

Rev. Butler Park Community Meeting - April 22, 2008	
Idea/ Suggestion	Votes/Dots Received
Citizen Comments in normal text. Parks staff comments in <i>italics</i> below each citizen comment.	
1. Acquire forested property and preserve as greenspace/ enhance greenspace (native plants)	38
<i>Staff Comments: Staff is discussing possible acquisition of adjacent land between park and B-Line Trail. Indiana RR is opposed to a pedestrian crossing from the B-Line Trail across their active rail line. Currently, there seems to be little threat to this site being developed. If threat is perceived, staff will initiate discussions with landowners.</i>	
2. Restrooms- keep & fix/upgrades- with operational hours- closer to facilities	18
<i>Staff Comments: The estimated cost of building a new restroom is \$97,500. The estimated cost to repair/renovate the existing facility is \$40,500. This is a budget issue that will be need to be prioritized with other department needs. The repairs or replacement may not occur until budgets for 2009 and beyond have been approved.</i>	
3. Extend Park Trail Length	17
<i>Staff Comments: Staff will look into options to lengthen trail and identify funding for the project. Lengthening the trail might compete with the suggested garden area past the ballfield outfield fence. We also want to consider any trail connections to the B-Line. Possible funding source might be CDBG.</i>	
4. Add a Community Garden to the park	15
<i>Staff Comments: Staff is looking into the feasibility of adding a community garden space somewhere in the park.</i>	
5. Replace Tennis Courts and add lights to new courts	14

<i>Staff Comments: There is no place to add tennis courts without displacing something else in the park. The only flat spots are the ballfield or the playground. Staff does not believe this idea is feasible.</i>	
6. Remove old splash pool and replace with Gazebo or something functional	14
<i>Staff Comments: Staff is looking into a suitable concept that would utilize this space in a more functional manner. Possible options include filling pool with concrete add a shaded bench (\$7,000); or fill in pool partially with concrete and establish a small landscape plot and park bench (\$4,000); or add a Gazebo (\$12,000-\$25,000) but staff feels that with 2 shelterhouses already in the park, this may be unnecessary. Ideas will be discussed with the community at a later date.</i>	
7. Selective lighting for safety	14
<i>Staff Comments: Staff is checking on status/operational function of existing lighting. If all functioning, staff feels they will provide adequate light for the park.</i>	
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8. Add community bulletin board	12
<i>Staff Comments: A recycled plastic bulleting board with a lock is \$900. Staff believes this can be done in 2008. A location will be selected based on highest area of park traffic and visibility. Neighborhood association will be asked to manage the posting of information.</i>	
9. Build larger, partially enclosed shelter with amenities	12
<i>Staff Comments: Staff does not believe that this is in the best interest of the park. There are minimal times a larger shelter would be utilized. This park already has 2 shelters. If more covered space is desired for larger special events, staff recommends the use of portable tents.</i>	
10. Leave area clear for sledding	10
<i>Staff Comments: We agree! We don't see any reason to alter the sledding area.</i>	
11. Create open plaza/ gathering space with seating areas	10
<i>Staff Comments: This may be an appropriate option for where the old wading pool is located. See comments above regarding other pool options.</i>	
12. Music & Movies in the Park & Lunch time concerts	7

<i>Staff Comments: We have and will offer programs like music and movies in the park. We are looking into a more portable movie screen that may allow us to rotate our "Movies in the Park" program around to more parks in the future.</i>	
13. Add water fountain by shelter & playground & ball fields	7
<i>Staff Comments: The cost of an additional fountain is between \$6,000 (people only) - \$7,500 (people and dog friendly.) This may have to wait until 2009 budget or beyond.</i>	
14. No new building in the park	7
<i>Staff Comments: While there are some suggestions for new buildings in the park, consensus seems to be not to add any other structures/hard surfaces to the park.</i>	
15. Add big grills	6
<i>Staff Comments: Adding 2 larger grills would cost \$1,900. May be able to do that yet in 2008.</i>	
16. Partnerships with churches or other agencies to develop concerts/events in the park	6
<i>Staff Comments:</i>	
17. Create intimate/ unique settings within park closer to the road	6
<i>Staff Comments:</i>	
18. Memory garden with memorial benches	5
<i>Staff Comments: This may be an appropriate option for where the old wading pool is located. See comments above regarding other pool options.</i>	
19. Restore wading pool/ make into a fountain	5
<i>Staff Comments: Staff is not in favor of creating a fountain due to cost to maintain.</i>	
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20. Health Issues related to pet waste- more signage & dispensers, etc.	4
<i>Staff Comments: Standard for a neighborhood park is one dog waste station. Staff does not believe more are practical for us to maintain.</i>	
21. Disc Golf Baskets	4
<i>Staff Comments: A disc golf course already exists at Crestmont Park. We don't believe it is necessary to add another course at Butler Park.</i>	
22. Formalized work days (naturalization)	4
<i>Staff Comments: Staff believes this is a neighborhood association initiative.</i>	

23. Fitness stations on Trail	4
<i>Staff Comments: Low demand. Preference would be to install one fitness station with multiple features. Estimated cost - \$6,000-\$8,000</i>	
24. More shaded areas	3
<i>Staff Comments: Staff will look into planting additional shade trees and/or other shade structures to accommodate this request.</i>	
25. Port-A-John to replace restroom	2
<i>Staff Comments: This idea had far less support than repairing/replacing the existing restrooms.</i>	
26. Incorporate park into BEAD and acquire historic designation	1
<i>Staff Comments:</i>	
27. Neighborhood Association apply for a grant for some improvements	1
<i>Staff Comments: Staff welcomes a partnership with the local neighborhood association.</i>	
28. Initiate special use permit system for neighborhood use	1
<i>Staff Comments: This would allow any group to reserve the shelter or part of the park for a special use. There would be a fee for this use and other park users would have to share the park with the special use group.</i>	
29. Post availability of ball fields	1
<i>Staff Comments: Staff will list a phone number to call for field availability and/or reservation.</i>	
30. Visitor/nature/history center building	None
<i>Staff Comments: This idea received no votes. If desired, it would take up space in the park and may cause additional vehicle traffic in the neighborhood. In addition, a building would have a significant cost to build, maintain and operate.</i>	
31. More neighborhood driven activities- meet in the park at 6pm with dog	None
<i>Staff Comments: We believe this is a neighborhood driven initiative.</i>	
32. Large Shelter	None
<i>Staff Comments: This suggestion did not receive any votes. We think this can be accomodated with tents when needed.</i>	
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33. No private group control of ballfield	None

<p><i>Staff Comments: Staff believes that the benefits of the private group agreeing to maintain the field in exchange for preferred use of the field, on a limited basis, benefits all by reducing expense of maintenance of the field to the taxpayers while gaining a frequently maintained field to the neighborhood.</i></p>	
<p>34. Food vending as fundraiser during lunch in summer (hot dog cart)</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><i>Staff Comments: Staff believes that this is a neighborhood association initiative if the NA is interested.</i></p>	
<p>35. Keep the ballfield</p>	<p>None</p>
<p><i>Staff Comments: Staff agrees.</i></p>	