

**VILLAGE OF MARSHALL
PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2018**

Chairman Schuepbach called the Parks Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Pitzer, Frey, Eilders, and Timpel. Absent: Diedrick, Tweed and Hellenbrand. Others present: Park & Rec Director-Brandon Millner, Denise Bleecker-Village Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, Adam Ruechel-Village Administrator and Blake Theisen–Ayers Associates, Chris Campbell,

Call Meeting to Order
Recognize Members & Others Present
Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order as an “Informational only meeting” due to lack of a quorum. Committee member Timpel arrived at 7:08 pm which created a quorum. The meeting is now considered a regular meeting.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Motion was made by Eilders and second by Frey to approve the April 30, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
 - a. Review 1st draft

Blake Theisen, from Ayers Associates, explained key items in the 1st draft of CORP.

Millner applied for a grant through the DNR to be used toward trails in the parks. Theisen informed the committee that information was received that the grant has been denied. Millner plans to apply again for the 2019 year.

An online survey was created for the public to give their opinion concerning key issues, opportunities for enhanced use and enjoyment of the parks. The survey was live from April 30 through July 13, 2018. A total of 163 individuals responded to the survey and 87% of these were Village residents.

General Recommendations

- Retrofit parks to be ADA accessible
- Install bike racks
- Replace aging facilities
- Improve bike and pedestrian walks
- More park facilities for adolescents
- Splash pad
- Improve basketball courts

The Committee discussed pages 2 – 8 and 2 – 9 of the CORP. These pages show the comparison of the Village park acreage to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and Village standards. The Village has exceeded all the national standards and the Villages standards in all total land holdings. In 2040 we are projected to still be exceeding the national standards but would be behind the Village’s standards. Theisen stated that he would like to take a look at the Village’s standards to see if there are any changes that should be made.

Fireman's Park phase one will be completed by the end of 2018. All the items to be completed this year are listed somewhere in the CORP. Even though these items will be completed this year, Theisen would still like to see them listed in the CORP. This shows the progress the Village has already made.

Discussion was held on items the committee members would like to see in the CORP. Some of these items are:

- The definition of what is an acceptable park land dedication in all development agreements.
- Show for income and expense to maintain the parks.
- A five year plan.
- See numbers added to the "Revenue Generators" section.

Theisen asked committee members to get any questions, comments and suggestions, regarding the CORP to Millner within the next few weeks. Millner and Theisen will go over them and get items added to the CORP.

Theisen asked the Committee their opinion on a few items:

- Riley Deppe Park - They talked about the fact that this is a county owned park and that they would like to see this property annexed into the Village.
- River Crossing Bridge – They would still like to see some type of a bridge built. Are interested in see a few different options to choose from to try and make this happen.

2) Firemens Park Projects Update

Millner stated that the original playground equipment will be removed this year. He explained that the Monkey Bars and the Spring Rocker are the only items still in compliance. He will be placing the Spring Rocker and some of the slides in storage for possible use in the future. He also stated that he has given the Fire Department permission to take whatever they are interested in.

3) Park & Rec Updates

Soccer registration has started and we are at a total of 32 participants so far.

New activity added this year is Adult Flag Football. We have a total of 6 teams.

We have a Disc Golf Tournament scheduled for Sept 15th.

Discussion was held on the cost of maintaining the Disc Golf Park. The only real maintenance at this park is mowing and it is about 12 manpower hours per week. He also stated that the donations for playing are significantly down from years past. For this reason the Village is considering going to "pay to play" in 2019.

Schuepbach requested that Millner come up with the amount he would like to start charging and have it presented to the Village board for approval.

Discussion was held on what improvements the Committee would like to see at Langer Park. No large improvements can't be done due to the fact there is no room to grow. Some of the items that can be an improvement are - electricity, pavement and concession stand. The Committee would like to see a "suggested improvements box" placed at the park for users to place their ideas in. They also suggested emailing a survey to current users.

In the past, Camping at Langer Park has been free. At the August 14, 2018 Board Meeting, board members voted to install a \$10.00 per vehicle camping fee at Langer Park.

IDENTIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Decreasing the number of Committee members from 9 to 7 or less.

2019 Budget

Update of the CORP

Next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Timpel and seconded by Frey to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Bleecker
Village Deputy Clerk