodge, into a single agreement.

Commissioner Fischer noted that, given the limited available acreage within the district's boundaries, consideration should be given to any type of property within the boundaries. She supported including the pools in the referendum. She suggested waiting for the community wide survey results before reviewing options and inquired about when aQuity would present. Ms. Tuft responded that it would take place at the next board meeting.

Ms. Tuft and President Aberman thanked Wight for sharing the information.

No motion required, informational only.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMPRESSOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AT THE SKATIUM ICE ARENA**

Ms. Labus requested approval for the repair and replacement of compressors at the Skatium Ice Arena following the failure of both units. The plan is to replace one compressor and rebuild the other, as only one new compressor is currently available. The plan is to restore the ice sheets for fall programming and have the compressors working by Labor Day, which aligns with the beginning of fall programs.

Ms. Labus stated that the cause of the compressor failures remains unknown. Despite consultation with experts, no definitive explanation has been identified.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj inquired about manufacturer accountability regarding the compressors. Ms. Tuft responded that there was a two-year warranty, but the compressors have now been in use for two and a half years. An insurance claim will be submitted to PDRMA in the hope of receiving coverage for the cost. The team may add more fail-safes later, but right now their focus is on starting the system.

Vice President Jaffe moved to authorize Premistar to rebuild one compressor and purchase on new compressor for \$99,998 plus labor which is estimated at \$26,000 and shipping costs. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Williams was absent. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF PURCHASING BID LIMIT INCREASE**

Treasurer Schmidt requested approval of the purchasing bid limit increase. Mr. Schmidt said Governor Pritzker enacted legislation to raise the park district's bid limit for supplies and materials that require board approval. The \$30,000 limit has increased to \$60,000 for supplies and materials but needs board approval. The bidding threshold for labor remains at \$30,000.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj moved to approve the increase in the bid limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000, for supplies and materials only, effective immediately. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Williams was absent. Motion carried.

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS RELATED TRAVEL FOR PARK BOARD COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Schmidt requested the authorization for business related travel for park board Commissioners to the NRPA Conference on September 16 – 19, 2025 in Orlando Florida. The Commissioners attending are Commissioner Aberman and Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj moved to approve business related travel for Commissioners Aberman and Kasalo-Terihaj to the NRPA annual conference in Orlando, Florida on September 16-19, 2025. Vice President Jaffe seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Williams was absent. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF DEVONSHIRE CHILLER REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Guynn has requested approval for the replacement of the Devonshire Chiller due to an issue with one of the compressors, which is currently operating at 70% capacity. A new compressor can be delivered within 16 to 20 weeks. This project is included in the two-year capital budget. There is a \$50,000 rebate available, contingent on completing the project by the end of the calendar year. Mr. Guynn stated that he expects the project to be finished by year end.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Devonshire chiller replacement through the OMNIA cooperative purchase program with Thermo Systems, Inc. for \$195,150.00. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Commissioner Williams was absent. Motion carried.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The September Board of Park Commissioners meeting is rescheduled from Tuesday, September 16, 2025, to Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. due to the NRPA Conference.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

President Aberman inquired about the decline in concession sales at the pools. Mr. Guynn noted that there has been a slight decrease in attendance. Ms. Tuft reported a reduction of \$300 in revenue at Devonshire Aquatics Center and \$3,000 at Skokie Water Playground.

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Tuft said she does not have a closing date for the property being donated by Builders. She will keep the Commissioners posted.

Mr. Guynn has applied for the IAPD Best of the Best Awards for sustainable practices. The awards ceremony is on Friday, October 24.

Ms. Tuft reminded the board that the public hearing for Gleiss Park is next week on Thursday, August 28, at Gleiss Park at 6:30 p.m. If it rains it will be at Devonshire Center.

No Friday memo this week due to Backlot Bash; she will be at the event site.

Ms. Tuft inquired whether the board was interested in going to bid for the annual audit or if they would like to stay with Miller Cooper. Vice President Jaffe thought there was a multiyear contract with Miller Cooper and Mr. Schmidt said they only do annual contracts now. Vice President Jaffe is agreeable with staying with the same audit firm.

The public hearing for Lyon Park is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Lyon Park. In the event of rain, the location will be changed to Oakton Center.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Jaffe moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioner voted aye. Commissioner Williams was absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Susan Aberman  
President

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Michelle J. Tuft  
Secretary

September 25, 2025



**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT GLEISS PARK  
PARK SERVICES  
August 28, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman, Vice-President Ezra Jaffe, Commissioner Elsa Fischer

Others Present: Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn  
Office Manager Park Services Anjum Hava  
Horticultural Supervisor Jim Hallm  
Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Susan Aberman called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the improvements at Gleiss Park to order at 6:30 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

President Susan Aberman introduced herself, Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn, Horticultural Supervisor Jim Hallm, Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker, Office Manager Park Services Anjum Hava.

**GLEISS PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AND PARK AMENITY UPDATES**

Mr. Guynn presented plans for Gleiss Park, including new playground equipment, benches, picnic tables, and garbage cans. There will also be landscaping updates, a new sign bed, and tree maintenance—diseased trees will be cut down, but no healthy trees will be removed.

The new playground will include separate structures for ages 2–5 and 5–12, featuring climbers, slides, and swings. The sandbox will remain and be cleaned. Park courts have been resurfaced, with lines to be painted in early September.

All the demo work will be done in-house. Staff will remove the equipment, sand, and the footings. The contractor will install the equipment.

Demolition of the playground is scheduled to begin in December, with the goal of installation by early Spring.

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

A resident inquired if the planters around the trees will be replaced. Mr. Guynn stated that the planter boxes will be replaced.

A resident asked if any trees will be removed at the park. Mr. Guynn stated that no trees will be removed, and Jim Hallm added that only the diseased trees will be cut down.

A resident asked if a shelter could be added. Mr. Guynn stated that Gleiss Park has plenty of shade from the number of trees throughout the park and adding a shelter is very expensive and not in the budget at this time.

A resident asked about adding a playground structure for older children. Mr. Guynn replied that the current space only allows for the planned structure.

A group of residents requested the addition of monkey bars to the playground structure. Mr. Guynn responded that he will consider the request and determine which structure would be suitable for adding monkey bars.

A group of residents requested more swings. Mr. Guynn explained that adding extra swings would exceed the designated footprint and therefore is not feasible.

A group of residents inquired about the possibility of adding zip lining. Mr. Guynn explained that this option is not feasible due to financial constraints and the space required for zip lining equipment. He noted that there is insufficient space available, and implementing this feature would require the removal of many trees within the park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Susan Aberman thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Susan Aberman  
President

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Michelle Tuft  
Executive Director

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**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS AT LYONS PARK  
PARK SERVICES  
September 3, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE AT MEETING**

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman, Vice-President Ezra Jaffe, Commissioner Elsa Fischer, Commissioner Courtney Williams

Others Present: Executive Director Michelle Tuft  
Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn  
Office Manager Park Services Anjum Hava  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Susan Aberman called the public hearing of the Board of Park Commissioners for the improvements at Gleiss Park to order at 6:30 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Executive Director Michelle Tuft introduced herself, President Susan Aberman, Vice President Ezra Jaffe, Commissioner Elsa Fischer, Commissioner Courtney Williams and Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn. Mr. Guynn introduced his staff-Horticultural Supervisor Jim Hallm, Operations Supervisor Jeff Hacker, Office Manager Park Services Anjum Hava.

**LYONS PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AND PARK AMENITY UPDATES**

Mr. Guynn opened the presentation by noting that the playground has been in use for nearly thirty years and is now due for replacement, including both the playground itself and its amenities. He proceeded to present the proposed new design for Lyons Park playground along with related amenities.

Mr. Guynn stated that in order to fit in the new playground structure the sandbox will be minimized to 8 feet x 8 feet and a portion of the sidewalk on the south end of the playground will be removed to allow for additional playground space. All benches, picnic tables and garbage cans will be replaced with new ones. No trees will be removed for the project, except one tree that is diseased.

The new playground equipment will have two structures: one 2–5-year-old playground structure and one 5–12-year-old playground structure. The structures will feature climbing

structures, slides, and swings.

Mr. Guynn said concrete work will be done where large cracks exist, both near the playground and in the back section of the shelter.

All the demo work will be done in-house. Staff will remove the equipment, sand and the footings. The contractor will install the equipment.

Demolition of the playground will start in late Fall, with installation planned for early Spring and an expected opening in early June.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

A resident asked about the firepit's removal at the park. Mr. Guynn replied that, as with other parks, the firepit will also be removed from Lyons Park.

A resident inquired about the playground surfacing. Mr. Guynn explained that the new surface will consist of engineered wood fiber, with the existing material being removed and replaced. He acknowledged that several residents have expressed a preference for rubber surfacing; however, its cost is \$25-\$27 per square foot compared to \$7-\$8 per square foot for engineered wood fiber. The savings from selecting engineered wood fiber are allocated towards enhancing the quality of the playground structure.

A resident asked if all the benches are coming out. Mr. Guynn stated that all benches will be replaced.

A resident inquired about the possibility of replacing the benches in the shelter. Mr. Guynn responded that the benches currently in place have newer frames and tables, which were installed during the summer.

A group of residents requested that more swings be added to the playground structure. Mr. Guynn responded that he would look into options for adding additional swings.

A resident requested that the pathway be marked with distance signs to indicate how many miles are covered. Mr. Guynn agreed to address this request.

A resident inquired about the possibility of adding a car structure similar to the one at Lorel Park to the playground. Mr. Guynn responded that it may be challenging to implement but agreed to investigate the feasibility and proceed if possible.

A resident inquired about court repaving. Mr. Guynn replied that the basketball courts were repaved two years ago and the tennis courts last year.

A resident praised the landscape supervisor for the field maintenance and set up- pre/post games. He stated that the crew does a fantastic job on the maintenance, and it is so nice to see. Mr. Guynn thanked the resident for acknowledging the hard work and stated that is nice to hear.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Susan Aberman thanked everyone for attending and providing input, and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
September 25, 2025**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of August 31, 2025, is in the board packet.

The summary of these funds is attached.

As of August 31, 2025, \$6,814,144 of levy year 2024 money has been collected.

Tax bills have not been issued yet due to financial system software issues at the County. My understanding is that the earliest possible due date is October 2025. We did receive a draft of the Agency Tax Report but it doesn't have the final Equalized Assessed Valuation for 2024.

The details of the accounts are available on request.

At the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments is the listing of tax collections by year.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

William G. Schmidt  
Treasurer, Skokie Park District

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS  
September 25, 2025  
(As of 08/31/2025)**

GENERAL FUND

<u>CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.30%</u>	\$9,790,679.07
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INVESTMENTS WITH JPMORGAN CHASE/BANK ONE

Savings: 0.8%	208,543.97
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 11/14/25 - 4.7% MV	245,192.20
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 4/6/26 - 4.1% MV	245,197.35
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 5/26/26 - 4.25% MV	245,563.23

INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/26 – 3.75%	634,490.61
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INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	276,584.81
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CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	264,008.41
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TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$11,910,259.65
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**TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 08/31/2025)**

YEAR	\$ COLLECTED	% OF LEVY
2019	10,876,000.39	96.67%
2020	11,042,257.67	97.24%
2021	11,465,838.96	98.19%
2022	12,414,378.67	99.03%
2023	12,677,035.17	98.18%
2024	6,814,143.92	--



# Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



**Date:** September 25, 2025

**To:** Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

**RE:** Community Survey Results

**Summary:** aQity Research & Insights, Inc. will attend the board meeting to present the results of the Community Survey. The presentation is attached.

**Recommendation:** Informational only.

**Motion:** Informational only.



# 2025 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

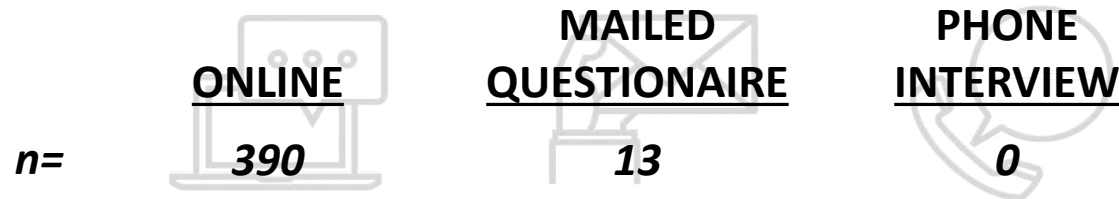
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Research  
conducted by  
**aQity** RESEARCH  
Evanston, IL



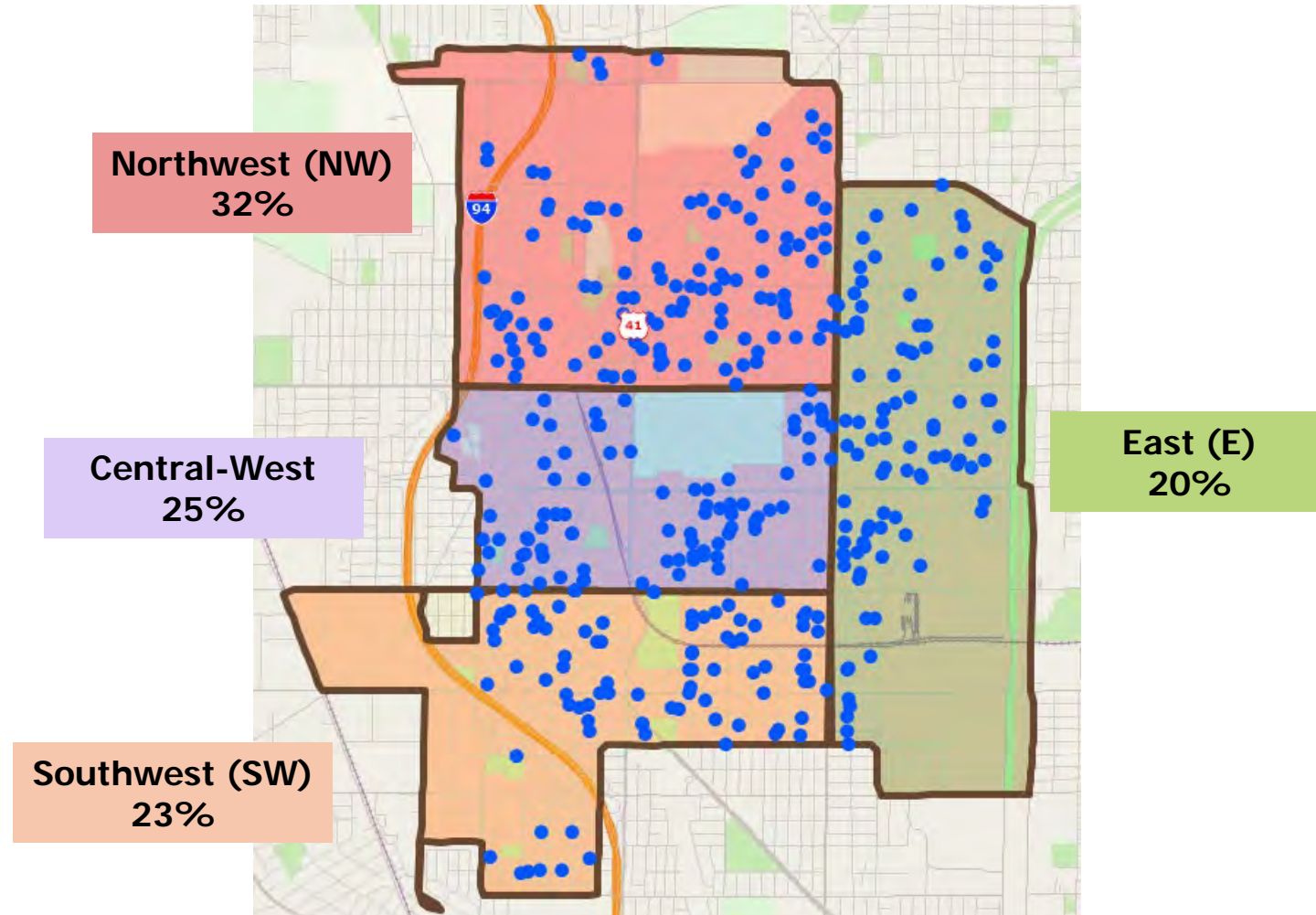
- Report findings are based on a communitywide survey of n=404 Skokie Park District residents
- Dates of data collection: June 3 to August 7, 2025.
- Randomly sampled households received survey invitations via email and/or USPS delivery. All were given three options to complete the survey:



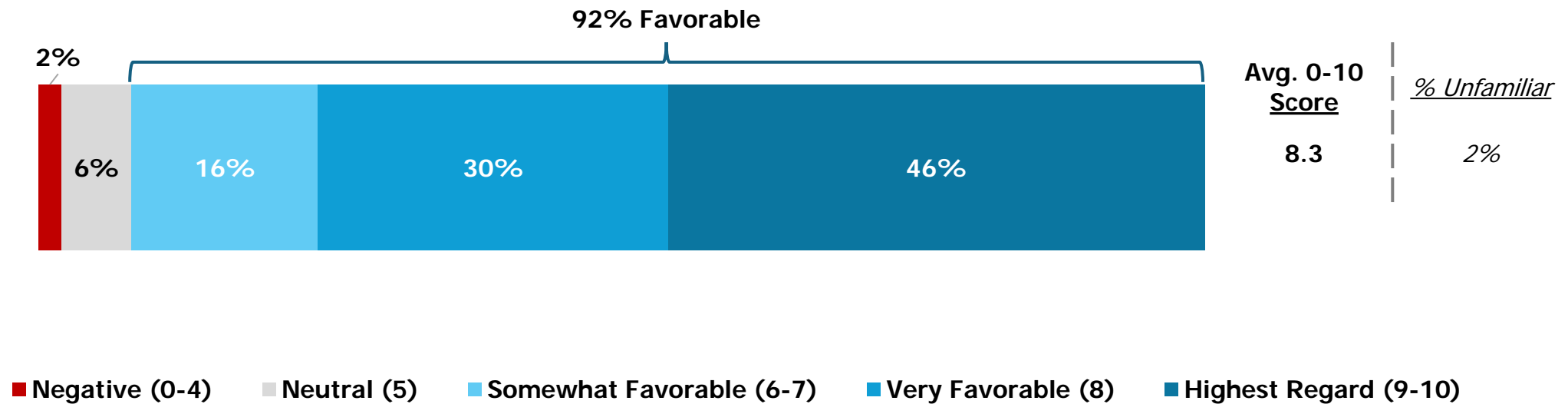
- Respondent sample weighted to match US Census targets for Skokie by region, gender, age, race/ethnicity, and presence of children under age 18 in the household.
- Maximum margin of error: +/- 4.9% (at the 95% confidence level).

Gender *	
Male	49%
Female	50%
Other/prefer to self-describe	2%
Race (multiple responses) *	
White/Non-Hispanic only	52%
African American only	10%
Asian only	35%
Other/Multi	14%
Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity *	
% Yes	8%
Children in Household Under 18? *	
% Yes	32%

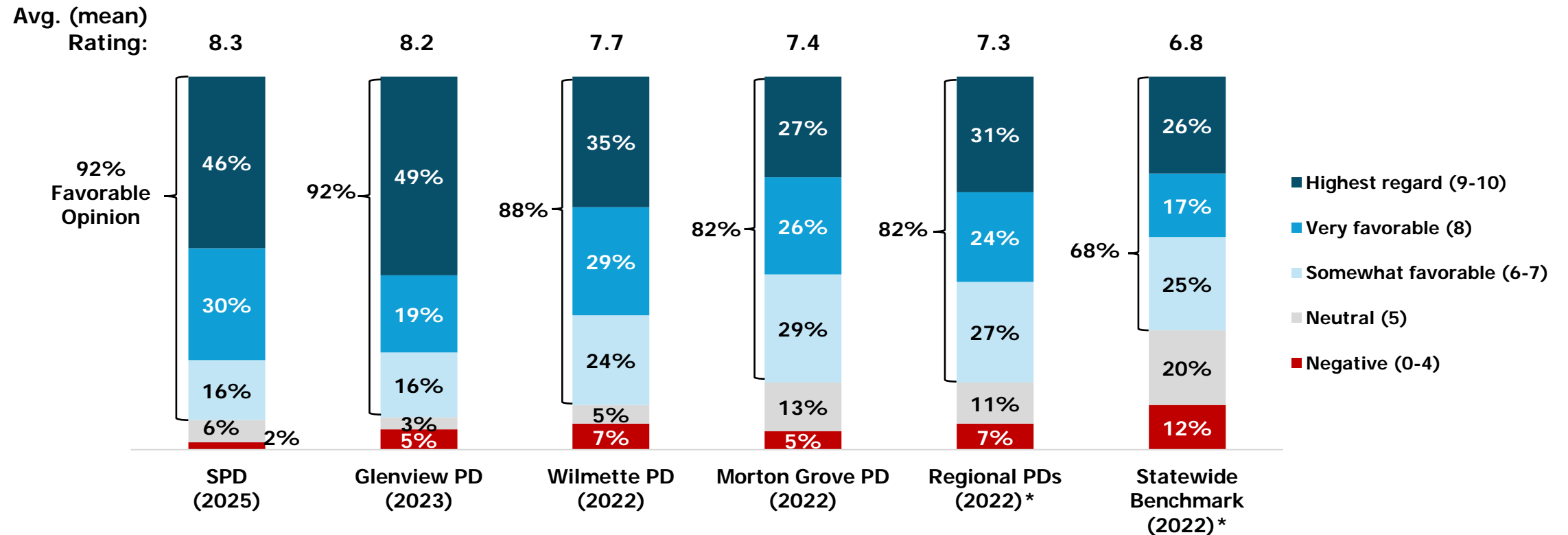
Age *	
Under 35	18%
35-44	16%
45-54	18%
55-64	18%
65+	31%
<i>Mean (avg.) for ages 18+</i>	<i>53.6</i>
Length of residence in Skokie	
5 yrs. or less	22%
6-10 yrs.	21%
11-20 yrs.	15%
21-30 yrs.	18%
31-40 yrs.	11%
40+ yrs.	16%
<i>Mean (avg.)</i>	<i>20 yrs.</i>



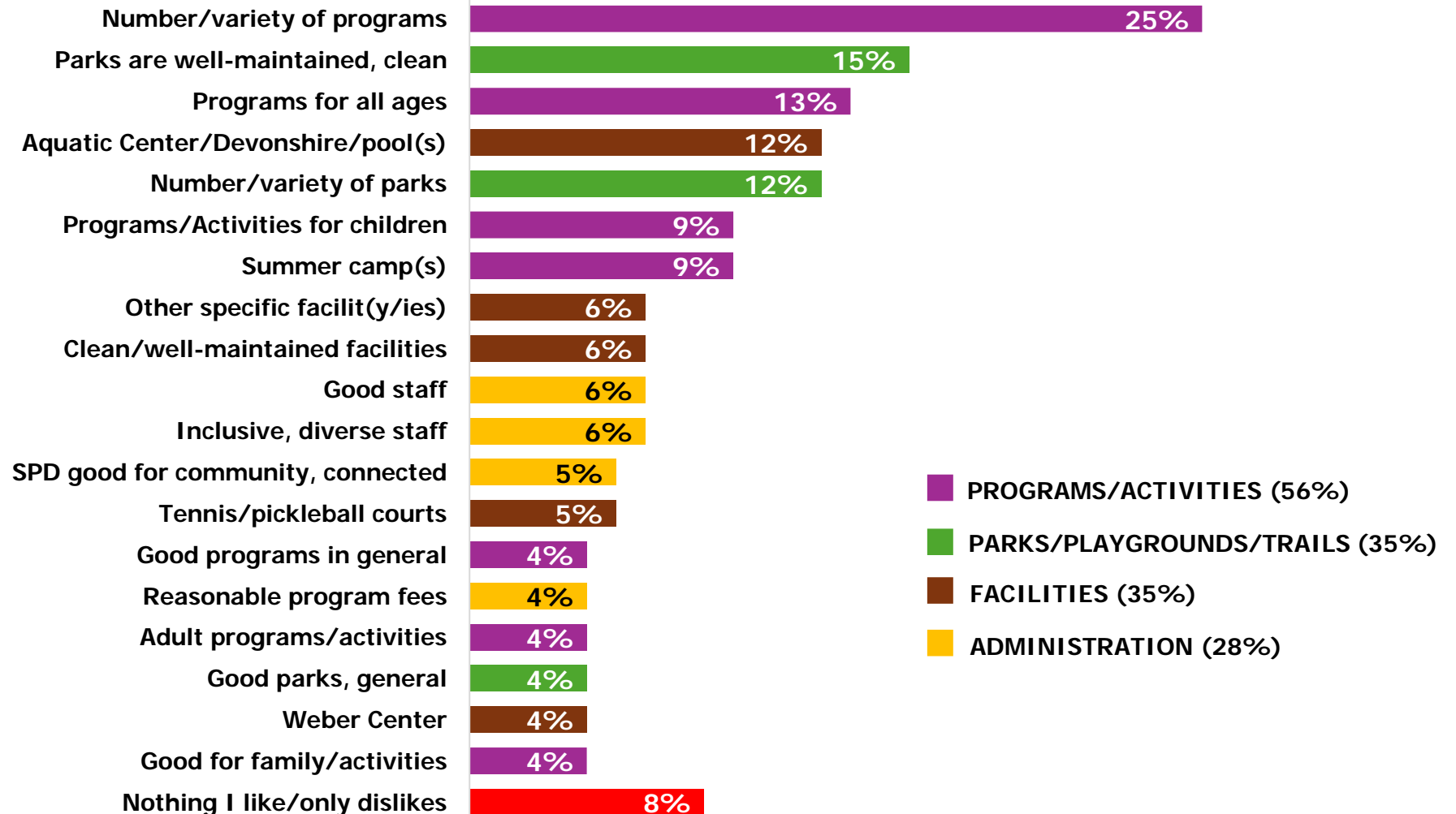
Overall Esteem Ratings: Skokie Park District (0-10 scale)



