

# APPENDIX

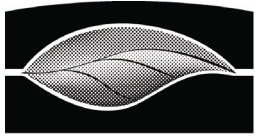
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PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTES





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**MEETING NOTES**

Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan &amp; Shaffer Park Master Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Bethel Township Building</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>3.16.23 7:00 – 9:00pm</b>
Re:	<b>Committee Meeting 1</b>	Issue Date:	<b>3.28.2023</b>

**ATTENDEE LIST:**

**Committee:** Giovanna Iacono, Michael Schneider, Jason Fletcher, Kristina Lamia, Chuck Dennie, Stephanie DerOhannessian, Michael Dunn, George Lincoln

**Simone Collins:** Pete Simone, Emma Haley, Liz Krohn

**INFORMATION TO SEND:**

**Simone Collins to Bethel Township + Committee Members:**

- DCED and PA Conserve Guidebook for the official map

**Bethel Township + Committee Members to Simone Collins:**

- Chuck – township connectivity suggestions he mapped
- Chuck – a pavilion example for Shaffer Park
- Giovanna – shared driveway easement possibility for Shaffer
- Giovanna – Final Shaffer survey

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

**Presentation**

- Pete Simone, Emma Haley, and Liz Krohn of Simone Collins led the group through a brief presentation which included the following elements:
  - Introductions
  - Project Team and Experience
  - Project Schedule
  - Parks and Open Space Plan
    - Project Scope
    - Planning Process
    - Existing Data
    - Site Photo Tour
    - Brainstorming & Discussion
  - Shaffer Park Design
    - Project Scope
    - Planning Process
    - Existing Data
    - Site Photo Tour
    - Brainstorming & Discussion
  - Next Steps

**PARKS & OPEN SPACE PLAN:**

**Brainstorming Cards**

Goals

- Comprehensive Rec Plan
- Serve all ages

Facts

- John Adkinson Park is loved by the community
- Township has 3 nice small parks
- Pickleball is noisy
- Pushback by residents for ball fields at Francis Harvey Green School Field
- Garnet Valley Greenway
- Clayton Park is a great community asset
- Chadds Ford Bike Routes
- Development of mushroom farm is underway
- No open space shown on mushroom farm land sketch
- Parking agreement with Bethel Springs Elementary

### Concepts

- Develop activities in the parks
- Add play equipment at John Adkinson Park
- Work with adjacent residents
- Connectivity between parks and residents
- Controlled crossings
- Connect outside of township
- Inclusive play
- Dog Parks
- Pavilions (rentable)
- Opportunities for land acquisition
- Booth property acquisition
- Better wayfinding at John King Park
- Link all parks together
- Park signage
- Delineated bike routes
- Possible ROW acquisition for connectivity
- Walking and cycling trails at Shaffer Park
- More parking at John Adkinson Park
- Get info out about parks
- Concert series
- Archery property – for open space?
- Wetlands/ buildable land on archery land
- Establish an official map
- Preserve land
- “Wi-Fi Hot Spots”
- Bollard lighting
- Lighting for community events
- Digital signage
- QR codes for interpretive signage
- Bathrooms
- Water fountains

### Comments During the Brainstorming and Discussion Session

#### Park System

- Lack of Knowledge about Township Parks
  - Giovanna:
    - Township needs to expand knowledge of the parks and highlight the amenities that exist
    - Township has thought about doing ‘park spotlights’ to get info out
    - Pete: suggested a newsletter
  - George:
    - Visibility is part of the problem – only John Adkinson Park is visible from the road
- Facilities
  - George:
    - Current parks do not have facilities that draw people into the park
  - Chuck:
    - Residents leave the township for better park amenities
      - Pete: SC will benchmark communities of similar size
    - Suggested dog parks and outdoor meeting spaces, like pavilions. Currently the township only has the gazebo.
    - Suggested parks with digital signage and other forms of technology

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- Pete: suggested QR codes on signs, which would allow the township to change content and not litter parks with lots of signs; parks could also have Wi-Fi hot spots
- Need for lighting in parks
  - Pete: agreed – lighting makes people feel safe within parks, especially in winter and with daylight savings time; could even just have bollard lighting
- Kristina:
  - Township needs an ADA playground – Giovanna agreed
    - Pete: suggested inclusive playground that includes all ages and abilities
- Jason:
  - Referred to Willistown Township’s inclusive playground, which has a pavilion with a restroom that the township rents
  - Currently no restrooms in parks – they rent port-a-potties for events
    - Pete: restrooms in parks are controversial because they are expensive, require lots of maintenance, and are often vandalized, but suggested the township advocate for it because it is a quality of life need
- Parking – Limits Programming
  - Jason:
    - Township has considered a concert series and other programming, but the parks do not have enough parking
      - The issue is the land available for parks. There are options to land acquisition, but it can be expensive. If the township finds it is a priority for the community they will have to acquire more land. (How Schaffer Park was acquired)
  - Michael Schneider:
    - Township hosts events at Bethel Springs Elementary School because it has enough parking.
- Connectivity
  - Michael Schneider (agreed upon by Jason):
    - Lack of connectivity - all township parks need better connections; they have researched and there is not an easy solution
      - Pete: a little connection can bring a lot of people to a space; someone will always be upset about sidewalks, bike lanes, etc., but ultimately the township needs to plan for what is best for community as a whole
    - It is challenging for pedestrians to cross roads
      - Pete: suggested traffic control devices that alert drivers with a flashing beacon when pedestrians approach crosswalks
    - Connectivity to regional trail systems
      - Referred to Concord Township’s success with the Concord Valley Greenway and the Garden Valley Greenway, which will connect to Octorara Trail
        - Crossing Rt. 202 will be the challenge, but it will be safer for trail users once they reach Chadds Ford

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- Suggested creating a connection within Bethel Township to these greenways – then it would be possible for trail users to get to the Brandywine River Museum from Bethel Township
- Michael Dunn:
  - There is not a good place within the township to ride a bike – it is too dangerous on the streets – residents have to drive somewhere else to ride a bike
    - Pete: difficult for communities with narrow roads, but provided options:
      - Expand / acquire ROW – expensive
      - Or utilize shoulders on roads where they exist

#### Booth Parcel Next to Bethel Community Park

- Michael Schneider:
  - Township has inquired about obtaining the property, but there is hesitancy from residents due to the contamination
    - Pete: a cap can be placed on the property and it could be a park; however, the owner of the property would still be liable for the safety/health of park visitors. Noted that the site will never be determined ‘safe’ by the EPA; they best designation that could be achieved would be ‘acceptable level of risk’

#### Francis Harvey Green School Field

- Michael Schneider:
  - Garnet Valley School District was going to put ball fields there, but the neighbors were opposed – suggested SC get a hold of those plans from SD

#### Jack King Park

- George and Giovanna:
  - Residents do not know about Jack King Park; especially the trail in the back of the park
- Michael Schneider:
  - People do not use the trail at Jack King Park because people have to drive there – Pete – may be “easy” to create sidewalk connection.

#### John Adkinson Park

- George:
  - John Adkinson is the most visited because it is visible, but there is nothing special there to draw people in
- Jason:
  - If there were sports fields, basketball or pickleball people may come to the park, but residents at Fox Field may be opposed to improvements
    - Pete: Pickleball is nosy – need to be good neighbors when deciding where to place pickleball courts
  - Not enough parking to host events
- Giovanna:
  - Township has applied twice for a grant exercise equipment – they will probably get it

#### Conservation

- Michael Schneider:
  - Wants to look at preserving land and limiting development. Some possible locations:
    - Booth property –
      - Archery property – prime for conservation because of the flooding; however, developers will find land in the back to develop on.
      - Pete: Recommends the township consider adopting an official map. Described it as both a map and an ordinance to designate areas for public improvement that would contribute to the public good. Would give the township opportunities to negotiate with developers when the developers wish to develop properties. Township would have one year to act –. SC has created an official map for many townships.
      - Giovanna: thinks it is worth it; mentioned the mushroom farm is under contract now.
      - Pete: would work well, but the township needs to know what it wants before the conservation easement is written

## SHAFFER PARK MASTER PLAN:

### Brainstorming Cards

#### Goals

- Shaffer Park Plan

#### Facts

- Beautiful
- 300 people come out for the Easter Egg Hunt (occur here?)
- Ash trees (being sprayed to protect)
- Existing fence
- Creek overflow at Goodley Road
- Wet soil areas leading down to pond

#### Concepts

- Stabilized turf
- Overflow parking
- Maintenance building
- Stream restoration
- Larger lawn area
- Pavilions
- Preserve wildlife
- Stormwater management
- Replace allée (for future)
- Geogrid
- Paths wide enough for emergency vehicles
- Wide paths at Goodley Road entrance
- Open lawn space for events
- Hills of Bethel connection
- Take down fence at creek
- Connection to HOA?
- Morris Arboretum "Tree House"
- BBQ Grills
- Maximize usable space
- Increase habitat value
- Modify maintenance program
- Concerts in the park
- Expand temporary parking for events
- Goodley entrance could connect to Bethel Springs Elementary
- Keep fence along residential properties

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## Comments During the Brainstorming and Discussion Session

### Conservation Easement

- Michael Schneider:
  - Hoping we could add up the square footage of protected areas in the conservation easement and move them
    - Giovanna: NALT may be opposed to swapping the protected areas, but will make a decision based on the design concepts for the park
  - Mentioned there is a shared residential/ park use driveway possibility
    - Pete: sees this as a potential future issue
    - Giovanna: will send driveway easement to SC
- Pete:
  - Limited grading possibilities within the easement, so no active recreation features like a ball field

### Access

- Pete:
  - Sightlines are poor
  - Suggested a sensor coming out of driveway that would trigger a beacon up the road to let drivers know drivers or pedestrians are exiting the park. Will check with Al Federico
- Giovanna:
  - Wondered about getting emergency services to the far end of the site from Bethel Road
    - Pete: ADA path in park could be 8 to 10 feet wide; recommends asphalt because stone dust, which is also ADA compliant, erodes over 3% slope.
- George: suggested expanding access from Goodley Road
  - Giovanna: Township is having a survey done of the area so it can be a future connection to the park
- Stephanie:
  - There could be another connection to the park from the Hills at Bethel; however, it is steep there and they would have to talk to the HOA
- Kristina:
  - There is a nature trail from Bethel Springs that the neighbors made; could expand it to Goodley as another park connection
    - George: takes this trail to Spring Meadow and John Adkinson Park
    - Giovanna: mentioned it is a long distance for people to walk if they parked at Bethel Springs for an event at Shaffer Park

### Stormwater Management (SWM)

- Jason:
  - Wondered if the pond could be used for detention
    - Pete: no, because of the berm around it, but removing the pond and restoring it to wetland will help with SWM for the site
  - Suggested subterranean stormwater management under lawn areas

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- Pete: bioswales / infiltration areas throughout the site would be more economical and equally (or more) effective
  - Pete:
    - Meadow is better for SWM than lawn
      - Questioned how much lawn is needed – mentioned lawn the size of a football field is enough for events
        - Giovanna: provided an indicator - 300 people show up for Easter Egg Hunt
- Giovanna:
  - Streambank restoration is a part of the PRP (Pollutant Reduction Plan), as a part of the MS4 for the site
  - Heard from Mr. Shaffer that the open lawn area to the west, north of the pond, is very wet
- Michael Dunn (his property abuts Shaffer property to the west):
  - Mentioned that during a substantial rain event, the creek overflows and Goodley Road gets blocked off from flooding
    - Pete: Flooding will not be exacerbated since storm water management of park runoff will be better than exists now

Facilities/ Programming/ Natural Features

- Stephanie, Michael Dunn and Jason:
  - Would like to see an outside loop that is runnable with different grades
- Giovanna:
  - Questioned what to do with existing fence
    - Pete: remove one at creek; keep on adjacent to residential properties to the west
  - Concerts in the park – said people could sit on the slopes to watch
    - Pete: electric connection will be needed
- Michael Dunn:
  - Suggested a cycling path
  - Wondered about lighting in the park
    - Pete: suggested a light in the parking lot and near the street that goes out at a certain time; would not recommend any more lighting than that because Shaffer is a passive park
    - Giovanna: confirmed all Township parks are dusk to dawn parks – Shaffer Park would be the same due to proximity to neighbors
  - Mentioned wildlife present and is concerned about preserving the land for the existing wildlife
    - Pete responded:
      - The property is a cultural landscape, not a wildlife preserve
      - The existing pond has limited wildlife value – restoring it to a wetland would enhance wildlife value
      - pond is a liability with the high berms surrounding it – would be difficult for a person to get out if they fall in

- May need to do Phase 1 Bog Turtle Assessment
            - SC has completed PNDI – there are no signs of Bog Turtles within the site.
  - Called out the need for trees to be removed; many have been treated for ash borer for many years
    - Pete: suggested considering tree replacement program for when trees, especially those a part of the allée, die
- Kristina:
  - Concerned about parking on site
    - Pete: Parking should be near entrance where it is flat and where there is space for overflow parking (could install stabilized turf). For larger events, a shuttle could be provided.
- Pete:
  - Meadow area is better for birds – SC will consolidate meadows and reforestation areas on plans for increased habitat value
  - SC will show simplified path system
  - For stream – could have boardwalk, educational signage with QR codes
  - Suggested gating the park to prevent people driving ATVs through the site
- Chuck:
  - Wondered if a maintenance building is a possibility
    - Pete: said easement allows it; pavilions are also allowed, under 1,000 SF total
  - Interested in having a large enough lawn space to throw a frisbee
  - Would like to see grill stations and tree houses like Morris Arboretum
  - Mentioned he wants the whole park used and accessible; many people stop at tree line and do not venture into woodlands – he wants the park woodlands to have activities that draw people in
  - Questioned park maintenance
    - Giovanna: currently Township staff is mowing and removing fallen tree limbs; they will modify their habitats and acquire necessary maintenance equipment within reason
  - Restrooms within the park
    - Pete: advocate for restrooms
    - Giovanna: Township will at least provide port-a-potties

NEXT STEPS:

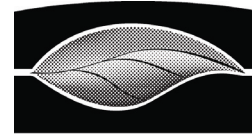
- Web-based Opinion Survey – open on April 27, 2023
- Public Meeting #1 – April 27, 2023
  - Flyers will be distributed by the Township
- Next Committee Meeting – June 8, 2023
  - Parks and Open Space Plan: review analysis and preliminary recommendations
  - Shaffer Park Design: review Draft Plan

This report represents the Professional’s summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

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MEETING NOTES

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Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan &amp; Shaffer Park Master Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Bethel Springs Elementary Gym</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>04.27.23 7:00 – 9:00pm</b>
Re:	<b>Public Meeting 1</b>	Issue Date:	<b>05.15.2023</b>

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ATTENDEE LIST:

**Simone Collins:** Pete Simone, Emma Haley, Liz Krohn

**Bethel Township:** Giovanna Iacono

**Community:** See attendance lists (attached) for in-person and virtual.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE PLAN MEETING SUMMARY:

PRESENTATION

Pete Simone (PS), Emma Haley, and Liz Krohn of Simone Collins (SC) led the group through a brief presentation which included the following elements:

- Introductions of Project Team and Experience
- Project Schedule
- Components of a Parks and Open Space Plan, which includes:
  - Evaluation of existing parks, with recommendations for improvements
  - Evaluation of other lands for parks or preserved open space
  - Recommendations for non-motorized trails / sidewalks to and from these facilities
- Project Scope
- Planning Process
  - PS explained the planning process which includes:
    - Collect site data, township analysis, develop township program, preliminary recommendations, draft plan, 60-day review period, and approved plan.
    - PS noted that after the completion of the plan, funding must be secured before moving towards implementation of any part of the plan.



- Existing Data
- Site Photo Tour

**BRAINSTORMING & DISCUSSION**

PS led the attendees through interactive brainstorming and discussion. Through this process the public identified several areas as they relate to the Township’s Parks and Open Space: Goals, Facts, Concepts, and Partners. Below are the responses gathered from the public during this exercise.

**GOALS:**

- Link parks through sidewalks and trails
- Education about why parks and open spaces are important
- Places for community gathering

**FACTS:**

- Lack of access to parks on foot
- There is activity in surrounding parks (outside of township)
- High percentage of special needs in area
- Naamans Creek Road is unsafe. The speed limit is 35 mph but the average speed is closer to 50 mph.
- Not a lot of amenities in John T. Adkinson Park
- Scouts made the nature walking path at Bethel Springs Elementary School
- Greenway to Concord to State Park
- John T. Adkinson Park is worn out and in need of new exercise equipment
- None of the Township parks have permanent bathroom facilities
- PennDOT roads throughout Township

**CONCEPTS:**

- Walkability
- Sidewalk connections
- ADA accessible parks
- Sensory garden
- Inclusive play
- Tree tags
- Maintenance Plan
- Acquire Right-of-way for trails
- Safe crossing @ Bethel Springs to Bethel Community Park
- Tennis courts
- History
- QR codes for educational signage
- Community garden
- More volunteer projects
- Traffic calming devices
- Use Francis Harvey Green School site
- Fishing Derby by John T. Adkinson Park
- Bike Trails between the Parks
- Bathrooms
- Safety in Parks is important
- Lighting

**PARTNERS:**

- Scout organizations
- DELCO
- Preservation Society
- Interact Club at H.S.
- Honors Society at H.S.
- BYC

**Questions/ Comments generated during the discussion:**

- General call for increased connectivity/ walkability within the Township
  - Comment: There is no way to safely get to the Township parks without a car.
  - Suggestion: Build a sidewalk on Foulk Road and a crosswalk to connect Bethel Springs Elementary School to Bethel Community Park.
    - PS said this is a great idea and that it may require a rapid flashing beacon.
      - A resident wanted to know who would pay for a rapid flashing beacon.
        - PS said probably the township, though there is a PennDOT program that may pay for it .
- One resident asked what connectivity within the Township would look like.
  - PS explained different trail types, including, but not limited to:
    - Off road trails – these are separate from road and will require acquiring right-of-way - obtaining easements from property owners
    - Bike lanes – usually 4 to 5 feet wide and sometimes can be incorporated by improving existing roadway shoulders
    - Sidewalks
- Interest to use the Francis Harvey Green School Field was expressed by several residents.
  - PS mentioned that it is SC’s understanding that some residents did not want soccer fields that were proposed there in the past. He continued to say that there is always opposition to proposed plans within communities, but he reminded the group that this is a process.
- Comments were made that the Township’s parks overall need better maintenance.
  - The primary example was that the library box and fitness stations at John T. Adkinson Park are dilapidated.
  - It was also mentioned that littering is a problem in all the parks.
- PS told the group that residents need to tell the Township Supervisors that park maintenance is important to them. He then reminded them that nicer parks require more maintenance, which requires more money.
- PS also said that no township can handle park maintenance on their own, and he encouraged the community to pick up trash when they see it, since everyone can be a steward of our community parks.
- A resident wanted to know what can be done for safety measures in parks.
  - PS said the best safety is to have people in the parks by making them desirable places to be. He also mentioned the Township could invest in camera systems.
- A resident asked if there will be an analysis of adjacent township parks.

- PS said neighboring parks and their facilities will be analyzed, but the Parks & Open Space Plan is about increasing and enhancing the parks, facilities, and connections within Bethel Township.
- The same resident made a comment that since there are currently nearby parks in adjacent townships that have facilities for the whole family to enjoy, Bethel residents have park options other than Bethel Township parks. General agreement with this comment.

**Suggestions for future parks/ future park facilities**

- Inclusive/ handicap accessible playground
- Sensory garden
- Education components – for ecology and township history
- Playground/ garden for adults
- More tennis courts
- Bathrooms
  - PS said bathrooms are a need for parks, but that they are expensive to build and maintain. He noted that modern bathrooms can have timed locking systems for maintenance and safety. He said bathrooms in the township parks are something they should consider as a community.
- One resident called for more community-oriented programming and events.
  - PS spoke to how parks have the ability to create community.
- One resident would like the pond at John T. Adkinson Park stocked with fish so the Township can host fishing derbies for adults and children.
- A resident wants the Township to save the remaining open space instead of allowing for more development, especially as a means to help with stormwater runoff.

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    - PS noted that after the completion of the plan, funding must be secured before moving towards construction. Projects of this size are typically built in phases.
- Existing Data
- Site Photo Tour
- Precedent Photos – facilities that could be at Shaffer Park
- Concept Review
- Brainstorming & Discussion
- Next Steps

**BRAINSTORMING & DISCUSSION**

PS led the public through an interactive slip chart technique and discussion. Through this process the public identified several areas as they relate to the Shaffer Park Master Plan during this exercise.

**FACTS:**

- Flooding issues along creek
- Sewer easements
- Bethel Road is unsafe
- Trash on site
- Pump house on Goodley Rd property has bees
- Pond was built to water livestock
- Deer present

**CONCEPTS:**

- Provide parking
- No parking
- Security
- Preserve
- Fence around perimeter
- Open views for neighbor
- Save yew/ berry bush by entrance
- Streetside Parking
- Wetland walkways
- Easement swap
- Buffer walkways from surrounding residences
- Move parking from non-conserved area on site
- Accessibility
- Lighting
- Information about trash/ littering
- Trees/ reforestation
- More meadow/ pollinator meadow
- No Goodley entrance
- ADA paths
- Pervious pavements
- “Natural”
- Spray park

**Questions/ Comments generated during the discussion:**

**Concerns**

In summary, as stated by one of the residents present, residents that border the park want to be assured that their quality of life will not change.

- Stormwater management
  - Residents said the existing pond was essential to prevent flooding of the properties adjacent to Naamans Creek; these residents had significant flooding during Hurricane Ida and other heavy rainfalls.
    - PS responded that the pond does not mitigate stormwater from the site and that the plans for the park will provide for enhanced stormwater management through meadow, reforestation and BMPs (best management practices). He assured the group that the stormwater flows must be designed by an engineer and would be equal to or less than the current flows.
  - A resident was concerned about what will be done to the sewer laterals on site.
    - PS assured the group that removal of the pond will not disturb sewer laterals.
- Proposed boardwalk and bridge
  - A resident wondered if building a boardwalk and bridge would be permitted.
    - PS said state permits will have to be acquired for construction. Anyone who wants to know when the permitting will be done will have to get in touch with the Township.
- Accessing the park by car
  - The access point to the park on Bethel Road is less than ideal and there are limited sightlines from the entrance to the property, especially east bound on Bethel Road.
    - PS said the entrance to the park on Bethel Road might benefit with a rapid flashing beacon that alerts east bound drivers of people exiting the park. SC will work with the project traffic engineer on viable solutions to make this access point acceptable.
- An attendee suggested that parking will allow for increased crime.
  - A resident wants Shaffer Park to be a neighborhood park that does not have parking on site. The resident said that a parking lot would require police presence because the park would be more accessible for people to commit crime there. He noted that he had called the police in the past to report “trespassers” on the Shaffer property. Some attendees agreed and commented on the need for safety. Some imagined potential crimes that could be committed at the park including drug use, littering, loitering, sexual activity, etc.
    - PS said without a parking lot people would park along Bethel Road, which is not wide enough and would present a danger. He recommended a gate at the entrance to keep people from driving into the park after hours. He also said people would still be able to walk to the park at any time.
    - PS reiterated that the best safety is to have people in the parks by making them desirable places to be.

