



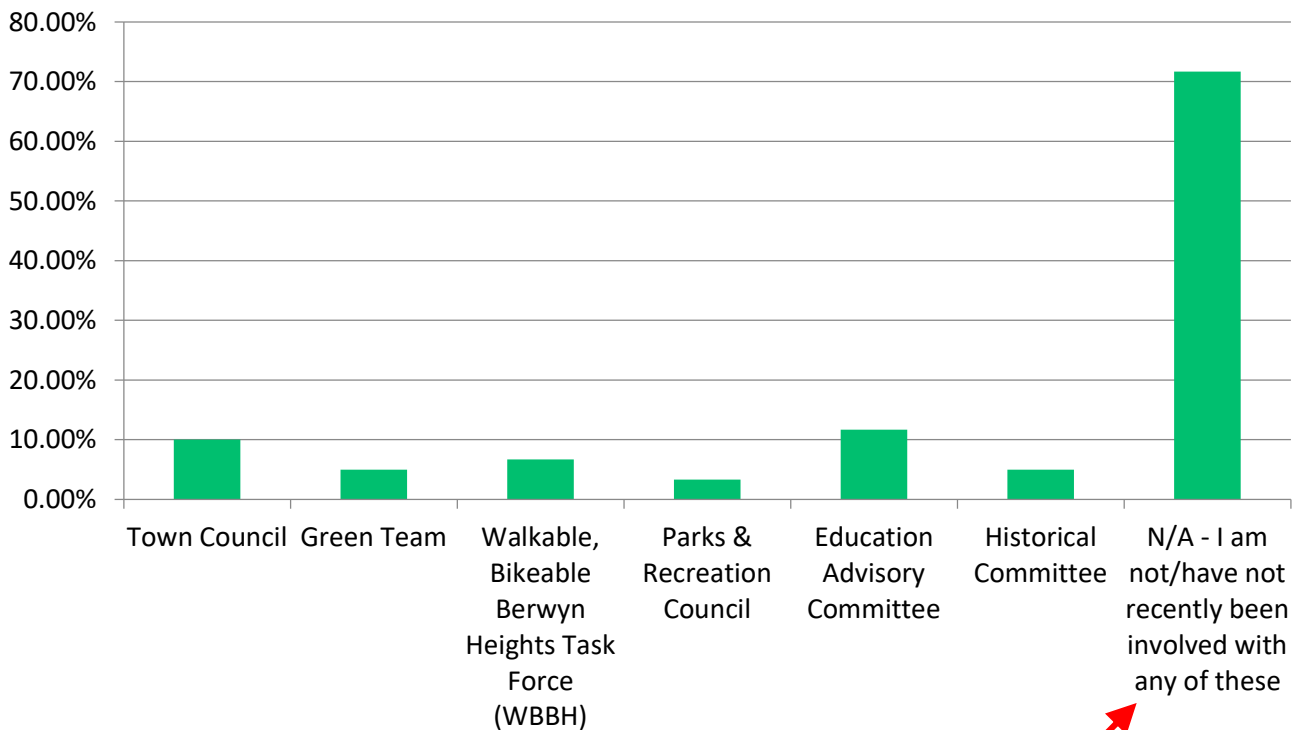
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Pop's Park User Questionnaire Summary of Results

