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*City Of Parks*

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## Parks & Recreation Dept. - Smith Center

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### AUGUST MEETING NOTICE

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission will have a meeting on **Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.**, at the **Smith Center**.

Voting members of Commission: John Burgener, Jean Ravn, Brian Artac, Melissa Schroeder, Dave Sukow, Ben Debroux and Michael Willman.

The following items will be included on the agenda:

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting.
2. Approve claims.
3. Public Comment
4. Outdoor Recreation Plan discussion continued
5. Discuss refund policy for Summer Playground.
6. Normal Park Restroom project update
7. River Bend Trail project updates
8. Monthly reports.
9. Set date for next meeting.
10. Public comment
11. Adjournment

Submitted by

Mike Willman, Chairperson  
Parks and Recreation Commission

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JULY

ACE HARDWARE	CONCRETE MIX	6/24/2017		\$5.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SINGLE KEY CUT, GLUE, WAHERS	6/28/2017		\$22.75	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	TRASH BAGS	7/7/2017		\$13.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	ROOTER DRAIN CLEANER	6/26/2017		\$52.80	55200-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	STRAP HOLDDOWN	6/27/2017		\$8.97	55200-03-4000
ACE HARDWARE	LED ACE	6/27/2017		\$6.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SPRING SNAP	6/28/2017		\$5.58	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	COUPL	7/5/2017		\$5.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	COM. TRIM	7/6/2017		\$13.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	FERTLZER	7/19/2017		\$85.97	55200-08-91000
ACE HARDWARE	MASKING TAPE	7/14/2017		\$7.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	PARTS FOR SHOP	7/13/2017		\$45.83	55200-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	BROOM	7/12/2017		\$15.99	55200-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	RYL EXT SG LEX	7/11/2017		\$29.99	55200-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	PADLOCK/PAINT/BRUSES	7/21/2017		\$77.94	55200-08-91000
ALMA PECINA	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/26/2017	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7100
AMAZON.COM	LOBSTER CRAWL	7/6/2017		\$70.38	LOBSTER CRAWL
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	6/28/2017	4884906	\$260.13	55420-03-40000
AMERICAN WELDING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/30/2017	53403	\$853.53	55200-02-15000
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	6/30/2017	646	\$40.35	55200-02-15000
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	6/30/2017	929	\$55.05	55200-02-15000
AMERICAN WELDING	CARBON DIOXIDE	7/10/2017	4920367	\$237.85	55420-03-400000
AMERICAN WELDING	CARBON DIOXIDE	7/17/2017	4929794	\$215.58	55420-03-40000
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	GROUNDDEEPER	6/26/2017	1048682	\$264.59	55200-03-50000
BARB ANDERSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/27/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
BAUERNFEIND	COPY MACHINE	7/17/2017	1366-01	\$122.08	55300-03-41500
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	LIONS PARK FOR TOURNAMENT	7/2/2017		\$100.00	55200-02-15000
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	WASTE HAULING	7/2/2017		\$354.00	55400-02-23600
BECKY HELLER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/11/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
BELL TOWER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/27/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200

BREANNA KIMMONS	SECURITY DEPOSIT SMITH C.	7/11/2017	VOUCHER	\$100.00	10-21-7100
BURGOYNE'S TOILET	HANDI CAP POTTY	7/1/2017	54799	\$990.00	55200-02-15000
CARL TORKELSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/26/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
COUNTY MATERIALS	MASON SAND	7/20/2017	2936771	\$37.00	55200-08-910000
COUNTY MATERIALS	MASON SAND	7/12/2017	2929304	\$148.00	55200-08-910000
COURIER/FOTO NEWS	ADVERTISING	6/30/2017		\$510.00	55400-03-41000
DARLENE MATHIS	CANCELLATION PARK	7/13/2017	VOUCHER	\$70.00	10-45200-476722
DARLENE MATHIS	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/13/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
DARLENE MATTSON	COOKIES FOR EVENTS	7/14/2017		\$63.00	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	PROGRAMS	7/1/2017		\$11.15	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	6/27/2017		\$12.97	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	6/28/2017		\$72.41	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	6/29/2017		\$3.51	55400-03-40000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	BATTERIES	6/29/2017		\$8.25	55200-03-40000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	7/3/2017		\$5.97	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUMMER PLAYGROUND	7/3/2017		\$41.20	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	7/18/2017		\$12.52	55300-03-415000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	AQUATIC CENTER	7/19/2017		\$3.96	55420-03-40100
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	PROGRAMS	7/24/2017		\$12.34	55300-03-41500
DEAN WOELLNER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/27/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
DELORIS HEISE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/25/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
EPORMOS	LOBSTER CRAWL	7/6/2017		\$265.30	LOBSTER CRAWL
FASTENAL	SUPPLIES FOR SHOP	7/3/2017	96181	\$3.00	55200-03-40000
FASTENAL	PARTS FOR SHOP	7/11/2017	96330	\$98.34	55200-03-40000
FASTENAL	PARTS FOR SHOP	7/18/2017	78	\$34.79	55200-03-40000
FASTENAL	PARTS FOR SHOP	7/21/2017	96588	\$9.99	55200-03-400000
FAULKES BROS	SURE-HOP INFIELD MIX	7/14/2017	239565	\$856.57	55200-08-91000
FERGUSON	PARTS FOR SHOP	7/13/2017	105637	\$334.79	55200-03-50000
G & K SERVICES	MOPS/MATS	7/6/2017	6016570593	\$319.46	55400-02-23250
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM JOE	6/29/2017	6016567864	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM JOE	7/6/2017	6016270601	\$85.17	55200-03-46000

G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM JOE	7/13/2017	6016573375	\$64.43	55420-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS JIM JOE	7/20/2017	6016576122	\$64.43	55200-03-46000
GREEN LAWN UNDERGROUND SPRINKLES	SPRING START UP	6/22/2017	17-00896	\$125.00	55200-02-15000
HAVEN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/20/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	PERENNIAL GRASS	7/11/2017	590073	\$19.69	55200-08-91000
HEATHER HOOK	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/25/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
HOLLY JOHNSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/15/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
HORST DISTRIBUTING	FUEL FILTER	6/22/2017	65688	\$39.99	55200-03-50000
HORST DISTRIBUTINGS	EASYMOUND CLAY	7/6/2017	66058	\$1,508.00	55200-08-91000
J & J LEE CONSTRUCTION	NORMAL PARK RESTROOM	7/1/2017		\$20,255.00	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
JANE ANN SAVASKE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JANET THOMPSON	COACHING TENNIS	7/14/2017	VOUCHER	\$420.00	55300-03-41000
JANSSEN HEATING	WATER PUMP	7/5/2017		\$120.00	55200-03-50000
JANSSEN HEATING	SHURFLO WATER PUMP	7/5/2017	21036	\$120.00	55200-03-50000
JEAN WINTER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/22/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JOSH JAEGER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JOY ANNIS	PARKING FOR BUS TRIP	7/17/2017	VOUCHER	\$16.00	55300-03-41500
JUDITY CHARTIER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/22/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
KIETH YANDA	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/11/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
LAMERS BUS	DANCING HORSE THEATER TRIP	7/13/2017	515339	\$1,450.00	55300-03-41500
LEE RECREATION	STEEL BB NET	6/23/2017	11173-17	\$216.00	55200-03-43000
LINDA GARIHEE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/11/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
LOTTIE ZIEMKE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/25/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
MARY WOLLER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/27/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	FOOD AQUATIC CENTER	6/29/2017	1384289	\$352.45	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	HAND CLEANER	6/28/2017	1384815	\$88.15	55200-03-40000
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	7/10/2017	1386497	\$60.00	55420-03-50000
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	7/17/170	1387498	\$43.50	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	7/17/2017	1387471	\$310.50	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	7/17/2017	1387683	\$85.78	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	7/24/2017	1388538	\$365.10	55420-03-40100

MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	7/11/2017	1386613	\$124.30	55420-03-40100
MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL GRAPHICS	LOBSTER CRAWL	5/12/2017		\$51.00	LOBSTER CRAWL
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-8	6/22/2017	9539	\$181.97	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-7	6/21/2017	9535	\$98.51	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-6	6/20/2017	9529	\$199.67	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-6	6/19/2017	9526	\$88.00	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-3	6/14/2017	8522	\$286.14	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-21	6/26/2017	9545	\$277.86	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-18	6/26/2017	9540	\$78.87	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-14M	6/20/2017	9530	\$259.71	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-10	6/22/2017	9536	\$90.17	55200-03-50000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	OTT'S PARK	6/24/2017		\$298.55	55200-02-150000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	MARC	8/10/2017	350-31240-00	\$87.00	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	O'DAY STREET	8/10/2017	330-51240-13	\$31.97	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	O'DAY BATHROOMS	8/10/2017	330-51040-13	\$87.91	55200-02-21000
MID WISCONSIN BEVERAGE	SODA FOR POOL	7/3/2017	885	\$691.32	55420-03-40100
MID WISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	7/10/2017	433791	\$370.16	55420-03-40100
MID WISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	7/17/2017	435773	\$143.20	55420-03-40100
MID WISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	7/24/2017		\$264.00	55420-03-40100
MID WISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	7/24/2017		\$200.00	55420-03-40100
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	TORO 15W	6/26/2017	21858	\$11.83	55200-03-40000
NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/22/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
NIENOW ELECTRIC	ALARM SYSTEM AQUATIC C.	7/7/2017	3670	\$285.28	26-31-5390
NORTH WOODS	DUMPSTER CLEAN FOAM CLNR	6/30/2017	163887	\$129.86	55200-03-40000
PATHWAY FELLOWSHIP	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/25/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
PATRICIA BUSHAR	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
PAUL KRAUSE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/25/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
PETERSON BROS SAND AND GRAVEL	SAND FOR RIVERSIDE	7/6/2017	11761	\$20.00	55200-08-91000
PHYSIO-CONTROL INC	SIGN, WALL W/LOGO	7/5/2017	117052185	\$2,206.79	26-31-5390
PREMIER MANUFACTURING	BLACK BRASS PLATES	7/12/2017	4070	\$115.00	55200-02-15000
R.T.L. ELECTRIC	RIVERSIDE PARK	7/6/2017	61753	\$141.90	55200-03-43000

REINDERS	TURFACE	7/19/2017	2400124-	\$370.00	55200-08-91000
RUDY RACK, LLC	DISC BASKETS	7/14/2017	8752-IN	\$2,493.75	CAPITOL DISC GOLF BASKETS
RUNNING COUNT	LOBSTER CRAWL	7/6/2017		\$97.00	LOBSTER CRAWL
SARAH FRISCH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
SERVICE MOTOR COMPANY	MULCH KIT	6/30/2017	2753	\$331.96	55200-08-90500
SHARON KAROW	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/25/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
SHAUNA BUSH COOPER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/11/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
STEPHANIE HELVEY	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/19/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISING	7/3/2017		\$249.00	55400-03-41000
SWIDERSKI EQUIPMENT	NEW TRACTOR TIRE FLUID	6/30/2017		\$572.00	26-31-5375
SWIDERSKI EQUIPMENT	TRACTOR	6/28/2017		\$70,000.00	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT
SWIDERSKI EQUIPMENT	FLUID IN REAR TIRES IN UNIT	12/8/2016	155843	\$572.00	55200-03-50000
SYSCO	FOOD AQUATIC CENTER	7/6/2017	118277331	\$543.04	55420-03-40100
SYSCO	FOOD AQUATIC CENTER	6/22/2017	118259293	\$514.14	55420-03-40100
SYSCO	AQUATIC CENTER	7/13/2017	11/8285902	\$555.00	55420-03-40100
SYSCO	AQUATIC CENTER	7/18/2017	118291328	\$747.66	55420-03-40100
SYSCO	AQUATIC CENTER	7/25/2017	118300396	\$854.88	55420-03-40100
TAMMY COHRS	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/26/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
TIM SCHMIDT	SECURITY DEPOSIT	7/11/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
WALMART	PROGRAMS	6/26/2017		\$20.36	55420-03-40000
WALMART	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	6/27/2017		\$29.81	55300-03-41500
WALMART	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	7/7/2017		\$8.92	55300-03-41500
WALMART	AQUATIC CENTER	7/13/2017		\$44.09	55300-03-41500
WALMART	PROGRAMS	7/24/2017		\$77.99	55300-03-41500
WALMART	AQUATIC CENTER	7/24/2017		\$11.92	55300-03-41500
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	HYPO CHLOR	6/29/2017	274623	\$945.90	55420-03-40000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	SODIUM BICARBONATE	7/6/2017	275099	\$186.90	55420-03-40000
WIFC 95.5	ADVERTISING	6/30/2017	6/1/2017	\$464.00	55400-03-41000
WISCO SECURITY	FIREWORKS	7/12/2017	170707	\$475.00	FIREWORKS ACCOUNT
WISCONSIN BUILDING SUPPLY	FASTENERS	6/14/2017	16620	\$312.66	26-31-5375
WISCONSIN BUILDING SUPPLY	TREATED PINE	6/12/2017	16620	\$94.87	26-31-5375

WPS	MARC	7/13/2017	2161762966-0000	\$3,840.49	55400-02-22000
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ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	6/12/2017		\$5.98	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	PUTTY KNIFE	5/5/2017		\$17.97	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	DRILL BIT	5/12/2017		\$40.97	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	5/15/2017		\$19.98	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	5/23/2017		\$32.98	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	5/23/2017		\$5.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	MOZZLE	5/23/2017		\$17.98	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	6/2/2017		\$40.98	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	KEY RINGS	6/6/2017		\$11.12	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	SINGLE KEY CUT	5/30/2017		\$23.88	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	TAGS	6/2/2017		\$122.50	55420-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	TAPCUBE	6/8/2017		\$8.98	55420-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	CABLE TIES	6/8/2017		\$8.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	CORDS	6/7/2017		\$14.98	55200-03-40000
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	5/25/2017	4818782	\$218.95	55420-03-40000
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	5/31/2017	929	\$57.52	55200-02-15000
AMERICAN WELDING	CYLINDER RENTAL	5/31/2017	646	\$42.33	55200-02-15000
ANDREW PLAUTZ	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/31/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
BAJA'S	SHIRTS	6/1/2017	17290	\$1,124.65	55300-03-41500
BAJA'S	SHIRTS	6/1/2017	17289	\$225.00	55420-03-40000
BAJA'S	SHIRTS	6/1/2017	17291	\$208.50	55420-03-40000
BEACON ATHLETICS	MESSAGE CENTER	6/22/2017	477418	\$623.00	23-31-5370
BEACON ATHLETICS	STREAMLINER	7/6/2017		\$718.00	55200-08-91000
BRANDT EXTINGUISHERS	INSPECTION	5/31/2017	9880	\$102.75	55200-02-15000
BRANDT EXTINGUISHERS	INSPECTION	5/31/2017	9881	\$15.00	55200-02-15000
CARL LUEDLKE	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/31/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
CARQUEST	TAILGATE CABLE	6/8/2017	50717	\$26.08	55200-03-50000
COURIER MERRILL FOTO NEWS	ADVERTISING	6/1/2017		\$210.00	55400-03-41000
COURIER MERRILL FOTO NEWS	ADVERTISING	6/1/2017		\$35.00	55400-03-41000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	ICE	6/6/2017		\$11.94	55300-03-41500

DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	ICE	6/6/2017		\$3.98	55300-03-41500
DON SULOFF	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/31/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	5/4/2017	6016545596	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	5/11/2017	6016548395	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	5/18/2017	6016551207	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	5/25/2017	6016554019	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	MATS	6/8/2017	6016559594	\$290.44	55400-02-23250
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	6/8/2017	6016559602	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	6/1/2017	6016556814	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
GREBE'S	POWER EQUIPMENT	6/6/2017	839500	\$1.85	55200-03-40000
GREG'S GRUETT'S APPLIANCE	FREEZER	6/7/2017		\$709.99	26-31-5390
HAILIE NELSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	GLYPHOS	7/31/2017	590073	\$189.52	55200-08-91000
JULIE BELFIORI	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
KATE GOODRICH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/8/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
KIM SKIFF	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/8/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
MENARDS	SHELVES	6/6/2017	30160496	\$40.53	55420-03-40000
MENARDS	SHELVING	6/1/2017	41780	\$129.62	55420-03-50000
MENARDS	SHELVES	6/6/2017	68563	\$40.53	55200-03-40000
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	POOL	5/23/2017	1378222	\$43.60	55200-03-40000
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/9/2017	1381411	\$668.10	55420-03-40100
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	AQUATIC CENTER	6/1/2017	1380028	\$882.78	55420-03-40100
MIDWISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	6/12/2017	425345	\$100.00	55420-03-40100
MIDWISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	6/12/2017	425346	\$290.84	55420-03-40100
MIDWISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	5/30/2017	421087	\$403.00	55420-03-40100
MIDWISCONSIN BEVERAGE	AQUATIC CENTER	5/30/2017	421088	\$257.76	55420-03-40100
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	TRIMMER	5/16/2017	21156	\$199.95	55200-08-90500
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	TRIMMER	5/30/2017	21379	\$42.50	55200-03-50000
NORTHWOODS NURSERY	TREES	5/18/2017	73576	\$871.00	DONATION WPS
PERMAR SECURITY	SECURITY	6/28/2017	1203870500	\$440.64	55420-02-95000
PETERSON BROS	SAND	6/1/2017	11552	\$229.00	55200-08-91000

PREMIER MANUFACTURING	LASER ETCHED HOME PLATE PLAQ	5/23/2017	4002	\$140.00	26-31-5370
REINDERS	TURFACE	6/2/2017	934989	\$370.00	55200-08-91000
RTL ELETRIC	RIVERSIDE PARK	5/23/2017	61698	\$132.17	55200-02-15000
SANDRA KRUEGER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10/21/7200
SERVICE MOTOR COMPANY	MULCH KIT	6/6/2017	2753	\$281.91	55200-08-90500
SHOPKEEP	COMPUTER	4/17/2017	550126	\$1,132.00	55420-15-46377
STREICH EQUIPMENT	SHELVES	6/1/2017	97948	\$186.00	55420-03-50000
SUE WENSEL	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
SUNRISE BROADCASTING	ADVERTISING	6/1/2017		\$249.00	55400-03-41000
SYSCO	AQUATIC CENTER	5/31/2017	118230482	\$1,216.82	55420-03-40100
SYSCO	AQUATIC CENTER	6/8/2017	118242807	\$802.11	55420-03-40100
TRINITY SCHOOL	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
WALMART	SUPPLIES	5/5/2017		\$80.88	55200-03-40000
WALMART	PAPER PLATES	6/5/2017		\$13.08	55420-03-40100
WALMART	SUPPLIES	6/6/2017		\$332.46	55420-03-40000
WALMART	SUPPLIES	6/6/2017		\$46.91	55420-03-40100
WALMART	SUPPLIES POOL	6/8/2017		\$68.86	55420-03-40000
WALMART	AQUATIC CENTER	6/9/2017		\$36.42	55420-03-40100
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	AQUATIC CENTER	5/25/2017	273520	\$966.30	55420-03-40000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	AQUATIC CENTER	6/1/2017	14992	CR \$465.00	55420-03-40000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	AQUATIC CENTER	6/1/2017	2873601	\$376.00	55420-03-40000
WENDY WIESEMAN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	5/6/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
WIFC 95.5	ADVERTISING	5/28/2017	300812-1	\$100.00	55400-03-41000
WISCONSIN BUILDING SUPPLY	NORMAL PARK RESTROOM	6/14/2017	478013	\$433.86	NORMAL PARK RESTROOM
WPS	STANGE	5/26/2017	401276260-000163	CR 210.38	
AMERICAN WELDING	CARBON DIOXIDE	6/20/2017	4873485	\$148.75	55420-03-40000
WPS	CONCESSION STAND	7/11/2017	2144491452-00000	\$77.03	
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	SWIPES/COOL BREEZE SPRAY	6/19/2017	132383	\$233.00	55400-03-40000
BURGOYNE'S TOILET RENTAL	TOILET RENTAL	6/1/2017	54607	\$990.00	55200-02-15000
CARQUEST	OIL	6/20/2017	10846-183455	\$5.01	55200-03-40000
WAUSAU CHEMICAL	POOL	6/22/2017	274242	\$205.90	55420-03-40000

