-	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Responses
Ages 0 to 5	<b>14</b> 48.3%	<b>12</b> 41.4%	<b>2</b> 6.9%	<b>1</b> 3.4%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	29
Ages 6 to 12	<b>27</b> 54.0%	<b>18</b> 36.0%	<b>4</b> 8.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>1</b> 2.0%	50
Ages 13 to19	<b>13</b> 76.5%	<b>3</b> 17.6%	<b>1</b> 5.9%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	17
Ages 20 to 29	<b>5</b> 55.6%	<b>4</b> 44.4%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	9
Ages 30 to 39	<b>6</b> 28.6%	<b>15</b> 71.4%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	21
Ages 40 to 49	<b>10</b> 22.2%	<b>35</b> 77.8%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	45
Ages 50 to 59	<b>10</b> 52.6%	<b>9</b> 47.4%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	19
Ages 60 to 69	<b>6</b> 54.5%	<b>5</b> 45.5%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	11
Ages 70 and up	<b>6</b> 75.0%	<b>2</b> 25.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	<b>0</b> 0.0%	8

1. How many members of your household do you have in each age category?

2. How many years have you resided in the Village of Oak Park?



**Statistics** 

895.0

Less than one year	0.0%		0	Average	9.7
1-5 years	23.9%		22	StdDev	6.8
6-10 years	20.7%		19	Max	20.0
11-20 years	31.5%		29		
20+ years	23.9%		22		
Non-resident	0.0%		0		
		Total	92		

# 3. How did you learn about the Barrie Park Site Planning Process?



**Statistics** 

Park District seasonal brochure	1.1%	1
Park District e-newsletter	12.0%	11
Park District website	6.5%	6
Local newspaper	4.4%	4
Flyer delivered to residence	4.4%	4
Poster and/or flyer at Park District facility	1.1%	1
Park District marquee at Lake & Ridgeland	1.1%	1
Friend or Neighbor	42.4%	39
Other	27.2%	25
	Total	92

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	70
Board meetings	1
Irving FB page	1
Irving Facebook	1
Irving Parents Facebook page	1
PDCC	1
Park Dist. Employee	1
Park District Citizen Committee	1
Pdcc member	1
Posted on the Irving Parents Facebook Page	1
SEOPCO	7
SEOPCO	1
SEOPCO email	1
SEOPCO emails	1
SEOPCPO	1
SouthEast Oak Park Community Organization	1
facebook	1
seopco	1
seopco email	2

4. How many Barrie Park site plan community meetings have you attended?



				Statistics	
2	13.0%		12	Sum	31.0
1	7.6%		7	Average	1.6
None	79.4%		73	StdDev	0.5
		Total	92	Max	2.0

5. What is your primary activity/purpose to visit Barrie Park?



Barrie Center	4.4%	4
Playgrounds	28.3%	26
Sports Fields (organized sports)	7.6%	7
Sports Fields (unorganized sports)	6.5%	6
Sled Hill	9.8%	9
Exercise	15.2%	14
Outdoor/passive leisure	25.0%	23
Other	3.3%	3
	Total	92

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	92
Barrie Fest	1
l don't	1
Play with kidsall the above	1

6. There have been many proposals for the Park and Center. One suggestion is moving the Tot Lot from Barrie Center to Barrie Park in the north part of the park, beside the main playground and a new baseball backstop. Please see Scheme #6 above. If this occurs, the site of the existing tot lot would be open for reuse. What would you put in its place?

Count	Response
1	A Garden
1	A climbing wall, mini golf or bocce ball court
1	A splash pad
1	An enclosed dog park area.
1	Batting Cages
1	Batting Cages, Skateboard,
1	Batting cages
1	Climbing wall or skateboard area
1	Climbing wall that adults could use, adult activities
1	Community Garden
1	Community garden
1	Community garden? Skate park?
1	Covered area with exercise equipment - parents could exercise while kids are at practice
1	Dog park
1	Don't move it. Don't you need it there for the preschool programs?
1	Don't see the value in doing this, but would consider a small skate park.
1	Either green space or a skate park.
1	Family picnic/BBQ
1	Fitness Area
1	Fitness equipment or dog park
1	Garden
1	Gazebo with benches and natural plants or a splash pad
1	Green space, sitting area.
1	I do not like this plan! It puts the kids play areas all closer to the busiest streets!!
1	I like it where it is
1	I like where the tot lot is, next to the center for use by the preschools.
1	I see no purpose in moving it
1	I would not move the tot lot.

