

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Caretakers, Hosts, Concessionaires

Notes:

- Comments not using the questionnaire format are also included here. These comments were placed under the topic area that seemed most appropriate.
- The same number is used under each question topic for each individual who commented. For example, #1 under I. General Comments, and #1 under topics II. through VII., are all from the same individual.

I. General comments

2. Upkeep and maintenance of the parks we have, should come before the County buys, or adds new.
3. We would like to see a safe place to take our children to recreate and have access to sanitary bathrooms, more BBQ pits, better picnic tables and more play equipment for children.
4.
 - i) A design for the individual strengths of each park, offer diversity to public.
 - ii) Design for appeal to children; offer playgrounds, tennis courts, etc. Today's child is tomorrow's adult, which children of their own.
 - iii) Offer smaller, simple shelters for small family gatherings, \$25 rental (such as birthday parties) with 3-4 tables.
5. Ranger patrols weekends and weekend evenings & Richardson Park campgrounds

II. Most important issues that should be dealt with in the County Parks Plan, and why

1. What happened to tax dollars from (prob. 5 years ago) from Lottery? Seems that they were never given to the Lane County Parks. Why? Could build up funds to help improve budget costs.
2. Open the parks to people that want to volunteer their assistance in improving the parks. The public wants to be involved in seeing Camp Lane, and other parks improve.
3. Making LC Parks a more appealing place for families to go not just for picnicking but for recreation. There are not a whole lot of places in Lane County to go for family recreation.
4. Public perception –becoming too commercialized, uncared for, not child friendly. Grass not mowed regularly, buildings in need of repair. Lots of reservation areas/shelters, but not enough tables/BBQs for others, no playgrounds, etc., for children. Maintenance of existing buildings/revetments; (Lack of funding)
5. Uniformity of more of the parks especially the campgrounds.

III. Suggestions for dealing with these issues

1. Ask parties concerned to give an explanation.
2. For Camp Lane I have had contractors, electricians, and plumbers come and stay here. They see a great need of a helping hand. They have offered their assistance, and time to do improvements. I would like to offer a weekend or week to those who would like to offer their time and energy to fix some of the structures that are in need of repairs.

3. I would like to see some of the access fees used to make more play areas, swim areas, swing sets, and attractions, more courtesy docks for day users, grass mowed more often, and cleaner bathrooms.
4. Funding:
 - i) season passes should be increased to \$40 (Season is 2 months longer now);
 - ii) Get local businesses/organizations to donate money, labor, materials. Make sure public is made aware of their contributions.
 - iii) Hold fund raisers.
5. All 3 campgrounds being on-line for some reservations so each park knows the availability at the other campgrounds.

IV. Operational changes you'd like to see

2. More contractors saves dollars.
4. Get rid of all the old equipment that is constantly breaking down and preventing ability to keep up with maintenance needs of parks. Checks and balances on spending/projects. Before undertaking, what is our reasonable return & over what length of time.
5. Maintenance of existing facilities before building additional structures.

V. Specific parks, areas, or type of recreational use you'd like to comment about

2. Camp Lane has and is in need of serious improvements. The public feels that with the increase in price to stay at Camp Lane, the money should be put back into Camp Lane.
3. Lane County provides plenty of recreational access to water for boating and fishing but not enough equipment for families with children.
4. Perkins needs a filter put on well, so water won't be full of rust, and be drinkable. Revetment needs major repairs. Tear down (or repair) changing rooms. Bathrooms are fine, but need new roofs. Pump house – repair one wall. All parks need playground equipment, etc. More parking for boaters at Perkins.
5. The campgrounds need updated and safe playground equipment, shuffle boards, and basketball courts, etc.

VI. Specific goals and policies you'd like to see included in the plan

2. My goal is to see some major improvements at Camp Lane. Not just me but the people who love to come each year and see Camp Lane deteriorating.
3. Make LC Parks a more appealing family oriented place to go.
4. Zumwalt Park would make a super RV park. *Run like a business! *Reduced rates (or season passes) for elderly and handicapped. Free passes to foster families. *New hiring and firing policy for seasonal hires. *Flowers/flowering trees in all parks.
5. To make the parks more user friendly, i.e., how will customers pay for day passes and season passes this year, on-line vs. phone reservations, adequate number of employees.

VII. Possible ways that County Parks could collaborate with your business or organization

4. Offer public recognition (Newspapers/TB) and a plaque in the park telling of their contribution (listing contributors).

VIII. Additional comments

1. Glad to see change of top official for Lane County parks. Todd is an asset and his foresight will improve plans.
3. It would be nice to have some large events – concerts, car shows, or flea markets.
4. 1st – maintain and repair what we have (buildings, grounds, water, revetment, etc.)
2nd – Replace dilapidated equipment.
3rd – playgrounds, etc. in parks. Tables, BBQs, and small, simple shelters.

As the fee collector & park host at Perkins, I have had the unique opportunity to interact with our park's visitors over the last 4 years. I've heard all their opinions and complaints – and I want to share some of them:

- Lane County Parks are becoming too commercialized. Too many shelters and reservable sites – and priced out of the average family's ability to use.
- No playgrounds, etc. for children & young people.
- No visible repairs to park's buildings, walkways, etc.
- grass allowed to grow 6-8 weeks without cutting. Can't use picnic tables, etc. (lawnmowers down, again!)
- Like the free parking out front for those who can't afford the \$3 fee.
- Like the flowers, flowering trees, especially scented ones.
- What am I getting for my \$3?
- What are they doing with the money we're paying?
- Richardson/Orchard Point are over developed. And, I don't want my money to go over there.
- What is wrong with the water? Is it safe to drink?
- Why don't we have green grass? (No irrigation)
- When are they going to fix, or repair our dock?
- County parks aren't family friendly
- Parks aren't for every day public's use. They are geared for special use – moorage holders, campers, and reservations.

I fear we don't score high in the public's opinions. I fully understand the funding problems faced by the Department. But I wonder if in the chaos of that problem, have we forgotten the purpose parks should be providing?