

**GLENCOE PARK DISTRICT
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 | 7:00pm
Takiff Center**

Consistent with the requirements of the Illinois Compiled Statutes
5 ILCS 120/1 through 120/6 (Open Meetings Act), notices of this meeting were posted.
Location of the meeting is Takiff Center, 999 Green Bay Rd, Glencoe, IL 60022

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Matters from the Public
- IV. Presentation and discussion on Lakefront Park playground and racquet court design concepts and feedback from community meeting
- V. Matters from the Public
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Executive Session
 - a. Land Acquisition - Topic 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- VIII. Adjourn

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Key rules governing participation

All comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and no longer than 30 minutes for all comments.

**IV. Presentation and discussion on Lakefront
Park playground and racquet court design
concepts and feedback from the community
meeting**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Park Commissioners
FROM: Lisa Sheppard, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Lakefront Park Racquet Courts and Playground
DATE: March 23, 2022

On March 22, 2022 we held a community meeting regarding the Lakefront Park racquet courts and playground. Prior to that meeting, we held three focus groups regarding tennis and pickleball courts at Lakefront Park. Attachment A is the meeting summary of the community meeting. Attachment B is Hitchcock Design Group's design presentation which is the same presentation given at the community meeting. The architects will be at the meeting to make the presentation and answer questions.

Racquet Courts

During the community meeting, Hitchcock presented different designs for the courts. Based on Board discussion after the focus groups, the Board eliminated from consideration the six pickleball court option and the three tennis court option. Therefore, at the community meeting, we discussed the options of two pickleball courts/two tennis courts, four pickleball courts/one tennis court options.

Based on program registration and court usage both Tennis and Pickleball are very popular activities for Glencoe residents. Past renovations have shown that newly renovated parks result in increased usage of the park amenities.

So, what is there to consider while making this decision?

1. Is Pickleball just a fad? It doesn't appear to be because:
 - Pickleball is a wonderful alternative for players who used to play tennis, but have physical limitations such as hip, shoulder, knee, or other joint problems.
 - Pickleball rules are similar to ping-pong, it can be easy to learn how to play the game.
 - Pickleball is a social activity.
 - Pickleball is a healthy, great exercise for mind and body. It allows participants to work on balance, agility, reflexes, and hand-eye coordination without putting excessive strain on their body.
 - Pickleball is an activity for every age group.
2. Will adding pickleball cause more traffic and parking concerns?
 - Pickleball is normally played in the cooler times of the day between 9-11 AM and early evenings in the summer. This is when the beach is less busy.
 - If we only had tennis courts, the number of participants could potentially be the same as if we went with two or four pickleball courts.
 - We anticipate increased participation of the courts because of the renovation, regardless if pickleball was added.
3. Pickleball is noisier than tennis. Yes, that is true, pickleball uses a racket/paddle. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net. The ball is much like a wiffle ball with 26-40 round holes.
 - The noise of pickleball would be louder in the park than tennis would be.

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- **Lacey Lawrence**, PLA, LEED-AP, from Hitchcock Design Group, provided information on recent findings from a noise study based on pickleball courts that was funded by the Village of Deerfield and completed by Dr. Thunder, an audiologist that Hitchcock works with frequently for bandshell audio studies. He states that after 100 feet from the source, the decibel level drops significantly. It is important to note that understanding the ambient noise level is key to determining the true impact. Included below are screenshots with measurements from the courts to the adjacent homes. All are beyond 100 feet. *Dr. Thunder replied, "Since the distance is more than 100 feet away, pickleball noise would drop below the ambient noise and not be noticeable".* (pickleball sound study: Attachment C)
- Ms. Lawrence, also provided additional informational links:
<https://crazypickleballlady.com/2021/07/13/the-sound-of-pickleball-a-detailed-explanation-and-what-you-need-to-consider-before-building-courts/>
<https://www.acousticalnoise.com/noise-control/why-are-your-pickleball-courts-receiving-complaints-from-neighbors/>
- There are also measures that can dull the noise, such as panels, noise absorbing screens and dense vegetation.



(214.95ft)



(119.31 ft)



(244.68 ft)

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Playground

At the community meeting, Hitchcock Design Group presented several designs for the playground area to gauge what the community would like in this area. They provided designs with the same footprint as the current playground and designs with an expanded footprint.

We currently only have funds dedicated for designs within the current footprint. If the Board chose to do a larger footprint, I would recommend applying for an OSLAD grant to obtain the funds needed. In order to be considered for an OSLAD grant, we would need to have five recreation amenities. Therefore, I asked them to also provide different recreation amenities that could be added should the Board want to apply for an OSLAD grant. Due to the traditional use of this park for picnics, we went with more low-key recreation amenities such as bocce, cornhole, checker tables, etc.

The architects also presented outdoor music instruments in the design. The Board should consider if this playground amenity fits into the surrounding area. Below is a link to YouTube for Freenotes Harmony Park with audio samples of their outdoor music instruments and a link to their webpage.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FreenotesHarmonyPark/videos>

<https://www.freenotesharmoniypark.com/products/instruments/>

Survey

Hitchcock Design provided a survey after the meeting to solicit preferences and comments in regards to the designs. This was presented to anyone who attended the meeting and also advertised on our social media outlets. The Lakefront Park survey and the responses can be found in the meeting summary. (Attachment A: Appendix A & B)

In addition, we compiled emails received on this subject to be found in Appendix C within Attachment A.

Board Meeting

The Board will have the opportunity to hear the presentation and ask any questions about the designs on Tuesday night. Lacey Lawrence and Steve Konters from Hitchcock Design Group will be on hand to present the designs and answer the Board of Park Commissioner's questions. There will be time at the end of the meeting during Matters from the Public, for the community members to give a maximum three-minute statement. The community was able to ask questions and give comments freely at the Lakefront Community meeting. This is now the opportunity for the Board to do so.

If the Board is compelled to do so, they may direct staff to do further "noise testing", make comments on the playground designs and direct staff if they would like to consider this for a potential OSLAD grant.



Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022
 Time: 7:00 PM
 Location: Glencoe Park District
 999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, IL 60022
 From: Lacey Lawrence, Hitchcock Design Group (HDG)
 RE: Lakefront Park

Purpose of Meeting: Community Open House

Community Input Summary

The community open house was available for attendees in person at the Park District and virtually via a live video stream on the Park District's Facebook page.

Hitchcock Design Group (HDG) prepared a short presentation summarizing the existing conditions at Lakefront Park and briefly described the two master plan concepts. Concept A contains a smaller playground footprint similar to the existing space with new artificial turf play surfacing, concrete perimeter curb, and seating. Concept B contains a larger playground footprint that expands SE into the park also with new artificial turf, perimeter curb, and a variety of seating options. Both concepts include renovation of the existing tennis courts to provide a combination of tennis and pickleball with new asphalt surfacing and fencing, all within the existing footprint of the current courts. Additional site furnishings were also proposed including new bike racks, drinking fountain, benches, and portable restroom enclosure. HDG noted, the intent is the Park District would only consider pursuing Concept B if additional grant funding could be secured. Without additional grant funding, only Concept A would be considered. HDG also reviewed options for playground equipment, tennis/pickleball configurations, and potential new recreation amenities that could be added to the park if a grant is awarded.

Attendees in person were provided comment cards and asked to provide their feedback on both master plan concepts, rank playground equipment options, select their preferred tennis/pickleball option, and were given the opportunity to rank additional park features they would like to see added at Lakefront Park, or to select the option no additional park features. Attendees of the virtual video stream were provided a link to the online survey containing the same questions as the comment cards to provide their feedback. The online survey remained open following the community open house, accessible via a link on the Park District website, for a duration of two weeks.

A total of 91 responses were received from the online survey and 5 comment cards collected from in person attendees at the community open house. The following tables and narrative included below summarize the respondent feedback. The Park District also facilitated multiple focus groups relating to the proposed tennis and pickleball courts and received several email comments from members of the public who could not attend the community meeting or focus groups, a summary of their feedback is included as an appendix to this memo.

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Question 1: Please provide your feedback on Concept A
 Answered: 57 / Skipped: 39

The following list summarizes the recurring comments received for Concept A:

1. Do not add pickleball courts to Lakefront Park (8)
2. Pickleball courts are too close to the residential homes and could be a noise concern (7)
3. Prefer two tennis courts and two pickleball courts (7)
4. Locate pickleball courts on the east side of the tennis courts (4)
5. Prefer the smaller playground footprint (4)
6. Preserve the quiet nature of the park (3)
7. Add more manicured plantings and open green space (2)



Question 2: Please provide your feedback on Concept B.
 Answered: 69 / Skipped: 27

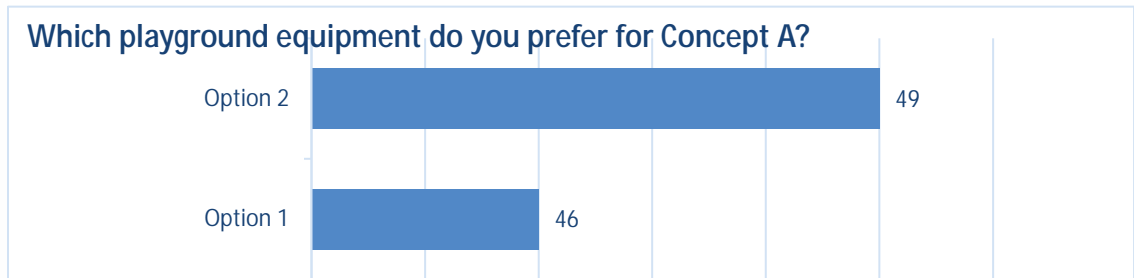
The following list summarizes recurring comments received for Concept B:

1. Prefer four pickleball courts and one tennis court (13)
2. Prefer the expanded playground footprint (7)
3. Plant tunnels would be a unique feature for this park (2)
4. Add more swing benches (2)



