

New Summary Report - 05 May 2015

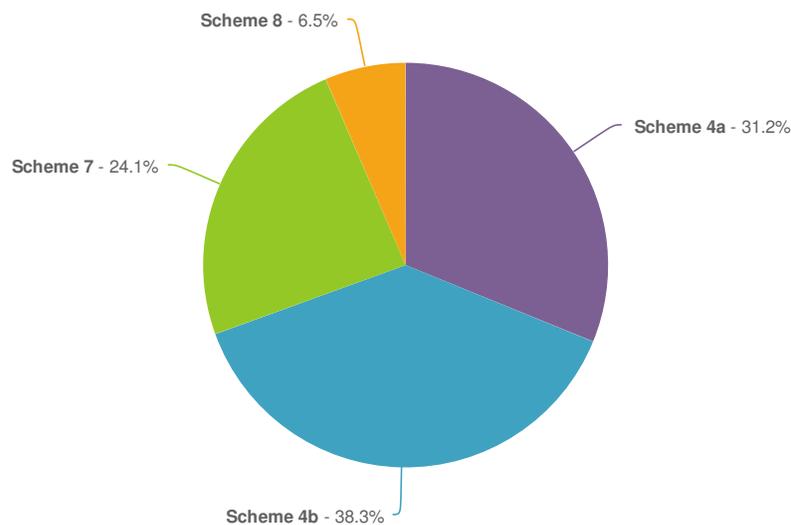
1. Please rank the 4 site plan schemes in order of preference.

	Score*	Overall Rank
Scheme 4a	1060	1
Scheme 4b	924	2
Scheme 7	860	3
Scheme 8	648	4

Total Respondents 369

*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.

2. Which scheme is your first choice?



Scheme 4a	31.2%		145
Scheme 4b	38.3%		178
Scheme 7	24.1%		112
Scheme 8	6.5%		30
Total			465

3. Why is Scheme 4a your first choice?

Count	Response
1	Having a large playfield is important
1	4a seems to best accommodate the needs of the most users

Count Response

1	Baseball and soccer are separate
1	Because it does NOT include artificial turf.
1	Best multi-use and natural grass
1	Big field, real grass
1	Big multi-purpose field, natural grass
1	Do not want astro turf.
1	Field remains the same
1	Field size. Natural grass field. I do not think kids should be playing on artificial turf.
1	Grass field- multi purpose
1	I don't like turf--especially for baseball. I think we need more playing field space.
1	I don't think the sled hill needs to be expanded
1	I like having the playground in this location. I also really like the size of the field.
1	I like how it preserves most of the sled hill and has no artificial turf.
1	I like that it has a grass field. I'm tired of adding more plastic and fake dirt to our world.
1	I like the baseball diamond moved And natural grass
1	I prefer the ball field to be kept traditional...
1	I'd rather have natural turf.
1	It doesn't decrease the size of the soccer field and it keeps the soccer field as natural turf.
1	It has natural grass.
1	Keeps the sled hill and has natural grass
1	Large field. Grass. Everyone's happy
1	Large natural field, Not shared with baseball diamond
1	Largest GRASS field.
1	Largest multi-purpose field and natural vs. artificial turf.
1	Largest natural playing field
1	Like the park on the corner it is currently located and natural grass.
1	NO TURF / CANCER RISK.
1	Natural Grass, accessibility of playground for neighborhood residents.
1	Natural grass and keeping the playground at the south end.
1	Natural grass and the playground is away from the baseball field
1	Natural grass is very important; soccer field doesn't overlap baseball diamond

Count Response

1	Natural grass, more sledding options
1	Natural grass. Larger field can accommodate players of most ages
1	Natural grass. Please do not use artificial turf.
1	Natural grass; multi purpose field same size as current
1	Natural turf. No strong preference between #4a and 7 on location of playground.
1	Natural turf. Doesn't re-invent the wheel.
1	Natural turf. Same size field.
1	No AstroTurf. Can be easily phased. Less impact for the neighborhood.
1	No AstroTurf. The sled hill does not get bigger. Easy to phase in.
1	No astroTurf, does not enlarge the sled wall that faces the neighborhood. Easily phased.
1	No overlapping soccer and baseball diamond.
1	No turf. Keep open space in our part of OP- this option is not as built up as other options.
1	Park stays off of busy road and the natural grass is less costly and feels more natural.
1	Please do not use artificial turf, I have grave concerns about the long term effects of turf
1	Prefer natural grass over turf
1	Preserves natural turf, includes baseball.
1	Probably less money
1	Retains natural grass. Playground at south side of park
1	The most diverse people could still use the park.
1	The natural grass and the play ground
1	Uses natural grass.
1	We need a baseball field with natural grass
1	We need safe, non-toxic fields for our kids to play on. Please no more synthetic turf.
1	We should not turn every open space in Oak Park to artificial turf
1	best layout for all uses
1	grass
1	involves least amount of change
1	it appears to be the best options for all groups of users
1	like location of picnic area, like natural grass, like playground location
1	main reason: Do not like synthetic turf option. Like current multipurpose field sizes.
1	natural grass

Count Response

1	natural grass and field size doesn't decrease
1	natural grass and size of field
1	natural grass; fewest changes, which I hope means less money
1	niciest, logical layout and best use for the different parts of the part
1	no turf
1	no turf,
1	playground away from busiest street around the park.
1	preserves existing park
1	preserves the playing fields. natural grass is nice, if the field can be fixed to drain properly
1	status quo
1	why not
1	I am concerned about synthetic turfs being linked to health problems. I want natural grass and big ball fields.
1	4A presents the most options to the most people. It also represents the most efficient use of funds to achieve this goal. keeping the filed as turf allows us to keep the other activities the park is used for. Picnics, school parties, etc.
1	Increasing the size of the sledding hill would significantly increase construction times and a larger wall would much further separate the community from the park, more so than the wall currently does. Adding turf to the field would be uncomfortable, and unsightly for anyone using the park for non-sport activities.
1	No artificial turf; slightly smaller field allows room for more nantural play area for kids. Sled hill is fine as it is. There are tons of small kids that already use it with parental support. Don't want a smaller playground to accomodate more sled hill. Also, don't want more concrete wall on the south side of park -- although I'm fine with what's currently there.
1	Retains natural grass Retains field size/green space Doesn't overlap the current ball diamond Seems cost effective
1	Playground should not be so close to garfield as it is too busy with high traffic. Needs turf vs. Grass.
1	Bigger playground for children at all times and more ages. The soccer field and baseball field separate.
1	Prefer natural grass and this provides the maximum multipurpose field space. Do not think sled hill needs different heights.
1	Unknown health risks associated with artificial turf. Do we know what the underlying materials are? Recycled tires? Also, cost...don't see the point in relocating the playground. What does that buy us?
1	I don't want turf, and I'd rather have the playground away from the busy intersection at Lombard.
1	Synthetic turf has questionable health concerns; no need to move playground; current field works fine and sled hill is fine for older kids
1	Either 4 because I do NOT like the idea of the playground at the north end. If you could switch the playground and sled hill that would be ok, but the playground with unsupervised kids so close to the busiest of the 4roads surrounding the park is not safe. Every other park in oak park, the playground is off the busiest road, it would be sad to see south oak park be different.
1	It is all natural grass which is the best choice for People & the Environment - water retention, oxygen creation, habitat maintenance and exposing children to the life in the soil - necessary for their mental and physical health. Also the playground is farther away from highway noise and air. pollution. This design contributes to community interaction and free play - major components of a healthy community.

Count Response

1	4a keeps playground in current place. I own a home and live across the street from the playground on Taylor, and I'd rather have the playground across from me than an expanded sled hill, which will bring more noise and activity to my corner. The view and sound of small kids playing in the playground is more pleasant. 4a also keeps the natural grass, which I prefer to artificial turf. 4a also doesn't expand the sled hill, the reasons for which I don't support expansion listed above.
1	Park stays in the same location and it has natural grass. The sledding hill is blocked off most of the year, so more space would be available all year with the current sledding hill. It is probably the least expensive option as well.
1	Natural grass important - we have enough artificial surfaces in town to serve the need. Also prefer plan where playground is further from the baseball diamond - safer and quieter.
1	I like natural grass for our park I like the current sized field The playground is quiet and away from Garfiend which is a busier street
1	Don't think we need any more artificial turf in Oak Park. Kids need to be able to play on real grass too and it would be nice to keep it at its existing size.
1	I like the idea of keeping the sled hill the same height as now and playground is away from Garfield and Eisenhower--natural grass is an added benefit, too.
1	Don't want synthetic turf and don't want playground on north end - too close to pollution and noise from 290 expressway
1	I'd prefer grass over turf for this project and changing the sled hill is a HUGE cost. It will also impact the neighborhood. At the beginning of the first presentation, John mentioned how the park feels closed off from the corners. Why then do two of the options (Scheme 7 & 8) close off the entire southern property line (except for the SE corner) by extending a sled hill?
1	I like the playground down at a quieter end and away from 290. No more synthetic turf please. (need grass and soil to deal with pollution from 290).
1	I prefer for the playground to be away from Garfield Rd., which seems to be a busier road than the other surrounding roads. Also, I prefer for the field to be made of natural grass and not synthetic turf.
1	To keep the playground located on south end and also that hopefully means there's no speed bump at Lombard & Garfield, plus, and very importantly, natural grass will be used instead of toxic synthetic grass.
1	The baseball/softball field is a true field. It was unclear from the description if scheme 7 has a dirt field or not.
1	2nd largest soccer field while still providing a "real" baseball field that isn't on turf. How do you play baseball when you can't slide in the dirt?
1	Preference for playground location farther from the expressway (south end not north end), plus natural grass over synthetic turf
1	Need more turf fields. WE deal with Chicago weather, and turf maximizes the hours our kids can participate. Add more batting cages. The ones at Ridglenad are clearly a huge success. Add a 2nd diamond at Barrie. there seems to be plenty of room.
1	Playground seems larger and field is the same size. I like the natural grass better. Please include fencing around the playground no matter which plan is chosen
1	Prefer natural grass. Seems least expensive as it doesn't require moving playgrounds. Prefer playground father from highway due to noise level.
1	Keep free unstructured play space. Turf requires cement boundary and that will kill just open free play like flying kite, tag. 4a allows for kids to play (on their own, not Ayso or OPYBS) both baseball and soccer at same time. 4b couldn't really have two groups playing (not official games, just pickup fun) on both at same time. Cause conflict.
1	I prefer that the sports field stays the same, and is in natural grass. Wrt options 7 and 8, while it'd be great to have a larger sled hill, they require much more work and cost than the other two. Wasn't Barrie Park reopened just 3-4 years back?

