



**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**6:00 p.m., February 2, 2021**

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

- 1. Call To Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Welcome Committee Member Thostenson and Council Member Vickerman**
- 4. Election of Officers**
- 5. Approve Agenda** (Unanimous additions required)
- 6. Approve Minutes** (Unanimous approval required)
  - A. December 7, 2020
- 7. Public Comments**
- 8. Special Business**
- 9. Old Business**
- 10. New Business**
  - A. Approve 2021 Music & Movies in the Park Schedule
  - B. Discuss 2021 Step To It Programming
  - C. Discuss Boerboom Park
- 11. Upcoming Events**
- 12. Staff & Committee Member Reports**
- 13. Adjourn**
  - Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Councilmember Larry Stelmach, Councilmember Alicia Vickerman, Dee Bonn, Orlando Ponce, Brittney Quant, Kerstin Schulz, Ashlee Thostenson

**STAFF LIASON:** Community Management Coordinator Joe Amerman



## Osseo Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Item

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**Agenda Item:** Election of Officers

**Meeting Date:** February 2nd, 2021

**Prepared by:** Joe Amerman, Community Management Coordinator

**Attachments:** (none)

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### **Background:**

Officers for the Parks and Recreation Committee include the Chair, who runs the meetings, and the Vice Chair, who runs meetings when the chair is not in attendance. Both officers also have an opportunity to help set agendas for upcoming meetings.

In 2020, the officers were:

Chair: Kerstin Schulz  
Vice-Chair: Alden Webster

There are no requirements regarding who fills the officer rolls. As Alden Webster is no longer on the committee, the position of Vice-Chair will need to be filled.

### **Recommendation/Action Requested:**

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Committee elect officers for 2021. This can be done through a joint motion and vote covering both positions, or by an individual motion and vote on the officer for each position. Anyone may make the motion.

**OSSEO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 7, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kerstin Schulz at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Dee Bonn, Harold Johnson, Kerstin Schulz, and Larry Stelmach.

Absent: Committee members Orlando Ponce, Brittney Quant, and Alden Webster.

Others present: Community Management Coordinator Joe Amerman

3. APPROVE AGENDA

**A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bonn, to approve the meeting's agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

4. APPROVE MINUTES

**A motion was made by Stelmach, seconded by Bonn, to approve the February 4, 2020, meeting minutes as amended.**

Johnson requested the attendance be adjusted to reflect the members that were not present.

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schulz advised the public that this is the time for public comments. There were no public comments.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS – None

7. BUDGET UPDATE

A. PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET FOR RECREATION

Amerman reviewed the proposed 2021 budget for recreation with the Committee.

Johnson commented on how 2021 would still be impacted by COVID-19 until vaccines had been administered to the general public.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS 2021 MUSIC & MOVIES IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

Amerman stated staff has been in contact with four of the bands that were scheduled for 2020, and each has confirmed an interest and availability to participate in 2021. These bands are the Teddy Bear Band, Led Penny, the Dirty Shorts Brass Band, and the Classic Big Band. Based on their stated availability, a draft schedule has been attached. Concert rain dates are currently proposed for June 29th and August 17th . Emily Roberts at Snake Discovery has also been contacted and is interested in participating. Other possibilities include the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota.

Amerman reported as in past years, there are restrictions on when Disney, Pixar, and Marvel films can be screened. The dates for these restrictions are not known at this time. In addition, COVID-19 has altered the planned release dates and methods for many movies intended for wide release in 2020. It is not currently known when any new releases being distributed via streaming platforms will be available for public screenings. Possible movies from the Swank Motion Pictures, Inc database may be found here. Swank Motion Pictures, Inc has notified the city that they require two weeks advanced notice, and that for any audience up to 200 people licensing fees are \$375-\$450 depending on the title. The Parks & Recreation Committee should review the list and discuss possible movie selections.

Amerman explained returning food trucks will include trucks that participated in 2020. Additionally, several food trucks which decided not to operate in the Summer of 2020 will, COVID dependent, once again be possibilities. The process would be similar to the last several years, in which each operator would make a refundable deposit. The Parks & Recreation Committee should review and comment on Food Trucks for 2021. The Parks & Recreation Committee should review the draft schedule and offer comments, including additional desired bands or performers.

Stelmach asked when the first Parks meeting was scheduled for 2021. Amerman reported this would be addressed under item 9C.

Stelmach indicated he would be willing to serve on a Parks Subcommittee to assist with planning the music and movie events for next year. He commented the food trucks were a huge hit and he was glad to see them coming back.

Schulz and Bonn stated they would be willing to assist with planning the movie and music events as well.

Stelmach explained he was pleased to see the City was planning for these events in 2021. He believed this was hopeful on the City's part.

Johnson requested staff speak with the Public Works Department to see how things were going with pet waste cleanup at Boerboom Park.

Boon reported she had used the park on Tuesday this past summer and noted staff was doing a great job cleaning up the park and trimming the grass for the events that were held at Boerboom Park every Tuesday.