Count	Response
1	Indoor workout facility
1	Library
1	Native Plant Gardens. Adult exercise activities.
1	Native Plants Garden
1	Native Plants and/or a Butterfly Garden
1	Native plants to create a habitat.
1	Open seating area?
1	Passive garden
1	Picnic tables
1	Picnic tables and umbrellas.
1	Preschool garden
1	Restful area with lots of seating and shadea place you could read a book or chat with friends!
1	Sand volleyball court Exercise area (but would have to cross the street for that) Splash pad
1	Shaded, grass open space + additional trees
1	Sitting area with sculptures
1	Skate park, if fenced in. More indoor space
1	Splash Pad
1	Splash Pad - tie-in w/ the Barrie Center
1	Splash pad, exercise area
1	Water feature with seating.
1	exploration garden or community garden
1	grass/open space
1	native plantings and seating park / garden
1	not sure
1	picnic shelter
1	skate park (since kids are using that area already for that purpose)
2	skateboard park
1	that location would be great for either adult/teen-use exercise equipment or a skate park
1	Gardens with native plants- a place for adults to walk or relax and kids to explore. Kids need not only Sparta fields and playgrounds. They also need naturerocks to climb, frogs to chase, puddles to splash in, and seasonal cycles of plants to observe.

Count	Response
1	batting cages sprinkle/fountain area volleyball court better use of basketball court area-it is always locked and inaccessible for free play activities
1	half basketball courts if noise and time limits were set and there was general supervision over the area not the games.
1	It should remain a tot lot for preschool? My older daughter did and now my younger attend preschool at Barrie? Where will they play? Outdoor time is one of my reasons for choosing park district preschool.
1	Educational/Community Garden, Butterfly Garden to partner with the Center. Chess tables, bocce courts.
1	Skateboard park, picnic pavilion take into account the kids in the afterschool and daycare programs!
1	Please don't do this! Unless you flip this whole plan. I would not feel safe with the playgrounds near the heaviest traffic (car and blue line). I could see flipping this whole thing and putting the playgrounds together at the south end away from the traffic and the sled hill at the north end (blocking some highway noise???) maybe a splash pad where the tot lot is, but still so close to traffic. Maybe an adult exercise area?? For while the kids are at practice ?
1	Water features. While we have Rehm pool we have no water park features in any of the parks south of the 290. Our kids would LOVE a place with a water fountain/sprinkler whether it is here or incorprated in the playground area.
1	Small play area to be used for the Preschool. The other centers have a playground able to be used for the children at school at the Center, and especially with the expanded Preschool offerings at Barrie, it would be very sad to see that easy access denied to them.
1	I don't really like the idea of this. Putting the playgrounds at that end of the park would move it next to the busiest driving traffic and the blue line. It feels unsafe for older kids who may be allowed to go to the park unattended. The tot lot here would be fine, since kids do not go unattended, but the main playground should stay at the south boarder away from the Garfield traffic and blue line. As to if you moved the tot lot, maybe a splash pad or volleyball sand lot. Maybe a smaller sled hill for the younger kids, or ice skating surface (like the ribbon???) OHHH, lazy river in summer, ice skating ribbon in the winter. OK not really big enough for thatOne can dream big :)
1	It would be nice to have some seating but without any shade it is difficult to decide what to put there.
1	We live on Taylor and I do not like the idea of an extended sled hill that would have the whole Harvard side be a big wall. I would look out my door to see wall. YUCK!! I also question the safety of the playground at the north end so close to Garfield. It has MUCH more traffic than Harvard and potential for many more problems. There are so many people who get off 290 and drive down Garfield at alarming speeds (yep another problem) but a big concern for putting kids at that end of the park. I also don't really like the idea of the tot lot with the kids playground. I feel like the big kids will take over the tot lot and make it difficult for little ones to really be free. I am not in favor of this proposal.
1	First, I like keeping the tot lot where it is at - works better with the Center. If it is moved; ideas include adult exercise stations, native planting garden. Could you make an outdoor grill area / gazebo that could be rented (although near the interstate, don't know if that would be attractive to everyone). Also must consider the possibility of the bridge being raised and it's impacts on the area.
1	The intersection is too busy to be considered as a passive tree-lined area (as shown), I suggest the space remains 'outdoor' space tied to the Barrie Center and it's interior program (even a designated Tot Lot, if the demand remains). There is already a 'Tot' area within the playground, (SE corner), so there can still be 2 locations if there is a positive respose.
1	A place for parents to sit and hang out and get warm while the kids sled. In the summer, tables/benches could be a good place to hang out.
1	First suggestion - Gateway public neighborhood 'open and inviting' plaza with easily maintained landscape of year around interest. Plaza could include permanent and flexible seating, bike racks, information kiosk, game tables, sculpture - as an expression to the Park namesake. Second suggestion - providing proper maintenance can be assured - a bird/butterfly garden/landscape with rolling topography with an interpretive and educational purpose. Third suggestion - dog park. Fourth - spray park.

7. There is a proposal for adding roof structures over part of the reservoir west of the Barrie Center and using the area for multiple uses. There will be a limit to the number of uses therefore please drag your top 5 choices to the left column and put them in order of importance to you with the first item being most important and the last item being least important to you. (If you are on mobile device, please turn your screen landscape for easier viewing.)

	Score <sup>*</sup>	Overall Rank
Pavilion/Rental Space for family gatherings, movies, grilling, etc.	218	1
Community Gardens	158	2
Basketball	141	3
Space for older children with chess tables, ping pong, etc.	124	4
Batting Cages	114	5
Airnasium (Gymnasium without walls)	98	6
Mini-Skatepark	97	7
Volleyball	77	8
Tennis	68	9
Golf Practice Cage	50	10
Bocce Ball Courts	49	11
Soccer Kick-wall	49	12
Bean Bag Games	30	13
Horseshoes	15	14
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Total Respondents 90

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

8. Please rank the following activities/amenties being considered for Barrie Park by dragging each of the items on the left and place in the right column in order of importance to you with the first item being most important and the last item being least important. (If you are on a mobile device, please turn your screen landscape for easier viewing.)

