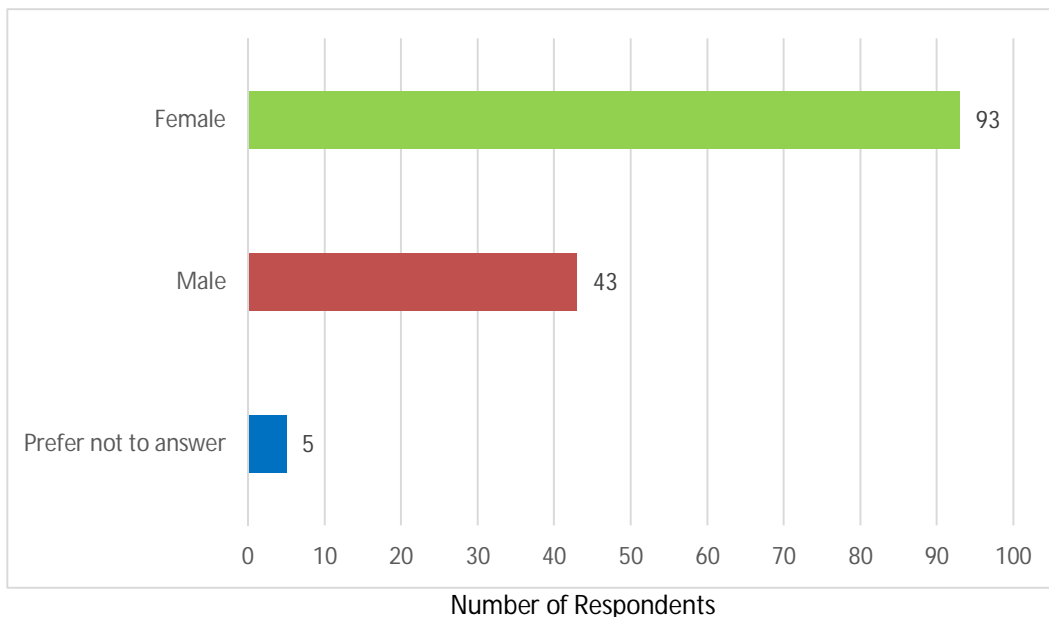
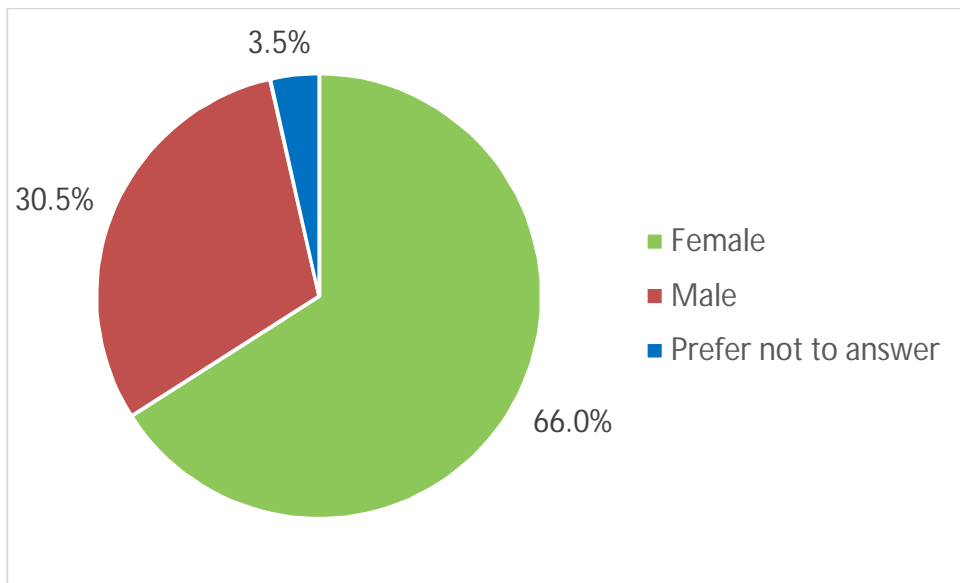


PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

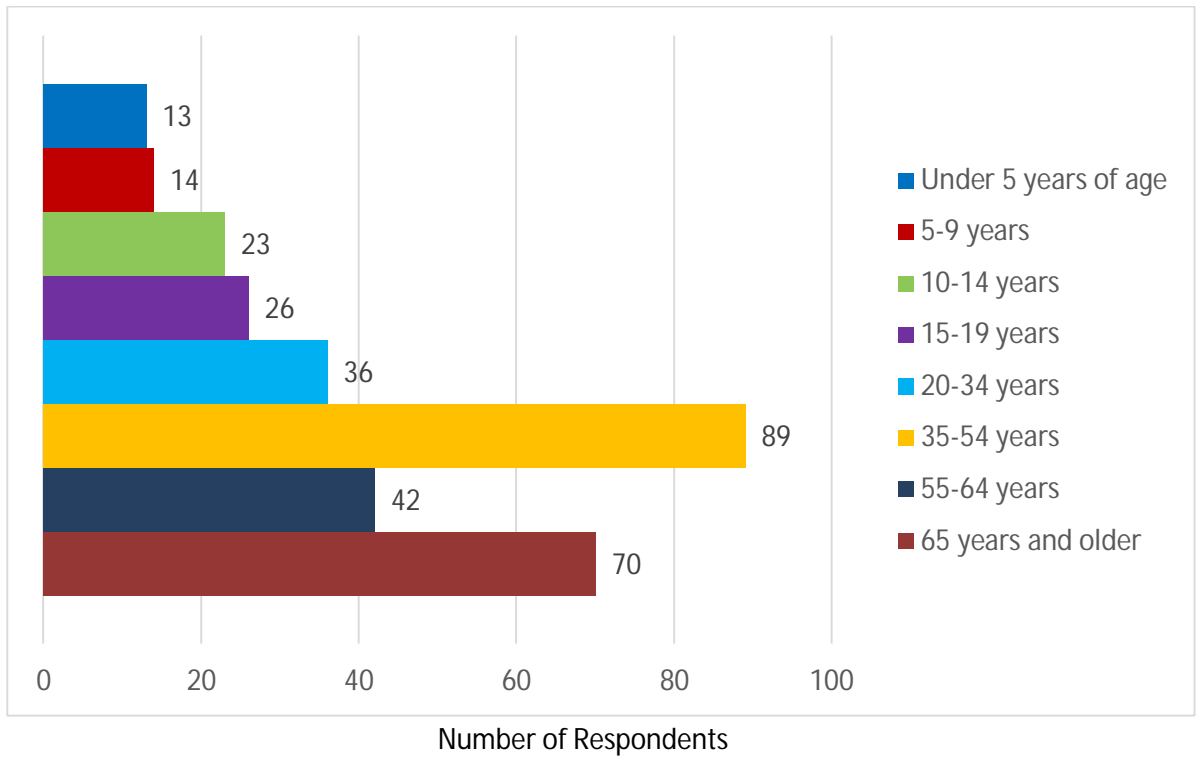
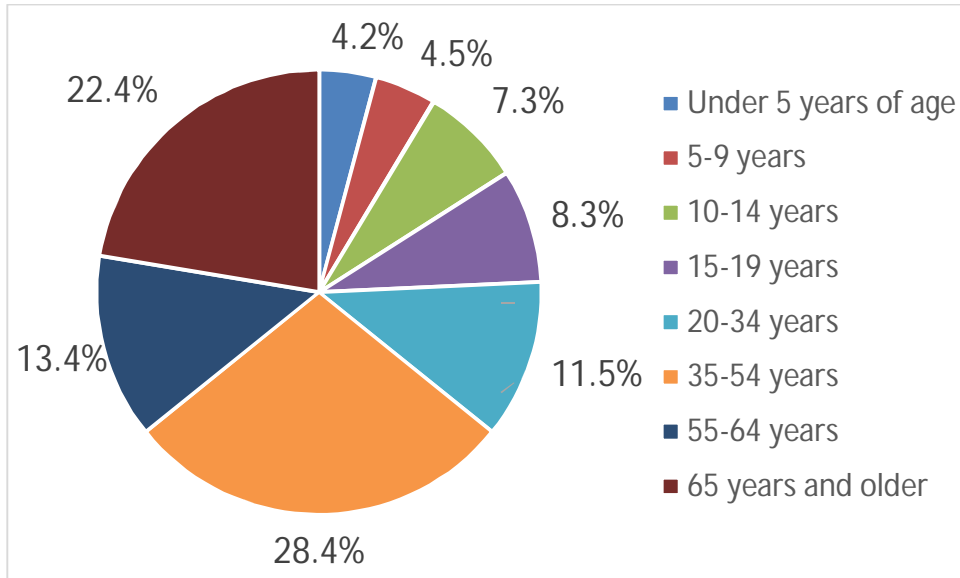
Weona Park Master Site Development Plan

The Borough of Pen Argyl mailed out 1,422 surveys to each residential mailing address in the Borough. Of the 1,422 surveys mailed, 80 uncompleted surveys were returned by the post office as undeliverable and 1,342 were successfully delivered by mail. One person picked up a survey at the Borough making the total number of surveys successfully distributed 1,343. Of the 1,343 successfully distributed, the Borough received 141 responses for a return rate of 10.5%. The results and comments are included below.

