



SHELDON A. WASSERMAN

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR - 3RD DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 23, 2018

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your Milwaukee County Supervisor! Although I was your only choice, I appreciate your confidence in me and am looking forward to serving you.

A lot has happened since my last newsletter. As you'll recall, the last communication I had prior to the election season was a survey about your concerns for our district. I'm happy to report that we received nearly 300 responses. Thank you again for your participation and for being active in our community.

On the next several pages, you'll find a more in-depth breakdown of the results for each question, but I did want to highlight some notable responses. First, you'll see that nearly 70% of respondents indicated that our Parks system is the highest priority expenditure for our district. As the newly appointed Vice Chair of the Parks, Energy and Environment committee, I encourage you to contact me about concerns you have for our Parks department. I am hopeful that this position will allow me to serve the needs of our district.



Supervisor Wasserman being sworn in for the 2018-2020 term of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

I was also interested to see that 75% of respondents were willing to pay at least \$25 (and some up to \$100!) to repair or reconstruct the Domes. However, I am very concerned about the level of support for the Domes. 25% of our district responded that they are not willing to pay any additional money to repair or replace the Domes. The current projection for replacing the Domes is between \$60 and \$70 million. If these projections are accurate, it would necessitate a nearly \$200 per property tax increase to complete the project without financing. Our survey yielded less than 10% who would be willing to pay \$100 or more. While 75% of survey respondents do support the Domes, it is not at the level which would be required. As we go through the study of the domes, your responses will guide my decision making. In the meantime, I would encourage you to support the Domes by visiting its rotating show Domes and exhibits. If you're interested in learning more about the next step for the Domes, you can attend the Milwaukee County Domes Taskforce meetings or read about past meetings [here](#).

Finally, the overwhelming response for new food and beverage services in our district's parks, including at Bradford Beach, is being heard loud and clear. I will work with the Parks departments and our local neighborhood groups in pursuing food vendors to fill these needs. These areas have a lot of potential for great food, especially following the success of the County's many beer gardens. I will be pursuing this further and providing updates as I learn more about this process. In the meantime, I am eager to hear your ideas for what would best serve our district's needs. New food and beverage services would bring

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much needed revenue to the Parks department, without needing to install parking meters along the Lakefront.



Supervisor Wasserman, with Parks department staff, practicing his throw at the opening of the Estabrook Park disc golf course.

Another exciting update is the addition of a new lighting system at the Lake Park tennis courts. Previously, Milwaukee County was paying the City of Milwaukee for the lighting of our courts. We are now obtaining electricity directly through WE Energies, at significant cost savings. I am pleased to report that the Parks department installed a button that will allow users to turn the court lights on between the hours of 5 PM – 10 PM. The lights will stay on for one hour. The lights will flash when there are five minutes left of play time, allowing users to press the button again if they wish to extend their time on the court. The lights will not work after 10 PM as that is the closing time for all Milwaukee County Parks. This

update will allow us to conserve energy, save money and play late into the summer nights. All lighting will be disconnected when the nets go down in the fall and will not be operable until the nets go up again in the spring.

Finally, I want to provide you all with an update about the Ravine Road Bridge project. It is an ongoing endeavor and we are awaiting concrete studies that were paid for by Lake Park Friends. After these results are available, further conversations will be had. When I have a substantial update, I will communicate it to you.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns. Don't forget to like and follow my [Facebook page](#) for more frequent updates, pictures and district-related news!

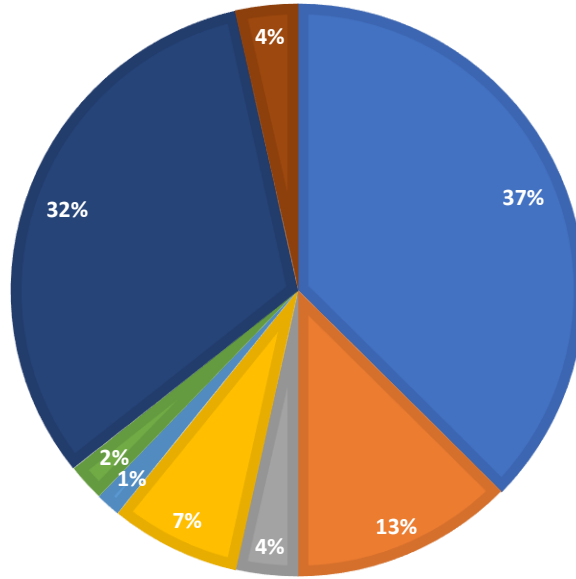
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheldon Wasserman".

