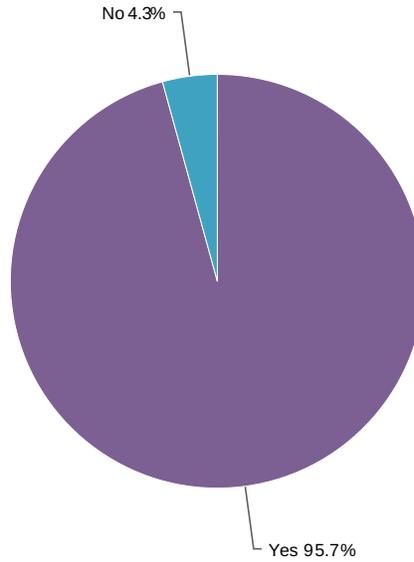
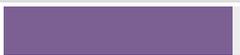


# Final 2nd Survey Summary Report - May 27 2014

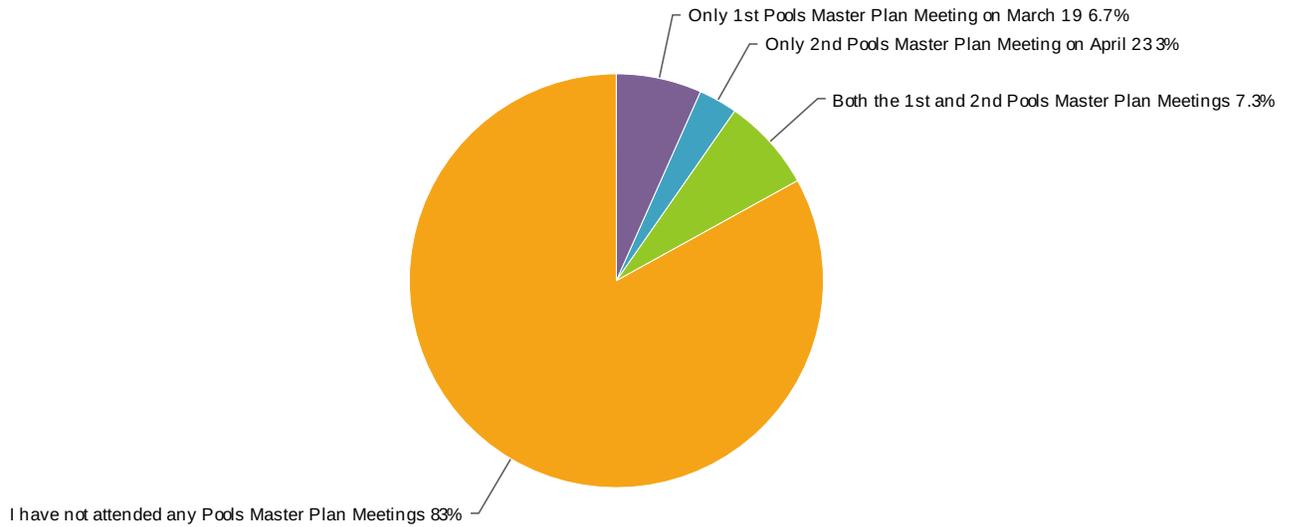
Survey: 2nd Pools Master Plan Survey

## 1. Do you live in Oak Park?



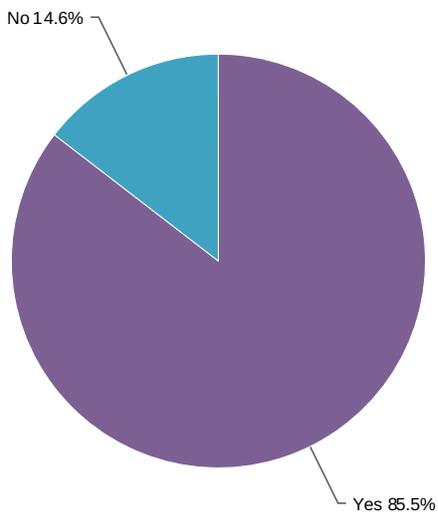
Yes	95.7%		157
No	4.3%		7
Total			164

2. Please indicate the Pools Master Plan meetings you have attended?

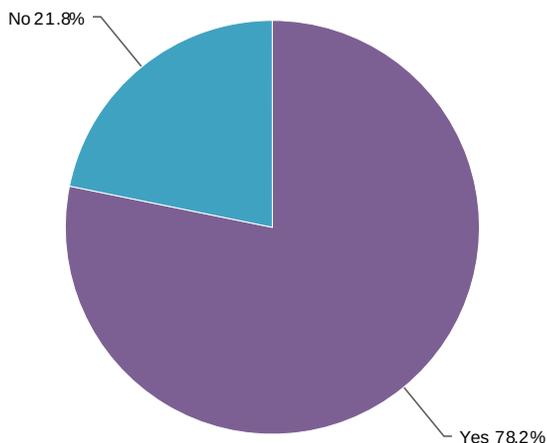


Only 1st Pools Master Plan Meeting on March 19	6.7%		11
Only 2nd Pools Master Plan Meeting on April 23	3.0%		5
Both the 1st and 2nd Pools Master Plan Meetings	7.3%		12
I have not attended any Pools Master Plan Meetings	83.0%		137
Total			165

