

Aston Parks Master Plan
Survey Responses - summary

What do you think are the biggest issues facing Aston Parks?

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Relevance	visibility	accessibility
better access	lighting	usefulness
safety	accessibility	supervision
safe equipment	accessibility	More/ better sports facilities
Upgrades	utilize parks not being used	Sports oriented.
Accessibility	Functioning playground equipment	

What do you think are the biggest issues facing Aston Parks?

- Condition
- Usage of parks by residents as opposed to youth fun spots
- Not enough accessibility means many of our parks feel like private property. Lack of accessibility from roadways creates a "party" atmosphere
- Unsupervised children, vandalism, destroying of community property and safety.
- Determining what the parks are currently being used for how often they are being used
- The biggest issue is accessibility. Most township parks are bordered on all sides by home with only limited areas to walk into. Most are not accessible by vehicles.

Are there sports or activities that Aston should have but doesn't?

- Trail running (off road trails - not paved trails) fishing derbies or clinics
- aston has it all.....
- developing an Aston neighborhood softball league may be a way to provide regular use of many of the under used parks and invite many more township residents into the parks.
- too much emphasis put on sports in this community! How about other activities for those who aren't interested in sports or who can't mentally or physically participate in sports. How about something like a nature lesson or maybe arts in the community, board game nights, Movie in the parks, picnics in the park of your given ward.
- I think Aston has a very wide selection of sports and can't think of any we don't have. I would say that indoor facilities and outdoor field usage and availability is a problem.
- I think Aston is well rounded with the various sports that we do currently have in the community.

Do you think Aston should have more trails for walking and biking?

Yes	50%
Maybe	50%
No	0%

How important do you think it is to have more nature-oriented parks and activities?

Very Important	50%
Somewhat important	50%
Not Important	0%

Do you think Aston has enough playgrounds and parks for young children?

Yes	66%
Maybe	0%
No	33%

What other information or opinions would you like to share about parks in Aston?

- Numerous parks are "landlocked" and easy targets for vandalism. The more the parks are used and the more varied the groups that use them, the less likely they will be vandalized.
- I like the idea of each park serving different groups of people so each is "relevant" to as many residents as possible. Each park may have a primary function, but could also contain elements for secondary or tertiary uses.
- Are Poore and Lewis Fisher parks (the parks along Chester Creek) connected? If not, they should be.
- The parks are spread throughout the wards and it would be beneficial for each park to be adopted by the local residents to keep the trash picked up and just in general to be in the park and know what is going on.
- Review the County's new plan to see if there is an impact to our parks or if we can avoid duplication of effort or if there can or should be any communication.
- I would like to thank Aston Township for letting Aston Valley Baseball use Weir Park. It provides over 300 township youth the pleasure of playing organized baseball.
- Residents need to take responsibility for the park in their neighborhoods. Developing groups like "Friends of Xyz Park" who are dedicated to advocating for the specific park, but also committed to overseeing its use and care.
- Parks need to be looked at on a grand scale of what best serves the community at large.
- A very important factor in looking at the parks is the population that it is serving. How many school age children that would use the park are in the general vicinity to be able to walk directly to the park. Demographics should be an important factor when we consider renovating an existing park with updated equipment.