- Proposed parking lot location
  - The resident who bought Doc Shaffer’s property would prefer if the proposed parking lot were in the original location called out in the easement. Constructing a parking lot where SC proposed it would require the removal of a tree planted for Doc Shaffer.
    - PS responded that the proposed parking lot location is not ideal but that it can be screened from his property. The resident responded that he would prefer no screening from his property at all – that he prefers the views from all directions.
  - An attendee suggested that Bethel Township does not need another park, that there are enough parks in the surrounding area that the Shaffer property does not need to be a public park. He continued to say that the neighbors bordering Shaffer like it as it is – a secluded green space that is undeveloped. (Editor’s note: this site IS technically a park)
- Trash in the park
  - One resident regularly cleans up trash along his property and Naamans Creek, and in his opinion, having a park would only increase the trash.
    - PS responded that trash is a problem in all parks and that only the community can be stewards of their park.
  - Another resident wonders where the trash cans will go.
    - Locations to be determined.
  - A resident was concerned that removing the fence along Naamans Creek would allow even more trespassers and trash on his property.
    - PS acknowledged the concern and said the fence was in poor shape and an eyesore. He said a new fence could be installed, but that it is not ideal for a natural area. Instead of a fence there could be signs telling people where private property is located.
- Goodley Road Access
  - The resident whose property is on Wendy Way and abuts the Goodley Road parcel (Township-owned) has several concerns, including:
    - Buffering from the proposed park entrance – she would like 50 feet between her property line and the proposed park path
    - In her opinion, part of the Goodley Road parcel driveway is on her property
    - Littering and crime at the Goodley Road parcel and at the stormwater detention area adjacent to her house
    - The pump house on the Goodley Road parcel is full of bees and should be torn down
  - A resident suggested that people could park along Goodley Road and access the park via a boardwalk through the middle of the Goodley Road parcel.
  - Another resident suggested that the Goodley Road parcel could not be considered as another access point to the park.
- Habitat destruction
  - A resident expressed that trails destroy habitat and that trees should not be removed. She brought with her a petition with 74 signatures to protect trees and undeveloped land within the township.



**MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

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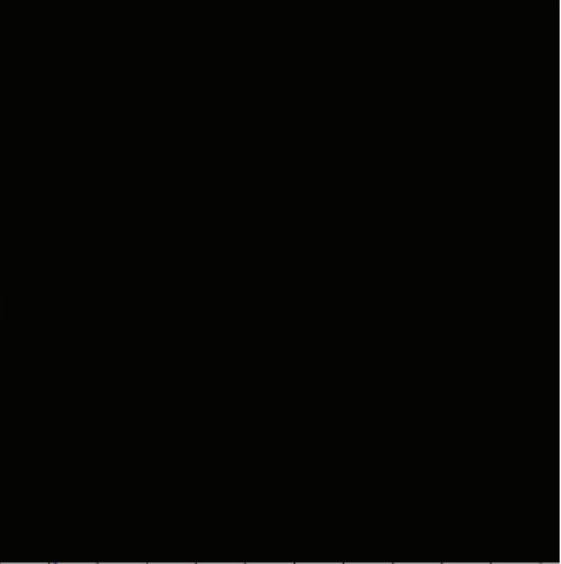
Project No.: 22068.10


Location: Bethel Springs Elementary Gym  
3280 Foulk Rd, Garnet Valley, PA 19060

Date: 04.27.2023

Topic: Public Meeting #1

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

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10.	Chuck Dewie	
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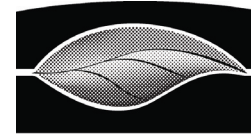
VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:

- Laurence Smith
- Omkar Prabhu P Myers
- Roger
- Mark Breymeier
- Michael DeLio
- Rosanna Yeung
- JP
- Fely MacMain
- James Yang
- planning.commission@betheltwp.com
- Maria Hensinger
- Brian
- Joseph Anderson
- Kate
- Lou Torrieri
- Sarah Dennie
- Mark Breymeier

BRAINSTORMING & DISCUSSION:

Questions/ Comments generated during the discussion:

- Sarah Dennie: The audio is hard to follow. My name is Sarah. I live on Farmhouse Lane. I'd suggest looking at a safe crosswalk from bethel springs elementary school to the township park. Across Foulk Road. Drive by during a Booters soccer event or other township events and families are forced to cross at unsafe areas. And park in unsafe areas. Sidewalks on Foulk would be wonderful.
- Michael DeLio: Leave the pond!! It adds to outdoor recreation and preserves the aesthetics of the farm land!!



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MEETING NOTES

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Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan &amp; Shaffer Park Master Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Bethel Township Building</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>7.13.23 7:00 – 9:00pm</b>
Re:	<b>Committee Meeting 2</b>	Issue Date:	<b>7.25.2023</b>

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ATTENDEE LIST:

**Committee:** Giovanna Iacono, Kristina Lamia, Chuck Dennie, Stephanie DerOhannessian, George Lincoln

**Simone Collins:** Emma Haley, Liz Krohn

FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING:

**Simone Collins goals for Preliminary Connectivity Map:**

- SC was directed to show no trails/ paths through HOAs or residential backyards.
- Suggested to better graphically distinguish between road/ sharrow and what is an off-road trail or sidewalk.
- SC should recommend what parcels the Township should consider in the future as possible open space.
- Recommended to have the Connectivity Map on a board for people to mark up, just like at the Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting.
  - SC recommends that the board presented to the public should have the proposed routes mapped out (as discussed with the committee) in order to generate more feedback and keep the project timeline on track. SC will provide precedent images of all the proposed route types (sharrows, sidewalks, and off-road trails) on the board next with the map.

**Simone Collins goals for Shaffer Park Master Plan:**

SC was directed to make the following revisions to the plan:

- Provide boardwalk only for access to Goodley Road entrance, not as an education loop
- Flip parking orientation and provide overflow parking between the parking area and the former Shaffer property homestead
- Remove restrooms and designate a port-a-potties location
- Provide a water fountain/ water filling station
- Remove the community garden
- Show conceptual stormwater management areas on the plan

## MEETING SUMMARY:

### Presentation

Emma Haley and Liz Krohn of Simone Collins (SC) led the group through a brief presentation which included the following elements:

- Introductions
- Project Schedule
- Parks and Open Space Plan
  - Planning Process Update
  - Review Public Input
  - Trails 101
  - Draft Connectivity Plan
  - Discussion
- Shaffer Park Design
  - Planning Process Update
  - Review Public Input
  - Concept Plan
  - Precedents
  - Discussion
- Next Steps

### PARKS & OPEN SPACE PLAN:

The following are comments made by the committee regarding progress in the Parks & Open Space Plan, including the Preliminary Connectivity Plan (generated for discussion purposes only):

#### Additional Potential Partners

- Penn State students
  - In 2011 students conducted an analysis of the water temperature of the pond at John Adkinson Park. They found the water temperature is not suitable for trout, but may be acceptable for other types of fish, opening up the possibility of a fishing derby at the park. There is interest in this.
- Chester Ridley Crum (CRC) Watersheds Association
  - This non-profit has done tree plantings within the Township in the past.

### Preliminary Connectivity Plan

- A committee member commented, and the rest of the committee agreed, that there are no primary roads in the Township that are wide enough to accommodate a bike lane and recommended to SC to remove the precedent photograph of the buffered bike lane in the presentation.
- Committee members wanted to know how the possible sharrow routes would be indicated, specifically if the standard sharrow symbol would have to be painted on the roads, or if the sharrow routes could be indicated by signs.
  - SC has noted that a “share the road” signs must be accompanied with a painted sharrow symbol on the pavement.
  - The committee followed up that there seems to be too many sharrow routes. Would rather see more proposed sidewalks and a wayfinding system.
  - SC responded that some road rights-of-way are not wide enough for sidewalks, and sharrow routes would be the best option. SC will explore adding more sidewalks where feasible.
- Committee members agreed that the HOAs would most likely not be agreeable to public trails, and that no one in the Township would want a trail adjacent to their backyard for security reasons. SC was directed not to show these as possible trails. Therefore, the committee suggested that generally, all proposed connectivity improvements should be at the front of people’s properties.
  - SC noted that the tank farm will be a key person interview (KPI) to open the conversation for possible trail use.
  - Giovanna added the Township should be included in the KPI since they have already been in contact.
- Committee members also mentioned that a lot of the HOA land has a lot of rock and topography and might not be conducive to propose a trail.
- The committee agreed that the most important improvement would be sidewalks along Naamans Creek Road and Foulk Road. They also mentioned that along Naamans Creek Road there needs to be several designated road crossings, particularly between John Adkinson Park and the Hills at Bethel.
- The committee mentioned that one of the primary questions the public will have is: who will be responsible for maintaining any trails and sidewalks that are built. They will not want to maintain a sidewalk on their property.
  - SC notes that the homeowner would have to maintain the sidewalk on their property. SC will emphasize in the upcoming public meeting the importance of pedestrian and bike connectivity throughout their community and beyond.
- Committee comments regarding the map graphics:
  - Eliminate the white underlay from the proposed lines in order to see the road lines.
  - Check the Penn Del Archers parcel.
  - Change the terminology from proposed to “possible”.
  - The Garnet Oaks development has a private tot lot park that the map should represent.

## SHAFFER PARK MASTER PLAN:

The following are comments made by the committee regarding progress in the Shaffer Park Master Plan:

### Parking

- A committee member recommended switching the orientation of car headlights to face within Shaffer Park as opposed to the Sarum Farm Lane properties.
- The committee requested as much overflow parking be provided as possible and for that to be shown on the plan.

### Materials

- A committee member asked about pathway materials. SC replied that the proposed paths would be asphalt and the boardwalk could be wood or metal.
  - The committee agreed the boardwalk material should be more durable than wood since the boardwalk at Jack King Park is failing after 15 years. SC replied that it could be a composite decking system or a metal boardwalk and provided an example later in the presentation.
  - A committee member wondered if the forest paths could be stamped soil and if the meadow paths could just be mowed. SC replied that would limit what is considered ADA and could affect funding.
- Based on the survey feedback about having lighting within the park, a committee member clarified that Shaffer Park would be a dawn to dusk park and directed that lighting would not be needed.

### At Naaman's Creek

- A committee member believes the environmental educational/ boardwalk loop closer to the Wendy Lane properties should be pushed back or eliminated for the sake of the residents.
  - Other committee members agreed and proposed eliminating the leg of the boardwalk closest to the creek, bringing the asphalt path closer to the wetland, keeping the leg of boardwalk that leads to Goodley Road, and possibly putting an environmental education loop closer to the remaining boardwalk.
- A committee member believes the chain link fence should remain because he believes it is in good condition and provides a buffer for the residents.
  - Another committee member agreed that there should be some buffer for residents for security purposes, whether it is the current chain link fence or a replacement fence that the township pays for.
- A committee member wanted to know what restoration plans would look like near Naaman's Creek. SC replied that it would involve regrading near the creek and the introduction of shade tolerant wetland plantings that would enhance the ecosystem.

### Goodley Road Access

- The committee agreed that access at Goodley Road will be a significant asset to the surrounding communities. They also agreed that it is better just to have trail/boardwalk access on the parcel as opposed to additional parking, which was shown in an earlier iteration of the concept plan.
- A committee member wondered about pedestrian traffic through the Goodley Road entrance. SC suggested moving the park sign further in from the road and allowing the Goodley Road access to primarily be a neighborhood asset.

### Restrooms

- The committee agreed that Shaffer Park does not need a permanent restroom facility, in part because it would require additional maintenance on the part of the township that it might not be able to take on. Instead, the township will provide port-a-potties for the summers, which is what they do for the other township parks. SC responded that SC will designate an appropriate location for the port-a-potties.

### Community Garden

- The committee agreed that they believed no one would use the community garden because most people within the township have enough land to have their own garden if they wanted.
  - SC said SC can replace the proposed community garden space with more overflow parking space, as requested by the committee.

### Pavilions

- A few 15'x15' pavilions were shown on the concept plan, but a committee member mentioned that she would like to see at least one larger pavilion, similar to the one at John Adkinson Park.
- Another committee member mentioned that she liked the idea of a few smaller pavilions to allow for smaller, private gatherings.

### Additional notes

- A committee member suggested changing the language of "pre-permit plan" to "preliminary concept" or "concept" for the public meeting.
- A committee member would like the park to have a water fountain or water filling stations.
- A committee member wanted to know if cyclists will come to the park. SC replied that SC did not believe so, as the park is small and the loops are not that long. However, she mentioned it could be an ideal location for children to ride their bikes.
- The committee liked the proposed programming as represented in the precedent photos in the presentation.



NEXT STEPS:

- Shaffer Park Public Meeting #2 – Thursday, August 24, 2023
- Next Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 9, 2023

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**MEETING NOTES**

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Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Bethel Township Building</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>11.28.23 7:00 – 9:00pm</b>
Re:	<b>Committee Meeting 3</b>	Issue Date:	<b>6.7.2024</b>

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ATTENDEE LIST:

**Committee:** Giovanna Iacono, Kristina Lamia, Chuck Dennie, Stephanie DerOhannessian, Michael Dunn, George Lincoln

**Simone Collins:** Pete Simone, Pankaj Jobanputra

MEETING SUMMARY:

**Presentation**

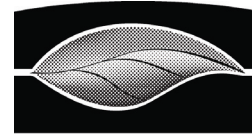
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  - b. Project Schedule
  - c. Planning Process Update
  - d. Mission Statement, Goals & Objectives
  - e. NRPA Standards & Community Benchmarking
  - f. Park Service Areas
  - g. Potential Park & Open Space Acquisitions
  - h. Conceptual Trail Connections
  - i. Discussion & Next Steps

**Comments During the Brainstorming and Discussion Session**

2. *John Adkinson Park*

- a. Committee Member noted that the HOA adjacent to the park is not an advocate of a loop trail.
  - b. The committee discussed the area around the pond, and that there is a self-made trail on the southern edge that is close to the property line. There is pushback from residents of the adjacent development who do not want people walking close to their property.
  - c. PS stated that the purpose of this plan is to have ideas that can be pursued in the future. Despite the swampy nature of the area, suggestions like volleyball or basketball courts can still be made.
  - d. Committee Member noted that courts located on the right side of the park would be close to adjacent houses.
3. *Calais and Sharon Open Space Parcels*
- a. Committee Member stated that the Sharon Parcel is tagged for MS4 requirements.
4. *Areas for Acquisition*
- a. PS clarified that the intention with this discussion is to identify parcels to include in the plan, not to immediately buy them.
  - b. Committee Member asked whether the Maguire property extends into another Township.
    - i. PS stated that SC does not think so but will confirm.
  - c. Committee Member stated that they had approached the owner of the horse farm to inquire about establishing it as a park but the owner was not interested.
    - i. PS stated that the conversation about this property during the comprehensive plan process was whether the Township would prefer if it were developed into townhomes, a park, or left as is.
  - d. Committee Member stated that there are not many undeveloped parcels in the Township, especially along Conchester Highway.
5. *Greene Parcel*
- a. Committee Member stated that there are issues with stormwater management.
  - b. Committee Member stated that they had heard that someone had made a donation for improvements on the property and that Concord is acquiring many open space parcels.
6. *Booth Parcel*
- a. PS stated that SC will double check whether residential uses are allowed under existing zoning designation.
7. *Penn Del Archery*
- a. PS stated that discussions with the comprehensive planning committee indicated that the archery complex could be primed for redevelopment. PS mentioned that housing at this site could be expensive, and that SC will need to see if the area floods.
8. *Official Map*

- a. PS stated that showing desired parcels on an Official Map is a good option for inquiring about possible acquisition.
  - b. PS clarified that owner permission is not mandatory for adding a parcel to the Official Map, and that value or marketability of the property is not affected.
  - c. PS stated that inclusion of parcels on an Official Map can support grant applications and increase attractiveness to funders.
  - d. Committee Member stated that residents may become fearful that the Township may raise taxes to fund acquisitions.
  - e. PS stated that negotiating conservation easements may serve as a better option since there is benefit for owners who desire permanent protection at no cost to the Township.
9. *Trail Connectivity*
- a. PS emphasized that there are many economic benefits that come with preserving open space and building trails.
  - b. Committee Member asked whether the PECO greenway trail is still going to happen.
    - i. PS responded that according to the County, it is still going to happen and will go through Clayton Park.
  - c. PS stated that the trail plan is modest but is a good place to start.
  - d. PS stated that the Francis Harvey Green property and the Booth property make a lot of sense and should be priorities.
  - e. Committee Member asked whether the Township would have to acquire the 5 homes in between Bethel Springs and the Greene field.
    - i. PS responded that those homes are not critical to how the open space would function and is not necessary.
10. *Next Steps and Further Comments*
- a. Committee Member requested that the trail plan include recommendations for priority sidewalk locations.
  - b. Committee Member asked whether it would be possible to have a discussion with the Penn Del Archery owner about getting a trail easement on the property.
    - i. PS stated that the Township should have that conversation.
  - c. PS stated that the Shaffer Plan will be completed before the end of the year.



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**NEXT STEPS:**

- Next Committee Meeting – February 8, 2024
  - Parks and Open Space Plan: review analysis and preliminary recommendations

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**MEETING NOTES**

Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Bethel Township Building</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>2.8.24 7:00 – 9:00pm</b>
Re:	<b>Committee Meeting 4</b>	Issue Date:	<b>6.7.2024</b>

**ATTENDEE LIST:**

**Committee:** Giovanna Iacono, Chuck Dennie, Michael Dunn, George Lincoln

**Simone Collins:** Pete Simone, Pankaj Jobanputra

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

**Presentation**

1. Pete Simone and Pankaj Jobanputra led the group through a brief presentation which included the following elements:
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Project Schedule
  - c. Public Opinion Survey Review
  - d. Mission Statement, Goals & Objectives
  - e. Projected Parks and Open Space Needs
  - f. Potential Park & Open Space Acquisition / Preservation
  - g. Draft Trail Plan
  - h. Organized Sports, Programming and Maintenance
  - i. Shaffer Preserve Plan
  - j. Funding
  - k. Next Steps

**Comments During the Brainstorming and Discussion Session**

2. *John Adkinson Park*
  - a. The field on the right is a prime spot for a formalized field.

- b. A playground could also go in this spot.
  - c. A meadow could be introduced along the pond to prevent geese from gathering.
  - d. There are algae and mosquitoes at the pond.
  - e. Bring in an arborist to examine the trees.
3. *Jack King Park*
- a. Hicks Lane is a private driveway, take out any improvements here.
  - b. The playground needs drainage improvements.
4. *Community Park*
- a. Add an additional crossing at the north end of the Park.
  - b. Open up the fence across the street at the School so people can get through.
5. *Maguire Farm*
- a. Introduce a smaller dog park here.
  - b. Maybe introduce ballfields here.
6. *Green Parcel*
- a. Still has drainage issues.
  - b. Is the pavilion too large?
7. *Booth Parcel*
- a. Have additional parking here.
8. *Silvestri Farm*
- a. There is remediation occurring.
9. *Additional notes*
- a. Consider restrooms at larger parks.
  - b. Are there issues with water fountains?
  - c. In the Shaffer drawing, add a hatch for the grass.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Next Public Meeting – March 21, 2024
  - Continue to prepare Draft Plan

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<b>Project:</b>	<b>Bethel Township Comprehensive Parks, Recreation &amp; Open Space Plan</b>	<b>Project No.:</b>	<b>22068.10</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Bethel Township Building</b>	<b>Meeting Date/ Time:</b>	<b>3.21.24 7:00 – 9:00pm</b>
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Public Meeting 2</b>	<b>Issue Date:</b>	<b>6.7.24</b>

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**ATTENDEE LIST:**

**See attached sign-in sheet.**

**Simone Collins:** Peter Simone (PS), Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ)

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

**Presentation**

1. Peter Simone and Pankaj Jobanputra of Simone Collins led the group through a presentation which included the following elements:
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Mission Statement, Goals & Objectives
  - c. Return on Environment
  - d. Public Participation Review
  - e. NRPA & Community Benchmarking
  - f. Projected Parks and Open Space Needs
  - g. Park Service Areas & Gaps
  - h. Potential Parks or Open Space Acquisition/Preservation
  - i. Draft Trail Plan
  - j. Organized Sports, Programming and Maintenance
  - k. Funding
  - l. Next Steps

**Discussion**

2. An attendee asked whether the report will include priorities.

- a. PS responded that the report will make prioritized recommendations.
- 3. PS reviewed the purpose of an Official Map with meeting attendees.
  - a. An attendee stated that it seems as if the Official Map is an advantage to the municipality but a disadvantage to the property owner.
  - b. PS stated that there is no cost to the owner and there is no change to zoning. PS stated that there is a common misconception that being listed on an Official Map will lead to condemnation, which is not the case.
- 4. An attendee asked whether acreage was a criteria for identifying potential open space acquisitions.
  - a. PS stated that it has been known for years that Penn Del Archers and the mushroom farm could be available, and that the horse farm has had ideas for development.
- 5. PS responded to an attendee that the Francis Harvey Green field may be a good opportunity and cited cost to develop and proximity to children, who would be a priority user.
- 6. An attendee stated that they like the idea of improving existing parks first before new acquisitions. They asked what the grant landscape is like for smaller parcels.
  - a. PS responded that there are DCNR, DCED, and County funds available for improvements, including stormwater.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Board of Supervisors Meeting #2 – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

**Project:** Parks & Open Space Plan  
**Location:** Bethel Township Building  
 1092 Bethel Rd., Garnet Valley, PA 19060  
**Topic:** Public Meeting #2

**Project No.:** 22068.10  
**Date:** 03.21.2024  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM

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1.	DAWN SAUNDERS	[REDACTED]
2.	GEORGE LINCOLN	[REDACTED]
3.	Dianne Smith	[REDACTED]
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**MEETING NOTES**

Project:	<b>Bethel Township Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Bethel Township Building 1092 Bethel Road, Garnet Valley, PA 19060</b>	Meeting Date/ Time:	<b>5/14/2024 7:00-9:00 PM</b>
Re:	<b>Board of Supervisors #1</b>	Issue Date:	<b>6.7.2024</b>

**ATTENDEES:**

Pankaj Jobanputra, SC

**PRESENTATION**

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) of Simone Collins (SC) led the group through a presentation which reviewed recommendations and included the following elements:

- Projected Parks and Open Space Needs
- Potential Parks or Open Space Acquisition/Preservation
- Official Map
- Draft Trail Plan
- Organized Sports, Programming and Maintenance
- Funding and Next Steps

**NOTES:**

General Comments/Questions

- The team and members of the public discussed the preliminary recommendations.