3. Have you owned a pool pass or lap pass in the last 3 years?

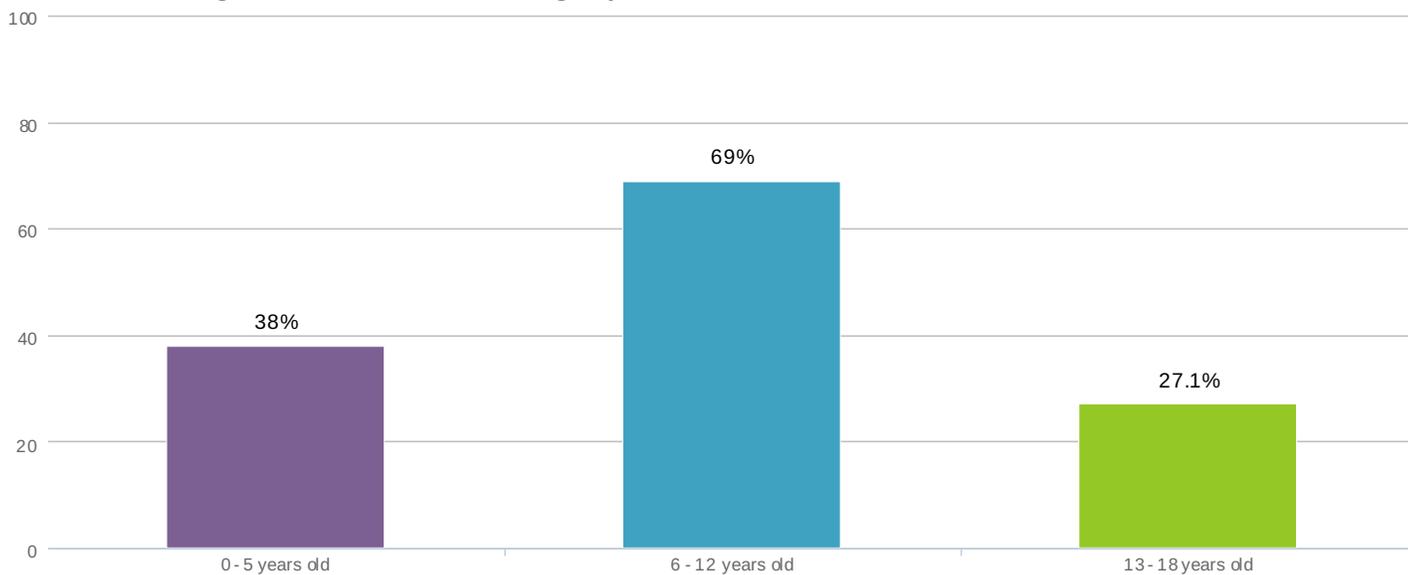


4. Do you have any children in your household age 18 or under?



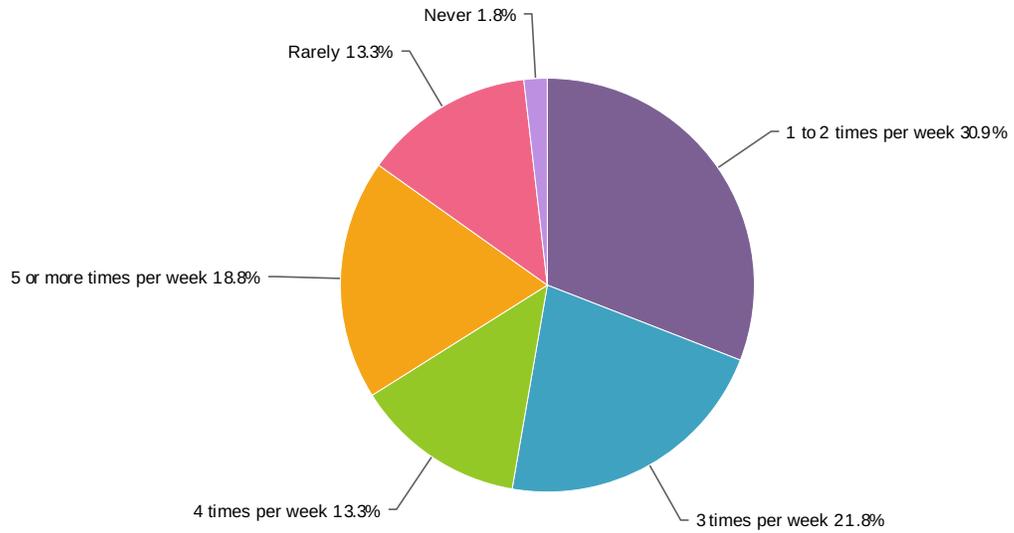
Yes	78.2%		129
No	21.8%		36
Total			165

5. What are the ages of the children residing in your household?



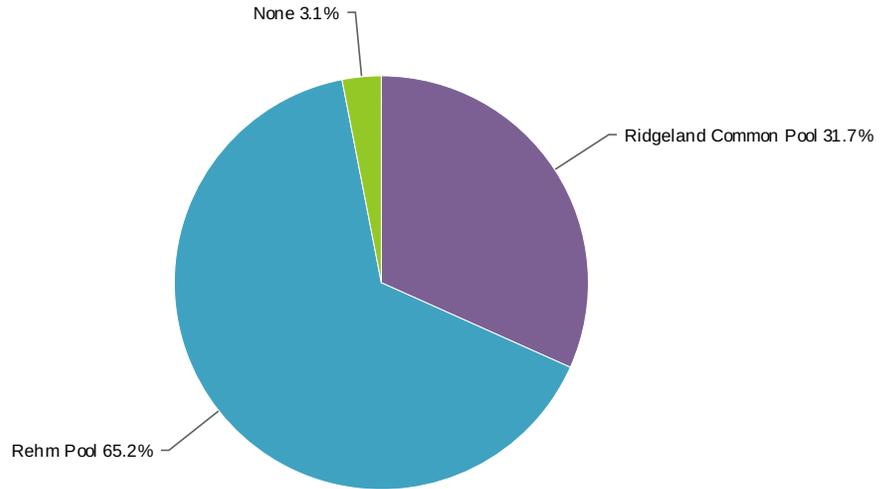
0 - 5 years old	38.0%		49
6 - 12 years old	69.0%		89
13 - 18 years old	27.1%		35
Total			129

6. How often do you frequent Park District pools?



1 to 2 times per week	30.9%		51
3 times per week	21.8%		36
4 times per week	13.3%		22
5 or more times per week	18.8%		31
Rarely	13.3%		22
Never	1.8%		3
Total			165

7. Which pool do you frequent the most?



Ridgeland Common Pool	31.7%		52
Rehm Pool	65.2%		107
None	3.1%		5
Total			164

8. Please rank the 5 options for Rehm Pool in order of your preference with 1 being your top choice and 4 being your least favored. If you are completing this question on a mobile device, please turn your device to landscape view.