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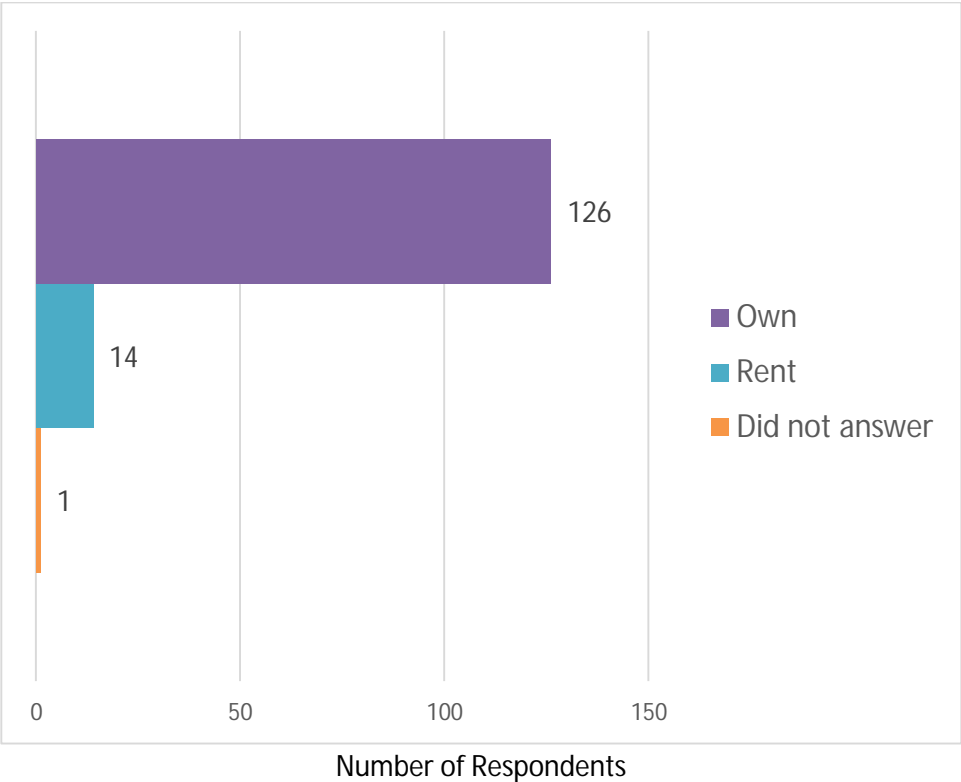
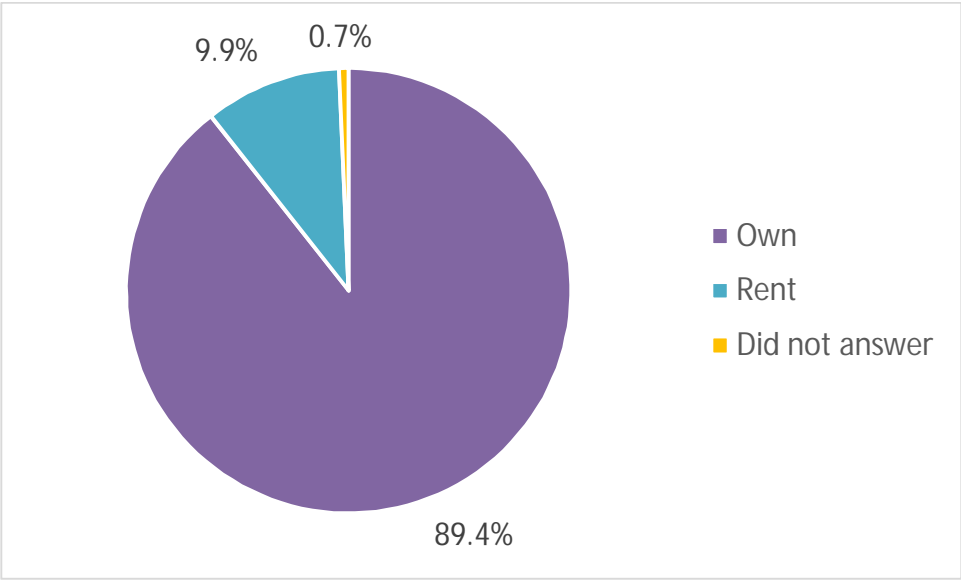
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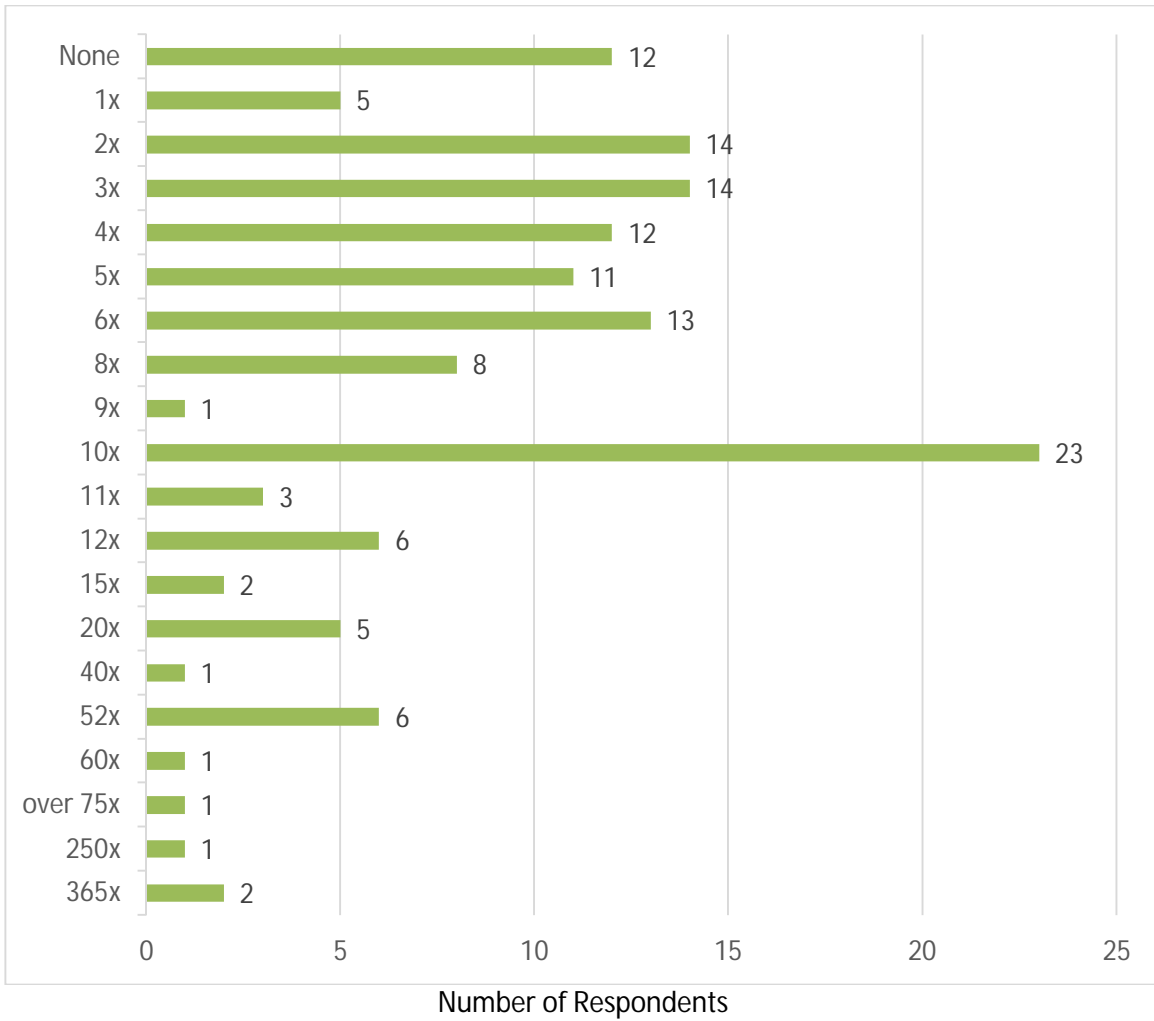
Note:

- The average age (mean) is 39 years of age.
- A total of 313 persons were reported residing in the 141 residences surveyed.

3. Do you own or rent your home?



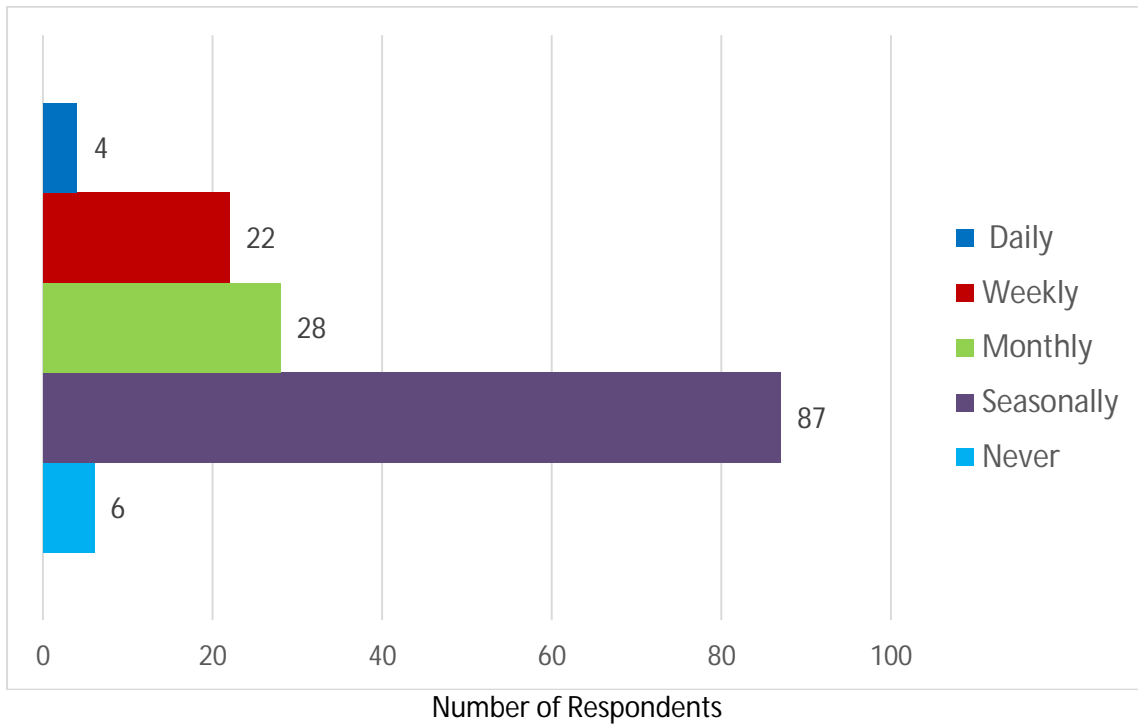
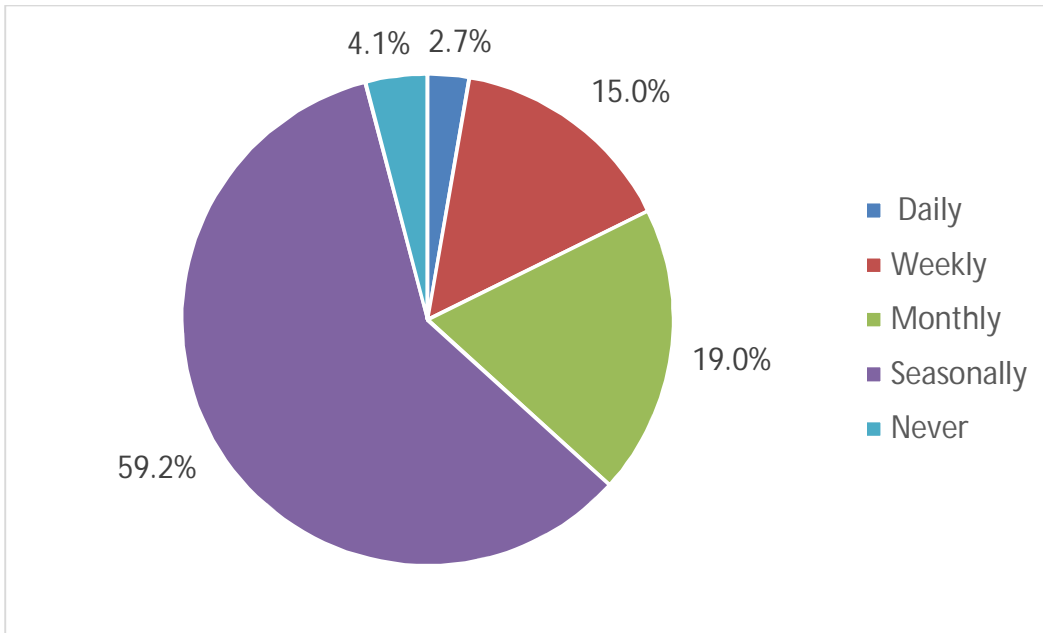
4. How many times have you visited Weona Park in the last year?



