

VILLAGE OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Village Offices, 8123 Main Street
PNC Bank, Second Floor – Enter at rear door

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
 - Becky Murillo - Chair
 - Randy Hermann – Vice-Chair
 - Toni Henkemeyer
 - Ellen Han
 - Katie Koch
 - John Coy
 - Donna Fisher – Ex Officio
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - July 15, 2014
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION
6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION
 - A. Chair
 - B. Commissioners and Ex Officio
 - a. Tree Board
 - b. 5H
 - c. Art Selection Committee
 - C. Staff Report
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of: Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Comments on Deficiencies Section Presented Last Meeting
 - B. Discussion of: Lion's Park Play Equipment
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discussion of: Park Maintenance Requests
 - a) Mill Creek Park, Community Park, First Street Park, Lion's Park, Peace Park, Monument Park
9. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION
10. PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
11. ADJOURNMENT

ANNUAL REVIEW SCHEDULE

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

**VILLAGE OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Village of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:03 pm at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Becky Murillo, Toni Henkemeyer, Ellen Han, Katie Koch and John Coy

Other Present: Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES/NOTES FROM JUNE 17

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Henkemeyer to approve the minutes from June 17, 2014 as presented.

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Henkemeyer, Seconded by Koch to approve the agenda as presented

Motion Adopted

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Chair: None

Commissioners and Ex-Officio

5H – Interventions for 2015 will be due in November. The Commission will be working on finalizing costs for the purchase of play equipment for the area east of Lion's Park and receiving permission from the schools to locate the park on their property.

Staff Report: The Commission suggested placing two bike hoops at the top of the Mill Creek Park stairs, along with the suggestion of four near the basketball hoops in Community Park.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Commission will proceed with the "what's next" survey in the fall for the Master Plan update. This survey will also collect demographic information including age, where the person lives, how they get to the park, and their frequency of use.

The section on park system deficiencies was discussed. Commissioners are asked to review this section and provide feedback at the next meeting.

B. DISCUSSION OF: LION'S PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Commission reviewed the park equipment schematics provided by Superior Play. The general consensus was that the Commission would prefer a mix of the two types of structures. Courtney will work with Superior Play to get an updated structure design and layout of the park. She will also be working on getting confirmation from the schools that they are comfortable allowing the property to be used in this manner.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: PARK MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Staff was asked to review the amount of wood chips in the parks under the play structures to determine whether more are needed.

A general discussion was had regarding dog excrement on the Border to Border Trail to Hudson Mills. A dog waste bag dispenser is provided along the trail, however the Commission discussed adding one at the start of the trail in Mill Creek Park North.

Commissioner Coy suggested the installation of a sign at the end of the path in Mill Creek Park South that talks about the future plans for trail extension. Courtney will pursue this idea with Village Council.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fisher, Seconded by Hermann to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Courtney Nicholls
Assistant Village Manager



VILLAGE OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
ROM: Courtney Nicholls, Village Manager
RE: REPORT
DATE: September 16, 2014

Items from August 2014 Report

Citizen Request for Signage. Attached is an e-mail from a resident requesting signage in Mill Creek Park.

Mill Creek Park Informational Sign. Council was supportive of the idea of an informational sign at the end of the path in Mill Creek Park South that shows the future plans for the extension of the path. Staff will work on a design and cost estimate for the sign for the September meeting.

Park Walk Through. Kurt Augustine and I met and walked through Community Park and Mill Creek Park North. He will be working on spreading the mulch out under the play structures. He does not think that more mulch is necessary at this time – however he will confirm that once the mulch is spread out. There are two small dead trees in Community Park that will be removed. We also found some poison ivy along the path in Mill Creek Park North that we will have removed. The brochure holder for the walking map has been ordered and will be installed on the end of the boardwalk in Mill Creek Park North.

Flower Signage. Village resident Jill Boydston has volunteered to work with her kids and some friends to make small name signs for the flowers in Mill Creek Park. She is concentrating on the area along Jeffords sidewalk and the ADA ramp. She is also working on some wording that we can use in the rain garden to explain their purpose.

Eagle Scout Project. President Keough was contacted by an Eagle Scout candidate looking for an idea for his final project. Two suggestions received so far are stairs to the lawn area in Mill Creek Park that is currently not easily accessible and the addition of top soil and ground cover under the stairs to Alpine Street. Attached is an e-mail from President Keough with an update on his meeting with the candidate.

Please feel free to contact me prior to the meeting with any questions, etc.

Thank you.

Courtney Nicholls

From: Porter <karen.porter125@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 11:50 AM
To: cnicholls@dextermi.gov
Subject: Suggestion for a sign at Warrior Park terrace down to the river

Submitted on Monday, July 28, 2014 - 11:49 Submitted by anonymous user: [204.38.0.253] Submitted values are:

First Name: Karen

Last Name: Porter

Email: karen.porter125@gmail.com

Subject : Suggestion for a sign at Warrior Park terrace down to the river

Comments: Good Morning, Just wanted to give a heads up regarding a possible sign near the terrace down to the river suggesting wearing shoes in the river. My daughter cut her foot there last Monday, July 20 when wading. She required 4 stitches in her foot and has to take antibiotics to prevent infection (she had her immunizations). The fire department assisted with her cut. Thank you

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.dextermi.gov/node/51/submission/235>

Courtney Nicholls

From: Keough, Shawn <SKEOUGH@WadeTrim.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2014 9:07 AM
To: beckyjog@yahoo.com; Courtney Nicholls (cnicholls@dextermi.gov)
Cc: Scott Bell
Subject: Eagle Scout Project for Ian Bell

Good morning Becky and Courtney,

I met with Ian Bell and his father Scott Bell (former Village Planning Commission member) yesterday at Mill Creek Park. As you both know, Scott Bell contacted me because his son Ian is looking to complete a project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Ian is approximately 16 and a half and needs to complete a project by his 18th birthday. They have asked if the Village has any improvement projects within our Parks system that they could consider for a possible project. If the Village would be willing to donate the materials, the idea is that Ian would organize the project, seek the proper approvals, design assistance, and labor to construct the project.

We walked around the entire park yesterday. We looked at a couple of landscaping/seating area opportunities near the bottom and top of the stairway to Alpine and a possible stairway project off the boardwalk portion of the trail in the southern end of Mill Creek Park. Ian is in the idea gathering stage and would appreciate if the PaRC would discuss possible projects Ian could consider. I encouraged Ian to come to a future Parks meeting to introduce himself although I am not certain if the August meeting fits into his schedule or not. I shared that the Parks and Recreation Commission meets this Tuesday, August 19th.

I have copied Scott Bell on this email so that he and Ian can add information if they should like or so that one of you can contact Scott if the PaRC discusses additional ideas.

Thank you both for taking my calls on this topic earlier in the week. I am hoping that together, we can help find an opportunity for Ian to complete his project. Please call me if you have any questions or just want to discuss this a little more.

Have a good week!