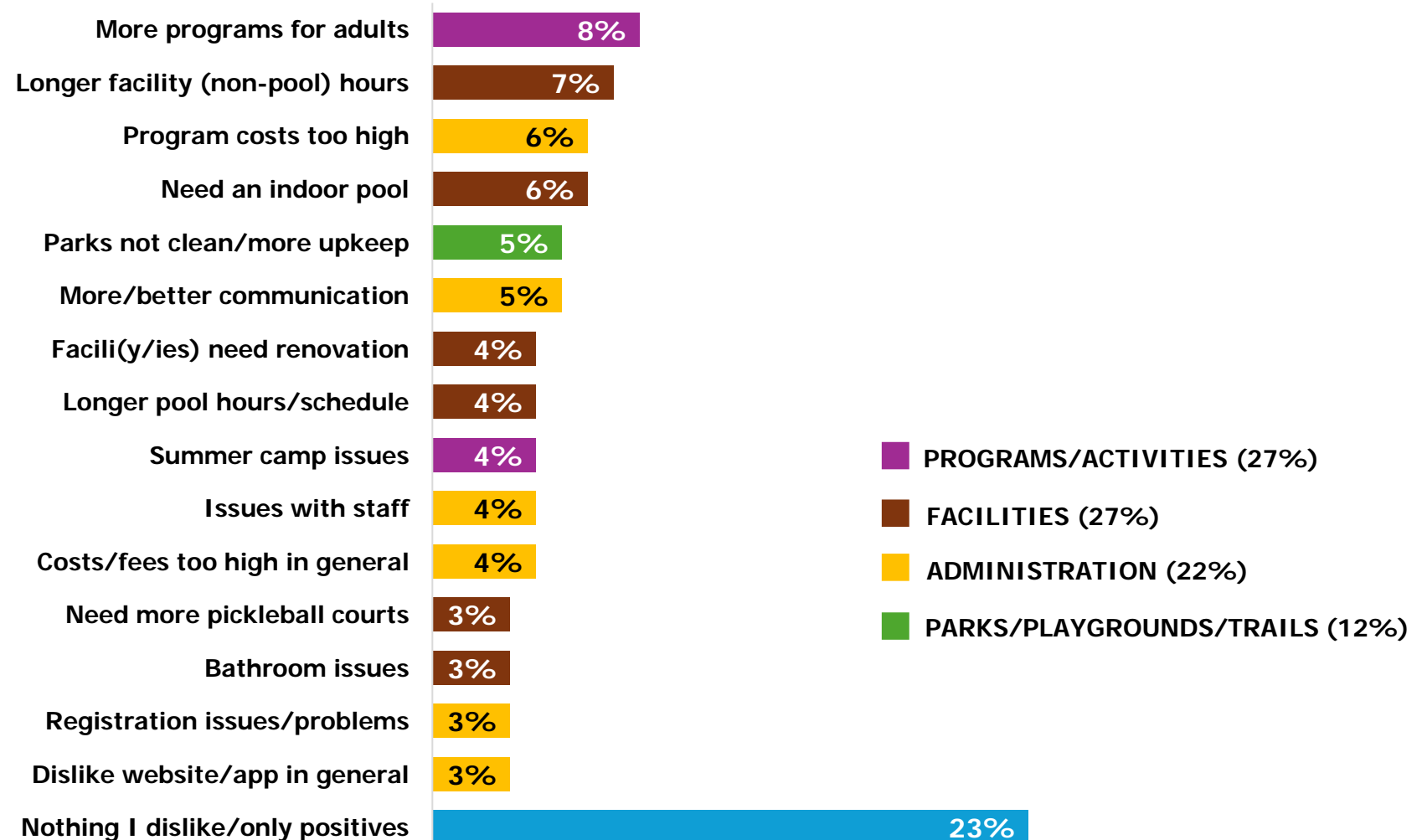
### SPD Overall Esteem Rating, vs. Relevant Benchmarks



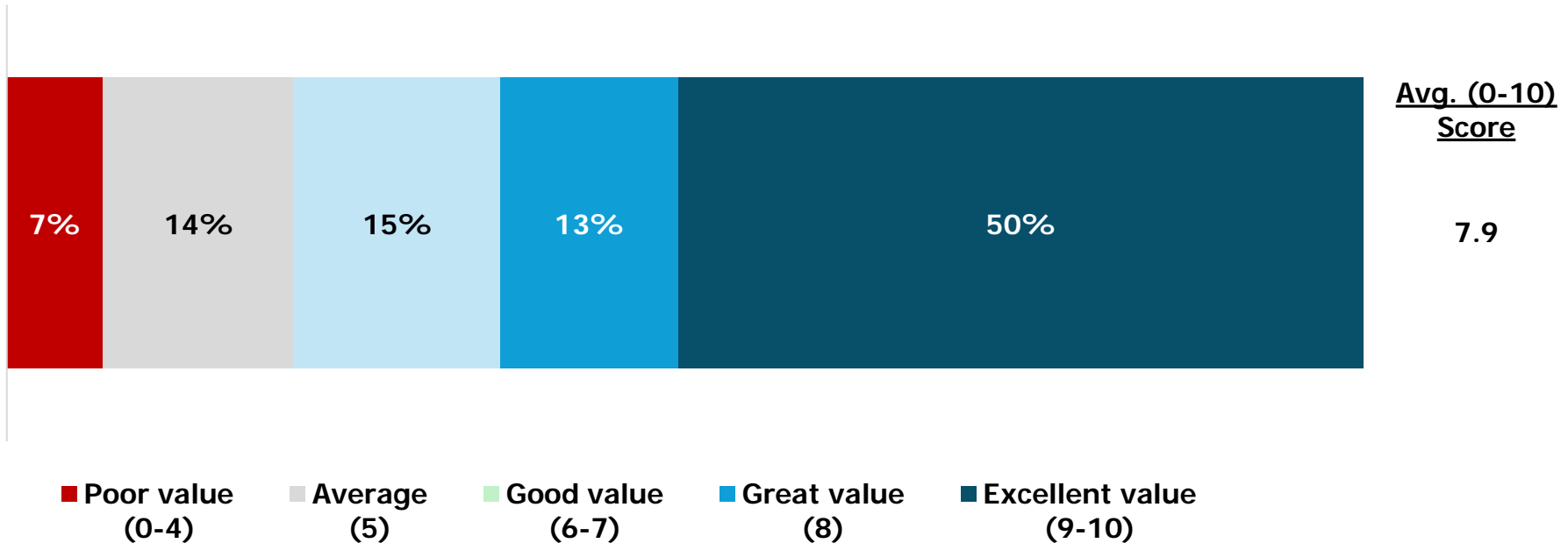
**Positives for SPD**  
(top multiple open-ended responses)



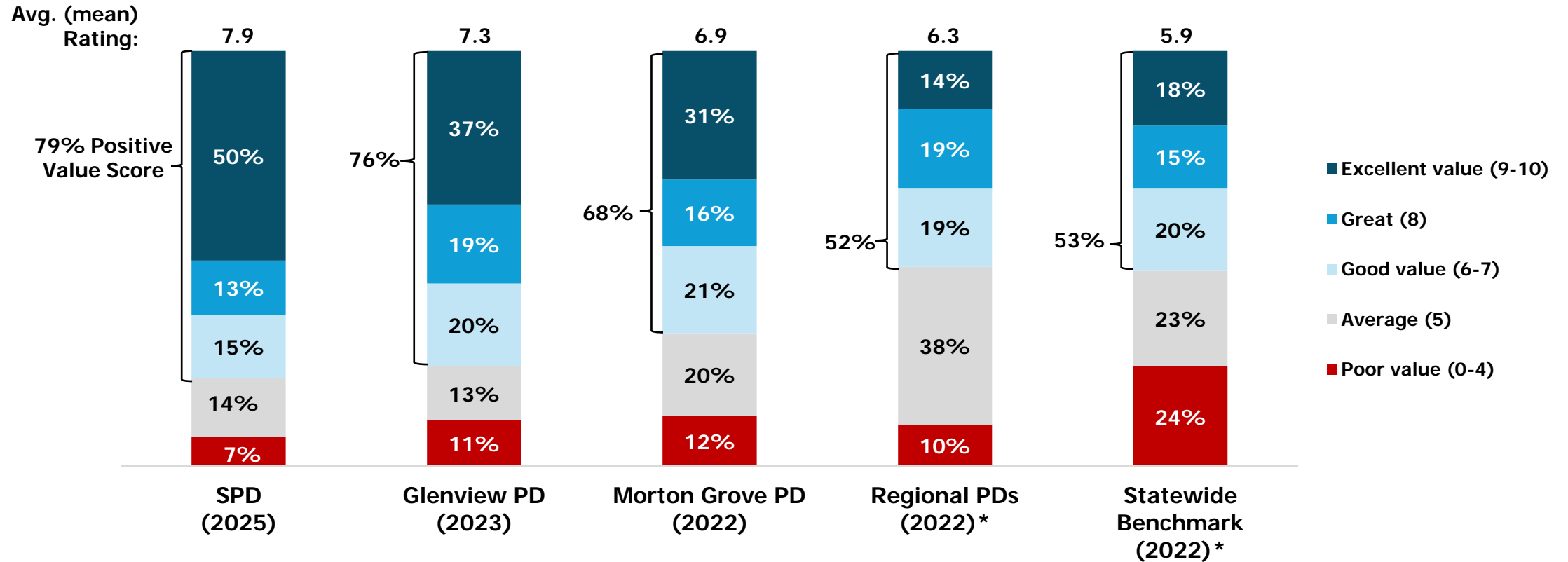
**Dislikes/Negatives for SPD  
(top multiple open-ended responses)**



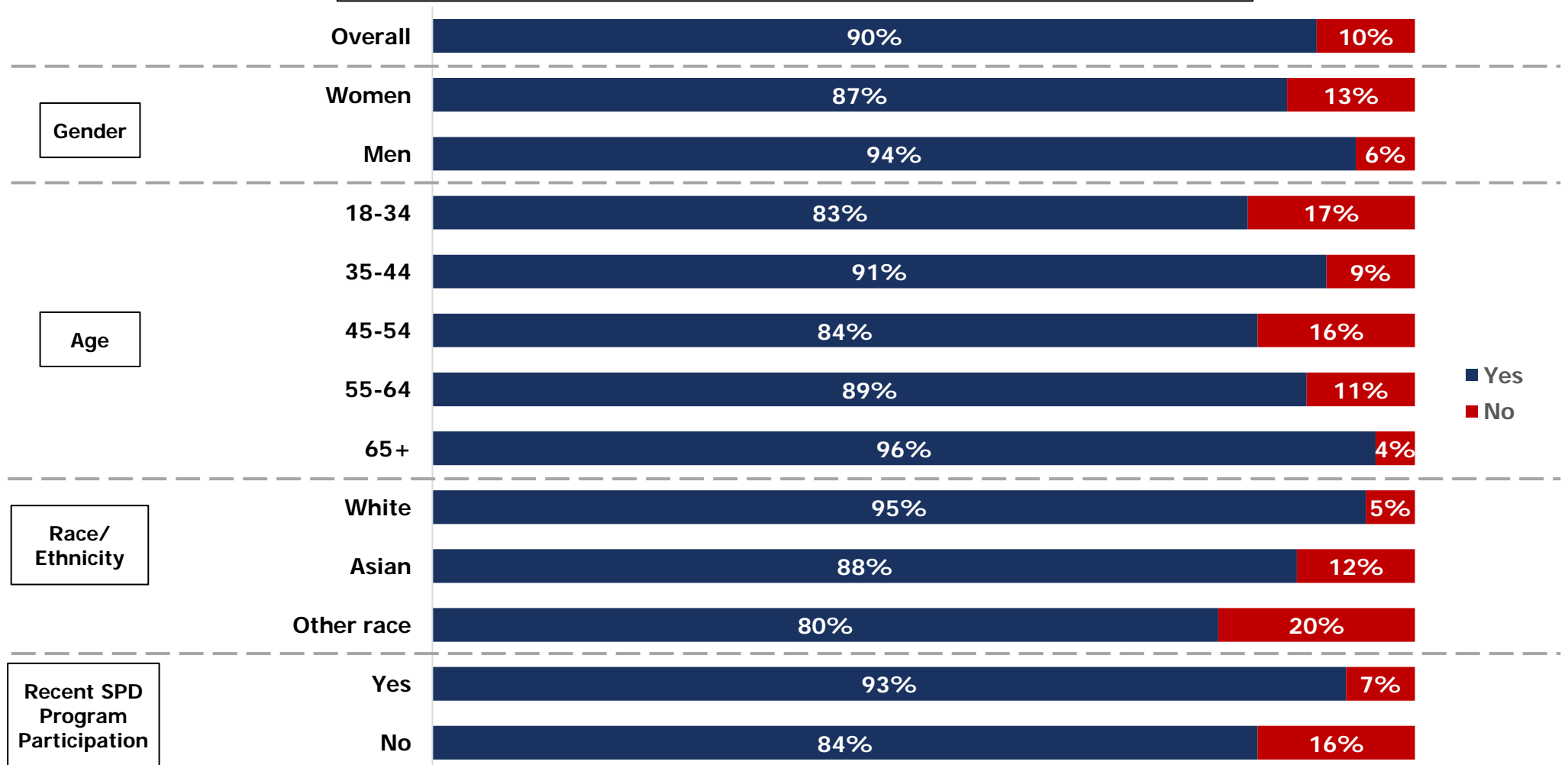
Overall Value of SPD (0-10 scale)



### SPD Perceived Value Relative to Property Tax Share, vs. Relevant Benchmarks

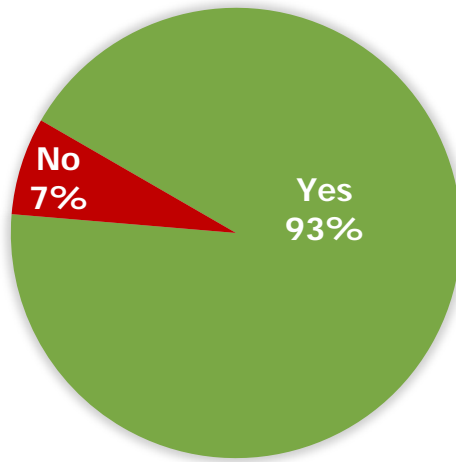


**Does Your Household Feel Properly Represented/Included By the SPD and Its Offerings?**



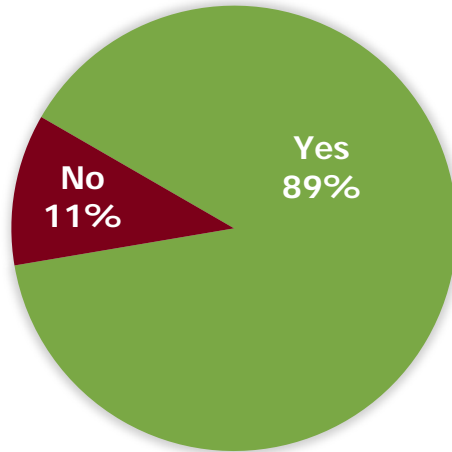
Q5. The Skokie Park District is committed to creating an environment that respects and celebrates the differences of all community members by providing access and opportunities to everyone, regardless of social/financial/ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, or physical ability. Do you believe that your household's interests are properly represented and included within the Skokie Park District and its offerings?

**Used or Visited Parks, Trails, Natural Areas  
Within Skokie Park District in Past Year**



SPD Parks/Trails/Nature Areas Visited or Used in Past Year	% Reporting (n=404)
<i>Devonshire Park</i>	65%
<i>Oakton Park</i>	62%
<i>Skokie Valley Trail/Exercise station</i>	31%
<i>Laramie Park</i>	30%
<i>Lorel Park</i>	26%
<i>Central Park</i>	24%
<i>Terminal Park</i>	21%
<i>Gross Point Park</i>	18%
<i>Lockwood Park</i>	17%
<i>Pooch Park</i>	11%
<i>McNally Park</i>	10%
<i>Channelside Park</i>	10%
<i>Emerson Park</i>	9%
<i>Timber Ridge Park</i>	9%
<i>Garden plots behind Madison School</i>	9%
<i>Gleiss Park</i>	9%
<i>Lyon Park</i>	8%
<i>Schack Park</i>	8%
<i>Sequoyah Park</i>	7%
<i>Klehm Park</i>	6%
<i>Shabonee (Potawatomi Chief) Park</i>	6%
<i>Chippewa (Ojibwe) Park</i>	5%
<i>Peccia Park</i>	5%
<i>Playtime Park</i>	5%
<i>Veterans Park</i>	5%

Used or Visited Parks, Trails, Natural Areas  
Within Skokie Park District in Past Year



SPD Facilities Visited or Used in Past Year	% Reporting (n=404)
Weber Leisure Center	52%
Emily Oaks Nature Center	51%
Oakton Community Center	46%
Skokie Water Playground	32%
Skatium Ice Arena	28%
Devonshire Aquatic Center	27%
Devonshire Cultural Center	26%
The Exploratorium	23%
Fitness First Health Club	22%
Skokie Sports Park	21%
Skokie Heritage Museum/Log Cabin	16%
Weber Park Golf Course	12%
Devonshire Playhouse	12%
Skokie Park Tennis Center	8%

Significant Differences: Park Usage by Region

SPD Parks/Trails/Etc. Recently Visited/Used (top responses)	<i>n</i>	Region			
		NW	Central-W	SW	E
Overall (row) % of Respondents	403	32%	25%	23%	20%
<u>PARKS/TRAILS/OPEN SPACE</u>					
Devonshire Park	265	36%	26%	19%	19%
Oakton Park	263	23%	30%	29%	19%
Skokie Valley Trail/Exercise station	112	14%	35%	28%	23%
Laramie Park	109	22%	28%	34%	17%
Central Park	126	35%	14%	12%	39%
Lorel Park	115	21%	35%	36%	8%
Terminal Park	99	48%	19%	20%	12%
Gross Point Park	67	45%	30%	17%	8%
Lockwood Park	57	42%	17%	22%	19%

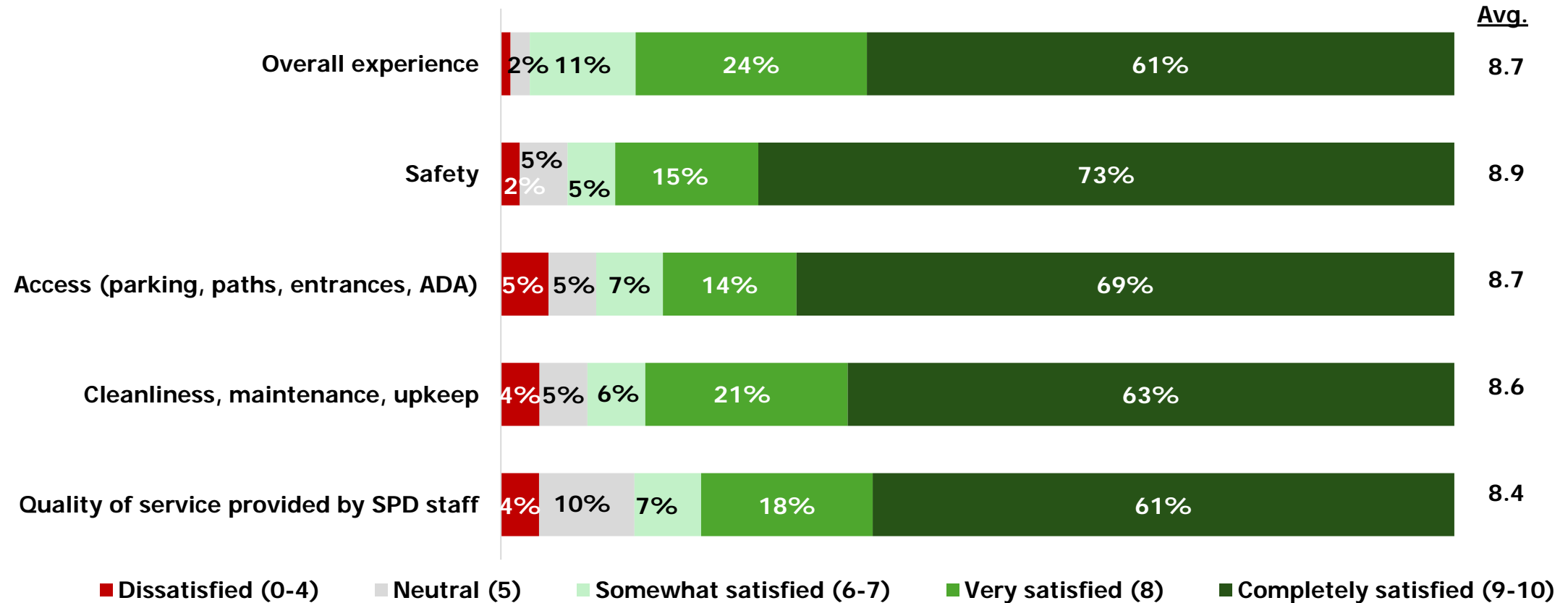
○ = statistically higher regional response at the 95% confidence level

