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Q1 What is your home zip code?

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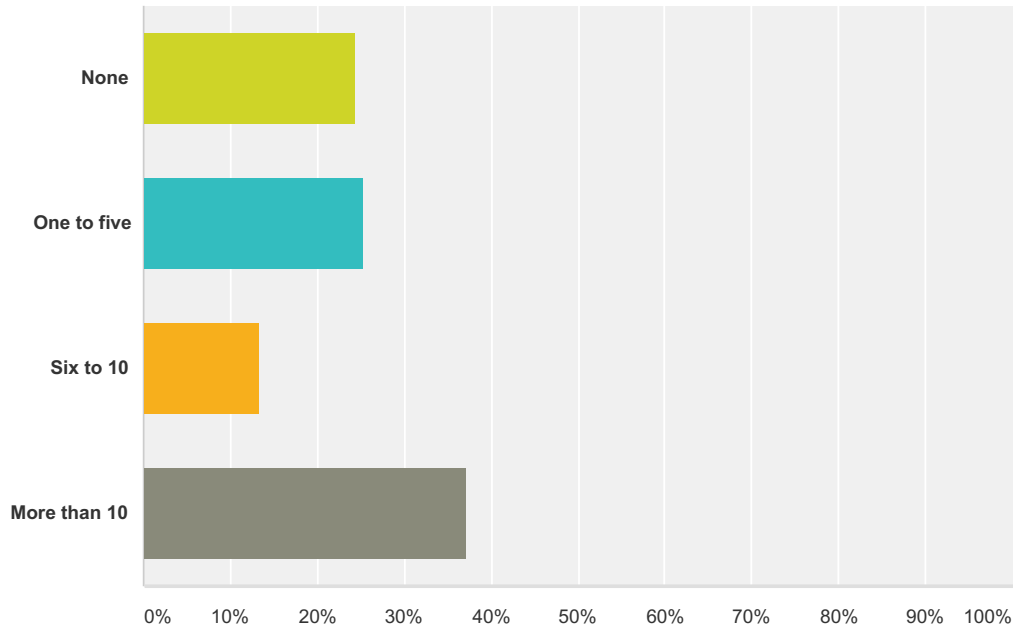
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Q2 How often have you visited / used the facilities at Hiawatha Golf Club in the past two years?

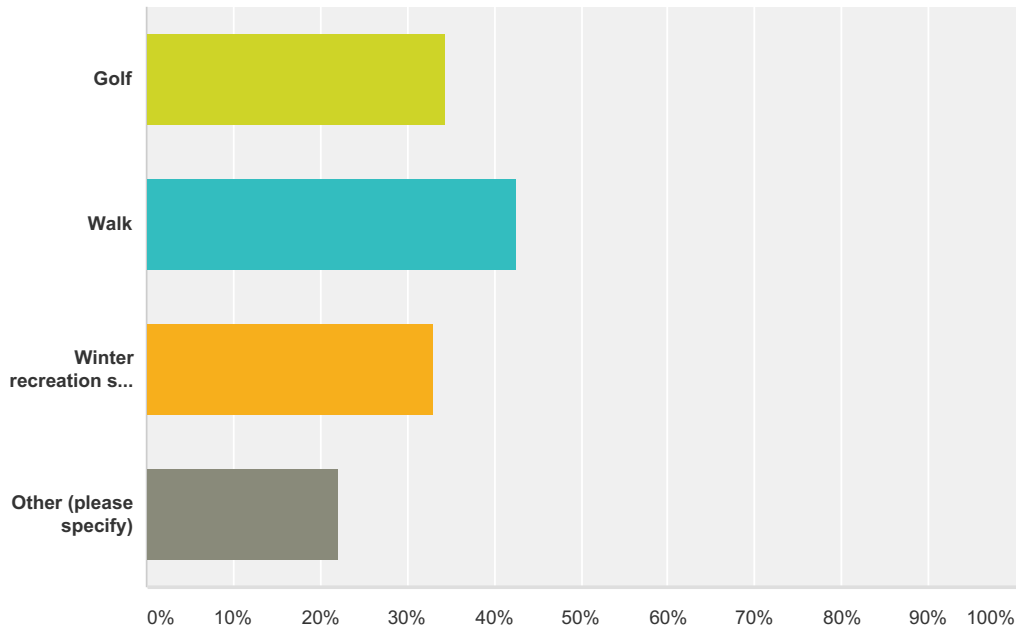
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
None	24.49%	72
One to five	25.17%	74
Six to 10	13.27%	39
More than 10	37.07%	109
Total		294

Q3 What type of recreation activity do you do most often at Hiawatha Golf Club?

Answered: 294 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Golf	34.35% 101
Walk	42.52% 125
Winter recreation such as cross county ski	32.99% 97
Other (please specify)	22.11% 65
Total Respondents: 294	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	footgolf	6/29/2017 12:39 PM
2	I don't use it. My home is on the northwest corner facing the 6th tee.	6/26/2017 11:06 AM
3	Enjoy nature	5/18/2017 11:45 AM
4	I don't golf and since it's a golf club it feels closed off to any other activities.	4/6/2017 8:31 PM
5	Birdwatching	3/31/2017 4:39 PM
6	none	3/24/2017 10:42 PM
7	I have done none of these	5/19/2016 11:12 PM
8	Food Forest	2/28/2016 5:21 PM
9	too see the beaver's work	2/10/2016 9:03 PM
10	Run. Outside park	2/5/2016 4:39 PM
11	None	11/26/2015 2:45 PM
12	I went sledding once	10/5/2015 10:45 PM

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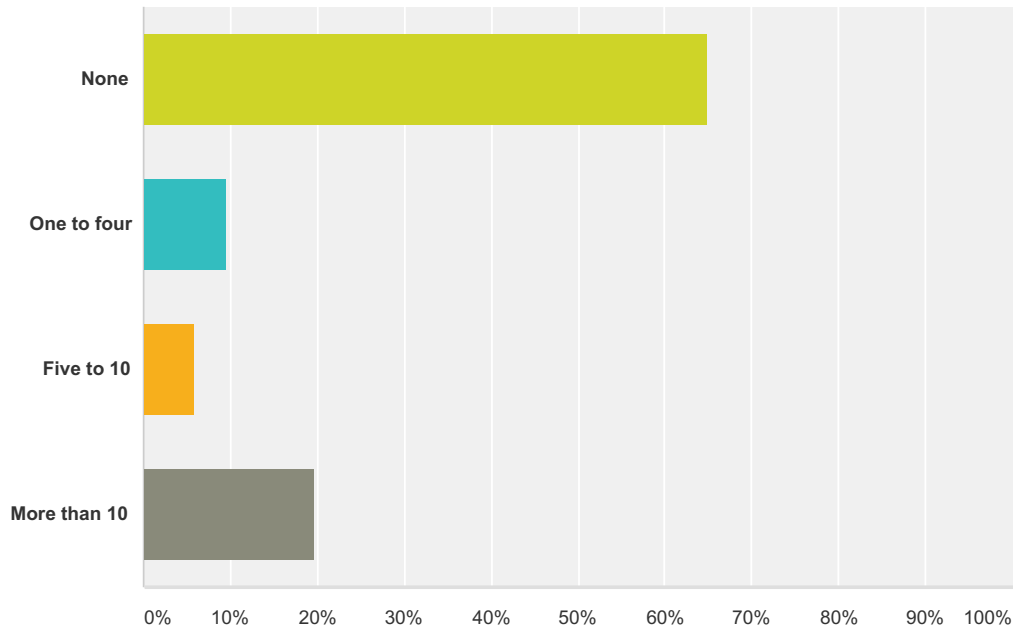
13	Look at the golf course from my house and walk by it	10/5/2015 8:28 PM
14	My kids and I play at the green space at the corner of 43rd St and 19th Ave a couple times each week in the summer and often in the winter as well.	9/30/2015 9:58 PM
15	I have not used Hiawatha Golf Club	9/28/2015 12:10 PM
16	Run	9/28/2015 11:32 AM
17	I didn't realize you could do anything but golf at Hiawatha, so I've not been there.	9/28/2015 7:49 AM
18	I didn't know one could use it for anything other than golf	9/27/2015 10:09 PM
19	Walk nearby	9/27/2015 5:18 PM
20	Canoe Creek and bike near it	9/26/2015 5:49 PM
21	none	9/26/2015 3:57 PM
22	NA	9/26/2015 3:42 PM
23	Assumed only golfers allowed	9/25/2015 11:17 AM
24	Biking	9/25/2015 8:49 AM
25	Walk around Lake Hiawatha	9/25/2015 7:31 AM
26	I do not go to the golf course.	9/25/2015 6:45 AM
27	Don't use golf club, but use adjacent park and lake	9/24/2015 11:12 PM
28	None	9/24/2015 11:05 PM
29	none	9/24/2015 9:31 PM
30	Driving Range	9/24/2015 9:24 PM
31	drive by	9/24/2015 9:10 PM
32	prairie restoration	9/24/2015 3:02 PM
33	----	9/24/2015 2:54 PM
34	Golf driving range and practice areas	9/24/2015 11:27 AM
35	I ride my fat bike on the creek and the lake through the golf club	9/24/2015 11:26 AM
36	bike	9/24/2015 11:00 AM
37	None	9/24/2015 10:57 AM
38	I've ridden my fatbike on the frozen creek that goes through the Club, but never specifically visited the Club.	9/24/2015 10:52 AM
39	Riding past on my bike	9/24/2015 10:49 AM
40	I would walk, picnic, and backcountry ski if there wasn't a golf course there :)	9/24/2015 10:46 AM
41	paddle down the creek	9/24/2015 10:26 AM
42	None	9/24/2015 9:29 AM
43	dog walk	9/24/2015 9:22 AM
44	Snowshoe in Winter	9/24/2015 9:02 AM
45	Practice short game and use the range	9/24/2015 8:34 AM
46	driving range	9/24/2015 7:33 AM
47	Enjoy walking near it but haven't been inside	9/23/2015 11:38 PM
48	Practice at the learning center	9/23/2015 10:53 PM
49	na - don't golf, didn't know I could do anything other than golfing there.	9/23/2015 9:59 PM
50	n/a	9/23/2015 9:42 PM
51	None, I didn't think you could go there without golfing	9/23/2015 9:29 PM
52	dog walking	9/23/2015 9:28 PM

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53	I do not use the Hiawatha Golf Club because I have no need for a golf club	9/23/2015 9:04 PM
54	run	9/23/2015 9:03 PM
55	running, dog walking / exercise	9/23/2015 9:00 PM
56	Birdwatching, meditation	9/23/2015 7:50 PM
57	walk my dog	9/23/2015 7:16 PM
58	I would bike around it a few times a week if there were a path.	9/23/2015 6:24 PM
59	I walk around the golf course daily.	9/23/2015 5:26 PM
60	none	9/23/2015 5:25 PM
61	bike -- in the surrounding area, not on the golf course	9/22/2015 9:24 AM
62	environment & society workshops and art events	9/21/2015 11:05 PM
63	none	9/21/2015 9:51 PM
64	spend time at Lake Hiawatha	9/21/2015 8:08 PM
65	I walk around it frequently, but not in it	9/21/2015 8:03 PM

Q4 In the past two years, how often have you golfed at Hiawatha Golf Club?

Answered: 294 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
None	64.97% 191
One to four	9.52% 28
Five to 10	5.78% 17
More than 10	19.73% 58
Total	294

Q5 What goals might be defined to guide further study? (this gives the chance to tell us it should remain golf or that a full reconsideration of the property is in order)

Answered: 195 Skipped: 99

#	Responses	Date
1	I feel the property should remain a golf course.	7/4/2017 4:44 PM
2	This property should be reconsidered to reduce the amount of water pumping due to historical land use decisions. Consideration should be given to remove the active golf playing area that is creating the need for pumping. Return this area of the golf course to passive recreation or a natural area including wetlands and similar land uses.	7/1/2017 9:32 AM
3	I believe the goal should be to preserve this historic golf course for current and futuer generations. Please consider all options to preserve the course. I am a 35 year resident of Minneapolis and believe this course serves a vital purpose in uniting old and new members of the Minneapolis community.	7/1/2017 12:20 AM
4	I attended the June 21 meeting and witnessed the rude, selfish behavior of some of the golfers. Selfish sums it up: All they care about is what benefits them, not the environment, not the community. I feel at ease and grateful that MPRB and the other involved organizations are considering the needs of the environment and ALL community members... not just the very tiny demographic that golfs.	6/26/2017 11:11 AM
5	It should remain a golf course and the city should dredge the creek and/or lake to fix the entire flooding/pumping issue. Then figure out a way to keep sand and other from the streets and sewers out of the lake/ creek.	6/22/2017 3:14 PM
6	Increase wildlife habitat. Reduce pumping.	6/1/2017 8:53 PM
7	A full reconsideration of the property makes the most sense. I would like to see this become a place for neighborhood residents to gather- not just golfers. The urban orchard option is very exciting and would give the neighborhood a unique feature that could be enjoyed for free.	5/19/2017 10:16 AM
8	Golfing is a declining activity in many regions. Interest in nature and wetland restorations is growing. Aquifer water in the Minneapolis area is being overdrawn. A healthy Creek wetland slows the movement of water, reveals the levels of groundwater, and has the potential to help recharge aquifers.	5/18/2017 11:51 AM
9	I believe a top priority should be reducing groundwater and stormsewer pumping as much as possible, leveraging natural processes to infiltrate water. I also believe that the neighborhood would benefit from having more amenities than primarily golf at this location, I attend church one block away and we would love to have more gathering spaces for our families and to appreciate nature, but we have to walk farther to the creek to be in more natural spaces since the golf course is overly manicured we only walk through it to get to the lake. I don't believe the golfers represent the interests of the surrounding neighborhood although a few of them may live here too, but this is a large beautiful area that could provide great natural benefits to our neighborhood.	5/12/2017 11:20 AM
10	Remain golf	4/11/2017 8:39 PM
11	Currently it's an area for golfers and it's fenced in so it feels very off limits for anything other than golf during golf season. The fence makes it very uninviting year round. A goal of letting the land go back to what it was meant to be and opening that land up to wider public use would be nice. If it went back to more of its natural state what kind of wildlife would that bring to the city? It's nice to see something other than a sparrow. Goal: A natural space for all citizens to enjoy. With an amazing restaurant because there is already a building right there for it!	4/6/2017 10:08 PM
12	Full Consideration is in order. Right now this park feels exclusive to the golf course, we are currently walking around the property to utilize the eastern portion of the park. The cost to pumping for only the golf user group seems unbalanced, when considering how much higher participation would go up of surrounding neighbors if there was a hiking trail.	4/3/2017 8:08 PM
13	Any future use should preserve what is great about the course now--it is a quiet green space that attracts a lot of wildlife. If golf can't be maintained in some fashion, please consider other alternatives that could add to that habitat while not bringing in too many people to scare it off. Mountain biking and cross country skiing would be excellent examples. Please consider making this a southern version of Theodore Wirth, with or without the golf.	3/31/2017 4:51 PM
14	What exactly does it require to keep the course open and fully functioning while also meeting the water pumping requirements? (Financially? Environmentally?). I encourage keeping the golf course open, as it is a positive, affordable recreational activity for our neighborhood and has been a community staple for nearly 100 years.	3/16/2017 9:19 AM