Count Response

1	Petroleum-based matting represents everything that a "Park" district should be contending against. The proposal to cover soil and plant life with ground-up gym shoes is morally repulsive and delusional. Perhaps it made sense in the 20th C., but in the 21st C. our challenge is to return to natural systems so that human life can continue. For example, a large area of native prairie would be a step forward.
1	Grass! Sad to see a potentially beautiful place to relax, play ball, and enjoy nature possibly covered in turf. I understand small areas like at the school sites benefit from turf, but KIDS NEED TO PLAY ON GRASS. There are also potential health hazards of too much exposure to turf. I think we need to limit turf and not get carried away with it which I feel like adding it to yet another field would do.
1	Option 4a preserves the existing grass field (I'm opposed to artificial turf at Barrie Park). Also, Option 4a doesn't include an expansion of the Sled Hill (which has potentially negative public safety consequences as it impacts police visibility, and it would be wildly and unnecessarily expensive).
1	I do not want artificial turf in this park. I think having artificial turf at the middle schools will negate the necessity, and I like a more natural environment close to the highway. I also think the playground is more protected on the south end.
1	I don't see the value in lots of additional work (eg moving the playground). I also don't think it's wise to move the playground or tot lot closer to the el stop/busier intersection of lombard and Garfield. I also think the sled hill is fine as is.
1	Keeps the playground connected to the neighborhood and away from the busy streets. It does not have AstroTurf!
1	Natural grass and Berrie park is not that old. It does not need a complete over haul. Save the money and reduce taxes.
1	No turf and the park isn't right next to the highway. There is a turf field at Irving, where there is a lot of impervious area and drainage is an issue. Barrie Park isn't simply used for organized sports, neighboring families use Barrie Park as a neighborhood common are. they play and have picnics in the grass lawn. The whole park doesn't need to be turned into a professional space for organized sports. And it doesn't make sense for children to play consistently that close to the emissions of cars sitting if it's possible to keep them at the south side of the park.
1	natural grass, playground away from traffic on lombard and garfield, no reason to expand sled hill
1	I believe the playground should stay south and I do not really understand why we should modify the current park... The option staythesame should be offered in your survey.
1	I actually don't like any of the plans, I am picking the best in a bad scenario. I am totally against more turf in Oak Park. I would like to see a larger field that is GRASS!
1	I live a half block from Barrie and I am still upset with how long it took to fix the first time. I am tired of bad decisions needing to be fixed. 4a appears to be the least trouble. I am absolutely opposed to a synthetic field. I do think the sledding hill is dangerous, but I would hate to see the park being unusable for an extended period of time period.
1	I think it is important to keep the playground on the south end of the park as the north end has very high car traffic with many drivers using Garfield as an alternative to the expressway. I also think it is important to keep the field natural grass.
1	The field is natural turf, and large. The cancer risk to children of artificial turf has not been studied long enough and the rise of leukemia in soccer goalies is concerning. Also, the playlot is in the current position away from Garfield street. Garfield is a speedway and it is unsafe to put a playlot next to it.
1	Closest to what is there already. Also, doesn't use a synthetic turf field. We already have a turf field nearby at the school. This park is also our neighborhood park, so we would like to have it for use outside of just games!
1	We are going discover much to our sadness that artificial turf is dangerous to our children's health. But it will take 20-30 years. I can't believe this is even on the table. Did you smell Irving school's field? Those are petroleum distillates, getting into our children's bodies. Horrible. Secondly, I want the playground away from the expressway. This is where the littlest children spend the most time. A buffer between the expressway and the park is best.
1	Playground area is further from Gafield / the Ike - safer. Natural grass is preferable to synthetic turf.

Count Response

1	I understand turf in small spaces at the schools, but kids need to have a field of grass to play on. Keep a nice big field.
1	It gives the biggest field for soccer but still allows part of either the baseball field or soccer field to be used for practice when the other field is being used for a game. 4b does not allow this. I would prefer 4a with synthetic turf.
1	If baseball field and multi purpose don't overlap (as in 4a) then when not formally used kids can play on both. That is, baseball field and soccer (for example) can be used at same time for the casual players. If they overlap then you have a tough time when lots of people using park.
1	Expanded athletic field is a plus, and, assuming appropriate drainage/maintenance capability, would prefer grass over turf.
1	Natural turf!!!!!! We have to stop this plastic turf intrusion in Oak Park. It's the International Year of Soil. Soil is life. Plastic is toxic. Let's protect the health of all of us, especially our kids.
1	Because it offers the largest multi-purpose playing field with turf. This will solve drainage problems and allow for the greatest number of people to use the park.
1	Grass field is more useful for all around play for neighborhood. Prefer the playground away from the highway.
1	We will have 7 artificial fields in the sustainably focused village, the 5th for the park district. consultants only recommended the need for 3. Nature is taken second place to artificial.
1	Scheme 4a is my first and only choice because: 1) putting a playground right next to a baseball field will for certain result in foul balls landing in the playground (no matter how high the mesh net is). I played on this field as a kid, I promise that this will happen. 2) NO ARTIFICIAL TURF. We have enough in Oak Park and enough is enough. As a board member of the CDC, our job is to uphold the aesthetics of Oak Park through signage that has to meet very strict regulations. Fake grass, no matter how cost effective and weather friendly, is not what we should strive for. The toxic fumes linger in the air on hot summer days and the little bits of rubber get swallowed by little children. There is enough toxic waste at Barrie Park, let's not add more. Good irrigation and fertilization should sustain a healthy natural playing field for kid sports. **NOT TO MENTION, THAT SLIDING ON FAKE GRASS GIVES YOU THE WORST RASPBERRIES.
1	I do not think that reducing the size of the playing fields is a good idea. Also not in favor of synthetic turf.

4. Why is Scheme 4b your first choice?**Count Response**

1	Absolutely cannot dilute field space for athletic teams in this town anymore.
1	Accommodates the most activities and keeps a large field which is very much needed
1	Adds by far the most reliably usable field space, which is what we need.
1	Allows more field space which can be used most of the year
1	Anything that can be done to improve field space should be done.
1	Artificial turf and no change to sled hill.
1	Artificial turf field - much needed for Oak Park sports
1	Artificial turf offers more playing time. Playground next to sliding hill provides wind shelter.
1	Because we need more playable field space
1	Best field
1	Best layout for multipurpose field.

Count Response

1	Best layout of land.
1	Best way to add another baseball diamond. Need more baseball fields in Oak Park.
1	Better soccer field space, which Oak Park direly needs.
1	Big soccer field
1	Bigger field, artificial turf
1	Bigger fields
1	Bigger sports field - turf allows playing even in somewhat wet conditions
1	Biggest , best multi sport field
1	Biggest Field
1	Expanded field. Turf field. Sled hill
1	Field size and flexibility. Playground further from 290.
1	Get more use out of the fields with synthetic turf.
1	Gives the highest usage for children sports, regardless of weather.
1	Good use of space.
1	Great compromise and also allows for the largest sports field
1	Greatest flexibility with field size
1	I am in favor of adding a larger turf field for soccer.
1	I like the existing sled hell and I think the larger artificial turf field will be useful.
1	I think the sled hill should not change and I like the symthetic grass over natural grass.
1	I would like the field to be used for both baseball and soccer.
1	Increased playing field, turf - multipurpose.
1	It has the largest soccer field and is turf which will last longer than grass.
1	It provides the largest possible artificial turf field
1	It seems like the best use of park and multiuse field
1	Large field, sled hill remains, if best artificial turf product used, more use throughout year
1	Large, synthetic turf field
1	Larger multi purpose all weather field. Can be utilized by adult and youth leagues
1	Larger multi purpose playing surface that utilizes synthetic surface to maximize utility
1	Larger space for sports activities.
2	Larger synthetic field
1	Largest field

