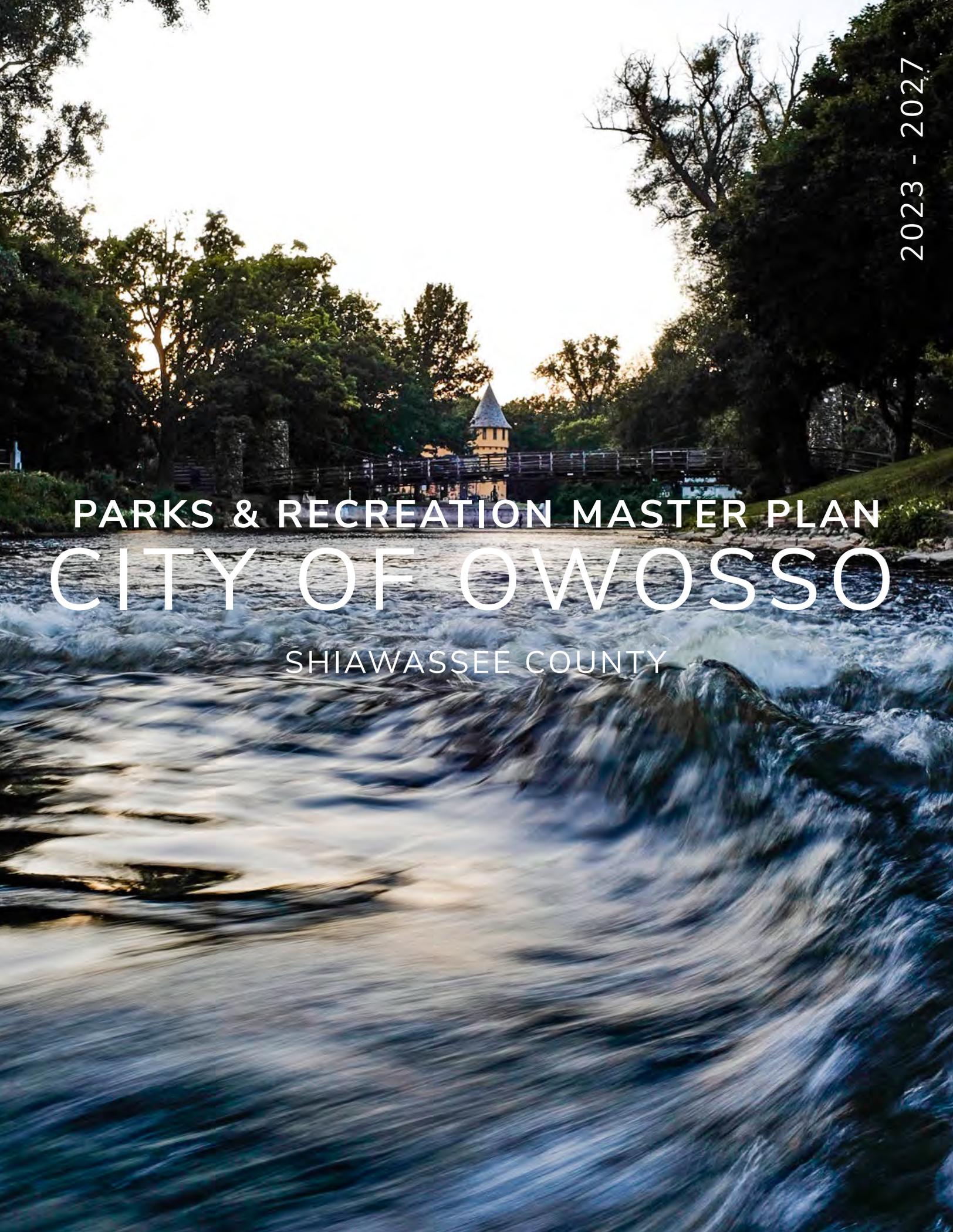


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INTRODUCTION

The City of Owosso has developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Plan) to serve as a guide for future decision-making regarding facility improvements, park developments, and new recreation opportunities for the next five years. This document is the basis for policy implementation, improvement changes, and new initiatives that will meet the interest of residents and the City's recreational goals.

Before any Recreation Plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand the needs of the current residents, existing recreational opportunities, the demographic characteristics, program initiatives, and projects and facilities that are best suited for the community. This Plan was compiled from public input, City staff, consultants, and the City of Owosso Recreation Commission. The community was a key component in creating this Plan. Together, the voices of Owosso have united to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan that will enhance community members' and visitors' experiences.

The foundation for the development of the City of Owosso's Parks and Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community throughout the process of updating the Recreation Plan.
- Identify and map existing City-owned/operated recreation facilities.
- Build common ground among the City of Owosso residents and stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs, and priorities of the City.
- Enable the City to be eligible for financial assistance based on the Recreation Plan.
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing parks and recreation goals, objectives, and actions in partnership with the City of Owosso and other local groups.
- Support the implementation of improvements for barrier-free access to City parks and recreational sites.

In conclusion, the City of Owosso officials intend to use this Plan as a guide for their work on all future recreation and park projects within the City. It is also a strategic document that articulates specific goals to various agencies and organizations that fund local recreational and park improvement projects. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for the development of community Parks and Recreation Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A five-year, DNR-approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan is necessary for the City of Owosso to pursue DNR-administered grants. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan is written for the City of Owosso and covers all aspects of recreation within the City over a five-year period from 2023-2027.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

REGIONAL LOCATION

The City of Owosso is located in the northwestern part of Shiawassee County, 29 miles west of Flint, and 37 miles northeast of Lansing. The City is easily accessible by M-21 traversing east to west through the middle of the City, and I-69 to M-52 which traverses north to south through the middle of the City.

The City area is 4.45 square miles and is surrounded by the Township of Owosso to the west, Rush Township and New Haven Township to the north, City of Corunna in Caledonia Township to the east, and Shiawassee and Bennington to the south. The Shiawassee River is the only significant body of water in the region. It extends 40 miles through the heart of the County traveling north to south.

The name Owosso was adapted in 1840 from the name of a Chippewa Indian chieftain called “Wasso”. Owosso is the largest City in Shiawassee County and is a widely diversified industrial and commercial center in the midst of a highly agricultural county. With its central location, the area offers residents enhanced educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities, including access to professional sporting events. Owosso is an attractive place to live and work, its short distance from other major Michigan markets makes it an ideal mid-

Michigan location for commerce and industry.

Owosso has six core neighborhoods, a vibrant downtown that offers shopping, dining, and entertainment, and a large park system. The City’s sidewalk networks encourage residents to walk to their destination or for exercise.

MAP 1 – CITY OF OWOSSO



DEMOGRAPHICS

In this section, background information from the U.S. Census was used to analyze the City of Owosso's current demographic conditions. The following section analyzes Census-based data on overall population trends, housing characteristics, and economic information in the City to present an overall demographic condition analysis.

The information presented in this chapter uses the most recent Census Data from 2010 and 2020, and 2020 ACS data which is based on 5-year estimates. The City will be compared to the City of St. Johns, Shiawassee County, and the State of Michigan.

Understanding the characteristics of the population is helpful when evaluating parks and recreation facilities and needs. The tables below provide a comparison of key demographic data for the City of Owosso.

TABLE 1 – CITY OF OWOSSO DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

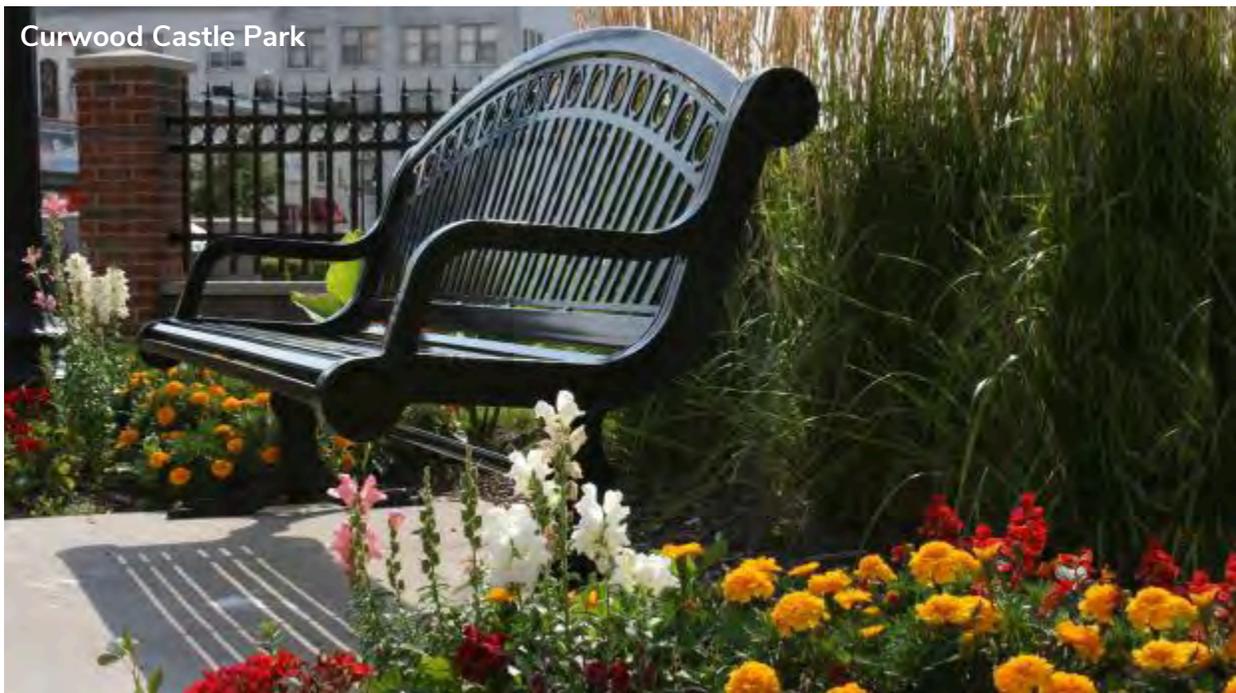
Select Census Data				
	City of Owosso	City of St. Johns	Shiawassee County	Michigan
Population- 2010 Census	15,194	7,865	70,648	9,883,640
Population- 2020 Census	14,714	7,698	68,094	10,077,331
% Of Population 65 & older	15.6%	15.6%	18.3%	17.2%
% Of Population under 18	22.3%	23.6%	21.1%	21.5%
Median Age	36.5	39.1	43.0	39.8
% With a Bachelor's Degree or higher	14.9%	23.8%	17.8%	30%
Poverty Rate	14.8%	10.3%	11%	13.7%
Median Household Income	\$41,943	\$63,313	\$56,436	\$59,234
Average Household Size	2.35	2.68	2.49	2.45
Median Housing Value	\$91,200	\$129,700	\$127,500	\$162,600
Renter-occupied housing as % of total Occupied Units	39.9%	26.7%	23.1%	9.4%
Vacancy Status	10.6%	8.8%	8.2%	13.7%

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, the City of Owosso had a population of 14,714 which is a decrease of 480 people (3.16%) from 2010, when the population was 15,194 people. The City of St. Johns and Shiawassee County also experienced a decrease in population. During this same period, Michigan's population increased by 1.95%.

The median age in the City of Owosso is 36.5 years. This City has the youngest median age in comparison to the other jurisdictions. As the population changes, those residents' recreational needs and wants may change as well, towards more passive facilities such as paths and trails instead of playgrounds. The older population, 65 and older, make up 15.6% of the City population. The younger population, 18 and under, makes up 22.3% of the population in the City. Together, the oldest and youngest population groups make up 37.9% of the City's population.

Within the City is a wide range of age groups who all have their own recreational needs. Park facilities can create a multigenerational link between individuals in these groups, and across all demographic groups. They provide gathering places, create exercise opportunities, promote civic participation, and improve the quality of life in an area.

In the City, 16.8% of the population are renters, which is significantly higher than in the other jurisdictions. There is a 14.8% poverty rate, 1.1% higher than in the State. In comparison, the City of Owosso has the lowest median household income, \$41,943, which is \$14,493 less than the County and \$17,291 less than the State. Residents in high-density housing have a greater need for open spaces and recreational facilities. These owners may not have large green spaces at home and therefore will rely on parks and recreational facilities for their needs.



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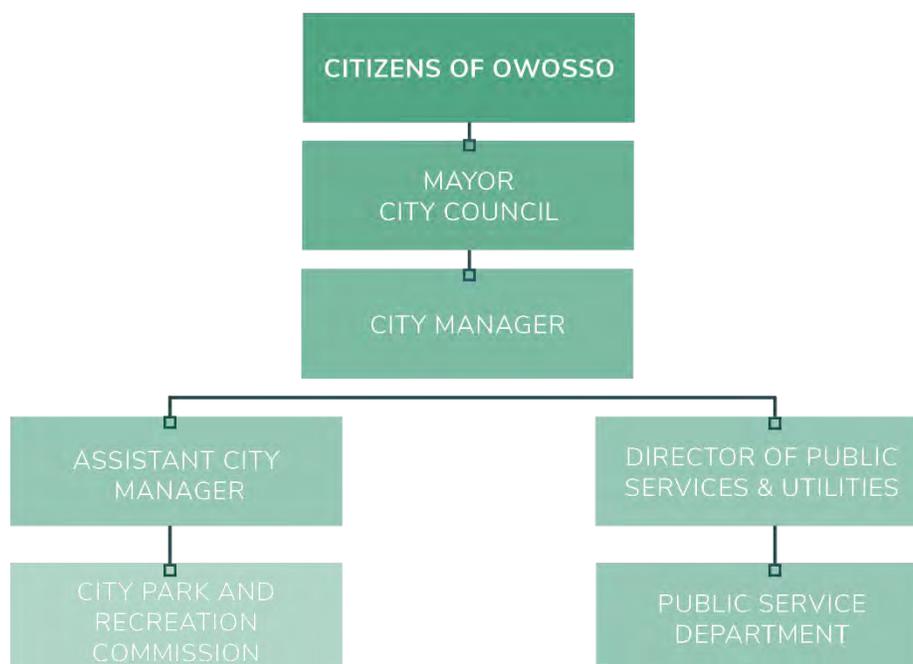
The park facilities within the City's boundary are operated by the City and maintained by the Public Services Department, as well as volunteer groups.

The City of Owosso Recreation Commission is a seven-member body. The City Council re-established the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2008 and increased the number of members in January 2017 from five members to seven members. The role of the Recreation Commission is more of an advisory board, used as a tool to help the City generate new ideas on how to improve its parks system and to be a sounding board for residents' recreation wishes. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. City Council is the ultimate decision-making body for all parks and recreation changes.

City Council is a seven-member body that meets twice a month, on the first and third Monday. The City Council annually adopts a budget that includes a line item for parks and recreation. The budget is prepared by the Assistant City Manager and the City Manager. The City's Assistant City Manager oversees the park system. The City Council ultimately assigns the responsibility of parks and their management to the City Manager. The City does not have a recreation director.

The City's administrative structure is in the figure below. It is crucial to understand the City's recreation structure and decision-making process.

FIGURE 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



FUNDING AND BUDGET

The City of Owosso's parks are financed through the capital improvement budget with a line item for parks and recreation. The City has a six-year CIP plan that is reviewed annually. The capital improvements are a combination of general funds, state and federal grants, and contributions. The maintenance of the parks is financed principally by the City's general funds.

In addition to the capital improvement budget, user fees finance park programs and are operated by various organizations. Over the years the City's CIP has decreased and the parks have been able to continue to operate with the help of donations from local service clubs and organizations.

TABLE 2 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	Current Year 2022-2023	Prior year 2021 - 2022
General Fund- Operation & Maintenance	\$206,420.64	\$226,187
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$ 0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$65,300	\$108,045
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$271,720.64</i>	<i>\$334,232</i>

Additional Funding

In general, there are several existing and potential funding sources available to the City for parks and recreation facility improvements. Additional funding sources may include a dedicated millage, user fees, bonds, grants, donations foundations, contractual agreements, and conveyances.

- The City of Owosso charges user fees for pavilion rentals. Additional user fees could be charged to the users of specific recreation facilities and for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees are a promising source of funding in the municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities.
- Appendix A is a list of other funding sources available.

ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Trail Joint Powers Committee

The Trail Joint Powers Committee was formed in 2016 through an intergovernmental agreement and is comprised of the following members: City of Owosso, City of Corunna, Caledonia Township, and the Owosso Airport Board. The purpose of this intergovernmental agreement is to improve and maintain the river trail that runs through each of these jurisdictions as well as broaden the eligibility for potential grant funding.

Owosso Historical Commission

The Owosso Historical Commission (OHC) is comprised of a seven-member board nominated to the commission by the Mayor of Owosso. The OHC's vision is *"To Foster Appreciation and Discovery of Owosso's Heritage,"* which is supported by our mission *"To recognize, preserve and bring public attention to the historical treasures of the city and to promote a historical interest in the arts."* The OHC manages The Curwood Collection, which includes:

- **Curwood Castle Writing and Conservation Studio Museum** – a replica of a 15th Century French Norman Chateau built in 1922 by author, conservationist, movie pioneer, and Imagineer James Oliver Curwood.
- **The Comstock Pioneer Cabin** – a perfectly preserved example of pioneer architecture built in 1836 by Elias and Lucy Comstock.
- **The Woodard Paymaster Building** – a small structure with Victorian Gothic embellishments built in 1885 by the Woodard Company, which makes wrought iron furniture in Owosso and is one of the oldest manufacturing firms in the State of Michigan still in operation and used the building as a meeting hall to pay their employees.
- **Amos Gould House Museum** – a grand mansion originally built in 1860 in the Italianate style and then in 1873 remodeled in the French Second Empire style, by railroad and timber magnate, explorer, and Owosso's first mayor and banker Amos Gould.
- **Ivan Conger Archive Room** – Host the letters and papers of James Oliver Curwood and Ivan Conger, and the Curwood Collection Archives, both housed at the Amos Gould House.

Volunteers

The City does not currently have a formal Adopt a Park Program but does have a working relationship with the following groups. The City relies on many of its volunteer groups to help assist with park maintenance, improvements, and programming.

- **The Rotary Club of Owosso:** Supports both Harmon Patridge Park and Hugh Parker Soccer Complex by organizing park clean-ups and fundraising for special projects.
- **The Kiwanis Club of Owosso:** “Adopted” Collamer Park.
- **The Friends of the Shiawassee River:** Host an annual river cleanup. Over 150 volunteers cleaned over 60 miles of the river from Vernon to Chesaning. Trash is also removed along the riverbanks and at riverside parks.
- **The Fayette Square Volunteers:** The group has 10-12 individuals who maintain the gardens at Fayette Square.

Other groups that play a crucial role in the parks and recreation within the City are Shiawassee Arts Council, the Owosso Historical Commission, the Amphitheater Association, the Youth Baseball League, the Owosso Softball Association, Owosso Soccer Club, Curwood Festival Inc., and the YMCA Soccer Program.



PROGRAMMING

The City of Owosso Parks and Recreation does not offer any programming. However, there are groups and organizations in the City that do offer programming for residents. Below is a list of those organizations and their program offering.

- **The Shiawassee YMCA:** Offers adult and children's recreational programs such as swimming (at Owosso High), tumbling, gymnastics, weightlifting, racquetball, basketball leagues, bridge marathons, judo instruction, exercise classes, flag football, summer camp, fitness room, ballet, water aerobics, floor hockey, running events, soccer (at Hugh Parker Field), and tennis instruction (at Bentley Park). The offerings are constantly changing to meet the needs of residents. In addition to the programs offered above, a non-profit KICS sponsors football for youth, and the Owosso Soccer Club partners with the Y to offer additional soccer opportunities to residents. The YMCA has a contractual arrangement with the City as a recreational partner. The YMCA reaches all throughout the community attracting children, coaches, and enthusiastic fans to the nine soccer fields every fall. On average 500 children are registered. The soccer and volleyball effort constitutes \$24,000 in park recreational programming.
- **Owosso Girls Softball League:** A four-member association operates softball play for first through tenth grade. In the summer they host leagues at Bennett Field on the three-ball diamonds. Over the years, there have been several tournaments scheduled at the field. On average there are 90 teams, along with their families, during these weekend events.
- **Owosso Baseball Association:** The Owosso Baseball Association uses the four diamonds at Rudy DeMuth Field and attracts 400 boys to league play. The association coordinates coaches, registrations, umpires, fundraising, and field care to maintain the level of participation enjoyed by children from the Owosso area. Tournaments throughout the season have increased the use of this park beyond the regular baseball season.
- **Pavilion Reservation Program:** The city has four pavilions, the park pavilions at Bentley and Harmon Patridge Park can be reserved through city offices for special events. The City has hundreds of reservations for the pavilions annually from families and organizations.
- **“Third Person” Recreational Providers:** A third-party entity offers recreation programming outside City parks. They offer many outlets for citizens with a special benefit of indoor play during the cold weather season.

- **The Owosso and Corunna Public Schools:** Offer hallway-walking programs, mostly attended by senior citizens. Their swimming pools are open for exercise in the winter with dedicated lap lanes. The schools also offer a variety of adult recreational classes.
- **Local Churches:** The local churches offer softball leagues for men and women and also sponsor basketball league play, open gym nights, and volleyball nights. All the leagues are open to the public.
- **Private Recreational Businesses:** Provide another means of recreation for city residents. These entities include public golf courses, bowling centers, dance studios, martial arts centers, Kiwanis Acres Nature Center and Day Camp, DeVries Nature Conservancy, and the Shiawassee Dog & Gun Club. This list is not comprehensive yet illustrates the diverse and ample amount of recreational outlets for the local population.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Throughout the year in the warmer months, a variety of events are held in the City.

- **Owosso Amphitheater Summerfest:** The Owosso Area Amphitheater Association has a lease with the City for the operation of the Mitchell Amphitheater in Curwood Castle Park. They host seven to eight concerts every summer and bring in a diverse group of entertainers from Shiawassee County. In addition, the association subleases the theater in the park to a local church organization that hosts a gospel series on Sunday evenings in the summer. The amphitheater draws an average audience of 300 people per concert. Many of the concerts serve underprivileged populations, disabled and seniors as well as families.
- **Shiawassee Arts Council Gallery:** The vision of the Shiawassee Arts Council (SAC) envisions a vibrant community where the arts inspire our innovative spirit, celebrate our cultural diversity, and encourage community involvement. The SAC's mission is to sponsor and encourage participation and appreciation of the arts in Shiawassee County and its surrounding area. SAC may research, plan, develop, and present quality arts and cultural activities that educate, entertain, and enhance the quality of life in our community. They offer a variety of exhibitions, art classes, scholarships, special events such as *Art in the Park* during the annual Curwood Festival, *ArtWalk*, *Tour Our Town*, *Art a la Carte*, *Owosso Bike Fest*, and two spaces for special events.
- **Curwood Festival:** The Owosso Curwood Festival is hosted by a non-profit organization that partners with the City to sponsor the hometown festival centered around Curwood Castle Park, the Shiawassee River, and the James Miner Walkway. The annual four-day

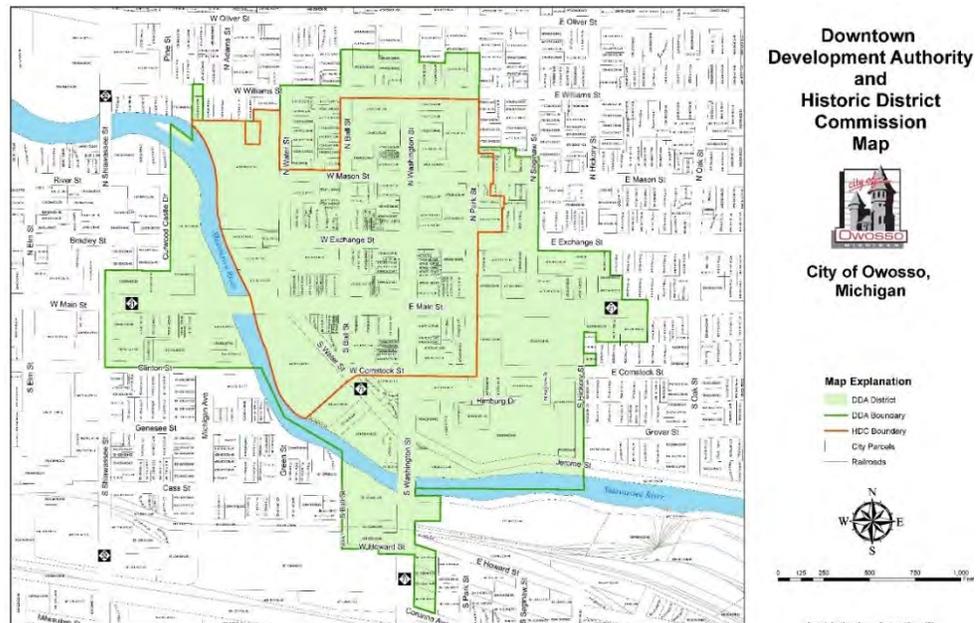
event in June averages 30,000 people. The festival has recreational events, fun runs, concerts, and feasts. Their annual recreational programming budget is \$100,000.

- **Shi-Tri:** The Shi-Tri is a unique race for the greater Owosso area that includes a run leg on the James Miner River Trail from Owosso to McCurdy Park in Corunna, transitioning to a kayak/canoe leg back to Owosso, with takeout and transition to the bike leg by the Comstock lot, culminating in a bike loop ending on the Miner Trail at the Fitness Coliseum. The event is co-managed by The Fitness Coliseum and the Friends with substantial local sponsorship support. It is held the Sunday in May a week before the Memorial Day weekend. The first proposed race in 2020 had to be cancelled due to COVID concerns. In 2021 the race was capped at 150 entrants, growing to a 250-entrant cap in 2022, and expected to grow to 350 in 2023. The event draws entrants and supporters from Owosso and the entire tri-state area. More information on the race can be found at: <https://shi-tri.com/202035634539>.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

In 1977 the City of Owosso formed its Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The DDA is a nine-member body, that collects revenue from taxes generated by a 2-mil levy and tax increments. In 2009, they created the Owosso Main Street program that contributes to the development of businesses and activity in the downtown area. The program cooperates with the Michigan Main Street office and upholds the four program pillars- Economic Restructuring, Design, Promotion, and Organization.

The Owosso DDA helps with infrastructure planning and event planning in the City. The group's programs have included wayfinding signage, streetscapes, and the farmer's market. Recently the DDA has added two electric vehicle charging stations downtown near the Main Street Plaza.



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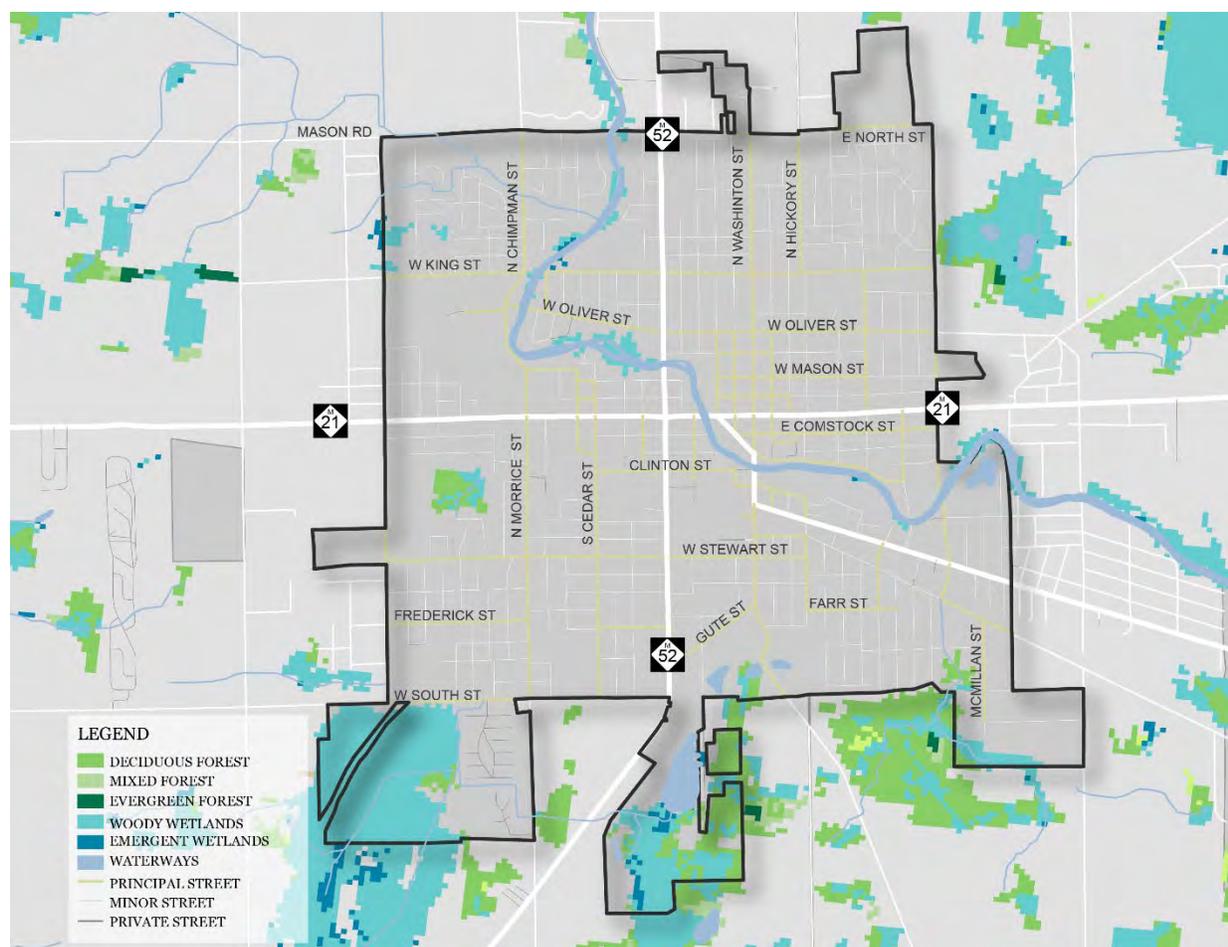
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NATURAL FEATURES

Map 2, below, highlights the existing wetlands, woodlands, and waterbodies in the City. The City of Owosso does not have an abundant amount of natural resources located within the City boundary, however, the Shiawassee River does run through the middle of the City. In the southern portion of the City are two large pockets of woody wetlands with small areas along the river. In addition to the woody wetlands, the City is comprised of deciduous forests and emergent wetlands. A natural features inventory is useful to recreation planning because it highlights existing resources showing where gaps may be located. Furthermore, the natural features inventory map can be used as a guide for any future park acquisitions or park and trail development. Natural features include things such as wetlands, water bodies, and wooded land.

MAP 2 – NATURAL FEATURES



PARKS AND RECREATION

Introduction

This chapter will cover the parks, recreation facilities, amenities, and much more located in the City. This inventory was updated by the City staff in the summer of 2022. The text below includes an in-depth description of parks located within the City, park classification, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility rating. Table 4, at the end of this section, summarizes park amenities in a tabular form. Towards the end of the chapter is a brief description of other recreation facilities and nonmotorized within the region.

Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and functional for all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the DNR to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most, and least, handicapped-accessible and usable, based on ADA guidelines. The following accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from 1: None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to 5: The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of Universal Design.

An ADA compliance assessment of City facilities was conducted during the summer of 2017 and updated in the spring of 2022. As noted in the inventory listing in Table 3, some of the parks do not meet all criteria for accessibility. The Parks and Recreation Commission will continue its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of the parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.

TABLE 3 - ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of Universal Design

Classification of City Parks

A recreation inventory is the foundation for developing an understanding of the City's recreation needs, deficiencies, and future plans. The inventory provides a snapshot of all the available facilities within a community along with details about the types of activities and features. The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different park types based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. The City of Owosso has a variety of park classifications- mini park, neighborhood park, community park, regional park, and special use park.

A recommended classification system for local and regional recreation open space includes the following five types of parks.

Mini-Parks - Address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs. They are usually between 2,500 square feet and one acre in size. Mini Parks include:

- Adams Park
- Grand Avenue Park

Neighborhood Parks - Are often considered the basic unit of a park system. They serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Their intended service area is $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers. They are generally 5 to 10 acres in size. Neighborhood Park:

- Grove Holman Park

Community Parks - Serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Their focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. They are usually between 30 and 50 acres and serve a radius of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles distance. The undeveloped properties could also fall into the community park description. Community Parks include:

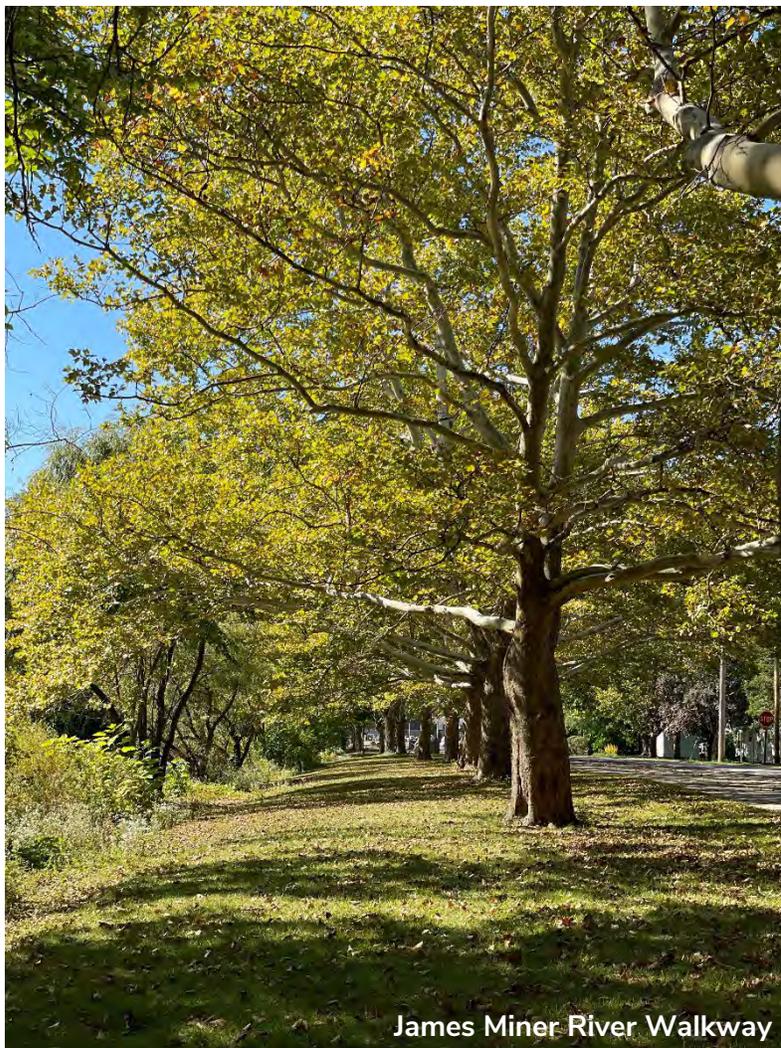
- Bennett Field
- Bentley Park
- Harmon Patridge Park
- Hugh Parker Soccer Field
- Rudy DeMuth Field

Regional Park - These are typically classified as serving several communities and being large in size, typically 200 acres or more. They are land that is set aside for preservation, natural resources, environmental significance, use, or historic/cultural interest. Regional Parks include:

- Collamer Park
- Rosevear Park

Special Use Park - These are parks that could cover a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward a single purpose or use. There is no standard size or location criteria, both vary depending on the use and type of facilities. Special Use Parks include:

- Curwood Castle Park
- Fayette Square
- James Miner River Walkway



Park Inventory

The City of Owosso owns 13 parks within the City's boundary. Map 3, on the following page, shows the location of the parks and facilities in the City. An in-depth inventory of all city-owned parks and facilities is provided in Table 4 at the end of this section. This section of the Plan includes additional information including park descriptions, park classifications, park locations, and park ADA rankings. Following the City Parks inventory is a list of local parks, regional facilities, non-motorized and water trails, school facilities, and past grant history.