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15	Full reconsideration of the property should be undertaken. There are too many drawbacks to forcing a continuation of the current use as a golf course. Minneapolis marquee parks see incredible interest from parks goers. It's important to provide new opportunities. The Hiawatha process is a great chance for innovation in the parks system. Golf is no longer the best use for this site and requires actions that are detrimental to the environment.	3/14/2017 11:15 PM
16	How many park facilities address recreational needs of seniors compared to the number of facilities provided for families with children under the age of 12? How much do seniors pay to use park facilities compared to how much it costs to use MPRB playgrounds? How many facilities are available for teenage patrons of the parks compared to children under the age of 12? (golf could be a big sport for teens to play and a caddie program could provide summer jobs for teens.)	10/20/2016 1:36 PM
17	Id like to see it remain a golf course and accessible for cross country skiing in the winter	6/5/2016 5:44 PM
18	Review of what the evolving neighborhood needs. The energy and cost of maintaining water pumping and landscaping versus other land uses (letting nature/water cone back, food forest, youth recreation, wetland water park/discovery area). I believe a golf course brings unnecessary chemicals to the area and this one especially was chosen in a poor location. This land has much better uses. A would love to see a food forest or another more inclusive and interactive park.	5/19/2016 11:20 PM
19	Does it bennifit people of all income and racial backgrounds? Is it sustainable? Is it helping the ecosystem	2/21/2016 10:57 PM
20	I don't think it should remain a golf course, it should be returned back to wetlands, or a park.	2/19/2016 5:20 PM
21	A full reconsideration is in order. I would be willing to pay for a change to a food forest integrated into larger water quality considerations. I would prioritize swimming and fishing and other wildlife by using Permaculture design principles. We should survey extensively and otherwise hear the voices of the nearby residents of all backgrounds (including ethnicity).	2/10/2016 9:17 PM
22	Golf	2/6/2016 5:51 PM
23	http://southsidepride.com/the-growing-of-lake-hiawatha/ http://southsidepride.com/whats-going-to-happen-to-the-hiawatha-golf-course/ http://southsidepride.com/future-of-golf-at-hiawatha-looks-dim/ http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/mpls-staneric/messages/topic/33G1RmLqxFKJA9nCnA4WVi	2/2/2016 9:33 AM
24	I believe a full consideration of the property would be appropriate. South Minneapolis lacks a location for winter biking, cross country skiing and other winter activities. I think this are would be much better served looking into those activities.	1/19/2016 1:19 PM
25	I think it is high time to figure out how this lovely bit of land, and the lake, can best serve the people who live in south Minneapolis. How to save the lake for swimming and other activities (rather than letting it turn into a swap) should be a priority..	1/4/2016 12:37 PM
26	Ecological impact - uses that support biodiversity and clean water and do not use fossil fuel energy to maintain. Practical use for the community. Improve health of community.	12/18/2015 4:48 PM
27	We live directly across from the golf course back nine that had the significant flooding. As a result, our home is directly affected. We love living across from the golf course. We don't golf, but I enjoy cross country skiing and we love having the green space directly across from our home. I don't care if it remains a golf course but we definitely want it some kind of natural space that can be enjoyed.	12/4/2015 11:26 AM
28	Improving water quality in Lake Hiawatha and Minnehaha creek going into the falls seems like a good goal. I would consider how portions of the land currently dedicated to the golf course could be converted to wetlands.	10/26/2015 7:09 AM
29	I would like to see more diverse useage than a golf course can offer. and the negative environmental impact of a golf course doe snot sit well with me. I would like to see a trail system including mountain bike trails as well as hiking/crosscountry ski trails	10/14/2015 3:34 PM
30	Saving private property by maintaining an area for normal flooding to take place. Maintaining an area for recreation for everyone in Minneapolis to enjoy without having to travel 20-30 minutes by highway. Continuing the wildlife habitat restoration.	10/13/2015 9:13 PM
31	My top priority is caring for the water. I have no investment in golfing. I love winter nature trails. I would welcome more natural habitat. I think this is also an interesting opportunity to partner up with urban agriculture. I would also strongly support changes that also restored some of the Dakota history and story with this land. Wild rice once grew here. What about a cool urban wild rice something? Would it be possible to take down the fence? I really love the ski culture that is growing there.	10/5/2015 8:35 PM
32	What are the interests of the immediate neighborhoods around the parkland?	10/2/2015 7:55 PM

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33	1. Minimize the run off of garbage into Lake Hiawatha. 2. Plan for frequent future floods. 3. Either improve and maintain the golf course so that it is attractive to golfers or scrap the idea of golf entirely. A NICE golf course should be able to at least break even. If the course was in better shape it may be possible to increase the number of rounds played and increase fees. A poorly maintained course that charges low fees in order to attract golfers and runs at a loss, is not a prudent use of tax payer funds.	10/2/2015 4:49 PM
34	why has the mouth of the creek leading into lake hiawatha been allowed to over grow and virtually close the path of water leading to lake hiawatha and minnehaha creek. which has forced the water to recede back on to the golf course. the land mass has increased on the west/southwest side of the lake to increase and depth of the lake to decrease... years prior the mouth of the creek has always been drudged clean, why has that stopped?	10/2/2015 8:58 AM
35	I live across the street. Would love to see the fences come down and more public access and walking trails added as well as better access to the area around the lake. If 9 holes can be preserved even better but make it more of a public park for the community	10/1/2015 7:04 PM
36	I'd like to see it remain a golf course, however I am concerned about the possibility of it taking over the green space that the neighborhood uses at the corner of 43rd street and 19th avenue. Currently this is open space outside of the fenced-in course and it is used by many neighbors for various sports and games. It would also be great to have cross country trails groomed more frequently. A goal regarding the clubhouse too: To keep it and improve it. Serve (more) food and maybe beer and wine, but at least more/better food. Love the fireplace.	9/30/2015 10:27 PM
37	I think the best plan would be make it a regulation 9 hole course, mostly on the south side of the property. Then move the driving range and learning facilities to the north side. Make it a center for lessons and first tee. This would make it a great site to grow the game of golf. If the course is only nine holes, it will be great for leagues and high school competition. Make the course at least 3800 yards from the back tees.	9/30/2015 10:07 PM
38	GOLF!!!! Keep it 18 holes!!! Do not consider anything else.	9/30/2015 5:21 PM
39	I am suggesting this goal: This site serve as a training site for winter sports for elementary and high school students in Minneapolis (in addition to Wirth)	9/30/2015 11:01 AM
40	drastically improving management of runoff to the lake including a that which comes from the golf course. Golf grounds should be managed in a way that does not utilize fertilizers, herbicides etc that end up in our lake & creek/river. If golf remains, then the 9 hole rather than reconstructing the area seems the more innocuous choice.	9/29/2015 11:02 PM
41	The goal should be to return the property to an 18 hole golf course. Further Study? I wonder if people are looking for problems. Too much water is being pumped?? If that's the motivation for changing its use the implication is that the pumps will be removed? Or slowed down? I see a swamp in the making. What a great idea. NOT.	9/29/2015 12:41 PM
42	The focus should be on dealing with the water table and its health. Then I am ok with some golf if it is found viable. I prefer mixed use of the space; investment in XC skiing, restaurant and some off road biking.	9/28/2015 11:05 PM
43	what else can be done with the the ground water that is being g pumped? Can the park board find other uses for the water - like using it I the trucks that go around and water trees in the medians? can the water be treated and used I. Our overall system?	9/28/2015 10:14 PM
44	Meet needs of community. I think it is lovely that there is affordable public golf course. However how much is it in demand?	9/28/2015 9:01 PM
45	Turn it into an interpretive prairie	9/28/2015 7:30 PM
46	Remain as a full 18 hole golf course. It is currently the only public golf course in south mpls.	9/28/2015 2:07 PM
47	restore ecological functionality abide by the environmental regulations of the State full cost accounting of the costs/benefits to the golf course full cost accounting for restoring wetlands/alternative-multi use park lands use as a wildlife corridor/bird-monarch migration/ecological connector	9/28/2015 11:41 AM
48	(1) wetlands restoration, (2) multi-use sport/athletic facilities, (3) landscaping and design that embraces many different uses of park space.	9/28/2015 11:38 AM
49	Whatever manageable to keep the golf course Goal should be to ensure revenue producing sports entertainment	9/28/2015 11:27 AM
50	open access for all the residents of the neighborhood! it is a beautiful property, with so much green space right in the city. If it was not a golf course any more but a natural park more consistent with the needs of the habitat, it would be good for the environment, the lake, and the people (and dogs) who love the park.	9/28/2015 9:38 AM
51	A full cost/benefit analysis of the land use of that property would be wise. If the use of the golf course is a losing proposition, given the amount of effort and resources needed to pump water off the facility, the land use should be reconsidered.	9/28/2015 8:45 AM

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52	Plan for a purpose that allows the area to operate within its overall natural context - in other words, if its trying to be a wetland, which provides multiple benefits for our ecosystem, stop investing significant resources to maintain it for purposes that require dry land.	9/28/2015 8:00 AM
53	What impact does it have on the surrounding community? What use can build community and build health equity for city residents. A full reconsideration that explores a use that the greater city population would support and use and benefit from more than a golf course. Urban food production, pollinator habitat, learning center, better x-country ski facilities....	9/28/2015 5:53 AM
54	By doing the right thing by nature, there can be no regrets. When we work from the single bottom line, then we are not doing the right thing. The Park Board are caretakers of this sacred heritage, and fortunately is operating in a day and age when more young people and families are interested in doing what's right by nature. A full reconsideration of the property is important for going forward. The cost of pumping in terms of costs to the Park Board and the impact on the immediate environment must be weighed during the winter.	9/27/2015 10:23 PM
55	Uses for wider population (vs. mainly golfers). Uses that do less harm to environment. Natural spaces are conducive to physical and mental health.	9/27/2015 9:58 PM
56	Identify investment and activities that will have most positive community and environmental benefit.	9/27/2015 5:22 PM
57	Goals: *accessible greenspace *serve the needs of the immediate neighborhood and wider Minneapolis community as expressed through a stakeholder process *restore native habitat *improve water quality	9/27/2015 3:06 PM
58	I was not able to attend the meeting on September 15 and I appreciate the opportunity to add my thoughts to the process. I strongly feel Hiawatha should be kept an 18 hole regulation golf course, not only because I am a golfer, but for its role as a neighborhood golf course serving south Minneapolis. There are few choices for affordable public golf in the south metro. The loss of a neighborhood golf course such as Hiawatha would have an impact to the accessibility of golf in south Minneapolis and the south metro suburbs. Of the remaining options, suburban golf courses have had a long history of making their courses accessible only to their residents and limiting access of non-residents. To my memory, Minneapolis Park Board has never held this policy with any of it facilities – and rightly so. I feel keeping Hiawatha a USGA regulation course in also important. Hiawatha has had a long tradition of sending golfers to compete in local, regional and national amateur events. Golfers may not be able to qualify on a short executive course or nine hole course for these events, such a layout would effectively end this tradition and discourage golfers who wish to complete on this level of play. Finally I feel a neighborhood golf course is an important asset to our community. I grew up in south Minneapolis, I've been playing Hiawatha since I was 12 years old (I'm now nearing retirement age), and my father played golf at Hiawatha as well. The presence of a neighborhood golf course was a contributing factor in my decision of buying a home and staying in south Minneapolis. A neighborhood golf course is part of what makes south Minneapolis a special place to live. I think you will find Hiawatha is a neighborhood golf course with deep roots in the community. It is a positive influence in keeping people in the area and attracting new families to the area. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this process. Kevin Johnson	9/27/2015 1:02 PM
59	THE GOLF COURSE USES UP TOO MUCH WATER .. SERVES JUST A FEW CITIZENS	9/27/2015 12:36 PM
60	Full reconsideration including restoration. Of wetlands	9/26/2015 7:25 PM
61	We need to reconsider what people use the course for and perhaps change based on the environmental and community needs.	9/26/2015 6:07 PM
62	sustainability	9/26/2015 3:42 PM
63	Full reconsideration!!!!	9/25/2015 4:10 PM
64	It should definitely remain an 18 hole golf course	9/25/2015 11:48 AM
65	Green space to number of users- what serves the most people? A golf course is green, but serves only golfers. With limited large green space areas in our city, should we consider having a park with animal habitat and natural areas to be superior to maintaining a lawn for a game? Those that play golf may be willing to drive to a golf course. what about children and families who live nearby, who would benefit from being able to walk to and interact with a natural area? Powderhorn is my nearest park, and even there the "natural" areas are limited. I travel to Theodore Wirth park to let my kids interact more with nature. The more such areas we have in the city park system, the better.	9/25/2015 11:08 AM
66	It would be nice to have year-round access to the entire shoreline with walking and biking trails around the entire lake	9/25/2015 9:54 AM
67	While I don't golf at Hiawatha, I recognize the importance of that activity to those that do. I also think it's important to urban livability to be afforded some of those pastoral activities. Keep golf	9/25/2015 8:51 AM
68	Millennials can and show be involved in golf.	9/25/2015 8:19 AM
69	9 hole gold course or just the driving range. Walking/running paths Dog park with a place for dogs to swim. Winter cross country skiing Sledding hill	9/25/2015 7:50 AM

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70	Water quality of Lake Hiawatha. The water should not run into the lake without a filtering system. This affects fish, animals, and plant life around the lake.	9/25/2015 7:36 AM
71	A full reconsideration of the property is in order. It should be public space and ecologically appropriate space.	9/25/2015 6:47 AM
72	Full reconsideration	9/24/2015 11:28 PM
73	Maintaining the golf course shouldn't be a priority if it is wrecking the lake, and maybe without the Golf course that entire side of the lake to finally "belong" to the residents who live near it. There are only two lake in this quadrant of the city, and one of the lakes is mostly inaccessible, due to the golf course. If the rest of the lake is being wrecked for the few people who use the gold course, then that is shameful. The lake is a public good, and part of the neighborhood.	9/24/2015 11:24 PM
74	Consider other options less polluting & more reflective of the desires of the current population of south Mpls.	9/24/2015 11:07 PM
75	Health of the lake, need for wetlands to help assist flooding issues	9/24/2015 9:32 PM
76	What can this land be that will benefit the most number of organisms in the community with the least amount of human intervention?	9/24/2015 9:06 PM
77	A cleaner and healthier lake would be a great thing. A 9 hole golf course could be a fair compromise.	9/24/2015 8:54 PM
78	Clean up the lake! This should be your number one priority. The lake and the property surrounding it are used by a large number of people within and outside the neighborhood. It is a place for our diverse community to get together and enjoy nature in a world that is becoming increasingly urbanized. It should NOT be up to local citizens (i.e. Sean Connaughty) to take on the monumental task of keeping our lake clean. I moved to this area two years ago because I fell in love with the lakes and looked forward to spending time on them. However, all of the garbage and pollution in Lake Hiawatha has prevented me from truly enjoying the lake and I'm disgusted that it has been so neglected.	9/24/2015 8:08 PM
79	It would be ideal if it were possible to walk/bike all the way around Lake Hiawatha	9/24/2015 7:58 PM
80	Plan should be: * Environmentally beneficial, i.e. negative impacts counterbalanced by positives. An example could be restoring wetland and native plants/wildlife to filter drainage from portion devoted to recreation (golf or other option) * Of benefit to largest portion of public. As public land, it should serve public needs. Golf is one option that has vocal supporters. Trails, native restoration, interpretive waypoints, and educational opportunities (such as a school-affiliated Environmental Learning Center) are other options that could greatly benefit children, adults and wildlife.	9/24/2015 7:35 PM
81	Full reconsideration should've considered, based on all the trash that is going into the lake and the improper use of the area	9/24/2015 7:30 PM
82	Re-do it to a good, maintainable 9-hole course. (Or maybe 12-15 holes). Make the parts that frequently flood into marsh or meadows with walking & biking paths. Include a path completely around the lake.	9/24/2015 7:16 PM
83	I'd be interested to see what the effect on wildlife in the area would be if the back nine was returned to wetland/planted with native grasses.	9/24/2015 6:35 PM
84	I think it would be great to think about how the park could best serve the community. I do not play golf, not because I do not like the sport but because I do not want to support the environmental impact that golf courses have. They not only waste water but they use thousands of gallons of herbicides, and pesticides that gets into our ground water and flows into the Mississippi River below. I love going there for cross country skiing. I think the property would be best suited as a multi use park. Maybe it could be another site for an eco swimming pool. There could be a nature center, playground, and trails in the winter for skiing.	9/24/2015 5:21 PM
85	I think the place would be of better use as a public park.	9/24/2015 4:47 PM
86	goals for the land should be: 1. mitigating the north side storm sewer as quickly as possible to end the environmental damage that we are doing to the lake. 2. Protecting habitat and improving water quality. 3. Having sustainable activities on the land that work with the sensitive habitat and protect water quality . 4. Whatever is done should coexist with the natural state of the watershed and be adaptable to the varying water levels. 5. Protect homes from flooding	9/24/2015 4:07 PM
87	It should no longer remain a golf course. This is a huge chunk of land that is only able to be used for a few people (mostly higher income white people). Making it more inclusive to varied income levels should be an important consideration.	9/24/2015 3:18 PM
88	How can more community members make use of the space? How can it enrich the lives of those in the neighborhood? How can it be ecologically sound and beneficial to the area? Can it be integrated into keeping the water quality high in the surrounding lakes and streams?	9/24/2015 2:34 PM

