

Grand Ledge Recreation Plan – Community Input Survey

Question 1 - Considering all area parks and open space facilities owned and/or operated by the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County Parks, and Grand Ledge Public Schools as referenced on the map above, how often have you visited the following facilities in the past year?

	10 or more times	5 - 9 times	1 - 4 times	Not at all	Total Responses
Island Park	80 (29.9%)	70 (26.1%)	107 (39.9%)	11 (4.1%)	268
Bridge Street Plaza	50 (18.8%)	64 (24.1%)	105 (39.5%)	47 (17.7%)	266
Jaycee Park	62 (23.1%)	53 (19.8%)	108 (40.3%)	45 (16.8%)	268
Riverwalk	78 (29.1%)	50 (18.7%)	104 (38.8%)	36 (13.4%)	268
Wide Walk	43 (16.5%)	33 (12.7%)	57 (21.9%)	127 (48.8%)	260
City Hall Park	13 (5.0%)	12 (4.6%)	50 (19.2%)	186 (71.3%)	261
Fitzgerald Memorial Field	28 (10.7%)	24 (9.2%)	96 (36.6%)	114 (43.5%)	262
Oak Park	28 (10.6%)	19 (7.2%)	91 (34.3%)	127 (47.9%)	265
Elaine Dible Memorial Park	4 (1.5%)	2 (0.8%)	12 (4.6%)	241 (93.1%)	259
Colonial Park	4 (1.5%)	3 (1.1%)	23 (8.8%)	231 (88.5%)	261
Riverfront Park	35 (13.5%)	25 (9.7%)	88 (34.0%)	111 (42.9%)	259
Fieldview Open Space	2 (0.8%)	5 (1.9%)	13 (5.0%)	238 (92.2%)	258
Fitzgerald Park	77 (28.6%)	67 (24.9%)	105 (39.0%)	20 (7.4%)	269
Lincoln Brick Park	51 (19.2%)	33 (12.5%)	88 (33.2%)	93 (35.1%)	265
Grand Ledge Public School outdoor recreation facilities	73 (27.1%)	30 (11.2%)	65 (24.2%)	101 (37.5%)	269

Question 2 -Based upon your responses in Question 1, why do you visit area parks and open spaces? Please check all that apply.

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Art enjoyment		25.7%	71
Baseball/Softball		19.6%	54
Basketball		5.8%	16
Bicycling		26.8%	74
Bird watching		15.6%	43
Boating		6.2%	17
Canoeing or kayaking		26.1%	72
Farmers Market		51.4%	142
Fishing		17.0%	47
Frisbee/Disc Golf		12.7%	35
Health and fitness		54.7%	151
Ledges Playhouse Theatre		12.7%	35
Music in the Park		46.4%	128
Movies in the Park		22.1%	61
Nature enjoyment		69.6%	192
Participating in other annual events/festivals		50.7%	140
Participating in organized sports or activities		18.1%	50
Picnics		38.0%	105
Playgrounds		40.2%	111
Riverboat attraction		11.2%	31
Rock climbing		9.8%	27
Running or jogging		20.3%	56
Shelter rental		5.4%	15
Skateboarding/rollerblading		1.8%	5
Sledding		20.7%	57
Volleyball		2.2%	6
Walking		78.6%	217
Watching organized sports or activities		27.9%	77
Other (please specify):		8.7%	24
Total Responses			276

Question 2 (Other (please specify))

#	Response
1.	Volunteer work
2.	If I could afford to go to all the parks I certainly would , I would have bubble more parks and activities... I was saying if there was a survey about healthiest people in a city it would be ...GL seems like everywhere I go it's city/people utilize all available rather it's the school, parks or the sidewalks heck I even saw a couple jogging by the highway Eastbound by broad bent. Unfortunately, I do not live in Grand ledge but I was raised in good old home town and coming to Grand ledge is a site/nostalgic. Believe me I see the community and I see the parks are beauty.
3.	Dog walking, wild flowers
4.	just checking things out
5.	cross country skiing
6.	Taking pictures
7.	visit parks as part of my employment with the city
8.	cross country skiing
9.	Walking dog
10.	Watch the seasons change.
11.	relax and unwind in nature
12.	Tennis
13.	Letterboxing
14.	the Neff playground is always locked or we would use it almost daily
15.	hiking
16.	Disc Golf
17.	Fetch with dog
18.	Swimming
19.	playground
20.	Hiking
21.	Showing visitors from outside of Grand Ledge.
22.	Scouting Events
23.	Off leash dog park
24.	Dog park

Question 3 - Please provide your overall opinion regarding the following aspects of City operated parks and open spaces.

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Don't know	Total Responses
Park Maintenance/Appearance	63 (23.2%)	187 (68.8%)	19 (7.0%)	3 (1.1%)	272
Variety of Amenities/Facilities	27 (9.9%)	180 (65.9%)	55 (20.1%)	11 (4.0%)	273
Safety	68 (25.1%)	173 (63.8%)	16 (5.9%)	14 (5.2%)	271

Question 4 - Please provide your opinion regarding these recreational statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Indifferent	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
It is important to enhance recreational opportunities on the Grand River.	161 (58.8%)	88 (32.1%)	19 (6.9%)	4 (1.5%)	2 (0.7%)	274
It is important to preserve and protect the Grand River.	208 (75.9%)	61 (22.3%)	5 (1.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	274
It is important to provide outdoor recreational facilities, athletic fields, and courts within the Grand Ledge park system.	141 (51.5%)	96 (35.0%)	29 (10.6%)	6 (2.2%)	2 (0.7%)	274
It is important that Grand Ledge parks have non-motorized pathways and trails.	186 (67.6%)	70 (25.5%)	14 (5.1%)	4 (1.5%)	1 (0.4%)	275
Public greenspace is an important element of Grand Ledge parks.	174 (63.7%)	80 (29.3%)	18 (6.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.4%)	273

Question 5 - Considering the resources and funds available, which of the following is most important for City operated parks and open spaces in the next 5 years?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Acquire more park space		13.1%	36
Enhance existing parks		79.6%	218
Keep Grand Ledge Parks as they are now		7.3%	20
Total Responses			274

Question 6 - Would you support increased funding for Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		84.4%	227
No		15.6%	42
Total Responses			269

Question 7 - What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to City operated parks and open spaces? Please check all that apply.

