Moon Township Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Community Survey - 255 Returned

1. How important is recreation to you and your family?

Very important	124
Important	95
Somewhat important	31
Not at all	5

2. How important are the following to improving your quality of life as a Moon Twp. Resident?

	Parks	Recreation Programs	Developed Trails	Greenways	Public Open Space
Very important	143	68	88	75	85
Important	83	102	82	86	98
Somewhat Important	21	69	66	70	56
Not at all	9	18	20	21	15

3. If new recreation programs would be offered, what age group should they target?

AGE	
0-5	37
5-12	146
13-18	136
19-30	24
31-44	47
45-50	24
51-64	28
65-74	17
75+	1

4. Check any of the current activities in which you or your family participates.

Activity	# participate	Activity	# participate	Activity	# participate
Easter Bunny Trail	52	Summer Camps	25	Baseball	86
Earth Day	37	Tennis Lessons	24	Softball	37
Father's Day Fun Fair	19	Craft Classes	12	Soccer	68
July 4th Celebration	183	Youth Basketball	46	Hockey	12
Family Fun Nights	67	Farmer's Market	109	Concerts	91
Swimming	70	Art Show	40	Other*	26

* Respondents listed activities such as the Car Show, the Wine and Dine, Bridgecard Classes, the Halloween Parade and the Victorian Christmas

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7. Check any of the activities in which you or your family may participate.

Activity	# participate	Activity	# participate	Activity	participate
Book Clubs	50	Bird Watching	40	Adult Flag Football	27
Lectures	41	Summer Camps	67	Cross Country Skiing	33
Computer	77	Animal Awareness	52	Golf	97
Cooking Classes	91	Outdoor ice skating	101	Skateboarding	22
Gardening	87	Sand Volleyball	55	Dek Hockey	23
Card Clubs	15	Youth Lacrosse	16	Fishing	84
Crafts	57	Health & fitness program	124	Bicycling	145
Nature Walks	117	Adult/Co-Ed Basketball	33	Other:car shows	18

8. For the following list, please indicate if the facility is adequate, should be improved, or need a lot of attention.

	Adequate	should be improved	Need a lot of attention	No opinion
Moon Park	121	91	16	1
Robin Hill Park	104	63	11	39
Overlook	15	14	6	153
Cedar Drive	17	12	4	153
Amherst	35	24	9	125
Loch Shin	17	20	14	139
Meade Drive	18	24	20	129
Whispering Woods Ball Field	51	42	10	94
Private Ball Fields	76	27	6	87
Montour Trail	145	52	6	21
Robin Hill Trails	79	51	4	73
Moon Park Trails	76	62	9	62
Golf Courses	51	34	17	98
Private Recreation Facilities	33	25	7	117
Other: Library	0	1	1	0

9. What do you like best about the township parks?

parking	44	amount of facilities	22	access	32
handicap access	6	amount of open play areas	79	amount of natural features	42
amount of organized activity	21	amount of restrooms	5	amount of water fountains	1
amount of lighting	8	amount of shade	28	amount of path/ walkways	24
amount of picnic facilities	49	maintenance	22	lack of vandalism& graffiti	39
lack of loitering	29	lack of drug & alcohol usage	36	appropriate faciltieis	32
lack of litter	51	overcrowding	4	costs	28
amount of refreshments	5	size	29	lack of animal waste	21
location	94	lack of insects	5	other: activities for kids, can take dogs on trails	3

10. What do you like least about the township parks?

don't know where they are	29	lack of parking	17	lack of facilities	16
inappropriate facilities	7	lack of open play areas	4	lack of natural features	8
lack of organized activity	22	lack of restrooms	44	lack of water fountains	41
lack of lighting	13	lack of shade	5	lack of paths/ walkways	18
lack of picnic facilities	10	poor maintenance	24	vadalism & graffiti	4
loitering	9	drug & alcohol usage	5	loud noises	5
litter	9	inadequate parking	10	overcrowding	8
lack of refreshments	27	too small	20	no handicap access	0
poor location	4	poor access	6	costs	10
animal wastes	2	poison ivy	10	many insects	4
no pets allowed	24	other: tennis ground not good, lack of benches, no fishing area, should have a dog park, cell phone coverage terrible at moon park,poor drainage on fields			23

11. Would you want a portion of your taxes to go to parks?

Yes	201
No	54

12 Would you pay user fees for park facilities and programs?

Yes	150
No	110

13. Would you support a dedicated tax for park facilities and programs?

Yes	103
No	147

14. Would you donate money to suport parks, recreation and trails/greenways?

Yes	152
No	98

If yes, how much wuld you be willing to contribute?