Count Response

1	Largest field.
1	Less Rework and maximum field space.
1	Like bigger soccer field . Still need another baseball field added.
1	Like the turf and field location
1	Like the use of space and turf surface
1	Maximizes field space
1	More field space
1	More multi field space
1	More room for all weather baseball/softball
1	Most use to all age ranges- turf more usable with variable weather
1	Need space for softball/baseball and all-weather surface
1	OP needs more usable fields for soccer.
1	Offers most usability
1	Playground is on south end and multi-purpose field is larger and turf
1	Provides a larger field for soccer and keeps the baseball field available after rainstorms.
1	Size of soccer field allows for largest age range to use it.
1	Size of the field and artificial turf
1	The appearance is good. The size of the multipurpose field appears good.
1	The field has not drained well enough to be able to consistently play on grass.
1	The most open space for mixed use play
1	The most synthetic turf
1	The synthetic field optimizes playing opportunities in all weather conditions.
1	Tuff field is my choice over grass
1	Turf
1	Turf field and batting cages.
1	Turf field and playground away from the expressway
1	Turf, bigger field the serve more older levels of soccer.
1	Want more field space
1	all weather full size multi-purpose field
1	all weather surface and larger to allow more use
1	best field options

Count Response

1	field turf and larger multi-purpose field
1	larger field is better and sled hill remains and it caters to multiple ages
1	largest area of synthetic turf
1	maximizes playing fields
1	more playing room!
1	multi field larger, turf field , sled hill remains
1	multi-choice fields are the best. Baseball is so single use and exclusive of other options.
1	size of field
1	size of field and change to synthetic turf field
1	synthetic field can be used almost year round, will get the most use by far.
1	synthetic turf
1	turf
1	turf and largest soccer field field
1	turf field
1	we need more soccer fields
1	This makes up for the cancelled PD project at Stevenson which would have added an all weather field of this size, which is need for U12 played 11 v 11.
1	1. sled hill remains same - park too small for any sled hill 2. ball field only used for boys games - sexist and unfair and shouldn't be there at all but I guess it has to be??? 3. Artificial turf superior as seen at OPRF field 4. playground needs to stay away from Garfield - dangerous and noisy plus IKE expansion?
1	The playing fields are always in terrible shape in the spring when spring soccer begins. Plans 7&8 provide a smaller multi purpose field than 4.
1	It will keep the play lot away from a busy intersection with a lot of foot and vehicle traffic. As for the field layout there will be a unused space between the soccer field and the sled hill for individual uses.
1	I think for safety concerns (traffic on Garfield) that the playground should remain on the south end of the park. I also the turf field option.
1	We need more field space for organized sports, artificial turf is easier to play on and to keep up.
1	I like how the field size is maximized to maintain the full ADULT SOCCER. The large field will allow for spontaneous play too!
1	I like tuff field for better occasion. The playground is not too close to the field, an won't distract when game is on. Overall, the draft looks neat and nicer than other.
1	I prefer option 4B because it gives everybody a little something. It has the largest multi-purpose sports field (and turf is a must to ensure it gets used to its fullest potential), a new playground, the sledding hill remains, and it provides a new picnic area. Hands down the best option for the masses!

Count Response

1	I like the baseball diamond and the larger multi-purpose field to overlap. When you have the two fields next to one another, I believe this would encourage two games to occur at once and would present a safety hazard for players on the soccer field, as well as the spectators (flying baseballs, softballs, etc.). I also like the idea of a larger multi-purpose, synthetic turf field that can accommodate various sports throughout the seasons. The field at the RCRC was used year-round. Lastly, I believe from a safety perspective, it would be better to have the playground farther away from the baseball diamond.
1	I like making the multi-purpose field larger and synthetic turf so that kids can play on it and can be used in all kinds of weather.
1	The expanded field with the corresponding expanded natural areas. If the Tot Lot is not moving, there is no need to move the playground.
1	I think we should be maximizing the opportunities for athletics in our land-locked community. The fields get tons of use and we should optimize them when we can as we can at Barrie.
1	Synthetic turf allows more use during the year and is critical for softball/baseball in oak Park. There is not enough usable field space in oak park for Soccer and softball/baseball to run during wet spring weather!
1	Would love another spot for batting cages. Would love additional baseball/softball diamonds, including, if possible, a second diamond here.
1	It gives all constituents a little something. It has the largest multi-purpose sports field, a new playground, sledding hill remains, a new picnic area. The largest sports field allows for the greatest flexibility for use. It also increases the quality and quantity of usable space for which OP is in desperate need.
1	Oak Park has a very high volume of youth soccer players. I believe that fields that are playable year round and stand up to lots of traffic would be most welcome. Additionally, the larger size would hopefully draw some of the middle and high school away from the Irving turf on weeknights.
1	the expanded multi purpose field with synthetic turf which is suitable to play on in inclement weather.
1	I like the larger playground area with the trees in the middle, adding nature to the playground. I also like the artificial turf, to allow for less wear and tear on the grass during periods of high rain.
1	Turf field is critical and sled hill is adequate. Would like the opp to fit an additional much needed baseball field
1	Turf enables the fields to be used more and the size increase enables more groups to use. It still leaves plenty of open park space. Don't see need to change sled hill when it can only be used a few weeks per year vs. the months per year the other areas are used.
1	The larger field allows more age groups to use for soccer. The current small field limits options. Turf is the way to go in our weather environment clearly. Just look at the success of the new Ridgeland field.
1	This allows a full sports schedule as the field does not need to recover, the hill footprint does not get larger so we don't have to look at a LONGER chain-link fence for 9 months, the playground remains tucked into the neighborhood/community.
1	The need for the largest possible artificial turf field to allow all-weather plan and more time on the fields
1	This will give the kids on the south side a place to run around and play pick up games of baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse, frisbee, tag, etc 11 months of the year. And put lights in please! Festivals can move to Rehm. No baseball or soccer games get cancelled!
1	Artificial turf is way mor practical and allows far more playing days. Having the playground next to the sledding hill provides a windbreak for the playground.
1	Seems to provide the most all-weather, nearly year-round use athletic field that Op needs more of.
1	the turf field is lower maintenance and less games will be cancelled due to rain. the larger field will allow different age groups use the field.

Count Response

1	I support the artificial turf and the benefits that material provides to the sports programs. My kids are very active in the PDOP sports programs and I see value in a heavily-used field. I am also a nearby resident - I see the benefit in an active park that deters unwelcome visitors. (everyone should be welcome, but when the park is perceived 'empty' some visitors act-out and the park is then avoided). - I do not see the need to reserve so much space for a large item that is only used a few days out of the year (hill). Will it be fenced off during the spring/summer/fall?
1	The larger turf field appeals to me because we have 4 children that play soccer. Games often have to be cancelled in our area because of flooded fields. So this would be a great addition to our community.
1	OP currently lacks synthetic turf options and there is no need to expand the sledding hill for the few months out of the year it is in use. Closing it off to non residents would solve all space issues in that regard.
1	Largest multipurpose field. Also seems to be the best compromise to give all interests something they want.
1	It gives plenty of play space, a picnic area and it adds all weather play space for Oak Park Youth Sports. With the extremes of weather we get in the spring (snow, late defrosting of the ground, rain, hail) having all weather play spaces are valuable to Oak Park youth. Also with the heat extremes in the summer, not wasting our water resources on grass is environmentally sound for the long term.
1	More playing field space. Turf allows shared space for softball/baseball and soccer. Please consider a second ball field -- there IS room in this configuration.
1	This option gives the park district the most flexibility for a multi-purpose field all while maintaining popular feature of the existing park. Oak Park continues to be very constrained in the amount of usable space for various sports-related activities, and this sized field would help address this need
1	There is a need for the largest possible artificial turf field to allow all-weather play and more time on the fields
1	-multi-purpose field is larger -synthetic turf field means fewer rainouts and lower long-term maintenance cost -sled hill remains the same, and playground foot print is similar
1	While I prefer grass fields, this artificial turf offers 21% more playing space than the grass option. And, the art. one will allow more playing time, since we can't play on the fields after the rain, or, too soon after winter, because the ground is frozen.
1	Largest artificial turf space, playground separate from fields -- please consider adding another baseball diamond!
1	Largest turf field. Keeps playground away from the expressway. Have to sacrifice improvements on the sled hill but the hill is only in use for a short time each year.
1	This scheme provides the best field /park amenities for everyone enjoyment from kids to adults and the field is maintenance free,
1	Keeps non-baseball playing field larger and adds artificial turf since the natural grass will be a continued problem at Barrie unless it is completely re-engineered.
1	More useful time for ball fields. Bb, Sb & Scr are so great for teaching kids collaborative cooperation & keeping them physically active. Also entire families come out for these activities, thus promoting community & phys. activity cross generationally.
1	I would like to see batting cages in the plan. Also another baseball/softball diamond, should be added. There use to be two diamond at this park. The park district seems to be taking away baseball fields and there is no places to practice.
1	4B provides a little something for everyone. It has the largest multi-purpose sports field, a new playground, sledding hill remains, a new picnic area. The largest sports field allows for the greatest flexibility for use. It also increases the quality and quantity of useable space for which OP is in desperate need.
1	Uses synthetic turf - grass fields and dirt infields are poorly maintained by the Park District. I believe there is an agreement in place for the OPPD to do a better job of maintaining them but turf would relieve the maintenance issue.

