VILLAGE OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
Location: Village Offices, 8123 Main Street
PNC Bank, Second Floor – Enter at rear door

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Randy Hermann	Mike Cavanaugh	Steve Berlage, Vice Chair
Toni Henkemeyer	John Coy, Secretary	
Brian Brassow, Chair	Joe Semifero – Ex Officio	

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – March 20, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes
No quorum for April 17, 2012 meeting

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

6. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Chair
B. Commissioners and Ex Officio
C. Community Development Office Report
   a. Mill Creek Park update – Substantial completion date July 1, 2012
   b. Mill Creek Park Boulder installation
   c. Intern Project – Park Brochure Project
   d. Reappointments for terms ending June 2012
   e. Eagle Scout Project – Community Park Basketball Shelter
   f. Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Make-up – May 22 at Aubree's at 5:30 pm.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of: Comprehensive Sign Plan and presentation to the Village Council

B. Discussion of: Village of Dexter Dog Park

C. Discussion of: Dexter Daze Participation – Mill Creek Park opening celebration

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of: Mill Creek Park Long Term Maintenance and Volunteer Coordination

10. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

11. PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

A. Park Development Updates
B. Donation Guidelines and Volunteer Management Plan
C. Park Signage
D. Dexter Daze Participation

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. COMMUNICATIONS

ANNUAL REVIEW SCHEDULE
March/July – Annual Budget Review
November – Master Plan, Goals, Objectives and Strategies Review
January – Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Review

MASTER PLAN GOALS

I.GOAL: (Space/Facilities) Meet present and future community needs for parks, greenways, trails, and recreation.

- **A. Objective: Plan and develop a system of parks, greenways, open space, and recreation facilities that provides a minimum of 16 acres per 1,000 Village residents.**
  - ✓ **Current surplus in mini-parks, neighborhood parks and community parks based on July 2008 SEMCOG population estimates.**
- **B. Objective: Encourage the preservation of green space and the development of new parks and/or recreation assets when opportunities arise.**
- **C. Objective: Following removal of the Mill Creek dam, plan and develop a linear park along the Mill Creek.**
  - ✓ **Dam was removed in June 2008, Mill Creek Park Master Plan adopted by Council January 26, 2009**
  - ✓ **Various grant application applied for in anticipation of 2010 Phase 1 park construction and development**

II. GOAL: (Recreation) Encourage healthy lifestyles for Village residents through recreation.

- **A. Objective: Offer Village residents a balanced program of active and passive recreation opportunities.**
  - ✓ **Working on developing a system of trails, implemented ice rink in 2009**
- **B. Objective: Offer Village residents multiple opportunities to walk, run, bike, skate, or paddle without leaving their community.**
  - ✓ **Grant applications for boating, walking and pedestrian connections submitted throughout 2009**
  - ✓ **Awarded Waterways Infrastructure grant for installation of 3 boat launches**

III. GOAL: (Accessibility) Strive to make every Village park and recreation site accessible.

- **A. Objective: Design and develop a system of all-season, non-motorized pathways, trails, sidewalks, and bike paths linking Village neighborhoods with both Village and adjacent non-Village parks, greenways, pathways, recreation venues, schools, and commercial retail areas.**
  - ✓ **Working with County Parks and HCMA on regional trail connection and B2B Initiative**
- **B. Objective: Ensure that all parks and recreation assets are barrier-free and universally accessible.**
  - ✓ **Barrier free design was incorporated into Mill Creek Park Plan and DDA is providing funding to facilitate ADA access to Mill Creek Park via Jeffords Street.**

IV. GOAL: (Environment) Make nature and healthy ecosystems an important characteristic of our Village.

- **A. Objective: In designated Village natural areas, enhance and preserve healthy ecosystems for native plants, fish, and wildlife.**
- **B. Objective: In Village urban areas, enhance the natural feel of each park.**
  - ✓ **Mill Creek Park has been planned as a passive park with a natural feel.**
- **C. Objective: Advocate for the enhancement and preservation of natural features within and surrounding our Village.**

V. GOAL: (Management) Use sound planning, financial, and operational management practices.

- **A. Objective: Deliver on our stated goals and objectives.**
- **B. Objective: Ensure that our parks and recreation assets remain available for enjoyment, now and in the future.**
- **C. Objective: Foster smart and efficient management practices.**
- **D. Objective: Identify and utilize all available Village and non-Village funding resources to meet our goals.**
  - ✓ **Numerous funding sources were applied for in 2009.**

VI. GOAL: (Community) Foster a community-wide sense of pride in and support for our parks and recreation program.

- **A. Objective: Promote parks and recreation activities in the community and our broader service area.**
- **B. Objective: Provide and promote opportunities for individual citizens and community groups to influence the mission, priorities, management, and operations of the parks and recreation program.**
  - ✓ **Mill Creek Park Master Planning Process and Westside Connector Planning engaged many parties.**
- **C. Objective: Deliver superior service to citizens and others seeking our help.**
- **D. Objective: Develop an overall parks and recreation program that makes a positive contribution to the economic sustainability of the Village.**
  - ✓ **Ice Rink in 2009 helped promote downtown**
- **E. Objective: Develop and maintain parks and recreation assets that incorporate a high degree of aesthetic appeal.**
- **F. Objective: Develop and maintain park and recreation assets and recreation programs that meet current industry safety standards and, where standards do not exist, develop and maintain assets and programs with careful consideration for user or participant safety.**