

Shelby Park Survey 2016 Summary of Comments

7. Main ways you learn about local parks

Drive by

Driving around

Going to parks

I have lived at my current address in the Town of Shelby for 47 years.

I live near one

Just drive by them

Just pass by them. By chance

Leisure drives

Live near

Newspaper

Notice them from driving

Random bike or car ride

Visiting the parks

Visual/ signage

Walk by them

We live within a block of one!

10 Most important improvements or potential future offerings for Areas Amenities offered at Parks

Need shelter at MCP

Q9j 2* pickle courts

Rest rooms

Security including locked entrance after set pm hour. Block roads to parks.

11 Benefits provided by offering Parks, trails, & recreational areas

Be outside away from electronics

Fix tennis courts

Foster community pride

Improve "look" - "appearance" of area

Positive influence on yo?????

Roads need attention (pot holes)

12 Are you supportive of making improvements in current park locations/ recreational ares/ trails

All depends on if it would increase taxes, can't afford increase

As long as it isn't more baseball parks

As long as you are not catering to the bike group that seems to be driving more & more changes

Bike trail to connect to trail by Fiesta mexicana

Bike trails & trout streams

Could also use bike trails. Very marooned, especially out 14-61. Road too dangerous to walk along - bike riding too perilous.

I live across from Pammel Creek park on Hwy 33 & I do not agree with . . .

Improvements help every aspect of area

Landscape, shelters, restrooms needed at Pammel Creek Park & better drainage, gravel on trail

Leave the parks alone

More natural surface trails along the blufflands with Shared Use Access

Most likely, but would need specific information

Please get rid of the frisbee disc golf in Mormon Coulee Park

Roads need work first, ditch drainage is poor

Shelby Terrace Parks - not well maintained - somewhat dirty!

Some parks in town really need updates/ maintenance. I have (?)

The disk golf course is a good addition at Mormon Coulee. It was well designed, not intruding in the picnic area.

The park on Hagen needs significant improvement

What do you mean by "making improvements? If it means purely bringing in more people, then that's not necessarily "improving" a park.

When I use parks, I go to the city of LaCrosse. Their parks are very nice and convenient.

Why can't a park just be a park?

Without specific items & needs, cannot decide. Board & Committee need to be clear & specific

Would need to know which parks

13 Are you supportive of adding new park locations/ recreational areas/ trails

A bike trail from the top of Irish Hill on Hwy 33 into town

All depends on if it would increase taxes, can't afford increase

As long as it isn't more baseball parks

As long as the current parks are maintained

As long as you are not catering to the bike group that seems to be driving more & more changes

Bike trails south to north

Dirt trails from Wedgewood Valley to Arbor Hills please

Dog park please

From Arbor Hills to WW Valley

Improve parks we have, convert some of the baseball fields to ???

It depends on location

It depends on how it's done

Love any trail possibilities. hike, bike,

Love this park

More locations would be great

Most likely, but would need specific information

Never enough green space for me & our area is so lovely! I would VERY STRONGLY support a bike and / or hike / walking path along 14-61

Please tend to the ones we have first, If we can't maintain what we

Shared Use Trails in the blufflands

Take care of what we have before buying new

Too many not used now

Too many variables affect decision

Use city of LaCrosse

Walking and biking trails are needed

Walking trail along Mormon Coulee Creek

We have enough

We need to make sure the existing parks, etc., are well maintained before we add additional facilities

14Actions / Areas most willing to fund with tax dollars

A Walking / Bike path along 14-61

Areas willing to fund: None

Areas willing to fund: None

Bathrooms

But can't go overboard and do all

I'd heavily support a winter outdoor skating rink, anywhere in Shelby. Pammel creek has a nice flat spot. Or maybe working in conjunction with . . .

Ice skating rink

It would be great to offer community garden spaces. This would further promote well-rounded health and wellness.

Items not marked, I'm indifferent to. Please maintain shelters

More bike / hiking trails for all season - winter and summer! Also having bike secure areas - where do I lock / secure my bike?

Pickleball is fastest growing sport in USA. We are currently driving to other communities to play. A couple pickle ball courts with lines (even a ...

Preserve trees instead of clear cutting... thoughtful forestry

Provide access to parks w/ designated entrance (lines crossing roads-reduce speeds

Rest Room

resurface existing tennis courts

Roads need work first, drainage is poor

Security to entrance after closing hours. Install very strong steel & log type gates on entry roads!

15 Actions / Areas most willing to fund with donations / user based fees

Again: Pickleball lines on current tennis courts, or better . . . actual pickle ball courts. . . smaller than tennis courts

All should be funded through tax dollars

as above, skating rink

As previously mentioned - more bike / hiking trails for all season - winter and summer! Also having bike secure areas - where do I lock / secure my bike?

bathrooms

bike / hike along 14-61

Disc golf

ice skating

If community garden plots were offered, I think it would be reasonable to look for users / renters to pay a fee.

NO - use tax moneyu, even if it means raising taxes. This is what taxes are for

No User fees. Deters people from parks & hard to maintain & police

Other issues need to be addressed, road repair, police patrols

Poorly written question. 3 answers for 2 very different questions

Provide access to parks w/ designated entrance (lines crossing roads-reduce speeds

The town should be responsible for providing this using tax dollars, even if taxes go up

User based fees is reasonable way to approach

Walking and biking

17 Comments

*indicates in Question 8 that she participates in Disc Golf

A community should be respectful of all the people's needs, not just the recreational needs but the quality of living of the people who live near park areas.