Significant Differences: Facility Usage by Region

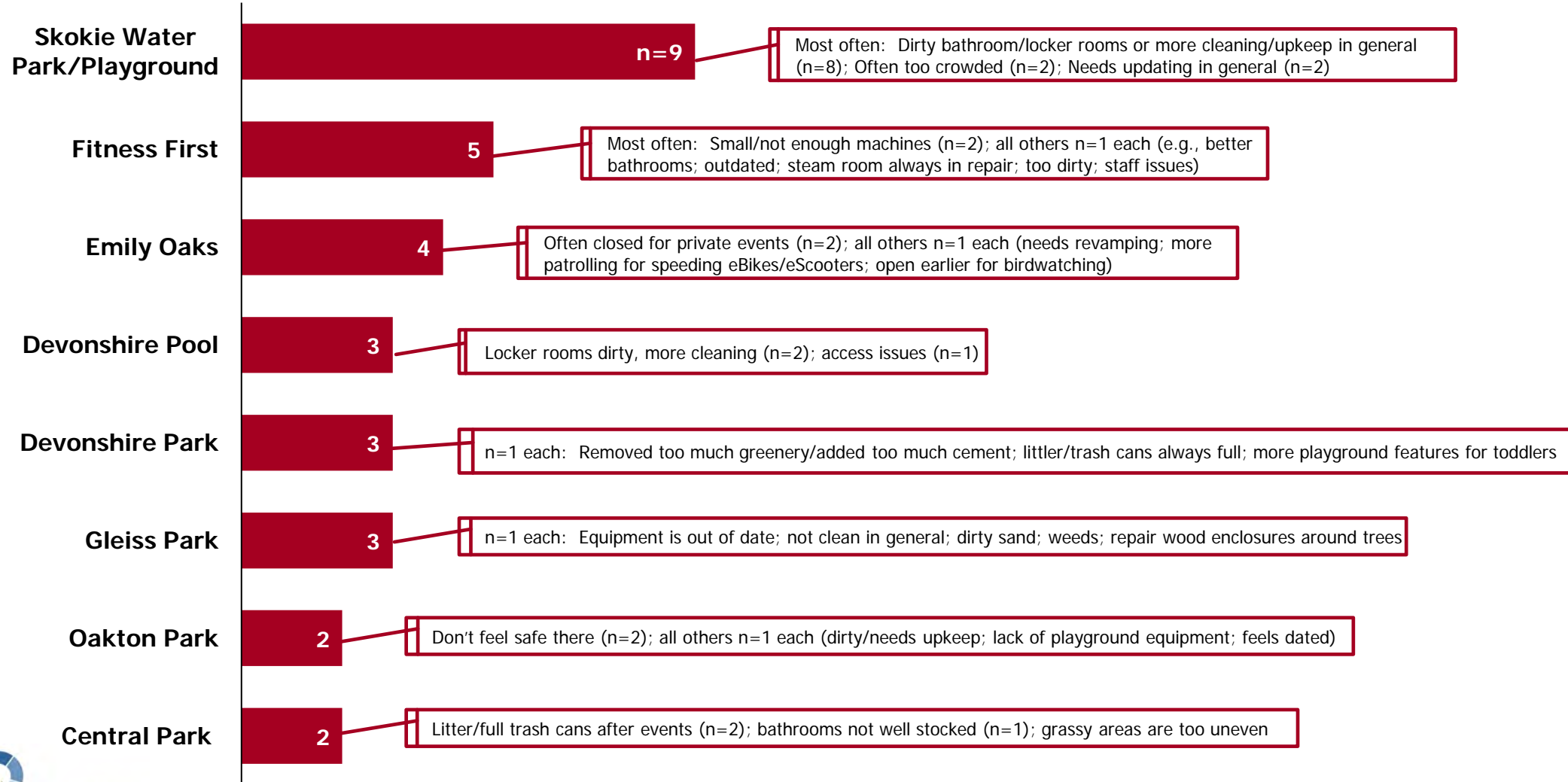
SPD Facilities Recently Visited/Used (top responses)	n	Region			
		NW	Central-W	SW	E
Overall (row) % of Respondents	403	32%	25%	23%	20%
<b><u>FACILITIES</u></b>					
Weber Leisure Center	220	40%	21%	22%	17%
Emily Oaks Nature Center	235	24%	30%	25%	21%
Oakton Community Center	197	27%	27%	32%	13%
Skokie Water Playground	162	26%	33%	26%	15%
Skatium Ice Arena	122	37%	23%	21%	19%
Devonshire Aquatic Center	142	37%	19%	17%	28%
Devonshire Cultural Center	150	54%	16%	17%	12%
The Exploratorium	106	42%	26%	21%	12%
Fitness First Health Club	96	45%	12%	20%	22%
Skokie Sports Park	92	42%	22%	18%	18%
Skokie Heritage Museum/Log Cabin	71	30%	32%	27%	12%

○ = statistically higher regional response at the 90% confidence level

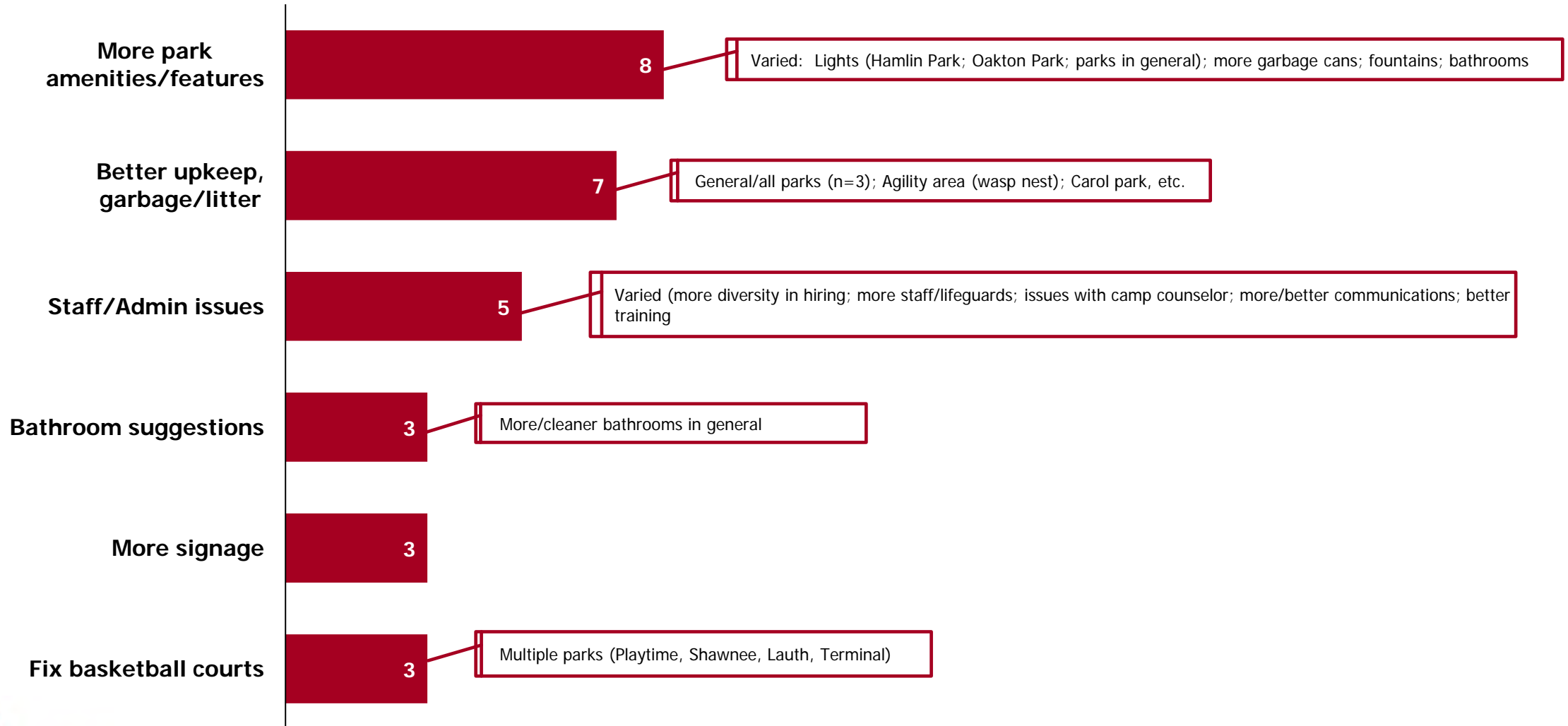
Satisfaction with SPD Parks/Trails/Nature Areas/Building and Facilities (0-10 scale)



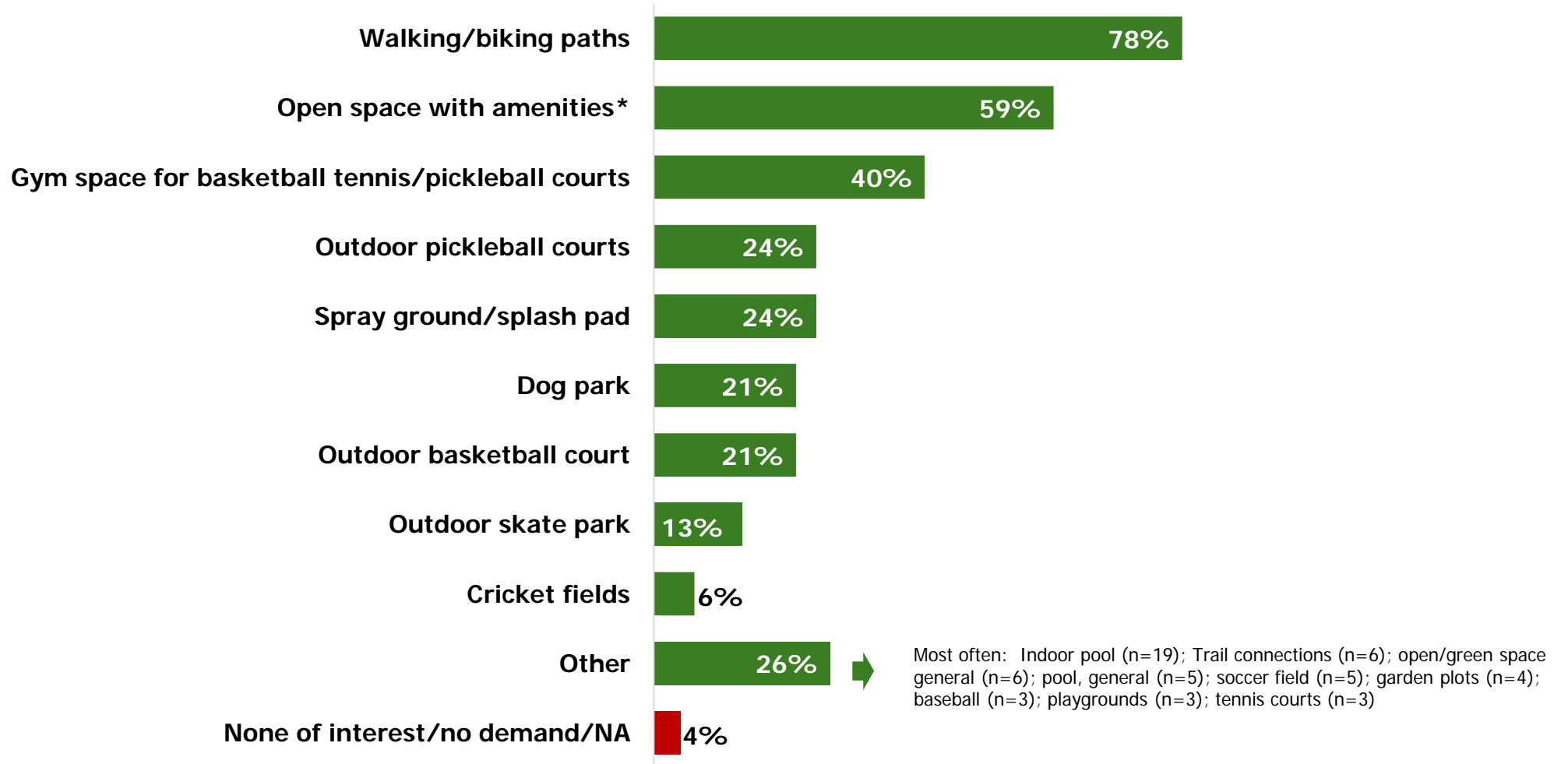
**Top Reasons for Dissatisfaction: SPD Facility/Park/Staff Experience (n=60 respondents)**



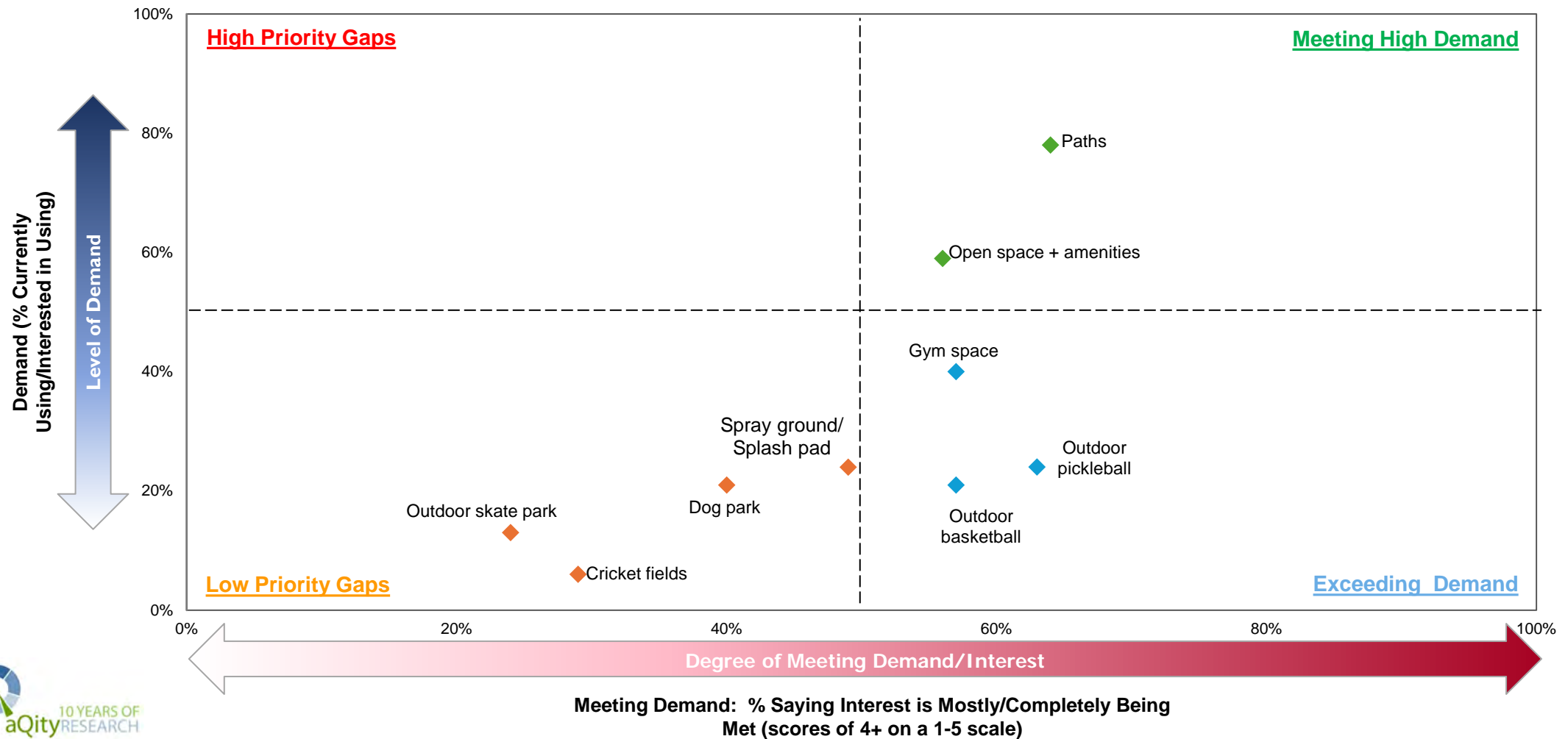
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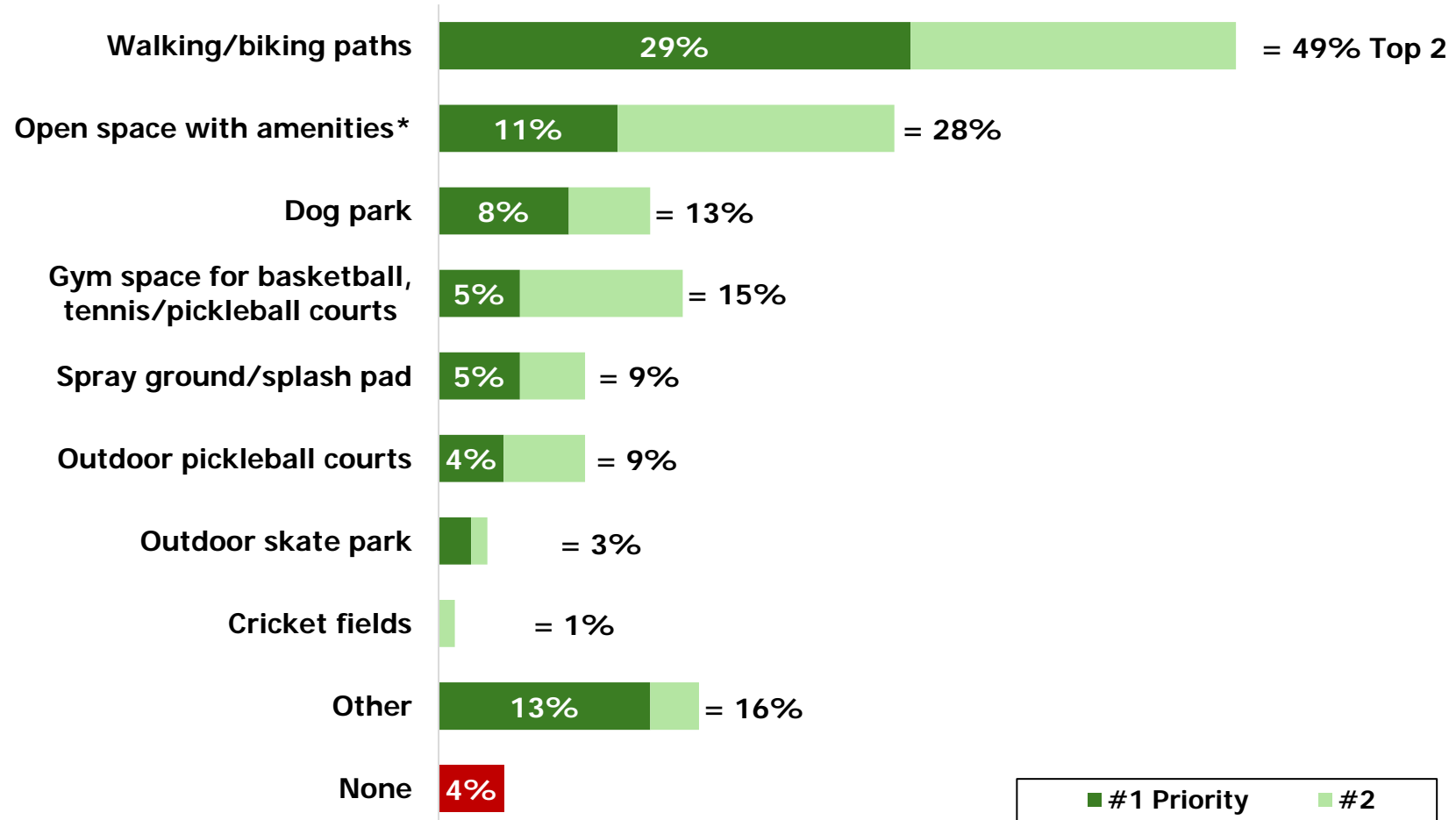
**Demand/Interest in SPD Amenities/Facilities**



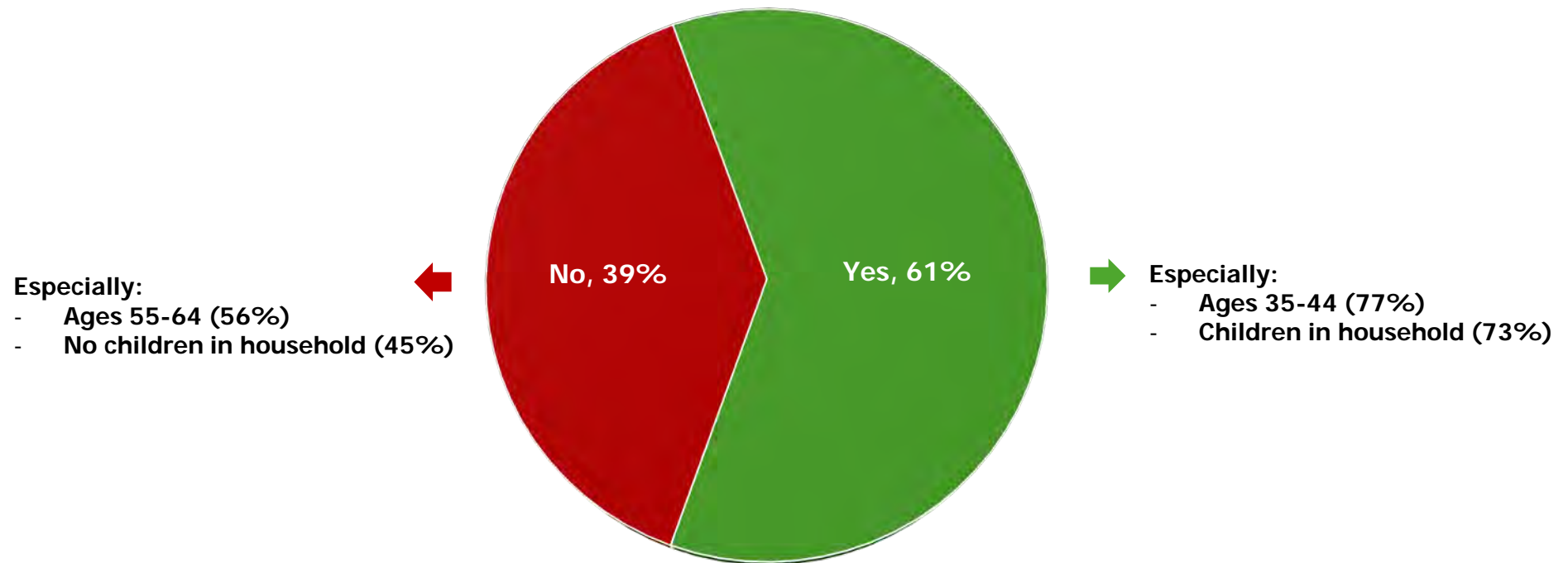
## Gap Analysis: Demand and Availability of SPD Amenities/Facilities



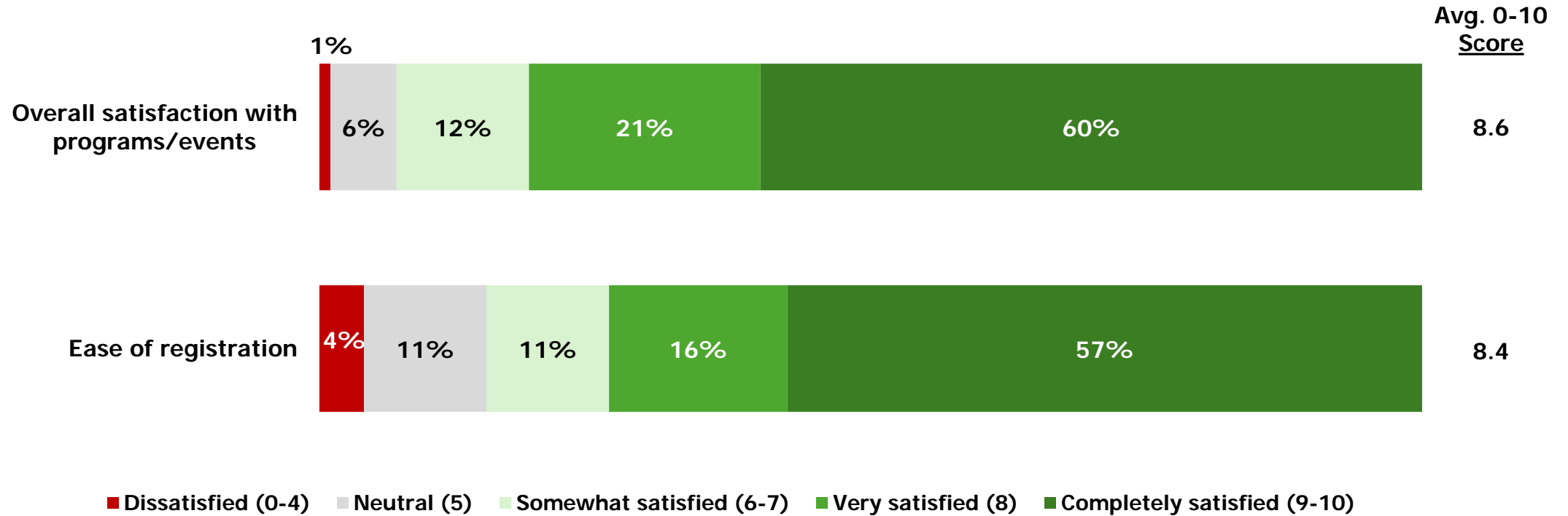
Top Priority: SPD Amenities/Facilities



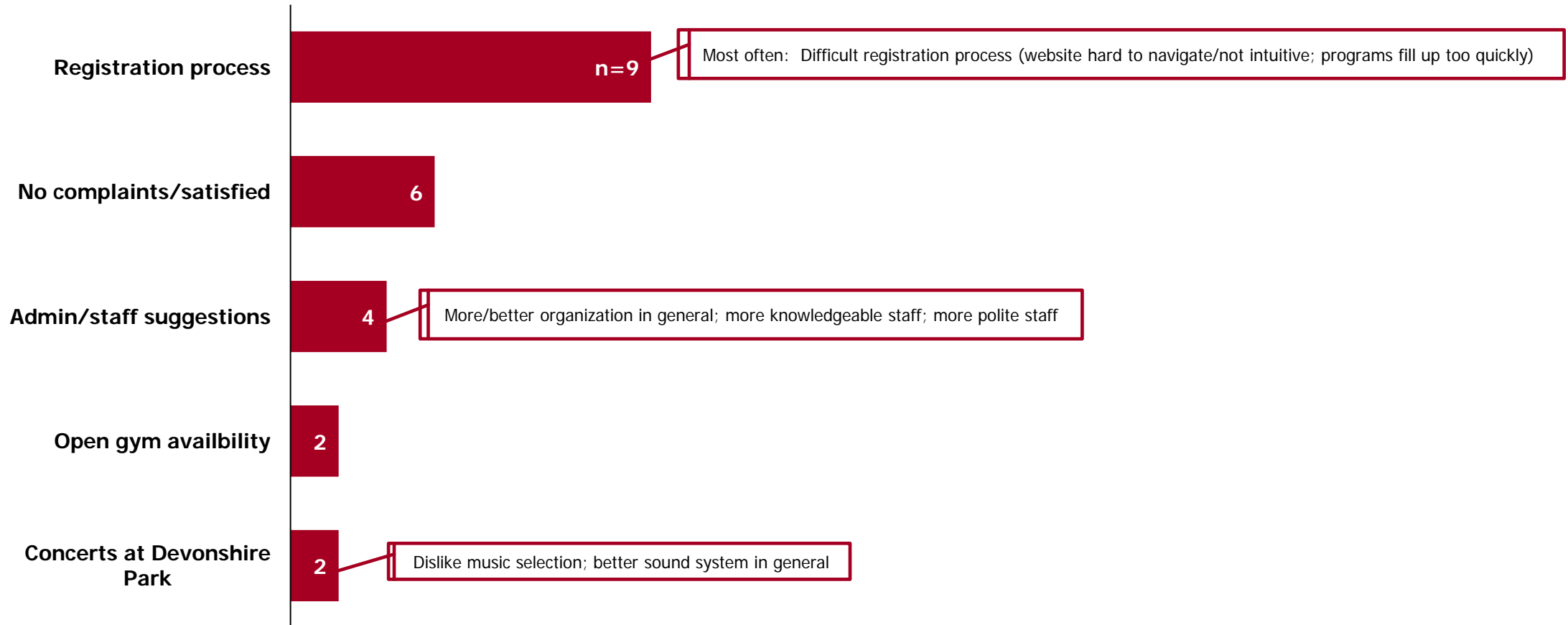
SPD Program/Event Participant in Past 12 Months?