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Amphitheater		37.1%	103
Art		15.5%	43
Baseball		5.4%	15
Basketball courts		9.7%	27
Dog park		33.8%	94
Farmer's market/Pavilion		50.4%	140
Ice rink		39.2%	109
Kayak/canoe launch		47.5%	132
Kayak/canoe rental		42.8%	119
More public access to the Grand River		31.3%	87
Restrooms		63.3%	176
Natural areas		38.8%	108
Playground equipment		33.5%	93
Recreational pathways for walking, bicycling, etc.		55.0%	153
Skate park		9.0%	25
Soccer fields		10.8%	30
Splash pad/water play		46.0%	128

Tennis courts		12.6%	35
Wayfinding signs		19.1%	53
No Changes		2.9%	8
Other (Please specify):		12.2%	34
Total Responses			278

Other (Please specify)

#	Response
1.	More Jaycee Park parking spaces
2.	something for announcing reservation status of rental facilities
3.	Places for wading in the river.
4.	Water park
5.	parking at new proposed boat ramp - not on River St.
6.	Pickle ball court
7.	at least 2 pickleball courts
8.	Reinforcement of slopes/banks along the river (reduce erosion, improve plant life)
9.	Question about funding, above, is dependent on projects being undertaken
10.	mountain bike single track trails
11.	Skateboard park
12.	nothing till our streets are fixed
13.	More Wide walks
14.	Maintain Oak Park as a Passive Open Space Area
15.	More thought put into color, placement and comfort of benches, picnic tables and other items places in parks. Keep man made items to a minimum. Have you ever seen anyone having a picnic at the end of Russell Street? No, but the folks sure miss the woods.
16.	Improve path between island park and Fitzgerald park
17.	Create accessible walking trail from islands to Fitz Park. Protect fragile riverbank ecosystem. Don't build a bunch of junky clutter; that will only look trashy and lower area property values.
18.	baseball/softball fields. We are in desperate need of more softball fields. Our program is growing by leaps and bounds and the fields would be put to good use.
19.	Band Shell
20.	Handicap friendly playground features
21.	Oak Park: Let brush grow tall and wide along the RR tracks, to deter persons from walking the tracks and trestle. Don't mow so close at Oak Park so there is less erosion around the trees. Could thinning of trees be considered?
22.	Repair dam so river level stays useable
23.	community outdoor swimming pool

24.	We already have a place for the farmers market. We need stuff for the young kids and teenagers to do that is local! They have nothing to do in town, and it gives them more opportunity to get in trouble. We need a place they can play basketball and such year round! They don't have anywhere to practice, and they have huge cuts in the basketball program in high school. Doesn't give them opportunity to better themselves.
25.	Pickleball courts - great for seniors, also a intergenerational playground
26.	Restoration to Island Park Gazebo and riverboat docks (Island Park, Jaycee, and Fitzgerald Parks)
27.	community pool
28.	Pool
29.	Mtb trails
30.	Food truck court
31.	More disc golfing
32.	Open restrooms @ Island Park every day!
33.	Pickle ball courts
34.	Boat launch (Fishing)

Question 8 - If you or a family member has a disability, please indicate which of the following are needed in the City operated parks and open spaces. If no one in your family has a disability, please skip to Question 9.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
Flatter, easier grades	12 (22.2%)	20 (37.0%)	20 (37.0%)	2 (3.7%)	0 (0.0%)	54
Accessible playgrounds	14 (26.4%)	22 (41.5%)	16 (30.2%)	1 (1.9%)	0 (0.0%)	53
Accessible parking	15 (27.3%)	27 (49.1%)	12 (21.8%)	1 (1.8%)	0 (0.0%)	55
Accessible waterfront access	14 (26.9%)	22 (42.3%)	15 (28.8%)	1 (1.9%)	0 (0.0%)	52
Accessible restrooms	21 (38.2%)	24 (43.6%)	10 (18.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	55
Paved trails	12 (21.1%)	26 (45.6%)	17 (29.8%)	2 (3.5%)	0 (0.0%)	57
Accessible spectator viewing areas	19 (33.9%)	20 (35.7%)	17 (30.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	56

Question 9 - Do you support collaborative recreation partnerships among Grand Ledge Public Schools, Eaton County, and the City of Grand Ledge?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		96.3%	262
No		3.7%	10
Total Responses			272

Question 10 - What do you like best about parks and recreation in Grand Ledge?

The 146 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Question 11 - What would you do to improve parks and recreation in Grand Ledge?

The 147 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Question 12 - What new recreation programs would you like to see in Grand Ledge?

The 98 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Question 13 - Where do you live?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Within the City of Grand Ledge		56.8%	155
Greater Grand Ledge Region		36.3%	99
Greater Lansing Region		4.4%	12
None of the above		2.6%	7
Total Responses			273

Question 14 - How many years have you lived in the Grand Ledge area?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Less than 1		2.9%	8
1 to 4		12.1%	33
5 to 10		11.7%	32
11 to 19		22.3%	61
Over 20		46.5%	127
I don't live in the Grand Ledge area		4.4%	12
Total Responses			273

Question 15 - How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
1		35.2%	56
2		36.5%	58
3		19.5%	31
4		5.0%	8
5		2.5%	4
6 or more		1.3%	2
Total Responses			159

Question 16 - What is your age?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 18		2.9%	8
18-29		9.9%	27
30-39		22.0%	60
40-49		26.0%	71
50-64		24.5%	67
65 and Older		14.7%	40
Total Responses			273

Question 17 - Are there any other comments you wish to add?

The 76 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Appendix

Question 10 - What do you like best about parks and recreation in Grand Ledge? |

#	Response
1.	For the most part free entry
2.	Openess and accessibility.
3.	I look forward to seeing if the plan to develop Jaycee Park is completed. The plan is amazing and would give residents more opportunities to enjoy the downtown area and the Grand River. The is so little to do now in the downtown area that appeals to a broad audience.
4.	The nature trails and views of the river.
5.	Grand Ledge is a beautiful city. I believe it is its greatest asset. The parks should be highly showcased to further enhance the City's best feature.
6.	The walking trails in the county parks are great, but the river walk in alot of help. Expanding trail system would be good.
7.	Access to trails along the Grand River and access to this river.
8.	The parks are truly an amazing asset to our community.
9.	That the Grand River is part of the parks and rec system.
10.	playgrounds. we only visit jaycee park and the schools though. Parking at fitgerald used to be free on wednesday... i guess with the addition of that payment box now its no longer a free family day though :(We cannot afford to pay to park more than once or twice per year.
11.	Makes Grand Ledge a very liveable place; provides much needed physical activity areas for improved health of our residents;
12.	Abundance of spaces and close access across town, proximity to river.
13.	The beautiful trails
14.	Clean safe
15.	Easy to access
16.	There are a lot of natural areas and places to hike/walk. There are also many places to put in a kayak.
17.	The River Walk is beautiful. Our kids enjoyed the playground equipment.
18.	greenspaces in downtown; island park being maintained;
19.	That there are parks available to conduct recreational activities in. I also feel they are nicely kept and attractive to a passer by - to stop what they may be doing and proceed into the park to explore and make happy memories.
20.	Oak Park provides some of the finest natural geologic exposures of bedrock in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, and virtually the only rock-climbing within two hundred miles in any direction (and that's as the crow flies).
21.	Oak Park rock climbing and Lincoln Brick Park swimming
22.	Rock climbing at Oak Park