Shawn Keough
(313) 363-1434

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MEMO

To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Courtney Nicholls, Acting Village Manager
Date: August 18, 2014
Re: Lion's Park Play Equipment

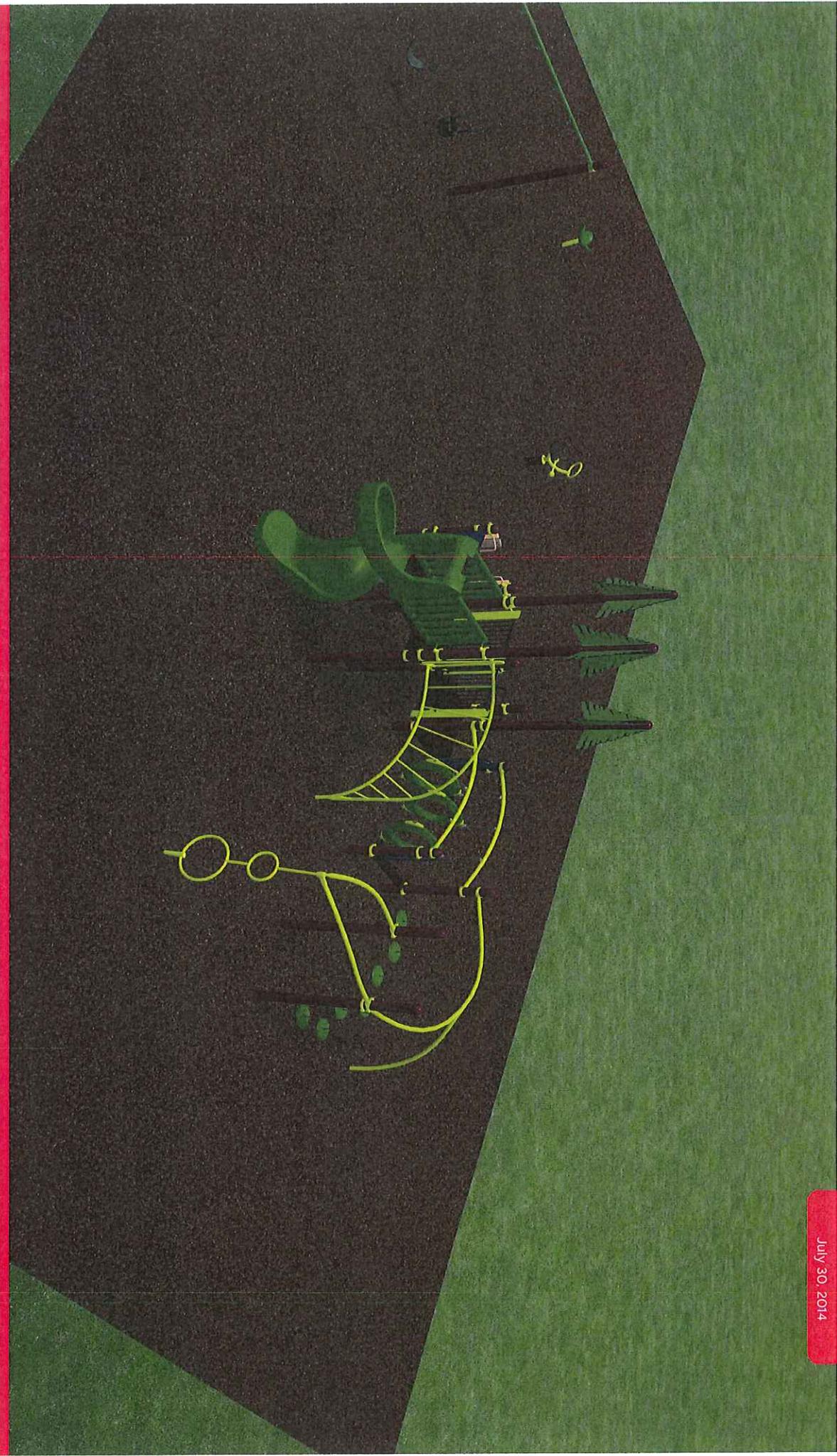
Following the July meeting I contacted our Superior Play representative to pursue the idea of having elements of a traditional structure and an evos structure incorporated into our playground design. Attached is the rendering that was provided that includes the play structure and the park as a whole.

Superior Play also included an updated cost estimate, including installation by Superior Play. If we move forward with the park, the installation would be put out to bid. Since the estimate is over our original budget, we discussed options for making the project a community build and/or having the DPW do some of the prep work on the site as possible cost saving measures.

I contacted Dexter Community Schools Superintendent, Dr. Timmis about moving forward with an easement, a draft of which is provided for your review. Once it has been reviewed by the Village it will be forwarded to the school district for their consideration.

The goal is to put as many of the pieces together as possible so that the project can be considered by the 5H Committee for funding in their 2015 plan.

July 30, 2014



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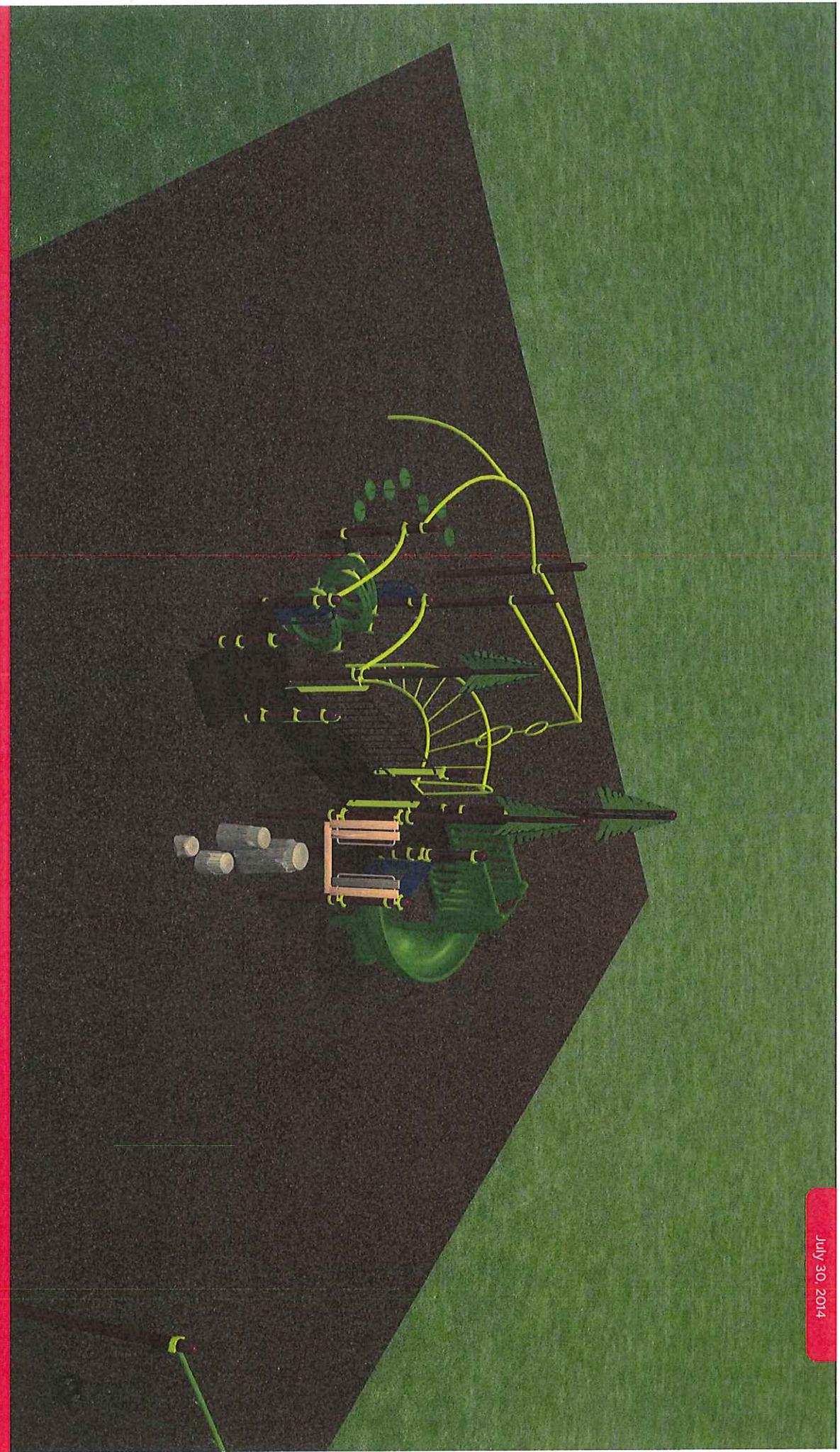