Sheldon Wasserman
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 3

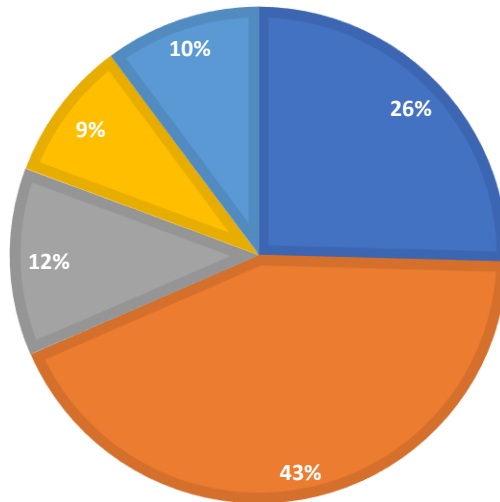
WHICH DEPARTMENTS SHOULD WE ALLOCATE OUR LIMITED FUNDING?

- Parks
- Milwaukee Courthouse repairs
- Safety building
- Medical examiner facility
- Public museum
- Domes
- MCTS
- Other

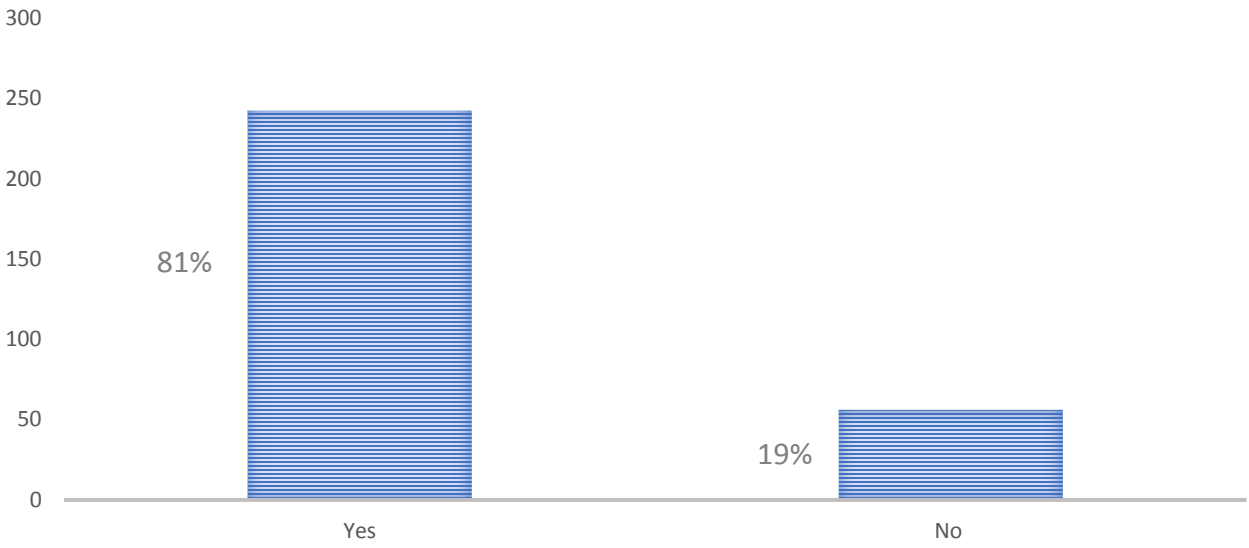


HOW MUCH WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY IN PROPERTY TAXES, PER YEAR, TO REPAIR OR RECONSTRUCT THE DOMES?