23.	Grand Ledge parks are amazing & restoration around the river is most important to me, especially erosion prevention.
24.	I like the fishing access to the Grand River. I also like natural outdoor settings. I do occasionally use parks for social gatherings or playing sports but really mostly enjoy the river access.
25.	NATURAL!
26.	The unique natural features (sandstone ledges and river) and the large trees.
27.	There is a lot of variety in the parks spaces we have.
28.	Grand Ledge is blessed to have an abundance of fine natural resource based and sports based recreational facilities.
29.	Quiet natural areas.
30.	Natural beauty of the Grand River and ledges
31.	outdoor community events
32.	I like the nature trails at Lincoln Brick Park (especially north trail) and at Fitzgerald. Although I haven't climbed in years, Oak Park climbing is a HUGE attraction. I like the Barn Theater, but have only gone on a few occasions. The frisbee golf, skiing and sledding at Fitzgerald is great.
33.	Grand River, River walk
34.	They are THERE. The community has supported their development and are often in walking distance from one's home.
35.	safety
36.	Many different types of activities are included; green spaces, walking trails, space for sporting events. This city has a lot to offer in terms of events. I think Music and movies in the park are wonderful additions to the Grand Ledge scene.
37.	walking paths
38.	The river and natural green space is the centerpiece. Having restaurants and other opportunities so close to many of the parks is a great aspect above and beyond the parks themselves.
39.	proximity to home and ability to join classmates for rec activities
40.	River, woodland, accessibility to pets.
41.	I like that they are safe and that you can get nearly all the way around town on a bicycle or by running/walking without having to go in the street.
42.	They are free
43.	the variety is wonderful. The widewalk/riverwalk is great for strollers. playground equipment is nice at every park. oak park and island are good for sharing with out of town visitors do to the unique natural beauty.
44.	Kayaking
45.	Love the natural beauty of the area.
46.	You can walk, not far to go to do and observe.
47.	There are many opportunities to do a variety of activities.
48.	Lincoln Brick Park and Fitzgerald Park are gems, with wild space, walking paths in forested areas, picnicking facilities, and other amenities.
49.	Easy access and the green space and no charges.

50.	There is good variety of parks and things to do in the parks.
51.	We especially appreciate the parks that are on the river and that we can enjoy walking along the river, whether in the more formal downtown parks or more natural setting of Fitzgerald park.
52.	I think overall, they enhance the community spirit of Grand Ledge. I also love that their proximity to some of our natural resources, like the Grand River and the Ledges
53.	Lincoln Brick brings beauty without a lot of expense.
54.	The wide walks along Grand River and the Memorial Tree Trail.
55.	Wide walks.
56.	Availability, variety
57.	There is a lot to choose from. Something for everyone. We use the River Walk and Oak Park the most as we enjoy nature. The reason people enjoy rivers and bodies of water so much is it's generally "development free" on the water. We enjoy Oak Park because its generally "development free" Oak Park at one time was classified as Passive Open Space. We hope this will continue.
58.	Grand Ledge has some of the most spectacular natural views in the area. We need to step away from the trend that more stuff is "enhancement" of our parks. We're just burying our most precious assets.
59.	Widewalk for biking
60.	It is not 'gimmicky;' not full of cement, plastic and vendors.
61.	fitz park @ walkways and riverwalk and parks
62.	When it comes to our parks and rec, I've always felt our city has something for everyone! From just sitting and watching the Grand River to hiking the trails in Fitzgerald Park to listening to the summer music, I feel lucky to call this home.
63.	Variety of offerings and activities.
64.	Well maintained
65.	Grand Ledge is a nice small town and I find most of the parks and recreational facilities accessible by foot.
66.	Our parks are beautiful. Island park needs maintenance and a plan to deter geese.
67.	That they are available & important to the community.
68.	The sense of community that GL is known for seems to be brought out in part by the parks and community events held there. Would LOVE to have more options for children and families!
69.	Proximity to my home
70.	They are clean and safe.
71.	We have a good start on family park areas, they just need upgrading...especially restroom facilities.
72.	Access to the Grand River, and space for art/music to be promoted.
73.	The parks are beautiful in their own right because of the unusual proximity to the Grand River and its historic ledges.
74.	easy accessibility
75.	I like taking my kids to the parks.
76.	The significant amount that we have!

77.	Natural walking trails
78.	I really enjoy the easy access to nature available to us in Grand Ledge. I've really enjoyed using the riverwalk to connect JC Park and Island Park. I like the diversity of parks too. If you want wooded areas you can go to Oak Park. River views and access are great from JC Park and Island Park.
79.	Picnic tables and paths
80.	The parks make use of Grand Ledge's natural beauty. I think it is so important to preserve and protect these parks because they are part of what makes Grand Ledge so unique and special.
81.	Rules
82.	The mermaid and river edge trail at Oak Park. Is the acquisition of riverfront from Terry Hanks downstream or upstream of Oak Park?
83.	It's close to home but needs activities for younger kids
84.	Variety and many different places to go!
85.	I love how I can go to Oak Park, and have a nice picnic, then walk/climb along the ledges when I'm done. I love Lincoln Brick Park, and how beautiful and relaxing it is to hike through there, especially in the morning. Getting to spend time in nature is very important to me, and I wish more people did the same.
86.	the disc golf course
87.	Condition, variety, proximity,
88.	All appear to be well-maintained and safe areas; improvements in recent years to river walk, wide walk were very important and much appreciated.
89.	Variety of parks available in a small area
90.	Lots of peaceful areas to just sit and enjoy.
91.	Safe and fun for all of my kids, there are things to do with all of them. Regardless of age, size and handicaps.
92.	I like that there are actually still parks to take kids to and not have to worry about anything falling apart.
93.	The ease of access is great and they make good use of the space available.
94.	Trails, Disc golf, Water access, Rock claiming, kid friendly.
95.	The parks
96.	The ready availability of paths and access to the outdoors. I walk my dog along the river trail OFTEN.
97.	I like that many of the parks incorporate the river view.
98.	Scenery and ability to walk without vehicles.
99.	We usually head somewhere else to go to a park...grand ledge parks aren't too exciting for a big age range of kids.
100.	walking paths
101.	Beauty of woods and trails
102.	The diversity of the parks.
103.	Variety
104.	It is close to home and is a great way to get the family outside.