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89	This is gorgeous property which is appreciated on many levels. A full reconsideration of the property is in order in terms of environmental clean-up for all types of park and recreation purposes. Please focus on venting or rerouting the north side storm sewer which currently flows into Lake Hiawatha causing pollution of the Lake and surrounding shores. Please consider the health, safety and quality of this otherwise gorgeous lake for the families and individuals who visit Lake Hiawatha, and develop a regular and rigorous clean-up schedule to mitigate the high levels of garbage and pollution which flow into this Lake.	9/24/2015 1:33 PM
90	I would love to see Disc Golf be included in the plan. Fort Snelling as well as Theo Wirth all have Disc Golf, but Hiawatha is left out. It's a great use of land, and very little maintenance has to go into the park.	9/24/2015 1:14 PM
91	Is the land benefiting the current community residents if it continues to be maintained as a golf course, or would it benefit more people if it was converted to a multi-use area supporting other activities. Also how many resources are being used to maintain a groomed golf course? Is this good stewardship of resources? Is the land itself suitable for a golf course without the groundwater pumping that recently came to light?	9/24/2015 1:07 PM
92	I think that surveying the community like this is a great step forward. I believe that a full reconsideration of the property is a great idea and that the more geared towards re-development of the natural side of the park would be great! More trees, walking, mountain biking trails (like Eloise Butler and Theodore Wirth) would be great!	9/24/2015 1:05 PM
93	I would love for a section of it to become a dog run. It would also be great if there was easier access for walking the perimeter. Cross country ski and/or snowshoe equipment rental & onsite passes for sale (currently you have to go somewhere in N. Mpls to get a pass, correct?) would be great as well.	9/24/2015 12:59 PM
94	I don't want to take the course away from golfers. But the MPRB has to consider what is best for the watershed. The water being pumped is shallow ground water. If not pumped into Lake Hiawatha, would this water eventually trickle down to a deeper aquifer? The environment/ecosystem must be considered in any decision. If golf will be able to remain/return, it would also be great if non golfers could have access to the whole shore of the lake via a path around the lake.	9/24/2015 12:44 PM
95	The goal of being able to control the flooding would be important. Can the golf course be designed to allow larger canals for heavy rains. A design change to include proper water management seems to be a likely solution.	9/24/2015 12:29 PM
96	Keep it natural; blend in with nature.	9/24/2015 12:22 PM
97	1. Keep 18-hole golf course. 9-hole courses are financial losers. 2. Keep and enhance practice facility. 3. Parking at the bottom of the hill near practice area. 4. Walking path (small-scale, natural, and pervious) for dogs and people. 5. Enhance water storage areas on golf course. 6. Keep small-scale clubhouse. Renovate it in good taste, but do not change it like Keller - they ruined their historical clubhouse. 7. Improve the golf course for women and seniors. 8. Provide a kids-clubhouse space for the First Tee down in the practice area. 9. Use some additional un-used park space for a pitch-n-putt for the kids.	9/24/2015 12:12 PM
98	-Publish an environmental impact assessment for the area. -Create a free, public green space that cultivates community -Protect and support native plants and wildlife -Improve water monitoring and protection -Restore degraded landscapes -Promote land stewardship	9/24/2015 12:05 PM
99	Keep golf in some capacity - my preference is a full 18, but keeping the practice facility open and a regulation 9 would suffice - maybe include 3 holes as a practice facility pay-option beyond the regulation 9 if possible. I think it's a great asset for the community and the High Schools. The practice facility could expand or be relocated to the most flood-prone geography of the course.	9/24/2015 12:04 PM
100	Golf is ok but storm water mitigation should be main focus and managing the shoreline for nature not people. Most of the discussion about uses for the golf course is what people want for themselves. How about adding protection for the shoreline environment into the discussion. I see people saying they sure would like to be able to walk around the whole lake. They are being selfish. Chief Joseph said; "The love of possessions is a disease with them." Many people are treating the golf course land as a possession and it is all about what would make them happy.	9/24/2015 12:02 PM
101	man-made alterations to prop up golf is an unsustainable practice at the expense of the ecology, natural resources, and health of wildlife (and not a good use of taxpayer dollars). Sustainability and a resilient landscape should be a goal - long-term goals that prioritize landscape function - enhance the natural landscape, it has value beyond revenue statistic. Millennium Park and the Highline increased the values of nearby property and increased revenue for their cities - look at alternative uses to golf that would balance revenue with ecological values and address the needs of the city in the face of global warming, access to clean water and healthy food - utilize wetlands to treat and absorb water and pollutants - fix and filter water from stormsewers, trash in the lake problem needs to be solved	9/24/2015 11:51 AM
102	It would be great to see the property become a nature or a wildlife preserve, with hiking and mountain biking trails throughout. Or, perhaps a dog park.	9/24/2015 11:36 AM

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103	Community usage should be prioritized over the usage of people driving in to the area to golf. I know that some people in the immediate neighborhood golf there, but I think the area could see greater usage if there were more land available to the community for recreation. I would love to see bike (perhaps mountain bike) trails, room for dogs to run, walking, skiing, and other activities.	9/24/2015 11:36 AM
104	Concern for the health of the environment, lake hiawatha, and the people and species that live in the area.	9/24/2015 11:18 AM
105	I'd like to see it kept as an open green space. A mountain bike trail would be cool. A wildlife sanctuary would be cool too.	9/24/2015 11:05 AM
106	Other, multi-use options	9/24/2015 11:00 AM
107	responders'/residents' untended use of a non-golf facility	9/24/2015 10:56 AM
108	A full reconsideration of the property is in order. I wonder about the amount of electricity being used to pump that much water each year. Also, if the water is pumped from the course into the lake, then wouldn't the chemicals from the course end up in the lake? The lesson here is that a golf course never should have been built on what is essentially swamp land.	9/24/2015 10:54 AM
109	Ways to keep the golf course around, but at a lower environmental impact to the watershed. Repurposing the back nine would add further buffer areas to the creek and lake that would helpful in minimizing impacts of the golf course on them. The park board could use the course to adopt and pioneer more sustainable management of the course. Keeping the front nine in tact also would provide a buffer for the neighborhood to any additional traffic that repurposing the back nine would bring. The surrounding neighborhood will more than likely not welcome additional pedestrian traffic/parking hassles. Since infrastructure for these types of activities are already in place along the north side of Lake Nokomis, impact and costs would be less. I notice that a lot of the open space in the city parks goes unused. Most patrons stay on or near the paths. If the golf course is repurposed, the space should be considered for activities. I feel the city already mows a lot of grass that no one ever walks across or uses. It would make more sense if people used the space for specific activities at least for part of the year.	9/24/2015 10:45 AM
110	The golf course should be moved at least 100 ft away from the lake. Actually, there are now more than enough private golf courses and this should be used for uniquely public purposes. Walking and mountain biking would give the space a wilderness quality while allowing for public usage, and would allow the lake to have a wild edge that would help to maintain it's health. A bird sanctuary would incorporate the neighborhood into the unique wildlife migration corridor we are lucky to have in our city.	9/24/2015 10:35 AM
111	It should stay as an 18 hole golf course. I hope a solution can be found to the ground water problem, but it is a neighborhood treasure and should be maintained intact.	9/24/2015 10:21 AM
112	Let nature take over the golf course.	9/24/2015 10:14 AM
113	I use the area around the lake for walking and skiing. I don't golf and never expect to. I would use the lake for swimming if the water quality was much better. Currently the lake is not fit for swimming due to excessive pollution and algae.	9/24/2015 10:01 AM
114	One of the goals I would really like to see pursued as part of a strategy for renovating the golf course is the water quality of Lake Hiawatha. The quality is negatively impacted by both the chemicals used on the lawn for the golf course (so much so that the swimming beach on Hiawatha had to be closed) and by the storm sewer outfall on the north side of the lake, which dumps garbage into the lake after each rain fall. The golf course conversation is really an opportunity for a broader conversation about the ecological goals in South Minneapolis, as part of the watershed that drains to Lake Hiawatha.	9/24/2015 9:26 AM
115	Making golf fun and affordable to more players.	9/24/2015 9:22 AM
116	Water quality of the surrounding waterways and the impacts of the current golf course on that. There has been a lot of tree removal - please communicate why this is happening and what is being done to mitigate further issues.	9/24/2015 9:11 AM
117	Golf is an exercise and recreation for all ages. I am 86 and have played golf for 70 years. I have twin grandsons ten years old and they have played for two years at Hiawatha. They also cross country ski there. Minneapolis has emphasized parks and recreation for quality of life, and this must not be diminished. I am convinced that golf is integral to our park system and should continue to have that role. I am aware that golf in the recent years has declined in numbers; however, as a social scientist, I am convinced that this decline is only a recent and passing phenomenon. Our planning for parks and recreation should not be based on our present economic situation which has influenced social recreational behavior. I urge you to do whatever you can to keep Hiawatha Golf Course as part of our wonderful park system. Donald Conroy, PHD	9/24/2015 9:03 AM
118	Obviously, continuing to pump gazillions of gallons off a golf course that wants to be a wetland, by the lay of the land itself, is not the best idea. Leave the 9 holes for the golfers and let the lake be a lake. Speaking of the lake, please do what needs to be done in the way of mitigation of pollution, yes, a grit chamber installation, to assure water quality for humans and wildlife. This was done at Powderhorn and it really helped the water stay cleaner. This would be the best idea to promote the over-all stated goals of the MPRB for its Hiawatha Park concern.	9/24/2015 8:48 AM

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119	Finding a way to maintain a golf course in an ecologically sustainable way.	9/24/2015 8:44 AM
120	*Maintaining the 18 hole golf course is imperative. *Build storm water management into the golf course. *Maintain public green spaces along the edges of the course. *Work closely with the Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Master Plan to build a multi-use walk/bike path around the exterior of the golf course. *Where appropriate, remove the fencing surrounding the golf course and replace it with vegetation, water features, and other more natural barriers. *Design a destination restaurant like Tin Fish or SeaSalt into a remodeled club house.	9/24/2015 8:35 AM
121	Retain the full (18 hole) golf course, modify layout if required for flood control.	9/24/2015 8:30 AM
122	Yes, it should remain a golf course.	9/24/2015 8:24 AM
123	Maintain a golf facility at Hiawatha	9/24/2015 8:01 AM
124	Remain as a golf course.	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
125	What condition with the property be in if pumping was halted? What would the landscape look like in that scenario and how can we utilize it as a park area? Would there be more ponds/streams? Would the terrain be suitable for walking or biking?	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
126	Though I don't golf, I do believe Hiawatha should support golf as much as reasonable (9 holes or whatever). Having a nice golf course right in the city is a great amenity. I do think you could add more winter cross country skiing trails and promote Hiawatha as a winter destination. I and many others I know travel around the metro to ski, enjoy a nice trail center and post-ski fire pit, but why not right here at Hiawatha? Add more trails, and a lighted loop and folks would come in droves. Perhaps a sledding hill as well.	9/24/2015 6:25 AM
127	What does effect does the additional water being pumped off have on the lake and stream?	9/24/2015 6:01 AM
128	It should remain a 18 hole golf course, with improvements to the Club House. It's been a gem of south Minneapolis and should remain so.	9/24/2015 5:40 AM
129	maintain an 18 hole golf course	9/24/2015 5:00 AM
130	Keeping this property a golf facility.	9/24/2015 1:15 AM
131	Keeping a top notch golf practice facility and adding back in the tennis courts. Turning the club house into a lunch counter so you can grab a bite and practice a sport. The whole place could be a practice facility for various sports and everything around the lake could be wetlands and hiking.	9/24/2015 12:41 AM
132	Would love to see cross country ski rental	9/23/2015 11:39 PM
133	In the beginning they dredged the lake and filled in the swampy area which is now the golf course. They should do the same thing to the creek that flows through the course. Also, find a way to redirect the water coming from all over south Minneapolis, so the lake would not be overrun with water and pollution.	9/23/2015 11:26 PM
134	I believe that a full reconsideration of the property is in order due to the environmental issues surrounding the golf course and the lake. It seems to me that the present use of the land serves too few people and doesn't address the environmental needs of the lake and surrounding land and wildlife and vegetation.	9/23/2015 10:17 PM
135	Keep Hiawatha golf course. I don't believe this groundwater matter should keep it from remaining a golf course. From its opening in the 1930's, this has always been something to manage. After all, the course was created by dredging a swamp! Not sure why this is an issue now?	9/23/2015 10:08 PM
136	Is the golf course physically and financially feasible? Is the use of the course remaining steady, rising, or tapering off (excluded the flood damage years)? Is the golf course doing enough outreach to the growing numbers of young families? Can they include cross-country ski rental? I'm neutral on having or not having a golf course. I just want to see the numbers on whether it's reasonable to have a course. If the course isn't feasible, what are our other options? Dog park? Bandshell for concerts or movies in the park? Large shelter area for large groups to picnic (like at Veterans' Park in Richfield)? Floating walking paths around or even across the lake as it returns to swampland? Frisbee golf? Boccee ball courts Regular bike path or mountain biking path? Adding a few more ball/soccer fields to the north end by Lake Hiawatha? Leave it to be a majority natural wildlife park?	9/23/2015 10:06 PM
137	My first priority is the restoration and/or preservation of the natural resources of that space. I'm especially concerned about the water quality in Lake Hiawatha and the creek. My second priority is public access to this tremendous natural resource in the middle of our city.	9/23/2015 9:55 PM
138	Revamped 18 hole golf course	9/23/2015 9:51 PM
139	Uses I would love to see and be excited to be involved in: community vegetable garden(s); science education center with emphasis on urban ecology and wetlands and making science accessible; outdoor recreation area for hiking/canoeing/snowshowing/skiing/birding/etc; anything that brings the wider Minneapolis community together to learn about and appreciate nature while both benefiting from it and helping to preserve it;	9/23/2015 9:51 PM