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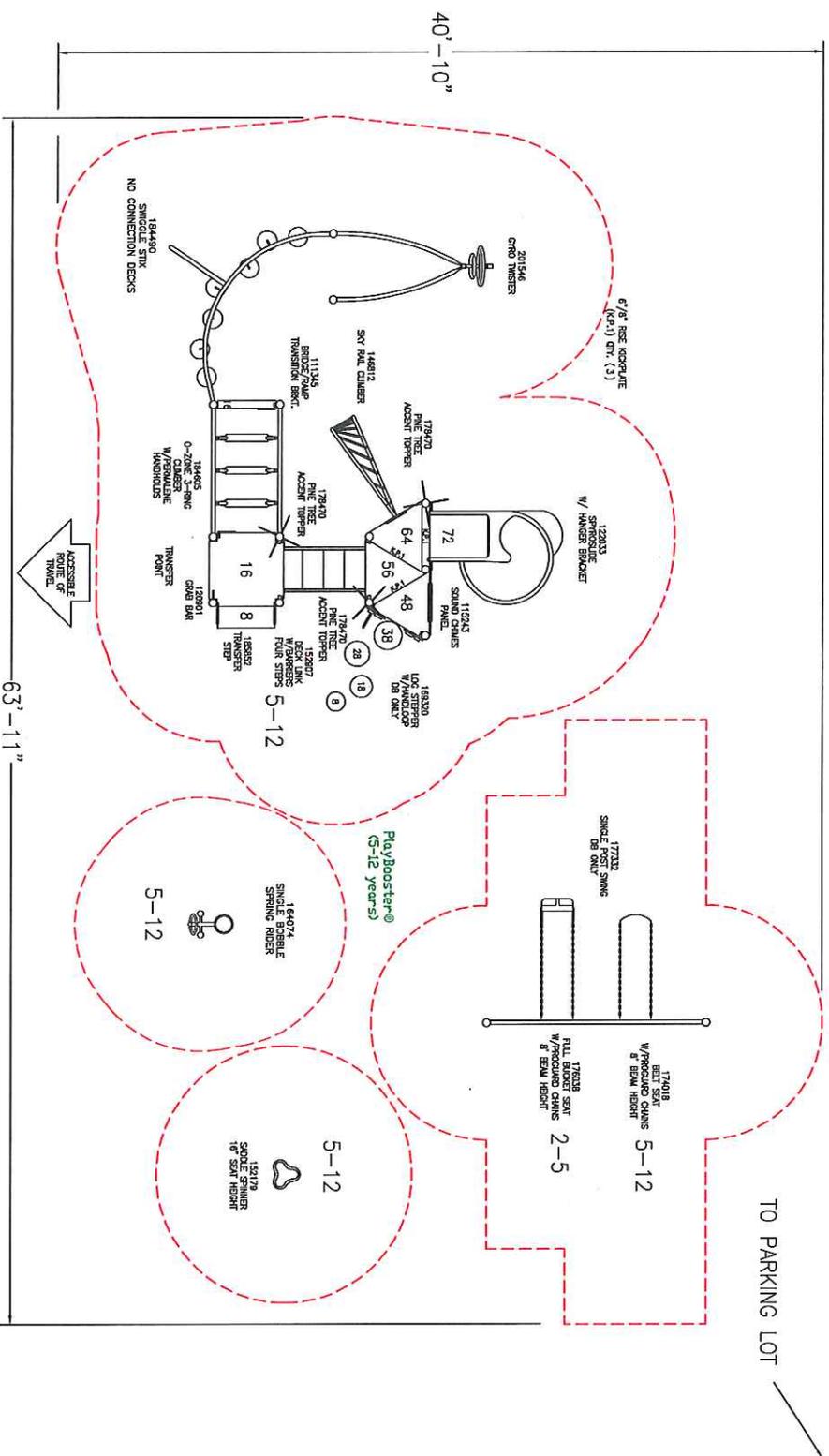
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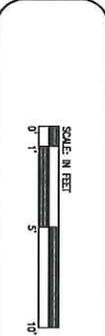


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TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP	5	0	REQUIRED	0
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	5	5	REQUIRED	3
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	5	5	REQUIRED	2
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	5	5	REQUIRED	5

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TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER	0	0	REQUIRED	0
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN	1	1	REQUIRED	1
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS	1	1	REQUIRED	1



Dexter

Superior Play, L.L.C.
Jennifer Smith

SYSTEM TYPE:
PlayBooster
DRAWING #: 77752-1-1



EXISTING SOUTHWEST SIDEWALK

DESIGNED BY:

RLG

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES, INC.
1100 W. 15TH AVENUE, SUITE 200
DENVER, CO 80202
PH: 303-733-2881
FX: 303-733-2881

Date	Previous Drawing #	Notes

THIS PLAY AREA & EQUIPMENT IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AND THE ADA REGULATIONS, 28 CFR PART 37, AND THE ADA PLAY AREA DESIGN GUIDELINES, 28 CFR PART 37.103, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON PLAN.

IT IS THE MANUFACTURERS OPINION THAT THE PLAY AREA DESIGN PROVIDED HEREIN IS AN ACCESSIBLE PROGRAM, OR SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT, OF AN ACCESSIBLE PROGRAM, OR SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT, WITHIN THE DESIGN USE ZONE.