City of Owosso

Parks & Trails System



Legend

- Owosso City Parks
- James S. Miner River Trail
- Sam & Opal Voight Walkway
- Fred Meijer Rail Trail Connector Route
- Harmon Patridge Park Connector Route
- Public School
- State Highway
- Principle Street
- Minor Street
- Private Street
- Railroads

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Adams Park

Location: 1123 N Adams St, Owosso, MI

Acre: 1.3 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Mini Park

This mini park offers limited amenities. At only 1.3 acres in size, residents can come to the park and enjoy the playground and ballfields.



Grand Avenue Field

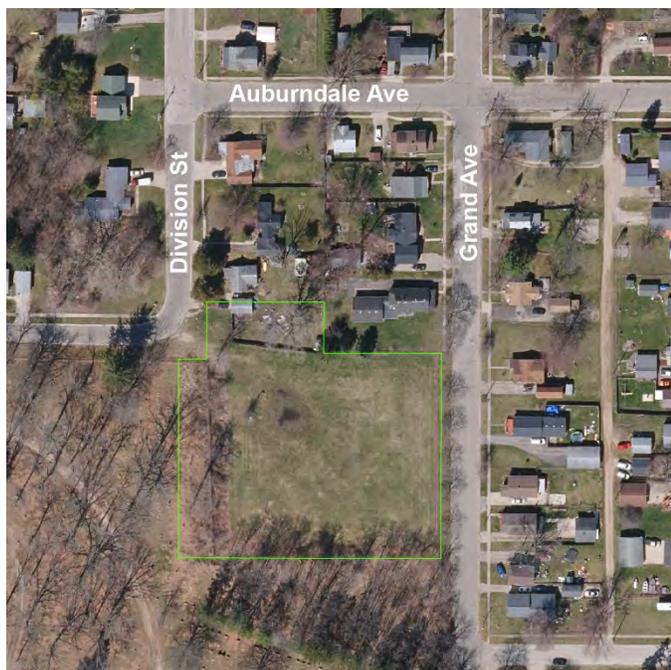
Location: Located off Auburndale and Grand Ave, 42.986430, -84.166479

Acre: 1.3 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Mini Park

Grand Avenue Park is small in size with minimal park amenities, a ballfield, a soccer field, and the remainder of the park passive.



Grove Holman

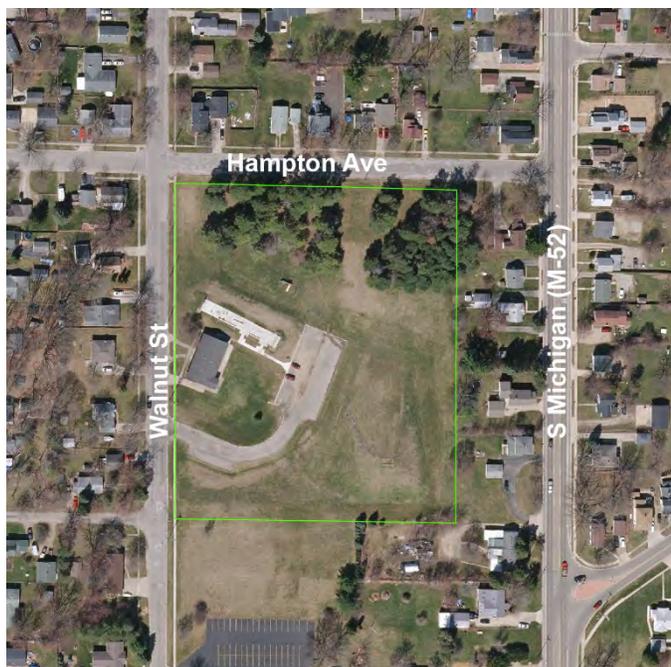
Location: 1233 Walnut St, Owosso MI

Acre: 6 acres

ADA accessibility: 2

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Grove Holman is one of the City's large parks at six acres, however, the park is primarily undeveloped. Onsite is a large sledding hill used in the winter months, a playground, and a skate park. The skate park is the newest amenity at the park. With the help of a \$30,000 grant from MEDC, \$10,000 in donations from Masonic Lodge, and fundraising campaign the skateboard ramps were finally built in 2019.



Bentley Park

Location: 623 S Shiawassee St, Owosso, MI

Acre: 8.2 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Community Park

Bentley is one of the City's most frequently used parks year around. The park is easily accessible with a barrier-free playground, basketball court, tennis courts, pickleball courts, splash pad, ice rink, restrooms, pavilion, and gazebo. There is plenty of activities for residents of all ages and abilities to enjoy here.



Bennett Field

Location: 1648 North Chestnut St, Owosso, MI

Acre: 10 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Community Park- Sports Complex

Nestled in a residential neighborhood, along the Great Lakes Central Railroad, the 10-acre park is primarily used by all over the region for the ballfields. Annually 80-90 teams of all ages ranging from youth to adult participate in leagues held at the fields. On-site participants and viewers can enjoy the bleachers, concession stands, drinking fountains, and two parking lots.



Harmon Patridge

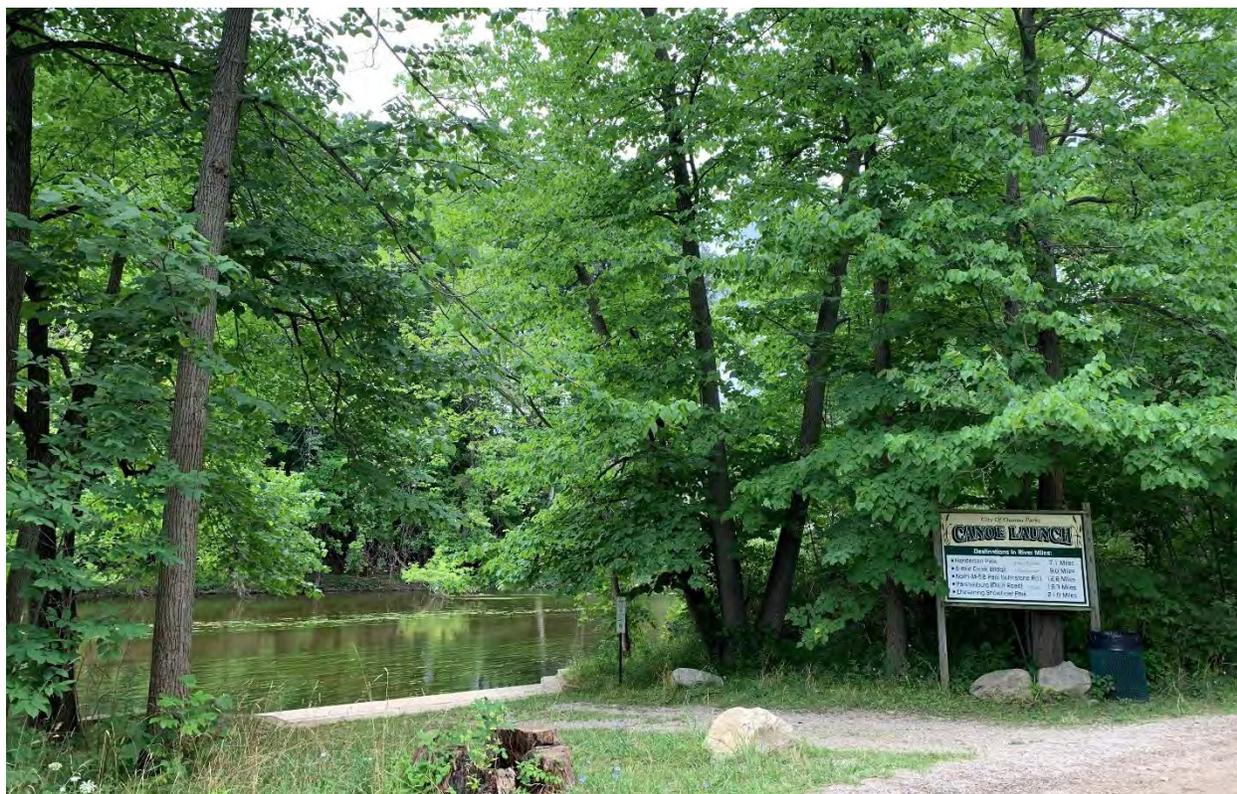
Location: 825 Curwood Rd, Owosso, MI

Acre: 5.2 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Community Park

The five-acre park includes many activities for residents of all ages and abilities year around. Located on the Shiawassee River this park offers a unique setting compared to the other parks. Visitors can expect open space for recreational activities, and plenty of trees that provide shade and foliage. Within the park, users can find canoe and fishing access, a picnic area with grills and a pavilion, a walking trail, a playground, and a sledding hill for the winter months.



Hugh Parker Soccer Field

Location: 1177 Farr St, Owosso, MI 48867

Acre: 15 acres

ADA accessibility: 1

Classification: Community Park – Sports Complex

Located across from Rosevear Park, the Hugh Parker fields are used predominantly for soccer. The park has four fields used for soccer practices and tournaments. In addition, the park has bleachers, a concession stand, a pavilion/picnic area, restrooms, a drinking fountain, and trails. The walking trail is a great amenity for parents who are there for soccer practices, and the pavilions are the perfect spot for after game gatherings.



Rudy DeMuth Field/Kiwanis Park

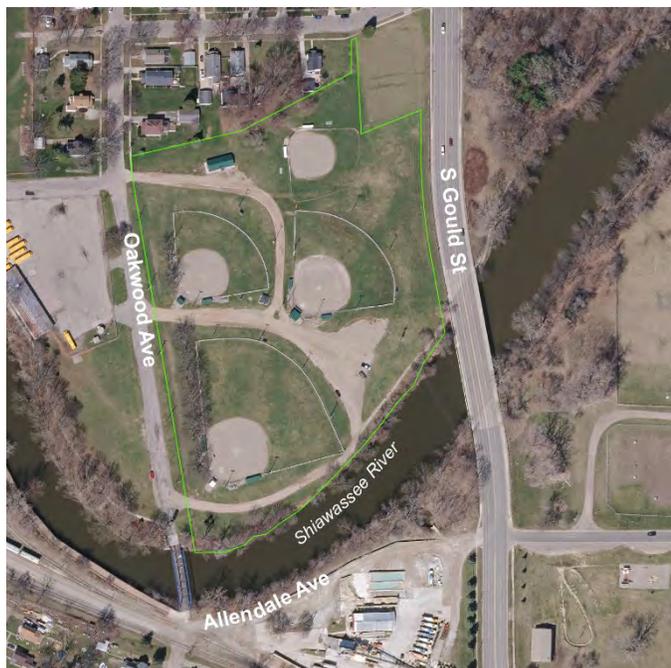
Location: 525 Oakwood Avenue, Owosso MI

Acre: 10.2 acres

ADA accessibility: 2

Classification: Community Park – Sports Complex

The park has two access points for users to enter – Oakwood Avenue and the James Miner Trail. The park is largely used for baseball tournaments, these tournaments bring in locals and visitors. Due to its location, the number of fields, and onsite amenities such as bleachers and a concession stand, this park is prime for tournament play. However, the ballfield are not the only feature at this park. Located on the backside of the park is the Shiawassee River and James Miner Trail, creating a beautiful natural setting with canoe access.



The Owosso Kiwanis Club and Knights of Columbus play a large part in this park's functionality.



Collamer Park

Location: Off M-52, around Hopkins Lake Park, 42.979673, -84.177143

Acre: 164 acres

ADA accessibility: 2

Classification: Regional Park

Collamer Park is one of the City's most scenic parks, located on Hopkins Lake. The Park is divided into three sections, located at the entrance of the park is a dog park, and as you continue into the park there is an open space with a fishing pier, a the end of the cul-de-sac is the first disc golf basket, volleyball court, and playground. Additional park amenities include benches, a porta-john, pavilions with grills, a mountain bike trail, and a community garden. Many use this park to enjoy the view during their lunch breaks.

Located in Appendix B is the trail map.



Rosevear Park

Location: Off Farr St, 42.984183, -84.157015

Acre: 7.8 acres

ADA accessibility: 1

Classification: Regional Park

Located across from Hugh Parker Soccer Fields, this park is mostly used for its BMX course. In addition to the course, the park is known for its natural area with a stream-like drain winding through forested glades, and a nicely terraced gully offering interesting terrain breaks.



Curwood Castle

Location: 224 Curwood Castle Dr, Owosso, MI 48867

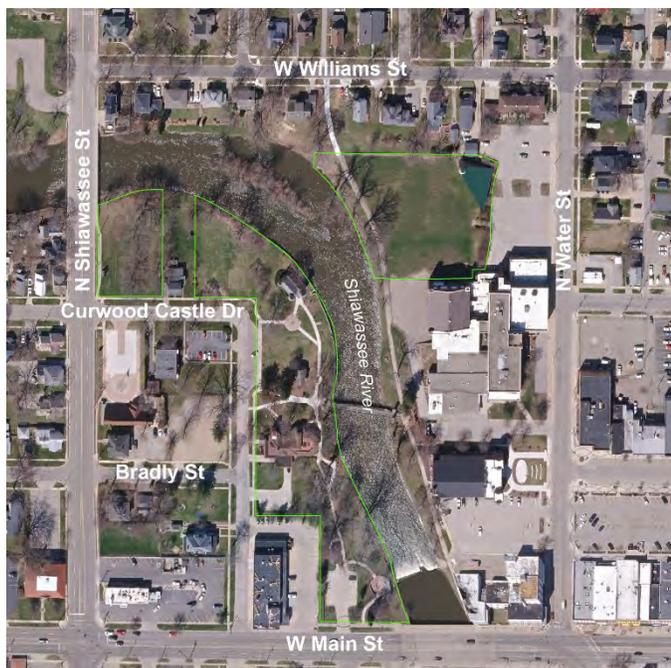
Acre: 7 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Special Use Park

Located on the Shiawassee River, this seven-acre park is largely based on its historical qualities. The park is a destination for visitors and tourists who come to visit Curwood Castle, Comstock Cabin, Paymaster Building, and Shiawassee Arts Center. The park regularly hosts events.

Visitors can access the park from either side of the river, on foot, by bike, or from the parking lots located on Curwood Castle Drive. The trails line both sides of the river with a beautiful bridge over the Shiawassee River. Located within the park are the Armory, “former” middle school, and amphitheater with a capacity for 3,000 people, fishing access, a canoe launch, benches, and a playfield.



Fayette Square

Location: Located off Washington and Oliver Street, 43.0019444, -84.1702778

Acre: 1.1 acres

ADA accessibility: 3

Classification: Special Use Park

The small 1.1-acre passive park is used as a starting point for many parades in the City. Within the park is the “Veteran’s Circle”, known as the Blue Star Memorial, a dedication spot for the war memorial. Visitors can come to the square and enjoy the quiet space to remember their loved ones or to reflect. The park is constantly evolving and is kept by the community volunteers.



James River Walkway

Location: Along the Shiawassee River

Acre: 13 acres

ADA accessibility: 4

Classification: Special Use Park

This beautiful pathway lines the Shiawassee River connection to the regional bikeway which connects to the City of Corunna. The bike plan intends to improve the connection of parks within the City and neighboring areas.

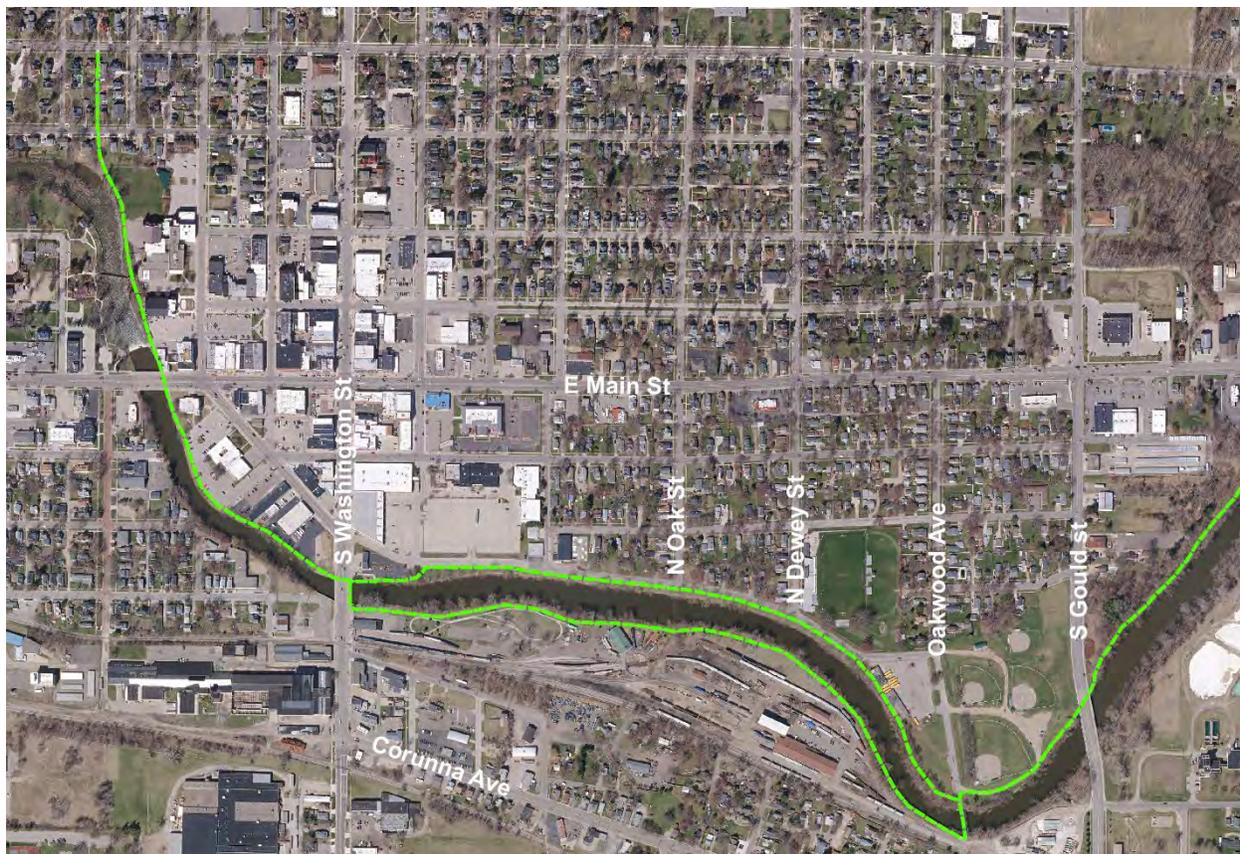
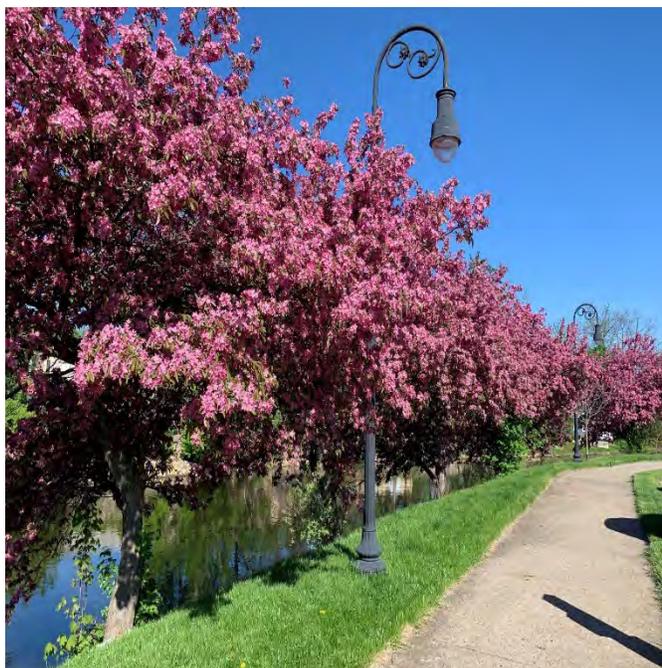


TABLE 4 - CITY OF OWOSSO PARK FACILITIES

FACILITY	PARK NAME												TOTAL
	ADAMS PARK	GRAND AVENUE	GROVE HOLMAN	BENTLEY PARK	BENNETT FIELD	HARMON PATRIDGE	ROSEVEAR/HUGH PARKER	RUDY DEMUTH FIELD	COLLAMER PARK	CURWOOD CASTLE	FAYETTE SQUARE	RIVER WALKWAY	
ADA Rating	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	4	
Park Classification	MP	MP	NP	CP	CP	CP	CP	CP	RP	SP	SP	SP	
Acres	1.3	1.3	6	8.2	10	5.2	15	10.2	164	7	1.1	13	242.3
Amphitheater/Gazebo				X						X			2
Bark Park									X				1
Baseball - Youth	X*	X*						X					3
Basketball Courts				X									1
BBQ Grills				X		X	X		X				4
Bleachers					X		X	X					3
Canoeing Drop-off/Pick-up						X				X		X	3
Community Gardens									X				1
Concession Stand					X		X	X					3
Cultural Center/Historic										X	X		2
Disc Golf									X				1
Drinking Water				X	X		X						3
Fishing/Water Frontage						X		X	X	X		X	5
Ice Skating				X									1
Park Benches	X			X		X			X	X	X	X	7
Park Entrance Signs				X		X	X		X				
Parking			X-paved	X-paved	X	X-paved	X	X	X	X	X-paved	X	10
Pavilions				X		X	X		X				4
Pickleball Courts				X									1
Picnic Areas				X		X	X		X			X	5
Playfield	X*	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			8
Playgrounds	X			X		X			X				4
Public Rest Rooms**				X	X		X						3
Skate Park			X										1
Sledding Hill			X				X						2
Soccer	X*	X*					X						3
Softball - Adult					X								1
Softball - Youth	X*	X*			X								3
Special Landscaping						X				X	X	X	4
Splash Pad				X									1
Tennis				X									1
Trails - Bicycling							X					X	2
Trails - Hiking / Jogging						X	X		X			X	4
Urban Forests						X	X		X			X	4
Volleyball									X				1

*No League Play: Practice and "Sandlot" games

**Port-A-Johns are provided in all parks with recreational programming and pavilions.

Comparison to Standard

The City has committed to taking a steady and consistent approach to developing park facilities that provide lifelong recreation options for the residents of Owosso. When considering the level of service, it is important to note that Owosso provides de facto recreation services and facilities to a population greater than its residential population.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service areas, the number of facilities needed to service the population, and the land area needed. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify Owosso's recreation needs. Table 5 provides a comparison of the City's public recreation facilities against the NRPA's published recreation facility standards.

In general, the City rates significantly higher (123.14 acres) compared to the NRPA's suggested facility development standards regarding the acreage of parkland necessary for their population. Table 5 indicates a 24.97 acreage deficiency in Community Parks with excess parkland in Neighborhood and Regional Parks. Mini Parks and Special Use Parks do not have a required acreage standard.

In addition to the standards outlined in the table below, more recent park guidelines indicate that officials must also consider the parks and recreation "Level of Service" desired by the residents of a community. If the City's residents' needs are met with the existing parkland and facilities, then that amount is sufficient, regardless of the standards or acreage suggestions. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. While it appears that the City has enough recreational land, the community input results indicated a few deficiencies in parks. They would like to see improvements such as a splash pad and/or swimming pool, trails, play equipment, picnic areas, restrooms, lighting, and community gardens. The Recreation Commission and City Council need to understand the wishes of the community it serves to provide the appropriate level of service.

TABLE 5 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	City Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Mini Parks	No standards	2.6	n/a	+2.6
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres/1,000 residents	6	14.71	+8.71
Community Parks	5 acres/1,000 residents	48.6	73.57	-24.97
Regional Parks	5 acres/1,000 residents	164	73.57	+90.43
Special Use Parks	No standards	21.4	n/a	+21.4
Total		242.6		+123.14

Table is based on the 2020 Census populations

Regional Facilities

Regional recreation facilities such as local, county, and state parks provide additional opportunities to Owosso residents. These additional facilities provide residents with a variety of activities and opportunities that the City parks provide such as larger acres of land, lakes, camping, recreation centers, and other recreational activities. A brief inventory of these facilities is below.

LOCAL FACILITIES / PARKS

- **YMCA:** Located within the City, the YMCA offers programs to residents of all ages, events, and fosters ways for residents to get involved.
- **DeVries Nature Conservancy:** Located north of the City, the park offers activities year around. The 136-acre park has cross-country ski trails, a kayak/canoe launch, a nature playscape, and a four-mile trail along the river and through the meadow.
- **Senior Center:** Located within the City, the Senior Center provides a wide range of programs to the older population such as home services, social activities, and transportation.
- **Capital Sports Field House:** Offers indoor soccer, baseball, football, basketball courts, and fields.
- **Hit and Pitch:** Hit and Pitch hosts softball and baseball tournaments at both Bennett Fields and Rudy DeMuth fields. These tournaments bring thousands of visitors to Owosso each year.

COUNTY FACILITIES / PARKS

- **Campground R Us:** Located just west of the City, the campground has 122 sites for all different types of camping. Onsite are paddle boats, volleyball courts, picnic areas, fishing access, trails, horseback riding, beach frontage, a swimming area, and paddle boats.
- **Other nearby campgrounds:**
 - Holiday Shores - Durand
 - Myers Lake - Byron
 - Moon Lake - Perry
 - Walnut Hills - Bancroft/Byron
- **Pine Grove Park:** Located in New Haven Township, the 22.5 acres include a pavilion, ballfield, restrooms, pathways, and river frontage.
- **Henderson Park:** Located in Rush Township is a 32 acres rustic park along the Shiawassee River with two access points. Within the park, users can find pavilions, a boat launch, walking paths, playgrounds, restrooms, a volleyball court, horseshoes, and picnic sites.
- **Kerby Road Park:** Located in Caledonia Township, the 2 acres site is encompassed by meadow fields and a small lake. Amenities in the park include pavilions, a volleyball court, a ball diamond, play equipment, and restrooms.

- **Lytle Road Park:** Located in Caledonia Township, the 0.6 acres park has a boat landing/launch and two entrance points for ease of access and boat trailer maneuvering.
- **Shiatown County Park:** Located in Durand is 23.5 acres of parkland. Within the park are pavilions, trails, horseshoes, fishing access, play equipment, a picnic area with grills, restrooms, a boat launch, and a sledding hill.
- **Geeck Road County Park:** Located in Shiawassee Township, the six acres park has a boat launch, pavilions, horseshoes, playground, picnic area with grills, and a pathway.
- **Golf course:** Within the County are six golf courses.

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- **Sleepy Hallow State Park:** Located in Clinton County, the 2,678-acre park has a variety of activities for visitors. Park users can experience Lake Ovid located in the middle of the park, with 16 miles of hiking and biking trails, 6.5 miles for horseback riding, dog sledding, two hunting blinds, and 181 campsites.
- **Rose Lake State Wildlife Research Area:** Located in Lansing, the park has seven miles of woodland trails, and eight miles of trail through the meadows.
- **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge:** Located in Saginaw, the Refuge contains more than 9,800 acres of marsh, bottomland hardwood forest, and grasslands

For additional information on parks and recreation in the County visit: -

<https://www.shiawassee.net/County-Parks/Parks-Recreation-and-Open-Space-Plan.aspx>



Non-Motorized Trails

Communities across the United States are creating regional trail systems in both cities and rural areas to provide a higher quality of life for residents. Trails give residents the opportunity to be more active, healthier, and safer than walking or biking on roads. Community exploration offers all users the option of increased mobility in different modes of travel.

Why trails are important

While trails can be a challenge to implement, their positive effects on a community cannot be disputed. It has been proven that trails create a place of pride and a sense of ownership in Michigan residents. Trails are also an important driver in the local and regional economy, they increase property values, and provide safe and healthy recreation options. The growing trail trend in Michigan is also reflected in the City. Trails and pathways are an asset to every community.

Trail users have a measurable impact on the local economy. Working with the surrounding townships and other jurisdictions is an effective way to connect with existing systems and expand the non-motorized pathway infrastructure. These projects create a long-term, valuable investment in the community and the opportunity to connect the City to others in the region, which promotes economic vitality, encourages a healthier lifestyle in residents, and creates safer travel options.

JAMES MINER RIVER WALKWAY

The trail starts at Williams Street in Curwood Park and traverses south along the east side of the Shiawassee River ending in Corunna at McCurdy Park. The trail is 3.5 miles in length and connects with the Voight Family Loop Trail at both Washington Street and Oakwood Avenue. The trail is primarily used for walking and running but is dog friendly.

FRED MEIJER CLINTON-IONIA-SHIAWASSEE TRAIL

Located in Shiawassee County, the 41.3-mile-long trail crosses through three counties connecting Owosso, Ovid, St. Johns, Fowler, Pewamo, Muir/Lyons, and utilizes railroad corridors. The trailhead is at Prairie Creek in Ionia and ends on Main Street in Owosso. The trail connects to three other Fred Meijer trails totaling 125 miles.

VOIGHT FAMILY LOOP TRAIL

Is a multi-modal mile loop trail around the Shiawassee River, connecting with the James Miner Trail. The trail passes by Steam Railroading Institute which is home to the Pere Marquette 1225 and may be a stopping point for visitors as well.

Water Trails

SHIAWASSEE RIVER TRAIL

The Shiawassee River Trail, recently named a national water trail, offers users a wide range of ecosystems and scenery along the journey. There are 3.5 miles of the river that runs through the City with two available stops, Curwood Park and Oakwood Ave Bridge. Curwood Park has 12 available parking spaces. These stops allow users to get out and use the restrooms on-site or nearby. In

total, the trail is 125 miles traversing through Oakland, Genesee, Shiawassee, and Saginaw Counties. In Shiawassee County, there are 88 miles of river for users to enjoy.



School Facilities

As mentioned in the previous chapter, the schools and the City have a good relationship. Within the area are nine schools, and eight of the nine schools have a neighborhood role. The school facilities provide an additional 33 acres of recreational space with large playgrounds, basketball courts, a peewee football field, tennis courts, a model airplane field, track, soccer fields, and ballfields. The school facilities can be found on Map 3, on page 22.

- Bryant School: 9.5 acres
- Lincoln Alt Ed High School
- Central School: 1.8 acres
- Washington School: 1.5 acres
- Emerson School: 11 acres
- Bentley School: 5.5 acres
- St. Paul School
- St. Joseph School

PAST GRANT HISTORY

The following list identifies grant projects that were awarded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as reported by DNR Grants Management. A more detailed list can be found in Appendix C. This list does not reflect the other grant sources that have been used for recreation projects.

TABLE 6 - PAST GRANT HISTORY: CITY OF OWOSSO

Title	Project #	Year	Grant Amount	Description
Heritage Park/Curwood	TF89-046	1989	\$80,000	Acquire a 0.30-acre tract with two floodplain single-family dwellings to permit the development of support grounds for Curwood Castle and Heritage Park
Hopkins Lake Park Expansion	TF96-242	1996	\$32,000	To acquire 43 acres of land south of the existing Hopkins Lake Recreation Area.
Harmon Patridge Park Updates	CM99-396	1999	\$84,000	Park improvements include two pavilions, a playscape, a canoe landing, a parking lot, and a trail.
Bentley Park Renovation	RP11-431	2011	\$29,300	Park improvements including a new playscape structure, repairs to the tennis courts, seating, bathroom updates/renovations, and two splash pads
Curwood Castle Park Renovation	RP16-0089	2016	\$45,000	To renovate existing paths, including connecting them to new parking for cars and buses. Additional improvements included landscaping the park to improve beautification.



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OVERVIEW

The City of Owosso believes in solid community input as the basis for decisions and capital improvement projects in the City. Public input helps community leaders determine the needs of residents and then provides the framework and basis for parks and recreation goals and objectives. To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans, the City offered two public input opportunities. These included an online community input survey and a 30-day public review period for comments on the draft plan.

A compilation of all the input received is located in Appendix D. A summary of the various methods of input and feedback received is described in the following pages.

The Plan was available for public comment during the required 30-day public review period held between November 21, 2022 to December 22, 2022, and concluding with a public hearing on December 22, 2022 and adoption by City Council on January 3, 2023.

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

In the Summer of 2022, an online survey was available to gather input regarding parks and recreation in the City of Owosso. The online survey included 13 questions regarding public park usage, appearance, facilities, ADA accessible equipment, and respondent demographics. The community-wide survey received 839 responses. The survey was assigned to the web domain <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NHYCMB>.

Key points of the survey are summarized on the following pages, and the remaining tables developed for the report can be found in Appendix D.

About the Respondents

- Of the 836 respondents, 83.25% of them are City residents and 16.75% were not residents.
- Of the 836 respondents, 116 respondents or someone in their family has a disability. Those respondents would like to see more accessible pathways, parking, and seating in City parks.

Park Activity / Usage

The survey asked a handful of questions to gain an understanding of how City residents use the parks and where there can be improvements in them.

The survey asked respondents to rate their satisfaction with the City parks. Of the respondents, 51.61% are very satisfied or satisfied.

- Very Satisfied: 7.15%
- Satisfied: 44.46%
- Neutral: 37.07%
- Dissatisfied: 10.37%
- Very Dissatisfied: 0.95%

The survey asked respondents to rate the maintenance and appearance of the City parks. Of the respondents, 60.53% are very satisfied or satisfied.

- Very Satisfied: 10.89%
- Satisfied: 49.64%
- Neutral: 26.44%
- Dissatisfied: 11.72%
- Very Dissatisfied: 1.32%

The survey asked respondents how often they visited each park in the last year. The most visited parks are Curwood Castle Park, Bentley Park, and tied are Harmon Partridge Park and Mitchell amphitheater.

TABLE 7 – PARK VISITATION

	More than 10 times	6-10 times	1-5 times	Never
Adams Park	6.74%	3.92%	19.49%	69.85%
Bennett Field	4.8%	3.57%	26.08%	65.56%
Bentley Park	19.78%	20.39%	45.72%	14.11%
Collamer Park (Hopkins Lake)	12.56%	10.85%	41.59%	35.0%
Curwood Castle Park	16.14%	16.39%	52.41%	15.06%
Fayette Square	5.04%	4.05%	26.9%	64.0%
Grant Avenue Park	1.37%	0.50%	9.46%	88.67%
Grove Holman Park	4.50%	2.50%	17.75%	75.25%
Harmon Patridge Park (Green Meadows)	36.18%	40.32%	12.30%	11.21%
Hugh Parker Soccer Fields	62.16%	20.64%	6.51%	10.69%
James Miner River Trail	45.99%	32.18%	7.89%	13.93%
Mitchell Amphitheater	36.30%	47.26%	10.11%	6.33%
Rosevear Park	77.60%	15.22%	2.72%	4.46%
Rudy DuMuth Field	90.72%	6.4%	0.63%	2.26%

The survey asked respondents why they visit the City parks. Respondents said:

- Watch a sporting event: 32.08%
- Participate in a game: 16.10%
- Casual use (picnic/playground): 85.84%
- Fitness: 26.76%
- Enjoy Nature: 65.74%
- Social event or gathering: 54.12%
- Write in responses: walking, dog park, and fishing.

Respondents were asked what prevents them or their families from using the parks.

Respondents said:

- Facilities are not well maintained: 26.88%
- Desired program or facilities not offered: 16.99%
- The facility does not have the right equipment: 20.53%
- Security is insufficient: 24.37%
- Health problems: 4.43%
- I do not know the location of facilities: 27.18%
- Don't have time: 22.3%
- Write in responses: bathrooms, vandalization, the teens, lack of maintenance.