	Score*	Overall Rank
Rehm Pool Option C	582	1
Rehm Pool Option A	490	2
Rehm Pool Option B	451	3
Rehm Pool Option D	379	4
Do not make any changes to the main pool and diving well at Rehm Pool	278	5

Total Respondents 160

\*Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is the sum of all weighted rank counts.

## 9. Why did you select your first choice over the other options?

Count	Response
1	Thinking of what would be best for my kids from now (17 months) and as they grow, based off my experiences growing up at Woodridge's Cypress Cove
1	Having small children, trying to protect the zero-depth area from bigger kids--give them the diving well area away from the entrance to the baby/toddler area.
1	I like the the swimming channel is close to the zero edge pool, as opposed to the lazy river which is farther away. (It would be harder to supervise multiple kids when the little kid features are further away from each other) I also like that the diving well remains deep in this version.
1	Top 3 choices preserve all 50 m lanes--very important to swimmers. D destroys diving: may be important to some users. C destroys trees and more deck space. So "no change" is best--just refurbish.
1	I'm not sure if the changes would work well in the space, even though they're interesting ideas for more play available.
1	Lazy River. Please throw some bones to the "adults" who visit your pool frequently (those without children!) We pay high taxes, too.
1	Don't want this gimmicky stuff. Want the bathhouse remodeled. Last year the women's area was disgusting.
1	I like to swim laps and dive. I do not have young children. My tax dollars should not pay for more amenities for other people's children.
1	I prefer the lap pool remain unchanged. I really don't mind cool stuff for the kids, but don't take away space for the grownups!
1	I like that the activities are kept separate. I like that the slides do not obstruct the view from the main pool to the diving area. That is important when you are at the pool with more than one child doing different activities. It's nice to be able to glance around the property and be able to spot your children. I also like that the main pool remains just that. A pool with full lanes in tack. The lazy river is also in a separate area. This way if you want to be lazily drift around you can do so without the splashing and hub-bub of this area being attached to the larger area. In addition, I don't like the other plans because they put activities that use balls in the pool as well. This seems like it can get annoying to those who are trying to enjoy bobbing around in the main pool area. I don't want to have to be worried about balls hitting me while I am enjoying my time at the pool. Also, I believe that the diving well should remain a diving well. The reason my child and her friends go to Rehm instead of Ridgeland even though Ridegeland is closer is because of the high dive. This is where most of the older kids like to hang out.
1	because there are 25 and 50 meter lanes which promote kids and learning how to swim and then hopefully join rhe swim team
1	I love the transformations suggested for the current diving area, including the climbing wall and water slides.
1	I want to swim laps. Options A and B reduce the number of lanes for laps. Option B would introduce balls bouncing around little kids who may be hurt. It has happened to me, so, I would not like the option with the waterbasket.
1	I think a lot of older kids enjoy water basketball that would otherwise not enjoy the pool as much.
1	I liked the sand. I liked the baby pool. for very small children it was a great option not available elsewhere. The sand especially made it feel like a beach. no other place has sand, but should.
1	retains existing pool and zero depth layout, adds amenities to diving well area and other excess real estate
1	i would like some added features,but not too many so t hat the people does not become a water park and there still room to swim and I can find my kids. do not like the idea of shallow water in the diving well. Please keep the lap swimming lanes. We have used a current channel before and it was fun and active rather a lazy river which seems that it would not be big enough to really enjoy
1	I feel that the entire 50m space is utilized, especially on busy days, for lap swim and for swim team and to decrease that space would be detrimental.

1	I would like to keep the full 50 meter pool, but also would like to keep a diving well with boards. I love the climbing wall idea, and think the lazy river would offer another fun option for many ages.
1	It best best uses diving well space and allows for 25 and 50 meter lanes with quiet activities in the main area
1	Keeps the slides away from the younger kid area, seems like that would eliminate problems with kids that are too young trying to go on the slides
1	No one in my household, indeed no one I know, will use those extras, and we have not been informed of their cost.
1	Flume Slides / Climbing Wall. My ideal layout is: Option A for the Diving Well Area, 2 more flume slides on the south patio (as shown in Option D), and either the Current Pool (Option A) or the crossing activity (Option B) for the main pool. I am against the lazy river. More Flume = More Fun!!!
1	The pool serves patrons well as is, and the park district budget should be spent on preserving the pools or building an indoor pool.
2	50 M pool
1	50m lanes and lazy river
1	25 yard area is good and spring board diving
1	.
1	things are fine already
1	want as much lap swim as possible
1	prefer 50m lanes, lazy river & some changes to the diving well
1	provides the most features.
1	seemed to have the best flow for all the additional items
1	seems like best use of space with the most options. Not fond of "Current Channel"
1	seems easiest and cheapest to incorporate
1	more lap lanes
1	maintains status quo
1	maintains pool size, enhances well, not crazy about lazy river
1	maintains diving well and keeps kids stuff separate
1	leave well enough alone
4	lazy river
1	lazy river!
1	lazy river is great for hosting non swimmers
1	lazy river and large lap area
1	like the climbing wall, crossing activity and the 25 yard lap swim option
1	like the pool the way it is, no need to spend \$ on this
1	like cross over