$20/year	86
$50/year	48
$100/year	13
$500/year or more	1

15. If the township could financially support the development of one recreation project, which should it be?

Community Center	43	
Museum	3	
Pool	118	
ATV Trail	11	
Extentions of Trails	23	
Acquisition of Open Space	32	
More Programs	11	
Other	10	Other Playgrounds, township owned golf course, nature center, fishing pond for kids only

16. What factors prohibit members of your household form using facilities or attending programs?

Parks Trails		**Programs**	
not well maintained	22	too hard register	13
not safe	10	times inconvenient	42
too crowded	7	fees too expensive	13
location too hard to find	31	do not have what interested in	55
not ADA accessible	4	not well publicized	124
too far away from my house	24	other	18
too hard to access	3		

17. Please circle the number of people in your household in each age category:

	1	**2**	**3**	**4**
0-5	46	32	3	0
6-9	40	17	0	0
10-19	53	41	12	5
20-29	36	18	0	0
30-44	53	104	1	0
45-64	37	87	1	0
65+	11	2	0	0

18. What is your age?

AVERAGE AGE	41

19. What is your household income range?

Less than $10,000	1
$10,000 to $24,999	3
$25,000 to $49,999	38
$50,000 to $99,999	109
$100,000 and over	83

20. Would you be interested in volunteering your time or equipment to Moon Twp. Parks and Recreation Dept.?

Yes	35
No	174

Survey Comments

5. If you do participate in any of the above activities are there any improvements you would like to see?

Swimming/Pool (and other)

- Yes, a municipal pool!
- Moon needs a pool.
- Swimming pool open to Moon residents.
- A community pool to join as a resident.
- Swimming at Hyatt or other hotels in winter Londonbury pool public.
- We need a Moon Township Pool!
- More public pools – not ones to pay for "membership."
- Yes, since you asked an outdoor swimming pool.
- Moon Twp. needs a public pool!
- Like to see swimming pool at Moon Park.
- Moon Township needs a community pool – look at Robinsons pool.
- I would like to see a swimming pool installed.
- Outdoor community swimming pool. Better upkeep on soccer fields – especially ones at elementary schools for MASA.
- Moon does not have a township swimming pool, only at the high school. Baseball fields are not adequately constructed, drainage causes issues. Basketball referee's lack skill and control of the games.
- Biking tails, roller blade trails, swimming pool.
- More swimming pools.
- Local swimming pool would be nice (outdoor). Bike trails would be nice.

Tennis Courts

- Partner with the highschool and build tennis courts. The school district will pay for them at Moon Park because they need the land for new schools where the current high school is.
- Need good tennis playgrounds.
- Tennis courts could use some maintenance, even so, I'm glad they are in Moon Park.
- More tennis courts.

Soccer/Baseball/Basketball

- Expand soccer to include even younger participants.
- More soccer fields- baseball for COLT – improvement on current tennis courts.
- Better care of the baseball fields. More consistent care of Moon Park.
- For softball each team gets matching moon softball hats socks, shirts, pants. For basketball we should get basketballs to participate (only for travel).
- Better maintenance of the soccer fields.
- More soccer fields. More/better walking trails.
- Better drainage at Allard Soccer Field, Permanent benches in moon Park (more areas to sit), Parking lot is cramped at Whispering Woods Field.
- Need new/more soccer fields. Don't give the guy who runs/maintains the fields so much power.
- The soccer fields are never in good shape.
- Better and more soccer fields.
- The youth basketball program should be improved. This year they would not allow kids to sign up a few days past the sign up date – even when practices or games had not yet started. No other sport has EVER turned kids away!
- Resurface basketball courts, add community days.
- More lighted fields.
- Condition of soccer fields is deplorable. The baseball fields seem to be maintained flawlessly, but the soccer fields are a mess.