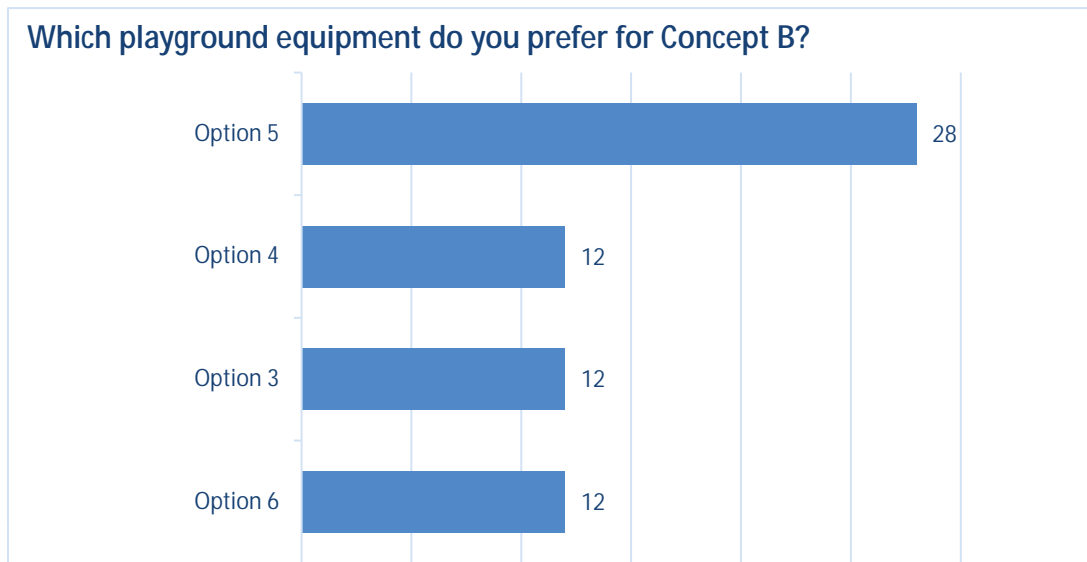


Question 3: Please rank the following playground equipment options for Concept A in order of preference. 1 = most preferred / 2 = least preferred
 Answered: 76 / Skipped: 20





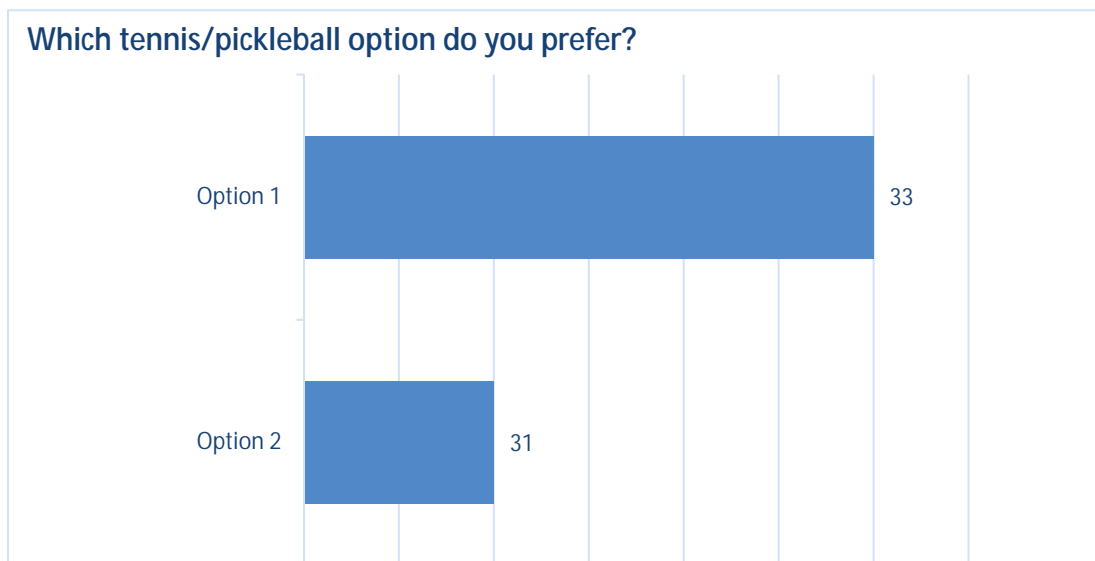
Question 4: Please rank the following playground equipment options for Concept B in order of preference. 1 = most preferred / 4 = least preferred
Answered: 65 / Skipped: 22





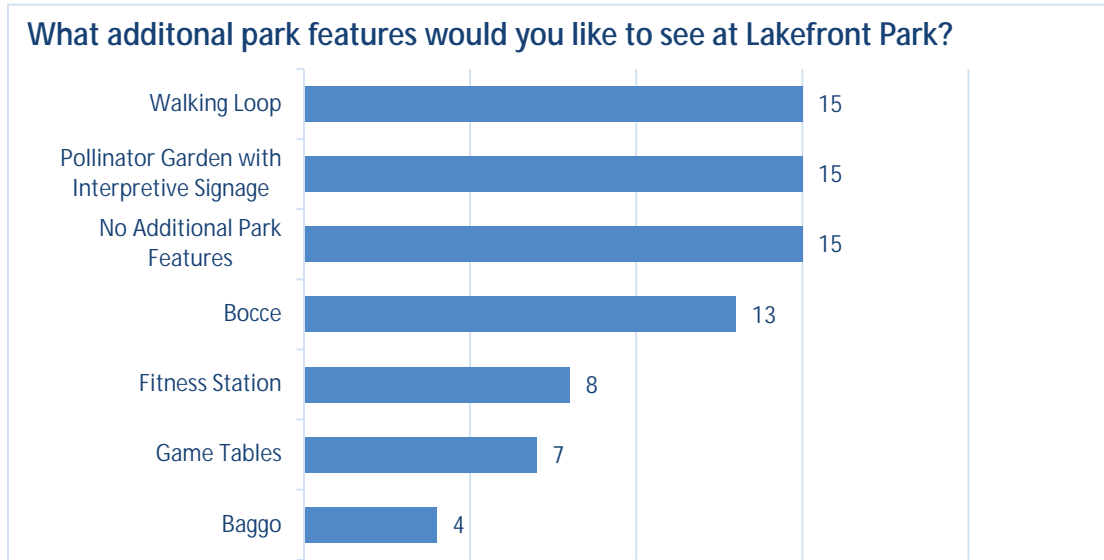


Question 5: Which of the following tennis/pickleball court options do you prefer?
Answered: 69 / Skipped: 27





Question 6: Please rank the following additional park features in order of preference that you would like to see at Lakefront Park. 1 = most preferred / 7 = least preferred
 Answered: 77 / Skipped: 19



Additional write in options include:

1. Naturalized gardens (3)
2. More swing benches (3)
3. Water play feature in the playground (2)
4. Picnic tables (2)
5. Drinking fountain
6. Additional benches
7. Zipline in the playground
8. Gazebo/picnic shelter
9. Restrooms
10. Small performance stage
11. Merry go round
12. Parking
13. Chess board

Appendix A:
Online Survey Results

Q1 Please provide your feedback on Concept A (below).

Answered: 57 Skipped: 34

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Prefer Too many pickle courts on Concept B Noise concern	3/7/2022 2:37 PM
2	Pickle ball courts too close to residential	3/7/2022 8:43 AM
3	Pickle ball too close to residents. Noise complaint	3/6/2022 10:56 PM
4	The pickleball courts should always be on the east side of the tennis courts to reduce noise to the surrounding homes.	3/6/2022 10:03 PM
5	I would request that the pickle ball courts be on the east side of the tennis courts, closer to the lake. No matter what ratio of tennis courts to pickle ball courts there are, they should always be closer to the lake and further away from the homes.	3/6/2022 9:53 PM
6	Concept A places pickle ball courts too close to homes across from park. Reports of decibel levels up to 70 db from this sport have been reported. Sound travels up from the beach not down so placing the courts on the other side will not bother beach patrons (who are usually there only for a few hours a few days a year) They do not live there!! Flip the pickle ball courts to the other side - please!!	3/6/2022 9:40 PM
7	Thanks for the chance to give input. I am not in favor of either option or even the direction of these approaches, which focus on adding pickle ball courts (crowding them into the existing tennis court area) and increasing the size of the playground to change it from a tot park into a bigger playground, of which we have more than enough already. Furthermore, I am not in favor of adding any elements to this park other than possibly one swinging bench like there is at Kalk Park. This is a quiet park and should remain that way. It also shouldn't compete with the lake itself and the beach. This park serves as a transition space between the Village residential area and the beach. It includes the overlook which is extremely special. These options show a lack of understanding of the purpose and value of this park — out of context they look ok, but in this location they represent a chance for the Glencoe Park District to really mess things up permanently for our town. As a resident, the loss of this park as a quiet, contemplative space would be unfortunate. It would detract from my enjoyment of the Village on a daily basis. I don't know why this is even being considered. I know focus groups want pickle ball but that isn't a reason to add it in this park.	3/6/2022 10:58 AM
8	Concept A is much more preferable to other concepts. The playground should keeps its current footprint. Two tennis and two pickle ball are good. The location of the porta potty is disgusting whether enclosed or not. We walk the lakefront daily and to walk by it or have it in our line of site of our beautiful lakefront is offensive we see no reason for a porta potty when there are facilities at the beach.	3/5/2022 12:06 PM
9	Looks like the right choice.	3/4/2022 10:01 AM
10	Concept A is my choice because it does not increase the footprint of the courts or the playground.	3/4/2022 9:49 AM
11	Our beautiful Lakefront Park is in my view meant to be enjoyed as a quiet park on its own and also as a transition to our beach and Lake Michigan. I am opposed to both Concept A and B. I feel that combining pickle ball with tennis is a mistake. Neither activity will benefit from the combined design. I think pickle ball should not be added to Lakefront Park. But obviously if you do it, then the fewer pickleball courts the better. I think the chain link fences (4 feet high) sound terrible. Why not put pickle ball in another park rather than here?	3/4/2022 8:13 AM
12	I have given a great deal of thought to the presentation given on February 22 and am glad to have this chance to give my feedback. I am a walker in Glencoe, walking the trails and sidewalks and generally covering a lot of the Village on foot, which I do for enjoyment and to get exercise. My husband and I also raised three children here. We loved the playgrounds and frequented them but that was only for a short time before they outgrew them. Of course it's nice to see children playing on playgrounds and I support keeping them updated and looking	3/2/2022 1:15 PM

nice. That said, it's plain to see that we have a lot of playgrounds that aren't used much. Phil Thomas Memorial Playground really comes to mind as an example of a lovely underutilized facility. I just wonder why we would want to expand the playground at Lakefront Park given that we don't need more playgrounds and that it will cause parking congestion, and take space away from beach goers? I also believe that expanding this playground is in conflict with the nature of the Lakefront Park — a quiet, natural space overlooking Glencoe's beautiful beach. I love the playground that is there and if asked to vote, wouldn't change one thing about it. Next — tennis and pickle ball. I don't know if the two are ever combined but from what I have been able to glean, it doesn't seem like a good idea to crowd these two activities together. The barriers that would be necessary, which feel forced, seem like a recipe for disaster. Even comments from pickle ball users indicated that what was shown wasn't going to work. Why not put pickle ball elsewhere?