	Score <sup>*</sup>	Overall Rank
Playgrounds	544	1
Spontaneous Play	536	2
Landscaped areas including mounds & trees	383	3
Picnic Grove	370	4
Native Plantings	364	5
Soccer	357	6
Garden Spaces	325	7
Picnic Shelter	281	8

	Score	Overall Rank
Baseball	244	9

**Total Respondents 90** 

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

9. There is a proposal to redesign the playground in the SE corner of Barrie Park. What surface do you prefer for the playground?



10. Which of the following themes would you like to see developed in the new Barrie Park playground design?



Rustic Play with boulders, logs, etc.	55.8%	48
Contemporary similar to the equipment at Irving Elementary or Longfellow School	33.7%	29
Other	10.5%	9
	Total	86

Responses "Other"	Count
Left Blank	86
Both	1
Nature Play but with some type of ecological learning factor	1
Needs to be very different from Irving	1
No opinion	1
Zipline, Rope Course	1
something physically challenging	1
My vote is for 'Rustic Play', however then the surface should be wood mulch/fiber rather than flat/sterile rubber surface.	1
Mix of both. Rustic play is cool but needs to be supported by the surrounding area. The area is urban so if it's only Rustic, it may stick out. That is why a mix of both is preferred.	1
The Rustic Play is intriguing though the materials need to consider the life cycle and maintenance requirements and subsequently the commitment/understanding of them by the Park District.	1

11. There is interest in an artificial turf field at Barrie Park. Under which of the following conditions would you support an artificial turf field? (more than one box may be checked)

100



Under any conditions, artificial turf is essential	10.9%	10
Only if it is not fenced	20.7%	19
Only if the size of the field is reduced from it's current size	9.8%	9
Only if there is a corresponding natural or landscaped area	34.8%	32
I would not support an artificial turf field under any conditions	48.9%	45
	Total	92

12. Please select your first, second and third choice from the schemes below for the Barrie Park site plan. Scheme #1 (Artificial Turf) Scheme #2 Scheme #3 Scheme #4 Scheme #5 Scheme #6

	Scheme #1	Scheme #2	Scheme #3	Scheme #4	Scheme #5	Scheme #6	Responses
First Choice	<b>7</b> 8.5%	<b>4</b> 4.9%	<b>7</b> 8.5%	<b>24</b> 29.3%	<b>14</b> 17.1%	<b>26</b> 31.7%	82
Second Choice	<b>2</b> 2.7%	<b>5</b> 6.8%	<b>14</b> 19.2%	<b>12</b> 16.4%	<b>31</b> 42.5%	<b>9</b> 12.3%	73
Third Choice	<b>6</b> 9.4%	<b>5</b> 7.8%	<b>6</b> 9.4%	<b>18</b> 28.1%	<b>20</b> 31.3%	<b>9</b> 14.1%	64

13. Why did you select Scheme 1 as your first choice over the other options?

### Count Response

1	Looking for an artificial turf of this size in the village.
1	Multiple sports on a single space
1	Need more playable fields that rebound quickly in weather
1	It offers the most flexibility for open field space, provides a second baseball diamond. The turf will add to available hours of the field space (few days closed due to rain). The smaller size field would still be possible. With limited field space in OP, anything that can be done to increase the quality and available hours would be great.
1	Oak Park has a growing demand for soccer for all ages and the turf field would allow it to be used in most weather conditions three seasons out of the year. Any time you drive by the Irving field it is being US d by our community members as well as members of other communities. During soccer season, it is the one field that will remain open for games and practice after rain.
1	The community needs more full size turf fields for soccer to meet youth and adult league and practice needs.
1	Op needs another full size soccer field badly and it should be artificial turf, especially cause growing grass at Barrie is extreme elly difficult due to compacted clay used in the backfill from the remediation.

## 14. Why did you select Scheme 2 as your first choice over the other options?

Count	Response
1	I am afraid if I choose anything with a soccer field that will mean "plastic grass/turf". I am not in favor of this type of material.
1	The village needs more baseball fields for practice especially. Also, don't see point in the expense of moving the tot lot.

Both Scheme 2 & 1 keep the playground in it's current location, which I am a fan of. Because the sled hill is a fixed object, we cannot achieve the maximum open space (largest soccer field, 2 baseball diamonds or just biggest open space) if the playground is moved north. Scheme 2 does not need a fence, Scheme 1 does. This is why I chose 2 over 1. Also, if Scheme 1 was chosen and a fence wasn't required, would there be a concern with the proximity of the curb, albeit flush with the ground, and the bottom of the sled hill? Does the PD open up liability issues with this? If Scheme 2 was chosen, I believe you could still space the fields to get the larger soccer field? seems like a possibility. Lastly, I'd love to see the workout stations or training slopes from Schemes 3, 4, or 5 added to Scheme 2.