G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	6/15/2017	6016562369	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
ACE HARDWARE	ROLLCOVERS	6/14/2017		\$36.98	55200-*03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	PAINTERS	6/15/2017		\$7.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	BULB	6/13/2017		\$24.99	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	BULBS	6/20/2017		\$17.97	55200-03-40000
ACE HARDWARE	RYL INT SG LTX	6/22/2017		\$187.91	55200-03-40000
G & K SERVICES	UNIFORMS	6/22/2017	6016565120	\$81.08	55200-03-46000
SERVICE MOTOR COMPANY	PARTS COUNTER	6/22/2017	4082	\$50.05	55200-03-50000
NELSON'S POWER HOUSE	TRIMMER	6/23/2017	21824	\$399.85	55200-08-90500
NATALIE LECHMARER	CANCELLED PROGRAM	6/26/2017	VOUCHER	\$10.00	
AJ CONTRACT SERVICES	POOL CHEMICALS	6/22/2017	35402	\$290.75	55420-03-40000
MIDWISCONSIN BEVERAGE	SODA FOR POOL	6/19/2017	427265	\$200.46	55420-03-40100
MIDWISCONSIN BEVERAGE	SODA FOR POOL	6/22/2017	428312	\$100.00	55420-03-40100
ORIENTAL TRADING	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	6/13/2017		\$138.72	55300-03-41500
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES FOR POOL	6/19/2017			
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES FOR POOL	6/13/2017	1382231	\$88.80	55420-03-40100
BAJA'S	SHIRTS	6/12/2017	17302	\$1,296.00	55300-03-41500
SERVICE MOTOR COMPANY	FILTTER	6/7/2017	3722	\$104.47	55200-03-50000
ACE HARDWARE	CORD MOWER	6/6/2017		\$4.99	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-23	5/31/2017	8512	\$62.80	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-24	5/31/2017	5496	\$75.25	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-5	5/17/2017	8499	\$75.43	55200-03-50000
MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT	P-24	5/17/2017	8508	\$119.80	55200-03-50000
WALMART	SUPPLIES FOR PROGRAMS	6/12/2017		\$152.83	55300-03-41500
CUSTOM MURALS	POOL SIGNS	6/6/2017		\$300.00	26-31-5390
BAUMGART WASTE REMOVAL	WASTE HAULING	6/21/2017		\$226.00	55400-02-23600
WPS	CONCESSION STAND	7/3/2017	405061701-+00011	\$256.44	55200-02-22000
WPS	MARC CONCESSION STAND	7/3/2017	405061701-00018	\$128.17	55200-02-22000
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUPPLIES	6/15/2017		\$22.84	55300-03-41500
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUPPLIES	6/8/2017		\$23.47	55300-03-41500
THE LIFE GUARD STORE	AQUATIC CENTER	6/15/2017	569597	\$198.69	55420-03-40000

SYSCO	SUPPLIES FOR POOL	6/15/2017	118250818	\$891.10	55420-03-40100
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	1100 MARC DRIVE	7/10/2017	106-00940-00	\$1,333.16	55400-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	AQUATIC CENTER	7/10/2017	106-00944-100	\$3,209.25	55420-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	1100 MARC DRIVE	7/10/2017	106-00941-06	\$274.23	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	1100 MARC DRIVE	7/10/2017	106-00943-00	\$112.82	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	STANGE'S KITCHENETTE/BATH	7/10/2017	112-01540-13	\$106.29	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	STANGE'S KITCHENETTE/BATH	7/10/2017	112-01440-13	\$25.47	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	OTT'S SHELTER	7/10/2017	102-38140-13	\$25.19	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	OTT'S BATHROOM	7/10/2017	102-38040-13	\$62.77	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	HYDRANT/CONSTR	7/10/2017	399-30140-00	\$130.76	55200-02-21000
MERRILL WATER UTILITY	LIONS PARK	7/10/2017	116-024404-00	\$319.52	55200-02-21000
AMANDA LEPSCH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/16/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
DOUG PONZER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/16/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
FAYE NELSON	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/16/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
ALISHA BANECK	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/16/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
LES & JIM'S LINCOLN LANES	BOWLING, POPCORN	6/16/2017	12146	\$411.75	55300-03-41500
LES & JIM'S LINCOLN LANES	BOWLING, POPCORN	6/16/2017	12147	\$310.50	55300-03-41500
MERRILL DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	6-16-107	6162017	\$400.92	55420-03-40100
TRACY LOKEMOEN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/19/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
WALMART	SUPPLIES	6/19/2017		\$154.14	55400-03-10000
FASTENAL	SUPPLIES	6/15/2017	95542	\$111.34	55200-03-40000
MECHANICAL INCORPORATED	SHUT DOWN CHILLER	6/14/2017	50651	\$1,095.29	55400-02-16250
PARK CITY CREDIT UNION	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/19/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
LINDA LANGREN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/19/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
WASUASU CHEMICALS	HYPO CHLOR	6/8/2017	273951	\$1,831.50	55420-03-40000
AMERICAN WELDING	POOL CHEMICALS	6/15/2017	53403	\$191.95	55420-03-40000
CHASE KASPER	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/21/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
JON LOKEMOEN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
LADONNA FERMANICH	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
LINDA LANGREN	SECURITY DEPOSIT	6/24/2017	VOUCHER	\$50.00	10-21-7200
DAVE'S COUNTY MARKET	SUPPLIES	6/21/2017		\$4.43	55300-03-41500



## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Merrill Parks and Recreation Commission met on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center.

Members Present: Dave Sukow, Mike Willman, Brian Artac, Jean Ravn

Members Absent: Melissa Schroeder, John Burgener, Ben Debroux

Department Staff Present: Dan Wendorf

Visitors: Erik Pfantz, MP3, Kyle Gulke

\*\*\*Motion Artac, seconded by Sukow to approve the minutes from the May meeting.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

\*\*\*Motion Sukow, seconded by Ravn to approve the claims as presented.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

There was no public comment to begin the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the upcoming Merrill Outdoor Recreation Plan. Wendorf began the discussion by fielding questions regarding the online survey that Fred from NCWRPC sent a memo regarding for the commission to review prior to the meeting. Commissioner Sukow mentioned that he had trouble logging into the site with the link that was provided. Wendorf stated that he would send the direct link to him to allow access. The discussion was very positive and Commissioner Ravn mentioned that she really liked the questions. She suggested breaking the biking question into two parts to allow for a more specific answer as she felt the first question was too broad. Wendorf said he would make that change. Willman stated that after question 18 he was unable to continue but wasn't sure why and suggested that we make sure that we have the bugs worked out and changes made before making this live. Wendorf stated he would pass all the feedback onto Fred to have it running smoothly before we inform the public and invite them to partake. It was also suggested to have hard copies at several strategic locations for people that don't have access to the internet or refuse to use it. Wendorf stated that there will be some hard copies for those who wish to choose that route.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Normal Park Restroom Project. Wendorf stated that work officially began on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and that progress will really take off from this point. As for a timeline, Wendorf stated that the project will continue on schedule in hopes to finish by the end of July. As with all outdoor projects this is weather dependent.

The next item on the agenda was monthly reports. Wendorf mentioned that things have been very busy on all ends of the Parks & Recreation operations and that things are ready to go. Aquatic Center opening on June 9<sup>th</sup>, baseball tourney weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup>, June Dairy Breakfast on June 11<sup>th</sup>, to name a few to

kick off summer. Wendorf thanked his staff members for all of their outstanding work in helping make all of these things come together.

\*\*\*Motion Sukow, seconded by Artac to approve the monthly report given by Wendorf.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. at the Smith Center.

There was no public comment to conclude the meeting.

\*\*\*Motion Artac, seconded by Ravn to adjourn at 4:53 p.m.

\*\*\*Carried unanimously.

Dan Wendorf  
Recording Secretary

# City of Merrill 2017 ORP Survey

## Response Summary

City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey

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### Survey Design

**City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey**  
Created on 5/4/2017

**51**  
QUESTIONS

**16**  
PAGES

Survey language: English

Theme: rhinelandor

no logo added

no logo added

[EDIT DESIGN](#)

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### Responses and Status

TOTAL RESPONSES  
**289**

OVERALL SURVEY STATUS  
**CLOSED**

RESPONSE ALERTS  
you don't get them.  
[Manage Alerts](#)

### Collectors

**CLOSED**

**Foto News**

Created: 6/16/2017

**20**  
RESPONSES  
COLLECTED

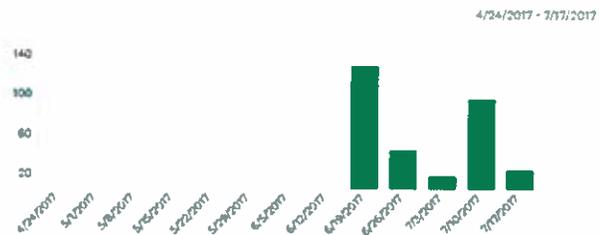
**CLOSED**

**Social Merrill**

Created: 3/15/2017

**269**  
RESPONSES  
COLLECTED

### Responses Volume



[ANALYZE RESULTS](#)



## 2017 Merrill Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) Survey Results Summary

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The City of Merrill advertised the survey link on their Facebook page twice, which is where most of the responses came from. The survey link was also advertised in the Merrill Foto News; and was posted on the City's website, and the Merrill Park's website.

We received 289 responses to the Survey. Respondents were allowed to skip questions, so several questions had slightly smaller response groups.

There were 206 respondents who shared the intersection that was closest to their house. A map of these respondent's intersections shows that all neighborhoods in Merrill were represented. See Q37.

Through an IP address analysis of who took the survey it appears that only 13 IP addresses are at least duplicated, which could mean that someone took it twice. By cross-tabulating these duplicate IP address' responses with the question asking for the nearest intersection to their house, the results show that most of these duplicates could be people taking the survey at work. Only two of these duplicates showed the same street intersection, and neither intersection was typed the same. So it appears that nobody "stuffed the ballot box."

About 2/3rds of the respondents were female (66.4% female, 33.6% male). Respondents came from all age groups, with a strong showing of over 17% in all age groups except "younger than 25," which had less than 3% of all respondents.

### Key Findings of the ORP Survey:

- **(Q1) The top recreational activities, in order, that respondents participated in during 2016 are:**
  1. Walking/hiking 82%
  2. Events / Festivals / Fairs 79%
  3. Swimming 52%
  4. Bicycling 47%
  5. Gardening 46%
  6. Fishing 44%
- **Q2 What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in the Merrill area?**
  - More Walking/Biking trails (either and both included) 71 responses
  - Improve/create new skate park 36 responses
  - Improve kayaking (provide rentals – 4) 20 total responses
  - Create/improve disk golf 19 responses
  - Establish a dog park 14 responses
  - Provide cross-country skiing/snowshoe trails 13 responses

# Q1 Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2016? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 289 Skipped: 0



### City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey



Answer Choices	Responses
Walking / Hiking	81.66% 236
Events / Festivals / Fairs	78.55% 227

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Swimming	52.25%	151
Bicycling	46.71%	135
Gardening	45.67%	132
Fishing	43.60%	126
Driving for Pleasure	39.79%	115
Picnicking	38.75%	112
Boating	38.41%	111
Dog walking / Dog park	38.41%	111
Playground Usage	38.06%	110
Canoeing / Kayaking	35.99%	104
Camping (tent or RV)	34.26%	99
Bird Watching / Nature Viewing	31.83%	92
Hunting	26.64%	77
Sledding	25.95%	75
Cross Country Skiing / Snowshoeing	23.88%	69
Golf	21.80%	63
Ice Skating	21.45%	62
ATV / UTV / OHM Riding	21.45%	62
Baseball / Softball / T-ball	20.76%	60
Running	19.72%	57
Soccer	18.69%	54
Archery / Sport Shooting	15.92%	46
Disc Golf	13.84%	40
Geocaching / Letterboxing	11.07%	32
Basketball	10.38%	30
Volleyball	9.69%	28
Snowmobiling	9.69%	28
Tennis / Pickleball	9.00%	26
Camping (primitive)	7.96%	23
Horse Riding	7.61%	22
Water skiing	6.23%	18
Inline Skating	6.23%	18
Downhill Skiing / Snowboarding	5.54%	16
Other (please specify)	4.50%	13
Skateboarding	4.15%	12

## City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey

Total Respondents: 289

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Do not like new pool style or location. Miss the old pool. We did family pass every summer there. Wasted our money on it last year, my kids don't even like it!	7/19/2017 8:45 PM
2	Rodeo	7/16/2017 9:04 AM
3	U	7/15/2017 1:17 PM
4	Sitting at Council Grounds State Park reading a book	7/14/2017 11:16 AM
5	None.	7/13/2017 4:50 PM
6	Roller skating rink would be wonderful for the winter months/birthday parties	7/13/2017 1:47 PM
7	Bocce Ball, Foot Golf.	7/11/2017 1:25 PM
8	Foot Golf, Bocce Ball.	7/11/2017 1:18 PM
9	Would have done more but was ill most of summer.	7/10/2017 7:01 PM
10	climbing	7/2/2017 8:42 PM
11	playground for the handicap	6/22/2017 5:30 AM
12	None	6/19/2017 3:16 PM
13	I	6/19/2017 2:44 PM

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## Q2 What potential outdoor recreational opportunities should be developed in the Merrill area?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 125

Answer Choices	Responses	
1.	100.00%	164
2.	68.90%	113
3.	49.39%	81

#	1.	Date
1	Maintain & improve dog park	7/21/2017 6:27 PM
2	Dog park	7/19/2017 10:20 PM
3	Bike/walking trail	7/19/2017 10:10 PM
4	Improvements to the Dog Park	7/19/2017 10:08 PM
5	Renaissance Festival	7/19/2017 10:00 PM
6	The Merrill Dog park	7/19/2017 9:42 PM
7	A dog park IN the city...old empty lot, fairgrounds, Prarie River, somewhere with water, bathrooms, easy access	7/19/2017 9:10 PM
8	Put a dog park in the city	7/19/2017 8:45 PM
9	Tubing	7/18/2017 9:55 AM
10	MOVE SKATE PARK INTO STREETER SQUARE.	7/17/2017 11:36 AM
11	Skateboarding park	7/17/2017 9:58 AM
12	Geo caching	7/16/2017 6:29 PM
13	winter festival (outdoor)	7/16/2017 1:58 PM
14	More horse back riding trails or large organized ride could bring in lots of money	7/16/2017 1:01 PM
15	new skateboard park	7/16/2017 7:33 AM
16	expand/improve walking trails	7/15/2017 9:48 PM
17	continue to develop bike trails	7/15/2017 9:47 PM
18	Walking/hiling trails	7/15/2017 9:27 PM
19	Water usage boating	7/15/2017 9:26 PM
20	More bike routs	7/15/2017 8:25 PM
21	More nature trails	7/15/2017 5:47 PM
22	bicycle trails	7/15/2017 5:39 PM
23	Outdoor kids events	7/15/2017 4:49 PM
24	Fitness trail (Council Grounds used to have one)	7/15/2017 4:11 PM
25	Something for kids in winter....	7/15/2017 3:49 PM
26	Disc golf (frisbee)	7/15/2017 3:21 PM
27	More running/walking trails	7/15/2017 2:18 PM
28	Bicycle trails	7/15/2017 2:06 PM
29	Bicycle trails	7/15/2017 2:04 PM
30	Continued expansion of the river bend trail	7/15/2017 1:17 PM

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31	LOVE the music at the gazebo, please work with organizations to allow this to continue!	7/15/2017 12:54 PM
32	Snowmobiling	7/15/2017 10:50 AM
33	Add roof to grandstand	7/15/2017 10:45 AM
34	I'd like to see the disc golf courses expand.	7/15/2017 10:42 AM
35	Playground more suitable for young children (1-3)	7/15/2017 10:33 AM
36	Bar & restaurant with outdoor seating along the water	7/14/2017 11:16 AM
37	Outdoor movie theater	7/13/2017 6:13 PM
38	Roller skate	7/13/2017 5:57 PM
39	Updated skatepark at new location	7/13/2017 5:20 PM
40	Pickleball	7/13/2017 4:08 PM
41	Roller rink	7/13/2017 1:47 PM
42	Lions hill.	7/13/2017 1:29 PM
43	Community days and Forrest Hills	7/13/2017 9:43 AM
44	Picked ball	7/13/2017 8:15 AM
45	Splash pad	7/13/2017 6:28 AM
46	Rethink/redesign the skate board park ,the fence looks terrible and the tennis court never seems to be used next to it.Work at updating it and make a couple of small versions of a skate board park in other areas.Ask for community suggestions.	7/12/2017 11:10 PM
47	Small play ground with equipment for younger youth	7/12/2017 9:54 PM
48	Hiking Trail development	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
49	More horse friendly trails	7/12/2017 5:03 PM
50	More safe access to fishing for children and disabled individual's	7/12/2017 3:31 PM
51	Better skateboard park for kids	7/12/2017 3:28 PM
52	Dog Park	7/12/2017 2:59 PM
53	Further extension of bike/walk trail	7/12/2017 1:50 PM
54	more disc golf	7/12/2017 1:13 PM
55	down hill skiing	7/12/2017 12:44 PM
56	An actual 18 hole disc golf course (pay to play) near Council Grounds State Park, that can host PDGA sanctioned tournaments.	7/11/2017 8:54 PM
57	Better dog park	7/11/2017 4:55 PM
58	Paintballing	7/11/2017 2:25 PM
59	Bocce Ball	7/11/2017 1:25 PM
60	Bocce Ball	7/11/2017 1:18 PM
61	Bocce ball court	7/11/2017 12:29 AM
62	canoe to Brokaw	7/10/2017 7:01 PM
63	new skate board park	7/10/2017 10:11 AM
64	Geocaching	7/10/2017 10:11 AM
65	Enhanced skateboarding	7/7/2017 11:48 AM
66	Camping	7/6/2017 10:23 PM
67	Continue the River Bend Trail advertise to visitors at the council grounds sign the trail at the exit of the council grounds	7/6/2017 9:31 PM
68	Bike trails	7/6/2017 8:16 PM

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69	Hiking /Biking	7/6/2017 12:25 AM
70	Extend bike and pedestrian trails	7/5/2017 11:03 PM
71	Skate Board Park	7/5/2017 2:29 PM
72	New skateboard facility	7/4/2017 7:04 PM
73	Canoe landing at Stange's Park	7/3/2017 8:00 AM
74	river bend trail	7/3/2017 6:44 AM
75	hiking trails	7/2/2017 8:42 PM
76	Bigger skate and bike park.	7/2/2017 9:39 AM
77	A slash pad for little ones and disabled individuals.	7/2/2017 9:26 AM
78	More ATV/UTV trails and trail access	7/2/2017 8:41 AM
79	Skateboarding	7/2/2017 8:30 AM
80	More trails/access ATV/UTV	7/2/2017 8:30 AM
81	Hiking trails	7/1/2017 7:27 PM
82	More walking/hiking/biking trails	6/30/2017 12:43 PM
83	we've a pretty good variety right now	6/30/2017 10:53 AM
84	Nicer skate park	6/29/2017 9:18 PM
85	skate park	6/29/2017 5:53 PM
86	expand bike/hiking trail	6/29/2017 4:43 PM
87	Off road walking/biking trails to connect parks and schools.	6/29/2017 2:43 PM
88	Continued development of riverbend trail	6/29/2017 2:34 PM
89	tubing/kayaking down the Prairie or Wisconsin Rivers	6/29/2017 1:20 PM
90	More bike and walking trails that will connect throughout the city of Merrill	6/29/2017 1:10 PM
91	Additions to the River Bend Trail/Prairie River Trails	6/29/2017 9:14 AM
92	More bike trails	6/28/2017 10:23 PM
93	Far better skate park	6/28/2017 11:47 AM
94	Expansion of the River Bend Trail	6/28/2017 6:59 AM
95	Updated playgrounds	6/27/2017 4:19 PM
96	Expand the River Bend Trail to the MARC	6/27/2017 1:23 PM
97	More bike/walking trail that connects around the city. ie Green Circle.	6/26/2017 8:07 PM
98	More trails	6/26/2017 1:06 PM
99	upgrde the skate park	6/25/2017 8:56 PM
100	Disc Golf courses #1 finish what is started and consider one near or with the state park entrance	6/24/2017 6:14 PM
101	resurface the tennis courts at Stange's Park	6/23/2017 2:54 PM
102	pickleball	6/23/2017 12:17 PM
103	Kayaking routes	6/23/2017 10:26 AM
104	Free swimming	6/22/2017 11:13 PM
105	Bike trails	6/22/2017 6:48 PM
106	Music festivals	6/22/2017 4:44 PM
107	none	6/22/2017 3:06 PM
108	Corn Hole tournaments	6/22/2017 11:53 AM
109	Snow mobile & RV trails	6/22/2017 11:21 AM