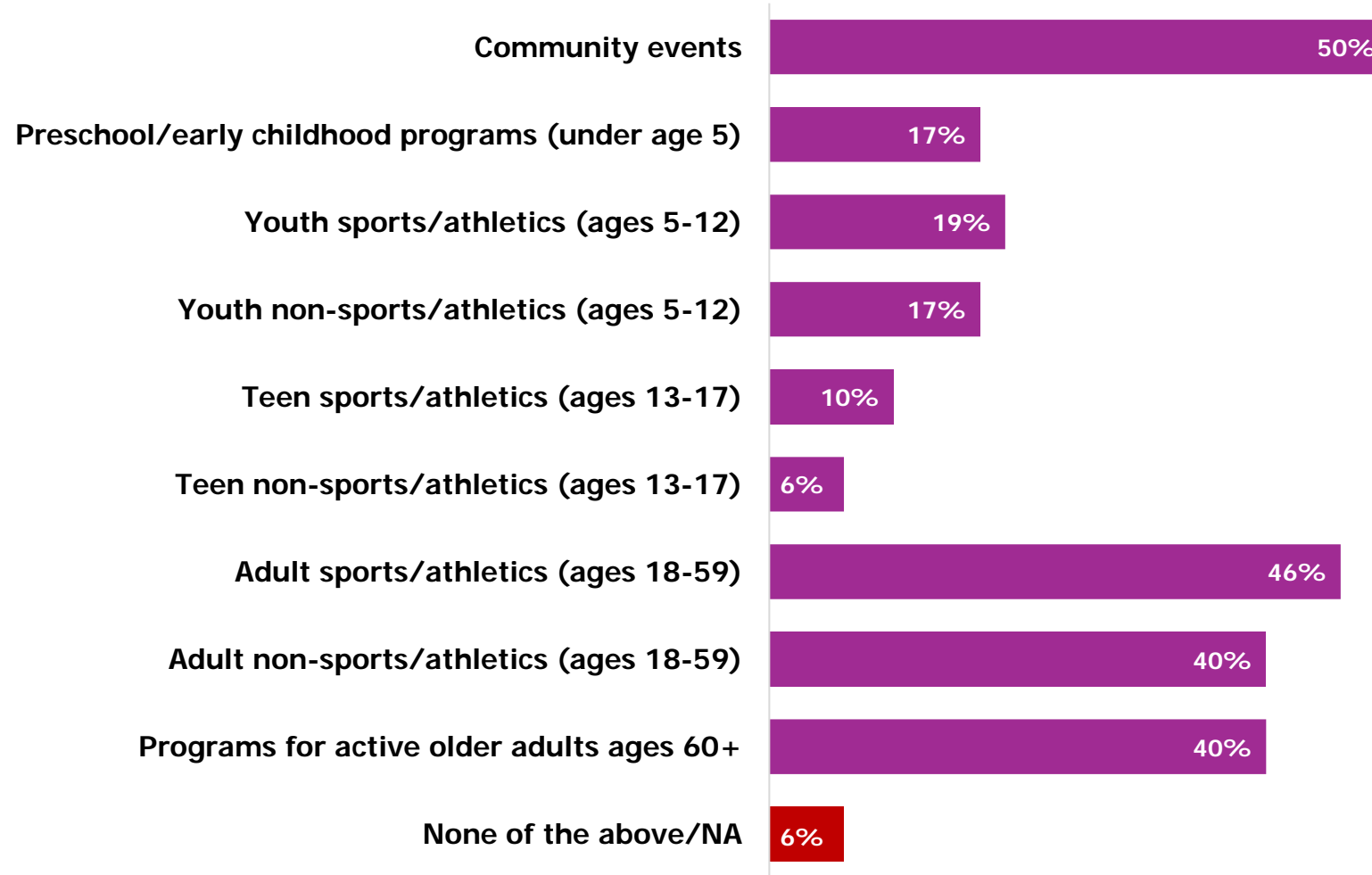
Satisfaction Scores for SPD Programs/Events (n=281 participants)



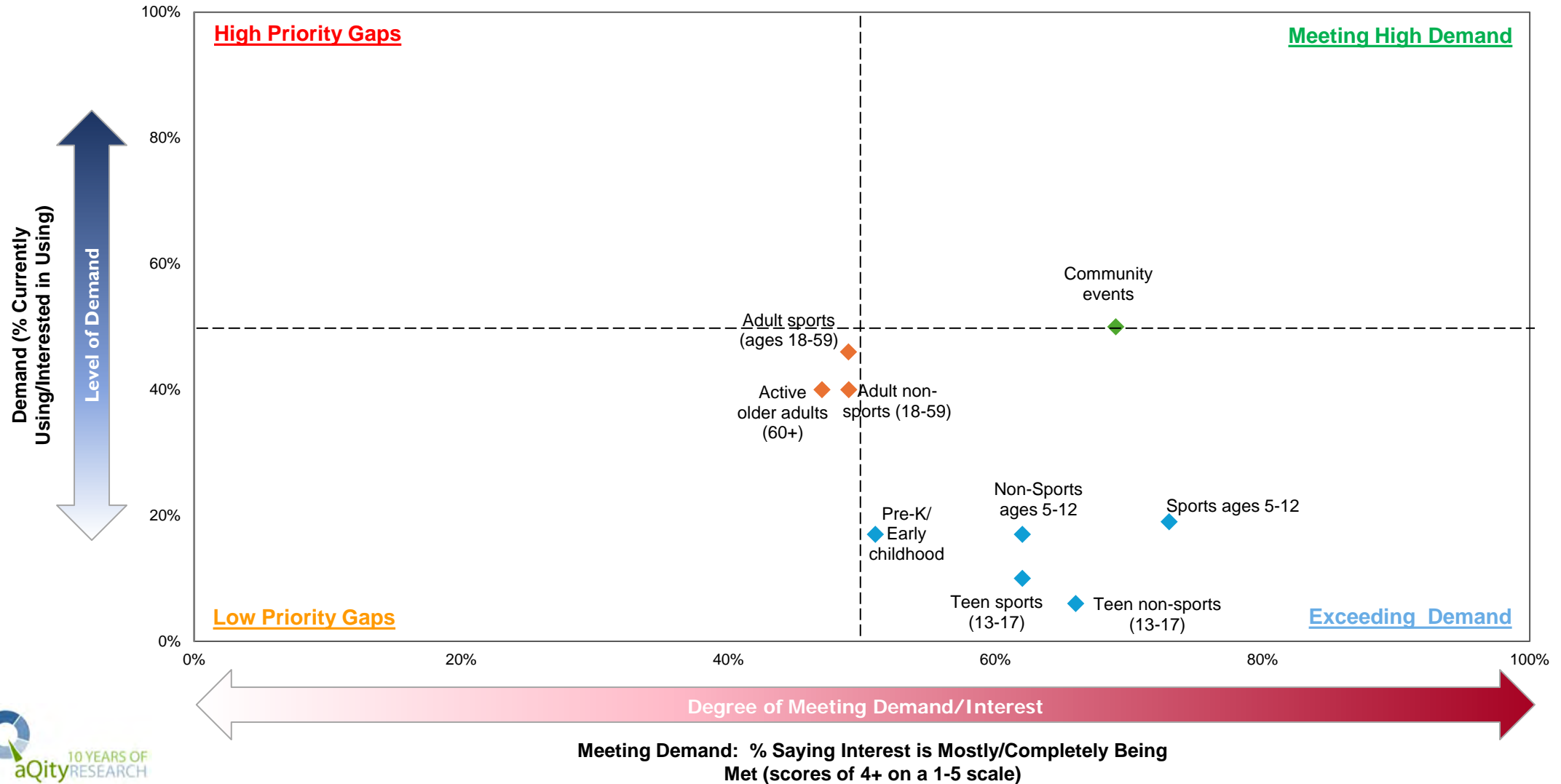
Top Reasons for Dissatisfaction: SPD Programs/Events (n=35 respondents)



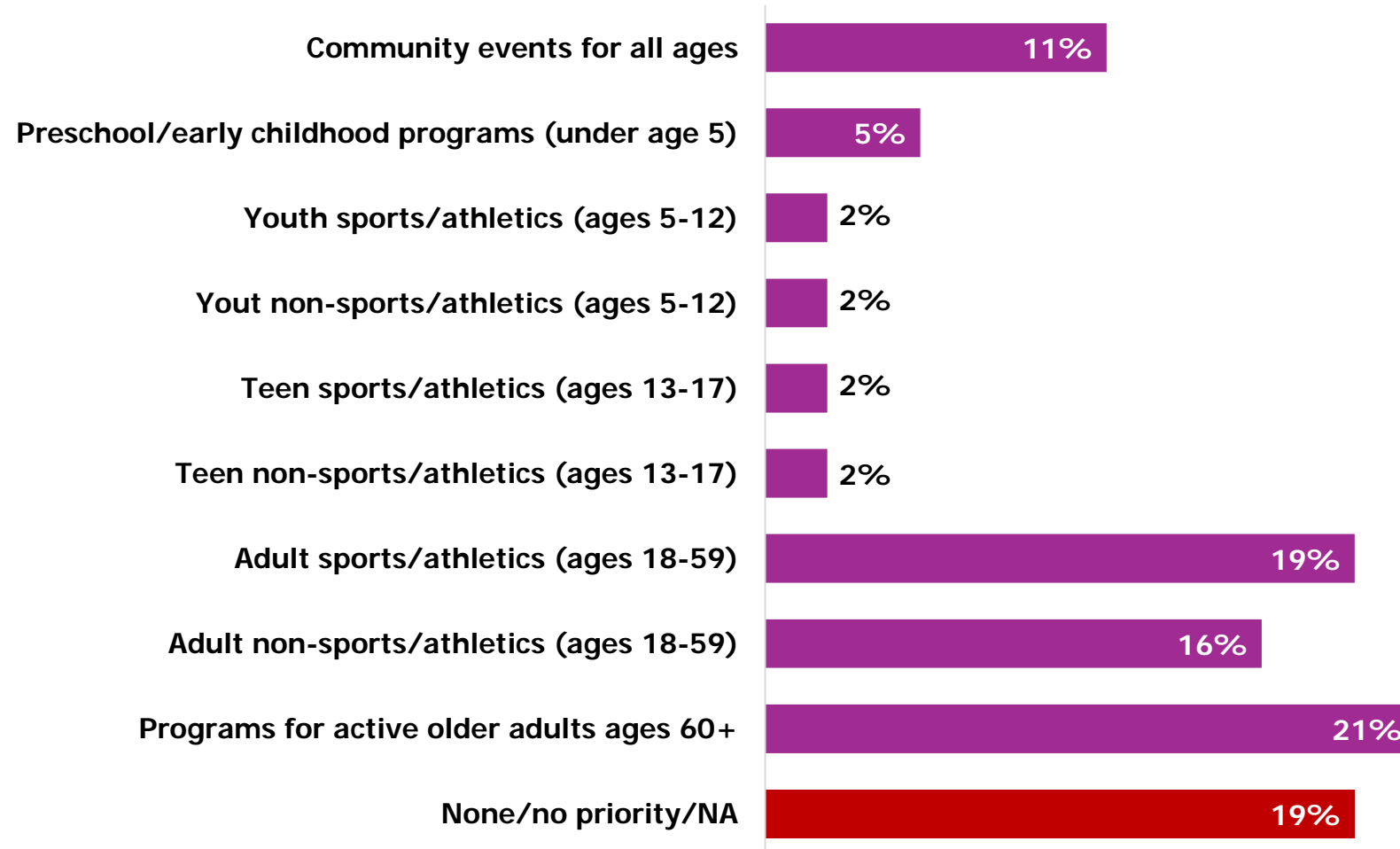
**Demand/Interest in Age-Based Programs**



## Gap Analysis: Demand and Availability of Age-Based Program Options



Top Priority: Age-Based Program Options



Q19. The Skokie Park District has acquired the **Sports Park East** field on Oakton and McCormick. This property is marked by the white square to the right, next to **Sports Park West** (includes the TrackMan golf range, mini golf course, and batting cages).

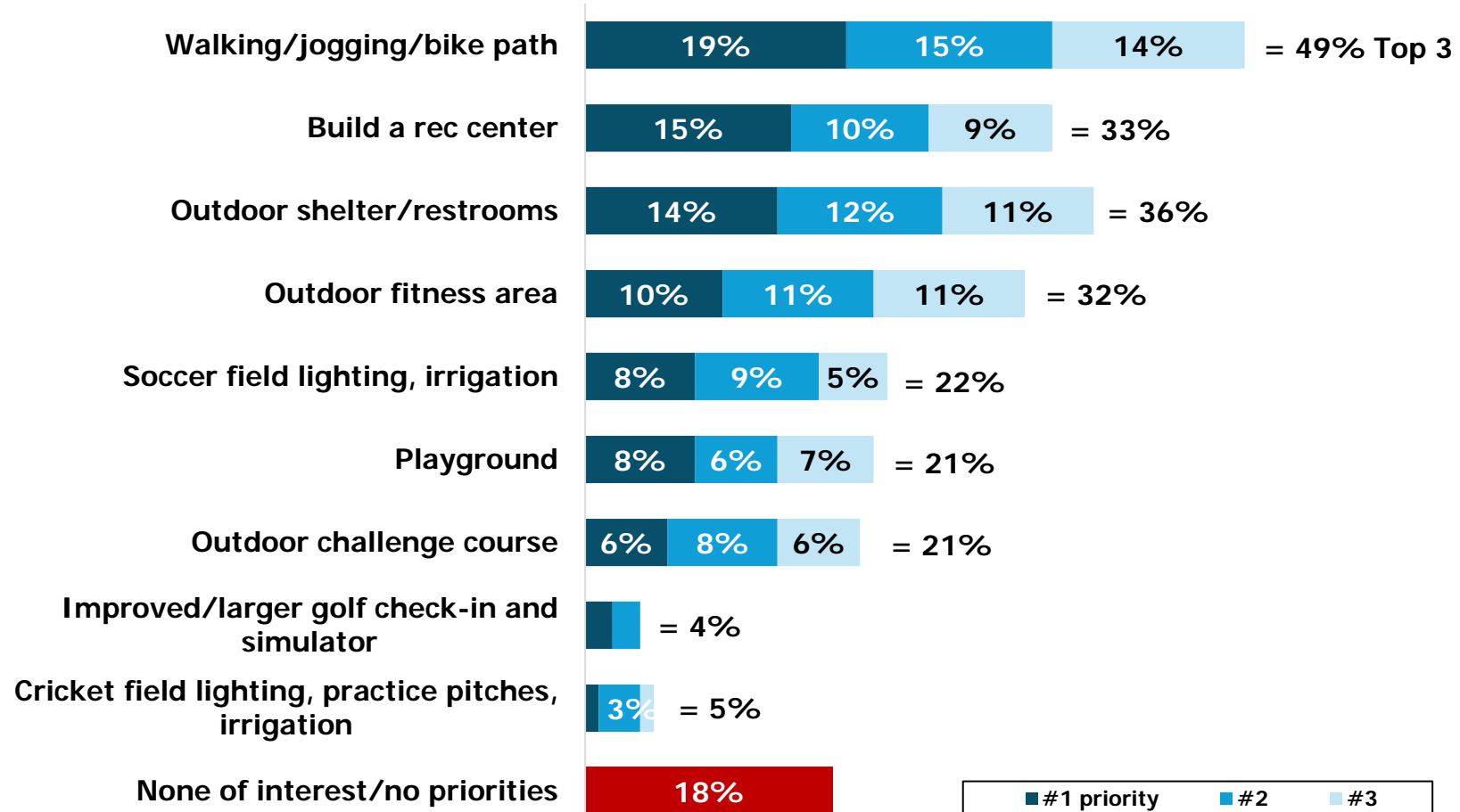
Sports Park East currently has cricket and soccer fields but no other amenities.

Below is a list of possible amenities and improvements to this location. Knowing that these would mean higher user fees or property taxes (especially with larger projects or improvements), please rank order the three most important improvements to you and your household below.

	#1	#2	#3
Building a recreation center at the current Sports Park to add two indoor gyms, programming and rental space, a patio and landscaping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved/larger space for golf check-in and simulator at Sports Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved cricket fields with field lighting, practice pitches, and better irrigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve soccer fields including field lighting and better irrigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor challenge course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor shelter with restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/jogging/biking path around the perimeter of Sports Park East	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Top Priorities: Potential Sports Park East Improvements



Q21. The Skokie Park District will also soon acquire the land between Oakton and Howard, just east of McCormick and along the east side of the North Shore Canal (outlined in white on the map). After the current Builders Asphalt facility closes, removes its structures, and cleans up the site, the Park District will lease the property for a nominal fee.

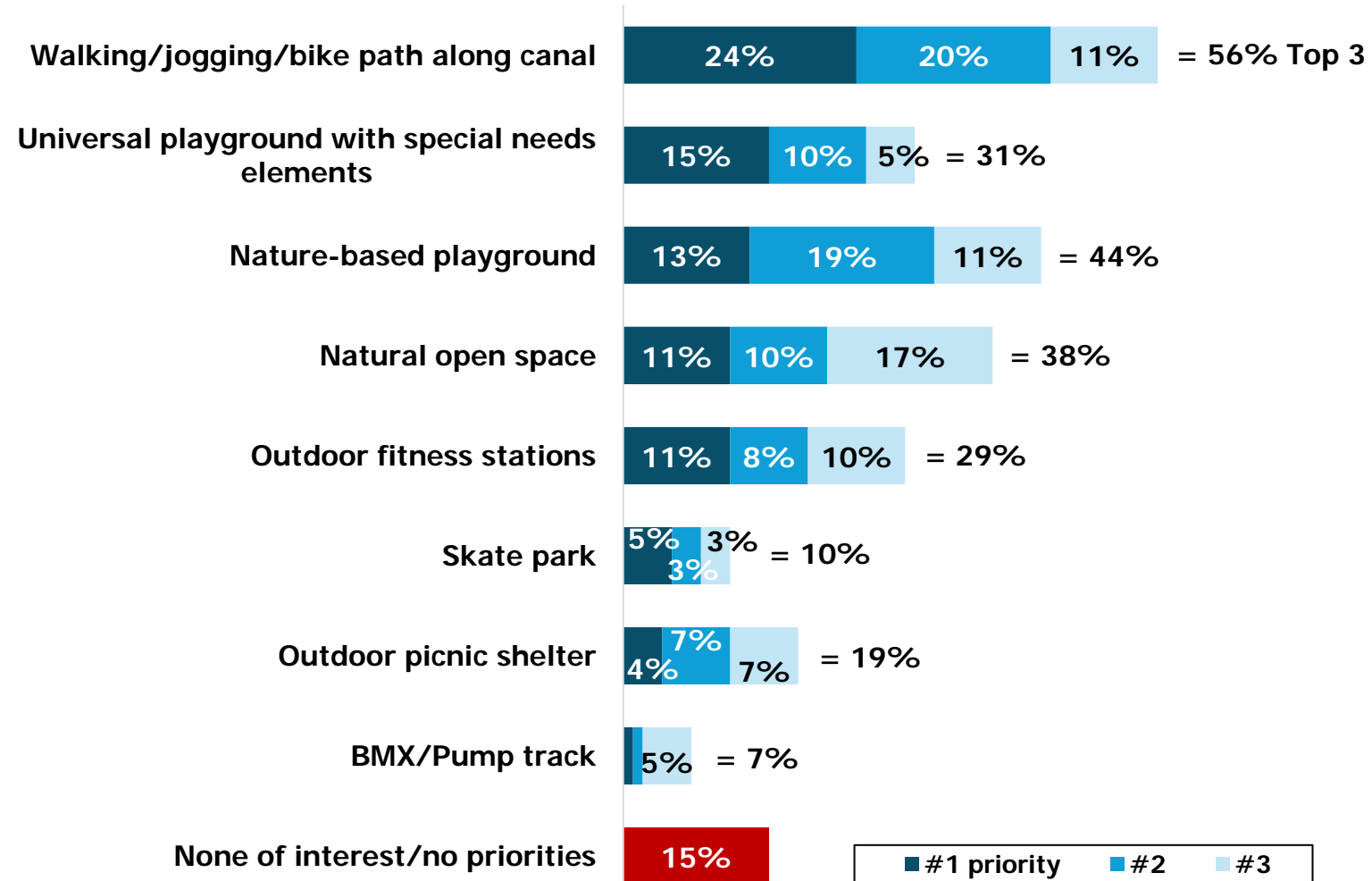
Below is a list of possible amenities and improvements to this location. Knowing that these would mean higher user fees or property taxes (especially with larger projects or improvements), please rank order the three most important improvements to you and your household below.

