

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

Chairperson Hensler called the Parks committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Cripps, Diedrick, Tweed, Stransky, Lemke, B. Arnold and Hensler. Others present: Recreation Director Hendricks, Village Clerk Murphy and Blake Theisen from SAA Design Group.

MINUTE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Lemke and seconded by Tweed to approve the August 5, 2013 Parks Committee minutes for publication. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Review of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).
Mr. Theisen presented the final draft of the Outdoor Recreation Plan. He reviewed the report summary, the survey results, the recommendations, the prioritization and the implementation. Mr. Theisen stated that the lake and highway 19 does restrict some of the service area. Out of the 265 surveys collected the number one area was to maintain existing facilities, increase staff and support maintenance. Also in the surveys new facilities that are wanted are a community center, splash pad-swimming facility and additional programs to be offered. Recommendations were system-wide policies and procedures, identification of potential spaces to be acquired and/or developed as public parks and opens spaces, and an inventory sheet was provided for each park which included improvement options. The implementation included the process for adopting, monitoring, and updating this plan. The next steps is to have the Parks Committee review the draft plan in the next couple of weeks and give any feedback they may have to Mr. Theisen or Mr. Hendricks by October 17, 2013. Final adaption could take place at the next Parks Committee Meeting on November 4, 2013.
2. Riley-Deppe Park proposal.
Recreation Director Hendricks presented Riley-Deppe Park proposal. He outlined the history of the park and "the twenty year conversation." He discussed the current proposal. If the Village would take over ownership of the park and keep things as status quo the projected maintenance costs yearly would be around \$3,500.00. Mr. Hensler talked about needing to acquire a new lawn mower for around \$15,000.00 if the Village was going to take over the park. Stransky talked about maybe working with Dane County and when they replace their mowers to see if the Village would be able to have their old one instead of purchasing a new one. The recent perspective is that the park is very visible and could be Marshall's "jewel".
A motion was made by Tweed and seconded by Lemke to approve a recommendation to the Village Board that the Parks Committee is in support of the anguishing of Riley-Deppe Park.
3. Park and Recreation Director report.
Recreation Director Hendricks gave an update on the Converse Park project. He stated they have been meeting weekly and have been working through the hiccups. The budgetary aspect is looking sound. The concrete work is complete and things should start taking shape in the next two weeks. Hendricks also stated that Langer Park was recognized and awarded the 2013 Park Section's Park Facility Award of Excellence for the parks improvements. The award is a point of pride in the

community. Hendricks will accept the award November 7, 2013 at the WPRA Annual Fall Conference.

IDENTIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Having no further business a motion was made by Stransky and seconded by Cripps to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Michelle Murphy
Village Clerk