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110	Regional Skate/Bike park	6/22/2017 9:52 AM
111	Regional Skate park	6/22/2017 9:51 AM
112	continuation on the River Bend Trail	6/22/2017 7:38 AM
113	more activities sports for the disabled & elderly	6/22/2017 5:30 AM
114	Additional running trails	6/21/2017 6:03 PM
115	More events, festivals, fairs (things for young people with small children to do)	6/21/2017 5:19 PM
116	Walking paths	6/21/2017 1:12 PM
117	BMX track/Skate park	6/21/2017 10:59 AM
118	Skateboard park	6/20/2017 11:48 PM
119	fishing tournaments	6/20/2017 8:30 PM
120	Batting cages	6/20/2017 8:28 AM
121	all parks should be dog parks as well	6/20/2017 6:49 AM
122	More easy access fishing spots along the river	6/20/2017 5:51 AM
123	Disc golf	6/20/2017 2:43 AM
124	Country music events that will bring people to merrill	6/19/2017 10:29 PM
125	Handicapped fishing piers	6/19/2017 10:11 PM
126	More bike/ than asking trails	6/19/2017 10:10 PM
127	More indoor recreation for winter	6/19/2017 10:09 PM
128	Playground at center park	6/19/2017 10:04 PM
129	More toddler activities	6/19/2017 9:54 PM
130	Biking routes/ lanes leading into the city from country	6/19/2017 9:46 PM
131	Better skateboard park for youth. MARC is a good location.	6/19/2017 9:30 PM
132	Cycling	6/19/2017 7:26 PM
133	New skate park, new location	6/19/2017 6:57 PM
134	Update little league fields	6/19/2017 6:42 PM
135	Disc Golf	6/19/2017 6:35 PM
136	Kayaking/canoeing	6/19/2017 6:09 PM
137	Outfitter on the wi river to rent kayaks, sup boards etc	6/19/2017 5:48 PM
138	Skate park	6/19/2017 5:45 PM
139	Better Skatepark	6/19/2017 5:32 PM
140	More walking trails (like the river bend trail)	6/19/2017 5:25 PM
141	More campgrounds?	6/19/2017 5:18 PM
142	Disc Golf	6/19/2017 5:06 PM
143	Paintball	6/19/2017 4:46 PM
144	cross country ski trails	6/19/2017 4:46 PM
145	New skatepark	6/19/2017 4:42 PM
146	Championship disc golf course	6/19/2017 4:26 PM
147	More inexpensive family activities	6/19/2017 4:00 PM
148	Splash pad	6/19/2017 3:16 PM
149	Family fishing derbis	6/19/2017 2:55 PM
150	Lacrosse	6/19/2017 2:29 PM

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151	Mini golf	6/19/2017 2:11 PM
152	weekend events with music like Riverfest	6/19/2017 2:08 PM
153	more cross-country skiing trails	6/19/2017 2:06 PM
154	BICYCLING!!!	6/19/2017 2:03 PM
155	Skateboarding	6/19/2017 2:01 PM
156	Paved bike trail on Hwy 107 out of Merrill that goes all the way to Tomahawk.	6/19/2017 1:58 PM
157	Skateboard park	6/19/2017 1:56 PM
158	skateboard park	6/19/2017 1:55 PM
159	Better surfaces/trails for inline skating	6/19/2017 1:48 PM
160	A bike path up pier street	6/19/2017 1:48 PM
161	Snowshoeing/Crosscountry skiing	6/19/2017 1:45 PM
162	Unsure	6/19/2017 1:36 PM
163	Cycling	6/19/2017 1:33 PM
164	Splah pad	6/19/2017 1:30 PM
#	2.	Date
1	Add improvements to skate park	7/21/2017 6:27 PM
2	Campground	7/19/2017 10:20 PM
3	X country ski/snowshoe	7/19/2017 10:10 PM
4	Playground geared towards children with physical/developmental issues	7/19/2017 10:08 PM
5	Harvest Festival	7/19/2017 10:00 PM
6	The Merril dog park	7/19/2017 9:42 PM
7	Improve the existing dog park. Closer park, water, shelter from sun and wind, bathrooms, agility equipment, etc	7/19/2017 9:10 PM
8	Improve the existing dog park, agility equipment, water, shade, shelter from weather	7/19/2017 8:45 PM
9	MAKE A BIGGER BASKETBALL COURT ON STREETER SQUARE	7/17/2017 11:36 AM
10	Put dock back in at Otts park	7/17/2017 9:58 AM
11	Kayaking	7/16/2017 6:29 PM
12	Dog splash day	7/16/2017 1:01 PM
13	continue to improve & extend Riverbend trail to Marc & East	7/16/2017 7:33 AM
14	continue to develop walking trails	7/15/2017 9:47 PM
15	Bathrooms at stanges	7/15/2017 8:25 PM
16	Kayaking club	7/15/2017 5:47 PM
17	"Date nighT" events	7/15/2017 4:49 PM
18	Cart rides on River Bend for elderly	7/15/2017 4:11 PM
19	More places open/advertised to walk indoors in winter	7/15/2017 3:49 PM
20	Develop where the old pool is at stange park	7/15/2017 2:18 PM
21	Bicycle lanes	7/15/2017 2:06 PM
22	Events that bring the community together	7/15/2017 1:17 PM
23	Allow Merrill Riders Club affordable access to arena	7/15/2017 12:54 PM
24	Move 4th of July back to fairgrounds	7/15/2017 10:45 AM
25	concerts all year round indoors and outdoors	7/13/2017 6:13 PM

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26	Skate park	7/13/2017 5:57 PM
27	new tennis courts	7/13/2017 5:20 PM
28	Renting boats or water skiing/tubing	7/13/2017 1:47 PM
29	Empty space right across from factory on mill St.	7/13/2017 1:29 PM
30	Star gazing talks	7/13/2017 9:43 AM
31	Zip line	7/13/2017 6:28 AM
32	Partner more with the river bend trail	7/12/2017 11:10 PM
33	Climbing opportunities	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
34	Continue Riverbend trail	7/12/2017 3:28 PM
35	Walking club	7/12/2017 1:50 PM
36	Actual concerts in the park at Normal Park. Not just the city band, but acoustic musicians and other Wisconsin bands.	7/11/2017 8:54 PM
37	More fall festivals	7/11/2017 4:55 PM
38	Foot Golf	7/11/2017 1:25 PM
39	Foot Golf	7/11/2017 1:18 PM
40	Fitness trail	7/11/2017 12:29 AM
41	swings in shaded areas on trails	7/10/2017 7:01 PM
42	Scavenger hunts	7/10/2017 10:11 AM
43	Prairie River Trail development	7/7/2017 11:48 AM
44	Hiking	7/6/2017 10:23 PM
45	Continue the RBT to prairie trails and Tomahawk and Wausau	7/6/2017 9:31 PM
46	Rollerblading trails, smooth roads	7/6/2017 8:16 PM
47	Snow shoe trails	7/6/2017 12:25 AM
48	More kayak opportunities	7/5/2017 11:03 PM
49	Disc Golf	7/5/2017 2:29 PM
50	Expand River Bend Trail	7/4/2017 7:04 PM
51	camp sites	7/2/2017 8:42 PM
52	A New more up to date skate board and Bike park .	7/2/2017 9:26 AM
53	Keep progressing on the River Bend Trail	7/2/2017 8:41 AM
54	Keep progressing on the River Bend trail	7/2/2017 8:30 AM
55	Pickelball courts	7/1/2017 7:27 PM
56	Self guided historic walking tour similar to Wausau Andrew Warren historic district.	6/29/2017 9:18 PM
57	kayak landing	6/29/2017 5:53 PM
58	Skate board park improvements	6/29/2017 2:43 PM
59	Develop a trail north along the prairie river	6/29/2017 2:34 PM
60	city wide biking and walking groups with trails, paths, & bikeways	6/29/2017 1:20 PM
61	More community gardens	6/29/2017 1:10 PM
62	Nice skate park	6/28/2017 10:23 PM
63	More things for kids 12-18yo more centerly located to make them easily accessible, keeping kids out of trouble.	6/28/2017 11:47 AM
64	Further development of the Riverbend trail	6/27/2017 4:19 PM

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65	Adventure Racing	6/27/2017 1:23 PM
66	Something in Stan's Park...like a splash pad. Make it beautiful again, since it is the center of our town.	6/26/2017 8:07 PM
67	downhill skiing/ snowboarding	6/26/2017 1:06 PM
68	build a disc golf course	6/25/2017 8:56 PM
69	level the park across the river from PRMS, specifically by the old pool, so you can finish one of the disc golf courses mentioned in number 1	6/24/2017 6:14 PM
70	continue to develop the River Bend Trail	6/23/2017 2:54 PM
71	disc golf	6/23/2017 12:17 PM
72	MORE and LONGER bicycle trails - not mountain bikes, but for regular/hybrid bikes. There should be a nice packed gravel trail in the city forest. Or connecting the MARC to the city?	6/23/2017 10:26 AM
73	Dog water park	6/22/2017 11:13 PM
74	Expand the fair	6/22/2017 11:53 AM
75	fishing area development	6/22/2017 11:21 AM
76	More River Bend Trail	6/22/2017 9:52 AM
77	More River Bend Trail	6/22/2017 9:51 AM
78	continuation on the River Bend Trail	6/22/2017 7:38 AM
79	Better maintenance of current facilities	6/21/2017 6:03 PM
80	Something unique to this area like a zoo, Gus Macker, etc....	6/21/2017 5:19 PM
81	ATV trails working to a connection point of other trails in the county and parking lot	6/21/2017 10:59 AM
82	Tennis courts	6/20/2017 11:48 PM
83	ATV/utv	6/20/2017 8:30 PM
84	More bike trails, what's happening already is great	6/20/2017 5:51 AM
85	Broom ball	6/20/2017 2:43 AM
86	Enlarge dog park	6/19/2017 10:11 PM
87	Improved playgrounds	6/19/2017 10:10 PM
88	Beaches	6/19/2017 10:09 PM
89	Ice rinks	6/19/2017 10:04 PM
90	More kid activities during evening and weekend hours	6/19/2017 9:54 PM
91	Cross country skiing/ snow shoe trails	6/19/2017 9:46 PM
92	Continue expanding Riverbend Trail	6/19/2017 9:30 PM
93	River bend trail additions.	6/19/2017 7:26 PM
94	Curling park- bring in revenue	6/19/2017 6:57 PM
95	More Group Running Opportunities	6/19/2017 6:35 PM
96	Biking	6/19/2017 6:09 PM
97	Wall climb	6/19/2017 5:45 PM
98	More entertainment at the gazebo	6/19/2017 5:25 PM
99	N/a	6/19/2017 5:18 PM
100	Skateboarding	6/19/2017 5:06 PM
101	Basketball courts	6/19/2017 4:46 PM
102	Kayak/canoe rentals	6/19/2017 4:42 PM
103	More bike routes	6/19/2017 4:26 PM

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104	None	6/19/2017 3:16 PM
105	Family picnics	6/19/2017 2:55 PM
106	Tennis Courts	6/19/2017 2:29 PM
107	Splash pad	6/19/2017 2:11 PM
108	paved biking trails	6/19/2017 2:06 PM
109	Cross country skiing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	6/19/2017 2:03 PM
110	tennis courts	6/19/2017 1:55 PM
111	Cross country skiing on River Bend Trail	6/19/2017 1:48 PM
112	Iceskating	6/19/2017 1:45 PM
113	Mini golf	6/19/2017 1:30 PM
#	3.	Date
1	Love idea of having handicap park??	7/21/2017 6:27 PM
2	Playgrounds	7/19/2017 10:20 PM
3	Chalkfest	7/19/2017 10:08 PM
4	Stanges park	7/19/2017 9:42 PM
5	Put pool back in old location	7/19/2017 9:10 PM
6	Both handicap accessible, running water, shade, bathrooms!	7/19/2017 8:45 PM
7	MAKE SMALL PARKING AREA FOR 6 CARS AT STREETER SQUARE	7/17/2017 11:36 AM
8	Hiking	7/16/2017 6:29 PM
9	continue to develop more supervised park events for all ages	7/15/2017 9:47 PM
10	More concerts	7/15/2017 8:25 PM
11	Running clubs	7/15/2017 5:47 PM
12	Picnic In the park	7/15/2017 4:49 PM
13	Make lions park better for baseball	7/15/2017 2:18 PM
14	More benches	7/15/2017 12:54 PM
15	more basketball courts	7/13/2017 5:20 PM
16	River rafting	7/13/2017 1:47 PM
17	more 5K races (walks and runs)	7/13/2017 9:43 AM
18	Zoo	7/13/2017 6:28 AM
19	Connect parks with trail system & mapping	7/12/2017 7:35 PM
20	Indoor winter walking space	7/12/2017 3:28 PM
21	canoeing club	7/12/2017 1:50 PM
22	Businesses with outdoor seating should be placed near the River Bend Trail (Breweries, Ice Cream Shops, Smoothies, Coffee/Tea Shops, Burgers and Fries, etc.)	7/11/2017 8:54 PM
23	Kayak club	7/11/2017 4:55 PM
24	Roller Hockey	7/11/2017 1:25 PM
25	Disc Golf	7/11/2017 1:18 PM
26	more disc golf courses	7/11/2017 12:29 AM
27	more wheel chair/scooter access	7/10/2017 7:01 PM
28	Kayak rentals	7/10/2017 10:11 AM
29	Expanded disc golf	7/7/2017 11:48 AM

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30	Kayak and canoe rentals newood park to Merrill	7/6/2017 9:31 PM
31	Mini golf complex	7/6/2017 8:16 PM
32	Disc golf	7/6/2017 12:25 AM
33	Trails between parks	7/5/2017 11:03 PM
34	Park located on East Side of town (North of Hwy 64 and East of Center Ave	7/5/2017 2:29 PM
35	kayak and canoeing	7/2/2017 8:42 PM
36	Indoor arcade and boys and girls club	7/2/2017 9:26 AM
37	More snowshoeing trails	7/2/2017 8:41 AM
38	More snow shoe trails	7/2/2017 8:30 AM
39	kayaking	7/1/2017 7:27 PM
40	kayak landing!	6/29/2017 5:53 PM
41	Expanded or additional disc golf courses	6/29/2017 2:43 PM
42	Continue to develop bike friendly roads/trails with connection to Wausau and Tomahawk trails	6/29/2017 2:34 PM
43	enhance the cities arts, cultural and historic assets	6/29/2017 1:20 PM
44	Snow shoe/xc	6/28/2017 10:23 PM
45	Amending city eyesores,like the old pool site	6/27/2017 4:19 PM
46	Cultivation of Cannabis	6/27/2017 1:23 PM
47	Update the skate park. Expand it to the other court, since that is sitting empty and looks horrible.	6/26/2017 8:07 PM
48	larger/ more public access to lakes and beach fronts	6/26/2017 1:06 PM
49	small boat put-ins	6/25/2017 8:56 PM
50	install adequate directional signs to areas such as parks, schools, etc.	6/23/2017 2:54 PM
51	skateboard park	6/23/2017 12:17 PM
52	Cross country ski trails! We need trails in town - at the golf course and riverside park, perhaps.	6/23/2017 10:26 AM
53	Hiking trails	6/22/2017 11:13 PM
54	historical monuments	6/22/2017 11:21 AM
55	continuation on the River Bend Trail	6/22/2017 7:38 AM
56	Cross Country Skiing trials	6/21/2017 6:03 PM
57	Fishing tournaments, more hiking/biking trails, etc... to bring in tourists	6/21/2017 5:19 PM
58	Obstacle course	6/21/2017 10:59 AM
59	Disk Golf	6/20/2017 11:48 PM
60	tubing	6/20/2017 8:30 PM
61	How about a traithalon (bike, kayak, run) event?	6/20/2017 5:51 AM
62	Adult soccer league	6/20/2017 2:43 AM
63	Try to extend off street portion of River Bend Trail	6/19/2017 10:11 PM
64	Adult sports for beginners	6/19/2017 9:54 PM
65	Organized kid events at parks throughout the year	6/19/2017 9:46 PM
66	Riverbend trail have fishing spots on river	6/19/2017 6:57 PM
67	Shelter Areas in Parks	6/19/2017 6:35 PM
68	Walking/running	6/19/2017 6:09 PM
69	Rollerblading	6/19/2017 5:45 PM

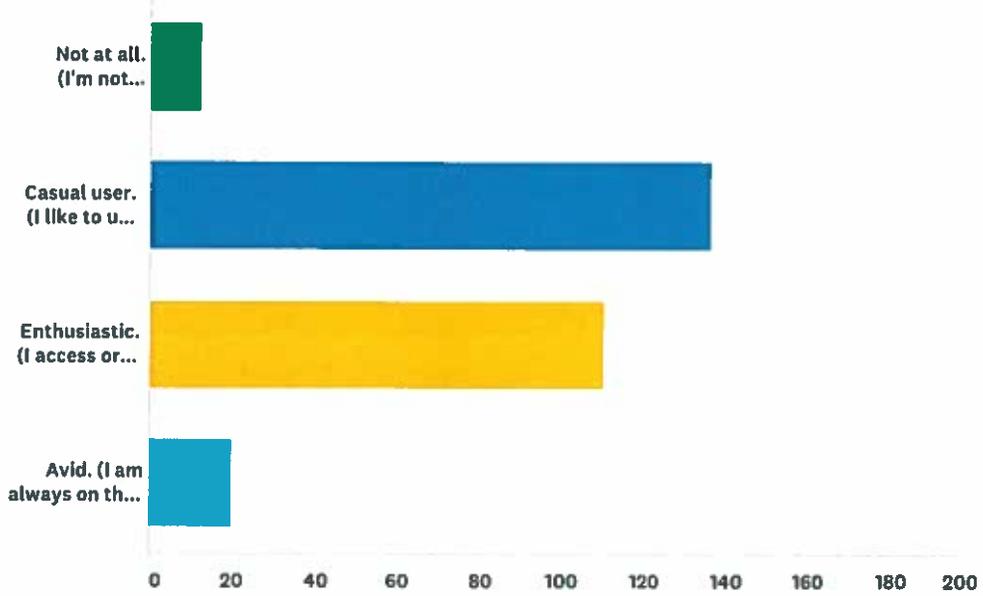
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70	More entertainment at the Merrill fairgrounds	6/19/2017 5:25 PM
71	N/A	6/19/2017 5:18 PM
72	Bicycling	6/19/2017 5:06 PM
73	Trails	6/19/2017 4:46 PM
74	Art/music festivals	6/19/2017 4:42 PM
75	Longer pool hours	6/19/2017 4:26 PM
76	None	6/19/2017 3:16 PM
77	Movies in the park	6/19/2017 2:55 PM
78	Inline skating area	6/19/2017 2:29 PM
79	Nature playground	6/19/2017 2:11 PM
80	Kayaking	6/19/2017 2:03 PM
81	Better/ cleaner beaches	6/19/2017 1:30 PM

City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q3 What type of water enthusiast are you?(Choose one.)**