1	no change to the actual pools
1	i really like the idea of having a climbing wall and current channel.
1	it keeps the main pool as open as possible
1	it adds amenities without taking away any space from the main pool
1	it was closest to what I want.
1	half the main pool is cut down to 25 yards in the others.
1	has new features and retains some better older features
1	has lazy river
1	keeps diving well fun, adds water flume slides and lazy river
1	keeps the full deck and adds slides and crossing feature
1	expanded shade area
1	deep diving well and more fun options while maintaining 50 meter pool
1	deep well and lap lanes
1	flumes, climbing wall & basketball
1	amenities offered.... flume slide, climbing wall basketball and crossing activity
1	best balances multi-age needs
1	best balance for young and old
1	basketball
1	THE LAZY RIVER
1	The variety and nice layout.
1	The right mix of options and features
1	The lazy river, and multiple lane length options
1	This option pretty much kept the diving well and main pool intact
2	We like the pool the way it is. Spend the \$\$ on an indoor, all year around pool.
1	Water Flume Slides and Current Channel
1	Variety of features
1	Pool is great; shade has been terrible!
1	Preserves room in main pool and lazy river keeps diving
1	Slides and lanes
1	Seems best way to introduce more and keep what is best
1	Retains larger pool area; longer lazy river
1	Maintains swim/dive functionality but added features for the little ones.

1	More to do
1	More utilization of diving pool
1	Most user friendke
1	Largest lazy river
1	Lap Swim
1	Lap lanes
6	Lazy river
1	Lazy river is included
1	Lazy rivers are fun!
2	Lazy River
1	Least expensive
1	Liked it being spread out better
1	Looks fun for older kids
1	Nice balance of activity & space
1	Nice variety of amenities without overdoing it
1	Integral play areas
1	It might help keep the kids in Oak Park
1	It leaves the pool with al 50-meter lanes, and I like the lazy river
1	It leaves the main pool intact
1	It offers the most amenities for my children
1	It is a more responsible way to spend taxpayers money and it is safer
1	It has more water
1	It creates the least change in the diving well and main pool.
1	I like that you can see the slides from the kiddie area better.
1	I like the big open pool area
1	I like the lazy river option best
1	I like the idea of a lazy river
1	I like the slides on the side and the 50 m pool
1	I like the pool the way it is. No need to create a water park.
1	I love the lazy river.
1	I do not like any of the options
1	I don't want to change the adult deck.

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- 1 I am opposed to any reduction in lap swim lanes
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- 1 I thought it would be better for the kids
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- 1 I think B or C would work equally well for a variety of ages
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- 1 I want to keep more options available for swim lanes due to lack of swim lanes in Oak Park
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- 1 I want to preserve the 50 meter pool format. I swim laps at least 4 times a week.
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- 1 I want a regular swimming pool, not a theme park. Not necessary !!!
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- 1 Happy medium on changes
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- 1 Keep the pool the way it is
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- 1 Keeps the 50M pool lanes clear
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- 1 Keeps diving available, doesn't interrupt lap swim, but new slides!
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- 1 Keeps main pool in tact but still adds bonus features.
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- 1 Easier to keep track of children of different ages
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- 1 All options except no change except no change reduce lap swimming and deep water aerobics
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- 1 Believe that too many activities may make for a chaotic pool.
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- 1 Because the lazy river will be able to hold more kids than the current channel.
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- 1 Because of the lazy river feature
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- 1 Because of the Lazy river
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- 1 Best Mix of Options
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- 1 Best amenities
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- 1 Best use of space and maintain diving well
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- 1 Balance between fun and laps

10. Please rank the following 10 amenities for Rehm Pool in order of your preference with 1 being your top choice and 10 being your least favored.

	Score*	Overall Rank
Water Flume Slides	1065	1
1 meter Diving Board	935	2
Lazy River	930	3
Drop Slides	866	4
Current Channel	797	5
Climbing Wall	782	6
Crossing Activities	719	7
Water Basketball	638	8
None of these	495	9
Shallow water pool to replace diving well	408	10
Adult Whirlpool	0	11
Sand Play	0	12

Total Respondents 161

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11. Do you have any additional ideas or comments regarding Park District of Oak Park pools?