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140	Sustainability	9/23/2015 9:43 PM
141	Hiawatha GC is the only public course in South Minneapolis. Vacating golf from this location would create an imbalance in Minneapolis golf amenities.	9/23/2015 9:30 PM
142	It's a great area to set up for running, skating, playground, picnicking, and naturally "wild" areas where flooding is likely.	9/23/2015 9:25 PM
143	I play a ton of golf and live close to Hiawatha, frankly without a major renovation I'm not sure it's worth keeping as a golf course. Especially given the recent plans to redevelop meadowbrook as a more competitive course. I think that land has so much potential to be used for uses other than golf.	9/23/2015 9:23 PM
144	What's the true cost to the MPRB for each round of golf played if it requires pumping 275m gallons per year? How might this money be better spent? What other presently uncalculated costs need to be taken in to account like water quality in lake Hiawatha? A full reconsideration should be undertaken that examines cost benefit of multiple uses.	9/23/2015 9:12 PM
145	1. Land stewardship- supporting cleaner water in lake, reducing runoff/pesticides/nitrogen, encouraging wildlife, native plantings, especially milkweed for monarchs, and bird habitat. 2. Recreation that is accessible to all; not just people who play one sport for part of the year. Skiing, walking around the lake, a small dog run, hiking, a natural play area, and open space. (Woodlake Nature Center in Richfield is a somewhat similar piece of land that wants to be a small lake surrounded by wetlands, and is used for varying recreational purposes in a manner that is thoroughly cherished by its community. If the golf course goes, that would be a good potential model for what the land could look like eventually.)	9/23/2015 9:11 PM
146	Make it not a golf club	9/23/2015 9:05 PM
147	A full reconsideration. A community garden, and park with trails and bike paths, a large playground... So many options!	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
148	I support at least 9 holes of golf here. And improvements to support XC skiing in winter - especially rentable skis, perhaps snowshoes. And for the love of Mpls, figure out how to make the clubhouse more of a community space, with MUCH BETTER food, and some gathering spaces even for walkers, etc. Not just a "good ol boys" club as it feels like now.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
149	keep the inner-city golf course!	9/23/2015 8:59 PM
150	i would like to see the golf course turn into more ski trails and a permanent cyclocross venue to hold events and or races in the fall	9/23/2015 8:57 PM
151	Full reconsideration of the property. Golf is on the decline. This is a large green space with so much potential in the heart of a dense urban area. As is, only a small percentage of the population can enjoy it. Why not turn it into something that every citizen in thrlr city can use and enjoy.	9/23/2015 8:56 PM
152	It should continue to be a golf course! Another park & walking paths are not needed in this area - there are hundreds of miles of biking/walking paths in Mpls & parks in every neighborhood. Walking paths, parks & cross country ski areas will not bring any money to the neighborhood - it will cost money to keep up the grounds, paths, etc. Hiawatha Golf Course brings money to the city! It does not matter if all the residents in the neighborhood do not us the golf course - there are many people throughout the TC metro that golf there - I have been on the Women's league for over 25 years & many of the league members are not from Mpls. Also, Hiawatha has done a great job in getting kids interested in golf through the First Tee & Junior League. PLEASE KEEP IT OPEN!!!	9/23/2015 8:54 PM
153	No golf	9/23/2015 8:51 PM
154	This is a huge opportunity to look at other options that make take less maintenance and be a better neighbor for the lake. What other things could work with a wetland? Could they be revenue earning?	9/23/2015 8:46 PM
155	Please reconsider the use of this land. The shore of Lake Hiawatha would better serve the community as full-loop, year-round walking and biking paths.	9/23/2015 8:17 PM
156	The golf course has been around for many decades. It has hosted many events, and has always been a great course for all ages and abilities. It is also the only city owned municipal course in that area. A great asset to the city and a tremendous green space. It should be fully restored as closely as possible to its original layout.	9/23/2015 8:13 PM
157	Hiawatha should remain a golf course. Minneapolis has great parks and green spaces throughout the city and all those that say it should be a public green space can walk down the street to Lake Nokomis, the parkway, the river and all the other parks in the city. Minneapolis should use this opportunity to build a really nice golf course (including club house amenities) that will draw people from all over the metro. The driving range and practice facility is a great area and should also be kept.	9/23/2015 8:05 PM
158	Whether full or partial restoration of the wetland could aid water quality in the creek and upstream lakes. Possible restoration of natural habitats should be pursued.	9/23/2015 7:56 PM

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159	A full reconsideration should be done. Golf is dead, and is something rich men do while they make deals. The neighborhood deserves an area everyone can use. Maybe a wilderness park. It needs to be something it wants to be. At the same time, it needs to be a place of safety where people can bring their kids. We could make it a place to learn how to respect the land, and show the newer generations how to help it, and to learn not to litter.	9/23/2015 7:41 PM
160	Maintain the 18 hole golf course	9/23/2015 7:40 PM
161	I want what is best for the environment. I like the convenience of Hiawatha as a golf course, but the natural environment is more important to me	9/23/2015 7:15 PM
162	Time for looking at more inclusive use and equity sharing of the resource for all as a recreational asset. Serious consideration should be given to environmental improvement, whether for water quality, urban forest, or biodiversity as a high priority.	9/23/2015 7:11 PM
163	I really like the Hiawatha golf course, especially the back nine that has been unavailable for the last year. If the course closes it is likely that most of my golfing would go outside of the city.	9/23/2015 6:58 PM
164	Pollution and storm drain mitigation. Flooding Co control Green space for wildlife Naturalizing the golf course..rain gardens, native plants, etc Retain golf if able to meet environmental considerations Winter skiing, walking, snow shoeing trails Restore and improve golf club to include food and social space	9/23/2015 6:53 PM
165	Broaden the use for more than just golf. I'd love to see neighbors be able to walk around the lake and have more utility than limit solely for golf.	9/23/2015 6:37 PM
166	It should stay an 18 hole golf course.	9/23/2015 6:36 PM
167	The use of this property as golf should be reconsidered. I would like golf to stay there, but this is a unique opportunity to include other uses, such as green space, walking and biking paths, and winter uses. This opportunity should be taken.	9/23/2015 6:27 PM
168	18 hole golf course and range are essential. As a high school teacher and golf coach hiawatha is critical to the game of golf in Mpls. Especially for our youth. To deprive the community and students of a quality course and practice facility would be extremely detrimental to the community. Keep the 18 hole golf course and practice facility please. For our children and future of the game.	9/23/2015 6:19 PM
169	I would love to see a seasonal walking path around the lake when the golf course is not in use. If it's determined that the land can support only 9 holes, I'd love to see more naturalized areas and walking/XC skiing paths through them. I'd also love to see the clubhouse developed into a restaurant/coffee shop. More activity at the clubhouse would help any safety/security issues that a more naturalized area/nature preserve might have. I'd like to see it as close to a natural habitat as possible, using it as a natural scrubber for water coming out of the other lakes on its way to the Mississippi. I'd also love to see the fence go down.	9/23/2015 6:14 PM
170	Remain golf	9/23/2015 5:45 PM
171	Hiawatha Golf Club should definitely remain such. I'd like to see the groundwater issues dealt with in such a way so that golf can continue to be offered. I'd also like to see expansion of the clubhouse. I think some really great things have been done with respect to clubhouse amenities and one could look no further than St. Paul's Keller Golf Club as a template. I feel there is a great opportunity to generate income beyond green fees, etc. by expanding the clubhouse to accommodate a broader scope in terms of food and beverage offered. Give golfers a reason to stay and spend money post-round and offer an inviting setting for non golfers as well.	9/23/2015 5:45 PM
172	I would like to see an 18 hole golf course retained on this site along with a well maintained practice facility - driving range, practice greens, shipping area, sand trap practice.	9/23/2015 5:39 PM
173	Calculate the volumes of water contributed by the city storm water. This has been a natural converted swamp, ranging all the way back to Bloomington and 42nd, why now is there a problem. What is to be done, more walking areas, return the area back to swamp? Why not keep it a paying entity.	9/23/2015 5:39 PM
174	Should remain a golf course	9/23/2015 5:31 PM
175	This golf course has consistently been missing managed and run down. The layout is great, but new maintenance staff is needed to compete with other courses in the area.	9/23/2015 5:30 PM
176	It needs to remain a golf course.	9/23/2015 5:23 PM
177	Restore wetland and create a natural recreation area.	9/23/2015 12:10 AM
178	full reconsideration is in order. look at habitat restoration for monarch butterflies, egret and heron. and maybe natural ways to clean and filter the water -- like the systems at the new pool on the northside of mpls? i don't know if habitat restoration and a cleaner swimming lake are at odds with each other. it would be great to have both if possible. otherwise, i would vote for habitat restoration.	9/22/2015 9:25 AM

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179	What would it take to restore wild rice? Can we grow foraging agroecosystems? How polluted is the site? What will repair it?	9/22/2015 9:24 AM
180	I support full reconsideration of the property for habitat restoration and walking paths. Changing it from a golf course to a park/wetland would improve the ecological services of the area. Wetlands could play a role in filtering run off into Lake Hiawatha, rather than the golf course being a source of excess nutrients (and perhaps pesticides/herbicides) to the lake. Perhaps urban farming or community gardens could be located in upland, flatter parts of the area.	9/22/2015 7:29 AM
181	First priority: respond to the environmental concerns presented by the stormwater pollution of Lake Hiawatha, and the pumping of groundwater to dry the Hiawatha Golf Course. Second priority: maintain golf facilities (up to 18 holes) on the site, but only if the first priority can be satisfied. Third priority: enhance year-round use of the site, particularly through support for nordic ski activities, including but not limited to the creation of artificial snow. Fourth priority: improve neighborhood access and integration by removing the unsightly chain link fence and providing off-season access to the full circumference of Lake Hiawatha.	9/21/2015 10:25 PM
182	Return it to rice lake. Make it an interpretive center.	9/21/2015 9:44 PM
183	I learned how to golf here and have warm memories as a kid and adult. But nine holes is just fine with me. Use the other 9, where as I understand you spend tons of money pumping water, and let the water go where it needs to. Create a grand park, or even just st open space. Mountain bike. More winter activities, esp. cross country ski. I'm open to lots. More than anything I would love it if you would let it go to natural prairie and let habitat come back into the city. But increasingly it seems like an 18 hole golf course is just not sustainable.	9/21/2015 9:14 PM
184	A sustainable, long term park use for the site. I full reconsideration of the property is in order.	9/21/2015 9:03 PM
185	There could be many other uses that wouldn't require pumping. It should be restored to a natural wetland.	9/21/2015 8:57 PM
186	Turn the course into a model for sustainable golf practices.	9/21/2015 8:41 PM
187	I am a golfer at Columbia and I do not believe that we should keep pumping course water that is treated into a public lake.	9/21/2015 8:31 PM
188	What is the cost of maintaining the golf course, including the cost of pumping water? How does it compare to the revenue it brings in? Is it financially sustainable now and long-term? How do surface and groundwater interact in the area? How does pollution travel and where does it come from? What are the downstream impacts and what are the local impacts to water quality and quantity? Is it environmentally sustainable now and long-term? How does climate change affect the financial and environmental sustainability of the golf course? Given demographic goals and projections of the city, and golf trends, is this the best use of the land and water to serve people? Who is paying for it and who benefits from it? What are the long-term implications for drinking water supply? How does it impact racial equity?	9/21/2015 8:22 PM
189	Full reconsideration is in order. Pumping all that water is not only illegal, it is expensive and puts golf lawn care chemicals in Lake Hiawatha. That is also illegal according to the Park Board's own actions against a Minneapolis building owner.	9/21/2015 8:08 PM
190	Goal 1: determine if ground water is being polluted by golf course fertilizers and pesticides before being pumped into lake Hiawatha. Goal 2: Discontinue all pumping of ground water Goal 3: Regrow natural wetland where golf course is	9/21/2015 7:46 PM
191	I'd like to see a neighborhood x-c ski area with snow making. A sledding area. A start / finish gate, ski racks, better signage. A year round neighborhood concession that is not junk food and pop. Use of the fireplace in the fall, winter, and spring. A year round walking / biking trail all the way around the lake. A wide tree and vegetation buffer and flood zone along the lake with board walks as needed to protect the walkers from possible golf activities on the high ground above. I don't see any dog park at all- possibly skijoring could be allowed on one loop of the winter trail. Dogs must be leashed. Ideally I'd like to see mtn bike trails on the high ground and 0 golf but I think that keeping 9 holes on high ground would be respectful of the parks legacy and the passionate golf users. Please recognize that winter use is strong and growing and please look to Wirth as an example of how popular (and overcrowded) this use is. Trash and oils from streets must be filtered b/f reaching Hiawatha and the creek.	9/20/2015 6:47 PM
192	I support the continuation of maintaining Hiawatha as an 18 hole golf course. With the necessary course improvements, Hiawatha can be restored to a successful revenue generating facility and to a course the community can be proud of.	9/20/2015 1:05 PM
193	Please remain golf	9/18/2015 10:22 PM
194	Full reconsideration	9/18/2015 9:38 PM
195	The only goal I can see is to maintain it as a golf course, and put it back into playable condition as soon as possible	9/18/2015 4:30 PM

Q6 What should not be considered for this site as further study is performed? (given the possibility this will not remain a golf course, and that it will remain park property, what uses, if any, should be taken off the table?)

Answered: 151 Skipped: 143

#	Responses	Date
1	The idea of a festival ground on the south side is ill-conceived. The area is boggy and the major rains impact this area severely. Other things like canoe rentals and natural ice skating on the lake could be easily accommodated at Lake Hiawatha Park if there is truly a demand for those activities, which are already available at Lake Nokomis. I am someone who walks the area frequently and I have never needed to be able to walk in the actual golf course grounds. It would be nice if the city provided sidewalks around the golf course (east side of Longfellow Avenue, etc.) to make walking around the area easier.	7/4/2017 4:44 PM
2	Golf should be removed from this site. Protecting the natural areas that remain when pumping is reduced should be a priority. Essentially, continuing to upset the natural flow of water when pumping is reduced would seem short-sighted in the future use of this park area.	7/1/2017 9:32 AM
3	Preserve the golf course	7/1/2017 12:20 AM
4	Whatever is the best solution for mater management, water quality, and the folks who LIVE NEAR THE PARK.	6/26/2017 11:11 AM
5	Anything that isn't the golf course should not be considered. If you choose not to keep the course then the land should go back to it's natural state of swamp (otherwise you will need to continue to pump anyways defeating the purpose of dismantling the golf club)	6/22/2017 3:14 PM
6	This should not remain a golf course. Any uses that have more impact than necessary on the habitat and wildlife should not be considered.	5/19/2017 10:16 AM
7	All high maintenance lawn requiring and any large hardscape proposals should be taken off the table.	5/18/2017 11:51 AM
8	I encourage any creative alternatives for this space that align with the natural ecosystems of this location, wetlands and agroforestry would make excellent public uses of this property.	5/12/2017 11:20 AM
9	Please make it not a golf course. Also not a playground.	4/6/2017 10:08 PM
10	Soccer, baseball, football, or anything that needs turf. If it can't support golf, it can't support those things. Similarly, picnic facilities or anything that attracts large groups of people will ruin the habitat.	3/31/2017 4:51 PM
11	A food forest should not be considered. This suggestion has been recently highlighted (in a manner that suggests it is being seriously considered) by City Pages online. I live directly across from the golf course and feel that this option would reduce safety (we already witness police officers around the parks and golf course frequently, most recently and commonly searching for people on foot). What better place to hide or commit illegal acts than a "forest"? Have there been any case studies on successful food forests in other cities, particularly of this size? It is a large swath of public land being considered. Who will maintain it? Who will make sure the food is not contaminated? How do you regulate how much food each forager takes? I would not feel comfortable using this or allowing my children to use it and have no desire for it in my neighborhood.	3/16/2017 9:19 AM
12	All options should be considered.	3/14/2017 11:15 PM
13	Respectfully, we don't need more playgrounds. There is more than enough land to put soccer fields elsewhere (we do need more soccer fields.) NO bike trails through the golf course as this is not a compatible use for golfing - bikers won't stop for golfers, walkers on the other hand will. We could have walking trails for birders and dog walkers through the course if safety is considered properly.	10/20/2016 1:36 PM
14	Amy development that would increase the impervious surface area.	5/19/2016 11:20 PM
15	Parking lot	2/21/2016 10:57 PM
16	Paved surfaces should be generally avoided. Extensive covered eating areas should be avoided. Nothing involving costly buildings.	2/10/2016 9:17 PM