B. DISCUSS 2021 YOUTH REVSPORTS PROGRAMMING

Amerman stated since 2017, the City of Osseo has partnered with Revolution Sports to provide recreational programming in Osseo, though in 2020 the circumstances surrounding COVID made programming untenable. Staff now proposes to approach planning for the summer of 2021 as though summer recreation programming will once again be an option. The City would again handle all registration in-house and forward the information to RevSports before programs start. RevSports handles all staffing and logistics.

Amerman reported John Richardson of RevSports suggests that the schedule be similar to what was proposed for 2020, though the final details would depend on the determinations of the Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council. In 2020 RevSports adjusted their program scheduling based on COVID guidelines, these changes include increased buffer times between programs and a cap on the number of participants per program, a cap which is set following MDH recommendations for youth sports. RevSports received positive feedback from their partners. To improve their level of service, RevSports has recently completed a round of hiring which will allow them to work more closely with the City and provide services adapted to 2021 COVID guidelines. Staff commented further on registration fees and requested feedback on how to proceed with youth sports programming for 2021.

Johnson suggested rates remain as is but suggested a rate increase be considered in 2022.

Schulz stated she appreciated the fact staff talked with RevSports about how to keep programming in place during the pandemic.

Stelmach recommended the City continue with the programming that was working and bringing in numbers. He reported soccer was bringing in numbers. He agreed 2021 may not be the right year to consider a rate increase. He suggested the preferred pricing continue for Osseo residents.

Bonn supported the City sponsoring the weight lifting and Spark music programming again next summer for Osseo teenagers.

C. DISCUSS PROPOSED 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Amerman stated the Parks and Recreation Committee was scheduled to meet five times in 2020, of which three were cancelled. These cancellations were primarily due to COVID related changes in summer programming. For the year of 2021, Staff is proposing a similar schedule, with meetings taking place the first Tuesday of February, April, June, and October, and the first Monday in December. For 2021, the attached schedule of meeting dates and topics is suggested. Meetings can be cancelled if there is no business to discuss.

Johnson recommended the meetings in 2021 be held on Tuesday versus Monday.

Stelmach agreed with this recommendation.

Bonn recommended the Parks Subcommittee meet prior to the February Parks meeting.

Johnson asked when Night to Unite would be held in 2021. Amerman reported Night to Unite was scheduled for August 3, 2021.

**A motion was made Johnson, seconded by Bonn, to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting schedule moving the meetings to the first Tuesday of each month. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

Amerman reported two Committee member terms would be up at the end of 2021. Those interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee should send a letter of interest to City Hall.

Amerman stated sadly Minidazzle had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

11. STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Amerman commented on how the calendar may change in a positive direction over the coming months. He stated he would be receiving a report from WSB on the Tree Report for the Hennepin County Tree Grant. He noted he was working to finalize the Sipe Park Twins Grant noting upgraded bleachers were being pursued.

Johnson asked how Jazzercise worked outdoors in the park.

Bonn reported this worked out very well when the weather was warm this fall. She explained all classes have since been shut down due to the governor's executive orders.

Schulz commented on the Small Business Saturday event that was held on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged residents to consider visiting downtown Osseo for the Christmas on Central on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made Johnson, seconded by Bonn, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Guenther  
*Minute Maker Secretarial*



## Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Item

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**Agenda Item:** 2021 Music and Movies in the Park Schedule

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2020

**Prepared by:** Community Management Coordinator, Joe Amerman

**Attachments:** 2021 Draft Schedule

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**Policy Consideration:**

The Parks and Recreation Committee should review the draft schedule for the 2021 Music & Movies in the Park events.

**Background:**

In early January, Staff met with the Music and Movies in the Park subcommittee to discuss programming for the summer of 2021. This conversation built on the draft schedule of events that was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. During that meeting, the following adjustments to the schedule were proposed:

- Only one rain date, and that this be the last day of the summer, August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- No programming on the last Tuesday before the beginning of the school year.
- A full nights programming be offered to Yellow Tree Theatre.
- We ask Ed Columbus to return as host/master of ceremonies.
- Reach out to several bands whose 2020 performances were cancelled due to COVID.
- Ideally, every Tuesday would have both a performance and a movie.

The attached schedule reflects those changes.

**Performances**

Of the performers, only Bluedog and Beyond the Trees have yet to confirm that there are no conflicts on those dates. These two bands were scheduled to perform in 2020 and staff has reached out to invite them back. The listed fees for their performances are based on what was agreed to in 2020. Staff has also contacted several other bands as alternatives should they be needed.

**Movies**

A movie has been selected for every night of the summer, excluding the rain date, the Night to Unite, and the night of Yellow Tree Theatre's performance. The cost of licensing each movie is between \$375 to \$450, a flat \$400 has been used to estimate total cost.

**Staffing**

Ed Columbus has agreed to return as Master-of-Ceremonies and will function as host of the programming. Upon recommendation from Public Works Director Nick Waldbillig, we have also budgeted for the return of movie attendants, who will be responsible for set-up and tear-down of equipment.