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL NECESSARY PERMITS AND APPROVALS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF COLORADO.

CHOOSE A PROMINENT SURFACE MATERIAL THAT HAS A CERTAIN, UNIFORM WALK TO MEET THE ADA REQUIREMENTS. THE SURFACE SHALL BE SMOOTH, FIRM, AND NON-SLIPPERY. THE SURFACE SHALL BE SMOOTH, FIRM, AND NON-SLIPPERY. THE SURFACE SHALL BE SMOOTH, FIRM, AND NON-SLIPPERY.





All P.O.'s Contracts or Checks Payable to:
Superior Play, L.L.C.
889 S. Old US Highway 23
Brighton, MI 48114 USA

Proposal

Date	Proposal #
8/7/2014	14-545

Bill To:
Village of Dexter Allison Bishop 8140 Main St. Dexter, MI 48130

Ship To
Village of Dexter Attn: Kurt Augustine 734-216-3820 3600 Central St Dexter, MI 48130

Customer Contact	Customer Phone	Customer Fax	Terms	P.O. No.	Rep
Allison Bishop	734.426.8303 ext 15		Net 30		JRS

Item	Description	Qty	Weight	Price	Total
Custom	Custom PlayBooster Structure per Design	1		35,491.00	35,491.00
	77752-1-1				
152179A	Saddle Spinner	1		900.00	900.00
164074B	Single Bobble Rider	1		920.00	920.00
Custom	Swings, Single Post w/ belt seat and bucket seat	1		1,412.00	1,412.00
EWf-I	Engineered Wood Fiber - Installed	145		29.00	4,205.00
Freight	Freight	1		3,000.00	3,000.00

Ask about our "Customer for Life" maintenance agreement including certified inspections and state required documents:
 One year \$250; Two Year \$400; Three Year \$500

Subtotal

Sales Tax (0.0%)

Total

Proposal Good For 30 Days
 Ship Via: Common Carrier
 Please Call 24 Hours Prior To Delivery: _____

Signature below accepting this proposal will constitute a purchase order.

 Accepted By Customer

Superior Play, LLC
 889 S. Old US 23 Brighton, MI 48114
 P: 810-229-6245 TF: 888-778-7529 Fax: 810-229-6256



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Item	Description	Qty	Weight	Price	Total
Install	Professional Certified Installation Includes: -Excavation of 45'x65' Area to required depths to achieve max 2% cross slopes and haul off site -Supply and Install 185 LF of 4" perforated tile w/sock in pea stone trench to daylight pop up valve on low end. Includes installation of 12"x12" yard drain on the high end near side walk. -Installation of Play Equipment -Supply & Install 6x6 Timber Boarder, varying in amount of tiers to adequately retain existing soil elevations. Includes (10) deadman on highest portions of retaining wall. Height from existing elevations to new play area elevations would not exceed 30". Includes drainage behind wall. -Restoration of areas disturbed by construction with seed and mulch.			27,185.00	27,185.00

Ask about our "Customer for Life" maintenance agreement including certified inspections and state required documents:
 One year \$250; Two Year \$400; Three Year \$500

Subtotal	\$73,113.00
Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
Total	\$73,113.00

Proposal Good For 30 Days
 Ship Via: Common Carrier
 Please Call 24 Hours Prior To Delivery: _____

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EASEMENT AGREEMENT

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, whose address is 7714 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan 48130 (Grantor), and the **VILLAGE OF DEXTER**, a Michigan municipal corporation, whose address is 8140 Main Street, Dexter, Michigan 48130 (Grantee) make and enter in to this **EASEMENT AGREEMENT** (Agreement) on _____, 2014 (the Effective Date).

Recitals:

- A. Grantor owns a parcel of land, located in the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, more particularly described by the attached Exhibit A (the Parcel).
- B. A portion of the Parcel is suitable for use as a playground and related recreational purposes, which portion is shown and described on the attached Exhibit B (the Playground Area).
- C. Grantee desires to construct and install various pieces of playground equipment and related recreational equipment (the Equipment) on the Playground Area for the benefit of residents of the Village of Dexter and the Dexter Community School district, and Grantor is willing to allow the parcel to be used for these purposes. (The term Equipment also encompasses any playground equipment or related recreational equipment added after the initial installation.)

Agreement:

Therefore, based on the Recitals, the mutual covenants stated below, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is acknowledged, and with the intent to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

1. Grantor grants and conveys to Grantee, for the benefit of Grantee, a nonexclusive, perpetual easement for the installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Equipment on the Playground Area, as well as a nonexclusive, perpetual easement for ingress and egress purposes to the Playground Area over and across the Parcel and Playground Area (the Easement).
2. After Grantee installs any Equipment, Grantee shall, at its sole cost and expense, maintain, repair and replace the Equipment, in good working order and in a safe condition, although Grantee may remove any or all of the Equipment at any time.

3. Grantee may undertake routine or general maintenance or repair of the Equipment at any time during the weekdays between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, without notice to Grantor. Prior to undertaking any work to install, replace or remove any of the Equipment, and prior to any type of work to be performed by Grantee's third party contractors, Grantee shall provide Grantor with notice. Notice may be given via telephone or electronic mail delivered to the number or address provided here: _____ *insert appropriate number and email address*. If Grantor desires, Grantee shall send a written confirmation of notice to Grantor at the address provided here: _____ *insert written address*.

Grantee shall use good faith efforts to undertake any work at such a time as would cause the least amount of interference or disruption to Grantor's use of the Parcel. Notwithstanding the above, if there exists some type of emergency which requires immediate work on the Equipment, Grantee may immediately enter the Parcel and Playground Area in order to perform such work, and shall inform Grantor as soon as possible about the emergency condition and Grantee's entry to perform such work.

4. To the extent permitted by law, Grantee shall indemnify, defend and hold the Grantor free and harmless of, from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, of every nature and kind whatsoever, including reasonable attorney fees and court costs, arising from or on account of any act, event, occurrence, omission or other event on, relating to or otherwise arising on account of the use of the Parcel, the Playground Area, or the Easement.

5. This Agreement and the Easement is intended to and shall run with the land, and shall be a burden on the Parcel and bind Grantor and its successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of Grantee and its successors and assigns.

6. No termination, amendment or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing signed by the parties. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing, signed by the party against whom it is asserted, and any such written waiver shall only be applicable to the specific instance which it relates and shall not be deemed to be a continuing and permanent waiver unless so specifically stated. The provisions of this Agreement are severable; if any section, paragraph, sentence or provision hereof shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining provisions herein and all remaining provisions shall be given full force and effect separately from the invalid or unenforceable section, paragraph, sentence or provision.

7. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and when fully executed by all parties, shall be deemed one and the same instrument binding upon all parties.

8. The Easement granted hereunder is not intended, nor shall it be construed, to create any rights in or for the benefit of the general public, but only in the Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused its signature to be placed on the day and year first above written.