Count	Response
1	I think its great we are updating our pools to make them more modern and keep Oak Park residents buying Oak Park pool passes. We buy passes for the entire family each year, I wish that I could also go during lap swim with my pool pass, or go for %50 discount, since I'm already a pass member. I think its important to keep space in the main pool for swim teams and lap swimmers, but the new features elsewhere sound really great. I would definitely like to keep some diving boards, my kids just love the boards.
1	Further consideration should be done over making an indoor structure. Tied into Ridgeland Common could be very useful for the Park District.
1	Indoor pool seems like it's a good option since it's so cold in our area year-round. I swim at FFC, and there are often teens swimming there, where it's not appropriate and there is no lifeguard. They seem like they might use a public indoor pool year round. As for me, I really enjoy the option for outdoor swimming when the weather is nice, so I say keep the 50M lanes as clear and open as possible for lap swim! If I had kids I would definitely use the splash pad, kids pool, and other amenities.
1	Lower the price of pool passes. So expensive for my family of six. Would like to pay a family price rather than a per person price. Concerned that the new amenities will result in increased pool pass cost, otherwise, how will these improvements be paid for. We like the pools the way they are.
1	Cover the pool for year round access. It would stop FFC from drawing away so many swimmers who could be spending fitness \$\$ at PDOP.
1	Yes - we need 365 day access in Oak Park pools. Currently I have to drive to other townships and take my money elsewhere to swim from mid August through to May. This is money that could stay in Oak Park. There are more than enough people who would frequent pools the year round for you to make this a priority. You ignored this obvious step during the planning for Ridgeland's re-development, providing instead 365 day skating. But with the potential re-development of Rehm a covered pool with Fall/Winter access should no longer be avoided. Currently the pools close way too early in the season - we still have at least 6 weeks of good weather ahead of us when you close and it is frustrating to drive past pools with locked gates when it is 90 degrees outside. Do something about it, because people will pay higher pass fees for increased access. Thank you for your time.
1	Change the main pool to have a zero depth entrance, or at least more shallow, so more younger/shorter kids can swim in it.
1	Oak Park should have a indoor swimming pool to offer the residents year round swimming just like the ice rink that will be year round now.
1	I don't want to see any more improvements if it means my taxes are going up more. We can't even afford a pool pass anymore. The prices are much higher than they should be for what we get. All park district stuff is not worth the price anymore. I have been going to river Forest were prices are still cheaper even for a non resident.
1	Please don't add any of the drop and drag options to either the Rehm or RC pools. There is no room to make either pool into a water park without destroying or limiting adult lap swimming even more profoundly than at present. Please provide access to the diving (deepest water) and shallowest areas of Rehm and RC during lap swim hours for lap swimmers to do their own water aerobics. If residents wish to attend a water park, let them go to private facilities that specialize in such offerings. Please build a public, indoor, year round aquatics and fitness center modeled on the one in Kearns, Utah. I wrote a detailed article about what should be included in such an A&FC, which is available free online at <a href="http://www.kopfc.com/Share/index.html">www.kopfc.com/Share/index.html</a> or <a href="http://www.kopfc.com/Share/Howto50M.pdf">http://www.kopfc.com/Share/Howto50M.pdf</a> . The model A&FC in that article is at the Kearns, Utah Park District. Despite having a fraction of the per capita income as OP and RF, it offers world-class, year-round public facilities at a rock bottom price of \$215/year for an entire family and \$130 for an individual – or half that for seniors (see <a href="http://www.kopfc.com/Pages/GeneralIndexPages/Memberships.html">http://www.kopfc.com/Pages/GeneralIndexPages/Memberships.html</a> ). Kearns' rates are 10-20 times lower than at FFC, the YMCA, Loyola or Gottlieb and the PDOP, which charges more for its "seven Sundays of public indoor lap swimming" on an annualized basis than FFC charges for an annual Premier Membership that includes everything. For example, according to the PDOP, you charge \$4.29 each for 7 Sunday adult indoor lap swimming sessions from March 2 through April 13, 2014 at OPRFHS from 7-8:30 a.m. That's \$1566 on an annualized basis --- i.e., more than \$100 more than FFC. The difference is that all OPRF property tax payers have already paid for the OPRFHS pools and should be able to use them for free. Again, SHAME ON YOU for so grossly overcharging for such lousy, inadequate hours and services. At least at FFC, adult patrons get free towels and can lap swim every day for many more hours throughout the day. Moreover, the Montgomery County,

Maryland park district also offers eight lavish, outstanding, public, indoor, year-round aquatics and fitness facilities comparable to those in Kearns (<http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/thingstodo/aquatics/index.asp>). If such disparate park districts can provide such outstanding services, so can Oak Park and River Forest. It's time the PDOP collaborated with the RF PD and OPRFHS/D200 to build such a facility. More than half of D200 residents support using some of OPRFHS's \$150 million cash surplus to fund an A&FC. I know this because I got the advisory question on the ballot last year. Contrary to your spokesman's proud announcement at the last pool masterplan meeting, it is outrageous that D200 would even consider building a \$70 million aquatics center only for use by high school students and not for use, all day (5 a.m. through 10 p.m.), every day, 365 day a year by ALL residents of D200. Indeed, it would be outrageous at any price. It is also outrageous that D200 and PDOP and RFPD discriminate against and exclude seniors from employment from paid life guard and fitness center duties in favor of hiring children. It is not necessary to provide life guards during adult lap swims. NONE of the nearest private indoor health clubs (FFC, Gottlieb, Loyola) employ lifeguards for any of their pools at any time. If you're concerned about liability, make adult lap swimmers sign an iron-clad, legally binding waiver of liability on a swim-at-your-own risk warning at registration. Not having lifeguards might facilitate opening the pools earlier (at 5 a.m.), keeping them open to adult lap swimmers at times when nothing is scheduled, and keeping them open later, until 10 or 11 p.m. daily. Heating the water in the pools and diving wells to 85 degrees when the air temperature is below 75 degrees – AND providing quality showers with good individual hot and cold water controls -- would enable the pools to open May 1 and to remain open through September 30 or even October 31, particularly if you either provided no lifeguards or hired adults and Seniors to lifeguard. It is time to eliminate D200, PDOP, RFPD, D90 and D97, OPT, RFT, and all the other separate and wasteful taxing bodies in Oak Park, River Forest and Cook County. All local government agencies would have to operate much more cooperatively and efficiently if they had to compete for a single pool of tax dollars. The only renovation necessary at Rehm is to install functioning showers in the women's locker room and to provide hot and cold running water in all shower stalls that flows at a decent rate and is not too hot or too cold to stand under comfortably, as it is now. The location for the A&FC could be on the same block as Rehm park (by buying up the residential properties at the south end of East Avenue and Scoville between Harvard and the south boundary of the existing PDOP Rehm property there). Alternatively, purchase land for the A&FC across Lake Street from RC or across Scoville from OPRFHS. For example, there is a large, very old brick apartment building at Scoville and Lake plus the other businesses on the north side of Lake between Scoville and Ridgeland that could be purchased as fair market value that would provide a fine site for the requested A&FC. If additional width were required, adjacent lots to the north currently occupied by single family homes could also be purchased at fair market value. There would easily be enough space for several indoor pools, an indoor water park, a fitness center and parking. Safe, lighted, climate-controlled enclosed under-ground or over-street walkways could connect OPRFHS, RC and the new A&FC and parking. Since D200 has the big bucks, locate the new A&FC at a site most convenient to its students. Although I suspect that it would be significantly less expensive to purchase the properties adjacent to Rehm than the properties across from RC, D200 would never fund an A&FC there since it is not convenient to D200 students. Extend week day early morning lap swim hours from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and weekend early morning lap swim hours from 6 or 7 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Indeed you could keep the pools open 24-7 if they were unguarded, swim-at-your-own-risk facilities before, after and in-between guarded swim hours. With all respect, your public-access ice skating hours at RC are a joke. There are 168 hours in a week but, despite being publically funded, the public has access to the new ice rink for ONLY 7.75 hours/week – just 4.6% of each week. None of those hours are early-morning/before work hours and none of them are adults only lap skate hours. Many adults who skate regularly for exercise do not want to share the rink with wild youngsters and teens. We need early morning lap skate hours (5-7 or 8 a.m.) on a daily basis (7 days/week) to make using a rink worthwhile. To my knowledge, you have never provided daily, early morning/pre-work lap skate hours for adults only. Please do so now or serious adult skaters will continue to be relegated to in-line skating on the streets. Also, please collaborate with the River Forest Park District to offer the same "in-district" pricing for passes to your aquatics and skating facilities to River Forest residents as Oak Park residents enjoy. Please also plan for a large underground parking lot with bike racks that can accommodate everyone who wishes to drive a motor vehicle to the proposed A&FC. If you really want to enable adults and seniors to use such a facility, you must make accessible parking available to them. Contrary to your remarks on 19Feb, most adults and seniors cannot or will not bike to PDOP facilities. Indeed, many seniors can't easily walk even a block, so they never come to Rehm or RC when the lots and nearby handicapped spaces are parked up. While I applaud you for putting a public, indoor, year-round aquatics and fitness center (A&FC) on your 24Apr2014 pool master plan meeting agenda, I deplore your dishonesty and misrepresentations and dismissal about using affordable, durable and reliable Sprung Instant Structures to house an A&FC. Your speakers have been spouting the same slanders and aspersions since 2011 or before and it's time you STOPPED and read what I wrote about using them to enclose a 50 meter park district pool ([www.kopfc.com/Share/index.html](http://www.kopfc.com/Share/index.html)) and also time you visited Sprung's website ([www.sprung.com](http://www.sprung.com)). It's time you and other government agencies started putting function before form to provide the year-round, indoor services we all need and could easily afford if you stopped wasting money on bricks and mortar structures that cost 10 or 100 times more and are no more durable or reliable than Sprung structures. Please be clear that I have NO affiliation of any kind with Sprung and I receive no compensation from them. Sprung just happens to make the best and most cost-effective enclosures I have found for an A&FC. By the way, your speakers at your 24Apr2014 pool master plan meeting also acknowledged that one of the top concerns and requests made by respondents to your first survey was the need for