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17	This process has been underhanded and sneaky. There was never a public discussion of closing the back nine at Hiawatha. A million dollars was allocated from FEMA to restore the back nine and staff at MPRB have subverted the intent of the federal funds and instead pursued their own agenda.	2/2/2016 9:33 AM
18	Winter Biking, Nordic Skiing, adding a new chalet with small ski shop and warm drinks. Look into adding mountain biking, running trails for the summer time.	1/19/2016 1:19 PM
19	None, other than sale for commercial or residential development.	1/4/2016 12:37 PM
20	Anything that requires fossil fuel or potentially toxic inputs to maintain.	12/18/2015 4:48 PM
21	We are open! We love the idea of it being a natural area, restored to wetland even. Any kind of area that would allow for public access and walking, connection to nature. As natural and accessible to the neighborhood as possible.	12/4/2015 11:26 AM
22	I think golf generally is in decline because it takes a long time to play and is expensive. I think golf (beyond maybe a driving range) would be a misuse of the space.	10/26/2015 7:09 AM
23	Can you dredge Lake Hiawatha to help with the water table issues for the golf course and for surrounding homes should there be another case of heavy rains impacting the area? Eliminating the beach area at Lake Hiawatha (there is a kids wading pool right there)	10/13/2015 9:13 PM
24	Nothing that shoots dangerous balls into our yard (like the current golf course does). Anything too loud. I don't think it is necessary to have a paved trail going all the way around the lake, although I'm not exactly opposed to it.	10/5/2015 8:35 PM
25	Flooding has been a chronic problem for the golf course. As urban density in the watershed increases, it is reasonable to expect more run-off and flooding in the future. The height of the water table may also impact the frequency and severity of flooding. What ever goes into the golf course property should not require extensive and expensive repairs when it floods. putting in sports fields or other facilities that would require repair after a flood is a waste of taxpayer money.	10/2/2015 4:49 PM
26	it should remain a golf as it was designed by the forefathers had designed!!! it shouldn't be converted to anything else that will cost more tax payer money and generate no revenue for the mprb!!!	10/2/2015 8:58 AM
27	Do not allow the site to be developed. This is amazing park and public land that needs to be preserved.	10/1/2015 7:04 PM
28	The clubhouse should remain. It would be too sad to lose the sport and the clubhouse. There would need to be some kind of tribute/history. I am not a golfer, but I grew up in the neighborhood and my dad, who was a golfer, was a regular at Hiawatha. (However he was not like the golfers who spoke up at the meeting)! Please do not consider expanding the course, or whatever the course becomes, to take over the green space at 43rd St and 19th Ave. I am still in the neighborhood and we use this space.	9/30/2015 10:27 PM
29	that which will cause further decline to the health of the water and wildlife -	9/29/2015 11:02 PM
30	Take off the table everything other than returning it to an 18 hole golf course as it has been for multiple decades with no problems.	9/29/2015 12:41 PM
31	Additional maintenance facilities. It should remain a green space and park for people and wildlife.	9/28/2015 11:05 PM
32	it sounds like not remaining a golf course is a foregone conclusion from the wording of this survey. I would not recommend building on the site. If there truly are major water table problems, it should not be built on.	9/28/2015 10:14 PM
33	Golf course	9/28/2015 7:30 PM
34	anything out side of the Park Board's mandate, i.e., sell it off, condos, commercial development, etc.	9/28/2015 11:41 AM
35	restricted, single-use sports facilities should not be considered for city park land	9/28/2015 11:38 AM
36	Dog park should not be considered (enough); Walking trails should not be considered (go across street to lake & find plenty paths)	9/28/2015 11:27 AM
37	No commercial development!! Remain a park.	9/28/2015 9:38 AM
38	Any uses that require constant, or substantial, technological or engineered maintenance to change the natural hydrology of the property should be disallowed. Let the wetland be wet, let the groundwater rise and fall more naturally.	9/28/2015 8:45 AM
39	Anything that requires pumping groundwater from the site.	9/28/2015 8:00 AM
40	Development. Housing.	9/28/2015 5:53 AM

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41	Eliminating use of herbicides and fertilizers and the impact on the waterways -- such as the creek, Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis. What is the impact to Minnehaha creek with all the water pumped out -- will it dry up -- what is the state of the water being put into the creek What other possibilities are there for landscaping that "absorbs" water and are there educational possibilities, particularly with two rec building in such close proximity What is the impact on the community? What can we expect? (more birds, improved fishing)	9/27/2015 10:23 PM
42	Paved trails. (It is a relatively small space surrounded by pavement; there are paved trails around all the lakes; no need for more paved trails.) Water parks, skateboard parks, bike trails, or other highly developed purposes.	9/27/2015 9:58 PM
43	Activities that are chemically intensive it exclusionary due to cost.	9/27/2015 5:22 PM
44	Personally I have never and would never in the future use the public golf course, but I am unsure of the wider usage of the property for that purpose.	9/27/2015 3:06 PM
45	PARKS, PLACES TO GROW FOOD, FRUIT BEARING TREES ...	9/27/2015 12:36 PM
46	Keep it a public park	9/26/2015 7:25 PM
47	No more golf but open space for everyone to use.	9/25/2015 4:10 PM
48	Everything but golf should be taken off the table	9/25/2015 11:48 AM
49	Not a golf course. Not selling it as private property.	9/25/2015 11:08 AM
50	athletic fields	9/25/2015 9:54 AM
51	Another for-profit park "restaurant"	9/25/2015 8:51 AM
52	The only uses that should be considered should be uses that are appropriate for the ecological system, and uses that would facilitate the most access for the citizens of this city.	9/25/2015 6:47 AM
53	Anything that would have a similar negative environmental impact to the golf course.	9/24/2015 11:24 PM
54	none that I can think of	9/24/2015 9:32 PM
55	I think the golf course should be taken off the table. It uses way too many resources, fights the land, and serves relatively few in the community. I suppose any option that requires excessive managing of the land should be taken off the table-- "managing" meaning things like groundwater pumping, chemical spraying, watering, lots of new construction, etc.	9/24/2015 9:06 PM
56	I've heard that a dog park is a possibility. As I said above, it would be ideal to open the path around the entire lake.	9/24/2015 7:58 PM
57	Any use that exclude public access or further stress the local and regional ecosystem. Also, this is addressed above, but I need to say it: No sales (even in part) for private development of any kind. This quality of property is priceless in an urban environment, and it should remain public permanently..	9/24/2015 7:35 PM
58	No more organized sports fields!	9/24/2015 7:16 PM
59	Mountain bike trails!!!	9/24/2015 5:06 PM
60	Do not use this outdoor area for a parking lot	9/24/2015 4:47 PM
61	Anything that reduces water quality, interrupts habitat or wildlife should not be considered for the land. Herbicides/pesticides should not be used on the land. I hope we do not charge admission to enter the land. such as permits etc. Bringing fill or additional soil into the landscape in my opinion will not help the storm water holding capacity of the land.	9/24/2015 4:07 PM
62	water park	9/24/2015 3:18 PM
63	Anything that would make it not a green space/park of some kind.	9/24/2015 2:34 PM
64	This site should not be considered a place which can be used by drain spouts and other garbage flow systems to use as a dumping ground.	9/24/2015 1:33 PM
65	All alternative recreational (non motorized) uses proposed to date that I have seen look like good ideas.	9/24/2015 1:07 PM
66	I think anything that requires intensive construction like paving or re-development of man-made objects should be off the table.	9/24/2015 1:05 PM
67	Extreme/loud sports.	9/24/2015 12:59 PM
68	Anything that may be very noisy or takes too much away from green space.	9/24/2015 12:44 PM
69	Not an option - keep the property as a golf course to enhance the livability feature of our parks.	9/24/2015 12:29 PM
70	Numerous, noisy, technically inclined activities.	9/24/2015 12:22 PM

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71	No increase in impervious surfaces without water harvesting and bio-filters. No bike paths on the golf course, but have some to commute to the course. No sports fields (if it can't be used for golf, it can't be used for soccer or any other turf-dependent sport.) No loud activities - golf is a contemplative sport (good for stress reduction.)	9/24/2015 12:12 PM
72	-Development for commercial use. -Dog park (also degrades the land and water quality and allocates land for a specific group of people)	9/24/2015 12:05 PM
73	Dog park. Walking path around the lake - we have many walking paths in area. Protecting wildlife and plants from human intrusion should be a priority.	9/24/2015 12:02 PM
74	- dredging the lake or creek - damming the creek or separating lake from creek - single-use purposes tha exclude a majority of the public and neighborhood residents - overly developing for recreational activities	9/24/2015 11:51 AM
75	No paved and/or fenced playing courts or fields (basketball, baseball, tennis, etc.)	9/24/2015 11:36 AM
76	amusement park.	9/24/2015 11:18 AM
77	Privitization	9/24/2015 11:00 AM
78	any motorized used (e.g. ATV, dirtbike) real estate development car infrastructure parking	9/24/2015 10:56 AM
79	Any use that requires pumping that much water out should be taken off the table. It's not a good use of resources.	9/24/2015 10:54 AM
80	Selling the land.	9/24/2015 10:45 AM
81	Anything involving mowed grass. Over 90% of Nokomis and Hiawatha Parks are fully developed.	9/24/2015 10:35 AM
82	No commercial development! Cross-country skiing is always great for the winter, but golf must remain an integral part of the plan. It is already used for "Frisbee" golf.	9/24/2015 10:21 AM
83	Anything that disrupts the natural flow/level of Lake Hiawatha	9/24/2015 10:14 AM
84	I think any kind of motorized sports would be inappropriate. This area is used by the neighborhood as a nature area, and as such should be cared for. (not polluted)	9/24/2015 10:01 AM
85	Maintaining the golf course as a park--already so popular with dog walkers and cross-country skiers in winter--would be an asset for the community. Transforming the site into a park rather than a golf course would eliminate the chemicals used to maintain the lawns. From an ecological point of view, fewer chemicals in the environment and our water is a benefit and, in my mind, the greater good thana golf course.	9/24/2015 9:26 AM
86	Everything but golf.	9/24/2015 9:22 AM
87	Any reduction in other green space surrounding the golf course - ie the NW corner at 43rd and 19th and the open space along Longfellow.	9/24/2015 9:11 AM
88	Tennis courts, public gardening, only walking paths (there are enough of these), park buildings for storage et al....	9/24/2015 9:03 AM
89	Any uses that contribute to the contamination of the ground water, through their maintenance.	9/24/2015 8:44 AM
90	*Do not remove the golf course. *Do not reduce the golf course to 9 holes. *Make the golf course work by appropriately managing the water concerns. *Do not negatively impact the green space at the corner of 19th Ave S and 43rd St E.	9/24/2015 8:35 AM
91	Dog park	9/24/2015 8:30 AM
92	None	9/24/2015 8:01 AM
93	If it is not a golf course, I probably would not visit the property	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
94	I don't think anything should be taken off the table (except golf). Would this stretch of land be considered for residential space? If so, what sort of impacts to the nearby neighborhoods would have to be considered with an influx of new residents? With the rising demand for urban living, this is an opportunity to create more living space in Minneapolis.	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
95	Anything that requires so much pumping of ground water. And no splash pools since they are water hogs.	9/24/2015 6:25 AM
96	None	9/24/2015 6:01 AM
97	We don't need any more walking,biking,or dog parks we have many of them available already.	9/24/2015 5:40 AM
98	abandoning the back nine.	9/24/2015 5:00 AM
99	Anything that is not outdoor sports or recreation.	9/24/2015 12:41 AM
100	It should not be an place that a few in the neighborhood can use to walk their dogs at the expense of all Minneapolis citizens.	9/23/2015 11:26 PM

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101	I don't think aa 18 hole golf course is acceptable on this land. I would also be opposed to a do park and to the idea of making snow for winter recreation N. I believe any use should be with top priority to the preservation and support of the natural lake environment.	9/23/2015 10:17 PM
102	We don't need another restaurant, well, unless there's a bandshell. Then we'd need concessions, at least.	9/23/2015 10:06 PM
103	Since we're seeing the consequences of the destruction of a natural wetland, I hope the park board considers long-term solutions that restore wetlands or at least don't perpetuate the false sense of a stable landscape. I hope the park board does NOT consider bringing in more landfill, continuing to pump water out of the water table, or meddling in other ways with large natural systems.	9/23/2015 9:55 PM
104	Bike trails	9/23/2015 9:51 PM
105	Golf (high energy and fertilizer input, appeal to a narrow segment of the public, high water use, significant manipulation of the landscape),	9/23/2015 9:51 PM
106	None, it's a study. Please keep recreation options both passive and active open.	9/23/2015 9:43 PM
107	Anything other than golf should be taken off the table.	9/23/2015 9:30 PM
108	Selling it to developers who will build condos or anything similar.	9/23/2015 9:25 PM
109	Taking golf off the table or significantly limiting it seems like the obvious answer to this question. Many other uses could & should be considered.	9/23/2015 9:12 PM
110	Ball fields, picnic shelters, amphitheater. We have lots of that type of thing in the southeastern quadrant of our city. What people in the neighborhood seem to want is more access within walking distance to more natural areas like the people near the river are able to do.	9/23/2015 9:11 PM
111	I don't want a golf club	9/23/2015 9:05 PM
112	Golf	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
113	No dog park!!!! Already have one at Minnehaha!	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
114	Any use should ne considered so long as it remains natural.	9/23/2015 8:56 PM
115	As I stated above, any other consideration for this property will not bring in money - it will cost money to keep up the property. WE DO NOT NEED MORE PARKS & WALKING PATHS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD - THEY WILL BE COSTLY TO MAINTAIN & WILL NOT BRING IN ANY MONEY.	9/23/2015 8:54 PM
116	Velodrome!!	9/23/2015 8:51 PM
117	None. It should remain a golf course.	9/23/2015 8:13 PM
118	Anything that doesn't generate enough revenue to cover the operation costs (I know, golf hasn't exactly been ringing the register recently, but I think that's due to course quality and the overall experience trailing other golf options). Judging by the frequency that the park by my house (East of Bloomington Ave between 50th and the parkway) has been mowed (only about a half-dozen times the entire summer) the park board is short on funds and adding more unfunded spaces is not prudent. Additional revenue streams such as foot golf, disc golf, fling golf and anything else that uses the same space as the traditional golf course. These non-traditional activities just annoy golfers and the golfers will go elsewhere so they don't have to wait for a foot golfer to get out of the way before hitting.	9/23/2015 8:05 PM
119	Abandon the golf course, but absolutely retain as public park property in as undeveloped a state as is practical.	9/23/2015 7:56 PM
120	No racing activities involving motors, no large scale skateboard or biking playgrounds. And there should always be plenty of staff to maintain safety within the neighborhood.	9/23/2015 7:41 PM
121	No dog park.	9/23/2015 7:40 PM
122	Noise making and engine driven activities should not be allowed. Look to the variety of activity at the Theadoe Wirth as an example.	9/23/2015 7:11 PM
123	If for some reason the park board deems it necessary to eliminate golf, I would keep development at a minimum. So anything that decreases the natural features such as trees, ponds etc. should not be considered.	9/23/2015 6:58 PM
124	Mountain biking Soccer	9/23/2015 6:53 PM
125	Keeping it as-is. I'd like to see some changes made so that more are able to use the space.	9/23/2015 6:37 PM
126	No dog parks	9/23/2015 6:36 PM
127	A simple reconstruction of the golf course as is should definitely not be considered. Nor should development.	9/23/2015 6:27 PM
128	Anything other than golf would be a problem for me.	9/23/2015 6:19 PM

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129	Anything that makes it harder to maintain ecologically. No tennis courts, no big buildings. Nothing that pours more tax money into something that is so detrimental to the environment.	9/23/2015 6:14 PM
130	Anything that impedes with the property being operated primarily as a golf course.	9/23/2015 5:45 PM
131	No thoughts on this at this time.	9/23/2015 5:39 PM
132	nature areas, we have plenty.	9/23/2015 5:39 PM
133	no footgolf	9/23/2015 5:31 PM
134	Concrete.	9/23/2015 12:10 AM
135	anything that requires pesticides for upkeep or too much disruption to habitat for wildlife.	9/22/2015 9:25 AM
136	It shouldn't be paved -- or take uses that would require synthetic chemical upkeep.	9/22/2015 9:24 AM
137	Not sure, I'd rather not see a lot of paved surfaces, or a lot of open lawn.	9/22/2015 7:29 AM
138	Because the site sits squarely within a residential neighborhood, uses that create additional noise pollution (amphitheater, etc.) or light pollution (lights for athletic fields) should seek strong neighborhood input and approval. The Park Board should not increase the size or scope of the maintenance depot at the site.	9/21/2015 10:25 PM
139	Not a golf course.	9/21/2015 9:44 PM
140	I don't want to take too much off the table to limit our creativity. I guess a nuclear reactor would be off the table but I am open to lots of park ideas, the more natural the better. Example: what about part being a massive community garden on the lines of Dowling? What about a big edible garden where people could grow apples and cherries and pumpkins, etc.	9/21/2015 9:14 PM
141	I think any plan that relies on excessive groundwater pumping to keep the site operation should be off the table. Nature knows what it wants to be. The site should return to its former condition as a wetland/lake, paired perhaps with flood control/water quality for Minnehaha Creek and much-needed native pollinator and waterfowl habitat.	9/21/2015 9:03 PM
142	Don't know	9/21/2015 8:57 PM
143	Need to be realistic that the Park Board won't give up the revenues generated by one of the most popular courses in the state. Fight the right fight: how to eliminate runoff and fertilizer use. Make it green!	9/21/2015 8:41 PM
144	Is there anyway to use it as an alternative green space and allow Rice Lake to come back?	9/21/2015 8:31 PM
145	Financially and environmentally unsustainable uses should not be considered.	9/21/2015 8:22 PM
146	No golf! If it is naturally meant to be a watershed, let it be that. Utilize to support pollinators!	9/21/2015 8:08 PM
147	Golf should be taken off the table as a use at this site given the intensive fertilizer and pesticide usage that has likely been infiltrating both ground water and lake water over the course of the life of Hiawatha Golf Course.	9/21/2015 7:46 PM
148	See above.	9/20/2015 6:47 PM
149	1. Dog park 2. Additional walking paths, especially given the fact that sufficient walking and biking paths are only one block away. 3. Foot golf operating on the same holes as the established golf holes 4. Increasing hole diameters that would result in undermining the integrity of the game	9/20/2015 1:05 PM
150	Take Golf off	9/18/2015 9:38 PM
151	The only use that should be considered is a golf course This is an historic site in minneapolis. I am 63 and have played golf at hiawatha for over 50 years. i was part of the great legacy it has for producing quality golfers as well as quality people, representing Hiawatha many times in MGA and USGA events in the 60's and 70's. Itis inconcievable to me to consider any other use for any reason at Hiawatha There is plenty of open sapace park space very close to the golf course, no need to create more. There is Minnehaha Falls, minnehaha creek, running from Edina all the way to the falls, lake Nokomis, and the non golf portion of Lake hiawatha. The course has been in existence for over 80 years, and in my lifetime can only remeber it being flooded 3 times that caused extended closure	9/18/2015 4:30 PM