Count Response

1	The need for the largest possible artificial turf field to allow all-weather plan and more time on the fields.
1	turf fields are better for soccer and other sports - smooth surface allows for less twisting ankles compared to grass surfaces which become very uneven!
1	The minimal impact to sled hill and existing playground should reduce cost (vs. moving the playground and re-doing the sled hill); Turf would be easier to maintain.
1	artificial turf for baseball and soccer is a good idea that will maximize opportunities for play. I also think that placing the playground next to the baseball field is a bad, potentially dangerous idea.
1	Keeps Sledding hill as is which will save money. Keeps playground where it is which should save money. Provides needed synthetic turf athletic fields
1	Soccer field would allow for more use because of its size. I'm also concerned that foul balls could hit kids on the playground in the other schematic
2	We prefer option 4B because it gives all constituents a little something. It has the largest multi-purpose sports field, a new playground, sledding hill remains, a new picnic area. The largest sports field allows for the greatest flexibility for use. It also increases the quality and quantity of usable space for which OP is in desperate need.
1	Bigger multipurpose field; less focus on one sport/low usage space; turf provides more year round availability and less disturbance from weather
1	I used to play soccer in the adult league at Barry, and remember how awful it was. Now we have an opportunity to actually have a turf field that can serve for both U-13-U-19 AYSO and for the adult co-ed league. And obviously I prefer having a turf field because it is the all-weather one.
1	Best for field play and provides turf for extended play due to weather conditions. We need a second field as well which we need because of our expanding schedules.
1	Need to preserve a larger multi-use field. These are in high demand. Also prefer that the playground is further away from the expressway and its noise.
1	because it gives all constituents a little something. It has the largest multi-purpose sports field, a new playground, sledding hill remains, a new picnic area. The largest sports field allows for the greatest flexibility for use. It also increases the quality and quantity of usable space for which OP is in desperate need.
1	Best use of space. Art turf is going to last longer in original playing condition. Sled hill is maximized.
1	I don't like the idea of the playground near the highway. Also seems like there would be less over construction and cost not moving the playgrounds.
1	The playground is located on south end of the park away from a high traffic area that may not be as safe for children that age. In addition, a turf multi-purpose field that is larger than the current field provides alleviates our constant reliance on the weather forecast and other fields outside of Oak Park. It is also nice to try to keep the tots away from the older more rambunctious playing children.
1	Best options for all involved. Turf field to prevent so many spring rainouts. Rest of park looks great as well.
1	the layout and use of turf allows for the greatest utility of the park throughout the year for all sports, not just baseball and soccer. See Ridgeland.
1	i believe we should have a turf field that all ages can use (youth and adults), do not need revised sled hill. Right now that hill is closed the majority of the year (ridiculous) and expanding the hill and closing it for similar lengths of time would make more sections of the park unusable for the majority of the year.

Count Response

1	Plan 4b has Larger multipurpose field and playground on south end is in a safer Zone away from Garfield traffic,speedbumps should be put on Garfield next to park.
1	I like the idea of synthetic turf and good sledding and playground use combined in a single park.
1	Scheme 4b provides for an artificial turf baseball diamond and soccer field. The artificial surface increases usability of those playing fields. Also, the location of those fields at the North end of the park would allow a possible future 2nd baseball diamond at the south end of the park.
1	Allows for play in wet/damp conditions. Field is usable for longer period during spring and fall.
1	Terf field, location of playground to the location of the busiest the street is a good idea and factor.
1	I would like the largest possible artifical turf field to allow for all-weather plan, thereby maximizing time spent using the fields.
1	Oak Park youth sports need the largest possible artificial turf field to allow all-weather plan and more time on the fields.
1	This option gives a little bit to everyone. Multi-purpose field, baseball field, playground, sledding hill and picnic area. The field size is the biggest and therefore offers the most flexibility for sports leagues. Smaller fields reduces flexibility and usable space which OP is in desperate need
1	Largest artificial turf field. Will provide the greatest usage and will not be affected by weather
1	I think a turf field will be a magnet for kids and families getting out to play. Please reslope Barrie hill. I love having a sledding jill but sledders all end up in a pile in the middle of the hill. I love the height but it needs to slope tithe sides with a place for younger sledders to feel safe.
1	I love the all weather turf fields and ridgeland - this will allow more use and better conditions than the grass fields.
1	Maximizes the size of an artificial turf field to allow all-weather plan and more time on the fields...it gets more kids playing sports!!

5. Why is Scheme 7 your first choice?**Count Response**

1	1) No artificial turf, due to health concerns.
1	Baseball and multi purpose field do not overlap. Expanded sled hill
1	Because it is natural grass, and the soccer field does not overlap with the baseball field
1	Because there are different slope heights on the sledding hill.
1	Better sled hill, more living grass
1	Bigger tot lot and better utilization of the field.
1	Does NoT include artificial turf!!
1	Expanded sled hill and natural field
1	Grass field. Buffer from street for ball field.
1	Grass fields; tot lot and playground together; different sledding heights
1	Grass, multilevel sled hill

Count Response

1 I like that tot lot and regular playground are in the same area. I also like natural field

1 I think the kids should play on grass. I also like the idea of an expanded sled hill.

1 I think the park is in a better location!

1 It has a natural area and natural turf

1 It would suit my needs and the needs of the community best.

1 Keeping the grass field Expanded hill Smaller multi-purpose field

1 Keeps the field grass and expands the sled hill.

1 Like grass soccer Like expanded sled hill

1 Like that the tot lot and playground will be next to each other. Love the natural area.

1 Like the different slopes on the sledding hill; concerns about health issues with artificial turf

1 Love the idea of different hill heights for sledding! Natural grass.

1 Love the natural grass. Different sled slopes.

1 Mainly because of the natural grass. I also like the location of playground and tot lot.

1 Most beautiful and has natural grass rather than artificial

1 NO artificial turf!!!

1 Natural grass Sled hill

1 Natural grass and expanded sledding hill

1 Natural grass and larger (more interesting) sledding hill

1 Natural grass and multiple slopes

1 Natural grass and varied sledding plus tot lot and playground

1 Natural grass, expanded sled hill

1 Natural grass, playground location, sled hill improvements

1 Nice layout and no turf

1 No artificial turf Has natural area Expanded sled hill

1 No artificial turf! Expands sledding hill.

1 No artificial turf.

1 No artificial turf. Love the sledding hill levels.

1 No overlapping.

1 No turf and better design than 7/8

1 Playground & Tot lot is farther away from the neighborhood.

1 Playground next to baseball stands! Grass field. Expanded sled hill with different heights

Count Response

1	Pretty!
1	Real grass, more efficient use.
1	Sled hill of different heights and natural grass.
1	The expanded sledding hill and new natural playground area. Better grass field.
1	expanded sled hill and grass field and playground away from sled hill
1	keeping natural grass. No interference with baseball field. Better sledding hill.
1	natural grass large field big sled hill
1	natural grass instead of turf expanded sled hill - we miss the hill at ridgeland common
1	natural turf & changes to sled hill
1	no artificial turf, like the sledding hill with different slopes and playground is together
1	no turf, expanded sledding area
1	I would really like to see different slopes on the sled hill. The current slope is dangerous. I prefer real grass.
1	Natural grass, no more artificial turf, plenty of multi-use space for all ages at Ridgeland/ expanded use of sled hill for different ages
1	I want natural grass and I like the expanded sled hill with various slopes. No more artificial turf fields in Oak Park please.
1	natural grass, revised sled hill which currently is too small and too steep for all ages to enjoy. Playground at north end allows sled hill to expand
1	The sled hill slope variations would make it more appealing to several age groups. I am somewhat ambivalent on the artificial turf installation, especially in light of the infill material as a potential carcinogen and need for an 8-10 year life cycle replacement. Moving the playground to the north end would greatly benefit our family as we are just across the highway. Adding the natural plant buffer from the highway noise would also be a lovely addition. I am also strongly in favor of anything that can be done on Lombard and specifically at the Garfield intersection to improve and slow traffic. I would also be in favor of only allowing parking on one side of Lombard. The lane that is left for driving is too narrow for two cars to pass side by side and tends toward drivers trying to speed through to get there first. It's a hazard.
1	I like the expanded sled hill with different slopes-the current hill is too steep for some of my family, yet it seems wasteful to move the playground.
1	I really like the multiple slope heights of the sledding hill. We use that a lot in the cold, long winters. I also feel that if Oak Park is going to be as green as possible, we need to have natural grass fields.
1	I think we need different levels of sledding hills. I prefer grass to artificial turf. I wish there was a way to use existing playground structures to save money, though.
1	Grass field preferred, like soccer field separate from baseball diamond, like a sled hill with smaller options for little kids, like a playground and tot lot across from Barrie center. Picnic/viewing area looks nice and shady, playground has attractive landscaping.
1	The tot lot right next to playground is a good idea for parents like me who have older and smaller children.
1	Since the Ridgeland sledding hill was eliminated, I like this scheme because it brings back a wider sled hill with different heights, good idea. Also, not a fan of astroturf, so I like keeping the soccer field real grass.
1	I like the expanded sled hill (the current hill is always incredibly crowded and thus dangerous) and the natural grass field.