Park Facilities

The survey asked respondents what park facilities they would like to see more of in the City.

The top five responses are below:

- Splash Pad: 52.74%
- Multipurpose Trails: 49.45%
- Play structures/equipment: 46.53%
- Picnic areas: 38.12%
- Community Gardens: 35.93%
- Write in responses: swimming pools, and bathrooms.

Respondents were asked their thoughts on the Bentley Park splash pad. The majority of the respondents, 52.28%, think that it should increase in size.

- Remain the same: 11.9%
- Increase in size: 52.28%
- Remain the same size but add splash pad accessories and features: 35.82%

The survey asked respondents what facilities they would like to have upgraded in Rosevear Park. The top write-in responses were:

- Trails
- Pavilion
- Bike jumps
- Pickleball
- Splashpad
- Disc golf

The survey asked respondents what facilities they would like to have upgraded in Grand Avenue Park. The top write-in responses were:

- Playground
- Pavilion and tables
- Drinking fountain
- Splashpad

The survey asked respondents how important the parks and recreation in the City are. The majority of respondents think all of the categories are important.

TABLE 8 – PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES OF IMPORTANCE

	Important	Somewhat important	Not Important	No Opinion
Maintaining existing parks	90.05%	8.63%	0.96%	0.36%
Expand recreational offerings	63.96%	29.49%	4.98%	1.58%
Upgrading and renovating existing parks	76.56%	21.15%	1.68%	0.60%
Acquiring and/or developing new parks and open spaces	41.43%	27.17%	28.62%	2.78%

The final survey question asked respondents what else they would like the City to consider. Respondents said:

- Better maintenance: grass and bathhouse
- Trails
- Events: food trucks, concerts
- Tournament equipment
- Pool
- Children's equipment for younger age groups
- Lighting
- Security

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OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Master plan is to identify effective and achievable goals and objectives that play an important part in the parks and recreation planning process. The City of Owosso wants to provide high-quality recreation opportunities for the community and region. Goals and objectives are based on the demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics of the City, and community input.

The following goals are overarching ideas that the City would like to accomplish. Objectives are more detailed strategies to help carry out the goals. Finally, the Action Plan is more precise and identifies specific projects and programs the City would like to complete over the next five years. Action Plan items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, capital improvements, and operations and maintenance actions. The City of Owosso formulated the following goals and objectives

GOAL 1 – PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS BASED ON CITIZEN INTEREST AND ACTIVE LIVING

Objectives:

1. Utilize the recreation plan survey results as a guide for future park and program development.
2. Design sustainable and attractive recreation facilities that contribute to community character.
3. Evaluate the level of use and the users of parks to determine what improvements should be made.
4. Explore adding new amenities to the parks.

GOAL 2 – WORK TO CREATE A PARKS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THAT IS SUSTAINABLE AND HELPS MAINTAIN PARKS' APPEARANCE AND USEABILITY

Objectives:

1. Create a routine maintenance plan for the trails.
2. Explore the drainage systems in parks to help with flooding of fields.
3. Add additional landscaping to improve the parks' appearance.
4. Establish maintenance standards and implementation plans for each park, i.e mowing plans.
5. Examine the organizational format for maintenance and reorganize it to be more effective and efficient when managing duties.
6. Investigate the advantages of competitive bid contracting for maintenance duties.

GOAL 3 - IMPROVE /PROVIDE BARRIER-FREE ACCESS AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN STANDARDS AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Objectives:

1. Update parks to provide outdoor recreation experiences for people of all ages and abilities.
2. Provide equal access to recreation opportunities for all individuals.
3. Improvements to existing facilities should be designed to exceed the minimum accessibility requirements.
4. If feasible, any new facilities should be designed to meet universal accessibility standards.

GOAL 4 - DEVELOP SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAYS

Objectives:

1. Update the existing trails to be functional year-round.
2. Explore the feasibility of footbridges and crossings at major intersections.
3. Look into the Safe Routes to School program to increase connectivity throughout Owosso from residential areas to the schools.
4. Close the gap from the City to the Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail.
5. Develop a formal designation of the Shiawassee River National Water Trail.
6. Explore connections from Rosevear to Collamer Park via the industrial park.

GOAL 5 - GROW AND MAINTAIN PARTNERSHIPS TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL NEEDS

Objectives:

1. Continue the partnership with the Owosso Rotary Club, Kiwanis and other service organizations.
2. Define potential partnerships that will contribute towards the future maintenance of parks and will be a key part of the system.
3. Develop a volunteer program that will help with special park areas such as Curwood Castle Park, Harmon Patridge Park, and trails.
4. Work to create an “adopt a park program” that will help with the maintenance and programming of the parks.

GOAL 6 - INCREASE MARKETING/AWARENESS OF THE EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

Objectives:

1. Enhance internal wayfinding and mile markers in the park trail system and maps.
2. Install park signs at park entrances and nearby intersections.
3. Create interpretive signage boards at park exhibits.

GOAL 7 – CONTINUE TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CITY

Objectives:

1. If there are unique opportunities for new parks, acquire additional property to provide more public access.
2. Improve access to water resources for activities such as canoeing, kayaking, and fishing.
3. If deemed appropriate, acquire additional recreational land for potential park facilities that are high in natural resource value.

ACTION PLAN

With goals and objectives in place, the City of Owosso was able to develop a five-year Action Plan to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Plan details the direction the City wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Projects were assigned a priority of 1 through 3 with 1 being most important and 3 being least important. Each action item relates to one or more of the lettered goals described earlier. Potential projects described in this plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision-makers but also to enable the City to apply for grant funding.

The project list is not a fixed element, and it is not either all-inclusive or exclusive. The project list reflects the results of the input received from the online survey, City officials, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items. Before proceeding with any potential project, the City will require further study, such as though not limited to developing conceptual plans, seeking additional community input, or the development of operation and maintenance plans. The proposed Action Items are shown in this table. Top priorities are indicated with a “1” while lower-ranking priorities are indicated by a “3”.

ACTION ITEMS		
Proposed Project	Priority	Proposed Projects Support Goal(S)
Curwood Castle Park		
Add bus parking along Curwood Castle Drive with additional barrier-free parking spaces.	3	3
Establish a traveler's/visitor mini lot with picnic facilities that overlook the Shiawassee River.	3	1,3
Develop a sidewalk and lighting program that corresponds with the planned walkways.	2	1,2,4
Irrigate the Castle grounds.	3	2
Acquire scenic easements to the west walls of the Matthew's Building and apply architectural treatment to assure compatible vistas from the park.	1	2
Enhance the Castle perspective and plant evergreen trees on the east of the riverbank by the middle school.	3	2
Explore acquiring additional property to expand Curwood Castle Park.	3	7
Maintenance on Amphitheater.	2	2
Update the sidewalks to be ADA compliant.	1	4
Install in-ground lighting along the walkways by the river's edge.	3	2
Collamer Park		
Develop a potable water supply near the dog park and community garden.	2	2
Expand the footbridge and make the footbridge ADA accessible.	1	1,3
Add a trail to the parking lot.	1	4
Harmon Patridge Park		
Inventory the trees that were planted by the Rotary Club and replace them if necessary.	2	2
Inventory the trail where areas are washing out, and repair the trail based on inventory.	1	2,7
Create a river erosion/natural planting plan.	3	2,7
Add a fitness course.	2	1

ACTION ITEM		
Proposed Project	Priority	Proposed Projects Support Goal(s)
Fayette Square		
Install signs that meet historic district regulations at nearby intersections: Washington/Oliver & Park/Oliver corner.	1	6
Explore installing a trellis structure at the entrance of the Washington Street park entrance.	2	6
Develop a garden maintenance program.	3	2
Rudy DeMuth Field		
Acquire and develop the school's bus garage area for parking, James Miner Walkway, and riverside landscaping.	2	7
Develop a parking lot on Oakwood Street with a turnaround.	2	1
Eliminate parking between ball diamonds but maintain a gated service drive.	2	1,2
Explore improving drainage for fields.	2	2
Apply some outfield fence landscaping for screening and baseball visibility.	2	2
At the south bus garage lot build a small tot lot	3	1,2
Add a park sign at the southeast corner of Jerome and Oakwood Streets.	3	6
Install a cover for the tables and benches.	3	1
Bennett Field		
Renovate or rebuild the bathrooms to be ADA complaint.	1	3
On the southside of Bennett Field Drive plant clusters of evergreen trees for screening to create a park-like atmosphere.	2	2
Install a park sign on the landscaped mound.	3	6
Bentley Park		
Add a paved pathway around the perimeters for walking and running.	2	1,3
Develop new pickleball courts.	2	1
Expand splash pad.	1	1

ACTION ITEM		
Proposed Project	Priority	Proposed Projects Support Goal(s)
Grove Holman Park		
Update existing facilities that can serve as a warming place in the winter.	1	1
Install park sign at SE corner of Hampton and Walnut Streets and on the corner of Hampton and M-52.	2	6
Install new playground equipment.	2	1,3
Add a pavilion.	1	1
Expand the skate park.	2	1
Hugh Parker Soccer Field		
Continue partnering with the Owosso Rotary Club, Owosso Soccer Club, YMCA, and other service clubs to receive grants for improvements.	1	5
Add a playground.	3	1,3
Build equipment storage facility.	1	1
Improve the playfields.	1	1,2
Rosevear Park		
Develop a natural plantings master plan and indicate how it will be used for the future.	3	2
With donations, work to install an interpretive trail.	3	5,6
Make a clear entrance point off Farr Street through brush clearance.	1	6
Explore creating a scenic overview with signage at the road.	3	6
Investigate the potential for a non-motorized path that can connect Rosevear to Collamer Park via the industrial park.	1	3,4
Add signage at the park entrance.	2	6
Investigate potential parking options.	2	1
Improve park access through rideability and connectivity.	2	1,4
Establish a plan for the park.	1	1,2
Establish and implement a maintenance standard for the embankments along the Abrey Creek Drain and consider a meandering route alteration.	3	2,7
Explore adding a permanent surface in the parking lot along Lincoln Avenue.	3	1
Adams "Eagle Scout" Park		
Add signage at the park entrance and local intersections.	2	6
Build a pavilion and replace the picnic tables.	1	1

ACTION ITEM		
Proposed Project	Priority	Proposed Projects Support Goal(s)
Grand Avenue Field		
Establish a plan for the park.	2	1,2
Non-Motorized Trails		
Identify native plantings vs. invasive along the river,	1	2
Control invasives plantings and encourage planting of native species.	2	2
Improve the surface of the bikeway at the school bus garage site.	2	1,3,4
Expand the Jerome Street bikeway to make it 10' wide.	3	3,4
Work with intergovernmental groups for major maintenance repairs on James Miner Walkway.	1	5
Continue working towards the Safe Routes to School grant program to increase connectivity throughout Owosso from residential areas to schools.	2	5
Establish a trailhead in the city that connects to the Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail, preferably in or near downtown.	1	1,4
Continue to promote the national water trail.	2	4
Work with the Friends of the Shiawassee River to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Install barrier-free canoe/kayak landing along the Shiawassee River. b) Improve the landing site at Owosso Middle School and designate it as a Trailhead with appropriate signage. c) Install kayak storage locker system at James Miner Trailhead. d) Remove or modify the 3 weirs (low head dams) on the river to promote safe small boat passage while maintaining a “rapids” river feature by the Curwood Castle Park. 	2	4,5
Add directional signages for James Miner River Trail.	1	6
General		
Accessibility compliance upgrades in all parks.	1	3
Add signages for all parks at major entranceways.	1	6
Improvements to the disc golf course.	2	1
Add wayfinding signage at all parks.	1	6

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In a continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the City of Owosso has developed this Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community parks and recreational facilities over the next five years. This Plan is an update of the City's most recent plan which was adopted in 2018. The Plan will provide the City eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

The City of Owosso contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan to assist with the completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The consultant met with the City staff and Recreation Commission several times during the development of the Plan.

During the development of the plan, two opportunities for input, participation, and review were provided:

- Online community input survey that was available in the Summer of 2022.
- 30-day review period and a public hearing held on December 22, 2022.

Based on the existing information and public input, the City developed the goals and objectives for parks and recreation for the next five years. Then, the City developed an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed and available for the required 30-day review on the City's website and a hard copy was available at City offices. The review period from November 2022 to December 2022 was publicized on the City's website and in the Argus Press. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to the adoption of this Plan at the Recreation Commission meeting on December 22, 2022. After the public hearing, the Recreation Commission passed a motion recommending City Council adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. On January 3, 2023, the Owosso City Council passed a resolution to adopt the Plan.

Copies of the Plan were transmitted to the GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission. The Plan was uploaded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval in January 2023. Copies of the notice advertisement, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution are included in Appendix E.

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APPENDIX A

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding

In Michigan, there are a variety of funding options for municipal parks and recreation activities. Although the city of Owosso provides its parks and recreation activities primarily through the City's General Fund, below is an overview of the types of options that are available to communities.

General Fund

The General Fund is the basic operating fund of the City and the traditional source of operating funds for parks and recreation. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, interest on investments, and court fines or forfeitures. If recreation program user fees were to be implemented by the City, they would be channeled through the General Fund.

Park activities including acquisition, planning, development, and maintenance are funded by the City's General Fund. The Parks and Recreation budget is allocated for the maintenance of existing parkland, monthly operational costs of work performed by the DPW, landscaping costs, professional services, and capital improvements. DPW staff spends time on the maintenance and operations of the parks along with several seasonal employees. Volunteers help with parks and recreation facilities on a project-by-project basis. Also, volunteers help with general park cleanup and occasional equipment maintenance, such as painting or refinishing benches and picnic tables.

Grants

Grants are an allotment of funds provided by an organization for a particular purpose. Grants are offered by various organizations and often require matching funds. The greatest provider of grant resources for communities looking to enhance recreation offerings is the State of Michigan's Natural Resources Trust Fund.

- **Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants** - Following is a summary of the three viable recreation grant programs available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR"). The *Recreation Passport Grant* Program funds renovation and improvements to existing parks, along with the development of new parks. The minimum grant request is \$7,500 and the maximum request is \$75,000 with a 25% match. *Land and Water Conservation Fund* ("L&WCF") eligible projects include community recreation and trail way improvements. These are grants of \$30,000 - \$100,000 to local units of government for development of facilities such as ball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails picnic areas; support facilities; and renovation of existing facilities and retro-fitting of existing facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities. Funds are provided through Federal appropriations. The local grant match basis is up to 50%. Current funding priorities are trails, community recreation, green technology, coordination and communication and universal access. *Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund* ("MNRTF") eligible projects include acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic

beauty, including additions to existing parks, forest lands or wildlife areas. Development of public outdoor recreation facilities is eligible (such as picnic areas, beaches, boating access, fishing and hunting facilities, winter sports areas, playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts, and trails). Funds are provided through sale of oil and mineral leases on State land. Local contributions must be at least 25% of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum amount for acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000. Funding priorities for 2014 are trails (including water trails), wildlife/ecological corridors and winter deeryard (acquisition only) and projects within an urban area.

- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** - TAP is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as non-motorized paths, streetscapes, and the historic preservation of transportation facilities, which enhance Michigan's multi-modal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability, and improving residents' quality of life.

Dedicated Millage

A property tax millage could be used to finance specific parks and recreation projects, such as parkland acquisition or operation of recreation facilities. The dedicated millage has gained favor in many communities because voters are increasingly wary of approving millage increases for non-specified purposes. Approval by referendum is required before a millage can be assessed. A millage is subject to periodic renewal by a vote of the people.

Recreation Millage

A district millage through the school could be used to finance the operation costs associated with community education and recreation. This broad area millage could then be used to purchase land and build a facility that is for community use that would not be restricted by school sports and activities.

Bonds

A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities.

- General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects such as park land acquisition, and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid off with property tax revenues.
- Revenue Bonds are for construction of public projects that will generate revenue. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project. Projects such as water main rehabilitation are paid for by water utility revenues.
- Special Assessment Bonds are issued to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision

or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case only the residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.

Creation of a Regional Recreation Authority

The Owosso City Council entered into a Joint Trail Authority agreement with Caledonia Township, the Owosso Airport Board, and the city of Corunna to manage the river trail that connects these jurisdictions. The goal is to create a broader funding base and substantially improve the recreation opportunities available for all residents in the service area.

Donations

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute financially and in-kind to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan. Funding for recreation facilities through foundations is very limited.

Lease or Contractual Agreements

The City may increase the availability of recreation facilities to its residents by leasing sites and facilities from other recreation providers. For example, the City could agree to help maintain school recreation facilities in exchange for guaranteed availability of the facility to the public. The City could also contract with private entrepreneurs to provide services at City-owned park facilities, such as recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities available to residents, while minimizing City administrative costs.

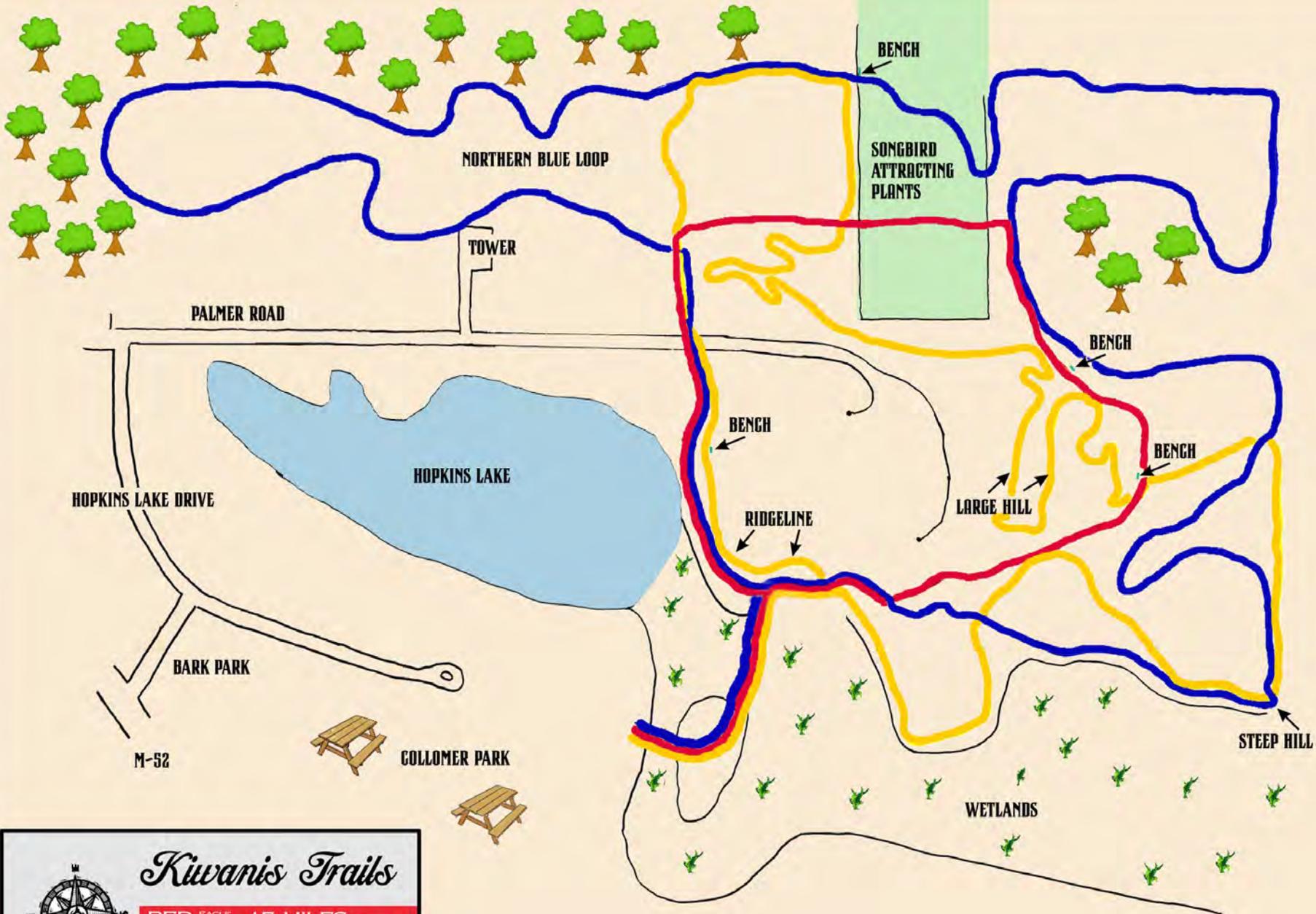
Public Use Conveyances

Administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this program provides State lands, acquired through delinquent taxes, for local government units for public use. Acceptable uses of land acquired under this program include development of local parks.

APPENDIX

TRAIL MAPS





Kwanis Trails

	RED <small>EAGLE LOOP</small>	1.5 MILES (BEGINNER)
	BLUE	3 MILES (MEDIUM)
	YELLOW	2 MILES (DIFFICULT)

LEGEND

- P** PARKING
- PAVED TRAIL**
- FMCIS TRAIL (CRUSHED LIMESTONE)**
- PAVED RD & TRAIL (OWOSSO)**
- GRAVEL RD**
- FM GRAND RIVER VALLEY TRAIL**

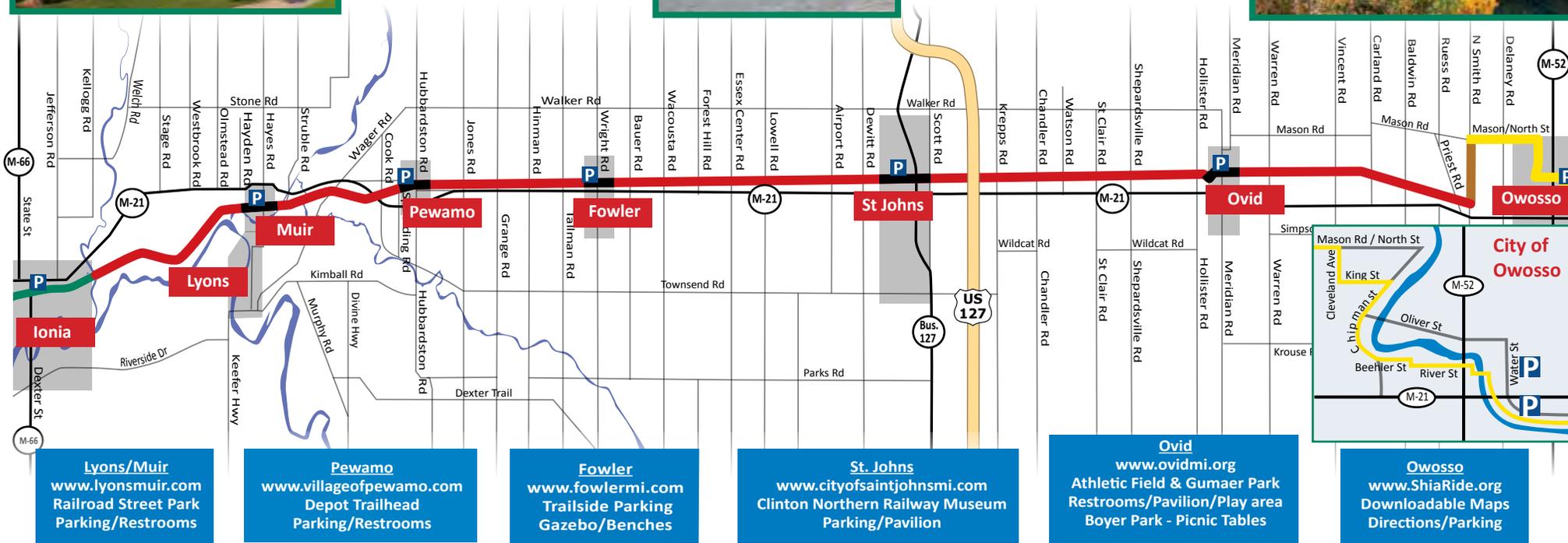
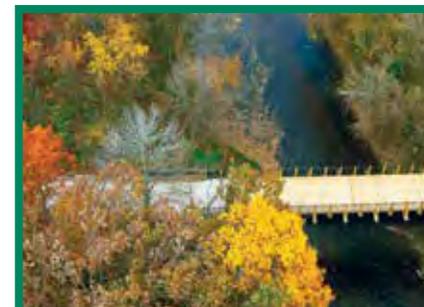
CAMPING

Island Park (Lyons-Muir) www.lyonsmuir.com
 Sleepy Hollow State Park (Ovid) www.michigan.gov/sleepyhollow
 Ionia State Recreation Area (Ionia) www.michigan.gov/dnr
 Bertha Brock Park (Ionia) www.berthabrockpark.INF
 Additional State Trail Information: www.michigantrails.org



MILEAGE CHART

	Ionia	Muir	Pewamo	Fowler	St. Johns	Ovid	Smith Rd.
Ionia		6.7	11.6	17	26.2	35.5	43.3
Muir	6.7		4.9	10.3	19.5	28.8	36.6
Pewamo	11.6	4.9		5.4	14.6	23.9	31.7
Fowler	17	10.3	5.4		9.2	18.5	26.3
St. Johns	26.2	19.5	14.6	9.2		9.3	17.1
Ovid	35.5	28.8	23.9	18.5	9.3		7.8
Smith Rd.	43.3	36.6	31.7	26.3	17.1	7.8	



Lyons/Muir
www.lyonsmuir.com
 Railroad Street Park
 Parking/Restrooms

Pewamo
www.villageofpewamo.com
 Depot Trailhead
 Parking/Restrooms

Fowler
www.fowlermi.com
 Trailside Parking
 Gazebo/Benches

St. Johns
www.cityofsaintjohnsmi.com
 Clinton Northern Railway Museum
 Parking/Pavilion

Ovid
www.ovidmi.org
 Athletic Field & Gumaer Park
 Restrooms/Pavilion/Play area
 Boyer Park - Picnic Tables

Owosso
www.ShiaRide.org
 Downloadable Maps
 Directions/Parking

Shiawassee River

Paddling Trips from Byron to Chesaning

A Country Scenic River Experience

There are 15 access sites on the trail that paddlers navigate site-to-site or combine for longer outings. Efficient motor vehicle or bicycle ferrying recommendations are on the reverse side. In planning a trip in low waters (navigability) or higher waters (safety), paddlers may check https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?site_no=04144500 or Google "Shiawassee River Water Gauge" to more easily access that site. The gauge is fairly reflective of conditions from Byron to Chesaning and at 2 feet elevation or lower readings, the river may be too shallow in some segments.

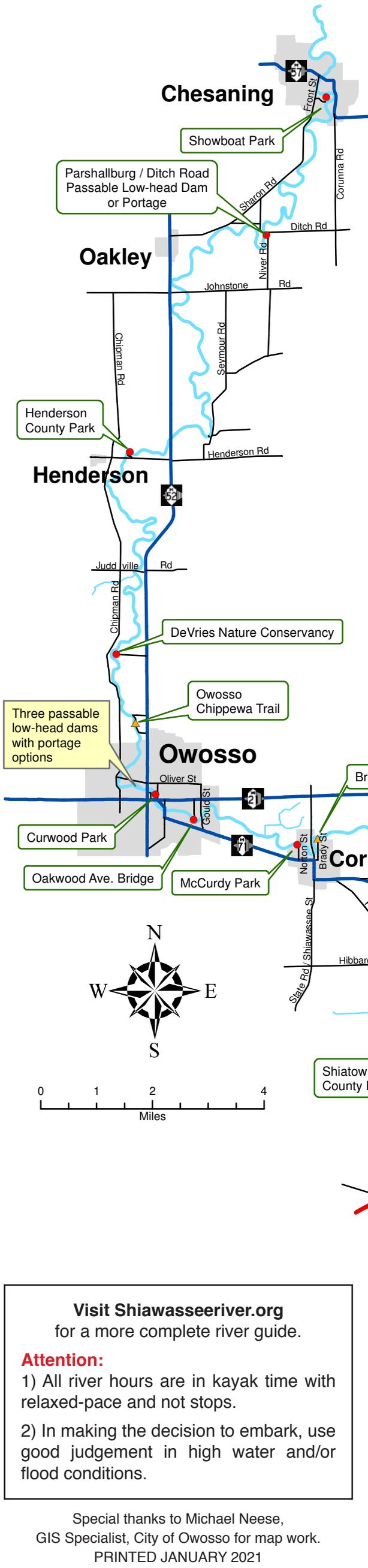


CHART OF ACCESS POINTS
Distances and Times

Access Site	Distance	Cumulative River Miles	Paddle Time
From Byron Athletic Field	0	0	Start
To Walnut Hills Campground*	4.8 Miles	4.8 Miles	2 Hours
To Geek Rd. County Park	7.0 Miles	11.8 Miles	2 Hours
To Shiatown County Park	6.2 Miles	18.0 Miles	1 Hr. 45 Min.
To Vernon Village	3.0 Miles	21.0 Miles	45 Minutes
To Lytle Rd. County Park	4.8 Miles	25.8 Miles	1 Hr. 45 Min.
To Corunna/Brady Street	3.1 Miles	28.9 Miles	1 Hour
To Corunna/McCurdy Park	0.8 Miles	29.7 Miles	25 Minutes
To Owosso Oakwood Ave Bridge	2.4 Miles	32.1 Miles	45 Minutes
To Owosso Curwood Park (Dwtn)	0.9 Miles	33.0 Miles	20 Minutes
To Owosso Chippewa Trail**	2.0 Miles	35.2 Miles	35 Minutes
To DeVries Nature Conservancy	1.7 Miles	36.9 Miles	35 Minutes
To Henderson County Park	6.3 Miles	43.2 Miles	1 Hr. 45 Min.
To Parshallburg at Ditch Road	9.0 Miles	52.2 Miles	2 Hrs. 45 Min.
To Chesaning/Showboat Park	4.4 Miles	56.6 Miles	1 Hr. 15 Min.

*Private With \$1 Vehicle Fee for Paddlers/Seasonal Availability

**Previously Identified as "Harmon Partridge Park"

ACCESS SITES

- Site with available restroom, pit toilet, or porta potty on site or in vicinity
- ▲ Site with no available toilets

All Fifteen (15) access sites offer year-round parking and paddling opportunity. Walnut Hills Campground is a private site that is open to the public seasonally, April through October. No off-season use is possible at this gated facility. There is a \$1.00 per vehicle parking fee.

Visit ShiawasseeRiver.org
for a more complete river guide.

Attention:

- 1) All river hours are in kayak time with relaxed-pace and not stops.
- 2) In making the decision to embark, use good judgement in high water and/or flood conditions.

APPENDIX C

GRANT HISTORY



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

City of Owosso - Shiawassee - Shiawassee County

Project No. TF89-046

Project County: Shiawassee **Project Year:** 1989

Project title: Heritage Park/Curwood Castle

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$80,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire 2 parcels totaling .5 acres west of Curwood Castle in Heritage Park with approximately 150 feet of frontage on the Shiawassee River.

Project No. TF96-242

Project County: Shiawassee **Project Year:** 1996

Project title: Hopkins Lake Park Expansion

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$32,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire 43 acres of land south of existing Hopkins Lake Recreation Area.

Project No. CM99-396

Project County: Shiawassee **Project Year:** 1999

Project title: Harmon Patridge Park Updates

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$84,000.00

Scope Item

2 Picnic Pavilions

Canoe Landing and Parking Area

Parking Lot Surfacing/Drainage

Picnic Tables/Benches/Spits

Playground Facilities

Signage

Trail for Hiking, Skiing, Jogging, 1.3 mi, 6' wide

Volleyball Court/Badminton Court/Horseshoes

Water Supply Well and Accessories

Project Description: Park improvements to include two pavilions, playscape, canoe landing, parking lot and trail.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

City of Owosso - Shiawassee - Shiawassee County

Access Pathway 5' - 6' wide

Bench(es)

Landscaping

Lighting

Picnic Table(s)

Restroom Building

Trash Bin(s)

Project Description: Restoration of the former pool building in Grove Holman Park to a public restroom, concessions area, and a warming station along with reconstructing the drive and parking area. The restored building would be a year-round facility that would bring new life to the park.

