

■ Community Recreation ■

The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.

-President John F. Kennedy

Recreation is one of the most vital characteristics of Lake Isabella. With an 800+ acre lake there are numerous recreational opportunities for all 4 seasons. While the Village is not the primary recreation provider for the community, the desire to maintain and build a recreation program with diverse programs for all age groups is a community wide need worth addressing. The Village also feels that protecting the open space “parks” of the various plats is important as it maintains the unique character of the community.

The final section of the Master Plan Survey dealt with the issue of community recreation. The results of the survey indicated that the 4 recreation items or events that are most desired in the Village are the following:

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| 1. | Sledding Hill | 54.08% |
| 2. | Horseshoe Pits | 45.26% |
| 3. | Fishing Tournaments | 44.44% |
| 4. | Ball Diamonds | 38.56% |

The top four interests represent a full range of options for all seasons. The Village will continue to offer assistance to the LIPOA in planning and program development to help expand the recreation opportunities for the Village. For example, fishing tournaments could be done in any season and could be setup the same way many golf courses run tournaments such as “member-member” or “member-guest.”

A diverse recreation program is of great benefit to any community by increasing the quality of life and attracting visitors to the Village. The Planning Commission has recommended to the Council that when the Village sells or trades off the lots that are owned by the Village to retain as many corner lots as possible. The concept that the Planning Commission has associated with this desire is to provide as many greenbelts as possible and to provide small neighbor resting parks for large number of recreational walkers in the Village. The concept for these parks is to landscape and place benches and trash cans. This may also be expanded to include informational boards or other attractions.

Despite lower results from the survey for items such as basketball courts and skateboard park, all age groups need to have quality recreation opportunities. Another factor that needs to be considered as well is the location of those services. With the Village having a lake in the middle of its boundaries both sides of the lake need to have ample recreational services and parks for them to enjoy in their own plats and neighborhoods.

► Goals

1. Work with the LIPOA on building recreation programs for the community.
2. Develop recreational programs for all ages throughout the Village.
3. Develop a new zoning standard for open space areas and then rezone all “parks” and “common areas” to this new standard.