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# *Village of Sherman, Illinois*

**Trevor J. Clatfelter, Mayor**

## **MINUTES of the January 12, 2009**

### **Public Meeting of the Sherman Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

The meeting was convened at 7:00pm. Welcome and introductions were made.

Attendees: (\* Denotes Advisory Committee Members)

Trevor Clatfelter, Mayor  
Jeff Mitchell, Chair \*  
Ron Hickman  
John Bryant III \*  
Brad Davis \*  
Brian Long

Lisa Mealwitz  
Steve Mumaw \*  
Krista Sherrock \*  
Dan Underwood \*  
Dana Underwood  
Brad Welker \*

Chair Mitchell presented the Agenda and described the role of the Committee and the public participants regarding the two specific park design projects which are described below.

1. Revision of the Veterans Memorial & Route 66 Historic Park and Conservation Area. The revision work will address three primary design items, which are:

1. Engagement of a greater number of citizen representatives in the plan revision.
2. Incorporating the new Sherman Lincoln Memorial Parkway Gateway and Beautification program designs.
3. Re-structuring of the design of the Veteran's Memorial area.
4. Incorporation of a water feature into the design.

Dan Underwood will work with veteran's organizations and other related military organizations in the re-design of the Veterans Memorial area. Other Committee members will be appointed at the next meeting to participate on this project. Participation will also include the public and local businesses in this activity. (See item below (Community Involvement) regarding reaching out to local residents to participate in the other aspects of the design including all recreation facilities proposed to be included in the project. The Village will also engage Local and Regional Tourism and Route 66 organizations to participate in the Route 66 Historic aspects of the plan development. The Committee will also seek other non-OSLAD funding participation in the development of the project. The Village intends to begin Phase I of the project this spring. Phase 1 includes the engineering design for the parking, water, parking and shelter design. The Village has obtained \$30,000 from the State of Illinois to cover the engineering costs. Village employees and local volunteers will work on the planting and the removal of non-native vegetation located within the conservation area.

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2. Conceptual design feasibility study of a potential 40- 60 acre Sherman Community Park. This activity will include:

1. Use of the two previously completed citizen participation park input studies (Sherman Mapping Action Plan developed by Western Illinois University) and a broad based local planning team and the recently completed Village wide Citizens Comprehensive Plan survey and upcoming completion and adoption of the new Village Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is being developed by the Village under contract with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Office.
2. Conceptual designs will be developed along with estimated costs and proposed phased implementation. This activity will be initiated with citizen input and participation.
3. The Planning Committee will review and consult, when necessary with the Village of Riverton which has recently completed a new community park design and with the Village of St. Joseph who has received funding from the OSLAD grant program administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
4. Non-OSLAD funding opportunities will be explored. Brad Welker, representing the Friends of Sherman Parks (a resident based organization) will work with an appointed team to explore potential options including private funding through foundations and other governmental organizations.
5. Extensive community involvement will be undertaken in the development of the study (see #3 below for details).

3. Community participation will be based upon small group meetings within the various subdivisions with the Village. Krista Sherrock will work with the Planning Team and representatives of the Homeowners' Associations within the Village as well as churches, businesses, schools and other yet to be designated parties. The Community Participation Plan will be developed at the next meeting and Committee members will provide advance input to Ms. Sherrock in preparation for the upcoming meeting.

4. To assist in the Community Participation efforts Jeff Mitchell, Ron Hickman and Brian Leka (designer of the Riverton Community Park) to prepare an example plan to be used when meeting with the various community organizations to help them understand what the Committee is developing. Ron Hickman will organize an initial meeting with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Leka prior to the next scheduled Committee Meeting.

5. Full Committee meetings were established for the first Monday of February, March and April at 7pm at the Village Hall. Other sub-committee meetings will be held throughout this period and will be determined at the next and following Committee meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.