

**VILLAGE OF MARSHALL
PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2019**

Chairman Schuepbach called the Parks Committee meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Pitzer, Eilders, Tweed, Diedrick, Timpel arrived at 7:06 pm and Frey 7:25 pm. Absent: none.

Others present: Park & Rec Director-Brandon Millner, Brady Schoenherr and Denise Bleecker-Village Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESIDENT COMMENTS

None.

MINUTE APPROVAL

- 1) Approve the February 2019 minutes for publication as presented.

Motion was made by Diedrick and seconded by Tweed to approve the February 18, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5 to 0, absent was Timpel and Frey.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Introduction to Brady Schoenherr (new Park & Recreation Coordinator)

Brady gave a short introduction of himself and his background. He stated he has been with the Village for 4 weeks now and is really enjoying the position. He also thanked Brandon for his patients and time in helping him learn all the new projects he will be doing.

All the Committee members welcomed him.

- 2) Discussion and Consideration of partnering with the Rock River Coalition.

Motion was made by Pitzer and seconded by Eilders to partner with the Rock River Coalition.

Millner stated that it may be a little premature to have this item on this agenda. It was requested at the February meeting to have it on the April agenda.

Pitzer updated everyone on the activities that have been held so far in the Water trail. It is now kayak passable from the millpond up past Hwy T. There is another activity scheduled for June to clean up some more of the trees. This has been a joint activity with Steve Faulter and Capital Water Trails, a non-profit organization. This has been going fairly well so now they are looking to go South from the dam to Waterloo.

Frey has tried checking into the Waterloo Chapter of the Coalition to see if we could possibly take over that chapter instead of creating our own. He has been unsuccessful in contacting anyone to discuss the idea. For this reason the idea has kind of died.

The group discussed doing a kayak event in 2020. They would like to see an informal event take place in 2019 and a more formal event in 2020. These events would be used as a fund raiser. If this was to happen they are wondering where the money would go and who would be responsible for the accounting of that money.

Millner explained we would need to decide what exactly the money is for. Then we would have several options as to who would take care of the money.

Motion to amend was made by Pitzer and seconded by Eilders to table this partnership until we have someone from the Rock River Coalition attend a meeting. Motion carried 6 to 0, absent was Frey.

3) Update on pay to play disc golf at Langer Park.

Millner explained that he has been working with Chad on the sign. He talked with the sign company and they said that everything we wanted seemed to be fine. The only thing he was wondering about was the size of the sign. The sign company thought it was a strange size but felt they could still do it. If not they might have to shrink it down a little bit.

The items that need to be covered are:

- How to start to get the word out?
- How is it going to be enforced?
- Are we going to have a lenience period?
- Where we are going to do registrations?

Millner stated that the options to pay will be self-registration, online registration and with the majority of the registration will be through Glide Disc Golf in Madison. His plan is to have registration options all up and running by the opening of the season. The first tournament is scheduled for May 18th and the course should be open a week or two prior to that.

Millner is looking into hiring a part time Park Ranger or two to police both the Disc Golf Park and the Dog Park. They will also do general maintenance at these parks while on duty.

4) Update on the dog park progress.

Planning Committee passed the rezoning of the property to park land and wants a chain link fence to be installed. They feel it will look nicer and will last longer than the fencing that was previously proposed.

Discussion was held on the plan for installing the fence. The hope is to have the fence install in early July and have it done by the Library's Dog Wash Day on July 13th. Millner would like to hold a grand opening of the park that day if the park is ready.

5) Discussion on 2019 park projects and development of Firemen's Park phase 2 plans.

Millner gave an update on the projects they are working on in the parks this year.

- Fixing and redoing all the signs in Converse Park.
- Replacing items that are bad on the Playground equipment at Converse Park.
- Adding more sand in the Volleyball court.
- Fixing and changing some of the Baseball field fencing at Converse and Fireman's Park.
- Change some of the Disc Golf holes at Langer park.
- In the process of replace all plastic rolling trash bins at the parks.
- Dug out benches at Fireman's Park.
- Stump grind and replant 15 trees from the baseball fields/parking lot area to the truck pull area and south part of the park.
- Install new ball field mix.
- Replace basketball hoops at Riveview Park.
- Remove all the sand at Deer Haven Park and replace it. If time permits will also replace the wood chips.

Discussion was held on the Phase 2 of Fireman's Park. Millner explained that he is reapplying for the grant again this year and what items he has added to the grant application. He also explained that Phase 2 was already done but because we didn't receive the grant we now need to develop an alternate. Some of the items he would like to see in the alternate Phase 2 are:

- Walking path and what we can do in this area.
- Pavilion and what are we going to do with the rest of the existing buildings.
- Thinks the street should not be removed through the park.
- Need to discuss the baseball field, concession stands and storage shed.
- Hold off on some of the other projects at Converse Park.
- Wants to concentrate on Fireman's Park for the next 3-4 years.

The Committee would like to see the Pavilion plan again so that they can review it and plan exactly what they want to build. Millner will email the park plan out to all the Committee members.

Timpel stated he would like to see the sign installed on the Firetruck located in the new playground area. Millner stated that he is having the sign company, he works with, look at designing the sign. They will not be installing the sign right on the Firetruck because it will void the warrantee. It will be installed right next to it so it will look like it is attached.

6) Park & Rec Updates

- Baseball programs have started practice. The games will be starting as follows:
 - ✓ Teener - May 30
 - ✓ Legion - June 6
 - ✓ 7th grade - June 3
- 7 tournaments scheduled at Converse Park:
 - ✓ May 11th
 - ✓ May 18th
 - ✓ June 29th - 35 teams
 - ✓ July 20th - 20 teams
 - ✓ July 28th
 - ✓ August 3rd
 - ✓ August 17th
- We have an intern working this year that needs to put in 150 hours.
- Adult softball
 - ✓ Old Timers league will start week of May 6th
 - ✓ Men's league will start week of May 13th
- Will not be running a Friday night co-ed league this summer but will have one in the fall.
- Leadership Class at Marshall School is doing a Color Run on June 1st. They will start in Fireman's Park and end in Fireman's Park. The color spots will be in the parks as follows:
 - 1st - Deerhaven Park
 - 2nd - Converse Park
 - 3rd - Lions Park

IDENTIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- Next meeting will be June 10th at 7:00 p.m. only if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Timpel and seconded by Frey to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Bleecker
Village Deputy Clerk