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Q7 What questions does the MPRB need to address in the immediate term?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 159

#	Responses	Date
1	Is it fair to the many people who do use the golf course in south Minneapolis to deprive them of this amenity? There are very few nearby alternatives to use. Are your numbers realistic for future use of the other possibilities mentioned- or just wishful thinking?	7/4/2017 4:44 PM
2	What, if any, golf uses will continue at the Hiawatha park area? What reductions in pumping create issues for homeowners in the area and also change the existing land uses on the park property? Are there certain thresholds of pumping reductions where extensive impacts would occur on the homeowners (flooding) and or a passive use of the park area when golf use is removed?	7/1/2017 9:32 AM
3	What are the cost benefits of the various scenarios? What adjustments to the current course could help alleviate the current problems. What outside consultants have been retained to determine adjustments to the current golf course.	7/1/2017 12:20 AM
4	How to protect our homes from flooding (in a sustainable manner.)	6/26/2017 11:11 AM
5	who are you doing these changes for and why are you doing it for them.I want my community to be inclusive not exclusive. This is the only community course in the area but there are many parks with community gardens, dog parks, trails, pools, playgrounds, fields for other sports, and just open space, etc.	6/22/2017 3:14 PM
6	How does the water pumping combined with a pay-to-play golf course help the majority of neighborhood residents, especially newer residents who are not necessarily moving into the area for golf?	5/19/2017 10:16 AM
7	Heavy rains!	5/18/2017 11:51 AM
8	As one of the few large contiguous public green spaces in Minneapolis this is an important opportunity to return to a more natural state that will protect the limited native wildlife and habitat in the city and reduce management costs while being an important space for neighbors to gather and lead healthy lives. MPRB needs to prioritize equity and how this space can support the needs of diverse families in the area more than the wants of special interests.	5/12/2017 11:20 AM
9	How much do you want to cater to the golfers in the city vs. having a large area where ALL citizens can enjoy nature and wildlife? Are you ok with polluting the water sources we have? How many golf courses are nearby to satiate golfing needs? To golf you probably have to have a car, to enjoy nature you do not. The area is part of the MPBR yet it feels like an exclusive space reserved for a small part of the entire community. Citizens can't just stroll through there any time of the year. How exclusive should our parks be? Shouldn't they be for everyone to use throughout the year? In the past 10 years I have been in there one time and that was when it flooded and wasn't being used as a golf course.	4/6/2017 10:08 PM
10	Why are we pumping ground water reserves without aux benefit except maintaining dry areas. What could those resources be allocated to otherwise, and have an exit plan of escalating maintenance costs.	4/3/2017 8:08 PM
11	Will any of MPRB's decisions negatively affect the local homeowners due to flooding? If so, be prepared for lawsuits.	3/31/2017 4:51 PM
12	MPRB needs an immediate-term plan that will allow for reduction in groundwater pumping.	3/14/2017 11:15 PM
13	The immediate questions are: 1. Who can you hire to consult on a truly creative golf design for Hiawatha Golf Course and the surrounding ecosystem? 2. Can you afford to do more of the same or do you need a NEW point of view? 3. Can you more fully integrate your golf courses into the community like they do in other countries? Do you know what this means? 4. What/who can breathe new life into Hiawatha and the way we view golf? 5. I would like to hear more about the pros/cons of pumping ground water in the Hiawatha drainage area.	10/20/2016 1:36 PM
14	What would the overall benefit be to the community for keeping a golf course? What is the energy coast to keep water out of where it wants to go? How will climate change further impact the need to control the land with pumping and landscaping?	5/19/2016 11:20 PM
15	How to restore the ecosystem	2/21/2016 10:57 PM
16	Barr Engineering report should be useful for answering questions. In the immediate term the MPRB should educate itself on the intentions of the Friends of Lake Hiawatha group and the Hiawatha Food Forest advocates.	2/10/2016 9:17 PM
17	How to keep the property as a golf course.	2/6/2016 5:51 PM

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18	The dredging of Lake Hiawatha should be considered normal maintenance to be performed every 50 years to lower the level of the Lake. If the level of the Lake was restored to where it was when Theodore Wirth built the golf course, there would be no need for pumping water off the course.	2/2/2016 9:33 AM
19	How to dredge the lake, how to best support non-golf community use of the property.	1/4/2016 12:37 PM
20	How to find a use that isn't affected by flooding. How to create valuable parkland in an area that's already rich in park amenities. How to keep the space relevant as golf continues to decline.	10/26/2015 7:09 AM
21	Are cost estimates realistic when looking at dredging the lake? Does there really need to be a beach? Would there be less pumping if the lake was dredged? Could walking trails be incorporated on the golf course?	10/13/2015 9:13 PM
22	As a resident of the surrounding neighborhood, I feel that the parks surrounding Nokomis and Hiawatha do not receive the same level of care and attention that the parks surrounding Harriet and Calhoun receive. Obviously, these neighborhoods around Hiawatha and Nokomis are not as wealthy. If the park board does not wish to spend funds maintaining the park around Nokomis and Hiawatha (mowing comes to mind), then plan for a park that requires less maintenance. A naturalized area similar to the Wood Lake Nature Center comes to mind.	10/2/2015 4:49 PM
23	why would the mprb want to shut down the only 18 hole golf course that sits in the minneapolis proper and deligate tax payer money and money given from fema and other organizations to courses that are out of the city limits	10/2/2015 8:58 AM
24	What groundwater is and why they can't just keep pumping it out. Is it cost of pumping, or that when there is flooding the pumps can't keep up? I realize it's a problem, but I'm not sure exactly what the problem is.	9/30/2015 10:27 PM
25	health of the lake and it's residence	9/29/2015 11:02 PM
26	Who decided pumping limits and for what reason? If the limits are exceeded they must have been for years. What harm could it have been causing if it took a 'study' to discover the pumping level?	9/29/2015 12:41 PM
27	Water!	9/28/2015 11:05 PM
28	Is the park board doing everything they can to save the golf course or are they looking for rationale too get rid of it?	9/28/2015 10:14 PM
29	Neonic and pesticide use	9/28/2015 7:30 PM
30	Certainly the impacts of the groundwater pumping should be assessed. I would like to see a full cost-benefit assessment for managing the golf course under current conditions (including number of citizens served, income generated, effects on groundwater quantity, energy costs, greenhouse gas emissions (including CO2, CH4, and N2O)-and then a similar assessment under different management scenarios.	9/28/2015 12:13 PM
31	Is it breaking the laws re pumping? Is a golf course in the best interests of the City moving forward, given the increasing demands on all lands of any open or natural condition reaffirm: what's the value of a park/natural/recreation area in a city?	9/28/2015 11:41 AM
32	environmental impact of pumping, alternative analysis park land uses	9/28/2015 11:38 AM
33	Explain why water pumping was not caught earlier Explain why the Minneapolis golf courses, especially Hiawatha, have not been maintained in the past 10 years Explain where golf revenue has gone Explain methods to diver the ground water if possible Explain if dredging creek can be accomplished to carry water forward	9/28/2015 11:27 AM
34	What are the long-term environmental effects of keeping it a golf course? Is pumping out groundwater, then watering and fertilizing grass to keep it artificially green, the best thing for the water quality, animal life, and plant habitats in the area?	9/28/2015 9:38 AM
35	What is the natural hydrology of the property? How can the natural hydrology benefit the other land uses of the area? How can Lake Hiawatha serve as a water storage area in high-flow times of the year?	9/28/2015 8:45 AM
36	1) How much does it cost to keep this land dry enough to serve as a golf course? (including energy to operate, purchase/installation/replacement of pumps and other required equipment, servicing/maintaining that equipment as needed, and any required permits) 2) The water that has been pumped - where has it been going and/or how has it been used? 3) How could a wetland in this area be an asset to the local and citywide community?	9/28/2015 8:00 AM
37	What impact does the ground water, contaminated by chemicals, have on the surrounding quality of life?	9/28/2015 5:53 AM
38	What are the various scenarios for discontinuing or lessening the pumping of water from the golf course on the three other waterbodies (Hiawatha, Nokomis and Creek) and the impact on wildlife both in the water and near the water. What is in the water that is being pumped? What does it contain?	9/27/2015 10:23 PM
39	Environmental impact on creek, river, lake and watershed due to past and current activity.	9/27/2015 5:22 PM
40	*community needs *upkeep costs *pesticide/herbicide usage *impact on water quality *park's future resilience in a context of changing weather patterns	9/27/2015 3:06 PM

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41	WHO USES THIS PARK? WHO ARE WE SERVING ... IS IT REALLY WELCOMING AND IS ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR ACCESS TO GREENSPACE IN OUR CITIES -- ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE IN UNDERSERVED AREAS	9/27/2015 12:36 PM
42	What is best for the long term health if our ecosystem. What other golf courses are available to meet the demand for golfing.	9/26/2015 7:25 PM
43	Use of water and how many people really use the golf course.	9/25/2015 4:10 PM
44	How soon they are going to be able to return it to an 18 hole course	9/25/2015 11:48 AM
45	Stop dumping water in the lake! Assess the use of the golf course, and survey taxpayers to find out whether they want a change (thanks for this survey! More please). Many people just think it has to be a golf course because thats what it is now. You won't know their opinions unless you ask- and I am so glad this investigation was done.	9/25/2015 11:08 AM
46	I have become aware of the massive amounts of trash deposited in the lake from storm sewers - this needs to be mitigated.	9/25/2015 9:54 AM
47	Water quality of the lake.	9/25/2015 7:50 AM
48	Water quality. Sewer run off into the lake needs to be rerouted and filtered. Fertilizer used on grass at golf course runs directly into Lake Hiawatha and directly affects lake water quality. Stop using fertilizer.	9/25/2015 7:36 AM
49	How to facilitate access, and more importantly how to create a healthy ecology.	9/25/2015 6:47 AM
50	Golf balls flying over the fence along 43rd (do NOT enjoy balls come flying over my head while walking the kid to Hiawatha park). Traffic (golfers zipping down Longfellow after a "relaxing" game of golf). Bad enough with the drivers zipping down Longfellow to avoid the Cedar/42nd intersection without the added traffic from the golf course. Why in the h-e-double hockey sticks is there a Crabapple tree in the playground at Hiawatha park? Whoever decided that one doesn't have kids ;)	9/24/2015 11:28 PM
51	The golf people are probably going to be the loudest, so the people who actually live near the lake, and who consider the lake to be an important feature of their neighborhood and daily scenery need to also be heard. What's good for the community at large, as opposed to just the golfers?	9/24/2015 11:24 PM
52	What financial & environmental costs come with the golf course & if those costs are worth it.	9/24/2015 11:07 PM
53	The harm done to the area by the golf course water drainage.	9/24/2015 9:32 PM
54	How to help mitigate garbage and chemical runoff going into Lake Hiawatha.	9/24/2015 9:06 PM
55	Groundwater, flooding, the sewers emptying out into the lake (why is the beach EVER open for swimming? Does anyone test the water to make sure it's safe?)	9/24/2015 7:58 PM
56	Is there a way to retain golf at the facility while responsibly protecting the watershed (lake, creek, etc.) How much should we spend to develop/redevelop the property for public use? How important is golf (or another use) compared to the environmental impact/financial impact of maintaining 9 or 18 holes? Are there better options? Would more people benefit for golf or another use? Define those benefits. What is the potential ecological benefit to nature restoration? What impact could an expanded wetland and prairie "oasis" (even on part of the property) have on threatened populations including native plants, pollinators, amphibians, aquatic birds and mammals, migratory birds, etc.? Would there be synergy with other nearby "oases"?	9/24/2015 7:35 PM
57	how to stop the flow of garbage into the lake Education and campaign in the neighborhood and city on littering prevention	9/24/2015 7:30 PM
58	Why spend so much on maintaining golf courses that lose money because hardly anybody uses them?	9/24/2015 7:16 PM
59	Reconsider outdoor space as a park. When can we the public be informed of the final decision	9/24/2015 4:47 PM
60	keep us informed. How does the groundwater pumping information impact the plans?	9/24/2015 4:07 PM
61	Years and years of pollution from the golf course.	9/24/2015 3:18 PM
62	How exactly, to keep this beautiful natural space clean and free of pollution.	9/24/2015 1:33 PM
63	Groundwater situation on the golf course. Impact on Lake Hiawatha. How to maintain a habitat for wildlife and improve lake pollution in and around the golf course area.	9/24/2015 1:07 PM
64	How to re-develop the property sustainably for future residents	9/24/2015 1:05 PM
65	How to stop pollution, litter, & fertilizer from entering the creek & lake as soon as possible.	9/24/2015 12:44 PM
66	When will the course be ready for 18 holes of play?	9/24/2015 12:29 PM