Total number of projects: 6

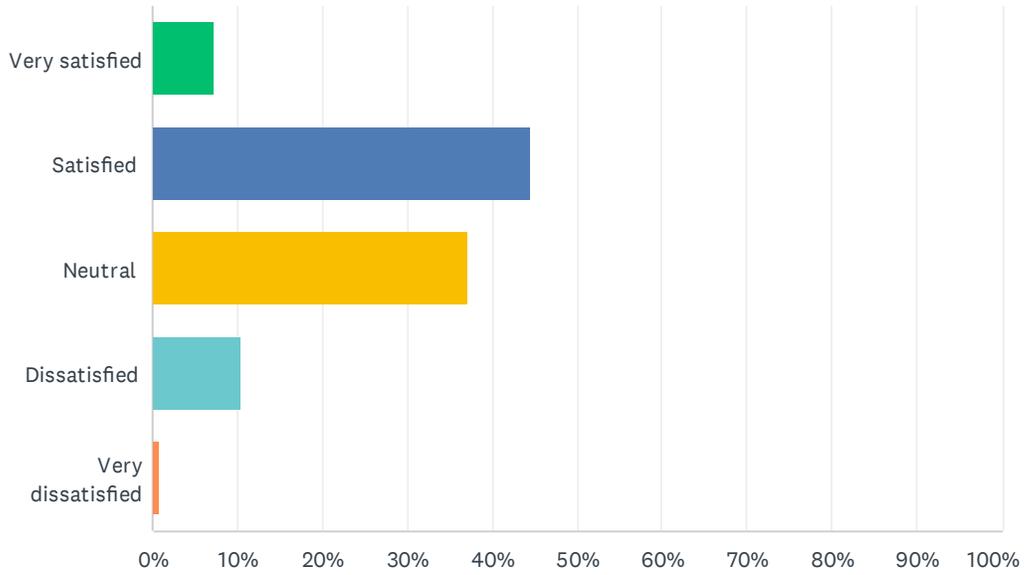
Total Amount of Grant Given \$420,300.00

APPENDIX D

COMMUNITY INPUT RESULTS

Q1 Please rate your satisfaction with city parks:

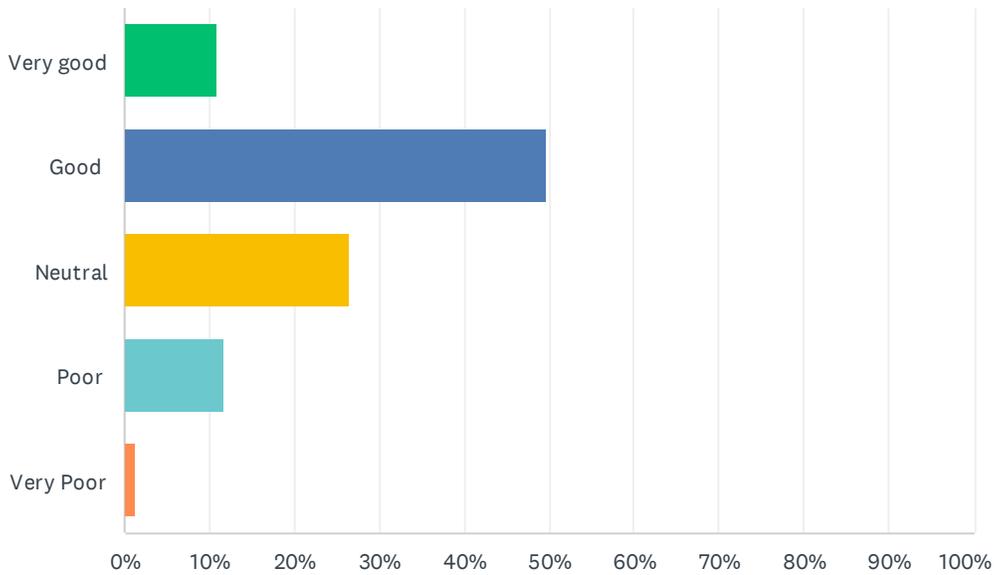
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	7.15%	60
Satisfied	44.46%	373
Neutral	37.07%	311
Dissatisfied	10.37%	87
Very dissatisfied	0.95%	8
TOTAL		839

Q2 Please rate the maintenance and appearance of City of Owosso parks:

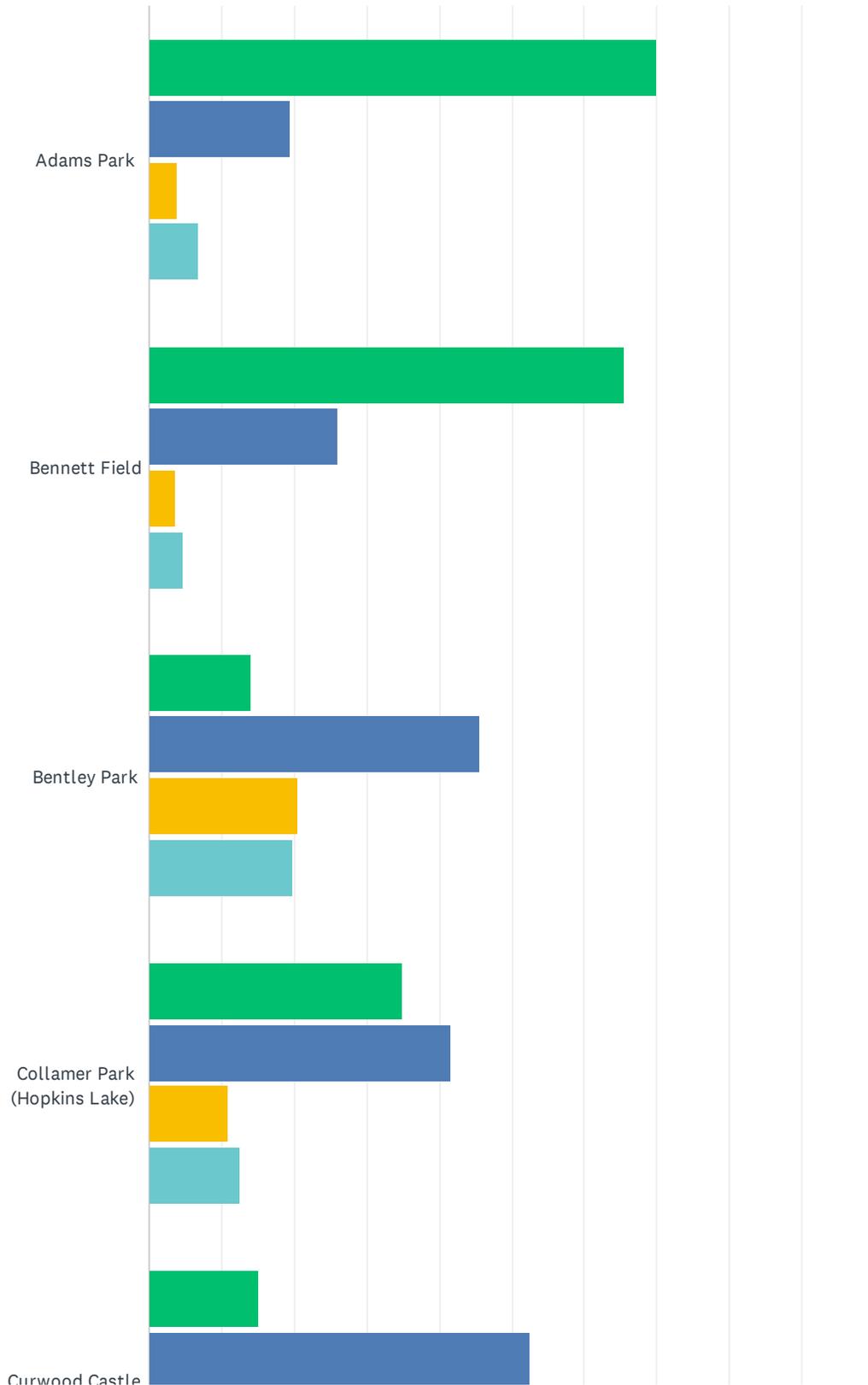
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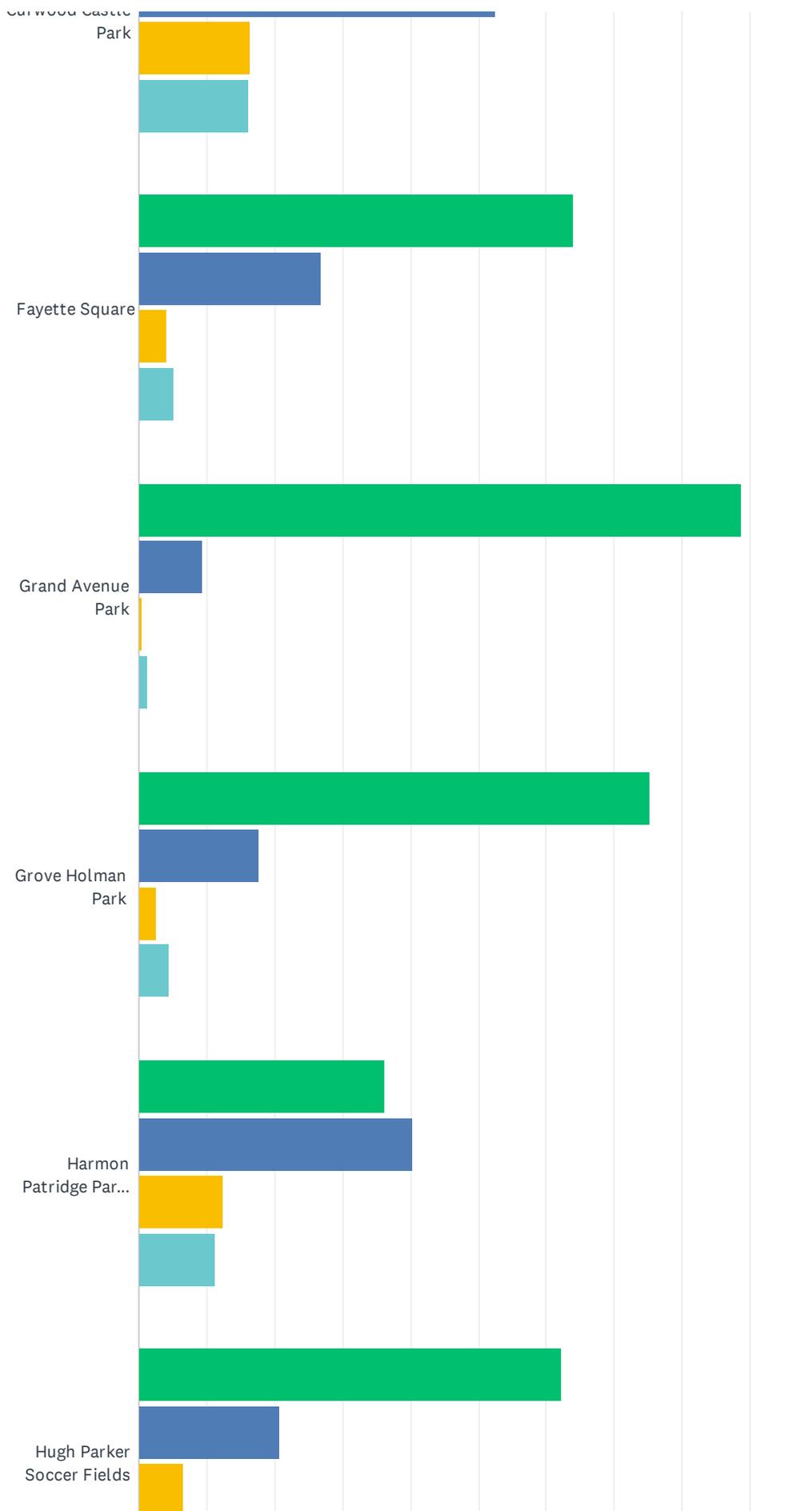
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very good	10.89%	91
Good	49.64%	415
Neutral	26.44%	221
Poor	11.72%	98
Very Poor	1.32%	11
TOTAL		836

Q3 From the following list of parks, please tell us how often you used each park in the last year:

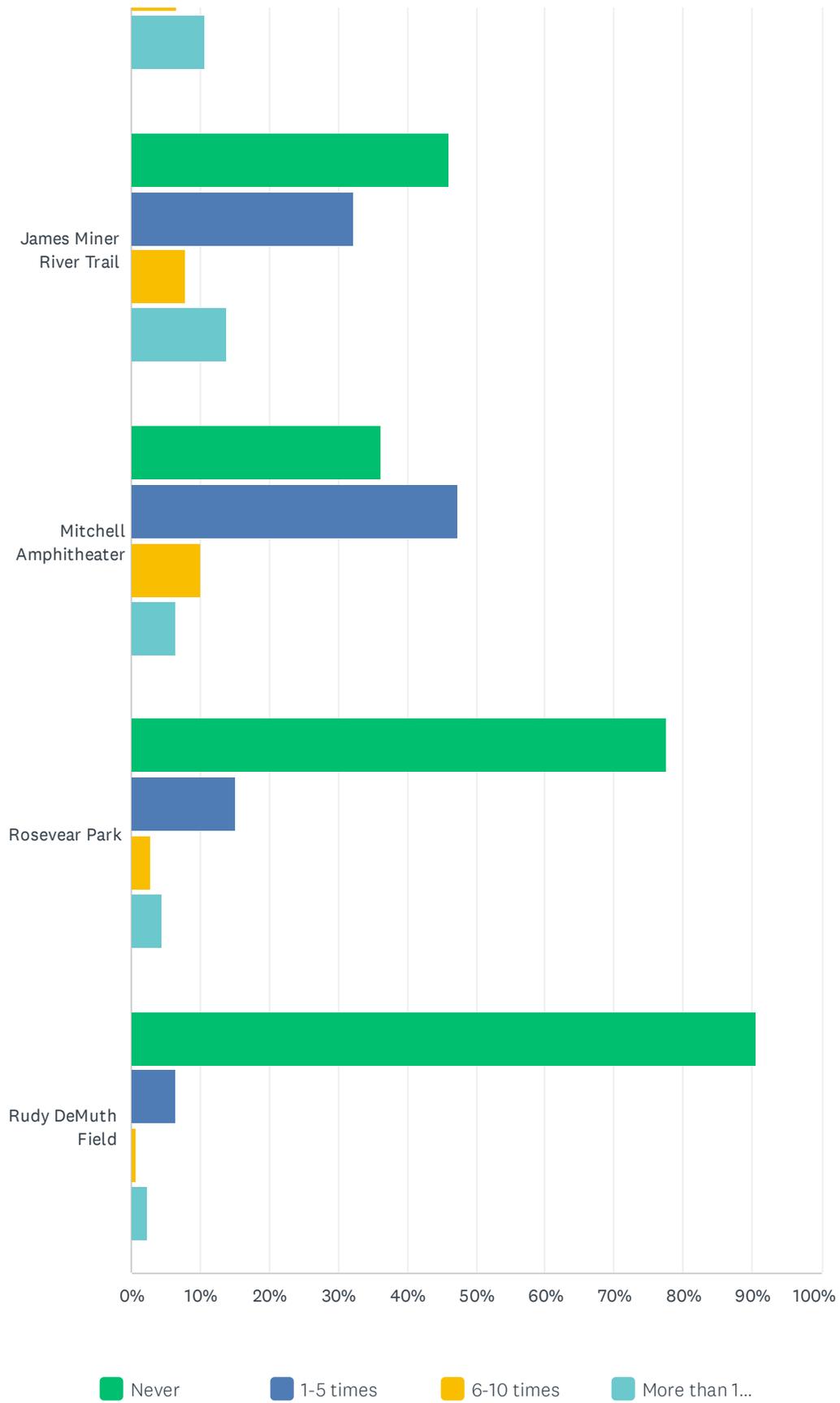
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City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Survey



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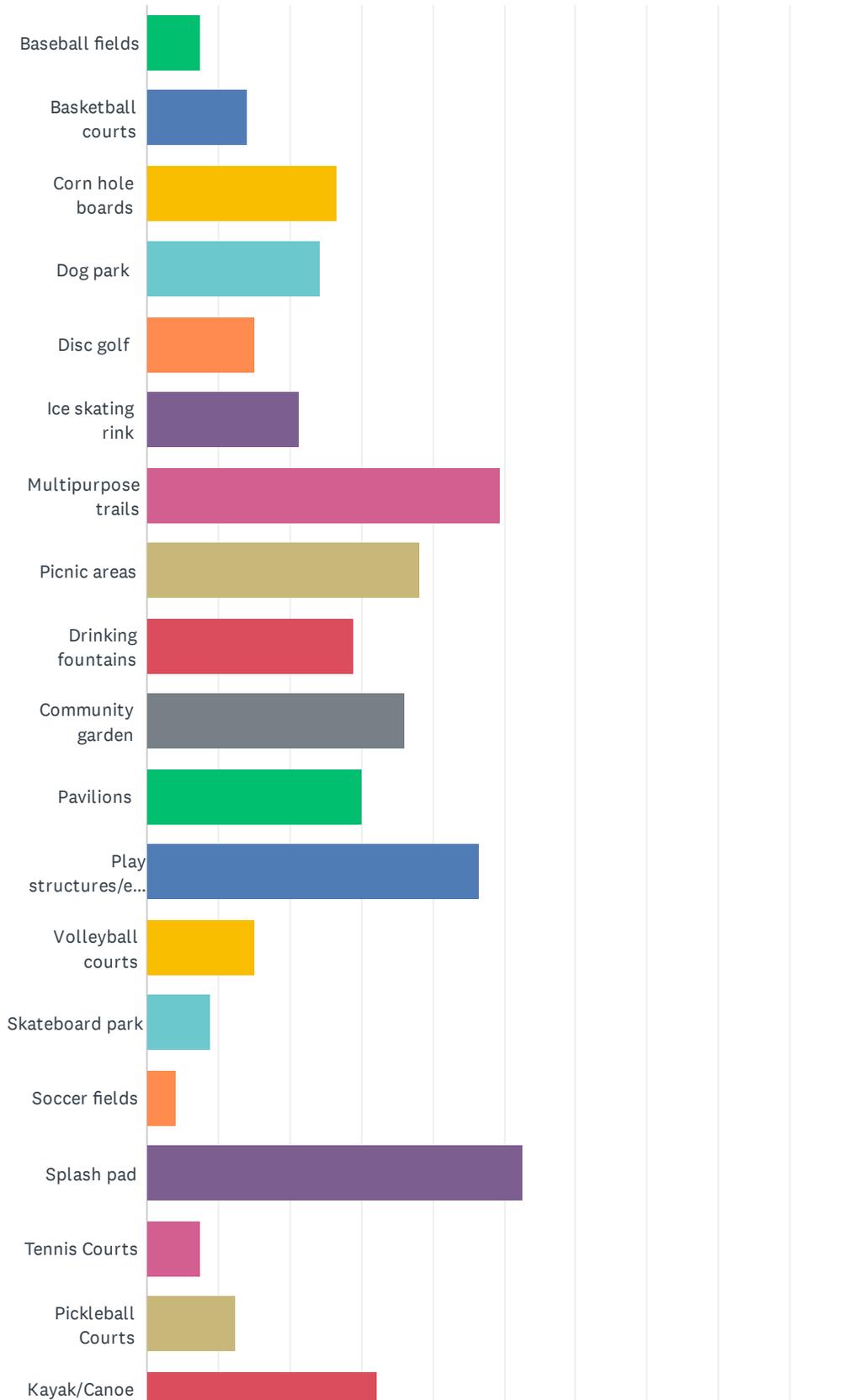


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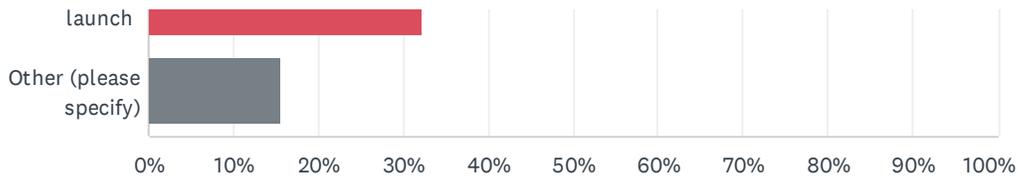
	NEVER	1-5 TIMES	6-10 TIMES	MORE THAN 10 TIMES	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Adams Park	69.85% 570	19.49% 159	3.92% 32	6.74% 55	816	1.48
Bennett Field	65.56% 533	26.08% 212	3.57% 29	4.80% 39	813	1.48
Bentley Park	14.11% 117	45.72% 379	20.39% 169	19.78% 164	829	2.46
Collamer Park (Hopkins Lake)	35.00% 287	41.59% 341	10.85% 89	12.56% 103	820	2.01
Curwood Castle Park	15.06% 125	52.41% 435	16.39% 136	16.14% 134	830	2.34
Fayette Square	64.00% 521	26.90% 219	4.05% 33	5.04% 41	814	1.50
Grand Avenue Park	88.67% 712	9.46% 76	0.50% 4	1.37% 11	803	1.15
Grove Holman Park	75.25% 602	17.75% 142	2.50% 20	4.50% 36	800	1.36
Harmon Patridge Park (Green Meadows)	36.18% 297	40.32% 331	12.30% 101	11.21% 92	821	1.99
Hugh Parker Soccer Fields	62.16% 506	20.64% 168	6.51% 53	10.69% 87	814	1.66
James Miner River Trail	45.99% 373	32.18% 261	7.89% 64	13.93% 113	811	1.90
Mitchell Amphitheater	36.30% 298	47.26% 388	10.11% 83	6.33% 52	821	1.86
Rosevear Park	77.60% 627	15.22% 123	2.72% 22	4.46% 36	808	1.34
Rudy DeMuth Field	90.72% 723	6.40% 51	0.63% 5	2.26% 18	797	1.14

Q4 Which of the following park facilities would you like to see more of?

Answered: 821 Skipped: 22



City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Survey



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baseball fields	7.43%	61
Basketball courts	14.13%	116
Corn hole boards	26.67%	219
Dog park	24.36%	200
Disc golf	15.10%	124
Ice skating rink	21.32%	175
Multipurpose trails	49.45%	406
Picnic areas	38.12%	313
Drinking fountains	28.99%	238
Community garden	35.93%	295
Pavilions	29.96%	246
Play structures/equipment	46.53%	382
Volleyball courts	15.23%	125
Skateboard park	8.89%	73
Soccer fields	4.14%	34
Splash pad	52.74%	433
Tennis Courts	7.55%	62
Pickleball Courts	12.42%	102
Kayak/Canoe launch	32.28%	265
Other (please specify)	15.59%	128
Total Respondents: 821		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	bike trails, fishing along river, no rental options for kayak/canoes	8/24/2022 4:02 PM
2	Bike trails and hiking trails	8/23/2022 11:43 AM
3	Walking trails	8/23/2022 8:03 AM
4	Outside music stage for local musicians and friends to play for free for our community. (must have 120 electric)	8/22/2022 9:17 PM
5	City parks need Internet WiFi connections	8/22/2022 4:46 PM
6	exercise equipment, fountains, landscape design and sculpture	8/22/2022 4:37 PM

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7	Benches and Seating Areas Throughout along with Permaculture Vegetation for Individuals to enjoy stone fruits locally harvested in their communities by our community members.	8/18/2022 3:46 PM
8	Repair work to the basket ball courts	8/17/2022 7:48 AM
9	Softball fields	8/16/2022 9:13 PM
10	Bathrooms	8/16/2022 6:42 PM
11	Open up, maintain and build in rosevear	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
12	Food truck court	8/16/2022 3:03 PM
13	Community pool	8/16/2022 2:21 PM
14	Public Restrooms	8/16/2022 12:14 PM
15	public swimming pool	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
16	None I don't want to pay for any parks I have no little children an I don't go to park waste of money but hey Im a senior need help with repairs on my house an paying my bills	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
17	Security cameras	8/16/2022 11:01 AM
18	No preference	8/16/2022 10:48 AM
19	Kayak/Canoe Rental (with deposit)	8/16/2022 10:22 AM
20	Bathrooms or portajohns	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
21	Adaptive equipment for play	8/16/2022 9:40 AM
22	Bennett field	8/16/2022 9:38 AM
23	Large pavilions	8/15/2022 10:20 PM
24	Fitness course	8/10/2022 2:31 PM
25	Public pool...something like in Kokomo Indiana (Kokomo beach) lazy river, slides for all ages make it a destination	8/9/2022 1:38 PM
26	Trails	8/8/2022 7:43 PM
27	butterfly gardens; more trees; loop walk at Bentley	8/8/2022 4:10 PM
28	Swimming	8/7/2022 7:36 PM
29	Toddler equipment	8/7/2022 5:38 PM
30	Snaks	8/7/2022 4:59 PM
31	Swimming pool, baby changing table, lounge chairs	8/7/2022 11:46 AM
32	A fenced in playstructure area for children	8/7/2022 11:34 AM
33	clean restrooms	8/7/2022 1:23 AM
34	Public restrooms	8/6/2022 10:43 PM
35	Swimming	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
36	Swimming pools	8/6/2022 10:22 PM
37	Bigger splash pad at Bentley Park	8/6/2022 9:48 PM
38	Curwood Castle. Park and surroundings. Awful. Parks and Recreation get on it	8/6/2022 8:56 PM
39	Usable bathrooms	8/6/2022 8:23 PM
40	Climbing wall would be fun for bigger kids	8/6/2022 8:06 PM
41	Please clean up Veterans park!	8/6/2022 7:56 PM
42	Featured local art pieces	8/6/2022 6:40 PM

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43	Restrooms	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
44	Bike trails	8/6/2022 4:15 PM
45	Climbing Boulder	8/6/2022 12:35 PM
46	Adams park is such a gem but the equipment is outdated! The broken swings have not been fixed or replaced in 2 years! There is so much unused space!	8/6/2022 8:11 AM
47	Restroom	8/6/2022 7:17 AM
48	Fitness equipment/courses	8/6/2022 12:20 AM
49	Pool	8/5/2022 9:50 PM
50	Pool	8/5/2022 4:58 PM
51	Bathrooms!!!!	8/5/2022 2:21 PM
52	Community Pool or summer park for kids	8/5/2022 11:51 AM
53	Mile markers on trails	8/5/2022 9:40 AM
54	Community pool	8/5/2022 7:25 AM
55	A place for teens to have save fun	8/5/2022 7:24 AM
56	Restrooms	8/5/2022 6:32 AM
57	River bike trail	8/5/2022 12:02 AM
58	Community pool	8/4/2022 10:24 PM
59	More wheel chair access	8/4/2022 10:06 PM
60	Gardens/flowers	8/4/2022 9:58 PM
61	Public Pool! Please!	8/4/2022 9:40 PM
62	Pool, Toilets	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
63	more play equipment for toddlers	8/4/2022 9:32 PM
64	How about handicap accessible playground	8/4/2022 8:45 PM
65	Rustic camp ground	8/4/2022 8:43 PM
66	Outdoor skating rink/ area with flat paved surface open to rollerskaters	8/4/2022 8:37 PM
67	Swimming pools	8/4/2022 7:58 PM
68	Please expand the newer skatepark	8/4/2022 7:39 PM
69	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 6:25 PM
70	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 5:19 PM
71	Dog cooling stations or a splash thing for dogs	8/4/2022 3:38 PM
72	Open/ Clean bathroom	8/4/2022 3:36 PM
73	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 3:35 PM
74	I am not sure if there is a kayak /canoe launch at Harmon Patriots but one there would be nice.	8/4/2022 2:31 PM
75	Softball fields. Obviously the city doesn't even recognize they exist.	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
76	Swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:22 PM
77	Playground for handicapped	8/4/2022 2:20 PM
78	Softball Fields	8/4/2022 2:16 PM
79	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 2:15 PM
80	swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:13 PM

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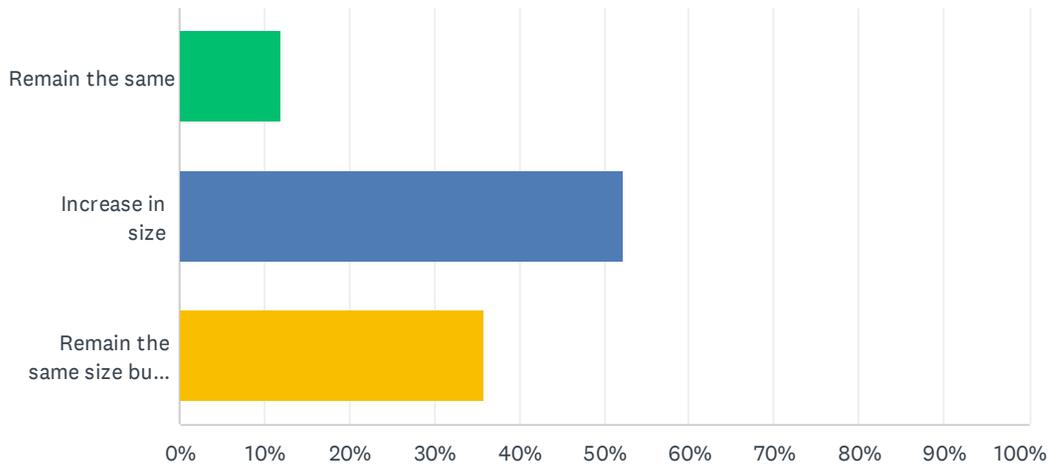
81	Dog splash pad/ some kind of water feature for dogs	8/4/2022 1:36 PM
82	Accessible play areas for kids in wheelchairs	8/4/2022 1:28 PM
83	Community pool	8/4/2022 1:24 PM
84	Swimming pool	8/4/2022 1:21 PM
85	I think replacing Holman pool would be benefical to the youth of this community to teach them how to swim as many of us did when we lived here as children. We use to pay 10 cents or 25 cents to swim at the pool to help support it which is probably out of line.in this day.and age but fee could be charged to help with maintenance. There are many children in this community not learning to swim and this is a life saving skill living in Mi.	8/4/2022 1:20 PM
86	Splash pad with better equipment	8/4/2022 1:11 PM
87	Indoor skate park	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
88	In-line hockey rink (Durand comparable)	8/4/2022 12:56 PM
89	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 12:55 PM
90	More childrens activity centers	8/4/2022 12:50 PM
91	A community pool	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
92	Modern restrooms at Harmon	8/4/2022 12:34 PM
93	Open bathrooms	8/4/2022 12:33 PM
94	Bathrooms and not porta potties	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
95	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
96	Restrooms at Bentley Park are never open	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
97	Community pool	8/4/2022 12:16 PM
98	I would like to feel more safe at Bentley park	8/4/2022 12:10 PM
99	RESTROOMS	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
100	Fishing docks at other locations, such as the river. A board walk down part of the river would be stunning as well.	8/4/2022 11:49 AM
101	Bathroom all parks need them	8/4/2022 11:44 AM
102	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
103	Fence around the park	8/4/2022 11:27 AM
104	Swings	8/4/2022 11:24 AM
105	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 11:18 AM
106	Public swimming pool!	8/4/2022 11:11 AM
107	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 11:08 AM
108	Splash pad for dogs	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
109	Pool	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
110	BATHROOMS!	8/4/2022 11:02 AM
111	Roller skating flat surface	8/4/2022 10:58 AM
112	Restrooms	8/4/2022 10:56 AM
113	Lake for Swimming for adults	8/4/2022 10:54 AM
114	More toddler friendly	8/4/2022 10:50 AM
115	Walking trails	8/4/2022 10:45 AM

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116	Outside hockey rink in owosso not corunna	8/4/2022 10:39 AM
117	Paved trails	8/4/2022 10:36 AM
118	Gaga ball pit	8/4/2022 10:29 AM
119	Exercise equipment for adults	8/4/2022 10:29 AM
120	Adaptive equipment for special needs families.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
121	Restrooms that are open and clean	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
122	Outdoor exercise equipment like the parks in Okemos	8/4/2022 7:08 AM
123	Adult fitness stations, pull up bars etc.	8/4/2022 6:45 AM
124	Pool	8/4/2022 12:06 AM
125	Open bathrooms	8/3/2022 9:32 PM
126	More places to put in and take out kayakto	8/3/2022 4:21 PM
127	Natural play scapes!	8/3/2022 3:11 PM
128	kayak launches	8/2/2022 10:08 AM

Q5 Do you think the Splash Pad at Bentley Park should:

Answered: 790 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Remain the same	11.90% 94
Increase in size	52.28% 413
Remain the same size but add splash pad accessories and features	35.82% 283
TOTAL	790

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Increase in size and add accessories	8/24/2022 4:02 PM
2	Add fun accessories	8/23/2022 11:43 AM
3	Public bathrooms	8/16/2022 5:42 PM
4	Increase and add accessories	8/16/2022 11:53 AM
5	Add accessories and features at Bentley Park	8/16/2022 11:39 AM
6	removed	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
7	None remove for safety an health reasons	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
8	Add equipment	8/16/2022 10:39 AM
9	Along with adding equipment. Like St. John's.	8/16/2022 9:59 AM
10	We haven't used it, so I don't have an opinion	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
11	Larger border area so it doesn't get as muddy in the surrounding area	8/15/2022 10:20 PM
12	And have water toys	8/9/2022 8:20 PM
13	I had no idea it was there and I drive by daily. Couldn't believe how small it was compared to ones I've seen in other areas. And it doesn't look fun. Just looks more industrial then something for children to play and make memories.	8/8/2022 3:02 PM
14	I think owosso needs a public pool	8/8/2022 2:51 AM

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15	And add accessories and features	8/7/2022 11:46 AM
16	Increase and add 😊♥	8/7/2022 11:33 AM
17	Bigger with many more features	8/7/2022 10:47 AM
18	Too small, only young children and one pad	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
19	Make sure water quality is tested	8/6/2022 10:22 PM
20	Also add accessories and features	8/6/2022 9:48 PM
21	The hours in the summer don't make sense. Noon is late when kids are out of school.	8/6/2022 9:10 PM
22	Be on earlier and maintained better	8/6/2022 8:23 PM
23	Something for older kids	8/6/2022 8:06 PM
24	Would love added accessories and features, but then it would need to be bigger.	8/6/2022 8:00 PM
25	Add accessories plus make it bigger	8/6/2022 7:16 PM
26	I've never used this pad so my input on it is probably irrelevant	8/6/2022 6:40 PM
27	Better summr hours, get a real bathroom	8/6/2022 6:29 PM
28	More specifically have a little kids section. When big kids are playing my 2yr old is afraid to get run into it hit.	8/6/2022 2:07 PM
29	It's all around not a good splash pad. We always go to saint johns for their splash pad because 1. Less people. 2. More to do. 3.waaaaaay bigger. And if the one in Owosso was bigger we wouldn't have to worry about the clutter of people.	8/6/2022 10:01 AM
30	Add interactive features	8/6/2022 7:17 AM
31	Also had accessories	8/5/2022 5:56 PM
32	Add more	8/5/2022 4:02 PM
33	More accessories & features	8/5/2022 11:36 AM
34	no opinion, just glad it's there	8/5/2022 9:46 AM
35	Increase in size and add accessories and features	8/5/2022 7:25 AM
36	Both increase in size, and add fun features	8/5/2022 3:46 AM
37	Increase in size and add more accessories	8/5/2022 12:16 AM
38	Both increase in size & add accessories and features	8/4/2022 11:28 PM
39	Increase and Add accessories for all ages!	8/4/2022 10:39 PM
40	Increase and add accessories.also keep kids from getting wet and going down the slides	8/4/2022 10:26 PM
41	90% of the times we go its not working	8/4/2022 9:42 PM
42	Public pool!	8/4/2022 9:40 PM
43	Need a community pool	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
44	Increase in size and add splash pad accessories and features	8/4/2022 9:22 PM
45	Super trashy park	8/4/2022 8:45 PM
46	Increase with add accessories also.	8/4/2022 8:37 PM
47	It should change its bottom from cement	8/4/2022 7:31 PM
48	Increase in size and add accessories and features	8/4/2022 5:13 PM
49	There's a lot of open space at bently park so personally I think a community could use a bigger splash pad	8/4/2022 4:44 PM
50	Make it more like Hawk Island	8/4/2022 4:06 PM

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51	Add accessories	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
52	And add new features	8/4/2022 2:52 PM
53	Increase and add accessories	8/4/2022 2:22 PM
54	Needs more features	8/4/2022 2:16 PM
55	swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:13 PM
56	But increase in size. Kids are always playing there	8/4/2022 2:09 PM
57	If size is increased, could charge small fee for non residents and bring people to the area	8/4/2022 2:07 PM
58	I think increase an add toys and accesories	8/4/2022 2:06 PM
59	More features and Increase in size.	8/4/2022 1:41 PM
60	we need a pool in this community to teach our children how to swim	8/4/2022 1:20 PM
61	Turned over to Mr. Owosso committee that had originally funded the equipment.	8/4/2022 1:13 PM
62	More sprayers and dump buckets	8/4/2022 1:11 PM
63	And add splash pad accessories and features. And something for the adults to use too.	8/4/2022 1:09 PM
64	Bigger and more	8/4/2022 1:09 PM
65	Add more variety	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
66	Increase in size & add a couple more activities	8/4/2022 12:58 PM
67	Increase in size while adding more accessories and features	8/4/2022 12:37 PM
68	And add features	8/4/2022 12:32 PM
69	And add accessories and other fun things for kids	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
70	Add more things the splash pad in St. John's is a great example	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
71	Open the restrooms	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
72	Have more instructions, and times it turns on. No one knows it doesn't turn on until noon.	8/4/2022 12:23 PM
73	Community pool	8/4/2022 12:16 PM
74	Work as it should . It's always out of service	8/4/2022 12:16 PM
75	Just working properly would be nice	8/4/2022 11:46 AM
76	both increase in size and add accessories and features	8/4/2022 11:33 AM
77	The drainage around the pad needs to be done the area around the pad gets wet and create huge mud holes on the sides.	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
78	It's very small when in comparison to those around us. I brought some friends from Ewart, Mi to ours, and it is 1/4 size of what they have.	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
79	With splash pad accessories and features.	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
80	No opinion	8/4/2022 11:24 AM
81	Increase in size and add splash pad accessories	8/4/2022 11:23 AM
82	Please see blue bell Beach and celebration park in Saginaws	8/4/2022 11:22 AM
83	Should add in a smaller splash pad in west town, at Bennet field. Lots of public use during hot tournaments, not a lot of teen traffic to ruin it	8/4/2022 11:22 AM
84	We need a big water splash bucket with extra features!	8/4/2022 11:11 AM
85	Definitely add features and increase in size. We drive from Owosso to St. John's just to use their splash pad as it has more to offer.	8/4/2022 11:06 AM
86	Add another pad at another park	8/4/2022 11:02 AM

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87	Increase in size and add splash pad accessories and features	8/4/2022 11:02 AM
88	Just put the zoo back at Bentley 😊	8/4/2022 11:01 AM
89	The splash pad needs more features. Something besides just water shooting out of the ground.	8/4/2022 10:54 AM
90	Make more like St. John's city park splash pad!!	8/4/2022 10:39 AM
91	Also adding some new features.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
92	Different sprayer type thing, bucket dump, something to freshen it up	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
93	Remove it and bring our pool back , the splash pad is ok if your part of the diaper crowd but useless for anyone else.	8/4/2022 10:24 AM
94	Increase in size and add splash pad features!	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
95	Swimming pool	8/3/2022 5:20 PM
96	Increase in size and add splash pad accessories and features.	8/3/2022 4:06 PM
97	Increase a little in size and add a lot more splash pad accessories and features. Not just random water spots shooting water up out of them. There are a lot of splash pads in other cities to take as examples!!!!	8/3/2022 12:46 PM
98	Saginaw has a really great one, the accessories are so neat!	8/3/2022 12:42 PM

Q6 If you or someone in your family has a disability, please indicate how Owosso parks could be more user-friendly:

Answered: 116 Skipped: 727

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Safe walking trails maintained in winter	8/23/2022 8:03 AM
2	More handicap parking	8/23/2022 3:27 AM
3	More benches in a shaded area, especially at the splash pad I have in autistic nephew who loves to splash pad, but his grandmother has trouble walking where she could sit and watch him	8/22/2022 4:17 PM
4	Not disabled but removing the beehive from the entry of the Hopkins dog park. (Shitload of bees in the red stand thing next to the gates,). They swarm ya as you go in and out	8/20/2022 6:39 AM
5	Wheelchair friendly	8/19/2022 8:01 PM
6	Wheelchair accessible	8/16/2022 9:13 PM
7	More sidewalks down to different areas of the park for easy wheelchair access.	8/16/2022 7:29 PM
8	I believe there should be roll on swings for children who have physical disabilities are able to be rolled up a little ramp onto the swing and locked in so the don't roll back and forth then ramp can be put up and locked as well this way these children will be able to enjoy playing at the park as well.	8/16/2022 6:55 PM
9	more wheele chair friendly areas	8/16/2022 2:45 PM
10	Wheelchair swings	8/16/2022 2:34 PM
11	Hearing impaired signs to read	8/16/2022 1:58 PM
12	NA	8/16/2022 12:21 PM
13	More paved paths and ramps	8/16/2022 12:14 PM
14	paved paths	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
15	Can't we don't go waste of money we have bills are money needs go to an I don't want to pay taxes for others to use	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
16	More random placed benches	8/16/2022 11:02 AM
17	More places like a garden where people in wheelchairs can reach, a place away from rowdy teenagers and adults for people with special needs and sensory disorders a place where people in wheelchairs can go out on a shady beach and watch the water	8/16/2022 10:49 AM
18	Disabled Vet myself. Disc Golf is the only sport I can play.	8/16/2022 10:22 AM
19	NA	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
20	Parking	8/16/2022 9:50 AM
21	More benches	8/16/2022 9:42 AM
22	More cement for wheelchairs	8/16/2022 9:42 AM
23	Wheelchair accessible equipment	8/16/2022 9:40 AM
24	N/A	8/15/2022 10:14 PM
25	The kawanis trail has two bridges. The short one going over the swampy area is in terrible shape and hard to navigate even for able bodies. The large bridge going over the lake needs	8/9/2022 12:51 PM

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many boards replaced for safety. The trails could be better maintained so that less able bodied ppl could enjoy it.