**Budget Considerations:**

The total cost of movies, performances, movie attendants, music licensing, and promotional materials is estimated to be \$10,170.00. Gary Groen, the city Financial Consultant has reported that the Music and Movies in the Park fund balance is currently \$8,987.38, these are largely unused funds leftover from cancelled 2020 programming.

For 20210 programming, the city has two options.

1. Solicit additional donations;
2. Reduce the number of performances and/or movies to save costs.

If the Committee recommends soliciting additional donations, staff requests that the committee indicate a goal amount.

**Recommendation/Action Requested:**

Staff recommends the Committee discuss the proposed schedule and determine whether staff should solicit additional donations or reduce offerings/costs.

**Next Steps:**

Based on the recommendation of the Committee, staff will bring a schedule before the City Council in the near future.

Tuesdays	Sunset	Performance	Cost	Movie	Movie	Total Cost	Food Truck
6/15/2021	9:01pm	Dirty Shorts Brass Band	\$450.00	The War with Grandpa	\$400.00	\$850.00	
6/22/2021	9:03pm	The Raptor Center	\$295.00	The Croods: A New Age	\$400.00	\$695.00	
6/29/2021	9:03pm	Bluedog	\$500.00	The Fantastic Pet	\$400.00	\$900.00	
7/6/2021	9:01pm	Beyond the Trees	\$200.00	Onward	\$400.00	\$600.00	
*7/13/2021	8:57pm	Teddy Bear Band	\$1,450.00	Dolittle	\$400.00	\$1,850.00	New Bohemia
7/20/2021	8:52pm	Snake Discovery	\$225.00	The Secret Garden	\$400.00	\$625.00	Mad Max Steak Bites
7/27/2021	8:45pm	Led Penny	\$600.00	Cats and Dogs: Paws Unite	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	Café Cairo
8/3/2021	8:36pm	Night to Unite				\$0.00	
8/10/2021	8:26pm	Classic Big Band	\$1,700.00	Camp Arrowhead	\$400.00	\$2,100.00	GI Joes
8/17/2021	8:15pm	Yellow Tree Theater				\$0.00	Phat Phill Donut Truck
8/24/2021	8:03pm	Spark School		Wonder Woman	\$400.00	\$400.00	Yummy Tummy
8/31/2021	7:51pm	Rain Date				\$0.00	
<b>Other Costs</b>				Music Licensing Fees	\$	400.00	
				Promotional Materials	\$	350.00	
				Movie Staffing	\$	400.00	
Total Cost:					\$	10,170.00	
Current Fund Balance:					\$	8,987.38	
Amount Needed:					\$	1,182.62	



## Osseo Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Item

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**Agenda Item:** Discuss 2021 Step To It Challenge Programming

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2021

**Prepared by:** Joe Amerman, Community Management Coordinator

**Attachments:** 2019 Activity Calendar

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**Policy Consideration:**

The Parks and Recreation Committee should discuss approving planning for programming during the May 2021 Step To It Challenge.

**Background:**

To build on past Step To It Challenges, staff is proposing putting together a calendar of community activities during the May Step To It Challenge. Of course, during COVID consideration must be given to the safety of participants. Staff is asking the Committee to discuss the viability of Step To It Programming, and make suggestions regarding what appropriate activities might be.

**Budget or Other Considerations:**

The Adult Recreation budget includes staff time to coordinate activities.

**City Goals Met by This Action:**

Provide a variety of activities for all citizens with continued and new City events and programs.

**Recommendation/Action Requested:**

The Parks and Recreation Committee should direct staff to begin/not to begin planning 2021 Step To It programming.

**Next Steps:**

At the Tuesday, April 6, Parks and Recreation meeting staff will present a proposed calendar of activities, subject to Committee approval.



# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			4:30 pm – Boerboom Park <b>May 1</b>	2	3	4
<b>Step to it</b> is a family-friendly activity challenge that motivates people of all ages and abilities to become more physically active May 1-28. Log your activity for a chance to win Minnesota Twins Tickets!			<b>Kickoff walk w/City Officials</b> Attend to pick up your free 'Step to it' T-shirt (while supplies last) <b>3660 steps-30 min</b>			
5	6	4:30 pm – Boerboom Park <b>May 7</b>	8	9	10	11
		<b>Boerboom Park Cleanup</b> <b>4350 "steps"-30 min</b> Help prepare the park for spring & get everything shipshape for Memorial Day. <i>Please bring work gloves if you have them.</i>				
12	13	4:30 pm – Boerboom Park <b>May 14</b>	15	16	17	18
		<b>Walk with a Tot</b> <b>3660 steps-30 min</b> Walk to the Playground at the Osseo Education Center, where we'll enjoy a frozen treat!				
19	20	4:30 pm – Sipe Park <b>May 21</b>	22	23	24	25
		<b>Sipe Park &amp; Osseo Orchard Cleanup</b> <b>4350 "steps"-30 min</b> Help prepare the park for the summer sports season & the Orchard for the growing season. <i>Please bring work gloves if you have them.</i>				
26	27	4:30 pm – Boerboom Park <b>May 28</b>	29	30	31	
		<b>Walk with a Cop</b> <b>3660 steps-30 min</b> Wrap up the Challenge by joining the Osseo Police Department for a walk around the area.				