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67	Educate, educate, educate the public on the technical issue surrounding the water issue. Is it really groundwater? A change in dredging procedures? A change in pumping? A change in water release from the site? Just because the course flooded (overtopped the levee or backed up the creek), the hydrology of the site didn't suddenly change. The public needs to know what happened and what is different now compared to how this area has been managed for the past 80 years.	9/24/2015 12:12 PM
68	-Will the future use of this land benefit the Minneapolis community as a whole? -Will the future use positively or negatively impact the health of the surrounding land, water, plants, animals, children, and adults? -Are there resources or spaces missing in this area e.g. public space, community gardens, farmers markets (in the parking lot space?) -Will a large segment of the population feel welcome and have access to the space	9/24/2015 12:05 PM
69	Have a clearly articulated process and plan presented. I understand the groundwater pumping issue and environmental impact but I think the damage to Lake Hiawatha started when the built the course originally. To consider shutting down the course now would be disingenuous to the original intent. I would like to think we fix our mistakes, not abandon them.	9/24/2015 12:04 PM
70	Get going with storm water mitigation. At least start trapping the runoff garbage before it gets into the lake.	9/24/2015 12:02 PM
71	What is the cost of maintaining a golf course? And what revenue losses has the golf course already created? What possible uses are more compatible with this landscape, given it used to be a wetland that likely extended west to Cedar Avenue? Would increased wetlands or wet meadows, more trees and tall grasses increase water holding capacity and limit flooding incidents in the nearby area?	9/24/2015 11:51 AM
72	Is the golf course a good use of the space and expenditure of energy? How can we make the land more environmentally sustainable, all the while allowing the property to be accessible by the greatest number of people.	9/24/2015 11:36 AM
73	Is a golf course the best use of this land, regardless of the issues with ground water?	9/24/2015 11:36 AM
74	The north side storm sewer that comes from the golf course in a key concern relating to the pollution and and ongoing damage happening in Lake Hiawatha and needs to be addressed and mitigated.	9/24/2015 11:18 AM
75	Is a golf course sustainable, or is the land best served for use by more opportunities for non-golfers to use the land	9/24/2015 11:00 AM
76	Maintain public input through the planning process...not just to determine the goal.	9/24/2015 10:56 AM
77	The flow of garbage from nearby streets into Lake Hiawatha. The storm drain system. The maintenance of a golf course built in a water rich area, where course maintenance chemicals end up in the bodies of water around the course.	9/24/2015 10:54 AM
78	Whether or not the golf course will continue to operate in any form in the future.	9/24/2015 10:45 AM
79	Why is the lake so polluted and so often un-swimmable? How do we get more children in the park?	9/24/2015 10:35 AM
80	How to deal with the water.	9/24/2015 10:21 AM
81	Pollution	9/24/2015 10:14 AM
82	The north side storm sewer that comes in through the golf course --this is a major source of trash and pollution entering the lake. I can see it washing up on the shore near there.	9/24/2015 10:01 AM
83	address and mitigate the north side storm sewer that comes through the golf course.	9/24/2015 9:58 AM
84	Water quality. How is the lake's water quality affected by the golf course, by pumping water into the lake, and by the northside storm water outfall?	9/24/2015 9:26 AM
85	How can we figure out drainage so the course doesn't become a marsh and then a dead-grass wasteland once every couple year? How can the Minneapolis public courses play a bigger role in encouraging youth golfers to take up the sport?	9/24/2015 9:22 AM
86	Adequate upkeep of the current property - see next section comments.	9/24/2015 9:11 AM
87	As I mentioned above, the MPRB must not make decisions based on the recent and present social, economic conditions. These conditions affect the recreational behavior of our citizens. The present is not permanent, and as our political process moves on to include more in the financial spectrum the social behavior will change. There will be more need for alternative recreation than at present. So do not make hasty decisions based on current trends.	9/24/2015 9:03 AM
88	Funding of Lake Hiawatha Lake clean-up, namely the storm sewer problem. Water quality is today's issue; there are many places for golfing nearby, but a filthy, polluted lake is bad for everyone.	9/24/2015 8:48 AM
89	How to keep the trash from flooding into the lake.	9/24/2015 8:44 AM

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90	*What are the problems associated with managing the ground water? Permits? Storage? Cost? Pollution? *What are the solutions to managing the groundwater? *Can the golf course be remodeled with high tee boxes and holes that would stay above flood stage? *Can the golf course be remodeled with the fairways, roughs, hazards and surrounding lower areas designed to accept ground water and flood waters via rain gardens, ponds and vegetation that can recover from being submerged? *Is there a goal to remodel the club house and make it a destination for the neighborhood? *Can the fence surrounding the golf course be removed while still protecting the integrity of the course?	9/24/2015 8:35 AM
91	MPRB should explore private involvement in golf course management and required updates. Sign a 20-25 year deal with a course management firm. Have them commit to a certain \$\$\$ amount for improvements then let them operate/maintain it. The MPRB then takes a percentage of either the overall revenue or profit. Simple! Should explore this for all courses. Professional management will make a difference as opposed to management by people that don't even play the game.	9/24/2015 8:30 AM
92	Renovate to a full 18 hole golf course.	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
93	What costs are being spent toward maintaining the golf course and if those funds cease, what would the property look like without the maintaining? Is there a more cost effective approach to maintaining the land for a different purpose?	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
94	How can you best manage the ground water? How have the recent changes to Nokomis exacerbated this problem and was that plan flawed?	9/24/2015 6:25 AM
95	Ground water problem, why after all these years has this now become a problem.	9/24/2015 5:40 AM
96	the depth of Lake Hiawatha, dredging the lake to lower the water table.	9/24/2015 5:00 AM
97	There is no where to go as a replacement for Hiawatha golf. Somethin should be done to keep that continuity and a top notch practice facility would be smaller in scope but allow for city kids to learn the game.	9/24/2015 12:41 AM
98	This was originally an area of swamp and rice paddies. When I was young the name of the lake was Rice Lake. My advice, if it's not going to be a golf course, let it go back to a swamp and the city can harvest the rice and gain some revenue in the process.	9/23/2015 11:26 PM
99	What is the full disclosure on the water pumping issue. Why was so much more water being pumped than what the permit allowed and who is responsible. What are the environmental needs for fuk lol preservation and support of Lake Hiawatha and its natural environment.	9/23/2015 10:17 PM
100	How much water is being pumped? Is that legal? If not, would the golf course survive without pumping? Does part of the course need to be used for some sort of filtration to deal with the pollution issue in the Lake Hiawatha watershed (that flowing into the north end of the lake)?	9/23/2015 10:06 PM
101	1. How can we prevent trash and pollutants from storm-water runoff from entering Lake Hiawatha?	9/23/2015 9:55 PM
102	Will changes in groundwater level affect homes in the immediate area (wells/flooding)?	9/23/2015 9:51 PM
103	What damage to the groundwater system has been done. How does this impact the recently approved Lake Hiawatha and Nokomis Master Plans? If this recreational use changes those plans should be reopened for comment and consideration. Do this correct please for the long term.	9/23/2015 9:43 PM
104	Lake Hiawatha needs to be considered, it doesn't seem to be a healthy, functioning body of water (often scummy, not a super inviting swimming or canoeing lake). Whatever happens with the property it would be great to make sure the watershed and lake are made as healthy as possible.	9/23/2015 9:23 PM
105	Water quality in lake Hiawatha as a result of ground water pumping.	9/23/2015 9:12 PM
106	It seems obvious that the environmental cost of keeping this a golf course, especially if it requires so much pumping of water to the detriment of the lake, is just a terrible idea. I think the park board needs to make a decision and defended strongly so that we can move forward and not let this get caught in years of debate.	9/23/2015 9:11 PM
107	MPRB needs to be more assertive in finding a way to keep Hiawatha Golf Course open. It is easy to say that it is too difficult & costly to fix the water issue, but any options that have been presented are ridiculous.	9/23/2015 8:54 PM
108	What is the site's impact on Lake Hiawatha?	9/23/2015 8:46 PM
109	How to keep the course dry without harming the local ecology.	9/23/2015 8:13 PM
110	How is the course management outsourcing arrangement working for St. Paul Como and Phalen courses? If that model is working, Minneapolis should consider it.	9/23/2015 8:05 PM
111	Are the above goals possible and cost-effective	9/23/2015 7:56 PM
112	The incredible amount of water underground. Is the immediate neighborhood going to have a voice in decisions made? Can we clean the lake of the garbage, and save it from being the city dump?	9/23/2015 7:41 PM

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113	How to use the additional water as an asset, not as a problem. Consider year round use highly. If revenue generation is a concern, consider another venture like Sea Salt.	9/23/2015 7:11 PM
114	Why is it taking so long to do anything at all?	9/23/2015 6:58 PM
115	Pollution and environmental issues	9/23/2015 6:53 PM
116	Water first, use of the land second.	9/23/2015 6:27 PM
117	Is pumping so much water environmentally viable? If not, how would the land be best used with the least environmental impact? And if parts of the golf course are naturalized, what can we do that's ecologically feasible to keep Lake Hiawatha from becoming a swamp?	9/23/2015 6:14 PM
118	Getting the back nine up and running! It's important that the course remain an 18-hole golf course.	9/23/2015 5:45 PM
119	why not natural drainage rather than pumping. creatively design into the golf course.	9/23/2015 5:39 PM
120	Reopening the back nine.	9/23/2015 5:23 PM
121	Where does it want to be in 10 years	9/23/2015 12:10 AM
122	please address the trash coming out of the stormsewer from the surrounding watershed. sean connaughty has said that he could build a catchment/filter system.	9/22/2015 9:25 AM
123	How can this site contribute to the socio-ecological well being of the region?	9/22/2015 9:24 AM
124	What is the current budget of the golf course, how much water is being pumped and how much does that cost. What are the environmental services or disservices of other alternative uses of the park. How much would those cost?	9/22/2015 7:29 AM
125	Based on a more substantial set of data, exactly how much groundwater is being pumped from Hiawatha Golf Course into Lake Hiawatha? What is the legal maximum amount of groundwater pumping allowable on this site by the MN DNR or other appropriate agencies?	9/21/2015 10:25 PM
126	Be very transparent with the public about the impact of keeping 18 holes of golf. How much fertilizer is needed. What is the story about all the water pumping, which I didn't know until this latest round. I also think we should remember that we live in this climate 12 months a year and, while there is tons to do in the summer, what about summer? What about sports ad activities that are popular with the newer immigrant populations?	9/21/2015 9:14 PM
127	How much water exactly are we pumping? Pesticides: How many, what kinds, how frequently applied, what exact amount of each, and how much of that do we think is migrating into the shallow groundwater and perhaps even the lake via pumping. Why didn't the MPRB know/disclose pumping volumes earlier? What does it currently cost us to pump? How are groundwater levels influenced by our pumping? How much revenue does the golf course generate? Can this be replaced with other functions?	9/21/2015 9:03 PM
128	costs of pumping vs. income from golf	9/21/2015 8:57 PM
129	How to best balance the historic use as a gold course with the bad environmental practices	9/21/2015 8:41 PM
130	if not able to keep this course open, invest in the remaining courses.	9/21/2015 8:31 PM
131	Who is in charge of the pump? How long have they been pumping all this groundwater downstream? Who do they report to? Why did MPRB just learn this information now? What is so sacred about golf that MPRB and MCWD reps have talked about keeping the golf course as a foregone conclusion, both now and in the recent past?	9/21/2015 8:22 PM
132	What improvements need to be made in MPRB oversight practices to prevent illegal practices on park property? What other properties should be reviewed? Perhaps all.	9/21/2015 8:08 PM
133	How many state and federal regulations are being broken by pumping ground water? Is MPRB damaging ground water for other communities by polluting with fertilizers and pesticides? Will MPRB face punitive action from agencies, or political action from residents due to mismanagement of water resources?	9/21/2015 7:46 PM
134	Long term sustainable uses for the park that reflect the changing tastes of the community and the comparability of the property with regards to storm water, flood water, ground water, Lake Hiawatha trash and oily stormwater, and creek and lake water quality.	9/20/2015 6:47 PM
135	Conduct a study to determine the impact of reducing the number of full time course maintenance personnel upon the quality of the golf course.	9/20/2015 1:05 PM

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Q8 Any other comments?

Answered: 98 Skipped: 196

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1	The golf course is important to a lot of people and will impact their quality of life. Just because some people do not use this facility does not mean it is obsolete. I never use soccer or baseball fields, but I feel they are important to the city park system. Many major metropolitan areas would be extremely envious of our park system and the fact that we are able to provide a variety of experiences for many different people. It seems that you are neglecting the voices of a large (often older) group of people who find great satisfaction in the sport of golf. I realize the water situation is paramount, but is it really a Minneapolis issue, when the amount of water released really is dependent on Lake Minnetonka? I don't imagine the health of our golf course would ever take precedent over the levels of that lake and it's well-to-do inhabitants. Thank you for your consideration.	7/4/2017 4:44 PM
2	With the extensive area of the park, there are potentially multiple uses and benefits that could occur on the site: - Fruit trees and community vegetable gardens on certain soils - Wetland restoration and habitat development in certain areas - Passive recreation (picnic areas, wildlife viewing, meditation) and trail development in other areas - Active seasonal recreation in certain areas (X-country skiing, running, walking, fat bike riding, etc.) - Climate change mitigation with restoration of prairie, wetland and forested areas and a reduction in fertilizer and pesticide use at the golf course. - Use low impact parking development, if needed: turf with amended soils/rock for a structural system underneath the turf parking area; talk to Liz Stout in the city stormwater program for more info. This area has wonderful potential to evolve with the changing demographics and desires of the neighborhood population. It is a unique opportunity within a major metropolitan city to protect and restore green space with multiple uses and benefits when suburban communities continue to destroy habitat and natural areas with obtuse growth and development. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!	7/1/2017 9:32 AM
3	Please take the time to thoroughly understand the community support for the course and its long history in the city.	7/1/2017 12:20 AM
4	I sincerely hope you can resolve the pumping issue without taking away this part of the community. The course has been here for almost 100 years. WHY throw in the towel now? The course brings in profit therefore is financial sustainable for the city. You have the solution to dredge so I recommend that is what you approve.	6/22/2017 3:14 PM
5	Return the wetland.	5/18/2017 11:51 AM
6	Phalen and Keller golf courses worked excellently with the Ramsey-Washington Watershed to build raingardens on off-play spaces that saved money and reduced inputs. They maintained the space as golf courses as a win-win for special interests, but we can do even better by improving water management while also increasing amenities for neighborhood families.	5/12/2017 11:20 AM
7	Everything should be done to maintain the golf course which provides means for activity that can be utilized by all ages. We have lots of other parks and green space but only one nearby location for golf.	4/11/2017 8:39 PM
8	This could be a beautiful area of nature in the city with a great restaurant like at Minnehaha Falls and Lake Nokomis. The building is already there, the land just needs to be left alone. Stop pumping the gross amounts of water and throwing chemicals all over the area.	4/6/2017 10:08 PM
9	There is a big need for a nicely maintained and affordable public golf facility near downtown. We should fix up Hiawatha or make Wirth more playable for the average golfer. There is enough land in the vicinity of the exiting Hiawatha golf course to expand the course AND integrate walking/birding paths, dog parks, flood retention, a first-class golf practice facility with easy access parking, add multi-functional golf-related uses, bike access to/from the course that connects with the MPRB trail system, etc. Consider using adjacent park land to create connections, destinations, and park system integration. Also bring in new GOLF technology and ensure ecological sensitivity and integration. The golf course is not/should not be a stand-alone entity!	10/20/2016 1:36 PM
10	Thank you for taking the time to consider other possibilities	5/19/2016 11:20 PM
11	Help create the biggest food forest, restore the ecosystem	2/21/2016 10:57 PM
12	What is the current vs. historical depth of lake Hiawatha and why, if the lake depth is 10' -15' shallower than it was 50-60 years ago, can't it just simply be dredged to infill the low lying areas of golf course and thereby negating the need to pump water into the lake?	2/6/2016 5:51 PM
13	Leave it a golf course. It's great to have it here! I don't even use it but my kids might.	2/5/2016 4:41 PM
14	We need more transparency and our Park Commissioners need to be honest about their intentions.	2/2/2016 9:33 AM
15	I rarely see people on the golf course, but during the winter the little, half groomed trail is pack with skiers.	1/4/2016 12:37 PM

