

CITY OF MUSKEGON – CONCEPTUAL PARK PLANNING Richards Park Community Engagement 5/8/2024

The following is a synopsis of the notes from speaking with community members and feedback left on the “New Ideas Board.” The comments are broken down into categories that list desired park elements. The number in the parentheses following the comment represents the number of times it was written down or ‘liked’ with a sticker. Note that this date is subjective as attendees dots may have been counted twice if a dot was placed on plan and image.



FACILITIES

- Bike Racks (4)
- Vault toilet near trail (3)
- Fenced in dog run area/add fencing on East side of property (4)
- Gateway/Entrance feature to Park (3)
- Try to get it on Google maps (3)
- Public Compostable Porta John (2)
- Small Shade shelter near river (2)
- Road improvements (1)

TRAILS/PATHS/BRIDGES

- Replace South Branch Bridge with pedestrian bridge and add parking on south side of River. (10)
- Provide accessible connection to bike trail (9)
- Nature signage/ Interpretive/interactive signage (5)
- Senior path around pond with places to stop and sit (3)
- Add birding area to north side of park

LANDSCAPING

- Native plants (3)
- Screen of trees along highway (2)



Landscape Architecture
Park & Recreation Planning
Architecture • Urban Design
Sports Facility Planning

BOATING AND FISHING

- Accessible kayak launch (12)
- Universally accessible fishing deck/fishing access to pond (4)
- Move the disc golf away from the pond because it restricts the use of the water (1)
- Improve existing boat launch area (1)

DISC GOLF

- Improve tee boxes (2)