- Some fields need improved. DeVenzio needs updated – not being maintained. Galaxy needs new lights.
- Better maintenance of soccer fields.
- Baseball fields and restroom facilities need improvements.
- Shaded areas at the soccer fields and clean porta poties.
- Soccer fields – we need more of them and better facilities. The fields are in poor condition – it is embarrassing when other twps. Come to play on our fields.
- Youth basketball should begin BEFORE 4th grade – there is a need/market out there. Need more consistent communication, eg. Mailers/newsletters to include upcoming activities/sign up dates – our children go to catholic school in another school district – cannot rely on schools for distribution of info!

Programs/Activities

- Longer summer camps.
- Volleyball club.
- More Robin Hill activities.
- Better notification of what is going on.
- The summer camp was pretty lame!
- Went to Easter Bunny at Moon Park when our kids were little and spent time at the park when kids were young but don't go there now.
- Better advertising of events and concerts in local papers.
- Activity hours after 12 noon for those of us who work (Saturday mornings).
- My kids and I enjoyed community days especially in the very beginning of it's concept. I'd like to see more of these events at the parks but with cost of the activities not so high as it got.
- More communication about the activities.
- Better organization and mailings.
- Younger or Christian Bands at concerts.
- More participation of families.
- Better organization.
- More advertisement of above activities. More for under five ages.
- My children are in college. Those activities are for younger children.
- I'm very satisfied with the activities in which we participate.
- More activities and spread everything out more so everyone not in one small space.
- Not in particular seemed to be well run. Improvements are always welcome.
- More to do on the 4th of July.
- Different location for fireworks. "football field"
- More family oriented Concerts on the 4th of July. We really liked the kid's talent show a few years ago.
- Community owned ice rink/batting cages.
- It would be beneficial to support local musical groups such as an event "Battle of the Bands" giving our young groups a chance to give to the community and gain experience.
- Better fireworks.
- Recreation opportunities and boat launch on the Ohio River (is this in moon?).
- More vendors at the craft show in July.
- I think they are both well done.
- I would like to see better bike riding trails and ball room dance evening events.
- I do not have children and most of these opportunities are geared to families.
- Summer craft classes for school-aged children; we participated last year at Robin Hill and we hope the program continues!
- More time/practice spent with children. No games on weekdays during school. More games during summer vacation.
- Bring back Moon Days – sponsered by Township. Let Fire Dept. collect – nominal parking fee $2.00/car. Free entry – have food festival with entertainment – games and rides for small children.

Farmer's Market

- More parking available at Farmers Market.
- Parking problems at Farmer's Market (Robin Hill).
- Farmer's Market is way too crowded at Robin Hill Park. Should be moved to Moon Park Amphitheater Area.
- Farmer's Market to stay open later than 6:00 pm.
- More vendors at Farmer's Market.
- More vendors at the farmer's market.
- More family fun nights. Longer hours for Farmers market and more days (also art show).
- What about a weekend day farmers market, maybe at moon park? I have a difficult time getting to it on a week day after work.

Parking/Facilities/Maintenance

- More water fountains or places to refresh, better bathroom facilities, lights for volleyball courts.
- Better traffic flow through Moon Park. Additional parking at Moon Park.
- Update park facilities.
- Trail maintenance is lacking.
- Parking could be better. Advertisement for programs.
- Newer playground equipment at Moon Park and more pavilions.
- The bathrooms needs better maintenance with supplies and cleanliness.
- Better restroom facilities at ballfields and refreshment stands.
- Better parking facilities. Existing lots get overcrowded and chaotic, especially during baseball season.
- More frequent garbage collection as soccer fields. More weed control.
- Ease of access, shorter walking distances.
- Score board at pony field.
- I think Moon Park's bathroom should be kept up better and the maintenance in the park and Whispering Woods Park needs to be better.