**Please select one #1 priority, one #2 priority, and one #3 priority. If none are important, skip to the next question.**

	#1	#2	#3
Universal playground with elements for those with physical, sensory, or cognitive challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature-based playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/jogging/biking path between Oakton and Howard Streets, along the canal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor picnic shelter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX or pump track	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

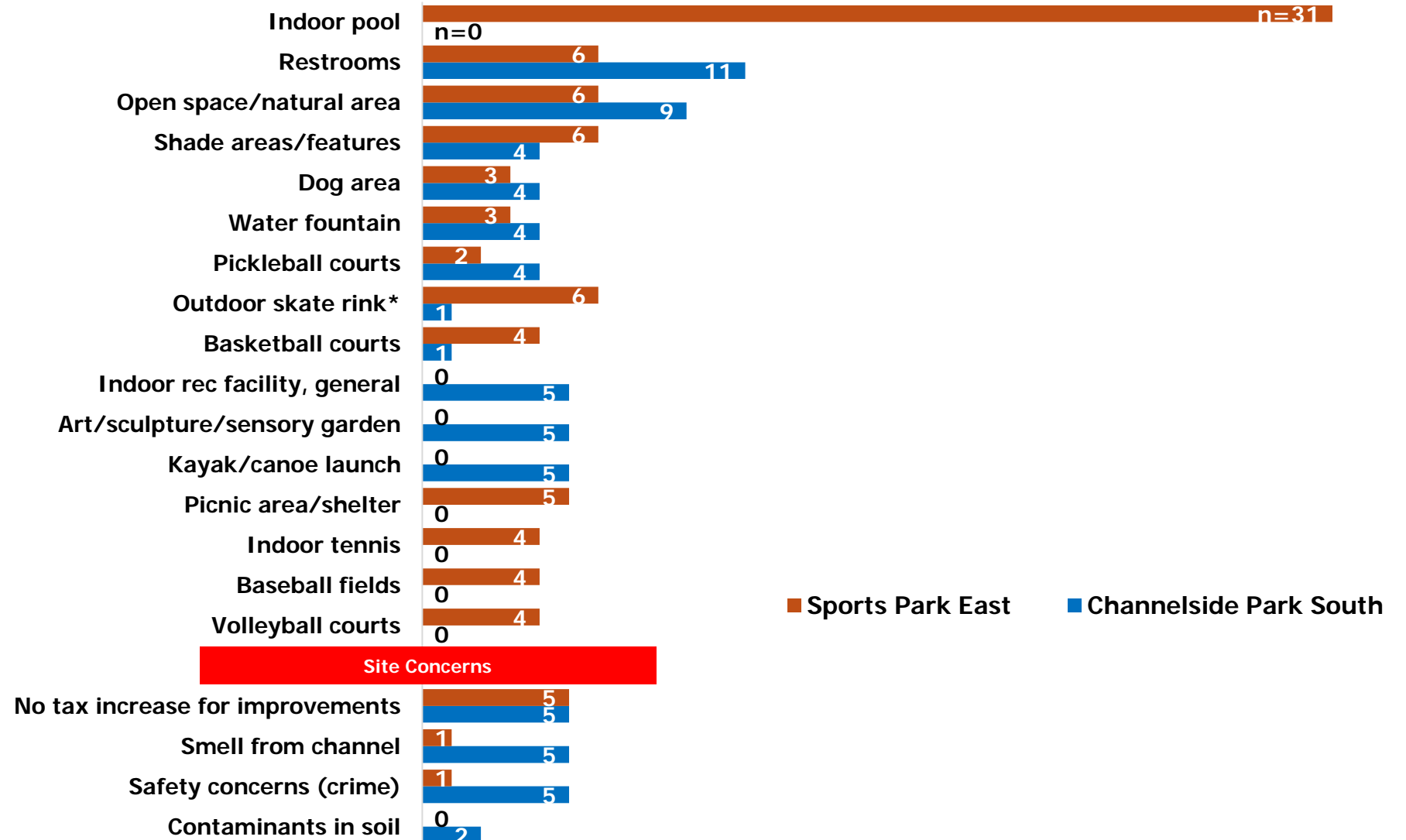


Top Priorities: Potential New Channelside Park South Improvements

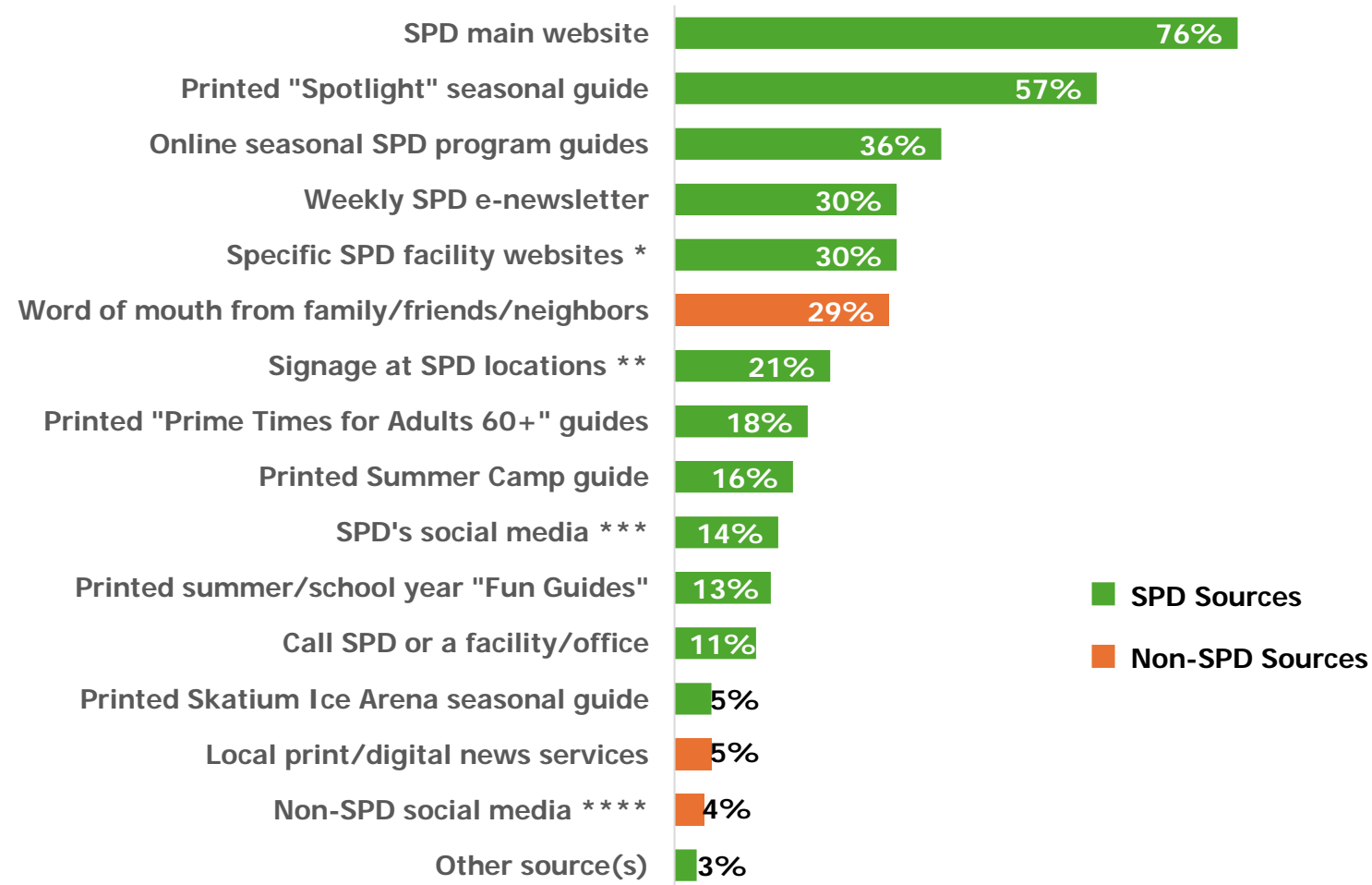


**Other Suggested Improvements for New Parks**

(most frequent open-ended responses)



### Sources Used When Seeking SPD Information



Q24. In general, when you seek information about the Skokie Park District and its programs, parks, facilities or services, from what sources do you get that information? Please select all that apply.

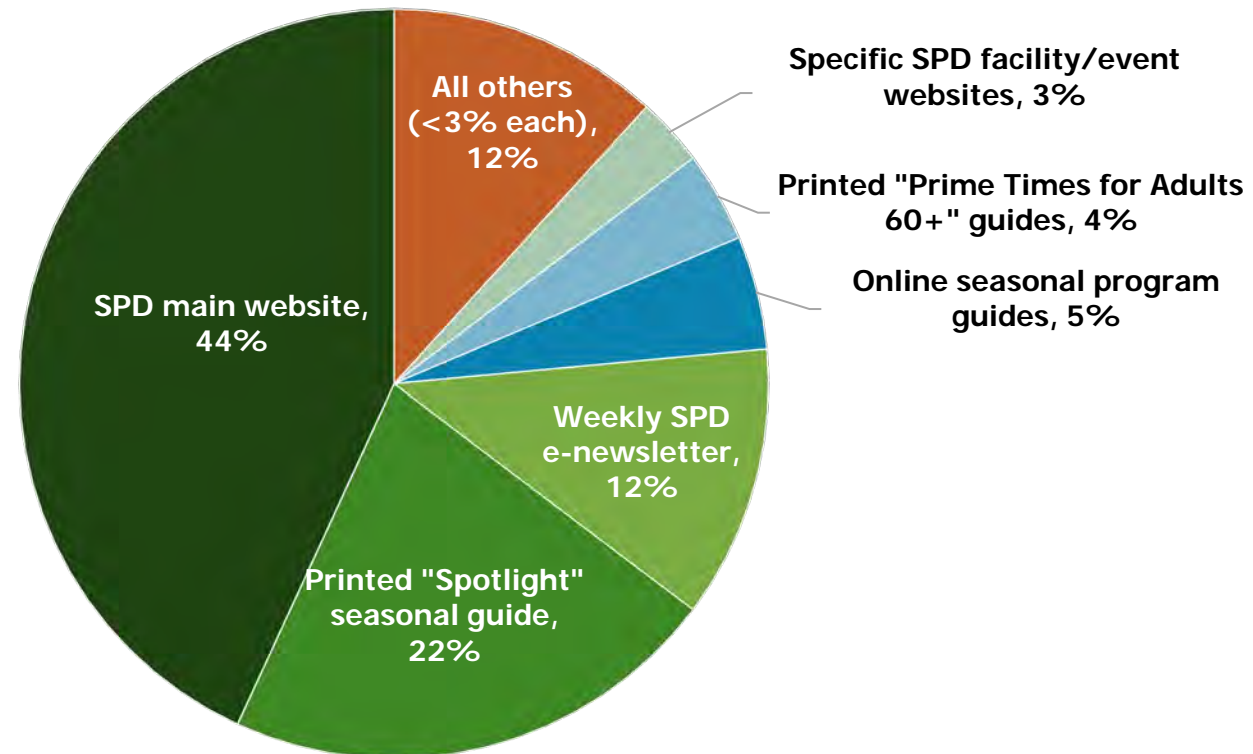
\* exploritorium.org; skokiespringgreening.info; skokieculturefest.org; backlotbash.com; screamscape.org, etc.

\*\* (indoor monitors, banners, outdoor lighted signs)

\*\*\* (Facebook, Instagram, X, Bluesky, TikTok, YouTube)

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Primary/Preferred Source Used When Seeking SPD Information



## Questions / Discussion



# Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



**Date:** September 25, 2025

**To:** Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning, and Facilities

**Re:** Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase for Gleiss Park

**Summary:** In August, a public meeting was held regarding planned improvements at Gleiss Park. The main renovation component discussed was the replacement of the existing playground equipment that was installed in 1993. Six vendors were invited to submit proposals for the site and four did so. The vendors chosen to submit were NuToys, Imagination, Gametime, Burke, Dynamo, and Parkreation.

After reviewing the proposals, staff selected the submission from Gametime, and the design was presented at the public meeting. While the attendees seemed happy with the proposed play equipment, there were a few minor changes requested, and the design was amended to include monkey bars and a better spinning apparatus. The finished design is attached.

There is \$250,000 budgeted for the overall Gleiss Park renovation. The total cost for the playground equipment is \$138,635.83 and is being purchased through a Sourcewell cooperative contract. This purchase includes the main playground equipment, the spinner, independent play items, and the swings.

Staff will handle removal and disposal of the existing playground equipment and surfacing late fall/early winter. The installation of the new playground equipment will be installed in the spring when weather permits.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the bid from Gametime for the playground equipment at Gleiss Park for \$138,635.83.

**Motion:**

Move to approve the bid from Gametime for the playground equipment at Gleiss Park for a total of \$138,635.83.



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## Gleiss Park (Revision 2)

Skokie Park District  
 Attn: Corrie Guynn  
 9300 Weber Park Place  
 Skokie, IL 60077  
 United States  
 Phone: 847-929-7802  
 cguynn@skokieparks.org

Ship to Zip 60077

Quantity	Part #	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1	RDU	GameTime - Powerscape Modular Structure for Ages 5-12 (per drawing) [Basic: _____] [RotoPlastic: _____] [Accent: _____] [Deck:Pvc: _____] [Tube: _____] [HDPE: _____] [2ColorHDPE: _____] [Accent2: _____] [Cabling: _____]	\$151,142.95	\$151,142.95
		(1) 8888 -- Sky Cube Climber		
		(1) 3905 -- Bells 12" 1S		
		(1) 4871 -- 3-in-A-Row with back 11" Gizmo		
		(1) 4959 -- Maze Wheel		
		(1) 26058 -- 3 Way X-Pod Step		
		(5) 26094 -- Triangular Shroud		
		(2) 26142 -- Single With Step		
		(1) 26165 -- 4'-0" Connectscape Climber		
		(1) 27074 -- Trapezoid Overhead Ladder - 60 degrees		
		(1) 27076 -- Stretched Trapezoid Overhead - 60 degr		
		(3) 32022 -- Hex Pod Step (1')		
		(4) 80000 -- 49" Sq Punched Steel Deck		
		(7) 80001 -- 49"Tri Punched Steel Deck		
		(2) 80931 -- Single Gizmo Panel		
		(2) 81666 -- Fun Seat		
		(2) 90266 -- 8' Upright, Alum		
		(1) 90268 -- 10' Upright, Alum		
		(5) 90269 -- 11' Upright, Alum		
		(4) 90270 -- 12' Upright, Alum		
		(9) 90272 -- 14' Upright, Alum		
		(1) 90504 -- 4' Single Zip Slide		
		(1) 90700 -- Single Entrance Wilderslide li		
		(2) 90704 -- Left Curve Section Wilderslide li		
		(1) 90706 -- Exit Section Wilderslide li		
		(1) 90709 -- Support Wilderslide li		



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Quantity	Part #	Description	Unit Price	Amount
		(1) 90842 -- Single Spiral		
		(1) 91303 -- Cliff Wall Climber		
		(1) 91364 -- Sensory Wave Panel w/ chimes		
		(1) 91500 -- Olympus Climber - 5'0 thru 6'0 attac		
		(1) 91549 -- Dunan Drum Panel (Below Deck)		
		(1) 91570 -- Answer Ball Panel		
		(1) 91622 -- Hi-Line Climbing Link 3' Rise		
		(1) 91714 -- Modern Transfer w/Guardrail 3' Rise		
		(1) 91740 -- Narrows Climber (7'6"-9')		
		(1) 91852 -- Cable Climb		
		(1) 91879 -- Camber Climber		
		(4) 91931 -- Entryway (Versa)		
		(2) 91932 -- Hi Point Entryway (Versa)		
		(3) 91934 -- Offset Entryway (Versa)		
		(1) 91976 -- Ludo Game Panel (Below Deck)		
1	RDU	GameTime - Primetime Modular Structure for Ages 2-5 (per drawing) [Basic: _____] [Accent: _____] [RotoPlastic: _____] [Tube: _____] [HDPE: _____] [Deck:Pvc: _____] [2ColorHDPE: _____] [Accent2: _____]	\$28,983.00	\$28,983.00
		(5) 12023 -- 3 1/2" Uprt Ass'Y Alum 8'		
		(2) 12024 -- 3 1/2" Uprt Ass'Y Alum 9'		
		(4) 12025 -- 3 1/2" Uprt Ass'Y Alum 10'		
		(1) 12502 -- Lil Foot Slide Attachment		
		(1) 12704 -- Therapeutic Ring Attach		
		(1) 12728 -- Single Seat P/T		
		(1) 14471 -- VERT WALL CLIMBER 4'-0"		
		(2) 18200 -- 36" Sq Punched Deck P/T 1.3125		
		(1) 18319 -- Single Steering Wheel		
		(1) 18692 -- Single Thunder Ring		
		(1) 18861 -- Echo Fidget Panel		
		(1) 19001 -- Entry Way		
		(1) 19093 -- Schooner (2')		
		(1) 19282 -- Transfer System W/ Guardrail (2' Rise		
		(2) 19386 -- Left Curve Section Wilderslide li		
		(2) 19388 -- Exit Section Wilderslide li		



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Quantity	Part #	Description	Unit Price	Amount
		(1) 19464 -- Double Entrance		
		(1) 19911 -- Modern Transfer w/Barrier 1' Rise		
1	RDU	GameTime - Powerscape Swings [Basic: _____] [RotoPlastic: _____]	\$7,839.00	\$7,839.00
		(2) 5287 -- Belt Seat for 8' Toprail		
		(1) 5293 -- Enclosed Tot Seat for 8' Toprail		
		(1) 5332 -- 8' ADA Powerscape Swing Frame		
		(1) 5333 -- 8' ADA Powerscape Swing Add-A-Bay		
		(1) 5375 -- Zero-G (2-5) Yellow 8' Height		
1	5374	GameTime - AURORA SPINNER	\$21,995.00	\$21,995.00
1	6245	GameTime - RoxAll See Saw [Accent: _____] [Basic: _____] [Roto Plastic: _____]	\$12,296.00	\$12,296.00
1	178749	GameTime - Owner's Kit	\$92.08	\$92.08
Contract: OMNIA #2017001134			Sub Total	\$222,348.03
			Discount	(\$92,302.90)
			Material Surcharge	\$6,790.70
			Freight	\$1,800.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,635.83</b>

### Comments

\* MATERIALS ONLY: Quotation does not include any site work, off-loading, storage, safety surfacing, or installation.

\* Taxes, if applicable, will be applied at the time of invoice. Please provide a copy of your tax exempt certificate to avoid the addition of taxes.



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### GAMETIME - TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- **PRICING:** Due to fluctuating economic conditions, pricing is valid for 30 days and is subject to change. Please request updated pricing if your quote is older than 30 days before making a purchase.
- **TERMS OF SALE:** For equipment & material purchases, Net 30 days from date of invoice for governmental agencies and those with approved credit. All others, full payment for equipment, taxes and freight up front. Balance for services & materials due upon completion or as otherwise negotiated upon credit application review. Pre-payment may be required for equipment orders totaling less than \$5,000. Payment by VISA, MasterCard, or AMEX is accepted (If you elect to pay by credit card, GameTime charges a 2.50% processing fee that is assessed on the amount of your payment. This fee is shown as a separate line item and included in the total amount charged to your credit card. You have the option to pay by check, ACH or Wire without any additional fees.) . Checks should be made payable to Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime unless otherwise directed. Any order exceeding \$300,000 will require progress payments during the course of completion.
- **CREDIT APPLICATION:** Required for all non-governmental agencies and those entities who have not purchased from GameTime within the previous twelve calendar months.
- **FINANCE CHARGE:** A 1.5% monthly finance charge (or maximum permitted by law) will be added to all invoices over 30 days past due.
- **CASH WITH ORDER DISCOUNT:** Orders for GameTime equipment paid in full at time of order via check or electronic funds transfer (EFT) are eligible for a 3% cash-with-order (CWO) discount. Consult local sales representative for CWO terms.
- **ORDERS:** All orders shall be in writing by purchase order, signed quotation or similar documentation. Purchase orders must be made out to Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime.
- **FREIGHT CHARGES:** Shipments shall be F.O.B. destination. Freight charges prepaid and added separately.
- **SHIPMENT:** Standard Lead time is 6-8 weeks (some items may take longer) after receipt and acceptance of purchase order, credit application, color selections and approved drawings or submittals.
- **PACKAGING:** All goods shall be packaged in accordance with acceptable commercial practices and marked to preclude confusion during unloading and handling.
- **RECEIPT OF GOODS:** Customer shall coordinate, receive, unload, inspect and provide written acceptance of shipment. Any damage to packaging or equipment must be noted when signing delivery ticket. If damages are noted, receiver must submit a claim to Cunningham Recreation within 15 Days. Receiver is also responsible for taking inventory of the shipment and reporting any concealed damage or discrepancy in quantities received within 60 days of receipt.
- **RETURNS:** Returns are only available on shipments delivered within the last 60 days. A 25% (min.) restocking fee will be deducted from any credit due. Customer is responsible for all packaging & shipping charges. Credit is based on condition of items upon return. All returns must be in unused and merchantable condition. GameTime reserves the right to deduct costs associated with restoring returned goods to merchantable condition. Uprights & custom products cannot be returned.
- **TAXES:** Sales tax is shown as a separate line item when included. A copy of your tax exemption certificate must be submitted at time of order or taxes will be added to your invoice.

### SUPPLY ONLY:

- All items are quoted supply only.
- Installation services are not included.
- Customer is responsible for coordinating delivery, receipt, unloading, and inventory equipment.
- Missing or damaged equipment must be reported within 60 days of delivery.



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### ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATION:

Acceptance of this proposal indicates your agreement to the terms and conditions stated herein.

Accepted By (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Amount: \$138,635.83

SALES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF CERTIFICATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Salesperson's Signature  
BILLING INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Signature

Bill to: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### SHIPPING INFORMATION:

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Gleiss Park (Revised) Skokie, IL

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# Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



**Date:** September 25, 2025

**To:** Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning, and Facilities

**Re:** Approval of Playground Equipment Purchase for Lyon Park

**Summary:** In September a public meeting was held regarding planned improvements at Lyon Park. The main renovation component discussed was the replacement of the existing playground equipment that was installed in 1994. Six vendors were invited to submit proposals for the site and four did so. The vendors chosen to submit were NuToys, Imagination, Gametime, Burke, Dynamo, and Parkreation.

After reviewing the various proposals, staff selected the submission from Burke and the design was presented at the public meeting. While the attendees seemed happy with the proposed play equipment, the one main change requested was an additional swing bay. The design was amended, and the finished rendering is attached.

There is \$145,000 budgeted for the overall Lyon Park renovation. The total cost for the playground equipment is \$83,146 and is being purchased through a Sourcewell cooperative contract. This purchase includes the main playground equipment, independent play items, and the swings.

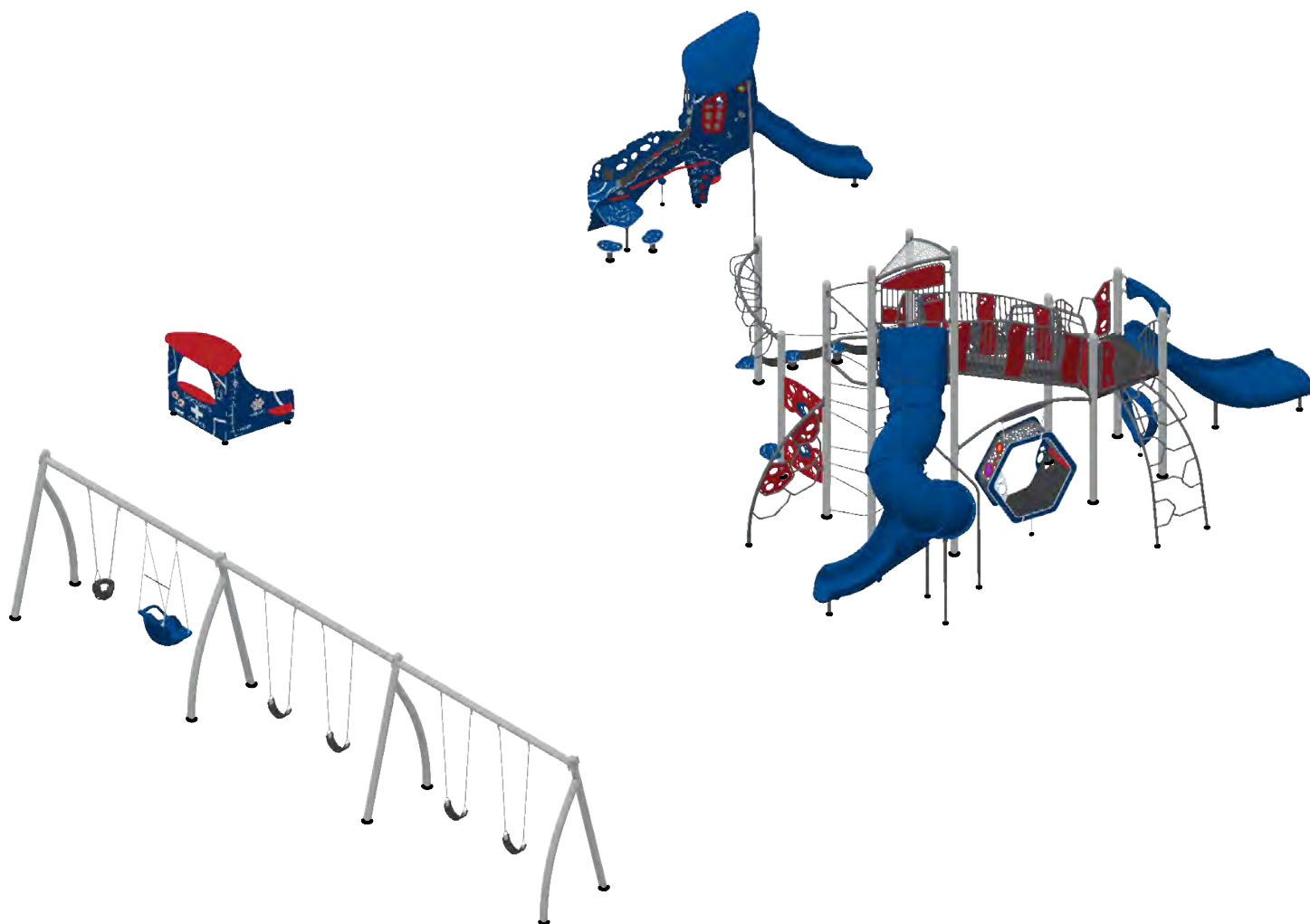
Staff will handle removal and disposal of the existing playground equipment and surfacing late fall/early winter. The installation of the new playground equipment will be installed in the spring, when weather permits.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve the bid from Burke for the playground equipment at Lyon Park for a total of \$83,146.

**Motion:**

Move to approve the bid from Burke for the playground equipment at Gleiss Park for a total of \$83,146.