105.	I can take my kids to explore and have a great time.
106.	Accessability and variety of things to do.
107.	Having so much natural beauty on the river and right downtown is wonderful. There is so much history in this town, and its preservation is very important. The parks showcase some of that history.
108.	Upkeep & sense of community
109.	Must of it is along the river. Hills for biking.
110.	The opportunity for kids to participate in recreational activities year-round.
111.	I enjoy the nature aspect to all of Grand Ledge's parks and taking walks with my family. Also taking the kids to play on the playground equipment at certain parks.
112.	The river. The current natural beauty (Ledges, Riverwalk, Island). Plenty of walking areas.
113.	Natural beauty.
114.	Natural beauty, wildlife, river.
115.	The variety
116.	love the music in the park, the farmers market, the playgrounds the green space and the river views
117.	Scenery, safety
118.	That they exist and are in relatively good condition.
119.	Ease of access
120.	The feeling of being safe and secure (to a large extent) because of the others enjoying the same activities. The beautiful scenery.
121.	Natural, unique surroundings. Nature trails. Variety of parks.
122.	Lots of different spots for kids to play
123.	They're usually quiet and enjoyable
124.	Having entertainment for children/families to spend time together.
125.	I love how nature is integrated into existing attraction/entertainment options
126.	The beauty of nature and the town's historical architecture.
127.	Variety, cleanliness, quantity.
128.	Parking and locations
129.	Beautiful locations
130.	I like that we have a beautiful river to enjoy along with the ledges. I also like to walk the many trails and go letterboxing and geocaching. We have an awesome sledding hill that my family has enjoyed for years, as well.
131.	Each park is its own personality and character. Always something new to see and explore.
132.	Beauty by the river. The opportunity to eat under the pavilion, playgrounds, and walk way from one park to the other.
133.	Safety, green space, quiet, natural areas.
134.	Parks are well kept and have lots of wildlife
135.	Recreational sport opportunities and safe environments are great.
136.	My family loves the diversity of recreation and things to do at all the various parks.

137.	Local
138.	The Ledges. Seriously. I just spent 13 years in the Upper Peninsula. I graduated from Grand Ledge High School. I worked in the tourism industry up north. I can't believe that, given the history of GL, the exposure and promotion of the ledges is so subdued. The school doesn't have rock climbing or paddling clubs. The city doesn't host competitions or events. Other cities and towns would kill for the features and interests gl has.
139.	A great variety.
140.	variety and the proximity
141.	The natural beauty
142.	Upscale locations to enjoy outdoors with the family. Playground areas.
143.	They have always provided excellent programs for my kids to participate in
144.	Small town feel
145.	Location, visitors (or residents), family atmosphere for most part
146.	All of the different park options. Each park offers something different depending on what you are planning or wanting to do on a specific day.

Question 11 - What would you do to improve parks and recreation in Grand Ledge? |

#	Response
1.	Smoother running paths in Fitzgerald; open restroom(s) in Fitzgerald in winter
2.	Tying the riverfront together from Jaycee park to Fitzgerald park with a better trail, vista sites, interpretative signs (historic and natural) like geological info, plant info, settlement info, etc.
3.	Complete the plan for Jaycee Park. There is not much to do when downtown. Bringing more people to the area only benefits the city as a whole.
4.	make a resident lifetime pass.
5.	Develop the parks to enhance and encourage increased public use (restroom convenience, boating facilities, entertainment venues, event and sports seating).
6.	see above
7.	Bike trails need expansion. Trail to Fitzgerald Park from island is greatly in need of improvement. Canoe launch at JC park needs upgrade.
8.	Fitzgerald Park, Oak Park, Island, and Jaycee Park properties are some of the best anyone could ask for; just need to focus on enhancing the opportunities that they provide and the potential of their expansion!
9.	Make the system more accessible to the aging population and handicappers. There also needs to be access to the river to at least get your feet wet for those who don't have access to the enjoyment of being close to or in the water anywhere else. It will also promote conscious awareness of how important it is to keep the river clean and the eco system healthy and balanced.
10.	bring back free parking wednesday at fitzgerald.
11.	Volunteer time.
12.	Bathrooms, more children's activities (rink, splash pad, improved playgrounds,) no smoking or firearms!
13.	I love how organized they are.

14.	More way finding signs to get you to and around the parks
15.	More paved trails connecting parks.
16.	JC park being developed to host more activities
17.	Water park
18.	Proceed with their Master Plan - that sounds very exciting.
19.	Barrier Free parking. Boat & trailer parking right at new boat ramp & NOT up on River Street. Angle parking only on River Street
20.	The Ledges of Oak Park are subjected, at times, to rather significant sheet run-off due to the local gradient and overenthusiastic mowing. The oaks of Oak Park are not a particularly healthy stand due to the resultant depletion of top-soil & humus. The run-off also produces far more erosion at the base of the cliffs (due to intermittent waterfalls) than might be imagined. A vegetative buffer zone (perhaps incorporating a very modest berm of soil) is sorely needed to retard and absorb rain water.
21.	No major changes
22.	Stop mowing the grass so short at Oak Park and allow the leaves to remain at Oak Park.
23.	Enhance areas around Grand River, especially erosion prevention measures.
24.	I would not improve much...maybe trail markings could be better at some, though I don't mind them being unmarked. I like the parks the way they are. The only things I can think of is maybe some small general maintenance work and clean up.
25.	STOP adding fences, memorial boluder the size of cars...busted fences that do NOTHING but look bad after a few years....we don't get involved anymore because our word does not matter anyway. And tree's being cut down for no reason OAK tree's 60 years old or less...nothing wrong with them I guess they were "sick" although I could point to OLDER tree's that DO need to be trimmed or removed "hollow and dead" yet those remained...go figure.
26.	Keep the maintenance and safe use of the parks at a tip top level.
27.	Annex Lincoln Brick Park to allow police to patrol and curb the abuse of the swimming area.
28.	More/better playground structures
29.	Need a place for Canoes to get in and out away from the boat launch and also Handicap launch
30.	Better erosion control. Less grass trimming.
31.	walkability
32.	1st, and foremost, would be to commission a mural for the northeast side (southwest facing) wall at Bridge Street Plaza with a minimum \$35,000 budget. This would be a dramatic improvement, creating a highly visible energy and sense of place for Grand Ledge complimenting the new library renovation and welcoming people to Grand Ledge. Next would be an integrated biking trail system like Portland has. Last would be to expand natural land acquisition.
33.	more space
34.	I think that anytime you can partner with other groups who share the same goals and visions, it usually benefits everyone.
35.	offer organized pickleball events and increase walking paths also have nice/clean bathrooms