**Next Steps:**

- Simone Collins
  - Finalize Draft plan and submit by May 31st

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## KEY PERSON INTERVIEWS



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**KEY AGENCY INTERVIEW NOTES**

Project: **Bethel Township Parks & Open Space Plan & Shaffer Park Master Plan** Project No.: **22068.10**

Location: **Virtual Teams Meeting** Meeting Date: **8.30.2023** Time: **1:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

Re: **Key Agency Interview – Delaware County Birding Club**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Simone Collins (SC)**

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ), Emma Haley (EH)

**Delaware County Birding Club**

Debbie Beer (DB), President

**NOTES:**

1. DB stated the following about DCBC:
  - a. The club has 9 board members and 220 contacts.
  - b. The club hosts many field trips; typically, there is 1 trip per month, but the average is going up. The trips are always free and open to the public.
  - c. The club hosts monthly programs from September to June. These programs have been hosted on Zoom since 2020; however they are transitioning to in-person programs in January.
2. DB stated that some members might live in Bethel, and suggested reaching out to Brian Quinlin, an elementary school teacher within the Township.
3. DB stated that there has been an uptick in the birding community after the pandemic; especially from a more diverse crowd.
4. EH asked how she would like to see the birding community use the Shaffer Park space?
  - a. DB mentioned she appreciated the mix of habitat because it yields more birds and makes it more exciting to walk around. She stated that having loop trail is important. She stated that DCBC is in support of as much natural area as possible, in addition to safe trails and safe parking.

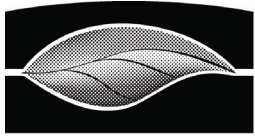
5. EH stated that the number of parking spaces has been a hot topic, and is always hard to gauge.
  - a. DB stated that Bryn Cohen Preserve has 55 spaces and serves 500 acres, and Cheslen Preserve has 5 lots, with the largest having 50 spaces, and serves 1300 acres.
6. DB stated that one thing the club likes to advocate for is no dogs or leashed-only.
7. DB asked if it was a passive park.
  - a. EH responded that the park is under a conservation easement, so everything proposed within it must be passive recreation.
8. DB stated that they would like to see native plantings and no invasives. She added that a pollinator meadow would be much desired.
  - a. EH responded that coordination with the Township maintenance department will be imperative to ensure that meadows are properly maintained.
9. DB mentioned that at Stoneleigh has a lot of lawn and staff was able to reduce the cost of mowing by only maintaining 5-10 foot buffers along walking paths and letting meadow grow. The meadow area is mowed once per year to keep invasives in check.
10. DB suggested interpretive signage and wayfinding throughout the site.
11. DB suggested concentrating on the safety of people walking around in terms of trail design, and listed no dark corners, no bad sight lines, and softer corners. She added that the loop trail is a good thing to have, and any trail marker would be helpful.
12. DB noted that birders like to start early. She recommended that the gate be opened around 6am, when birders sometimes go out.

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## MEETING NOTES

Project:	<b>Bethel Township Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Virtual</b>	Meeting Date/ Time:	<b>09/26/2023 2:00-3:00 PM</b>
Re:	<b>Key Person Interview – Garnet Valley School District</b>	Issue Date:	<b>6.7.2024</b>

### ATTENDEES:

Marc Bertrando, Superintendent  
 Robert Sanderson, Director of Operations  
 Tara Allen, Bethel Springs Elementary Principal  
 Seth Brunner, Athletic Director GVHS  
 Peter Simone (PS), Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC)  
 Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ), SC

### MEETING SUMMARY:

1. MB stated that the School District (SD) has approximately 4500 students, which has declined by around 300 students over the last 5 to 6 years, but that enrollment has stabilized in the last 2 to 3 years and will likely rise due to new housing developments. The SD is currently evaluating a major renovation to the high school building, transforming it into a transportation and tech hub. Other improvements include 2 turf fields. Smithbridge, Temple, and Kirk Road will see transportation upgrades including turning lanes, sidewalks, and a traffic circle. The SD wants these projects to represent a commitment to a strategic plan that will improve the lives of community members and increase access to schools, libraries, and parks.

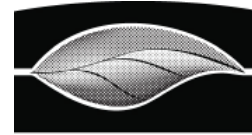
2. TA discussed enrollment projections for Bethel Springs, which was currently 550 students. Kindergarten has been brought back to Bethel Springs after being housed in Concord for several years.
3. MB discussed some factors that have impacted school enrollment, including declining birth rate and an aging population.
4. MB stated that there are no other expansions currently being considered.
5. MB stated that there are no current plans for Francis Harvey Green Field. It is currently used by the cross-country team, little league baseball, BYC, and the carnival. The open space is used by residents for walking. There are some topographic issues due to massive rocks under the surface, which was a struggle in the past.
  - a. BS added that there is also a runoff issue.
6. MB stated that the SD is a full access school community that encourages a symbiotic relationship with the community. The SD accommodates the Brandywine Youth Club who use the fields at Bethel Springs for various sports and does its best to accommodate senior citizens whenever possible. Other local groups like the Garnet Valley Valleysmen or Ascent sometimes reach out to schedule field usage.
7. SB stated that there is a cross-country course on Green that connects to Bethel Springs via a nature trail. Home meets have moved to Central Rose Tree Park but if the league were to decide to do local meets, Bethel Springs would be the location. The Bethel Bombers and Bethel Booters use Bethel Community Park.
8. MB stated that it was encouraging to hear that the plan will provide trail connection recommendations, as they can bring major safety enhancements for students, as the roads are not safe.
9. MB mentioned that there is a church near the high school campus whose neighbor has acquired land. There have been discussions that a trail connection from the high school down to Featherbed, to the middle school, and then to Bethel Springs would be greatly beneficial.
10. MB voiced support for environmental education opportunities.
11. MB stated that the SD concern is with bringing kindergarten to Bethel. It is close to maxed out on space, and any influx in students may be overcapacity.
12. TA stated that 590-600 students is likely the maximum. The high school is tight but not overflowing. The middle school is tighter but there are opportunities there to add space without much hassle. The SD is not at capacity at any school.

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## MEETING NOTES

Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Virtual</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>09/27/2023 1:00-1:30 PM</b>
Re:	<b>Key Person Interview – Delaware County Planning</b>	Issue Date:	<b>6.7.2024</b>

### ATTENDEES:

Steven Beckley, Open Space and Trails Planner, DCPD  
Peter Simone (PS), Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC)  
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ), SC

### MEETING SUMMARY:

1. SB stated that trails are allowed on power lines but that there is a process involving paperwork and outreach.
  - a. PS asked whether power line trails are still viable.
  - b. SB responded affirmatively that the power line trail is still feasible across the northern panhandle of the Township through Northbrook. SB stated that Concord Township is working on a master plan for a dog park location and mentioned that DCPD would like to see a trail crossing through Clayton Park.
2. PS stated that preliminary trail concepts include sidewalk connections on Foulk Road to Booths Corner and to Penn Del Archers and the mushroom farm site.
3. SB stated that Upper Chichester is working on a plan right now and recommended speaking to their township manager.
4. SB stated that the Right-of-Way of the PECO powerline is wide and a greenway trail could be accommodated without abutting adjacent houses.

- 5. PS stated that there are not many opportunities for on-road trails as there is no room for dedicated bike lanes. PS stated that a few routes will be identified that experienced cyclists might use and sign them with minimal shoulder improvements. There are more opportunities for off-road pedestrian improvements.
- 6. SB stated that the County did a sidewalk map several years ago which identified sidewalk gaps and analyzed where bike routes are in relation to sidewalks. SB stated that Concord Township has done some planning work for pedestrian paths along Smithbridge Road. SB stated that if ROW can be obtained, there are few obstacles to getting trails built.

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## MEETING NOTES

Project:	<b>Bethel Township Parks &amp; Open Space Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>22068.10</b>
Location:	<b>Virtual</b>	Meeting Date/Time:	<b>10/13/2023 1:00-1:30 PM</b>
Re:	<b>Key Person Interview – Garnet Valley School District School Board</b>	Issue Date:	<b>6.7.2024</b>

### ATTENDEES:

Vinit Dhurva, School Board Member  
Peter Simone (PS), Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC)  
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ), SC

### MEETING SUMMARY:

1. VD stated the School District (SD) is working on the Pennington project near the high school and is working on turf fields.
2. VD mentioned that a hospital could be a good local partner for a trail project by putting outdoor exercise equipment at trail markers.
3. VD discussed the Pennington project, which is an old school building. The plan is to move transportation, e-sports, administration, and servers to Pennington school. VD stated that Bethel Springs used to provide after-care service but has now been moved to the middle school.
4. VD stated that the school district is concerned about teacher availability. It is difficult to employ teachers

and there seems to be stabilization of student population levels. VD mentioned that there has been high turnover in teacher population.

5. VD stated that the SD is the recipient of major SD taxes. The SD knows what it needs when calculations are made. GVSD has been one of the lowest in terms of increasing assessment.
6. VD stated that walkability is a major factor during Pennington projects. The SD is working on trying to connect in to Bethel and is working with PennDOT to achieve more connectivity. Sidewalks will help circulate students between schools and open spaces.
7. VD stated that there are liability concerns with unlimited use of FHG fields.
8. VD stated that there is always a need for facilities or improvements, and they don't always need to be big projects like new courts. Concord built a gaga pit that has been popular.

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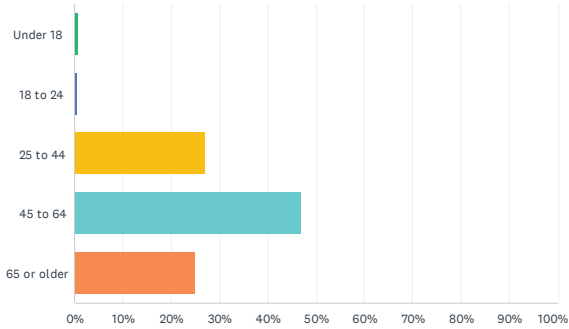


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### Q1 What is your age?

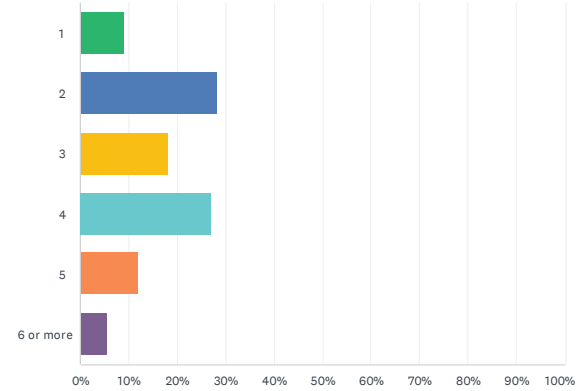
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.65%	2
18 to 24	0.32%	1
25 to 44	27.18%	84
45 to 64	46.93%	145
65 or older	24.92%	77
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>309</b>

### Q2 How many people currently live in your household?

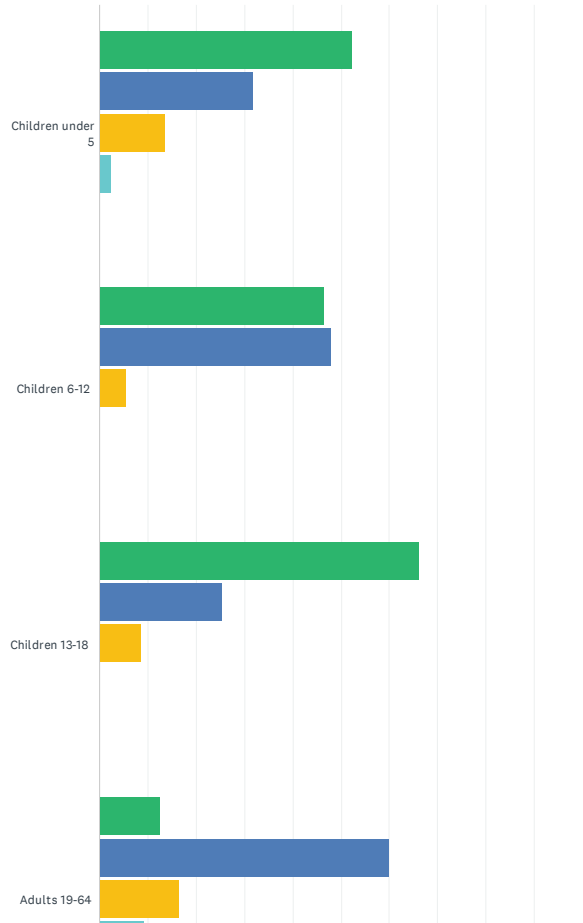
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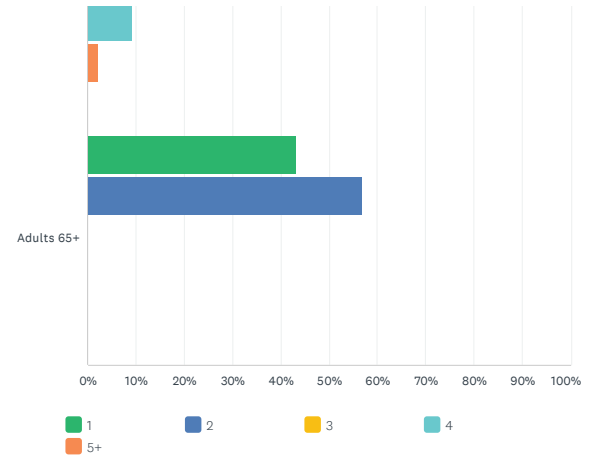
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	9.06%	28
2	28.16%	87
3	18.12%	56
4	27.18%	84
5	11.97%	37
6 or more	5.50%	17
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>309</b>

Q3 Please indicate how many people of each age group currently live in your household

Answered: 306 Skipped: 8



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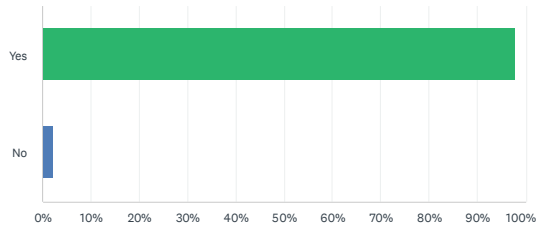


	1	2	3	4	5+	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Children under 5	52.27% 23	31.82% 14	13.64% 6	2.27% 1	0.00% 0	44	1.66
Children 6-12	46.48% 33	47.89% 34	5.63% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	71	1.59
Children 13-18	66.20% 47	25.35% 18	8.45% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	71	1.42
Adults 19-64	12.55% 30	59.83% 143	16.32% 39	9.21% 22	2.09% 5	239	2.28
Adults 65+	42.99% 46	57.01% 61	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	107	1.57

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Q4 Are you a resident of Bethel Township?

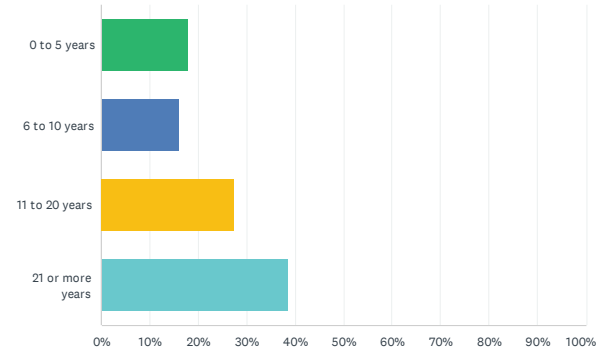
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.77%	307
No	2.23%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>314</b>

Q5 If you live in Bethel, how long have you lived in the Township?

Answered: 301 Skipped: 13

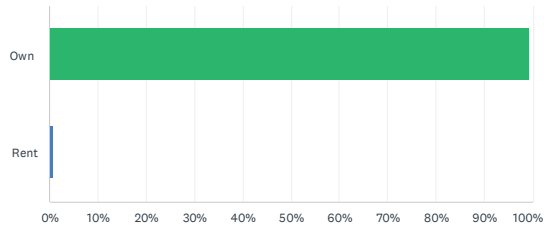


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 to 5 years	17.94%	54
6 to 10 years	15.95%	48
11 to 20 years	27.57%	83
21 or more years	38.54%	116
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>301</b>



Q6 Do you own or rent your place of residence?

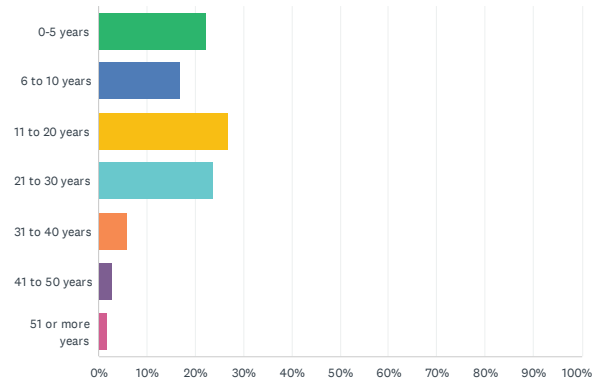
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	99.33%	295
Rent	0.67%	2
TOTAL		297

Q7 How long have you lived at your place of residence?

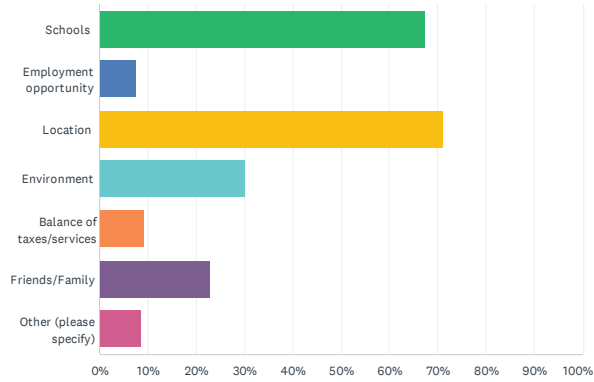
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 years	22.22%	66
6 to 10 years	16.84%	50
11 to 20 years	26.94%	80
21 to 30 years	23.57%	70
31 to 40 years	6.06%	18
41 to 50 years	2.69%	8
51 or more years	1.68%	5
TOTAL		297

Q8 If you are a resident of Bethel Township, why did you choose to move here? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 295 Skipped: 19



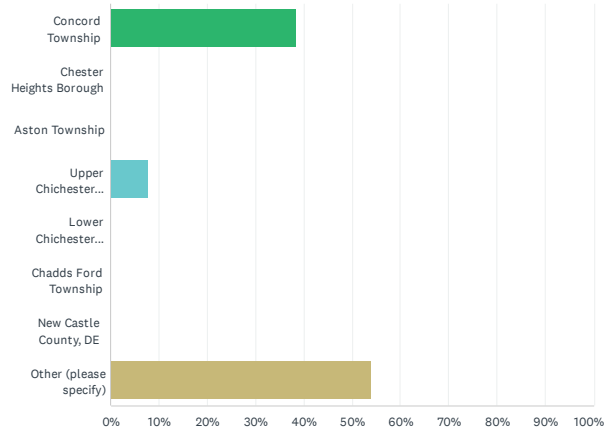
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Schools	67.46% 199
Employment opportunity	7.46% 22
Location	71.19% 210
Environment	30.17% 89
Balance of taxes/services	9.15% 27
Friends/Family	22.71% 67
Other (please specify)	8.47% 25
Total Respondents: 295	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Retirement	2/1/2024 1:35 PM
2	I grew up in Bethel and wanted to move back	1/31/2024 11:44 AM
3	Green spaces	1/21/2024 11:18 AM
4	Retirement	12/15/2023 7:19 PM
5	Grew up here.	11/29/2023 12:47 AM
6	Larger private home lots	11/27/2023 6:21 AM

7	No	11/8/2023 5:25 PM
8	Less congested	11/7/2023 12:11 PM
9	Lived in Concord Township but got a larger home that ended up being Bethel	9/7/2023 12:44 PM
10	1 acre residential zoning	8/20/2023 9:08 PM
11	Were in another home for schools, not in 55 plus	8/15/2023 2:15 PM
12	Foxfield	6/14/2023 8:35 AM
13	55+ community	6/5/2023 4:37 PM
14	Open space, country environment, away from cities, plenty of our own ground so our children can be safe in our backyard, not a park as in municipalities that have no backyards	6/5/2023 1:45 PM
15	Active and attractive 55 and over community, Foxfield!	6/3/2023 9:17 AM
16	Residence	6/3/2023 8:53 AM
17	Retired	6/3/2023 6:53 AM
18	55 plus active community	6/2/2023 9:08 PM
19	55+ Community	5/22/2023 4:03 PM
20	to have a farm	5/20/2023 10:53 PM
21	Senior community	5/17/2023 6:22 PM
22	Already retired and to downsize.	5/6/2023 8:59 AM
23	Lived here all my life. Love the area.	5/5/2023 12:09 PM
24	Housing market	4/29/2023 2:43 PM
25	Rolling hills and trees not sidewalks and strip malls	4/28/2023 7:34 AM

### Q9 If you are not a resident of Bethel Township, what is the name of the municipality you live in?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 301

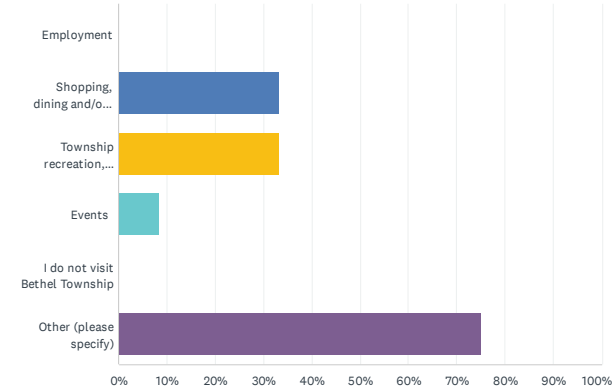


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Concord Township	38.46% 5
Chester Heights Borough	0.00% 0
Aston Township	0.00% 0
Upper Chichester Township	7.69% 1
Lower Chichester Township	0.00% 0
Chadds Ford Township	0.00% 0
New Castle County, DE	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	53.85% 7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Trainer borough	1/8/2024 2:19 PM
2	I own a home that my niece and nephew rent from me, but I am very interested in the community.	8/17/2023 9:59 AM
3	I am a resident of Bethel T	6/5/2023 10:15 AM
4	N/A	6/3/2023 9:18 AM
5	Resident	5/10/2023 8:30 PM
6	Bethel	5/7/2023 2:19 PM
7	Bethel	5/5/2023 2:21 PM

### Q10 If you are not a resident of Bethel Township, what are the primary reasons you visit? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 12 Skipped: 302



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Employment	0.00% 0
Shopping, dining and/or retail services	33.33% 4
Township recreation, parks and open space	33.33% 4
Events	8.33% 1
I do not visit Bethel Township	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	75.00% 9
<b>Total Respondents: 12</b>	

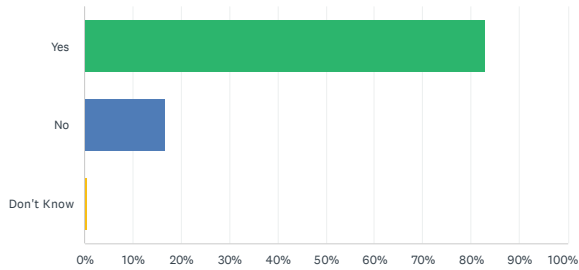
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1	My family were long time residents some still are! We are the Cheyney family	1/8/2024 2:19 PM
2	Used to live in bethel. Still go for friends and BSES nature trail	9/5/2023 7:39 PM
3	Birding	8/28/2023 4:51 PM
4	my family lives in Bethel township	8/17/2023 9:59 AM
5	I am a resident of Bethel T	6/5/2023 10:15 AM
6	N/A	6/3/2023 9:18 AM
7	Resident	5/10/2023 8:30 PM
8	Does not apply	5/6/2023 10:47 AM
9	Bethel	5/5/2023 2:21 PM

**Q11** In the past 12 months, has any member of your household participated in any activities in parks, natural areas, or open spaces in or around Bethel Township? This would include any recreational activity, such as walking, biking, participating in team sports, swimming, bird watching, etc.