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Play Illinois, LLC  
310 N Grant Street | Westmont, IL 60559 | 844-222-9990

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September 11, 2025

Corrie Guynn  
Skokie Park District  
7500 Frontage Rd  
Skokie, IL 60077-3213

Dear Corrie Guynn:

Play Illinois, LLC is delighted to provide Skokie Park District with this playground equipment proposal.

This design was developed with your specific needs in mind, and we look forward to discussing this project further with you to ensure your complete satisfaction. Play Illinois, LLC is confident that this proposal will satisfy Skokie Park District's functional, environmental, and safety requirements -- and most importantly -- bring joy and excitement to the children and families directly benefiting from your new playground.

You have our personal commitment to support this project and your organization in every manner possible, and we look forward to developing a long-standing relationship with Skokie Park District. We appreciate your consideration and value this opportunity to earn your business.

Sincerely,

**Cheryl Parson**  
Sales Representative

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Federal parks, child development programs, military bases and other agencies are a major priority for BCI Burke, and agencies can purchase Burke playgrounds through Burke's GSA contract for installation virtually anywhere in the world.

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### DESIGN SUMMARY

Play Illinois, LLC is very pleased to present this Proposal for consideration for the Lyon Park located in Skokie. BCI Burke Company, LLC has been providing recreational playground equipment for over 100 years and has developed the right mix of world-class capabilities to meet the initial and continuing needs of Skokie Park District. We believe our proposal will meet or exceed your project's requirements and will deliver the greatest value to you.

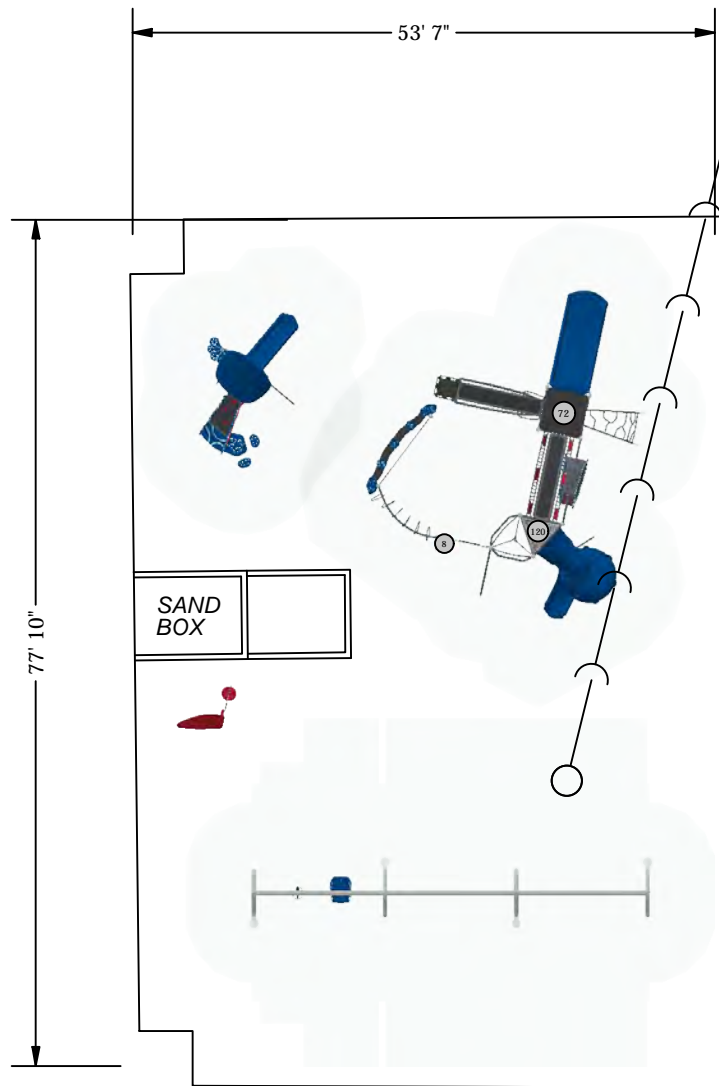
The following is a summary of some of the key elements of our Proposal:

- Project Name: Lyon Park
- Project Number: 129-207049-1\_RepCopy
- User Capacity: 97
- Age Groups: 5 to 12, 2 to 12
- Dimensions: 53' 7" x 77' 10"
- Designer: Christine Pitts

Play Illinois, LLC has developed a custom playground configuration based on the requirements as they have been presented for the Lyon Park playground project. Our custom design will provide a safe and affordable playground environment that is aesthetically pleasing, full of fun for all users and uniquely satisfies your specific requirements. In addition, proposal # 129-207049-1\_RepCopy has been designed with a focus on safety, and is fully compliant with ASTM F1487 and CPSC playground safety standards.

We invite you to review this proposal for the Lyon Park project and to contact us with any questions that you may have.

Thank you in advance for giving us the opportunity to make this project a success.



AREA: 4340 SF

NOTE: ALTHOUGH ALL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE AN ACCURATE SITE IT MAY NOT TRULY REPRESENT THE AREA WHERE THIS STRUCTURE IS TO BE PLACED.

SERIES LINE: Nucleus | Intensity | Burke Basics

SITE PLAN VIEW

GROUP:  
Structure | Freestanding

DESIGNED FOR AGES:  
5 to 12, 2 to 12

Lyon Park  
Skokie, IL 60076

**Burke**  
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Designer: Christine Pits

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OVERALL BOUNDING OF USE ZONES

Area: 4165.5 sq.ft.  
Perimeter: 262.7 ft.  
STRUCTURE SIZE: 77' 10"x53' 7"  
POST SIZE(S): 5"

\*\*The space requirements shown here are to ASTM standards. Requirements for other standards may be different.

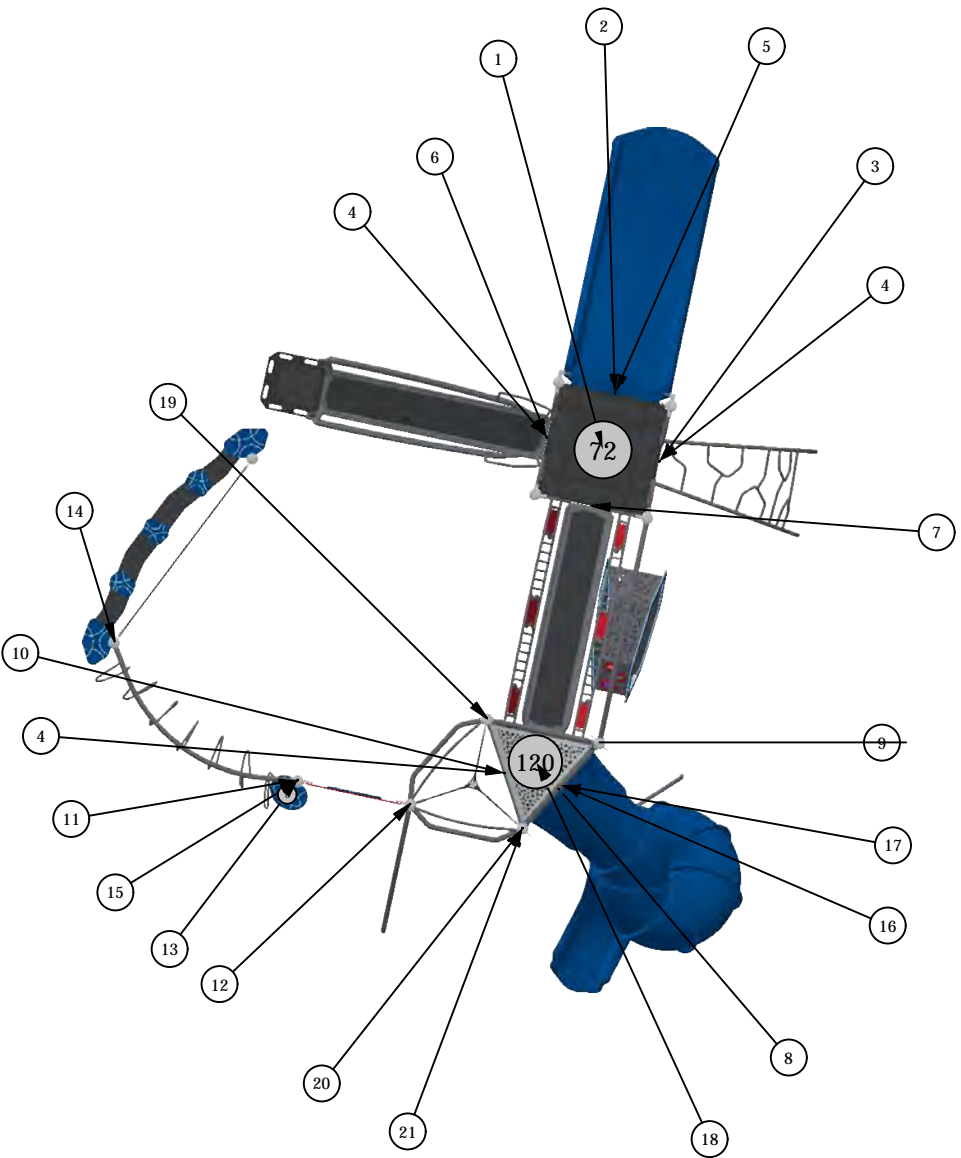
PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY (Provided/Required)

TOTAL EVENTS	ELEVATED EVENTS	TRANSFER ACCESSIBLE EVENTS	RAMP ACCESSIBLE EVENTS	GROUND EVENTS	TYPES OF GROUND EVENTS
16	6 / 3	6 / 0	0 / 0	13 / 2	7 / 2

The use and layout of play components identified in this plan conform to the CPSC guidelines. U.S. CPSC recommends the separation of age groups in playground layouts.

Warning: Accessible safety surfacing material is required beneath and around this equipment that is compliant with ASTM, CPSC, and ADAAG requirements.

ITEM	COMP.	DESCRIPTION
1	270-0130	SQUARE PLATFORM
2	570-1885	TRIGON, UPRIGHT
3	370-1682	BETA CLIMBER 64"-72"
4	270-0120	EVOLUTION UNITARY ENCLOSURE
5	470-0803	CONTOUR SLIDE, 64"-72"
6	370-1729	360 LOOP CLIMBER
7	370-0209	EVOLUTION 360 INCLUSIVE CLIMBER
8	270-0129	TRIANGLE PLATFORM
9	470-0979	NICHE CAPSULE
10	370-1746	ROPE TRIANGLE CLIMBER, 48" TO 120"
11	370-0873	CLIMB CROSS
12	370-0287	TOPO CLIMBER
13	370-1675	STRAIGHT OVERHEAD, NUCLEUS
14	370-0181	PATHWAY LINK, POST TO POST
15	370-1608	OVISTEP LAUNCH PAD
16	470-0114	COBRA SLIDE CORKSCREW LEFT 120"
17	570-1544	EVOLUTION SHORT CURVED TOP BARRIER
18	470-0017	EVOLUTION TRIANGLE APEX ROOF
19	470-0008	EVOLUTION SIDE ROOF SUPPORT, LEFT
20	470-0006	EVOLUTION BOTTOM ROOF SUPPORT, SINGLE
21	470-0009	EVOLUTION SIDE ROOF SUPPORT, RIGHT



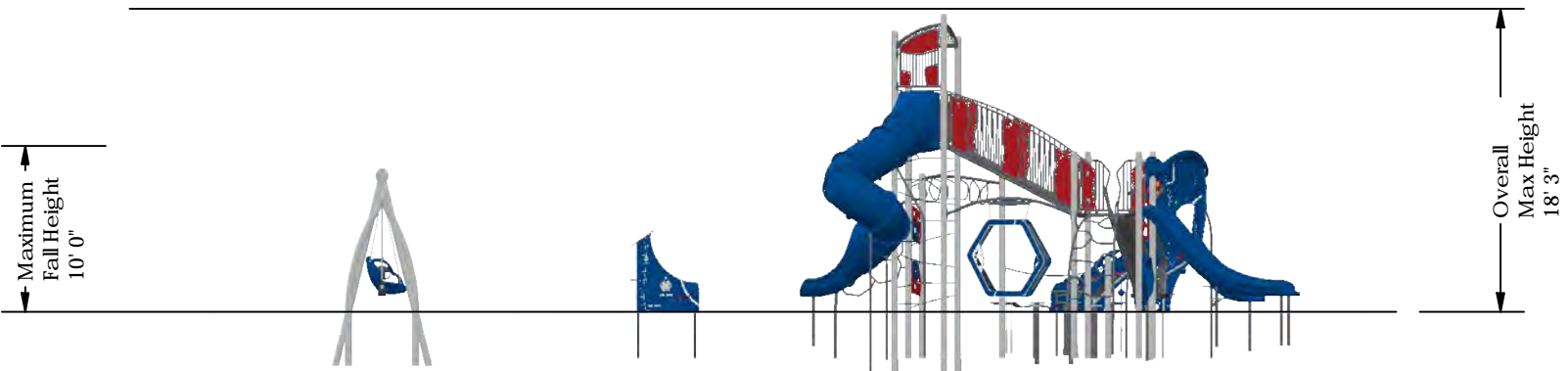
SERIES LINE: Nucleus | Intensity

COMPONENT VIEW

GROUP:  
Structure  
  
DESIGNED FOR AGES:  
5 to 12

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SERIES LINE: Nucleus | Intensity | Burke Basics

GROUP:

Structure | Freestanding

DESIGNED FOR AGES:

5 to 12, 2 to 12

Lyon Park

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**Burke**  
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ELEVATION VIEW

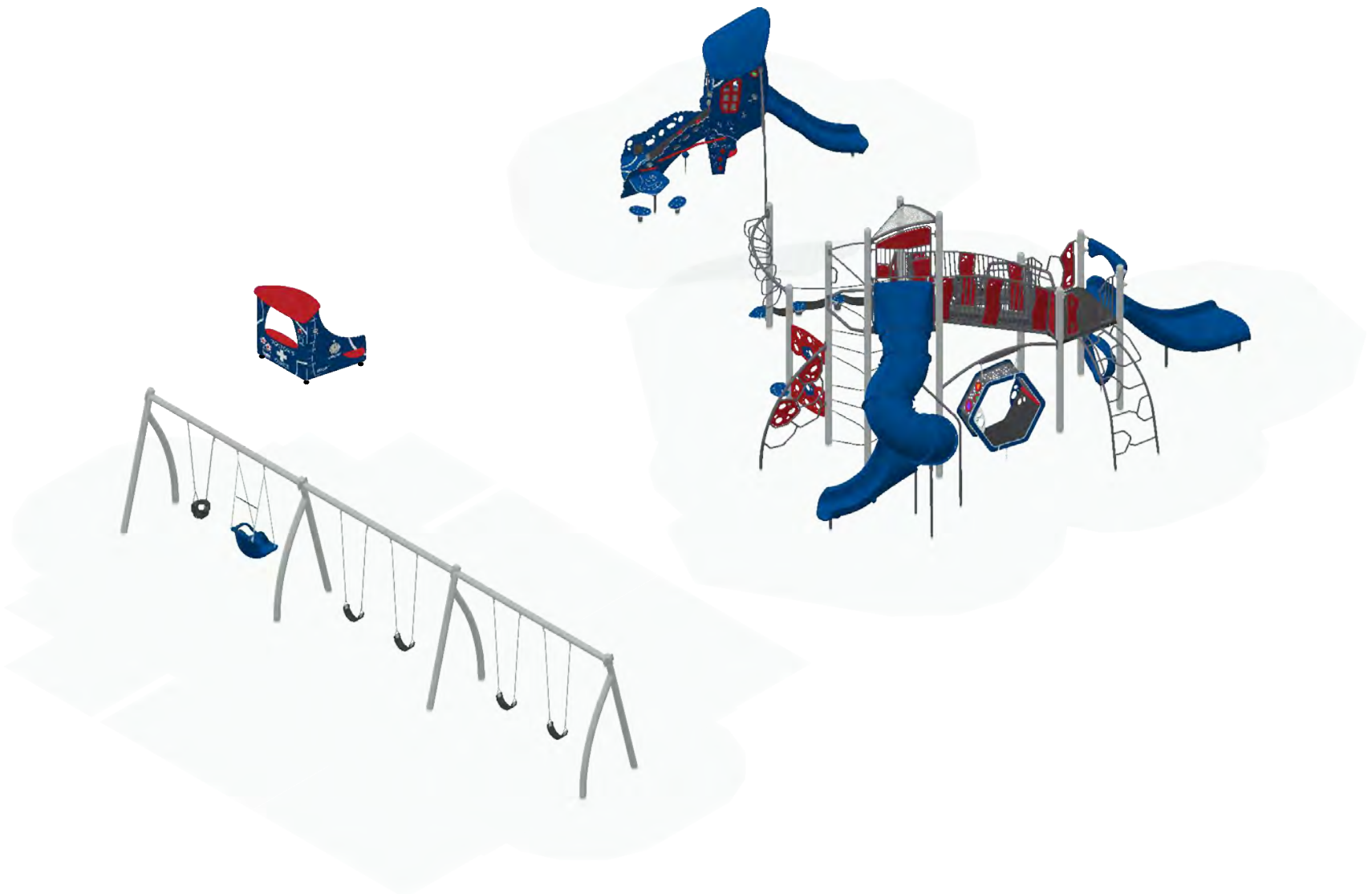
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ISOMETRIC VIEW

GROUP:

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5 to 12, 2 to 12

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The play components identified in this proposal are IPEMA certified. The use and layout of these components conform to the requirements of ASTM F1487 and CPSC. To verify product certification, visit [www.ipema.org](http://www.ipema.org).



The space requirements shown in this proposal are to ASTM standards. Requirements for other standards may be different.

**Structure**

**Intensity**

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
370-1608	OVISTEP LAUNCH PAD	1	1	1	10	10
370-1675	STRAIGHT OVERHEAD, NUCLEUS	1	6	6	53	53

**Nucleus**

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
072-0500-132C	5" OD X 132" CAPPED POST	2	0	0	69	138
072-0500-148C	5" OD X 148" CAPPED POST	4	0	0	78	312
072-0500-196C	5" OD X 196" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	103	103
072-0500-72C	5" OD X 72" CAPPED POST	1	0	0	38	38
072-0502-188S	5" OD X 188" SWAGED POST	1	0	0	99	99
072-0502-216S	5" OD X 216" SWAGED POST	1	0	0	113	113
072-0502-220S	5" OD X 220" SWAGED POST	1	0	0	115	115
072-5503-24T	5" OD X 24" TOP ALUMINUM CAPPED POST	1	0	0	6	6
072-5503-32T	5" OD X 32" TOP ALUMINUM CAPPED POST	1	0	0	7	7
072-5503-48T	5" OD X 48" TOP ALUMINUM CAPPED POST	1	0	0	10	10
270-0120	EVOLUTION UNITARY ENCLOSURE	3	0	0	34	102
270-0129	TRIANGLE PLATFORM	1	2	2	48	48
270-0130	SQUARE PLATFORM	1	6	6	106	106
370-0181	PATHWAY LINK, POST TO POST	1	10	10	161	161
370-0209	EVOLUTION 360 INCLUSIVE CLIMBER	1	11	11	484	484
370-0287	TOPO CLIMBER	1	3	3	76	76
370-0873	CLIMB CROSS	1	2	2	67	67
370-1682	BETA CLIMBER 64"-72"	1	3	3	57	57
370-1729	360 LOOP CLIMBER	1	4	4	347	347
370-1746	ROPE TRIANGLE CLIMBER, 48" TO 120"	1	5	5	105	105
470-0006	EVOLUTION BOTTOM ROOF SUPPORT, SINGLE	1	0	0	13	13
470-0008	EVOLUTION SIDE ROOF SUPPORT, LEFT	1	0	0	16	16
470-0009	EVOLUTION SIDE ROOF SUPPORT, RIGHT	1	0	0	16	16

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
470-0017	EVOLUTION TRIANGLE APEX ROOF	1	0	0	21	21
470-0114	COBRA SLIDE CORKSCREW LEFT 120"	1	3	3	352	352
470-0803	CONTOUR SLIDE, 64"-72"	1	4	4	232	232
470-0979	NICHE CAPSULE	1	4	4	206	206
570-1544	EVOLUTION SHORT CURVED TOP BARRIER	1	0	0	50	50
570-1885	TRIGON, UPRIGHT	1	1	1	33	33
670-0427	5" OD X 11 GA POST EXTENSION	3	0	0	10	30

### Freestanding

#### Burke Basics

Component No.	Description	Qty	User Cap.	Ext. User Cap.	Weight	Ext. Weight
550-0099	TOT SEAT, 7' & 8' SINGLE, STD CHAIN	1	1	1	12	12
550-0111	BELT SEAT, 8' SINGLE, STD CHAIN	4	1	4	10	40
550-0171	FREEDOM SWING SEAT, 8' BEAM, STD CHAIN	1	1	1	38	38
550-0228	EVOLUTION ARCH SWING	1	0	0	399	399
550-0229	EVOLUTION ARCH SWING ADDED BAY	2	0	0	240	480
580-1368	DOCTOR'S OFFICE DISCOVERY STATION	1	10	10	210	210
580-1424	CASTRA PLAYFORT	1	16	16	1,391	1,391

**Total Equipment Price:** \$94,293  
**Co-Op & Courtesy Discount:** -(12,387)  
**Shipping Cost:** 1,240  
**Total:** \$83,146

### Special Notes:

Prices do not include unloading, material storage, site excavation/preparation, removal of existing equipment, removal of excess soil from footing holes, site security, safety surfacing, installation, or sales tax (if applicable). **Pricing is valid for 30 days from the date of this proposal.**

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COLOR SELECTION LIST | Default Color Option

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**GROUP 1 (Structure)**

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Accessory: Charcoal  
HDPE 1 Color: Red  
HDPE 2 Color: Blue-White-Blue  
Platform: Gray  
Post: Silver  
Rotomold Plastic: Blue

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**GROUP 2 (Freestanding)**

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Accessory: Charcoal  
HDPE 1 Color: Red  
HDPE 2 Color: Blue-White-Blue  
Platform: Gray  
Post: Silver  
Rotomold Plastic: Blue

COLOR KEY

- SILVER
- RED
- BLUE
- CHARCOAL
- BLUE/WHITE
- GRAY/BLACK



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3D Designer: Kendra



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# Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



**Date:** September 25, 2025

**To:** Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

**Re:** Approval of Change Order #1 for 2025 Asphalt Improvements Project

**Summary:** Change order number one for the 2025 Asphalt Improvements project is due to issues encountered while milling and repaving the path at Devonshire. Several areas were either too thin or too wet causing the asphalt base to fail during the milling operations. This change order covers adding new stone base as well as 3" of asphalt to increase the thickness of the path.

There was a \$10,000 allowance included in the original bid with the expectation of running into issues throughout the project, most likely at the Oakton parking lot which will begin shortly. The contract is for \$585,000 and this change order will move that number to \$610,970. There may be additional changes once the Oakton parking lot repaving begins.

There is enough of a balance in the capital fund to cover these expenses so no separate projects will need to be removed or altered.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of change order from Chicagoland Paving for \$25,970 for the 2025 Asphalt Improvements Project.

**Motion:** Move to approve the change order from Chicagoland Paving for \$25,970 for the 2025 Asphalt Improvements Project.

CHICAGOLAND PAVING CONTRACTORS, INC.  
225 TELSER ROAD  
LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047  
TEL: 847-550-9681 FAX: 847-550-9684

September 18, 2025

Skokie Park District  
Mr Corrie Guynn  
9300 Weber Park Place  
Skokie, IL 60077

Re: Skokie Park District  
2025 Asphalt Improvements - Various Park District Locations  
#25-41 - AUP #4 - Devonshire Scope Change

Mr Guynn

Shown below is our pricing for the scope change at Devonshire Park due to the existing path falling apart. Please provide us with your written approval by signing below and a formal change order if you would like the work to be completed at the prices shown.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agg Base Repair (Actual Quantity TBD)	Ton	42	\$35.00	\$1,470.00
Preparation of Agg Base	LS	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
HMA Bit Mix (Additional 1" of surface for a total of 3") (Approx 130Tn)	LS	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,970.00</b>

Respectfully,



William R. Bowes, Vice President  
Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc.

ACCEPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name / Title / Date



# Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



**Date:** September 25, 2025

**To:** Board of Park Commissioners

**From:** Stephenie Gualano, Director of Human Resources

**RE:** Approval of Full Time Wage Scale

**Summary:** The district maintains a compensation structure (wage and classification plan) to provide competitive salaries to enable the district to attract and retain excellent employees. It is industry standard to complete a compensation study every 3-5 years to ensure the district remains competitive in the market. The last compensation study was completed in 2020 by HR Source.

In February 2025 the district hired HR Source to complete a compensation study for current full-time positions. All full-time job descriptions were updated and benchmarked using 50% park district data, 25% non-profit data, and 25% for-profit data.