Answered: 278 Skipped: 11

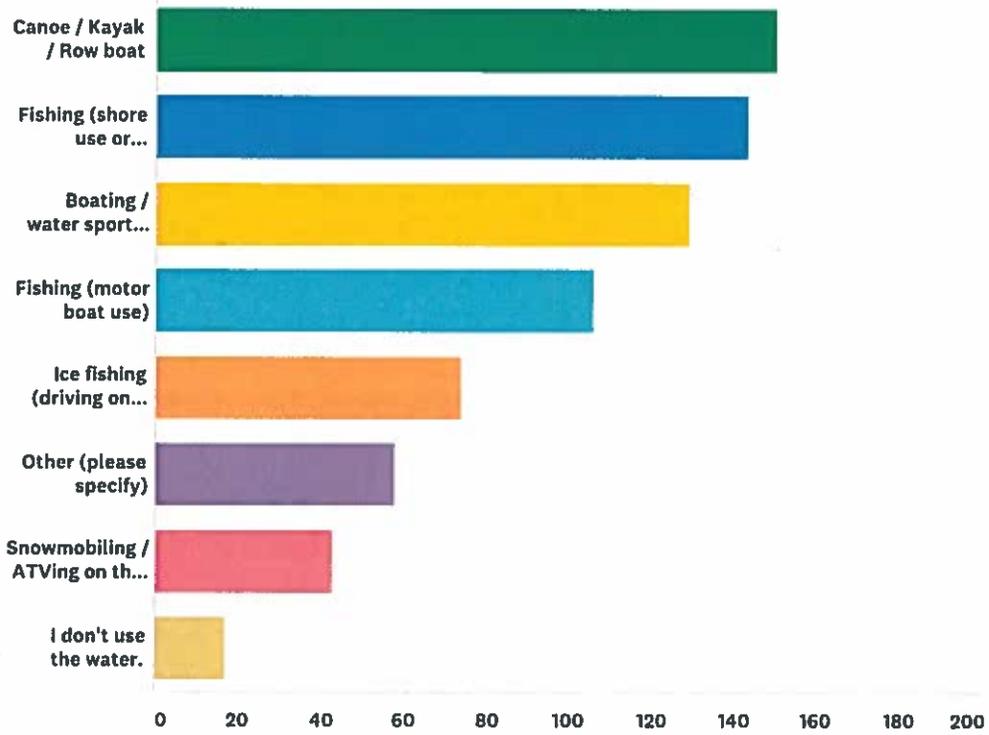


Answer Choices	Responses	
Not at all. (I'm not interested in water recreation at all, not even with friends.)	4.32%	12
Casual user. (I like to use the water, but only do so occasionally.)	48.92%	136
Enthusiastic. (I access or go on the water regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)	39.57%	110
Avid. (I am always on the water or ice every chance I get.)	7.19%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>278</b>

City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q4 How do you use the water?(Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 274 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Canoe / Kayak / Row boat	54.74%	150
Fishing (shore use or non-motorized winter use)	52.19%	143
Boating / water sport (motorized)	47.08%	129
Fishing (motor boat use)	38.69%	106
Ice fishing (driving on ice; car, ATV, or snowmobile)	27.01%	74
Other (please specify)	21.17%	58
Snowmobiling / ATVing on the ice	15.69%	43
I don't use the water.	6.20%	17
<b>Total Respondents: 274</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Swimming	7/19/2017 10:01 PM
2	Swimming	7/19/2017 9:43 PM
3	Swimming	7/19/2017 9:11 PM
4	Swimming	7/19/2017 8:46 PM
5	Tubing	7/18/2017 9:56 AM
6	walking near it	7/15/2017 9:48 PM
7	Swimming	7/15/2017 5:48 PM

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8	Swimming	7/15/2017 10:39 AM
9	jet skiing	7/14/2017 11:16 AM
10	tubing	7/13/2017 6:13 PM
11	Swimming	7/13/2017 5:57 PM
12	Paddleboard	7/13/2017 8:16 AM
13	Swimming	7/13/2017 6:56 AM
14	Swimming	7/12/2017 9:54 PM
15	Swimming	7/12/2017 5:04 PM
16	Swim - prefer lake or river	7/12/2017 3:29 PM
17	swimming	7/12/2017 1:16 PM
18	Swimming in RAC pool.	7/12/2017 12:15 PM
19	Swimming	7/11/2017 8:55 PM
20	Swimming	7/11/2017 12:29 AM
21	sit on a dock and drop my feet in	7/10/2017 7:02 PM
22	Walking trails, parks around water	7/10/2017 10:12 AM
23	Sailing	7/6/2017 10:24 PM
24	Swimming	7/5/2017 5:00 PM
25	Lap Swim at indoor pool	7/5/2017 2:30 PM
26	swimming	7/5/2017 9:43 AM
27	hunting	6/30/2017 10:54 AM
28	Snowshoeing	6/29/2017 2:35 PM
29	inner tubing	6/29/2017 1:31 PM
30	Swimming	6/29/2017 1:18 PM
31	swimming	6/29/2017 1:10 PM
32	Admirer	6/28/2017 10:23 PM
33	Swiming	6/27/2017 1:24 PM
34	swim, picnic near the water, play at the beach, sunbathe	6/23/2017 2:56 PM
35	ride on friend or family boat	6/23/2017 12:18 PM
36	Swimming	6/22/2017 11:13 PM
37	swimming	6/22/2017 11:15 AM
38	friend's pontoon	6/22/2017 5:31 AM
39	Swimming	6/20/2017 11:50 PM
40	swimming	6/20/2017 6:49 AM
41	Swimming	6/19/2017 10:30 PM
42	swimming	6/19/2017 10:24 PM
43	swimming	6/19/2017 10:20 PM
44	Swimming/ beach	6/19/2017 10:09 PM
45	Swimming/floating	6/19/2017 9:20 PM
46	Swimming	6/19/2017 8:23 PM
47	Ice drags	6/19/2017 5:59 PM
48	Tubing	6/19/2017 5:49 PM

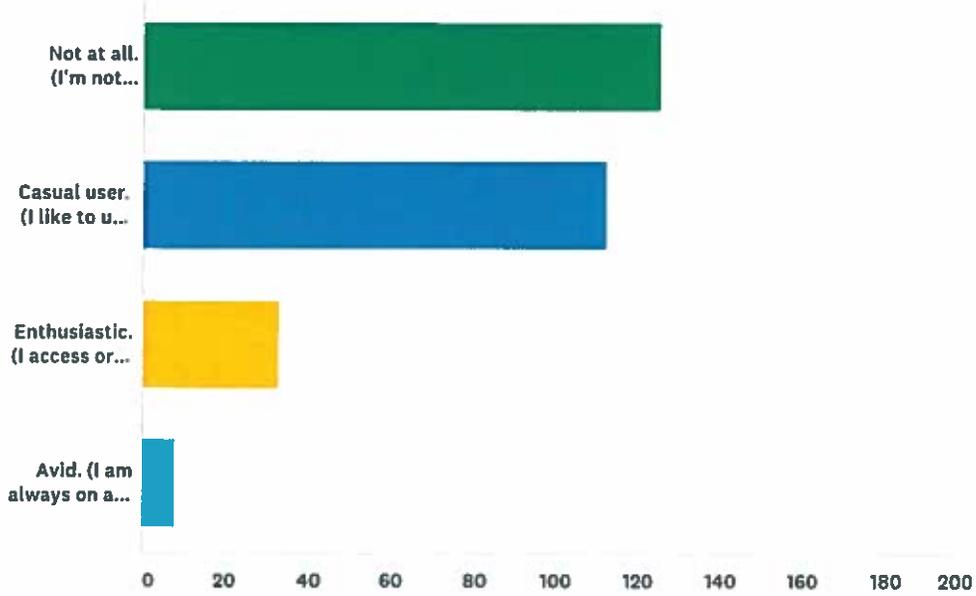
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49	Swimming	6/19/2017 5:46 PM
50	Swimming	6/19/2017 5:08 PM
51	Swimming	6/19/2017 4:42 PM
52	Water exercise	6/19/2017 4:01 PM
53	Swimming	6/19/2017 2:30 PM
54	Ice drags	6/19/2017 2:26 PM
55	swimming	6/19/2017 2:09 PM
56	distance open water swimming. There are more and more open water races (1 mile, 2 mile)	6/19/2017 2:06 PM
57	Wade fishing	6/19/2017 1:59 PM
58	Ice Drags	6/19/2017 1:37 PM

City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q5 What type of motorized vehicle (ATV / UTV / Off-Highway Motorcycle) enthusiast are you?(Choose one.)**

Answered: 278 Skipped: 11

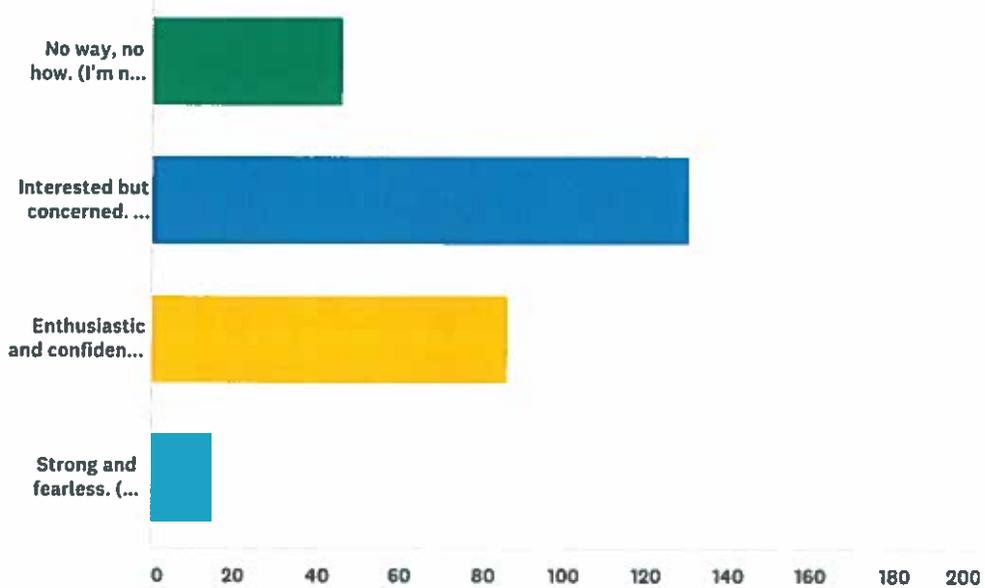


Answer Choices	Responses
Not at all. (I'm not interested in motorized recreation at all, not even with friends.)	<b>44.96%</b> 125
Casual user. (I like to use motorized vehicles for fun, but only do so occasionally, OR only on my own land.)	<b>40.29%</b> 112
Enthusiastic. (I access or go on motorized routes and trails regularly in summer, and I might occasionally access the ice in winter.)	<b>11.87%</b> 33
Avid. (I am always on a motorized vehicle every chance I get - all year long.)	<b>2.88%</b> 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>

City of Merrill Outdoor Recreation Survey

### Q6 What type of bicyclist are you? (Choose one.)

Answered: 277 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices

Responses

No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)	16.61%	46
Interested but concerned. (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)	46.93%	130
Enthusiastic and confident. (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)	31.05%	86
Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)	5.42%	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>277</b>

**Q7 Rate the following proposal:Curb Extension Proposal:- Install crosswalk curb extensions along E. Main St to make crossing the road easier at intersections identified in the picture below.- Merrill Streets Dept. may coordinate painting the street with MAPS students.- Polka dots may need refreshing every other year.- Note: When curbs or Main Street need to be improved, then create permanent crosswalk curb extensions.**

Answered: 268 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	3	877	268
<b>Total Respondents: 268</b>			

**Question 7 Picture**

**FROM THIS:**



**E. Main St and S. Poplar St**

**TO THIS:**



**Austin, TX**

**AT These ("●") Downtown Locations:**



**Downtown Merrill**

**Q8 Rate the following proposal:Downtown Bike Parking Proposal:-  
Add bike parking in downtown that is possibly  
designed/constructed by high school students.- The racks would  
be located between the sidewalk and the road in what is called  
the sidewalk terrace.**

Answered: 265 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	970	265
<b>Total Respondents: 265</b>			

**Question 8 Picture**



Picture: Lincoln County Land Records Viewer, 2015 Aerial Imagery

 = **Potential** general downtown bike rack locations



Picture: Lincoln County Land Records Viewer, 2015 Aerial Imagery

 = **Potential** general west side downtown bike rack locations

**Q9 Rate the following statement: "Parklets should be an option in Merrill."**

Answered: 263 Skipped: 26



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	946	263
<b>Total Respondents: 263</b>			

## Question 9 Picture

### Parklet *defined*

A parklet is a sidewalk extension that provides more space and amenities for business owners and citizens in one or more street parking spots.

Parklets provide an economical solution to the desire for wider sidewalks for seating, bike parking, or other amenities where narrow sidewalks restrict such uses.

A streets department, in coordination with other departments, establishes guidelines for the approval and installation of parklets either for exclusive use by a business or for the general public. This could be a seasonal or year-round installation.

Under such a program a business may request a permit for designing, maintaining, and installing a parklet either reserved for their patrons or for public use in front of their establishment.

There needs to be a direct way to identify if the space is public or not.

1. **Either** allow a business to use a parklet as sidewalk seating for their business and to appropriately identify it as such,
2. **Or** make the parklet publicly available and post the following sign:



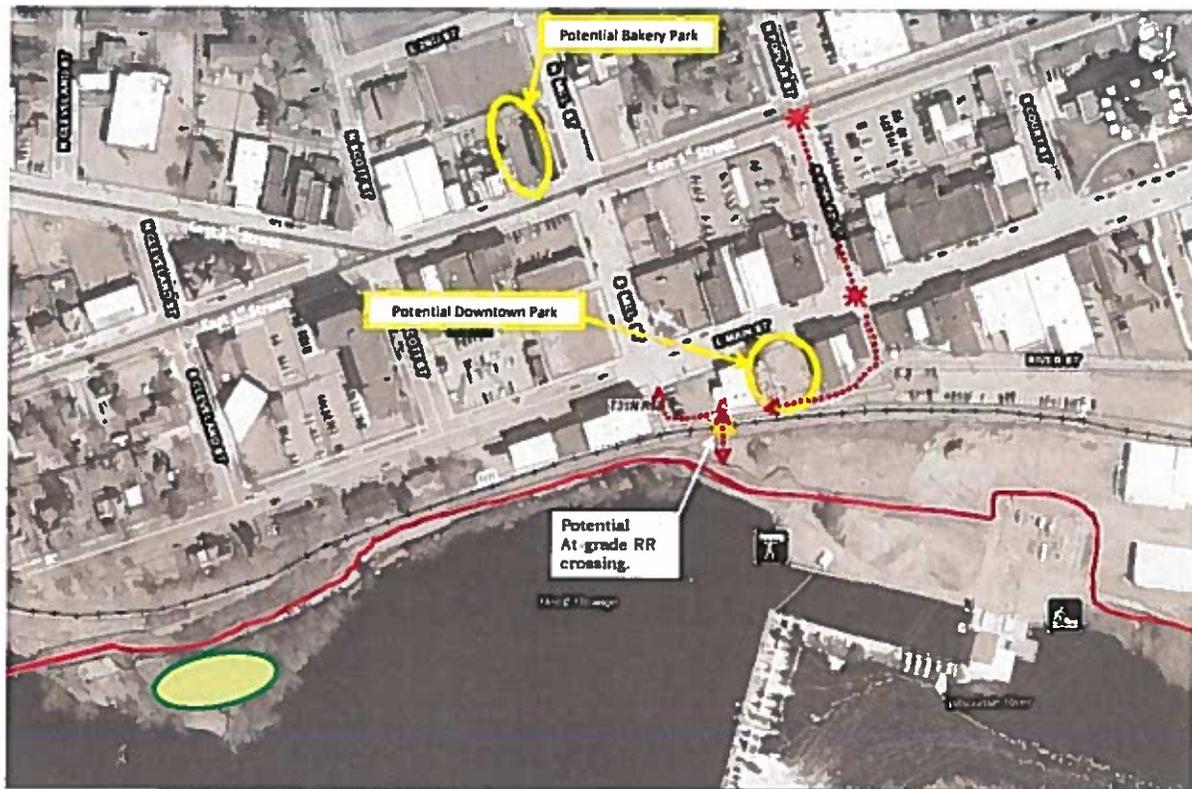
Sample text provide by San Francisco Planning Department.

This parklet includes public bike parking in one car parking spot, and public seating in another car parking spot.



Parklet example from San Francisco.

**Picture for Questions 10 through 13**



Laramie County Land Records Viewer, 2015 Aerial Imagery

-  - Potential River Bend Wayfinding Sign
-  - Potential River Bend Connection
-  - Potential trailside park with shore fishing
-  - River Bend Trail
-  - Portage Take Out
-  - Canoe Put In

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**Q10 Rate the following statement: "If feasible, then there should be a trailside park with shore fishing."**

Answered: 257 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	1,031	257
<b>Total Respondents: 257</b>			

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**Q11 Rate the following statement: "The River Bend Trail should connect directly to downtown."**

Answered: 257 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	1,064	257
<b>Total Respondents: 257</b>			

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**Q12 Rate the following statement: "Potential Bakery Park in the above picture should become a park."**

Answered: 257 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	3	856	257
<b>Total Respondents: 257</b>			

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**Q13 Rate the following statement: "Potential Downtown Park in the above picture should become a park."**

Answered: 257 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	941	257
<b>Total Respondents: 257</b>			

**Picture for Questions 14 through 16**



Picture: Lincoln County Land Records Views, 2015 Aerial Imagery

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
|  - Potential parking     |  - Planned River Bend trailhead |  - Existing River Bend Trail                            |
|  - Potential new park    |  - Boat launch                  |  - Future River Bend Trail                              |
|  - Potential rowing      |  - Canoe launch                 |  - South river trail                                    |
|  - Potential boat launch |  |  - Potential off street path                            |
|   |  |  - Potential walking/biking bridge over Wisconsin River |

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**Q14 Rate the following statement: "Install a walking/biking bridge over the Wisconsin River (see location in picture)."**

Answered: 255 Skipped: 34



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	998	255
<b>Total Respondents: 255</b>			

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**Q15 Rate the following statement: "Create a new park (per picture) from some of Merrill's newly reclaimed riverfront."**

Answered: 255 Skipped: 34



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	994	255
<b>Total Respondents: 255</b>			

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**Q16 Rate the following statement: "Add a boat launch with parking on the north shore of the Wisconsin River (per the picture)."**

Answered: 255 Skipped: 34



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	3	886	255
<b>Total Respondents: 255</b>			

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**Q17 Rate the following statement: "Promote the Prairie River water trail (see picture) among citizens and visitors, after a canoe take-out is installed somewhere in the Stange Kitchenette Park area."**

Answered: 253 Skipped: 36



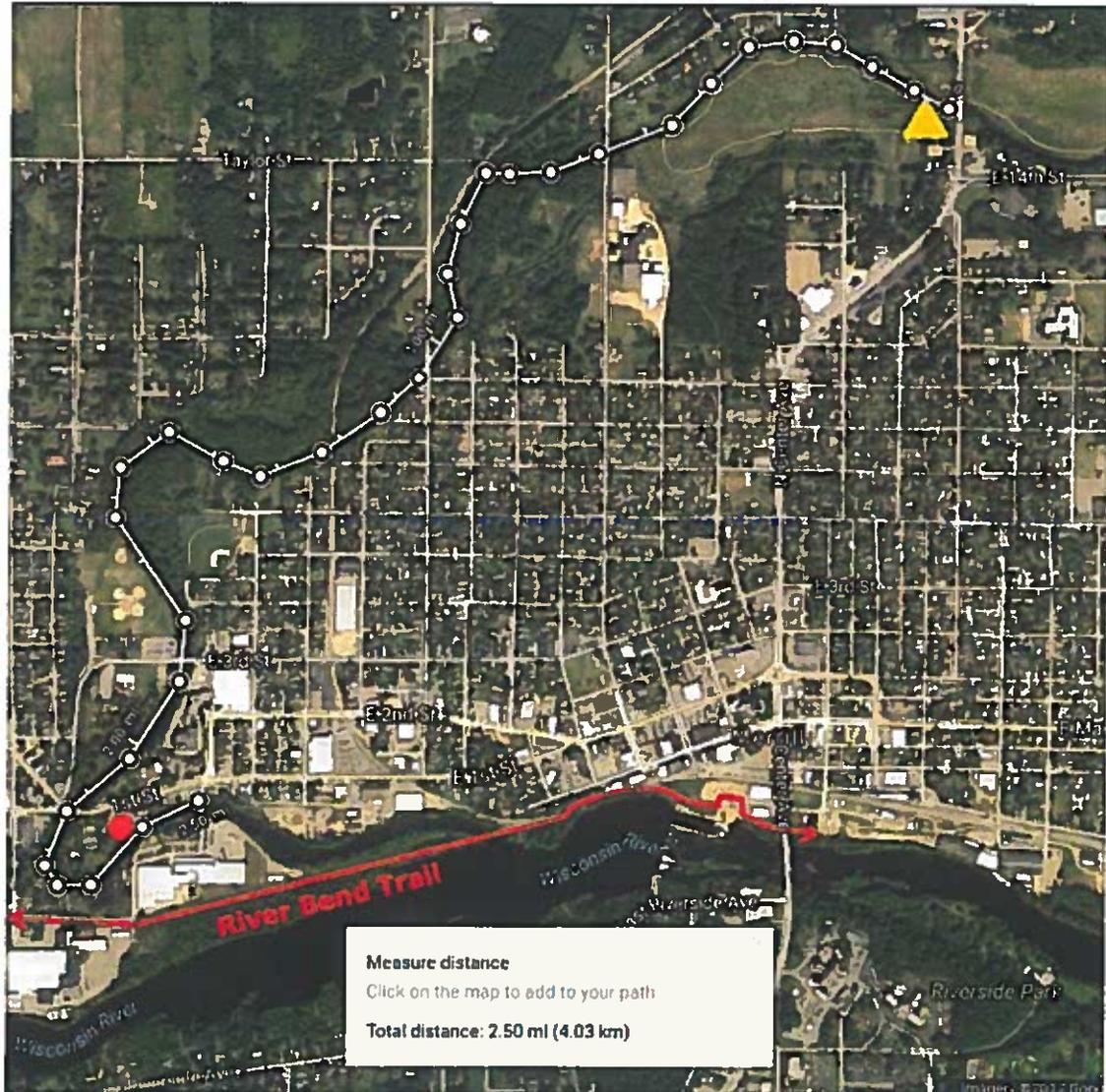
Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	4	1,023	253
<b>Total Respondents: 253</b>			

