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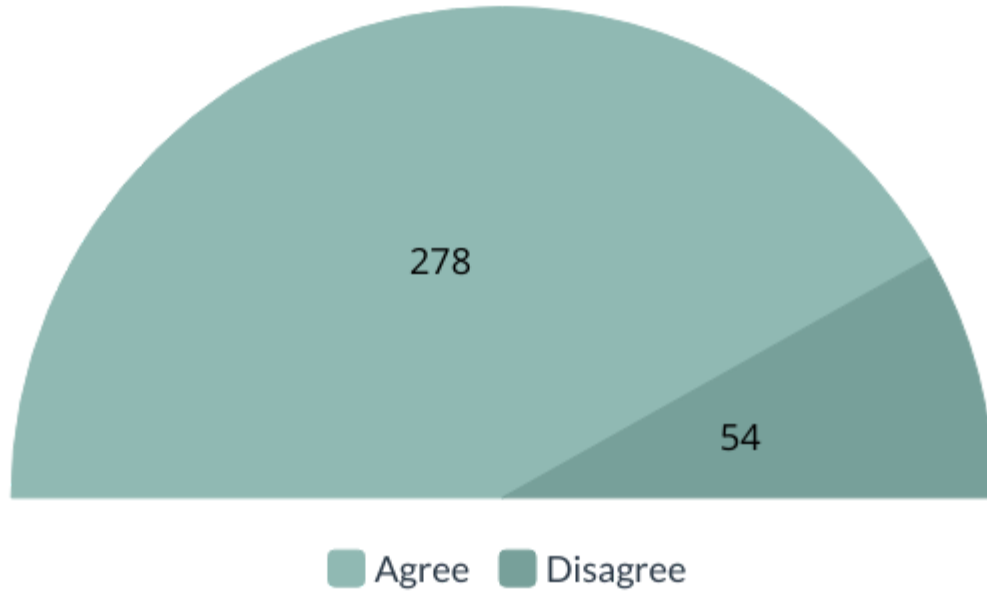
# Haskell Municipal Park Survey Results

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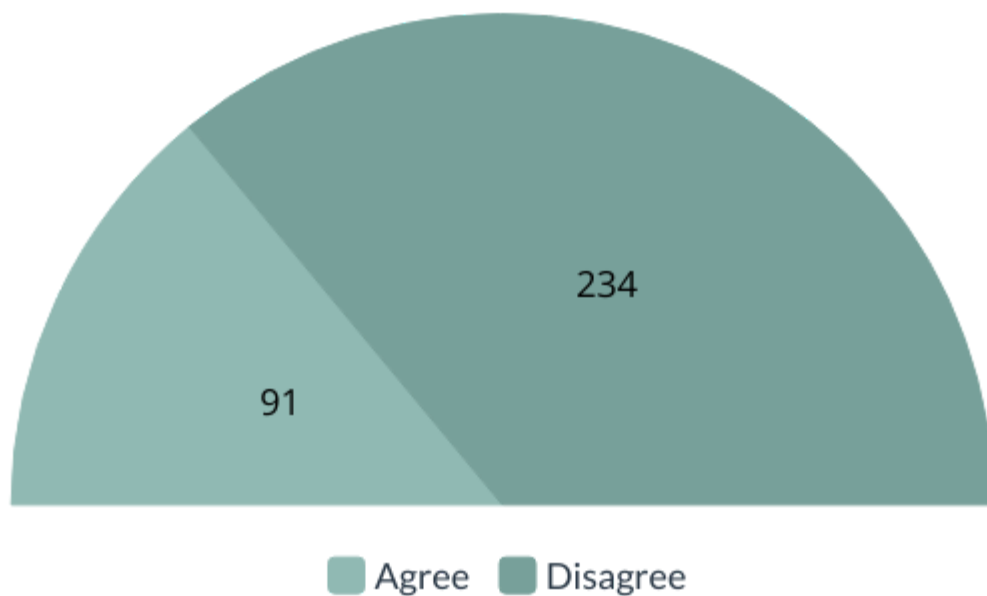
The City of Haskell released a short survey from June- August , 2023 in order to gain a better understanding on how the community uses Haskell Municipal Park and what improvements they would like to see. The survey was extremely successful with 332 responses, 313 online surveys and 19 paper surveys taken. It is clear that the park plays a very important roll in many lives throughout the community.

This summary has organized the data collected from these surveys and listed the written-in comments. This will no doubt help the City of Haskell make an educated plan that is obtainable, inclusive, and one that the community can support.