Note:

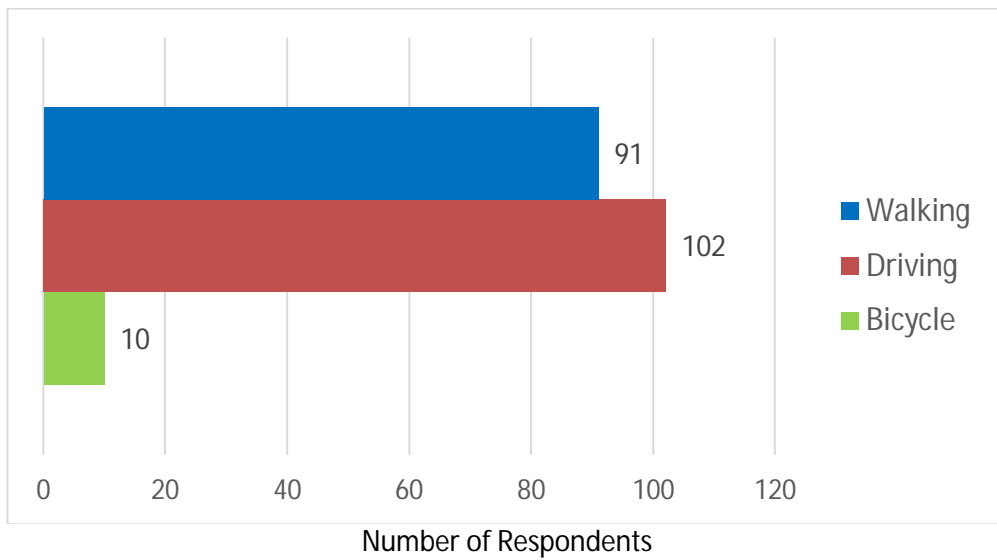
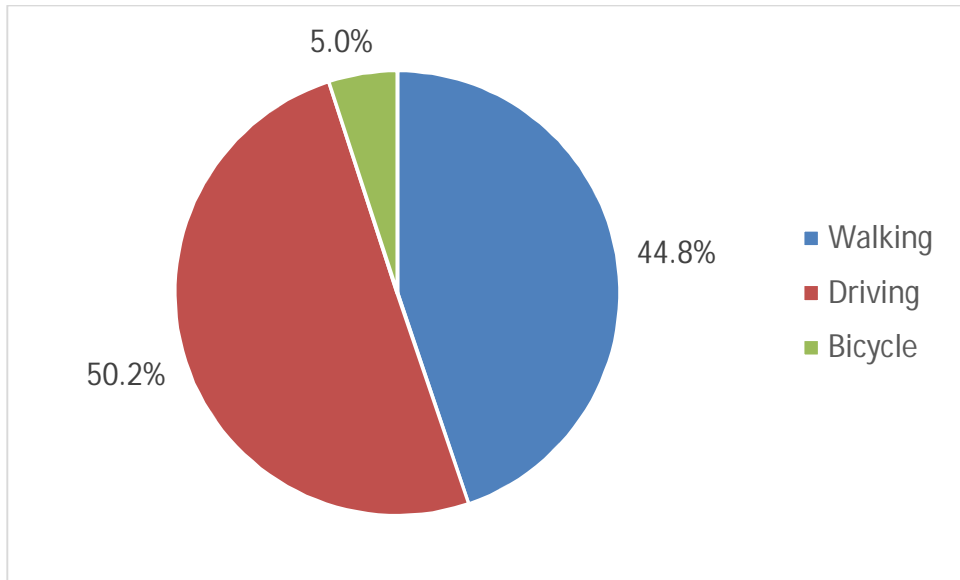
- 2,261 total visits per last year were reported by the 141 surveys.
- The average number of visits per year is 16 visits.

5. How often do you visit Weona Park?



Note: Some respondents checked two selections (i.e. seasonal and weekly).

6. How do you get to Weona Park? (Please check all that apply.)*

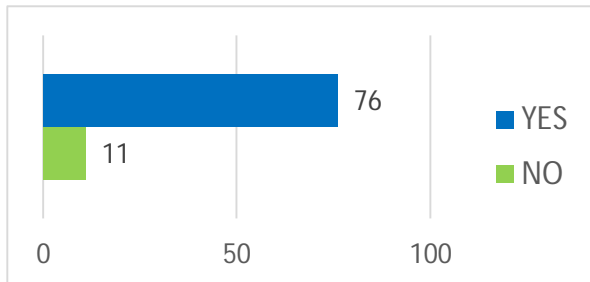
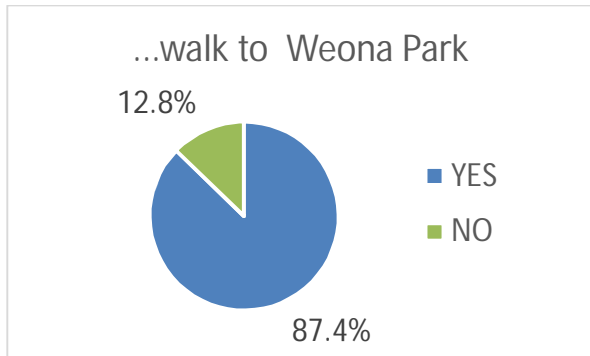


*Zero respondents noted access to public transportation.

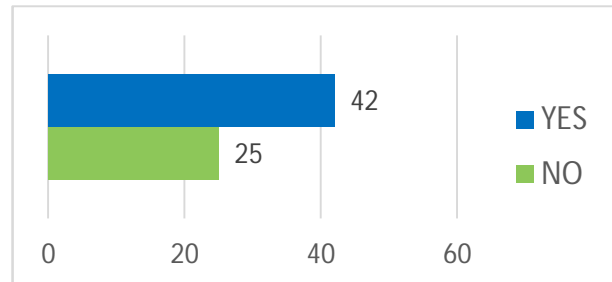
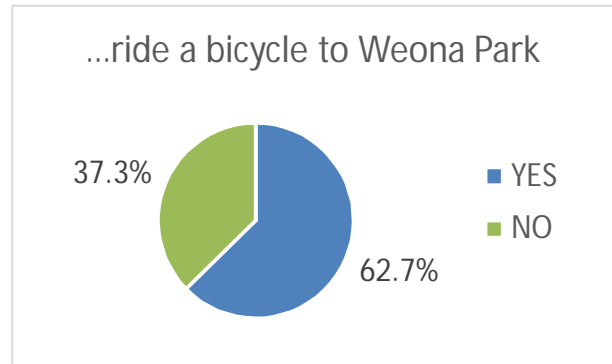
Note: Some respondents checked multiple selections:

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Walk & Drive	45
Walk and Bicycle	1
Walk, Drive & Bicycle	4
Drive & Bicycle	1

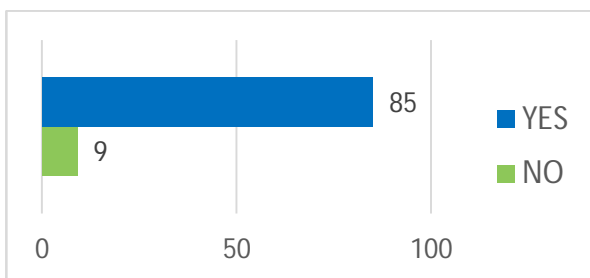
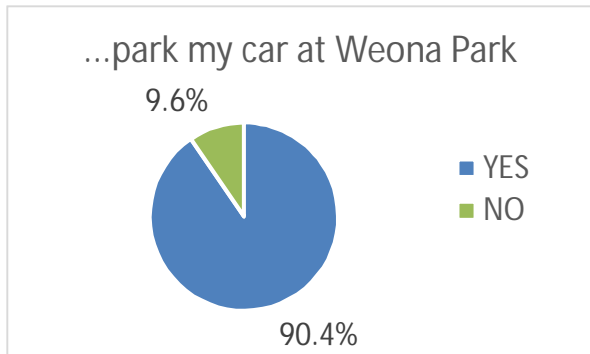
7. I find it easy to...



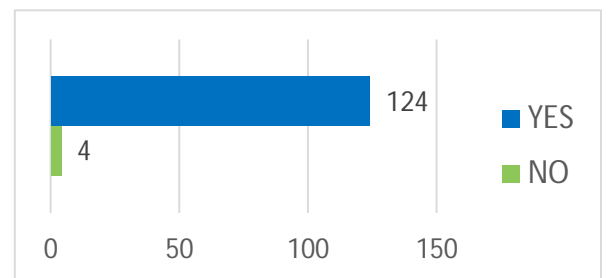
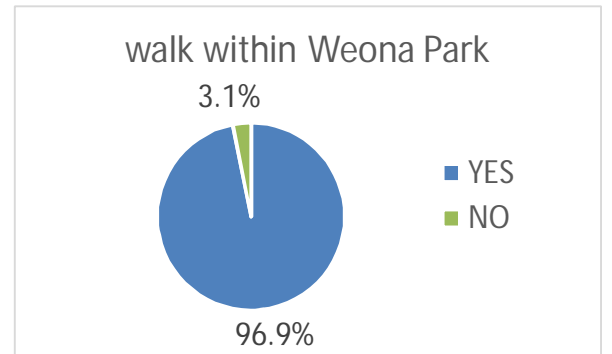
Number of Respondents = 87



