

Voting Report

Voting Sheets Submitted: 95 (60 paper, 35 online, 11 online with no code)

Suggestions	Votes	Suggestions	Votes
Maintenance	28	Porta-Potties	8
New Walking Trails	27	Cutting Garden	7
Preservation	26	Sledding Hill	7
Safe Biking-Walking	20	Roaming Cats	7
Beautify	18	Status Quo	6
Invasive Species	18	Teen Activities	6
Cull Deer	18	Universal Design	6
Beach Sand	17	Walking Trails Map	6
New Equipment	15	Tighe-Schmitz Loop	6
Canoe Racks	14	Poop Bags	6
Basketball	12	Apiary	5
Picnic Tables	12	Natural Playground	5
Pleasure Skating	11	T-Court Surface	4
Raft - Buoys	10	Volunteers	4
Music Electricity	10	Improve Signage	4
Family Movies	10	Art in the Park	3
Adult-Youth Games	10	Band Shell	3
Tighe-Schmitz Flood	10	Parking	3
Covered Picnic	9	Off-Leash Dogs	3
Halls Marsh	8	Young Kids Games	2
T-Court Backboard	8	Destination Equip.	2
Trash & Recycling	8	Swimming Pool	1

Leave Well Enough Alone	Vote
<i>Status Quo:</i> Keep things as is. Yes-vote here implies NO votes below.	6

Natural Areas/Amenities	ONLY FIVE (5) VOTES	Vote
<i>Preservation:</i> Preserve the natural beauty and comfortable nature of Birchwood.		26
<i>Beautify Our Village:</i> Plant wildflowers, plantings in parks, ornamental trees. Do more tree trimming.		18
<i>Vegetable-Flower Cutting Garden:</i> Establish community vegetable and flower cutting garden at Tighe-Schmitz.		7
<i>Apiary:</i> Provide apiary and beehives.		5
<i>Invasive Species:</i> Encourage residents to eliminate invasive plants from their properties: e.g. buckthorn and garlic mustard.		18
<i>Halls Marsh:</i> Build a '20' to 30' dock' into Hall's Marsh and explain its geology/plant/animal life to walkers.		8
Beaches/Docks		Vote
<i>Beach Sand:</i> Add fresh sand for beach goers to enjoy.		17
<i>Swim Out Raft-Buoys:</i> Add a raft and buoys at swimming beaches.		10
<i>Kayak/Canoe Racks:</i> Provide more kayak/canoe racks and make them more accessible.		14
<i>Swimming Pool:</i> Provide a pool or pond.		1
Parks/Playgrounds		Vote
<i>Music in the Parks Electricity:</i> Provide accessible electricity at Birch-Dellwood & Tighe-Schmitz for "Music in the Parks"/other.		10
<i>Family Movie Night at the Park:</i> Initiate family movie night, like music in the park, but Saturday evenings at dusk.		10
<i>Art in the Park:</i> Initiate art classes & plein air painting for adults and kids as a complement to the music in the park series.		3
<i>Covered Picnic Area:</i> Build a large, covered picnic area with fireplace.		9
<i>Band Shell:</i> Build a band shell.		3
<i>Tennis Court Surface:</i> Provide a real court surface for the tennis courts, not the current sport court.		4
<i>Tennis Court Backboard:</i> Install tennis wall to hit against at the tennis courts.		8
<i>Basketball:</i> Provide new backboards, nets, rims, and paint basketball court lines on hockey rink.		12
<i>Adult-Youth Games:</i> Provide horseshoe pits, pickle ball courts, bocce or boule balls courts.		10
<i>Teen Activities:</i> Provide climbing wall, Frisbee golf, skateboard park.		6
<i>Young Kids Games:</i> Provide tether ball, gaga pit ball, second hockey rink		2
<i>Pleasure Skating Rink:</i> Provide a rink for those who do not play hockey.		11

