



To: Pekin Park Board of Commissioners
From: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director
Date: December 16, 2025
RE: Community-Wide Attitude and Interest Survey

The Park District sent out a survey via e-mail to approximately 6,900 participants/users of its facilities and programs. E-mail lists were obtained from the various Departments throughout the District (Recreation, Golf, Miller Center, Parkside Fitness). We felt that this list represented a varied demographic throughout the community. Of the 6,900 e-mails sent out, 273 responded. That is a return rate of 3.96%.

The majority of respondents were somewhat familiar or very familiar with the Park District and the programs, parks, and facilities we manage. On average, 71.4% of the respondents approved of the job the Park District is doing in managing the programs, parks, and facilities. 133 of the respondents described the reasons why they approved or disapproved.

74% of the respondents feel the programs, parks, facilities, and services provided by the Park District are of good value for the taxes they pay. 76 of the respondents elaborated on their response.

The responses to indicating how often you or someone in your family visits the Park District facilities listed is varied. The majority of the responses fall within the occasional range. The ones leaning more towards the never range are the Lick Creek and Parkview Golf Courses, Miller Center, Administration Building, Livestock Review Building, Archery Range, and RC Field. These are not too surprising as these are more specific use type of facilities. The Park Amenities listed (Kiwanis Park South, Railsplitters, Miller Park, Skate Park and Tennis Courts in Mineral Springs Park) were also more towards the never range. This, too, is not surprising because the majority of people visit Mineral Springs Park on a regular basis and do not utilize the other parks as much. And the Skate Park and Tennis Courts are also specific-use type of facilities. For the priority section of the survey, respondents were to indicate their opinion on the priority level for projects currently being assessed. Their response was based on their personal interest and perceived importance, to the best of their knowledge and understanding.

Projects that received the highest weighted average over 2.40 included:

- Pavilion on the Lagoon
 - Foundation settling repair
 - Porch renovation
 - Masonry tuck-pointing renovation
- McNaughton Park
 - Installation of restrooms
- Mineral Springs Park
 - Paving of parking lots and roads

Projects that received a weighted average between 2.20 and 2.40 included:

- Veterans Memorial Arena (Ice Arena)
 - Upgrades to locker rooms, restrooms, warming room, lobby, tumbling and dance rooms
 - Roof replacement
 - HVAC system replacement
- Parkside Fitness
 - Roof replacement
- Miller Senior Center
 - Parking lot and sidewalk accessibility into building
- Mineral Springs Park
 - Interior renovations at DragonLand Water Park – locker rooms, concessions and offices
- Pekin Bike Trail
 - Extension of bike path from Allentown Road to Veterans Parkway

Projects that received a weighted average between 2.00 and 2.20 included:

- Lick Creek Golf Course
 - Resurfacing of Parking lots and roads
- Pekin Park Sports Complex
 - Resurfacing of parking lots and roads
 - Baseball/Softball field improvements
- Parkside Fitness
 - HVAC system replacement
 - Replacement of flooring in cardio rooms, free weights rooms, and hallways
- Miller Senior Center
 - Resurfacing of parking lots
- Mineral Springs Park
 - Sunken Garden Fountain replacement
- Soldwedel Program Center (after demolition)

- Construction of large rental shelter, restrooms/showers, fire council ring, and paving of parking lot
- Dirksen Park
 - Installation of restrooms
- Administration Building
 - Roof replacement
 - Masonry tuck-pointing renovations
 - HVAC replacement
- Livestock Review Building
 - Roof replacement

For the question regarding what respondents believed as accurate, 57.1% of respondents think that the Pekin Park District and City of Pekin are the same taxing entity. This is a difficult one to comprehend considering that 231 of the respondents have lived in Pekin eleven (11) or more years, and of those 231, 189 have lived in Pekin more than 20 years. Education is definitely a priority for us to get residents to understand the difference and separation between the two entities.

62.2% of the respondents who filled out the survey were female. This is similar to our 2017 survey.

As far as age of the respondents who filled out the survey;

- 34.4% were 65 and older
- 13.6% were 55 to 64
- 20.5% were 45 to 54
- 22.75 were 35 to 44
- 8.8% were 18 to 34

In 2017, the information gathered for age was done a little differently but the % end up being fairly close to each other.

- 37.5% were 61 and older
- 16.2% were 51 to 60
- 22.7% were 41 to 50
- 19.4% were 31 to 40
- 4.2% were 22 to 30

We asked respondents if they were registered to vote or not registered, and what their affiliation was. 37.7% said they were Republican; 26% said they were Democrat, and 31.5% said they were unaffiliated to a party. The information that Beyond Your Base pulled for all registered voters in our District were 32% Republicans; 28% Democrats; and 40% unaffiliated. 266 of the respondents identify their race or ethnicity as White.

189 of the respondents have live in Pekin more than 20 years. In 2017, the mean was 10.7 years.

242 of the respondents own versus rent their home.

Total household income:

13.5% are more than \$150,000 (in 2017 it was 8.4%)

20.5% are between \$100,000 and \$149,999 (in 2017 it was 19.8%)

27.5% are between \$50,000 and \$99,999 (in 2017 it was 38.4%)

9.9% are less than \$49,999 (in 2017 it was 33.5%)

This could be skewed slightly from 2017 because we survey those that have participated in our programs or used our facilities, therefore may have more disposable income. In 2017, they may have reached a more varied demographic regarding income levels.

Based on the results of the survey, there is one question left to be answered. Do we consider a bond type referendum to address projects and try to free up some dollars in our General and Recreation Funds, or, do we consider a tax rate increase which will increase our funds to cover operational costs, as well as provide funds for project?

Looking at the top projects that unfolded from the survey, staff's suggestion would be to consider a tax rate increase. These top projects will cost millions to get done and it will still leave us with all the other projects yet to do. And we will only be allowed to do so much with a bond referendum, therefore, we will not be able to get even all of the top projects done. We just have too many projects that need to be addressed, and in some ways this was reflected in the survey because only a few projects really stood out (and not by much), and the rest were all prioritized in similar fashion by the respondents.

We could have the consultant look at both avenues to see what will be supported, but in the end, our tax rate is just too low for a District our size and the types of facilities we have. With the cost of employees, and the cost of materials, supplies, repairs and construction continually rising, we need to increase the steady stream of dollars coming into the Park District. As far as our other revenue streams, we know that the replacement tax dollars that we receive fluctuate from year to year, and what we charge for programs and the entry/use fees of our facilities at some point will reach a limit that we cannot go beyond. We are almost at this point.

In our current tax levy, if our PTELL limiting rate was .53886 instead of .38086, we would be generating \$896,667 more in property tax revenue. This increased rate basically doubles the Corporate or General Fund tax dollars received annually from the County. The impact on an \$100,000 assessed property would be an additional \$52.67 annually.

Our next step(s) in moving forward is to determine what projects we want to focus on and what avenue we want to take in order to fund them.

ONLINE SURVEY



PEKIN PARK
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Respondents

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1. How familiar are you with the Pekin Park District and the recreation programs, parks, and facilities they manage?

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Not Familiar at All Somewhat Familiar Very Familiar



Question	Not Familiar at All	Somewhat Familiar	Very Familiar	Average	Total Responses
(Pekin Park District)	3 (1%)	97 (36%)	173 (63%)	2.62	273
(Recreation Programs)	22 (8%)	129 (47%)	122 (45%)	2.37	273
(Parks)	11 (4%)	105 (38%)	157 (58%)	2.53	273
(Facilities)	13 (5%)	115 (42%)	145 (53%)	2.48	273
Total	49 (4%)	446 (41%)	597 (55%)	2.50	1092

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Pekin Park District is doing managing recreation programs, parks, and facilities in your community?

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Disapprove Unsure/No Opinion Approve

(Pekin Park District) 

(Recreation Programs) 

(Parks) 

(Facilities) 

Question	Disapprove	Unsure/No Opinion	Approve	Average	Total Responses
(Pekin Park District)	16 (6%)	45 (16%)	212 (78%)	2.72	273
(Recreation Programs)	18 (7%)	72 (26%)	183 (67%)	2.60	273
(Parks)	22 (8%)	46 (17%)	205 (75%)	2.67	273
(Facilities)	29 (11%)	66 (24%)	178 (65%)	2.55	273
Total	85 (8%)	229 (21%)	778 (71%)	2.63	1092

Please describe the reasons why you approve or disapprove of the job the Pekin Park District is doing. (optional)

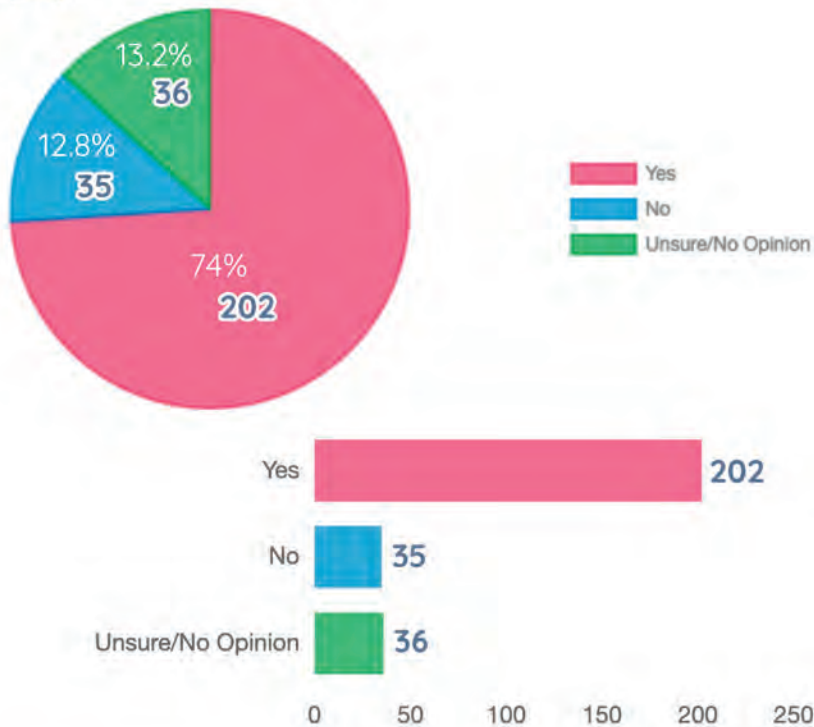
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Respondent	Answer	Filled
Anonymous 	I feel the persons at least handling softball, restrooms etc could be doing better. We pay good money to play the sport besides my taxes that go into it.	November 30, 2025 4:49 PM
Anonymous 	We have awesome parks and great golf courses	November 28, 2025 8:06 AM
Anonymous 	Parks are usually clean and well kept, parks could just use more flowers.	November 28, 2025 7:11 AM
Anonymous 	I use the facilities a few times a year. They are affordable as well as maintained well.	November 28, 2025 6:10 AM
Anonymous 	Do not like solar panels covering the beautiful land.	November 28, 2025 4:51 AM

Optional Question 2 open-ended answers
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3. Do you feel the recreation programs, parks, facilities and services provided by Pekin Park District are of good value for taxes you pay?