## Question 17 Picture

 Launch - Prairie Trails Park

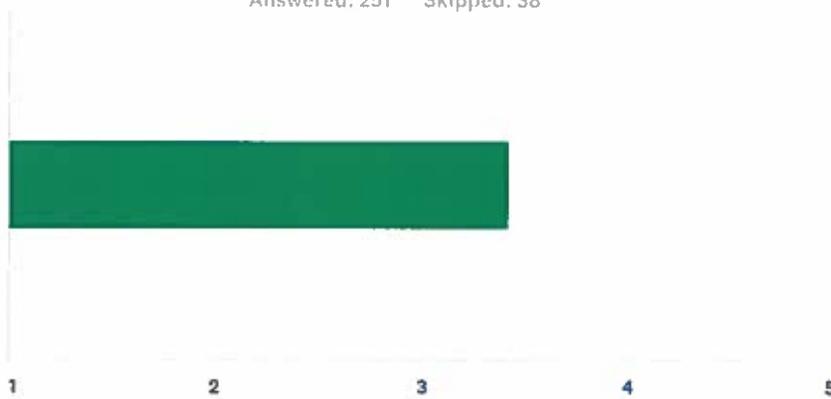
 Potential canoe take out - Stange Kitchenette Park (or in the nearby vicinity)

**Note:** This potential trail would connect to the **River Bend Trail**.



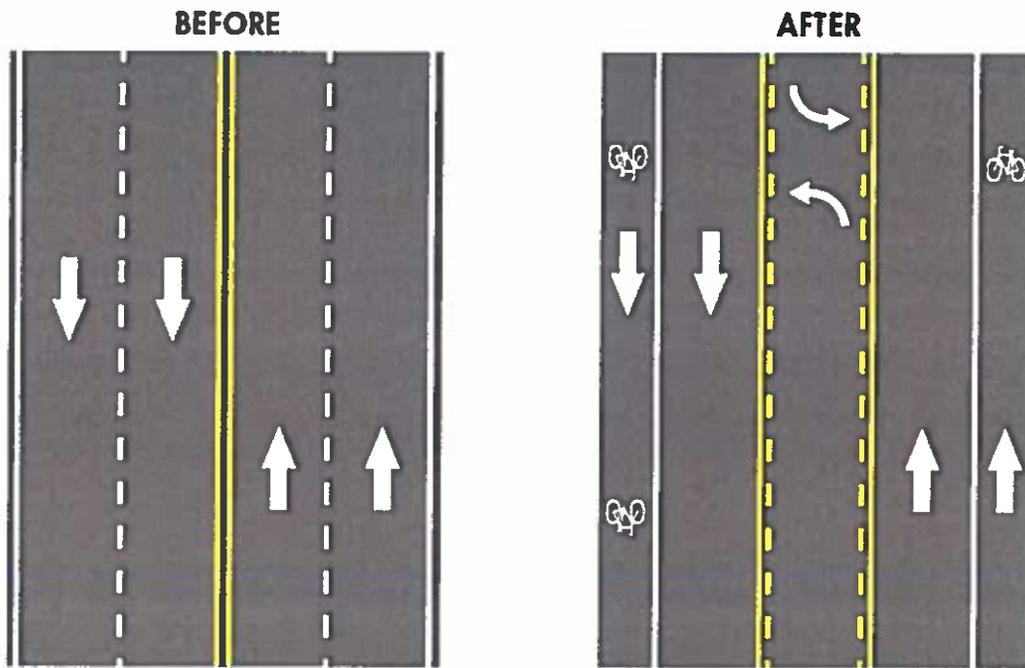
**Q18 Rate the following possible improvement: "Put State Highway 64 in front of the library and skatepark on a "road diet" to make it easier for pedestrians to access the skatepark from the Middle School." Note: The traffic count in front of the library and skatepark was 7,300 vehicles. Federal guidelines note that roads with traffic counts of 15,000 vehicles or less are easy to put on a "road diet" without a reduction in capacity.**

Answered: 251 Skipped: 38



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	3	858	251
<b>Total Respondents: 251</b>			

**Question 18 Picture**



Sample "road diet."

**Q19 Rate the following possible improvement: "Fully reconstruct skatepark features on new concrete pad where existing skatepark and adjacent tennis court are located. This would be an improvement and expansion of the existing skatepark."**

Answered: 251 Skipped: 38



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	3	864	251
<b>Total Respondents: 251</b>			

**Question 19 Picture**



Potential skatepark expansion

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**Q20 Rate the following possible improvement: "Create small skatepark features within the following parks and school playgrounds: - Streeter Square Park, and Otts Park; and - Washington, Kate Goodrich, and Jefferson Elementary schools." Note: The City only has jurisdiction over parks. Any suggested school playground improvements would need approval from the school board.**

Answered: 251 Skipped: 38



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
	3	737	251
<b>Total Respondents: 251</b>			

**Question 20 Picture**

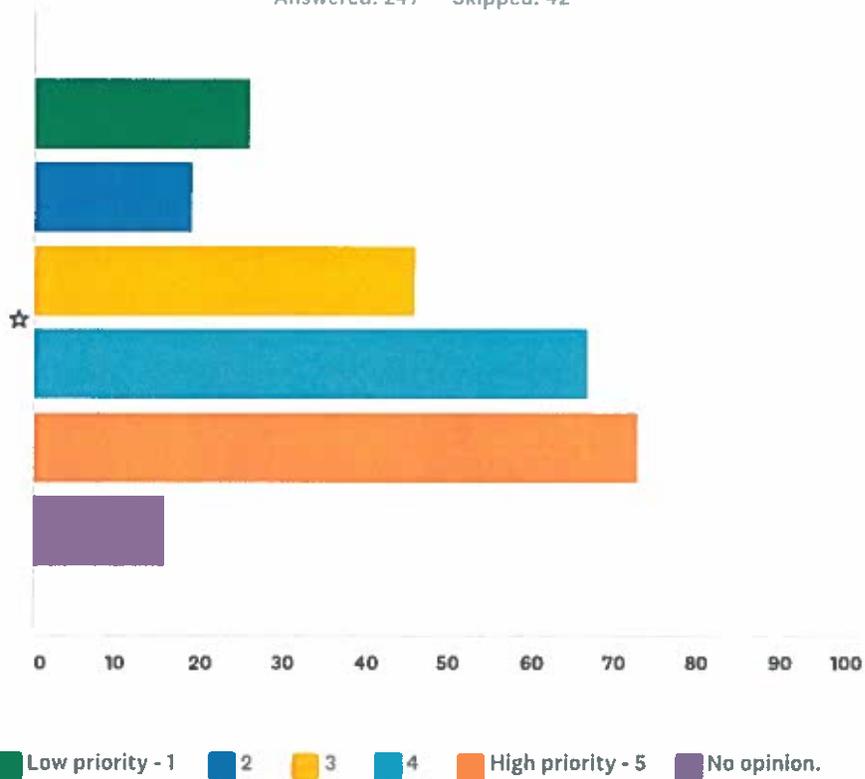


**Sample skate feature for a park or playground**

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**Q21 Construct new restroom / shelter facility at Stange Park.**

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42

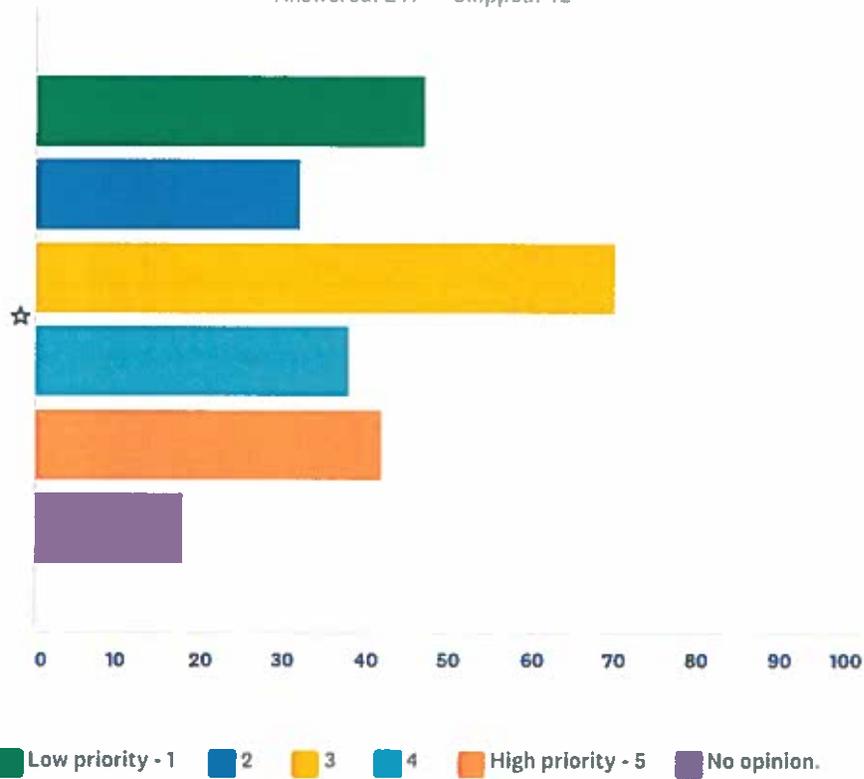


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	10.53% 26	7.69% 19	18.62% 46	27.13% 67	29.55% 73	6.48% 16	247	3.61

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# Q22 Pave Athletic Park's parking lot, replace lighting, and restore the wall.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42

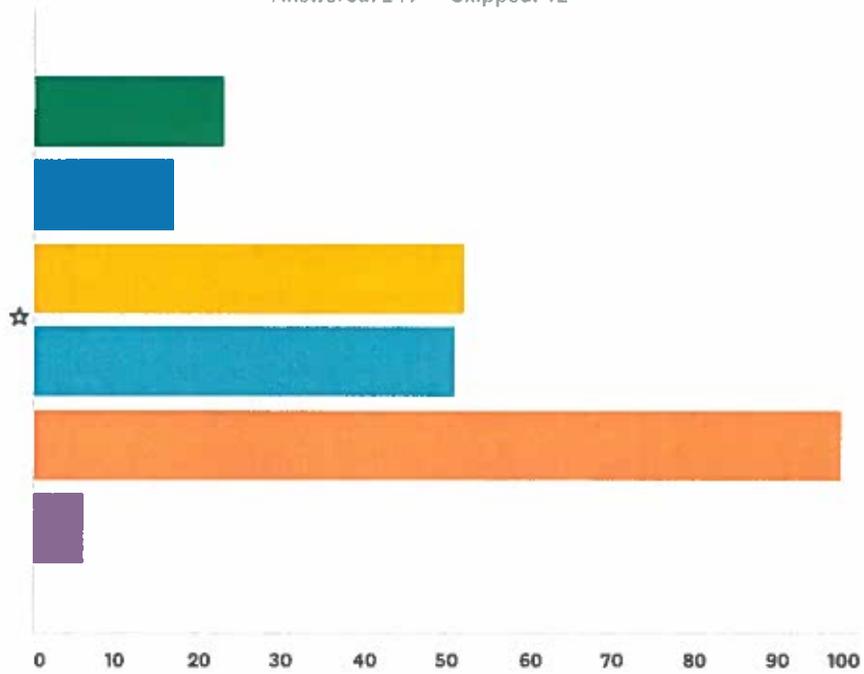


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
★	19.03% 47	12.96% 32	28.34% 70	15.38% 38	17.00% 42	7.29% 18	247	2.98

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# Q23 Continue bike route designation throughout Merrill.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42



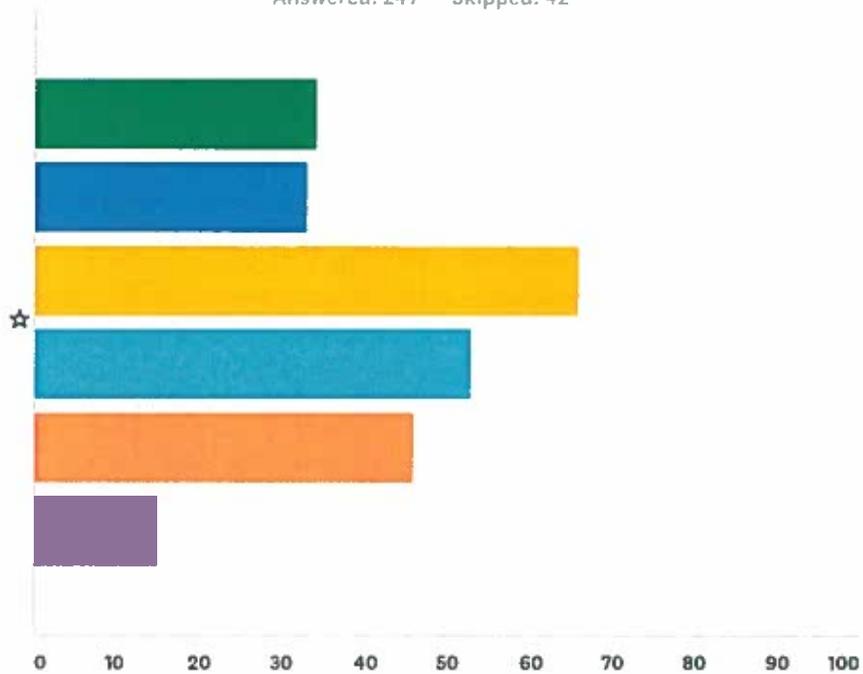
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 ■ High priority - 5 
 ■ No opinion.

	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	9.31% 23	6.88% 17	21.05% 52	20.65% 51	39.68% 98	2.43% 6	247	3.76

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**Q24 Install vault toilets at Prairie Trails Park.**

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42



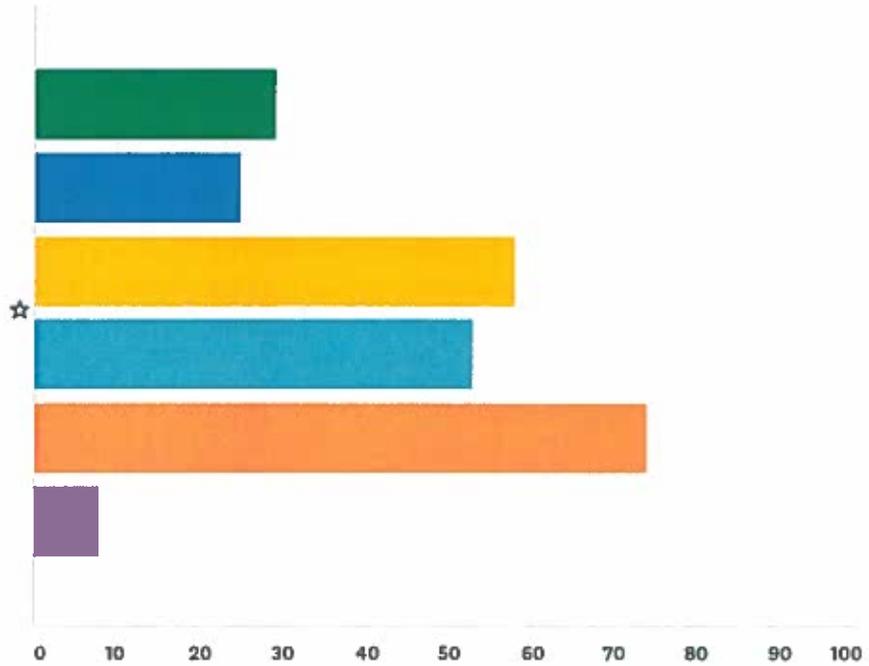
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 ■ High priority - 5 
 ■ No opinion.

	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	13.77% 34	13.36% 33	26.72% 66	21.46% 53	18.62% 46	6.07% 15	247	3.19

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## Q25 Install ADA playground at Normal Park.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42



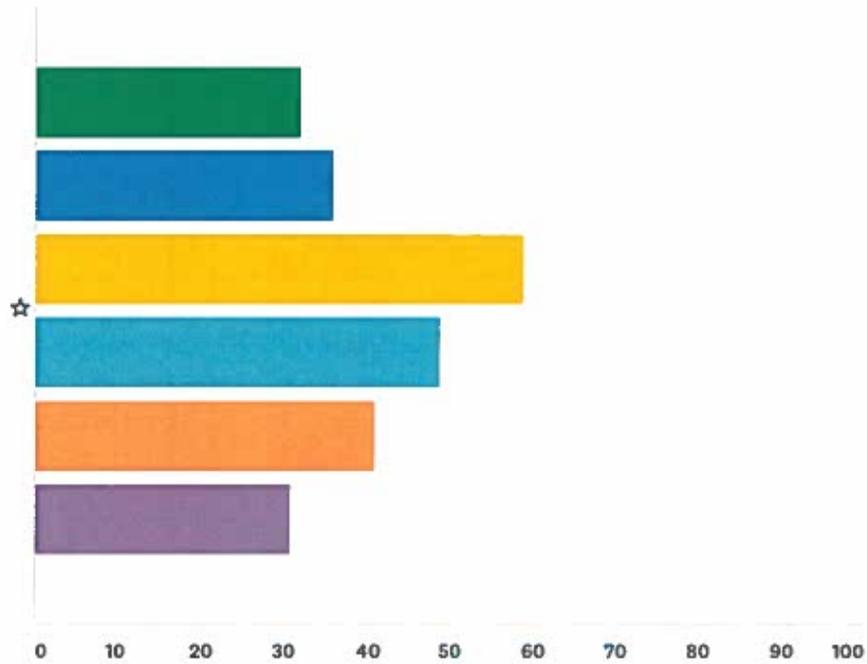
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 ■ High priority - 5 
 ■ No opinion.

	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
★	11.74% 29	10.12% 25	23.48% 58	21.46% 53	29.96% 74	3.24% 8	247	3.49

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## Q26 Continue bike trail work, install vault toilets, & construct shelter at City Forest.

Answered: 248 Skipped: 41



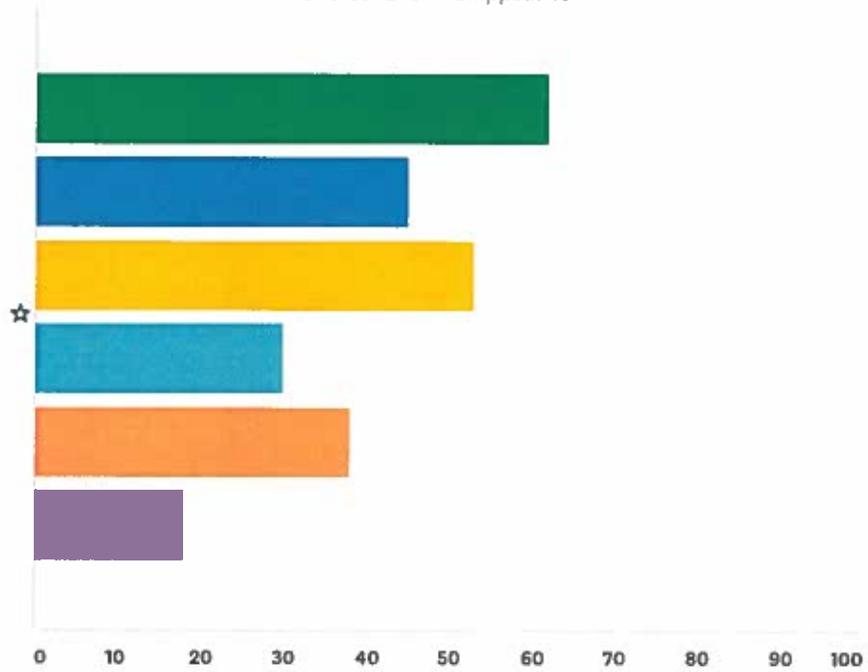
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 ■ High priority - 5 
 ■ No opinion.

