

### 1). What do you like most about Westmorland Park?

- **Keywords:** Variety, open space, closeness, multi-use, events, safety
- Large open green space; good mixture of trees, open spaces for activities and areas of natural growth
- Ice skating (hockey rink), volleyball court, tennis court, sledding hill
- Location – part of the neighborhood
- Having a shelter
  - Having a restroom
  - Being able to reserve
- Flower garden and wooded area for kids to explore
- Neighborhood events
- Removal of invasive species
- Safe place for all ages

### 2). What do you dislike most about Westmorland Park?

- **Keywords:** Shelter, bathroom, dogs, lighting, recreation upkeep, walking paths, unused space, rest areas,
- Shelter
  - Outdated shelter (dark and uninviting)
  - Outdated restrooms
  - Unknown/inconsistency of when restrooms are open
  - Restrooms being closed
  - Closed bathrooms when weather is still good enough to draw crowds to the park
  - Needs better amenities
- Pets/Dogs
  - Dogs are not allowed, even on a leash; would be a great way to bring people together if all members of the family could enjoy the park.
  - Hassled by neighbors/wardens regarding the dog rules
  - People not picking up after their dogs
- Lighting
  - Cannot skate on the recreation rink at night because of poor lighting
  - More lighting is needed at night (safety)
  - During peak times of the year for recreation usage, lights could foster many more activities at the park
  - Rink lights staying on past 10pm
- Playground
  - Chopped up mulch
  - Wood chips aren't great for the kids area – they stick to kids clothes and is not friendly for young toddlers crawling and/or working on balance
  - Nothing to accommodate children under 2-3 years
  - Better play choices would have been desirable
- Recreation
  - Hockey rink

- From a user perspective, not recommend using that space for any field sport in the summer
  - Recreation ice rink by shelter
    - Susceptibility to warm spells
    - Needs to be re-levelled
    - Poor lighting
  - Tennis courts
    - Rather than resurfacing, need to start over
  - Baseball
    - Field is not maintained
    - Space could be repurposed if not utilized
  - Basketball
    - Court is very outdated
    - Width does not even support a 3-point shot
  - Volleyball
    - Court is not marked
- Walking paths
  - Indirect (no paved) access from the west with strollers/wheels
  - No sidewalks on Westmorland Blvd to get to the park
- Invasive control
  - Areas still need pesticide applications
  - Dependence on aging volunteers from the city
- Underutilized space
  - No one seems to be enjoying the open grassy areas or sitting under trees
- Sitting
  - Larger, peaceful, respite area with benches to rest and converse
  - Could use some more benches/seating for older walkers
- Tokay Blvd
  - Proximity to Tokay Blvd., where people consistently speed downhill

3). I am in favor of supporting a multi-phased initiative to updated and/or improve Westmorland park:

- Strongly Agree: 30% (47)
- Agree: 34% (53)
- Neither Agree or Disagree: 28% (43)
- Disagree: 5% (8)
- Strongly Disagree: 1% (2)

**Note:** Based on the wording of the question, many followed up saying their response was a bit conservative because they did not know what “multi-phased” initiative meant. The assumption is that we have more responses in the “neither agree or disagree” due to this.

#### 4). What ideas do you have to improve, update and/or add to Westmorland Park?

- **Keywords:** Dog space, shelter, bathroom, lighting, updating courts, water, benches, adult fitness
- Shelter
  - Updated shelter area/restrooms
  - Longer access to bathrooms and water
  - Could be divided into 2 spaces
  - Electrical needs updating to support bands for special events
  - Add solar electric to make park carbon net-negative
  - Update the refuse pick-up area
- Park features throughout
  - Add more water fountains
  - Add more benches and picnic areas
  - Improve lighting; if added, ensure they are fully shielded
  - Have a few connecting walking paths around the park (with benches)
  - Pave paths to every road that the park touches
  - Connect more areas around the neighborhood connect to added walking paths
  - Have a loop that equals ¼ mile
  - More trees along Gately
  - A walking festival
  - Way to connect to biking infrastructure or make a mountain biking trail
  - Walking trail through wooded area
- Community
  - Add more art, garden and communal projects
  - More events
  - More meeting space; semi-structured areas for people to gather
  - Garden in the northwest corner needs to be renewed
  - More volunteers needed for greenspace crew
  - Continue to plant native plants for birds and pollinators
  - Add a beer garden
  - Have more music nights/annual music festival
  - Have one or more community firepits
  - Walking labyrinth
  - More programming from Parks Department
  - Add community garden in unused areas
- Dog
  - Designated dog exercise area
  - Dog park area, no children allowed
  - Fence in wooded area to create “dog friendly zone”
  - Certain times for dog play
- Hockey rink area
  - Investigation of refrigeration for the hockey rink
  - Resurfacing the rink area for summer use (artificial turf?)

- Additional budget to support maintenance
- Ice skate rental with volunteers
- Recreation ice rink area
  - Improve/add more lighting
  - Need to be graded for a better surface
- Playground
  - Add more younger age appropriate equipment to the playground
  - Add a sandbox
  - Add a zipline/slack ties
  - Add a climbing feature
- Recreation
  - Basketball
    - Improve the basketball courts and hoops
    - Add lighting (on a timer)
  - Tennis
    - Re-surface courts
    - Add lighting (on a timer)
  - Volleyball
    - Add lines/better define boundaries
    - Add lighting (on a timer)
  - Workout equipment
    - Add workout equipment near the playground for adults
  - Bocci or Pickle ball
    - Add these courts to an existing space for multi-purpose
  - Soccer
    - Add small goals in summer to the ice hockey rink area
  - Baseball
    - Either update by resurfacing and adding baseball lines, or repurpose for other recreation such as soccer (or lines to have both)
    - Repurpose to green space
  - Add a skateboard/biking ramp area
- Snow removal
  - Clear paths by entrance gates so people do not have to step over snow banks
- Water feature
  - Add a splashpad
  - Add water features by the playground area
  - Community pool
  - Have a retention pond for rec. fishing, etc.
  - Close the golf course and use for a community splash pad, pool, etc.

**Note:** Consistent comments related to supporting general park improvements to encourage more community. Not necessarily support for having a “big ticket item” to attract outside neighborhoods.

#### 5). Other Questions, comments or concerns about Westmorland Park?

- **Keywords:** Sustain, minimal updates, public hearings, underutilized
- Underutilized
  - Maybe there are items needing more advertising, but it seems woefully underutilized
- Community
  - Support prairie and rain garden projects
  - Need for public hearings for any changes/updates
  - Keep combination of open spaces and wooded areas
  - Continue to fund greenspace/garden committee

**Note:** A general strong reaction to vagueness of the “multi-phased initiative” language. This survey question was worded in a way that was a bit premature since this was just for gathering information.

People were not necessarily, for or against, but looking for clarity on what that could mean. Strong desire for neighbors to be “in the loop” with any planning, design and implementation.