Signatures and notarizations on following page

Grantor

By:
Its:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___ day of _____, 2014,
by _____.

Notary Public
_____, County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in _____ County

Grantee

Shawn Keough
Village President

Courtney Nicholls
Acting Village Manager

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ___ day of _____, 2014,
by Shawn Keough, President of the Village of Dexter, a Michigan municipal corporation, and by
Courtney Nicholls, Acting Manager of the Village of Dexter, a Michigan municipal corporation, on
behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public
_____, County, Michigan
Acting in _____ County, Michigan
My Commission Expires: _____

Exhibit A Grantor Parcel
Exhibit B Playground Area

Drafted by and when recorded return to:
Scott E. Munzel (P39818)
Scott E. Munzel, P.C.
603 W. Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 994 6610

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MEMO

To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Courtney Nicholls, Village Manager
Date: September 12, 2014
Re: Parks & Recreation Master Plan

At the July 2014 meeting the Commission was provided with a copy of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan that deals with park assets and deficiencies. I would like to discuss feedback that anyone has on this section.

We will be moving forward with the survey question regarding what the community sees as “what’s next” for the Village park system. The Commission had discussed doing that in the fall, so we will start that toward the end of September. We will have a newsletter going out in early October, so the information will reach every home/business in the Village. The data will be collected via “survey monkey”.

To temporarily fill the staffing need of the Village Office during the current transition period, Village Engineer Patrick Droze is working in the office three days per week. He is going to assist with updating the demographic information in the Master Plan. We hope to have a draft ready for the Commission’s review in October.

EXHIBIT 25

Recreation Facilities Evaluation – The Village Of Dexter and Dexter Community Schools

	Recommended Standard	Existing Municipal/ Public Facilities		Existing School Facilities		Total Existing Public Facilities		Recommended Need in Dexter		Surplus/(Deficiency) in Dexter
		Public Facilities	Public Facilities	Facilities	Facilities	Public Facilities	Public Facilities	in Dexter	in Dexter	
Basketball Courts (3.5)	1 / 5,000	1	1	9	10	1	10	1	10	
Tennis Courts	1 / 2,000	0	0	14	14	3	14	3	11	
Volleyball Courts	1 / 5,000	0	0	3	3	1	3	1	2	
Baseball Fields	1 / 5,000	0	0	4	4	1	4	1	3	
Softball	1 / 5,000	0	0	6	6	1	6	1	5	
Football Fields	1 / 20,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	
Soccer Fields	1 / 10,000	0	0	7	7	1	7	1	6	
Golf Course, 9-hole	1 / 25,000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	(1)	
Golf Course, 18-hole	1 / 50,000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	(1)	
Driving Range	1 / 50,000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	(1)	
Swimming Pool – Indoor	1 / 20,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	
Swimming Pool – Outdoor	1 / 40,000	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	(1)	

EXHIBIT 25 (cont.)

Recreation Facilities Evaluation -- The Village of Dexter and Dexter Community Schools

	Recommended Standard	Existing Municipal/Public Facilities	Existing School Facilities	Total Existing Public Facilities	Recommended Need in Dexter	Surplus / (Deficiency) in Dexter
Ice Rinks – Indoor	1 / 50,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Ice Rinks – Outdoor	1 / 20,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Archery Range	1 / 50,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Running Track (1/4 mile)	1 / 20,000	0	1	1	1	0
Playgrounds	1 / 3,000	2	4	6	1	5
Picnic Areas	None Published	4	0	4	N/A	N/A
Cross Country Ski Trails (miles)	1 / 10,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Nature Trails (miles)	1 / 20,000	1	1	2	1	1
Sledding Hills	1 / 40,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Bicycle Trails (miles)	1 / 40,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Horseback Riding Trails (miles)	1 / 50,000	0	0	0	1	(1)

Notes

- 1 Recommended number of each facility per unit population (National Recreation and Park Association/Michigan Recreation Opportunity Standards)(Appendix Q).
- 2 Based on July 2008 SEMCOG population estimate of 3,593.
- 3 Two backboards were considered to be equal to 1 court for the purposes of this analysis.
- 4 All numbers are rounded to the nearest whole number.
- 5 Not regulation courts – (located at elementary schools, ½ courts, etc.)
- 6 Indoor/Outdoor

Village of Dexter Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Exhibit 26 compares the existing community parkland acreage to recommended standards, based on current population estimates. The analysis indicates that if the school sites are considered in the park acreage figures, the Village has a surplus in community parks and is deficient in mini-park and neighborhood park acreage. Although when the schools facilities are not considered the Village is severely lacking in community parks.

EXHIBIT 26
Comparison to Accepted Standards

The Village of Dexter Community Comparison to Accepted Standards	Recommended Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents	Existing Acreage	Recommended Acreage in Dexter for Proposed Population	Surplus (Deficiency) in Dexter Based on Proposed Population
Mini-Parks	0.25	3.19	0.89	2.3
Neighborhood Parks	1.0	16.15	3.56	12.58
Community Parks	5.0	24	17.83	6.17
Regional Parks	5.0 - 10.0	0	8	Not Applicable

- Notes:
- 1 Based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations.
 - 2 Existing public acreage includes the Village of Dexter only.
 - 3 Includes private open space that addresses deficiency to immediate area.
 - 4 Based on July 2008 SEMCOG Population Estimate of 3,593.

Park	Park Type	Park Size
Warrior Creek	Neighborhood Park	2.15 acres
Community Park	Neighborhood Park	5 acres
Westridge of Dexter	Neighborhood Park (Private)	2 acres
Dexter Crossing	Neighborhood Park (Private)	7 acres
	TOTAL NEIGHBORHOOD	16.15 acres
Monument Park	Mini-Park	0.3 acres
Lions Park	Mini-Park	0.25 acres
First Street Park	Mini-Park	0.94 acres
Peace Park	Mini-Park	0.2 acres
Huron Farms	Mini-Park (Private)	1.5 acres
	TOTAL MINI-PARK	3.19 acres
Mill Creek Park	Community Park	24 acres
	TOTAL COMMUNITY PARK	24 acres

Analysis Of Existing Facilities And Service Areas

Analysis of existing park and recreation facilities is summarized in Exhibit 27. The table is a compilation of comments and recommendations based on the preceding exhibits, which compare the Village's facilities to NPRA standards.

The exhibits that follow take a calculated look at existing parks and recreation facilities in Dexter. This portion of the overall assessment has provided the Village with a starting point for further investigation of the recreation needs in the Village.

The evaluation of existing park and recreation facilities was based on NPRA standards is outlined in Exhibit 25. A comparison of existing parkland acreage to accepted standards are defined in Exhibit 26. The service area boundaries, as interpreted by the NPRA, are graphically represented for existing facilities in Exhibit 24.