## Other activities:

Monday <b>Yoga</b> @ Community Center - 4:30 pm <b>3800 steps-50 min</b>	Mon.+Thurs. <b>Senior Jazzercise</b> @ Community Center - 11 am <b>5460 steps-50 min</b>	<b>Pickleball</b> @ Sipe Park <b>4980 steps-30 min</b> Call 763.425.2624 for access code & play anytime	1-mile & 2-mile Osseo <b>walking loops</b> (follow white or blue arrows) <b>4350 steps-30 min</b>	<b>Log activity &amp; find more ideas at</b> <a href="http://step toit.org">step toit.org</a>
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## EVENTS

BOERBOOM PARK –  
416 CENTRAL AVE.

SIPE PARK –  
600 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET SE

### \*Join Osseo in these Step to it activities!

Step to it is more than just "steps"! Join friends and neighbors in being active all month long. **Events start at 4:30 at the specified location.**

### The Step to it challenge

Step to it is an activity challenge that motivates people of all ages and abilities to become more physically active during the month of May.

### What counts as activity?

A variety of activities may be converted to steps, including running, cycling, dancing, manual wheel chair use, and many others.



## Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Item

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**Agenda Item:** Discuss Boerboom Park

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2021

**Prepared by:** Joe Amerman, Community Management Coordinator

**Attachments:** 2017 Boerboom Park Master Plan Feedback

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**Policy Consideration:**

Committee Chair Schulz has suggested a general review and briefing on the plans for Boerboom Park.

**Background:**

In 2017 the city tasked WSB with developing a master plan for Boerboom Park. This plan was presented to the city in the spring, and at the direction of the City Council, feedback on the plan was gathered through the summer. The feedback findings were presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee at its November 7, 2017 meeting. At that time the recommendation was to continue developing the master plan as drafted. As of 2021, the master plan presented in 2017 is still the guiding plan for the future of Boerboom Park.

Implementation of the plan is currently contingent upon several factors:

- Acquisition of all homes located on the eastern edge of Boerboom Park:
  - The city owns three of the four homes and is monitoring the status of the fourth.
- Rehabilitation of city owned housing units:
  - One of the properties owned by the city needs some repair, due in large part to water damage from a leaking roof. The city is currently determining whether the cost of repair and maintenance to that property exceeds anticipated value of the rental income over the next several years.
- Brownfield remediation:
  - Expansion of Boerboom Park will require the demolition of the city owned properties on the block. Given the age of the buildings, it is anticipated that the City will have access to Hennepin County and State of Minnesota funds for brownfield remediation.

**Next Steps:**

While the city waits to acquire the final property the master plan for Boerboom Park remains unchanged. When the city becomes aware of the opportunity to purchase the property it will begin gathering updated feedback, applying for outside funding, and working with the City Engineer to develop final plans.

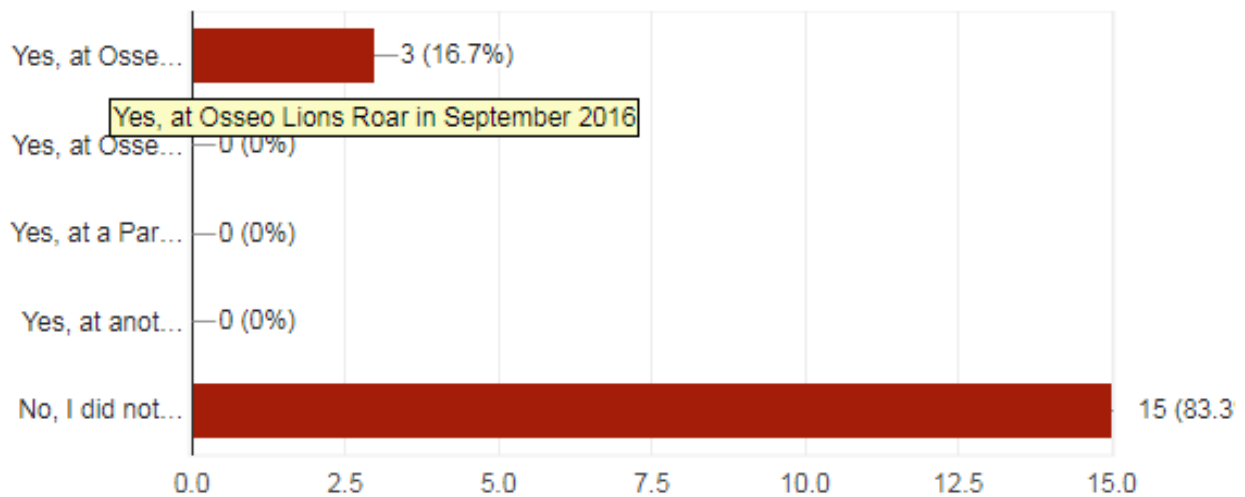
**Action Requested:**

Staff requests the Committee discuss the master plan information and provide feedback. If there are any additional questions, Staff can bring answers and more information forward at the April meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

# Boerboom Park Master Plan Feedback

Before this survey, did you provide input as part of the Public Outreach for the draft plan?