### 15. Why did you select Scheme 3 as your first choice over the other options?

Count	Response
1	Best layout (playground away from garfield/ expy). Batting cages, sports fields
1	Could not view schemes 2, 4 on a mobile device. Do not support artificial turf.
1	Design is more appealing and I like the features offered.
1	Exercise equipment and landscaping
1	I liked the open space and moving the baseball diamond away from the busier street.
1	The tot lot remains.
1	Tot Lot remains near Barrie Center; Pedestrian space utilized; Batting Cages present.

### 16. Why did you select Scheme 4 as your first choice over the other options?

sports area and more garden space including native and community gardens.

Count	Response
1	Best balance of playgrounds, soccer/baseball fields, picnic area, etc.
1	Has all the features I find attractive.
1	I believe we have enough soccer fields in Oak Park
1	I like playground to be protected from sports field by plaza.
1	I like the running track incorporated into the hill.
1	It had a little bit of everything for everyone.
1	It seemed somewhat less cluttered.
1	Little children will be farther away from the I-290 pollution.
1	Picnic area and only one baseball diamond.
1	Save a majority of the features while improving access to the park
1	rain garden, large picnic grove
1	Batting cages are not within sound area of homes or large picnic grove; There is a greater amount of green open space; There are two picnic groves, one of them very large for community gathering activities or passive use; I would prefer more trees, less

1	I like both 4and 5. I think they are a nice middle ground. Although we are not a baseball family, I like the idea of moving the baseball diamond to the opposite corner. I think that will help some of the Lombard congestion/safety concerns. Both have picnic areas and that would be nice. I don't really like the idea of the baseball diamond at the south end. It will need a high fence to block foul balls from the playground and really cut the park in 2. (That cuts out scheme1,2,3for me) I actually would prefer no tree line there either, so I can play with my youngest at the playground and still see a little soccer practice with my oldest. I think I picked 4 over 5 because the picnic area would do the same, allow me to watch soccer while giving snacks, etc.
1	I like the overlap of soccer and baseball fields. That provides more space for unstructured recreation.
1	I like: the tot lot on the same side of the street as Barrie Center for the pre-school students to use, the speed table, trees in the middle of the playground providing shade, real grass, and room for spontaneous play (kite flying, tag, soccer) near the playground.
1	Although not turf (which is actually my first choice), it seems to give the most variety. I really love the idea of workout stations! The picnic grove area would be a huge plusas long as it stayed clean and maintained. I also love the idea of making S. Lombard a southbound one-way street!
1	There is no artificial turf and I like the large picnic grove in Scheme 4. Scheme 6 is a close second for me, but the play lot looks a little bit smaller.
1	Best use of space for ALL people, seems like a positive compromise. I hate that 75% of the park is baseball and soccer only, so this one at least gives picnic space and leaves the 25% that my family uses (playground and sled hill). We live on Taylor and would HATE to have a backstop at the south end of the park. Please keep 1 and keep it at the north corner, moving it from the west to the east corner does make sense for the Lombard people - compromise, we can take the traffic, but the noise and potential for balls in the playground would be frustrating, if you have a backstop at the south end of the park. Also a batting cage so close to the playground is NOT a good idea- bigger kids frustrated with performance could bring bigger kid language to the playground.
1	It has no astro turf, I like the orientation of the ball field in the NE corner. Playing fields seem to work the best with the hill and give the most green space.
1	I showed these to my 7 year old and she said #4, "otherwise I will worry about getting hit with baseballs when I am swinging". She said 5 would be ok too.
1	I guess because the soccer field runs north/south and baseball stays away from playgrounds in more remote corner. There is something really good about the tot lot and current playground positioningactually many things about BArrie work except problems with hill and drainage. Just because I chose 4 does not mean I wouldn't vote for turf for the field because it will make the park COME ALIVE in the shoulder seasons. I just don't want it to be so dominate as in plan one and fenced in.
1	I think I like #4 because I don't like #1, 2, or 3. I like the idea of moving the baseball field to the other corner. We live on Lombard and it gets SO congested EVERY afternoon. I think this would help with that. If there are 2 BB fields, it will stay as bad as it is now, and just add more problems on the other side of the park (welcome to our world Taylor). I also don't like the idea of the playground and fields being so separated, I am guessing (hoping) there would be a fence for the baseball area if you add 2 and that just breaks up the park as a whole. I would prefer the playground and field be more united vs divided.
1	No turf, I like the rain garden, picnic grove and general layout. I also like the workout stations.
1	I like the arrangement of the BB and that it allows for a better connection to the Center. I like the potential for maximizing the Soccer field I like the expanded running 'track' and potential for adding stairs on the west side of the hill

# 17. Why did you select Scheme 5 as your first choice over the other options?

1	1 baseball field (I don't support 2 fields) Large playground Picnic grove	
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Count	Response
1	I can't see them all in my phone :(
1	Layout and sled hill isn't too big.
1	Like the variety of picnic, baseball and soccer
1	More trees smaller athletic fields.
1	The tot lot stays where it is with additional services added.
1	It seems to fit in the most things, but it was quite hard to decide. Our kids are still young and what is most important to us now (playgrounds and open play space) may not be as important in 5 years when they become more involved in sports. Since they