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Please feel free to elaborate on your response. (optional)

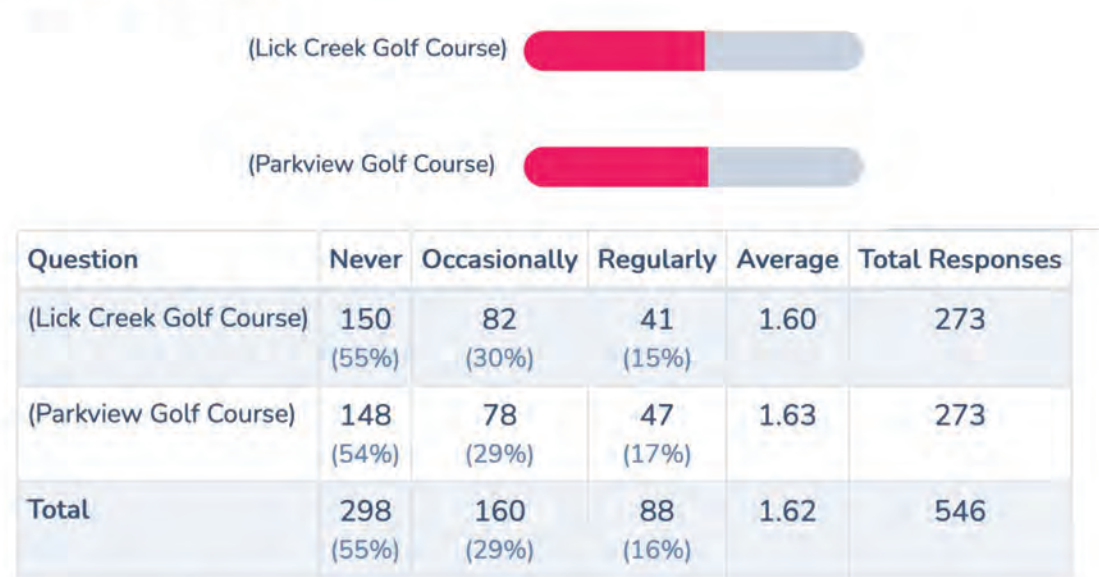
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Respondent	Answer	Filled
Anonymous	Do feel the life jackets at the paddle boats needed to be upgraded. Some are in very bad shape and shouldn't be used.	November 30, 2025 4:49 PM
Anonymous	The parks and facilities are very nice but the cost of some of the programs are prohibitive.	November 28, 2025 6:45 PM
Anonymous	In the past years, the amount of teams that have signed up have increased for Friday Softball league. You wouldn't have more people sign up if it was ran poorly. I believe that's really saying something.	November 27, 2025 1:53 PM
Anonymous	As stated above the parks (with the exception of the koch street sports complex) aren't kept clean very well	November 26, 2025 3:46 PM
Anonymous	Koch St diamonds have gone downhill in terms of appearance and charging now to use them is sad	November 26, 2025 2:56 PM

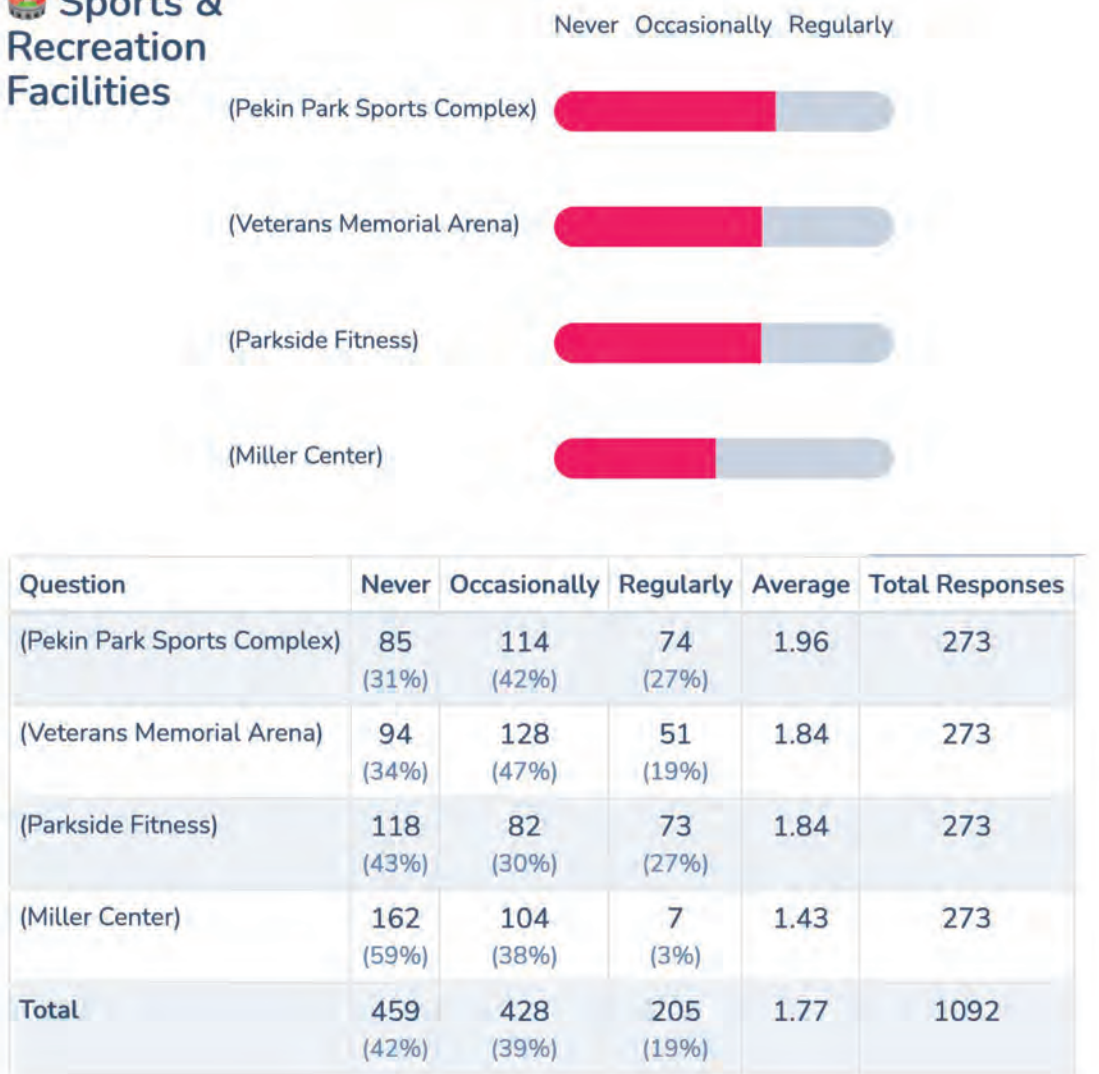
Optional Question 3 open-ended answers continue on pages 28-33

4. Please indicate how often you or someone in your family visits each one of the following PPD Facilities. If the facility is seasonal, please consider only those seasons where the facility is open.

 Golf Courses



 Sports & Recreation Facilities



Park Amenities

Never Occasionally Regularly

(Kiwanis Park South - Neighborhood Park) 

(Railsplitters Park - Neighborhood Park) 

(Miller Park Playground and Shelter) 

(Skate Park in Mineral Springs Park) 

(Tennis Courts in Mineral Springs Park) 

Question	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Average	Total Responses
(Kiwanis Park South - Neighborhood Park)	196 (72%)	69 (25%)	8 (3%)	1.31	273
(Railsplitters Park - Neighborhood Park)	195 (71%)	71 (26%)	7 (3%)	1.31	273
(Miller Park Playground and Shelter)	148 (54%)	99 (36%)	26 (10%)	1.55	273
(Skate Park in Mineral Springs Park)	189 (69%)	58 (21%)	26 (10%)	1.40	273
(Tennis Courts in Mineral Springs Park)	182 (67%)	73 (27%)	18 (7%)	1.40	273
Total	910 (67%)	370 (27%)	85 (6%)	1.40	1365

Administrative & Event Buildings

Never Occasionally Regularly

(Administration Building) 

(Livestock Review Building) 

(Pavilion on the Lagoon) 

Question	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Average	Total Responses
(Administration Building)	192 (70%)	73 (27%)	8 (3%)	1.33	273
(Livestock Review Building)	203 (74%)	63 (23%)	7 (3%)	1.28	273
(Pavilion on the Lagoon)	52 (19%)	184 (67%)	37 (14%)	1.95	273
Total	447 (55%)	320 (39%)	52 (6%)	1.52	819

Natural Areas & Trails

Never Occasionally Regularly

(Pekin Bike Trail)



(McNaughton Park)



(Archery Range - Dirksen Park)



(RC Airfield - Dirksen Park)



Question	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Average	Total Responses
(Pekin Bike Trail)	117 (43%)	94 (34%)	62 (23%)	1.80	273
(McNaughton Park)	82 (30%)	138 (51%)	53 (19%)	1.89	273
(Archery Range - Dirksen Park)	212 (78%)	46 (17%)	15 (5%)	1.28	273
(RC Airfield - Dirksen Park)	244 (89%)	21 (8%)	8 (3%)	1.14	273
Total	655 (60%)	299 (27%)	138 (13%)	1.53	1092

Seasonal Attractions

Never Occasionally Regularly

(DragonLand Water Park)



(Sunken Garden Fountain)



Question	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	Average	Total Responses
(DragonLand Water Park)	89 (33%)	144 (53%)	40 (15%)	1.82	273
(Sunken Garden Fountain)	127 (47%)	122 (45%)	24 (9%)	1.62	273
Total	216 (40%)	266 (49%)	64 (12%)	1.72	546

5. In 2017, the Pekin Park District conducted a community-wide attitude and interest survey to create a roadmap for the next 5 to 10 years. The survey was utilized in developing two strategic plans, providing focus and guidance to the District, and helping to ensure that the prioritization of District resources aligns with the interests of the residents and patrons. One of the main points highlighted in the survey was that residents wanted to see the District improve, maintain, and preserve its valued assets, and not add or build new capital assets or facilities. The District should prioritize maintaining and extending the lifespan of these assets and maximizing their value to the community.