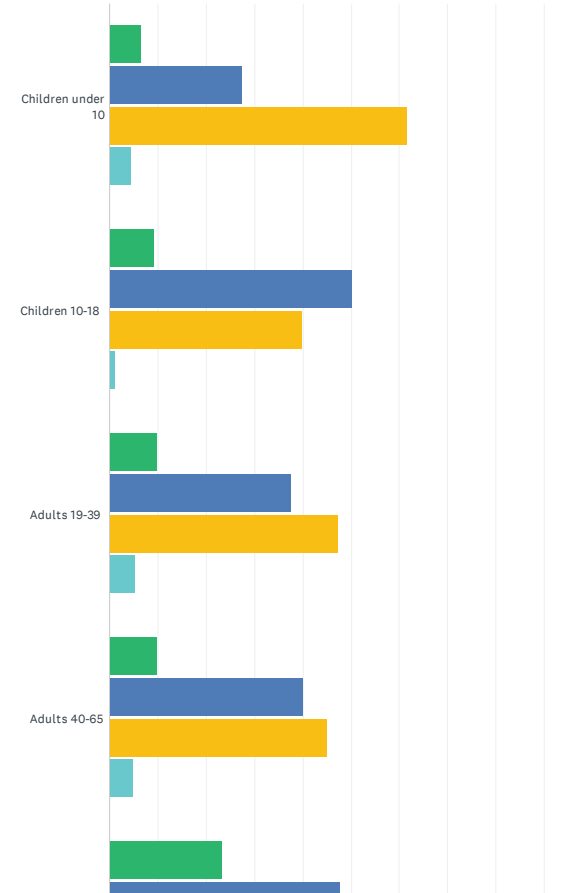
**Q12** By age group, how often have the members of your household gone to parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces in the past 12 months? (If certain age groups are not applicable, leave boxes blank.)

Answered: 276 Skipped: 38

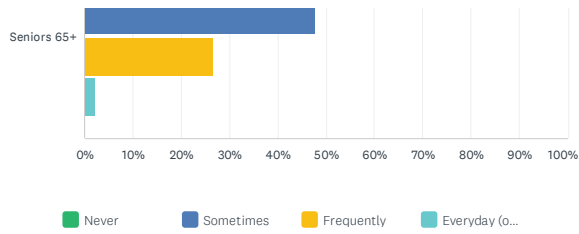
Answered: 273 Skipped: 41



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.97%	229
No	16.67%	46
Don't Know	0.36%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>276</b>



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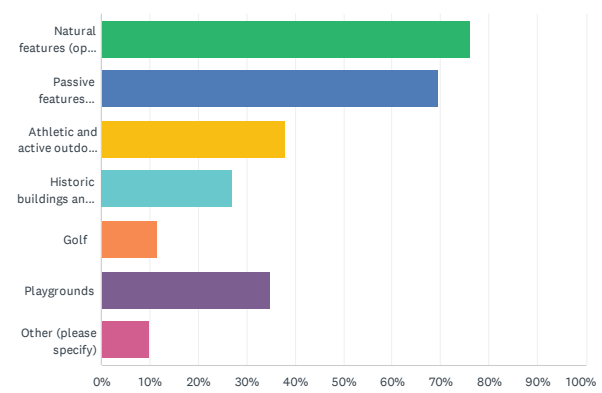


	NEVER	SOMETIMES	FREQUENTLY	EVERYDAY (OR ALMOST)	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Children under 10	6.59% 6	27.47% 25	61.54% 56	4.40% 4	91	2.64
Children 10-18	9.18% 9	50.00% 49	39.80% 39	1.02% 1	98	2.33
Adults 19-39	9.82% 11	37.50% 42	47.32% 53	5.36% 6	112	2.48
Adults 40-65	9.88% 16	40.12% 65	45.06% 73	4.94% 8	162	2.45
Seniors 65+	23.33% 21	47.78% 43	26.67% 24	2.22% 2	90	2.08

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Q13 What are your favorite types of park features? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 276 Skipped: 38



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Natural features (open space, wildlife habitat, outdoor education, etc.)	76.09% 210
Passive features (trails, benches, picnic facilities, etc.)	69.57% 192
Athletic and active outdoor activities (fields, courts, pools, fitness equip, etc.)	38.04% 105
Historic buildings and facilities	27.17% 75
Golf	11.59% 32
Playgrounds	34.78% 96
Other (please specify)	9.78% 27
Total Respondents: 276	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	WATER PLAY!! Splash pad aquatic center something!	1/26/2024 9:09 PM
2	Dog parks	1/8/2024 11:39 AM
3	Big old trees with shade and benches and real bathrooms	12/22/2023 8:26 AM
4	Dog Park	12/1/2023 10:13 AM
5	Slides, swings	11/12/2023 6:36 AM
6	Fishing	11/8/2023 10:24 PM

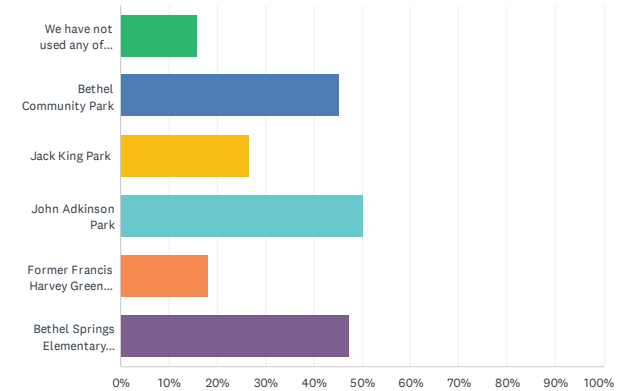
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7	fitness trails	10/2/2023 10:59 AM
8	Bike trails	9/9/2023 5:49 PM
9	Biking	9/8/2023 11:11 AM
10	Running or biking	9/7/2023 2:15 PM
11	Fishing	9/7/2023 11:57 AM
12	Long walking trails. Walking around smith bridge park in a small loop gets old	9/5/2023 5:21 PM
13	paved nature trails are our favorite with young children (strollers)	8/22/2023 10:20 AM
14	Things to do	8/15/2023 2:19 PM
15	Communal usages. Bbqs, tables, ampitheatre for music and events.	8/8/2023 12:09 AM
16	Sidewalks to be able to walk to the parks	8/1/2023 3:13 PM
17	Fishing	6/28/2023 9:07 AM
18	Leave it Natural --- don't change or develop	6/16/2023 11:17 AM
19	Wooded Trails	6/7/2023 5:15 PM
20	Dog friendly trails!	6/3/2023 9:42 AM
21	Would LOVE paved bike trails	5/30/2023 11:02 AM
22	Fishing	5/22/2023 9:56 AM
23	horse accessible	5/20/2023 10:57 PM
24	Dog park!!	5/16/2023 5:53 PM
25	Bike Trails	5/16/2023 4:15 PM
26	Formal Gardens	5/15/2023 8:11 AM
27	Ponds with turtles frogs dragon flies	5/6/2023 9:35 PM

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Q14 In the past 12 months, which parks, natural areas, trails, or facilities have you visited for recreation purposes in Bethel Township? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 266 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
We have not used any of these areas	15.79% 42
Bethel Community Park	45.11% 120
Jack King Park	26.69% 71
John Adkinson Park	50.00% 133
Former Francis Harvey Green School Field	18.05% 48
Bethel Springs Elementary School	47.37% 126
Total Respondents: 266	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	There are no real trails, there is not enough open space to go on hikes in the woods.	1/9/2024 4:14 PM
2	Clayton Park (county run)	1/8/2024 4:12 PM
3	Clayton park	12/22/2023 8:26 AM
4	Most parks n Bethel township don't have kid slides or swings so we went to Concord township parks	11/12/2023 6:36 AM
5	Biking Jack A Markel at Wilmington waterfront, hiking and biking Brandywine Creek trails,	9/8/2023 11:11 AM

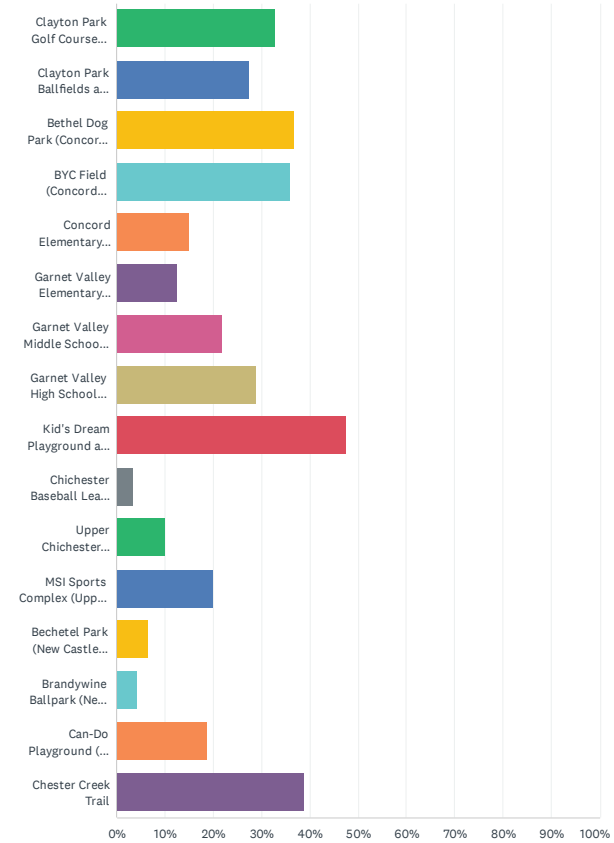
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	walking Chester Creek trail, walking Alapocas trails.	
6	first state national park, newlin grist mill, concord twp parks	9/6/2023 7:27 AM
7	Concord twp Park	8/1/2023 7:20 PM
8	Concord Twp Park	8/1/2023 3:13 PM
9	We tend to go to Concord The parks are better	8/1/2023 2:46 PM
10	We have nature in our very own backyard	6/16/2023 11:17 AM
11	Just moved to Bethel a few weeks ago!	6/8/2023 1:47 PM
12	Foxfield Community trails	6/3/2023 9:42 AM
13	Walking Concord Twp Park near the middle school & Brandywine Creek State Park, Also, trails in Aston, PA	5/18/2023 10:38 AM
14	Shaffer Park	5/16/2023 3:10 PM
15	New lands grist mill	5/6/2023 9:11 AM
16	Rachel Kohl	5/5/2023 6:59 PM

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Q15 Within a 30-minute drive, which parks, natural areas, trails, or recreational facilities do you visit for recreation purposes? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 229 Skipped: 85



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Clayton Park Golf Course (Concord Township)	32.75%	75
Clayton Park Ballfields and Nature Trails (Concord Township)	27.51%	63
Bethel Dog Park (Concord Township)	36.68%	84
BYC Field (Concord Township)	35.81%	82
Concord Elementary School (Concord Township)	14.85%	34
Garnet Valley Elementary School (Concord Township)	12.66%	29
Garnet Valley Middle School (Concord Township)	21.83%	50
Garnet Valley High School (Concord Township)	28.82%	66
Kid's Dream Playground and Walking Trail (Concord Township)	47.60%	109
Chichester Baseball League Fields (Upper Chichester Township)	3.49%	8
Upper Chichester Municipal Building Fields and Skate Park (Upper Chichester Township)	10.04%	23
MSI Sports Complex (Upper Chichester Township)	20.09%	46
Bechetel Park (New Castle County, DE)	6.55%	15
Brandywine Ballpark (New Castle County, DE)	4.37%	10
Can-Do Playground (New Castle County, DE)	18.78%	43
Chester Creek Trail	38.86%	89
Total Respondents: 229		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	2/1/2024 11:04 AM
2	Golf in Wilmington	1/31/2024 6:12 PM
3	Delaware State Parks	1/31/2024 12:39 PM
4	Ridley creek state park	1/29/2024 12:04 PM
5	Bellevue State Park, Alapocas Run State Park	1/27/2024 2:59 PM
6	Brandywine river museum, Ridley park, wawa preserve	1/26/2024 4:50 PM
7	Wawa preserve	1/26/2024 12:20 PM
8	Ramsey Farm, Ridley Creek st park .	1/21/2024 11:24 AM
9	Wilmington waterfront	1/18/2024 6:10 PM
10	Squire Cheyney park	1/15/2024 8:14 AM
11	None	1/9/2024 10:01 PM
12	Ridley Creek State Park	1/9/2024 4:28 PM
13	Brandywine Creek State Park, Alapocas State Park	1/8/2024 4:12 PM
14	Concord & thomton community	11/12/2023 6:36 AM
15	Pickleball	11/7/2023 12:14 PM
16	None	11/2/2023 10:06 AM

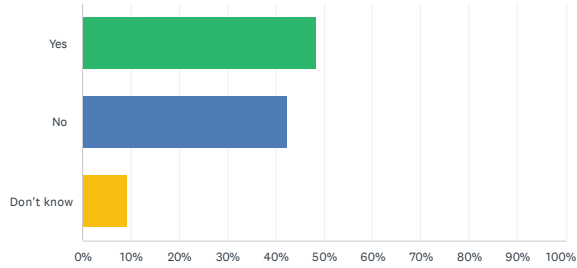
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17	Smedley Park, Chester Valley Trail, Brandywine Creek State Park	10/14/2023 4:45 PM
18	Concord Township Park	10/2/2023 10:59 AM
19	Aston Playground by Community Building, Bellevue State Park	9/9/2023 2:30 PM
20	See list above.	9/8/2023 11:11 AM
21	Ridley Creek State Park, Smedley Park	9/7/2023 10:53 AM
22	Mount Cuba, Longwood gardens	8/24/2023 9:35 PM
23	Bellevue State Park in Delaware, Brandywine State Park, Tyler Arboretum	8/22/2023 10:20 AM
24	Have used all of the above	8/15/2023 2:19 PM
25	None	8/9/2023 10:46 AM
26	Ridley Creek State Park in Media PA	8/1/2023 7:20 PM
27	Concord Twp Park	8/1/2023 3:13 PM
28	Rose tree	8/1/2023 2:46 PM
29	Brandywine Trails off Beaver Valley Rd	7/30/2023 6:07 AM
30	Newlin grist	6/28/2023 9:07 AM
31	None of these	6/14/2023 8:41 AM
32	Unsure, haven't explored enough yet.	6/8/2023 1:47 PM
33	Brandywine Delaware State Park	6/3/2023 9:42 AM
34	Alapocas State Park in Delaware; Bellevue State Park in DE	5/30/2023 2:33 PM
35	Ridley Creek State Park, First State National Historical Park, Bonner Park (Thornbury)	5/22/2023 9:24 AM
36	Beaver valley - horse trails	5/20/2023 10:57 PM
37	Concord Township open space trails	5/20/2023 10:43 AM
38	Brandywine Creek State Park	5/16/2023 8:01 AM
39	First state national park, brandywine state park, bonsall park, Talley day park , valley garden park, thornbury park, Bellevue state park	5/7/2023 11:00 PM
40	Some state parks in Delaware	5/6/2023 9:35 PM
41	Longwood Gardens	5/6/2023 12:19 PM
42	Brandywine Creek State Park	5/5/2023 12:12 PM
43	The one near the Rachel Kohl library, not sure of the name but it's probably above.	4/29/2023 2:49 PM
44	Upper Chichester Pond (Furey Rd) next to playground	4/28/2023 7:44 AM



Q16 Do you feel that there are an adequate number of parks, natural areas, trails, and recreational facilities available to you in or in close proximity to where you live?

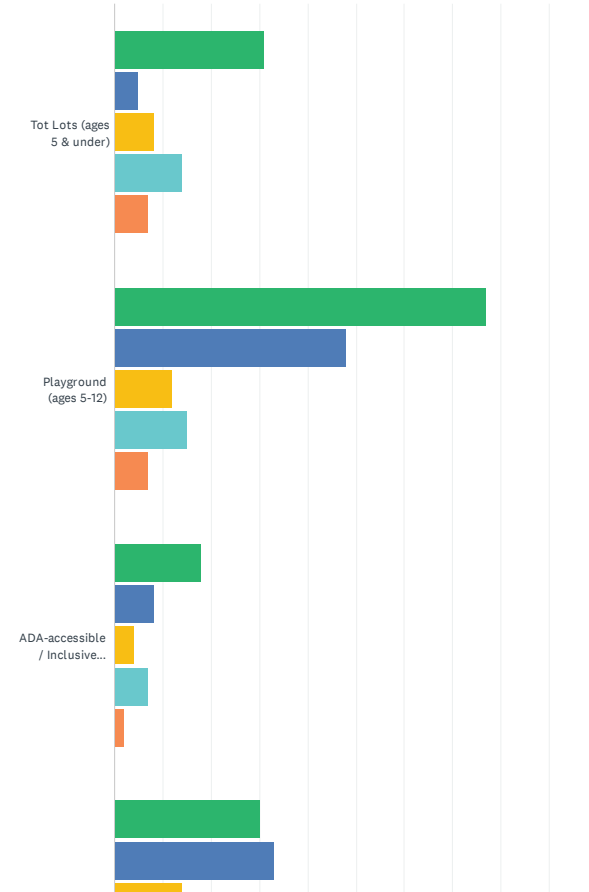
Answered: 271 Skipped: 43



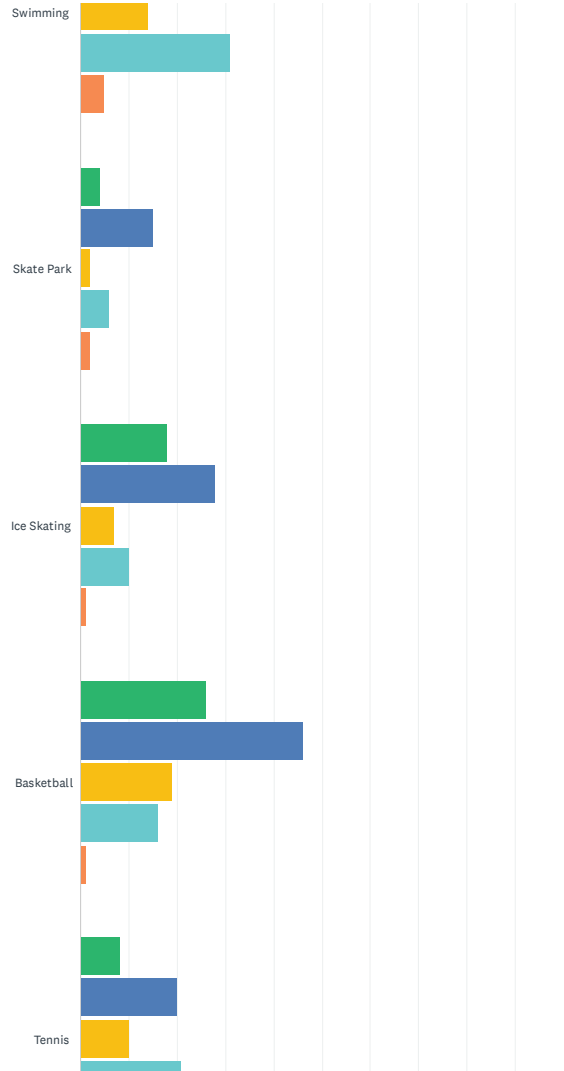
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.34%	131
No	42.44%	115
Don't know	9.23%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>271</b>

Q17 The following is a list of active recreation activities offered in or around Bethel Township. Check each activity your family members participated in by household age group.