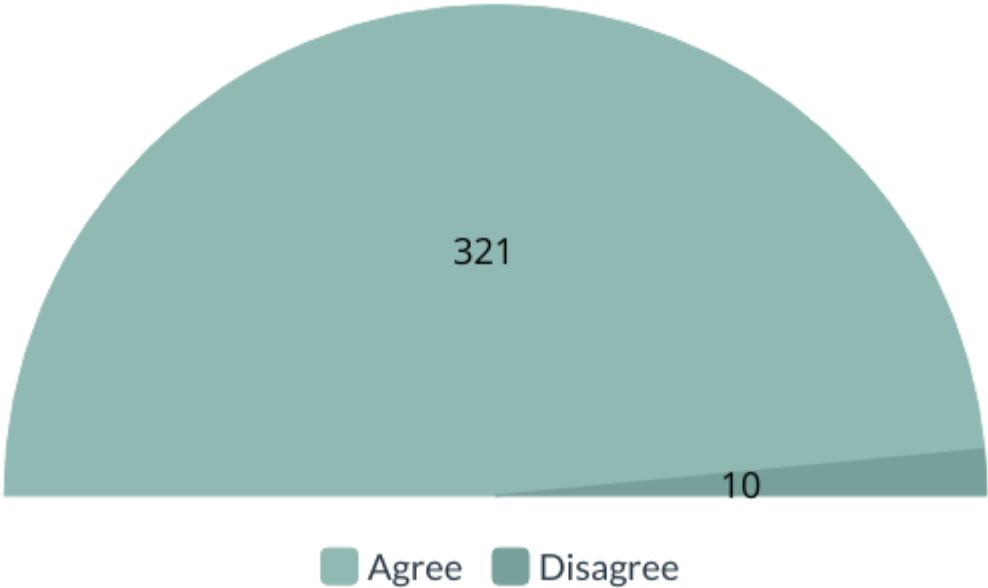
I think that the park is easily accessible



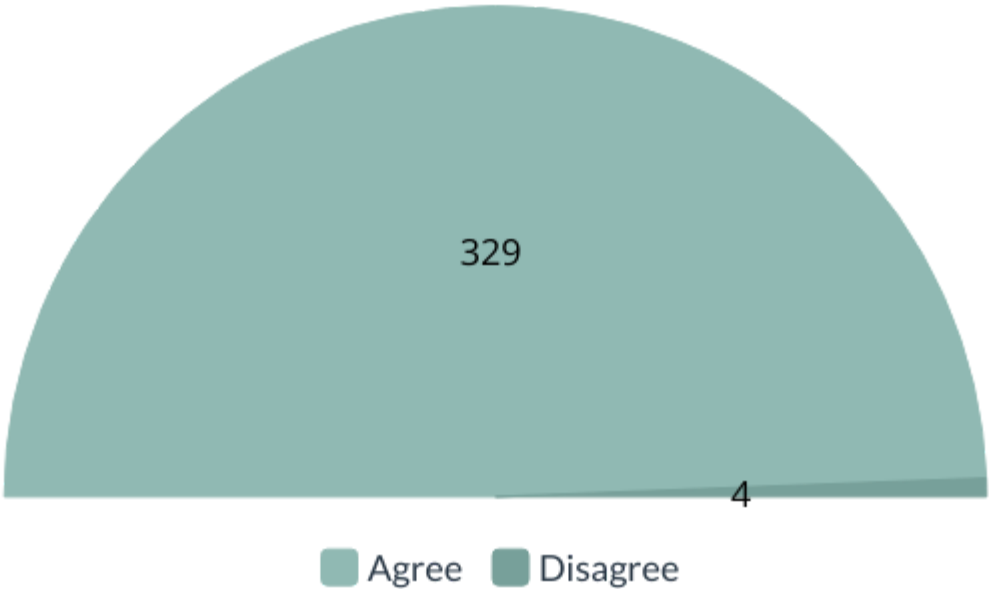
I am happy with what is offered at the park



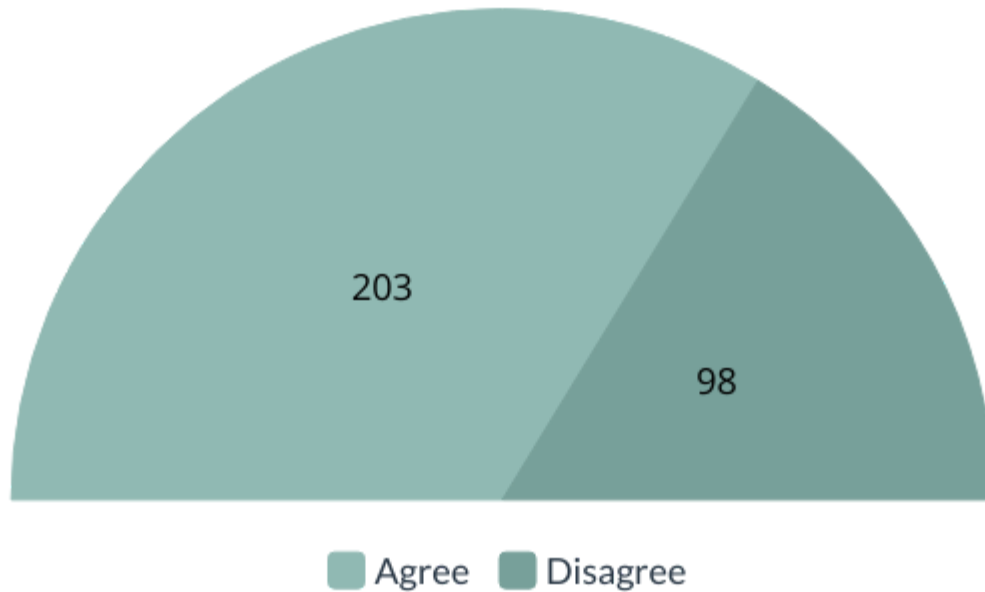
I would like to see new tables and benches around the park