	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	12.90% 32	14.52% 36	23.79% 59	19.76% 49	16.53% 41	12.50% 31	248	3.14

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**Q27 Continue disk golf initiative.**

Answered: 246 Skipped: 43



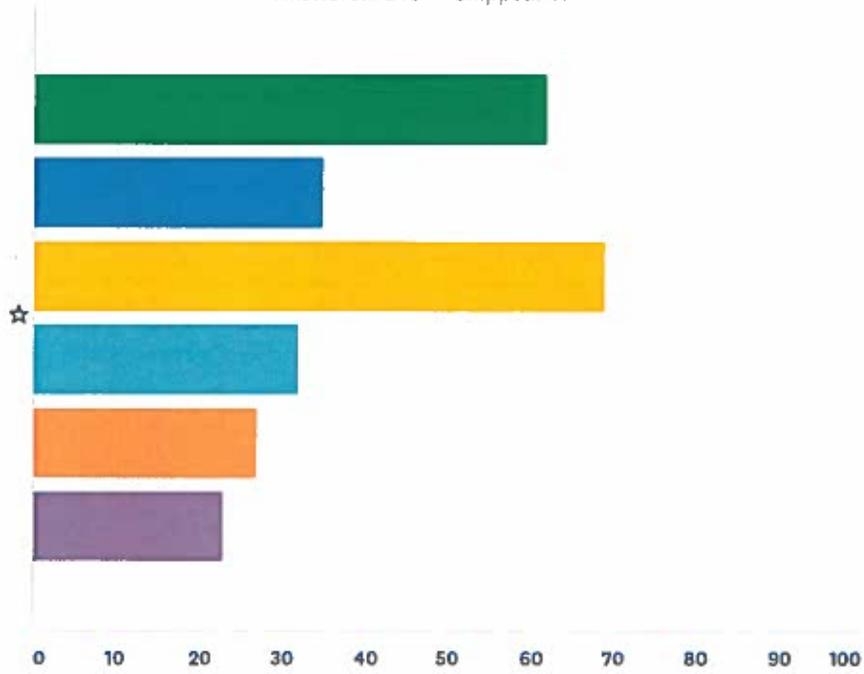
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 ■ High priority - 5 
 ■ No opinion.

	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	25.20% 62	18.29% 45	21.54% 53	12.20% 30	15.45% 38	7.32% 18	246	2.72

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# Q28 Complete new fence and replace lights at Otts Park's ball field.

Answered: 248 Skipped: 41



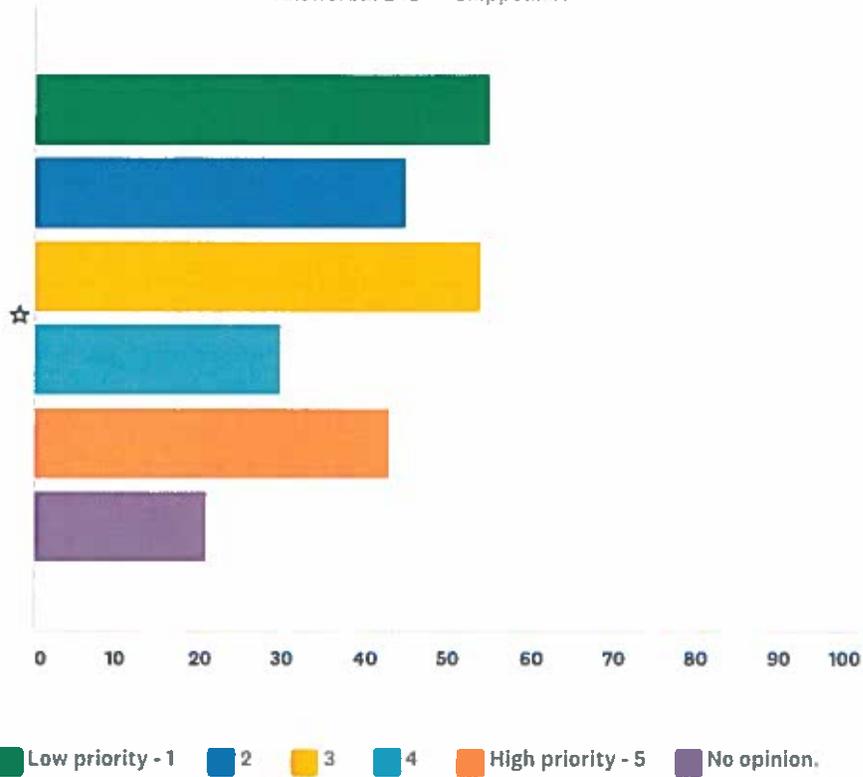
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 ■ High priority - 5 
 ■ No opinion.

	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	25.00% 62	14.11% 35	27.82% 69	12.90% 32	10.89% 27	9.27% 23	248	2.68

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## Q29 Extend potable water, and install amenities in dog park at the MARC.

Answered: 248 Skipped: 41

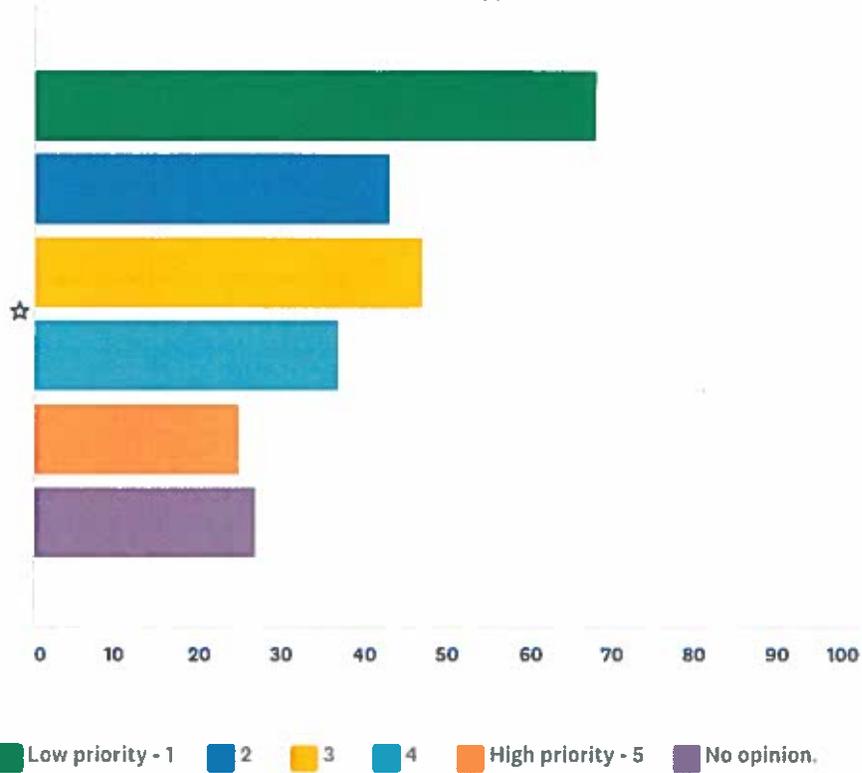


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	22.18%	18.15%	21.77%	12.10%	17.34%	8.47%	248	2.83
	55	45	54	30	43	21		

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**Q30 Explore having curling at the MARC (possibly in a building addition).**

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42

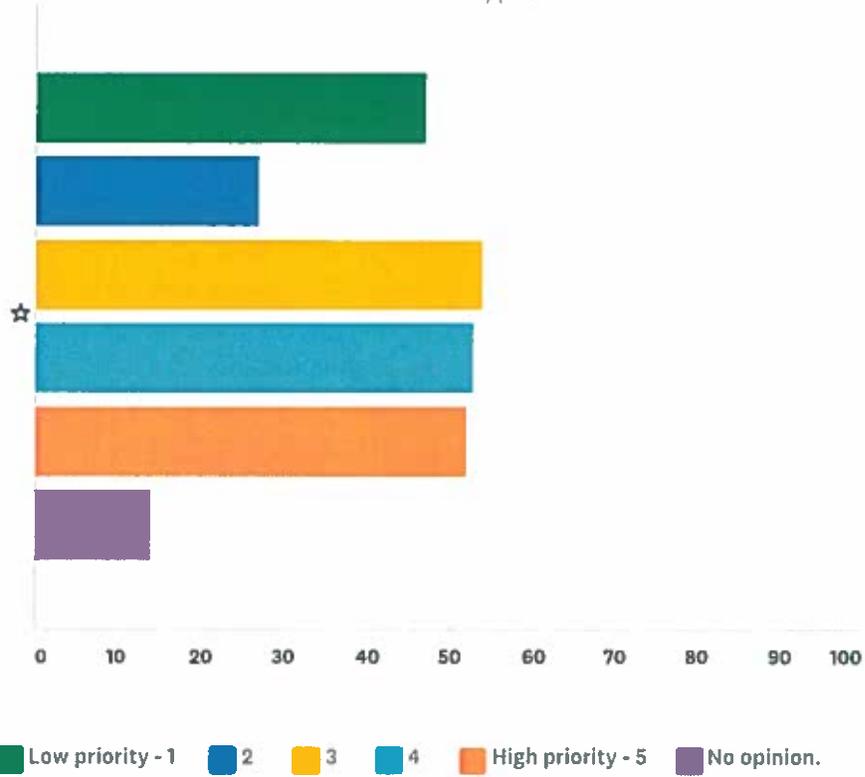


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	27.53% 68	17.41% 43	19.03% 47	14.98% 37	10.12% 25	10.93% 27	247	2.58

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**Q31 Install toilets at MARC baseball fields.**

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42

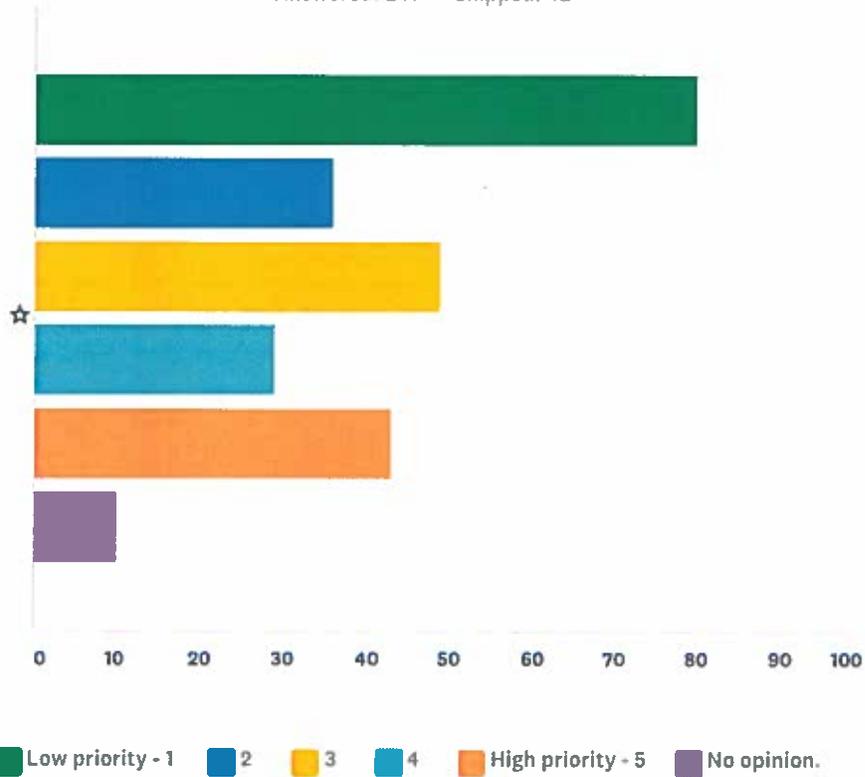


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	19.03% 47	10.93% 27	21.86% 54	21.46% 53	21.05% 52	5.67% 14	247	3.15

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### Q32 Explore installing sculptures, carvings, or murals throughout City.

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42

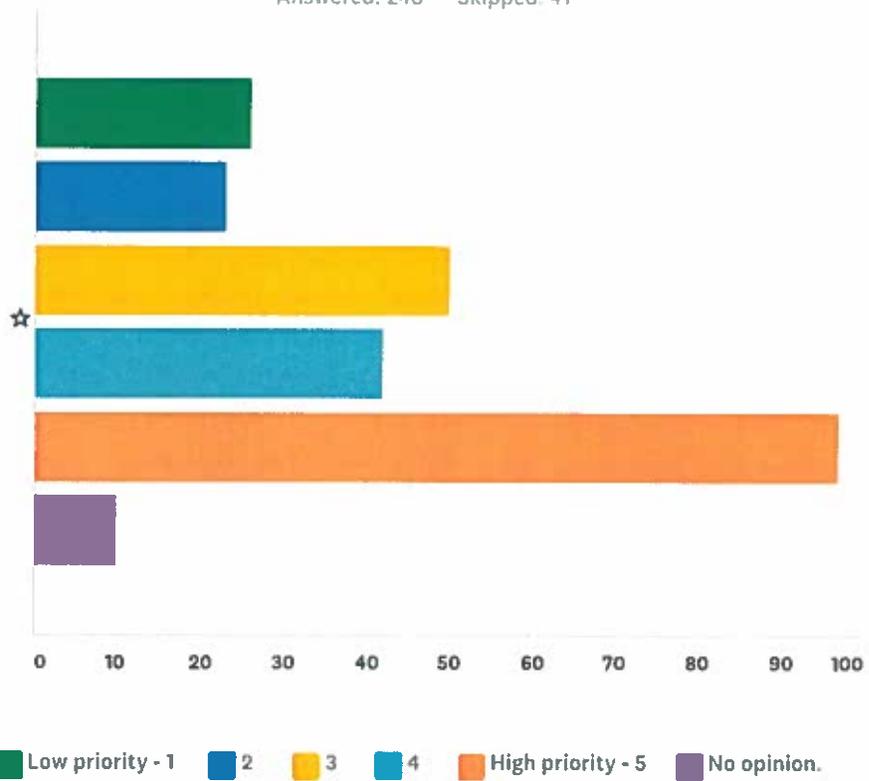


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
☆	32.39% 80	14.57% 36	19.84% 49	11.74% 29	17.41% 43	4.05% 10	247	2.66

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**Q33 Work on establishing River Bend Trail as a state trail.**

Answered: 248 Skipped: 41

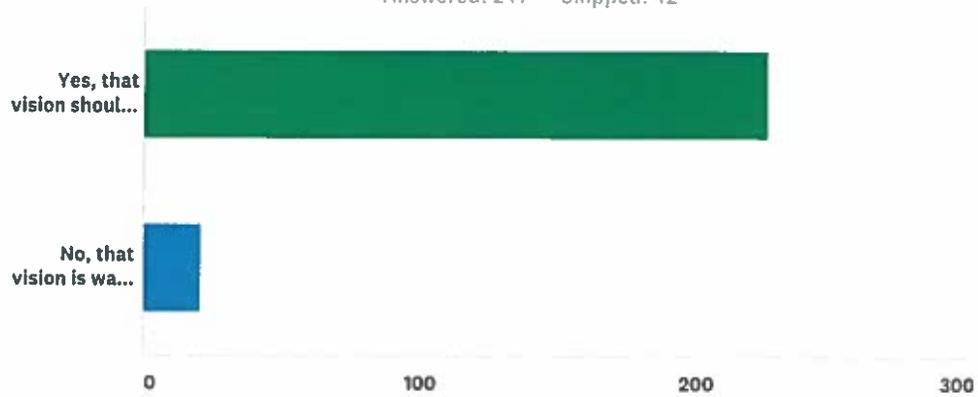


	Low priority - 1	2	3	4	High priority - 5	No opinion.	Total	Weighted Average
★	10.48%	9.27%	20.16%	16.94%	39.11%	4.03%	248	3.68
	26	23	50	42	97	10		

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**Q34 Does this vision still relate to how outdoor recreation should continue being developed for the next 5 years?(Choose one.)**

Answered: 247 Skipped: 42



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, that vision should provide continued guidance for outdoor recreation.	91.50% 226
No, that vision is way off and should be changed.	8.50% 21
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>

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**Q35 (Optional) Comment on the above vision statement:**

Answered: 32 Skipped: 257

#	Responses	Date
1	Keeps families active & draws visitors to our special town	7/21/2017 6:39 PM
2	As we are the city of parks, we need to have the best dog park in the state! We need visitors to go home and tell everyone how amazing it is! We need to meet requirements to be considered for agility, rally, and other competitions for canines. That would be an entirely new attraction to bring visitors to our city! Tourism brings in revenue...we need the dog park to be raised to higher than normal standards since Merrill is the city of parks! We need closer parking for those who can't walk far, running water for humans and canines, shelter from weather (shade and winter winds), we need to exceed expectations of a dog park!	7/19/2017 9:23 PM
3	I think we need to focus in areas that will get widely used by the community. Such as the MARC, Normal Park, etc. Prior to focusing on creating yet another park that doesn't get used or on the bike focus as most people in the community don't utilize bikes as our main mode of transportation and even with a bike lane, I would not take my children on the main roads due to safety concerns.	7/18/2017 10:10 AM
4	I THINK THAT STREETER SQUARE IS A WASTE OF SPACE. GET RID OF THE EXISTING SKATE PARK BY THE LIBRARY, MAKE A NEW SKATE PARK IN STREETER SQUARE. AND THEN EXTEND THE BASKETBALL COURT, MAKE IT A FULL SIZE COURT, PUT SOME DIAGONAL PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BLOCK. KEEP SMALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT THERE. THEN IT HAS A PURPOSE. IT IS HIGHLY VISIBLE AREA, ITS BY THE POLICE DEPT AND MAKES A NICE PARK...GETS RID OF TRAFFIC CONCERNS FOR KIDS, CLOSE ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDRENI	7/17/2017 11:50 AM
5	need to make a concentrated effort to involve and ask for opinions from people who would be affected by the plan specifically. Need to make sure what the plan does not negatively affect existing homes and businesses, do not assume it is the best thing for others without getting their specific input. A general questionnaire to the all the public does not always cover this.	7/16/2017 11:00 AM
6	Good statement, but some ideas should also include whole city along with river areas.	7/15/2017 1:05 PM
7	The skate park is not the answer. Yes here are some kids that use it but there are too many unsupervised children that cause issues. too many people use the library and skate park as after school daycare for older children and it deters others from going. If it were removed from the middle school location so it wasn't an issue maybe development would be better. I would not allow my children to go there unsupervised and I don't even feel comfortable being there after experiences I have had.	7/15/2017 12:20 PM
8	I think the vision's focus on the Rivers puts too much emphasis on the trail and parks located along rivers. The 5 year plan should have as strong an emphasis on recreation away from the rivers	7/13/2017 5:34 PM
9	Eliminate taxes and spending. Privatize Parks & Recreation	7/13/2017 4:57 PM
10	I'd like to make sure that the investment in recreation prioritizes kids in Merrill's most vulnerable neighborhoods.	7/13/2017 10:03 AM
11	Curling opportunity is really something to look forward to!	7/12/2017 1:58 PM
12	The "celebrate heritage" part makes me think we need more logging or fur trapping and trading outdoor activities. Maybe a fitness trail would fit that vision. The waterways are also important to heritage. The city needs to help expand access to waterfront and watercraft rentals.	7/11/2017 12:40 AM
13	Where is this dog park? Need more... People in Wausau would drive up for a little day trip with poochl	7/10/2017 7:10 PM
14	needs to be reviewed from time to time to be sure vision is on track	7/10/2017 10:23 AM
15	out dated	6/30/2017 11:04 AM
16	Include attracting new families and visitors to the city.	6/29/2017 9:30 PM
17	Leave out heritage	6/27/2017 2:09 PM