Answered: 191 Skipped: 123

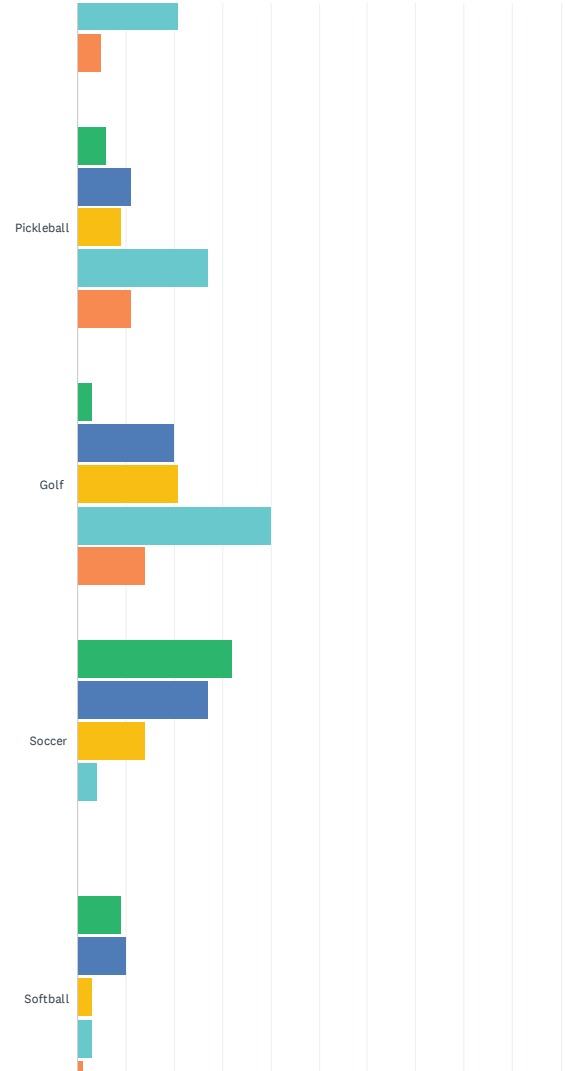


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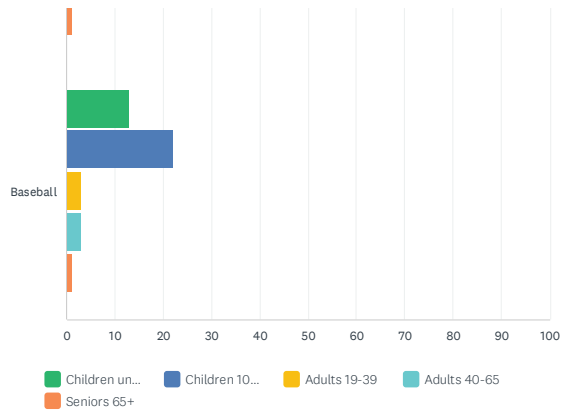
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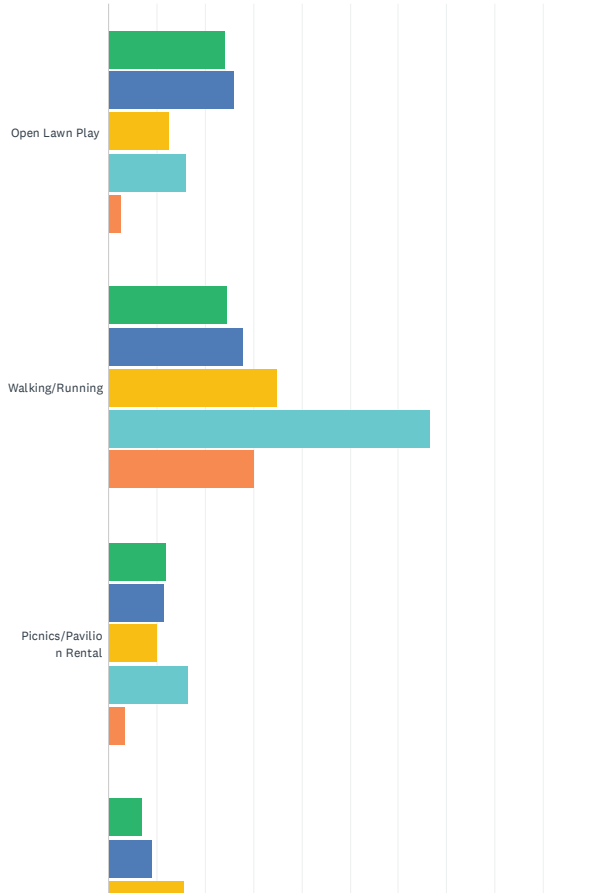
	CHILDREN UNDER 10	CHILDREN 10-18	ADULTS 19-39	ADULTS 40-65	SENIORS 65+	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Tot Lots (ages 5 & under)	70.45% 31	11.36% 5	18.18% 8	31.82% 14	15.91% 7	44
Playground (ages 5-12)	69.37% 77	43.24% 48	10.81% 12	13.51% 15	6.31% 7	111
ADA-accessible / Inclusive Playgrounds	64.29% 18	28.57% 8	14.29% 4	25.00% 7	7.14% 2	28
Swimming	46.88% 30	51.56% 33	21.88% 14	48.44% 31	7.81% 5	64
Skate Park	20.00% 4	75.00% 15	10.00% 2	30.00% 6	10.00% 2	20
Ice Skating	45.00% 18	70.00% 28	17.50% 7	25.00% 10	2.50% 1	40
Basketball	39.39% 26	69.70% 46	28.79% 19	24.24% 16	1.52% 1	66
Tennis	19.05% 8	47.62% 20	23.81% 10	50.00% 21	11.90% 5	42
Pickleball	14.29% 6	26.19% 11	21.43% 9	64.29% 27	26.19% 11	42
Golf	4.48% 3	29.85% 20	31.34% 21	59.70% 40	20.90% 14	67
Soccer	59.26% 32	50.00% 27	25.93% 14	7.41% 4	0.00% 0	54
Softball	39.13% 9	43.48% 10	13.04% 3	13.04% 3	4.35% 1	23
Baseball	37.14% 13	62.86% 22	8.57% 3	8.57% 3	2.86% 1	35

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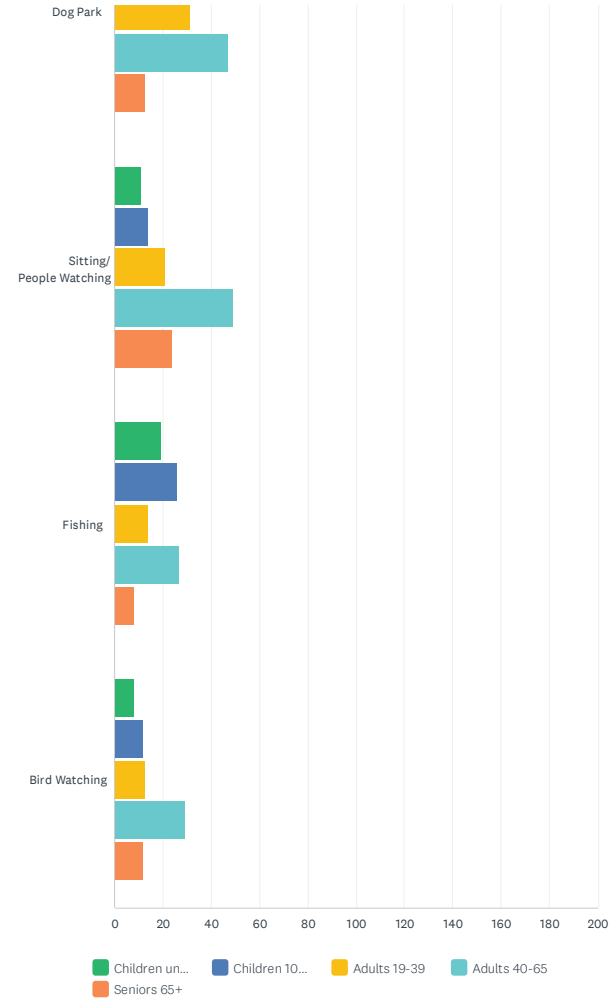
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	2/1/2024 11:04 AM
2	Walking trails	1/27/2024 7:51 PM
3	Ultimate Frisbee at Bethel Springs, Horseback Riding at Cloverleaf	1/27/2024 12:44 AM
4	Hiking	1/26/2024 2:14 PM
5	field hockey	1/16/2024 3:43 PM
6	None	1/9/2024 10:01 PM
7	Our kids used BYC for sports activities	1/9/2024 4:28 PM
8	Volleyball	1/8/2024 10:55 AM
9	Dog park	12/1/2023 10:13 AM
10	Volleyball	10/7/2023 11:12 AM
11	volleyball - outdoor sand	9/9/2023 2:30 PM
12	Lacrosse, football, swim team	9/7/2023 12:51 PM
13	Fishing	9/7/2023 11:57 AM
14	Flag Football and Lacrosse	8/22/2023 10:20 AM
15	Biking	8/20/2023 9:15 PM
16	Ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee Golf	8/15/2023 2:19 PM
17	None	8/9/2023 10:46 AM
18	Fishing	6/28/2023 9:07 AM
19	Enjoy our backyard	6/16/2023 11:17 AM
20	Hiking	6/7/2023 5:15 PM
21	Pickleball	6/3/2023 8:19 PM
22	Take grands and great grands + dogs to play!	6/3/2023 9:42 AM
23	track - running	5/30/2023 11:02 AM
24	sand volleyball	5/18/2023 12:17 PM
25	Was involved with my children playing Baseball in Delaware	5/18/2023 10:38 AM
26	lacrosse	5/9/2023 10:26 AM
27	Volleyball	4/27/2023 7:28 PM

Q18 The following is a list of passive recreation or unstructured activities offered in or around Bethel Township. Check each activity your family members participated in by household age group.

Answered: 237 Skipped: 77



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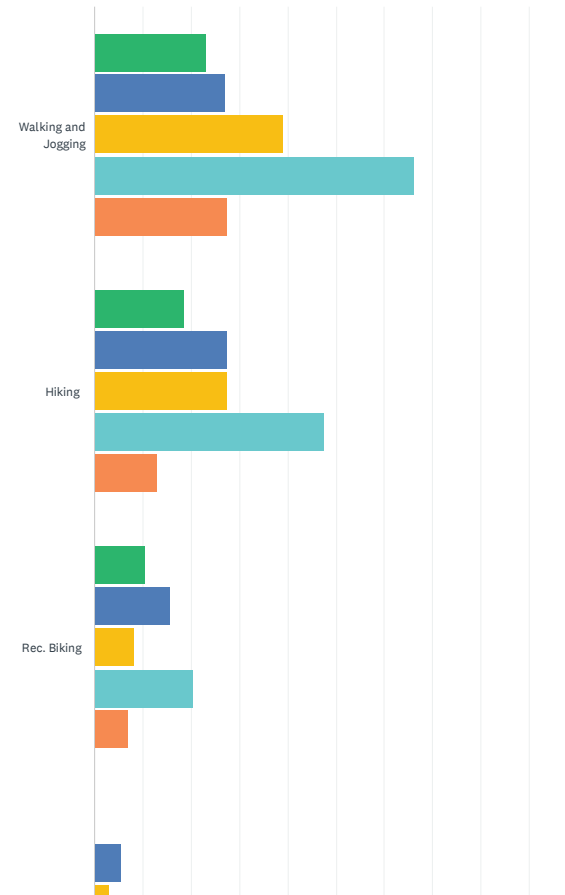
Open Lawn Play	57.14% 48	61.90% 52	29.76% 25	38.10% 32	5.95% 5	84
Walking/Running	21.88% 49	25.00% 56	31.25% 70	59.38% 133	26.79% 60	224
Picnics/Pavilion Rental	39.34% 24	37.70% 23	32.79% 20	54.10% 33	11.48% 7	61
Dog Park	17.95% 14	23.08% 18	39.74% 31	60.26% 47	16.67% 13	78
Sitting/ People Watching	12.79% 11	16.28% 14	24.42% 21	56.98% 49	27.91% 24	86
Fishing	34.55% 19	47.27% 26	25.45% 14	49.09% 27	14.55% 8	55
Bird Watching	15.38% 8	23.08% 12	25.00% 13	55.77% 29	23.08% 12	52

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	2/1/2024 11:04 AM
2	Walk around our Neighborhood for exercise and walk the dogs	8/9/2023 10:46 AM
3	Enjoy our backyard	6/16/2023 11:17 AM
4	Intent to participate in these activities in the near future	6/8/2023 1:47 PM
5	Hiking in wooded areas	6/7/2023 5:15 PM
6	Walking around my own neighborhood in Bethel Twp.	5/18/2023 10:38 AM
7	Biking	5/16/2023 4:15 PM
8	Ultimate Frisbee and frisbee golf	5/6/2023 9:35 PM

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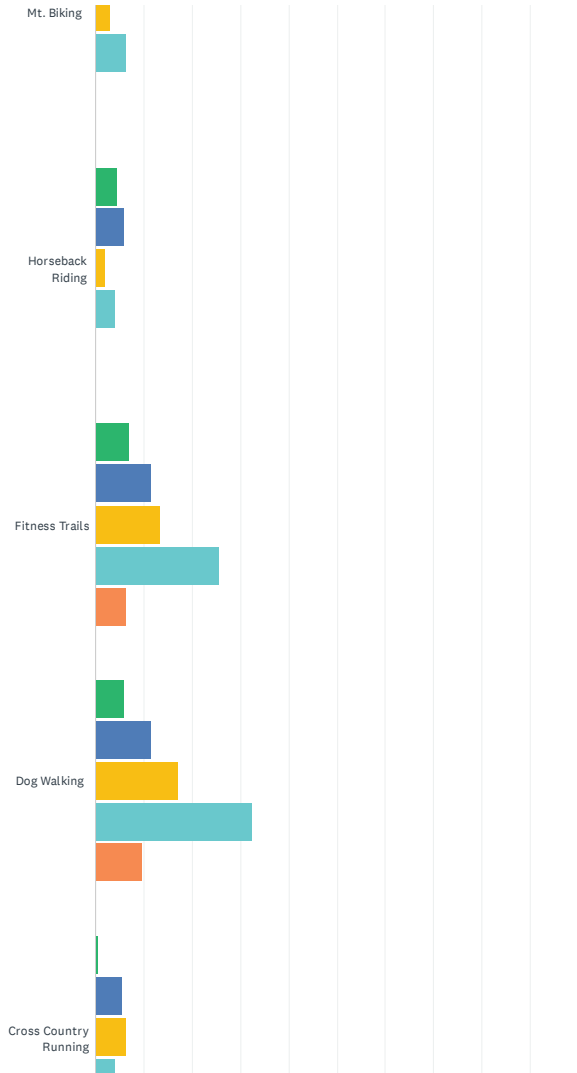
Q19 The following is a list of trail activities associated with parks. What activities did each age group in your household participate in and around Bethel Township? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 235 Skipped: 79

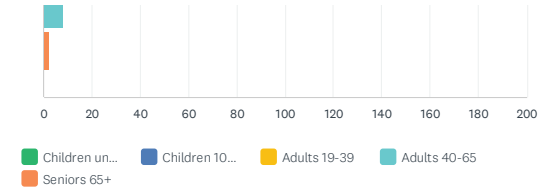


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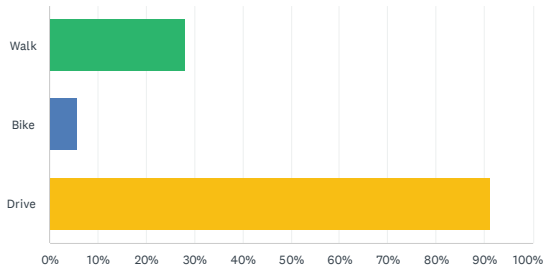


	CHILDREN UNDER 10	CHILDREN 10-18	ADULTS 19-39	ADULTS 40-65	SENIORS 65+	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Walking and Jogging	20.81% 46	24.43% 54	35.29% 78	59.73% 132	24.89% 55	221
Hiking	25.17% 37	37.41% 55	37.41% 55	64.63% 95	17.69% 26	147
Rec. Biking	27.63% 21	40.79% 31	21.05% 16	53.95% 41	18.42% 14	76
Mt. Biking	0.00% 0	55.00% 11	30.00% 6	65.00% 13	0.00% 0	20
Horseback Riding	45.00% 9	60.00% 12	20.00% 4	40.00% 8	0.00% 0	20
Fitness Trails	18.18% 14	29.87% 23	35.06% 27	66.23% 51	16.88% 13	77
Dog Walking	12.24% 12	23.47% 23	34.69% 34	66.33% 65	19.39% 19	98
Cross Country Running	3.70% 1	40.74% 11	48.15% 13	29.63% 8	7.41% 2	27

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	2/1/2024 11:04 AM
2	None	1/9/2024 10:01 PM
3	Walk around my neighborhood	8/21/2023 3:43 PM
4	Ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee Golf	8/15/2023 2:19 PM
5	None of these. Walk around neighborhood	8/9/2023 10:46 AM
6	Enjoy our backyard	6/16/2023 11:17 AM
7	Intent to participate in these activities in the near future	6/8/2023 1:47 PM
8	Dog Walking around my own Bethel Neighborhood & in my own fenced in yard	5/18/2023 10:38 AM
9	Ultimate Frisbee	5/6/2023 9:35 PM
10	Watching wildlife deer, fox, squirrels and turtles....	4/28/2023 7:44 AM

Q20 How do you usually travel to area parks? (Please check all that apply)

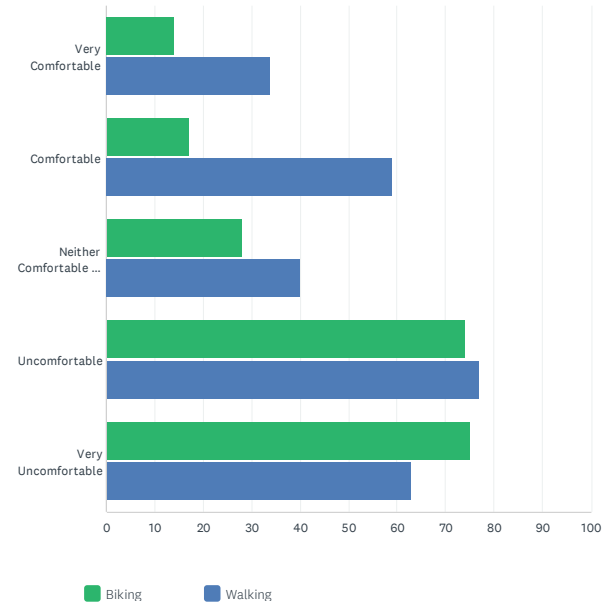
Answered: 260 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk	28.08%	73
Bike	5.77%	15
Drive	91.15%	237
Total Respondents: 260		

Q21 From a traffic safety perspective, how comfortable do you feel biking or walking in Bethel Township?

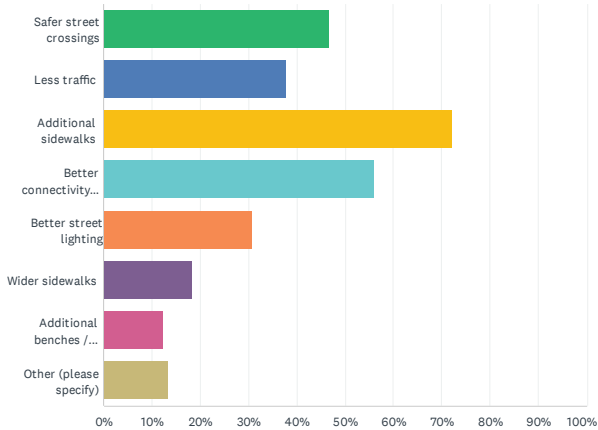
Answered: 257 Skipped: 57



	BIKING	WALKING	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Very Comfortable	41.18% 14	100.00% 34	34
Comfortable	26.15% 17	90.77% 59	65
Neither Comfortable or Uncomfortable	53.85% 28	76.92% 40	52
Uncomfortable	74.75% 74	77.78% 77	99
Very Uncomfortable	91.46% 75	76.83% 63	82

Q22 What would encourage you to walk more? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 244 Skipped: 70



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Safer street crossings	46.72% 114
Less traffic	37.70% 92
Additional sidewalks	72.13% 176
Better connectivity to sidewalks	56.15% 137
Better street lighting	30.74% 75
Wider sidewalks	18.44% 45
Additional benches / places to rest	12.30% 30
Other (please specify)	13.52% 33
Total Respondents: 244	

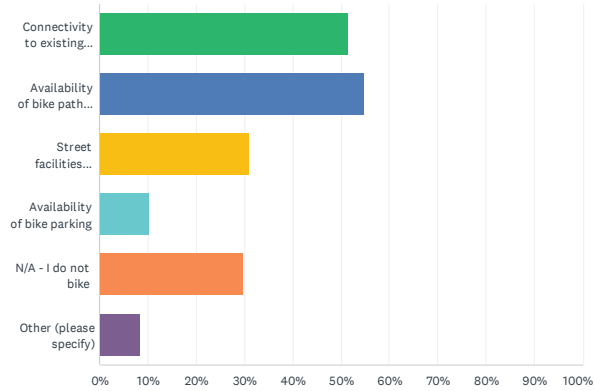
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Wider shoulders, more lighting	2/21/2024 8:48 AM
2	Natural lands. Woods, fields	1/26/2024 4:51 PM
3	Please don't put sidewalks in Bethel!	1/22/2024 9:34 PM
4	Current lighting in community discourages night time walking as it is too bright and glaring.	1/21/2024 11:27 AM

	Most lighting around Bethel township have too short of hoods which leads to glare from the bulbs.	
5	nothing new please	1/10/2024 7:51 PM
6	None	1/9/2024 10:03 PM
7	Sidewalk on Bethel Road between Larkin and Foulk	1/9/2024 4:46 PM
8	Speed control on the roads! It's dangerous just to get your mail from the street mailbox.	12/22/2023 8:29 AM
9	N/A prefer walking in neighborhood and designated parks	12/10/2023 8:50 PM
10	off street trails	11/27/2023 6:25 AM
11	Not sure	11/2/2023 10:09 AM
12	sidewalks sidewalks sidewalks!	10/2/2023 11:01 AM
13	wider road shoulders/not more sidewalks	9/12/2023 1:22 PM
14	Sidewalks please	9/7/2023 1:06 PM
15	Trails	9/5/2023 5:22 PM
16	Most neighborhoods in bethel do not have sidewalks. With two toddlers it is difficult to walk from one area. If sidewalks were available we could walk to bethel springs to use the playground.	9/5/2023 4:41 PM
17	nothing	8/21/2023 3:47 PM
18	More interesting places to walk	8/15/2023 2:22 PM
19	No help is needed	8/9/2023 10:49 AM
20	Put a crosswalk between Booths and the auction house	8/8/2023 12:10 AM
21	There are no sidewalks.	7/2/2023 9:33 PM
22	Change nothing	6/16/2023 11:20 AM
23	My community has ample walking trails	6/3/2023 7:02 AM
24	MORE SIDEWALKS	6/2/2023 9:41 PM
25	Connected trails	5/29/2023 4:19 PM
26	we need less parks and more farms	5/20/2023 11:01 PM
27	None of the above. I walk where I feel comfortable walking. Don't think neighborhoods need to change to accommodate my walking	5/20/2023 10:31 AM
28	none of the above	5/18/2023 12:19 PM
29	Already walking do not need to be encouraged to walk more.	5/18/2023 10:43 AM
30	A pet peeve. Bethel is a dangerous place for pedestrians and bike riders. Cars don't slow down or move over. Last year a pedestrian was killed in front of Shaffer's farm, I was a first responder. It's a dangerous area. I walk and bike a lot. Bethel Road is scary. I'll walk on Foulk but will not bike, the road isn't wide enough. Forget Naamans Creek. Something needs to be done to allow cars and pedestrians and bikers can all safely share the road. down the cars. Make them	5/16/2023 9:46 AM
31	Sidewalks on main roads (naamans creek, foulk, bethel)	5/7/2023 11:01 PM
32	Additional walking paths	5/6/2023 9:37 PM
33	Traffic yield areas for crossings	4/27/2023 7:21 PM