EXHIBIT 27

Analysis of Existing Facilities – Village of Dexter and Dexter Community Schools

Type of Facility / Recreation Standards	Village of Dexter Community Facilities	Comments / Recommendations
<p>MINI-PARKS: Mini-Parks are small, specialized parks, usually less than one acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or specific group such as tots and senior citizens. Mini-Parks typically have a radius of only a few blocks. Mini-parks are used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.</p>	<p>Most of the village's public parks and private parks within developments are considered mini-parks due to their size.</p> <p>Monument Park – Gazebo, drinking fountain, benches, picnic tables, special events, sidewalks.</p> <p>Peace Park - Benches, picnic tables, perimeter sidewalk and peaceful landscape design.</p> <p>Lions Park - Small gazebo, benches, landscaping, sidewalks.</p> <p>First Street Park – Horseshoe tossing, porta johns, picnic tables and grills.</p> <p>Private Tot lots – Association owned, provide play equipment, swings, benches, picnic tables.</p>	<p>The NPRA recommends 0.25 to 1 acre per 1,000 residents. Currently, the Village has sufficient mini-park acreage with or without the inclusion of private parkland.</p> <p>The current mini-parks should continue to be maintained and upgraded as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Funding is budgeted annually for equipment replacement and landscaping maintenance. The equipment replacement inventory is used to determine what and when equipment is replaced in each of the parks.</p> <p>The Village should continue to require private developments to have private parks for use by the residents and to help meet the needs of the population in the immediate area. As land becomes available throughout the village the Parks and Recreation Commission should consider acquisition for additional public mini-park land throughout the village.</p> <p>The Village is also planning for the development of a skatepark. Preliminary research (Appendix P) shows that a 5,000 square foot skatepark would likely service the Village's population and skatepark needs.</p>

Type of Facility / Recreational Standards	Village of Dexter Community Facilities	Comments / Recommendations
<p>NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS: Typically multi-purpose facilities that provide areas for intensive recreation activities, such as field games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally more than 2 acres in size and serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within 1/2 mile radius from the neighborhood they serve. Neighborhood parks remain the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.</p>	<p>The village has 2 public neighborhood parks and 2 private neighborhood parks consisting of 16.15 acres.</p> <p>Community Park and Warrior Creek Parks are public neighborhood parks that provide picnic areas and play areas. Development in these parks is primarily complete, however Warrior Creek park will be further developed with the development of the Mill Creek Park.</p> <p>Private neighborhood parks within the village consist of 9 acres, which includes walking paths, play structures, benches and picnic tables.</p> <p>Some of the schools facilities could be considered neighborhood parks, however, since they are primarily located in one area are classified as a community park.</p>	<p>Five (5) acre neighborhood parks are recommended as a minimum per 1,000 residents. The Village of Dexter is deficient if 5 acres is used as a minimum, however with all other considerations and including private neighborhood parks the village has sufficient neighborhood parks. Considering only public neighborhood parks there are portions of the village that are not served by neighborhood parks. This must be considered when evaluating land acquisition possibilities.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation Commission current consideration of a skatepark would help reduce the deficiency of public neighborhood parks, however additional property would have to be acquired.</p> <p>A winter ice skating rink should also be considered for Warrior Creek park to utilize the parks year round.</p>

Type of Facility / Recreation Standards	Village of Dexter Community Facilities	Comments / Recommendations
<p>COMMUNITY PARKS: Community Parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from neighborhoods and the Dexter area. Community Parks may include areas for active recreation facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other passive recreation opportunities facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities. Community Parks typically serve a broader purpose than neighborhood parks. The focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open space.</p>	<p>The Village of Dexter does not have any Community Parks. Pursuant to the recommended size for Community Parks the village will not likely have any Community Parks. Community Parks are more likely to be provided by a regional recreation and open space provider.</p> <p>The village does hope to create the Mill Creek Park (approximately 24 acres) which will essentially address the recommended Community Park needs per population. There will still be a slight deficiency; however there will be linear connections to a much larger Community and Regional Park network.</p> <p>Primarily all active recreation is provided by the Dexter School District on their property, mostly within the Village limits, and some outside the Village limits at the new High School. The schools facilities include ball fields of all types and as well as indoor activities. These facilities can be utilized through school teams and programming offered through Community Education and Recreation.</p>	<p>The NPRA's standard requirement for Community Parks is 20-50 acres per 1,000 residents. Active recreation facilities are provided by the Dexter School District. Some of this property is within the Village limits so it is easily accessible for all residents, but the facilities at the new High School are not. Dexter Community Schools students' usage of the facilities also takes priority over the usage of the residents of Dexter Village.</p> <p>Development of the Mill Creek area following the removal of the Main Street dam will provide Village and regional residents with a unique opportunity to access the Mill Creek and the unique open space landscape created by the dam removal.</p> <p>The Village should continue to explore acquisition opportunities to complement the Mill Creek Park development along the Mill Creek and south. The Village should also continue to work with regional recreation providers, HCMA and Washtenaw County Parks, to add to the recreation and open space available to area and Village residents.</p>

Type of Facility / Recreation Standards		Village of Dexter Community Facilities		Comments / Recommendations	
SPECIAL USE/ NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS: Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities such as, golf courses, nature centers, interpretive centers, facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment. Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment is the primary focus with recreation use as a secondary objective.	The Village of Dexter does not have any special use or natural resource areas. The only park near the Village of Dexter that would be classified in this category are Washtenaw County's Miller and Smith Preserves located less than 1 mile outside of the village boundary. The Miller and Smith Preserves protect the 40-50 year old trees in the oak barren with a nature trail and unpaved parking area. The Miller Preserve and Smith Woods contain 28-acres of woodlands that provide one of the only remaining undeveloped, habitats and sanctuaries in the area for plants and animals. The property also contains various wetland areas.	Washtenaw County recently purchased the Miller Preserve through the County Natural Areas Preservation Program. The Village then donated the Smith Woods Preserve. Plans for improvement include upgraded parking (completed in 2008); signage to identify the preserves and nature trails throughout the 28-acre park.	The Village should continue to coordinate with the County to publicize the park area and encourage pedestrian connections to downtown, the Mill Creek and Warrior Creek Parks as well as the County Border to Border trail and HCMA Hike Bike trail.	The Village should consider property acquisition in the area surrounding the Mill Creek and connections to the Smith and Miller Preserve to expand the linear park and open space network.	