Count Response

1	Moving playground and tot lot together closer to Barrie Center makes most sense for parents and general flow for young children. Plus more foot traffic can hopefully flow over into Harrison Arts district to increase business. Expanding sled hill is great idea. That hill gets very over crowded and dangerous. Accommodating more people will increase safety issues. Artificial turf is unacceptable.
1	Grass over artificial turf, which is hazardous to health, especially children. Playground is close to sports field, allowing better supervision of multi-aged children when playing at sports games.
1	Artificial turf appears to show signs it's potentially unsafe. It should be avoided at all costs. Keep the green. Keep the grass. That's why we live in OP.
1	Prefer natural field, too many unknown, improperly studied health risks with artificial turf. Like the expanded sled hill.
1	I wan to retain natural grass in my PARK - this is not purely an AYSO park and I don't see why the park should be renovated to benefit only soccer. I also like 7 over 4a because of the expanded sledding hill and the better playground placement.
1	The children's area is consolidated and easily viewed from the spectator stands. The field is natural grass(!) The 'natural' area is less fragmented and leads to greater variety and depth of enjoyment.
1	Two alternatives (those with natural turf sports fields) respond to the survey results: as it is evident form the previous survey results that synthetic fields are NOT desired by the respondents. The respondents recognize that Barrie Park should be perceived as a PARK first and therefore not be dominated by an artificial turf area dedicated to sports field complex. Subsequently, since natural turf fields are the dominant survey response - and if it is the intent of the Park district to honor those results, then the Park District must either reduce the sports fields intensity of use and/or increase the maintenance to provide a well designed, well maintained sports field if the fields are to remain part of the program. Furthermore Scheme 7 is preferred over 4a as it introduces a strong buffer at the North end, which when the Eisenhower expansion occurs, will add to provide noise and visual mitigation.
1	Natrual grass, using engineering to fix drainage issue. Bigger sledding hill. Tot lot and playground near baseball field.
1	Preferred playground location and sledding slope changes. No personal preference on multi-purpose field.
1	I care little about the specifics options other than, No more synthetic turf! This is horrible material recycled with who knows what in it, releasing gases and poisons into the air and into the ground. I am so disappointed that every new field is going in this direction. Parks should aim to be as natural a possible. There are some concerns now that this turf is being associated with cancers in young women. Especially those who are goalies and spend a lot of time diving on the turf. The verdict is not out on the safety of this material as adequete testing has not been done and we have no idea the long term impact on our children's health. I fear this will be one of those things that later on we will look back and wonder why we let our children play with mercury in science class or chew on lead painted toys. Also a natural field is green space, organic material that has a positive benefit to our environment. Synthetic turf reduces the amount of green space. Oak Park should be a leader in this regard not a follower.
1	Natural grass sports field (possible cancer causing synthetic turf not worth the investment) different slope heights for sled hill and playgrounds at north end.
1	I have a strong preference for real grass, and I think the layout of 7 is nicer and flows better than the 4 layout. I like how the playgrounds are closer to each other, so parents of different aged kids can still see both playgrounds. I also like how the sledding hill accommodates a wider age range by having a more gentle slope. I think it would be important to have a fence along the north end so kids aren't going in the street.
1	I prefer the soccer field and baseball diamond to be separate, I assume that there would be days that a game can be played at the same time. I'm neutral about artificial turf.
1	I prefer the natural grass, as I feel it makes the use of the park much more flexible over the course of time. I also like the location of the playground next to the tot lot. I also feel that having multiple slope options on the sled hill is smart.
1	Bigger sled hill, grouping of uses at the N end (you can have a kid playing on a ball team while siblings use the playground and all are closer to bathroom), picnic area with lots of trees, more trees at north end to buffer noise from the 290 ditch, no fake turf.

Count Response

1	I like position of playground and tot lot near field so parents can watch game and smaller children. I would like to keep natural grass.
1	Natural grass is very important to me. I also like the playground surrounded by trees and away from the busier road near 290. The expanded sled hill sounds nice.
1	I prefer grass turf. I know that artificial might allow for more games right after a rain and easier maintenance, but the injuries that my son has sustained on the Ridgeland field (turf burns) wouldn't happen on grass. Also, the artificial turf isn't good for the health of our kids. Sure people say that we'll stop using toxic substances to fill the turf, but the fact that someone thought it was OK to begin with makes me wary of the thought process with anything along those lines. I am sure dealing with real surfaces takes more maintenance, but I pay high taxes here partially for us to take the time to have real parks, not fake grass.
1	Playground more accessible. Preserves natural grass field. Provides greater access to sled hill for kids of all ages.
1	I like natural fields, better for the earth and absorbing heat, I like the idea of varying sled hill dimensions
1	Oak Park lost a sledding hill at Ridgeland and this scheme offsets some that loss. The Scheme seems to create options for many users.
1	Natural grass, natural areas. Synthetic surfaces are inferior because the surface is hardened, resulting in an increased risk of injuries. Expansion of the sledding hills is important since few other sledding hills exist in south Oak Park.
1	Both 7 and 8 preferred because of the addition of a new sled hill layout (diff slope heights). I won't go to the current sled hill because I think it's too dangerous for most kids. I also like that the playground is situated near the baseball field so parents who have kids that play baseball and younger kids who want to enjoy playground can keep an eye on both. Lastly, I like artificial turf for drainage and low maintenance but real grass, if maintained properly, is a beautiful experience for all sports.
1	Sled hill is too big/dangerous, only useful by big kids, not properly secured at the top to really ensure against falling off
1	I like the idea of having the playgrounds near the baseball field and all gathered together so it is easier to watch children. But I do not love artificial turf because I am afraid it will eventually be fence in and an eyesore, creating a real issue for those of us with homes surrounding the park. If the park had artificial turf when I was in the market, it definitely would have figured into the decision of whether to buy my house -- we look right out onto that field.
1	I am opposed to any more artificial turf. We need the land to soak up rain water. Scheme 7 looks more open and inviting.
1	Natural grass-most important factor. NO PLASTIC TURF ANYWHERE! Smaller multi-purpose field. I expect that existing trees are staying in place, though the schemes show trees in slightly different places. I am bothered that previous park do-overs have cut down so many mature trees to replace them w/ saplings! Why in Oak Park of all places, where we value our canopy?
1	The playground area is much more appealing, and multiple slopes on the sled hill is better for multi-age children to enjoy. Also, natural grass over turf.
1	I like the changes to the sledding hill and also keeping natural grass instead of artificial turf.
1	My concern for the playground at the north end of the park is traffic control. That is a busy street with folks who are in a hurry during high usage peak times that the park is also in use. But, I like the layout of the park as it allows for more room on the sledding hill that can be quite dangerous when in use. I LOVE the picnic area/viewing area. The lack of trees in this park really irritates me and I feel that we have a second rate park as a result compared to that of Taylor Park, for instance. I am not a big fan of art. turf in places with public multi-use functions.
1	The natural grass field is the most important issue to me. Oak Park is choosing, more and more, to put in turf. From the noxious smell during warm weather, urban heat island effect, danger to children because of injury, etc. are all reasons that I loathe the artificial turf option. I also like this option because it concentrates the "active" area to one space and open at the other.
1	I love the expanded sled hill. We need more sledding hills as they removed Lake St. I love natural grass but realize turf is probably better to get games played and maintenance.

Count Response

1	Natural grass is important to me. Our family has always used the sledding, hill and I think it would be great to make it more accessible to different ages.
1	We don't like artificial turf but we love having the playgrounds together and near the baseball field. In the event we have a child playing baseball our other children can play and I don't have to miss my child at bat.
1	I prefer the tot lot and playground combined together. It's a better layout for parents with tots and older kids to watch. I also prefer a grass field.
1	I like having the playground at the same end of the park as the tot lot. I prefer that Barrie Park remains a natural turf field. I like the sled hill with different slope heights
1	Because of the grass field and the expanded sled hill. There is little activity in the winter - this is one park that allows for that with the sled hill.
1	I love that the tot lot and playground are adjacent in this rendering. Further, I like that there are zones for supervised vs. independent play. I love the feeling that the north end of the park is a gateway into the park. I also prefer natural grass over artificial turf. Lastly, I love the expanded sledding hill which seems to offer different slopes for different ages of children.
1	Like separation of soccer and ball diamond. Natural grass is a better soccer playing surface than turf. Also like multiple slope heights on sled hill. This should help with overcrowding on current hill and be safer for younger kids.
1	It retains natural grass. It has the tot lot next to the playground. It makes the sledding hill more interesting and usable by different ages. I do not wish artificial turf to be used in any plan.
1	Natural grass - artificial turf is unacceptable Since Ridgeland hill was taken this hill needs to safely serve toddlers through adults
1	Grass field and expanded sled hill. Although it seemed to me that there was broad support at the last meeting for keeping the tot lot on the west side of Lombard. I would keep it over there . due to foul balls and the issue with running kids to the bathroom. That is the only draw back to 7 for me.
1	Natural grass, tot lot near playground, so kids of all ages can play near each other - easier for parents.
1	best all purpose scheme. synthetic turf limits use of sizeable portion of park (and verdict is out on toxicity of synthetic)

6. Why is Scheme 8 your first choice?**Count Response**

1	Expanded sled hill and turf.
1	Has the three things I think are needed: Turf, better playground and expanded sledding.
1	I am in favor of artificial turf and I like the re-design of the sledding hill.
1	I like that the two parks are together
1	I like the MP synthetic turf & the expanded sled hill with different slope heights
1	I like the reliability of the turf and the expanded sled hill option
1	Improvement to sled hill plus the addition of artificial turf.
1	Maximizes the space. Like the turf and expanded hill
1	Seems to have the most use for all interests

Count Response

1	Sledding hill as a priority. More "natural"
1	Synthetic turf. Sled hill expanded . Picnic area added.
1	expanded sled hill and synthetic field
1	expanded sledding hill and fake grass field
1	like the idea of turf and the playground and tot lot near each other
1	turf, expanded park and sled hill
1	I like the two playgrounds together which is good for parents trying to supervise multi-age children, I also like the sled-hill being varied in grade, right now the sled-hill seems too unsafe and its not very aesthetically pleasing. Also, I am very against more artificial turf
1	1. We now have many years of experience that grass simply doesn't thrive in that field -- to many drainage and poor soil conditions. We have to use synthetic turf. 2. I like the tot lot and playground next to each other, and I like the location at the north end of the park.
1	sled hill with different slope heights would be nice, synthetic field will get more use than natural grass
1	Sled hill is important. Current sled hill isn't as functional as could be (too much traffic isolated to tiny start point). I believe U12 field size is optimal. Also, turf field is optimal. I really like the nature area and revised playground with separate tot-lot.
1	Artificial Turf Keeps Tot Lot and Playground in same viewing area for families with mixed ages of kids
1	It would be great to have the sledding hill will different size hills for the smaller kids - the big hill is just a little big even for 5 year olds. I also like the turf in the middle of the field and the location of the playground.
1	families can watch an older child participate in a sport, while younger siblings can play within sight. Like turf for yr round use.
1	I think Oak Park needs a good sledding hill The hill next to the train tracks at Ridgeland is gone. I think there are enough synthetic fields already. There are some health issues with synthetic fields.
1	None are perfect...but I like a turf field, I like the redevelopment of the sledding hill which I feel is fabulous but dangerous, and as a parent, if watching a baseball or soccer game with the park near the field I can allow little ones to play and I can watch them...but I would also like a bigger field...and I really do like the playground in the south side, but that can't happen and redo the hill
1	expanded sled hill with different slope heights for different ages good balance when it comes to fields.
1	It creates a closer playground to all the people north of the highway. Many people south of the highway have the park at Irving school as an alternative, however those north of the highway have to go to longfellow for an alternative which is significantly farther.

7. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about the Barrie Park site plan?**Count Response**

1	4B is by far the best solution
1	Add a place where dogs can drink water Add some benches around field to watch games
1	Add a second baseball diamond. Let's go.
1	Add a second baseball field and batting cages

Count Response

1	Add a second baseball field and batting cages please!
1	Any chance tile can be laid under the soil and to deal with the flooding issues on the field?
1	As much room for baseball and/or softball please.
1	Astroturf does not belong in the middle of a neighborhood park.
1	Avoid turf at all costs. Too many concerns surrounding crumb rubber at this time.
1	Barrie Center plans will be a big improvement
1	Bathroom and water fountains, please.
1	Batting cages are a must.
1	Batting cages are needed as well as possibly including an additional baseball field.
1	Bigger field artificial grass
1	Can't wait!!!
1	Do not move the kid park to the busiest side- the North side
1	Don't dawdle, whatever you decide get it done.
1	Expand the amount of artificial turf field
1	For #7 the grass field could be moved north to include the infield of the baseball diamond.
1	Grass preferred.
1	Great job with project. All is parents appreciate your efforts. Thanks.
1	Having the playgrounds near a major highway may not be the best idea ever.
1	Hopefully this will be put into action soon.
1	How much would expanding the sledding hl and support walls cost? Maybe not worth it!
1	I do not want an artificial turf field.
1	I feel strongly that artificial turf should NOT be part of any plan.
1	I think the Park District is ruining this town with all the synthetic fields.
1	I think the cost of the project needs to be a determining factor on the layout
1	If it is costly to change the sledding hill, then I change my preference to 4a. Thanks!
1	If the village wants to go green why would we consider artificial turf.
1	If you pave over our parks, what is next--plastic trees?
1	Is a splash pad included in any of the play areas?
1	It may be better for the kids to have a grass field instead of the turf- easier on their knees.
1	Keep costs at minimum and health concerns high on list.
1	Keep the sled hill

Count Response

1	Leave it as it is. Don't see the benefit of changing it.
1	Leave the grass. What other green space is in that corner of oak park?
1	Listen to the neighbors, not organized teams
1	Love the idea of exercise areas for adults and natural play areas -- bolders, stream, logs.
1	Make the multiuse field as big and seasonally usable as possible
1	More open spaces
1	More shaded structures over park would be nice.
1	Move the sled hill to the north end, could be a nice noise barrier.
1	N/a
1	NO SYNTHETIC TURF! There is mounting evidence of it's harmful qualities.
1	Natural Grass !
4	No
1	No
1	No artificial turf please
1	No artificial turf please!
1	No astro turf.
1	No more artificial fields in Oak Park!
1	No more turf! If we have to reschedule, then we have to reschedule.
1	None
1	Nope
1	Not right now
1	PLEASE add batting cages
1	Please do not add more artificial turf to our village. We have too much already.
1	Please do not any more artificial turf to any more fields, including Barrie.
1	Please do not put the children's playground on the north end!!!!
1	Please keep as much natural grass as possible. Thank you.
1	Please keep the batting cages in the plan.
1	Please make the improvements before the end of the summer.
1	Please no artificial turf - plastic grass, crumb rubber
1	Please put in a turf field!
1	Please put in turf is possible. Thanks

Count Response

1	Please stick with natural grass -- no field turf
1	Possibly night lighting. Not sure if part of the plan.
1	Really support the implementation of batting cages
1	STOP thinking about putting artificial turf in any park, or school yard!!
1	Seriously no more synthetic turf.
1	Sled hill is still a problem with 4b but you can't make everyone happy.
1	Speed tables on GARFIELD & LOMBARD. With the emphasis on Garfield, as many cars speed there.
1	Thank you for all of the time and energy you've put into making this the best park possible.
1	Thank you for making our parks wonderful!
1	Thank you for your commitment to our community!
1	Thank you for your thoughtful work on this community treasure.
1	The drainage is a huge issue. It would be so much more useful if this could be fixed.
1	The drainage there has been horrible ever since the remediation. Only solution is FieldTurf.
1	The more natural setting the better
1	This looks great! I'm very excited to see that changes.
1	Turf is not multi-use, is an unnecessary expense; natural grass is good for everyone to play on!
1	Turf will allow dformmost use. Keep soccer nets available year round
1	WE need batting cages!
1	We need large playing fields for baseball and soccer!
1	Well thought through!
1	What about adding a second baseball diamond?
1	Why do need to spend this money for something that does not need any changes?
1	Why is there no designated fenced in dog area at this park?
1	Why replace a perfectly fine playground? Seems wasteful.
1	Would like batting cages and a second softball/baseball field
1	Yes, leave the park alone as open space with a sledding hill just the way it is.
1	add a zipline
1	although I know the benefits of turf fields I don't like my children playing on them
1	drainage will be improvement
1	move the playgrounds so that both are together, add a zipline
2	no

Count Response

1	please do not make another synthetic turf park
1	we need more soccer fields
1	when will decisions be made?
1	would love to see the bating cages as well as natural areas for kids to play in.
1	yes
1	AYSO would not call 7 or 8 'U12' fields. AYSO plays 11 v 11 for U12 so need at least 285 feet in length. 7 and 8 would be U10 only for AYSO. Already have all weather for that at Irving and Julian. And there are 2 all-weather fields of 7 and 8 size at RC. Don't need another. Need one the size of 4b.
1	Look at options to include varying slope heights of sledding hill in all choices. Current hill is too steep for younger children.
1	Would be nice to get batting cages worked in somehow. To get most use they should be near the field. We only have one set in the village and there is too much demand for everyone to be able to use.
1	We need safe, non-toxic fields for our kids to play on. Please do not consider artificial turf for this location or any other parks in Oak Park.
1	Scheme 4B seems to make all parties happy and provided a long term solution to our biggest issue accessibility.
1	I would recommend adding in batting cages in the design also an additional baseball field on the opposite end there appears to be sufficient space.
1	Why do we need a hill? I think its a waste of space, dangerous, there are always fences up and then they are knocked down. But I'm sure this has already been discussed, I just thought there would be a design with no hill.
1	Option 4B also makes up for the cancelled PD project at Stevenson which would have added an all weather field of this needed size.
1	Not necessary to expand tot lot. Love batting cage idea! Love turf idea. Sled hill needs work as it's always muddy & so wide that people walk up both sides, its dangerous & too crowded
1	Can't believe we are already redoing this park again. Hopefully this will last more than 10 years.
1	plenty of waste bins, seating with trellis (shading) at playground for parents + elderly, bike lock possibility
1	Yes. If the police wish to help the village gain income, then they should just camp out at any of the stop signs surrounding the park. NO ONE OBEYS THE SIGNS.
1	I strongly feel that REAL grass is a healthier choice and seeing that Barrie Park had to undergo remediation not so very long ago, it deserves healthier options.
1	No more rubber fields! The kids can't play on them like they can on grass. I'm sure they are more valuable for the PDOP to rent out to house and travel leagues, but that is not our only priority! These parks are our neighborhood play areas.
1	Please create the most proficient and expansive Park setting to allow as many games for softball as possible under various weather conditions.
1	Thank you for your hard work on this project -- we are eager to see the changes! My main goals are for it to be more welcoming, especially the plans near the center where that space is scary/hardly utilized.
1	I like the approved exercise "stations" near the sled hill, but would also be nice to delineate a walking/running trail around the park, as well.