Natural Playground: Create natural playground features in Wildwood Park like at Wildwood Elementary School (Mahtomedi).	5
Destination Playground Equipment: Designate parks as destination playgrounds (with equipment to support a single purpose).	2
Winter Sledding Hill: Turn the hill connecting upper-lower Birch St into a park and maintain/light it for winter sledding.	7
New Playground Equipment: Upgrade playground equipment for all ages – young to older kids and improve safety.	15
Universal Design Elements: Encourage incorporating universal design elements in parks so children and adults of all abilities can play together without barriers. Example: an inclusive playground built in Portland: http://harpersplayground.org/	6
Tighe-Schmitz Flooding: Investigate feasibility of a raised soccer field with return of portions of park to a natural wetland.	10
Walking Trails, Biking Trails, and Roads	Vote
Walking Trails Map: Identify walking options in Birchwood and nearby communities.	6
Open New Walking Trails: Develop city's easements and right of ways into more walking paths. Make gems available for use.	27
Safe Biking-Walking Paths: Provide safe, striped paths along dangerous roads, so people can safely get to parks & easements.	20
Tighe-Schmitz Loop: Create paved path around edge of Park as safe place for strollers, bikes, scooters, & people.	6
Parking: Clarify and make consistent Birchwood parking tickets - 9pm vs 2am.	3
Animals	Vote
Poop Bags: Place dog poop bags dispensers in all parks and easements and along the walk areas.	6
Off-Leash Dogs: Review and improve rules.	3
Deer: Cull deer.	18
Cats: Ban roaming cats. Insist cat owners keep them inside.	7
Other	Vote
Maintenance: Develop maintenance plan aimed at keeping parks, easements, trails, and equipment in excellent condition.	28
Maintenance Volunteers/Communications: Communicate with potential volunteers with clearly defined tasks and times.	4
Improve Signage: Identify clearly our parks, easements, and trails with nicer and more natural looking signs.	4
Picnic Tables & Benches: Install a picnic table and bench at each easement.	12
Trash & Recycling Bins: Install trash & recycling bins at each resource.	8
Outhouses-Porta-Potties: Provide decent outhouses as we improve our parks and easements.	8
Write-In Option (Write in item if we missed it.)	Vote
Numerous suggestions were submitted under this heading. They are presented on a following page.	

Write-In Suggestions

West End Swimming Beach: For swimming only like Kay Beach. Birch Beach is candidate.
Birch Beach Improvement: Stronger, wider dock with sturdier bench.
Improve Street Lighting:
Tree Trimming: Overhanging trees/limbs on Hall/Cedar need to be cut back.
Public Health Hazard: Our deer population is a hazard. Each lawn passed by deer leaves ticks carrying virus, of which one is fatal to humans & animals. They feed on garden plants, leave poop, & urine on lawns. This is not healthy for people or animals.
Deer: Destroy bushes, trees, flowers 24/7 and breed endlessly.
WiFi for Whole City:
Raise Soccer Field: Use soil from baseball field. Create a small wetland area where ball field was.
Dangerous Docks: Docks are old and dangerous!! FIX DOCKS!!
Safety: Repair or replace all unsafe docks. Birch dock collapsed twice last year. Safety should be top priority moving forward for all walkers, bikers, kids at playgrounds, and for beach goers.
Porta-Potties: By playground!!
Private Property Beach Sand: Add fresh sand for “all” beachgoers to enjoy – including “all” lakeshore property owners.
Maintenance: Put money into keeping all parks mowed, trimmed, & weed-free. Should be ongoing & should not be voted on.
Tighe-Schmitz Flooding: Getting rid of Tighe-Schmitz flooding should be automatic.
T-Court Backboard: Backboard was put in 20-30 years ago. It was very annoying to neighbors, so was taken out.
T-Court Surface: Surface is relatively new. People can’t keep changing their minds at other’s expense.
Over-Citification: Don’t over-citify the village. Its charm is that it is a bit rustic. Most have cars, so don’t build facilities that will get very limited use or require lots of maintenance.
Nordling Park: Monitor drain & clean regularly.
Pesticides, Poisons, Acids: Notify residents when these are sprayed into yards & enter homes through vents/windows.
WiFi Pollution: Protect residents from powerful WiFi routers/transmitters going through yards, homes, people.
Toxic Fumes: Obnoxious fumes emitted from garages into yards need to have filters to block them, like O’Leary’s body shop.