SHADE at RC and Rehm. Clearly, many facility users are concerned about getting skin cancer and acquiring other health problems from over-exposure to the sun while using RC or Rehm facilities. As you will see in my above article ([www.kopfc.com/Share/index.html](http://www.kopfc.com/Share/index.html)), the architectural membranes Sprung uses, including those composing skylights and fenestrated doors, respectively block/absorb 100% or ~90% of incident ultraviolet wavelengths and prevent these dangerous wavelengths from reaching people inside the enclosure. This obviates the need for using sunblocks, reduces fouling of pool water from lotions and creams, and prevents sunburns and UV-induced skin cancers while inside Sprung structures. As such, it satisfies your respondents while still allowing the enclosures to be opened up via the huge doors to give an open, out-of-doors feeling when inside on nice days/good weather. With all respect, it's time the PDOP and the RF PD started giving much more value for our membership fees and tax dollars and stopped treating property taxpayers as bottomless money pits whose fitness and recreation needs you can safely ignore in favor of the needs of children and families. Singles and couples without minor children pay through the nose and get little or nothing in return for our tax dollars. It's time to provide us with daily, early morning, year-round lap swimming, ice skating and other amenities. Please do so.

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- 1 I don't mind any changes to the deep well pool. I'd like to see as much go over there as possible. As I mentioned, I'd like to have the adult deck remain the same sized area.
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- 1 Think Big. Offer More than Forest Park. More Flume = More Fun. With two slides, they'll be longer lines. Four slides is better. Current pool can be used by all ages while a crossing activity is typically just the young kids so I'd lean toward the current pool. Lazy river takes up too much space, would be clogged with too many people / people would hoard flotation devices which would cause problems. Permanent basketball not needed, portable hoops much better solutions. A game can be played in lap swim area, when lap swim is not being used.
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- 1 There are too few swimming options as is in Oak Park, and taking away lap swimming lanes, times, is a disservice to the swimming public.
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- 1 I have a daughter on the swim team and I think there needs to be an option for them other than Ridgeland to accommodate swimming lanes
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- 1 Seems like all our parks are for children, with nothing left for adults, who pay the taxes. All the parks have become ball fields. Our tennis courts became a skate park. Let us have a little happiness swimming laps.
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- 1 I wish the pools the lifts for wheelchair users were working properly 100% of the time. And that the staff was trained better on disability issues. I also wish the cost was not so high. Too many can not afford to go to the pools. The Chicago Park District has all this. Their indoor lap passes are only \$40 for 3 months and they can swim 7 days a week. I have never had a problem with wheelchair accessibility at the pools I swim at for lap swim.
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- 1 I think the list and plans are well thought out. I am concerned about the amount of sunning space. I'm also disappointed that the sand area is going away.
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- 1 I would hope that the changes will be long-lasting and not fleeting fads that will need to be taken out in a few years. The District should be good stewards of our collective tax dollars.
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- 1 Maintain overall pool size; lazy river eats up too much seating...discount guardian passes for ppl who do not use the pool, but must be present with children
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- 1 all of us adults are looking forward to getting our adults only deck back. We enjoy our somewhat quiet place to read or have adults only conversation. Thanks
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- 1 I have very much enjoyed using the pools the last several years with my kids. It is a stretch for our budget so my concerns are maintaining affordability. Also, making sure that the whole age range of kids enjoys their time at the pool. I also appreciate more shade as we are all pale red-heads. Thank you for soliciting community input!
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- 1 I really like the climbing wall and both slides, maybe the deep end could be deeper and get diving blocks somewhere
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- 1 Change NOTHING. Use money to fix problems that need fixing. It looks like your turning rham into a water park.
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- 1 We love living a few blocks away from Ridgeland Common pool. I'd guess most people feel the same way, so if another pool is added, I hope you'll think strategically about where in town to put it.
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- 1 we need to keep a number of available swim lanes at each pool in oak park. This is critical to the swim programs in the area

that utilize the public pools during summer.