Count Response

1	Please check the environmental issues with all equipment and surfaces. The EPA is not regulating this well and studies are linking some of the park materials to cancers.
1	Please do not put synthetic turf in our park. The drainage system needs repair but otherwise it is a newer, well used park.
1	A good example of multipurpose field is the renovated ridgeland commons where multipurpose full turf field is a success.
1	Is there anyway to address the sled hill while leaving the playground in the same spot? Regrade one side so there is a lower entrance point? Add stairs on the west side so there are two entrances? None of the plans addressed the sled hill without moving the playground, but I think there are possibilities. Please look at the Play and Grow space outside at the Garfield Park Conservatory, a fascinating natural play space with things the kids can do and move, repurposed cut down trees, a gravel pit, etc. A water feature/splash pad would be very welcome in South Oak Park! I know they are a maintenance issue, but they are so desirable.
1	Batting cages! Even with reserved time at Ridgeland, both my kids' teams have extensive waits for cages. I think they would be highly utilized.
1	i like the planned addition of shrubs and trees but important to maintain clear sightlines for public safety and law enforcement
1	All weather turf makes a park usable by kids 2 or 3 times more than grass. It will be heavily used year round. Snow cannot be shoveled off grass. .
1	The community residents are opposed to artificial turf. We fear that after the turf is installed a fence will be erected that will dramatically change the nature of the park.
1	it seems like the sled hill takes up a lot of room for relatively little usage. why haven't the plans considered more options to changing that aspect?
1	I prefer natural grass to turf. I do realize that turf may be easier but having played sports few injuries on natural grass. Now with my grandson it is much more fun to roll around in grass than on turf.
1	This should be an active park. This has the greatest open space and is closest to a dangerous neighborhood (with a lot of bleeding into our neighborhood). An active park is a safe park. Programmed sports and ability for activities keeps Barrie occupied, watched and safe. A 'wooded' and bermed park with dense plantings and hiding spots allow for heroin addicts a place for a quick-fix before driving back to Naperville.
1	Please add batting cages. Barrie is the only place in Oak Park that could support another baseball/softball diamond, and a second diamond should be added back into the plan.
1	Batting cages were discussed, and would be a good addition to the park. Also, if a second ballfield can be outlined on the synthetic turf field, that would be a huge addition.
1	In a landlocked community such as Oak Park the shortage of usable fields affects many youth sports. As much as I would prefer natural grass, the artificial turf offers the opportunity for a significant higher usage.
1	Inlove the idea of combining an adult outdoor workout space. Barrie sledding hill needs to be reconfigured so it slopes away from the mid point of the hill
1	We really should have long enough term plans for these parks so that we're not cutting down and replanting trees. One of the things missing from Barrie is that it has very little natural shade. This area is first and foremost a park for use by the community, not just playing fields for teams that want to play organized sports. And if we keep changing the plan every couple of years, we will keep cutting down the trees and never have any mature ones. So whatever you guys do, plan to do it for a while please!

Count Response

1	I'd still actually prefer to keep the ball diamond infield in the NW corner as it puts kids closer to bathrooms, etc. Why was this moved (I missed the 3rd meeting)? Is it due to the traffic table? Placing the ball diamond to the east places bleachers, parents and kids at a "T" intersection where cars along Garfield do not stop. At Garfield and Lombard there is a 4-way stop. It seems this is a safer place for kids / parents to watch a game (the thought being that cars are going slower/slowing down at this 4-way stop so if a child gets a way from a parent/ loses focus of where they are at, etc. the cars are already going slower or have their foot on or near the brake.) Additionally, parents will be more apt to use the tot lot at Barrie Center if the ball diamond infield is on the west side of the park so they can keep an eye on multiple kids. Overall, it seems most of the plans substantial changes are being made just to make change (unless we have to flip the ball diamond to get the traffic table). Update and open up the corners, improve the drainage, improve the playground. I do not believe there is anything else needed at this park. (NOTE: Since this survey focused on the Park, I did not make comments on Barrie Center. In general, I'm in favor of the great things that are proposed at Barrie Center!!)
1	The covered seating and picnic areas that have been installed at Taylor and Lindberg Parks are wonderful. Also need for more seating areas for parents and spectators.
1	I do not like options 8 and 7 because it greatly reduces the size of the multi-purpose fields. Again, reducing flexibility and field space of something already in short supply would not be good.
1	We have enough synthetic turf already--4 fields. Why don't we see what happens with those in term of cost, and also in a time of climate change, let's try to create MORE green space (real green space, not just the color of green).
1	I'd rather have a large soccer field and no baseball diamond. A larger natural area and tot lot of the west side.
1	Artificial turf causes cancer. I don't like my kids playing on the new synthetic turf. It is very unhealthy.
1	Batting cages would be an awesome addition. From the diagrams it appears there is room for one more baseball/softball diamond. That would help alleviate the fight for field space.
1	Have public art that emphasizes the park and neighborhood's connection to the Arts District and also the racial/ethnic diversity of the neighborhood. Make sure renovations to park don't greatly disrupt lifestyle of nearby residents such as myself. When renovations are done in pieces, make sure other parts of the park are open for nearby residents still to use. I especially use the 1/3 mile walking path a lot and child's playground for my child.
1	Please minimize light pollution in the design. It's a waste of energy, it looks horrible, and it's bad for wildlife.
1	The Park District has done a good job with Berrie over the past few years. If Oak Park is going to be considered an arboretum, we should work hard on planting some more bushes and trees and keeping the grass healthy. Thank you, Aaron Stigger
1	The original master plan called for 3 all weather fields (one large, one medium and one small). Ridgeland Common and Irving address the large and small. Option 4B would be the medium. The proposed fields at Julian and Brooks are not the equivalent of a medium field.
1	Be sure to have plenty of trees and shade. Put up a sign asking viewers not to congregate at bottom of sledding hill; ask sledders to move off to viewing area once at bottom and not linger. People are always getting hit at the bottom of the hill, it's really chaotic and dangerous.
1	please no artificial turf, we need more natural areas for all residents of oak park to use, not just sport buffs.
1	Some sort of traffic-calming measures are needed for Lombard Street and the intersection with Garfield.
1	The park was just redone a few years ago and everything was moved from one end to the other. Now we're moving it all back? Seems like a gigantic waste of time and money.
1	I do like the idea of a tiered sled high. Current one is treacherous for the younger kids. The batting cages & a 2nd BB/SB field are good ideas, too. Keeping areas in current positions & 'tweaking' them seems like a savings in down time for facilities & cost.

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- 1 If you keep grass fields, the existing fields soil conditions are terrible. Grass does not last their, it is like playing on asphalt. Field drainage would need to be fixed. There is some really funky grading at the existing
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- 1 Please reconsider adding a 2nd baseball diamond at Barrie. As well, batting cages are a very beneficial option for all of the leagues active in Oak Park.
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- 1 Would like to see more basketball time and options offered -- e.g. have 4 courts on the roof of the water reservoir so more kids can play at a time -- often the younger kids can't play because bigger kids are using the courts. Basketball is a popular, affordable and accessible sport, especially for low-income and people of color. Oak Park needs to provide more accommodations for this--look at how crowded Longfellow courts are.
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- 1 AstroTurf will not be tolerated by this neighborhood. Put it on a north side park. We have already given up green space at Irving to turf. Our kids need real grass.
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- 1 There is a need for batting cages. Also, the fact that Barrie is the only place in Oak Park that could support another baseball/softball diamond, and a second diamond should be added back into the plan.
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- 1 Hire a different consultant or engineer the dugouts for the baseball diamond yourselves. The dugouts do not have very safe on-deck area for the kids. To be on-deck they are basically on the field. They should have a safer on-deck area. The sunshades at your newer parks are substandard. They are too high and too small. They only give proper shade protection for 30 minutes during the day. All other times they are non functional. What was the consultants designed coverage and for what hours was it to function?
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- 1 USE NATURAL GRASS!!! For many residents children and adults the grass in the parks is the only grass they have to play on.
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- 1 Please keep batting cages in the plan...the cages at Ridgeland are OUTSTANDING and very highly utilized...we need more! Barrie is the only place in Oak Park that could support another baseball/softball diamond, please add a second diamond back into the plan. Again, more kids playing more sports more often!! Thank you!!!
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- 1 I am excited to see what happens! Thanks to the Park District for always improving and thriving to be better! Our family loves all of the options and activities!
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- 1 I love the idea of multiple slopes on the sledding hill. In the winter I find myself wanting to approach all the people with small kids there and tell them about the tamer slope in Taylor park.
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- 1 The entrance at the south west corner of the park needs to be greatly improved. Unfortunately, park users are currently greeted by a 25' high concrete wall, a failing concrete block wall, an over run landscape and utility rooms with doors that look as if you are entering the back of a building versus a neighborhood park. Adding vines and public art are inadequate to mitigate this concrete mass. The plan must address design modifications that create a safe, easily maintained, positive welcome message at this corner - the proposed planned improvements need a stronger solution to address the park character at this corner. As a dynamic vision - respective of survey results - remove the concrete walls and create a 'hill' of natural material with maintainable slope over the utility room beneath; whatever slope is left on the north side could be used for sledding, 'rock outcropping' would be used for the stairs and the entire hill would be vegetated with short grass prairie. Undulating earth berms would extend to the east and north along Lombard to 'blend' the hill into the park. Rock outcroppings would extend from the hill to fully visually screen the entry doors to the utility room. Rock outcropping stairs would begin at the corner southwest corner of the park welcoming visitors an immediate opportunity to enter the park by ascending the stairs to the 'park overlook' surrounded by a natural 'self maintaining' prairie landscape as they climb. The benefits of the natural landscape would be interpreted along the stairs. Materials favoring birds, butterflies and wild life would integrated into the landscape. So the current concrete eyesore that is totally out of scale with this small neighborhood park becomes a natural amenity with a sustainable/educational purpose while maintaining the existing exercise and sled hill use (although inevitably reduced in height). Please offer this vision for consideration by the Landscape Architects and Park District as a way of solving the aesthetic, safety and maintenance concerns of the current sled hill; "it is never too late to make the right decision". Please do not discount this idea because of cost as the cost to complete this vision is no more than considering natural turf fields or the proposed actives on the north side of the park. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
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Count Response