6. If you do not participate in the above activities, what changes would make you attend?

Advertising

- More advertisement.
- More information regarding what's available.
- Better announcements/communications.
- Flyers sent to my home letting me know whats available and when so I could plan to attend.
- Knowing what's coming. If I had known about a father's day fun fair, I'd have gone. Talk about wasted money, you're spending all this money and letting no one know about. I also had no idea about the little league program.
- Better advertising for parks programs.
- Better notification of activities, possibly send e-mails to interested residents, possibly send out a calendar of events in tax statements or water-garbage mailings (little added cost).
- Better notification of offered events and times.
- More notification.
- Better advertising of these events.
- Unaware of craft classes. May try them if they meet our schedule this summer.
- More information about events ahead of time-signs, newspaper, mailings.
- More information and advertising when they are.
- A calendar of Local Events should be posted in local stores and offices. A mailer tends to get misplaced or thrown away.
- Better notice.
- More announcements of upcoming events.
- More publicity to residents who don't have kids or are single.
- Better communication of when activities are available.

- More advertising. I didn't know about a lot of these activities.
- I seem to find out about activities after they already taken place. Being alerted in advance. I don't always have time to go online to check email or moon website.

Pool

- It would be nice to have a community pool that everyone could use.
- Moon twp needs a community pool. I dislike giving my money to Robinson Twp to swim every year.
- Swimming pools in plans like Bon Meade.
- We need a central, communal space, i.e. a pool/community center to draw all neighborhoods together. This is a LARGE township and as a result it tends to be fragmented by neighborhood or section of the township where residents live i.e. east, central, west.

Activities

- There was a woman's aerobics class that was well attended but was cancelled.
- The small pond in Moon Park is probably one of the few things (in my opinion) that needs work. Bayer uses their pond as an outdoor classroom and it would be excellent if Moon Park could do the same. I believe Bayer bought the classroom materials form asset.
- More concerts – country and rock.
- Golf league.
- More convenient times.
- If they had something for everyone in the family.
- Adult tennis or baseball league. Changes to moon facilities.
- Parks and Rec sponsored adult recreation: IE: slow pitch softball, adult roller hockey. Twp owned swimming facilities.
- Having a local "in house" sports league for older residents.
- Revitalize community days celebration.
- Later hours and evening activities for working folks to be able to attend.
- A variety of scheduled time for events.
- Diverse Community Programs

Parking/Facilities

- Easier parking and walking to activities and events for disabled.
- Parking, crowd control, traffic.
- Better bathroom facilities especially for kids!
- The ball fields and shelters need to be maintained better. Clean the bathrooms!

Other

- I do not participate in many of these activities because I do not have children.
- Areas where dogs are allowed.
- The government should not be responsible for recreational activities in this township.
- We are not really interested in any of the other activities at this stage in time.
- Would be more likely to attend if I had children.

Additional Comments

Positive Comments

- All in all I'm very proud to be here in moon.
- I think our parks are beautiful. They are well maintained and cared for.
- We are really enjoying the hiking trails at Robin Hill and will try the ones at Moon Park this summer. We aren't aware of classes/camps that we would try—don't know if they exist or if the aren't well publicized. We are happy with ongoing improvements at Moon Park playground area!
- I appreciate the professionalism of our police department and how they help with traffic and parking at the Fourth of July celebration.
- Overall, I think the Twp. Does a great job. With a growing population and developments, it is vital for the facilities and services to grow as well.

- I think all the parks are in good shape. I don't think any updates are needed.
- In general we have nice parks that need maintained well. I see improvements that are going in the right direction for my preferences. Keep up the good work.