(playgrounds and open play space) may not be as important in 5 years when they become more involved in sports. Since they aren't active in sports yet, I am not as aware of what the community needs are for sports fields. Our preference is to not have Barrie turn into one big soccer field with an artificial turf. I would assume there are other places that would fill that need. I love the roll hill in Scheme 6. I think that would be quite popular. especially if it is near the baseball/soccer field. I can easily see little kids playing on that while their older siblings play sports. I like the idea of gardens, picnic space, and work out stations as well. The sled hill needs to stay too. We would love a water feature of some type. There are no water sprinkler things south of 290 (other than Rehm pool of course, but you have to pay to use the pool).

1 I think the palyground area is biggest in this one (no trees in the middle) and I like only having 1 baseball field. I really don't like the idea of having a baseball structure at the south end and certainly not so close to the sled hill and playground. It looks like the baseball area will section off the playground from the rest of the park. It also looks like there is potential for sledders to run into the baseball area (meaning the benches and fence) Having baseball so close to the playground seems unsafe and potential for harm to kids on the playground. It would be unfortunate to have a fence all around the sled hill and then all around the baseball diamond area too. WAY too many fences for a park.

- 1 workout opportunities on hill, variety of spaces in the park, more trees; speed table at Lombard/Garfield
- 1 It looks more like a park with more trees and yet places for baseball and soccer. Artificial turf is not an option to me. We will have enough after the middle schools install the turf.
- 1 The playground seems the most open The baseball field remains on the north end of the park There is only 1 baseball field There is no artificial turf Picnic grove near the baseball field for parents with more than 1 kid

### 18. Why did you select Scheme 6 as your first choice over the other options?

Count	Response
1	Expanded sled hill and keeping the play areas all on one side of the street.
1	Expanded sled hill would make the hill more enjoyable to use.
1	Greater variety of activities; no artificial turf
1	I like the expanded sled hill. NO ARTIFICIAL TURF
1	I like the idea of expanding the sledding hill.
1	Illinois is totally flat and kids need a place to sled!!!
1	It seemed to have the most to offer of all of the options
1	Lots of trees facing 290 frontage and open space directly in front of sledding hill
1	More open, more green, expanded sled hill, tot lot and playground continguous
1	Optimal use of space, nice having tot lot next to playground.

Count	Response
1	Play grounds next t each other
1	The playgrounds are connected, no artificial turf, lots of trees
1	Tot lot and playground on same side of street
1	bigger sledding hill
1	expanded sled hills with less slope and small kid section
1	i like the park like area to the north.
1	playgrounds together near ball fields
1	sled hill
1	1. Heavy plantings and hills/mounds at the north end to block the highway ditch. 2. Grouping the playgrounds together and closer to Barrie Center. 3. Having the baseball area adjacent to the playgrounds Having 2 and 3 adjacent and close to Barrie Center makes it easier for families with kids of multiple ages and the bathrooms are closer. This plan in someways concentrates the use towards the north end in that it is more programed while the south end is more open, esp. with the expanded sled hill. The hill offers a place for people to sit if a game is happening on the field, could be used as seating for movies in the park.
1	I like having the playgrounds move to the North end of the park because then they are closer to the bathrooms. Also having the tot lot and older kids' playground side by side in the main park makes life much safer for families who have children of varying agesyou can all stay in one spot.
1	Providing the 'speed table' (shown in #5) is added to #6, then #6 is my preferred choice as due to: 1) A better balance of sports fields to 'other' activities 2) extending the sled hill opportunities for younger users and 3) the buffer of landscape at the north end of the park. #5 for the same reasons and that it graphically depicts the speed table as an improvement but without the rain garden - the location proposed for the rain garden needs to have year around interest due to the high visibility at the entrance.
1	Because the tot lot is gone from the SE corner and there is open space (that says expand sledding hill) that could be developed as a restful, landscaped space. I like the tot lot and all playgrounds to be in one place, so at least PART of the park can be for grownups!
1	I think one of the best aspects of the park is the hill. I like the idea of extending it and keeping the park open to multiple uses for all plus I like consolidating the playground spaces
1	I like the way it brings the two separate playground areas together. It allows for the space near the Center to be developed for things that cannot go on top of the reservoir and it improves the sled hill for all users.
1	I like the expanded sled hill and where the tot lot is. I am curious what the pedestrian area is? Would you be blocking off Lombard? Bad idea.
1	My daughter is almost 3, so she needs both tot lot stuff and playground stuff, as well as sledding hill with us. The rest is not as important for us right now. Also moving the playground away from the sled hill would keep her from asking to play in the playground instead of sled when we go to sled (out of sight out of mind).
19 Do	you have any additional ideas or comments regarding Barrie Park and Center?

# 19. Do you have any additional ideas or comments regarding Barrie Park and Center?

1	Add a Dog park. Keep the park natural. Keep it open.
1	For the use of as much recycled materials be used as possible. I also suggest security features.

