

**VILLAGE OF MARSHALL  
PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 4, 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, and B. Arnold were present. Others present: Matt Hendricks and Shawn Arnold

1. Update on Converse Park re-development project
  - The project is currently out to bid, and the Village board will be presented with a recommendation from the "Converse Re-development committee" on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Review/Approval of 2013 action plan
  - Mr. Hendricks presented the revised 2013 action plan. He noted the additions and changes from last month's feedback and ideas. The committee reviewed the document and then voted to approve it. (7 - 0)
3. Update on natural playground
  - Mr. Hendricks discussed the status of the playground at Converse Park. Sharing that due to additional funding and some cost savings measures that we are able to do more. Mr. Hendricks cited that two spring rockers, an additional slide, some additional educational signage, rough cut benches and picnic table will all be added. A timeline of remaining work and anticipated completion dates was presented. Mr. Hendricks stated that the playground is still on schedule to have its "ribbon cutting" this May.
4. Review of the finalized Birds Ruins disc golf course survey
  - Mr. Hendricks shared that the Survey of the Birds Ruins Disc Golf Course has been finalized. (Each member was presented a copy). He said that there were a few trends to note. First, the course rated very high in terms of quality, with 94% of users rating the course as "above average" or "exceptional". It was also noted that over 60% of its participants travel from greater than 16 miles away. Demonstrating that it has a regional draw, and that of those users 80% have spent money at a local business." Mr. Hendricks shared that a full press release about the impact would be going out to the paper within the week.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Matt Hendricks, Recreation Director