July 6 – August 5, 2020

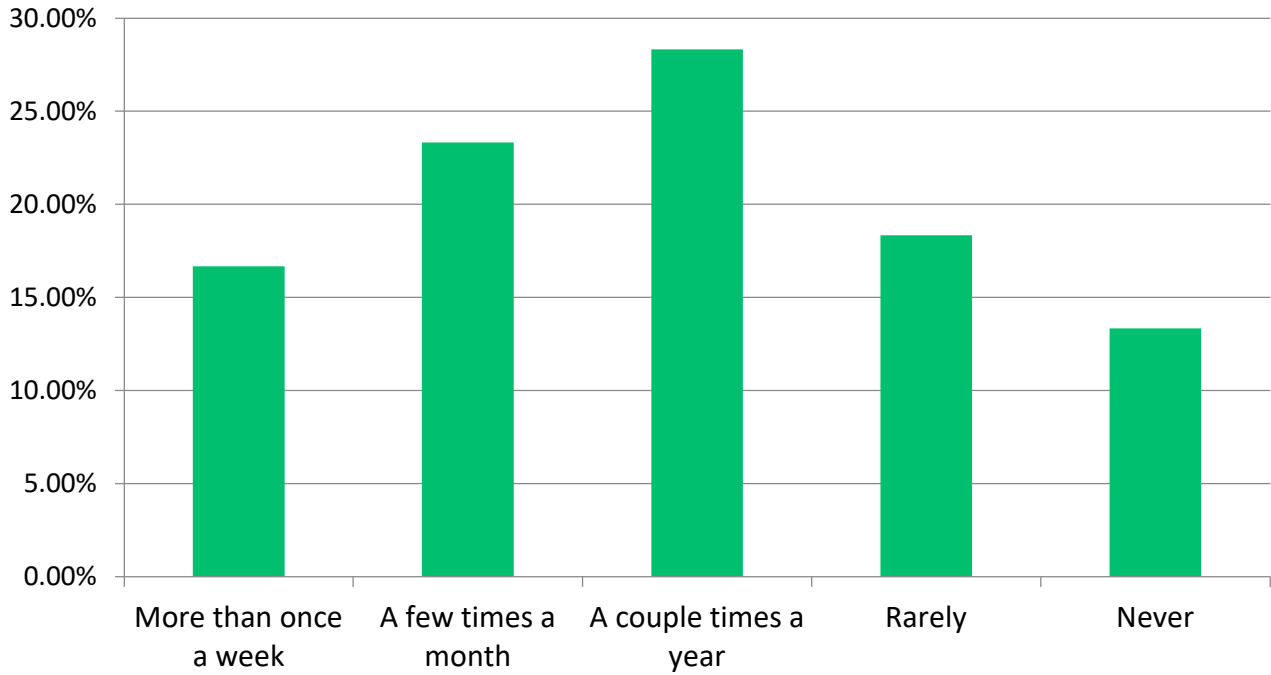
Total No. of Responses: 60

1) What is your involvement with Town boards or committees?

