



TOWN OF FORTVILLE

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Fortville, Indiana 46040-1557

Fortville Parks and Recreation Survey Summary

To the Town and Area Residents,

In February/March of this year the Fortville Parks and Recreation Department asked Fortville area residents to complete a brief survey regarding the current state of our parks, amenities, facilities, and activities. The goal of this first ever survey was to identify the needs and wants of our residents. The survey also helped identify some positives of our current parks, as well as some gaps that the Parks and Recreation Department will be looking to close over the coming months and years. Below you will find a brief summary of overall statistics regarding the parks, as well as items that were identified by you, the local residents, as items that you would like to see addressed.

Parks Satisfaction Details (% of Residents that were Highly Satisfied/Satisfied)

Location: 86%, Size: 73%, Safety: 72%, Grounds: 71%, Parking: 67%, Amenities: 49%,
Aesthetics: 47%, Staff: 39%, Online Information: 34%, Variety of Programs: 27%

Along with the satisfactions rates of local residents, many items were identified by local residents as being needed/wanted throughout our parks. These items include but not limited to: walking/biking paths, dog park, restrooms in Landmark Park, playground equipment, and pool/splashpad. The Town of Fortville, and the Parks and Recreation Department are looking closely at these items and are identifying those amenities that will be part of a short-term and long-term comprehensive plan. This comprehensive plan or “plan of attack” is very important for the community, and will help serve as fluid document that will help cater to the current and future residents of Fortville and the surrounding communities.

Items that have been identified as a long-term vision may include such things as a comprehensive trails system, pool/splash pad, and new building/structures. Items identified as short-term goals may include items such as a dog park, new playground equipment, and picnic areas. It is the Parks Department’s goal to start the process that makes some of these visions possible.

A short-term vision that has been shared by many in the community is that of a local dog park. The Town of Fortville, it’s council member’s, and the Parks Department have had conversations regarding this amenity for the community. We will be continuing these discussions concerning what steps we need to take to make this vision a reality. These steps include items like location, access, budget, and timeline. As we move forward as a community, this will be a short-term goal that we as a community can be proud of.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of those residents that participated in this initial survey. Many times a survey can be looked upon as meaningless or inconvenient, but they are vital for getting mass information organized and garnishing the opinion of the community. I hope that we will continue to see feedback, and please take the time to visit the Facebook page to comment on ideas for the possible dog park.

Thank you and sincerely,

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