Based on your personal interest and perceived importance, to the best of your knowledge and understanding, please indicate your opinion on the PRIORITY LEVEL for the following projects currently being assessed.

Lick Creek Golf Course

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Replacement of Irrigation System)



(Resurfacing of Parking Lots and Roads)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Replacement of Irrigation System)	85 (31%)	141 (52%)	47 (17%)	1.86	273
(Resurfacing of Parking Lots and Roads)	70 (26%)	124 (45%)	79 (29%)	2.03	273
Total	155 (28%)	265 (49%)	126 (23%)	1.95	546

Parkview Golf Course

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Replacement of Irrigation System)



(Resurfacing of Parking Lot)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Replacement of Irrigation System)	83 (30%)	144 (53%)	46 (17%)	1.86	273
(Resurfacing of Parking Lot)	78 (29%)	137 (50%)	58 (21%)	1.93	273
Total	161 (29%)	281 (51%)	104 (19%)	1.90	546

Pekin Park Sports Complex (on Koch Street)

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Replacement of Irrigation System)



(Resurfacing of Parking Lots and Paths)



(Baseball/Softball Field Improvements)



(Replacement of two Playgrounds)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Replacement of Irrigation System)	61 (22%)	154 (56%)	58 (21%)	1.99	273
(Resurfacing of Parking Lots and Paths)	56 (21%)	118 (43%)	99 (36%)	2.16	273
(Baseball/Softball Field Improvements)	44 (16%)	132 (48%)	97 (36%)	2.19	273
(Replacement of two Playgrounds)	84 (31%)	122 (45%)	67 (25%)	1.94	273
Total	245 (22%)	526 (48%)	321 (29%)	2.07	1092

Veterans Memorial Arena (Ice Arena)

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Upgrades to Locker Rooms, Restrooms, Warming Room, Lobby, Tumbling Room and Dance Room)



(Roof Replacement)

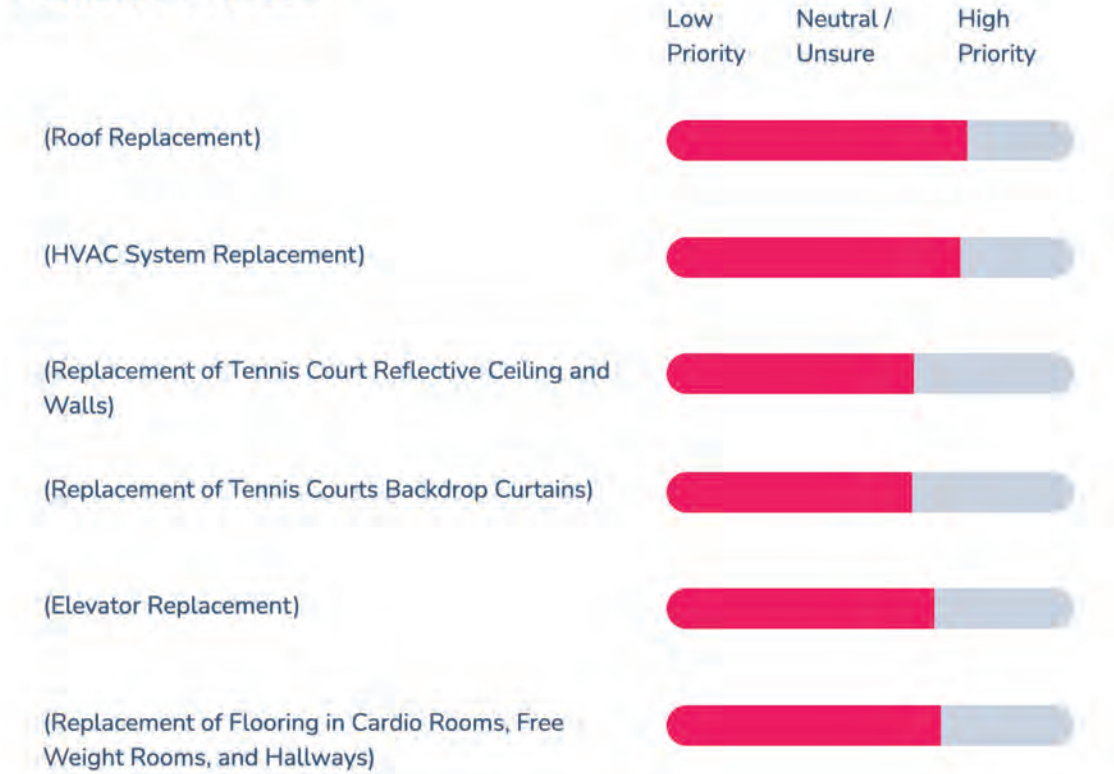


(HVAC System Replacement)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Upgrades to Locker Rooms, Restrooms, Warming Room, Lobby, Tumbling Room and Dance Room)	43 (16%)	133 (49%)	97 (36%)	2.20	273
(Roof Replacement)	32 (12%)	135 (49%)	106 (39%)	2.27	273
(HVAC System Replacement)	27 (10%)	140 (51%)	106 (39%)	2.29	273
Total	102 (12%)	408 (50%)	309 (38%)	2.25	819

Parkside Fitness



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Roof Replacement)	33 (12%)	148 (54%)	92 (34%)	2.22	273
(HVAC System Replacement)	36 (13%)	157 (58%)	80 (29%)	2.16	273
(Replacement of Tennis Court Reflective Ceiling and Walls)	79 (29%)	164 (60%)	30 (11%)	1.82	273
(Replacement of Tennis Courts Backdrop Curtains)	77 (28%)	172 (63%)	24 (9%)	1.81	273
(Elevator Replacement)	56 (21%)	169 (62%)	48 (18%)	1.97	273
(Replacement of Flooring in Cardio Rooms, Free Weight Rooms, and Hallways)	59 (22%)	150 (55%)	64 (23%)	2.02	273
Total	340 (21%)	960 (59%)	338 (21%)	2.00	1638

Miller Senior Center

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Parking Lot and Sidewalk Accesibility into Building)



(Resurfacing of Parking Lot)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Parking Lot and Sidewalk Accesibility into Building)	46 (17%)	113 (41%)	114 (42%)	2.25	273
(Resurfacing of Parking Lot)	50 (18%)	136 (50%)	87 (32%)	2.14	273
Total	96 (18%)	249 (46%)	201 (37%)	2.19	546

Mineral Springs Park

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Paving of Parking Lots and Roads)



(Completion of Final Phase of Skate Park Renovations)



(Resurfacing of Tennis Courts nearest Parkside Fitness)



(Sunken Garden Fountain Replacement - Near Hospital)



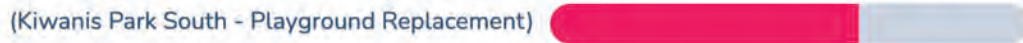
(Interior Renovations at DragonLand Water Park - Lockerooms, Concessions, and Offices)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Paving of Parking Lots and Roads)	33 (12%)	70 (26%)	170 (62%)	2.50	273
(Completion of Final Phase of Skate Park Renovations)	78 (29%)	130 (48%)	65 (24%)	1.95	273
(Resurfacing of Tennis Courts nearest Parkside Fitness)	70 (26%)	148 (54%)	55 (20%)	1.95	273
(Sunken Garden Fountain Replacement - Near Hospital)	70 (26%)	119 (44%)	84 (31%)	2.05	273
(Interior Renovations at DragonLand Water Park - Lockerooms, Concessions, and Offices)	43 (16%)	102 (37%)	128 (47%)	2.31	273
Total	294 (22%)	569 (42%)	502 (37%)	2.15	1365

Neighborhood Parks

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Kiwanis Park South - Playground Replacement)	62 (23%)	167 (61%)	44 (16%)	1.93	273
(Railsplitters Park - Playground Replacement)	63 (23%)	167 (61%)	43 (16%)	1.93	273
(Miller Park - Playground Replacement)	59 (22%)	162 (59%)	52 (19%)	1.97	273
(Miller Park - Shelter Replacement)	55 (20%)	163 (60%)	55 (20%)	2.00	273
Total	239 (22%)	659 (60%)	194 (18%)	1.96	1092

McNaughton Park

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Installation of Restrooms)	37 (14%)	73 (27%)	163 (60%)	2.46	273
(Paving of Gravel Road to Turnaround)	62 (23%)	107 (39%)	104 (38%)	2.15	273
Total	99 (18%)	180 (33%)	267 (49%)	2.31	546

Soldwedel Program Center (After Demolition)

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Construction of Large Rental Shelter, Restrooms / Showers, Fire Council Ring, and Paving of Parking Lot)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Construction of Large Rental Shelter, Restrooms / Showers, Fire Council Ring, and Paving of Parking Lot)	60 (22%)	139 (51%)	74 (27%)	2.05	273
Total	60 (22%)	139 (51%)	74 (27%)	2.05	273

Dirksen Park

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Installation of Restrooms)



(Paving of Gravel Roads and Parking Lots at Archery Range)



(Paving of Gravel Roads and Parking Lots at Remote Control Airfield)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Installation of Restrooms)	58 (21%)	131 (48%)	84 (31%)	2.10	273
(Paving of Gravel Roads and Parking Lots at Archery Range)	71 (26%)	157 (58%)	45 (16%)	1.90	273
(Paving of Gravel Roads and Parking Lots at Remote Control Airfield)	83 (30%)	157 (58%)	33 (12%)	1.82	273
Total	212 (26%)	445 (54%)	162 (20%)	1.94	819

Pekin Bike Trail

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Extension of Bike Path from Allentown Road to Veterans Parkway)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Extension of Bike Path from Allentown Road to Veterans Parkway)	53 (19%)	92 (34%)	128 (47%)	2.27	273
Total	53 (19%)	92 (34%)	128 (47%)	2.27	273

Administration Building (Old Bathhouse)

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Roof Replacement)



(Masonry Tuck-Pointing Renovations)



(HVAC Replacement)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Roof Replacement)	51 (19%)	143 (52%)	79 (29%)	2.10	273
(Masonry Tuck-Pointing Renovations)	55 (20%)	164 (60%)	54 (20%)	2.00	273
(HVAC Replacement)	57 (21%)	152 (56%)	64 (23%)	2.03	273
Total	163 (20%)	459 (56%)	197 (24%)	2.04	819