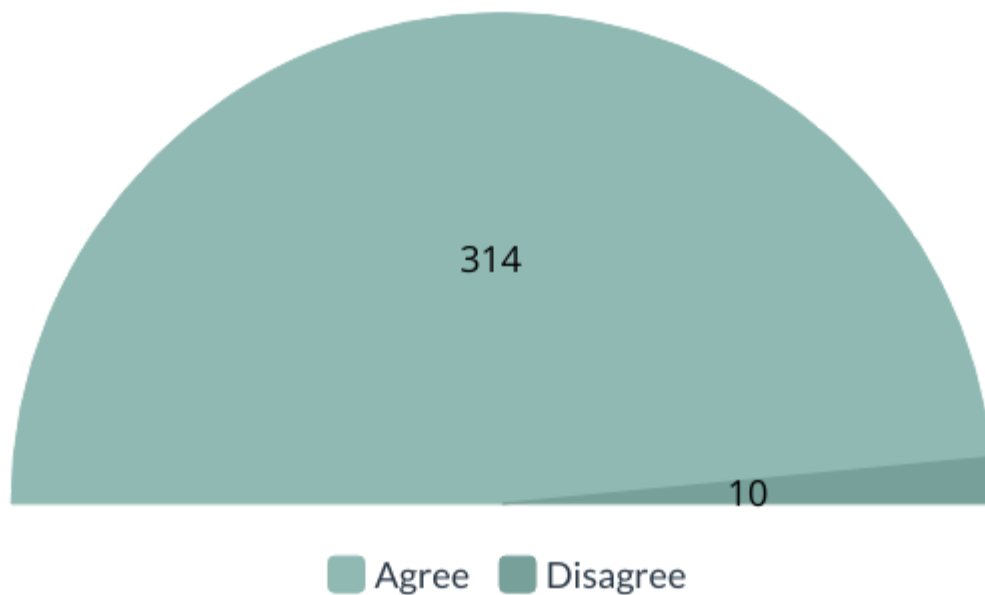
I would like to see better bathroom facilities at the park



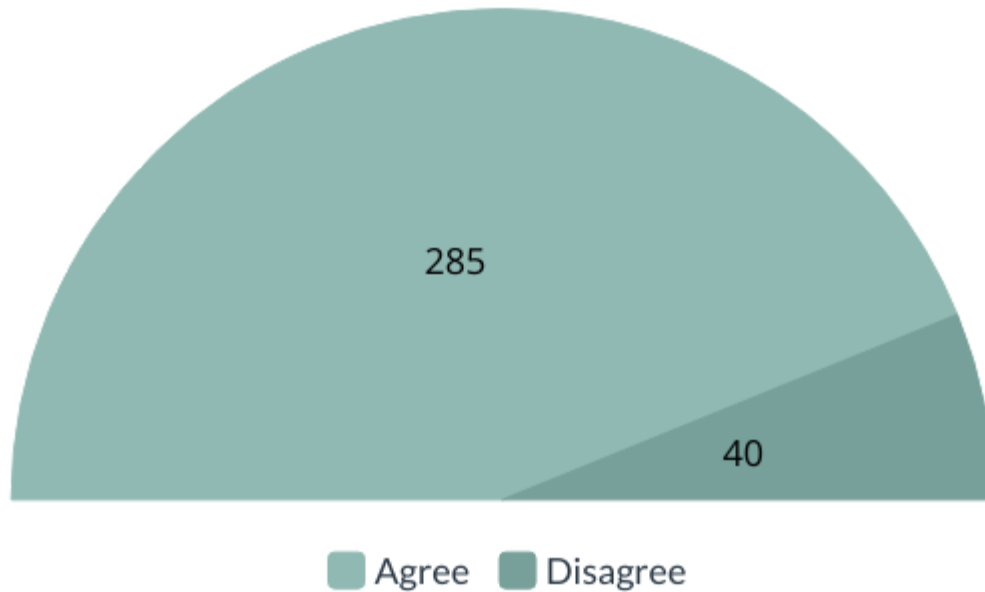
The pool is often not available because of maintenance



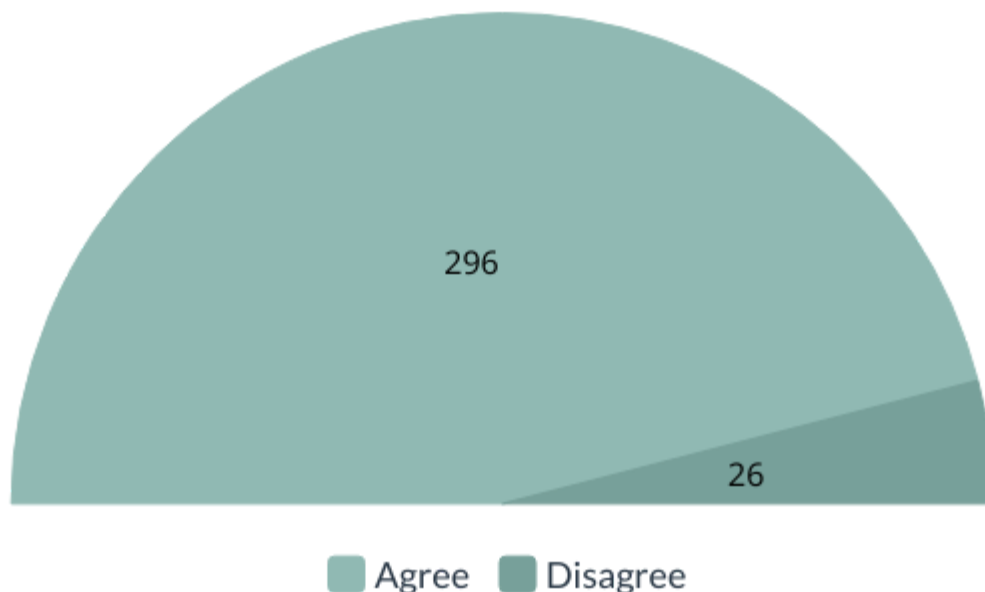
My family would like to see upgrades to the playground equipment