Number of Respondents = 67



Number of Respondents = 94

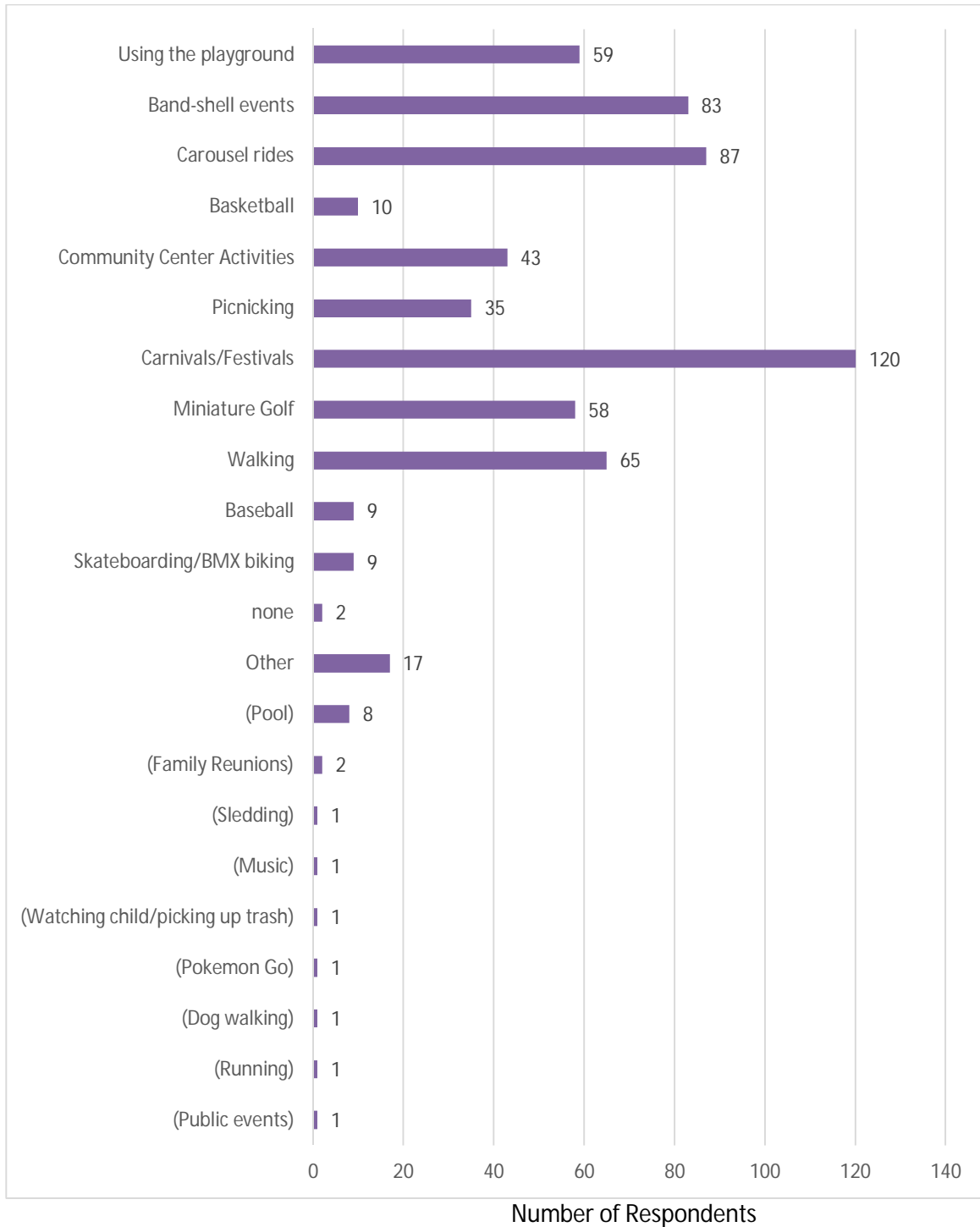


Number of Respondents = 128

Comments:

- Sidewalks are narrow – can be crowded by 'standers'.
- Need a path and sidewalk from Pen Argyl.
- Questionable for the elderly.

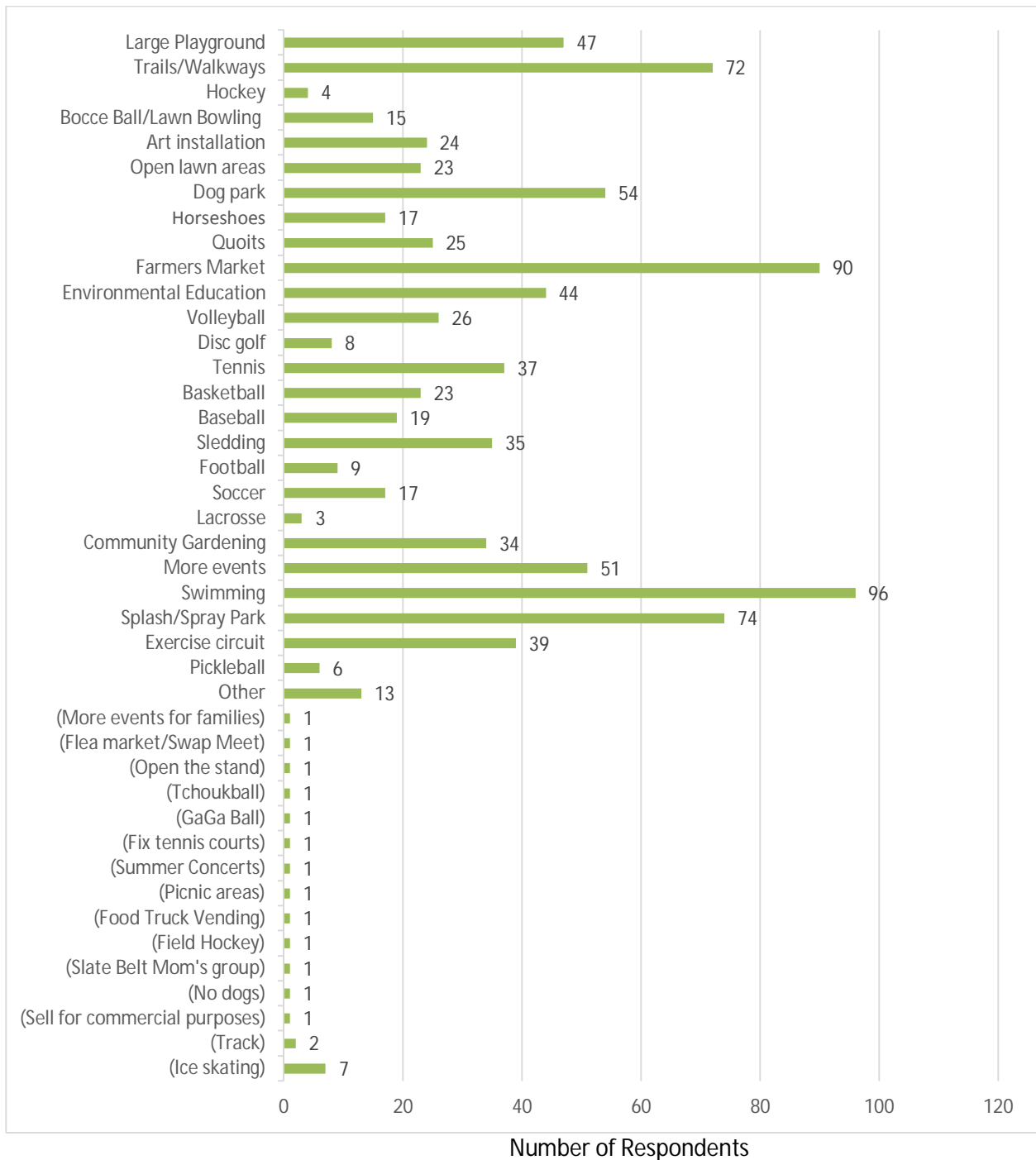
8. What activities do you enjoy when you visit Weona Park? (Please check all that apply.)



Note: "Other" was checked off on 17 surveys. Items in parentheses below were noted in the space behind "Other" on the survey form.

Comment: I would visit the miniature golf course but it is cheaply made and boring.

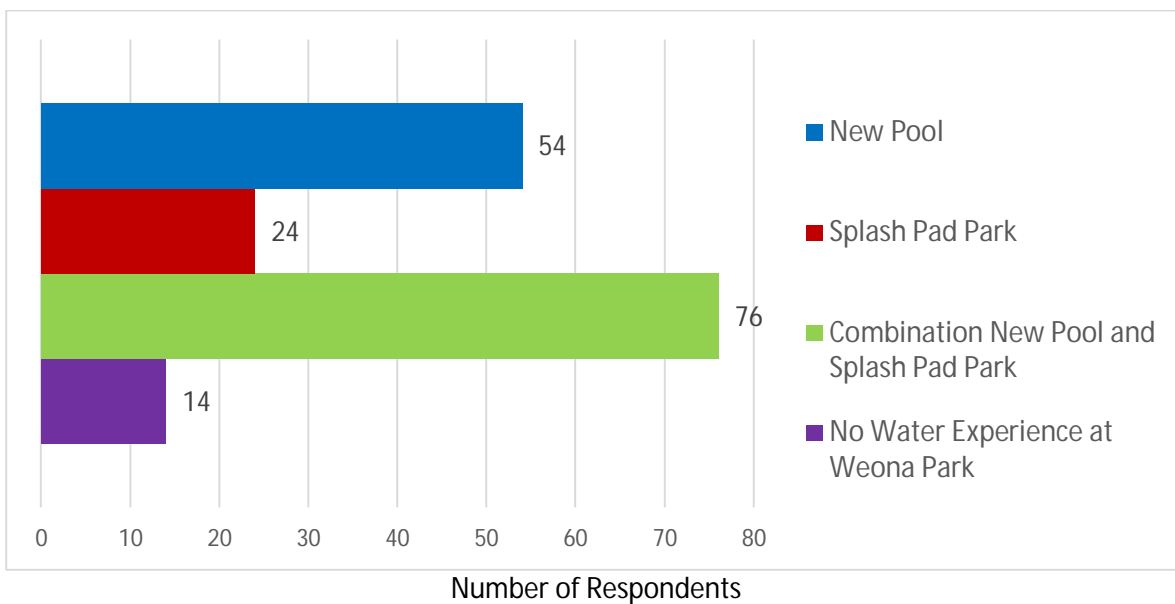
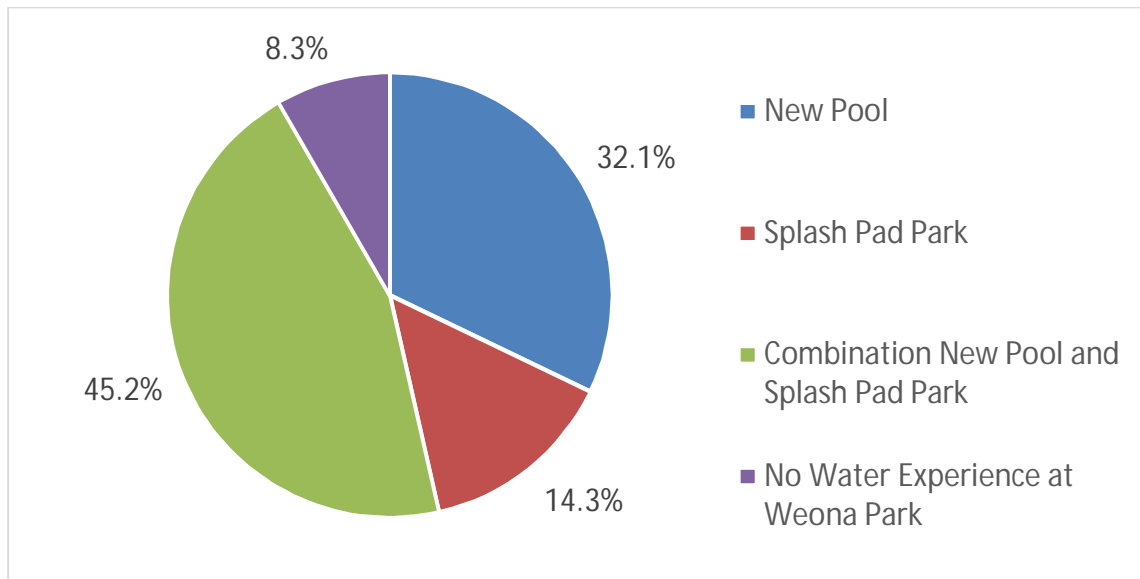
9. What type of recreation additions are needed at Weona Park? (Please check all that apply.)



Comments:

- Restore pool/ Fix old pool
- Outside pool
- Dog Park definitely needed.
- Besides the BSA meetings, I really don't see a lot of activity on this side (north) of the park except for basketball and occasional skateboarding. Is there a better use for this area.
- All of the above events would be an added great idea if room is available.
- Dog park on north side, perhaps.