13	Appreciate two tennis courts. Can always set up the tennis courts with a moving pickle ball net like at Watts	3/2/2022 11:02 AM
14	tennis courts are currently in very bad shape, glad to see plan to renovate. we enjoy having the bench swing with a view of both the water and park so that we can watch young kids while appreciating the view. would like to see elements of Concept B integrated here - mostly the expanded playground area (parts G/L/I/R below). would be great to have multiple swinging benches as they are a great fit at this location.	3/2/2022 10:51 AM
15	What a great idea to get some community feedback on the proposed renovation of Lakefront Park. Since the February 22nd presentation, I have spent a great deal of time studying these options. I have also walked around Lakefront Park, which I do almost daily anyway. Additionally, I have read through the materials I found on the GPD website including your Master Plan and I have read The Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group Report, which I was lucky enough to get a copy of. Sunday, while I was walking on the asphalt path from Hazel Avenue to Park Avenue, I saw the Park District sign that read, "Beware of nesting birds" and I thought, wouldn't so much development of this park disturb the wildlife? When I got to the playground I saw a little boy being lifted onto a swing by his mother. It was quiet and lovely. A stark contrast to so many of the bigger playgrounds nearby. Playgrounds of different sizes make a lot of sense because not all children are happy being around large groups and lots of activity. I would really like to simply pick Option A or B but neither option feels right. I am worried that GPD is moving in the wrong direction on this. I hope that enough residents feel as I do to give you a reason to rethink things. Bigger is not always better. More development and manmade additions to our precious land is a step in the wrong direction. How about keeping the tot playground exactly as it is and resurfacing the existing tennis courts rather than reconfiguring them to add pickleball? You can look for another location for the pickleball courts. I also want to call your attention to a recent article about pickleball that was in The Record Northshore. It discusses neighbors reaction to pickleball in Wilmette. Here is the link: https://www.therecordnorthshore.org/2022/01/07/whats-that-racket-neighbors-question-park-districts-plan-to-expand-paddle-tennis-pickleball-offerings/ I think we can learn from what residents in Wilmette had to say.	3/1/2022 10:47 AM
16	As a parent of a glencoe teen who is a serious tennis player we find it hard to find a court not taken by camp/classes over the summer. We vote for concept A with exclusive resident social use (no class/camp)	2/28/2022 2:22 PM
17	I like concept A because it allows for an even split of tennis and pickleball courts.	2/27/2022 8:04 PM
18	I prefer Concept A over Concept B. Pickleball courts are loud and will draw crowds to the park. This recent fad may also fade over time!	2/27/2022 7:11 PM
19	Too many tennis courts when so many other exist in Glencoe parks/schools and private clubs. Too few dedicated pickle ball courts and small play area.	2/27/2022 6:48 PM
20	Not acceptable. Do not want a noisy pickleball court in Lakefront Park	2/27/2022 3:31 PM
21	Thank you for the wonderful presentation on Tuesday, February 22nd, and for this opportunity to give feedback on Glencoe's Lakefront Park. I appreciate that a lot of thought has gone into this and that focus groups want pickle ball in Glencoe, however I am not in favor of pickle ball or an enlarged playground in this location. Pickle ball is noisy and court layouts dense. Its presence will negatively impact this park. Better than trying to have a combination of pickle ball and tennis, I believe that the current tennis courts should simply be resurfaced and left in their current configuration. I am also opposed to the expansion of the playground. The nature of this park is passive and meditative so a bigger playground doesn't feel like the right	2/27/2022 10:45 AM

direction here. Besides, we have plenty of fine playgrounds nearby, including Duke Park, Friend's Park, and also the playground on the beach. I believe that this playground should remain a very small, low-key playground like we have in this location now. I even think that for families going to the beach having a competing playground on the Lakefront bluff will be confusing.

22	I'm a pickle ball player and I like option a better because pickle ball uses wiffleball's, they're very lightweight and being next to the lake is not advantageous or fun to play pickle ball. It's pretty much the last place I would choose to go because the wind will make playing much more challenging. So if you're going to do a pickle ball court just do two verses 4 So that the tennis courts can be used. And the tennis courts are always full at lakefront park. Not sure it's even necessary to do pickle ball courts there?	2/26/2022 1:13 PM
23	Looks good but I prefer B	2/26/2022 9:31 AM
24	Looks great	2/25/2022 6:32 AM
25	2 pickleball courts is not nearly enough to support the community.	2/25/2022 6:20 AM
26	I prefer to keep 2 tennis court	2/25/2022 5:41 AM
27	looks like the best use of space.	2/24/2022 3:43 PM
28	Would like more PB courts like concept B	2/24/2022 1:37 PM
29	Keep open space as much as possible . We don't need clutter , especially with COVID and we don't know what the future holds . Keep plan A	2/24/2022 12:48 PM
30	The lakefront park is a treasure that is diminished by the courts. I would prefer that the courts be removed and wildflowers planted.	2/24/2022 11:25 AM
31	Not optimal for either tennis or pickel ball. Park still very small	2/24/2022 9:47 AM
32	Keep 2 tennis courts only.No additional courts.	2/24/2022 9:31 AM
33	Prefer Concept A since it has 2 tennis courts	2/24/2022 9:15 AM
34	More well manicured natural green space please	2/24/2022 6:15 AM
35	Looks nice! I appreciate the toilets. The kids will appreciate the updated play structure and the swings are always a hit!	2/23/2022 11:21 PM
36	Current play space isn't big enough	2/23/2022 8:38 PM
37	Please do not get grant money to upgrade the park. It will require more structures than our community wants to have at the beach front. Option A is perfectly fine. Pickle ball should be somewhere else. Not the beach front.	2/23/2022 7:49 PM
38	Two Pickleball courts is not enough to really capitalized on the social aspect of the sport. This is especially if the park district would organize specific days for a drop in social play.	2/23/2022 7:43 PM
39	Looks good, but switch the pickleball and tennis courts. Pickleball next to playground.	2/23/2022 7:33 PM
40	Ok	2/23/2022 7:00 PM
41	Not worth only having 2 Pickleball courts. It will be overcrowded. Glencoe has lots of tennis courts that are usually empty. Should be dedicated Pickleball if not at the lakefront then another park	2/23/2022 6:43 PM
42	I like A better than B. There seem to be more opportunity for tennis than pickle ball. It seems that young children, teens, and adults play tennis on the courts. However, pickelball does not really have children and teen play. Therefore, concept A provides the most opportunity for all to play. Pickelball does not seem popular with teens and children.	2/23/2022 5:57 PM
43	I personally like having 2 tennis courts. 1 is just not enough.	2/23/2022 5:13 PM
44	I like the smaller playground area... But think there should be four pickle ball courts and one tennis court	2/23/2022 4:40 PM
45	Preferable to B	2/23/2022 3:48 PM
46	See notes at end	2/23/2022 3:37 PM

47	Placing pickleball courts makes sense if the park district is interested in promoting social play among residents. The additional tennis courts are redundant; I play tennis in the summer and mostly play next to empty courts.	2/23/2022 2:21 PM
48	I would suggest adding more than two swings	2/23/2022 1:30 PM
49	Better than nothing but 2 courts will not satisfy the pickle usage. There are so many other places to play tennis.	2/23/2022 1:06 PM
50	While I'm sure it is much easier to maintain, I would strongly prefer to not have artificial turf at the Lakefront Park. Understand its use and need elsewhere but this location deserves to be more natural in its design. Also, as a parent of small kids, if we are going to that park, it is for the beach. Very limited use park.	2/23/2022 11:52 AM
51	I would be happy with this option, because of the newer park + pickleball addition.	2/23/2022 11:47 AM
52	I don't like either of these two ideas. Why does the park district have to just build out all of our park space. This is ridiculous.	2/23/2022 11:13 AM
53	Do Concept A and do not apply for the grant.	2/23/2022 9:56 AM
54	I like the layout of the tennis courts/pickle ball courts	2/23/2022 9:01 AM
55	Concept B is preferable. See notes there	2/23/2022 7:07 AM
56	Inadequate pickle ball courts. In addition, the expansion of the playground area will be an improvement to the area.	2/22/2022 7:50 PM
57	Not enough pickle ball courts	2/22/2022 7:28 PM

Q2 Please provide your feedback on Concept B (below).