Count	Response
1	Generally I'm not opposed to turf, but I don't think it belongs in Barrie.
1	I think a traffic table should be used in any option to slow down traffic in area.
1	Lights!
1	Native Plantings Nature Play Ecology Center Labyrinth (similar to what is now in Mills Park)
1	No
1	No
1	No dominance by excessive schedules of soccer requiring special expensive turf.
1	No, but it's nice to see this park getting the attention it deserves.
1	Nope
1	Thanks for helping to make Oak Park a great place to live!
1	Tough TaskGood Luck!!
1	Water feature!!! Splash pad!!!
1	Would be nice to upgrade/expand the center building
1	mark off without barriers sections for free play frisbee, catch, tag
1	Very much support a speed table around the Center to better and more safely connect it with the park. The drawing (#6) seems to indicate an expanded roadway on the east side, perhaps another pull out? This is a bad idea. We should not loose any green space to pavement. Plus a wider road way is less safe and people will use the pull out and not cross at the crosswalk, they will take the shortest route, i.e. directly across the now wider more open roadway. This will also encourage more cars to park and crowd around, especially in bad weather for picking up people from the CTA.
1	Make sure people pick up after their dogs. Provide bags in park for people to do so. Actively fine people if they don't.
1	I hope Barrie center is rehabbed to have a grey water system, rain barrels, a roof garden and solar panels and of course other energy conservation installations and design components. I would also like to see a sitting garden to the west of the building.
1	I think that the Center itself needs a redesign, especially as other 'centers' are phased out of the PD system (Carroll, Field, Andersen). The space needs to be layout more effectively and the bathroom situation needs to be addressed. If the Center was expanded, a PD office/service window could be put in to rent out equipment for use on the reservoir and monitor activity. Also, I think there is a design that can incorporate a turf field within Barrie Park that still works for the community, especially if there are more natural play areas around it. The highest point of the sled hill does not have to be on the SW corner, it could be in the middle of Harvard and slope down on both sides. Then it wouldn't be such a visual obstacle to the park.

- 1 My son would like to play basketball with his friends, however the courts have such limited hours and when they are open they are taken over by grown men and he and his friends are intimidated by them and therefore never play. I would like to see more availability to the public for this area. It sits there like a locked up cage. Additionally, there should be a designated cross walk to the Barrie Center restrooms. I can not tell you how many times a child has run out between the parked cars to get to the bathroom urgently. I would like to see more care given to the landscaping. Giant weeds loom everywhere and I've often been temped to bring my garden tools to help out. The park has not looked very good since it was first finished. Planting flower beds and mowing the grass are appreciated, but more care needs to be given to the other landscaped areas. The sled hill is a complete eyesore. Can something be done about all of the crazy fences ? I think it was a poor & dangerous design to begin with. While the murals are pretty, I feel sorry for the people that live across the street and have to look at the decrepit looking grey concrete all day. Perhaps some other vines could be planted, like the ones on the side of the expressways. As a 14yr resident who lives just a couple of blocks away from Barrie and has utilized the park extensively I would like to say that over all it has been a great asset to our community. My son has attended classes at the Barrie Center, Summer sports camps, participated in baseball, my neighbors & I have spent countless hours at the tot lot and playground with our children. I have used the sidewalk as a "running track" and stairs and benches to do exercises. We have as a family also enjoyed the sled hill in the Winter . We also have enjoyed the public street fairs and movies in the park.
- 1 It would be great to have the sidewalks drain properly so people can use the park consistently for running.
- 1 Not really sure of the need to change the park considering it is both functional and relatively new. Main improvements would be a crosswalk to the bathrooms. As a resident of Lombard, I frequently see kids running across the street. I'd also like to see more basketball court availability and more hoops.
- I like the ideas in the presentation about improving the playground equipment similar to Irving obviously my kids go there. They do love the swings though, so I would hope we could still have swings. The rubberized surface would be nice - too many wood chip splinters. I also like the idea of marking the walk with distances and maybe adding some additional exercise stations. I like the idea of a smaller sled hill, but not sure where that would go. I think it is nice to have the hill open in the summer for exercise. (I get the grass problems, just saying) Too many things in such a small space. It is difficult to have baseball and soccer here as that really takes up so much of the usable space. My family does not do soccer or baseball, so that space still feels like a waste to me... (I know it is not all about us :) But imagine how much cool stuff you could add if we got rid of both of those :) Thanks!!
- 1 1) have a pea gravel running track seperate from the sidewalk all the way around the park 2) make taylor ave one way going north and lombard ave one way going south 3) absolutely NO artificial turf!!!! 4) have bathrooms built in under the sled hill and open (the center has bathrooms that are not available when classes are held) 5) insure the drainage issue is resolved
- 1 The park was recently renovated. We should consider long term viability and sustainability in design. The sledding hill is a major highlight for many children and should stay. Areas for creative, spontaneous play would be a great improvement.
- 1 I did not pick a scheme before I was taken to the end of the survey. If it looks as if I picked a scheme, that is an accident and not actually my choice. Now I am unable to get back to that screen. Thank you.
- 1 It's important to appeal to a wide age range in this park--playground/tot lot, sports (turf field would be way better than having to close the grass field), adult workouts, some more passive uses like the picnic groves, opportunities for middle school kids to safely gather as well.
- I almost like #6, but is there anyway to switch the sled hill and playgrounds in this scheme? You could put a small hill in front of the baseball diamond fence and the bigger one where it opens up. The playgrounds really should be at the other end away from the traffic and train. It feels like an abduction waiting to happen. There are a lot of unsupervised kids that use the playground (for good or bad, it happens) and it would feel safer at the other end of the park. They also tend to spill into the street at times (we live near the corner of Taylor and Harvard) and this seems dangerous for kids and drivers if the park was closer to Garfield. I personally would also hate to look out and see a huge wall all along Harvard if that became a large sled hill. So if it can't be switched I'm with my daughter 4or5.
- 1 Please no artificial turf, we love Barrie for special events like movie nights, Barrie Fest and back to school festival. Connect the playgrounds-what do you do if you have kids of different ages. Add a splash park- so needed here. Add the golf practice facility-does not exist in Oak Park-have to drive to Fresh Meadows