36.	Enhance and keep the parks updated
37.	General upgrade of facilities, paved access roadways.
38.	It would be great if there was some way to keep the riverwalk from flooding over (but honestly, it's not that often, so not that big of a problem). Public art is always nice to see.
39.	dog park!
40.	Lengthen the wide walk along M-43 to Jefferson. Extend the River Walk all the way to Fitzgerald Park. Make it more accessible via walkers and bikers (paved or boardwalk along river.
41.	Up keep
42.	not sure
43.	Better river access with water craft rental. It's odd that there is no rental business in our town. Offer a community ed climbing class that also teaches about the geology of the ledges and how we can be good stewards to preserve them.
44.	My only complaint is the goose poop on the Island Park.
45.	Would like to see a community activity building somewhere within the parks system.
46.	Improvements on the trail that goes from the parking lot where you feed the geese to Fitzgerald Park. It's one of my favorites but can be treacherous which I rather like the challenge of...sometimes. I didn't see it on the list above so guess it's not an official park. It's actually one of GL's best hidden secret nature areas.
47.	Despite how I answered Q. 5 (highest priority: maintain existing parks and facilities), I would acquire more park space within the City limits if appropriate land and funding are both available.
48.	Offer greater opportunities for nature classes.
49.	I would like to see improvements to the walking path between Fitzgerald Park and the downtown.
50.	More nature areas with walking paths, etc.
51.	I would love to see a more robust Farmer's Market -- something similar to the Meridian Twp. Farmer's Market. I love the trails around the ledges, but think we could do more to develop park space and recreation around the Grand River.
52.	nothing at this time, see above comment in Question 7
53.	I would expand the wide walk program / river trail to extend down to Fitzgerald Park
54.	ADD MORE PUBLIC RESTROOMS!
55.	MUST MUST police the rock climbers in Oak Park, they are constantly leaving trash EVERYWHERE. Hardly any are even from GL. maybe they need to pay to get in if they can't clean up after themselves.
56.	Maintaining what we have now. When structures need minor maintenance fix the issue while its still minor. The River Walk deck/bridge or the fence and the wire entangled in a tree at Oak Park for example.
57.	The Parks and Recreation board should be directing the Public Works staff as to how each park is to be maintained not the other way around.
58.	I love what you're planning with Jaycee park so wish it could start earlier. improve the path between Island park and Fitzgerald because would love to be able to have a better path for walking/running.

59.	Extend the widewalk along with more bike paths
60.	See earlier notes.
61.	Continue to offer workshops / classes on our natural world. I have attended a few different walks with our naturalist 'Jackie.' She is an excellent resource.
62.	Add a bandshell
63.	Increase maintenace and provide public bathriom facilities.
64.	Maintain what we have with the exception of adding softball fields and an amphitheater.
65.	Would love to see the Ledges trail maintained & improved
66.	More opportunities for play and recreation.
67.	Update playground
68.	Improve restrooms and playground equipment. Ensure that ALL playgrounds are unlocked on a daily basis all 12 months of the year. Upgrade the playground equipment as there are many broken elements at the Jaycee park that can cause injury. Publicize and enhance the 'hidden' parks. Who knew there was a public park on Colonial? in Fieldview? somewhere east of town: "Dible"? If citizens are subsidizing them through taxes they should be readily available to all.
69.	Increase the number of facilities for music/ sports to be participated in.
70.	Maybe the over abundance of bird manure on the Island could be alleviated if that is possible. If not, we just have to expect it in order to keep the ducks coming to visit.
71.	more walking trails
72.	I would like there to be more recreation activities/classes offered.
73.	Lincoln Brick Park needs a proper sign for the pedestrian access to the park along the river for all the residents on Main Street and the Meadow Woods subdivision - you shouldn't have to drive down Tallman Road to the main park access. We need an improved river trail from the island to Fitzgerald Park! With it's expansion, lets make Oak Park as great as it can be for the entire community and visitors not just its neighbors - lets make this an active space for the rock climbers, fishermen, kayakers, and walkers all to enjoy with an improved trail system and river access!
74.	Side walk accessibility
75.	I would like more integrated trails to connect the different parks. Also adding things that would allow more year round use of the parks (like having an ice rink).
76.	Clean up and shore up the edges of the island
77.	Add a dog park!!
78.	Things to keep teens occupied.
79.	Walking and biking paths
80.	Add more playground equipment- have an ice skating rink
81.	Splash pad for small children
82.	Island Park especially, is FILTHY. I do go to this park a lot, (it's great to grab ice cream from Corner Cone and stroll over) however every time I go I am saddened by all the trash that is everywhere, and the vandalism on the tables. Maybe increased police patrol and perhaps some more trash cans with signs about littering consequences would help a little.
83.	build a walking bridge to connect lincoln brick park to Fitz

84.	Keep any/all areas of current & add potential: park/nature/land/organic earth
85.	Can't think of anything specific, other than greater police presence along river walk and on island in the evenings.
86.	More kid parks!
87.	I would like to see more nature trails and more a variety of toys for the kids to play on. I also think having a place to rent kayaks would be pretty nice as well.
88.	The Riverwalk is nice, but it seems to just fall apart after Jaycee Park. A better connection to the Widewalk would really help it feel like a more complete path.
89.	Skate park and aquatic center
90.	Put in one or more dog baggie stations elsewhere in town; install a small dog park; facilitate a kayak/canoe livery and launch in addition to a small outfitter with fishing stuff.
91.	I would recommend better signage for accessing trails and parks and make them more clearly connected to each other.
92.	Clean goose droppings from paths more frequently.
93.	Put stuff in for the kids! They are our future! Let's give families a reason to stay in and come to grand ledge! I keep telling my husband, we need to move! If we want to do something fun, we have to leave town. We have kids ranging from 2 to 14, not much around here we can do where they all would have fun.
94.	More trails
95.	Find a way to develop the river trail between the island parking lot and Fitzgerald.
96.	My daughter is 4. Anything a 4 yr old would like :). More by city hall, which is closest to our house.
97.	We need to add more amenities for our senior citizens like pickleball which is becoming much more popular plus playgrounds designed for kids as well as specialized equipment for seniors.
98.	Update the play areas
99.	Would to see Grand Ledge have a band shell and promote it's use.
100.	More variety
101.	I like the Jaycee park plan. I would love a longer river trail similar too lansing. I like to enjoy long bike rides and those sort of trails offer a safe place. Maybe connect to the one in delta township.
102.	I think parks and rec are doing a great job.
103.	Some of the buildings and amenities need restoration. But overall, the natural beauty should be allowed to shine.
104.	More activities like music/movies in the park. Shakespeare in the park or other theater in the park would be great.
105.	Better advertising to be more competitive with Delta Twp. with rec leagues.
106.	Better reservation system for pavilion, often bring used when reserved. Splash pad.
107.	Mtb trail system. Trail systems bring a lot of visitors from other parts of the state. They typically stop at a party store on the way, get gas at some point and eat out afterwards. Basically it equals a lot of money being spent in the city.
108.	Kayak rentals, a launch area, pavilions for music/movies in the park.