18 responses



## Concept Plans

### What do you like about Option 1 - Town Lawn? Why?

11 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*Nothing really strikes me as great, seems like a larger version of what we already have.*

*The open concept*

*Public bathroom*

*I like the green space and possibility of a play area*

*The potential community garden and play areas. I think it would be beneficial to families in town and to people that maybe are in apartments with no outside space to plant gardens.*

**The openness and grassy areas.**

**room for potential community garden**

**I like the fountain and keeping the existing benches and performance stage**

**Like the openness and that the plan doesn't feel cluttered.**

**Fountain. Nice touch with water.**

**Community garden, more seating, better walkways & safer crossings. The gardens could be other places in town but the rest just makes the park more user friendly**

### What DON'T you like about Option 1 - Town Lawn? Why not?

14 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I don't think it is adding much and will remain an underutilized park in this plan.*

*Too plain*

*Community garden - no sense of ownership*

*I don't like how It has nothing to do with kids. Osseo is an up and coming city where many new families are moving. I think there should be 50% for kids, 50% for adults.*

*It doesn't add enough variety of uses for the park.*

*The placement of the stage away from the central memorial seems off.*

*No restrooms*

*Lots of picnic areas, I am not sure how much those will actually get used?*

**The mystery of future plans. "Possible play area". Less is more**

**no native or edible plantings**

**More children play area would be great**

**Would definitely like to see a play area for kids**

**Would really like an off leash area for dogs.**

**water fountain and play area. although there should be stuff for kids to do, we have other areas for play equipment. The water should be something you can play in not just look at otherwise it is a wasted expense.**



## What do you like about Option 2 - Urban Play? Why?

13 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I LOVE the play areas, this is completely necessary in my opinion. I like the nearby seating areas. Great hangout for kids of all ages*

*Splash pad family fun*

*I love the splash pad, open field for skating in winter, picnic areas, and a shelter! This accomodates families of all ages! We would come to the park almost every day!*

*The splash pad makes downtown Osseo a destination instead of residents with kids having to bring their business to Maple Grove.*

*Splash pad and ice skating, could make the center point a focus area for current and newly enticed residents, also my kids would LOVE it. And, the stage remains in the same area.*

*Splash pad and play areas*

*Splash pad, smaller picnic area, large picnic shelter. I think a splash pad would be used a lot by families in the area and surrounding areas (Maple Groves splash pad seems busy a lot). Smaller picnic areas seem more reasonable for the area. The large picnic area would be nice for larger gatherings. Open lawn for flooding ice skating. That's it.*

**not much**

**I LOVE the splash pad!**

**Like the play area**

**shade areas, water to play in and stage can be enjoyed from the street area/walkers/bikers**

## What DON'T you like about Option 2 - Urban Play? Why not?

10 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I don't think we need a splash pad. I think it looks silly 9+ months out of the year when it is not able to be used.*

*No bathroom*

*No restroom/changing area*

*The separated play areas. With the splash pad, I don't know that the park would need 2 play areas. This plan seems directed more at families with younger kids, it would be nice to see a mixture of kids/pets/older families which our city is made up of.*

**Too much investment for items that are just "fads".**

**there is no shade for the central seating area**

**Nothing. I love it!**

**Don't like that memorial area is moved and less central, my kids would love the splash pad but since there are others close by to access, I don't think that Osseo needs to spend the money to upkeep a water area.**

**seems like a lot work for not a lot of return. no splash pad needed.**

**Too much space for play and the skating area is a good idea but it should do dual duty**



## What do you like about Option 3 - Garden Park? Why?

12 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I like the addition of public art.*

*The dog run! Not too many dog areas around here so it's the perfect idea*

*Enclosed garden*

*More greenery is nice.*

*I like the variety of plantings*

*Dog run, community garden. I love the idea of a dog run (as I have a dog that loves to go to the dog park and meet other dogs). The community gardens seems like a good idea, especially for apartment citizens that may not have areas to grow otherwise. (I assume there would be a small fee to have a space in the garden).*

**I'm sure it would be beautiful with all the gardens. But that is also a lot of up keep.**

**native grasses and woodland plantings, community garden, nature play area**

**Memorial benches etc remain. Performance stage remains.**

**Love the idea of a peaceful, eye-pleasing garden park**

**DOG PARK! Art? Interesting...Community garden. Love the natural aspects.**

**native plantings, dog run**

## What DON'T you like about Option 3 - Garden Park? Why not?

14 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I don't like that only one very small area is dedicated for play. I think the children in the community need to have a larger space dedicated for them. I would also be concerned about the close proximity to the dog park and the play area. It seems like a lot of upkeep to keep the garden park looking nice.*

*A little too much going on.*

*Dog run owners will not pick up after their dog*

*There is nothing to "do" there. I would like to see that space available for people of all ages. I would like the park to be a place to go to have fun. I think a garden can be a part of it, just not the whole thing.*