Q23 What would encourage you to bike more? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 243 Skipped: 71



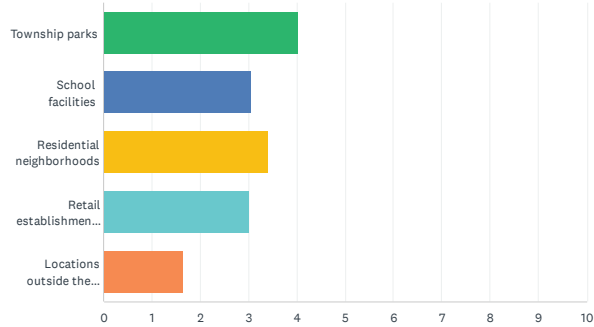
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Connectivity to existing neighborhoods / bike paths or trails	51.44% 125
Availability of bike paths or trails	54.73% 133
Street facilities (shared lanes, dedicated bike lanes, etc.)	30.86% 75
Availability of bike parking	10.29% 25
N/A - I do not bike	29.63% 72
Other (please specify)	8.23% 20
Total Respondents: 243	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I have the balance of a lollipop	1/26/2024 9:11 PM
2	Trails	1/26/2024 4:51 PM
3	nothing new please	1/10/2024 7:51 PM
4	None	1/9/2024 10:03 PM
5	Dedicated street bike lanes for safety reasons	1/9/2024 4:46 PM
6	Too dangerous on roads even if made wider. Speed is not checked!	12/22/2023 8:29 AM
7	Do not want bike lanes - too dangerous	11/27/2023 6:25 AM
8	I have the balance of a lollipop	8/25/2023 4:38 AM

9	less hills	8/21/2023 3:47 PM
10	No hills	8/20/2023 9:20 PM
11	No Help is needed from the township	8/9/2023 10:49 AM
12	Don't really bike much	7/11/2023 6:09 PM
13	Have no problem biking where we are --- for now it is quiet	6/16/2023 11:20 AM
14	Bikers must pay for road improvements first	6/7/2023 5:17 PM
15	Flat roads, Bethel isn't the place to bike	6/5/2023 1:57 PM
16	we need less parks and more farms	5/20/2023 11:01 PM
17	I do bike neighborhoods are fine	5/19/2023 11:04 PM
18	none of the above	5/18/2023 12:19 PM
19	Don't need bike paths through neighborhoods. Bikes are a nuisance, when on walking paths w/your pets.	5/18/2023 10:43 AM
20	Very few bike trails available and no convenient parking at trails	5/16/2023 4:19 PM

Q24 Rank the types of destinations you would like improved pedestrian and bicycling access to. Please rank the destinations from 1 to 5. (1 = High Priority, 5 = Low Priority).

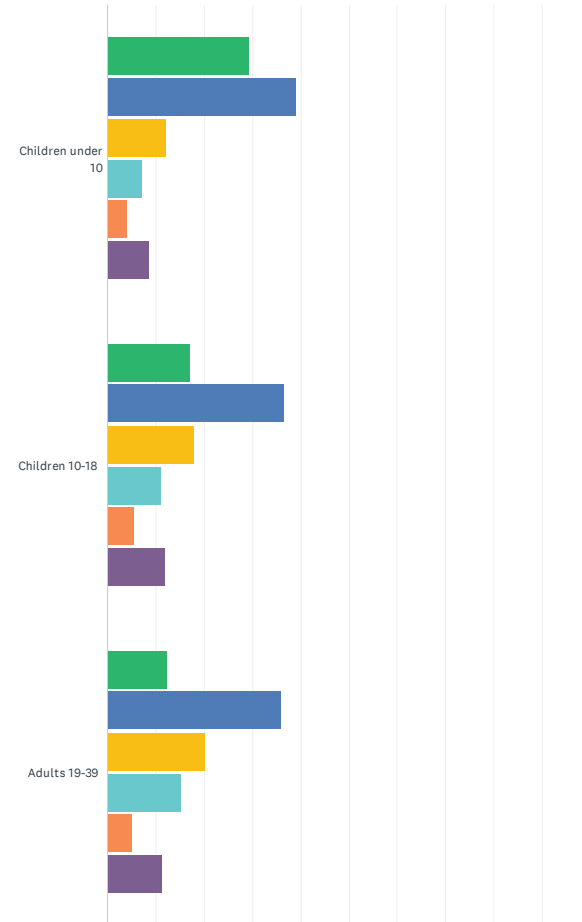
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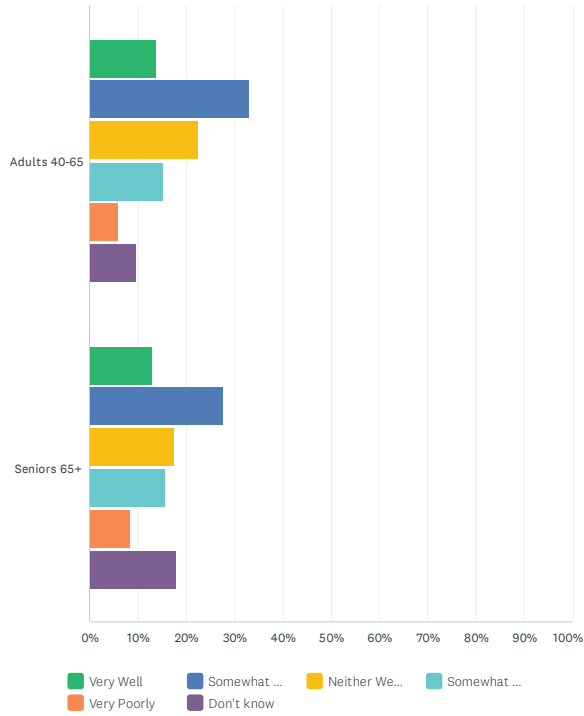
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Township parks	52.59% 122	20.26% 47	11.64% 27	8.62% 20	6.90% 16	232	4.03
School facilities	12.33% 27	26.94% 59	25.57% 56	22.83% 50	12.33% 27	219	3.04
Residential neighborhoods	21.61% 51	26.27% 62	28.81% 68	17.80% 42	5.51% 13	236	3.41
Retail establishments (eg. Booth's Corner), Local Businesses	12.72% 29	22.81% 52	23.68% 54	34.65% 79	6.14% 14	228	3.01
Locations outside the Township	6.19% 14	3.10% 7	10.18% 23	11.06% 25	69.47% 157	226	1.65

Q25 In general, how well do you think the age groups listed below are served by parks, recreation, and open space in or near Bethel Township?

Answered: 243 Skipped: 71



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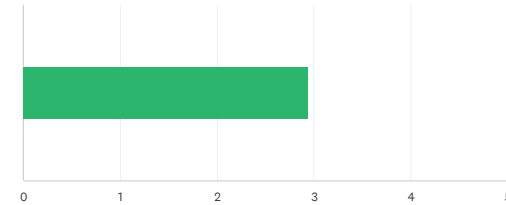
	VERY WELL	SOMEWHAT WELL	NEITHER WELL NOR POORLY	SOMEWHAT POORLY	VERY POORLY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Children under 10	29.15% 65	39.01% 87	12.11% 27	7.17% 16	4.04% 9	8.52% 19	223
Children 10-18	17.05% 37	36.41% 79	17.97% 39	11.06% 24	5.53% 12	11.98% 26	217
Adults 19-39	12.26% 26	35.85% 76	20.28% 43	15.09% 32	5.19% 11	11.32% 24	212
Adults 40-65	13.76% 30	33.03% 72	22.48% 49	15.14% 33	5.96% 13	9.63% 21	218
Seniors 65+	12.90% 28	27.65% 60	17.51% 38	15.67% 34	8.29% 18	17.97% 39	217

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For the next 7 questions, please rank on a scale of 1 to 5 how well each activity is provided for in or around Bethel Township.

Q26 Open Space / Natural Areas

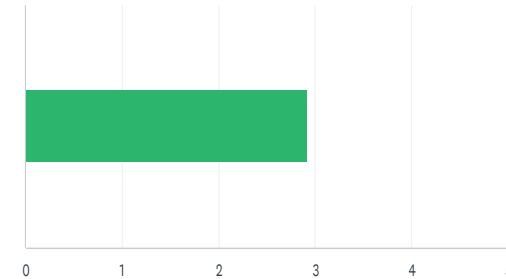
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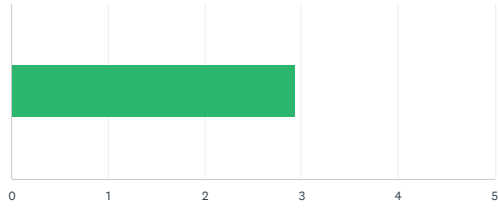
Q27 Passive Recreation (trails, benches, picnic facilities, open lawns, etc.)

Answered: 241 Skipped: 73



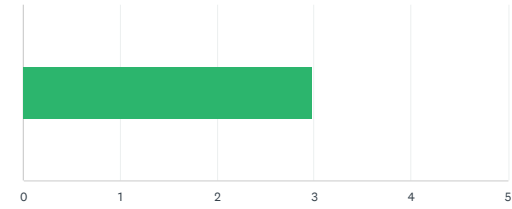
### Q28 Active Recreation (athletic fields, courts, pools, fitness equipment, etc.)

Answered: 232 Skipped: 82



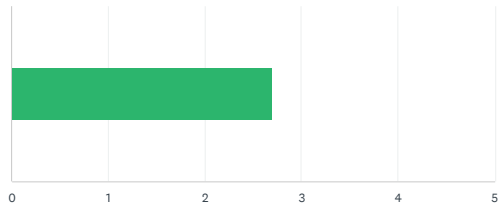
### Q30 Community Event Space

Answered: 231 Skipped: 83



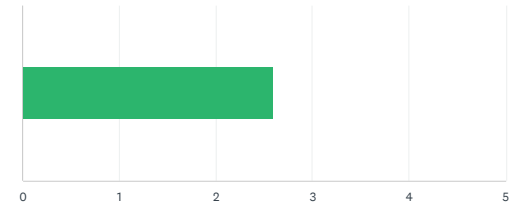
### Q29 Cultural, Educational, Historic Interpretation Opportunities

Answered: 226 Skipped: 88



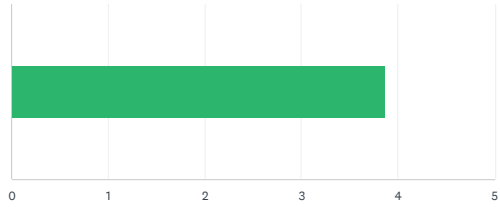
### Q31 Recreational Programming and Continuing Education Classes

Answered: 223 Skipped: 91



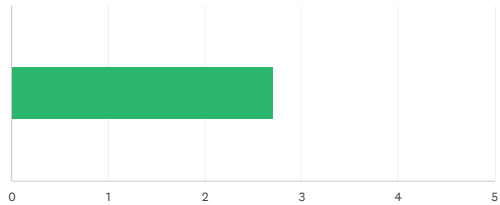
### Q32 Youth Sport League Opportunities

Answered: 223 Skipped: 91



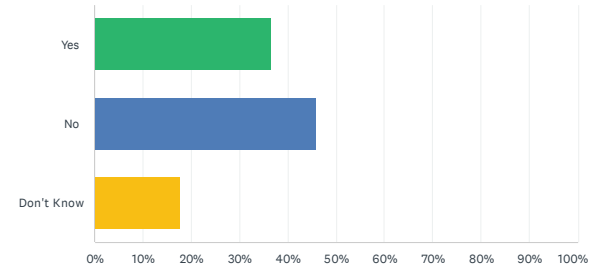
### Q33 Indoor Sports Facilities, Gymnasiums and Fitness Centers

Answered: 220 Skipped: 94



### Q34 Do you think Bethel Township needs more sports fields or courts (soccer, baseball, football, tennis, basketball, etc.)?

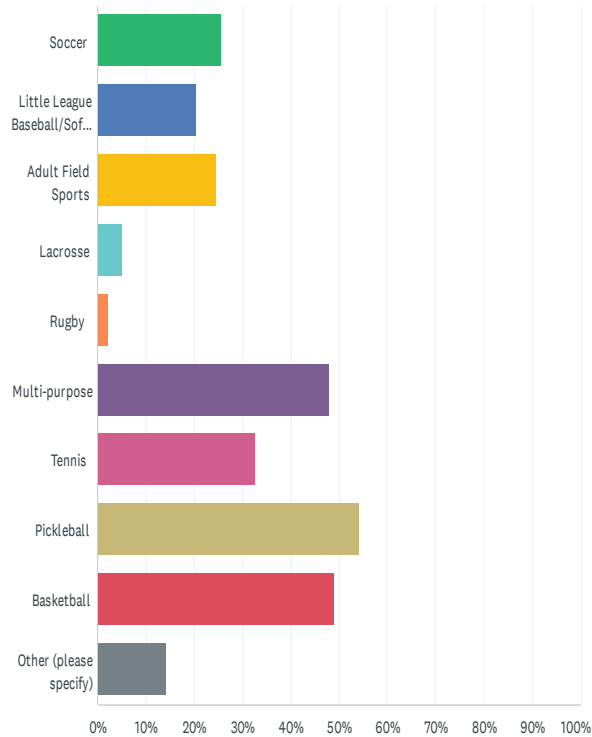
Answered: 242 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	36.36% 88
No	45.87% 111
Don't Know	17.77% 43
TOTAL	242

### Q35 If you answered yes on the previous question, which sports do you feel are in need of fields or courts? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 98 Skipped: 216



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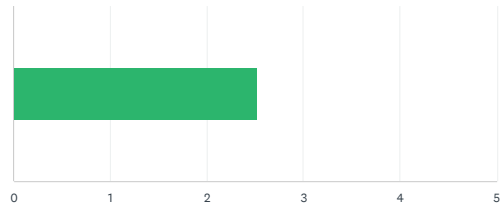
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Soccer	25.51% 25
Little League Baseball/Softball	20.41% 20
Adult Field Sports	24.49% 24
Lacrosse	5.10% 5
Rugby	2.04% 2
Multi-purpose	47.96% 47
Tennis	32.65% 32
Pickleball	54.08% 53
Basketball	48.98% 48
Other (please specify)	14.29% 14
Total Respondents: 98	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Use the ones that exist now.	2/1/2024 11:18 AM
2	Flag football indoor facilities	1/10/2024 7:57 AM
3	Volleyball	1/8/2024 10:59 AM
4	Pool indoor/outdoor	11/29/2023 12:55 AM
5	Pickleball is rising sports, east to play for young & old folks , so nice to have a pickle ball court	11/12/2023 6:41 AM
6	I believe the township should contribute to the community youth sports BYC to repair their parking lot and fields currently being used.	9/13/2023 8:27 AM
7	volleyball	9/9/2023 2:34 PM
8	Frisbee Golf and Ultimate Frisbee	8/15/2023 2:25 PM
9	None	8/9/2023 10:52 AM
10	Adult courts, volleyball	6/28/2023 9:11 AM
11	All of the above	5/31/2023 10:26 PM
12	sand volleyball	5/18/2023 12:22 PM
13	We have to go into DE to find basketball courts	5/7/2023 11:03 PM
14	Frisbee golf and ultimate frisbee	5/6/2023 9:40 PM

The next 6 questions reflect new recreational trends/facilities that currently do not exist in Bethel Township. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate each if you feel these recreational amenities are needed.

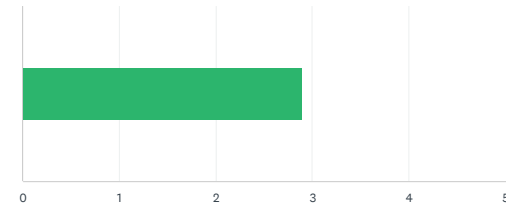
### Q36 Zero Depth Water Play / Splash Pad

Answered: 209 Skipped: 105



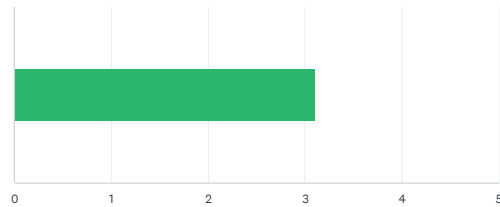
### Q38 Pickleball Courts

Answered: 211 Skipped: 103



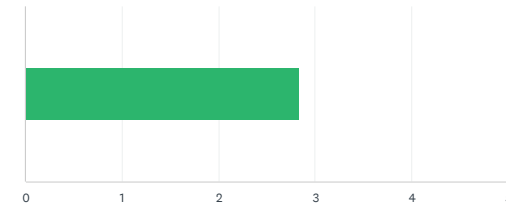
### Q37 Inclusive-Play / ADA-Accessible Playground

Answered: 216 Skipped: 98



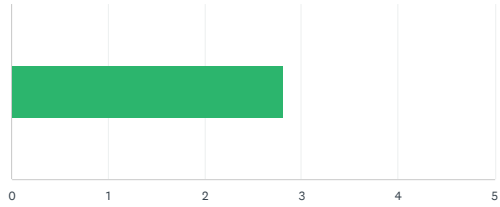
### Q39 Destination Playground

Answered: 212 Skipped: 102



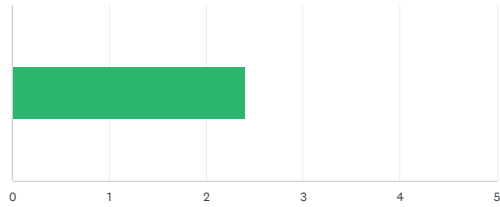
### Q40 Yard Games (Bocce, Cornhole, Volleyball, etc.)

Answered: 215 Skipped: 99



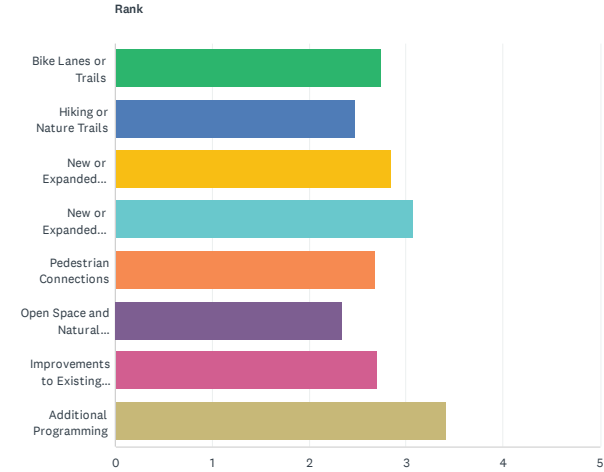
### Q41 Disc Golf Course (9 to 18 holes)

Answered: 202 Skipped: 112



### Q42 Please rank the top 5 priorities that you feel Bethel Township should focus on in the parks and open space plan. (1 = High Priority, 5 = Low Priority)

Answered: 231 Skipped: 83





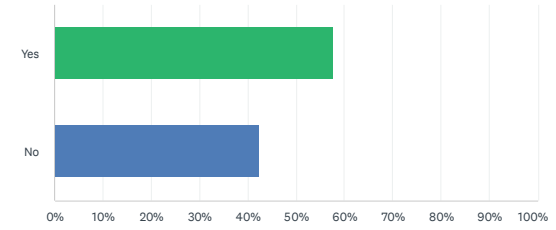
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Rank	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Bike Lanes or Trails	32.80% 62	16.93% 32	15.34% 29	13.23% 25	21.69% 41	189
Hiking or Nature Trails	35.78% 73	25.00% 51	13.24% 27	8.82% 18	17.16% 35	204
New or Expanded Community Parks	25.41% 47	20.00% 37	19.46% 36	14.05% 26	21.08% 39	185
New or Expanded Neighborhood Parks	19.28% 32	20.48% 34	19.88% 33	15.06% 25	25.30% 42	166
Pedestrian Connections	32.28% 61	16.40% 31	21.69% 41	10.05% 19	19.58% 37	189
Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation	43.00% 86	16.50% 33	18.50% 37	6.00% 12	16.00% 32	200
Improvements to Existing Facilities	24.72% 44	22.47% 40	24.16% 43	15.17% 27	13.48% 24	178
Additional Programming	13.99% 20	9.79% 14	27.97% 40	17.48% 25	30.77% 44	143

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Q43 Do you visit private gyms or workout centers for fitness or recreational purposes?

