

**VILLAGE OF MARSHALL
PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 13, 2014**

Recreation Director Hendricks called the Parks committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Cripps, Stransky, Diedrick and Lemke. Absent: Hensler and B. Arnold. Others present: Susan Roberts and Village Clerk Michelle Murphy

Call Meeting to Order

Recognize Members & Others Present

1. Create 2014 Action Plan. Recreation Director Hendricks reviewed the 2013 action plan and what was completed, what is in the process and what hasn't gotten done. He gave an update on Converse Park and stated that it is not completed. The completion date has been moved to April 10th. The committee discussed Firemen's Park. There is a meeting scheduled next month, on February 10th with the firemen to have some discussion and brainstorming on the future of this park. Hendricks also reported that over 1000 community service hours were donated in 2013. There was a prairie burn at Langer Park and new playground equipment was installed at Converse Park. Landscaping at Veterans Park was done last spring. And 75 trees were planted in the parks from The Urban Tree Grant. Hendricks gave an update on the tournaments scheduled for 2014. The committee discussed the 2014 action plan and what things should be focused on and where to spend time and resources. Hendricks will look into writing an environmental grant to help with the savanna at Langer Park by the ample theatre. He will check on costs to have electric service in the shelter at Langer Park. He will explore sponsorship opportunities at Converse, Langer and Dog Park.

2. Review and Recommend to Village Board Dog Park Proposal. Recreation Director Hendricks handed out and reviewed a proposal for a dog park. Marshall does not currently have a designated area for dogs. One site that keeps coming up is the property off Waterloo Road. The reason this site is a potential one is because it is not a desirable lot and is not being used. It is in the FEMA flood plain. Marshall does have it in its ordinance to put a park in a flood plain. It is close to sidewalks and walking trails but yet minimal residential area. It is about 5 to 6 acres in size. The property is already owned by the village. The estimated costs are around \$38,000 with the majority of the expense being the fencing and gates. Possible proposals to fund this are to raise the Village dog license \$5.00. Non-residents could purchase a one-time use fee or a yearly permit for a fee. Donation boxes strategically placed in the park. The payoff at current license fees would be around 18 years. With the benefit of having the main part being the fence lasting around 25 years and adding an amenity to the Village. The feedback that has been heard has been very positive. **A motion was made by Lemke and seconded by Stransky to approve a recommendation to the Village Board the Dog Park Proposal. Motion carried unanimously.**

IDENTIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Having no further business a motion was made by Cripps and seconded by Stransky to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Michelle Murphy
Village Clerk