Count	Response
1	I think it is an outrageous waste of money to be rebuilding Barrie Park a mere decade after it was last built and compromises were made among all Park users over the best use of facilities.
1	As mentioned previously, please add a water feature/sprinkler! I also like the idea of a covered area with grilling that can be reserved. There is only one other covered grilling area in Oak Park right now. I think it would be utilized.
1	I would like to see the tennis courts opened for daily use. Also, a community garden would be wonderful. More benches along Lombard would be nice.
1	If there is a buffered/natural area to the North (as proposed in #6, please consider fencing that area in so that ppl in this area of town can bring their dogs to run loose. This may solve your artificial turf - fence concern.
1	There are currently not enough places in Barrie Park where a grownup can go to sit and be with nature or chat with friends. Even in all 7 proposals, no such space is accounted for. We deserve park space too!
1	The less concrete the better, as many comments at community meeting noted. Also, attend to shade for both comfort, health and aesthetic reasons.
1	A large picnic grove will lure people from the city. Keep it small enough for actual impromptu family picnicsnot family reunions.
1	I wold like to see this park include more natural areasthe use of hills, boulders, and logs instead of traditional playground structures and natural prairie gardens for walking, exploring, and relaxing. There also needs to be speed controls along Garfield. People drive far too fast down that stretch of road and is unsafe for children (and adults) walking to the park.
1	Please avoid using artificial turf. There are other fields nearby that use artificial turf if needed, and it seems to be the opposite of what I've come to know Oak Park for - healthful, organic, natural options.
1	Please, no artificial turf. It's so nice to run around with my dog at Barrie, or have a picnic in the middle of the field. Artificial turf comes with so many restrictions it really isn't "open space" anymore and we have so little of that in our urban community.
1	The speed table shown in alternate #5 should be shown on alternate #6. All plans should include visually mitigating solutions for the massive concrete sled hill wall - such as a 'green wall' system fastened to the existing concrete. Include an extensive 'tray-system' roof garden on the water pump station building roof.
1	I like a lot of the ideas in the notes: utilizing the space to the west of the sled hill and to the west of the center, lowering the sled hill, adding smaller hill, adding a speed table, making the reservoir area more user friendly. I really, really hope the mulch and real grass stay.
1	We need to keep an area of the field for unstructured play. This is one of the few places that is open enough to fly a kite, play frisbee, etc. To have an all turf, fenced off field removes it from the neighboring community and makes it more of a commodity and less welcoming.
1	#6 is interesting, but having the playground closest to the highway and blue line seems strange and unsafe (as bad as the tot lot is now). I wouldn't really enjoy the noise, smells and fumes from the highway in the playground area. Would it be possible to switch the playgrounds and sled hill areas in this proposal? If there was a large wall facing the highway, that wouldn't be all bad, I would not like to see a large wall in the middle of the neighborhood. And, where would the cops be to watch the park? They generally park on Harvard - that makes me feel safe, they couldn't really park on Garfield and we all know how hard parking at that end on Lombard is. The plan makes sense, but to me it makes more sense the other way, sled hill on the North end, playground on the south end. No big wall in the middle of the neighborhood. Or just go with #5, I like that too.
1	It'd be great if the building entrance was a little more inviting. I'd also like to see public restrooms open during daylight hours, especially when the park is in high use.
1	I would love to see an area for dogs. There are many residents who don't have children, but love their dogs and would enjoy having a place to take them to play that you don't have to drive to.
1	It's nice having a very open park for just running, gatherings, kite flying, etc. too much structure makes it less appealng