Livestock Review Building

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Roof Replacement)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Roof Replacement)	55 (20%)	162 (59%)	56 (21%)	2.00	273
Total	55 (20%)	162 (59%)	56 (21%)	2.00	273

Pavilion on the Lagoon

Low Priority Neutral / Unsure High Priority

(Porch Renovation)



(Masonry Tuck-Pointing Renovations)



(Foundation Settling Repair)



Question	Low Priority	Neutral / Unsure	High Priority	Average	Total Responses
(Porch Renovation)	27 (10%)	94 (34%)	152 (56%)	2.46	273
(Masonry Tuck-Pointing Renovations)	26 (10%)	99 (36%)	148 (54%)	2.45	273
(Foundation Settling Repair)	20 (7%)	75 (27%)	178 (65%)	2.58	273
Total	73 (9%)	268 (33%)	478 (58%)	2.49	819

6. I believe the following option to be most accurate.

PPD & COP are separate taxing entities:



PPD & COP are the same taxing entity:



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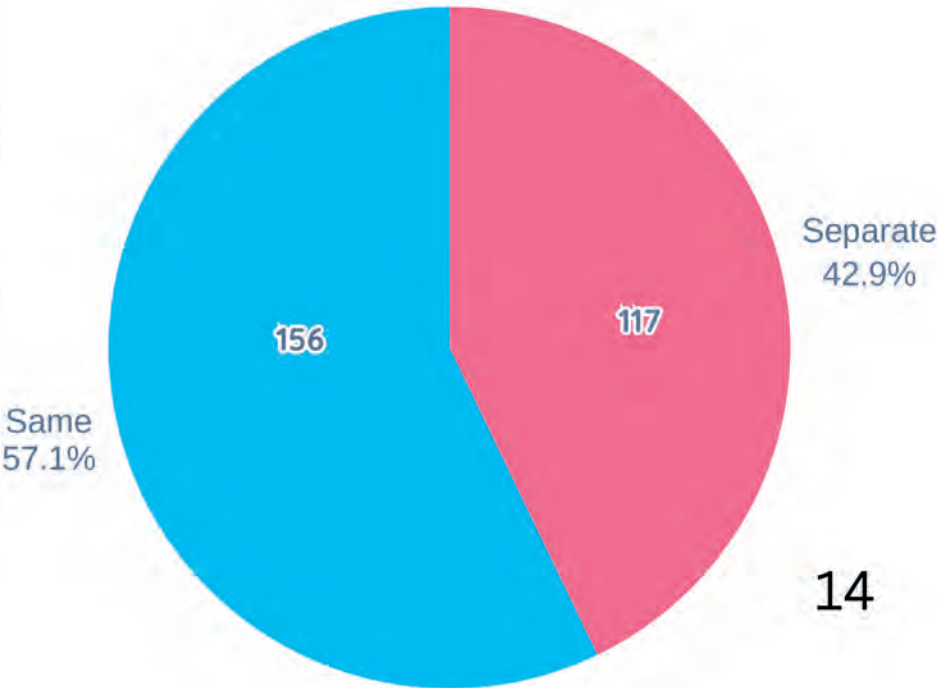
OPTION 1: SEPARATE ENTITY

Pekin Park District and the City of Pekin are separate entities. Other residents and I pay property taxes to each entity separately.

OPTION 2: SAME ENTITY

Pekin Park District is a part of the City of Pekin. A portion of the property taxes that I and other residents pay to the City of Pekin is allocated to the Park District's budget.

● Separate ● Same



Please use the space below to provide any additional comments or feedback. (optional)

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List (auto) ↕

Respondent	Answer	Filled
Anonymous 👁	Would like to see better signage on the various park trails, and also signs on the bike trail indicating the street you are crossing.	November 30, 2025 5:41 PM
Anonymous 👁	I feel the Pekin Park isn't sufficient for disabled people. My granddaughter is in a wheelchair and has left the park crying because there isn't anything fun for her to enjoy. There are many adaptive recreational equipment and activities that are available but not at the Pekin Park. There should be some sort of boat for the lagoon as well for disabled people in wheelchairs. We don't enjoy the park anymore because it's hard wheeling her around and to see her sad face when there's nothing for her to enjoy. The sidewalk around the lagoon is always full of goose droppings and it gets in her wheels so we can't even walk her around the lagoon. Bloomington Illinois has an adaptive park so maybe you could look into that and get some ideas. Thank you	November 29, 2025 8:36 AM
Anonymous 👁	Keep up the good work	November 28, 2025 8:06 AM
Anonymous 👁	It would be nice to see additional flowers in the summer, maybe in the future look into creating a garden space with a walking path	November 28, 2025 7:11 AM
Anonymous 👁	Get rid of the Troy the umpire who does church league softball. More golf tournaments to the public	November 28, 2025 6:20 AM