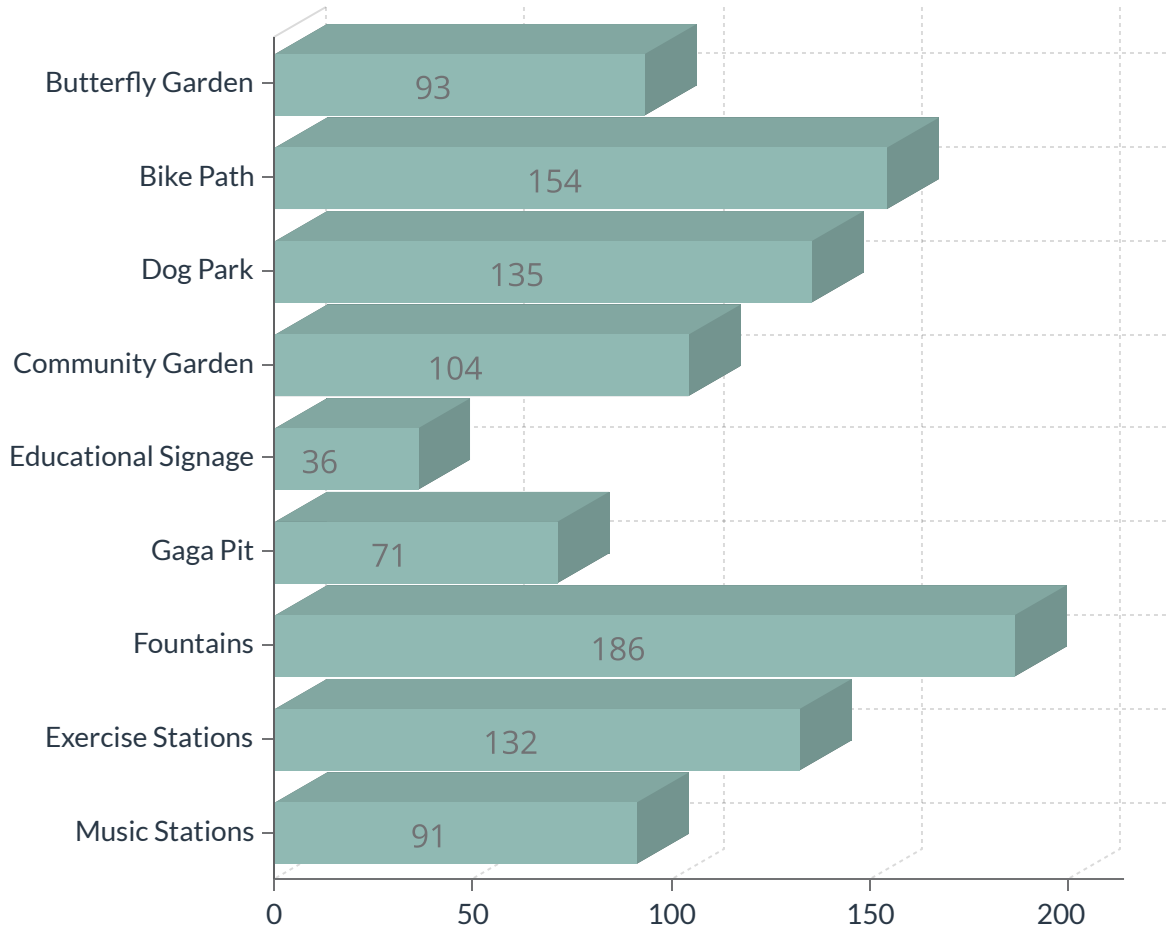
Our family would like to see improvements to the meeting spaces at the park (pavillion and gazebo)