- 1 Any improvements to this space would be great. The field space has drainage issues and is compacted clay which make it difficult to maintain. The area by Barrie Center is greatly under utilized space.
- 1 Actually, I'd like to know why a new design is needed. The Park was renovated not that many years ago. We'd like to see more groves of trees to screen the Park from the Expressway. We are opposed to any additional use of artificial turf anywhere in the Village. It literally creates dead zones throughout town.
- 1 If the batting cages are separated from the BB facilities, I understand that there are occasional conflicts when the BB coaches try to warm-up their pitchers and w/ pedestrians walking on the sidewalk. It may be necessary to widen the sidewalks .... this will also benefit if this park is a draw for more runners to visit - less conflicts.
- 1 I hope you will not create sectioned off places that make this 10 little parks instead of one nice big open park. I do think the playground needs updating. Even though we are on Taylor, we often go to Irving to play because it is nicer and has more fun equipment for my kids. We do love swings though, so I hope we can keep those at Barrie.
- 1 I understand the PDOP wants a 3rd turf field in OP. However SE OP already has turf at Irving. We don't want another turf field in our neighborhood. Turf should go elsewhere either at a D97 Middle School (Julian, Brooks), or a northside park (Lindberg or Taylor). With less intensive use and better drainage a natural grass field at Barrie would not get worn out.
- 1 Our kids love Barrie Park; as they get older and I learn more about playgrounds, it seems that the swings take up a lot of space for only a few kids to use. When older kids are there they dominate the swings and perhaps other equipment would be better utilized. Also the water feature at the sand pit is almost always broken (stuck on or off) and this should be addressed. Longfellow's separation of water and sand seems to work better.
- 1 PDOP needs tools to meet the greatest range of needs with as much success as possible. Muddy unplayable fields are not a success. But athletics shouldn't swallow up the whole space. My personal observation is that we do better with green initiatives in yards and parkways than in parks. Natural areas in OP's system of parks seem hard to manage with such heavy use. There is an open "sunset park" quality to Barrie that fences would ruin. The hill causes a lot of problems but it does seem to be a landmark. The nice thing about soccer fields is that they are multi-use run-and- play spaces as opposed to baseball which doesn't multi-task very well.
- 1 The Village should strongly consider making the streets one way around the park for safety issues. With the heavy volume of driving down Lombard and Taylor, drivers aren't always paying attention for children at play. It's also just difficult to navigate around the narrow areas with parking. Would be safer if everyone was going the same direction.
- 1 Baseball diamonds include unattractive fencing and the larger sled hill walls off those of us to the south of the park.
- 1 I dislike much the idea of artificial turf. I think we need more real green spaces that absorb rain water and trees that both take in carbon and release oxygen. Thanks!
- 1 We do not use Barrie center or the tot lots or res. area (really that whole side) so, if this goes in phases, the park itself, playground updates, sled hill and sports fields would be our family's priority, so I would love to see that addressed first. I like open areas, so I would prefer no trees between the sports field and playground and certainly no big fence/batting cage/ baseball diamond. That would also make the playground area REALLY loud during games.
- 1 NO artificial turf! So surprised the negatives of turf (besides astetics) were not discusses. Cost of replacement is much higher than advertised, heat, injuries, all the health problems, loss of jobs for landscapers. Look at all the problems NYC is having with all that they have put in. Stay away from artificial turf, this is Oak PARK not Oak Artificial Turf!
- 1 I am very concerned that the park is only 10 years old and it already has so many problems. We need to take lots of time and not rush this process to make sure that there are not issues in another 10 years. We are the only school that does not have green space attached to the school. Our park CANNOT become another turf field. You must take into consideration the neighbors and people who live here, not just the organized sports. The astro turf could easily be put at Lindberg or Taylor where there is much more room. Design a park for the next 50 years, by thoughtful, contemplative thinking. Be conscious of all of the users of the park.

- 1 I've never even been inside Barrie Center, so I cannot speak to that. The park is definitely due for some major improvements and I look forward to being part of the process. 1 Please take children and teens that do not play organized sports into consideration and plan for a variety of uses for the park including picnics and unstructured play. 1 I think it is most important that parking restrictions be applied and speed bumps added. I am concerned about the cars that race by on Taylor and children running between parked cars. 1 I would just add, the baseball and soccer folks have a big voice, I hope you can also listen to those of us not in that group. We are a gymnastics and ice skating family, but love going to the playground and sled hill. It is a great space, I am happy for updates, but compromise is the best way for us all to get a little. Please no backstop or batting cage at the south end. Please don't move the playground to the busy (traffic and public transportation) north end. I would not feel my child is safe there. Thanks for all your work, this is a big undertaking with lots of opinion and emotion. Good luck (pick #4 :) 1 Do wish there was more gardens in the park and more walking areas. Seems like every aspect of the park is designed for kids and not older adults. I thought the parks were for everyone but end result, it is always for the kids. 1 My hope that it is beautiful, attractive, and community centered. It was so disappointing after the remediation.
- 1 I live across the street so things important to me might not be of concern to those who just "use" the park. Congestion, bright lighting, features that invite kids to hang out after dark...I know I chose to live here but that doesn't mean my privacy and concerns are less important than those of the residents and non-residents who use the facilities of the park. We experience a lot of noise all winter with sledders and a lot all summer with skateboarders and basketball players who walk south on Lombard towards Roosevelt late into the evening. I just don't want those of us who live right across the street to not be heard. I have not been able to make the first 2 meetings due to work but I am very interested in what the plan is as my property value is directly affected.