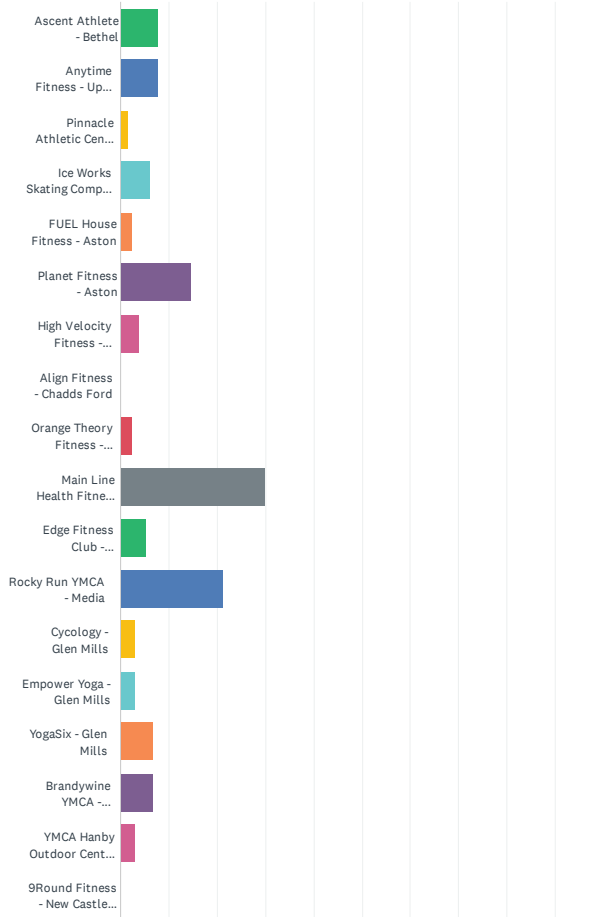
Answered: 247 Skipped: 67



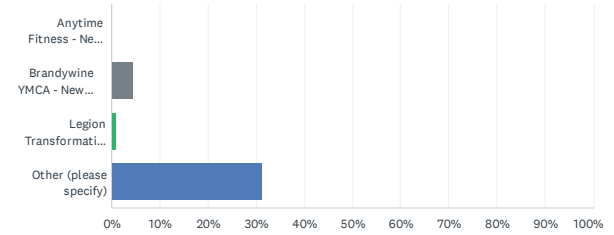
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.49%	142
No	42.51%	105
TOTAL		247

Q44 Which private recreational providers do you or members of your household belong to and / or utilize? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 131 Skipped: 183



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Ascent Athlete - Bethel	7.63% 10
Anytime Fitness - Upper Chichester	7.63% 10
Pinnacle Athletic Center - Aston	1.53% 2
Ice Works Skating Complex - Aston	6.11% 8
FUEL House Fitness - Aston	2.29% 3
Planet Fitness - Aston	14.50% 19
High Velocity Fitness - Chadds Ford	3.82% 5
Align Fitness - Chadds Ford	0.00% 0
Orange Theory Fitness - Concord	2.29% 3
Main Line Health Fitness & Wellness Center - Concord	29.77% 39
Edge Fitness Club - Middletown	5.34% 7
Rocky Run YMCA - Media	21.37% 28
Cycology - Glen Mills	3.05% 4
Empower Yoga - Glen Mills	3.05% 4
YogaSix - Glen Mills	6.87% 9
Brandywine YMCA - Wilmington	6.87% 9
YMCA Hanby Outdoor Center - New Castle County, DE	3.05% 4
9Round Fitness - New Castle County, DE	0.00% 0
Anytime Fitness - New Castle County, DE	0.00% 0
Brandywine YMCA - New Castle County, DE	4.58% 6
Legion Transformation Center Talleyville - New Castle County, DE	0.76% 1
Other (please specify)	31.30% 41
Total Respondents: 131	

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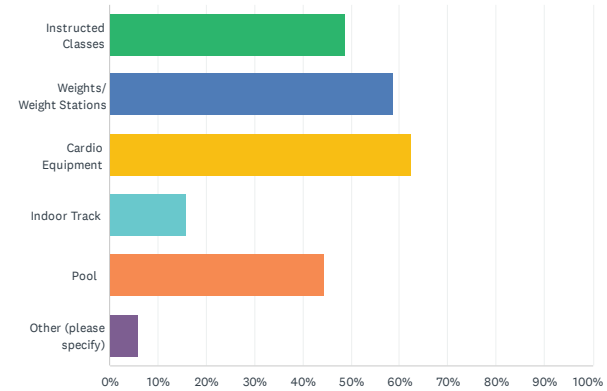
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	foxfield	2/1/2024 10:59 AM
2	Q Fitness	1/30/2024 1:34 PM
3	Work gyms	1/28/2024 11:05 AM
4	Employer	1/26/2024 4:53 PM
5	Planet Fitness in Delaware	1/25/2024 1:08 PM
6	Prior member to Main Line Gym before Covid	1/9/2024 4:58 PM
7	Former members at Main Line. Now using home equipment	1/9/2024 4:39 PM
8	Akers Strength and Fitness	1/8/2024 5:44 PM
9	Company gym	1/8/2024 4:30 PM
10	Club Pilates, JCC	1/8/2024 11:02 AM
11	Ashbourne Swim Club in Wilmington, DE (outdoor pool)	11/29/2023 12:58 AM
12	Planet fitness concord pike	11/22/2023 3:37 PM
13	Dupont country club	11/22/2023 11:07 AM
14	Ymca Kennett square	11/12/2023 6:45 AM
15	Planet fitness Downingtown	11/8/2023 8:15 PM
16	Planet Fitness in Talleyville, DE	9/12/2023 1:29 PM
17	Club Pilates	9/5/2023 8:01 PM
18	Planet Fitness in DE	8/17/2023 10:11 AM
19	Our community has a small facility	8/15/2023 2:28 PM
20	Planet Fitness Wilmington	8/4/2023 11:54 AM
21	High Point Pool, Pilates studio	8/1/2023 7:25 PM
22	Private	6/8/2023 10:41 AM
23	Foxfield gym	6/5/2023 4:47 PM
24	Foxfield clubhouse	6/3/2023 1:19 PM
25	Foxfield Community Center	6/3/2023 11:40 AM
26	Retirement community	6/3/2023 7:09 AM
27	Foxfield community facility	6/2/2023 9:18 PM
28	Hockessin	5/30/2023 8:37 PM
29	JCC Summer membership	5/30/2023 11:11 AM
30	.	5/29/2023 4:25 PM
31	Jabz - Aston	5/22/2023 10:15 AM
32	Advanced Yoga classes	5/18/2023 10:53 AM
33	Senior Community fitness center	5/17/2023 6:35 PM
34	Siegel JCC	5/16/2023 6:00 PM
35	Planet Fitness Wilmington	5/16/2023 9:50 AM
36	Yoga in Aston, LA fitness	5/9/2023 10:38 AM
37	JCC	5/7/2023 2:24 PM
38	DuPont country club	5/5/2023 2:22 PM
39	JCC	5/5/2023 12:35 PM
40	Y springfield, pa	5/5/2023 12:20 PM
41	Siegel JCC	4/29/2023 2:57 PM

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Q45 What do you primarily take advantage of at private recreational providers?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 181

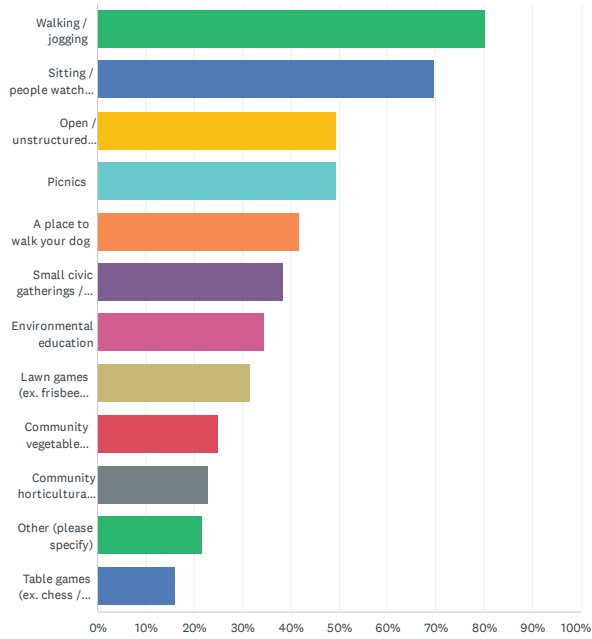


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Instructed Classes	48.87% 65
Weights/ Weight Stations	58.65% 78
Cardio Equipment	62.41% 83
Indoor Track	15.79% 21
Pool	44.36% 59
Other (please specify)	6.02% 8
Total Respondents: 133	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Pilates	1/30/2024 1:34 PM
2	Events	1/27/2024 7:59 PM
3	Pilates	9/5/2023 8:01 PM
4	Pickleball	8/15/2023 2:28 PM
5	Walking trails	6/3/2023 7:09 AM
6	Treadmill	5/16/2023 6:14 PM
7	Playgroynd	5/7/2023 2:24 PM
8	Outdoor track and fitness equipment, Pickleball, pool	4/29/2023 2:57 PM

**Q46 What activities should be accommodated at the new Shaffer Park?  
(Please check all that apply)**

Answered: 232 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walking / jogging	80.17% 186
Sitting / people watching / enjoying views	69.83% 162
Open / unstructured play on lawns	49.57% 115
Picnics	49.57% 115
A place to walk your dog	41.81% 97
Small civic gatherings / events	38.36% 89
Environmental education	34.48% 80
Lawn games (ex. frisbee / cornhole)	31.47% 73
Community vegetable garden	25.00% 58
Community horticultural garden	22.84% 53
Other (please specify)	21.55% 50
Table games (ex. chess / checkers)	15.95% 37
Total Respondents: 232	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Handicap accessible trails. Walking path for strollers.	2/1/2024 7:20 AM
2	leaving it the way it is	1/28/2024 10:49 PM
3	Calisthenic Park for adults	1/27/2024 8:24 PM
4	Please - no more dog parks!	1/22/2024 9:38 PM
5	Part of a trail system along the creek	1/21/2024 11:35 AM
6	Leave as open undisturbed space	1/15/2024 8:03 PM
7	Preservation Open Space	1/9/2024 10:13 PM
8	Total average for Wildlife Preserve	1/9/2024 5:05 PM
9	Pool	1/8/2024 5:45 PM
10	Water play	1/8/2024 11:51 AM
11	Please don't cut down the big trees. Benches in the shade and proper ADA bathrooms.	12/22/2023 8:42 AM
12	Please add kids slides, swings, small pickle ball court ( not many Bethel parks have it for tax paying young kid family ) . Whereas trails, hiking spots are available in other Bethel town parks	11/12/2023 6:52 AM
13	Pickleball	11/7/2023 12:27 PM
14	Untouched wooded space	9/13/2023 7:55 PM
15	Bird Watching/Nature Watching	9/12/2023 1:34 PM
16	Bird watching and instruction on IDing birds and calls	9/9/2023 6:00 PM
17	History boards explaining what was here before	9/9/2023 2:38 PM
18	Fishing	9/7/2023 12:03 PM
19	Playground	9/5/2023 4:48 PM
20	Birding	8/28/2023 5:00 PM

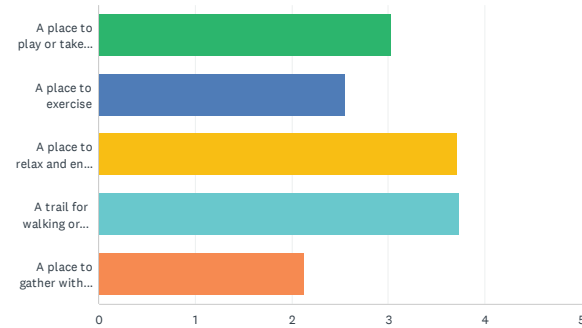
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21	SPLASH PAD OR ANYTHING BUT MORE HOMES OR BUSINESSES	8/25/2023 4:42 AM
22	No dogs we have a dog park. No picnics make lots of trash. Should be to relax in nature. Go to mount cuba and see their's beautiful.	8/24/2023 9:49 PM
23	Preservation	8/21/2023 3:53 PM
24	Leave it as it is, Open Space	8/20/2023 9:42 PM
25	Pickleball for families , basketball courts for young adults, Ultimate and Frisbee golf for young adults	8/15/2023 2:31 PM
26	Place to observe nature.	8/9/2023 11:03 AM
27	Playground	8/1/2023 2:53 PM
28	NOOOO DOG PARK!!!	7/15/2023 7:56 PM
29	Water playground	6/21/2023 10:24 AM
30	Leave it the way it is!!!!	6/16/2023 11:31 AM
31	Leave as is and allow residents access to make trails	6/7/2023 5:26 PM
32	Dog park	6/5/2023 4:49 PM
33	pickleball	6/5/2023 8:04 AM
34	If dog walking allowed would need Pêt waste stations	6/3/2023 9:43 AM
35	Pickle ball and tennis and swim club	5/31/2023 10:33 PM
36	Community theatre	5/30/2023 8:38 PM
37	Please no more dog parks! We need places to run safely without dogs!	5/30/2023 11:15 AM
38	Leave as open space	5/22/2023 4:44 PM
39	Fishing	5/22/2023 10:20 AM
40	We do not need more parks. We need more farms	5/20/2023 11:10 PM
41	Quality Exercise Stations/Equipment purchased and installed not homemade.	5/20/2023 1:00 PM
42	Leave it as is	5/19/2023 11:11 PM
43	If a residential neighborhood with an 1 acre or more is included in Shaffer Park, none of the above items are needed.	5/18/2023 10:58 AM
44	Biking	5/16/2023 4:26 PM
45	Leave it be open space	5/9/2023 8:08 PM
46	Playground q	5/7/2023 2:26 PM
47	A playground for younger than 5. The playgrounds in bethel are horrible.	5/6/2023 11:00 AM
48	Nature Playground	5/5/2023 12:42 PM
49	Playground	5/5/2023 11:28 AM
50	Fishing, enjoying undeveloped land!	4/28/2023 8:10 AM

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Q47 Rank, 1 through 5, the recreational experience you want from Shaffer Park in order of preference, 1 being your most preferred quality:

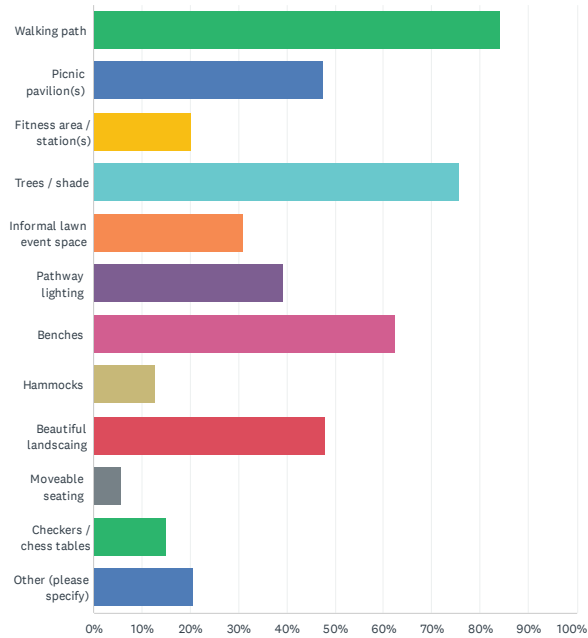
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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
A place to play or take children to play	24.75% 50	16.34% 33	17.33% 35	20.79% 42	20.79% 42	202	3.03
A place to exercise	8.96% 19	13.68% 29	27.36% 58	23.58% 50	26.42% 56	212	2.55
A place to relax and enjoy the outdoors and nature	31.75% 67	29.38% 62	22.27% 47	11.37% 24	5.21% 11	211	3.71
A trail for walking or jogging	33.94% 74	31.19% 68	16.51% 36	10.55% 23	7.80% 17	218	3.73
A place to gather with neighbors, friends and/or family	5.58% 12	8.37% 18	18.14% 39	29.30% 63	38.60% 83	215	2.13

### Q48 What new facilities do you think should be considered for Shaffer Park? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 227 Skipped: 87



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking path	84.14%	191
Picnic pavilion(s)	47.58%	108
Fitness area / station(s)	20.26%	46
Trees / shade	75.77%	172
Informal lawn event space	30.84%	70
Pathway lighting	39.21%	89
Benches	62.56%	142
Hammocks	12.78%	29
Beautiful landscaping	48.02%	109
Moveable seating	5.73%	13
Checkers / chess tables	14.98%	34
Other (please specify)	20.70%	47
Total Respondents: 227		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Calisthenic equipment	1/27/2024 8:24 PM
2	Playground	1/22/2024 9:38 PM
3	Please keep lighting to a minimum, we have enough light pollution's	1/21/2024 11:35 AM
4	Leave as open undisturbed space	1/15/2024 8:03 PM
5	nothing please	1/10/2024 7:57 PM
6	Landscaping should be native plants.	1/9/2024 10:13 PM
7	Pool	1/8/2024 5:45 PM
8	Community garden	1/8/2024 11:22 AM
9	Real ADA approved bathrooms.	12/22/2023 8:42 AM
10	Swings, slids , pickle ball court	11/12/2023 6:52 AM
11	Pickleball	11/7/2023 12:27 PM
12	None. It is supposed to be open wooded space	9/13/2023 7:55 PM
13	Nature information-trees, plants and animals in the park area	9/12/2023 1:34 PM
14	volleyball sand pit	9/9/2023 2:38 PM
15	Pickleball	9/5/2023 5:57 PM
16	Anything but more homes and businesses	8/25/2023 4:42 AM
17	Should just be for walking and enjoying nature at it's best.. quiet. No games . Kids have a places to play. People need to respect nature.	8/24/2023 9:49 PM
18	none	8/21/2023 3:53 PM
19	None, it has its own natural beauty	8/20/2023 9:42 PM
20	Pickleball courts, basketball, Frisbee golf	8/15/2023 2:31 PM

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21	Animals Need open space too.	8/9/2023 11:03 AM
22	Playground	8/1/2023 2:53 PM
23	Native plants landscaping	7/15/2023 7:56 PM
24	Bocce	7/4/2023 9:05 AM
25	We would like to keep the preserve as it is. Natural and untouched.	7/2/2023 9:42 PM
26	Water play	6/21/2023 10:24 AM
27	Leave it the way it is!!!!	6/16/2023 11:31 AM
28	Environmental education, e.g. rain gardens (if needed) with relevant information.	6/8/2023 1:57 PM
29	Woode Hiking Trails	6/7/2023 5:26 PM
30	pickleball courts	6/5/2023 8:04 AM
31	Pickle ball. Tennis. Swimming	5/31/2023 10:33 PM
32	Community theatre	5/30/2023 8:38 PM
33	Natural Habitat	5/23/2023 2:10 PM
34	Nothing	5/22/2023 4:44 PM
35	Pool	5/21/2023 12:15 AM
36	None, we need more farms.	5/20/2023 11:10 PM
37	Leave it as is	5/19/2023 11:11 PM
38	If there are residential homes, none of the above is needed. There are enough walking trails in the area.	5/18/2023 10:58 AM
39	Bike Trails	5/16/2023 4:26 PM
40	none	5/9/2023 8:08 PM
41	keep it as natural as possible - let nature be the star	5/9/2023 12:11 PM
42	Frisbee golf and ultimate frisbee, sand volley ball.	5/6/2023 9:48 PM
43	Water feature	5/6/2023 12:29 PM
44	Large playground	5/6/2023 7:38 AM
45	Nature playground	5/5/2023 12:42 PM
46	Playground	5/5/2023 11:28 AM
47	Small gravel parking area and maybe some livestock.	4/28/2023 8:10 AM

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Q49 What concerns might you have about the development of Shaffer Park?

Answered: 128 Skipped: 186

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	You will be throwing us a bone for this open space only too develop other open spaces in future.	2/21/2024 9:01 AM
2	Traffic, safety	2/1/2024 4:11 PM
3	None. Excited!	2/1/2024 7:20 AM
4	Need better access by walking so a car is not needed to enter the park.	1/31/2024 12:46 PM
5	Using it for developing more homes	1/31/2024 11:55 AM
6	Traffic/parking	1/30/2024 8:01 PM
7	Need to make sure that it doesn't become a hangout for illicit activities	1/30/2024 1:38 PM
8	Over development	1/29/2024 12:12 PM
9	Traffic issues are a big concern. Safety issues and fear of increased crime in the area.	1/28/2024 10:49 AM
10	Keep it natural	1/28/2024 2:38 AM
11	Development specifically for children or pets. If these are added they should be cordoned off from the rest of the park much like has happened in Concord Township.	1/27/2024 3:06 PM
12	Not right for the people who have lived in this area for so long to have more congestion throughout their streets and living area. It is already too congestion and overwhelming	1/27/2024 9:54 AM
13	WE NEED TREES STOP CUTTING THEM! Also don't know if we could do maybe a natural water play. Kind of like sister cities park in the city but we are garnet valley and could make that slap. You could race boats or rubber ducks (future fundraising idea) and have a mud kitchen!	1/26/2024 9:18 PM
14	Overcrowdedness and lack of nature and trees	1/26/2024 4:55 PM
15	The proposed plans to include parking on goodley road and opening this to others on bethel road for parking casing traffic accidents.	1/26/2024 10:29 AM
16	I think we should have the ability to re-analyze the decisions made in 5 years- if adjustments need to be made then everyone will know a review will be conducted in 5 years and changes can be made- could be add more benches or trails etc..	1/25/2024 1:13 PM
17	Making it another dog park.	1/22/2024 9:38 PM
18	It would be nice if there was a sidewalk on Bethel Rd. to access the park from nearby neighborhoods.	1/21/2024 9:11 PM
19	Traffic, attraction of outsiders into community/safety	1/18/2024 3:52 PM
20	Safety. Traffic. Access. Disturbing the neighbors.	1/15/2024 8:03 PM
21	Too much development of the park will make it less assessable to residents through rentals. Would like a historic component included in the plans.	1/15/2024 8:20 AM
22	keep it in its natural state. traffic safety turning into a parking lot off of bethel road. safety concerns and crime	1/10/2024 7:57 PM
23	More vehicle traffic in the neighborhood surrounding	1/10/2024 8:01 AM
24	Does not comply with Shaffers intent as per conservation easement. Should be for environmental education and not encroach on wildlife.	1/9/2024 10:13 PM