26	Seating for disabled grandparents that take grandchildren to the park	8/8/2022 9:16 AM
27	Trails through woodchips in the actual play areas so wheelchairs can still get through and have fun	8/8/2022 5:39 AM
28	Sidewalks leading up to the park area from parking	8/7/2022 6:38 PM
29	Pathways wheelchair accessible	8/7/2022 6:07 PM
30	Wheel chair ramps /access to bathroom. Swings for handicap use	8/7/2022 11:33 AM
31	More wheelchair accessible areas	8/7/2022 10:40 AM
32	N/a	8/6/2022 10:39 PM
33	Approaches	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
34	Handicap accessible more parking level surfaces	8/6/2022 10:22 PM
35	Adding more items that disabled kids can play on. Like a swing for wheels chairs	8/6/2022 9:49 PM
36	Better paths to get to things. Wheelchair accessible picnic tables	8/6/2022 9:48 PM
37	We have young children, would like to see more baby swings and toddler size equipment	8/6/2022 8:39 PM
38	Disabled parking	8/6/2022 8:15 PM
39	Ramps and handrails	8/6/2022 7:56 PM
40	More paved walkways	8/6/2022 7:23 PM
41	N/A	8/6/2022 6:40 PM
42	The parks need to have more wheelchair accessible things.	8/6/2022 6:37 PM
43	Restrooms	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
44	Improve the west bridge at Hopkins. It is too steep on its south end for wheelchairs.	8/6/2022 5:07 PM
45	Seating at the pickleball courts	8/6/2022 4:15 PM
46	Make a sidewalk to all pavilions	8/6/2022 1:01 PM
47	Having wheelchair Assessability is important. A paved area to each pavilion area or to the splash pad. This allows grandparent/parents/kids with a disability go to events and not worry about their chairs or medical equipment they are using to be used in the grass.	8/6/2022 9:57 AM
48	N/A	8/5/2022 10:13 PM
49	Add a ramp for wheelchairs, sensory friendly areas, accessible play structures	8/5/2022 9:54 PM
50	Wheelchair accessible paths from parking to pavillions	8/5/2022 9:49 PM
51	One park that has play equipment/space that is completely fenced in so parents can relax with no chance of their child running to the road. Similar to the setting at the Shiawassee RESD West Building park.	8/5/2022 10:28 AM
52	More areas wheelchair accessible	8/4/2022 11:47 PM
53	More accessible & inclusion play equipment	8/4/2022 11:28 PM
54	Wheelchair friendly	8/4/2022 10:39 PM
55	More restrooms and effort to keep them clean	8/4/2022 10:19 PM
56	More access and play ground equipment	8/4/2022 10:06 PM
57	Accessible entries and walkways throughout, accessible bathrooms	8/4/2022 9:50 PM
58	Unpaved parking lot and steep incline to street does not allow easy access for handicap park visitors	8/4/2022 9:37 PM

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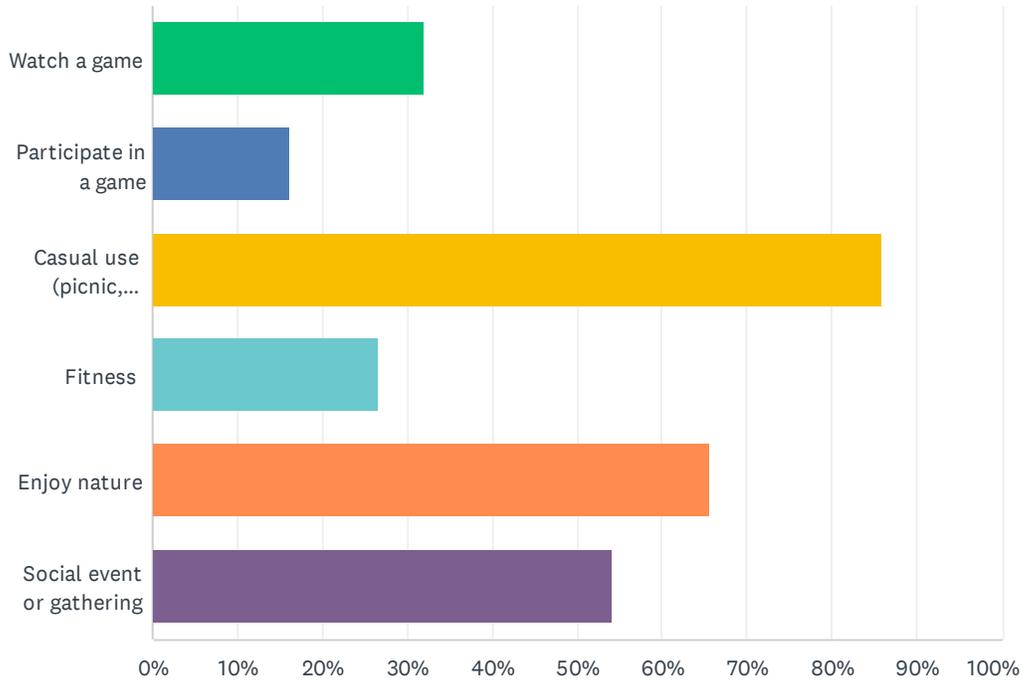
59	More handicap accessible	8/4/2022 9:33 PM
60	Hugh Parker fields mote walkable. Way too many holes	8/4/2022 9:33 PM
61	More handicap swings and equipment with full seats and harnesses	8/4/2022 9:22 PM
62	Owosso parks are not user friendly you have zero handicap accessible playground structures	8/4/2022 8:45 PM
63	Place a map of the other parks indicating what they have to offer. Have a post of "things of interest" to the specific park, native plants, etc.	8/4/2022 8:43 PM
64	Wheelchair accessible pathways and shade	8/4/2022 7:43 PM
65	Wheelchair accessible play equipment	8/4/2022 7:42 PM
66	N/a	8/4/2022 7:39 PM
67	Places where they could still be able to swing	8/4/2022 7:10 PM
68	Sensory play equipment for neurodivergent kids	8/4/2022 5:49 PM
69	More accessible to swings and other play equipment.	8/4/2022 5:42 PM
70	Handicap accessible swings	8/4/2022 5:13 PM
71	More accessible bathrooms and better parking so don't have to walk to far	8/4/2022 4:25 PM
72	More wheelchair accessible playground equipment	8/4/2022 3:36 PM
73	Easier to get too	8/4/2022 3:25 PM
74	Any wheelchair accessible things you have none	8/4/2022 3:21 PM
75	Wheelchair accessibility would be a dream.	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
76	More user-friendly swings. Handicap accessible pathways	8/4/2022 2:53 PM
77	Adding disability swings at more parks and disability equipment	8/4/2022 2:52 PM
78	Wheelchair accessible. Bathroom set up for family style restroom	8/4/2022 2:47 PM
79	Increase wheelchair access in all parks. Include playground equipment for special needs children.	8/4/2022 2:43 PM
80	Restrooms at Bennett.	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
81	Have smooth paths for disabled	8/4/2022 2:20 PM
82	swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:13 PM
83	Sidewalks	8/4/2022 2:10 PM
84	More accessibility for those in wheelchairs	8/4/2022 1:57 PM
85	More parks and features for wheelchair accessible children	8/4/2022 1:54 PM
86	Paved play areas, wheelchair swings, sand/water tables that could accommodate a wheelchair, ramps on playscapes,	8/4/2022 1:28 PM
87	Fixing sidewalks, like everywhere with proper concrete	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
88	N/A	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
89	N/A	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
90	Open bathrooms	8/4/2022 12:33 PM
91	Could have more things for the handicapped to have more fun with	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
92	Wheel chair accessibility	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
93	N/A	8/4/2022 12:17 PM
94	More sensory friendly areas	8/4/2022 12:10 PM
95	Bentley	8/4/2022 12:05 PM

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96	Son has autism, it would be nice to have a bathroom closer to the playground because he does not always recognize the feeling of having to go in time to walk to the tennis courts.	8/4/2022 11:46 AM
97	More swings for disabled individuals	8/4/2022 11:27 AM
98	Na	8/4/2022 11:22 AM
99	Restroom closer and more accessible	8/4/2022 11:07 AM
100	Paved walkways	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
101	Visual boards for the hard of hearing and deaf visitors.	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
102	Make the dock more accessible with a functional ramp	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
103	BATHROOMS! I work with people with disabilities. If we go to Bentley Park or any other park in town, it's very difficult to help them use the bathroom in a porta-potty. The one at Bentley is so far away. We end up going to Corunna to a more accessible park.	8/4/2022 11:02 AM
104	Wheelchair access picnic table	8/4/2022 11:01 AM
105	Handicap accessible	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
106	Hard path for wheelchair and strollers to go through so parents and other family members can watch kids closer	8/4/2022 10:39 AM
107	Paved trails	8/4/2022 10:36 AM
108	More sidewalks that wheel chairs can get down	8/4/2022 10:29 AM
109	There are MANY options for adaptive play equipment. Swing, musical additions, colorful or interactive components.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
110	Some sort of hand rail system along certain areas that assist people so they could do light walks and stuff like that	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
111	Wheelchair accessible	8/4/2022 10:21 AM
112	Wheelchair accessible	8/3/2022 4:55 PM
113	Fully Ada accessible	8/3/2022 4:11 PM
114	Na	8/3/2022 2:31 PM
115	The playground equipment in all the parks could use more wheelchair accessible things to do.	8/3/2022 12:46 PM
116	N/A	8/2/2022 10:08 AM

Q7 Why do you visit parks in the city of Owosso?

Answered: 826 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Watch a game	32.08% 265
Participate in a game	16.10% 133
Casual use (picnic, playground)	85.84% 709
Fitness	26.76% 221
Enjoy nature	65.74% 543
Social event or gathering	54.12% 447
Total Respondents: 826	

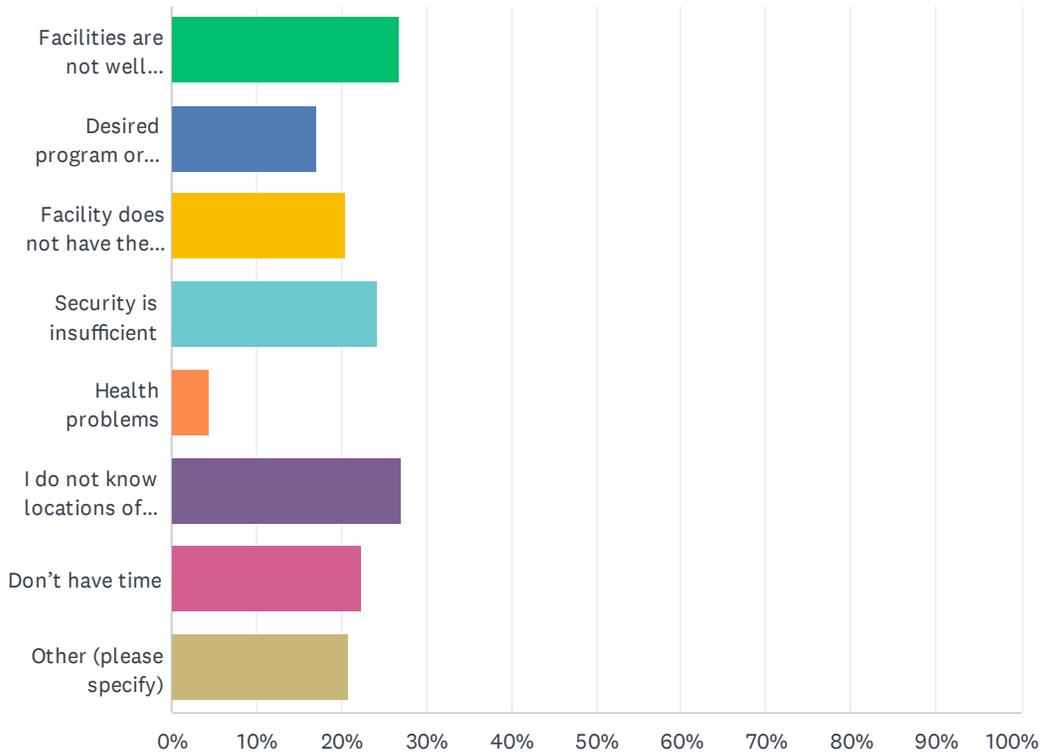
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hiking	8/23/2022 11:43 AM
2	Walking my dogs and disc golfing	8/19/2022 3:06 PM
3	Fish, kayak, grill out, reunions	8/17/2022 7:48 AM
4	Fishing	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
5	Birthday party	8/16/2022 2:34 PM
6	Kids play	8/16/2022 12:21 PM
7	Family reunion	8/16/2022 12:15 PM
8	I live here	8/16/2022 12:07 PM

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9	I don't and don't want to pay taxes for others to use I'm a senior need help repairing my house use taxes for that	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
10	Love the summer concerts	8/15/2022 10:20 PM
11	Community Outreach	8/15/2022 10:14 PM
12	Family reunions, birthdays, and wedding	8/9/2022 8:20 PM
13	dog park.	8/9/2022 12:51 PM
14	Walking trails	8/7/2022 7:43 PM
15	We should have a public pool!	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
16	Entertain grandkids	8/6/2022 10:22 PM
17	For my kids to play	8/6/2022 6:37 PM
18	Picnic lunch	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
19	Bike	8/6/2022 7:17 AM
20	Dog walking and enjoying nature	8/5/2022 12:06 AM
21	dog walk, outside time with my toddler	8/4/2022 10:34 PM
22	Walk my dog	8/4/2022 9:58 PM
23	River, Arts Center	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
24	Exercise pets	8/4/2022 8:43 PM
25	Skate with friends	8/4/2022 7:39 PM
26	Play with grandchildren	8/4/2022 6:40 PM
27	Kayak launch	8/4/2022 5:19 PM
28	I love to take my friendly dogs to trails but would love to take them to parks if they had an area included at the park	8/4/2022 3:38 PM
29	To work on them because the city doesn't. Softball fields.	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
30	Meetings	8/4/2022 2:16 PM
31	Skating/scootering	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
32	Photography	8/4/2022 12:55 PM
33	Something for my kids to do	8/4/2022 12:50 PM
34	Kayaking, cleanups	8/4/2022 12:49 PM
35	I have 3 young children.	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
36	My kids love playing at the park	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
37	Pokemon go stops	8/4/2022 11:42 AM
38	We love the dog park - it needs a water spigot!	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
39	Often we choose not to go because of the negative crowds and terrible behaviors.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
40	We use many of the parks	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
41	Children to play	8/4/2022 7:08 AM
42	Dog park	8/3/2022 9:32 PM
43	Play Pokémon go	8/3/2022 4:49 PM
44	Kayaking	8/3/2022 4:21 PM

Q8 Please check all of the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using parks and recreation facilities:

Answered: 677 Skipped: 166



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Facilities are not well maintained	26.88%	182
Desired program or facility not offered	16.99%	115
Facility does not have the right equipment	20.53%	139
Security is insufficient	24.37%	165
Health problems	4.43%	30
I do not know locations of facilities	27.18%	184
Don't have time	22.30%	151
Other (please specify)	20.97%	142
Total Respondents: 677		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	8/23/2022 6:40 PM
2	Large groups of teens running over little kids	8/22/2022 10:49 PM
3	some areas need better bathroom facilities	8/22/2022 7:23 PM

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4	Today's youth make it seem like an unsafe environment	8/22/2022 5:39 PM
5	City parks need Internet WiFi	8/22/2022 4:46 PM
6	teenagers vandalizing, using vulgar language, and inappropriate behavior.	8/20/2022 12:02 AM
7	Not enough play structures to entertain children.	8/18/2022 3:31 PM
8	There have been recent issues at Bentley Park regarding unruly teenagers who have actually attacked adults at the park for a disagreement about the timing of renting the pavilion.	8/17/2022 7:51 AM
9	Lack of bathrooms and very poorly maintained bathrooms. Gross!!	8/16/2022 11:49 PM
10	Unsupervised, rude, disrespectful kids	8/16/2022 9:51 PM
11	Nothing for older children older than 12	8/16/2022 9:13 PM
12	Vandalism I've noticed at Bentley Park is horrible the spray paint on the walls and door and I feel they're needs to be cameras I ve also noticed vandalism of the lil children's library I've noticed books have been thrown all over before while there with my son who was disappointed his couldn't find 1 book the wasn't ripped and torn.	8/16/2022 6:55 PM
13	No public bathrooms	8/16/2022 5:42 PM
14	Too many people in small area	8/16/2022 4:33 PM
15	Rosevear is severely neglected. Maybe put a pool back in, make it more accessible.	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
16	Some parks are unknown. More info about where these are found	8/16/2022 2:21 PM
17	Often stay home	8/16/2022 12:21 PM
18	I didnt realize the citybhadcall of the parks mentioned above	8/16/2022 12:16 PM
19	It's hard to get to the Smith rd trail head without driving. Parking is confusing. No public restroom	8/16/2022 12:14 PM
20	Have other interests	8/16/2022 11:46 AM
21	there is no public swimming pool for adults	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
22	Waste of taxes money I'm on a limited income an don't want to pay taxes for anyone else to us how about someone come help fixy house for free I'm a senior an need help with that	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
23	Na	8/16/2022 10:58 AM
24	bathrooms dirty or locked	8/16/2022 10:56 AM
25	To many teens at Bentley all the time but closest park to me	8/16/2022 10:36 AM
26	Need more, better disc golf courses	8/16/2022 9:50 AM
27	More age accommodation for equipment to play on for toddlers	8/16/2022 9:42 AM
28	The older kids make it so younger kids can't have fun, and make it uneasy as a parent to let your child have fun. (Bentley Park)	8/16/2022 9:40 AM
29	Senior citizen (not using ballparks) but did frequently when kids were young	8/15/2022 10:20 PM
30	N/A	8/15/2022 10:14 PM
31	Unsavory characters hanging around.	8/11/2022 11:21 AM
32	St. John's has a much better splash pad at their local park so we go there. If owosso had one like St. Johns , I would definitely use our local one. Also my experience w Bentley park specifically is that older teens who swear and don't care if little kids are around or not is another reason I stopped taking my kids to that specific park.	8/9/2022 12:51 PM
33	Not enough things for infants or small toddlers	8/9/2022 10:17 AM
34	Too many middle/high schoolers hanging out vaping and smoking	8/8/2022 9:16 AM
35	Teenagers with bad behavior at Bentley	8/8/2022 7:15 AM

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36	Bathrooms	8/7/2022 8:31 PM
37	Unsupervised older kids	8/7/2022 5:05 PM
38	Need more bathrooms open especially at Bentley park	8/7/2022 3:47 PM
39	Parks need to offer more	8/7/2022 10:47 AM
40	no indoor bathrooms	8/7/2022 1:23 AM
41	Cleanliness of facilities	8/6/2022 10:43 PM
42	Lack appeal and variety	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
43	Don't always feel safe	8/6/2022 10:22 PM
44	Bentley Park. A lot of bad people hanging around there	8/6/2022 9:48 PM
45	We frequent Harmon Park and mosquitos always are a concern. We also go to Adam's Park along and would love to see a picnic table and updated swings there	8/6/2022 8:39 PM
46	Safety on some of the structures and some of the kids who blast vulgar music and get in fights	8/6/2022 8:23 PM
47	Bathrooms are a big problem; also other patrons that are not the best well-behaved	8/6/2022 8:00 PM
48	COVID-19	8/6/2022 6:46 PM
49	Walking/biking trails are my biggest reason for visiting a park. Many parks do not offer these features	8/6/2022 6:40 PM
50	Working bathrooms, Bently park are a must	8/6/2022 6:29 PM
51	No restrooms	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
52	N/A	8/6/2022 6:24 PM
53	No public swim area or water safe for human contact.	8/6/2022 2:03 PM
54	Pavilion not accessible for handicapped	8/6/2022 1:01 PM
55	Lack of clean bathrooms	8/6/2022 8:12 AM
56	Restrooms are not always available for my kids	8/6/2022 7:50 AM
57	Un supervised kids/teens	8/6/2022 12:54 AM
58	The naughty kids and screaming cursing mothers	8/5/2022 9:29 PM
59	Lack of restroom facilities	8/5/2022 2:21 PM
60	Accessibility to bathrooms,	8/5/2022 1:17 PM
61	Run down	8/5/2022 11:51 AM
62	Young toddlers	8/5/2022 8:15 AM
63	Drugs neddles were there last time	8/5/2022 7:24 AM
64	Lots of disrespectful and inconsiderate teenagers that I don't care to have my young children around	8/5/2022 3:46 AM
65	disrespectful kids	8/5/2022 12:11 AM
66	Crowded	8/5/2022 12:10 AM
67	Most parks such as Green Meadows, Bentley, Hopkins... only offer port a potties.. Would b nice to have proper facilities to use the restroom, wash hands..etc	8/4/2022 11:28 PM
68	Bentley park is often too crowded. More splash pad options would be awesome	8/4/2022 11:27 PM
69	Older kids "playing" on the equipment and pushing my toddlers down when they're in there way, we need a toddler only park	8/4/2022 11:04 PM
70	Bentley park is becoming too popular and crowded. That and insufficient bathrooms	8/4/2022 10:34 PM

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71	Pavilions are pricey	8/4/2022 9:42 PM
72	Rough crowd, profanity,	8/4/2022 9:40 PM
73	Age	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
74	bathrooms	8/4/2022 9:32 PM
75	Hard to find time between work and dinner	8/4/2022 9:22 PM
76	Hard to take your family to the park when there are homeless people sleeping and loitering on benches and tables.	8/4/2022 8:57 PM
77	Rest rooms need cleaned and stocked. Port a potty emptied more.	8/4/2022 8:43 PM
78	Would appreciate bathrooms being unlocked an cleaner in some	8/4/2022 8:37 PM
79	To crowded	8/4/2022 7:40 PM
80	Homeless sleeping in the play equipment	8/4/2022 6:53 PM
81	Space issues at bentley	8/4/2022 6:11 PM
82	Teenage kids are threatening and bullying at skateboard park. No supervision and rude to younger kids and adults	8/4/2022 6:04 PM
83	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 5:19 PM
84	Rude/violent teenagers	8/4/2022 5:13 PM
85	I like how Kiwanis Fields was left off this survey. It could use some maintenance and more security.	8/4/2022 4:06 PM
86	Disability stuff to do for us	8/4/2022 3:25 PM
87	Disrespectful children or adults present. Graffiti I don't want my children to observe.	8/4/2022 3:21 PM
88	Overran by older people who smoke and swear around all the little kids and throw trash everywhere.	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
89	Have a cottage up north.....am there lots of the summer weekends.	8/4/2022 2:53 PM
90	Constantly filled with teens that are causing issues	8/4/2022 2:52 PM
91	Vulgar language written on equipment	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
92	They don't have clean rest rooms	8/4/2022 2:22 PM
93	Restrooms have been locked	8/4/2022 2:20 PM
94	Mainly bently park. Wife not comfortable going by herself at times	8/4/2022 2:09 PM
95	The bathrooms at the soccer fields were often locked and embarrassing when teams came from out of town to use facilities	8/4/2022 2:07 PM
96	Sometimes older kids hanging out there cussing alot	8/4/2022 2:06 PM
97	there's always a bunch of people there and there's not many baby swings.	8/4/2022 1:57 PM
98	My daughter is in a wheelchair and Connor use most of the play equipment	8/4/2022 1:28 PM
99	Older kids use it for a hang out. They get on the toys and bully the little ones, their language is filthy, and they smoke there dope up there around the little ones.	8/4/2022 1:25 PM
100	Undesirable people attending park	8/4/2022 1:24 PM
101	don't have accessible bathrooms	8/4/2022 1:17 PM
102	Only work related.	8/4/2022 1:13 PM
103	Not a lot of things to do at Bentley	8/4/2022 1:11 PM
104	Vr Facilities are either mistreated, improperly taken care of, and neglected by the city with all promise and no execution.	8/4/2022 1:03 PM

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105	Didn't realize they existed	8/4/2022 12:55 PM
106	Many misbehaved teens loudly swearing at Bentley Park	8/4/2022 12:52 PM
107	We have more parks than I realized; use allowed is not always clear (eg soccer fields)	8/4/2022 12:49 PM
108	Bathrooms are never open	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
109	Bentley isn't shaded and there are always older teens there. We have seen what we believe is drug activity while with our younger kids.	8/4/2022 12:34 PM
110	Teenager's	8/4/2022 12:32 PM
111	Young teens being vulgar and loud with very loud explicit music for anyone there especially kids. Violence/fights	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
112	Lack of restrooms	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
113	Mccurdy park is falling apart and is covered in wasps and everything is broken. Multiple health risks. Bentley park is overrun with teenagers	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
114	n/a	8/4/2022 12:24 PM
115	Clean Bathroom access	8/4/2022 12:19 PM
116	Vandalism	8/4/2022 12:16 PM
117	lack of bathrooms	8/4/2022 11:56 AM
118	I HATE all the smoking and vaping YUCK	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
119	Lack of proper restrooms	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
120	I can't drive so I walk with 3 kids	8/4/2022 11:49 AM
121	Found used syringes at Bentley and Emerson school within the past year	8/4/2022 11:40 AM
122	trouble people in the parks	8/4/2022 11:33 AM
123	Rosever park is in desperate need of maintenance. This park is over grown and sure to it's condition causing kids to use it as a place to drink and party all night long. Yes I know due to cleaning the beer cans out of my front and back yard from them.	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
124	Drugs and alcohol in the park and reckless drivers. Its not safe for kids	8/4/2022 11:27 AM
125	Teenagers being inappropriate, too much traffic in main parks. People want peace in nature, invest in parks on the edge of town	8/4/2022 11:22 AM
126	No reason not to use	8/4/2022 11:07 AM
127	Foul wording in play equipment,	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
128	LACK OF BATHROOMS	8/4/2022 11:02 AM
129	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 10:56 AM
130	Full of drug users and homeless people.	8/4/2022 10:51 AM
131	Disrespectful children/adults throwing around garbage and vandalizing	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
132	Hard walking on trails	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
133	Restrooms locked or unavailable	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
134	Bentley park seems to have gotten a little better this year. Last year we called the police many times.	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
135	Older kids bullying younger kids	8/4/2022 10:21 AM
136	Need more restrooms / unlocked restrooms	8/4/2022 10:20 AM
137	Na	8/4/2022 8:39 AM
138	Mosquitoes	8/4/2022 12:06 AM

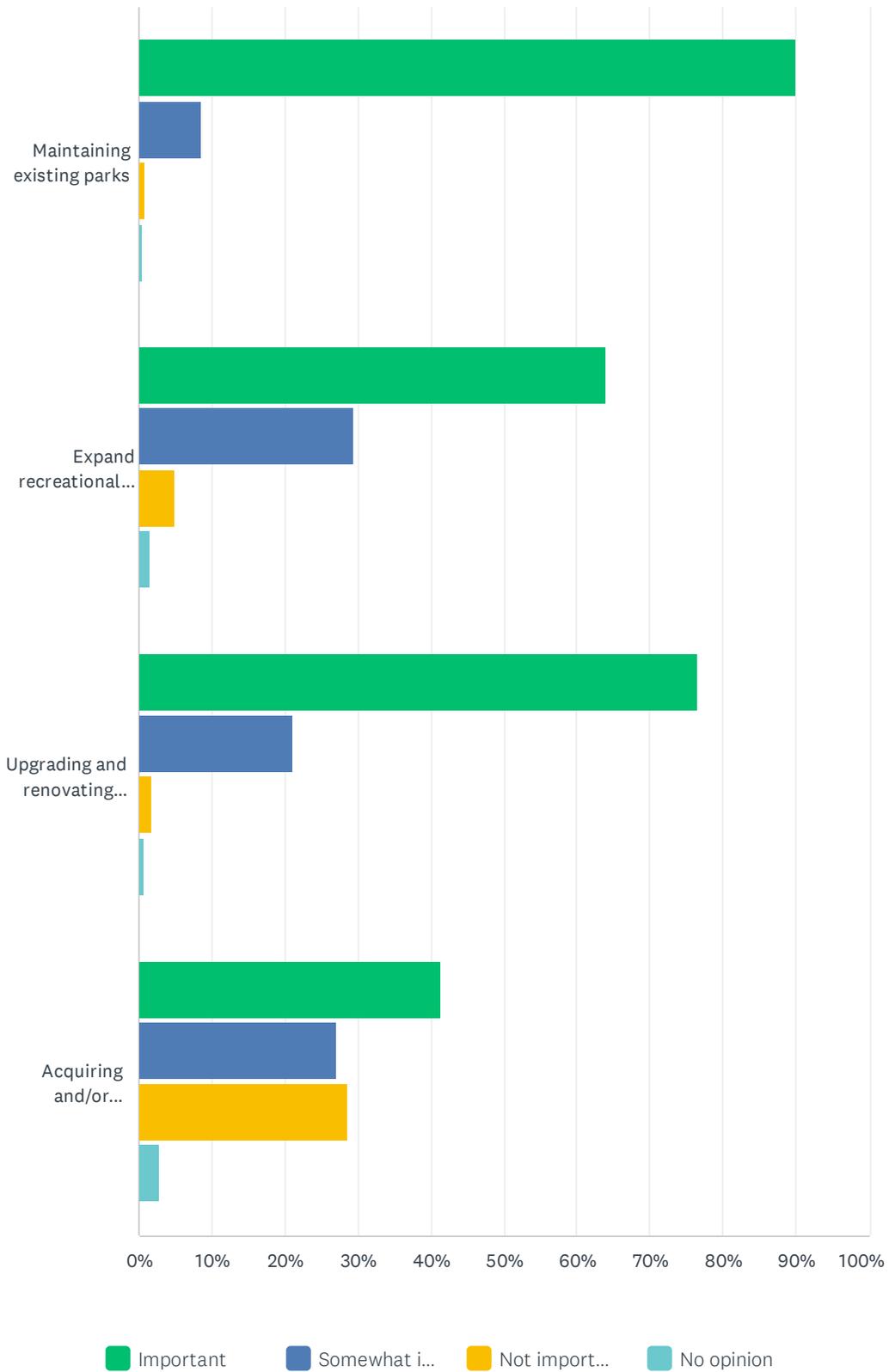
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139	Bathrooms open	8/3/2022 9:32 PM
140	River trail only security also park to have option recycled material trash bins	8/3/2022 5:20 PM
141	No bathrooms	8/3/2022 5:12 PM
142	Disgusting "bathrooms"	8/3/2022 4:49 PM

Q9 In your opinion, how important are the following for Owosso Parks and Recreation?