1	Please no artificial turf, we need a place with grass and not turf. It also makes sense to keep the playground together for those of us with multiage kids.
1	I would encourage the Park District to modify Scheme 4b to add a 2nd artificial turf baseball diamond at the South end of the park. I understood the plans to include batting cages, which I encourage the Park District to keep as part of any plan. The batting cages at Ridgeland Commons have been hugely successful and a welcome addition to Village resources.
1	What are the differences in price for the 4 options? That should be publicized. Don't move lot over to Barrie from current location- it's ok to have just open green space without so much on it. Less is more
1	I would like the Park District to hold the values of sustainability and health in high regard and NOT choose to install any more artificial turf in our Village. It's a HUGE concern of mine. I can smell that turf off gassing as I sit and watch my kids play soccer. I would much rather an occasional rained out game to exposing our kids to the fumes coming off of that hot stinky turf.
1	like the tot lot by Barrie Center. would add some tot features to playground on Barrie Park and add a bathroom. It is too far to get to Barrie Center w/children in tow.
1	Although I like #7 best, I don't like the location of the playground on the north side of the park, since it is off Garfield and it has significant traffic. Concerned about safety.
1	Rebuilding the sledding hill is a huge waste of money! Providing shaded areas is great, but a pick nick area seems truly ridiculous!!! Our kids need recreation areas-we have a shortage of field space in Oak Park!!!! Please reconsider.
1	No need for turf at Barrie- don't forget it's the neighborhood park too, not just a community park and turf is not optimal for a neighborhood park (especially as the only green space over there)
1	please state what the problem is that is trying to be addressed. What is the purpose and need for these improvements
1	DO NOT USE ARTIFICIAL TURF. Setting aside serious injury risks for athletes, and observed health risks from exposure, it is too hot for children to be on during the summer months.
1	Fix the drainage. If you don't go with turf for the baseball and multipurpose fields then need to be a lot more proactive at managing the natural surfaces.
1	I think that it's important that we not make artificial turf the "norm" in OP parks. We need to work on having natural alternatives and live in harmony with nature.
1	Keeping the field multipurpose seems the most far sighted thing to do. Glad to hear plans for standing water are being addressed. Also thanks for making this survey more mobile friendly! The last one was difficult on smart phone.
1	Need for batting cages, need for two diamonds as there are so many different leagues both boys and girls that play baseball/softball to keep OP competitive.
1	I would like to see batting cages, as well as putting the second baseball diamond back into the possible plans.
1	I strongly support the plan for batting cages at this field. Also, please reconsider earlier plans that added another baseball/softball diamond to the park. This is a very limited resource in Oak Park, and Barrie is one of the few places that can hold another diamond!!!
1	Only to repeat the request to keep the playing fields grass - for an outdoor facility in the Midwest we don't need artificial turf, particularly as we already have several surfaces of this type in other town parks.
1	Artificial turf should not be used. It is a health hazard and an environmental hazard. It goes against everything a park should be. And ruins what oak park should stand for
1	Please consider benefits of open spaces on wildlife including butterflies and beneficial insects; not every child plays tball or soccer --some children prefer to wander and explore in nature, discover bugs and flowers and "fairies".

Count Response

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- 1 The sled hill is used for only a few months out of the year, in comparison to the multi-purpose field, baseball area, and playground, which can be used from April through November. The sled hill should not be the main focus of this renovation. There are plenty of other sledding options in Oak Park. We lack adequate and appropriate fields for the various sports our children play. If there were to be expanded programming with the expanded multi-level sledding hill, such as beginner ski and snowboarding lessons, then it should be reconsidered, based on community demand.
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- 1 This is it for the survey?! the community does NOT want AstroTurf. We already have that at Irving, we are the only school without adjacent green space. Put the synthetic surface on the north side of town. This park already gets extremely heavy usage year round. Do not need to add to that. Also, I don't trust that you will not add a fence around the turfed surface in the future.
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- 1 I like the addition of batting cages to the sport courts at Barrie. Synthetic surface should be highly considered by the committee.
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- 1 definitely keep a playground, ideally in existing location - so much \$\$ was spent making it there....just keep it!!
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- 1 SAVE THE TREES at all cost!!!! Why cut down many 50 year old or more trees just to replace them with newer smaller ones? Only Real Grass! Thank you for the survey.
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- 1 Please keep the costs down, omit a speed bump since we have to constantly make stops in this town thereby making the commute time ridiculously long and it wastes gas (I can get to Oak Brook quicker than I can get from one side of OP to another), plus omit using toxic materials! Thank you and good luck.
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- 1 excellent multi-use ideas for the park. there is not enough space on that side of town to dedicate a clay BBfield that kids can't play on 6 months of the year. Turf makes it accessible to everyone as long as it is clear.
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- 1 Please consider an additional baseball field as this is one of the few places where this could be done. Also, batting cages are critical
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- 1 Super impressed with the quality of the work the PDOP is doing to help ensure that our park space is optimized for the long term.
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- 1 if it means by renovating the park that my taxes are going to increase with some sort of special assessment then I am totally against any renovation. The park is fine as is.
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- 1 Wasn't this park just redone a few years ago? After the SuperFund clean up? Why is it being done again so soon?
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- 1 I love the open play aspect of the park. The current design allows for unstructured play. Can see people with dogs, flying kites, frisbee. AstroTurf is very hot. This is our only open green space for a very dense neighborhood.
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- 1 I don't think the tot lot should expand onto the east side. Tots should be tended to by adults not distracted by a game.
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- 1 I would prefer 4a with synthetic turf. If 4a or 4b is chosen, the sledding hill still needs to be recontoured. It is shaped like a bowl now so no matter where you start at the top of the hill, you end up at the place at the bottom. The little kids are getting hurt because the big kids end up running into the little kids.
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- 1 I actually have no idea why you are rebuilding Barrie Park. It's barely 10 years old and functions just fine. This is a waste of park district and tax payer funding.
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- 1 Hopefully still have swings and seesaw. Looking forward to an improved playground equipment as Barrie is our least favorite and difficult to supervise younger children. Love idea of more picnic area and natural areas. On fence between turf and grass. Prefer grass since it is cooler, more environmentally friendly, and natural also multipurpose when games aren't happening. However turf is easier to maintain but it gets very hot
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- 1 I would still keep the top lot attached to the preschool. More trees would be nice. Love idea of picnic area. Usable tennis courts would be nice.
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- 1 1) Build batting cages at Barrie 2) Since Barrie is the only place in Oak Park that could support another baseball/softball diamond, and a second diamond back into the plan.
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Count Response

1	Love the batting cages idea. Would like to see two ball fields. Picnic area a nice-to-have but it shouldn't take away from recreational functions for kids/sports. Thank you. Jon Hale
1	Our community is already hosting a turf field at Irving. The residents do not want another turf field.
1	Don't leverage convenience and misguided aesthetics against our children's health. I don't think their bodies are appropriate for experiments- that being the safety of the artificial turf- and future generations will ask, "What were they thinking?" We already had a major cleanup at that park because of what past generations had done in their ignorance. Keep it natural, keep it safe.
1	Playing baseball/softball on a turf field is not ideal. Since Ridgeland was just converted, remaining dirt fields in Oak Park should remain dirt.
1	1) Need batting cages included in whichever plan, due to the lack of cages in OP. 2) Need a second baseball field included in whichever plan, due to lack of fields in OP.
1	I hope the swales will mitigate the problem with standing water on the sidewalks. They are icy treacherous in the winter. On a related issue, in recent years the PD has done an abysmal job of keeping the sidewalks clear and safe in the winter. The same is true for the sled hill steps. And it's not just the sidewalks -- Village plows fill in the curb cuts that pedestrians use to cross the street, the the PD rarely keeps them clear. This is true for the park, Barrie Center, and the Lombard and Harvey corners of the sidewalk on Garfield. The same is also true for the Garfield sidewalk between Lombard and Harvey. There are many issues here. 1) Standing water 2) Icy conditions in the Winter. 3) Sometimes the PD plows the sidewalk before the Village plows Garfield, leaving piles of snow on the sidewalk again -- and the PD apparently doesn't return to check the condition of the sidewalk. This situation of of great concern because on the north side of Garfield there is no sidewalk. We have no choice about where to walk.
1	A second baseball diamond like at Ridgleland Commons would be good. Can we get some space for outdoor basketball?
1	Avoid synthetic turf for multi-users. Plant native to support pollinators and for greater human enjoyment.
1	We have enough artificial grass turf. Especially considering that Oak Park has sewer back-up problems and water runoff should be minimized as much as possible.
1	The last time I played on the basketball courts, the surface was in very bad shape. It may have been addressed since then, but that surface material needs to be reconsidered.
1	I do not believe the shelter pieces over the reservoir was agreed on, only presented and discussed. This is an interesting idea, but how much benefit does this provide versus how does it limit sports/activity on the reservoir? (Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf ...) Thanks.
1	Please be a leader in sustainability and do not install plastic grass, artificial turf in village parks.
1	Is there anyway there is money for a tarp to cover fields? It would eliminate rain outs with the crazy weather we have here in IL.
1	A good example of attempting to involve the entire community. All plan alternatives are responsive to public input.
1	Can the tot lot stay where it is, and the playground be larger on the north side of park for the older children?
1	Children's safety must be paramount ... And that means absolutely no turf. If there's turf, the design doesn't matter to me because I won't let my daughter play there.
1	Barrie is the park closest to my house. please no turf or fencing. There are new turf fields at the middle school, we do not want one at Barrie. We would more natural play areas for our kids.
1	This park was just remade not that long ago, after the coal-tar issue was resolved--why is it being renovated again so soon afterward?
1	Please don't let one person in the room speak for all of us neighbors 'We don't want an artificial turf field' actually - she doesn't want it. Others do!