A place for dogs to get exercised off leash would be nice.

Again, no bus service out 14-61 - a bike or hiking path along 14-61 would be amazing - pass shrine, pass park, pass Timmers as a possible stop!

Arbor Hills tennis courts desperately need resurfacing

Consider edible landscaping for some areas, e.g. fruit trees. Consider community garden.

Disc golf in Mormon Coulee AN ASSET to the park. Bath facility 2 shelter at Pammel Creek Park needed.

For 16 I'd answer maybe, I don't know enough about the shelter usage over there to give informed opinion.

I DO NOT THINK THAT THE Mormon Coulee park is a very good place for frisbee golf. Many people use the park for walking and group picnics. Also young children go down there to play. Frisbee golf would be better in a large open area.

I feel that a new trail for walking and bicycling running the length of the Mormon Coulee Valley is the most important project in this area!

I think some of the current bids are too high to replace the shelter. You need bids from other sources. Cutting all the trees in Mormon Coulee was not necessary. I am concerned our current administrator is holding the treasurer position. This is clear conflict of interest.

Is there anyway you can connect our parks with bike / hike friendly trails? I hate driving to parks and the highways are quite dangerous; especially HWY 14-61 (so busy).

Love This Park. It is well-maintained. Very peaceful. Great place to walk and to take our grandchildren when they come to visit. They are pretty disappointed in the tennis courts as sometimes we have gone to play and court is full of standing water. It needs to be greatly improved.

New recycle bins delivered soon. Are we just going to dump recyclables in w/o sorting? Then we pay someone to sort? Old way w/ blue tubs made more sense, already sorted . . . More questionnaires need to be distributed so we can express opinions on different problems.
Thanks you, T. Neberman

No kitchen or amenities, keep simple and practical

No smoking in enclosed shelter

Our parks are fine. leave them alone

Outdoor recreation is a big reason we chose to live in this area. Thank you for supporting it.

Park on Knoblock Road is poorly maintained. Wood chips have not been replaced for years. My kids are getting muddy.

PICKLEBALL is fastest growing sport in USA; adults & children alike love it. Net is little lower than tennis net. Court is similar size of bad mitten court. Permanent playing lines are needed, smaller than tennis court

Please add play equipment at River Hills.

Please get rid of or move the Frisbee disk golf course out of Mormon Coulee Park. Whoever had the idea of putting it down there used no common sense. Putting it in the backyard of residences and in the playground area is absolutely dumb. The people that play are rude and have no courtesy.

Please try to retain as many of the old cottowood trees in Mormon Coulee Park as you can. It would be a shame to loose them as they provide a lot of the beauty and character of the park.

Question 9 and 10 are identical

Questions 9 and 10 are the same with one additional option listed for #10 . Proof these surveys before you send them out.

Shelby is a great place to live. Excellent service workers

Suggest soliciting constituent opinion before major changes or additions are made to existing parks as considered change may have a significant impact on those who live in the proposed location.

#The Mormon Coulee park is not a desirable place to relax and enjoy the beauty the town of Shelby has to offer because of the loss of all the huge trees and the addition of the frisbee golf game. I no longer feel safe as I walk through the park because I am concerned that a disc could come...

Why should Town of Shelby residents pay more tax dollars for parks when we can easily use the City of LaCrosse? Why did you not list the Shelby Parks and their locations? Some Shelby Parks are used very little. Why didn't you ask the frequency of use at what locations? You have a lot of retired people in Shelby, yet you never asked about grandchildren.

Trash receptacles year round. Winter users have no place to deposit waste.

We have already had an excessive tax assessment increase recently in Shelby & cannot afford additional increase

Well kept green space and park areas are critical to attracting and retaining residents. It shows pride in the people who live there. Please keep up our parks.

With open deck (large)

From M202:

1). We stumbled on this survey by bringing our taxes in to the town hall. If you really want ideas, why not mail it to Town of Shelby residents?! Or – provide a one-time code for taxpayers to go online & fill out a survey.

2). When you're making changes to a park, it's important to talk with the residents (taxpayers) that live nearby, who will experience the impact of those changes with increased traffic through the neighborhood, etc.

3). One of the reasons we bought our house is because of the park (Mormon Coulee) that's one block down. We use the park easily 4-5x / week, primarily walking our dog, and when weather is nice, going down to the stream. We were gone for a month, came back and more frisby golf had been installed. The frisby golf has changed the character of the park. The beauty & character of that park is its green space and quiet, calm atmosphere. It has been a serene place to go. My concern is that the park has now brought in LOTS of cars (up to 10) with Frisby golfers; do THEY pay taxes for the park? NO. By-bye serenity. Hello cars going through the neighborhood and hello frisby golfers drinking beer (I've seen it while walking the dog) & smoking and throwing cigarettes on the grass. Wow! What an improvement (sorry for the sarcasm).

4). When the Parks Committee wants to make major changes, maybe they can think about including all stakeholders in the process, particularly as the changes hold potential to change a neighborhood. Someone might want to consider potential ramifications (short & long term) when making changes to a park

5). I understand some of the frisby golf mats have disappeared to the tune of \$100 / mat. Hmmmm.... Who pays for THAT? Not the frisby golfers... me, the taxpayer!

6). How about some receptacles that are specifically made for throwing out / disposing of dog waste?! We have a lot of dog walkers here @ Mormon Coulee Park and what

7). The survey (this one) shows me a lack of vision / depth and professionalism; as if a high school assignment for a civics class. Ugh.