Answered: 837 Skipped: 6

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	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Maintaining existing parks	90.05% 751	8.63% 72	0.96% 8	0.36% 3	834	1.12
Expand recreational offerings	63.96% 527	29.49% 243	4.98% 41	1.58% 13	824	1.44
Upgrading and renovating existing parks	76.56% 637	21.15% 176	1.68% 14	0.60% 5	832	1.26
Acquiring and/or developing new parks and open spaces	41.43% 343	27.17% 225	28.62% 237	2.78% 23	828	1.93

Q10 If the City of Owosso were to upgrade park facilities in Rosevear Park, what would you like to see there?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 544

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	walking trails	8/24/2022 4:06 PM
2	Nature trails, sculpture park, pavilion, history of Owosso trail.	8/24/2022 4:02 PM
3	Hiking trails picnic and pavilion. Nature trails with signage.	8/23/2022 11:43 AM
4	nature trails	8/23/2022 9:13 AM
5	Safe walking trails well marked	8/23/2022 8:03 AM
6	No opinion	8/23/2022 3:27 AM
7	Bmx bike track with scheduled races	8/22/2022 9:17 PM
8	Playground equipment and pavilion	8/22/2022 7:16 PM
9	Better trails	8/22/2022 5:39 PM
10	City parks need Internet WiFi connections	8/22/2022 4:46 PM
11	That's in a residential area. If it was more open, more play area picnic area. More family friendly	8/22/2022 4:17 PM
12	Not familiar with this park	8/22/2022 3:35 PM
13	More facilities to sit and enjoy the area other than one pavilion with a table.	8/20/2022 6:39 AM
14	less parties. more security.	8/20/2022 12:02 AM
15	No	8/19/2022 8:01 PM
16	Disc golf	8/19/2022 3:06 PM
17	Splash pad	8/18/2022 5:50 PM
18	Improved trails, drinking fountains/ water bottle fill Station, info kiosk	8/17/2022 9:43 AM
19	Pavilions, tables grill, walking trails	8/17/2022 7:48 AM
20	They don't seem safe	8/17/2022 7:44 AM
21	I'm not even aware of Rosevear Park	8/17/2022 7:35 AM
22	An RC car obstacle course, better BMX ramps, more trash bins	8/17/2022 7:23 AM
23	Leave the bike park!	8/17/2022 3:19 AM
24	CLEAN bathrooms	8/16/2022 11:49 PM
25	Cornhole	8/16/2022 10:20 PM
26	it cleaned up	8/16/2022 10:01 PM
27	I don't go	8/16/2022 9:51 PM
28	Where is this park at??	8/16/2022 9:13 PM
29	A more sanctioned BMX park	8/16/2022 8:24 PM
30	Pickle ball	8/16/2022 7:50 PM
31	Never been so not sure.	8/16/2022 7:29 PM

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32	Trails bike and hiking	8/16/2022 7:24 PM
33	Perhaps small bridges. Many trails lead through the creek.	8/16/2022 7:22 PM
34	I'm not familiar with Rosevear Park	8/16/2022 6:55 PM
35	Clear trails for biking/walking, rest areas for drinking/eating, a bathroom	8/16/2022 6:36 PM
36	I don't know where this park is even located.	8/16/2022 6:17 PM
37	More dirt jumps for BMX bikes.	8/16/2022 6:11 PM
38	Been living in owosso for 10 ish years and just found out about bmx track. Wish i knew sooner, how about advertising for all park's and whats there..	8/16/2022 3:52 PM
39	Swimming pool	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
40	The pool back, grills, the parking lot reestablished, a bridge for the creek crossings.	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
41	Food truck spots	8/16/2022 3:03 PM
42	I don't know that park	8/16/2022 2:59 PM
43	I use the parks for walking and running with my dog so all I need is some nice clean trails.	8/16/2022 2:47 PM
44	wheel chair friendly swings	8/16/2022 2:45 PM
45	Trails	8/16/2022 2:37 PM
46	Slides, monkey bars, bridges,tunnels,swings	8/16/2022 2:34 PM
47	picnic tables	8/16/2022 2:32 PM
48	I do not know	8/16/2022 1:58 PM
49	4 pickle-ball courts	8/16/2022 1:14 PM
50	It cleaned up and some trees cleared for a nice playground and some pavilions	8/16/2022 1:07 PM
51	I dont know where that is	8/16/2022 12:21 PM
52	Don't know what's currently there	8/16/2022 12:16 PM
53	Pickelball Courts	8/16/2022 12:13 PM
54	A keg	8/16/2022 12:07 PM
55	Go cart track	8/16/2022 11:57 AM
56	Clean trails	8/16/2022 11:54 AM
57	Anything! Tables at least. I live nearby and didn't know it was a park for a long time. Cleaned up and maybe a sign	8/16/2022 11:53 AM
58	No idea	8/16/2022 11:46 AM
59	Playground equipment, trails for walking, picnic shelters, splash pad	8/16/2022 11:39 AM
60	public swimming pool for adults only	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
61	Nothing waste of my money I have a house needs fixed an bills to pay ain't pay taxes for others to use	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
62	Keep the trails but make them more walkable & maybe a picnic area with small playground to the front of the property	8/16/2022 10:57 AM
63	splash pad area added	8/16/2022 10:56 AM
64	A way bigger splash pad for all ages or a pool	8/16/2022 10:36 AM
65	Dirt bike jumps	8/16/2022 10:29 AM
66	I don't go to rosevear	8/16/2022 10:10 AM
67	Na	8/16/2022 10:01 AM

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68	I have never visited this park, so I have no opinion	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
69	Disc golf	8/16/2022 9:50 AM
70	No	8/16/2022 9:42 AM
71	Disc golf, mosquito repellant	8/16/2022 9:41 AM
72	Where is it	8/16/2022 9:41 AM
73	More adaptive play	8/16/2022 9:40 AM
74	No opinion, never been	8/16/2022 9:36 AM
75	I'm not familiar with what is there now.	8/15/2022 10:14 PM
76	Trails, picnic area, playscaope. Fitness challenge course like glacier ridge park in Westerville ohio	8/10/2022 2:31 PM
77	Didn't know it existed. How do you get to it?	8/10/2022 12:43 PM
78	Water park with lazy river	8/9/2022 1:38 PM
79	I stopped going to rosevear. The last time I walked the trails at Rosevear I feared for my safety after running into a lot of ppl camping out there, their site was trashy and they all stated at me like I was intruding. I was very nervous. A previous summer my two sons were at the kawanis trail walking together and came upon a person who had looked to have Od'ed had died and officers on the scene. I wish theses trails were safer so the community could use them without fearing for their safety.	8/9/2022 12:51 PM
80	Keep it natural.	8/8/2022 7:43 PM
81	Only a walking path; it is nice at it is; stop erosion from bikes	8/8/2022 4:10 PM
82	I have no idea where this park is.	8/8/2022 3:02 PM
83	Pool	8/8/2022 2:51 AM
84	More inclusive playground equipment and larger more interactive splash pads	8/7/2022 10:49 PM
85	swimming	8/7/2022 7:36 PM
86	Not applicable	8/7/2022 6:12 PM
87	A clear sign of designated park area and entrance	8/7/2022 6:07 PM
88	Walking trails	8/7/2022 4:59 PM
89	None	8/7/2022 4:59 PM
90	I don't know lol I never heard of this park before	8/7/2022 3:39 PM
91	Playground	8/7/2022 3:32 PM
92	Family friendly accessories and security cameras	8/7/2022 11:46 AM
93	Playground equipment	8/7/2022 11:33 AM
94	Never heard of it	8/7/2022 11:13 AM
95	I've never used it! I've lived here over 10 years and had no idea it existed	8/7/2022 10:40 AM
96	Nothing, I won't use that park.	8/7/2022 9:54 AM
97	Less trash . The jumps and diys should be untouched though	8/7/2022 9:51 AM
98	Kid friendly stuff	8/7/2022 2:11 AM
99	no opinion	8/7/2022 1:23 AM
100	Atv trail	8/7/2022 12:26 AM
101	Designated trails	8/7/2022 12:18 AM
102	Playground equipment, facilities	8/6/2022 10:43 PM

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103	Pool	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
104	N/A	8/6/2022 9:48 PM
105	I don't think I know where this is	8/6/2022 8:39 PM
106	Not sure	8/6/2022 8:15 PM
107	Different activities and equipment than what other parks offer	8/6/2022 8:00 PM
108	Restrooms	8/6/2022 6:46 PM
109	Dog park	8/6/2022 6:43 PM
110	I have never used this location because I thought it was just a bunch of soccer fields	8/6/2022 6:40 PM
111	Likely it needs bathrooms. We would use this park if we new it existed9am	8/6/2022 6:29 PM
112	Trees,	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
113	No idea	8/6/2022 6:24 PM
114	Trails	8/6/2022 5:07 PM
115	Don't use this one	8/6/2022 4:15 PM
116	Picnic tables under a pavilion	8/6/2022 2:23 PM
117	Mommy and me swings, they're combined adult and child swings that face each other.	8/6/2022 2:07 PM
118	Canopy walk (like midland mi) &/or scenic overlook from trees/ tree house plays cape. Keep existing trails and jumps for bmx & expand it to a real bmx track like ritchfield park in genesee county. Shared parking with the soccer fields. A Pavillion & bleacher style seating for the bmx track. And hiking trails with recreational stations (disc golf, benches, faq about tree species on plaques etc)	8/6/2022 2:03 PM
119	Better use ability	8/6/2022 12:35 PM
120	No, rosevear has been developed and maintained by the people who ride the trails for years it should be left alone	8/6/2022 11:01 AM
121	All I know of back there are trails, I've never actually been back there.	8/6/2022 10:01 AM
122	No thank you.	8/6/2022 9:57 AM
123	I grew up, across from Rosevear Park. In the 50's, and 60's the kids in the hood, pretty much lived there, all day long. It us sad to have seen this park be ignored and closed.	8/6/2022 8:21 AM
124	Hiking biking trails. Disc golf pavilion play scape. Bathrooms	8/6/2022 7:17 AM
125	Guided trails, soccer nets	8/6/2022 12:20 AM
126	Not sure	8/5/2022 11:32 PM
127	Na	8/5/2022 10:43 PM
128	A safer environment.	8/5/2022 10:39 PM
129	Cleaner	8/5/2022 10:13 PM
130	Picnic area and playground	8/5/2022 9:55 PM
131	N/a	8/5/2022 9:54 PM
132	Anything	8/5/2022 9:29 PM
133	Splash pad	8/5/2022 8:50 PM
134	Swings	8/5/2022 7:21 PM
135	I only know Rosevear for the Bmx jumps.	8/5/2022 4:58 PM
136	More trails.	8/5/2022 1:44 PM
137	Yuck no	8/5/2022 1:26 PM

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138	Get rid of skate park	8/5/2022 11:51 AM
139	Splash pad, and neat equipment for kids, flowers, pavilions	8/5/2022 11:36 AM
140	designated walking/hiking trails, natural preservation	8/5/2022 9:46 AM
141	Swimming pools	8/5/2022 8:28 AM
142	A space for off-road cars to go plan like go karts four wheelers	8/5/2022 7:24 AM
143	I have never been to this park.	8/5/2022 7:01 AM
144	?	8/5/2022 6:32 AM
145	Na	8/5/2022 5:59 AM
146	Return the pavilion and water fountain, walking trails	8/5/2022 4:45 AM
147	picnic tables, a grill	8/5/2022 12:11 AM
148	Trails, picnic tables	8/5/2022 12:10 AM
149	I would like to see some safety features and I would like to see it opened up more.	8/5/2022 12:08 AM
150	Large splash pad	8/5/2022 12:02 AM
151	Another splash pad for the families closer to that park	8/4/2022 11:47 PM
152	Accessible & inclusive playground equipment. Grills & picnic areas	8/4/2022 11:28 PM
153	Playground/picnic area	8/4/2022 11:05 PM
154	Clean up the people it attracts	8/4/2022 11:04 PM
155	Don't know where this is located	8/4/2022 10:39 PM
156	Never been to this park so not sure	8/4/2022 10:37 PM
157	Another splash pad for those hot summer days!	8/4/2022 10:34 PM
158	More security lights trails for biking	8/4/2022 10:24 PM
159	Didn't know this park was there.	8/4/2022 10:19 PM
160	Nothing	8/4/2022 10:17 PM
161	Sell and use funds for matching grant dollars for community pool.	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
162	Idk	8/4/2022 9:33 PM
163	Never been, but bathrooms are a must at all parks for the littles	8/4/2022 9:32 PM
164	Easier access and signs to show where park is. I personally have never been because of how muddy the parking is and I don't know where to go in. I don't know what is in the park but I'd hope for family/kid friendly play equipment	8/4/2022 9:22 PM
165	I don't know where this is	8/4/2022 9:14 PM
166	Don't know where this is.	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
167	Splash pad	8/4/2022 9:00 PM
168	Idk	8/4/2022 8:59 PM
169	Picnic area, better trail system	8/4/2022 8:57 PM
170	No	8/4/2022 8:55 PM
171	YES!! Bring it back to the condition it wasbeautiful stoned creek, pavilions, water fountain and playground with BBQ grills, tables & restrooms. Pool would be awesome if possible.	8/4/2022 8:43 PM
172	Not sure	8/4/2022 8:37 PM
173	basketball courts!!! nice ones, hesr me out this town his tons of basketball players around. i just graduated and believe me when i say, if there's more rec courts and facilities like it, it will	8/4/2022 8:34 PM

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	bring more revenue and people here to town!	
174	Pavillions. Bathrooms, swimming pool	8/4/2022 7:58 PM
175	Playscape	8/4/2022 7:48 PM
176	Mosquitoe treatment first!!!Bike park	8/4/2022 7:43 PM
177	N/a	8/4/2022 7:39 PM
178	I don't know what park that is	8/4/2022 7:31 PM
179	Nothing, that park isn't even used except for people riding dirt bikes or quads which shouldn't happen there	8/4/2022 7:15 PM
180	I never been there	8/4/2022 7:10 PM
181	Splash pad and playground equipment	8/4/2022 5:54 PM
182	Disc golf course and bike path	8/4/2022 5:45 PM
183	Play area, place for families to gather.	8/4/2022 5:24 PM
184	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 5:19 PM
185	Pavilion and picnic areas, bathrooms, well maintained trails throughout the woods with rest benches and possibly trail lighting. Remove or professionally rebuild east side of the creek that the kids have overtaken. Dredge the creek and give it a more visually pleasant appearance. Reopen main drive going into park for better vehicle access. Encourage public events. Bring back the swings, teeter tottering, and other kid activities. I would love to be involved in the reconstruction of Rosevear Park. That is my favorite park and really and disgusted on how the city is dealing with it since late 80s or early 90s.	8/4/2022 5:02 PM
186	The city could make money off a zip line course and play and rec area and clean up the bike trail and path then sell the land from old dirt bike park for apartments because Owosso needs more houses	8/4/2022 4:44 PM
187	Yes	8/4/2022 4:25 PM
188	Has been unsafe for years.	8/4/2022 4:06 PM
189	Na	8/4/2022 3:46 PM
190	Something for pet friendly dogs	8/4/2022 3:38 PM
191	Easier to get too	8/4/2022 3:25 PM
192	Disc golf	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
193	Bigger splash pad for kids	8/4/2022 2:57 PM
194	Better equipment	8/4/2022 2:52 PM
195	Hiking trails, play equipment	8/4/2022 2:47 PM
196	All purpose trails.	8/4/2022 2:43 PM
197	Splash pads, more climbing objects	8/4/2022 2:35 PM
198	Unsure	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
199	Don't even know where that is.	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
200	I don't know where that is	8/4/2022 2:28 PM
201	Seems to be a secluded area	8/4/2022 2:20 PM
202	swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:13 PM
203	Drink station paved lot instead of the first have gotten stuck in the mud try to leave there	8/4/2022 2:12 PM
204	My family goes there to play with rc cars. I think an rc track would be awesome.	8/4/2022 2:09 PM
205	Could also do a regular bike trail and connect to the Meijer bike trail west of town and to	8/4/2022 2:07 PM

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	downtown	
206	Walking/biking Trails and Disc golf	8/4/2022 2:02 PM
207	more playground stuff	8/4/2022 1:57 PM
208	I honestly don't know where that is	8/4/2022 1:44 PM
209	Nothing, it's a druggy spot. For the lowest of Owosso. Not worth investing in.	8/4/2022 1:43 PM
210	No clue where that is	8/4/2022 1:41 PM
211	Preservation of nature	8/4/2022 1:36 PM
212	Accessible play equipment	8/4/2022 1:28 PM
213	Disc golf	8/4/2022 1:20 PM
214	Skate park, litter clean up	8/4/2022 1:16 PM
215	I think it should just be closed up honestly.	8/4/2022 1:16 PM
216	Water park	8/4/2022 1:09 PM
217	Proper maintenance and cleaning	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
218	Never heard of this park	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
219	Yea	8/4/2022 12:53 PM
220	Cleaner, expand the play area	8/4/2022 12:50 PM
221	We previously enjoyed the park, but safety became a concern after hearing of some trouble with illegal encampment and rumors of violence and drug use	8/4/2022 12:49 PM
222	Yes	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
223	Better playground activities, new equipment	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
224	I don't even know where that is	8/4/2022 12:41 PM
225	Don't touch rosevear that's the only place we have for dirt jumps for mountain bikes	8/4/2022 12:36 PM
226	Walking Trails	8/4/2022 12:33 PM
227	Less homeless camps.	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
228	More play things	8/4/2022 12:28 PM
229	Playground equipment and trails for kidsto ride big wheels on	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
230	Things that my kids would enjoy more park equipment	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
231	Restrooms and playground	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
232	n/a	8/4/2022 12:24 PM
233	Wouldn't care	8/4/2022 12:17 PM
234	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 12:17 PM
235	Community pool	8/4/2022 12:16 PM
236	Disc golf	8/4/2022 12:14 PM
237	A concrete pad for the skateboards and bikes	8/4/2022 12:13 PM
238	Play area, bathrooms, splash pad/pool	8/4/2022 12:10 PM
239	Splash pad	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
240	N/A use the money to add to other parks that people actually use	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
241	Disc Golf & Trails	8/4/2022 11:49 AM
242	I would like Rosevear to remain the way it is. It could use some cleaning up. It's a party spot	8/4/2022 11:49 AM

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for teens, we can hear them screaming and breaking glass. There's graffiti on most of the trees so a police presence checking in on weekends would be nice.

243	Pavilions	8/4/2022 11:45 AM
244	More open so people are not afraid to go there playground	8/4/2022 11:44 AM
245	Pavilion swings disc golf	8/4/2022 11:42 AM
246	Bike trails, play ground, picnic area with grills,	8/4/2022 11:34 AM
247	splashpad, playscape and disc golf	8/4/2022 11:33 AM
248	I would love to see this park brought back to life. A play place for kids. The pavilion put back up. This park has the potential for so much and could be absolutely beautiful.	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
249	I'm not even sure where this is	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
250	Seating	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
251	Unaware of this park	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
252	I've never been there.	8/4/2022 11:28 AM
253	A place for small kids to play safely and cameras	8/4/2022 11:27 AM
254	Lighting. Cameras	8/4/2022 11:22 AM
255	Bathrooms and pavilions	8/4/2022 11:18 AM
256	I've never been there	8/4/2022 11:11 AM
257	Trails	8/4/2022 11:10 AM
258	Restrooms and tables	8/4/2022 11:07 AM
259	Playset	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
260	Splash pad . More stuff for littles	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
261	Board signs for the hard of hearing to read about nature.	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
262	Play structures and horse shoes	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
263	Maintenance and security	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
264	Basketball	8/4/2022 11:02 AM
265	DIDNT KNOW THERE WAS A PARK	8/4/2022 11:01 AM
266	Places to sit	8/4/2022 10:53 AM
267	For it to be a maintained dirt track for bmx bikes	8/4/2022 10:52 AM
268	Nothing	8/4/2022 10:51 AM
269	Walking trails. The use of nature for play equipment	8/4/2022 10:50 AM
270	Playground, pavilion, informational and learning signs	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
271	Noone uses that park	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
272	Picnic tables, pavillion, playground, walking trails	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
273	Taken care of better with maintence and cleansing	8/4/2022 10:44 AM
274	Anything would actually improve it	8/4/2022 10:42 AM
275	Picnic area, police security lighting, more play ground equipment	8/4/2022 10:40 AM
276	I don't even know about this park so I guess signs or more information about it	8/4/2022 10:39 AM
277	na	8/4/2022 10:38 AM
278	Playground space near the soccer fields	8/4/2022 10:36 AM

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279	Clean up the trash. The rest is ok. But it would make a good area for a dog park.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
280	I don't know where this park is located and have never been.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
281	New play equipment	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
282	Play wall type stuff incorporated with play equipment.	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
283	Not sure of location or layout for possible upgrades	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
284	Better access/parking. Well-marked trails.	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
285	A new pavilion maybe? Some tables to.	8/4/2022 10:24 AM
286	Pavillions playgrounds & bathroo.d	8/4/2022 10:24 AM
287	We don't use this one.	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
288	There are no facilities in rosevear to upgrade. But the kids are constantly leaving trash and garbage in there.	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
289	Sled hills	8/4/2022 10:21 AM
290	I don't use this park.	8/4/2022 10:20 AM
291	Restroom	8/4/2022 10:20 AM
292	Just to maintain it let the teenagers to be able to build jumps like they did back in the 90s give them something to do that's appropriate	8/4/2022 10:19 AM
293	Pool	8/4/2022 12:06 AM
294	Bike and hiking trails	8/3/2022 7:36 PM
295	Anything for bikes, bike racks, place to "tag" for artistic purposes, a more solid and clean area for bikers to jump safely and have fun.	8/3/2022 5:56 PM
296	I don't know where that park is.	8/3/2022 4:49 PM
297	Never been to this park	8/3/2022 2:31 PM
298	I didn't know it was there	8/3/2022 12:42 PM
299	N/A	8/2/2022 10:08 AM

Q11 If the City of Owosso were to upgrade park facilities in Grand Avenue Park what would you like to see there?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 619

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	playground	8/24/2022 4:06 PM
2	Neighborhood playground, picnic pavilion, soccer nets, pickleball, basketball court	8/24/2022 4:02 PM
3	Skating rink	8/23/2022 6:40 PM
4	Neighborhood play equipment with benches and picnic tables. Trees.	8/23/2022 11:43 AM
5	Never been. Didn't know it existed.	8/23/2022 8:03 AM
6	More picnic tables	8/23/2022 3:27 AM
7	Concession stand	8/22/2022 9:17 PM
8	I don't know where this park is	8/22/2022 7:16 PM
9	City parks need Internet WiFi	8/22/2022 4:46 PM
10	N/a	8/22/2022 4:17 PM
11	Not familiar with this park	8/22/2022 3:35 PM
12	No	8/19/2022 8:01 PM
13	Sell it	8/17/2022 1:45 PM
14	Playground equipment, drinking fountain/ water fill stations, restrooms, info kiosk	8/17/2022 9:43 AM
15	Pavilion, tables grill plays cape	8/17/2022 7:48 AM
16	A playground, pavilion and picnic area	8/17/2022 7:35 AM
17	Cornhole	8/16/2022 10:20 PM
18	Have no idea where this park is located.	8/16/2022 9:13 PM
19	Pickle ball	8/16/2022 7:50 PM
20	Not sure where it even is have no opinion at this time	8/16/2022 7:24 PM
21	I have not been to this park.	8/16/2022 7:22 PM
22	Not familiar with	8/16/2022 6:55 PM
23	I do not know where this park is located	8/16/2022 6:17 PM
24	No opinion	8/16/2022 3:52 PM
25	Swimming pool	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
26	Garbage cans, shaded tables around the diamond.	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
27	Food truck spots	8/16/2022 3:03 PM
28	I don't know that park	8/16/2022 2:59 PM
29	Not familiar with what park that is.	8/16/2022 2:47 PM
30	Swings, tunnels, wooden area for sitting	8/16/2022 2:34 PM
31	did not know this park existed	8/16/2022 2:32 PM

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32	This park is right across the street from my house and my family loves it being a big open field. We fly kites there every spring and build snowmen every winter.	8/16/2022 2:22 PM
33	I do not know	8/16/2022 1:58 PM
34	4 pickle-ball courts	8/16/2022 1:14 PM
35	I dont know where that is	8/16/2022 12:21 PM
36	Don't know what's currently there	8/16/2022 12:16 PM
37	Pickelball Courts	8/16/2022 12:13 PM
38	Idk	8/16/2022 12:07 PM
39	NA	8/16/2022 11:54 AM
40	The opening off harper street looks like it goes to someone's house. Didn't even know there was a park back there for a long time despite living in neighborhood	8/16/2022 11:53 AM
41	No idea	8/16/2022 11:46 AM
42	Ice rink, benches or places to sit, lighting, swings and slides	8/16/2022 11:39 AM
43	public swimming pool for adults only	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
44	Nothing waste of money I have to pay taxes for	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
45	splash pad area added	8/16/2022 10:56 AM
46	Unsure of park	8/16/2022 10:36 AM
47	Where is it?	8/16/2022 10:22 AM
48	Upgrade equipment	8/16/2022 10:10 AM
49	Na	8/16/2022 10:01 AM
50	I have never visited this park, so I have no opinion	8/16/2022 9:53 AM
51	Disc golf	8/16/2022 9:50 AM
52	No	8/16/2022 9:42 AM
53	Where is it	8/16/2022 9:41 AM
54	No opinion, never been	8/16/2022 9:36 AM
55	I'm not familiar with what is there now.	8/15/2022 10:14 PM
56	Would love to see this. Maybe a nice baseball diamond to use for tournaments or a playscape and picnic area or pickelball courts. Winter ice skating?	8/10/2022 2:31 PM
57	Didn't know it existed. What's there and where is it at?	8/10/2022 12:43 PM
58	Water park	8/9/2022 1:38 PM
59	I've never even heard of grand avenue park	8/9/2022 12:51 PM
60	Natural area.	8/8/2022 7:43 PM
61	a forest and butterfly garden; no facilities	8/8/2022 4:10 PM
62	I have no idea where this park is	8/8/2022 3:02 PM
63	Pool	8/8/2022 2:51 AM
64	and larger more interactive splash pads	8/7/2022 10:49 PM
65	Not Applicable	8/7/2022 6:12 PM
66	Benches, drinking fountain, minimal play equipment	8/7/2022 6:07 PM
67	Thos doesn't even show up on Google maps so not sure	8/7/2022 4:59 PM
68	Idk	8/7/2022 4:59 PM

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69	I don't know lol I never heard of this park before	8/7/2022 3:39 PM
70	Playground	8/7/2022 3:32 PM
71	Splash pad , playground	8/7/2022 11:33 AM
72	Never been there	8/7/2022 11:13 AM
73	I would like to see it at all, I don't know where this park is	8/7/2022 10:40 AM
74	I've never even heard of this park.	8/7/2022 9:54 AM
75	N/a	8/7/2022 2:11 AM
76	no opinion	8/7/2022 1:23 AM
77	Idk	8/7/2022 12:26 AM
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86	Dog park	8/6/2022 6:43 PM
87	I don't even know where this one is	8/6/2022 6:40 PM
88	Don't know where it is	8/6/2022 6:29 PM
89	Lighting	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
90	No idea	8/6/2022 6:24 PM
91	Bleachers?	8/6/2022 5:07 PM
92	Don't use that one	8/6/2022 4:15 PM
93	Didn't know there was a Grand Avenue park	8/6/2022 2:23 PM
94	Would rather see expansion of playcape area at Harmon partridge Park	8/6/2022 2:03 PM
95	Features- like a climbing Boulder	8/6/2022 12:35 PM
96	I don't know where that is.	8/6/2022 10:01 AM
97	No the area is not good	8/6/2022 9:57 AM
98	Keep the ball field. Drinking water small playground pavilion with electricity and restrooms	8/6/2022 7:17 AM
99	Not sure	8/5/2022 11:32 PM
100	Na	8/5/2022 10:43 PM
101	Not sure where this park is!	8/5/2022 10:39 PM
102	More flowers	8/5/2022 10:13 PM
103	Playground	8/5/2022 9:55 PM
104	N/a	8/5/2022 9:54 PM
105	Playscape, dug outs, ice rink	8/5/2022 9:49 PM
106	Never been there	8/5/2022 9:29 PM

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107	Splash pad	8/5/2022 8:50 PM
108	Swings	8/5/2022 7:21 PM
109	I don't know where this is	8/5/2022 1:26 PM
110	More kid friendly	8/5/2022 11:51 AM
111	Pavilion, flowers, kid friendly	8/5/2022 11:36 AM
112	Swimming areas	8/5/2022 8:28 AM
113	I have never been to this park.	8/5/2022 7:01 AM
114	?	8/5/2022 6:32 AM
115	Na	8/5/2022 5:59 AM
116	Baseball diamond,	8/5/2022 4:45 AM
117	I'm not even sure where this park is!	8/5/2022 12:16 AM
118	Splash pad	8/5/2022 12:02 AM
119	Never been there	8/4/2022 11:47 PM
120	Unfamiliar with this park	8/4/2022 11:28 PM
121	Idk	8/4/2022 11:04 PM
122	Location??	8/4/2022 10:39 PM
123	Never been to this park so not sure	8/4/2022 10:37 PM
124	Options for teens- corn hole, pickle ball, volleyball net, fixture to project movies (movies in the park idea), some swings, anything really...	8/4/2022 10:34 PM
125	Didn't know this park was there	8/4/2022 10:19 PM
126	Sell it and put the funds toward a community pool.	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
127	Idk	8/4/2022 9:33 PM
128	A pavilion slides and sandbox. Swings and basketball court. Jungle gym.	8/4/2022 9:22 PM
129	I don't know where this is	8/4/2022 9:14 PM
130	Don't know where this is.	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
131	Splash pad	8/4/2022 9:00 PM
132	Idk	8/4/2022 8:59 PM
133	Swing set for the local kids of that area	8/4/2022 8:57 PM
134	No	8/4/2022 8:55 PM
135	basketball courts!	8/4/2022 8:34 PM
136	BIKE PARK	8/4/2022 7:43 PM
137	N/a	8/4/2022 7:39 PM
138	I don't know what park that is	8/4/2022 7:31 PM
139	Nobody uses this park!!!!	8/4/2022 7:15 PM
140	Never been there	8/4/2022 7:10 PM
141	Idk	8/4/2022 5:54 PM
142	Not sure	8/4/2022 5:24 PM
143	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 5:19 PM
144	Yes	8/4/2022 4:25 PM

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145	Didn't even know this park existed.	8/4/2022 4:06 PM
146	Na	8/4/2022 3:46 PM
147	Something for dogs either a cooling station or a splash pad for them	8/4/2022 3:38 PM
148	Nature	8/4/2022 3:25 PM
149	Unsure	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
150	Volley bal court, And splash pad	8/4/2022 2:57 PM
151	Not sure.	8/4/2022 2:43 PM
152	Unsure	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
153	Don't know where that is either.	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
154	I dont know where it is	8/4/2022 2:28 PM
155	Not sure where this is?	8/4/2022 2:20 PM
156	swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:13 PM
157	Play structure,baskect ball court. We live 1 block away. If they had something there we wuld use that place all the time. Rc track	8/4/2022 2:09 PM
158	We definitely need to be more disability friendly with whatever we do	8/4/2022 2:07 PM
159	idk	8/4/2022 1:57 PM
160	I don't know where that is either	8/4/2022 1:44 PM
161	Never heard of it	8/4/2022 1:41 PM
162	Accessible play equipment	8/4/2022 1:28 PM
163	don't know where this park is located or what it ogfers	8/4/2022 1:20 PM
164	anything: play equipment, volleyball courts, corn hole, perimeter track, dog park but you will need to small parking lot	8/4/2022 1:17 PM
165	Pool	8/4/2022 1:09 PM
166	Proper maintenance	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
167	Never heard of this park	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
168	Yea	8/4/2022 12:53 PM
169	Not sure where this one is	8/4/2022 12:50 PM
170	I'm not familiar with this park	8/4/2022 12:49 PM
171	Yes	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
172	Splash pad/ a pool. Better playground	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
173	I don't even know where that is	8/4/2022 12:41 PM
174	I do not know where this park is	8/4/2022 12:33 PM
175	Drinking fountains	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
176	Never been	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
177	More equipment a restroom and grills	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
178	n/a	8/4/2022 12:24 PM
179	Wouldn't care	8/4/2022 12:17 PM
180	Bathrooms	8/4/2022 12:17 PM
181	Community pool	8/4/2022 12:16 PM

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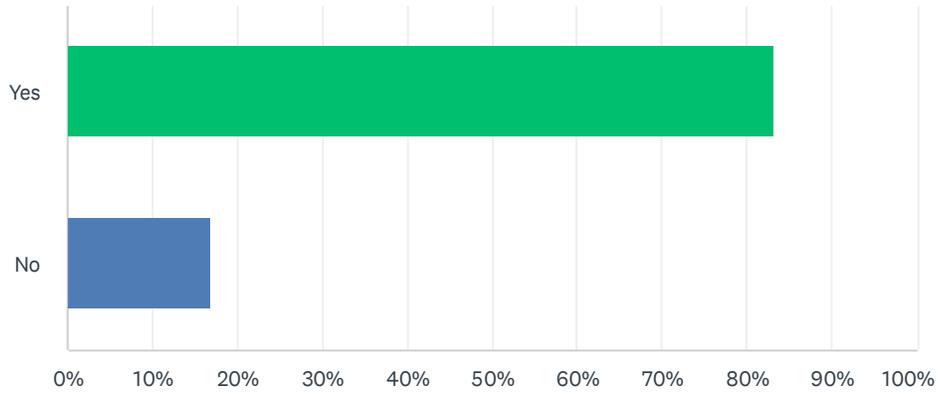
182	Dosc golf	8/4/2022 12:14 PM
183	have never heard of this park (it is not on Google Maps as well)	8/4/2022 11:56 AM
184	Splash pad	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
185	I didn't even know there was a park on Grand Avenue	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
186	What and where is this??	8/4/2022 11:44 AM
187	Parking	8/4/2022 11:42 AM
188	Splash pad, picnic area with Pavillion, play ground, or basketball court	8/4/2022 11:34 AM
189	something nice that would bring positive attention to the South part of the city	8/4/2022 11:33 AM
190	I'm not even sure where this is	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
191	Unsure of parks location	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
192	Unaware of this park	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
193	I've never been there.	8/4/2022 11:28 AM
194	Play set, another splash pad, dog park, anything!	8/4/2022 11:20 AM
195	Have no idea where that park is	8/4/2022 11:18 AM
196	I've never been here either nor did I know about this park previously	8/4/2022 11:11 AM
197	Restrooms and tables	8/4/2022 11:07 AM
198	Idk	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
199	More benches.	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
200	Garden, volleyball	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
201	Splash pad	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
202	Playground or splash pad	8/4/2022 11:02 AM
203	DIDNT KNOW THERE WAS A PARK	8/4/2022 11:01 AM
204	Didn't even know it was there. So more advertisement	8/4/2022 10:53 AM
205	Nothing	8/4/2022 10:51 AM
206	Sports areas. Soccer nets. Basketball. Volleyball.	8/4/2022 10:50 AM
207	To have better mantiance and better with being cleansed	8/4/2022 10:44 AM
208	Same I am not aware of this park	8/4/2022 10:39 AM
209	na	8/4/2022 10:38 AM
210	Not aware of this park	8/4/2022 10:36 AM
211	People still go there to play ball. A memorial for the young man who died there. Some benches, small scale play equipment. There are many families in that area with kids. This would also be a great place for community gardens, horse shoe pits, a pavilion.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
212	Don't know where this park is located and have never been.	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
213	Toddler equipment	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
214	Not sure of location or layout for possible upgrades	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
215	Never been there.	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
216	Unsure of location	8/4/2022 10:24 AM
217	Literally anything...play equipment. We would be here daily as we live a few blocks down.	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
218	Na	8/4/2022 10:21 AM

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219	I don't use this park.	8/4/2022 10:20 AM
220	Pool	8/4/2022 12:06 AM
221	No opinion I didn't know there was a grand ave park	8/3/2022 7:36 PM
222	I am not aware of this park.	8/3/2022 4:49 PM
223	Never been to this park	8/3/2022 2:31 PM
224	N/A	8/2/2022 10:08 AM

Q12 Are you a city of Owosso resident?