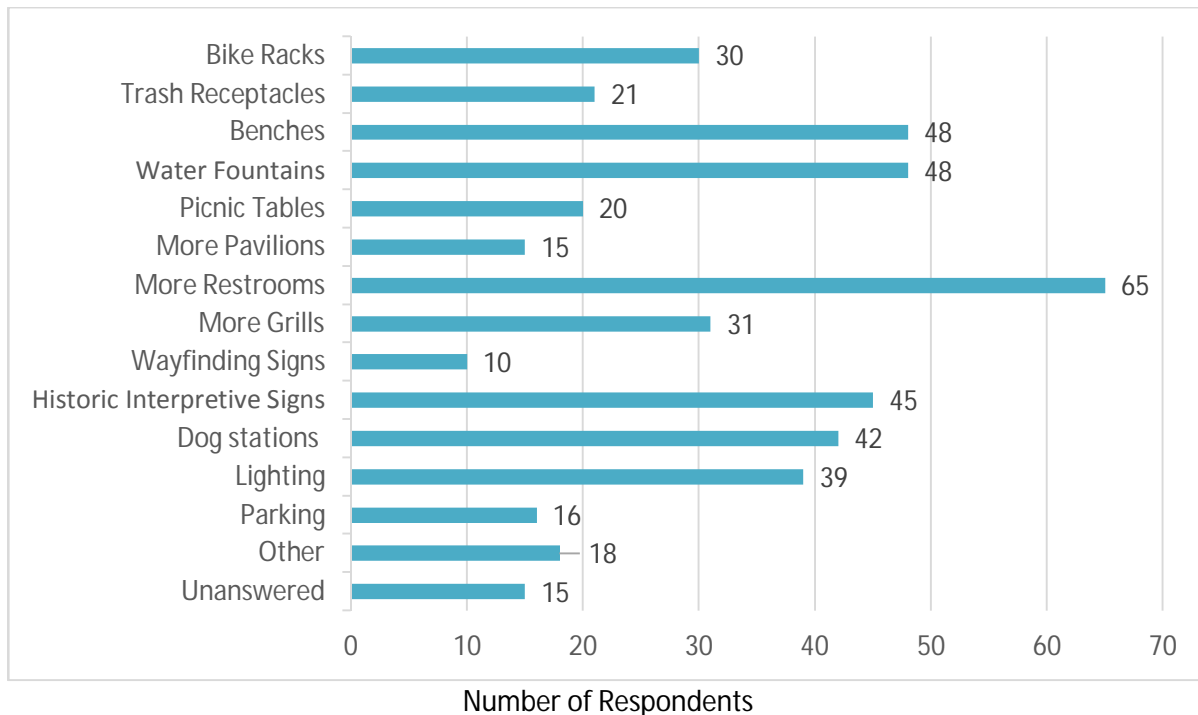
10. Would you like to have a recreational water experience at Weona Park?



Comments:

- Please
- Preferable similar to Nazareth Borough's new pool
- The kids need something to do. (If) it is a nice facility they will come. Look at Nazareth and Palmer. Pool offers something for all ages; a splash pad alone does not.
- Water experience must be self-sufficient; no additional taxes
- Unless money grows on trees and at that time give me a tree producing same.
- More events for families

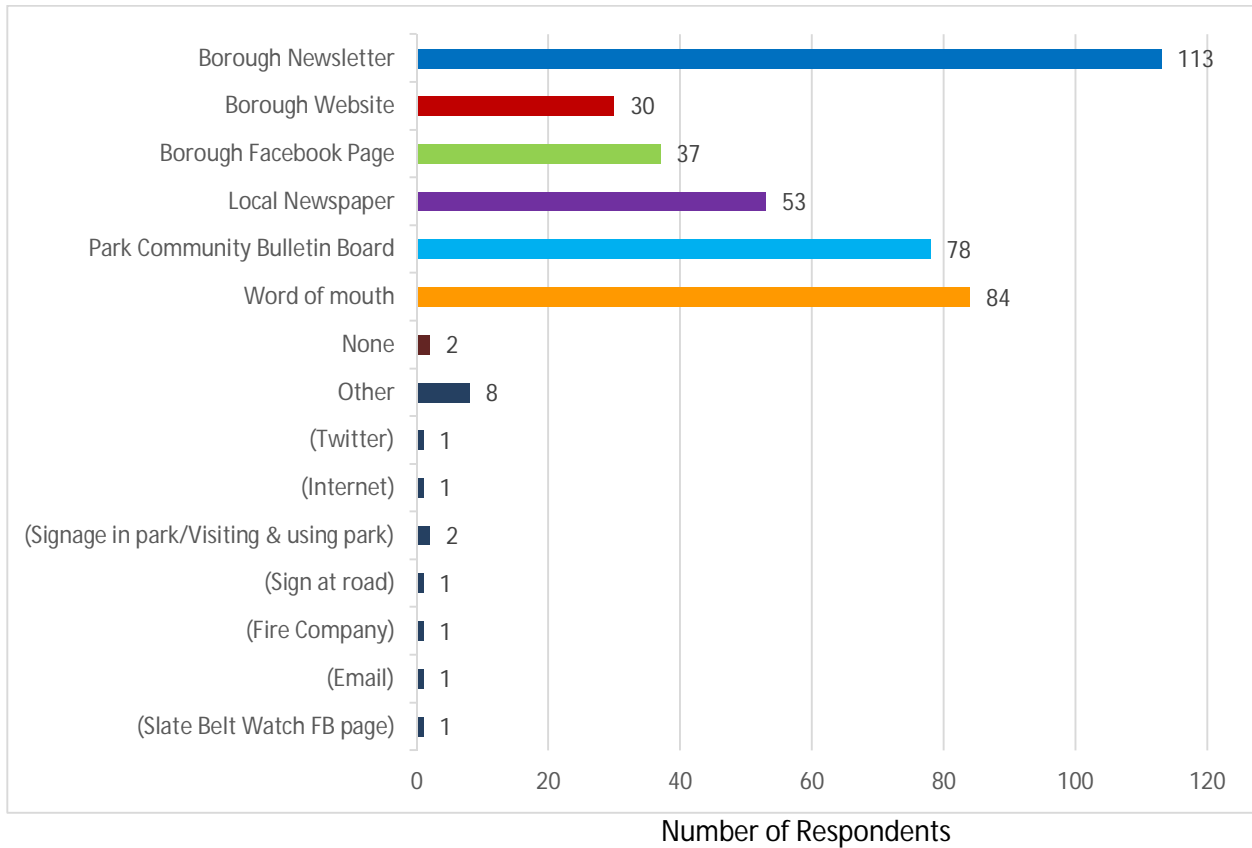
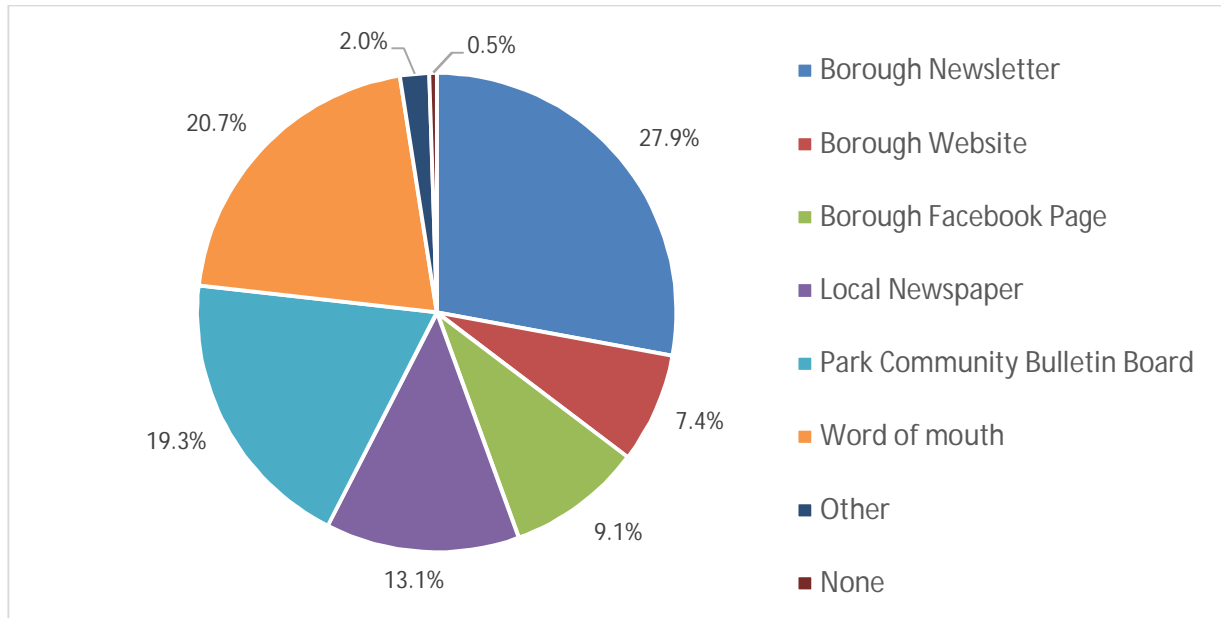
**11. What type of improvements or additions to support facilities are needed at Weona Park?
(Please check all that apply.)**



Comments:

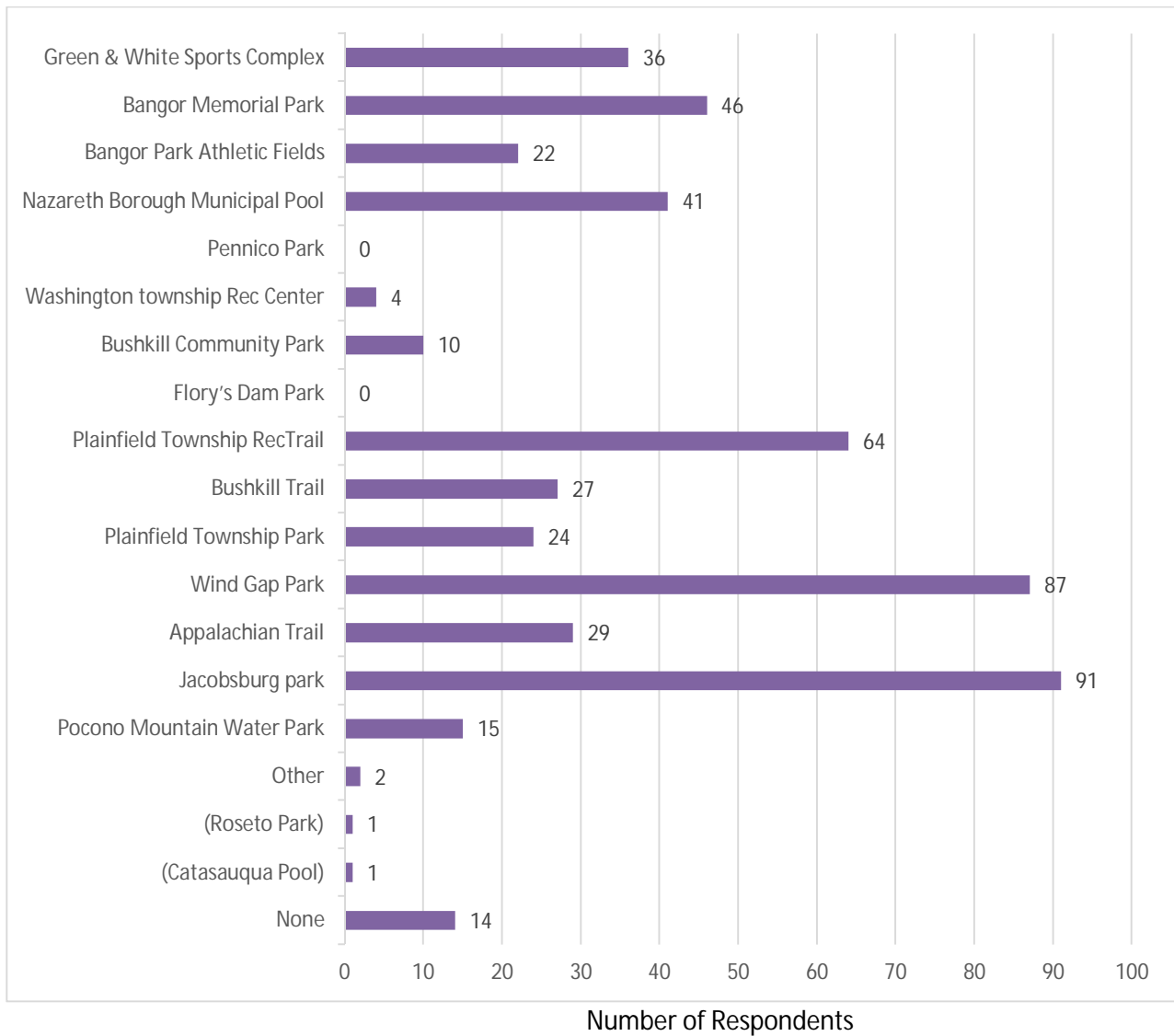
- Benches are needed at the band shell.
- With no pool. Maybe the building there can be an information and learning center about Weona Park and the way it got its name and history of the carousel, etc.
- Keep the older kids out of the younger kids play areas.
- No dogs in the park.
- Better signage.
- Band shell repair.
- Updated food buildings.
- Picnic tables are needed east side of Rt. 512.
- Improve the restrooms.
- Playground needs updating.
- Updated band shell benches.
- A beautiful Jayne Mansfield statue to take picture with as tourist attraction.
- Community Garden.
- Recycling bins if not already there.
- Ice skating/Ice skating rink.
- Pool.
- Should be up to people who visit the park.
- Do not frequent park enough to notice needs/ None.