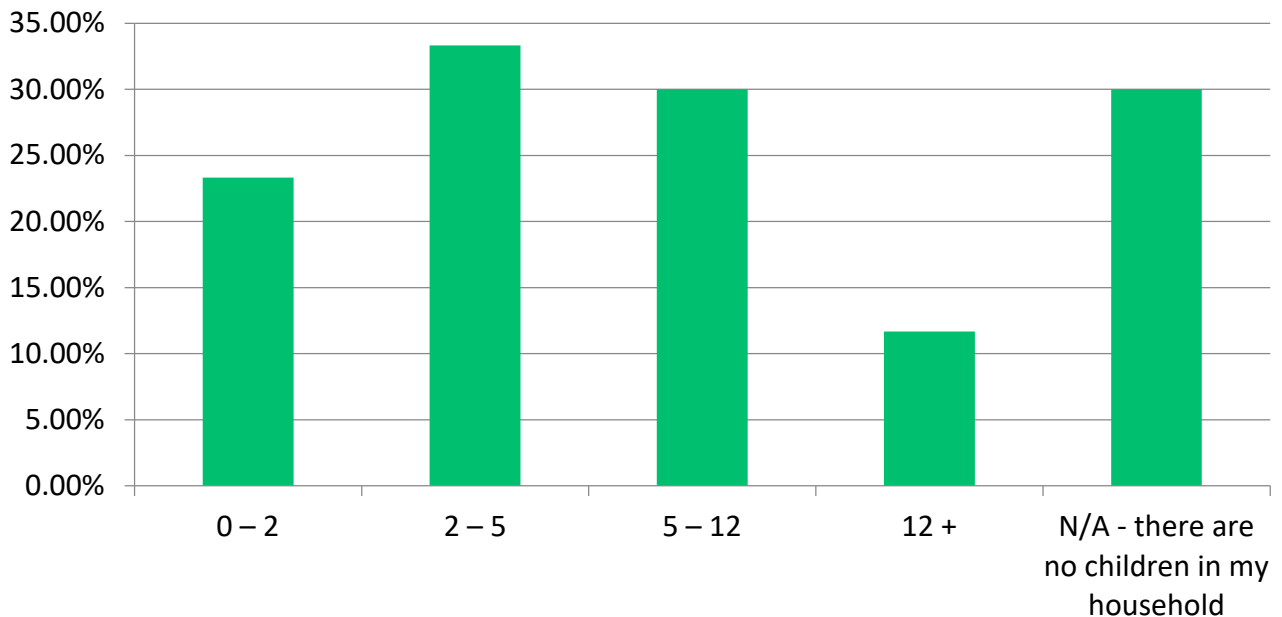


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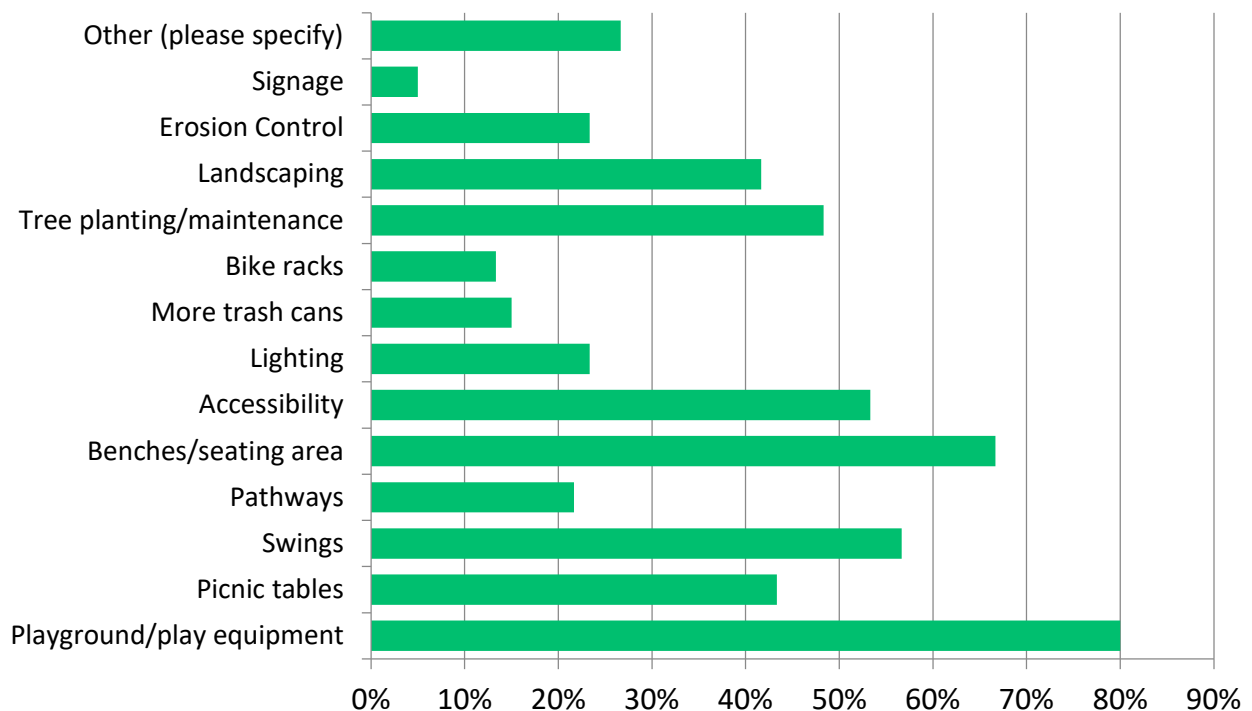
2) How often do you visit Pop's Park?