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25	Development, keep Shaffer Park a Wildlife /Educational preserve for present and future generations	1/9/2024 5:05 PM
26	High traffic/accident area on Bethel Road. I do not think it should be a big attraction, but more a natural walking trail.	1/9/2024 4:44 PM
27	Possible destruction of trees and the environment due to use of pesticides and lawn chemicals	1/9/2024 4:26 PM
28	Over developed sports dedication.	1/8/2024 8:47 PM
29	That the two dozen home owners that surround the property will have outsized importance vs the rest of the taxpayers in Bethel.	1/8/2024 12:20 PM
30	Large gatherings and parties that can easily get out of hand. Out of township visitors using the park and leaving garbage all over the place.	1/8/2024 12:05 PM
31	We have enough homes in bethel, no need for any new developments	1/8/2024 11:22 AM
32	Over development And traffic	12/29/2023 8:18 AM
33	The removal of old trees and it being just open hot/cold exposed not relaxing fields. No ADA approved bathrooms. Not safe to visit. Too much blacktop. When you go to Clayton park it feels like a park not a barren field with a parking lot. Plenty of benches. Not just one or two.	12/22/2023 8:42 AM
34	Over use by we humans, destroying current animal habitat, destruction of native trees and plants, safety and security.	12/10/2023 9:08 PM
35	Traffic	11/22/2023 11:09 AM
36	That it is developed mainly for use of children, without any consideration of adults.	11/22/2023 10:42 AM
37	No concerns.	11/12/2023 6:52 AM
38	Adequate parking is needed	11/8/2023 10:34 PM
39	Tax increases	11/7/2023 12:27 PM
40	Not sure	11/2/2023 10:20 AM
41	Preserving the beauty and not making it into another big park.	10/15/2023 11:00 AM
42	It being over-developed and disruptive to those who live next door to it.	10/14/2023 5:36 PM
43	None	10/7/2023 11:20 AM
44	Limited parking	10/7/2023 10:01 AM
45	My property abuts Shaffer Park; I don't want noise, a lot of people, or a parking lot near my home. I'm also concerned for the animals that have already been displaced by new housing.	10/2/2023 11:19 AM
46	Safety and security. Harming the neighbors of the park	9/13/2023 7:55 PM
47	Maintenance, vandalism, police patrol	9/13/2023 8:35 AM
48	Respect Dr. Mede Schaeffer's wishes on development.	9/12/2023 8:23 PM
49	Parking. The Access onto Bethel Rd can be somewhat dangerous.	9/12/2023 1:34 PM
50	None as it is desperately needed for our township	9/9/2023 6:00 PM
51	Access getting in and out	9/9/2023 2:38 PM
52	Traveling to and from the park. Ideally we would walk or bike to the park. Also, water fountain availability.	9/7/2023 11:01 AM
53	safe and available parking. I would like to see walking trails with meadow areas	9/6/2023 7:38 AM
54	Distance to walk	9/5/2023 5:57 PM
55	I'd like for sidewalks to connect the nearby neighborhoods to Shaffer park so that we can walk to the park as opposed to driving a block or two	9/5/2023 4:48 PM
56	Can Garnet mine Rd get to it and more homes will be added	8/25/2023 4:42 AM

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57	Don't need access to Goodley. Don't need that path.	8/24/2023 9:49 PM
58	Excited to have a nature loop through a beautiful historical property where our children can come and explore and enjoy. Would love to see a paved path for strollers. Would love to have a safe way to enter/exit as Bethel Road can be dangerous with blind turns. Would like to see a bike and walking path created from surrounding neighborhoods to safely enter/exit the park so kids and families do not attempt to walk on Bethel Road.	8/22/2023 10:35 AM
59	Safety, crime, cost to taxpayers	8/21/2023 3:53 PM
60	We can't take care of the parks we now have. Safety. Taking Away the landscape that has been here for decades. We have developed enough of our land. We moved here for the country open space not parkes that you have in congested cities.	8/20/2023 9:42 PM
61	That it will not have enough for young adults	8/15/2023 2:31 PM
62	Taking away the natural beauty of the Shaffer Park. The inability to patrol the area unless on foot. Increased traffic in the area. Overall safety	8/10/2023 9:54 PM
63	Unsupervised/No visibility from the Bethel or Goodley road.	8/9/2023 11:03 AM
64	Entertainment! Events. I would rent the pavillion and put on community events id it was possible. I used to be an eventa promoter.	8/8/2023 12:13 AM
65	I'm opposed to taking HOA land from Hills at Bethel to create a connectivity path between Shaffer Park and Adkinson Park	8/4/2023 11:56 AM
66	Access without driving	8/4/2023 9:53 AM
67	None. Concord offers many more outdoor facilities. Many Bethel residence go to Concord to enjoy their open space. We have the community playground which is unheard of in a large growing community such as ours.	8/1/2023 2:53 PM
68	gathering of non-residents not accessible to firs responders	7/18/2023 4:29 PM
69	Being over run with dog walkers not cleaning up after dogs. Out of town people using it.	7/15/2023 7:56 PM
70	Just make it a valued addition to bethel township for its citizens. We need more open space and less houses being built.	7/12/2023 6:17 PM
71	Do NOT cut paths into the wooded area. Leave the wooded area for the wildlife to live. They have limited resources and they are members of the community. They need to pond as a watering hole and the woods as a home. Mowed paths for human walking in already existing open area is acceptable.	7/10/2023 7:14 PM
72	Crime/safety	7/4/2023 9:05 AM
73	Traffic pattern, safety and security of the houses connected to the park. Loss of habitat for the bees and birds if there is construction of picnic pavillions and parking spaces. Loss of meadows beneficial for the bees.	7/2/2023 9:42 PM
74	None, the more parks the better. Funding for public use space should be top priority	6/28/2023 9:14 AM
75	Losing the privacy in our backyard. Extra foot traffic in my backyard Noise in my backyard Litter in my backyard Losing the view of trees and animals	6/16/2023 11:31 AM
76	Would like to see a good mix of using the open space for parks and recreation but also conserving open space.	6/15/2023 11:19 AM
77	Over-development of a lovely piece of nature.	6/8/2023 1:57 PM
78	Dog park	6/8/2023 10:43 AM
79	Fear of the land being cleared for Sport activities	6/7/2023 5:26 PM
80	I am concerned about rumors that his property will be partially used for low-income housing. This property should be open for plants and wildlife.	6/6/2023 9:15 PM
81	Taxes being raised, not being maintained as all the other Twp parks, being used by everyone other than Twp residents.	6/5/2023 2:10 PM
82	Safety	6/3/2023 4:49 PM



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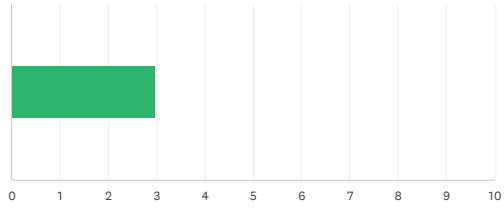
83	The need to keep balance between developed activity area and natural beauty areas.	6/3/2023 10:07 AM
84	Would need increased police presence.	6/3/2023 9:43 AM
85	Parking crowded or skate boarding activities	6/3/2023 7:12 AM
86	Leave all the trees you cant!	6/2/2023 10:19 PM
87	Overall expansion decreasing natural environmental conditions	6/2/2023 9:23 PM
88	It won't be developed practically or efficiently	5/31/2023 10:33 PM
89	Parking	5/30/2023 8:38 PM
90	I'm concerned it will be used to accommodate dog owners. We need more outdoor safe places to exercise, run, bike, etc.	5/30/2023 11:15 AM
91	That the township will continue to do the bare minimum.	5/29/2023 4:30 PM
92	I would hate to see the property over-maintained. There is beauty in the nature of the site, and we don't have too many places like that anymore. I would hate to see the whole thing perfectly manicured and mowed. It should be a natural space that residents can interact with the landscape.	5/23/2023 2:10 PM
93	Park surrounded by homes To much traffic Keep as open space	5/22/2023 4:44 PM
94	Non-residents causing trouble	5/22/2023 10:20 AM
95	Road. Traffic. Fast speed from people getting to the park.	5/21/2023 12:15 AM
96	We need more farms and less development for parks. Stop wasting money on parks and housing developments and support more farms.	5/20/2023 11:10 PM
97	Attracting additional traffic and out-of-town visitors.	5/20/2023 10:48 AM
98	To much unsafe traffic Both foot and cars	5/19/2023 11:11 PM
99	none	5/18/2023 12:28 PM
100	Higher Taxes!	5/18/2023 10:58 AM
101	Maintenance	5/17/2023 6:37 PM
102	Need to see the plan options BEFORE any final decisions are made and contracts signed.	5/16/2023 5:36 PM
103	Cost	5/16/2023 4:25 PM
104	Beautiful site. Parking is limited, but with the gate open, it does have decent parking.	5/16/2023 3:51 PM
105	Keep natural open space and woods. I walk this property regularly and it is full of foxes and deer.	5/16/2023 9:52 AM
106	Incorporate the plans to include the surrounding open space areas. (Hills of Bethel, Naamans Creek, Bethel sewer right of way)	5/15/2023 8:21 AM
107	If it's developed into picnic or hangout areas it would attract people from outside our neighborhood and create extra traffic	5/10/2023 8:51 PM
108	Not needed and would attract more traffic to area	5/10/2023 8:36 PM
109	Concerned that the dire need for this park to be properly developed will be overshadowed by those that dwell on the negative possibilities (crime, pollution) and their own personal agendas (not in my back yard!).	5/10/2023 9:20 AM
110	It is not a good place for a public park behind people's homes!	5/9/2023 8:08 PM
111	do not like the idea of picnic tables and grills - it invites people from out of the area, plus you would need to add a porta potty and between the smell and appearance, you need to worry about kids tipping them over. also tables will entice teenagers to gather at night for drinking, etc... also concerned if there is a vehicle entrance at Bethel rd - that is tough place to get in and out of - accident waiting to happen. Dr. Shaffer wanted this as open space so people could enjoy NATURE and I would hate to see it turned into something that was not what he intended. Keep it as trails with maybe a couple of benches - minimal maintenance. I would hate to see	5/9/2023 12:11 PM

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	the pond filled in - there is wildlife that uses that pond including several turtles. I know it is an insurance issue, but you could put a nice fence around the pond.	
112	I live off Bethel road. With all the new houses i have concern for traffic.	5/9/2023 12:10 PM
113	No grills or porta potties that would bring outsiders and rubbish. Entrance should also be discrete for the same reason.	5/9/2023 10:51 AM
114	Development should be sensitive to the natural environment	5/9/2023 9:51 AM
115	Too much focus on pavillion spaces when that is available at parks nearby. Need something fun for teens and young at heart.	5/6/2023 9:48 PM
116	Parking, safety, lighting.	5/6/2023 12:29 PM
117	? Keeping the space clean. Enough trash disposals/recycle containers	5/6/2023 9:22 AM
118	Traffic on Bethel Road, parking.	5/6/2023 9:17 AM
119	Destroying more land, we barely have any left. Animals are going to be over crowded.	5/6/2023 8:13 AM
120	Bethel households already have all manner of recreation in their own yards and neighborhoods. Open space is good.	5/5/2023 8:37 PM
121	Traffic	5/5/2023 8:23 PM
122	Trash, dogs not on leashes (I am a dog owner)	5/5/2023 12:22 PM
123	Attracts too many outsiders for safety and invasion of wrong crowd	5/5/2023 11:45 AM
124	enough parking spots	4/29/2023 3:45 PM
125	Environmentally conscious	4/29/2023 3:00 PM
126	It's basically the last undeveloped parcel in the township not every park needs blacktop modernization just leave it alone and the community can enjoy a natural meadow as Dr. Shaffer intended!! Mow a walking path and be done. Also it's cheaper for tax payers left in a natural state.	4/28/2023 8:10 AM
127	Would be driving, leaving park safely on to Rd	4/28/2023 7:01 AM
128	Parking, entrance access, maintenance/upkeep, security	4/27/2023 7:32 PM

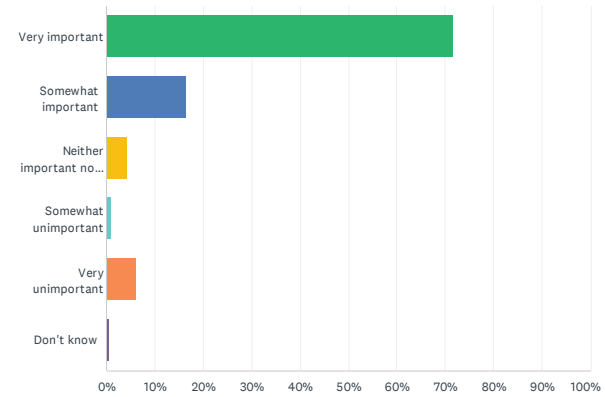
Q50 Please rate how your general household's recreational and open space needs are being met in or around Bethel Township.

1 - Not Well 3 - Average 5 - Very Well Answered: 227 Skipped: 87



Q51 In general, how important do you feel public parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces are to the well-being and quality of life in Bethel Township?

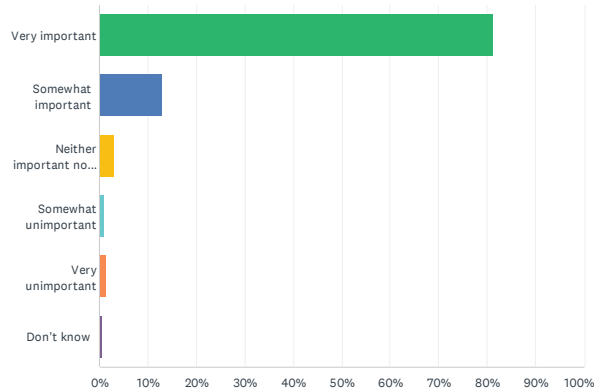
Answered: 230 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	71.74%	165
Somewhat important	16.52%	38
Neither important nor unimportant	4.35%	10
Somewhat unimportant	0.87%	2
Very unimportant	6.09%	14
Don't know	0.43%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>230</b>

### Q52 In general, how important is the conservation of natural open spaces such as waterways and wooded areas in Bethel Township?

Answered: 230 Skipped: 84



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	81.30%	187
Somewhat important	13.04%	30
Neither important nor unimportant	3.04%	7
Somewhat unimportant	0.87%	2
Very unimportant	1.30%	3
Don't know	0.43%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>230</b>

### Q53 If you have any additional comments or ideas, please provide them below.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 256

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We don't need to develop every bit of open space!	1/30/2024 1:39 PM
2	I would like the park to remain as it is now.	1/28/2024 10:50 PM
3	We need more spaces for community gardening and composting with better access to our preserved land that includes paved trails.	1/27/2024 3:07 PM
4	I believe we can find a balance of preserving our natural spaces while improving our neighborhood to provide education why it is so important!	1/26/2024 9:20 PM
5	We need something similar to what Concord Twp has on Smithbridge. It is often overcrowded.	1/22/2024 9:39 PM
6	Access from Hills of Bethel neighborhood to John T Adkinson park	1/18/2024 3:10 PM
7	There are a huge number of existing park options. Adding another park to a park system that is already poorly maintained is not advisable.	1/15/2024 8:04 PM
8	Any recommendations Should be in accordance with Conservation easement which is preservation and should not encroach on wildlife	1/9/2024 10:16 PM
9	Keep 20 acres Schaffer Park a Wildlife Preserve, with walking trails and education purposes	1/9/2024 5:09 PM
10	Bethel Twp is weak in conserving land compared to Concord Twp. Too much new construction has affected traffic patterns and the ambiance of the area.	1/9/2024 4:52 PM
11	No pickleball in Adkinson Park	1/8/2024 4:03 PM
12	Keep taxes low!	12/29/2023 8:19 AM
13	Please don't cut down the big old trees. Keep the shade. ADA bathrooms and plenty of benches. Set up volunteer squads you might be surprised as to how many people would like to be involved. This township has nothing substantial for seniors	12/22/2023 8:45 AM
14	I appreciate everyone efforts in making the park. Thanks for considering residents opinion while designing park to consider kids swings, slides & rising popular sport pickleball. Some communities have local compost facility for residents. It would be nice to add it to benefit nature & community	11/12/2023 6:56 AM
15	None	10/7/2023 11:21 AM
16	Stop sign at Sarum Farm/Stillwood. Sidewalks on the busier streets, please, especially Bethel Road. It is not safe.	10/2/2023 11:23 AM
17	Open space does not mean a park, but means open, untouched spaces	9/13/2023 7:55 PM
18	Opening page paragraph 3, anyone that knows or lives in Bethel Twp. knows it is Bethel Road not Bethel "Avenue". Follow Dr Shaffer's wishes...	9/12/2023 8:28 PM
19	Would like to be able to use Shaffer Park for community events in the future such as Founder's Day which is currently being held at 1645 Bethel Rd.	9/9/2023 2:40 PM
20	Something like the Chester creek trail- that is highly used for many purposes- walking, running, biking	9/7/2023 2:21 PM
21	I'm happy to get in touch with regards to programming. I work for PSU Extension, Delaware County 4-H and have contacts with the Master Gardener team.	9/7/2023 11:03 AM
22	Adamantly need places for teens to do too stay out of trouble. Basketball courts near the police station with lights would be a fantastic improvement.	9/5/2023 8:05 PM

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23	Contact the Birding Club of Delaware County to provide occasional bird walks for all levels of birders.	8/28/2023 5:02 PM
24	NO MORE HOMES!!! NO MORE BUSINESSES!! NO MORE TRAFFIC!!!	8/25/2023 4:43 AM
25	Would love to see more bike paths and sidewalks across the township. Some roads are really unsafe for pedestrians but lots of people run/walk on them anyway. Badly need a crosswalk at BSES on Foulk Road to the township baseball field. Would LOVE more protected open spaces where my family can go to relax and unwind. Walk under the old trees and enjoy the birds in our area. We all need more quiet and fresh air!	8/22/2023 10:39 AM
26	We just came out of a pandemic, just had a reassessment, we don't need additional taxes. Seniors have been hit hard being on a fixed income, our \$ doesn't go far with the inflation we now have.	8/20/2023 9:52 PM
27	Pickleball Court, area for Frisbee Golf (9 hole) and Basketball. Perhaps an area for mini golf.	8/15/2023 2:32 PM
28	You are creating open space that was once last habitats for our wildlife, there needs to be a balance. Due to the boardwalks invade our wetlands. If this is taking away habitat for wildlife, I am not in favor of it.	8/9/2023 11:08 AM
29	I'm opposed to taking HOA land from Hills at Bethel to create a pedestrian walk way right behind private residences	8/4/2023 11:58 AM
30	Please create bike sharing lines on existing roads and sidewalks that connect/ lead to somewhere	8/1/2023 7:29 PM
31	Please construct sidewalks to connect neighborhoods, parks and shopping centers. Walkability is so limited in the area. Kids and people that do not drive are isolated to their own neighborhoods.	8/1/2023 3:20 PM
32	I think it is vital to connect some communities so that our children can ride bikes and walk on such a roads as foulk, Kirk, Gamet Mine and Bethel. As more parents are working children and teens are walking these roads to connect with friends and my fear is that someone will be hurt. Please act now before tragedy strikes.	8/1/2023 2:56 PM
33	No more housing! No more traffic and angry drivers. No more traffic lights and stop signs. This township is built out with housing. Improve the quality of life for the township citizens. Don't detract from it.	7/12/2023 6:20 PM
34	Conservation of natural land is imperative for out wellbeing. Leave the wooded area for the wildlife to live. Trails through the woods will displace them even further and it is an unacceptable option. The township has plenty of trails through the woods at other parks. Leave this space for the animals. Plus, it puts the neighbors that boarder the property in jeopardy. Leave Shaffer's property as he has kept it. There is value in how it is.	7/10/2023 7:17 PM
35	Please keep the Shaffer park a preserve land as it is.	7/2/2023 9:43 PM
36	Please leave Shaffer Park alone!!!	6/16/2023 11:32 AM
37	Preserve our community as it is.	6/7/2023 5:28 PM
38	Maintain the parks we already have before you start another project. Dr Shaffer wanted the nature of the grounds to be as they always have been, untouched by modern technology.	6/5/2023 2:14 PM
39	As my responses indicate, it would be great to have a few public pickleball courts in the township.	6/5/2023 8:06 AM
40	We don't need anymore housing or parks be built keep open spaces	6/3/2023 7:14 AM
41	Leave the trees	6/2/2023 10:19 PM
42	More sidewalks	6/2/2023 9:44 PM
43	Thank you for the survey. It would be wonderful if we could bike and run outside safely around Bethel Township.	5/30/2023 11:19 AM
44	Please keep it natural. The last thing this town needs is another perfectly manicured lawn. In keeping the land with naturalized meadows and open spaces, it will not only provide historical context, but it will also maintain the bucolic feel that so many original Bethel Residents moved	5/23/2023 2:12 PM

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	here for. We don't need to be Concord with all of its parks, we need to preserve what makes Bethel, Bethel.	
45	Stop wasting money on housing developments and parks and support farms.	5/20/2023 11:12 PM
46	Must look to add pickleball courts quickly. Can put several in the old Francis Harvey Green site. Next to Bethel Springs Elementary.	5/20/2023 1:05 PM
47	Purchase the entire piece of land in Chelsea currently zoned L1 and make it a park/ open space. Once it's gone it's gone.	5/19/2023 7:27 PM
48	Bethel Twp needs to keep the "country feel" with keeping the trees & wildlife to continue to flourish. There is enough walking trails & activities around the township to be happy with, without adding extra taxes to existing residence of Bethel Twp. Gamet Valley Schools are the draw to our area.	5/18/2023 11:08 AM
49	Other than bike/hiking trails, no paving.	5/16/2023 5:39 PM
50	CONGRATULATIONS to the Board of Supervisors and those assisting in the planning of Shaffer Park. You have developed an outstanding plan so far. Please keep up the great work! We live directly across the street from the proposed entrance and are in FULL SUPPORT!	5/10/2023 9:24 AM
51	Keep it as natural as possible. There has been so much development in that area between Gamet Pointe and the reserve at Saum farm, we need to keep as much wildlife space as we can.	5/9/2023 12:15 PM
52	Please consider 21st century ideas. Would love a place to add compost and garden. Please only gravel parking. Please consider dusk golf and places for ultimate frisbee (the free space where it is level). Sand volleyball. Perhaps one charging station.	5/6/2023 9:53 PM
53	Limit new developments and create more opportunity for conservation of open spaces	5/6/2023 9:19 AM
54	START SAVING MORE LAND	5/6/2023 8:14 AM
55	Another playground would be nice. The Ebright one is pretty subpar	5/5/2023 9:21 PM
56	Ensure walkability from surrounding neighborhoods - connect o'day lane and Sarum farm to park	5/5/2023 12:43 PM
57	Please don't allow developers to pay their way out of having open space in the Township! Once the onetime payment is spent the open space is gone forever! Please leave Shaffers property as natural as possible. Also I would like to thank our parks and rec department for their efforts!!	4/28/2023 8:15 AM
58	Bethel Township purchased this property and it should move forward to making it one for its residents Surrounding property owners concern's should be addressed but the needs of other tax paying residents who don't have this idyllic spot should matter more. I also would like to have an indoor facility for pickle ball. I already have access to outdoor courts. When weather is rainy or during colder months it would be great to have this. This could be a long range goal	4/28/2023 7:13 AM