Staff is requesting approval of the attached wage scale which resulted from the compensation survey completed by HR Source effective October 1, 2025. The current pay structure, and the proposed pay structure, are attached.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommend implementing the attached full-time salary pay structure effective October 1, 2025.

**Motion:** Move to approve the implementation of the full-time salary range pay structure effective October 1, 2025.

**Skokie Park District Pay Grade Assignments**  
**Effective October 1, 2025**  
**Board approved:**

Pay Grade	FLSA	Job Title	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum
<b>FT2</b>	NE	Custodial Supervisor (OCC,TLC,DCC, Skatium)	\$38,160	\$47,700	\$57,240
	NE	Early Childhood Teacher Assistant	\$18.35	\$22.93	\$27.52
	NE	Lead Custodian			
	NE	Park Specialist I - Custodial Maintenance			
	NE	Park Specialist I - Horticulture/Landscape			
	NE	Park Specialist I - Operations			
<b>FT3</b>	NE	Assistant Childcare Services Manager	\$41,649	\$52,061	\$62,474
	NE	Custodial Supervisor - Weber Leisure Center	\$20.02	\$25.03	\$30.04
	NE	Early Childhood Lead Teacher			
	NE	Park Specialist II – Horticulture			
	NE	Park Specialist II – Landscape			
	NE	Park Specialist II – Operations			
<b>FT4</b>		Hold for future use	\$45,457	\$56,822	\$68,186
			\$21.85	\$27.32	\$32.78
<b>FT5</b>	NE	Accounts Payable Clerk	\$49,614	\$62,017	\$74,420
	E	Active Adult Program Supervisor	\$23.85	\$29.82	\$35.78
	E	Athletics Supervisor			
	E	Cultural Arts Supervisor			
	E	Customer Service Supervisor – Emily Oaks Nature Center			
	E	Early Childhood Supervisor			
	E	Exploritorium and Events Supervisor			
	NE	Family and Adult Program Coordinator			
	E	Figure Skating Director			
	E	Golf Operations Supervisor			
	E	Hockey Director			
	NE	IT Software Administrator			
	NE	IT Support Specialist			
	NE	Museum Coordinator			
	E	Oakton Recreation Supervisor			
	E	Performing Arts Supervisor			
	E	Recreation Supervisor - Weber Leisure Center			
	NE	School-Age Program Coordinator			
	NE	Turf Specialist			
<b>FT6</b>	E	Aquatics and Facilities Supervisor	\$54,150	\$67,687	\$81,225
	NE	Customer Accounts Specialist	\$26.03	\$32.54	\$39.05
	E	Golf Superintendent			
	E	Graphic & Digital Communications Specialist			
	E	Graphic & Web Design Specialist			
	NE	Human Resources and Payroll Coordinator			
	NE	Mechanic and Fleet Manager			
	NE	Park Specialist III – Arborist			
	NE	Park Specialist III – Athletic Field Specialist & Horticulture			
	NE	Park Specialist III – Natural Areas Specialist			
	NE	Park Specialist III – Operations			
<b>FT7</b>	NE	Executive Administrative Assistant	\$59,101	\$73,876	\$88,652
			\$28.41	\$35.52	\$42.62
<b>FT8</b>	E	Accounting Supervisor	\$64,505	\$80,631	\$96,757
	E	Athletics Manager	\$31.01	\$38.77	\$46.52
	E	Fitness First Manager			
	E	Museum Manager			
	NE	Park Specialist IV - Operations/Preventative Maintenance			
	E	Skatium Assistant Manager			
<b>FT9</b>	E	Childcare Services Manager	\$70,403	\$88,004	\$105,604
	E	Horticultural Supervisor	\$33.85	\$42.31	\$50.77
	E	IT Systems and Support Manager			
	E	Landscape Supervisor			
	E	Risk and Safety Manager			
<b>FT10</b>	E	Accounting Manager	\$76,840	\$96,050	\$115,260
	E	Business Services Manager	\$36.94	\$46.18	\$55.41
	E	Devonshire Cultural Center Manager			
	E	Emily Oaks Nature Center Manager			
	E	Golf Operations Manager			
	E	Oakton Center Manager			
	E	Skatium Manager			
	E	Special Facilities Manager			
	E	Weber Leisure Center Manager			
<b>FT11</b>	E	Hold for future use	\$83,866	\$104,832	\$125,799
			\$40.32	\$50.40	\$60.48

**Skokie Park District Pay Grade Assignments**

**Effective October 1, 2025**

**Board approved:**

<b>FT12</b>	E	Assistant Superintendent of Recreation	\$91,534	\$114,418	\$137,301
		Operations and Project Manager	\$44.01	\$55.01	\$66.01
<b>FT13</b>	E	Director of Communications and Marketing	\$99,903	\$124,879	\$149,855
	E	Director of Human Resources	\$48.03	\$60.04	\$72.05
	E	Director of IT			
<b>FT14</b>		Hold for future use	\$109,038	\$136,298	\$163,557
			\$52.42	\$65.53	\$78.63
<b>FT15</b>	E	Superintendent of Parks, Planning, and Facilities	\$119,008	\$148,760	\$178,512
	E	Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities	\$57.22	\$71.52	\$85.82
<b>FT16</b>		Hold for future use	\$129,889	\$162,362	\$194,834
			\$62.45	\$78.06	\$93.67
<b>FT17</b>	E	Superintendent of Business Services	\$141,765	\$177,207	\$212,648
			\$68.16	\$85.20	\$102.23
<b>ED</b>	E	Executive Director	\$171,263	\$214,079	\$256,895
			\$82.34	\$102.92	\$123.51

**Skokie Park District Pay Grade Assignments**  
**Effective May 1, 2025**  
**Board approved: March 18, 2025**

Pay Grade	FLSA	Job Title	Minimum	Midpoint	Maximum
<b>FT2</b>	<b>NE</b>	Custodial Supervisor (OCC,TLC,DCC, Skatium)	\$36,706	\$45,882	\$55,058
	<b>NE</b>	Lead Custodial - Weber Leisure Center	\$17.65	\$22.06	\$26.47
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist I - Operations, Parks & Landscape	\$17.65	\$22.06	\$26.47
	<b>NE</b>	TLC Teacher's Assistant			
<b>FT3</b>	<b>NE</b>	Accounts Payable Clerk	\$41,661	\$52,075	\$62,491
	<b>NE</b>	Assistant Childcare Services Manager	\$20.03	\$25.04	\$30.04
	<b>NE</b>	Custodial Supervisor - Weber Leisure Center			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist II - Operations, Parks and Landscape			
	<b>NE</b>	TLC Early Childhood Teacher			
<b>FT4</b>	<b>E</b>	Athletics Supervisor	\$47,285	\$59,106	\$70,927
	<b>E</b>	DCC Cultural Arts Supervisor	\$22.73	\$28.42	\$34.10
	<b>E</b>	DCC Performing Arts Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	DCC Early Childhood Supervisor			
	<b>NE</b>	EONC School-Age Program Coordinator			
	<b>NE</b>	EONC Family and Adult Program Coordinator			
	<b>E</b>	EONC Customer Service Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Oakton Center Customer Service Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Oakton Center Recreation Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Oakton Center Active Adult Supervisor			
	<b>NE</b>	Museum Coordinator			
	<b>NE</b>	Turf Specialist			
	<b>E</b>	WLC Customer Service Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	WLC Recreation Services Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Aquatics and Facilities Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Golf Operations Supervisor			
	<b>NE</b>	IT Assistant			
<b>FT5</b>	<b>NE</b>	Customer Accounts Specialist	\$53,668	\$67,085	\$80,502
	<b>NE</b>	Executive Administrative Assistant	\$25.80	\$32.25	\$38.70
	<b>E</b>	Golf Superintendent			
	<b>E</b>	Graphic and Digital Communications Specialist			
	<b>E</b>	Graphic and Web Design Specialist			
	<b>NE</b>	Human Resources and Payroll Coordinator			
	<b>NE</b>	IT Software Administrator			
	<b>NE</b>	Mechanic and Fleet Manager			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist III - Arborist			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist III - Athletics Fields /Operations			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist III - Aquatics/Operations			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist III - Landscape Natural Areas Specialist			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist III - Horticulture/GIS Coordinator			
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist III - Operations			
<b>FT6</b>	<b>E</b>	Museum Manager	\$60,913	\$76,141	\$91,370
	<b>NE</b>	Park Specialist IV - Operations	\$29.29	\$36.61	\$43.93
	<b>E</b>	SPACE Program Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Accounting Supervisor			
<b>FT7</b>	<b>E</b>	Accounting Manager	\$69,136	\$86,420	\$103,704
	<b>E</b>	Athletics Manager	\$33.24	\$41.55	\$49.86
	<b>E</b>	Fitness First Manager			
	<b>NE</b>	IT Systems Support Manager			
	<b>NE</b>	IT Systems & Support Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Horticultural Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Landscape Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Operations Supervisor			
	<b>E</b>	Risk & Safety Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Skatium Assistant Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Skatium Figure Skating Director			
<b>FT8</b>	<b>E</b>	Childcare Services Manager	\$78,470	\$98,087	\$117,705
	<b>E</b>	Devonshire Cultural Center Manager	\$37.73	\$47.16	\$56.59
	<b>E</b>	Emily Oaks Nature Center Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Oakton Center Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Skatium Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Special Facilities Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Weber Leisure Center Facility Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Golf Operations Manager			
	<b>E</b>	Business Services Manager			
<b>FT9</b>	<b>E</b>	Assistant Superintendent of Recreation	\$89,063	\$111,329	\$133,595
		Operations and Project Manager	\$42.82	\$53.52	\$64.23
<b>FT10</b>	<b>E</b>	Director of Communications and Marketing	\$101,087	\$126,359	\$151,630
	<b>E</b>	Director of Human Resources	\$48.60	\$60.75	\$72.90

**Skokie Park District Pay Grade Assignments**  
**Effective May 1, 2025**  
**Board approved: March 18, 2025**

	<b>E</b>	Director of IT			
<b>FT11</b>	<b>E</b>	Hold for future use	\$114,734	\$143,417	\$172,101
			\$55.16	\$68.95	\$82.74
<b>FT12</b>	<b>E</b>	Superintendent of Business Services	\$130,223	\$162,778	\$195,334
	<b>E</b>	Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities	\$62.61	\$78.26	\$93.91
	<b>E</b>	Superintendent of Recreation			
<b>FT13</b>		Hold for future use	\$147,803	\$184,753	\$221,705
			\$71.06	\$88.82	\$106.59
<b>FT14</b>	<b>E</b>	Executive Director	\$167,756	\$209,695	\$251,635
			\$80.65	\$100.81	\$120.98



# Skokie Park District Parks Board Report September 2025



## PARK SERVICES

Corrie Guynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- The indoor track replacement project at the Weber Leisure Center has been completed.
- The ballfield sideline replacement project at the McNally Park fields and the field at Terminal Park has begun. Excavation at all three fields is finished, and staff are now backfilling with topsoil ahead of laying sod. Sewer adjustments at the terminal were carried out by staff before backfilling could proceed.
- The Gleiss Park tennis court renovation project was completed, and the courts have been reopened. The asphalt and subsurface material, fencing, and sidewalks were removed and replaced.
- The concrete work at Terminal Park has been completed with the replacement of the water fountain and associated bench pad.
- The Emily Oaks greenhouse repairs were carried out over several days. The panels on the greenhouse were removed and replaced, and various mechanical components were also replaced.
- Staff removed and installed the final Story Stroll taking place at Lyon Park.
- Staff assisted with the setup and takedown of the Touch-a-Truck event.
- All staff assisted with the setup, operation and takedown of the Backlot Bash event.
- Operations staff completed painting and other prep work in advance of the Exploritorium play structure replacement project.
- Horticulture staff pruned the east fence line at Devonshire ahead of the fence removal and replacement project.
- Landscape staff continue to maintain the sports fields, dragging and lining the ball fields and striping the soccer and cricket fields.
- The Parks and Rec Trek VII steps challenge begins September 15 and will end on October 26. This year's six-week competition includes 11 park districts.

# **Skokie Park District Recreation and Facilities Board Report September 2025**

**Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities – Breanne Labus**  
**Assistant Superintendent of Recreation - Mary Amato**  
**Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities – Corrie Guynn**

## **Highlights- Special Events and Programs**

- The Dive in Movie, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, had 56 attendees.
- The Summer Concert Series ended on August 10 with Gincy and Industrial Drive performing for 200 attendees.
- The Preschool Parent Orientation on August 25 drew about 100 participants, while the Kick-Off Party on August 27 had around 150 attendees, matching the previous year's combined total of 275.
- The Growing Sprouts early childhood program orientation was held on August 21, and a meet-and-greet playday was held at the Emily Oaks playground on Sunday, August 23, to help acquaint the children and families with the staff and each other.
- SPACE started the school year off with the highest enrollment to-date with 783 children!
- The museum opened its newest temporary exhibit, "Why2K?: Pop Culture Perspectives on the New Millennium," in time for Backlot Bash and to celebrate the time capsule opening. Visitors provided much positive feedback all weekend long. The exhibit will close in May 2026.
- Lee Hansen received the 2025 Force of Nature Award given by the Chicago Wilderness Alliance.
- Curt Evans, the newly hired Athletics Manager, started on August 18.

## **Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties**

### **Aquatics and Rowing**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Daily Fees – DAC	\$11,454	\$16,436
Concessions – DAC	\$4,180	\$5,910
Daily Fees – SWP	\$131,835	\$135,676
Concessions – SWP	\$27,567	\$22,361
Birthday Parties	\$11,850	\$16,415
Private Rentals	\$7,705	\$12,570

## Devonshire

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	8	13
Birthday Parties	1	3

## Emily Oaks Nature Center

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	4	3
Birthday Parties	1	4
Non-profit Shelter Rental	1	2
Non-profit Campground Rental	1	1
GPS Rental	0	1

## Oakton/Exploritorium

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	12	14
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	35	37
Exploritorium Group Visits	5	3

## Park Services

Type	2024	2025
Birthday Parties	N/A	6

## Skatium

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	0	0
Birthday Parties	11	5*

\*Only one birthday party ran in August, the other four had to be cancelled due to a mechanical failure of equipment causing a loss of ice.

## Skokie Heritage Museum

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	0	0

## Weber Center

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	4	5
Birthday Parties	4	6

## Admissions and Visits

### Exploritorium

Type	2024	2025
Admissions	3,470	3,714

### Skokie Heritage Museum

Type	2024	2025
Visits	990	1,595

### Skokie Sports Park

TYPE	2024	2025
Range	\$151,610	\$176,899
Simulator	\$2,266	\$2,743
Grass Tees	\$1,885	\$4,655
Mini Golf	\$57,893	\$58,382
Batting Cages	\$9,370	\$7,090
Concessions	\$5,481	\$6,280
Alcohol	\$4,508	\$6,596
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$233,013</b>	<b>\$262,645</b>

### Weber/Athletics

Type	2024	2025
Open Gym	145	144
Late Night	285	404
Table Tennis	92	60
Private Tennis/Pickleball	15	11

### Weber Golf Course

Revenues	2024	2025
Greens Fees	\$35,108	\$43,264
Rentals	\$1,583	\$2,052
Concessions	\$1,672	\$1,762
Alcohol	\$1,355	\$1,720
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,718</b>	<b>\$48,798</b>

## Childcare Enrollment

### Devonshire Preschool

School Year	2024/25	2025/26
2's	15	12
3's	33	30
4's	30	36
Enrichment	36	27
Total	114	105

\*Enrichment registration is ongoing as classes began the first week in September.

### Emily Oak's Growing Sprouts

School Year	2024	2025
Half and Full + Lunch Bunch	27 + 2	22 + 1

### SPACE

School Year	2024/2025	2025/2026
AM	181	201
PM	569	582
Total	750	783

### Tot Learning Center

School Year	2024	2025
Infants	6	11
Toddler 1	10	10
Toddler 2	10	10
2/3's	13	14
Preschool	16	13
Pre-K	19	20
Total	74	78

## Athletics- Curt Evans

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- Fall leagues, rentals, and programs began the first week of September.
- The Oakton Pickleball Room is scheduled to be available for rentals starting in October.

## Devonshire Aquatics Center – Claudia Bidstrup

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- The pool closed for the season on August 17.
- Winterization of the bathhouse and pools is underway.

## Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- Open houses were conducted for Thin Ice Ensemble Theatre, which was attended by 30 individuals; Dance, which had 13 attendees; and Theatre Academy, with eight participants.
- Auditions for the Devonshire Playhouse production of *Once Upon a Mattress* were held with 36 auditioning and 27 actors cast. Thin Ice Ensemble Theatre also held auditions for *The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*, casting a total of 44.
- A partner performance by Great Lakes Operetta of *Prince Ananias* entertained 116 audience members with total revenue of \$2,284 with the park district realizing profits of approximately \$700.

## Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- A memorial bench was installed along the back pond trail.
- The greenhouse knee wall was power washed, and the mortar and caulk replaced where needed in preparation for repairs to the structure in September.

Drop-in Programming	Groups
School Groups - Self-guided	1
Scout/Youth Groups - Self-guided	3
Adult Groups - Self-guided	3
TOTAL	7

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	60
Land Management	22
Greenhouse Projects	3.5
Wildflower Gardens	10
TOTAL	95.5

## Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- Storybook Corner: 35 participants
- Paint & Play: 41 participants
- Playdough Playtime: 38 participants
- Parent/Tot Yoga: 17 participants

## **Skatium Ice Arena – Kurt von Helms**

### **Facility Updates and Highlights**

- On August 7, both compressors sustained irreparable damage because of excessive heat. A replacement compressor was delivered on August 26. Installation, including the addition of new safety features, was completed on September 3.
- In addition to the mechanical upgrade, new carpet was installed in the Skatium's lobby and office areas during the last week of August, enhancing the facility's overall appearance and comfort.

## **Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England**

### **Facility Updates and Highlights**

- The museum hosted a highly successful Backlot Bash this year, recording 252 visits to the firehouse and 209 visits to the cabin on Saturday, followed by 344 visits to the firehouse and 339 visits to the cabin on Sunday. This resulted in an estimated total attendance of 871 visitors. Sunday's Y2K Trivia Night had 19 participants, while the downtown history walk had 11 and the guided museum tour had seven. In total, the museum generated approximately three times the revenue and attracted nearly twice as many visitors compared to last year's Backlot Bash.
- Museum staff addressed seven research inquiries and collaborated with the Simon Wiesenthal Center and an author to provide images from the museum collection for use in the Illinois Mobile Museum of Tolerance and for a memoir, respectively.
- Ten museum volunteers contributed over 44 hours of service in August 2025.
- The [museum's fall newsletter](#) was published and staff continued collaborating with the Downtown Skokie Merchants Collaborative on the upcoming Skokie Heritage Day walking tours the evening of September 25 and their forthcoming Skokie-themed cookbook.
- Schaumburg Township booked the museum's "Murder & Mayhem" private walking tour for 21 participants on August 27.
- Park Services repaired a hole in the second-floor ceiling from an AC leak, and the firehouse building was assessed by a team of historic preservation architects to provide appropriate recommendations for future work and care of the historic site.

## **Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski**

### **Facility Updates and Highlights**

- The Liponi Foundation Mini Golf Fundraiser was held on August 6.
- Four new custom driving range targets featuring the Skokie Park District logo have been added.
- New hitting mats were installed on the first level of the driving range.

## **Skokie Water Playground – Scott Runkle**

### **Facility Updates and Highlights**

- A bonus week of swim lessons held August 4-8 was sold out.

- Two extra weeks of water exercise were added to the schedule.
- The bucket at Skokie Water Playground was turned off due to a pipe break.

## Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- All-Staff training and classroom set-up was held on August 18.
- Parent orientation was held on August 21 for both new and returning families.

## Weber Golf Course – Tom Hejnowski

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- The 3rd night-golf event of the year took place Thursday August 14 with 30 participants.
- The Junior Open took place on Saturday, August 23 and had eight participants.
- Registration is now open for the First Annual Turkey Tournament, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 23.

## Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- The wood floors in the gymnasium have been resurfaced.
- The air vents and ducts at Fitness First were cleaned, as well as the interior and exterior surfaces of the windows.
- The new walking track has been installed and the WLC Custodian Staff have painted the railings.

### Fitness First

### Facility Updates and Highlights

- The student/teacher summer special, 100 Days for \$100 sold 75 passes.
- Backlot Dash 2025 & Kid's Color Fun Run took place on August 23.

Year	2023	2024	2025
5K	471	444	391
Kid Color Run	132	132	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>505</b>

### Memberships

Type	2024	2025
Active Members	3,928	4,274

## September Publications Profile

### Winter Program Guides



Currently in production, a 110-page online guide and an abbreviated 24-page Spotlight Guide, which is mailed to 25,000 Skokie homes. Both are available on November 21. The online guide produces more than 3,500 page views per season.

### Winter Skatium Guide



Currently in production, a 16-page guide is produced and mailed to 15,000 homes within 5 miles, the purchased mail list targeting families with children under age 10. The guide is in homes by October 14.

### Winter Prime Times



Currently in production, an 8-page guide is produced and mailed to more than 4,000 Skokie homes with residents over age 60. The guide is in homes by November 21.

### School Year Fun Guide



This small folding 8-page special event guide highlighting the entire school year was mailed to 25,000 Skokie homes, just prior to fall registration.

### Monthly Happenings



The C&M department produces a digital monthly happenings guide, featuring new and unique ways to have fun, including special events, one day classes, workshops, outings and pop-up events.

**Coming next month:** Summer Camp Guide, Spring Program Guide

### District News Highlight



**New stories are posted on the website and sent to local news organizations.**

Sept. 2 — Lee Hansen, manager of the Emily Oaks Nature Center was named one of 31 winners of the 'Force of Nature Award' by the Chicago Wilderness Alliance (CWA), honoring exceptional efforts across a four-state area by individuals, organizations, and projects.

### District E-News



**Sent every Friday to more than 18,000 mostly Skokie emails.**

**National average open rate – 33%**

**SPD average open rate – 57%**

Weekly e-news includes special events, and district news.

This month: Patchwork; Touch-a-Truck; Monarch Migration; History & Tasting Tour; & Skatium, Exploritorium & Weber gym and track renovation updates.

### Local Press



**The district is covered by the Skokie Review, Patch, the Chicago Tribune and The Record North Shore.**

Sept 4 – "Skokie Concert Choir underway" ~ *Skokie Review*

Aug 28 – "Skokie opens time capsule to revisit 2000" ~ *Chicago Tribune*

Aug 21 – "Skokie's Backlot Bash includes bands, 5K" ~ *Skokie Review*

# Projects

- Six new DEI facility “Welcome” signs designed and installed this month
- With IT and CentralParks, developing an SPD app
- Developed a new deluxe publication production schedule for Recreation/Facility/Admin staff



DEI ‘Welcome’ sign at the Skatium Ice Arena

# Websites

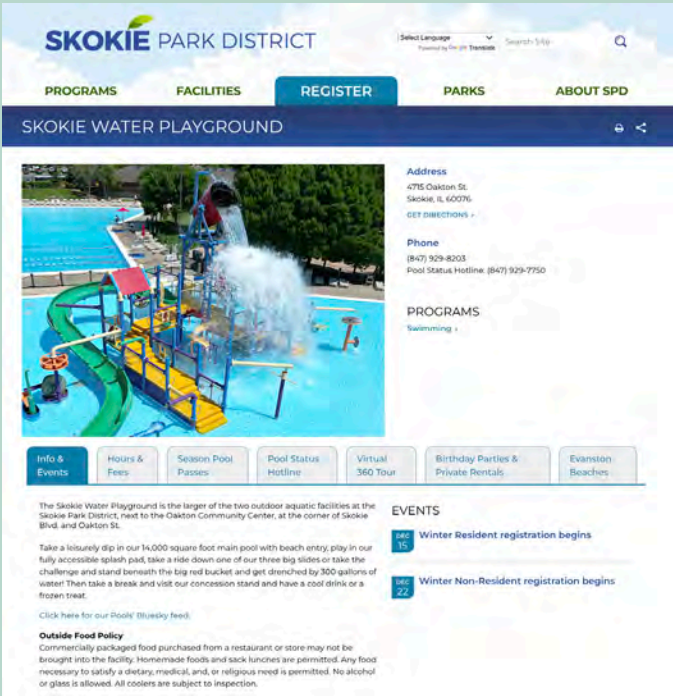
Staff designed, built and maintain six websites, including five major special event sites. Skokieparks.org continues to evolve, most recently adding an enhanced districtwide Birthday Party page.