109.	It would be nice to see more activies available for kids and families such as more playgrounds and possibly a water park and/or public pool. More available restrooms.
110.	Boat launch repairs. Amphitheater (as suggested on the recent plan). Area for farmer's market (protection from rain).
111.	Improve playgrounds, maintain play structures, safer areas near playgrounds, lawn maintenance at play areas, restrooms at parks
112.	Better security including security cameras. Add a couple parking structures downtown to allow festival patrons access without having to be bussed in. Add free wifi to some of the downtown parks.
113.	An official parks and rec program like Delta Twp with lots of fun classes. It builds community!
114.	a place for swimming and or splash pad would be a very nice addition
115.	More recreational opportunities such as canoeing/kayaking, tennis courts
116.	Add more bike trails like Portland.
117.	Lengthen the wide trail on M43, would be nice if it was longer. Sidewalk or trail on South side of M43 for residents South of roadway and a cross walk at Kenner Street light
118.	Create a community service partnership with the grand ledge school district b
119.	Unsure.
120.	Dog park
121.	Support downtown businesses. If you move the farmers market and music to Jaycee park then you are taking visitors from the downtown area. Use the park for recreational activities.
122.	Idk
123.	Increase police presence to impede criminal behavior
124.	a dog park would be most appreciated
125.	New equipment
126.	Add additional recreational attractions
127.	More opportunities for outdoor recreation (I.e. Canoe rental, etc.)
128.	Jc park in particular the playground is falling apart and really needs to be updated.
129.	Bring the fire pit back to the sledding hill.
130.	Probably start by focusing on maintenance and grooming.
131.	Clean bathrooms, instead of outhouses, and some could use cleaner picnic tables.
132.	The play grounds all need updating. JC park has really gone down hill.
133.	Add natural pathways and hiking trails. I think a skate park and ice rink are very badly needed.
134.	With a collaboration with GL Schools, would like Adult ed/recreation. Access to a pool during the day would be nice
135.	I believe that more voluntary river and park clean ups would be extremely beneficial (and easy).
136.	Invest in the plan for the Jaycee Park. We need to incorporate the river views in future planning.
137.	More tennis

138.	Offer adult leagues.
139.	clean up trash and keep properties mowed and the tall weeds trimmed down...
140.	I would make it the central Michigan destination for rock climbing and I would seriously consider bringing back the amusement park of old. It's a good idea.
141.	A dog park would be a great addition.
142.	Increase amenities & events
143.	Open school athletics fields to public when not in-use by schools. Install small boat launch for public boating and fishing. Perhaps a dock or pier at the Jaycee location with boardwalk and lease vendor permits to local companies to cater to public on the boardwalk, seasonally.
144.	We need a dog park
145.	Offer more walkways, boardwalks and make use of our waterways.
146.	More family usage, items to keep kids busy and entertained, attractions to take guests when visiting area (residents).
147.	Option available to rent canoes and kayaks, raise money for the city and give people a way to enjoy the Grand River

Question 12 - What new recreation programs would you like to see in Grand Ledge? |

#	Response
1.	Concerts in Fitzgerald Park
2.	Adult enrichment classes. Cake decorating, Basket making, Scrapbooking, Couponing
3.	Not sure, but anything to get kids and adults up and moving
4.	Canoe/kayak launch/rental and a Skate Park. There is literally nothing for kids to do downtown. One small basketball court really doesn't help anyone - increase the courts.
5.	none
6.	A dedicated Senior Center and anything to further support existing community events and activities.
7.	bike trails
8.	Not sure.
9.	Senior and community recreation programs beyond organized youth sports.
10.	Art and Music for all ages, including the aging. Again, our population is aging with nothing here in this area to add to the quality of life for senior citizens. We also need a Senior Citizen's Center that is active and well staffed. This will end up being a center for socializing and promoting a healthy, happy, connected, active senior life-style. This is the most necessary part of the recreational system that must be developed. There is nothing here for people as they retire.
11.	splash park
12.	More sports for kids
13.	Nature and gardening clubs.
14.	Tennis, yoga, basketball, dance, gymnastics
15.	Exercise programs for seniors. Rock climbing courses.
16.	more bike racks and bike paths throughout the city; more connections to other bike paths in surrounding areas

17.	Summer Sport - Day camps
18.	A new amphitheater, a dog park, ice skating rink, available bathrooms, a kayak rental space, and maybe a small shack for fish bait, light snacks, water or soda pop.
19.	None.
20.	Fly fishing
21.	leave the natural parks alone the ones that are simply great as they are...don't add swings and fences, memorials for people we don't know. As I mentioned years ago we were more involved, not anymore.
22.	Ice skating rink in the winter (weather permitting).
23.	None
24.	adult sports leagues (basketball, volleyball, tennis, etc.)
25.	drop in dance class or shorter sessions for little ones, language classes for kids, music and movement for little kids
26.	Biking trail.
27.	collaborative partnership w/ Delta Twp?
28.	Pickle ball
29.	summer program for kids
30.	pickle ball court playing
31.	Availability of organized recreational sports programs for ALL ages/grades especially those for middle school and high school aged children that are not making the 1 team per sport offered in the grand ledge school system. IE Keeping all kids involved in the summer months regardless of their middle school/high school sports affiliation.
32.	Nature activities - nature camp for kids on days off from school. Family-focused activities. BUT - don't compete w/ other programming; find a niche.
33.	not sure
34.	I would love to see a zero depth pool or splash pad for children.
35.	not sure. I don't do rec programs.
36.	Walking groups
37.	Skateboard park and lacross area.
38.	I would like to see an amphitheater on the river for the GLHS/Community band concert on Memorial weekend and also the Thursday night concerts.
39.	I would love an outdoor yoga class during the summer months, art programs for adults and kids, kayaking, cooking classes, tennis classes for adults, snowshoeing in the winter.
40.	nothing
41.	Expansion of wide walks
42.	Extend the wide walk to Fitzgerald Park.
43.	Boat rentals in town
44.	Tree watching contests.
45.	Repair the dam so water activities can continue.
46.	More regular river clean-up! Expand the boundaries for clean-up.
47.	Again, as a retired science teacher, I would enjoy workshops on earth science, botany, wildlife, chemistry of our River and its watershed.