Answered: 69 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I prefer concept B over A	3/7/2022 3:04 PM
2	Better layout but perhaps too many pickle ball courts	3/7/2022 8:43 AM
3	I like B	3/6/2022 10:56 PM
4	I prefer concept b	3/6/2022 10:36 PM
5	I like the bigger playground area	3/6/2022 10:03 PM
6	I like the larger playground area. The existing park there could use an update and more children would be able to use the park simultaneously with more options.	3/6/2022 9:53 PM
7	Definitely better than A. I like 2 tennis courts better (I ply both sports)	3/6/2022 9:40 PM
8	Not in favor. Playground should not take green space and porta potty is not acceptable.	3/5/2022 12:06 PM
9	Opposed.	3/4/2022 10:01 AM
10	I am not in favor of Concept B because it would increase the footprint of the playground, and it involves getting a grant that requires further changes to the park. Leav the rest of the park as it is.	3/4/2022 9:49 AM
11	I oppose to both concepts. In addition to not wanting pickleball combined with tennis courts, I do not believe that the playground should be enlarged at all. We have plenty of playgrounds in Glencoe. Furthermore, any additional traffic to this park, caused by a larger playground or more courts will only detract from our enjoyment of the beach.	3/4/2022 8:13 AM
12	I am opposed to both Concept A and Concept B. B is worse than A. But both are completely wrong for this park. If anything I would resurface the existing tennis courts and that would be all that we need to do here. Sometimes less is more and this is one of those times.	3/2/2022 1:15 PM
13	Tennis courts can be converted to pickle ball but not vice versa	3/2/2022 11:02 AM
14	1 tennis court would be a mistake, it would not be realistic to plan playing here as wait could be hours. 2 tennis + 2 pickleball courts is more appropriate. pickleball is popular at the moment but the trend may pass. like the larger play area here as there is plenty of open space at the park already.	3/2/2022 10:51 AM
15	I'm opposed to both concept A and concept B.	3/1/2022 10:47 AM
16	I prefer A over B, regardless of whether the Park District gets grant funding for several reasons: (1) less paving and more natural space; (2) because Pickleball is louder than tennis, 2 pickleball courts are plenty in this location; and (3) the playground renderings look like better play space, even though smaller	2/28/2022 5:12 PM
17	This option is much better as it will fulfill the growing demand of Pickleball courts in the community, while still keeping option to plan Tennis in the Lakefront park.	2/28/2022 11:44 AM
18	Prefer 4 pickle ball courts	2/28/2022 6:44 AM
19	Yes, more Pickleballll courts needed.	2/28/2022 6:43 AM
20	I don't like concept B because there is only one tennis courts	2/27/2022 8:04 PM
21	I don't like Concept B as pickle ball courts are very loud and will draw large crowds to this peaceful and beautiful park. I love playing tennis at this park over the summer, lets keep it that way!	2/27/2022 7:11 PM
22	Love the expanded play area and 4 dedicated pickle ball courts seem appropriate given the lack of them in Glencoe and the more inclusive nature of that sports for all ages.	2/27/2022 6:48 PM

23	Not acceptable. Do not want noisy pickleball court in Lakefront Park.	2/27/2022 3:31 PM
24	Concept B is even more objectionable to me than Concept A. I believe that The Glencoe Beach and Lakefront Advisory Group report (10/22/2012), which was adopted by the GPD, should be adhered to. If focus groups want pickle ball, that's fine, but don't put such courts here. Why not take a step back, look at all of the possible locations, and pick a more active place for them such as Central School? The pickle ball can wait. Also, based on the feedback we heard at the meeting, what is being proposed wouldn't actually work well here anyway. Regarding the rest of your questions, I am not in favor of expanding the playground at all. I don't want features. I don't want the GPD to go after grant money. Furthermore, I don't want anything that will necessitate a porta potty in Lakefront Park. Nor do I want you to do anything that will result in the need for more parking or more man made materials at Lakefront Park. Please let families come to this park, easily park their cars, and transition from a quiet, beautiful open park with a small, low-key playground, to spend time at Schuman Overlook or at the beach.	2/27/2022 10:45 AM
25	We much prefer to have an expanded playground space as concept B (when compared to Concept A). Also the additional pickle ball courts. We would like to stress that the playground include items for ALL age groups. The new Duke playground is focused on 5yrs and under, so older siblings do not have as many activities there to utilize (for example, there are no belt swings and the only marked apparatus for over 5yr old is the climbing rope). It would be great to have a playground for all ages, especially one adjacent to the beach which is usually utilized by entire families.	2/27/2022 7:09 AM
26	The plant tunnels a would be so great and different from options at other parks.	2/26/2022 8:10 PM
27	What I like about concept B is the larger playground area. My kids are past playground stage but this seems to create a larger space because right now the playground is very small, my kids grew up going to it but it was always so tiny. It's such a huge park I think you can afford to lose some space.	2/26/2022 1:13 PM
28	Love concept B! We have a ton of tennis courts, so pickle would be a great addition to glencoe	2/26/2022 12:33 PM
29	I like this and think if we are going to bother to renovate let's go all the way and build in as many features as possible.	2/26/2022 9:31 AM
30	This	2/25/2022 12:13 PM
31	Looks great	2/25/2022 6:32 AM
32	This option makes much more sense. You need a minimum of 4 pickleball courts to accommodate the demand for play.	2/25/2022 6:20 AM
33	Not enough tennis courts. concept a seems to be best of both needs.	2/24/2022 3:43 PM
34	Personally don't like the wide open side on the east side. Wind blowing off the lake would potentially be an issue.	2/24/2022 1:37 PM
35	No pickle ball . The courts are used for tennis players . There are not enough pickle ball players to warrant taking the space away from tennis players who are the majority	2/24/2022 12:48 PM
36	prefer this	2/24/2022 9:47 AM
37	Love	2/24/2022 9:41 AM
38	Keep 2 tennis courts only.No additional courts.	2/24/2022 9:31 AM
39	Pickle Ball courts make a lot of noise. I think these courts could be added elsewhere- park at Old Green Bay for example. Also do not need added playground equipment/space here	2/24/2022 8:05 AM
40	The courts in Concept B may be distributed inefficiently, 4 pickleball courts and 1 tennis court seems unbalanced with the demand. Did the village did a rigorous analysis of the demand for pickleball courts to justify these many? How many courts are expected to be uses at the same time on average? Is this a long term trend? Just notice, for example, that Northwestern University has no pickleball courts at all in its athletic facility, which implies that its popularity may be limited. How many pickleball courts are there in Chicago per capita?	2/24/2022 7:10 AM
41	More well manicured natural green space please	2/24/2022 6:15 AM
42	WOW! This looks really nice. I especially like the bench overlooking the water. Not sure what	2/23/2022 11:21 PM

	tree tunnels are but that sounds cool. I love the expanded version!	
43	Preferred!	2/23/2022 9:26 PM
44	Love the idea of larger play space for the kids.	2/23/2022 8:38 PM
45	Concept B is ridiculous use f our beach front property. NO.	2/23/2022 7:49 PM
46	Like the 4 Pickleball concept better.	2/23/2022 7:43 PM
47	Not necessary.	2/23/2022 7:33 PM
48	I like this one, more flow.	2/23/2022 7:24 PM
49	NO! This is larger and would require even further changes in the park so as to qualify for the grant. OPPOSED.	2/23/2022 7:00 PM
50	Should not have 1 tennis court make it all Pickleball more than enough tennis courts in Glencoe	2/23/2022 6:43 PM
51	No, too many pickelball courts.	2/23/2022 5:57 PM
52	Not enough tennis courts. Add more benches around playground so parents can sit while watching kids play.	2/23/2022 5:13 PM
53	I like the four pickle ball courts/one tennis court... But think there should be a smaller playground area	2/23/2022 4:40 PM
54	I like the bigger playgrouynd design but keeping 2 tennis cts and 2 pickleball cts	2/23/2022 4:23 PM
55	Doesn't feel like we need to expand the footprint of the playground and in particular why do we need to add more artificial turf to a wonderful green space.	2/23/2022 3:48 PM
56	See notes at end	2/23/2022 3:37 PM
57	The more PB courts, the merrier	2/23/2022 2:21 PM
58	I would suggest adding more that two swings	2/23/2022 1:30 PM
59	This concept is more desirable than concept A. Pickleball is very Popular and the 4 courts will get heavy use. There are plenty of tennis courts other places, way more than 4 total.	2/23/2022 1:06 PM
60	With all of the tennis courts in town, I like the idea of adding 4 pickleball courts here. This design is preferable	2/23/2022 12:58 PM
61	While I'm sure it is much easier to maintain, I would strongly prefer to not have artifical turf at the Lakefront Park. Understand its use and need elsewhere but this location deserves to be more natural in its design. Regarding the tennis courts, this location is very windy for tennis. If more tennis courts are needed in the area, would think better used elsewhere in the town.	2/23/2022 11:52 AM
62	I think this option might be slightly better b/c of additional pickleball courts and moving pickleball closer to the park section.	2/23/2022 11:47 AM
63	see above	2/23/2022 11:13 AM
64	Looks great	2/23/2022 10:45 AM
65	Don't pursue Concept B	2/23/2022 9:56 AM
66	I prefer the design of the play area in concept B. Concept A's court design with Concept B's play design	2/23/2022 9:01 AM
67	4 or 6 pickleball courts is preferable for several reasons: 1. Several pickleball courts allows for a social environment that will draw a number of players in a "rack up" system to just show up and play. I have witnessed this in other areas around the country. 2 courts do not do this. 2. Making it a draw for pickleball will allow for league play and lessons, Borge able to bring more revenue to GPD 3. 4 or 6 courts will allow for there to be a challenge court for more skilled players, benefiting both skilled and less skilled players	2/23/2022 7:07 AM
68	This should be the minimum amount of pickle ball courts. Pickleball now has over 4 million players in the United States and continues to grow.	2/22/2022 7:50 PM
69	Better number of pickleball courts	2/22/2022 7:28 PM

Q3 Look at the playground renderings below. Please rank the following in order of preference. 1 = most preferred 2 = least preferred