I would love to see more play equipment available for toddlers



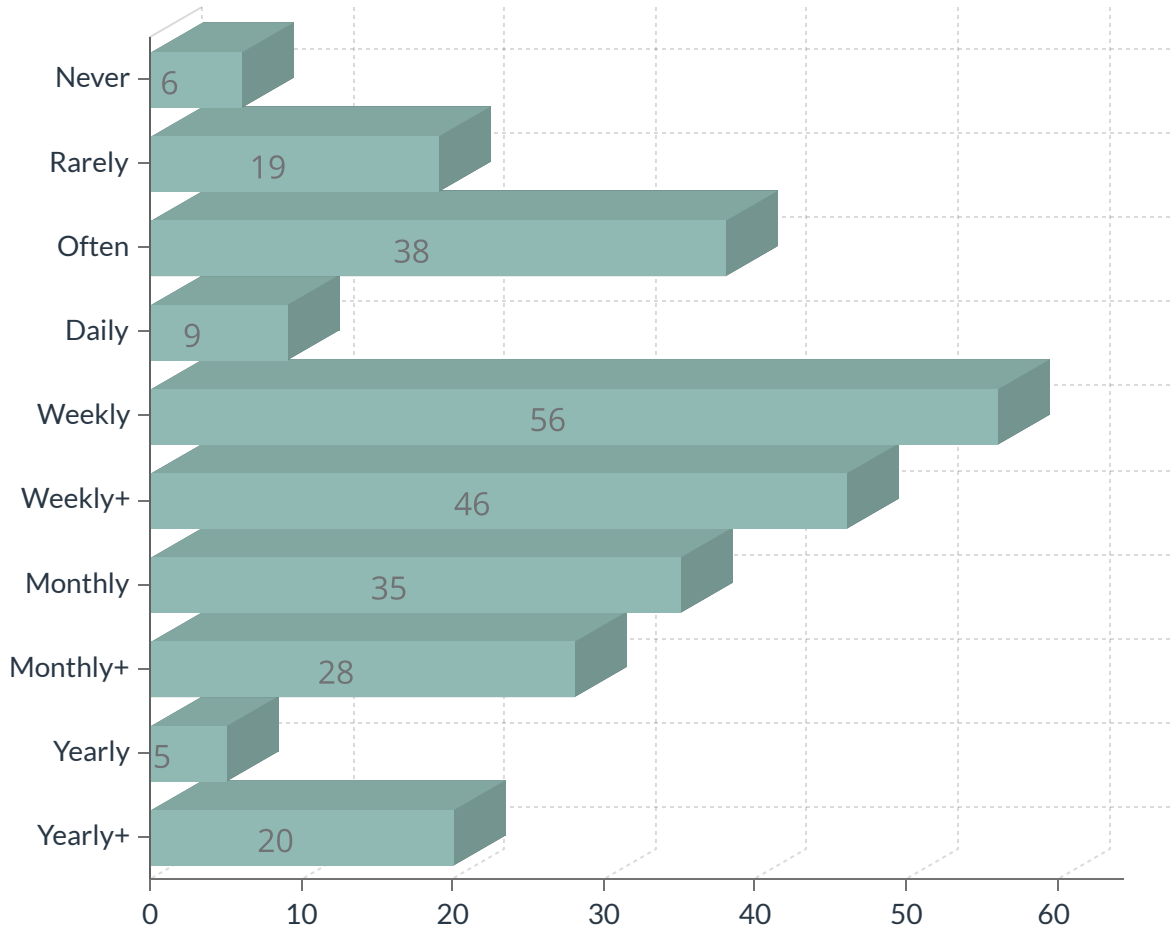
## Please circle what you would like to see at the park



## Result Comments

Fountains had the highest number of votes followed by bike path and exercise stations. While fountains received the highest number of votes, we were able to see through the comments that people were unsure what kind of fountains they were voting on. Many mentioned drinking fountains, and others thought it may be "splash pad" type fountains for kids.

## How often do you visit the park



## Result Comments

The + indicates multiple visits. (Ex. Weekly+ indicates multiple visits per week)

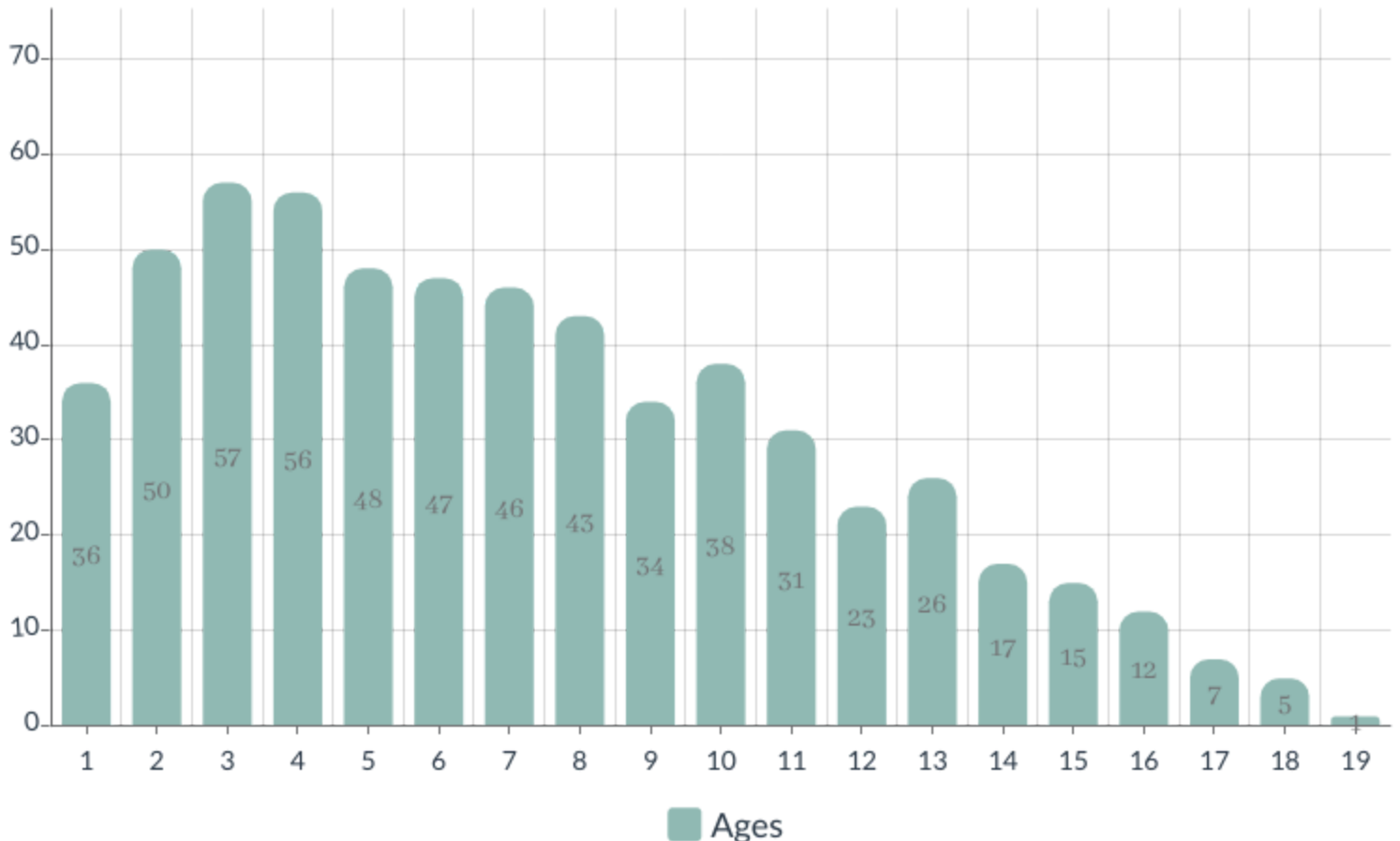
The comments show that many people surveyed believe they would visit the park more often if there were upgrades made to the park. A large number of comments also mention that they frequently use the park with their grandchildren. Most people that took the survey report at least weekly visits to the park.