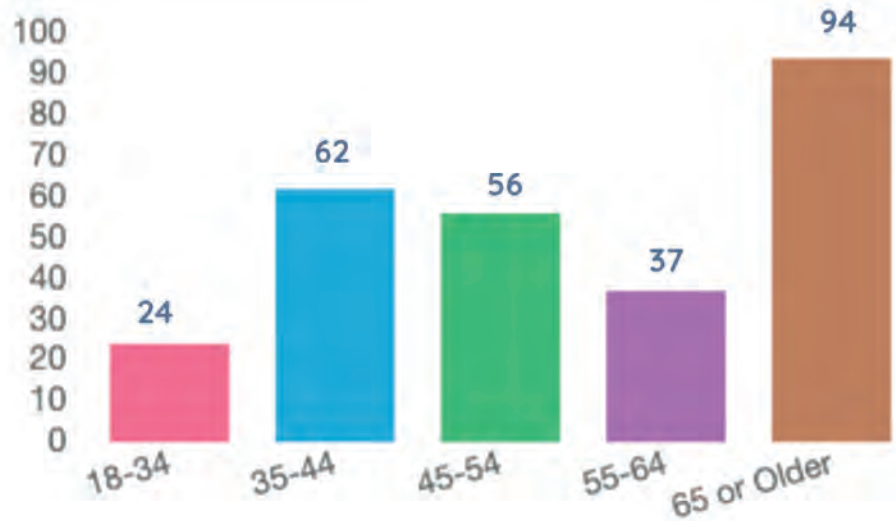
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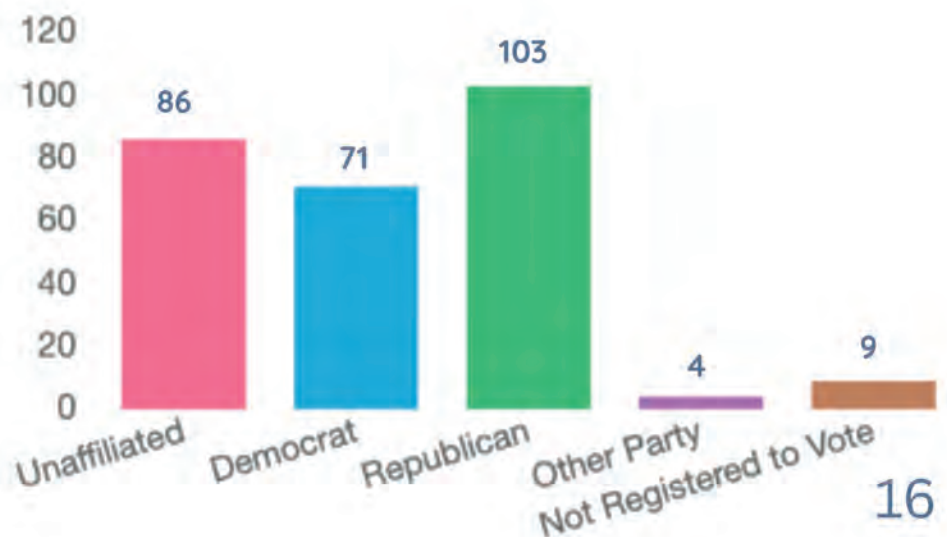
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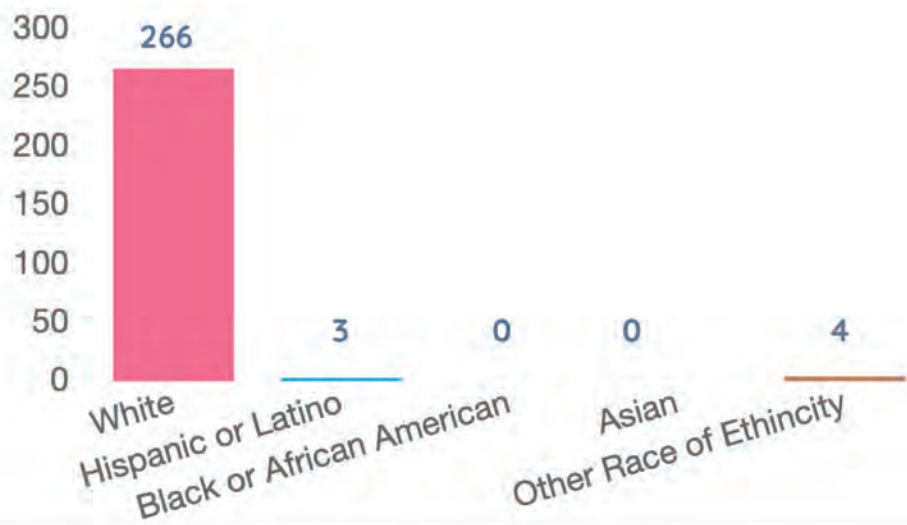
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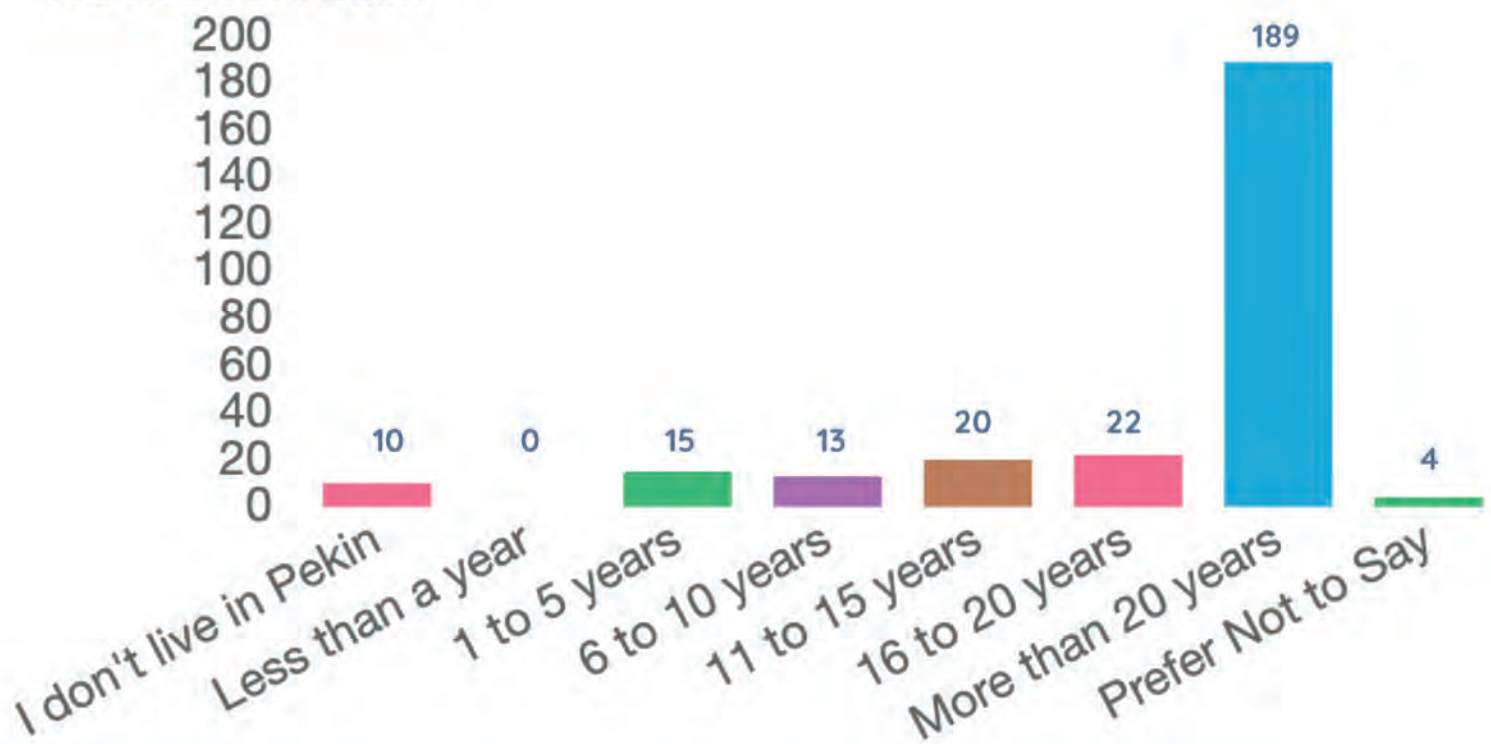
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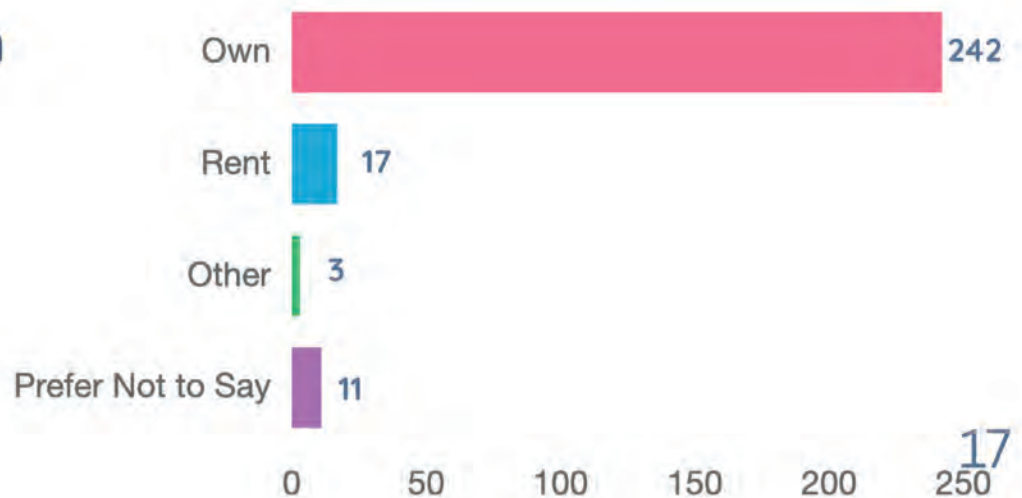
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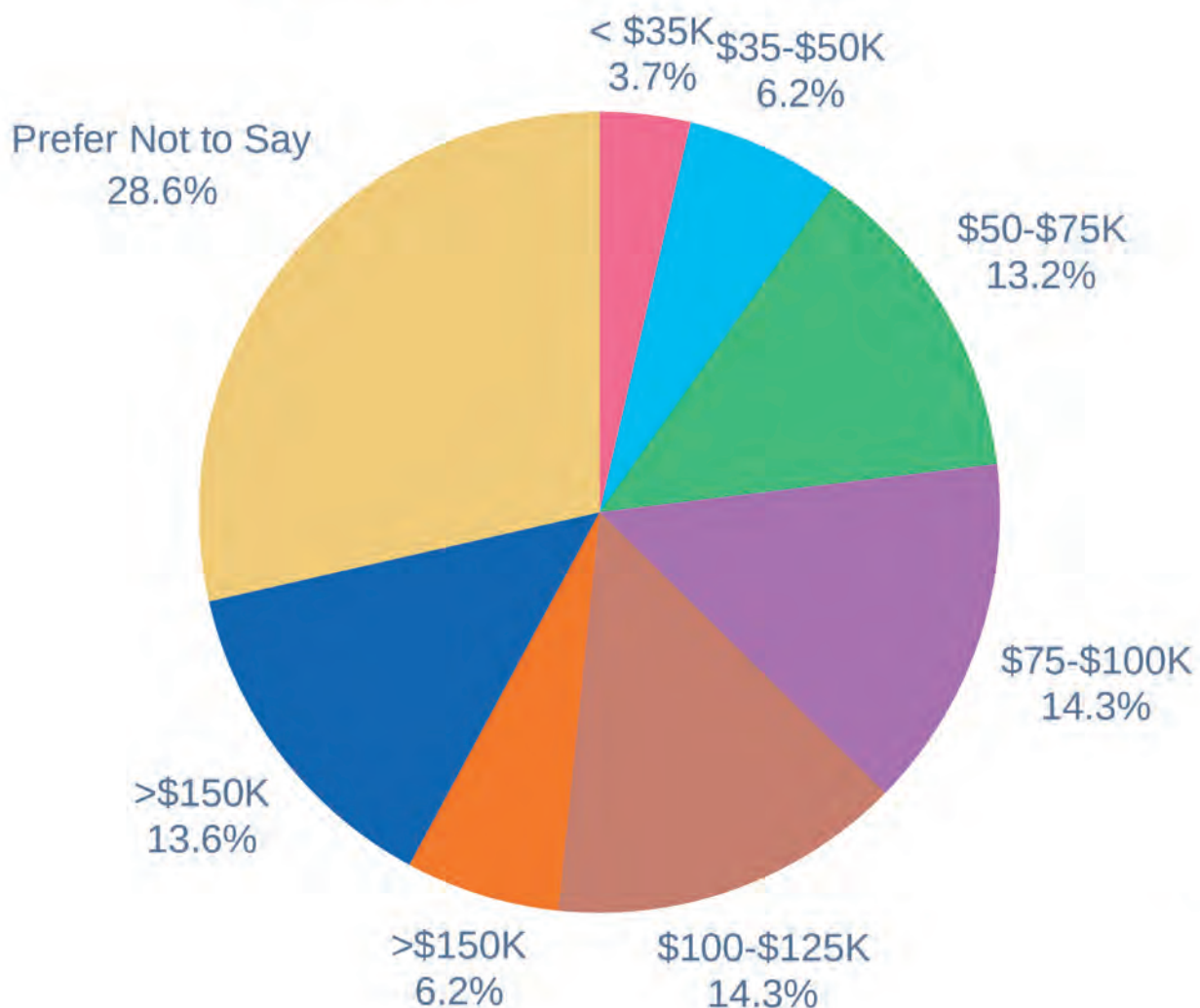
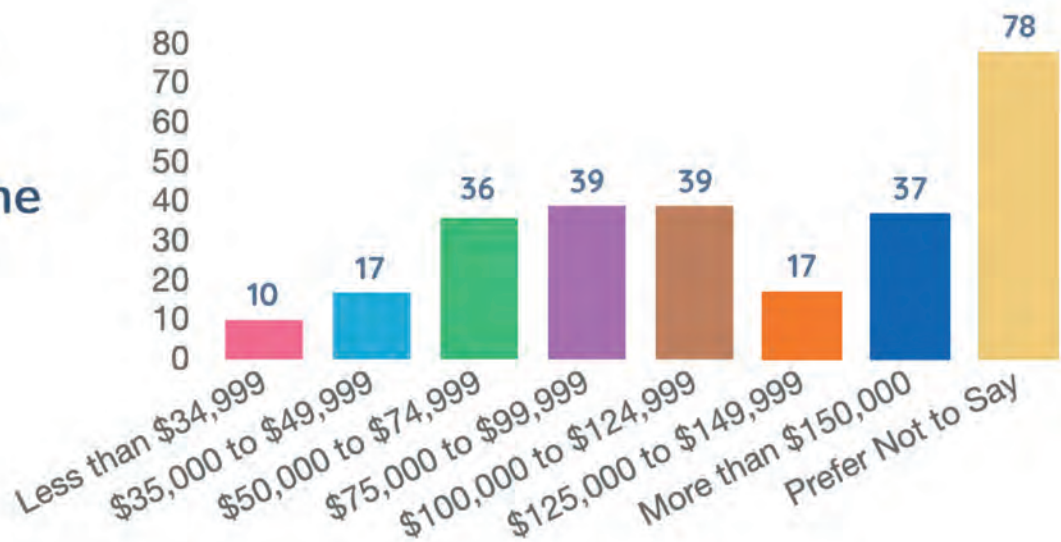
How long have you lived in Pekin?



Rent versus Own Home



Last year, what was your total household income before taxes?



Question 2 Optional Comments:

Please describe the reasons why you approve or disapprove of the job the Pekin Park District is doing. (optional)

I feel the persons at least handling softball, restrooms etc could be doing better. We pay good money to play the sport besides my taxes that go into it.

We have awesome parks and great golf courses

Parks are usually clean and well kept, parks could just use more flowers.

I use the facilities a few times a year. They are affordable as well as maintained well.

Do not like solar panels covering the beautiful land.

The Pekin Park District has been serving the people of Pekin well for the past 30 years.

Nice parks to enjoy. They are maintained well.