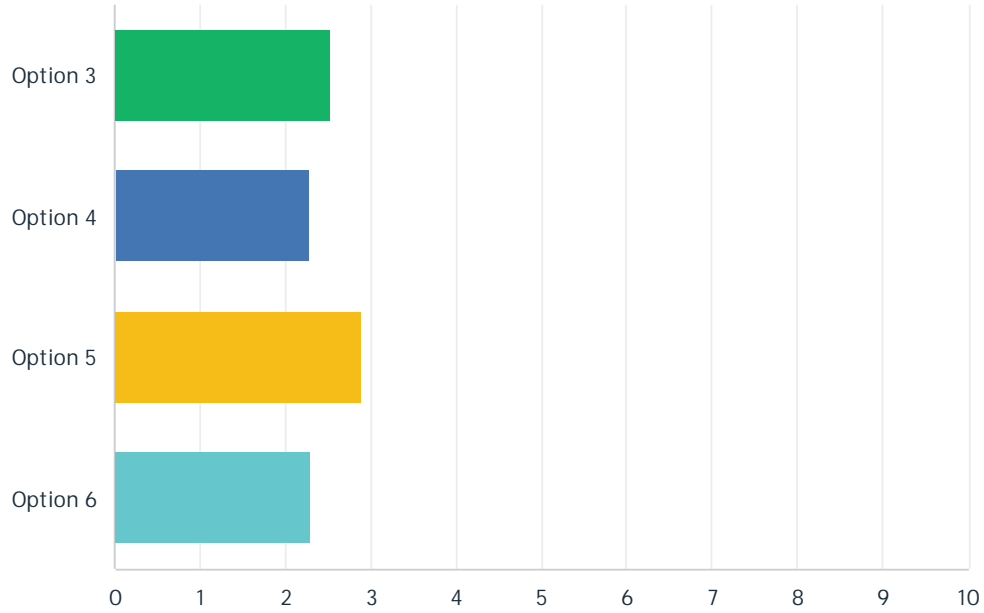
Answered: 74 Skipped: 17



	1	2	TOTAL	SCORE
Option 1	33.33% 23	66.67% 46	69	1.33
Option 2	66.20% 47	33.80% 24	71	1.66

Q4 Look at the playground renderings below. Please rank the following in order of preference. 1 = most preferred 4 = least preferred

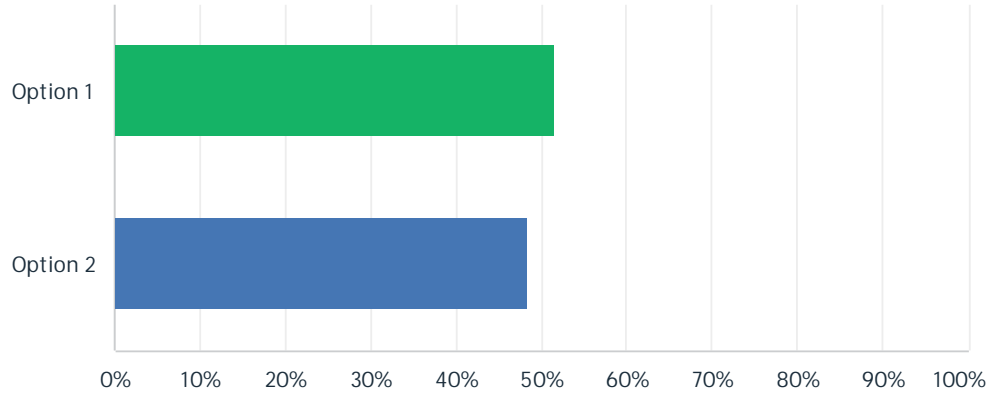
Answered: 62 Skipped: 29



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Option 3	19.67% 12	34.43% 21	26.23% 16	19.67% 12	61	2.54
Option 4	19.67% 12	18.03% 11	32.79% 20	29.51% 18	61	2.28
Option 5	44.26% 27	21.31% 13	14.75% 9	19.67% 12	61	2.90
Option 6	16.95% 10	27.12% 16	25.42% 15	30.51% 18	59	2.31

Q5 Which of the following do you prefer?The images are shown larger below.

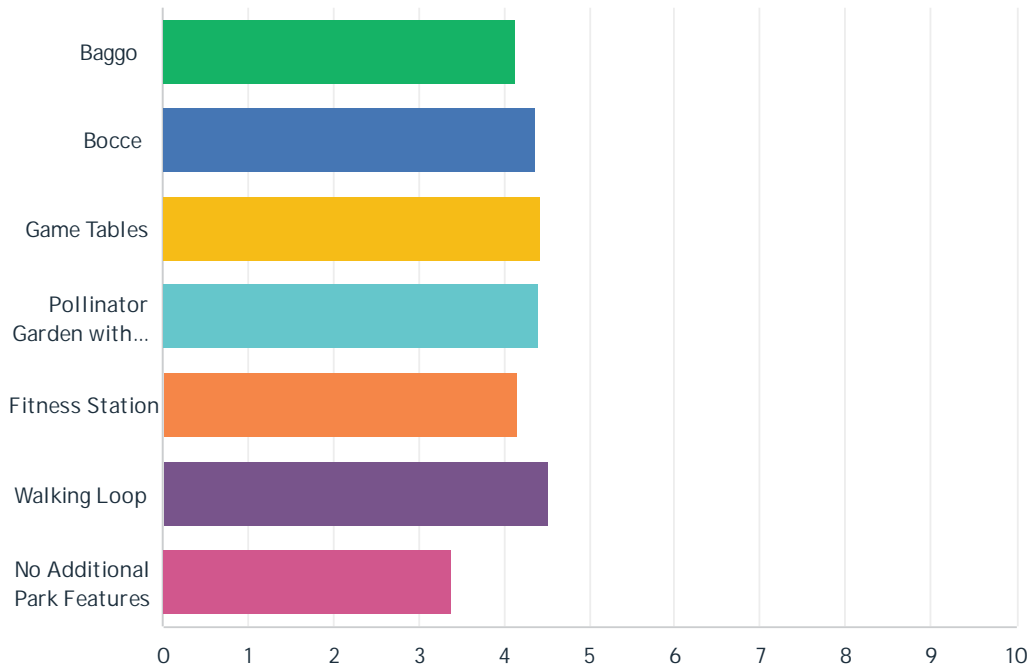
Answered: 64 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Option 1	51.56%	33
Option 2	48.44%	31
TOTAL		64

Q6 Please rank the following additional park features in order of preference that you would like to see at Lakefront Park. 1 = most preferred 7 = least preferred

Answered: 72 Skipped: 19



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Baggo	7.27% 4	23.64% 13	10.91% 6	23.64% 13	14.55% 8	7.27% 4	12.73% 7	55	4.13
Bocce	23.64% 13	16.36% 9	9.09% 5	10.91% 6	10.91% 6	23.64% 13	5.45% 3	55	4.38
Game Tables	10.34% 6	17.24% 10	20.69% 12	22.41% 13	18.97% 11	6.90% 4	3.45% 2	58	4.43
Pollinator Garden with Interpretive Signage	24.14% 14	6.90% 4	20.69% 12	15.52% 9	10.34% 6	12.07% 7	10.34% 6	58	4.41
Fitness Station	10.34% 6	18.97% 11	18.97% 11	10.34% 6	20.69% 12	10.34% 6	10.34% 6	58	4.16
Walking Loop	23.73% 14	20.34% 12	10.17% 6	8.47% 5	10.17% 6	22.03% 13	5.08% 3	59	4.53
No Additional Park Features	23.81% 15	4.76% 3	11.11% 7	3.17% 2	3.17% 2	11.11% 7	42.86% 27	63	3.38

Q7 Other park feature(s):

Answered: 32 Skipped: 59

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please keep pickle ball as far as possible on the east side	3/6/2022 9:46 PM
2	Everything proposed will detract from the lakefront itself. Furthermore, undoubtedly everything proposed will cause parking problems and probably necessitate adding toilet facilities to the park. I hope that none of this gets realized.	3/6/2022 11:00 AM
3	Keep the park clean and simple please!!! It is not our mission to entertain the world. Glencoe is known for its natural beauty. Let's keep it that way. Trees and beauty flower gardens are what we should be promoting.	3/5/2022 12:10 PM
4	None of the above.	3/4/2022 10:02 AM
5	Opposed to any of these features.	3/4/2022 9:50 AM
6	I didn't weigh on any playground equipment because I oppose adding more play equipment to this park. Additionally I want no features. The park already has an organic walking loop made up of sidewalks and a path across the park on the east. Why would you want to add another? Please do not break up our precious open space! Regarding interpretive signage with a pollinator garden, I love the sign that tells us to be mindful of the nesting birds. But I don't want interpretive signage. I want to simply enjoy the park and open land with as little man-made additional things as possible. Finally I ask these questions — do you have current data on how much playgrounds are used? What about the tennis courts at the lakefront? I think next time rather than showing designs and asking us to pick, please ask us what we want — show us what has been said before and ask if we still agree with it. Thank you for allowing for community feedback. Much appreciated.	3/4/2022 8:17 AM
7	I am not in favor of features. If grant money necessitates adding features we don't really want, then I am not in favor of pursuing grant funding. I would treat this location with kid gloves. It's the lake and the beach that are the stars of this show. The park land overlooking the beach should not take away from the experience of being at the beach, or of enjoying the view of Lake Michigan from the overlook. The whole direction of this proposal, Option A and B are in conflict with what I want at Lakefront Park.	3/2/2022 1:25 PM
8	More of the swinging benches, love the one that is there	3/2/2022 11:06 AM
9	more swinging benches! we've been to nearby parks with "obstacle courses" which are very fun as well, could be an alternative to a fitness station.	3/2/2022 10:56 AM
10	Less is more. However, an adult swing like in Kalk Park would be nice.	3/1/2022 10:48 AM
11	Please consider adding zipline, similar to the Woodlawn park, or a water feature, like the Duke park	2/28/2022 11:49 AM
12	Giant chess board would be cool!	2/27/2022 8:12 PM
13	No cheap "Tuff-shed" with porta-potty. Very cheap for the surroundings. Park District can do better than that!	2/27/2022 3:35 PM
14	Regarding the walking loop concept — one of the feature amenities on your list. We already have a walking loop at Lakefront Park. It is made up of existing sidewalks and the asphalt path in Lakefront Park that goes from Hazel Avenue to Park Avenue. To add an additional loop will just break up our open space. It would be redundant and cause us to lose precious green space. Again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to weigh in.	2/27/2022 10:47 AM
15	water fountain	2/27/2022 7:24 AM
16	Picnic tables	2/25/2022 5:49 AM
17	Adequate benches	2/24/2022 2:03 PM