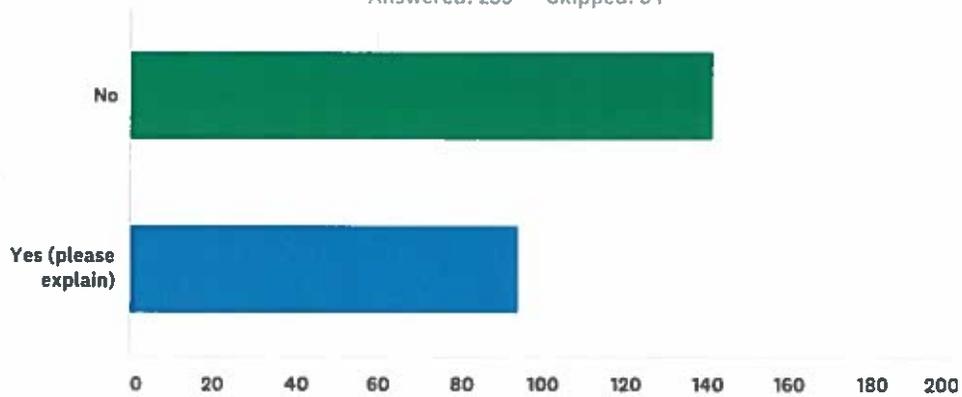
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18	The city of Merrill does not know how to take care of anything nice. The Parks and Rec Dept management is negligent in their work ethic.	6/24/2017 8:54 PM
19	Consider a lit water fountain (not a drinking fountain) near the park with the gazebo where music is played....it is the town's center park...showcase Merrill	6/24/2017 6:28 PM
20	sadf	6/22/2017 3:11 PM
21	It would be great to see the East side of the riverfront developed.	6/22/2017 2:27 PM
22	questions are leading. Just ask yes or no on each item on your dream list. We can't afford it all.	6/22/2017 11:33 AM
23	We have fantastic resources in Wisconsin & Prairie Rivers right here in Merrill. They can make Merrill a standout community in the area to attract increased tourism & business investment. We need to continue to carefully develop these natural resources.	6/21/2017 12:14 AM
24	We are the "CITY OF PARKS" ... PROVE IT...IMPROVE THEM, GIVE OUR CHILDREN THINGS TO DO, besides drugs and getting in trouble	6/19/2017 7:02 PM
25	I believe we need to do more to keep and attract the younger generation.	6/19/2017 6:51 PM
26	Eliminate the existing skate park and move it to Stanges Park.	6/19/2017 5:58 PM
27	Focus on more diversified outdoor opportunities, build/develop more parks.	6/19/2017 5:26 PM
28	First you have to have businesses downtown to get people to come downtown rather than simply go out to WalMart and to go to other cities to shop and have fun.	6/19/2017 4:08 PM
29	I fear this statement, admirable as it is, is also inaccurate. We do not have a heritage of offering diversified outdoor activities along the river(s). Where are our designated kayak or canoe routes? Where are the city-run bike trails? Where are the city-run XC ski trails? These, the silent sports of the northwoods, are offered in abundance in all surrounding communities. These sports generate tons of money for the communities that promote them. We really need to get on that. My family travels to other cities in Wisconsin to partake in these activities -- I would much rather do them here!	6/19/2017 2:12 PM
30	Put a focus on establishing a Paved bike path that starts at the MARC center and follows the WI River / Hwy 107 all the way to Tomahawk. There also should be a walking/biking bridge where the River Bend trail comes out near Park Street that connects to west end of Riverside Park	6/19/2017 2:10 PM
31	All optional park/play additions should be by volunteers and donations, no taxes to support "fun" for a few.	6/19/2017 1:59 PM
32	Great ideas. We need to make Merrill a place where people want to come. The river is a huge tool in helping that become a possibility. Cycling has really taken off over the last couple years and I think we need to cater somewhat to cyclists.	6/19/2017 1:43 PM

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### Q36 Do you have any other concerns or comments?

Answered: 235 Skipped: 54



Answer Choices	Responses	
No	60.00%	141
Yes (please explain)	40.00%	94
<b>Total</b>		<b>235</b>

#	Yes (please explain)	Date
1	I would encouraging maintaining & improving the amenities we offer in Merrill - we need to continue showing new families we care & put our best efforts to show- this is a great place to live (or visit)??	7/21/2017 6:44 PM
2	Merrill has a lot of potential with 2 rivers and a state park as well as close proximity to hwy 51. Hopefully, these can be used to breathe new life into the city.	7/19/2017 10:32 PM
3	There should be a couple of Handicap accessible spaces installed right next to the dog park. There are several people who like/would like to be able to use the park but it is difficult for them to walk from the parking lot to the fenced in area. They want their animals to be able to run, which they aren't able to do freely because of the owners disabilities so it would be nice for them to have that option. Also, in reference to the dog park, we need to do a better job keeping the fence/gate in shape. For over a year the area by the gates of the large park had resettled out of the ground and was high enough for a medium size dog to escape. This is not OK when the park is suppose to be a safe place to take dogs. Fortunately, this was finally addressed a few months ago. However, I'm anticipating that after next winter, once things thaw, the same problem will occur. This is something that should always be immediately addressed.	7/19/2017 10:23 PM
4	I like almost everything that has been proposed. I use the Dog park the most, we would love to have running water out there. Also some sort of parking closet to the park woul be nice. My wife and I have run a fundraiser to try and improve the dog park. We have a dog named Nellie and she means the world to us.	7/19/2017 9:56 PM
5	Dog Park should be a top priority. On Facebook, go to Merrill Dog Park Friends and look in the document section, call Dan Wendorf, or Crystal Sanders 715-212-3251...any of those 3 and look at the goals list created by the public (over the course of 2 years) for the Dog Park. To many in the community working to hard with little to no results for the dog park. Would be nice to have one in the city too! (By graveyard where there is open field or by the river) The pool and location really suck! My children won't go to it anymore! We use to do a family pass every summer. Children used it daily and I nearly daily, the location was better before, plus you could just swim. My kids don't like how 'crowded' the new one feels and can't bike to it.	7/19/2017 9:32 PM
6	No	7/18/2017 6:15 AM

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7	PARK AREAS DOWNTOWN....I THINK GREEN SPACES WITH SITTING AREAS WOULD BE GREAT...NO NEED FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, BUT TO HAVE SPACE FOR SITTING WHEN YOU GET A ICE CREAM, OR SITTING AFTER A MOVIE, ETC.....JUST A PLACE TO RELAX AND ENJOY HISTORICAL MERRILL. MAYBE A FOUNTAIN IN THEM OR ARTWORK. ATHLETIC PARK...ITS FINE TO REPLACE THE LIGHTS, FIX THE WALLS, BUT IS PAVEMENT NECESSARY?	7/17/2017 11:53 AM
8	Full in spots along the high visibility streets where flowering trees have died.	7/16/2017 2:09 PM
9	What was just stated is of strong concern. Too many times it seems in the name of progress others are stomped on (not on purpose) but just because sometimes we get lost on the positive effects on a project and forget to research the negative effects that can result because they do not concern those who will benefit.	7/16/2017 11:03 AM
10	I like the way our town is improving.	7/15/2017 7:22 PM
11	Looking at other cities and their summer and fall schedules, they have biking, running, walking kayaking and hiking clubs for all different levels of experience, that meet regularly! They have yoga in the park once a week, clear days and times with a rain location pre-specified.	7/15/2017 5:56 PM
12	Merrill has a large population of elderly people. They would enjoy the trail if there were rides to and from and on the trail. Skatepark should be upgraded no where for poor kids - not in sports to go	7/15/2017 4:26 PM
13	Re-establish Big Eddy Park	7/15/2017 3:32 PM
14	Find a new place for the skate park!!	7/15/2017 2:47 PM
15	I	7/15/2017 1:26 PM
16	Champagne street just off of Grand is used more frequently due to the truck route being moved from Taylor street to add the pedestrian lanes. There should be NO PARKING along this street as it makes it dangerous and difficult for a semi and motor vehicle to pass in opposite directions. Even more so near the hill turning onto the road from Grand Ave. here should also be sidewalks installed as children are expected to walk to the middle school as the school busses will not pick up middle school children from these neighborhoods. Children should not be expected to walk on a truck route with no sidewalks.	7/15/2017 12:24 PM
17	I don't think we need more parks in town. I believe updating and revamping our current parks would be a better use of money and time.	7/15/2017 11:59 AM
18	Who is paying for all these improvements?	7/15/2017 11:49 AM
19	I always valued the parks in Merrill when I was growing up. Now that I have a child (age 1) who is very active I want to take her to the parks as well. Unfortunately the activities/play equipment just aren't suitable for someone her size.	7/15/2017 11:06 AM
20	How are they asking if a park should be in the empty space downtown? They have budgeted over \$100,000 over two years to install it, where did that money go?	7/15/2017 10:52 AM
21	Where is the funding for all these possible projects coming from?	7/14/2017 7:00 PM
22	Please help develop biking & walking trails. Please help develop nicer and new frisbee golf courses.	7/13/2017 8:01 PM
23	It's common that residents often leave our community for fun or weekend activities. Also our city doesn't have a unique character or appeal, as the buildings say "older" buildings more than anything. Going into other tourist towns and cities, comments are readily made as to how quaint, beautiful and welcoming they are. Many areas of our city are run down, cluttered with resident's junk or stores are like a graveyard and closed.	7/13/2017 6:25 PM
24	I	7/13/2017 6:06 PM
25	I still think the idea of building a new skatepark away from its current location should be considered. I think Streeter Square is a very viable option that will bring attention to downtown. I understand the dilemma is parking but I am confident that the United Church of Christ parking lot would facilitate parking and I think the community finds parking just fine around that area during downtown events like the Christmas parade where Main Street parking is not allowed and alternatives must be found.	7/13/2017 5:37 PM
26	Privatize Everything. I have no intention of using the Parks & Recreation facilities and wish that all of this would be privatized.	7/13/2017 4:58 PM

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27	Merrill is called the city of parks and I think we should improve and add Parks and Recreation to the city the Riverbend Trail is a great asset to this town I am really looking forward to it continuing in each Direction especially out to Council Grounds. The trail makes bicycling very enjoyable as Merrill drivers are not very cautious of pedestrians or bicyclist	7/13/2017 4:20 PM
28	I'd like to make sure that the investments in recreation prioritize kids in Merrill's most vulnerable neighborhoods.	7/13/2017 10:03 AM
29	Riverside Park access road, O'Day Street, is dangerous and the road itself has developed areas of erosion. The shoulders need to be maintained and a walking path developed on the south side . Because of the terrain( hill) walkers and bikers cannot see cars coming around the curve.	7/13/2017 8:47 AM
30	Work together to make Merrill a better place to live, enjoy numerous outdoor activities and be creative.	7/12/2017 11:30 PM
31	Not a concern more of a suggestion. Has it been dicussed to have a bridge that connects athletic park to lions park?	7/12/2017 10:12 PM
32	Potable water at some point on or near the River Bend Trail would be a good addition.	7/12/2017 8:07 PM
33	I don't know what a vault toilet is. I hope it is better than a porta-potty.	7/12/2017 3:44 PM
34	Thanks for continuing the mission of improving the quality of life and healthy opportunities for our community!	7/12/2017 1:59 PM
35	I'd like to see the River Bend Trail connect to the Prairie River trails.	7/12/2017 12:36 PM
36	It's imperative this community creates incentives to draw back the intelligent youth that leave every year. The parks department has a unique opportunity to lay the groundwork for a systematic reorganization of the city to reset the dispicable track this city has been on for decades. Property values are low and businesses are leaving. The city needs to fix these problems now. Park and infrastructure investment can help make that happen.	7/11/2017 9:07 PM
37	We need a disc golf course that can be used during high water seasons. The MARC, Jack Pines, or Memorial Forest might be drier during certain times of the year. There needs to be work on a Northern Branch of the Riverbend Trail through Weinbrenner parking lot with a connection to Prairie Trails. Looping around Athletic Park could offer a new perspective on that facility. Somehow need to maneuver through Stanges Park or past the Middle School. Space between Historical Society and river. Riverside Park trails need attention. From K down to the park needs brush clearing and granite blocks and rock walls recovered. Southern trail beyond the field should be established and kept clear during summer months. Maybe room for disc golf expansion over there and on plateau above picnic shelter. Plug and play stages should be included in the Bakery Park and Pocket Park designs. Wausau has one behind their library along the riverfront. Kayak rental and launch points built above dam. The reservoir area seems pretty nice. Maybe rent from a place near downtown or State St and they drop you either in Council Grounds or along Prairie River. Eastern dog park. Indoor skate park facility. White cement building under Center Ave building would be ideal with that large garage. Bakery Park might be ideal for a bocce ball court. Drinking fountains on Riverbend Trail and Central and Western Downtown areas. Basketball courts need repaving. Two courts in one park would be nice. Better stanchions. Lights. Fix the court by Weinbrenner Outlet store because that could be an awesome court location. Could also be a good area for skate park features along the Riverbend Trail. Fix stairs by Lion's park or build a new set up the hill for sledding. Add stairs or switchback for common path up hill in Stanges Park leading to Merrill Ave. Bridge connecting Riverbend Trail to Riverside Park trail. Make a small park on the grassy area across from Briq's next to Franklin School apartments. Could be a small skate plaza. Design seating to allow it to be skated on. Establish a "Right to Roam" in the city/county/state modeled on European laws. Add a BMX course somewhere in the city. Fond du Lac has one as an example. Provide an indoor basketball court somehow. Change train bridges to Sixth Ward to pedestrian bridges and extend a branch of the Riverbend Trail to the West and connect Ott's Park. Picnic tables and gathering areas along Riverbend Trail. Add pedestrian bridge from Sixth Ward to Council Grounds. Maybe use islands to shorten bridges. Build up parking lot across 64 from City Hall into minimum 3 level parking garage to alleviate parking concerns in the area. Wifi in all parks. Skate park features, bike/pedestrian trails/routes, disc golf, community gardens, and dog friendly facilities in as many places as possible. Invest in community building and future economies.	7/11/2017 1:27 AM
38	Are the Fair grounds considered Park? Need more close parking for people who have limited distance and maybe a wagon for those who just want to look...	7/10/2017 7:12 PM

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39	Merrill "City of Parks" have several that are just open space and serve no recreational purpose	7/10/2017 10:25 AM
40	Extending the river Bend Trail is essential for bringing bikes through the city, connecting it with other trails and cities is needed. Connecting to council grounds to downtown with signage is imperative. An at grade railroad crossing by the Cosmo where the man was killed in a bike crash on the tracks is needed for downtown access from the trail. Put in a spillway where the ward a was, Merrill didmore to wreck tourism and family fun by letting the dam to be taken out. A number of our current leaders have no idea possibly what we lost.	7/6/2017 9:43 PM
41	Thank you for all you do for us to enjoy outdoor recreation in the city. I love to utilize the park systems and programming with my family.	7/6/2017 8:24 PM
42	Although the addition of the proposed park along the River Bend Trail is a step in the right direction, I would call your attention to the fact that there STILL is not a park located in the densely populated area bordered by Hwy 64, Johnson Street, 14th Street and Center Ave. I mean a community park, NOT a property that does not fit the definition of a park. (Not Church Mutual, Not a school playground.) Crossing a busy street is necessary to gain access to any park in Merrill from the above mentioned location.	7/5/2017 3:00 PM
43	Although I think parks are very important, I did not like the idea of parks downtown as I am a mother of small children and having them play so close to downtown traffic makes me very nervous. Also as we live out in the country I have more concerns with safe biking there due to lack of paved shoulders and high speeds of vehicles. Not sure if city of Merrill has any influence over country roads though.	7/5/2017 9:55 AM
44	Why hasn't the Stange's Park former swimming pool site been leveled for use? I agree that it is not a good site for the past skatepark effort, but it could at least be leveled for general park use. Seems the City is holding that site hostage until something more specific is determined.	7/5/2017 7:24 AM
45	Make sure that any delinquent tax foreclosure properties that are adjacent to parks & recreation facilities or adjacent to rivers are evaluated if would enhance parks & recreation amenities. Bankers Square (downtown pocket park) will be constructed during summer 2017 - Tax Increment District No. 6.	7/4/2017 7:15 PM
46	Begin to promote small business opportunity along river bend trail. To tie city and trail together. Need good safe pedestrian access directly to river bend trail in heart of downtown. Currently, best access is to walk across train tracks next to theater. It's a good location for access, but very cumbersome and unsafe.	7/3/2017 7:04 AM
47	We visit Winter Garden FL every time we go to Orlando FL. Great bike route to and through the little town. We rent bikes on the trail. Check it out for ideas.	7/2/2017 9:56 AM
48	Support the extension of the River Bend Trail	7/1/2017 7:39 PM
49	Make the entrance points into Merrill more attractive! The entrance from the north on highway K (Center Ave) is TERRIBLE and looks like a slum area. The entrance to the east near Walmart doesn't have any kind of an entrance to the city and so you don't really know where the city starts. The entrance coming from the west has a small at least semi-attractive sign on the river side of highway 64 in a rest area. I would think some "park themed" signage or area would be appropriate and needed to help Merrill with it's "signature" in the Northwoods.	6/30/2017 12:54 PM
50	We need to make sure we are working to attract people to our city by creating opportunities for families to enjoy, while also having amenities for retirees and elderly.	6/29/2017 9:33 PM
51	Year round ice at the MARC now that events will be held at Festival Grounds building	6/29/2017 4:20 PM
52	Revitalize Stange Park	6/29/2017 1:14 PM
53	I think a good skateboard park should be placed by old pool park. Current location is small and dangerous. The kids deserve better, it has been well used and it needs a better, larger and safer location. There had been a plan to expand River Bend Trail to the north to Prairie Trail, I hope that is still in the plan. I like your idea of pit toilets in some locations that can be kept open year round.	6/28/2017 10:35 PM
54	Bathrooms at Stange's Park would not only be nice for the people using the Park, but for people who are using the shelter for parties,etc. Athletic Park is a beautiful baseball facility. We need to preserve it and the character it brings to the city.	6/28/2017 7:13 AM
55	On the skate park subject,I would like to specify that the existing site should only be considered if they are going to go forward with the "traffic diet" mentioned earlier. The current set up (poorly controlled intersection,insufficent crosswalks) is truly an accident waiting to happen.	6/27/2017 4:30 PM

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56	I remember the River Bend Trail pitch stating that downtown would be connected with the MARC/Council grounds. Why is the trail expanding in the opposite direction? I'm okay with this expansion but I would rather the original pitch be realized as it would be more beneficial to the community. Consider decriminalizing cannabis on a local level. I fully support the legalization of medicinal and recreational marijuana. The state of Wisconsin doesn't seem to be moving quickly on this national controversy so I believe the change needs to happen on a local level which will pressure the state. It's already happening in Wisconsin, research Monona, WI recent activity regarding marijuana laws. I believe this will do nothing but benefit our community. This is the next boom that will breath life into Merrill. But this is just one citizens opinion and we are many. Thank you for acknowledging my input with this survey. - We should have more surveys Have a good day.	6/27/2017 2:22 PM
57	Without going back and checking the survey, I do not recall any specific plan for the Stange's Park location. It still has not had any site improvement since the pool was removed other than denying it for a skate park, which I agree with by the way. Why hasn't the site at least been leveled instead of the unsightly pit that remains. The City is quick to come after homeowners that do not maintain property. So, clean that up please to at least offer the space to be available for whatever a group using the park may find it useful for. As the City of Parks, your Outdoor Recreation Survey included to much about downtown bike racks and crosswalks. I am already not a fan of the narrow Main St to accommodate the angle parking change.	6/26/2017 7:20 AM
58	"Heritage" includes historic districts and buildings. Getting serious about listing homes and buildings on historic registries instead of demolishing them is part of celebrating Merrill's heritage -- just as developing opportunities for young people to exercise and socialize. Skateboard parks and disc golf courses do NOT need to have buildings knocked down for them to exist. There is enough space here! Let's save the cool old stuff while making the cool new stuff!!! Merrill can -- and should be-- a multi-generational community. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to have our voices heard here!!! :-)	6/25/2017 9:10 PM
59	The Park and Rec Dept are poor stewards of my city owned properties and representatives of our town. Why do they want more properties when they cannot take care of anything decent?	6/24/2017 8:59 PM
60	Just some thoughts.... The disc golf courses offer something active and inexpensive to do for people of all ALL ages. It gives people something to "do" outside, if only for a bit, where you don't have to get to work out but can still get some exercise. This would be a cheaper option I think than the failed skate park citizen initiatives. I think the city could do this a make a commitment to that age group and others. Everyone knows money is an option but give them hope.	6/24/2017 6:32 PM
61	The city should do the needed maintenance and updates to current parks before developing new parks.	6/23/2017 12:33 PM
62	We have so many community improvements over the last 12 years of living in Merrill.	6/22/2017 7:07 PM
63	The city is now onboard with the River Bend Trail, that is a good development. The city needs to get development on the riverfront. Whether it be condos, business etc. Maybe have loaner bikes painted bright colors for citizens to use nice when visiting.	6/22/2017 12:08 PM
64	Merrill is spending money on real estate speculation and pet projects like crazy. Doing a very bad job of it at that. OK to have a master plan to work towards but for the love of God. Get spending under control. Invest in bringing in new jobs and not feel good window dressings.	6/22/2017 11:40 AM
65	Keep up the great work. The more experiences/interactions with nature we can provide to society, the better.	6/22/2017 10:00 AM
66	I think the angle parking should be discontinued! Merrill streets are too narrow & it's dangerous both when backing out from that parking & when pulling out from any near by side street. You have to pull into traffic before seeing if it's safe to pull into traffic. The intersection at Blaine & 2nd street is also dangerous; you again have to pull into the immediate lane to see if there's oncoming traffic coming from the left because of cars/trucks parked in front of Park City Credit Union!	6/22/2017 6:02 AM
67	Merrill is a wonderful community full of friendly, hard working people. There is allot to be proud of but the negative image Merrill receives from surrounding communities, I believe, keeps people away. Something unique or different than other communities have that could draw tourists in could change that. The more natural things for people to do (biking, hiking, canoeing, snowmobiling, etc.....) will serve Merrill well and for many years to come. Maybe a campground in one of our beautiful parks would bring in people?	6/21/2017 5:33 PM