Type of Facility / Recreation Standards	Village of Dexter Community Facilities	Comments / Recommendations
<p>PASSIVE PARKS: The primary purpose of passive areas is to provide relief from highly developed residential and commercial neighborhoods. Facilities may include sitting areas, pedestrian amenities, landscaping, monuments, and fountains, and historical features.</p>	<p>Monument Park and Peace Park were developed as passive parks, as well as private open space or common areas in residential developments are classified as passive recreation areas. The Gordon Hall property, west of the Village, was recently acquired by the Dexter Historical Society. DHS goal is to further enhance the historical features and monuments that have existed within the Village for the past 100 years and preserve the Gordon Hall property as public open space.</p>	<p>General maintenance of these parks is most important. A common connection between them would create a more cohesive park system and pedestrian network. This can be accomplished through signage, lighting, benches, pathways and sidewalks. Pathway connections throughout the Village should be evaluated to increase accessibility to parks and elsewhere.</p> <p>The Village will work with the Dexter Historical Society to preserve the historic Gordon Hall and the property on which it is located. Sidewalk connections must be made to assure pedestrian access to and from the Village's parks and the historical asset just outside the Village's border.</p>

Type of Facility / Recreation Standards	Village of Dexter Community Facilities	Comments / Recommendations
<p>LINEAR PARKS: A linear park is any area developed for one or more modes of recreation travel, such as hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, canoeing and pleasure driving. A linear park would be a greenway corridor connecting a regional system.</p>	<p>Built along natural corridors, such as utility right-of-ways, abandoned railroad easements, vegetation patterns, rivers and streams, and roads that links other components of recreation systems or community facilities, such as schools, libraries, commercial areas, and other park areas and desirable site characteristics may be developed into linear parks.</p> <p>The Village's goal is to develop a linear park along the Mill Creek following the removal of the Main Street dam. The goals for the park development are included in Appendix E. The linear Mill Creek Park will connect to the school property to the south and the Washtenaw County Border to Border Trail and HCMA Hike / Bike Trail to the north and east.</p> <p>Development of the linear Mill Creek Park is a top priority for the Village.</p>	<p>A linear park of some sort would be an exciting tool for creating connections within the existing park system. For example, a linear park along Main Street/Ann Arbor Street could connect the three anchors – Peace Park, Monument Park and Warrior Creek Park. A linear park would also be located along a natural feature such as the Mill Creek and Huron River as planned by the Village of Dexter, Washtenaw County and HCMA.</p> <p>Linear parks can include bike paths, hiking paths, boardwalks, benches, information kiosks, fishing and water access and non motorized boat linkages.</p> <p>The Village places high priority on the Mill Creek Park trail network to provide connection to the Metro-Parks across the Huron River and the Washtenaw County Border to Border trail heading east along the Huron River. This would also provide a pedestrian linkage that is needed within the Village for the protection of pedestrians and visitors, and to provide more universal access to Warrior Creek Park and the downtown district. Warrior Creek Park and another location in the downtown as a trail heads would link downtown to the parks and the regional trail network and promote health, fitness, and economic development, as well as safe pedestrian access within the Village and the parks. Development of the trail system to the south to the school property will also create a valuable passive recreation opportunity to Village residents on property already owned by the Village.</p>

Several residential subdivisions under construction have small open space areas within the development. These private facilities function as mini-parks as they provide recreational facilities for the neighborhood residents.

Additional Deficiencies. This analysis provides useful information on quantity; the raw numbers do not address the *quality* of existing parks and recreation facilities. Upon closer examination, deficiencies or limitations in the Village Parks and Recreation system become apparent. These deficiencies are due to a number of reasons, including the following:

Increased Population Projections. The analysis of deficiencies does consider future demand generated by projected population increases in the Village due to growth and new developments. Based on SEMCOG 2030 Regional Development Forecasts, projections and an analysis of local trends, the population in the Village is projected to increase an additional 53% by 2030. This must be taken into account when acknowledging the validity of the facilities evaluation; such an increase in population requires a re-evaluation of existing facilities based on future needs. This is addressed in the Action Plan portion of this report.

Reliance on School Sites. Most community park facilities in the Village are located on School District property. Cooperation between the community and school district provides for efficient use of the land. Nevertheless, there are limitations associated with having many of the community park facilities on school sites, because use of these facilities are first available to school athletic teams and scheduled programs and then open to the general public on a request basis only.

Distribution of Existing Park. Exhibit 24 illustrates how the Village is served by the existing park facilities. While some areas in the Village are not well serviced others have access to a variety of park and recreation facilities. The distribution of parkland should be a consideration in future recreational land acquisition.

The northeast portion of the Village will soon be developed into residential neighborhoods. The recreation area in these developments will range from passive, natural open space to private mini-parks to public land developed with active recreation facilities. These new recreational developments will serve only the needs of the adjacent residential subdivisions, but they will also address some of the existing deficiencies within the newer areas.

Barrier-Free Facilities. Many of the existing playgrounds located at park and school facilities are not accessible to residents with disabilities. Modern equipment with transfer points and ramps, resilient surfacing, and universally accessible pathways are required to ensure “integrated play” by all residents of the community. Universal accessibility is a priority in park development over the next 5 years and beyond. The Village Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the DDA are working together to provide ADA access to Warrior Creek Park via the reconstruction of the Main Street Bridge however accessibility will likely continue to be a problem without future improvements to Mill Creek Park. Accessibility standards for equipment can be found in Appendix D.

Since the Village has placed a high priority on providing access to existing park and recreation facilities, providing access to Warrior Creek Park, and a future connection to the proposed Mill Creek linear park, is one of the Village highest priorities.

General Maintenance. Though Village owned parks adequately serve the existing population, park maintenance is an important component to providing desirable recreation opportunities for residents. In general, Warrior Creek is in need of basic maintenance to improve their appeal to the Village residents. In particular, lighting and uniform signage is needed in most of the parks, as well as parking facilities at Warrior Creek Park. Parking improvements would address safety and access concerns. Parking improvements along Alpine Street have been completed as part of the Farmer's Market project however access and parking to Warrior Creek Park is still not sufficient.

Residents' walking their dogs has also become a problem. Installation of doggie bag dispensers has been a priority, but continued education is important. Installation of bag dispensers may encourage owners to pick up after their pet as well as decrease the risk of pollution and disease transmission. As the population increases in Dexter, so will the number of residents and dogs in the Village parks.

Non-Motorized Accessibility. Non-motorized pathway connections seem to be lacking between all facilities. A pathway system between all parks, schools, and public buildings, such as the Farmer's Market, Dexter Library, Dexter Museum, Railroad Depot, and even churches, would provide safe and convenient accessibility for pedestrians. The Village is

lacking pedestrian linkages throughout the existing pedestrian system and to some Village parks.

Visual Connections. Similar lighting and signage that is consistent with the traditional village design in the downtown area should distinguish all public parks. The Parks and Recreation Commission has established a signage theme that will be carried out throughout the Village's parks. The Village hopes to have uniform signage in all parks by 2010. The Village has also installed information "I" kiosks throughout the Village. The kiosks are in place to provide visual connections throughout the Village's walking destinations and to display maps and other park, Village and community information.

Where possible greenways and pathways will also visually connect the parks and recreational facilities available to the public. The Downtown Development Authority is also interested in helping to create visual connections through the Village and create a "gateway" at each Village entrance. The east entrance to the Village has been improved by a developer and the Village and Parks and Recreation Commission hopes to continue the theme at each Village entrance.