48. Cycling
49. More recreation areas for children & teens
50. At this point focus should be placed on completion of the plan that has been designed before moving forward with other wants and desires.
51. N/A
52. Art classes/activities, children's activities
53. I don't know about that. I'm a senior citizen.
54. Dog park!!
55. none. The discussion by Ranger Blanc recently at Lincoln Brick was informative and realistic.
56. I would love a nice bike trail through the woods, without disrupting any hiking trails. Maybe with the expansion of Oak Park a nice trail could be added.
57. running club
58. Fencing, youth volunteering, adult women's basketball, youth fitness, anything in the kitchen
59. Adult leagues for indoor volleyball and outdoor kickball; would like to see more "fun" fitness opportunities for adults. Anything to expand and improve upon Farmer's Market would be great, too, as this is a great addition to our community.
60. Splash pad!
61. Splash pad
62. A community swimming pool and splash pad.
63. Would love a beginning or supportive runner/walker club
64. Pickleball
65. Kayak or Canoe rental.
66. This is why I marked No on #10; I didn't quite understand the question. I worry about school rec programs getting involved too much, because of this town's obsession with sports. We already have sports facilities all over town; it would be a shame to add still more to our parks and mar the natural and wildlife aspects that are limited and precious within town. If we're not talking about that, though, I'm sure you have loads of good ideas -- you mentioned some above. Will there be town halls on this to exchange ideas?
67. Recreation center with a community pool would be a wonderful addition.
68. Tennis for the kids and maybe some adult sport leagues.
69. More swimming
70. More variety of classes for kids and adults.
71. Unsure.
72. Some kind of water play area for all ages. A kayak/canoe launch and rental place. More activities for younger kids (infant - 5)
73. Health classes in the park? (yoga / tai chi). Sand volleyball leagues? Ice skating. Kayak instruction?
74. Add an amphitheater large enough to attract National acts but structure it so that the noise doesn't bother anyone.
75. Tai Chi or Qi gong classes (great for older people like me at age 60), art classes,,aquatics program for older people (morning / afternoon classes.

76. Lacrosse boys. Archery for boys 7 and up
77. Need to have recreational sports teams similar to programs offered at the YMCA
78. Splash park / water sports options
79. Adult organized sports
80. Maybe more kayaking access places
81. Community volleyball
82. Water park, and other family entertainment
83. Adult softball.
84. Kayaking
85. More choices for older adults.
86. A splash pad, amphitheater would be nice or a place to host a nice farmers market.
87. Water park/splash pad
88. yoga, pilates, water aerobics, lawn bowling
89. adult softball league
90. A dog park.
91. Different sports for kids to try
92. Pickle ball, and splash pad park.
93. Paddling and climbing.
94. Am yoga on the green. Summer.
95. Something that brings young & old together
96. Allow the use of ATV and Motocross vehicles of less than 400 cc on specified trails within Fitzgerald or Lincoln Brick Parks. A special permit can be obtained by residents for a fee and vehicles can be inspected for safety and noise restraints by the staff at each park.
97. Dog park
98. Dog park and walking trails

Question 17 - Are there any other comments you wish to add? |

#	Response
1.	Improve and expand boat launch
2.	I think it is important to preserve many of the current assets Parks has like maintaining the boardwalk and river trail to Fitzgerald park before they become deteriorated and unusable
3.	PLEASE move forward with the development of Jaycee Park. Why was money wasted on Bridge Street Plaza when the property is available for sale? Those funds should have been directed to a space with a broader appeal to all.
4.	I don't live in Grand Ledge, however, I have worked here for 10 years. One of my daughters lives here and all five of my grandchildren attend Grand Ledge schools. The parks and school programs and venues are frequently utilized.
5.	finish or expand walking and biking trails
6.	Eroton on North side of damn was created by city during damn repair and is now in serious need of attention to both repair damage and create safe access to river for folks who fish at TG his popular spot.

7.	We should work to "loop" the widewalk from M-43 back to Fitzgerald Park and extend the riverwalk to Fitzgerald Park. Thank you for your recent efforts in the Oak Park expansion, Jaycee Park expansion and finally improving the boat launch.
8.	I have lived in the city and now in Oneida Township for over 60 years. I am currently considering moving out of my hometown because there is not much here to engage citizens as we grow closer to retirement. There also doesn't seem to be much in the way of day to day support offered by our town for citizens as their needs change; I'm also concerned about the seemingly lack of social support for people as they age, as well. Maybe I'm missing it but, Grand Ledge seems to be more focused on the younger generations than the generations that have grown old in our town and are still vital--and then again, what about the people that would love to be social but that cannot get out by themselves to enjoy our parks and rec system? I think what is needed in town is more about making services available to people that need it so the CAN enjoy what is already available. I think it would also be beneficial to Grand Ledge to bring back something similar to what use to make our town a 'destination' ...it use to be fun--a family and resort destination. Why did the town let all of that go? 'Rebuild it and they will come.' It can and should be done. Build on our history--bring it back--the blueprint still exists; I can't think of anything more wonderful than rebuilding Grand Ledge into what it use to be back in its days of 'glory'.
9.	wish we could afford to go to gl parks more often. cant affor \$3 a day though, nor can we afford the family pass.. please bring back free wednesdays!!!!
10.	I do not like being at a playground with my children where people are open carrying weapons
11.	Love the recreation for children, well organize and informed...most cleanest healthy nice city with up most welcoming environment Froendly staff
12.	I am extremely excited for this new venture GL is conducting.
13.	Grand Ledge has some of the finest amounts and quality of park land per capita of any Michigan town or city. Though attendance is sparse at Park and Recreation meetings, there are many citizens of Grand Ledge who are very interested in the availability and welfare of public greenspace / open space/ park land.
14.	Thanks!
15.	I love the parks and would love to get more involved with them.
16.	thanks Jodi
17.	no
18.	Thank you for the oppportunity to participate in this survey. The parklands are the reason we chose Grand Ledge as our home.
19.	Arts, Parks and Recreation and the Library are the foundation for a vibrant, connected community.
20.	question 15 doesn't have an answer for zero
21.	Keep up the good work making GL a beautiful place to live!
22.	Grand Ledge is a wonderful town to live in with many beautiful parks.
23.	A cleanup of the first island. Cleaning up the debris.
24.	yeah, there was no check box for zero children in my house:)
25.	Q. 15 - zero
26.	Current Parks Director is doing a fine job.