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68	Need more ATV access to the north, from the city. Also the city should focus more on the youth for park development ( BMX track and Better location for a larger better designed skate park)	6/21/2017 11:13 AM
69	It is wonderful that you want to beautify the city with parks and trails etc., but why not take a little break from that and focus on bringing more stores to the area . That is something this town really needs. And while your at it, put this at the top of your list.....straighten out the Main Street and put it back the way it was..take a survey on that...I think you'll be surprised at the number of residents that hate it this way....thank you	6/21/2017 12:19 AM
70	The parking on Main St is awful.	6/20/2017 8:43 PM
71	For folks who would like to try canoeing, paddle boating or kayaking, a rental business would be a great thing to have. Not everyone can afford to own one of these items, so this would allow low income people to participate in water activities.	6/20/2017 7:04 PM
72	Either add a sidewalk from park place to kitchenette park on the south side of 64, or add a lined crosswalk and a sign in the middle of the road near the entrance to kitchenette park so people can cross there more safely. It's dangerous.	6/20/2017 6:59 AM
73	Please continue work on Stanges Park. Level off the dirt from the pool removal and at least plant grass until funds for a shelter and bathrooms are available. Remove the tennis courts which are in a state of disrepair. Fix the concrete bridge to the library as well. This is one of the most prominent parks in Merrill and has important historical significance. Thank you for taking public opinion under consideration.	6/20/2017 3:30 AM
74	The merrill fire chief is a disgusting person! He's a liar and a bully. He should be removed from his current position. How about a survey on that?...at least 2/3 of merrill agree with me.	6/19/2017 9:38 PM
75	Anything that can be done to get people outdoors is a win. As an avid cyclist, I'm all for any improvements to that segment, the rivers edge trail gets a lot of use and it's great for us as a family to just go chill and not have to worry about traffic, if it would connect to council grounds and wal mart area that would be a dream. Any ideas in the survey were great. Keep up the good work. ????	6/19/2017 7:37 PM
76	Read previous comment	6/19/2017 7:02 PM
77	I am concerned about about how the pool is being run. I feel that an adult should be present (pool manager) at all times. The lifeguards are not mature enough to handle some of the situations that arise. The current swimming pool manager? is not mature enough either to have high school students being receptive to redirection. Too many breaks during swim time are not necessary. I realize water needs testing etc. and the guards needs some kind of break, but 15 minutes every 45 minutes is excessive and wasteful. If guards are on rotation basis, that takes care of required break times as public employees. This pool is such a beautiful showcase for Merrill and it needs better management immediately.	6/19/2017 7:01 PM
78	At the Aquatic center, a 15 minute break every 45 min is very excessive and a waste of money. This personal policy is not in place anywhere else, other water parks only take a 10 minute break every 90 min. This is a waste of taxpayer money that is being spent on lifeguards, at least make them punch out since it is their "break time". 5 minutes is more than enough time to take care of restroom breaks and even buy an ice cream cone. Think of how furious taxpayers/city hall would be if they found out that about a bakers dozen of teenagers had 1/4 of their paycheck coming from break time every day. Take care of this before someone goes public with what you are doing.	6/19/2017 6:40 PM
79	Canoe/Kayak takeout above dam needs to be improved by widening access at landing along shore. There is a paddling triathlon planned to start in 2018 and this is a planned take out point. Improvement would be appreciated by all paddlers, not just racers. This race is being planned already through Parks and Rec Dept.	6/19/2017 6:24 PM
80	Have docks off riverbend trail for easy fishing access	6/19/2017 5:59 PM
81	I feel the current Skatepark area is too small to adequately expand or improve the park. I believe the center area of town is key for a location but the current Skatepark is too small. The current Skatepark is used very, very, frequently and does deserve to be upgraded. Smaller skatepark-like structures will not be used because they are too basic and people will become very bored with them quickly. One larger, more complex, park with many varying skill level structures would be the best use of resources.	6/19/2017 5:47 PM

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82	The Park and Rec. committee needs to ask more questions during meetings and take public opinion more seriously. When the public present a concern or idea the city administrator should not immediately crush it with negative feedback.	6/19/2017 5:32 PM
83	The new road construction that was done on center ave is not a good idea. The four lanes was better than the two lanes and a turning lane.	6/19/2017 5:31 PM
84	The River Bend trail needs to continue along the river, not on sidewalks all the way to the MARC It's not safe as is for kids to get to the pool	6/19/2017 5:30 PM
85	Skateboard park and murals and sculptures should be one of the lower concerns. I would like to see more campgrounds in some of the bigger areas that are options to be turned into parks with water and electric sites! That will also bring money, business, and tourism into the area!	6/19/2017 5:28 PM
86	No comment.	6/19/2017 5:13 PM
87	I would like to see handicap parking in the downtown area.	6/19/2017 4:43 PM
88	I would like to know more on the budget and how funds will be raised!	6/19/2017 4:17 PM
89	Where will all the money come from for these amenities?	6/19/2017 4:08 PM
90	I would like to see the river bend trail have lights and extend all the way to the Marc. With water bottle fill up stations and toilets. Maybe a small snack shack along the way! Maybe public bike racks to rent. D.C. And NY and Chicago have them. It would bring in tourists!	6/19/2017 2:39 PM
91	Clean up Stanges Park. Last year when I walked it the bridges were crumbling and the little islands are choked with weeds. Get rid of the massive brush pile from the downed trees at Riverside Park. It is an eyesore and unsafe as well if kids are not closely monitored.	6/19/2017 2:25 PM
92	I really enjoy the Bierman Aquatic Center. The citizens of Merrill and surrounding areas are lucky!	6/19/2017 2:11 PM
93	Could we get a tow rope at lions for skiing in the winter(practice/bunny hill)	6/19/2017 1:54 PM
94	See prior comment. Great ideas! Make Merrill a destination.	6/19/2017 1:43 PM

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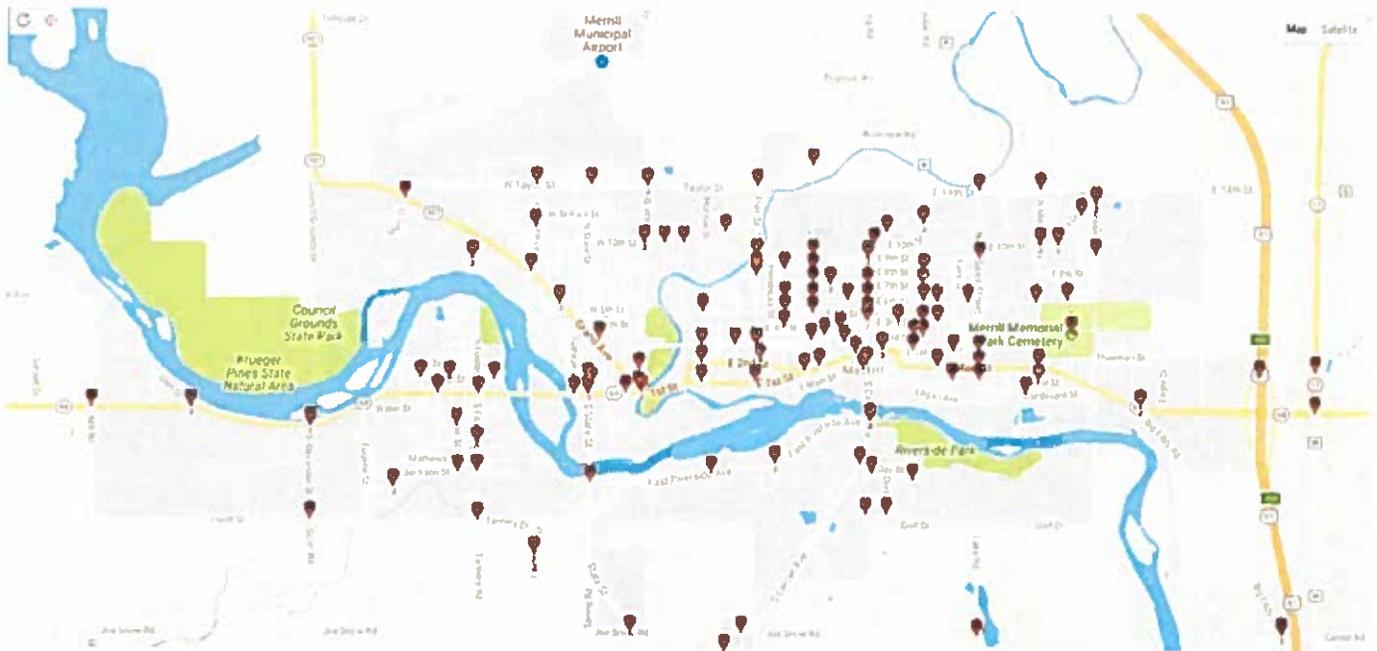
### Q37 Please list the nearest intersection to your house.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 50

Of the total 239 people who answered this question, 204 provided an intersection, with the remaining 33 people listing an individual street or some other answer.

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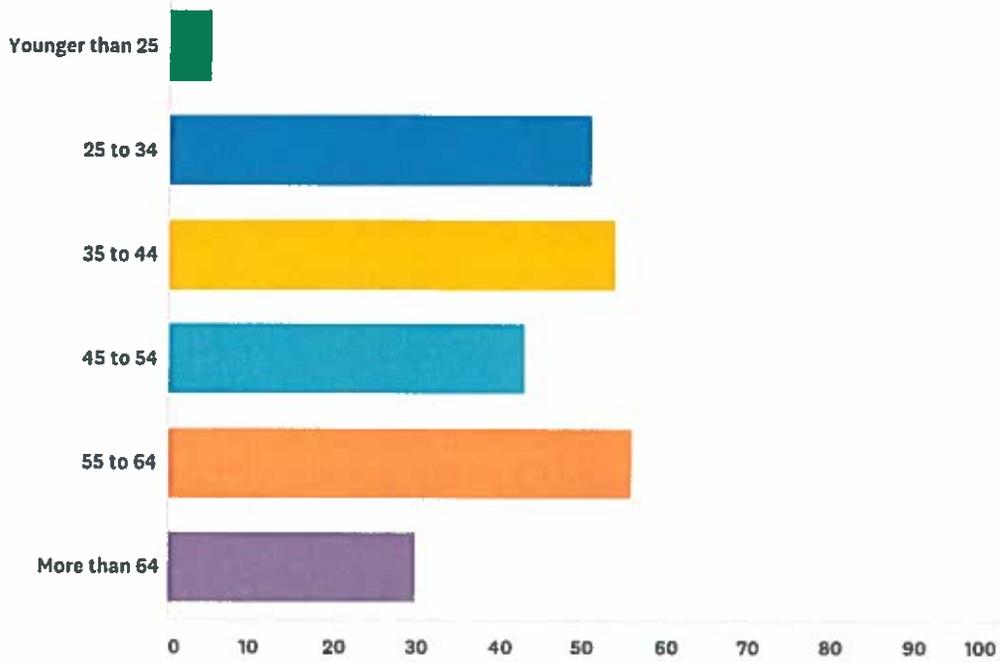
- 154 responses were from residents of Merrill; and
- 52 responses were from outside of Merrill



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### Q38 What is your age?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 50

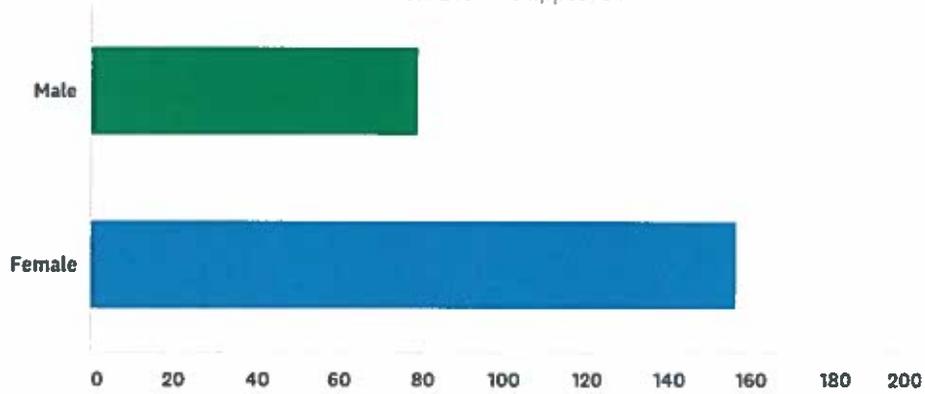


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Younger than 25	2.09%	5
25 to 34	21.34%	51
35 to 44	22.59%	54
45 to 54	17.99%	43
55 to 64	23.43%	56
More than 64	12.55%	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>239</b>

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### Q39 What is your gender?

Answered: 235 Skipped: 54



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	33.62%	79
Female	66.38%	156
Total		235



# Wasp releases to fight emerald ash borer (EAB)

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Adult *T. planipennisi* wasp collected as a pupa in Ozaukee County, May 2017. This species attacks EAB larvae beneath the bark. Actual size is 1/8" in length.

summer, DNR staff will continue to do introductions of three natural enemy wasps that attack emerald ash borer: *Tetrastichus planipennisi*, *Spathius galinae* and *Oobius agrili*. The *Tetrastichus* and *Spathius* wasps

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attack EAB larvae beneath the bark, and the *Oobius* wasps attack EAB eggs on the bark surface. The tiny wasps do not sting or bite, and the public is unlikely to know they are present.

These introductions are being done to help delay tree mortality and help ash trees fight off EAB in the future by lowering EAB population levels. Several thousand wasps are released at each of the sites. The wasps have previously been released in southeast, northeast and western Wisconsin.

*Tetrastichus planipennisi*, a larval parasitoid, was successfully recovered by DNR staff at three sites in Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington counties in May 2017. These are the first recoveries of this wasp from Milwaukee and Washington counties. These recoveries indicate that the wasps released in 2014 successfully established and have been attacking EAB larvae since then. The *T. planipennisi* wasps have previously been recovered from sites in Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine and Walworth counties. Tree bark samples are currently being incubated to see if any *O. agrili* emerge from parasitized EAB eggs. Recovery surveys will continue to be done at many locations 2-3 years after wasps are released at a site.

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## August 2017 Parks & Recreation Director's Report

**Parks:** Summer has been flying by to say the least. With the weather finally starting to dry out slightly it looks like we are going to be able to get after a few projects that we simply could not earlier due to weather. With the amount of rain we had it had been difficult to do anything other than mow the grass so the parks still look nice for the shelter reservations, ball games, etc. We are going to have to hustle to get some of our projects done before we start to lose our seasonal help. We have hosted some very big events in our parks since our last meeting, including: Merrill Baseball Tournament, Legion Baseball Tournament, Merrill Youth Softball Tournament (43 teams), Fireworks, and the Legion Baseball State Tournament to name a few. Concerts in the park are in full swing and people have been good about the construction going on. The restroom project at Normal Park is progressing nicely after a few delays that are outside of anyone's control. Weather played a part in getting things started as well as County Concrete's block maker broken down so anyone who was waiting on block for their construction projects had to wait until they had it up and running. So now that everything is situated, the restroom project is moving along and although they will not make the initial deadline, it won't take them very long from this point to completion. The Bierman Family Aquatic Center had a rough start in June, only due to the fact that the weather was terrible with rain so often. July has been better, especially now that the weather has been a bit more predictable. We have had a few minor fecal incidents (one hour or less closures) and one all day closure (on a free swim day). People have been understanding for the most part, but it is still pretty remarkable that we have to talk about this. The breaks I think have helped but they don't help people's irresponsibility. We are hoping to finish strong in August to make up for the slow start. There is nothing we can do about the weather and the slow start (every aquatic center in Wisconsin has had to deal with conditions). I need to thank the Village of Rothschild for giving us a beautiful white pine log that we are going to use to carve a new "River Rat" statue out of. Work began on that two weeks ago, with Harry Wallace once again donating his talents and time to carve another piece of history for all to enjoy. This time it will be one single log, including the base. I am going to try and find a permanent display case to house the new statue so that it can last for decades this time. Work is continuing at Lions Park for the remainder of the park improvement grant we received a few years ago. Within the next few weeks we will finish the two new scoreboards between fields 2 and 5, as well as new paving on the gravel access drive down between the fields. We are going to harden that surface to make it easier to walk down between the fields, and also put a dusk to dawn light pole down there either. There have never been safety lights down by the fields so this will be a nice amenity to add. It will also add some power capabilities near the ball fields for future use during games/practices/tournaments. Disc golf baskets have been ordered and have arrived for Stange Park and we will be installing them when we have some time very soon. We need to work on tee pads at Kitchenette and Stange when we finish and hope to have time yet this summer or early fall to finish that. I have been talking with the City Engineer and Street Superintendent on a number of other projects that they are going to help us out on (hopefully very soon). These include finishing Stange Park pool site

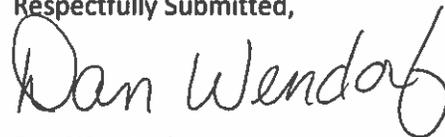
clean-up, Stange Park tennis court removal, Riverside Park access drive water issue, and River Bend Trail viewing corridor brushing to name a few. So as you can see we have a lot of projects left on our plates and hopefully we can get done as much as possible with the time we have left in the season and staffing levels.

**Forestry:** The rain totals and consistency we experienced from April through mid-July have really helped all of our trees. You can especially see tremendous growth from some of the younger trees that were planted within the past five years. I have also been trying to keep up with inspections; this time of year I get a fair amount of calls with dieback branches and some intermittent issues that homeowners have concerns with for their boulevard trees. I have started planning for our fall tree planting cycle already, with species availability, site selections, and ordering of supplies. I like to start early so that we can get the types of trees that we want. I am also going to plant one area again this year, similar to last year. This allows us to really concentrate on re-stocking one area that is in need of trees and completing it so we can move to a new area. On a positive note, there has been no new EAB finds yet this year in the State of Wisconsin. There have been additional finds in counties already quarantined but no new counties added to the list with finds. I have noticed a growing number of Japanese Beetles around the community. They are a nuisance and can do vegetative damage but can be controlled with some simple home remedies.

**Recreation:** Quite a few programs are still in full swing and going very well. We have had a great season of programs to this point and we are excited to finish strong. We have had great numbers for our programs, and have had very few issues at all. Our bus trips that we have taken so far have been successful and the ones that remain are either full already or almost. As always we will have very limited time to transition into our fall programs, which is just as busy as the summer season. With flag football, Colorama Bike Ride, Labor Day Parade & Festival, Barleyfest, etc.

**Smith Center:** Everything has been going very well in the Smith Center as well. We have had a few weddings this summer and they went very smooth. They spoke very highly of our facility here and were definitely going to recommend us to others, so hopefully we can keep that momentum going on the wedding front. It really is the perfect spot for a wedding, with the parking, size, and surrounding amenities. We have a busy fall schedule as usual inside the arena as well and very much look forward to it. We have also been spending some time doing some extra cleaning and small projects that are tough to get done when everything inside the arena is frozen. We should have that all wrapped up by the time we need to be making ice, and before you know it will be ice season.

Respectfully Submitted,



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