12. How do you learn about activities and events at Weona Park? (Check all that apply.)



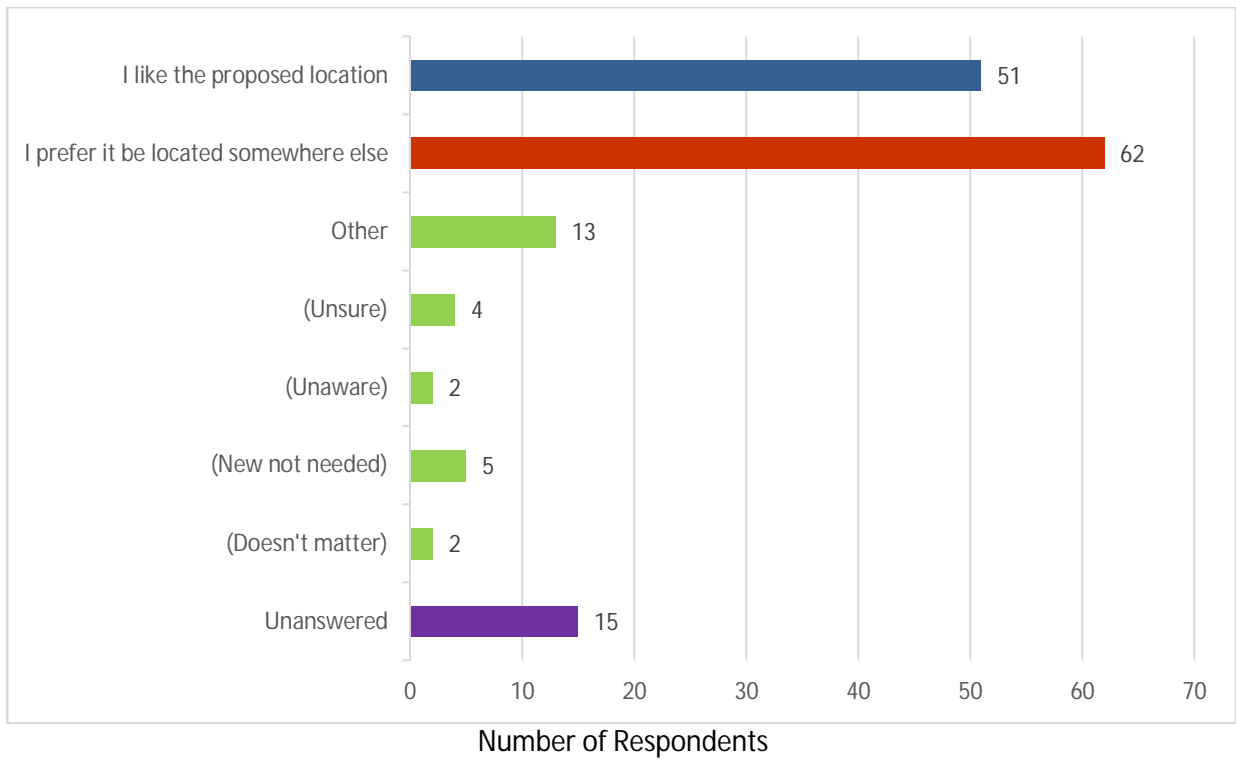
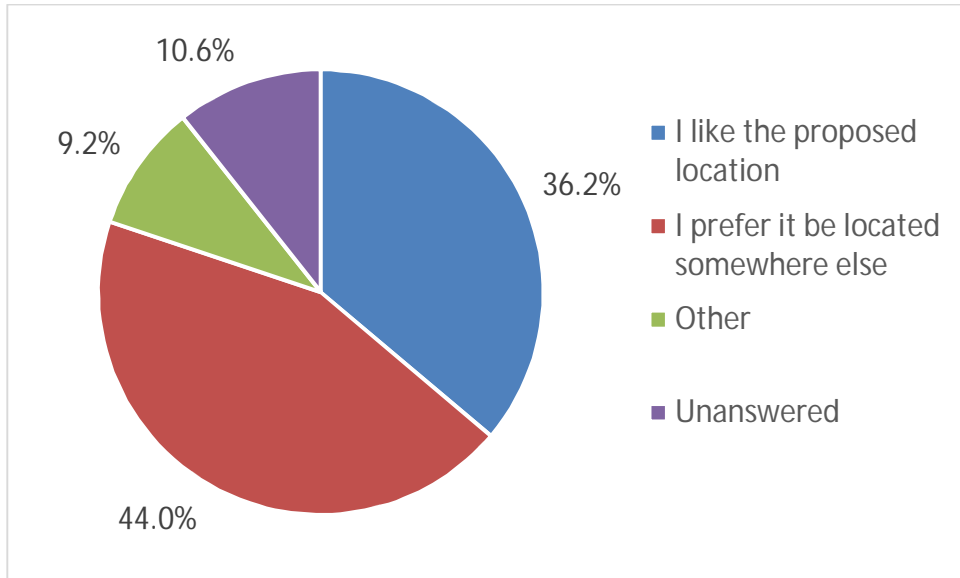
Note: "Other" was checked off on 8 surveys. Items in parentheses below were noted in the space behind "Other" on the survey form.

13. Which other parks do you visit? (Please check all that apply.)



Note: "Other" was checked off on 2 surveys. Items in parentheses below were noted in the space behind "Other" on the survey form.

14. What do you think of the proposed location for the new Fire Station along south Main Street adjacent to the park?

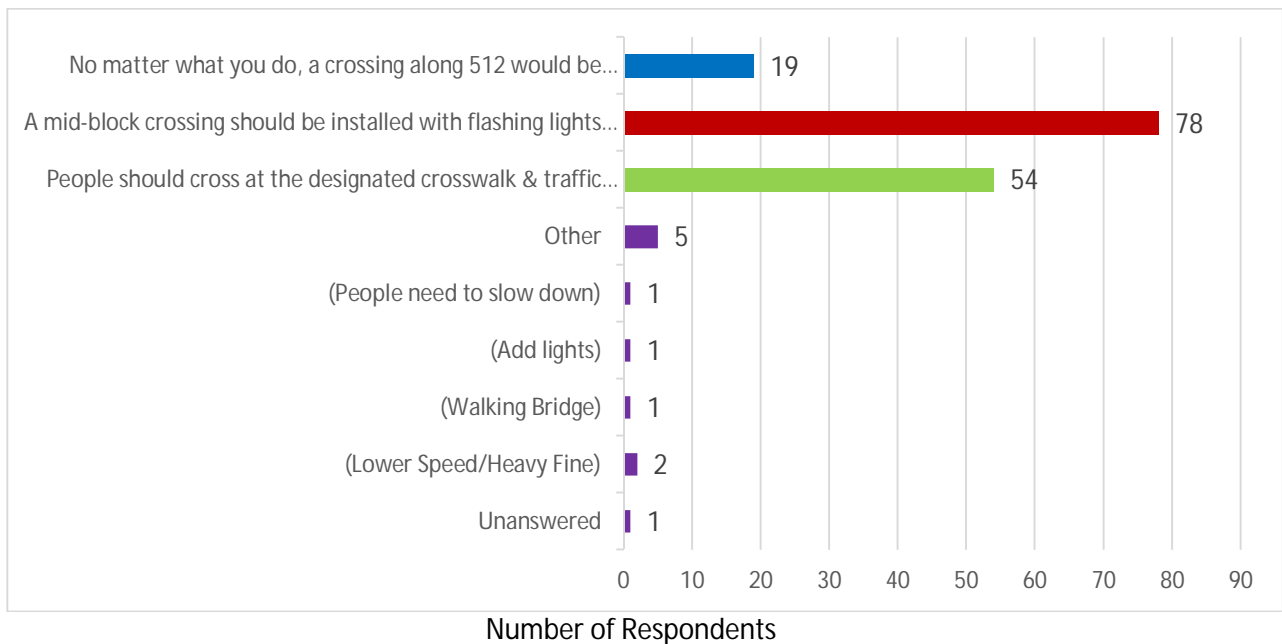
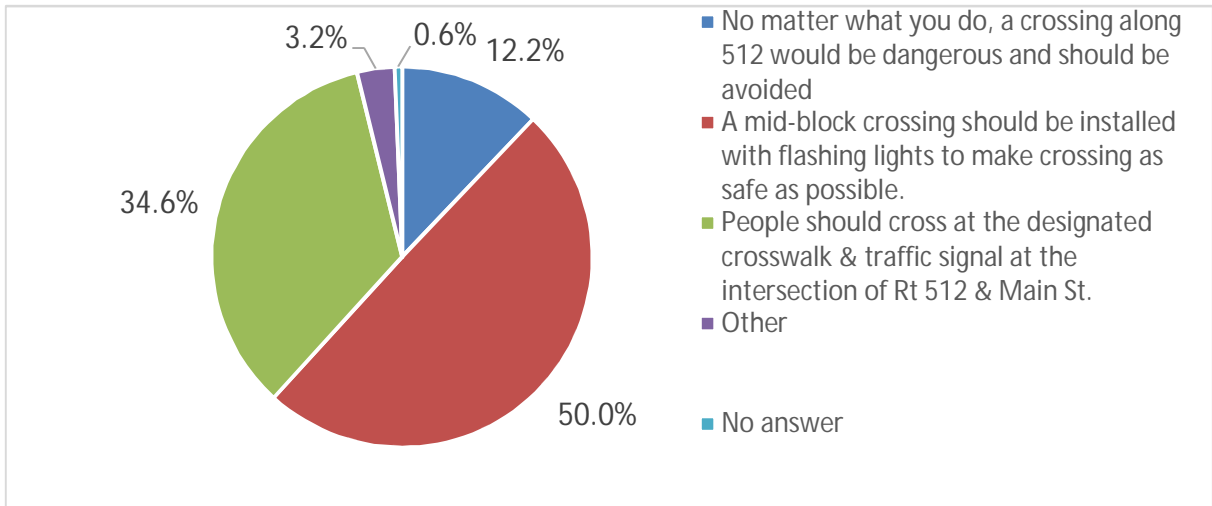


Note: "Other" was checked off on 13 surveys. Items in parentheses below were noted in the space behind "Other" on the survey form.