- \$0
- \$25-50
- \$50-75
- \$75-100
- \$100+

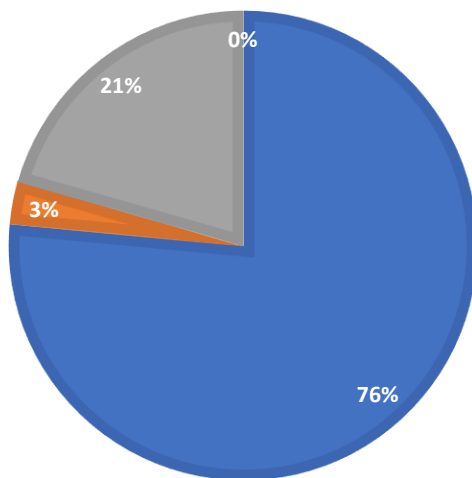


WOULD YOU SUPPORT A 1% INCREASE IN SALES TAX TO FUND THE COUNTY'S PARK SYSTEM?

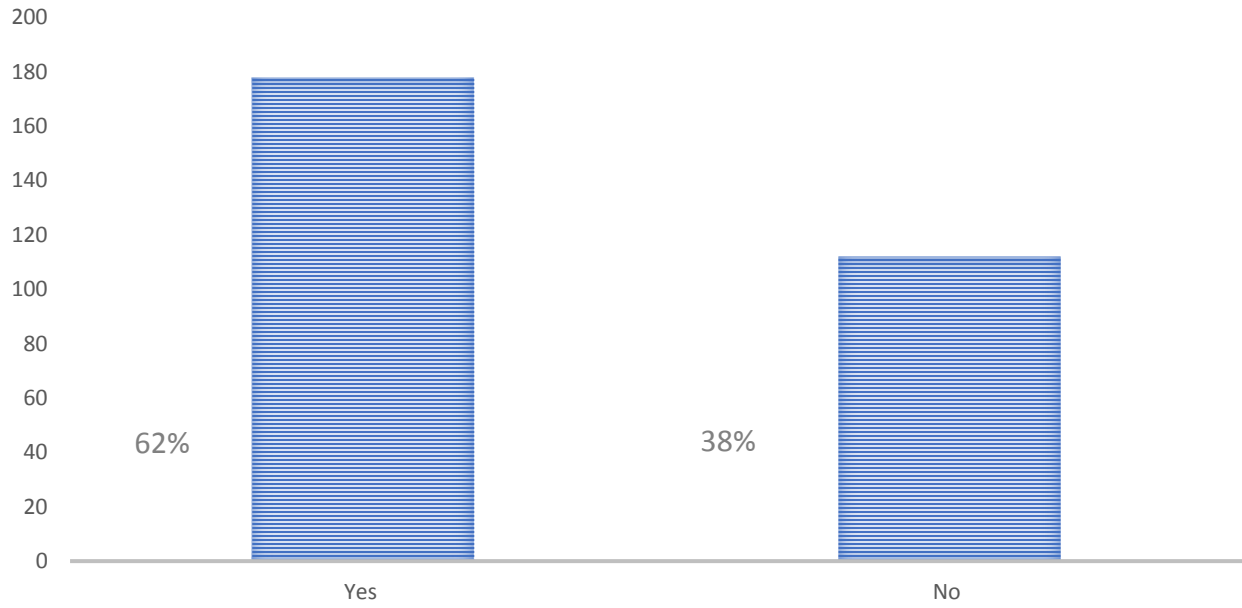


WOULD YOU SUPPORT A CONTINUATION OF HIGH-QUALITY FOOD SERVICES ON A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY BASIS?

■ Yes/perm ■ No/perm ■ Yes/Temp ■ No/Temp



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A NEW, AFFORDABLE RESTAURANT AT BRADFORD BEACH IN A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PAVILION?



DO YOU SUPPORT A MODERN PARKING METER SYSTEM IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS?