# Written-in Comments

- Used to be daily, but now only to fish.
- Never, because it's in such bad shape.
- Multiple times a week, we have five grandchildren.
- Monthly, sometimes more frequently during softball season.
- The pool in summer.
- Once a month or so to feed the ducks.
- Would visit more if it were improved.
- When I have the grandkids .
- Everyday to walk on the walking track.
- When the grandkids are with me.
- Not very often because playground's equipment is broken and dangerous.
- I would if playground equipment was fixed.
- Two times a year, not much there.
- A few times a month for the walking path.
- Not very often in the state it's in.
- One day a month, needs more to do for smaller children.
- Not very often. Would use more if the walking path was better and the play equipment was in better shape.
- Not very often due to the broken playground equipment.
- At least three times a week in the summer.
- Never, nasty.
- A couple times a year when the city or someone hosts an event
- We live in Stamford and visit at least twice a week.
- Whenever my grandkids come to visit.
- Not much but would if improved.
- Often, more if it offered more.
- Not often because there is no restroom facility and the tables are terrible.
- In the summer we go frequently. With our church kids we go at three times a year.
- 3-4 times a month. It would be more if it were upgraded.
- Not often cause it sucks. Other small towns have better parks and pool wont swim in our pool cause the bottom hurts my feet and no place to sit.
- Not often. The people in the apartments make me nervous.
- Not often. It's not kid friendly.
- Not often due to lack of playground equipment.
- If there were more things to do, we would visit weekly.

## What are the ages of the children that come to use the playground facilities



### Result Comments

With a large portion of children 5 and under, having a section for the children under 5 that is designed with their ability level and safety needs in mind with sitting areas for parents near by should be considered when designing park upgrades and additions. Ages 5-11 make up another large majority of the children utilizing the playground equipment.

## What would you like to see in the park

Updated equipment/More Equipment	86
Bathroom Improvements	48
Splash Pad/Water Park	40
Increased/Upgraded Seating and Tables	28
Improved Walking Path/Bike Path	26
Beautification/Landscaping and Lawn/Bug Care	24
Play Equipment for Toddler	21
Park Clean-Up/General Maintenance	18
Upgrades to Creek/Fishing	17
More/Upgraded Gazebo or Pavilion/Music Stage	15
Drinking Fountains	14
More Shaded Areas	12
More Community Events/Family Events	10
Dog Park	10
Pool Upgrades/Water Slide	9

## What would you like to see in the park

Upgrades to Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis Courts	9
Improved Handicap Access	8
Frisbee Golf/Disk Golf	8
Road Improvements/Pot Hole Improvements	8
Security Lights/Increased Lighting	7
Increased Security Measures	7
Teenage Attractions	4
Exercise Stations	4
BBQ Pits/Grills	4
Butterfly Garden	3
Increased Accessibility	3
Decorative Fountains	2
Gaga Pit	2
Educational Signage	2

## What would you like to see in the park

Tether Ball	2
Community Garden	2
Turf	1
Changes to RV Area	1
Chess/Foosball	1
Skate Park	1