18	None of the above and no others.	2/24/2022 11:27 AM
19	Naturalized gardens	2/24/2022 9:38 AM
20	More well manicured / maintained natural green space please	2/24/2022 6:18 AM
21	Gazebo, picnic tables, places to host birthday parties, scavenger hunt?	2/23/2022 11:27 PM
22	Water feature for play	2/23/2022 8:44 PM
23	None please stop touching and putting your Park District finger prints all over the green space in our community. Signage etc is hideous. No	2/23/2022 7:52 PM
24	Bathrooms; I think the porta potties make the park look terrible	2/23/2022 7:47 PM
25	Let's keep the rest of the park the way it is -- a gem. Don't fussy it up.	2/23/2022 7:34 PM
26	How about parking for Glencoe residence	2/23/2022 7:27 PM
27	OPPOSED to "Additional Park Features"	2/23/2022 7:03 PM
28	Leave it natural!!!!!!	2/23/2022 4:45 PM
29	Small performance stage	2/23/2022 2:24 PM
30	why don't you offer a none of the above option for all of this	2/23/2022 11:14 AM
31	No further development.	2/23/2022 10:01 AM
32	Merry go round	2/23/2022 9:04 AM

Appendix B:
Community Open House
Comment Cards



Lakefront Park Master Plan

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Please rank the playground options:
1=most preferred, rank each column separately

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| <u>1</u> Concept A: | Concept B: |
| _____ Option 1 | _____ Option 3 |
| _____ Option 2 | _____ Option 4 |
| | _____ Option 5 |
| | _____ Option 6 |

Please circle your preferred tennis/pickleball option:

- Option 1:
2 tennis courts and 2 pickleball courts
- Option 2:
1 tennis court and 4 pickleball courts

Please rank the following additional park features for Lakefront Park:
1=most preferred

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>NO</u> Baggio Courts | <u>NO</u> Game Tables | <u>NO</u> Fitness Stations | Other, please list: |
| <u>NO</u> Bocce Court | <u>NO</u> Walking Loop | <u>1</u> Pollinator Garden | <u>NONE</u> |

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Please rank the playground options:
1=most preferred, rank each column separately

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Concept A: | Concept B: |
| <u>2</u> Option 1 | <u>2</u> Option 3 |
| <u>1</u> Option 2 | <u>3</u> Option 4 |
| | <u>4</u> Option 5 |
| | <u>1</u> Option 6 |

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Please rank the following additional park features for Lakefront Park:
1=most preferred

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>4</u> Baggio Courts | <u>5</u> Game Tables | <u>1</u> Fitness Stations | Other, please list: |
| <u>3</u> Bocce Court | <u>2</u> Walking Loop | <u>4</u> Pollinator Garden | _____ |



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Please rank the playground options:

1=most preferred, rank each column separately

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|----------------|--|
| Concept A: | Concept B: |
| _____ Option 1 | _____ Option 3 |
| _____ Option 2 | _____ Option 4 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option 5 |
| | _____ Option 6 |

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Please rank the following additional park features for Lakefront Park:

1=most preferred

- | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| _____ Baggo Courts | _____ Game Tables | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitness Stations | Other, please list: _____ |
| _____ Bocce Court | _____ Walking Loop | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pollinator Garden | |

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Please rank the playground options:

1=most preferred, rank each column separately

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Concept A: | Concept B: |
| <u>2</u> Option 1 | <u>4</u> Option 3 |
| <u>1</u> Option 2 | <u>3</u> Option 4 |
| | <u>2</u> Option 5 |
| | <u>1</u> Option 6 |

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Please rank the following additional park features for Lakefront Park:

1=most preferred

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| _____ Baggo Courts | _____ Game Tables | <u>3</u> Fitness Stations | Other, please list: _____ |
| <u>2</u> Bocce Court | <u>1</u> Walking Loop | _____ Pollinator Garden | |



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Concept A:

Option 1
 Option 2

Concept B:

Option 3
 Option 4
 Option 5
 Option 6

Please circle your preferred tennis/pickleball option:

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2 tennis courts and 2 pickleball courts

Option 2:
1 tennis court and 4 pickleball courts

Please rank the following additional park features for Lakefront Park:
1=most preferred

Baggo Courts Game Tables Fitness Stations
 Bocce Court Walking Loop Pollinator Garden

Other, please list: Chess Table

Glencoe Park District
999 Green Bay Road, Glencoe, Illinois 60022

Community Meeting on Lakefront Park

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 | 7:00pm

Required PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Name	*Optional Street Address	*Optional City/State/Zip	*Optional Preferred Phone	To be added to a contact list regarding a specific topic, please include the topic below. *Optional Email Address
Alexis Gallagher				
Julie Feldman				
Jay Dembsky				
Andre Leman				
Daniel Celfand				
Rich Binova				
Jon Ruleron				
Debbie Ruleron				
SASAN GHANNAD				

Appendix C:
Additional Community Feedback

PUBLIC COMMENTS & FOCUS GROUPS REGARDING
LAKEFRONT PARK COURTS/PLAYGROUND/AMMENITIES
DECEMBER 6, 2021 – FEBRUARY 22, 2022

DECEMBER 6, 2021 TENNIS/PICKLEBALL FOCUS GROUP

Comments emailed from members of the public who could not attend focus groups

- Consider changing the courts on Park Ave. to tennis/pickleball or just pickleball
- No one uses the Park Avenue tennis courts very much
- Many more people play pickleball than tennis
- I cannot weigh in strongly enough on my desire to see those courts at the lakefront be purpose built pickleball courts. I think it is very clear that there is a huge interest in pickleball in Glencoe and it is radically more enjoyable to play on pickleball specific courts.
- Add my voice in support of those who want tennis courts rather than pickleball courts
- I have become very interested in pickleball and have taken lessons through the park district. However, I find it necessary to leave Glencoe to find places that offer open play - show up, rack your paddle, and join random groups of four. I'd like very much if there were such a set up in Glencoe. A side benefit is that Glencoe-ites would have another opportunity to mingle and get to know one another. So, I would favor converting the lakeside tennis courts to pickleball courts. Pickleball is becoming ever more popular. The tennis courts in Glencoe, and in Lakefront Park in particular, seem to be underutilized. Even if the three by the lake are converted, there are quite a few elsewhere in Glencoe.
- If it is decided to convert, I'd hope that they be exclusively for pickleball. Double striping is confusing. We should go all in. Glenview converted tennis courts in Flick Park to six pickleball courts. Someone told me that it cost \$30K to make the conversion. I don't know if that figure is correct, however.
- I think a combination of tennis and pickleball courts would be a great option. This would cater to both kinds of players and would be an asset to our community.
- I encourage the park district to make more pickleball courts. They will be well used.
- As a Glencoe resident, an infrequent tennis player and an avid pickleball player and in light of the enormous interest in pickleball and the sport's incredible growth I believe it would be great to keep 1 tennis court and convert the other 2 into 4 pickleball courts with fixed/permanent net structures.
- Combination of dedicated pickleball and tennis courts would be good
- Interest in pickle ball is rapidly increasing. Witness the number of participants playing (and waitlisted) for classes at Takiff
- Three (makeshift) outdoor courts currently exist in Glencoe. More, and better, courts are needed
- Tennis courts abound and seen to be underutilized - especially in Lakefront Park
- Three tennis courts at Lakefront could be converted to six pickle ball courts. Visit Flick Park in Glenview to see how they did it
- Would expect many Glencoe people would use courts and have additional opportunity to meet fellow residents

- Just wanted to send you a note with my support for more Pickleball courts in Glencoe! We have a large and growing community of Pickleball players in Glencoe in need of local facilities to play.
- Thanks, no need to regroup, in my opinion. I'm a tennis player but support putting in at least 4 dedicated pickle courts at Lakefront (option D). And hoping we maintain the remaining 10 court tennis footprint (West, Central, Watts, Shelton).

Comments from those who could not attend the focus groups

- I live in Glencoe and would LOVE to have dedicated pickleball courts. I play 3 times/week and travel to HP and Northfield for real courts. We have so many players here in Glencoe, it would be fabulous to have dedicated courts!
- I am in favor of a six Pickleball court system. I didn't get a chance to bring up how Glencoe may accommodate parking which may/could be a concern to those around that area.
- I prefer option 3 - hybrid tennis and pickleball. I can live with the 'shared' set up, but I think pickleball players would much prefer at least one or two dedicated PB courts. (I'm a tennis player, but recognize the growing enthusiasm for pickleball. The Lakefront Park works have great potential to boost both sports.)
- Thank you for furthering growth and development of pickle ball in Glencoe. The best part of recently learning PB is it has connected me to Glencoe as a 34-year resident in a fresh way as an empty nester. I have made many new friends of all ages playing pickle ball in the community. Pickle is active, social and makes me want to stay and play near home instead of travelling outside 60022. My children like to come home to play this game!

I voted for a hybrid tennis/pickle ball courts at the 10am Focus Group on Monday. I wish I had current information on plans about renovations/additions for all the courts and parkland in Glencoe considering the tennis/pickleball options versus just lakefront park. Using lakefront park is one option. Living in the neighborhood I'm concerned about more traffic and the noise of this fun game.

Missing data from the park district presented at the beginning of the focus group was a summary of results from the timely and expensive Lakefront Park Plan completed a few years back for the entire property not just the existing courts. This is relevant and needs to be transparent through the planning process for the courts.

Regarding future notices for the lakefront park or any parks in Glencoe, I recommend signage be posted about opportunities for residents to participate in focus groups, meetings etc. be posted similarly to the signs posted recently for locals to use their leaves on their properties to mulch. While emails, social media and mailings are useful, it's clear there is data being missed about who is using the park from the casual users of the courts and other areas of the parks in Glencoe who do not register for Glencoe Park District programs. Also, there is something to be said for going back to the basics and word of mouth using the existing signs in the village and parks.