Playgrounds

- The Moon Park playground should be updated and rechecked for safety. I am not familiar with other parks in the area.
- I have spent a lot of time at Moon Park in my 30 years, very nice but playground equipment needs to be updated.
- Moon Park children's facilities/slides need to be updated/upgraded. The township needs urgently zoning and a green space plan to salvage remaining green/open areas.
- Amherst play lot: the "climbing thing" in the middle was probably expensive and it doesn't get used much. Funds could have been used for something else.
- I'm not sure if Moon Park is in the process of updating the playground fixtures or not. It looks as though you are, which is fantastic. Because my only conern/compaint would be that the fixtures were old/outdated/rusted.
- The little metal rocking horses in the sand play area at Moon Park had wasps nests up under them last summer. I saw a little girl get 3 stings last year. Park maintenance sprayed the nest. Same problem is occurring this year. A physical barrier is needed (concrete placed up under the horses) or this will happen every summer. I have been harassed by what I like to call the "Dog Nazis" In golf carts at Moon Park. Dogs are permitted on walking trails, but you always have to pass through a 'dogs prohibited' area to get to the trails. Same applies to Robin Hill (ridiculous rules that is) but they're not enforced as much there. The pond at Moon Park could use some more benches. It would be nice to have some benches along the walking trails in Moon Park too. Robin Hill has them and it really gives you more of a chance to enjoy nature.
- Please maintain the parks we currently have rather than building a community center! The playlots need improved also especially in Bon Meade.

Pool/Community Center

- I think a community pool is vital for the township I think that it may take a little supp. While to get 100% support because so many private pools have developed due to the lack of a community pool.
- A pool, with enough to accommodate this would be great.
- Again, we need a pool. Wyngate pool is much too expensive and wait list too long. Why should we pay to belong to pools like Robinson when we can keep the fees local!
- We would very much like a community swimming pool and would be willing to pay a user fee.
- I think a community center with a pool would be nice.
- I feel that the township should take over the 3 pools that are located in Moon Twp. (Wyngate, Chanticlear, and Londonbury). Build another one over by Hyde. The township should try to implement more environment programs – try to collaborate with Robert Morris Science Department.
- It would be so nice to have a pool or community center to be able to rent.
- We need a swimming pool.
- Moon needs a community pool. Also would like to see swimming lessons offered.
- A community center that provides programs for all age groups would be a wonderful addition. A place for people of all ages to mix and mingle for activities, exercise, and instruction.
- I love Robin Hill! Don't' lose it. We need a community center and public pool very much and more flat green space and lightly rolling green space.

Greenspace

- Please keep parks, green space, trees, nature, etc. Thank you.
- We absolutely need more green space and less buildings.

Maintenance

- Township personnel have too many facilities to keep up with; given access to the proper tools, the baseball diamonds could be kept up by the association. (lining, infield, possibly grass). Since living in moon, I have not attended a single event at the amphitheater. It would be interesting to see the statistics of amphitheater use versus the expected use of a pool.
- Overall I think the parks are maintained. I would like to see more attention paid to the drainage problems or park baseball fields.
- Extend culvert, fill, place mini-shelter, play apparatus multi-task, for larger age group of children, benches for kids waiting for school bus. Need to survey people already using facilities and programs on a seasonal basis. This survey did not ask how frequent people participate or would participate in activity. It's not enough to only ask what do you participate in, you need to know how often they would use it to really justify.
- Overall park maintenance needs to be improved; grass cutting, painting, etc.

Facilities

- An outdoor raquetball facility (3 wall, no back no roof) would be cheap to install and would get a lot of use. Fla. Rec. parks have them.
- Please continue functions at Robin Hill ASAP. Thanks.
- More benches around play areas for parents.
- Good facilities and services could stand some improvements.
- A place for citizens who own ATV's/Go-Karts/Dirt Bikes to ride.
- To have a dog park, might eliminate problems with walking dogs in other areas.
- You should put a consession stand up by Galaxy and bathrooms, portajohns are unsanitary. And also at Whispering Woods field as well and more parking.
- Need activities to target our teens 14-18 years of age.
- Moon Park and other places need better restroom facilities some like Moon Park need more restrooms. Park areas need cleaned up – fallen tree limbs, puddle areas filled or raked, some park playground equipment holds water (bottom of slides stay wet, other rides hold water, could easily be solved by drilling a drain hole in them) simple low cost ways to improve. Notification of programs is poor (don't know about programs). There is so much land in Moon Park – It could reutilized for many additional activities, playground equipment, etc. Plant no maintenance ground cover pachysandra, ivy, etc in areas around trees, hillsides, areas difficult to cut grass. Plant perennials in high profile areas to add color to park. Allard field could use a bin with sand to put on the puddle areas after rains. It could be locked on keys given to coaches or league reps.
- We need restrooms or Porta Johns on the Montour Trail and in Moon Park. During the winter these basic facilities are not available here. It's just not a priority here. Other states with colder winters make it a priority.