*I don't like the dog run. Pets are great, but children and families don't always mix well with dogs. I feel that more interactive features for families would bring a lot more valuable to the community.*

*Overly busy with too many items,*

*No restrooms*

*Not a lot of children based things (there is the nature play area, but I am not sure once that entails-- would be better if it was a splash pad...)*

**Busy. It's got a lot going on. I don't think a dog run should be the same size for grass play area. There is a large dog park just a few miles away.**

**no edible plantings, woodland could include fruit/nut trees and native shrubs could include native edibles.**

**No real play area or splash pad**

**However, a dog run with dogs barking would really ruin the peaceful nature of this garden park concept**

**Not sure what a "rain garden" is.....**

**it doesn't seem very user friendly. it would need events to get people to hang around.**

## Draft Master Plan



What do you like about the Master Plan? Why?

16 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*It's perfect! (3)*

*I like that the existing monuments remain, that it has a little bit larger play area and a dedicated picnic shelter area*

*Its perfect! Not too cramped not too plain it's perfect for osseo*

*Bathroom*

*I like how this park has a play area, garden, space for the concerts, a fountain. It looks like it would be good for all ages.*

*Lots of great features!*

*I like the idea of ice skating and FINALLY! a plan that includes restrooms*

*That it seems to contain more of a wide variety of the items of the others. I love the dog run, and bathrooms.*

**Very thought out and has a plan and place for everyone. It's a great blend of all three plans. Love it!**

**it seems to have room for just about everything**

**I like the fountain.**

**really like that there is more lawn space for the outdoor events/gatherings and that the play area is nearby for parents to keep an eye on their kids. Like the fountain bringing a focus to the memorial wall. Really like the flow of the paths through the park space - seems very natural.**

**Dog Park! Like fountains. I like the multi purpose design. Seems like a good central spot to drive the whole community.**

**the seating, restrooms, dog run, native plants, layout, better crossings, wider walks**

## What DON'T you like about the Master Plan? Why not?

12 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I don't like the climbing feature in the play area, there is already a nearby park (Pilgrim park in MG) that is dedicated to older children. I don't like the proximity of the dog run and the play area.*

*I think the play area should be bigger.*

*I don't like that it doesn't have a splash pad. If you look around the other communities with splash pads, they are very popular. The added visitors will help bring business to osseo.*

*I don't think the dog run is a good use of space or a needed feature.*

*Stage set back from original center area. And minus the splash pad.*

*nothing*

*There is no community gardens, the kids play area is nice, but I think a splash pad also would be even better. I don't think the dog run needs to have a decorative metal fence, I would do a cheaper more basic chain link fence and spend some of that money elsewhere.*

**no native grasses and no edible plantings**

**No splash pad. Not enough children play space.**

**I do NOT like the dog run!!! I don't think this is a big enough park space to accommodate a dog park because the barking of dogs will NOT be far enough away from the other community spaces. I personally do not want the barking of dogs to take away from the peace and beauty of this amazing new park!**

**I really can't come up with anything.**

**fountain and climbing area because they invite problems. leave open space for running games and make water feature interactive.**

## Are there any elements from Options 1-3 you think should be included in the Master Plan, but are not shown in this draft?

10 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*I think it is a good combination of all three.*

*SPLASH PAD*

*A splash pad.*

*If you included the splash pad from Option 2- I would like the Master.*

*Splash pad - although a lot of maintenance to only use a few months a year*

*Splash pad, Community gardens. The community gardens would be great for residents that maybe don't have space in there current living locations to have a garden. The splash pad would be a huge gathering place in the summer for the local and nearby neighboring kids.*

**I can't think of anything. After reviewing each one individually it makes you realize how thought out the master plan is.**

**splash pad**

**I really like the natural aspects of the Garden park.**

**splash pad & community gardens encourage interaction and sense of ownership**

## Do you have other comments about Boerboom Park?

11 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

*just want to emphasize the need for a play area for the kids. We live in Osseo and have to travel 1.1 miles to visit Sipe Park in Osseo from our home. This is not always feasible and we end up traveling by car to the parks in MG or BP.*

*Its an amazing place*

*CROSSWALKS! I know you have it mentioned, but the crosswalks NEED to be improved. We are on the verge of selling our house mainly because of the crosswalks. We don't want our kids risking their lives crossing the street without us because cars don't stop at the crosswalk. A stop light, blinking lights, something, needs to be put there. I also think it would be ok to use tax dollars to fund the park. 10 years is a LONG time to have a plan. This park should start construction soon! I think people in Osseo would be willing to pay tax dollars to get this project started sooner since it appeals to everyone.*

*This is an opportunity to create something that will give to future of Osseo. The population is turning over and there are many young families moving in. I believe a child-orientated park will help rejuvenate businesses in Osseo.*

*I think there is an opportunity to increase the foot traffic and vitality of Osseo with a highly interactive park.*

*I LOVE that you are expanding it. This is one of my favorite features of current Osseo. Currently we go to Maple Grove to have play areas, rinks, and a splash pad. Keeping us in Osseo would be ideal, you would see a financial boost at food establishments vs. all others going to Maple Grove. Also, people may not want to leave due to more ammenities.*