Yes, the tennis courts need to be updated for safety reasons as well as to potentially

add Pickle Ball. As a neighbor to Lakefront Park, a pickler and tennis player, I hope the noise of pickle ball is addressed wherever in the community these courts are placed, preferably without a concentration at the lakefront for those who seek the water for serenity and transformation. We have many locations in Glencoe to meet the needs of our community and just one lakefront park. It would be helpful knowing what is slated for repair or enhancements to the other existing tennis courts in Glencoe before voting on options for the courts at Lakefront Park. Thank you for all you are doing to keep Glencoe Green and Active year-round. I am happy to participate on a committee for this initiative as I understand your process for decisions on Lakefront Park will develop in 2022.

- I play pickleball with several Glencoe residents in several area cities, but not in Glencoe. It would be really nice to play here.
- 1. As I mentioned; have X number of courts dedicated to just tennis (some tennis players mentioned that pickleball is noisier than they like for playing tennis)
 - 1b. Have X number of courts just for pickleball: and the balance would have courts divided for each distinct sport (tennis or pickleball)
 2. This fall on the weekends, the Watts park had children tennis for much of the day both courts. Be nice if there was some open time available especially for adults. FYI
- Hopefully Glencoe can have new pickleball courts to add to our community to keep up with the other surrounding communities.

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 COMMUNITY MEETING ON TENNIS/PICKLEBALL/AMENITIES

Comments from those who could not attend the community meeting

- I am a Glencoe resident residing at 156 Maple Hill Road. My family is new to the village, having moved here in March 2021. It is a wonderful place to live with access to so much including the beach and Lakefront Park. I was very pleased to learn of the intention to revitalize the park with the idea to elevate and improve the racquet facility and improve the quality of the playground. I am an engaged fan of both tennis and pickleball. I would love to see a new pickleball facility in that site. I think it will attract a vibrant crowd as the sport is one that can be played at all ages. It will help showcase the Lakefront Park as the current tennis courts are tired and worn. If there is space for tennis, by all means, include that as well. I do think having dedicated pickleball courts will be an efficient use of the space as the foot print is obviously much smaller than a tennis court. And, there certainly seems to be more than enough room to include both, if that is in the best interests of the members of the community and the park district. I would love to be a part of the project if that is the direction you and the Board of Park Commissioners chose to go. Not only would I be honored to be a part of its design and development, but I can assure you, I would be an avid user as well. I am unable to attend the meeting on February 22, but lend my support to and interest in this pursuit.
- I probably walk by/ through Lakefront Park three four times a week. My first thought is whatever you do, do not cut down a single tree PLEASE! I watched too many trees cut down for the old Green Bay corridor and it broke my heart. This is our only park in town where people can walk and enjoy the beauty of the lake. The

playground while it is there, almost disappears as the colors are so true to nature, greens and grays, please if you do upgrade the playground do not change the colors or the size. I don't play tennis, but I do like that those courts are grass, at least I think they are...I don't have a strong feeling of pickle ball courts are substituted. Again, I go back to two things the communities only free access to looking at the lake, the beautiful trees in that park should not be lost... And please maintain the serenity of that park, it doesn't need to be a Duke park...

- We'd like to put in our 2 cents that the grass turf is great for the knees and beautiful!
- The playground and tennis courts at Lakefront Park can be renovated, but the "other amenities" language in your email below is reminiscent of the plans for the linear park along Old Green Bay Road. Please do not consider any wander paths, concrete exercise blocks, flower gardens, new signage, or other reductions of the open green space at Lakefront Park. Plant some more trees. Add a couple of recycling boxes. I don't believe that Glencoe residents want any more of their open green space to be "activated."
- My only concern would be if these repairs and renovations would require a lengthy closure. If so, could they be postponed until Covid less prevalent? We really love having the Lakefront Park as a getaway.
- No need to respond. Just want to say the changes being proposed in your Feb 9th letter sound good. My suggestion is that if any mention of a dog-park is brought up, it ought to be fully turned down if it permits dogs to romp in the water anywhere/anytime near our beach. This would certainly contaminate our beach water. I don't know what solutions other towns have found, but perhaps a small cement wading pool could be built for dogs (nowhere near the beach) so it can be drained frequently into the sewer system. Children freely enjoy our beach, including playing in the water, and inevitably swallow water. Dogs can bring much enjoyment, but they are not a clean animal.
- I think for Lakefront Park, putting tennis and pickle-ball courts is a good idea. I think the astro turf surface that is there now is slippery and is not great for tennis and I think would also not be good for pickleball. I'd recommend the normal hard court surface used for the other tennis courts in town.
- We live about a block from the park and use it alot. I'd love for the new park to have a climbing feature... like the spider web at Friend's park....as one of the pieces of equipment. The park on the beach is great and it would be nice to have some features for older kids. I think this would lead to more use of the tennis courts as well. We use the park district services liberally and appreciate everything you do too make Glencoe such an amazing place! Happy to offer any other input as well.
- Preferred option 1: Remove all above ground items: fencing, playsets, etc. to allow a full view of the lakefront from anywhere in the park. Other option: A. Keep tennis courts with open fencing (do not allow screening mesh on the fencing) B. Do not increase height or land coverage of children's playground. Keep it where it is. Use earth tone colors for any new items. Not bright colors.
- I am so happy that there are talks to make improvements to the park. I'm hoping we can make that the space for the community to gather for events because the view of the lake is priceless and that is something that makes it unique to other parks. Kalk park is nice but is always flooded and there isn't anything else for small children there. I'm hoping we can get some sort of playground area with swings but nothing

too crazy- some of the new park equipment “looks” elaborate but when you are playing on it at a child’s level, there actually isn’t much for them to do. I love the tennis courts by the lake...and not sure if there is a way to make it 2-in-one with pickle ball but if so that’s great. This may be too big of a request but a bathroom structure would be amazing. I feel like a lot of the time I take my kids to the beach, the bathrooms are closed down by the water and if we walk or ride bikes there, someone inevitably needs to go. A half basketball court would be a great addition too if space allows. If families are down by the water with older kids, they could go and play for a bit while their parents are close enough by. Nothing too crazy or creative but wanted to share my thoughts. Excited to hear what comes out of the meeting.

- I meant to get this comment in before last night's meeting. Hopefully it is not too late. My children are now grown and I only use the park for sitting on the benches for reading and enjoying the view or picnicing. My suggestions would be: Please don't get rid of the picnic tables. Please trim the trees and plants in front of the benches near the current walking path near the lake. The gorgeous view of the lake gets blocked more and more as the years go by.
- My suggestion is that the Park District request the Village of Glencoe to restrict parking around the renovated park to vehicles with Glencoe vehicle stickers. On the last Fourth of July before the pandemic, I walked around Lakefront Park in the afternoon and observed the vehicles parked nearby. More than three times as many vehicles did not have Glencoe stickers as did have them. During the past couple years, the village has implemented policies that have created exclusive, dedicated parking spaces in downtown Glencoe. For example, restaurant patrons who pay for takeout food at specified Glencoe restaurants have exclusive use of nearby dedicated parking spaces in Glencoe streets. Also, diners who pay to eat at certain restaurants have the exclusive use of tables in barricaded public parking spaces. In like manner, Glencoe residents who will be paying for the proposed Lakefront Park renovations and continued upkeep should have dedicated parking surrounding the park. For those who have difficulty finding parking in downtown Glencoe because of the proliferation of dedicated parking spaces, the village suggests that they park in one of the train station lots. Nonresidents who want to use Lakefront Park could also be directed to the train station lots. Other nearby lakefront municipalities, such as Winnetka, Highland Park and Lake Forest, have parking near their parks closest to the lake reserved exclusively for members of their communities. Glencoe should do likewise.
- Glencoe needs some designated pickleball courts. Other park districts have them and the beach would be a great place to play. Also a new and bigger playground would be great there. You have done a wonderful job of renovating the parks all over town. They seem to be getting tons of use. Thank you for all the effort you have put into this.
- By all means, please renew the tennis courts. Adding pickleball lines – good idea. Also, please put at least one backboard on the fence. (That was a welcome addition to the courts on Old Green Bay Rd.)
- Pickleball courts 2 max plus playground option #5
- I understand that the park district is considering dedicated pickleball courts at Lakefront park. I hope that I’m not too late in expressing my excitement for you to

make that happen! Pickleball is growing so fast for many good reasons. It's social, great exercise, easy to learn, and multigenerational. But finding dedicated courts around the north shore is very challenging. Let's use this opportunity to have Glencoe be a leader and build dedicated courts. 2 would be great...4-6 even better! I've lived in Glencoe now over 35 years and would be super excited to get pickle games organized at the park. Attached is an article from CNN about the growing sport. I'd love to hear an update on the proposal and timing. Many thanks for all you do!

- His home owner at 69 Park Avenue, the house closest to the courts, is extremely concerned about the noise of the pickleball.

Comments from those who attended the meeting and have additional comments

- I was on Tuesday's Zoom call reviewing Glencoe's lakefront improvement options. As a 35+ year Glencoe resident and a significant user of the Lakefront Park and Glencoe Beach, I have a first-hand perspective of the usage of the Lakefront Park and Glencoe Beach. If one of the primary reasons for adding pickle ball courts to the lakefront park is to meet the growing demand from Glencoe residents, I think a few factors have been overlooked:
 - Summer parking at the Lakefront Park is extremely tight. If pickle ball courts are built residents will likely have to park many blocks away. The addition of 4 pickle ball courts will add 20 -30 more cars between players and those coming to play for the next hour. Have you taken into account the additional need for parking?
 - Non-residents are heavy users of the Glencoe Lakefront and Beach. They frequent these areas for many hours at a time - which could enable them to "rack up" to reserve a court and possibly dominate the courts putting residents at a disadvantage.