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- 1 The priority should be to create high-quality athletic facilities and not to try to create some half-a\*\*ed water park. Invest in top-quality materials, mechanicals (especially heating and filtering), and maintenance rather than on adding cute features.
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- 1 When is OP going to get a year-round indoor pool? Are you trying not to step on the West Cook YMCA's toes?
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- 1 Don't make it TOO complicated & consider the cost of insurance. Do we really need three types of slides?
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- 1 Do not like current channel could potentially be dangerous .. Even in small area like whirl pool kids can get dragged under. Lazy river a waste.. Fun at Cermak Aquatic center but don't see you having inner tubes in terms cost/ maintenance. Lifetime Fitness has currents/ lazy river and boring and have to hold kids. Need diving board to further diving. Not sure how climbing walk works with water but my kids like it . Basketball everyone can do.. Have as many as can bc will be popular and not sure how usage will be determined. Have no idea what crossover activities are! need drop slides or some kind of slides.
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- 1 Re an indoor presence, can not another existing pool be used as you are currently doing with oprf. I would do water except isles if offered which I currently do at triton
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- 1 I would like to see more hours in August. Why are the pools open so few hours in August compared to Forest Park? Please allow the kids the opportunity to dive, I am concerned by the shallow water additions in the current diving area. Would these new features result in the need for more lifeguards and a rise in the price of pool passes? The pool passes are already quite expensive compared to other towns. Please improve the concessions. Why are the food choices so unhealthy?
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- 1 We really need an indoor pool, why spend \$ on a pool that is only used for 3 months of the year. Time to save the \$ for an indoor pool. Concerned about the cost of additional items, give us a tax cut instead of continuing to increase our taxes.
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- 1 An indoor pool that children and adylts can use during the winter fall and spring and that the swim team can use
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- 1 I like the idea of a splash pad for Rehm, but I would want it accessible to all patrons of the park. I would like more grassy areas for families and the adult deck to return. I do not want a climbing wall. I would like the platforms removed and diving boards return. I do not want to lose or move the tennis courts. Beach volleyball should remain, as it is always in use.
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- 1 Put in a lazy river for kids and families but also include either the shallow water crossing or the current channel in the main pool.
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- 1 More time for seniors to swim without kids. Want more family swim hours and less public swim hours.
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- 1 It's unfortunate that this master plan was not completed ahead of 1) the Rehm Park master plan and 2) the Ridgeland Common redesign. It appears having one pool as a "swimming pool" with 50 meter lanes and diving with a second pool being a "play pool" with slides, lazy rivers and the rest may have been a good approach.
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- 1 The bathhouse at Rehm was poorly maintained last year. The women's room was disgusting. Switch the men's and women's back to the original design. Give families with more kids a break. Many of our friends now go to Forest Park because it is more affordable.
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- 1 Yes I was wondering why the second meeting was held at Chaney Mansion? It seemed like it was to discourage attendance
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- 1 I know kids love to swim, and as a teacher, I really do know how important it is for the community to provide these resources for our kids. That said, I do not have children, and I LOVE playing in the pool. I am NOT a strong swimmer, so I can't really swim laps. How glorious it would be to have "adults only" time we could get some exercise and not have to compete for space with hundreds of screaming, oblivious kids! It just seems the Park District forgets that there is this HUGE block of grownups who AREN'T lap swimmers who are being left out--the elderly, the disabled, the morbidly obese, the new swimmers in need of practice, the water aerobics aficionados, the doggy paddlers, the floaters, and ME, who just loves being in the water. Why are we being left out? Please, please, give us some pool time for ourselves! Turnout may be a bit low the first couple of summers, but trust me, as the word spreads, you'll get a whole new crowd.
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- 1 Would like to see more investigation into indoor pool. Was a lost opportunity at Ridgeland since the whole building was being redone. Would like indoor pool for year round swimming option.
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- 1 Temperature control. No point in investing in all of these changes if the water is too cold to enjoy.
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- 1 Please consider an indoor 50 meter pool. It is vital for the youth swim teams, high school swim teams, adult lap swim, and seniors who love to lap swim.
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- 1 Lazy rivers are relatively rare in this area, and would be a big selling point for new members. And I would love to have a lazy river. Please also consider adding more adult sunning deck areas away from children. Many members do not have children, but we still support the pool and expect our needs to be respected.
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- 1 Many Oak Park residents currently go to the Forest Park pool in the summer because it is more kid friendly offering slides and water spray activities. Offering slides and water current would be a huge opportunity to have these residents come back to Rehm pool.
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- 1 I THINK THIS SHOULD BE BUILT BY CONTRACTORS USING PARK DISTRICT RESIDENTS...THE TAX DOLLAR SHOULD STAY IN THE CITY
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- 1 The Oak Park community has a right to know what these options will cost. At the April meeting, it was announced that a survey regarding a potential indoor pool would include both questions about whether respondents would use such a pool and whether they were happy to pay for it. It seems only reasonable that surveys about changes to the outdoor pools should have both types of questions as well.
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- 1 I am really excited about the added features you are proposing. The addition of the slides and the lazy river will make this pool more appealing.
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- 1 I would be nice to have coded lockers (like they do at health clubs) to keep belongings in while at the pool instead of having to keep everything on the deck with you and then make sure someone is watching your stuff at all times.
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- 1 GET ALL BABIES OUT of the main pools! And toddlers should be made to swim in kiddie pools only, even with swim diapers. IT IS disgusting how often the pool has to be cleared due to fecal contamination. At Rehm, close off channel from main pool from zero depth area to avoid having to close the entire pool if there's a fecal contamination incident. Hundreds of swimmers are inconvenienced due to one baby or toddler. I worked at a pool for 2 summers and this was hardly ever a problem.
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- 1 Please make the changes that best fit with current pool to have as little disruption as possible. Also climbing wall will most likely cause the most issues with kids getting hurt. Hard enough to do when you have dry hands and feet. Just saying.
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- 1 We need an indoor pool! 2 outdoor pools for 12 weeks a year is ridiculous. Design and indoor pool with a retractable roof or large open doors to feel like outdoors but get the best of both worlds. 50m pools competition are in great demand in Chicago - build it and they will come!