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16	I strongly support the proposal to turn the entire golf course into a "food forest". Such a food forest would use permaculture design principles to self sustain perenial food plants, nut and fruit trees and renewed wetland. This would create food for the community, tremendous educational opportunities, increased ecosystem health and could be integrated with other uses. Thank you. A golf course is not ecologically sustainable or culturally appropriate for the neighborhood.	12/18/2015 4:48 PM
17	The Twin Cities are already really solid on golf courses. MPRB can't realistically maintain its courses to market standards without substantial investment, especially with declining traffic. It makes sense to choose a few courses and invest strategically. Given the flooding issues here, Hiawatha probably isn't a great choice.	10/26/2015 7:09 AM
18	lets get a mountain bike trail!	10/14/2015 3:34 PM
19	Has the Park Board looked into any grant funds or partnerships that may be available to restore the wetlands / prairie, etc.?	10/2/2015 4:49 PM
20	i believe it should be presented to the people of minneapolis that their tax money is being spent on golf courses outside the of the city and to being spent on golf courses in golden valley, st. louis park, st. anthony, fort snelling and hilltop and not to the "only" 18 hole championship course in minneapolis!!!!	10/2/2015 8:58 AM
21	I was at the meeting on September 15th and was impressed with the patience of the gentleman running the meeting. I live near the golf course and appreciate that it does its job of holding water so that it doesn't end up in our basements.	9/30/2015 10:27 PM
22	Take out all liability of Fort Snelling and get rid of it. Make improvements to Gross to create two "elite" level courses. two "discount" courses in Wirth and Columbia, and a fantastic nine hole course. All profits from golf should be reinvested in the golf courses. That is the only way to make them sustainable.	9/30/2015 10:07 PM
23	Hiawatha is a wonderful golf course. It is the only south MPLS course. It deserves to be rennovated--more so than Meadowbrook. When all the courses were doing well Hiawatha out sold the other city courses. But it needs to be in good shape. The park hasn't invested enough in keeping it in good shape. Many people have learned to golf there. The learning center is great and south Mpls residents deserve to have a practice range/learning center and an 18 hole golf course. I love the course. I learned to play there and it has my heart. I do league there--because of the course and location. Others left when the condnions declined, but many of us stayed becasue we believe in Haiwatha and believe in supporting a south Mpls course. I have relatives that live in Bloomington and they love playing Hiawatha (until the flood)--and we make it a family event. Please keep Hiawatha an 18 hole course and keep the learning center.	9/30/2015 5:21 PM
24	I am in favor of retaining this as a golf course in the summer and a place to cross country ski in the winter. In fact, it would be helpful if South High and other southside highschoools could use this as their cross country ski training ground in the winter.	9/30/2015 11:01 AM
25	I like the idea of adding places for activities such as sand volleyball courts or other that seem lower cost to maintain than paved (i.e. basketball, tennis etc) I also support the idea of the lake as natural as possible so, eliminating the beach. There are many other city lakes for people to walk all the way around, including Nokomis. I appreciate quiet feel and bird population at Lake Hiawatha the way with no walking trail all the way around. Has anyone studied the predicted impact of that change? At this point, the wildlife still have some refuge to escape, to a degree, so they can keep a safe distance as needed rather than continually pushed to smaller or no escapes.	9/29/2015 11:02 PM
26	If there are those who want to change the land use, they should be forthcoming about that rather than advance a pretense that the change is needed because of water and land levels that were no problem before a 100 year weather event.	9/29/2015 12:41 PM
27	I think it is a shame that the Park board is not doing more to try and save this course. it is a great asset to the city and to South Mpls residents who enjoy the game of golf. The facility was great for affordable group lessons. the closing of Hiawatha has made it more difficult to play on other nearby courses like Highland in next door Ramsey County (where I grew up). Not everybody who enjoys golf lives in the burbs - I think it is important to have a variety of park and rec facilities for residents of Minneapolis - including golf.	9/28/2015 10:14 PM
28	Look down the road 200 years and then make your decisions	9/28/2015 11:41 AM
29	Keep golf active in the "Minneapolis" courses by investing and actually maintaining to a proper standard and improving what exists. Bike trails/walking trails do not produce revenue last I used them.	9/28/2015 11:27 AM
30	As we watch what is happening with other lakes in the Twin Cities area, the Park Board has an opportunity with Lake Hiawatha to model a management scheme that works WITH natural hydrology, not against it.	9/28/2015 8:45 AM
31	Thank you for doing this survey. For several reasons, I can not make my feelings about the golf course public. I appreciate the opportunity to weigh in, in a manner that allows me to do so freely. Thank you!	9/27/2015 10:23 PM
32	GROW FOOD NOT GOLF	9/27/2015 12:36 PM
33	Thanks for asking.	9/26/2015 7:25 PM

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34	Please consider the role of nature in the lives of the citizens of our city. I think our parks system is one main reason we keep getting ratings as the "happiest" or "healthiest" city. It is extremely unlikely that anyone will ever tear down a similarly-sized-to-the-golf-course area of Minneapolis and say "hey, let's grow a big huge new forest here!" We already have a large area of land that could change its use and make a big Impact on the people, and wildlife of our city.	9/25/2015 11:08 AM
35	Living near the park i would live to be able to walk/run through it without feeling like a trespasser. It is extremely peaceful and the wildlife is amazing. I love the beaver and the coyote, etc.	9/25/2015 7:50 AM
36	Would like better walking options. Sad that most of Lake Hiawatha is not walkable. I understand that affordable public golf courses can be a pleasant thing for some. But, that's an awful lot of space to set aside for so few. I would prefer to see it changed to 9 holes and set aside the remaining space for those of us who don't golf (and likely to walk there). Lots of kids in the area now, dontcha know.	9/24/2015 11:28 PM
37	While my husband golfs and my children have used the driving range and putting greens, we spend a significantly greater amount of time at Nokomis and Hiawatha parks. A large green space would be an amazing addition to the already important outdoor areas of the MPRB.	9/24/2015 9:32 PM
38	Naturally, most people in the community will probably be interested in having this land being used for recreational purposes for humans. I just want to be one small voice for the other living beings that need this area. Migrating birds, bees, butterflies, beavers, and other wildlife need this lake for survival. Whatever option you choose to look at, I hope you also consider what is necessary to maintain a healthy ecosystem here for everyone, not just the human community.	9/24/2015 9:06 PM
39	It would be nice to have an off-leash dog park in the area.	9/24/2015 8:08 PM
40	I have lived near Lake Hiawatha for four years. The lakes, the creek, the trails, and the beautifully sculpted parks and parkways were the main reasons I moved here rather than to another neighborhood. I am not a golfer, but respect that many love the sport and gain great enjoyment from having a high quality, inexpensive and public golf course in the neighborhood. Nevertheless, I only use the property for skiing in winter. For me, its designation as a golf course precludes me from using it during the warm months. I appreciate the open space, but you couldn't pay me to golf! But you could easily convince me to use planked trails over wetland, or to walk through maintained trail in a restored prairie or oak savannah. In the current era of dwindling wild spaces and collapsing wildlife populations, dedicating such a large space (that obviously "wants" to be a wetland, sans human intervention) to acres of uniform, nonflowering sod seems a waste. Rather than a nesting site for golf balls, perhaps this unique property could be a home for some of the many Minnesota species (including humans!) who desperately need more natural spaces.	9/24/2015 7:35 PM
41	Non	9/24/2015 4:47 PM
42	The unacceptable amount of trash and debris entering the lake via the storm sewer outfall on the north side of Lake Hiawatha necessitates immediate action. It is an impediment to community health and well-being, endangers wildlife, and is impacting water quality within and downstream of the watershed. Changing this infrastructure as quickly as possible is imperative.	9/24/2015 4:07 PM
43	I personally have never and probably never will use it as a golf course, and would love to see it as something more multi-use.	9/24/2015 2:34 PM
44	Again, please clean up the north side storm sewer area of Lake Hiawatha.	9/24/2015 1:33 PM
45	I dont golf but I am not anti-golf. It just does not seem to make a lot of sense to pour resources into a golf course that may be subject to flooding again in the future which has a groundwater issue to content with.	9/24/2015 1:07 PM
46	I think getting rid of the golf course is a great step forward in preserving the water quality and integrity of the Minnehaha Creek and Lakes system.	9/24/2015 1:05 PM
47	It is difficult to find an 18-hole tee time in Minneapolis with two courses down (Meadowbrook and Hiawatha). Also, I believe the reason tee sheets in the past have not been full is due to poor maintenance of the golf courses. A well-maintained golf course can ask a higher green fee (\$40-60/round and more like at Rush Creek) and if located within the City limits, the tee sheet will be full and corporate events will be booked. Golf can be the biggest money-maker of all sports if done properly. Segmentation of the golf market is a losing proposition - don't do it. We need 18-holes of well-maintained golf course at Hiawatha (design 6-hole loops and maintain it to high standards.) Think ahead about your users (women don't like porta-cans, kids need to get out of the summer heat, seniors need places to sit down, walkers/dogs can co-exist easily in the space, etc.)	9/24/2015 12:12 PM
48	Golf courses are resource heavy land uses that tax environments and communities as they: -Use large amounts of city water for irrigation. -Contaminate groundwater and run-off with fertilizers, pesticides & herbicides (including glyphosate, a probable carcinogen) to maintain their grounds which contaminates groundwater & negatively impacts beneficial insects, wildlife, humans, and the ecosystem at large. -Loss and degradation of green space and natural areas. -Poor land stewardship practices and land management Thank you for seeking public comment!	9/24/2015 12:05 PM
49	I have enjoyed this course and facility for more than 20 years and I am only 50. I have passed this enjoyment to my son and hope to enjoy it for another 20 years.	9/24/2015 12:04 PM

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50	I would like to see a community food forest implemented, even if golfing remains. It would require organic best management practices and make the area a more inclusive place to all residents. There is possibility for more revenue and charitable giving (food shelf donations), and would be a great educational option for how to balance the city's needs with the land and parks.	9/24/2015 11:51 AM
51	bicycle friendly!	9/24/2015 10:56 AM
52	Golf courses are a terrible waste of public property. This is an incredible opportunity for the neighborhood to create something unique.	9/24/2015 10:35 AM
53	Could Lake Hiawatha (and Minnehaha Creek for that matter) be dredged deeper to accommodate more water from the golf course?	9/24/2015 10:21 AM
54	if we care for the natural world around us we all feel better about living.	9/24/2015 10:01 AM
55	Don't let a couple unprofitable years sink an 80-year-old course, find ways to get players back to the course.	9/24/2015 9:22 AM
56	I'm constantly disappointed in the level of care given to the golf course and the surrounding areas. Mowing is haphazard and not done enough. Every time the mowing occurs it looks like a field that needs to be baled. Lack of attentive upkeep makes the area look bad and uninviting. Re-install the tennis courts that were removed along Longfellow.	9/24/2015 9:11 AM
57	I am concerned that decisions will be made based on political positions. What I mean is that the question of the budget will be politically determined. The citizens of Minneapolis must understand the necessity of continuing the parks and recreation system at least at the present level. This is crucial!	9/24/2015 9:03 AM
58	Please take strong control at these meetings and do not let rude people interrupt and immediately set a negative tone for these events. Civility should be the norm regardless of passions and frustrations.	9/24/2015 8:35 AM
59	The City of Mpls. has been robbing revenue from the golf courses for years, that's why they start to fall in quality.	9/24/2015 8:30 AM
60	I prefer golfing here instead of Meadowbrook. Hiawatha had a nice layout, no blind shots etc.	9/24/2015 7:35 AM
61	Golf at Hiawatha has a long history. Be very careful before ending that history.	9/24/2015 6:25 AM
62	Have you actually measured the depth of Lake Hiawatha?	9/24/2015 5:00 AM
63	I've never understood why the whole course was below the level of the lake. Was that done on purpose when they built the course? Maybe the solution is to fill in the whole area and bring up the level of the shoreline. Then make a wetland around the edges of the lake.	9/24/2015 12:41 AM
64	I feel tha neighbors should have a greater say in this decision than golfers who may not live in the neighborhood.	9/23/2015 10:17 PM
65	Thanks for all of your hard work and for allowing input from the community. It's is messy, but worth it in the end. We love our city!	9/23/2015 10:06 PM
66	I'd love to see this land repurposed as a city park like Wood Lake, encompassing Lake Hiawatha and restoring wetlands, with trails and an education center at the clubhouse building. We already have coyotes, owls, hawks, green herons, blue herons, egrets, and other wildlife living around the lake. Nurture this natural habitat but keep it accessible to the public. Another possibility, especially for the clearings on the periphery of the golf course, would be to allow urban community orchards and gardens to be planted there.	9/23/2015 9:55 PM
67	How does the course help form the culture of the area?	9/23/2015 9:30 PM
68	Mountain bike park Pump track Dog park More and better Nordic skiing Adventure playground Natural areas Walking paths on west side of lake Less mowed and fertilized grass This is a huge opportunity to do something unique	9/23/2015 9:12 PM
69	Please consider the fact that the golf lobby is a socially networked group of people who share a common activity in a single place. They will always probably be louder and more organized than the many, many people in the neighborhood who have never set foot on the golf course with the club in hand. We may be much less "united" in our ideas, but please continue to listen to us anyway and help us come to a common exciting and beautiful vision for this piece of land.	9/23/2015 9:11 PM
70	Maybe a nature center if golf is taken off the table? Like Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield? We love their skiing & snowshoeing in winter and their family activities. A great program that would be wonderful to replicate in Mpls.	9/23/2015 9:02 PM
71	PLEASE DO YOUR JOB & WORK HARDER TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AND KEEP THE GOLF COURSE OPEN. IT IS VERY EASY TO SAY THERE ARE NO GOOD OPTIONS, BUT THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. SO FAR, YOUR WORK HAS BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTING.	9/23/2015 8:54 PM
72	Build a velodrome!!	9/23/2015 8:51 PM
73	I'm a park neighbor and would love to see better winter usage. I'd also be interested in cyclocross or mountain biking in the neighborhood.	9/23/2015 8:46 PM

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74	I would love to play more golf at Hiawatha, but the course has been in such poor shape for several years (even before last year's floods) that the value isn't there. I can play nicer courses within 15-20 minutes drive that only cost a few dollars more.	9/23/2015 8:05 PM
75	The golfers are very organized, and probably have some \$\$ behind them. The neighborhood was unaware we'd be hit by all these aggressive, rude people. We need a chance to speak, without them yelling above us.	9/23/2015 7:41 PM
76	Larger raised tee boxes and greens..... Also raised fairways will allow water run off.	9/23/2015 7:19 PM
77	The slow pace of action leads to the perception that the park board doesn't want a golf course here.	9/23/2015 6:58 PM
78	Detailed long term strategy for retaining this green space in the city needs to be developed	9/23/2015 6:53 PM
79	Seriously, don't just rebuild the golf course as is. I think you all know that, but that would be a terrible decision.	9/23/2015 6:27 PM
80	18 holes and a practice facility.	9/23/2015 6:19 PM
81	Wood Lake Nature Center and the University of Minnesota Arboretum would be fine resources to go to for ideas on how to best use this land.	9/23/2015 6:14 PM
82	Keep the course!	9/23/2015 6:04 PM
83	I love the convenience of the golf course in my neighborhood and am a frequent patron	9/23/2015 5:45 PM
84	I urge the park board to consider the legacy this course has and to also look to the future (another wave of young golfers will be emerging. Count on it. It's not just wishful thinking!); the opportunity to do something really great is there.	9/23/2015 5:45 PM
85	Keep it, if it get overwhelmed by floods as before then so be it, if anything else is built, will it have the same problems?	9/23/2015 5:39 PM
86	Hiawatha golf course is a treasure for the city of Minneapolis and should be operated as an affordable 18 hole golf course for generations to come.	9/23/2015 5:31 PM
87	thank you!	9/22/2015 9:25 AM
88	Cultural interest point: I was part of a Love in the Ruins reading group that used this site to imagine the novel's setting!	9/22/2015 9:24 AM
89	Thanks for taking a serious look at this!	9/22/2015 7:29 AM
90	Thank you for such an open process. The parks are a gift that was given to us. But that doesn't mean everything needs to be the same. Be open and creative and don't be afraid if a few people complain...they will....but a non sustainable status quo is not fair to people in the future.	9/21/2015 9:14 PM
91	This are should be restored to the natural wetland it likely was historically. This could have benefits for water quality of Lake Hiawatha.	9/21/2015 8:57 PM
92	Most will not see this as a referendum on golf courses - this is one of the most popular courses in the city. Most will see this as a referendum on how to manage a course using best sustainable practices.	9/21/2015 8:41 PM
93	please reestablish as many natural areas to as close as their original state as possible	9/21/2015 8:09 PM
94	Pesticide use also needs to be eliminated. The runoff into any body of water and especially the direct spraying (ex. Loring Pond Lake cattails) is totally out of line for the nation's #1 park system.	9/21/2015 8:08 PM
95	MPRB owns 6 golf courses. It was a disgrace to fill in Rice Lake for a golf course, this historical error needs to be corrected.	9/21/2015 7:46 PM
96	See above. Thank You!!	9/20/2015 6:47 PM
97	The failure to open the course as early as possible resulted in a significant loss of revenue. The individuals responsible for this inaction should be held accountable. Moreover, an assessment of the poor quality of the course over the last five years should have resulted in critical personnel changes.	9/20/2015 1:05 PM
98	Get the course back in play as quickly as possible. Stop dragging your feet	9/18/2015 4:30 PM