The heavily used Lakefront Park and Glencoe Beach and high demand for pickle ball courts is not a good combination for providing Glencoe residents access. It's understandable that the Park District wants to take advantage of upgrading the courts that are most in need, but picking a different location is probably advisable.

- **Here are the answers to your questions:**

I was at the meeting last night and would like to see how the current playground compares in size to what is being proposed. Possibly Hitchcock Design Group has such a drawing that they can share. I need to see visually what the difference is in open land taken up by the various options?

Here is the proposed dimensions of the playground. A visual is attached.

- Existing Playground: approx. 1,650 sqft
- Concept A: approx. 2,200 sqft
- Concept B: approx. 3,800 sqft

The Concepts and playground footprints are preliminary in nature and may not reflect the actual footprint that gets constructed in the future. The playground layout will be refined through continued design advancement with the Park District and playground equipment vendor. Attached are the concept plans presented at

Tuesday night's community meeting. I have outlined the existing playground footprint in blue for comparison.

Also can you confirm that the tennis court/pickleball courts take up no additional space?

Correct, the court options illustrate a court area that matches the overall dimensions existing today, however due to working within the existing footprint some of the preferred dimensions for back and side court areas could be less than preferred for new court construction.

Finally, can you review what the material is for the pathway that will run across the park? What is it now and what is being proposed?

The existing pathway through the park is asphalt. A walking loop is an optional park feature that is under consideration if the Park District opts to apply for a grant to supplement the cost of the proposed infrastructure. No material has been specified at this time. The Park District is collecting feedback from the community on their preferences for additional park features, if any.

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master plans



Concept A

Attachment B



portalet privacy enclosure



existing sidewalk



existing benches



drinking fountain with pet bowl



existing swing bench



tennis/pickleball courts

Concept A



artificial turf play surfacing



planting waves



wood curved bench



seatwall and specialty paving overlook



stained concrete pattern play



limestone steppers

Concept A



Concept B

Attachment B



portalet privacy enclosure



existing sidewalk



existing benches



drinking fountain with pet bowl



existing swing bench



tennis/pickleball courts

Concept B



stained concrete pattern play and plant tunnel



telescopes



mushroom steppers



artificial turf play mounds



wood curved bench



play mounds and stone seating

Concept B



playground options



Concept A



Option 1



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Concept B



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Option 6



Option 6

Attachment B



court options



Option 1



Attachment B

Option 2



park features



baggo



bocce



fitness stations



walking loop



pollinator garden with interpretive signage



game tables

park features

Lakefront Park Master Plan

Glencoe Park District is considering applying for a grant to supplement the cost of future park improvements at Lakefront Park. If awarded the Park District intends to proceed with Concept B. If grant funding is not available or awarded, the Park District intends to adopt Concept A as the master plan vision for Lakefront Park. **Please provide your feedback on the concepts:**

Please rank the playground options:

1=most preferred, rank each column separately

Concept A:

_____ Option 1

_____ Option 2

Concept B:

_____ Option 3

_____ Option 4

_____ Option 5

_____ Option 6

**Please circle your preferred tennis/
pickleball option:**

Option 1:

2 tennis courts and 2 pickleball courts

Option 2:

1 tennis court and 4 pickleball courts

Please rank the following additional park features for Lakefront Park:

1=most preferred

_____ Baggo Courts

_____ Bocce Court

_____ Game Tables

_____ Walking Loop

_____ Fitness Stations

_____ Pollinator Garden

Other, please list:

feedback

We want to hear from you!



Lakefront Park Master Plan - Community Feedback Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lakefrontparkgpd>

feedback

Attachment B



questions



Concept A



Concept B

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Noise Assessment of Pickleball Play at Shepard Park

December 9, 2021

Pickleball courts are proposed for Shepard Park in Deerfield. Because this sport involves striking a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball, with a solid paddle made of wood or a composite material, there is an impulsive type of noise radiated from pickleball courts. Two to four people play the sport on a hard-surface court with the dimensions and layout of a badminton court. If four courts are used, this means there can be up to 16 players. Acoustic Associates was retained to examine the noise of this sport and its impact on adjacent residential properties at Shepard Park.

Pickleball Noise Emissions

In May of 2019, we observed and recorded pickleball play at Willow Park at 401 New Willow Road, Northfield, Illinois. **Our study revealed an Leq of 55 dB at a distance of 70 feet.** The duration of this measurement was 30-minutes of active play on 5-6 courts with 20-25 people.

The Leq (technically called the continuous equivalent sound level) is a time-averaged level. This average, however, is not an arithmetic average but rather a logarithmic average. Consequently, it penalizes the occurrences of higher intensity noise events. Because it is the metric that best correlates with human reaction and annoyance to noise, it has been adopted by the US Environmental Protection Agency as well as the State of Illinois for environmental noise assessment.

Ambient Noise Evaluation

To assess the audibility and impact of pickleball noise, we conducted an ambient noise study at Shepard Park. To accomplish this, we inspected the site and documented its topography using a drone. We then set up audio equipment at the location marked in **Figure 1** to record the noise. Our equipment consisted of a professional-grade microphone and a digital audio recorder that was set to give a sound quality equal to that of a Compact Disc.

We started recording the noise at the Park from about 9:00 on Thursday morning on 10/21/21. The recording ended around 10:00 AM the next morning. **This sampling duration** allowed us to assess the ambient noise over a 24-hour period to document the **variation in noise** over a full day and then to compare this with the noise of pickleball during any part of a full day.

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The audio recording was analyzed in our lab to log sound levels at 1-second intervals. This data was reduced to generate 10-second and 10-minute Leqs. The results are given in **Figure 2**. Here, the blue dotted line shows the 10-sec Leq and reveals the short-term, but high-intensity of airplane flyovers. It also shows the density of the noise when children are playing in the park.



Figure 1 – Aerial view of the location used to conduct ambient noise sampling.

The thick, red line in **Figure 2** shows the 10-min Leq. It gives the general trend of noise and shows the increasing noise at the Park beginning about 4:00 AM for the morning traffic. A good representation of the baseline daytime ambient noise level in the area is the one hour period from 9:00-10:00 AM since this period does not include children playing or airplane flyovers. The Leq at this hour was 54 dBA and agrees very well with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard 12.9 that indicates a daytime noise level for a suburban area is typically around 53 dBA.

Noise Impact

Based on a measured sound level of 55 dBA at 70 feet from the pickleball park in Northfield, we adjusted the level by 5 dB to account for the impulsive character of paddles striking hard balls. Hence, the "adjusted sound level" is 60 dB. But the closest residential properties are at 500 feet, not 70 feet. The sound will dissipate over the 500-foot distance based on wave divergence to a level of 43 dBA.

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Pickleball Noise at Shepard Park

This level is represented in **Figure 2** as the horizontal, dashed line. Note that this noise level is well below the ambient noise levels at any time during the daylight hours from 7:00 AM until 9:30 PM. Based on these results, we conclude that the noise of pickleball play at Shepard Park will not present an impact on its residential neighbors.

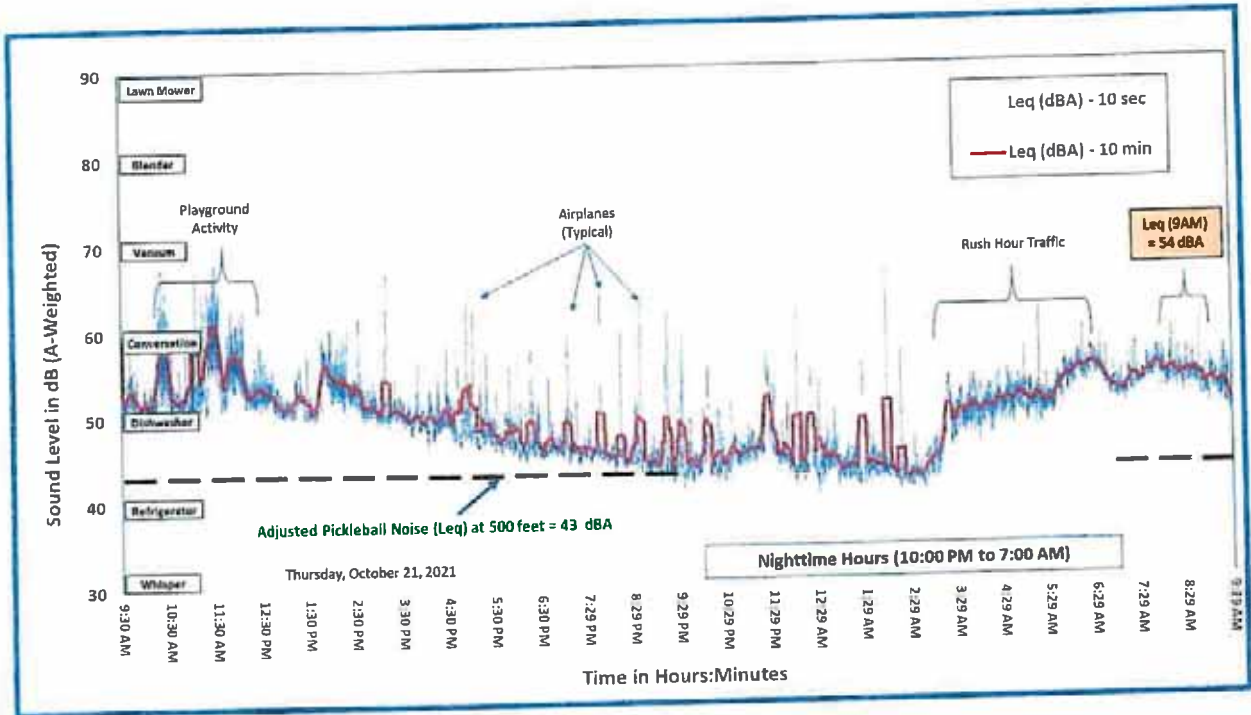


Figure 2 – Graph showing the relationship of pickleball noise at 500 feet to the ambient noise levels recorded at the site.

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