## Skokieparks.org analytics for August 2025

Active Users – 35,726  
Total Page Views – 109,212  
User Interactions – 205,731

### Top 10 web pages by visits

1. Homepage
2. Skokie Water Playground
3. Skokie Sports Park
4. The Exploritorium
5. Devonshire Aquatic Center
6. Weber Leisure Center
7. Weber Park Golf Course
8. Fitness First health club
9. Skatium Ice Arena
10. Events Calendar



# Facility Digital Advertising

In addition to a select few special event ads run in the Pioneer Press and dozens of Facebook ads, the district runs advertising on three outdoor lighted signs. Two double-sided signs, one at Weber and one at Oakton, and a sign facing the Edens Expressway at Park Services. (This one features major events and revenue facility promo only, as Skokie resident traffic is less than 15% of drive-by viewership.)

The district also places ads on indoor TV lobby monitors at the Skatium, Weber (2), Devonshire, Oakton, and TLC.



## Photos

The social media coordinator is tasked with taking district photos, with help from the entire C&M staff, and with the occasional assistance of a freelance photographer. A few photos from the past month:



*Skokie's Backlot Bash*



*Garden Plots*



*Summer Camp*



*Garden Plots*

## Sponsorship

The sponsorship coordinator is currently working on sponsorships for the end of 2025 and early 2006. She secured more than \$44,000 in sponsorships for Skokie's Backlot Bash, and in this calendar year, thus far, has brought in more than \$100,000, including in-kind donations.

## Social Media — See the following eight pages for the full social media report.

The C&M department does the bulk of its advertising now through Facebook boosts, targeting unique demographics with each post, depending on the program, event or facility/park. The social media coordinator takes photos, makes posts and advertising boosts on Facebook, as well as posts on Instagram, X, and Bluesky. He also shoots and produces videos for the website, social media and staff use.



# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

August 2025





# NOTES & INSIGHTS

## 100+ FOLLOWERS THIS AUGUST ON FB & IG!

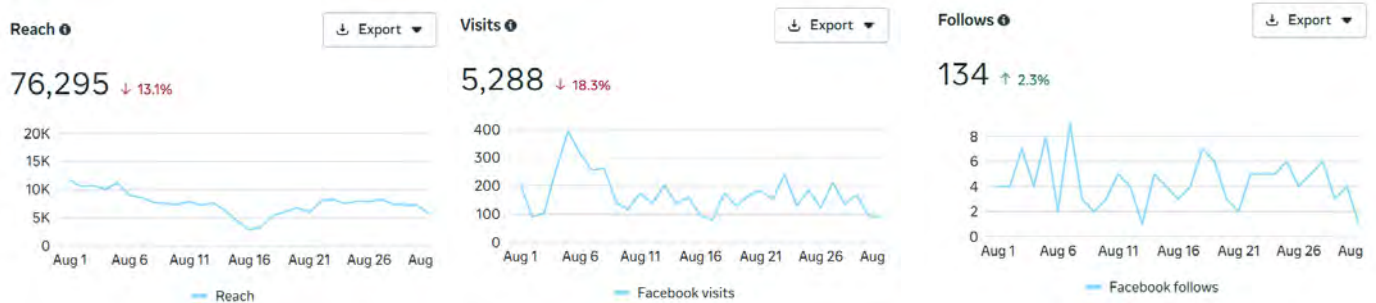
- It's safe to say that gone are the days of under 100 follows a month.
  - Facebook: 134 new follows, 20 unfollows, 9053 total
  - Instagram: 154 new follows, 37 unfollows, 4280 total
- X is up 1 followers. 2170 total followers.
- Bluesky is up 4 followers. 160 total followers.
- BLB FB (7/1–9/4): 316 new follows, 207k reach, 388k views, 4.4k content interactions and 17.8k page visits.
- **Higher Frequency Posts (FB):** Devonshire Theatre Open House (2.62), Devonshire Dance Newsletter (2.47), Free Fitness Fridays (2.43).  
Frequency is how often one unique person saw a post.
- **High Engagement Posts (FB):** Devonshire Theatre Open House (292), Free Fitness Fridays (152), Devonshire Dance Newsletter (107).  
These are the sum of comments, reactions and shares.

# FACEBOOK OVERVIEW

**Facebook Reach** is the number of people who saw any Facebook content from your organic or paid distribution, including posts, stories and ads. It also includes reach from other sources, such as tags, check-ins and Page or profile visits. This number also includes reach from posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

**Instagram Reach** is the number of people who saw any Instagram content from your organic or paid distribution, including posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.

**Page visits** are the number of times our page or profile was visited. Follows are the number of times accounts followed us in the selected time period.



- Our slow-down trend is normal for this season based off last years numbers. We expect our next big peak to be at the tail-end of September, into late October.
- It's no surprise that our boosted posts are getting more engagement and views compared to organic posts, EXCEPT for our Backlot Bash Posts!
- Our numbers continue to rise, even as I compile this data, but our "After Party" and "Thank you, Skokie!" posts are both at 30K+ views, with a combined 785 interactions between the two posts. Our third-place BLB post, "Strangelove Video", has 11k views, 293 interactions, with almost a third of its views coming from Europe (Germany, UK, Poland, France, Italy).
- Goal of photos featured was to paint a picture of what BLB looks like and what Skokie looks like, leaning more into our community.
- This year's BLB featured cover band headliners all three days. Although great musical acts that each have their own gigantic followings, naysayers were the most vocal early on our social posts.
- By switching the focus to our people, we were able to rally our community who had nothing but PRAISE for this well-done & FREE festival in the heart of Chicago's Northshore.



## Top 5

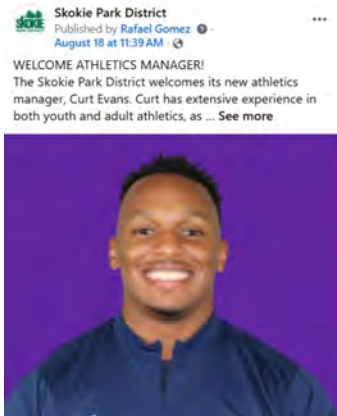
# FACEBOOK POSTS

**Impressions** are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as "views".

**Interactions** are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

**Link clicks** are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

**Reactions** are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Reach: 4,827

Impressions: 7,571

Interactions: 102

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 97

Comments: 4

Shares: 1

Saves: 0



Reach: 4,532

Impressions: 7,796

Interactions: 27

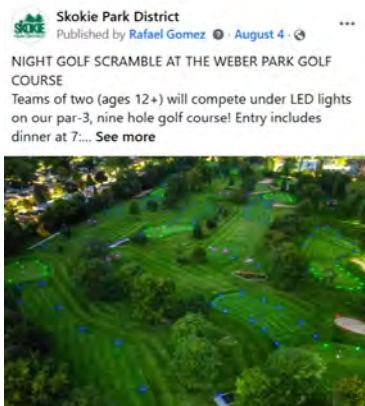
Link Clicks: 10

Reactions: 17

Comments: 6

Shares: 3

Saves: 1



Reach: 3,589

Impressions: 4,989

Interactions: 12

Link Clicks: 21

Reactions: 13

Comments: 3

Shares: 0

Saves: 1



Reach: 3,412

Impressions: 5,296

Interactions: 33

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 31

Comments: 0

Shares: 2

Saves: 0



Reach: 3,173

Impressions: 5,069

Interactions: 32

Link Clicks: 31

Reactions: 21

Comments: 9

Shares: 2

Saves: 0

Top 5

# INSTAGRAM POSTS

**Impressions** are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”.

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skokieparks



skokieparks Mearieta Clemente, from Circus Camp, was the recipient of our \$500 raffle prize, open to all... more

Reach: 1,707

Impressions: 3,853

Interactions: 67

Likes: 53

Comments: 3

Shares: 10

Saves: 1

skokieparks



skokieparks OFFICIAL BACKLOT BASH AFTERPARTIES!... more

Reach: 1,575

Impressions: 3,726

Interactions: 134

Likes: 107

Comments: 8

Shares: 15

Saves: 4

skokieparks  
Skokie's Backlot Bash



skokieparks BRING YOUR APPETITE THIS WEEKEND! Craving tacos? Maybe BBQ? Or even bubble te... more

Reach: 1,303

Impressions: 3,326

Interactions: 70

Likes: 51

Comments: 0

Shares: 16

Saves: 3

skokieparks



skokieparks FLEA MARKET FRENZY IS BACK! Browse hidden treasures and find great prices o... more

Reach: 1,069

Impressions: 2,229

Interactions: 80

Likes: 32

Comments: 0

Shares: 33

Saves: 15

skokieparks  
Skokie's Backlot Bash



skokieparks CARNIVAL FUN AT SKOKIE'S BACKLOT BASH!... more

Reach: 1,061

Impressions: 2,890

Interactions: 71

Likes: 48

Comments: 3

Shares: 15

Saves: 5

Top 5

# BOOSTED POSTS

**Impressions** are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as “views”.

**Interactions** are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

**Link clicks** are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

**Reactions** are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Reach: 19,252

Impressions: 44,301

Interactions: 48

Link Clicks: 577

Reactions: 38

Comments: 2

Shares: 3

Saves: 5



Reach: 8,476

Impressions: 21,180

Interactions: 157

Link Clicks: 197

Reactions: 142

Comments: 2

Shares: 10

Saves: 3



Reach: 7,455

Impressions: 19,515

Interactions: 276

Link Clicks: 123

Reactions: 265

Comments: 1

Shares: 8

Saves: 2



Reach: 6,118

Impressions: 13,447

Interactions: 37

Link Clicks: 621

Reactions: 19

Comments: 2

Shares: 14

Saves: 2



Reach: 5,390

Impressions: 13,412

Interactions: 111

Link Clicks: 16

Reactions: 108

Comments: 0

Shares: 2

Saves: 1

Top 5

# BLB '25 POSTS

**Impressions** are the number of times your content was on screen. Content can include formats like posts, stories, reels, videos and more. Now known as "views".

**Interactions** are the number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted interactions.

**Link clicks** are the number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

**Reactions** are the number of reactions on your post. The reactions button on a post allows people to share different reactions to its content.



Reach: 19,529

Impressions: 32,295

Interactions: 240

Link Clicks: 5

Reactions: 202

Comments: 16

Shares: 21

Saves: 1



Reach: 14,421

Impressions: 29,916

Interactions: 309

Link Clicks: 0

Reactions: 268

Comments: 20

Shares: 17

Saves: 4



Reach: 10,544

Impressions: 11,087

Interactions: 316

Link Clicks: 21

Reactions: 270

Comments: 36

Shares: 10

Saves: 0



Reach: 9,517

Impressions: 12,840

Interactions: 25

Link Clicks: 1

Reactions: 15

Comments: 0

Shares: 10

Saves: 0



Reach: 4,827

Impressions: 9,076

Interactions: 193

Link Clicks: 30

Reactions: 170

Comments: 7

Shares: 11

Saves: 5

**Reach:** Number of unique people who saw your post. Counted Only Once.

**Views:** Number of times your post was seen.

**Views / Reach** = Frequency

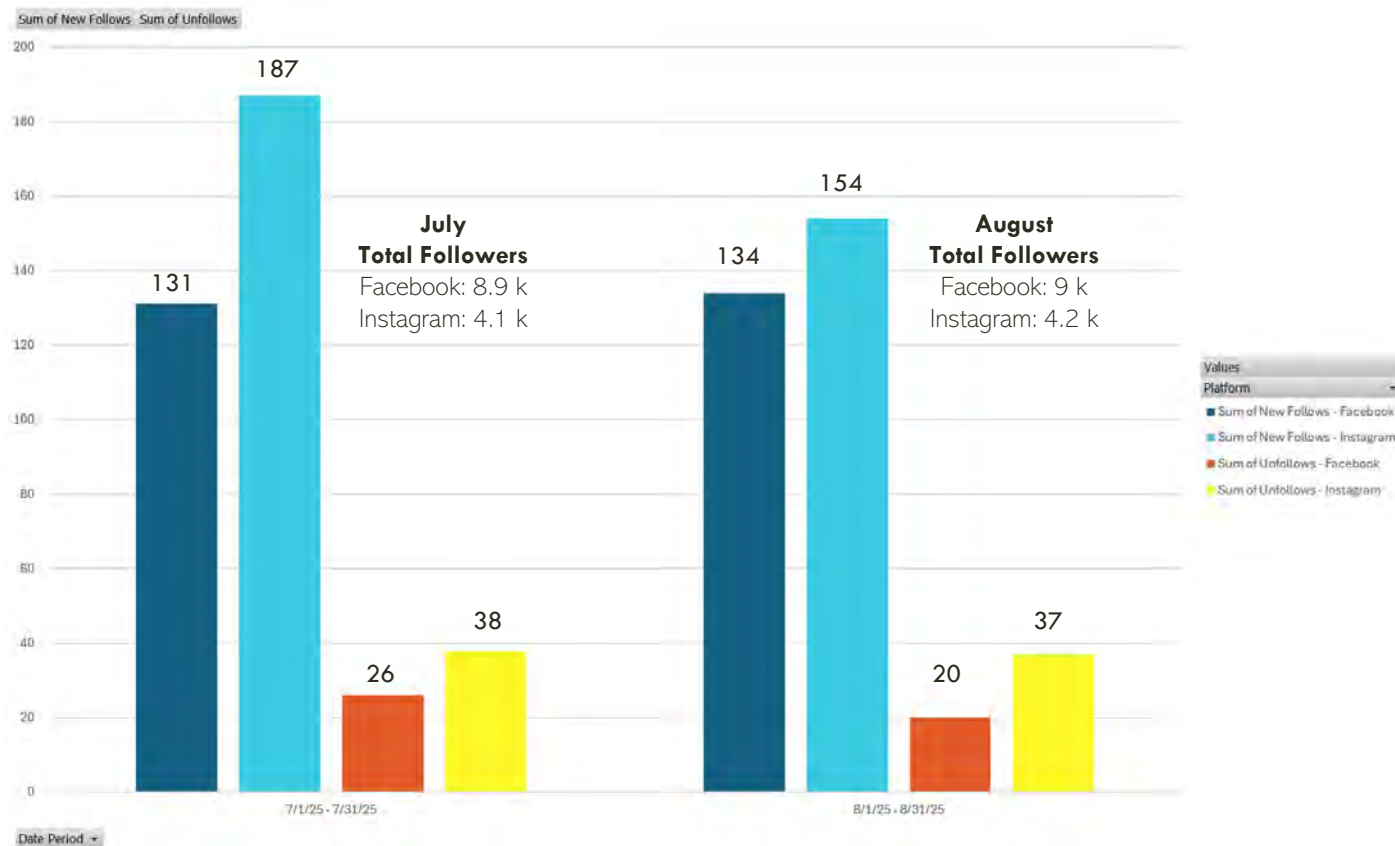
**Frequency:** How often a unique person saw a post.

**Green:** Performing well or exceeds, based on column averages.

# Facebook Reach vs. Impressions

Row Labels	Sum of Views	Sum of Reach	Sum of Reactions, Comments and Shares	Frequency
(blank)	37425	21693	233	1.73
COMPETE IN OUR FALL INDOOR GOLF LEAGUE!The Bunker's Fall Indoor League is back! Players will compete each week on top courses from around the world! Six weeks of play not i	44300	19252	47	2.30
FREE FITNESS FRIDAYS THIS SEPTEMBER!Daily Fitness Passes are free each Friday in September! Try a class or workout at Fitness First. Signed waiver required. Must be over 18 with v	20045	8240	152	2.43
DEVONSHIRE THEATRE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSECheck out a sample class free of charge and see what fun the Devonshire Theatre Academy can be! Visit booths and talk to Private Ac	19509	7435	292	2.62
▲ NOW HIRING: BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARESPACE, Skokie Park District's before and after school care program, is still looking for Program Leaders for the 2025/2026 schoo	13444	6118	39	2.20
DON'T MISS A BEAT!Stay in the loop with Devonshire Dance! Their monthly newsletter features everything you need to know about upcoming classes, performances, registration dead	13016	5272	107	2.47
WELCOME ATHLETICS MANAGER!The Skokie Park District welcomes its new athletics manager, Curt Evans. Curt has extensive experience in both youth and adult athletics, as well as	7570	4827	106	1.57
SKATUM RINKS DOWN!Due to mechanical failure, both Skatium Ice Arena rinks will be down until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience and will post weekly status update	7788	4532	40	1.72
ACTIVE ADULTS: BREAKFAST BINGOCelebrate the beginning of fall with our newest bingo party, Breakfast Bingo. We will have a continental breakfast followed by bingo. For adults 60+	7111	3690	34	1.93
NIGHT GOLF SCRAMBLE AT THE WEBER PARK GOLF COURSETeams of two (ages 12+) will compete under LED lights on our par-3, nine hole golf course! Entry includes dinner at 7:30 p	4989	3589	17	1.39
NOW ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS!Donations are officially open for the Queer Clothing Swap! Drop off clean, gently used or new clothing for preteens through adults at the Wel	5233	3397	47	1.54
LITTLE LEARNERS AT DEVONSHIRE — CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 9!This class will help your child make an easy transition into preschool next year. Includes circle time, stories, music, art j	5030	3140	34	1.60
Your Video	3907	2959	34	1.32
FAVORITE PART OF SUMMER CAMP 2025As Skokie Park District camps come to a close, we asked a few of our campers what their favorite summer camp moments were. Check out sc	5107	2959	50	1.73
○ FUN IN THE SUN AT LARAMIE PARKWe stopped by Laramie Park today to check out Emilia's Corte, our featured story stroll, and were thrilled to see the park buzzing with activity! F	4202	2663	12	1.58
☺ BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR HOT DOGS ☺ What a pleasant afternoon it's shaping up to be at Oakton Park. Come on out! We'll be here providing free veggie, halal or kosher hot dogs, wal	4029	2511	41	1.60
SAFE SITTERS ESSENTIALS — FALL CLASSES AT OAKTONSafe Sitter prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. The c	3924	2335	8	1.68
GLEISS PARK PUBLIC HEARINGAttend the Gleiss Park Public Hearing to provide your input for the playground improvement plan. ☺ Click here to download the agenda: http://bit.ly/4c	3225	2155	14	1.50
EXPLORE YOUR PARK DISTRICT IN SEPTEMBER!If you are looking for new and unique ways to have fun in September, the Skokie Park District offers great one-day events, workshops, or	2848	1763	11	1.62
GIVE US YOUR INPUT ABOUT GLEISS PARK IMPROVEMENTS!Join our staff and board of commissioners as we discuss concepts for improving Gleiss Park. The public hearing will be hel	2156	1288	23	1.67
TOTAL MAGIC WORKSHOPThe ABC's of Magic Workshop is taught by award-winning magician, Mr. Terrance Hunter. Students will learn magic tricks with everyday objects like rubber	1848	1227	13	1.51
ADULT 3V3 CO-REC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT WEBERThis is a team registration-only event with a maximum of five players per team. The tournament will feature round-robin pl	1481	1001	7	1.48
THANKS TO OUR SIGN SPONSORS!So grateful for our truly generous sponsors who supported Skokie's Backlot Bash, including our sign sponsors: Williams Roofing & CG Ink. Please sup	1569	980	28	1.60
SUMMER CONCERT: GINCY & INDUSTRIAL DRIVEJoin us on August 10 for a fantastic night of live music! Start the evening with Gincy at 6 p.m., delivering great tunes for all ages. Then,	1413	947	22	1.49
SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR LYON PARK IMPROVEMENTS!Join our staff and board of commissioners as we discuss concepts for improving Lyon Park. The public hearing will be held Wedn	1304	909	8	1.43
Hope to see you there!	1452	791	20	1.84
NEW SKOKIE STORY STROLL AT LARAMIE PARK!Bring the family to Laramie Park this month and read the children's book, "Emilia's Corte," on display along the park's walking path. Chic	1118	754	5	1.48
SKOKIE STORY STROLL AT LARAMIE PARK!Bring the family to Laramie Park this month and read the children's book, "Emilia's Corte," on display along the park's walking path. Chicago r	1124	728	6	1.54
OAK ST HEALTH AT WEBER!Tomorrow (Tuesday 8/26) Oak St Health will feature free blood pressure screenings in the Weber Leisure Center lobby, 9300 Weber Park Place, Skokie from	1037	704	6	1.47
☺ GET CREATIVE THIS FALL!Registration for fall fine arts classes at the Devonshire Cultural Center opens soon! Check out just some of our featured offerings for kids and adults: PJ P	977	623	0	1.57
YOUTH DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASS!Individual instruction for beginners and advanced students, ages 6-12. Classes will include drawing and painting in all media including charco	952	619	5	1.54
DEVONSHIRE THEATRE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE THIS THURSDAY!Try a free sample class and see what Devonshire Theatre Academy is all about! Visit booths, meet private acting inst	970	615	1	1.59
☺ Resident registration begins next week! Check out your fall guide here: https://www.skokieparks.org/fall25/	822	534	5	1.54
NEW ART INSTALLATION SOON TO BE ON DISPLAY AT SPORTS PARK!This summer, our Art Sparks campers pledged to be Kindness Ambassadors and found a creative way to spread ki	819	515	10	1.59
Resident registration starts tomorrow, Friday, August 15! ☺ Celebrate fall by finding a new program, class or hobby at your Skokie Park District! https://www.skokieparks.org/fall25/	770	474	3	1.62
Non-resident registration starts tomorrow, Friday, August 22! ☺ Celebrate fall by finding a new program, class or hobby at your Skokie Park District! https://www.skokieparks.org/fall	694	456	3	1.52
SCRIPT READING HAPPY HOUR!Tyler Skafgaard leads this month's reading of No Planet B by Lucy Diavello. Enjoy a creative and fun time where drinks and refreshments are for sale. Req	680	441	1	1.54
Skokie Heritage Museum's new exhibit opens tomorrow! Hope to see you there.	290	194	0	1.49
FREE! Touch a Truck at the Oakton Community Center				
Fall Health & Wellness Fair				
Monarch Migration Fun Run				
Flea Market Frenzy				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>234178</b>	<b>122330</b>	<b>1484</b>	
<b>Averages</b>	<b>6162.58</b>	<b>3219.21</b>	<b>39.05</b>	<b>1.69</b>

# Follows vs. Unfollows: June – July





# **Skokie Park District Information Technology Board Report September 2025**



## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **Switch Upgrade**

New network switches have been ordered for Park Services. This is the last set of switches to be implemented across the entire district. Implementation will be completed in the coming 30 days.

### **Server Room**

The final phase of cleaning the server room at Park Services is now underway and is expected to be completed within the next 30 to 60 days.

### **Windows 11**

IT staff will be finalizing the upgrade of all Windows 10 computers to Windows 11 by the end of October 2025.



## Skokie Park District Staff and Community Committee Reports September 2025



<b>Backlot Bash Committee</b> Breanne Labus
The Backlot Bash recap meeting is scheduled for September 23. The dates for Backlot Bash 2026 are August 28-30.
<b>Community Schools Steering Committee</b> Breanne Labus
No report.
<b>DEI Committee</b> Mary Amato
Welcome signs are being installed at all facilities on September 16. This sign installation will complete one of the committee's goals set for the 2025 fiscal year. The next committee meeting is October 1, at 2 p.m.
<b>Environmental Action Team</b> Lee Hansen
No report for the summer season. The EA-Team will kick off meetings again in October.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee</b> Jim Hallm
No report.
<b>Festival of Cultures Committee</b> Aryn Fletcher
No report.
<b>Friends of Fitness First</b> Jennie Bever
No Report.
<b>Juneteenth</b> Mary Amato
No report.
<b>Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation</b> Michelle Tuft
The board met on Tuesday, September 26. Agenda items included a recap of summer camp and inclusion.

<b>Niles Township Youth Coalition</b> Breanne Labus
No report. Meetings will begin again in October for the 25/26 school year.
<b>Safety Committee</b> Amanda Green
The September 9 meeting covered the digital SDS sheet program, safety day planning, and certification management. The next meeting on October 6 will prepare for safety day and review summer incidents and claims.
<b>Skokie Chamber of Commerce</b> Michelle Tuft
No report.
<b>Skokie Pride</b> Cassie Schaeffer
The Skokie Pride Committee will meet on September 16 to review the summer event and finalize plans for the Queer Clothing Swap on October 11 at Devonshire Cultural Center. Clothing donations are being accepted at most facilities until the Friday before the swap.
<b>Skokie's Spring Greening</b> Lee Hansen
The 2026 Skokie's Spring Greening is scheduled for April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Westmoreland lot and the Niles North High School north lot. The planning team will meet in September to discuss the return of several recycling stations to the Niles North High School parking lot.
<b>Staff Appreciation Committee</b> Stephenie Gualano
A staff gathering is scheduled for September 25 at Skokie Sports Park. An additional event is also being planned for 2026.