*I would not spend the money on a fancy fence on the dog run (chain link would contain dogs better (especially smaller ones) and cost less, so that money could be spent elsewhere).*

**Love the history etc of the park.**

**LOVE that Osseo is working to make this park space bigger and more community friendly!**

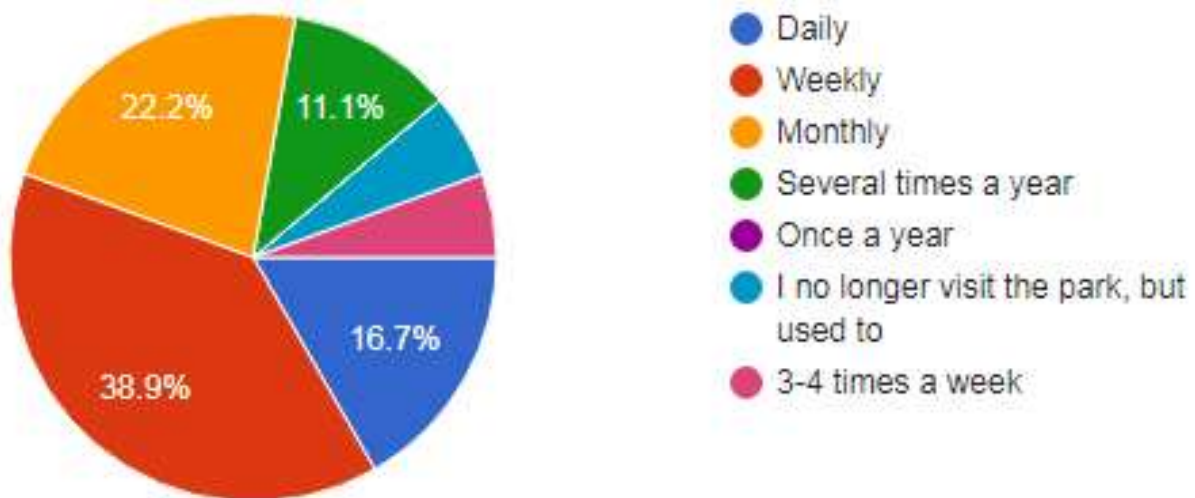
**I'm excited for this project!**

**Id like to see a haunted house and/or specific gathering area for school events.**

## About You

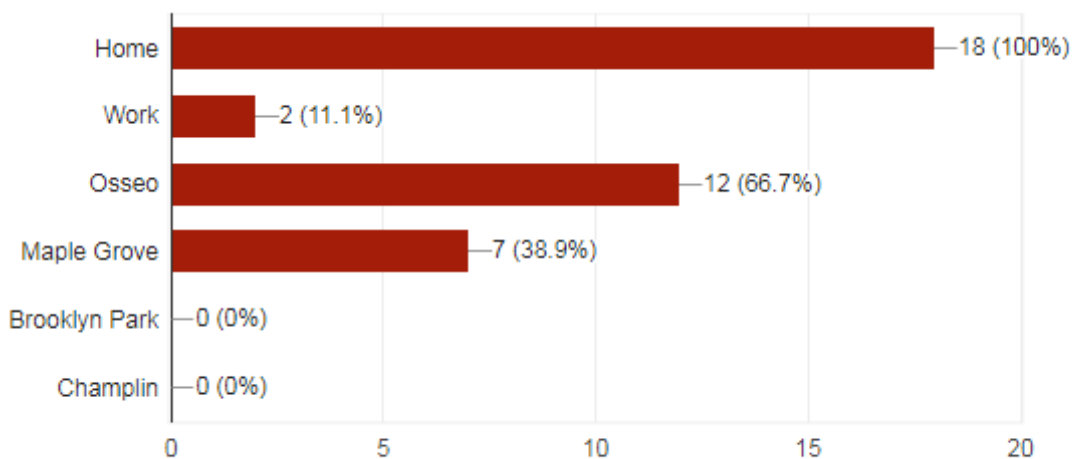
How often do you visit Boerboom Park?

18 responses



Where do you come from when you visit Boerboom Park? Please select all that apply.

18 responses



Thinking about future life changes, will you still come to the park 10 years from now? Why or why not?

18 responses (*previous responses in italics; new responses in bold*)

**Yes (4)**

*Yes, it is the closest destination from our home which we hope to be our forever home.*

*Yes. I hope in 10 years my kids can hangout here just like I did*

*Yes, but my kids will be grown in 10 years. I think this park should be built soon so we can enjoy and experience everything it has to offer. Osseo has so many young families right now, I think this park should please them by getting done quickly.. not when our youngest kids are already 10.*

*Yes. Children.*

*Yes, as long as Osseo continues to be a good community for our family.*

*Yes, because my kids are still young...and there are other features that we will use when they outgrow the play area.*

*Yes, I have small children and live in Osseo.*

*Depends. I don't have kids now, and if I did, I would want to make sure it had kid friendly items. I currently have a dog, and if there was a dog run, I would definitely go there to get her out and about.*