3. If there are any children in your household, what are their ages? (Check all that apply)



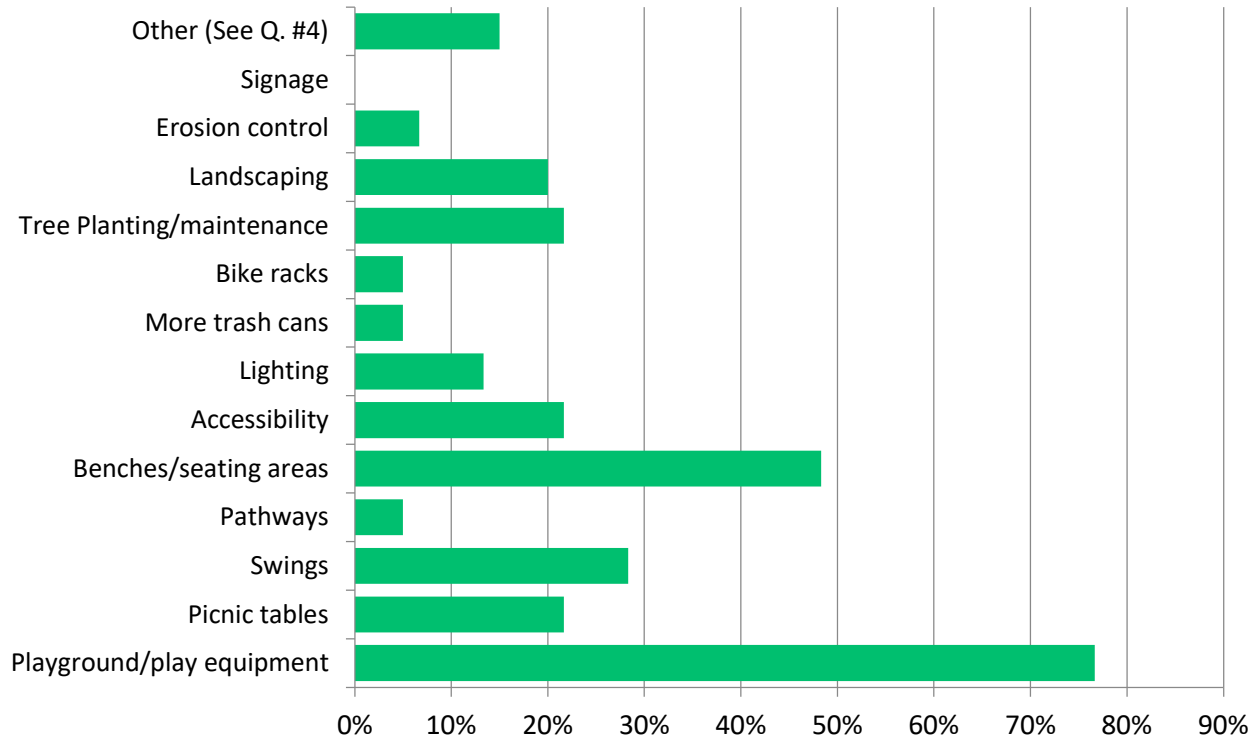
4. What are your priorities for Pop's Park? (Check all that apply)