Budget/Tax Money

- We enjoy the baseball program very much. Our activities at our moon twp church is the most important community program along with boy scouts, karate and public school. Moon twp is a very transient community. The park system has to compete with a vast amount of offering in the Pittsburgh area. People here need affordable housing, good schools and a safe community. We seem to have that now. Spend $ to keep the parks clean and safe.
- With the township supervisiors or school board wanting to tear down the highschool and builds a new one, I think we will have enough of a tax increase coming and we have enough facilities and will chase people out of moon twp. If we increase taxes any further. If people want a pool or community center, let them join a community pool that needs their dues money to keep their doors open. A community center may hurt, rather than help moon twp please think this through before getting into further debt!
- I think user fees should be charged to any group or organization utilizing any facilities that are not residents of Moon Twp. You should not equate quality of life as a moon twp resident and project that require higher taxes to sustain them. This not Fox Chapple. I think that anything that will increase taxes should be put to vote via preferred prior to even considering spending!
- We need to collectively work to reduce excessive tax burdens. Partner with private organizations to make up deficiencies (i.e. RMU).

- Tax dollars should only be used for maintenance. Voluntary associations are the way to go for other activites.
- For god's sake work within the current budget. Don't raise taxes for such a few. Incorporate user-fees or seek donations for recreational activities. We do not need a community center.
- Facilities seem to be adequate and properly used. Not worth additional tax $$$!
- Joint center with adjoining municipality would help with state funding. Start a nonprofit. Build it and they will come.
- US Air is going under. A lot of people need lower taxes – find ways of saving money. Too many people are moving into Moon and destroying the country feeling and roads cannot handle traffic – which in the long run costs more money than the extra tax base.
- We do not use anything in Moon Twp. I don't want my taxes to go for something I don't use. We live on a private road and get no maintenance for my taxes.
- Any additional park and recreation facilities should be financed and paid for by membership pee basis. Those who want new facilities should pay for them by way of fees. Should not be paid for with tax money.

Misc.

- Survey other communities to see what they provide their residents and what their residents like
- There is little open space where one can play a pick-up football game or fly a kite or model plane! Work schedule prohibits dedicated volunteering, however I am willing to help when able. The existing parks are good, but lack of open undedicated green space. Baseball parking is a problem.
- Please stop expanding! People in this community can have plenty of opportunity to join private recreational activities on their own.
- Please eliminate shooting range on mile 0-4 of Montour Trail-it scares people away from a great local resource.
- When our 3 children were young we used Robin Hill classes, Moon Park sled ride, tennis etc. Now I love the Montour trail walk/bike. I like free, beautiful, safe places.
- I had no idea there were other parks and trails besides Moon Park. I am a new resident here and find it very hard to find out about the programs available. More mailings would be helpful.
- Should have monitors and garbage pick up.
- Thanks for sending this to me. There should be more attention paid to fishing and the outdoors.
- Tennis courts could use some work.
- Could use a central building "meeting place" with daily activities for kids with park conselers holding daily activities; table puck hockey, four square, crafts, hourseshoes, kickball, etc.
- Used to participate in craft fairs at Robin Hill until vendor fees became prohibitive as you can tell by the dwindling vendors at the previous years shows. The same is true with the Christmas show which still drew shoppers with only about 4 vendors. Breakfast with Santa was dropped, also. The farmers market had to be a big success, as there were never enough parking spaces.
- A "dog park" or designated area for pets and dog walking trails would be appreciated by pet owners. Annapolis MD has a large fences in park so pet owners could let heir dogs run free and it's very popular.
- Softball program has been very good – there are many great coaches and volunteers. Youth basketball program has been good. I'd like to see the farmers market publicized and I'd like to see it grow. It's hard to find a market in this area.
- Speed bumps are too high and too plentiful. Hold more musical events. Update Tennis courts. Frisbee golf course? Trails and greenspace a must. Longer hours of park being open at night. Better utilization of Robin Hill stage and house.
- We belong to the Sewickley YMCA. I would rather pay the fees to a community center in our own township.