**I am hoping to find a home to purchase in Osseo. I love this city.**

**I don't know**

**Yes.**

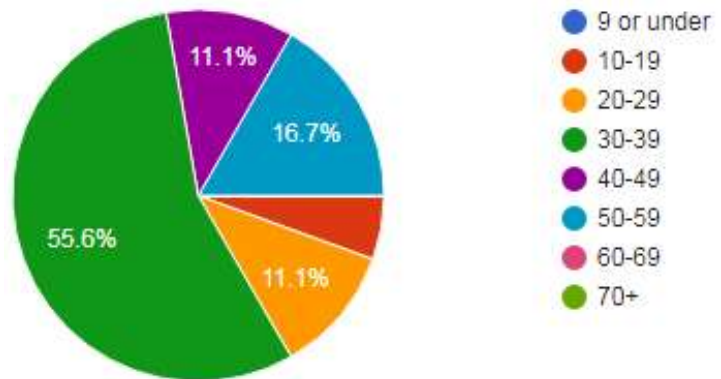
**Yes, as my kids grow, we will continue to enjoy community events in Osseo and the park.**

**yes. We walk regularly with our dog.**

**Yes - and we love to see the winter display**

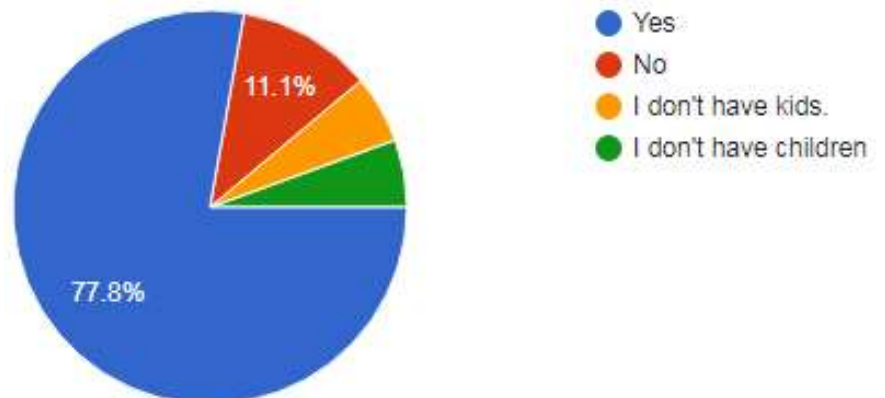
What is your age?

18 responses



Do you bring children to Boerboom Park?

18 responses



Boerboom Park Draft Master Plan –Input from Farmers Market & Tuesday night events

- Not all respondents answered every question. 25 Responses total.

How often do you visit the park?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We would come each week if there was a playground.</li><li>• Every Tuesday (2)</li></ul>					
Where do you come from when you visit the park?		<u>Osseo</u> 10			<u>No Response</u> 15		
What do you like about the proposed master plan for the park?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The bathroom (2)</li><li>• Playground (2)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climbing features</li></ul></li><li>• Picnic area</li><li>• Dog run (2)</li><li>• Use a lot of native plants (4)</li><li>• Thank God there won't be a splash pad</li><li>• Everything! (16)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Very attractive appearance / Love the look of the plan (12)</li></ul></li></ul>					
What would you change? What should be different?		<p>Safety &amp; Comfort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We're concerned that people might drop off dogs in the dog run, and then not pay attention.</li><li>• Leave out the retaining wall to keep kids from climbing.</li><li>• If kids are unattended, the climbing area could be dangerous.</li><li>• Dog run will keep people from coming to picnic</li></ul> <p>Additions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A bigger, better library would draw more people.</li><li>• Add a drinking fountain</li><li>• Add an "odd ball" road-side style attraction (e.g., 'The Biggest Ball of Twine in Minnesota)</li><li>• Have a splash pad / water park feature—if not from ground shooting up, from overhead spraying down</li><li>• Swings</li></ul> <p>Subtractions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not have the fountain</li></ul> <p>Adjustments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dog run will not be big enough.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Should be put by the Elementary School instead.</li></ul></li><li>• Put the bathroom closer to the picnic shelter</li><li>• Add more benches to define areas</li><li>• Have birdhouses in the native flower area</li><li>• Have a butterfly garden</li></ul> <p>Timing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We hope it won't take 10 years to build the park and playground. Build the playground sooner rather than later! (8)</li></ul> <p>Financial &amp; Operations Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leave out the Memorial Fountain to avoid maintenance issues. / There can be major problems keeping fountains operating.</li></ul>					
Other notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three families discussed the splash pad and the idea of a small pool. When considering the cost, they understood why it was not shown in the final plans—but kids were disappointed.</li><li>• Who will be responsible for cleaning the dog run?</li><li>• A person in a wheel chair wanted to be sure everything in the park would be accessible.</li><li>• How will this be paid for? Will taxes be raised?</li></ul>						
Age Range	<u>Kid</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Young Adult</u>	<u>Young Family</u> 8	<u>Middle Age</u> 4	<u>Senior</u>	<u>No response recorded:</u> 13