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- 1 I think an indoor pool is a great idea - would love a masters swim team there...lap swimming, rent to club swim teams, swim lessons, water polo classes/teams, paddle boarding, synchronize swimming...
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- 1 Not really a fan of the climbing wall option. Seems like it would require an extreme amount of supervision and have long wait times. LOVE the idea of some sort of flume slides, but surprised they wouldn't empty into the pool like the slides at Forest Park. HATE to lose the wading pool. At crowded times the zero depth area is too hectic for babies and toddlers--I appreciated the relative calm of the wading pool for my little ones.
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- 1 I would really like water flume slides that my 3 year olds could use like they have in Schamburg, but the proposed water flume slides could only be used by swimming age kids since they are in deep water. I do not want to look the deep water for my kids to use for diving as they get older. Thus, it makes to leave the pool the way it is rather than adding new things that the young kids can not use. I am also concerned about the cost implications of adding new ammenities. Already, it costs my family of 5, \$250.00 for pool passes. Will new features result in higher fees to use the pool? The season is so short, please add more hours in late August and have the pool open full time to Labor Day weekend.
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- 1 It looks like there will be much less area for sun beds in all of the new plans. That is a big concern for adults. It seems like a terrible waste of taxpayer \$\$ to make huge changes to an already good pool. The addition of flume slides would be a nice extra feature that would not require a total rehab.
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- 1 Keep safe so lifeguards have clear views. Don't close more than one season. Don't raise fees too much.
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- 1 Concerned about changes to the pool and increases in pool pass rates as a result of these changes. We are also lap swimmers.
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- 1 you do not need to make any changes to Rehm until you have employees that are properly trained and can have the patrons follow the rules.
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- 1 My concern with basketball at the pool is that it eliminates a large area that is good for young swimmers. It will attract older distracted kids, again in an area with young swimmers. Not the best mix for safety reasons.
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- 1 still would like to have plenty of pool space in the main pool that is not taken up by a water basketball court
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- 1 This community needs an indoor pool rather than two outdoor pools that are only open three months out of the year. No need to fix something that is not broken.
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- 1 Please, please keep the sandbox. The kids really enjoy it a lot. It is a great place for the kids to calmly play and take a break if they are tired of running around in the pool. Beside it makes it feel more like a beach. (you can swim and build a sandcastle.) And there is nothing else like it in the area. But there are several splash pads in oak park. Though the kids are outgrowing the baby pool, it was a great place for kids under 3 to go and not get run over by big kids. Please keep at least a small area for the littlest ones. Frankly, the diving area is underused and could stand a change. But the main pool and the kids area are fine. Thank you.
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- 1 I would support one of the options that replaces some 50-meter lanes with 25 meter IF lap swimmers were allowed to use the 25 meter lanes during family and open swims.
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- 1 I'd like to see the lap swim run through at least September. People would pay extra for that extra month, and you could attract swimmers from all over the Chicago area because so many pools shut down in August. You could charge an extra fee to those who wanted the extra month. In Deerfield, I once swam in an outdoor pool on Thanksgiving. In London, there's a year-round outdoor pool.
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- 1 We need an indoor pool. We need to figure out how to do this. I believe it will absolutely break even given the need for pool time in the OP area.
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- 1 The second meeting was much better organized than the first meeting. Would like to see an indoor people, hope this will really happen. Please do not raise the pool pass fees to pay for these new amenities. Some of these ideas look quite interesting, but do not add too many new things. Please bring back family swim hours in the afternoon, it is ok to close the pool for a half an hour for family swim. Please allow toys during public swim. my kids really like to use the noodles and now there will be no time to use them except in the am. what is going on with the brick wall and the barriers that are still there. Please continue to keep the music down and respect the pool neighbors.
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- 1 why are they so expensive fir residents?
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- 1 stay withing budget and keep operating expenses low
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- 1 lol wut noob
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- 1 i also like the inflatables for both pools
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- 1 eliminate the sand and add more features for a variety of ages
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- 1 Use existing diving structure to retro fit a big water slide.
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- 1 Thanks for trying to make the pools more fun for a wider variety of people!
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- 1 Thanks for asking for our input. There should be a couple more surveys.
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- 1 While I will miss the diving platforms, they do not get enough use to warrant keeping them.
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- 1 Why not bring back the three meter diving board at Rehm?
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- 1 Please make them great with a variety of activities so our kids will be excited to be there!
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- 1 Separate the fan area toward the east end of Rehm with the play area from the main tank.
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- 1 More seating, more shade!

- 1 More shade, warmer water.

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- 1 Offer lap swim times everyday

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- 1 Nope

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- 1 No sand please

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- 1 Indoor swimming! Laps and kid area especially.

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- 1 Indoor heated pool

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- 1 Indoor 50 Meter pool is necessary for the youth swim teams, the adult and senior lap swim.

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- 1 I love the idea of flume slides. And please keep the deep water area. Thank you.

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- 1 I am excited about the idea of a splash pad area, a lazy river, and an indoor pool.

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- 1 I think that an indoor pool should be a high priority in any pool plan.

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- 1 I would love it if the food options to buy were healthier.

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- 1 I want a regular swimming pool with a diving well!

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- 1 Hot tub!!! Healthier options at snack bar/ more food!!

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- 1 All the proposed activities sound good - very hard to rank

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- 1 Anyway to heat the pools? So cold in June.