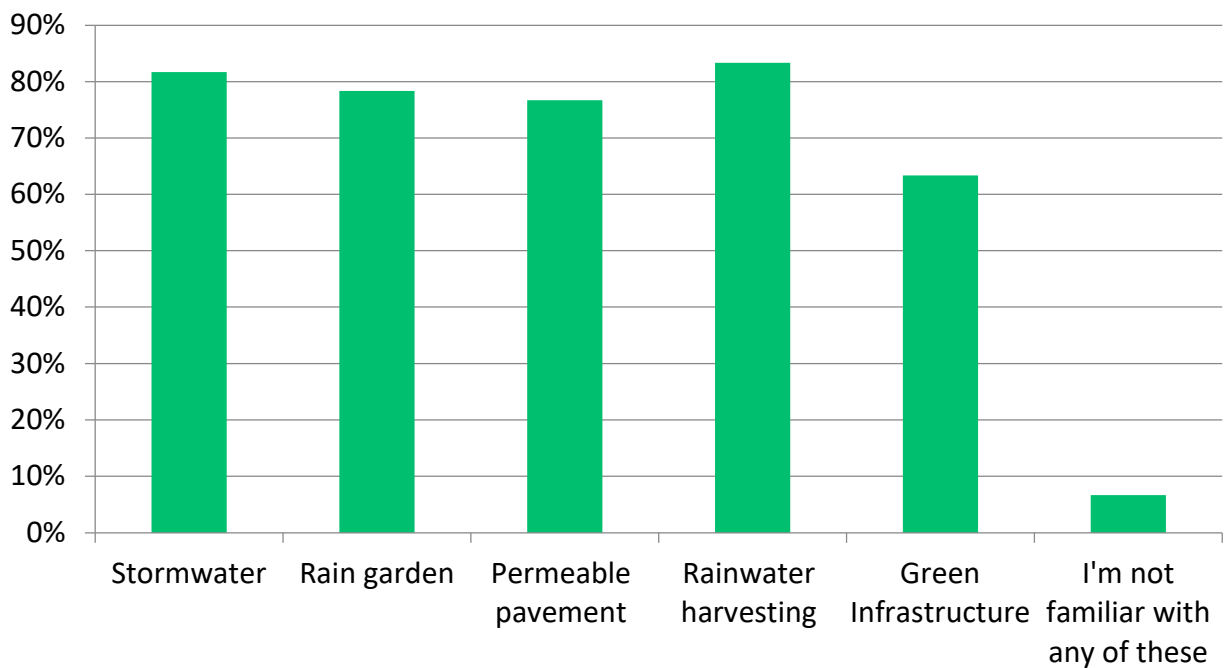
Other:

- Better drainage - it becomes a swamp when it rains
- Free Wi-fi accessibility
- Add playground equipment for the 8-12 range, like a spiderweb climbing structure, ropes course elements, or a more difficult climbing wall. Families with multiple children that span a wide age range could use the park better if there was equipment for a broader age range. As it is, the older children climb on top of the structures (which is a bit unsafe) since there isn't anything age appropriate for them.
- Drainage (park is a swamp for days after any amount of rain)
- Working gates
- Water fountain
- I walk by Pop's park every day. I just hope it remains a nice green, open space for the kids.
- BBQ or pavilion.
- A cover to block the heat over the equipment. The equipment can get very hot.
- Equipment for older children. During last renovation (2013) the equipment for older children was removed and playground was re-designed for pre-schoolers. There was some unhappiness about that.
- Shade!! We only go to Indian Creek park because it offers more shade and more engaging play equipment
- Restroom, working water fountain, shaded area
- Drainage/mosquito control
- Water fountains that are always functional
- Better drainage. The mosquito population is usually pretty high..and sometimes the park is muddy.
- Bathrooms.

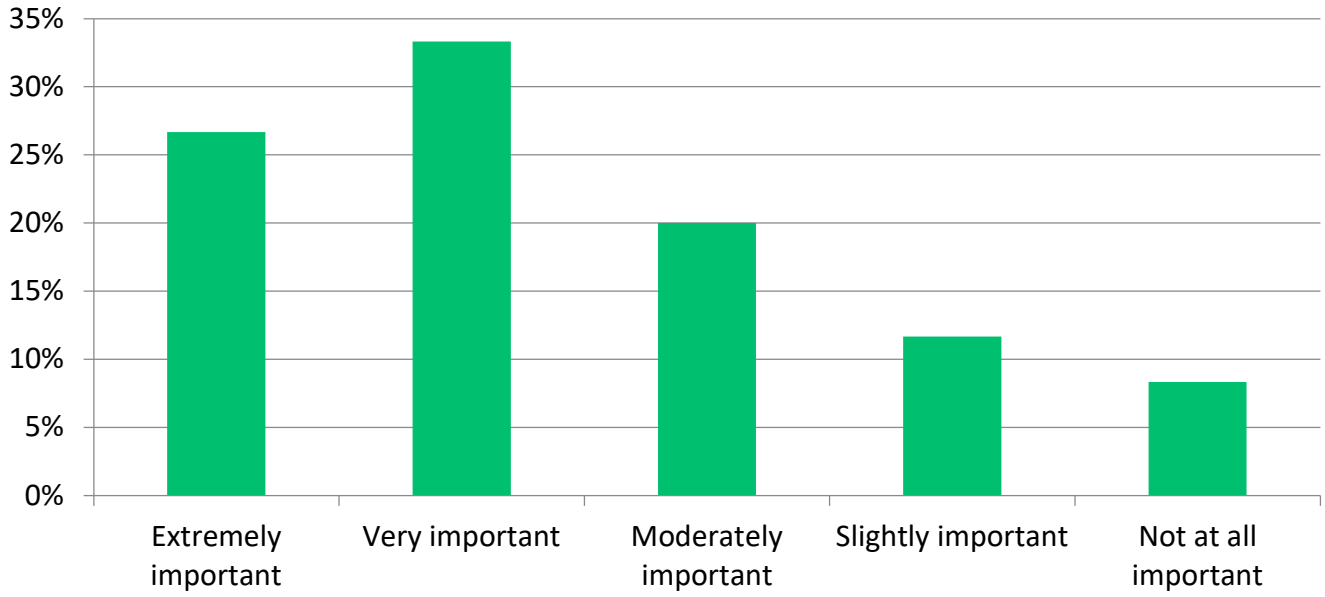
5. Of the priorities selected above, which are your top three?