Good Organization

I feel they are trying to keep the children sports and activities going.

I love all of parks along with the many opportunities to participate or visit

The bathrooms at the main park are always disgusting and there is always goose droppings everywhere making it difficult to do anything. I understand you can't stop geese from pooping but the fact it never gets cleaned up can be rectified.

Operations, facilities, programs seem to run smoothly and seem well staffed and properly maintained

I approve because any event I've ever been to that is done by the Pekin Park District, or facilities I've been through is well organized, and everything's always nicely cleaned and presentable. The atmosphere always feels very family oriented as well.

Passing astronomical fee increases along to our community youth to cover deficits is not the answer. All non-profit organizations should be treated equally and fairly.

Only being able to use 50 words is similar to access given.

They should not be charging for our community programs to use their facilities like soccer or non for profit organizations. Charging makes them have to raise fees therefore a lot of people can't afford to sign their kids up.

not happy with all price increases relating to golf courses
Lots of parks, well maintained, with a variety of programming and events to please all ages and interests.

I utilize Parkside's exercise machines and sauna. Everything is well maintained, and the hours the facility is available will always accommodate.

The parks condition has never looked worse. We have crumbling buildings and terrible roads.

Any thing I've done in recreation softball and other things seem like they are doing a good job

As stated above, your mission is to " improve quality of life for the district's residents to mprove quality of life for the district's residents:. The price gauging of youth sports programs is taking away our ability to also improve quality of life of residents and provide affordable sports.

leadership

It's a great service for the community, young and old

Which was more options during winter season for kids besides skating and dance

wide variety of programs for all ages

It's the best place to be

Kid camp is great and love all the sport options for kids.

The kids summer program is fantastic. The facilities are really nice and the parks gorgeous and clean.

The Koch street soccer facility is poorly taken care of based on the fees we pay. it's really terrible. Dead grass or weeds, huge holes, unpainted lines and unset flags when we've submit field usage weeks before. No lights despite local club offering to help pay.

We have a beautiful well maintained park, but our recreation department is kind of pathetic

The Paris are beautiful and have many activities.

Golf courses seemed to be managed by people with very little golf course intellect. I've been a pass holder for 20+ years I've never seen such ignorance in the course maintenance. Lick used to be top notch.

Mr Tassart runs the softball leagues good.

My son played soccer with the park district and even after paying the fees, they didn't even have referees. As a result, game times weren't followed and rules weren't always applied the same way.

You offer a great variety of classes and programs. Very good.

We have had some not so great experiences with some programs, particularly tumbling and swim lessons. There were far too many kids enrolled, and not enough space or instructors.

For the size of the community, Pekin has great parks and public golf courses.

Wide variety of activities from children through seniors.

They do a great job that I can see, its clean and never any trouble and always patrolling

Parks are great in town

Our park district is amazing and better than any city's of comparable size in Illinois!

I use the gym at Parkside and it is always clean and the landscaping around it is nice BUT the road around it going toward court street is a disaster of potholes and could really damage tires or hurt someone

Closing the concession stand at mineral springs park. The water fountains and bathrooms are off and closed during softball games.

They do a wonderful job of maintaining the parks.

I think the golf courses could have better maintenance

I think dragonland is way too expensive for families. That pool has nothing to do the sand area needs completely redone, half the chairs are broke, the concession stand, or should i say what concession stand. I remember that pool was the place to be. Maybe lower the cost

I believe we have one of the best well maintained park facilities and districts and activities available in the area

The parks are clean and well maintained. Miller Center offer a lot of programs for the elderly.

I believe a more universal and even approach to facilities would not only bring more people, but also help with growing our sporting community

I am no longer involved in most recreation programs, however the facilities are clean and maintained, although they could always be better.

I believe we have one of the best programs. It does lack in a roller rink. The nearest roller rink is Canton Illinois and I have friends who go there weekly and enjoy. It is quite the drive though!! I WOULD SKATE if we had one!!

I think overall Pekin Park District does a good job managing everything. There are a few broken things at certain parks, but they usually get fixed.

Parkview Golf Course needs some serious attention. It is in pretty bad shape.

Clean, kept up, parks updated before they get super broken down

Mineral Springs Park, as well as other parks, are very well maintained in my opinion.

Our park district does a great job maintaining our several parks throughout town. You can tell the pride taken in making our parks beautiful. My only criticism would be the way the sports complex seems to take a back seat to the other locations.

With someone who is not even a member of the Pekin community themselves, they are doing a great job trying to take away facility space for those that do live here. They are not supportive of the youth sports programs outside their own.

Our Park District does a great job. No complaints. Just a thought...we live in a busy world. Perhaps advertising classes/programs on social media to help promote/remind would be helpful.

Sports complex could be maintained in more affordable and more environmentally friendly way. The upcoming costs to not for profit organizations to utilize the sports complex is unfair and too high. I love our lagoon, parks and Parkside athletics facilities.

I wish bathroom facilities were open thru October. They were closed Oct 1. The goose poo has been kept up pretty well this year. Golf is getting too expensive for many who need golf carts with green fees. The rentals price very reasonable.

I grew up in Pekin and raised my sons here. Always pleased with the programs provided.

I feel like the park has a lot to offer

Myself, my children, and my grandchildren have utilized the parks and programs over the last 65 years.

I am frustrated by the lack of maintenance and quality of dog park facilities in Pekin park. Old broken chairs, rusty water bowls and poorly maintained water supply is not acceptable.

Always attentive and on time

We use the parks and programs quite often. Always, a good experience in the park and great staff for the programs.

The parks always look nice, my daughter has enjoyed ice skating, tumbling, and the summer camp program in the best and we've been satisfied.

I enjoy visiting the park, walking around the lagoon, Marigold Festival, and my grandkids love the water park.

Great parks. Clean and safe for all ages

Parks are clean and well maintained.

I love the newly built acoustic domain for musicians and singers to perform.

Mineral Springs grounds have been left neglected for years, with grass turned to weeds, no fertilizer applied, moles are also a problem.

Don't know much about it.

We have very nice parks and facilities.

I mostly approve due to the quality of the Park District as opposed to other similarly situated communities.

Doing great job with programs and maintaining the park

Great improvements to the roads at the main park. Some of the smaller park could use some slight upgrades but overall in good conditions

Because if I can't do it better, then who am I to complain

Dedicated staff

Our parks are the best in the area..

I am guessing that this refers to the office staff/volunteers. I am not knowledgeable of their work.

I feel that McNaughten park needs marked trails etc. Have you considered partnering with an Eagle Scout troops to help mark trails, build benches etc. I've been to a park who did that and it's a win win!

Pekin Park District has long been a highlight of the city. The Parks are well kept and there is something for everyone.

The Park District is dedicated, and I have nothing bad to say at all. You guys are doing a wonderful job!!

The park works hard at keeping things clean and maintained. They also do a good job at updating the parks with new equipment for kids.

We live in Pekin but rarely spend time here as other places offer many more and better opportunities

EVERYTHING IS IN GOOD SHAPE THE FLOWERS ALWAYS LOOK NICE THE EMPLOYEES ARE ALWAYS FRIENDLY

Well maintained, wonderful variety of parks and activities.

Meets my needs

I approve but these facilities need upgrades. They are old and out dated.

The only thing I'd like to is a bigger tumbling/cheer facility. We are losing a lot of kids to East Peoria due to space, the level of teaching and classes/programs they offer

I think our parks look great and we offer a lot of family friendly programs.

Nice improvements

For the most part the parks and facilities are clean and maintained. They usually have a variety of recreation programs although some are too expensive for me. I have taken advantage of deals they have.

I don't feel the Park is as involved in the community as it should be.

Have been completely satisfied with Parkside activities that I have participated in. The staff is awesome. Keith Knox, spent quality time in showing us all the equipment, yoga classes, etc. Would recommend Parkside as well as all of the parks that are in the district.

Everything is very clean and well maintained.

There's nothing I know of that I would disapprove of

The flowers are so well taken care of in summer and the park is my kids favorite. The events are always awesome and well ran.

They do a awesome job.

Cost too much.

The park is the biggest reason I bought my home here. I need the activities programs and experiences here for my own wellbeing and my children have expressed such happiness was and gratitude about these amenities too.

Golf courses are operated poorly by Corey Proehl. Doesn't care about junior golf, lick creeks green are not as fast as they once were, doesn't have any tournaments, ruined the LCI, makes up dumb rules for members to abide by. All he does is lie.

I wasn't impressed with our tball experience, we switched to MH as a result.

There are a lot of parks for the area and seems it's a lot to maintain with the amount of funds available.

Poor maintenance and lack of imagination for the future. I have discussed great paths forward to create significant revenue and grow the town/park district. It's been one wasted breath after another. I've lived in different 17 states, I have the experience to see what benefits communities.

There are always so many options and the facilities are well taken care of

Overall, the park district here is amazing. There are little things sometimes but overall the PPD is awesome.

Facilities are kept neat and clean at all times.

Park facilities are well maintained and safe

allowing one person to set up for 85% of the class at 5:15 am so all the equipment and places are taken. I arrive before class 35 to 40 minutes before class and before 90% of the other participants and all the mats are taken and most spots are taken.

Great staff and a variety of programs that fit my needs such as RPM, YOGA, and use of all the equipment in the fitness center.

The main parks are good. Tante Park and other hiking parks need some TLC. It would be nice to see the teepees rebuilt. The horse riding at McNaughton is a wonderful recreational opportunity and it would be nice if our community could fund new barns and a riding arena.

I think the public should have been made aware of the solar panels BEFORE they began the installation. I'm very disappointed by the park district's decision AND the fair board's approval.

You had a responsibility to bring the entire lagoon sidewalk into full ADA compliance since you did portions all around it but neglected to correct the most egregious cross-slope violations directly across from the Miller Center. It is shown on the TWM ADA assessment as being grossly out of compliance. I just don't drive to be able to enjoy the park.

I see constant improvement going on. I love the summer band concerts, golf at both golf courses, and enjoy the park by the lagoon, seeing my grandkids play at Coal Miner's Park, and love to walk the path at the sports complex on Koch Street.

The golf courses are very well maintained and managed.
Parks and gardens are beautiful, well-kept and the programs are good.

Gives the town something that other towns don't have. As long as people behave it's a great source of community enjoyment.
You have one of the finest park districts in the state of Illinois. I think you do an excellent job.

Pekin parks are Pekin's biggest highlight.

I have taken advantage of some of the facilities and programs and was satisfied at the time. As I've aged and health issues, I have taken less advantage of some of the offerings.
While I don't visit all the parks / facilities, the ones I do visit are consistently well maintained.
Concessions are never open. The baseball fields are garbage and do not drain water.