# Written-in Comments

- Better/update play equipment, Benches for parents to sit on while kids play (Preferably with shade), Continue to work on grass and getting ride of weeds, ants and to check for wasp. Maybe even an updated track.
- Handicap access
- Things that kids love . Make the park a family spot where there is visitors daily
- Toddler playground!
- Merry go rounds more see saws safer slides better climbing equipment maybe even a small splash pad area water fountains for drinking fence around the waterway so smaller children don't fall in and another covered area with seating closer to the other side of the park so parent can sit and watch their children and not be on the opposite side of the park
- I would like to see a disc golf course. It's cheap and fun!!!!
- Pavilion for events , music stage, upgraded play grounds. More sheds for reunions
- Better bathroom facilities at the park and at the pool.
- Improved pavilion area for birthday parties and picnics.
- The basketball and tennis court needs to be updated and lines repainted. Pickleball is getting really popular. A court for that would be awesome.
- Cleaner, more stuff for teenager beside valley ball, update the basketball and tennis courts. Make the tennis courts and basketball court easily accessible
- I think there needs to be an officer there at all times. My family and others don't feel safe there with government housing and propels just sit and watch kids up there.. so nerve racking
- Addition of a 6 hole disc golf course with an an and b tee would be a great addition. It would give young and old an activity to do and would attract visitors who bring dollars to the city. Haskell needs recreational activities for young people.
- Better basketball setup. Also would like to see better road access and smoother roads before any other upgrades to park
- Pickleball courts. All ages can play Pickleball.
- Visit Fredericksburg Lady Bird city park.
- Dog park new equipment more activities for families besides volleyball.
- More entertainment areas
- More shade and chairs or benches. A dog park would be fantastic so we won't have to drive to abilene anymore
- Update on equipment and more things to offer for eveyone
- The bathrooms need to be functional and routinely cleaned
- Better playground equipment. Better basketball courts More baseball fields to host others when they come to the community. With the lake keep it cleaner for possible signs up to let people know what kinda fish are in the water to catch.

# Written-in Comments

- I would like to see our creek utilized as a nature trail throughout its length in town for "hiking", biking and running. We have very few beautiful nature things around here. If we could plant more trees around and have more shade and a natural filter for all this dirt and wind. It would make being outside more bearable and enjoyable. people are embracing nature these days. It would benefit in so many ways I believe. We don't necessarily need "floral". That can come later if wanted after successful establishment of the basics. I realize vegetation is hard around here but zero scape plants and research on what works in this harsh environment. I hear Natural springs used to keep the creek flowing. The concrete dams have caused the silt to clog the springs. Next time it's dry, clean out the silt for clearer water and hopefully flow. Maybe some day people could tube down the creek.
- I would like our park to look nice like these other towns that have nice lookin parks! Beautiful grass and the bathrooms to be working!
- Turf (hard to play with mud puddles), more slides and jungle gyms
- Better accessible for wheel chair and people that have a hard time walking. Swing for wheel chairs. And for the park to be keep clean, mowed and weed eaten better that would mean the walking track and camp ground.
- I would like better lighting and improvements on the tennis courts. I don't visit the park often because I often feel unsafe due to creepy men stopping me and loose dogs running around the park.
- Clean, working drinking fountains, clean/working bathrooms, the big square water fountain either working or removed.
- overall beautification - would really add to Haskell's amenities
- Benches , nice clean bathrooms, not so many holes in the ground, more playground equipment
- The creek needs cleaning there is so much trash even shopping carts in the creek. There is wast water running out of the pipes in the creek at more then one loation. And it would be nice if we could get some fish put in there that will last and grow the trout are fun but they die after the water gets warmer. But cleaning it out is a big thing.
- First and foremost-get those bathrooms working. Put in steel toilets and sinks like the prisons have. Put up cameras outside high facing the entrance to see who is going in and out if damage IS done. Second..need a good working (and clean) water fountain at each end of the park. Third..the pavillion needs to be painted and tables need repair. Fourth.. update the electrical and install more/better LED lighting. Fifth... more (3-4) big rocks along the bank on each side for fishing Sixth.. CLEAN the creek monthly Seventh..repair the walk/run path

# Written-in Comments

- Exercise stations around the walking path A place for dogs since so many people walk their dogs. Community activities bring people together
- Better swings, heat resistant slides so the metal doesn't burn their legs, more hands on activity, more bench's better bathrooms areas for the ducks to be safe at nesting from losing their eggs and babies. Area for the dogs to run !
- Swimming pool updating and improvements. Water slides. Umbrella Mushrooms Fountains for kids.
- Splash pad .. solar generated maybe.
- Better upkeep, new equipment, music park like Seymour has, weekend family activities-live music-singer/songwriter night.
- I want it to look like Graham's park lol
- No druggies/dealers- safe environment for families to enjoy
- I would like to see more play equipment for all ages of children. I would also like to see workout areas and a nice place to just sit and relax while the kids play.
- Grass not stickers and weeds
- Mow the grass next to the creek so you can actually fish. The city owns a piece of equipment that we used to use to mow it. Now it's just an eyesore
- More playground equipment stuff
- More playing stuff for younger kids
- More accessibility for all. More interactions for kiddos ie music wall etc. accessibility for all. Think rose park Abilene
- Shaded Playgrounds and an age appropriate playgrounds for toddlers
- Updated fresh paint, power washing of the equipment and food pavilion area, bathrooms. We spend a lot of time at the park and not having a function bathroom with water is a problem.
- Longer walking/running trail. Updated awnings with a nicer grilling area. Replace the bathrooms with ones that are more in code with industry standards.
- My son is autistic and has other special needs.....we would like to enjoy more equipment that includes special needs children especially a bike path. We have a special needs bike but live on a road that's not usable with our bike and my son's strength. We would benefit from a bike path in our community. Because of my son's differences our family already feels left out and alone in my home town. If people just took the time to understand how amazing my son is or was highlighted in our community like any kid who plays sports there would be more acceptance and less awkwardness making a big difference and improvement for everyone who has children and lives in Haskell