27.	We love the Grand Ledge community, and fully support efforts to enhance our parks, sidewalks and recreational opportunities.
28.	nothing
29.	The parks system is not only a quality of life enhancement but adds value to our community in the form of higher property value and increased business traffic.
30.	Grand Ledge is a wonderful community. I love it here!
31.	There has been a lot of graffiti in the past several weeks at JC Park. Swear words wrote on the playground equipment. I live by the park and have seen a increased amount of older kids hanging out on the playground after school is out, hence the graffiti. The police do a good job of frequent drive bys but maybe they can time them when school gets out? And I do plan on letting the police dept know about this.
32.	Anything that requires maintenance requires money. Please...Design with that in mind.
33.	You need to establish memorial gift guidelines. Trees are always an appropriate gift for parks. Memorial plaques would be more appropriate placed at ground level so as to not be a reminder of our immortality every time we visit a park. There are times when Tributes are appropriate and they could be approved by City Council.
34.	Please do not add a lot of cement to the riverwalk park!
35.	I would love to see an amphitheater put in somewhere. With such a strong musical identity in Grand Ledge, we really should have one.
36.	Thank you for providing this survey.
37.	I would like to see a connection of the Delta trail to the Grand Ledge trail system.
38.	I live in Oneida township and love the downtown activities and events. Would love for parks and recreation to play a bigger role and offer more.
39.	We walk the city on a daily basis. The walking trail/widewalk is in need of upkeep ie: dog and duck feces. Understanding that it is difficult to control, we still find it unpleasant and discouraging for families with children. We attend the Music in the Park weekly. While the venue is okay it will be nice to have a larger area now that attendance has grown. We are concerned, however, with the parking availability on River Street. As grandparents we like to use the playgrounds but find them unaccessible frequently and dangerous with broken equipment. If the Public School playgrounds are included in the offerings of the City Parks/Recreation then the school system needs to keep them open during holidays and summer. We are hoping that the dream plans for the riverfront are completed in our lifetime!
40.	The parks are very nice and natural. I have nothing of any consequence to add.
41.	Thank you for your efforts and allowing us to participate in our future parks system!
42.	No, thank you
43.	I can try to help with light manual labor, I am retired. 517 643-2301
44.	Have some kind of food - simple food stands somewhere- especially during parades- During the St Patricks day parade there was no place to get any food- hot dog/chips drinks except for the very crowded bars
45.	I love our Parks, let's keep them clean and appreciate the beauty we have in this area by preserving it and taking better care of our environment!
46.	SO excited to put down roots in GL! Grand ledge ROCKS
47.	I'm just moving to the area and haven't had much time to explore yet, but I know I'd love to see a dog park!

48.	Thank you for the amazing place to live and play. I am enjoying watching my kids grow, play and explore in the grand ledge parks!
49.	I love that there is an emphasis and importance placed on the value that adding green space to the community. I don't have children, so planning space for recreation and opportunities to interact with other community members, makes this an enjoyable community for people like myself. Sure, having great schools are important for home values, etc... but these kind of improvements, truly benefit EVERYONE and encourage people outside our community to come visit. Lastly, the River Island needs some maintenance and upkeep: the pavilion needs to be painted and spruced up as does the bench and railing at the very end of the island. It would also be helpful to have one or two more small trash receptacles along the river trail. Thank you for all you do!!
50.	From what I gather, the classic car show is supposedly grand ledges biggest fundraiser? I feel that more should be put into that, if that's the case. Fitzgerald is HUGE!! Make use of it! Cram it full of fun stuff to do, see, participate in! Contests, such as karaoke, chalk coloring, free throw shooting, 3 on 3 tournaments, talent show, dodgeball...you name it! Charge small appropriate fees for each event! Also curious if all of these suggestions actually get read!
51.	Thank you for asking people before spending money on things people won't use. Parks greatly enhance quality of life. Very difficult to ride bike in area because roads are made for it. Need more bike trails.
52.	Thank you :)
53.	We love Grand Ledge parks!
54.	Need more areas on the North Side.
55.	Have you ever thought of having a overnight parking area for travellers with campers? I was thinking of Lincoln Park.
56.	Thank you for requesting feedback. It's great to know these issues are under consideration. I'd love to see posts about it on the city Facebook to stay informed, as well. Since I live on the river a stone's throw from several of these parks, these issues are extra important to me. Thanks!
57.	I would like to see more of an effort to preserve the natural wildlife that live along the river. Maybe informative signs and some coin operated feeders with bird safe grains. Bread really isn't good for the ducks and geese.
58.	Thanks for asking for our input!
59.	The play structure at city hall is used often, but is in such poor condition. recently a part of a slide was broken, and instead of having it repaired or replaced it was just removed and a rough (think slivers galore) board was put up. I would love to see the park improved for the kids on that side of town. Jaycee park has a decent play structure, but the landscaping is usually poorly maintained. I often find myself driving to neighboring communities with nicer parks for my children to play (dewitt, delta twp)
60.	Make it friendly to be outdoors and being with other people. That does not mean more spending for organized sports GL is already to focused on that and not family activities.
61.	More running/biking paved pathways would be nice. Crosswalk at M43 and Jenne and a sidewalk or some type of path on the south side of M43
62.	Dog park!!!!
63.	No

64.	Thank you for asking the community for input!
65.	I answered 0 or 1-4 on all parks, however as I now have a daughter I forsee visiting parks more frequently. I've lived outside of Grand Ledge for 3 years now, and have just visited parks this year for the first time (my daughter is 18 months) so I feel we'll be spending a lot more time in the Grand Ledge parks.
66.	Thank you for asking for community feedback!
67.	I should have added this above. I think it would be nice if Lincoln Brick park building or other parks in the area, were open more often, so that there could be learning / teaching opportunities for our children. Also, I love the number of parks that we have in the area.
68.	Love the plan for farmers market!!
69.	I live next to Colonial Park. I moved there two and a half years ago. One of my neighbors has been there 9 years. As of approximately 4 weeks ago the city just started mowing the park. Myself and the neighbors have been taking care of it since I moved in. Another resident stated the city has not mowed the area for at least nine years. WHY NOW?
70.	Invest in the Jaycee Park/Riverwalk plan with the Farmer's Market pavilion and the amphitheater.
71.	No
72.	Look at your city's history and appreciate the future your forefathers imagined; they were good ideas.
73.	I think these are great ways for the city to upgrade the parks, and raise funds to help maintain them.
74.	Thanks for offering us this survey. Anxiously waiting the results.
75.	A dog park area would be wonderful. LOTS of residents out walking dogs in the area, so know it would be used often - and promotes community socializing with other pet owners also in the area. Contributes to exercise and movement. Etc.
76.	Thank you for putting out this survey to hear community members opinions.