6. Which of the following terms are you familiar with? (Check all that apply)



7. How important is it for green infrastructure practices to be incorporated into future park renovations?



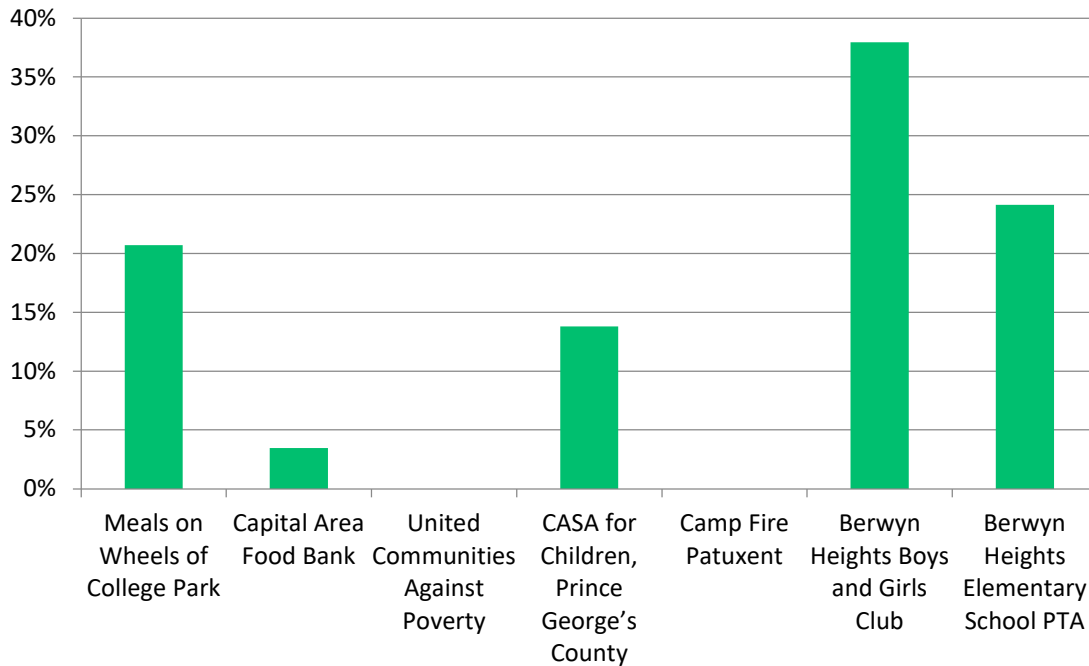
8. Any other thoughts or comments?

