

**VILLAGE OF MARSHALL  
PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY, 7, 2013**

Chairperson Hensler called the Parks Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: S.Tweed, M. Hensler, J. Cripps, C. Diedrick, J. Stransky, E. Lemke were present, B. Arnold was absent. Others present: Matt Hendricks and Chris Raasch

1. Update on progress of Converse Park re-development project

Mr. Hendricks shared with the committee the final design plans created by Kunkel Engineering. He shared that the primary design had not changed much. Some slight changes to the size of thee storage area had been made. In addition to the roof line wrapping around the west end of the building to provide for additional cover seating. Mr. Hendricks also shared that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be going out shortly and that a decision on the contractor will be made at the February Village Board meeting. Mr. Hendricks shared that the re-development committee has been meeting with Kunkel Engineering on a weekly basis and that the process has gone smoothly to date.

2. Soccer program

Mr. Hendricks shared that those in leadership positions of the Maunsha United Soccer Club had been invited to attend tonight's meeting. Chris Raasch was present and shared some of the challenges and successes that the program has had thus far. Mr. Raasch shared that the club is moving towards becoming affiliated with Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA) and has a long term goal of having a Marshall-Waterloo high school program. Mr. Diedrick shared that he thought that this was a step in the right direction for soccer in the area, and that by the club forming a board with citizens involved that the group will have a better chance of reaching those goals. The Parks committee affirmed Mr. Raasch that they supported the soccer program moving forward and invited the group to come back with specific requests for support once a soccer board had been established.

3. Create 2013 Action Plan

The Parks committee reviewed the 2012 action plan. Mr. Hendricks highlighted what had been accomplished and what had not. The specific tasks not accomplished in 2012 were determined to still have value and were included in the 2013 plan. The committee created a draft of the 2013 plan and will revisit it for final approval at the February meeting. The committee discussed the importance of a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) and the importance having a new one created. The most recent plan expired at the end of 2011, and was ultimately a revision of the 1994 plan. It was decided that Mr. Hendricks should move forward with pursuing bids for a new CORP.

**IDENTIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Matt Hendricks, Recreation Director