Comments (from survey 14):

- Fix the one we have.
- Why do we need a new one?
- Don't need a new fire station. Keep the one we currently have.
- Stay where it is.
- We don't need it.
- I prefer it where it is.
- I prefer it be located in the current location.
- Was not aware of the proposed location.
- We weren't aware of this proposal.
- It doesn't matter-get rid of the siren.
- At what cost?
- I prefer it on the property the Borough already owns.
- I prefer it be located somewhere else only because it would be too loud and at that light, there is already enough commotion.
- If in the proposed location would we be able to use that lot for parking during park activities? - if not I suggest another location.
- Sounds like a good location but unsure.
- I prefer the proposed location if budget allows.
- As is the case with most surveys, this one gives you two very poor choices. Another choice should have been –I don't believe at a new fire station is needed. Why does a town with negative population growth over the past twenty years need a new station? Shame on the survey consultant or architect for not including a more extensive response than this!
- The Borough is not becoming larger so I do not see the need for a new firehouse. Make the needed improvements to the existing firehouse.

15. The park is separated by Route 512. Which of the following best describes how you feel about the separation.

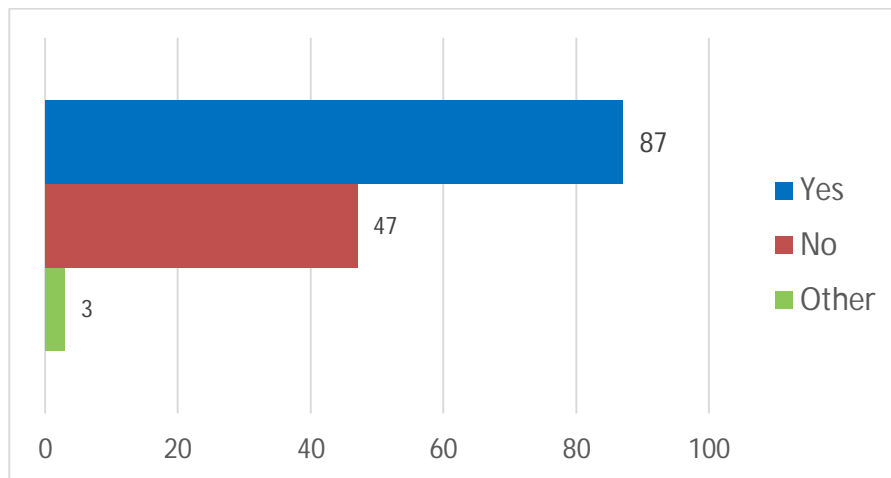
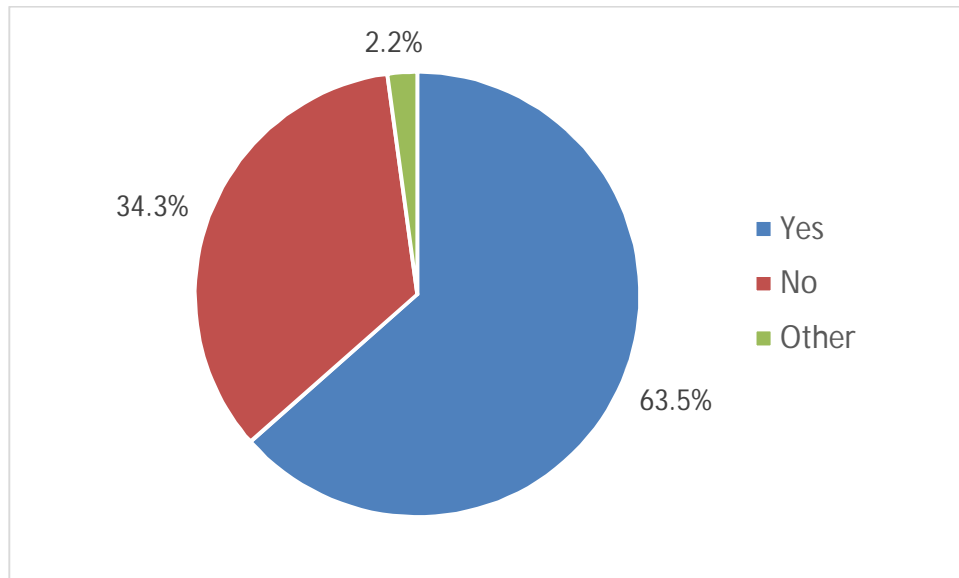


Note: "Other" was checked off on 5 surveys. Items in parentheses below were noted in the space behind "Other" on the survey form.

Comments:

- Mid-block crossing with police enforcement.
- People should put down their phone and look where they are going.
- Need more lighting when crossing 512. It's dangerous.
- Nothing can stop a drunk except the due process of the law.

16. Improvements to Weona Park and Pool may be funded with the help of grants or non-public funding sources. However, it is possible that these funding sources may not account for the entirety of construction costs associated with any proposed improvements. In addition, maintenance costs and staffing costs will be needed to operate the additional park and pool improvements. In that case, would you support an increase in local tax rates to pay for improvements to Weona Park?

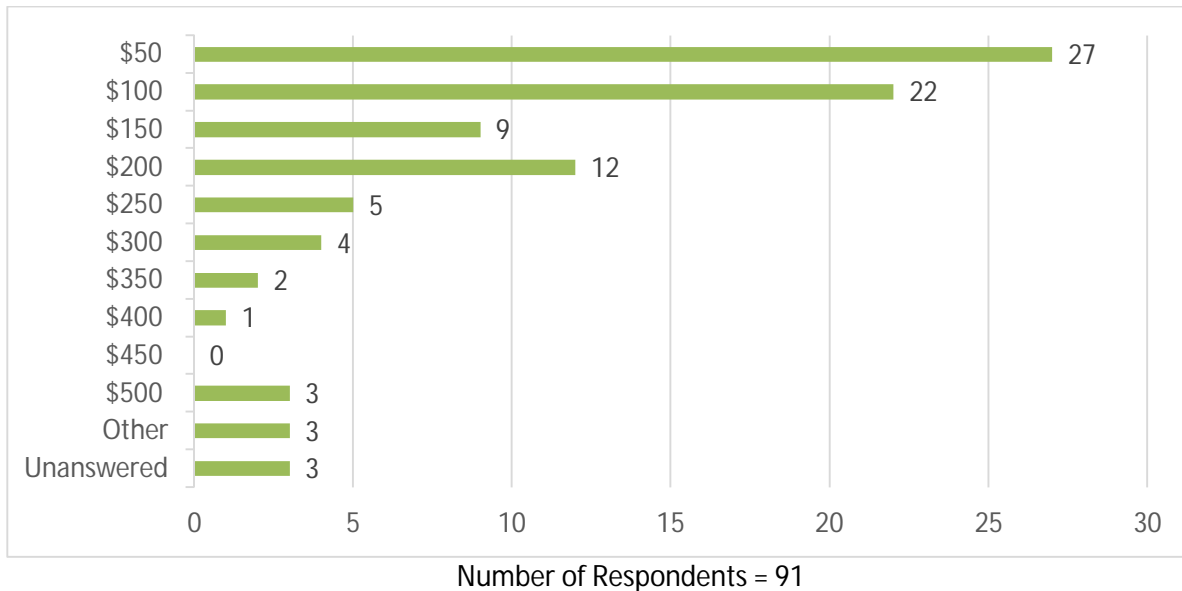


Number of Respondents = 137

Comments:

- Depends on improvements
- Why are you asking this question? We never had a say when the skate park and golf course or any other thing was done to the park. The park is (a) service to the community. If you think your taxes are too high, you can move out.

(16 continued) If you checked yes, how much of an increase to your yearly taxes would you be willing to pay?



Comments:

- Use Fundraisers such as 'buy-a-brick'. Get pledges and donations from the community for a path or a wall. With a population of about 3500 at \$100.00 a brick-that's \$350,000! I would buy 2 or 3.
- Whatever is needed.
- Sorry I really cannot afford more than \$50 a year. I wish that I could afford more.
- None. Those that support such increases should shoulder the burden for the rest and possibly be drug tested.
- I did not select #16 on the amount of extra RE taxes I would be willing to pay since that only serves as a base line for the amount the Borough thinks is okay to spend on behalf of the citizens of Pen Argyl. However, the Borough's leaders (Council and Management) should be presenting facts and figures for proposed new facilities and the approximate operating costs associated with those improvements. You could start out with, let's say, a \$750,000 pool upgrade and an approximate yearly operating cost associated with that upgrade and go from there. The \$750,000 capital improvement would translate to x amount for x years and the operating cost could be compared to the revenue expected and a net cost deficit would translate to x amount per year in an average RE tax increase. Then you could bump that up to the next category, say, \$1,500,000 and do the same math. This can go on and on with any number of cost projections, within reason, and gives the taxpayers a choice on the amount they would be willing to commit to and how our tax dollars are being spent. Your presentation just states dollars and my first question is what any of those amounts get me for the dollar choices I'm making.
- I feel this is our community and it should be given to the people which live in this town for a long time without paying extra taxes. Let's be community friendly.

17. Additional thoughts or comments:

Park related:

- I would like to see cushioned walking /running path with exercise stations. Maybe it could go through the side of the park with the bandstand then cross over to the area where the new firehouse is going to be. Maybe have some lights too. It would be for walking/running only-no bikes or skateboards.
- Improvements should be well planned and not done as cheaply as possible. The mini-golf was a disappointment! If you can't figure out how to do a quality park, then fill in the pool and let it go. Well planned events and quality facilities enhance the community. Doing things cheaply just to say you do it increases negativity and vandalism –lack of pride in the town.
- We love the park. I am due in November and cannot wait to take our baby to the park. We enjoy bringing our nieces to the park also. It's such a beautiful site in town and close enough to walk. We love going to the park festivals and would enjoy a pool if it were operable for our kids to enjoy in the future.
- Replace carousel in playpark. Wind gap has one, so can we.
- I love the 20th century but parks such as these and likewise concepts are as dead and outmoded as the 20th century itself. The fifties seemed great and the 21st century is not easy but one can't change reality.
- We have a beautiful park!
- The historical parts of the park need to be left alone.
- Improvements to Weona Park are long overdue and would be a boon to the community. Enough surveying-let's see some action.
- No matter what is decided, having a welcoming community park is important to our family.
- I feel we have a beautiful park; however, not enough to visit it often. The 'stand' is no use except for office space. What a waste to a park. No food, drinks, etc. Only good use is in June for "Dance at the Stand". That's a shame. How many times can one play golf or ride a carousel. Playground needs upgrade. The park is not visitor friendly. "Look don't touch". No ice skating in winter or sledding. Tennis court is not cared for.
- Selling food at the park may bring more visitors. The new pavilion is nice. More activities for the borough and surround' youth'.
- Improvements need to be done to draw people to the park.
- Would prefer to see a dog park area as opposed to more soccer/football/baseball fields. Possibly swap with Green & White and move children's activities closer to the park to set up a dog park/walking trail system to current Green & White location. Also local history markers would be a nice addition.
- We would like things like Artsquest, craft brewed beer, Easton Public Market, no pesticides used in the park, promote environmental sustainability, honeybee education/flower gardens, etc.