- Maintain the new trees so that the park is shaded from the sun as they grow taller
- My kids use (or used to use, when it was open) Pops Park a lot and they really like the equipment - including the climbing wall. I only wish it was maintained a little better - being mowed on a more frequent basis, mulch cleaned/added, fencing fixed, sound/game sections fixed. The addition of hand sanitizer stations would be nice. Lighting and extended hours would be really nice during the winter.
- Add free wi-fi. Make sure there is enough shade (either trees or sun sails) and comfortable seating for ALL age groups.
- More trees would shade the park and make it a more pleasant place to be.
- Please do not use any material that comes from tires. It is not safe.
- My roommate works for a company that installs rain gardens in DC.
- Drainage has to be priority #1. The park becomes unusable for a few days after moderate rain and almost a week after heavy rain. For such a lovely and well-located park, it's sad to see it go unused for so long because of rain.
- With all due respect, the basic needs of the park need to be addressed as part of this design plan: working water fountains and gates.
- The swale behind the back fence of the park should be transformed into a proper, ADA compliant walkway
- Just make sure the gate stays in good working order. I sometimes worry about kids running out and into the street on the occasions when the gate has been broken and unable to close shut.
- I would really like to see a place in BH that allows people and families of all ages to gather, cook, and share food.
- "For the most part, I find pop's park to be quite desirable and can't wait to get back there.
- A few observations/recommendations would be:
 1. The playground equipment is set below the ground level so that whenever it does rain those areas become flooded and are unable to be stood on without sinking in (this could possibly be mitigated with firmer permeable pavements or improvements to the drainage system/walking path directly outside of the park)
 2. I also think that a central gathering/seating/garden/gazebo area would be nice for parents to congregate and still be within close proximity to all 3 areas of play. It would also provide some shade that is lacking in the middle of the park (this could include said rain gardens or trees and rain barrels on the side.)
 3. A tiny lending Library with a mix of children's books and novels for parents would also be a nice addition for those that relax while others play."
- Separate play areas for younger children
- It's the closest playground to my house and my 1 year old is soon able to take advantage of playgrounds. But the times I've gone it has always been so muddy and nasty! I'd love to see it improved.
- As an older resident whose children no longer use the park, my interest is mainly aesthetic. The landscaping could be better maintained, and grounds could use better drainage. Up to the 2013 renovation of the park, there was a kiosk for Town news which was considered useful.

8. Any other thoughts or comments (*continued*)?

- More shade, more engaging play equipment with the green infrastructure which could offer science learning. It could be exciting if the green infrastructure was a learning exhibit for kids like an outside museum. That would be amazing if we had a PG imagination playground with Indian Creek and a science/STEM playground at Pops park.
- The ground has shifted a lot since the benches were put in making them very awkward to use and high up.
- Butterfly habitat and/or community gardening area for adults & kids
- Please consider hiring the "Imagination Playground" folks who did Indian Creek Playground, Wizard of Oz at Watkins, etc. They do a wonderful job and add a great deal of value
- "To have trees to bring shade to the playground equipment.
- Water accumulates on the playground area and it is muddy and soggy for days after rain day. Good draining system would be strongly recommended.
- Also make sure that remnants of old equipment are pulled out of ground, you can still see eroded sharp metal sticking out of the ground on the grassy area close to the swings and bench which is hazard and not safe to play around."
- Pops park is a sweet little place. I'm glad it's in my neighborhood.
- The drainage needs to be improved. The water table in that area seems high and when we have had a lot of moisture a lot of the grassy area is unusable
- I grew up in Berwyn Heights and even as a teenager we hung out at Pops park, or as I always called it Triangle park. Over the past few years I have been aware of teens being pushed out of the space, even by officers telling them it was for little kids and not a teen hangout. I get it, teens can be rowdy and take over space so little kids can't use it. I would love for there to be some sort of space for teens, either in this park or somewhere in town for them to hang out. A skate park? A little gazebo area? A few benches that are painted in a "teen" way to attract them to have a place to hang out? Just something for them, they really need a space here in town.
- Looking into solar phone charging stations and wifi hotspots?
- Please keep maintenance up to date like filling areas with wood chips.

9. Please select one community-based nonprofit organization to receive a \$100 donation from the LID Center once the survey closes.



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