Most of the programs offered are well run. The parks generally well kept. Employees have been good when I've talked to.

Parks are beautiful and well maintained.
I would like to see more recreation programs for teenagers and adults.

Although I am not a Pekin resident (Parkside Fitness member), I am familiar with PPD. For a community of around 30k, they do an impressive job.

There appears to be a lack of overall social media advertising to obtain more interest in the park programs. In addition, the park does not provide many of the programs that were established prior to COVID. I feel the park could benefit with new events and outreach to the community.

Really have no complaints, property appears to be well kept, no not use all the park district has to offer

Parks are great, but event info is hard to find outside of Facebook or traditional newspaper. I'd love to see more physical advertising. I really only see events when driving somewhere else when it's too late.

Our parks are beautiful and from what I've seen we offer a lot of different recreation options

Question 3 Optional Comments:

Do you feel the recreation programs, parks, facilities and services provided by Pekin Park District are of good value for taxes you pay? (optional)

Do feel the life jackets at the paddle boats needed to be upgraded. Some are in very bad shape and shouldn't be used.

The parks and facilities are very nice but the cost of some of the programs are prohibitive.

In the past years, the amount of teams that have signed up have increased for Friday Softball league. You wouldn't have more people sign up if it was ran poorly.
I believe that's really saying something.

As stated above the parks (with the exception of the Koch street sports complex) aren't kept clean very well

Koch St diamonds have gone downhill in terms of appearance and charging now to use them is sad

I feel the Pekin Park District officials take great pride in making sure there's a variety of well maintained facilities, great programs and activities for all ages to enjoy, along with keeping the parks safe and beautiful. So, yes, taxes are needed and of good value for what we get.

Costs seem low and affordable for a middle class family

As long as it doesn't go up. It's not stellar, so it would be a worse value for more \$

I think the facilities are nice and agree we should pay taxes to help keep up the maintenance but charging our community programs fees to use the facilities is unrealistic. People can't afford to sign their children up for the programs because the fees are too high.

golf fees and services are too high.

I love our parks and feel they are a wonderful asset for our community.

I know prices keep going up but it is getting harder to pay for golf passes, and cart rentals every time we play when you keep raising the prices every year. For us seniors that have fixed incomes. Before we could start paying in January thru April payed off.

The programs are valuable for the community.

For the low amount of money, it's a great program.

There's a ton of space, I'm just concerned the areas may get unjustified care for the percentage of use by public.

The recreation programs are VERY WEAK.

Good value for sure. Seems like they need some advice on various areas. Some of the maintenance practices are completely ignorant and cost them money. Consult with your knowledgeable patrons and listen to them. Also the geese are a major problem soaking wet courses covered in feces. Not pleasant.

While non residents can use the parks and golf courses, I think non residents should be paying an even higher cost difference at the golf courses to keep the costs lower for residents.

Its good to have things for the youth and older teenagers alike to be able to access, positive things in our community to mold them in making good choices on what to do or where to hang out. Having fun positive stuff availble also keeps then active and engaging!!!

We have utilized SO much of what the park district has to offer as a family and still have not done it all. We appreciate the park district and all you provide for Pekin!

I wish they offered pilates regularly, especially reformer classes. I wish not all classes are during dinnertime

We enjoy the parks. We just wish there was an indoor soccer facility/park for playing in the winter.

I think the boating and goofy golf is way overpriced too. It's not like it's a really unkept cool course.

I think overall the District does a good job I do think we could do better in maintaining all facilities and re-prioritizing resources.

Having briefly lived in other districts, I can say that Pekin has an amazing park district comparatively speaking. Especially for our size.

Well, we are gone for a part of the year and so we do not get the full benefit to make a judgement. I wish we had a roller rink with a senior night!!

You get what you pay for! Being taxed so kids have things to do and parks to play on is vital to a thriving town. I'm glad I can help.

When the fields are actually taken care of they are in great shape. The parks are doing well.

We live in a community that struggles to afford. Perhaps offering some classes/activities that cost less would be helpful.

My major complaint is with the Director and Rec Director treatment of the Sports Complex

Because I make use of these facilities and programs. Taxes are always a bane in life

It seems as if the taxes are high.

If it would cost less a lot more people would do it.

Plenty of activities available,

We have always felt Pekin Park Districts was great. We use the parks in the spring, summer, fall, and even winter! We feel we more than get our money's worth.

I feel they provide a good variety of different services and programs for all to enjoy. I wish they advertised more and had more hours for open skate.

The cost of these programs are hardly available to households making less than 100K / Household .

McNaughton trails need good trail signs. This has been neglected for years.

There are so many programs available and I don't think the general public is aware of what is offered and how much impact it has to our community.

If it could lower my taxes, I would cut everything except general up keep and maintenance. Especially this time of year. Christmas lights go up way to early. I'd hate to see the light bill.

Again, the park grounds and facilities are very well maintained and updated as needed.

I think the amount of money raised by PPD should be able to make our city areas look more maintained/groomed. Improvement of facilities and services .

Pekin Park is an asset to Pekin!

Well maintained parks are worth our taxes.

We do not partake in any of these nor do our children

we all must learn how to be more efficient and do more with less since 1 in 4 are living paycheck to paycheck

They should have more, great people doing great things with little money

I like to see my tax dollars at work in the community and supporting the parks does that.

Enjoy walking at the Lagon

More adult art and craft classes please

I don't feel they over spend when it comes to maintaining the parks

Na

Im getting killed by taxes in this town. Its got to stop somewhere including the high school

Truthfully this town is taxing me to death. I cannot afford much more I'm sure many of us are on the verge of collapse. This city takes over two grand in taxes from me. I'm sure that comes from every homeowner. But I appreciate this park so much.

My daughter is Autistic and being a part of IRVSRA is a huge part of her life and her only interactions with real people and her peers.

Bathrooms should be open longer.

Good value for the taxes paid to the park district, but could be better maintained to attract visitors from other areas.

Not at all. There's so much more that could be done.

I am so grateful for the variety of activities of the PPD so close to my home.

Considering today's costs, the park provides quite a bit at a very reasonable price.

More information to the public of what tax payors money is being spent on. Suggestion - send a booklet of the services available to tax payors.

It's a great place with good classes. Margaret is so friendly. I love going to Parkside except for the one issue I previously mention where one person sets up for all.

Easily fits all my needs for conditioning in both cardio and strengthening.

The roads around Mineral Springs park are horrendous, except for one small section recently re-done in fiscal year 2023 or 2024.

Cost too high

Would like to know more about activities

Don't know enough

Some people don't use the parks and would prefer less taxes. I think if it's truly about \$180 out of \$3500 then it's worth it. A nice manicured park, a great view of the lagoon, baseball fields for recreation, tennis courts, put put and experiences make it worth it.

Your cost is not out of mind and the services you provide to the community are above and beyond. Keep up the good work.

Even though as I said we've aged, I do still enjoy the things I can do as far as walk, enjoy the lagoon area and taking my grandkids to some of the playgrounds

Need more programs

Not a Pekin resident, but it sure seems to be an excellent value.

There needs to be more new events! The community involvement will be more interested overall if you can provide a better outreach and show some interest in what is going on. Maybe even work more with tourism committee for the city or the chamber. This survey was a great start!

There are so many resources left untapped. If you invest in good facilities, programs will improve and people will show up. You've made MINIMAL improvements to Koch St. What a loss!!!

They so far haven't tried to do outlandish things that appear to be a waste of money to satisfy a few

Yes — the parks and facilities are a great value. I'd participate even more if event notifications were easier to access. I don't use Facebook or local news, so physical signage in high-traffic areas (like Mineral Springs) would make a big difference.

Optional Comments & Feedback

Would like to see better signage on the various park trails, and also signs on the bike trail indicating the street you are crossing.

I feel the Pekin Park isn't sufficient for disabled people. My granddaughter is in a wheelchair and has left the park crying because there isn't anything fun for her to enjoy. There are many adaptive recreational equipment and activities that are available but not at the Pekin Park. There should be some sort of boat for the lagoon as well for disabled people in wheelchairs. We don't enjoy the park anymore because it's hard wheeling her around and to see her sad face when there's nothing for her to enjoy.

The sidewalk around the lagoon is always full of goose droppings and it gets in her wheels so we can't even walk her around the lagoon. Bloomington Illinois has an adaptive park so maybe you could look into that and get some ideas. Thank you

Keep up the good work

It would be nice to see additional flowers in the summer, maybe in the future look into creating a garden space with a walking path

Get rid of the Troy the umpire who does church league softball. More golf tournaments to the public

Thank You for being open to receiving public feedback

We are taxed bad enough in this town. Please do not be the cause of everything going up even higher.

In my opinion, there are many needs but I would fund facilities and areas that have the greatest needs first. Such as an area with high attendance and utilized by many, that may or may not bring in revenue or areas that could be a potential hazard to the public. Then maybe look at offering something new to excite people to show the Pekin Park District isn't just maintaining and keeping things clean and beautiful but progressing to the future.

Passing financial deficits that have occurred due to years of mismanagement should not be recouped quickly by passing astronomical fee increases on to SOME local youth sports organizations. I believe that all non-profit youth sports programs should be treated equally (it is not for PPD to decide which non-profit is more or less deserving of the status). I do not think that fields usage should be free. ALL non-profit youth organizations should be charged a REASONABLE fee for field rental. Implementing the current proposed fee increase structure will be detrimental to the youth and some youth organizations in the city of Pekin. Youth sports can be instrumental in building character and well rounded future citizens for the city of Pekin. Taking these opportunities away from our youth will be detrimental to the future of our high school programs and beyond.

Don't raise our taxes for sports or anything else. We pay A LOT In this little area.

Taxes paid by citizens of the City should be used to cover all costs of anything to make the parks better. Community sports should not be charged to use the facilities so they can keep costs down for the kids of our community to enjoy. Not everyone can afford to pay hundreds of dollars for their kids to enjoy sports that will help keep the kids out of trouble in our town.

Parkside fitness needs major upgrades. Switched to another gym because Parkside's facilities and equipment are outdated and usually dirty. Would rather pay more for a membership elsewhere with better equipment.

On my other comment. I think if you let the people make payments from January thru April to pay it off you may get more passes bought than just two payments, especially for the seniors when you are on a fixed income. I would like to get in on that cart pass also but 1200.00 dollars and 600.00 dollars are quite a bit of money to come up with all at once. And I play about 88 rounds of golf at both courses every year.