- Our family enjoys the park regularly and appreciates the many improvements that have been made. The only time that we do not fully enjoy the park happens when local teenagers descend on the park using loud foul language and being a nuisance.
- Overall, my opinion of Weona Park is simple-we do need a water attraction to make our Park a destination place for recreation and it needs to be an integral part of the entire facility. Without it, we just have a playground, carousel, miniature golf without people and lots of buildings. When I drive by the park and look at the deteriorating façade on the carousel and the abandoned pool, I just grimace on how this reflects on our community. We can do better than this but it needs a little pride and sacrifice without robbing the bank to do so.
- There are so many updates that this beautiful park needs. The playground is dangerous for little ones in so many ways and the layout is horrible.
- There should be more trees by the mini-golf. I enjoyed the movies at the park (on weekends). More winter activities would be nice. Weona Park is a wonderful asset to the community.
- It would also be nice to have something for the teens/tweens besides BB court and skate park. Could a bridge or walkover be made to connect both sides and not make children have to cross the street to get to the courts?
- Are we replacing trees for the ones removed? Does the Borough own the adjacent quarry hole? How would that affect the new fire house?
- Destination and themed playgrounds are a huge draw to young families. I'd love to have this option explored.
- If the fire station is placed across from park, then more parking is needed for the park.
- Lower the cost for golf every day. \$5.00 is insane!
- If you intend to have activities on the other side of the park, there should be room for parking.
- Pedestrian bridge over 512?
- Fully utilize ring system on carousel.
- Live on mountain, easy to get to park, hard to get from park.
- Very much in support of historical material! Signs, tour, small museum, historical talks, environmental talks/education – yes!
- The park could use a few more amenities providing more activities for youth & general public. I joined YMCA for activities & possibly future pool. Reopening the pool would hopefully generate more interest and attendance for the park. Additional activities, even if a fee was involved would generate interest also.

Pool-related:

- The idea of a new pool may be a loss, but we certainly do not want to have nothing in its place as a result - even if it is only more open grassy areas.

- Bringing the pool back plus expanding what the park has to offer will increase community involvement and use of the park.
- The pool house problem could be fixed with a fence going to the 'baby pool' saving taxpayer money and preserving the historical bathhouse. It is hot. We need a community pool.
- Although community pools were more popular in years past, the Weona Park pool cannot be viewed as a transient feature. Like the carousel, it is a staple of the park. The site needs a pool design that is right for the times and preserves history as well. Nazareth has accomplished this. There is strong public support for a pool and it needs to be THE top priority in any future development of the park.
- It would be nice to have a pool in the community park-but if you look at the aerial photo of the borough you will see many backyard pools. I will not use the pool (not my thing). I don't want to pay additional taxes for the same few people to use the pool. What will be the effect on the proposed Weona Pool if the YMCA builds a pool? Consider partnering with the YMCA to manage swim lessons, outdoor aquatic exercise classes, and other special events.
- Waste Management wanted to absorb the cost of a new pool. The only requirement was that WM was painted in the base of the pool. Why was this not part of a referendum? I think it would be prudent to reconsider this proposal. Suck up your pride and start to think of our community.
- It would be nice if the town redid the pool, even if that means digging out and starting from scratch. The townspeople have to travel to Bangor and beyond. It's not fair. If the pool was up this park would make a lot of money during the summer. And consider a lower pool price if this ever happens.
- The pool should be at the park. It was always the focal point of the park. If a golf course and carousel are there, there is no reason to eliminate the pool. When something needs fixing or replacing, then do it. It was able to be funded in the past. Why not now?
- Smaller swimming pool and splash pad.
- Let the YMCA build the pool. That way it can be used all year long and will not waste the borough's money.
- I put \$50 because that's Bangor's pool season pass cost last time I checked. We should let WM pay for the pool rehab.
- If the town's people agreed that they would only be willing to commit to a smaller amount than the number I have been hearing (\$2.5 to \$3 million) for a pool upgrade, the Borough could then begin the search for what that smaller commitment by the town's residents could achieve. Maybe we would be surprised that by starting with an economical budget of what the town can afford could achieve some acceptable design and improvements that thus far hasn't been considered.
- No pool. This revenue will not support the cost of the pool over a 20 year period.
- We just need some kind of water activities for the children.

- Either fix the pool or cover it over! That pool being empty is like a slap in the face to the residents of Pen Argyl. Bangor Pool is too small! We need something for these kids to do in the summer!
- How did taxes go down when pool no longer open. New Palmer and Nazareth pools are very successful with reasonable admission to cover expenses.
- Please repair/replace the pool and when it reopens charge everyone the same rates regardless where they live.
- What did Bangor and Nazareth do? I would be for a tax increase but how much money are we talking about? The park without a pool or water area just isn't a draw and the town could use a place to have fun.
- The park is great as is with the exception of a pool/water experience. If you do decide to build a reasonable pool-do it more efficiently than the pavilion.
- Borough needs to determine amount to maintain manage park/pool and work within the set amount. Ex: towns can handle \$750,000 pool/splash - stay within the amount. Do not have amount determined by outside feasibility studies. "Walk within our means".
- The 'Y' will soon be building a pool that will be open longer hours and year long. Citizens who want access to a year-round pool will have a choice and join the 'Y' rather than all the citizens being forced to pay more taxes.
- Years ago, when there was a pool and a refreshment stand, the park was always heavily used by children and adults alike. Now unless there is a carnival, the park is usually barren of people. The pool was the drawing card for everything taking place in the park. Reunions, merry-go-round and golf course.
- Don't you get it? The people want their pool back!!!
- Splash pad should have been explained.
- Borough should support YMCA to build indoor pool as residents can be used year round.
- We do not need a pool. The times when I used the pool- most people there did not live in the borough.
- We definitely need a water feature in Pen Argyl. Whether it be a pool or a splash fountain area, I believe that any other improvements at the park should come 2nd to the pool.
- I miss the pool very much as one of the draws to the park.
- The park is the best park of Pen Argyl. What is there needs to be maintained and a pool (not large) is needed. Bangor and Nazareth do it.
- We need the pool back.
- Where is the money for the pool maintenance for the last few years gone?
- Waste Management should be asked to fund the on-going maintenance staffing, etc. in a long term / multi-year grant. If non-profit is the only way we could fund such a project then we should create one or perhaps identify a merge with Slate Belt Y. Perhaps WM could fund it in its entirety.

- The biggest loss with Weona Park is the loss of the pool. It is so sad to lose that sense of community that the pool provided. Also a place for our kids during the summer.
- It is sad to see the pool sitting there empty. We don't need a pool that big but it would be nice to continue to have a Borough pool.
- To build community, it has been proven a community pool improves a sense of community/ownership. Borough residents should get a discount to the pool.
- If a pool is opened, non-Pen Argyl residents should be expected to pay a small entrance fee per person to help generate income. Maybe sell snacks too.
- Have a smaller pool than before-similar to Nazareth Borough pool. Build sides in with grassy areas.
- Every park needs a pool, big or small, so we have one for days and nights for the workers who workdays.
- I hear a committee is raising money. Has a sum of money (been) raised? Waste Management wanted to build a new pool. The answer was no. But the answer to more garbage was yes. They only wanted initials in the bottom of the pool.
- Fundraising activities can also help: basket auctions; a Christmas tree in the park; stands at carnivals; dine and donate at local restaurants back the pool!!

Tax-related:

- Are you kidding? I am going to have to sell my house just to survive. Our taxes go up every year for what?
- We do not need too many activities because we are senior citizens and cannot handle a tax increase. We are on a fixed income and it would be a burden for us.
- The people of Pen Argyl do not want our taxes to go up. Pen Argyl can get a grant to fix the pool. Or people can have yard sales to help pay for what is needed for the pool.
- If the additional local taxes of \$50.00 a year are honestly going to fund the pool, I am alright with that. I do know though that on numerous other occasions, money meant for a specific project does not go to that project.
- Keep Pen Argyl's taxes low, please! No BS. For swimming-it costs too much.
- Why would you want to burden the citizens with a tax increase(s) for a pool that is only open 2 ½ months per year and used by a small % of the residents?
- There a lot of elderly in Pen Argyl on a fixed income. Cannot afford a tax hike.
- With all the contributions and organizations willing to help fund the park, I see no reason to increase taxes.
- Tax increase for operating a park adds undue hardship on homeowners who may be elderly and cannot afford or use the pool. Other income must be generated for the maintenance cost and staff from other venues. Maybe volunteers for use of their time get a pool pass?
- Do not own a house, I don't pay taxes. However, I think you could get donations from residents of Pen Argyl. Worth a try!

- If we have a tax increase, people paying it should get free access. Why not, just send letters out for donations each year.
- There isn't much of a tax base in Pen Argyl. 40% are rental properties and elderly senior citizens and single parents. How much more do you want them to pay?
- Would not support tax increase for pool/water recreation facilities, do not believe it had enough attendance to justify expense (would be useful if attendance figures were published).

Community-related:

- Please find a way to advertise local businesses. Especially below the light on East main and Lower Robinson Ave.
- The new wheelchair ramps are absolutely ridiculous. Since Mr. Koehler's death there seems to be no zoning code. Grass and weeds grow, houses should be razed, etc. and Wind Gap is a complete eyesore with St. Joseph's Church and many houses along Rt. 512. What kind of archaic method is used to summon EMTs and police?
With all of today's technology, there is so many better ways than that awful siren.
- Fund raisers should finance additional improvements before raising taxes. Maintenance was covered previously in the budget.
- Our community needs something. Stores are closing and buildings are becoming rundown. A park that the community can be proud of will help to breathe life back into what could be a fantastic community. Our kids and town deserve a recreational hub they can be proud of.
- Please-no sludge plant! Thank you.
- Our community and/or our people deserve a beautiful healthy place to live.
- Never mind the park – clean up the streets and more police patrols. Get the cars and trucks that speed up PA Ave.
- The borough has lost a lot of things over the past years. Maybe we need to market our town and park a little more.
- We don't need a bigger firehouse. If they want hall rental for weddings, bingo, gun shows, we still have the old youth center they can use!!!
- What's wrong with where the fire company is now?!

General Comments:

- It is sad that someone needs to die crossing route 512 for you to realize that it is dangerous when we stood at council meetings 5 years ago and told you this - only to be ignored and to 'that's what happens when you live in town'
- I feel each adult living in a house should get a survey. Just because you are married or live together does not mean you agree on everything.
- Thank you!
- No comments at this time. Thank you.