

**VILLAGE OF MARSHALL
PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

Acting Chairman Pitzer called the Parks Committee meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Members present: Pitzer, Diedrick, Eilders, Tweed and Timpel, Frey (arrived 7:40pm). Absent: Schuepbach
Others present: Park & Rec Director-Brandon Millner, Denise Bleecker-Village Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, Scott Michalak and Chris Campbell.

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTE APPROVAL

Motion was made by Tweed and second by Timpel to approve the August 27, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update

The Committee discussed what items they would like to see included in the CORP.

- Bridge over the Maunasha
- Boardwalk
- Replacement of Scenic Circle Playground
- Fireman's Park Updates
- 4th Field at Converse Park
- Village Take Over Riley Deppe Park
- Dog Park

Millner explained that his goal is to have the final draft of the CORP completed by the end of December.

Millner felt it would be helpful to meet with a grant specialist from the DNR to better understand the grant process. When meeting with the specialist, she gave him a lot of good suggestions and key points to include in the grant writing process for 2019.

2) Park & Rec Updates

a. Dog Park Plans

Discussion was held on sending out a survey to all dog owners, in the Village, to see how much interest/support there is in the village for a dog park.

Discussion was also held on what the Committee feels is the best way to handle cost of entrance to a dog park. The two suggestions they had are: 1) make it a separate annual fee or 2) have the cost be added to the annual dog license fee.

b. Firemens Park playground removal

Millner explained that the weather has played a part in when the old playground equipment will be removed. His plan is to still have this removed by the end of the 2018 year.

c. Pay to Play disc golf

Millner explained that the donation box income has increasingly dropped over the years.

2013 - \$436.00

2014 - \$845.00

2015 - \$1,156.27

2016 - \$1,143.26

2017 - \$867.86

2018 - \$152.75 (still one more month left)

There was a survey put out on Facebook to see what people are willing to pay. After reviewing this survey it showed that current players are not opposed to paying and that we should go to a Pay to Play course.

d. Addition of Full-time employee

Hiring of a full-time employee has been placed in the budget for 2019. Millner is looking to place an ad in the paper and online, then go through the interview process and hire someone by the beginning of April.

e. Discussion of downsizing Parks Committee

Millner explained the Village ordinance lists the Parks Committee to be at 9 members. Currently there are 7 members and two open spots. He has not been successful in filling these two open spots. He contacted surrounding communities of similar size and found that they all have only 5 member committees. He has recommended to the Village Board to change the ordinance from a 9 member committee to a 5 member committee. There will be a Public Hearing held on November 13, 2018 to discuss this possible change.

3) Riley Deppe Park discussion

Discussion was held on what the committee would like to see if the Village would take over ownership of Riley Deppe Park. Some of the items they would like to see are:

- The park to be self-sustaining
- Possible rental of the Shelter
- Some type of revenue coming in
- New Sign
- New parking lot
- The Park Cleaned up
- New Dock installed
- The cost of taking over the park
- The cost to maintain the park.

4) 2019 Park & Rec Budget

IDENTIFICATION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Riley Deppe Park

Dog Park

CORP

Farmer's Market- June Dairy Month

Next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Tweed and seconded by Timpel to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Bleecker
Village Deputy Clerk