# Written-in Comments

- Upgrades to tables, pavilion and playground equipment. Don't know how you can upgrade bathroom facilities without them being vandalized!😞
- The bridge being repainted
- Splash pad, stage/ area for outdoor community holiday festivals/celebrations.
- Up keep of the play equipment, some parts of the play area can be a little dangerous. There are missing pieces where a child could fall through from the top.
- Equipment that can be used. Fix the broken equipment. Clean up the bathrooms. Fill the holes so I won't have to worry about my children breaking their ankles. Shaded areas so the equipment isn't so hot also.
- More equipment, better bathrooms, a water fountain that works
- Dog park would be great
- New slides and jungle gym. Maybe a merry go round. Some really fun easily maintainable stuff
- Updated playground equipment! And something for everyone- toddlers to teenagers would enjoy a gaga pit, and a butterfly garden would be a beautiful and peaceful sight for all.
- Foliage & sculptures
- Charge more for RV space. The city is in direct competition with tax paying RV owners. At least charge them for water and electricity like the rest pay.
- Bigger swing's
- More shade trees along walking / biking paths
- More equipment for climbing and playing, time to get rid of the death slides! Those were dangerous 40 years ago when I was a kid!
- A place for dogs...that have been vaccinated
- Updated swings for infants.
- Improve walking path by extending it through town . Clean out creek . Water park for kids. Keeping park clean and maintaining equipment Improve fountain
- Better, more exciting play equipment. If pool is a problem a splash pad would be great lower maintenance!
- More family friendly equipment. More BBQ pits.
- Full upgrade of equipment
- Updates and care along the water way
- Better water to allow for good fishing possibilities for kids!
- Better Restrooms and grass. Use of the current sprinkler system would be an excellent start

# Written-in Comments

- Replace the walking path, clean the creek
- Well groomed and clean bathroom
- New playground equipment, for it to be better kept up with.
- Longer pool hours.
- Bathrooms Broken gazebo New tables
- Adult size swings with bigger seats
- Updated safe equipment toddlers handicapped or any age person could use. Landscaping we should offer a splash pad or a toddler pool
- More things for kids to play (new) better swing sets bathroom.
- Better landscaping and upgraded play equipment
- Splash pad and equipment they can also be accessed by handicapped children. No holes in the ground. Better Landscaping safer equipment with no metal protruding
- More Play equipment, better bathrooms, drinkable water area.
- A better pool and safer equipment I like to see a splash pads for littles too a bigger pool with slides
- New equipment, upgraded bathrooms, upgraded gazebo/pavilion, less sketchy people 😊😊
- Splash pad, bigger pool with slide, new playground equipment for all ages, nature trail with educational signage, nature center.
- A deeper, cleaner water with stocked fish for making fishing available (beyond small perch and turtles)
- Better play equipment for kids, a better walking path to walk on for jogging or walking, gates put up where the apartments are to block that off from the park, restrooms
- New merry go round, and toddlers playground for little ones. Also new equipment to entertain kids more
- More kid friendly equipment and updated tables to eat at
- New and improved stuff, make it look nice and pleasing
- Lights around the volleyball park
- I would like to see a water park. If we had something like this, it would benefit the community.
- More benches are the water with covers so people fishing can enjoy.... Better and cleaner bathrooms.... And maybe a small water park like Abilene...
- working restrooms, water fountains-for drinking, benches, smoother ground...difficult for older people to walk with holes and such now

# Written-in Comments

- It would be nice if the main playground wasn't so far from the tables. With the river right there it's a huge danger to little kids.
- Sticker and weed control, upgrade to current equipment and some new areas for bigger kids. (Gaga pit, tether ball ect.)
- More community gatherings
- Side walks around playground equipment and through out the park for accessibility. Updated equipment for different ages.
- Splash pad, better tables, shade over the park new equipment safe for all ages
- The holes to be fixed New sings and Splash pad!!!
- I would like to see more trees with benches under them. Better play equipment for sure. The bathrooms or HORRIBLE! Pickleball court!
- A playground for toddlers. The equipment now isn't made for little kids..
- Updated newer equipment. Some of that stuff has been there since I was a kid. And I'm 45.
- More seating around the play area and for fishing
- I love walking in the walk to get fresh air. I would like to see improvements on the walk especially the pavements, benches, resting area, shades, flowers, cleaner water and drinking station or a vending machine.
- Disc Golf and Foot Golf courses. These are two very popular activities that could be funded by individual sponsors. Me included. Jerry Mac
- More toddler friendly equipment, more swings that are for toddlers and babies. More shaded/covered areas.
- A splash pad would be great for the current and future youth in our community.
- I walk in the park daily. Need people that walk their dogs to pick up after dogs mess. Post signs r put up cameras and fine them when they don't
- Improvement to the main equipment. Better swings and better bathrooms for sure!