Answered: 836 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.25%	696
No	16.75%	140
TOTAL		836

Q13 Thank you for your participation. Is there anything else you would like us to consider?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 592

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please maintain your property along fence lines, very overgrown, unkept. Please trim and maintain trees that are overgrown within your property. Please maintain facilities. Concentrate on putting more wood chips in playground areas. Invest in equipment instead of others having to donate. Please put picnic tables and refuse containers in neighborhood parks.	8/24/2022 4:06 PM
2	The parks are an underutilized treasure. Poorly maintained or no equipment. Over run by unleashed dogs (even at Hopkins Lake). Stopped going to Green Meadows due to unleashed dogs. Hopkins has become very dangerous due to no barrier, preventing cars from driving on park grounds. Geese are problematic at Hopkins and Jerome St parks. Miner walkway is poorly maintained. Any investment made by groups is no maintained after donation. Parks are mowed but not trimmed. Invasive trees and growth overtake and do not add beauty. Poorly maintained fencing. Corunna Parks has welcoming entrance, Adams Park has a chain for an entrance.	8/24/2022 4:02 PM
3	Bringing in a popular professional rock band for a one night show outside concert with remaining funds after paying band and all other overhead to go to owosso parks to help maintain what parks we have and plan for a new public swimming pool for the kids.	8/22/2022 9:17 PM
4	Would like to see more bathrooms at Kiwanis baseball fields, scoreboards and lighting needs maintenance, was very impressed they got newer bleachers on small field this year, what about putting in a Waterpark setup similar to Lansing aquatic center and staffing it with lifeguards and staff, revenue and food stand, slides, kid parts, wave pool- community could use it!	8/22/2022 9:16 PM
5	Maybe some more lighting in the park. You could do a full scarecrow alley and all the parks. You could light them up at Christmas and have people come at night especially with kerwood, Castle Park and all those Hallmark movies. They have a place like Curwood Castle Park that is used for Christmas events, outdoor markets which would be during the day. Light it up at night with colored lights. Not just the white lights that are there now	8/22/2022 4:17 PM
6	Would like to see more hiking trails.	8/22/2022 3:35 PM
7	Groomed cross country ski trails	8/22/2022 3:29 PM
8	A less fancy botanical garden/ garden walk type of deal would be badass! Also more areas for dogs maybe :)	8/20/2022 6:39 AM
9	Repaint the Bennett Fields and add more bathrooms	8/19/2022 8:01 PM
10	What is Rudy DeMuth Field?	8/17/2022 11:12 AM
11	It would be great if each park had an unique draw to it. Promoting each park would bring people in to them. I was unaware of a couple of the parks.	8/17/2022 9:43 AM
12	Consider a park along Abrey street along the river across from treatment plant	8/17/2022 7:48 AM
13	Perhaps an expansion of trails along the old railroad tracks	8/17/2022 7:35 AM
14	The empty space by the Library where that old house used to be would be an amazing place for a park or community garden.	8/17/2022 7:23 AM
15	A food truck day at Bentley park like is done at McCurdy	8/16/2022 10:20 PM
16	More dog runs in the city	8/16/2022 8:24 PM
17	Pickle ball	8/16/2022 7:50 PM
18	No thanks and thank you!!	8/16/2022 7:24 PM

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19	Have better security at rosevear park. Too many underage drinkers and parties.	8/16/2022 7:15 PM
20	Not at this time	8/16/2022 6:55 PM
21	Restrooms at Bently park!	8/16/2022 6:42 PM
22	Although I do love going to the Curwood Castle, there is a sense of insecurity there with the group of people that "live" on the west side of the river. I understand they have no place to go, but unfortunately we make the choice to never walk that way when we're there.	8/16/2022 6:17 PM
23	Another dog park/ splash pad	8/16/2022 4:33 PM
24	Lower taxes for low income citizens..	8/16/2022 3:52 PM
25	Swimming pool	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
26	Please make Rosevear a nice place again for families.	8/16/2022 3:50 PM
27	We need a food truck lot. It will draw in more out of towners	8/16/2022 3:03 PM
28	More options for younger kids like toddler ages 1.5 to 3	8/16/2022 2:59 PM
29	Thank you for taking info to make our city better.	8/16/2022 2:37 PM
30	Water splash pads	8/16/2022 2:34 PM
31	More pickle-ball courts	8/16/2022 1:14 PM
32	put cameras up throughout play scapes to prevent more kidnapping!!	8/16/2022 12:36 PM
33	I'm a Corunna resident	8/16/2022 12:21 PM
34	Better marketing to residents about the parks.	8/16/2022 12:16 PM
35	Bennett Field needs to be made more user friendly to accommodate the tournament crowds. Would love to see a fence on N Chestnut side to better control parking situation with one entrance and one exit. The street is almost down to one lane as road surface is chipping away more every year. North Chestnut St. never gets repaired!	8/16/2022 12:15 PM
36	The more connections (paths roads etc) we have between parks, the easier they will be to use. Always keep disabled needs priority. Thank you so much!	8/16/2022 12:14 PM
37	No thank you	8/16/2022 11:54 AM
38	Restroom maintenance. Toiletpaper and hand sanitizer for Portable toilets	8/16/2022 11:53 AM
39	No	8/16/2022 11:46 AM
40	Better maintainance for the splash pad at Betley park. Also when renting a park notify the renter that equipment and some facility items are not working. Maybe they will want to change parks instead of having disappointment and frustration that things don't work properly.	8/16/2022 11:39 AM
41	build a public swimming pool for adults only	8/16/2022 11:29 AM
42	Waste of money I have no little children an do t use park an I shouldn't have to pay taxes for others to us how about helping senior 60 and older who are on Fix income an come fix our houses for free pay our bills	8/16/2022 11:19 AM
43	Use some of these open spaces and use them for beaches that are family friendly and wheelchair accessible kinda like the campground on Ruess Rd only with wheelchair accessible and a place roped off for those with special needs	8/16/2022 10:49 AM
44	A pool somewhere or something for older teens and adults to enjoy as well.	8/16/2022 10:36 AM
45	Disc golf is the only thing you can play during a pandemic. Might as well have a plan so people don't go crazy inside their houses.	8/16/2022 10:22 AM
46	Any time I try to take my kids to Bentley park to play, theres always sketchy people hanging out or teenagers fighting.	8/16/2022 10:21 AM
47	No	8/16/2022 10:10 AM
48	We utilize the dog park and really like the improvements out there - big thanks to the	8/16/2022 9:53 AM

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	volunteers!	
49	More disc golf	8/16/2022 9:50 AM
50	Safer equipment for children to play on at Bently Park. A lot of smaller children go-to this park and the equipment is too big in my opinion besides the train.	8/16/2022 9:42 AM
51	Two owosso resident	8/16/2022 9:41 AM
52	Bathrooms with more accessibility like a space for change type of bathroom for handicap	8/16/2022 9:40 AM
53	Bennett Field brings in so much revenue throught the Hit and Pitch tournaments and the recreation league. The front building looks like crap and needs to be repainted. The concession stand should be in the middle of all the fields not just at the main field. The community has to care about the kids it is something positive for them.	8/16/2022 9:40 AM
54	Be more involved in youth sports at your fields	8/16/2022 9:38 AM
55	Enhancing the paths along the river, cleaning up graffiti,	8/16/2022 9:36 AM
56	NW corner of M-21 and Water should be a green space.	8/16/2022 9:33 AM
57	A good-sized mostly enclosed pavilion for rentals (family reunions, birthday parties, etc). The pavilion in Bentley is good but just not versatile enough	8/15/2022 10:20 PM
58	Screened pavilions. A Public Pool again, perhaps with indoor and outdoor for year round use (Dream big :)	8/15/2022 10:14 PM
59	Maybe it would be nice to have park clean up days.	8/10/2022 2:31 PM
60	It's there a parks and rec map with what the facilities offer?	8/10/2022 12:43 PM
61	Water park	8/9/2022 1:38 PM
62	Disinfecting stations	8/9/2022 10:17 AM
63	Dredge some of south Hopkins Lake. ;Add canoe launch at YWCA property.	8/8/2022 7:43 PM
64	We have only recently moved here in June. So we have not been to all the parks simply bc we have not had time but are still interested in checking everything out	8/8/2022 6:01 PM
65	Loop the north trail at Harmon Patridge Park; deep rooted plants near the river	8/8/2022 4:10 PM
66	How I can find a list of city parks. I hadn't even heard of most of these parks until reading this survey.	8/8/2022 3:02 PM
67	Bathrooms at Bentley	8/8/2022 7:15 AM
68	I think the city of Owosso should build a public pool for residents of Owosso	8/8/2022 2:51 AM
69	An Owosso neighborhood pool would be really awesome.	8/8/2022 2:04 AM
70	Figure out how to do up keep (clean/fill) bathrooms	8/7/2022 6:38 PM
71	Our community needs to be more focused on outdoor recreation. We drive 30-60 minutes to use other cities trails and outdoor spaces.	8/7/2022 3:45 PM
72	More SMALL child plays apes for toddler-4-5	8/7/2022 3:32 PM
73	Would love to see better signage and easier website to explore your parks	8/7/2022 11:34 AM
74	No thank you 😊	8/7/2022 11:33 AM
75	Advertisement!! I would like to be able to utilize our public parks but had no idea so many spots existed	8/7/2022 10:40 AM
76	More maintenance and prosecution of vandals.	8/7/2022 9:54 AM
77	I am not aware of most of the parks listed.	8/7/2022 9:41 AM
78	We love Adam's park! But two swings have been missing this year, including the baby swing. This has made it far less enjoyable and usable for our family. Would love to see better maintenance of existing parks!	8/7/2022 8:14 AM

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79	No	8/7/2022 2:11 AM
80	No	8/6/2022 10:43 PM
81	Add lights to parks to help prevent vandalism. Increase police driving through. Ask local artists to paint murals at parks, make it bright and cheerful. Street art or graffiti some of the buildings.	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
82	Making more water splash pads in different parks, adding bathroom to parks, updating swing set area in Harmon heritage park. Making a paved walking path at Harmon Park. Bentley adding another pavilion. Reopening a city pool toddler pool	8/6/2022 10:35 PM
83	Facilities for middle school age separate from elementary. No vaping teenagers at parks	8/6/2022 10:22 PM
84	Keep up the good work. Stop tearing down old historical buildings	8/6/2022 10:07 PM
85	Burchfield Park in Holt has an awesome bike trail for kids called Dirt School. Owosso could really benefit from something like that!	8/6/2022 9:22 PM
86	Picnic table at Adam's Park, more toddler equipment	8/6/2022 8:39 PM
87	Specifically the Bentley park, the play structure is too high of a fall from the 1st tier to the ground with the sliding pole.	8/6/2022 8:23 PM
88	The old Allendale/Grove Skate Park seems abandoned.	8/6/2022 8:15 PM
89	Please clean up the Veterans park	8/6/2022 7:56 PM
90	The YMCA should have exercise classes in the parks	8/6/2022 6:46 PM
91	Please add another dog park!!!!	8/6/2022 6:43 PM
92	Trash is a common sight on the James miner river walk. It's severally detracts from the beauty of the trail. I pick up trash at time when it blows across the trail. It would be nice if this could be addressed	8/6/2022 6:40 PM
93	The graffiti in the slides at bentley Park needs to be removed	8/6/2022 6:37 PM
94	Seating areas in downtown and restrooms for shopping	8/6/2022 6:27 PM
95	Nope, thank you	8/6/2022 6:24 PM
96	Do not add any more things to Collamer/Hopkins park.it is primarily used for fishing and trails.	8/6/2022 5:07 PM
97	Bicycling is vital to a city's recreation. We need to get a way to the Shiawassee trail and more paved bike trails.	8/6/2022 4:15 PM
98	No	8/6/2022 2:23 PM
99	Allowing youth talent challenges/ battle of the bands at the amphitheater & a community day where downtown is blocked off for special markets, food trucks, corn hole, putt put golf, live music & entertainment. Fenton mi does it every Thursday and Friday nights for 4 hours and the kids are allowed to ride bikes, skateboards & scooters while parents can dine & shop.	8/6/2022 2:03 PM
100	More skate facilities	8/6/2022 11:01 AM
101	Please increase security at the parks. I've left the park early multiple times because of how teenagers were behaving around my young children. We need security cameras and more frequent police patrols. And for the love of God please have real bathrooms available during the day that are clean. Have you ever tried to take a 2 year old to a portapotty? It's awful.	8/6/2022 8:12 AM
102	See above comments on Adams Park	8/6/2022 8:11 AM
103	Larger splash pad with dump bucket and other cool stuff	8/6/2022 7:17 AM
104	Skating rinks and warming houses. Adult rec leagues. Great walking trails. Please see Washington Park in Denver for references!!	8/6/2022 12:20 AM
105	No	8/5/2022 11:32 PM
106	Put money into baseball fields. They've been around forever, have 400 kids every summer in the league and parents complain how little the city does for it..	8/5/2022 10:46 PM
107	No	8/5/2022 10:43 PM

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108	A Public pool/aquatic center!	8/5/2022 9:49 PM
109	A lazy River area with a pool.	8/5/2022 9:49 PM
110	More things for babies and toddlers! There are many, many of them around here and most of the time, they're left without something to do without leaving town to have to enjoy themselves.	8/5/2022 7:21 PM
111	Cleaner bathrooms	8/5/2022 5:56 PM
112	Thank you for continuing to develop safe spaces for community members to enjoy the outdoors!	8/5/2022 1:44 PM
113	More activities for families!	8/5/2022 11:36 AM
114	In my opinion the city should have seriously considered purchasing and redeveloping the old middle school property into a mixed use riverfront park. It would have presented a unified riverfront bringing together the amphitheater, Armory and Curwood Castle properties.	8/5/2022 10:17 AM
115	Better maintenance of the grounds at Green Meadows, mowing, tree removal, etc.	8/5/2022 9:40 AM
116	Adams Park upgrades please. There are so many families and kiddos in the neighborhood. Thank you.	8/5/2022 9:39 AM
117	Putting swimming area in more parks so the adults and children can swim	8/5/2022 8:28 AM
118	I think instead of using and replacing mulch every year, look into parks which have molded old tire as a walking foundation.	8/5/2022 8:18 AM
119	A walking track around Bentley park	8/5/2022 7:25 AM
120	I would like to see a track built for like go karts four wheelers and mini mopeds just a track for them to ride on and have fun and not get in trouble	8/5/2022 7:24 AM
121	The parks we visit are usually fairly clean, but the times we've visited Bentley park it was so dirty. Gobs of trash on the ground, by the playground equipment, articles of clothing left out by the swings (under the actual seat of the swing on the ground) it was just very dirty and unwelcoming. Even my 4 yr old said "someone needs to pick up this trash." We love Adams Park, and would love to see additional equipment, and the new park at Collamer.	8/5/2022 6:52 AM
122	More attention needed to maintenance of natural areas: control of invasive species, tree/shrub planting, riverbanks	8/5/2022 6:17 AM
123	Have the restrooms actually be open during business hours and busy hours of the parks. You have cameras there anyway so why have the bathrooms locked?	8/5/2022 5:59 AM
124	I would appreciate it if the city found a way to make the parks more secure. Right now I don't feel safe taking my children (aged 3, 9, and 10) to Bentley Park because there are almost always unsupervised kids and teenagers there harassing people.	8/5/2022 12:08 AM
125	Maintaining an upgrading James Miner River Trail.	8/5/2022 12:06 AM
126	Large splash pad	8/5/2022 12:02 AM
127	Toddler only park!	8/4/2022 11:04 PM
128	Spend money properly.	8/4/2022 11:04 PM
129	I think you should get the some of those "mommy and me" or "generation" swings	8/4/2022 10:37 PM
130	Surveying the public is appreciated.	8/4/2022 10:34 PM
131	ABathroom at Adams park.	8/4/2022 10:19 PM
132	Recreation is an important part of community life, Owosso is starting to have a great community feel to it and more parks/outdoor areas for public use will add to this!	8/4/2022 9:58 PM
133	Library boxes the "take a book leave a book" should be at every park.	8/4/2022 9:42 PM
134	One large park with more offerings like Bentley park but a better splash pad and upgraded jungle gyms	8/4/2022 9:40 PM
135	I would love to see a public pool again, with an annual pass fee to offset cost/maintenance.	8/4/2022 9:40 PM

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There is no swimming option for families in Owosso.

136	Nowhere in this survey do you include questions about the importance of trees in our parks! Also, why was another millage request not on the ballot?! Rather than thinking of developing new parks, the current parks are in need of help. A tree planting program should be implemented. Budget more money/staff to better maintain parks and develop an "Adopt a Park" program (similar to Rotary's adoption of Harmon Patridge Park. Rather than expand the Splash Pad start planning for a community pool and ice skating rink in Bentley Park.	8/4/2022 9:37 PM
137	Please help the Hugh Parker soccer fields. Teams and spectators need to feel safe on the grounds	8/4/2022 9:33 PM
138	It would be nice if there was a community pool again	8/4/2022 9:32 PM
139	I would love to see Owosso more family friendly, cleaner. Everything is in a strange layout, and at a certain time there's some scary characters.	8/4/2022 9:09 PM
140	Keep the homeless from sleeping in the parks.	8/4/2022 8:57 PM
141	No	8/4/2022 8:55 PM
142	I wish the trails at Hopkins lake were maintained better	8/4/2022 8:52 PM
143	Some parks are better taken care of than others. People are pet lovers and need places for their pets to play when they are at parks.	8/4/2022 8:43 PM
144	Hello 😊 I think it would be amazing if Owosso had a public skating rink (such as an outdoor roller hockey rink) that is open to anyone wanting to rollerskate/ skateboard on a smooth surface (bonus if it was covered like the paved concrete rink in Durand!). The new Holman skate park is cool, but there isn't much flat surface to practice basic skills or leisurely skate. Thank you for considering! (ps. I am technically a Corunna citizen but lived in Owosso for 7 years and have worked in Owosso for 10 years, so I am enmeshed with Owosso and consider myself a dual citizen, haha!	8/4/2022 8:37 PM
145	More security cameras security guard drive throughout the parks.	8/4/2022 8:37 PM
146	City mosquito treatment	8/4/2022 7:43 PM
147	Security is the single biggest threat to our parks and our desire to utilize them	8/4/2022 7:42 PM
148	The new skate park could use some lights and some more expansions	8/4/2022 7:39 PM
149	Kiwanis Fields are used more than any other park in Owosso, and you don't maintain them very well. The parking lot is in rough shape, the dugouts are in need of maintenance, the lights need upgraded, the bleachers are horrible. Members of the Owosso Youth Baseball board spend countless hours trying to maintain the fields with no help from the city except to mow the grass.	8/4/2022 7:15 PM
150	No	8/4/2022 7:10 PM
151	More walking / nature trails with stroller access	8/4/2022 6:53 PM
152	More green space downtown like the Mill pond in Brighton	8/4/2022 6:04 PM
153	Make a bicycle trail or walking trail from each park to the other parks	8/4/2022 5:24 PM
154	Giving thanks to the park maintenance crew	8/4/2022 5:19 PM
155	Strongly interested in getting Rosevear park to being a staple park for the city.	8/4/2022 5:02 PM
156	I think more energy should go into the young sports teams that wear Owosso! Kids should have to play to play we are doing a dis service to our youth by not having equipment at their disposal and they pay to play!	8/4/2022 4:44 PM
157	Public Pool / Aquatic Center	8/4/2022 4:27 PM
158	Kiwanis Fields	8/4/2022 4:06 PM
159	Swings need fixed at Adam's park	8/4/2022 3:25 PM
160	Just have more easier stuff for disabled people to see do and get to easier	8/4/2022 3:25 PM

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161	No	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
162	We went to Bentley Park one time and watched a homeless person almost strip naked and start bathing in the splash pad. Now the bathrooms are locked shut so if you get there and have to go there is only one outhouse. It's ridiculous.	8/4/2022 2:58 PM
163	New swings at Adam's Park - Owosso Middle School Builders Club is willing to purchase swings	8/4/2022 2:53 PM
164	Security at parks	8/4/2022 2:52 PM
165	More family style restrooms	8/4/2022 2:47 PM
166	Public pool	8/4/2022 2:40 PM
167	I am not sure who is responsible for the baseball fields but they are really in need of improvements.	8/4/2022 2:31 PM
168	Please get rid of the vulgar words in park equipment	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
169	As I stated in a city council meeting 7 years ago, the city needs. to take care of and upgrade the the facilities they have before they do new things.	8/4/2022 2:29 PM
170	I live in Owosso township and use the city parks. My students also use the parks. The parks are very important to our community. I would like to see them expanded as well as improved. I did the polar plunge a few years ago in Hopkins Lake to help raise money for the parks. I'd love to see more fundraisers like this to get the community involved in helping improve the parks.	8/4/2022 2:28 PM
171	New restrooms at Bennett field. Many people coming from out of town for tournaments without adequate facilities. Also I'd love to see a pool in our community.	8/4/2022 2:22 PM
172	I was an Owosso resident until 2017. Had to move because of burning in town!	8/4/2022 2:20 PM
173	swimming pool	8/4/2022 2:13 PM
174	I am well pleased with the upkeep of all the parks i visit. In my opinin very well taken care of	8/4/2022 2:09 PM
175	We really need to bring the bike trail west of town right into town like they do on St. Charles. There is so much activity on the at. Charles trail because it is so accessible. Also brings more people into town.	8/4/2022 2:07 PM
176	I would like to see the bathrooms, drinking fountains and bleachers updated at Bennett complex. The area is not only used for recreation for locals but also brings in thousands of out of town guests every year. It would be nice to see them looking and functioning better.	8/4/2022 1:57 PM
177	More bathroom facilities	8/4/2022 1:57 PM
178	I've only been here three years so I only go to Bentley Park. But we went ther 06/09 for my son's 2nd bday and a teenager was doing donuts in the grass of the park and got out and started screaming at everyone. We begged the police to come and they came out and didn't even reprimand them. That should've been malicious destruction of property and at least disturbing the peace. I was really disappointed. That's behavior you'd expect in Flint. My son's 2nd bday was super scary and we had to ask the police to let us out of the parking lot. We haven't been back since.	8/4/2022 1:44 PM
179	Thanks for keeping our town beautiful!	8/4/2022 1:36 PM
180	If you need ideas for accessible play areas or a child to try equipment on, contact me. Bhutchison180@gmail.com	8/4/2022 1:28 PM
181	Bring awareness to where parks are	8/4/2022 1:24 PM
182	Do survey with school students to ask what they would like to see parks used for	8/4/2022 1:20 PM
183	More security cameras (fully funded)	8/4/2022 1:13 PM
184	Bigger and better spray pad at Bentley park	8/4/2022 1:11 PM
185	Not one time this year have the restrooms been open at the splash pad. The Porta potty is all the way across the park. All the kids have to run across the park. It's easy for the adults/big kids to get across the park 'in time'. Moms have to gather up all their kids and valuables and	8/4/2022 1:09 PM

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run all the way to the courts. Bathroom needs to be nearer to the kids or the pavilion bathroom open all day every day.

186	Stop neglecting owosso parks. Listen to what the people who use the parks say, not the old people in office who don't even go near them. Majority of owosso children skate in some sort of way, move the renovations in favor of adding to the existing skate park that was promised and not given, or make the one that was meant to be.	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
187	No	8/4/2022 1:03 PM
188	Honestly, more indoor centers for children for rainy days or days that are too hot.	8/4/2022 12:50 PM
189	Please do NOT use the recycled rubber mulch! It may test for safety with regard to falls, but the odor is so noxious-- upset stomach, headaches.. people who use parks don't want to wonder if the VOCs are harmful to their kids, or wonder about the environmental impact. Stick to wood mulch or pea stone, PLEASE.	8/4/2022 12:49 PM
190	Opening up the bathrooms at Bentley park, we pay taxes for what? Those bathrooms should be open to the public. Everyone should consider opening a pool sometime. Grove Holman pool used to bring the community together during the summer, people stayed active and there wasn't so much crime.	8/4/2022 12:42 PM
191	Splash pads at more parks :)	8/4/2022 12:41 PM
192	Just add me to are skatepark we deserve better from you guys the city of owosso really upset everyone with how much time you guys took to build blueprints for are skatepark you guys made 5 diffrent designs and gave us the worst design of them all and you say oh we didn't have enough money that's bullshit we raised 106,000 dollars that could've built a very large park but no you decide to pay a company from out of state and pay for all the needs when you could've got a local company to do it and only had to pay for some of there needs like hotel stay just get your shit together owosso give the people what they want you still barley see people at the new skatepark and it's not cause people don't ride it's because the park is so boring and small not more than 4 people can ride at once	8/4/2022 12:36 PM
193	The rubber mulch is awful. Please don't use it. Maybe a solid rubber pad like Patriarch in East Lansing would be better.	8/4/2022 12:34 PM
194	More bathrooms and fields at Kiwanis field- score board lighting needs attention	8/4/2022 12:33 PM
195	Special needs equipment included so they have a chance to enjoy swings and similar	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
196	Just update mcurdy I've loved it since I was a kid And all these big events are always hosted there but the park is literally falling apart just update it	8/4/2022 12:30 PM
197	More parks	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
198	Restrooms at all parks maybe more security cameras	8/4/2022 12:27 PM
199	n/a	8/4/2022 12:24 PM
200	Clean up our current parks. Add better security. Add public bathrooms. Offer community services to maintain the parks at a lower cost to the city. Create a better business plan.	8/4/2022 12:17 PM
201	Need bathrooms around town!	8/4/2022 12:16 PM
202	I think a themed playground or large splash pad would be great for our town. I follow Little Detroit social media and the parks they share in other areas are insane	8/4/2022 12:07 PM
203	sadly we live outside of the city and in the country but would love to be able to donate to the upgrade. If you could advertise where to donate to help upgrade areas for those of us who are not tax payers on the Owosso website it may help draw in more funds.	8/4/2022 11:56 AM
204	Make parks no smoking and no vaping!	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
205	Please use the funds to add to existing parks. Also it would be nice if the restrooms at Bentley park we're actually unlocked and available for use. Restrooms at parks such as Green Meadows would be very convenient as well. Especially for people who rent the pavilions for events!	8/4/2022 11:51 AM
206	Please consider not cutting trees down in Rosevear. It's one of the last places in town to take a walk where it's all natural. The creek is home to many small fish and is a place my family	8/4/2022 11:49 AM

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enjoys often. Fix Lincoln avenue road, there's a huge pot hole and it's dangerous in the winter. It's been here for 20+ years and never gets fixed. Street lights on south street so animals stop getting hit because it's extremely dark in the area by the fields.

207	Please offer more/increase police drive by's when park is in use for security	8/4/2022 11:47 AM
208	Need to add an entrance and exit off Stewart for Bentley Park. It can be dangerous to turn south out of the M-52 entrance. Stewart offers the safety of the traffic light.	8/4/2022 11:44 AM
209	All Parks need Bathrooms and handicap accessible	8/4/2022 11:44 AM
210	More community policing to keep the drugs out	8/4/2022 11:40 AM
211	Don't discount opinions of people who live outside the city but use the parks	8/4/2022 11:33 AM
212	We live in Corunna but use Owosso parks because Corunna is so limited.	8/4/2022 11:32 AM
213	Rollerbladers	8/4/2022 11:31 AM
214	Fence around the park like corunna has.	8/4/2022 11:27 AM
215	West Town is making a come up with these new businesses. I'd like to see this continue! Residents are excited for possibilities and longing for public play equipment within reasonable walking distance.	8/4/2022 11:22 AM
216	Public swimming or more features for a larger splash pad and more nature based playground equipment	8/4/2022 11:11 AM
217	I'd love to see more fitness equipment. I may not be an Owosso resident but I'm a short drive away in Corunna and spend most of our recreational time in owosso.	8/4/2022 11:11 AM
218	Not at this time	8/4/2022 11:07 AM
219	Better police patrolling, too many unsupervised teens causing trouble	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
220	Stop the meth heads from ruining kids parks	8/4/2022 11:05 AM
221	Yes! How about double swings. Yes the child is on one side and adult on the other.	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
222	Opening a youth center. Have Misty the rec softball coach run it.	8/4/2022 11:04 AM
223	Have a welcome to Owosso center with maps of trails and parks. A brief bio of local stuff only available in Owosso. Having a percentage of tickets for polar express set adieu for local purchase only.	8/4/2022 11:01 AM
224	Parks breed criminal activity, parks, the bad run the good people out of parks every time.	8/4/2022 10:51 AM
225	Maintenance and park clean up could use sooner work	8/4/2022 10:50 AM
226	We picked up most of the trash ourselves at Bentley Park before season and continue to but people just litter everywhere and then the city just mows over it all and we have a young child.	8/4/2022 10:45 AM
227	Checking the bathrooms often some seem gross and have graffiti all over them	8/4/2022 10:44 AM
228	Consider disposing of Adams St Park	8/4/2022 10:42 AM
229	Owosso born and loved playing at Bently park, The city parks have been destroyed.. Neglected!!	8/4/2022 10:40 AM
230	Outside Hockey rink in owosso	8/4/2022 10:39 AM
231	no	8/4/2022 10:38 AM
232	The baseball field at Adams Park needs to be maintained.	8/4/2022 10:37 AM
233	Paved trails are important for the disabled and the young to be able to get out and exercise in nature. Real bathroom facilities would be great as well.	8/4/2022 10:36 AM
234	I live just outside the city of owosso	8/4/2022 10:29 AM
235	There are so many complaints that I see on social media about the amount of trash, drug paraphernalia and vandalism to the city parks. It prevents me taking my kids to enjoy these	8/4/2022 10:27 AM

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places because I refuse to put my kids in that environment. We chose a school setting by our home instead. Having working cameras at these parks would help with the issues.

236	Water fountains for walkers or bikes throughout town	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
237	Just more access to all that the area offers	8/4/2022 10:27 AM
238	Open bathrooms near parks.	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
239	Highlighting current park options more clearly. Better walking/biking path options and showing where to get on and off.	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
240	The trails at Hopkins Lake are not marked well. It's easy to get lost. Much better restrooms needed there, too. And why are restrooms always locked? They should be open during ALL open park hours!	8/4/2022 10:25 AM
241	Upgrading the splash pad would do so much for the littles in our town!!	8/4/2022 10:22 AM
242	The swings in Adams park have been in serious disrepair for a long time	8/4/2022 6:45 AM
243	Just funds for more upkeep, thank u	8/3/2022 9:32 PM
244	No thank you	8/3/2022 7:36 PM
245	I know kids need more things to do. More so the teens. Fun city was a hit back in the day and although not a park I encourage the city to give the kids something unique and fun to do. Im certain the city will successfully fill this void at some point. My vision is for the kids safety and then fun atmosphere for families to enjoy bday parties, picnics , take dogs out and for people out of town to have a fun and convenient way to spend their stay in Owosso.	8/3/2022 5:56 PM
246	Crew works hard thank you	8/3/2022 5:20 PM
247	Bathroom at Bentley Park	8/3/2022 5:12 PM
248	Mostly the bathroom situation at Bentley park is horrible. Also safety at Bentley park has been an issue, I had to call the police about seeing a handgun being put under a sweatshirt on the bench by the basketball court.	8/3/2022 4:49 PM
249	If you plan to put in new play equipment anywhere, please consider a nature-style playscape! The kids get bored of the same old generic structures.	8/3/2022 3:11 PM
250	You guys are great!	8/3/2022 12:42 PM
251	N/A	8/2/2022 10:08 AM

APPENDIX E

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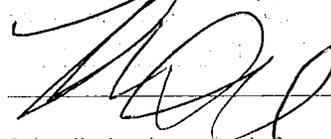
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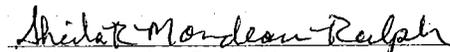
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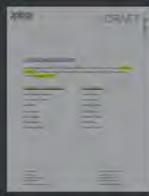
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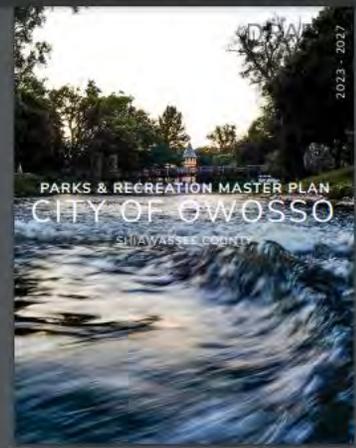
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A public hearing on the 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was held on **October 22, 2023**. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the City of Owosso City Council on **October 2, 2023**.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission shall conduct a special meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall at 301 W Main St, Owosso, MI 48867 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed draft of the City of Owosso Five-Year Recreation Plan.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes of Thursday, December 22, 2022

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Workman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Chairman Workman, Commissioners Horton (7:05), Maginity, Smith, Bila, and Rodman
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Vice Chair Selbig.
- OTHERS PRESENT:*** Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager and Dennis Mahoney
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 22, 2022. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAGINITY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2022 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- COMMUNICATIONS:** Written comments on the City of Owosso Draft Parks & Recreation Plan were submitted by the Friends of the Shiawassee River.
- ITEM OF BUSINESS:**
- Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing:**
- Chairman Workman called for public comments on the plan:
- Dennis Mahoney, Owosso resident, suggested recognizing the Owosso Soccer Club on pages 13, 14, and 54 of the plan for their work in providing soccer opportunities in Owosso and their help with Hugh Parker Fields. Mr. Mahoney also commented that the draft was good and concise. COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO MAKE THE SUGGESTED CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- Commissioner Rodman suggested reviewing the letter from the Friends of the Shiawassee River. Discussion about the Shi-Tri followed. COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE SHI-TRI TO THE COMMUNITY EVENT SECTION OF THE PLAN. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- The Commission discussed the Friends of the Shiawassee River's requests to add an action item for controlling invasive species along the river and removing or modifying the three low head dams within the city limits. Commissioner Bila requested more information on invasive species versus native species and stated he was not in favor of removing the dams. Commissioner Rodman stated she needed more information than was provided before making a decision on the dams. COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE

THE DISCUSSION ON THE LOW HEAD DAMS AND THE INVASIVE SPECIES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RODMAN. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Smith commented that the plan was beautiful and thanked everyone for a great job.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022

2023-2027 OWOSSO PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso reviews its parks and recreation plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, the city council has appointed a park and recreation commission to oversee the plan; and

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation commission reviewed the 2018 plan by holding meetings on March 23, 2022, April 27, 2022, July 27, 2022, and October 25, 2022, in order to get public participation and input for a potential update; and

WHEREAS, updates and amendments to the plan were made in accordance with public, commissioner, and staff input.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission, hereby recommends approval of the 2023-2027 Owosso Parks and Recreation Plan.

COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RODMAN.

Roll call vote:

Ayes, Commissioners Rodman, Bila, Smith, Maginity, Horton, and Chairman Workman.

Nays, none.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAGINITY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2023
7:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: PASTOR MARLENE WEBSTER
OWOSSO CITY CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: KATHY TEICH

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, Emily S. Olson, and Nicholas L. Pidek.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Law to approve the agenda with the following additions to Consent Agenda 4. Boards & Commissions Appointments (changes are shown in bold text):

4. Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approve the following Mayoral boards and commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Robert J. Teich, Jr.	Downtown Development Authority/Main Street filling unexpired term of Sue Osika	11-12-2024
Emily S. Olson	Downtown Development Authority/Main Street filling unexpired term of Brianna Marrah	06-30-2024
Emily S. Olson	Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency Board of Directors	10-01-2025

Motion supported by Councilmember Haber and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2022

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek and concurred in by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Retirement Proclamation – Jon Cecil

Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr. read aloud the following Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Detective Sergeant Jon Cecil for his years of service to the City of Owosso on the occasion of his retirement:

**A PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN
RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF
JON CECIL**

WHEREAS, Jon Cecil began his service to the City of Owosso as a Police Patrol Officer on January 5, 1997; receiving promotion to Police Sergeant in 2004 and joining the Detective Bureau in 2015; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized for exemplary work on several occasions, including a citation for Professional Excellence in 2008 and a citation for Meritorious Service in 2010; and

WHEREAS, he also received commendation for Exemplary Service in 2021 for displaying outstanding compassion and professionalism in the course of his duties; and

WHEREAS, Jon was committed to solving the tough crimes of the City and enjoyed proving people’s innocence, going the extra mile to collect all the available information; and

WHEREAS, he was consistently a sound voice for both the City and the Police Department employees on contractual matters representing all with fairness and honesty; and

WHEREAS, Jon has been described by his peers as conscientious, reliable, level-headed, calm, hard-working and dedicated; and

WHEREAS, he was readily available to help ease the strain of difficult cases and incidents with a hearty belly laugh; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, he continued to give of himself through his involvement coaching high school football (but don't ask him about it unless you can spare the time); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Office that Jon Cecil's Honorable and Distinguished Public Service be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor of the City of Owosso, on behalf of the citizens of Owosso, hereby recognize and thank Jon for his 26 years of dedicated service to the Owosso community and further express our sincere wishes to Jon and his family for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Proclaimed this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Public Safety Director Kevin D. Lenkart stepped forward and thanked Jon for his many years of service to the City, as well as his sense of humor and the laughter that was ever-present when he was around.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 38, Zoning

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.17

The proposed amendment would allow drive-through window service at marijuana retail locations.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to various sections of Chapter 38, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances for the purpose noted.