I think the park district should prioritize providing an indoor pool. It would be ideal to connect it to the Parkside Fitness complex. Dragonland is just not a reasonable replacement for the ability to access a regular community pool. I would be happy to pay additional fees with my gym membership to access open swim/lap times, similar to Five Points in Washington.

Many in our community want to see it grow and thrive. Our parks are fantastic...and it is believed that as tax payers they are accessible to everyone. That the park district, while it needs to cover costs, is not in the business of being a revenue generator (as seen recently with the treatment of sports programs who wish to use facilities)

The ice arena needs more upgrades and repairs including restrooms, locker rooms and at least 1 set of showers. We have to make it appealing for "Chicago hockey" to come here as they are threatening organizations across the Midwest because of their "Peoria Rule". Youth hockey is bigger than most think. When is the last time a local travel organization community had to raise a large portion of the money to keep up their grass like the Hockey community did to keep up the ice like with the Zamboni! Please make the arena a priority!

Great work! Preserve the beauty of the facilities the best that you can.

Exclusion of soccer fields from the sports complex survey underscored my prior feedback. We host a huge soccer tournament every year and have many park district programs there, we need to commit to this space. The park owned concession stands are so far removed that people don't consider them an option during soccer games. Taking over the concessions food trucks and offering extended options felt very dishonest from the years past when Pekin Pride was hamstrung from attracting more vendors.

overall care of the golf courses has been absolutely terrible in the last 6 years. Many of the top golfers in the area realize these problems. I would never bring a friend that didn't have a pass to lick creek it's almost unplayable due to over watering and neglect of certain areas. They waste tons of money mowing areas often that would rarely need attention. If the sprinklers leak as bad as they do shut them off when not in use. It makes absolutely zero sense. There are sink holes and erosion like never before. This year was by far the worst I've ever seen the course but it's been aggregating over the past 5 years. I recommended consulting with some golf course savvy patrons and listen to them. I didn't play a single round this season where the course wasn't soaking wet even in July.

We do not receive a separate bill from PPD. I would think this means PPD is part of the city.

Improve the football fields on Koch street

The park district is an integral part of our city and one of the things that makes it such a great place to raise our 4 kids.

Parking lot at diamond 2 and main lot at mineral springs park need to be replaced!

I would love to see the gravel path at the Sports complex paved so strollers, wagons and kids bikes can roll easier, it would also be better handicap accessible. It would be nice if there was sidewalk that made it easier to walk across the street from the Deerfield Subdivision to the park/path too. I also think the sports complex would be a fantastic location for a new splash pad. Having a 2 field indoor soccer facility with a small playground would be great too! Then you could have indoor soccer, indoor play days for smaller kids, party rentals during winter, etc.

As I am a senior citizen, I do not use all the available facilities of the Pekin Park district, but am wholly in favor of keeping them up to date and in good repair.

It is hard for me to prioritize because of my love for the District. So much is needed. The iconic Pavilion must be taken care of, roads, revenue producing facilities, the Sunken Garden fountain....on and on

I'd love to see Dragonland renovated a bit, but only if the cost of admission could be brought down. We'd love to utilize it more but don't feel it's worth the cost. Some kinds of cheaper admission toddler time might be a nice option!

Our Park District is great. HomePod is necessary. Leaky roofs aren't welcoming. Sometimes maintenance is required. Would love to see promotion of more activities and programs.

Though separate entities, the PPD is still a municipality and should be working for the residents, not as a money making business

I have no insight on the actual need for some of the repairs on the previous questions such as roof replacement or HVAC replacement. It seems to me that the park district facilities team should be able to prioritize these projects. It seems more important to make needed repairs than to purchase new equipment or make upgrades that can wait until the money is there. For instance, I think the Kiwanis Park South playground could be freshened up, but it is functional and my kids play on it. If the Lagoon Pavilion is having foundation problems that is going to compromise the building, that should take priority over new playground equipment that is functional.

Updating our roads and parking lots are high on my priority. Next is keeping parks, and activities available for our kids. keep great places for them to be out and experiencing some of the life experiences we had as kids

CB Smith needs a playground and our roads/parkinglots need most attention --- No more growing or upgrading until we stop FALLING in potholes please.

If I had one thing I would like to see, it would be the extension of the coal miner's trail. We absolutely need to extend it. People use and love it. Extending it would make me and a lot of people very happy.

I'm not from Pekin, but have always been impressed with the park facilities, focusing especially on tennis, trails, and softball:)

The Koch street facility irrigation may have already been replaced or repaired, but it used to flood like crazy over there. If it's been fixed, ignore my selection for that.

I respect whatever you decide, you would know better than I. I play tennis, belong to a different health club, and my hamstrings make playing softball a, no pun intended, pain. Love the park

All structures must be priority, After that priorities should be granted where there is the most need for the most public use.

The Pekin parks are one of the best parts of Pekin. Thank you for all you do for this community.

Beautiful park keep making improvements I am 77 and have enjoyed the parks facilities all my life thank you

Have a wonderful and blessed day.

Railsplitters park is unsafe for children. We used to go all the time. Maybe removing of play ground equipment may be better. Installing some kind of shelter for the unhoused would be beneficial for that area.

Na

I feel like there could be better communication of the programs available when sign up is open. Maybe on the Pekin Tea Time Facebook page or something? I never hear about them until the season has started. :/

Out of everything you asked about here, I would like to see the pool locker rooms redone, and the bike trail extended out to veterans. I feel the portion from lagoon down to river is not usable due to too many road crossing and unsavory characters being present. The pool desperately needs all new chairs because they're disgusting. The changing rooms are terrible. I worry the price to get in will become too expensive though. I love the new purple paddle boat dragon it's amazing. The upgrades to skate park have been amazing, my kids enjoy the hoops too and the tennis courts. Wouldn't mind seeing more amenities in the future!

Question six is odd. If I believe it's separate I shouldn't be forced to pay into it. If it's together I don't have a choice. My understanding is that they are together so that is my answer. But then being a tax payer and pass holder Corey Proehl should not be able to make rules that are unfair to passholders and he should care more about the passholders.

If I could have the option to not be a passholder and not pay any taxes to the golf of Pekin I wouldn't because because of him.

Fix the fountain. Bring back the changing colors. It either needs to be maintained or close it down. Dragonland is a joke. We haven't taken our grandkids there for several years. You can never plan ahead to go because they close down if the forecast is rain.

I am so grateful to live in a community that has such a beautiful, extensive PD. Been here 25 years and have used various parts of the PPD throughout each phase of my life here.

The cart paths at Parkview are in bad shape, and are frankly an embarrassment when outsiders golf there.

I think we have a great park and I appreciate all you do. Just need to make sure all in fair to all.

Very impressed with the Pekin Park District facilities.

High priority goes to improving our hiking parks. They are very valuable to our community and we use them several times a week. The skate park and Dragonland are also high priority. Dragonland would benefit from replacing the volleyball area with a toddler area. Replacing the sand pit into a deep depth and diving board for older kids and adults. A lazy river would also attract more people. We should also look into adding a natural playground to either McNaughton or Dirksen. Feel free to email as I have many ideas that have been on my mind for years.

Koch St. Park is very new compared to all other park district facilities. Why would it need a new irrigation system? The new curb ramp at Rotary Park is a lawsuit waiting to happen due to the use of dangerous tripping hazard side curbs. Why wasn't Independence Park or Tante mentioned in this survey? The lack of maintenance by PAMBA on the fire lane trail at Indy should be of great concern to our first responders! What about trail markers for McNaughton and Independence Parks? Why doesn't the Park District promote one of the biggest events in McNaughton Park. The Potawatomi Trail Races bring in hundreds of athletes from all over the U.S. yet no one outside of runners even know it exists. The amount of hiking, biking and running trails in the park district is not being advertised very well. What can be done about this?

I would see three new trees planted for every one tree that dies and is cut down. My favorite are medium size spring flowering. Also, the new trees will need to be watered regularly. Thank you.

I would love to see Parkside develop a fitness class for overweight kids. My 10 year old grandson could use such a class and I would sign him up in a minute! Or even a parent/child exercise class--i would sign both of us up :)

The park should be adding security cameras.

Keep up the good work. You people do a fine job

I do wish the programs were a little more affordable.

It would have been helpful to have a map or explanation of where each park is located and the entities offered. We knew where most of the places were but nit necessarily what they are called
The way the survey came up

In our phone the topics ran into each other and it was confusing on choosing the choice we wanted to make

Any roof replacement, needed HVAC replacement, etc. seem like very high priority repairs. I'd love to see the parking lot, in Mineral Springs park, replaced (the one between the gazebo & the admin. building).

I have seen a great improvement since the new superintendent of the parks has taken over and would like to applaud all of the new regime on there efforts to uphold and improve our parks as needed.

Be more competitive with prices against other gyms such as planet fitness. Offer more group fitness other than Les Mills. Offer CrossFit, group personal training. At one time a lady ran a women's only weight loss/fitness program but they stopped it when she left. Offer more for people that aren't "gym buffs" so they can get acclimated to a gym.

I only received this survey because of membership at Parkside Fitness. I doubt if there is much meaningful information that can be gained from non-residents like myself. As an outsider, I have always admired the PPD. I can only wish that my hometown park district was as good as Pekin's.

I believe the park is starting to show some wonderful advancements with the new roads and music area. It would be nice to see a way to get the community more involved in the park with more events, so they will be invested in the park growth. Young people need to have an interest so they will understand the value and have memories to build, but also the older community needs to see a value for the investment. It needs to be a city that builds on a teamwork idea to accomplish an overall goal of bringing the park into the years to come.

Even though they are separate, it is best if they have inter govt cooperation to make things better for the residents

Memorial arena is in desperate need of renovation and upgrade. The ice rink should be utilized year round for increased revenues by hosting summer hockey and ice skating programs. Ice could be rented for camps and clinics.

I think the Park District is doing a good job maintaining our parks and facilities, and I really appreciate being contacted directly for input. This is the first time I've personally received something like this. I'd love to see more regular updates or reviews sent to residents so we can stay informed about projects, improvements, and upcoming events. In terms of priorities, I'd strongly support focusing on visible community improvements like resurfaced parking lots and upgraded playgrounds in quieter neighborhoods. These kinds of upgrades benefit far more residents day-to-day and help build a stronger sense of pride in the community. I'm always more willing to support additional investment when we can clearly see improvements that impact everyone, not just niche facilities.

There needs to be a big enough indoor rental space for your Scout programs to rent to stay at in the winter months. Scouts is alive and growing in our community it would be great if our community supported it a little more.