

DEXTER VILLAGE PARKS COMMISSION

May 15, 2012
Regular Meeting

Brian Brassow called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Present: Brian Brassow, Mike Cavanaugh, John Coy, Randy Hermann

Absent: Steve Berlage, Toni Henkemeyer, Joe Semifero

Bishop, staff also present.

Approval of the Minutes- Moved Cavanaugh, support Hermann to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes as amended. Amendment to add Randy Hermann to list of Commissioners present at the meeting.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda -

Moved Coy, support Hermann to approve as written.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION - None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Chair –

- a. Art Selection Committee report – Brassow reported that 5 submittals were received and shared them with the Commission. Brassow also requested guidance from the Commission on what the expectations for selection approval would be. The Commission requested that they be given the opportunity to approval (pass/fail) all art selections placed within public parks.
- b. Geocache Trail – Brassow reported that when reviewing migeocache.org he is finding that there are several visits to the Dexter Parks Geotrail each weekend. The trail is serving its purpose bringing people to the community and to enjoy our parks.

B. Commissioners and Ex Officio

- i. John Coy – Tree Board to discuss additional tornado tree restoration, Lodi Farms donated trees to replace trees lost, exact amount to be confirmed, Industrial Park may be next Village wide planting, discuss tree trimming on Bridgeway.

C. Community Development Office Report

- a. Mill Creek Park Update- Substantial Completion by July 1, 2012
- b. Mill Creek Park Boulder – Healthy Communities Grant installed 5/14/12, project to be completed by the end of the week.
- c. Intern Project – Albra (intern) was present at the meeting and presented her draft parks and recreation brochure. The Commission provided her with feedback on colors, layout, zero margins, map revisions, coloring, font, etc. Albra will revise the brochure and present it again to the Commission for consideration.
- d. Reappointments – Commissioner Henkemeyer has agreed to continue serving for an additional 3 year term.
- e. Eagle Scout Project- Eagle scout proposing a shade shelter at the basketball court. Staff, Andy McWilliams and Thom Phillips met on site to discuss the project, budget, process. Staff will provide details as they become available. Budget for project currently \$1,000, Eagle Scout expected to fundraise or get donations to help build project.
- f. Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner – Take 2 – Tuesday, May 22 at 5:30 at Aubree's.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of: Comprehensive Sign Plan and presentation to the Village Council – The Commission discussed the presentation to Council on Tuesday, May 29th. Commissioner plan to attend if possible to help provide support for the time and effort put into development of the signs with the U of M Students for over 12 months. The presentation will include signs, sizes, mounts, materials, and approximate locations. The Commission provided feedback on staff's initial presentation ideas.
- B. Discussion of: Village Dog Park – Chair Brassow provided information on dog parks in the area. Based on his research he believes that the Village could provide a dog park on a 1 acre parcel possibly at the Community Garden location on Dan Hoey Road. Brassow indicated that the park could be managed a number of ways, but suggested self-policing as a way to reduce administration and permitting. He suggested annual permit/registration to cover the costs of fencing, administration, maintenance, etc. Costs range anywhere from \$25 (Resident) to \$200 (Non-Resident). Only anticipated capital expenses are

fencing, trash cans and doggie bag dispensers. The Commission is supportive of the concept and will continue to review costs and location in preparation for next year's budget. Staff will visit the Community Garden site to determine if a dog park would be possible and also attempt to make contact with property owners in the Industrial Park as a potential temporary location. Item to be discussed again at the June meeting.

- C. Discussion of: Dexter Daze Participation – The Commission discussed the idea of a Grand Opening Celebration of the Mill Creek Park project during Dexter Daze. The Commission decided that they would prefer not to compete with the event and will instead host a booth at the corner plaza to inform visitors about the park, the amenities and possibly get interested people to sign up for a “Friends of the Mill Creek Park” to assist with annual clean up days and invasive species management. Staff and the Commissioners will also look into collaborating on recreation events in the park for Dexter Daze, such as REI, Michigan Paddle Sport or University of Michigan Kayak Club sponsored – Kayak Expo, a Fly Fishing Demonstration or a climbing wall through Planet Rock. Staff will inform Council about the decision to defer the park opening celebration to a different committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Mill Creek Park Long Term Maintenance
Moved Coy, support Brassow to postpone the discussion until the June meeting.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION - None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Donation Guidelines and Volunteer Management Plan (TBD)
- B. Mill Creek Park Update and Signage
- C. Mill Creek Park Long Term Maintenance
- D. Dexter Daze Participation
- E. Dog Park

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

Adjournment

Brassow considered the meeting closed at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Filing Approved 6-19-12

Allison Bishop
Staff Liaison, Village of Dexter Parks Commission