There were no citizen comments regarding the proposed amendment received prior to, or during the meeting.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and there being no one to be heard, motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 835

APPROVING AMENDMENT TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 38, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW DRIVE-THRU WINDOW SERVICE AT MARIHUANA RETAIL LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, Planning Commission desires to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow drive-thru window service at marijuana retail locations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 28, 2022, at its regularly scheduled meeting, regarding a request to amend various sections of Chapter 38, Zoning, to allow the purpose noted. Two citizens spoke, one in favor of the proposed amendments, the other, opposed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 38, Zoning; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on January 3, 2022, heard all interested persons, and deliberated on any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Subsection (11)a.2. of Sec. 38-197, Principal uses permitted, of Article IX, *B-1 Local Business District*, of Chapter 38, Zoning, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 38-197 (11)a.2.

- (11) A marihuana provisioning center as authorized by the city's medical marihuana facilities licensing — police power ordinance, chapter 16.5.
 - a. Provisioning centers shall be subject to the following standards:
 - 2. Contactless or limited contact transactions. A marihuana provisioning center may designate an area for contactless or limited contact transactions either by curbside service or a drive through window service. Contactless or limited contact transactions must be completed during normal business hours. Marihuana being transferred during a contactless or limited contact transaction must be in an opaque bag and the contents must not be visible to the general public upon pick up.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. That Subsection (4)a.2. of Sec. 38-217, Principal uses permitted, of Article X, *B-2 Planned Shopping Center Districts*, of Chapter 38, Zoning, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 38-217 (4)a.2.

- (4) A marihuana provisioning center as authorized by the city's medical marihuana facilities licensing — police power authorizing ordinance.
 - a. Provisioning centers shall be subject to the following standards:
 - 2. Contactless or limited contact transactions. A marihuana provisioning center may designate an area for contactless or limited contact transactions either by curbside service or a drive through window service. Contactless or limited contact transactions must be completed during normal business hours. Marihuana being transferred during a contactless or limited contact transaction must be in an opaque bag and the contents must not be visible to the general public upon pick up.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. That Subsection (9)a.2. of Sec. 38-242, Principal uses permitted, of Article XI, *B-3 Central Business District*, of Chapter 38, Zoning, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 38-242 (9)a.2.

- (9) A marihuana provisioning center as authorized by the city's medical marihuana facilities licensing - police power authorizing ordinance.
 - a. Provisioning centers shall be subject to the following standards:
 - 2. Contactless or limited contact transactions. A marihuana provisioning center may designate an area for contactless or limited contact transactions either by curbside service or a drive through window service. Contactless or limited contact transactions must be completed during normal business hours. Marihuana being transferred during a contactless or limited contact transaction must be in an opaque bag and the contents must not be visible to the general public upon pick up.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. That Subsection (10)a.2. of Sec. 38-267, Principal uses permitted, of Article XII, *B-4 General Business Districts*, of Chapter 38, Zoning, shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 38-267 (10)a.2.

- (9) A marihuana provisioning center as authorized by the city's medical marihuana facilities licensing - police power authorizing ordinance.
 - a. Provisioning centers shall be subject to the following standards:
 - 2. Contactless or limited contact transactions. A marihuana provisioning center may designate an area for contactless or limited contact transactions either by curbside service or a drive through window service. Contactless or limited contact transactions must be completed during normal business hours. Marihuana being transferred during a contactless or limited contact transaction must be in an opaque bag and the contents must not be visible to the general public upon pick up.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this article is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this article. The city hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one (1) or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective January 23, 2022.

The motion was supported by Councilmember Law and concurred in by unanimous vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Teich started off the comments period with a statement explaining that the Council is a group of seven elected community members charged with conducting the business of the City. During the last three meetings a significant amount of time was dedicated listening to residents and addressing issues regarding the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Decisions were made and he considers the matters addressed. Citizens are free to continue to comment on these items, but he would like Council to move on and return its focus to the conduct of City business.

Mayor Teich asked that all comments be addressed to him.

Patrice Martin, a Fair Maven member, spoke about how misinformation and rumor have been used to sow division and create enemies in the community where none should exist, suggesting that those wishing to learn about the group simply ask a member rather than trying to wade through the untruths online. She noted that everyone present this evening is here because they love Owosso and want to see it thrive. She asked that people use that energy to work together to make Owosso an even better place.

Erica (did not give a last name or address) reminded Councilmembers that they represent everyone in the community, not just the majority. She went on to say that the City is comprised of people of varying backgrounds and opinions, all of which want to see Owosso move forward. In order to do so we need to accept the fact that other people get to determine their own course in life and our energy would be better spent on other things rather than forcing our opinion onto others.

Mark Drayton, 1116 N. Ball Street, said he spoke with Councilmember Olson regarding her stance on the Pledge of Allegiance and they can now see each other's point of view. That being said, he felt it was a violation of duty for a Councilmember to disparage a local business because they do not align with their views on religion. He asked Mayor Teich to remove Councilmember Olson from the Council for not upholding her oath of office. Lastly, he said he has never heard of the Fair Mavens group before and asked if they had been investigated.

Katlyn Gregory, 635 Martin Street, said that there has been no boycott initiated by the Fair Mavens group, that people do or don't endorse a business based on their experience at that business. She said it was unfair that the businesses of Fair Mavens group members are now being targeted, and asked that people make up their own minds and not be a puppet for others.

Tom Manke, publisher of Friends Community Owosso Corunna Facebook page, said he was recently asked by the former DDA Director to help market downtown Owosso businesses. His posts generated over 600,000 hits for downtown businesses and events. He suggested the Council provide the DDA with marketing funds and require them to utilize it in a way that reaches the greatest number of people.

Garland Grazier, business owner at 3051 Hintz Road, said he Googled "Fair Mavens" and discovered it was a large organization of women, originating in Australia, that get together to talk. He likened group get-togethers like men going to the cigar shop. He said they are not a secret group and are not out to ruin anyone. Lastly, he noted that people visit Mr. Manke's Facebook page for the drama.

Dave Gregory, 635 Martin Street, thanked the Mayor for his earlier statement addressing the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance issues. He also thanked the Councilmembers that were the targets of the recent horrible comments and threats for taking the high road and turning the other cheek. Lastly, he thanked the entire Council for keeping its focus on City business while respecting the First Amendment and encouraged everyone to visit downtown business and make their own decision whether to continue to patronize or not.

Rachel Osmer, Fair Mavens member, said she grew up in Owosso and returned to Owosso after college because she wanted to be here. She said it was very disappointing that an online bully was peddling false narratives about the Fair Mavens group causing her to feel threatened.

Patty VanLuyen, Fair Mavens member, said she cares very much about Shiawassee County and made a choice to live here. She was adamant there is no boycott by the Fair Mavens group, though there is a constitutional right to do so. Lastly, she relayed a story about a friend of hers that moved away from the area because she didn't feel her family was accepted here and the positive influence the Fair Mavens group had on her opinion of the community's openness.

The 30-minute time limit for citizen comments was reached. Three more people expressed an interest in commenting. Mayor Teich asked them to wait to make their comments until the second citizen comment and question period near the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2023-102 – Hazards and Nuisances. Authorize Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2023-102, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances at 917 S. Park Street and 1122 S. Cedar Street as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
NO. 2023-102
HAZARDS AND NUISANCES
FOR 917 S. PARK STREET AND 1122 S. CEDAR STREET

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, February 6, 2023 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.
3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in *The Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.

The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – HAZARDS AND NUISANCES
CITY OF OWOSSO
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN

TO THE OWNERS OF THE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

PARCEL NUMBER	ADDRESS	BALANCE
050-652-010-024-00	917 S. Park Street	\$11,141.10
050-114-006-001-00	1122 S. Cedar Street	\$11,499.45

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances on the above-described property.

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY HAZARDS/NUISANCES INVOICES OR CHARGES REMAINING UNPAID AS OF THEIR DUE DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON THIS ROLL.

The said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an

interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023 for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment Roll - Hazards and Nuisances and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the City Treasurer's Office at 725-0599.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.1

Special Assessment District No. 2023-04 – Center Street. Authorize Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed special assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 2023-04 for Center Street from King Street to North Street for street resurfacing as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 4
SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING
TO RECEIVE COMMENT REGARDING
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2023-04
CENTER STREET, A PUBLIC STREET, FROM KING STREET TO NORTH STREET**

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the cost of the public improvements more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.
3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in the *Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.
4. The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING
TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
CITY OF OWOSSO, COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

Center Street, a Public Street, from King Street to North Street

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the Special Assessment district's share of the cost of the following described improvements:

Street Resurfacing

The said Special Assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment roll must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.10

Purchase Authorization – Police Utility Vehicle. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize a joint purchase from Owosso Motors, Inc. d/b/a Signature Auto Group of Owosso for the purchase of one 2023 Ford Interceptor Police Utility in the amount of \$45,745.00 under the terms of State of Michigan Contract No. 071B7700180 / Macomb County Contract # 21-18, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2023

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE FROM SIGNATURE AUTO GROUP OF OWOSSO

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a police department requiring the use of police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso desires to purchase one new police vehicle and a bid was received from Owosso Motors, Inc. d/b/a Signature Auto Group of Owosso, holder of the contract for police vehicles with the State of Michigan and Macomb County; and it is hereby determined that Signature Auto Group of Owosso is qualified to provide such vehicles and that it has submitted the responsible and responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso may waive competitive bidding requirements when purchasing equipment in coordination with another municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: it has heretofore been determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to purchase one 2023 Ford Interceptor Utility Police Vehicle from Signature Auto Group of Owosso, utilizing State of Michigan Contract No. 071B7700180/Macomb County Contract # 21-18, for a cost to the City of Owosso of \$45,745.00
- SECOND: the Finance Director and the Director of Public Safety are hereby instructed and authorized to sign documents necessary to complete the transaction.
- THIRD: payment is authorized to Signature Auto Group in the amount of \$45,745.00 upon delivery of the police vehicle.
- FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Police Division Capital Outlay fund 101-301-978.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.2

Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approve the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments (the last two appointments were added to the agenda):

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Robert J. Teich, Jr.	Downtown Development Authority/Main Street filling unexpired term of Sue Osika	11-12-2024
Emily S. Olson	Downtown Development Authority/Main Street filling unexpired term of Brianna Marrah	06-30-2024
Emily S. Olson	Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency Board of Directors	10-01-2025

***Check Register – December 2022.** Affirm check disbursements totaling \$1,712,301.21 through December 31, 2022.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Pidek, Law, Haber, Olson, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Ordinance Adoption - Bonding for DWSRF Financing – Project No. 7491-01

Master Plan Implementation Coals: 3.4, 3.7

Dickinson Wright bonding attorney Eric McGlothlin introduced the item saying that this ordinance is similar to the ordinance Council adopted last year for water system maintenance and improvements. He went on to describe the details of the ordinance, noting that it will become effective immediately.

City Manager Henne noted the bonds authorized by the proposed ordinance will finance the replacement of water mains on several streets, the replacement of any lead service lines on those streets, upgrades to certain City wells, and SCADA upgrades at the Water Filtration Plant.

Councilmember Pidek highlighted the fact that City staff has done a tremendous job getting grants that help lighten the burden of the cost of major utilities projects. He said there's lots of work to be done, but it seems like we get help with each project in some way.

Motion by Councilmember Pidek approving adoption of an ordinance to authorize and provide for the issuance of revenue bonds for DWSRF financing of the cost of the replacement of water mains and lead service lines, well upgrades, and SCADA upgrades at the water treatment plant and related facilities under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 836

A SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE SERIES 2023 BOND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2023 BOND; TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY FOR THE SERIES 2023 BOND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE SERIES 2023 BOND IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SERIES 2023 BOND AND THE SYSTEM.

THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

Section 1. 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE. This ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "2023 Supplemental Ordinance") is adopted in accordance with Section 21 of the Prior Ordinance (defined below) and pursuant to the authority in Act 94.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS. Except as hereinafter provided, all terms which are defined in Section 1 of the Prior Ordinance shall have the same meanings in this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance. In addition, whenever used in this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by context, the following definitions shall apply to the terms in this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance:

- (a) "Authority" means the Michigan Finance Authority, or any successor agency.
- (b) "Authorized Officer" means the Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, or Public Utilities Director of the City, or any one or more of them.
- (c) "Bonds" as defined in the Prior Ordinance shall include the Series 2023 Bond that is being issued on a parity with the Series 2020 Bond and the Series 2022 Bonds pursuant to Section 21 of Ordinance No. 614.
- (d) "Contract Documents" means the Purchase Contract between the City and the Authority, the Supplemental Agreement by and among the City, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and the Issuer's Certificate for the Series 2023 Bond, and such other closing documents required by the Authority for the issuance of the Series 2023 Bond.
- (e) "Improvements" means the design, acquisition and construction of improvements to the System, consisting of watermain and lead service line replacements, well upgrades, SCADA upgrades at the water treatment plant and related facilities, as well as the restoration of property, streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements, and all other work necessary and incidental to these improvements.

- (f) "Issue Date" means the date on which the Series 2023 Bond is delivered to the original purchaser thereof.
- (g) "Prior Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 614 adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2002, as supplemented by the 2020 Supplemental Ordinance and the 2022 Supplemental Ordinance.
- (h) "Series 2020 Bond" means the Bond authorized in Sections 4 and 5 of the 2020 Supplemental Ordinance.
- (i) "Series 2022 Bonds" means the Bonds authorized in Sections 5 and 6 of the 2022 Supplemental Ordinance.
- (j) "Series 2023 Bond" means the Bond authorized in Sections 5 and 6 of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance.
- (k) "Tax-Exempt Bonds" means bonds the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.
- (l) "2020 Supplemental Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 805 adopted by the City Council on February 3, 2020.
- (m) "2022 Supplemental Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 828 adopted by the City Council on March 7, 2022.

Section 3. NECESSITY, PUBLIC PURPOSE. It is hereby determined to be necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the City to acquire and construct the Improvements to the System in accordance with the maps, plans and specifications therefor prepared by the City's consulting engineers, which are hereby approved.

Section 4. ESTIMATED COST; PERIOD OF USEFULNESS. The aggregate cost of the Improvements has been estimated not to exceed \$5,901,200, including the payment of eligible legal, engineering, financial and other expenses, which estimate of cost is approved and confirmed. The period of usefulness of the Improvements is estimated to be not less than forty (40) years.

Section 5. ISSUANCE OF BONDS. To pay all or a portion of the eligible cost of designing, acquiring, and constructing the Improvements and to pay the eligible legal and financial expenses and all other eligible expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2023 Bond, the City shall borrow the sum of not to exceed \$4,000,000 and issue its revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The Series 2023 Bond shall be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed \$4,000,000, as finally determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale, or such lesser amount thereof as shall have been advanced to the City pursuant to the Contract Documents. The remaining cost of the Improvements, if any, shall be paid from City funds on hand and legally available for such use.

During the time funds are being drawn down by the City under the Series 2023 Bond, the Authority will periodically provide the City a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the City of its obligation to repay the outstanding principal amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 6. SERIES 2023 BOND DETAILS. The Series 2023 Bond shall be designated "Water Supply System Revenue Bonds" with such appropriate series designation determined by the Authorized Officer. The Series 2023 Bond shall be issued as one fully-registered bond, shall be sold and delivered to the Authority in the denomination of the principal amount of the Series 2023 Bond. The Series 2023 Bond shall be dated the date of delivery to the Authority, or such other date approved by the Authorized Officer, and shall be payable on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale provided the final maturity shall be no later than forty (40) years after the date of issuance. The Series 2023 Bond shall bear interest at a rate of not to exceed 3.00% per annum as determined by the Authorized Officer, payable semiannually on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale.

Notwithstanding the above, the final amount of any maturity and terms of the Series 2023 Bond shall be as provided in the Contract Documents and will be finally determined by the Authorized Officer.

Section 7. PAYMENT OF SERIES 2023 BOND; CONFIRMATION OF STATUTORY LIEN. The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2023 Bond shall be payable solely from the Net Revenues, and, to secure such payment from the Net Revenues, the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues established by Act 94 and the pledge created in Sections 5 and 8 of Ordinance No. 614 is hereby confirmed in favor of the Series 2023 Bond and such lien shall be of equal standing and priority with the Series 2020 Bond and the Series 2022 Bonds, but junior and subordinate to the lien of all, if any, subsequently issued Senior Lien Bonds.

The Series 2023 Bond, including both principal and interest thereon, shall not be a general obligation of the City and shall not constitute an indebtedness of the City for the purpose of any debt limitations imposed by any constitutional or statutory provisions.

The statutory lien on the Net Revenues with respect to the Series 2023 Bond will continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Series 2023 Bond, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, have been deposited in trust for the payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Series 2023 Bond to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption, together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to the Series 2023 Bond, the holder of the Series 2023 Bond shall have no further rights under the Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Series 2023 Bond shall be considered to be defeased and shall not longer be considered to be outstanding under the Ordinance.

Section 8. STATE REVENUE SHARING PLEDGE. If required by the Authority, as additional security for repayment of the Series 2023 Bond, the City Council agrees to pledge the state revenue sharing payments that the City is eligible to receive from the State of Michigan under Act 140, Public Acts of Michigan, 1971, as amended, to the Authority as purchaser and holder of the Series 2023 Bond. The Authorized Officer is authorized to execute and deliver a revenue sharing pledge agreement between the City and the Authority.

Section 9. PRIOR REDEMPTION. The Series 2023 Bond issued and sold to the Authority shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity upon the terms and conditions set forth in the form of Series 2023 Bond contained in Section 12 hereof.

Section 10. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRATION.

- (a) Appointment of Paying Agent. From time to time the Authorized Officer shall designate and appoint a Paying Agent, which shall also act as transfer agent and bond registrar. The initial Paying Agent shall be the City Treasurer. In the event of a change in the Paying Agent, notice shall be given in writing, by certified mail, to each Registered Owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to the next interest payment date. The Paying Agent shall keep the official books for the recordation of the Registered Owners of the Series 2023 Bond.
- (b) Registration of Bonds. Registration of the Series 2023 Bond shall be recorded in the registration books of the City to be kept by a Paying Agent. The Series 2023 Bond may be transferred only by submitting the same, together with a satisfactory instrument of transfer signed by the Registered Owner or the Registered Owner's legal representative duly authorized in writing, to the Paying Agent, after which a new Series 2023 Bond or Series 2023 Bonds shall be issued by the Paying Agent to the transferee (new registered owner) in any denomination, in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond submitted for transfer. No transfer of any Series 2023 Bond shall be valid unless and until recorded on the bond registration books in accordance with the foregoing. The person in whose name any Series 2023 Bond is registered may for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, be deemed and treated by the City and the Paying Agent as the absolute owner thereof, and any payment of principal and interest on any Series 2023 Bond to the Registered Owner thereof shall constitute a valid discharge of the City's liability upon such Bond to the extent of such payment. No Series 2023 Bond shall be transferred less than fifteen (15) days prior to an interest payment date nor after the Series 2023 Bond has been called for redemption.
- (c) Authority's Depository. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Prior Ordinance, this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance or the Series 2023 Bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of the Series 2023 Bond: (a) the Series 2023 Bond shall be payable in lawful money of the United States; (b) the Series 2023 Bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (c) the City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2023 Bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 p.m. (noon) at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the City's deposit by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled day, the City shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (d) written notice of any redemption of the Series 2023 Bond shall be given by the City and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Section 11. SALE OF BONDS. The Series 2023 Bond shall be sold to the Authority by means of a negotiated sale. The City determines that a negotiated sale to the Authority is in the best interest of the City because the terms offered by the Authority are more favorable than those available from other sources of funding.

Section 12. BOND FORM. The Series 2023 Bond shall be in substantially the following form with such completions, changes and additions as may be required by the Authority or as recommended by the City's Bond Counsel and approved by the officers of the City signing the Series 2023 Bond:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE**

**CITY OF OWOSSO
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2023**

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u> See Schedule I	<u>Date of Original Issue</u> _____, 2023
Registered Owner: Michigan Finance Authority Principal Amount:		

The City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, out of the net revenues of the Water Supply System of the City (the "System"), including all appurtenances, additions, extensions and improvements thereto after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration of the System (the "Net Revenues"), the amounts and on the Dates of Maturity set forth on Schedule I herein, together with interest thereon from the dates of receipt of such funds, or such later date to which interest has been paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, first payable on _____ 1, 20__, and semiannually thereafter on the first day of _____ and _____ of each year, except as the provisions hereinafter set forth with respect to redemption of this Bond prior to maturity may become applicable hereto.

The Issuer promises to pay to the Michigan Finance Authority (the "Authority") the principal amount of this Bond or so much thereof as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the Issuer and the Authority and a Supplemental Agreement by and among the Issuer, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, and the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.

Interest on this Bond is payable to the registered owner of record as of the close of business on the 15th day of the month immediately preceding any interest payment as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Treasurer of the Issuer, as bond registrar and paying agent, by check or draft mailed by the Treasurer of the Issuer to the registered owner at the registered address. Interest on this Bond shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. During the time funds are being drawn down by the Issuer under this Bond, the Authority will periodically provide the Issuer a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the Issuer of its obligation to repay the outstanding principal amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of this Bond.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of this Bond, (a) this Bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the Issuer agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 p.m. (noon) at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this Bond shall be given by the Issuer and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

This Bond, being one fully registered bond, is issued in accordance with the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, and Ordinance No. 614 adopted by the City Council of the Issuer on June 3, 2002, as supplemented on February 3, 2020, and March 7, 2022 (as supplemented, the "Ordinance"), for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing improvements to the System. This Bond is a self-liquidating bond, and is not a general obligation of the Issuer within any constitutional, statutory or charter limitation, but is payable, both

as to principal and interest, solely from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this Bond are secured by a statutory lien on the Net Revenues. This Bond is of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues of the System with the City's Water Supply System Revenue Bond, Series 2020 dated March 27, 2020, the City's Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022A dated May 6, 2022, and the City's Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022B dated May 6, 2022.

The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees to fix, and maintain at all times while any of the Bonds shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the principal of and interest upon all such Bonds as and when the same become due and payable, to maintain a bond and interest redemption account and to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by the Ordinance. **The City has reserved the right, on the conditions stated in the Ordinance, to issue additional bonds of prior and senior or equal standing of priority of lien with this Bond as to the Net Revenues.** For a complete statement of the revenues from which, and the conditions under which, this Bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal or superior standing may hereafter be issued, and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this Bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinance.

Bonds of this series may be subject to redemption prior to maturity by the Issuer only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest that is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this Bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the Issuer's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provided funds to purchase this Bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds that may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the Issuer shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the Issuer's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this Bond.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law and that the total indebtedness of the Issuer including this Bond, does not exceed any charter, constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, by its City Council, has caused this Bond to be signed, by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor and City Clerk and its corporate seal (or a facsimile thereof) to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all as of the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

(please print or type social security number or taxpayer identification number and name and address of transferee)

the within bond and all rights thereunder, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ attorney to transfer the within bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____, 20__ _____

Notice: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever. When assignment is made by a

guardian, trustee, executor or administrator, an officer of a corporation, or anyone in a representative capacity, proof of his/her capacity to act must accompany the bond.

In the presence of: _____

Signature(s) must be guaranteed by an eligible guarantor institution participating in a Securities Transfer Association recognized signature guaranty program.

Signature Guaranteed: _____

Name of Issuer: CITY OF OWOSSO
EGLE Project No: 7491-01
EGLE Approved Amount: \$

SCHEDULE I

Based on the schedule provided below, unless revised as provided in this paragraph, repayment of principal of the Bond shall be made until the full amount advanced to the Issuer is repaid. In the event the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (the "Order") approves a principal amount of assistance less than the amount of the Bond delivered to the Authority, the Authority shall only disburse principal up to the amount stated in the Order. In the event (1) that the payment schedule approved by the Issuer and described below provides for payment of a total principal amount greater than the amount of assistance approved by the Order or (2) that less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order is disbursed to the Issuer by the Authority, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule that shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer.

_____ Due Date _____ Amount of Principal Installment Due _____

Interest on the Bond shall accrue on that portion of principal disbursed by the Authority to the Issuer from the date principal is disbursed, until paid, at the rate of ____% per annum, payable _____ 1, 20__, and semiannually thereafter.

The Issuer agrees that it will deposit with U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository") payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 p.m. (noon) at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise. In the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment.

[END OF BOND FORM]

Section 13. SALE, ISSUANCE, DELIVERY, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE OF SERIES 2023 BOND. The Series 2023 Bond shall be sold at a private, negotiated sale to the Authority, as authorized by Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan, 1985, as amended. The City Council determines that the sale and delivery of the Series 2023 Bond to the Authority as provided in this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance will provide the City with the lowest cost of borrowing money for the Improvements. The sale shall be made pursuant to the terms and conditions to be set forth in a Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Contract") and a Supplemental Agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement") related to the Series 2023 Bond. The Authorized Officer is authorized to execute and deliver the Supplemental Agreement and the Purchase Contract in such forms as shall be approved by the Authorized Officer, with such approval to be evidenced by the Authorized Officer's signature thereon. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance, the Series 2023 Bond shall be initially sold to the Authority as one bond, numbered 1, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed the original principal amount of the Series 2023 Bond. In addition, the Authorized Officer and other City employees and officials are authorized to execute and deliver to the Authority and such certificates and documents as the Authority or bond counsel shall require and to do all other things necessary to effectuate the sale, issuance, delivery, transfer and exchange of the Series 2023 Bond in accordance with the provisions of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance. The Authorized Officer is authorized to execute any orders, receipts, agreements, pledge agreements, documents or certificates necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to, any issuers certificate, any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws,

rules or regulations, and any revenue sharing pledge agreement. The Authorized Officer is authorized to seek a credit assessment, or similar, from Standard & Poor's or another nationally recognized rating organization and to execute and file any applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury, including an Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities and any other applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury and to seek any waivers from the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Section 14. TAX COVENANT. If the Series 2023 Bond is issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds, the City covenants to comply with all requirements of the Code necessary to assure that the interest on the Series 2023 Bond will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Authorized Officer and other appropriate officials of the City are authorized to do all things necessary to assure that the interest on the Series 2023 Bond will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Section 15. EXECUTION OF BOND. The Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem, and the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the City, are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Series 2023 Bond, either manually or by facsimile signature, on behalf of the City, and the seal of the City (or a facsimile thereof) shall be impressed or imprinted on the Series 2023 Bond. Upon execution, the Series 2023 Bond shall be delivered to the purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price or upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the Purchase Contract.

Section 16. CONSTRUCTION FUND. The City Treasurer is hereby directed to create and maintain a construction fund for the Improvements (the "Construction Fund"), into which the proceeds of the Series 2023 Bond shall be deposited. Such moneys shall be used solely for the purpose for which the Series 2023 Bond was issued. Any unexpected balance in the Construction Fund remaining after completion of the Improvements may be used for such purposes as allowed by law. After completion of the Improvements and disposition of remaining Series 2023 Bond proceeds, if any, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Construction Fund shall be closed.

Section 17. SERIES 2023 BOND PROCEEDS. The proceeds of the sale of the Series 2023 Bond shall be used solely to pay the eligible costs of the Improvements and any eligible engineering, legal and other expenses incident thereto; provided that the City Council shall not authorize the payment of any such moneys for acquisition and construction of any part of the Improvements until there shall have been first filed with it by the consulting engineer in charge of such work, a written statement to the effect that the sum so to be paid is in full or partial payment of a contractual obligation in connection with the Improvements and that the City has received the consideration for such payment. The statement of the consulting engineer shall also show the cost of acquisition and construction of the Improvements that has theretofore been approved by him for payment and the amount of the balance that will be required for completion of the Improvements.

Section 18. PUBLICATION AND RECORDATION. This 2023 Supplemental Ordinance shall be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under state law to publish legal notices, and the same shall be recorded in the records of the City and such recording authenticated by the signature of the City Clerk.

Section 19. ORDINANCE SUBJECT TO MICHIGAN LAW. The provisions of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 20. SECTION HEADINGS. The section headings in this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance.

Section 21. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance.

Section 22. RATIFICATION OF PRIOR ORDINANCE; CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. The Prior Ordinance, as supplemented by this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance, is hereby ratified and confirmed. All ordinances or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; provided, that the foregoing shall not operate to repeal any provision thereof, the repeal of which would impair the obligation on the Series 2020 Bond, any series of the Series 2022 Bonds, or the Series 2023 Bond.

Section 23. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. Pursuant to Section 6 of Act 94, this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance shall be approved on the date of first reading, and this 2023 Supplemental Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption and publication pursuant to Act 94.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Law, Olson, Pidek, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmember Haber, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

***Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update**

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 5.2, 5.3

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Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika approving the adoption of the 2023-2027 Parks & Recreation Master Plan as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2023

**ADOPTING THE
2023-2027 OWOSSO PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso must review its Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years in accordance with parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994 of the State of Michigan, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a Parks and Recreation Commission to oversee the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the 2018 Plan by holding meetings on March 23, 2022, April 27, 2022, July 27, 2022, and October 25, 2022, and conducted a public survey in August 2022 in order to get public participation and input for a potential update; and

WHEREAS, updates and amendments to the plan were made in accordance with public, commissioner, and staff input; and

WHEREAS, the plan was distributed on November 21, 2022 and the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing, no less than 30 days after distribution, on December 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was recommended by the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission for adoption by the City Council on December 22, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that the 2023-2027 Owosso Parks and Recreation Master Plan is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby directs staff to distribute the Plan to the City Clerk's Office, the Shiawassee County Planning Commission, the City of Corunna, the Region V Planning Commission, Caledonia Charter Township, Owosso Charter Township, SATA, and the City website.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Haber, Pidek, Olson, Fear, Law, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brianna Marrah, Main Street/Downtown Development Authority. Letter of Resignation.
Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – November 2022.
Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Pension and OPEB Report.
Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of December 12, 2022.
Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of December 22, 2022.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Bridget Flynn, village of Morrice resident, said she has lived in Shiawassee County most of her life and she always felt its residents were a diverse group of people. She was attracted to the

Fair Mavens group because they seem like a positive women's group, but the group is private and doesn't allow everyone in. For this reason, she feels that membership in the group by elected officials is inappropriate.

Stacey Jameson, Fair Mavens member, said the Mavens are a new group, formed only 6 months ago, so many people haven't heard of it until now, but there is nothing nefarious going on. She said there is no boycott, no list, and no requirement for membership except that you be female. She encouraged anyone wanting to know about the group to come to a meeting. Lastly, she said she felt it was inappropriate for a sitting Councilmember to compare the Fair Mavens to the KKK.

Judy Ford, 649 Adams Street, said that the separation of church and state is necessary for good governance. A person's religion is private and personal, and no one can be required to display their faith, but citizens can demonstrate their allegiance by showing up and participating in our democracy.

Elaine Wigle, 927 N. Park Street, had three questions: Why do we keep discussing prayer at City meetings? Why did it take until now to notify residents of the water sample that exceeded bacterial limits if the incident happened in October? And why are there still huge piles of snow in the streets of the downtown area?

Councilmember Olson read aloud a written statement listing the occasions she has been the subject of intimidation, open hostility, lies and online slander, stalking, and threats to her life in the six weeks she has been a member of City Council. All because she asked that Council reconsider having a religious prayer at the start of each meeting in an effort to help non-believers to feel more included in the democratic process. She went on to say that the Fair Mavens are not boycotting any business in town, but that she personally "votes with her dollars". She said she moved here, invested her life savings here, and brought her businesses here because she sincerely wants to be here. She ran for City Council because she wants to participate in the effort to move the City forward. She takes her job as a Councilmember very seriously and is simply asking for some compassion and a minimum of respect.

City Manager Henne answered Mrs. Wigle's questions noting the DPW got a little behind in removing the snow piled up downtown when they were stretched to their limit by the snowstorm and several major water main breaks over the Christmas holiday. He also indicated the City cannot put snow from the downtown down by the river due to EGLE regulations. Responding to her question regarding the bacterial testing of the water system that triggered the recent notice sent to water customers, he explained that due to maintenance work at the regular test the City was forced to move to a back-up site and take bacterial test samples from a closed, private part of the water system leading to the anomalous result reported in the bulletin. He said no one was ever in danger.

Mayor Teich asked the City Manager to briefly detail the efforts DPW workers went to ensure the streets were safe for holiday travelers and everyone had water service over Christmas. City Manager Henne indicated that they required all hands on deck, including the hands of a few administrators, to get the work done, with some DPW workers working 40+ hours just over the holiday weekend. Teams of workers were out plowing snow, while others were working to repair a watermain that ruptured five times in a four-day period, all while it was bitterly cold. Henne said between the two crises they actually ran out of workers at one point due to the statutory sleep requirements for heavy equipment operators. Mayor Teich thanked everyone involved, saying that while unseen, their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Councilmember Fear echoed the Mayor's sentiments regarding the efforts of the DPW workers. She went on to note that she was unable to attend the last Council meeting, but she did watch it via Zoom and she wanted to address some comments that were made about her at that time. She indicated that there is no boycott by Fair Mavens group members and a boycott was never even proposed. She further indicated that she has been taking her own dogs to Downtown Hound for grooming services for the last two years. She defended Councilmember Olson saying she puts in more work than any other Councilmember she knows of, she has attended class for city councilmembers, and meets weekly with the City Manager. She said she is tired of the lies and persecution and is ready to put this business behind her. She welcomed anyone that wanted to attend a Fair Mavens meeting, said she has greatly enjoyed her time in the group, and clarified the fact that the Owosso group is independent and is not affiliated with any larger organization.

Councilmember Law took issue with a speaker that said Owosso could be a great place to live, saying that he has worked all over the state and the region and he knows that Owosso is already a great place to live.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2026
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025
Downtown Development Authority/Main Street – term expires June 30, 2024
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2023
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Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2025
Owosso Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2022
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Fear for adjournment at 9:05 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.

NAYS: None.

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WHEREAS, updates and amendments to the plan were made in accordance with public, commissioner, and staff input; and

WHEREAS, the plan was distributed on November 21, 2022 and the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing, no less than 30 days after distribution, on December 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was recommended by the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission for adoption by the City Council on December 22, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that the 2023-2027 Owosso Parks and Recreation Master Plan is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby directs staff to distribute the Plan to the City Clerk's Office, the Shiawassee County Planning Commission, the City of Corunna, the Region V Planning Commission, Caledonia Charter Township, Owosso Charter Township, SATA, and the City website.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Haber, Pidek, Olson, Fear, Law, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brianna Marrah, Main Street/Downtown Development Authority. Letter of Resignation.
Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – November 2022.
Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Pension and OPEB Report.
Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of December 12, 2022.
Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of December 22, 2022.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Bridget Flynn, village of Morrice resident, said she has lived in Shiawassee County most of her life and she always felt its residents were a diverse group of people. She was attracted to the

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WHEREAS, the City of Owosso reviews its parks and recreation plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, the city council has appointed a parks and recreation commission to oversee the plan; and

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation commission reviewed the 2018 plan by holding meetings on March 23, 2022, April 27, 2022, July 27, 2022, and October 25, 2022 in order to get public participation and input for a potential update; and

WHEREAS, updates and amendments to the plan were made in accordance with public, commissioner, and staff input.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission, hereby recommends approval of the 2023-2027 Owosso Parks and Recreation Plan.



Andrew Workman
Chair, City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission

12-22-22

Date