Access to Natural Resources. Dexter is in a prime location nestled between the Huron River and its tributary the Mill Creek. The Village plans to take advantage of these waterway assets and also improve access to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) through the proposed Hike /Bike Trail and bridge connection. Phase 1 of the HCMA trail has started construction and the Village is committed to working with HCMA to connect the trail system to the Village's downtown and proposed Mill Creek linear park. An application for Transportation Enhancement funding was applied for in 2008 in an effort to facilitate completion of a connection across the Mill Creek and into Warrior Creek and the proposed Mill Creek linear park that would link the village with the HCMA trails and Washtenaw County's Border to Border trail.

The Village has also placed top priority on the planning, development, and conversion of the Mill Pond property into the proposed Mill Creek linear park upon removal of the Main Street Bridge dam to extend access to the natural resources available along the Mill Creek Tributary. The vision for the area is to extend a trail system along the Mill Creek to the south highlighting the significant natural resources, ecology and habitats along the waterway.

Reliance on Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Park Land. Due to the close proximity of the Huron Clinton Metro Parks, just across the Mill Creek, Dexter residents readily use the facilities. The Metro Parks provide easy access to a variety and natural resources that are not accessible within the Village limits. However, as the population of Dexter and the surrounding communities increase, the Metropark may begin to congest. As this growth occurs, the Village will need to improve its park and recreation facilities to accommodate the needs of its residents from within rather than being entirely reliant on Metro Parks system. The HCMA's proposed Hike / Bike trail may help alleviate some of the congestion that the Village residents create on the regional parks and will also provide additional recreation opportunities for an even larger service area. The proposed trail is shown in Appendix N along with a map of the Westside Connector. The Village will need to be prepared for additional parking needs if the downtown area and the proposed Mill Creek linear park becomes a major trailhead to the Metroparks greenway corridor. A non-motorized pathway bridge at the historic railroad bridge, or vicinity, accessing Warrior Creek Park and the proposed Mill Creek Park would also provide a pedestrian link, for Village residents and visitors of the Metro-Parks, to a regional trail system and to Washtenaw County's Border to Border trail system, Exhibit.

Diversify Village Owned Facilities. The majority of Village owned facilities tend to be passive parks. As opportunities arise to acquire additional facilities or re-develop existing property, the Village should provide more active recreation for the residents, such as tennis courts and ballfields. Trends and projections show a younger population occupying the Village in the future. Therefore, creating a more diverse recreation base will increase and maintain usage by the Village residents. The Village should begin to explore a community recreation center or encourage a private developer to build a recreation to meet additional active recreation needs that may present themselves in the near future as the population escalates as it has over the last decade.

Reliance on the Dexter Community Schools. All of the active recreation facilities available to Village of Dexter residents are through the school district. Scheduling conflicts and sporting events severely limit the availability of these facilities to residents and residents are dependent on the Dexter Area School District for all classes and activities. The Village should not duplicate the schools facilities, but should work closely with them to ensure that both entities recreation goals are met, and that the needs of the Village residents and district

residents are fulfilled. A community center in collaboration with the Dexter Community Schools should be explored. The village should also collaborate with the schools Community Education Program to assure that active recreation opportunities are offered through programming.

Limitation of Site Size. Most of the existing village parks are adequate in terms of size based on accepted standards. However, as the population increases, these parks could be subject to overuse and will no longer adequately serve the recreational needs of the residents. The Village puts high priority on making the existing facilities accessible to all individuals who want to use them and on the development of the Mill Creek Park which will provide an additional 15 plus acres of parkland and provide trail/pathway access from the southern to the northern border of our community.

Increase Communication. The Village governing bodies need to increase communication with each other to create awareness of each commission's goals and objectives. This plan can be utilized to "spread the word" to the Village administrators and elected officials, as well as its residents about the importance of parks and recreation in the Village of Dexter and the Dexter vicinity. This type of implementation will facilitate more change and an increased knowledge of the important issues the Village faces, as addressed in this plan.

The Parks and Recreation Commission needs to engage the public into the park planning process for residents to feel a sense of ownership in the parks. The Parks and Recreation Commission should also keep the public posted on potential projects to encourage more public input and participation. The Village currently works with the local paper, The Dexter Leader, on a regular basis to involve the public. The Ann Arbor News also provides information on park activities, events and park planning projects. The village's website calendar keeps interested residents informed of public meetings and special events and all Parks and Recreation Commission meeting agendas and minutes are posted online. The Village will also continue to include the surrounding entities in recreation planning and implementation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the DDA will continue to collaborate on projects that impact both groups in an effort to accomplish the goals and vision of each entity. The

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Parks and Recreation Commission will continue to update the DDA, the Village Council and other community organizations interested in helping achieve a vision for the Village of Dexter Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Conclusions

The Village of Dexter (excluding schools) currently has recreational deficiencies. Deficiencies exist in active recreation, such as ballfields, tennis courts and other active recreation facilities. With the donation of Smith Woods to Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program the Village's Community Park acreage has also decreased resulting in additional passive recreation deficiencies. Portions of the Village are under served by existing parkland and various types of parkland; however with the inclusion of private parkland within residential developments the Village has sufficient Mini-Parks and Neighborhood Parks. Village residents also feel as though there is a lack of universally accessible parks and passive interpretive, walking and biking trails.

Active recreational deficiencies are being supplemented by the school facilities and nearby regional facilities. However, as the population of the Village continues to increase, as it is projected based on current development trends, reliance on other facilities will not accommodate deficiencies. The proposed development of the Mill Creek linear park following the removal of the Main Street dam, will also address some of the deficiencies in passive recreation and fill the village's deficiencies in community parkland. Diversity in Village owned facilities, land acquisition/planning and enhancement of existing and reclaimed facilities to serve residents better would have to be a top priority, as is the development of more active and universally accessible recreation for the entire Village population.

For this five-year plan the Village must put a high priority on development of the Mill Creek Park. Awareness has been established and support is prevalent for the long-term goals of greenway and corridor connections with the HCMA Hike Bike Trail, Washtenaw County's Border to Border Trail, Scio Township's Greenway Plan and the Dexter Community Schools. High priority has also been placed on providing more active and passive recreation around Warrior Creek Park, Mill Creek Park, and Community Park. Continued maintenance and improvements to existing parkland is also important to provide recreation facilities that appeal to the residents of the Village.

Action Plan

This Chapter of the plan is the culmination of a comprehensive planning effort that began with the thorough analysis of the physical and demographic attributes of the Village of Dexter. Existing parks and recreation facilities and programs were inventoried and evaluated. An assessment of need was then developed that considered both accepted recreation standards and the specialized needs of persons with disabilities. Finally, these needs were analyzed and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission with public input.

The results of research, analysis and planning are presented in the following statement of goals and objectives, a list of implementation measures and a list of recommendations.

Goals describe a desired state of affairs for the community in the future. Goals are broad, general statements towards which objectives and implementation strategies are directed. Goals establish the standards and principles of the Plan.

Objectives are more specific in nature and designed to achieve goals. These are more narrowly defined statements to help clarify and identify appropriate implementation measures to achieve the broad-based goals.

Implementation measures are specific actions the Village may choose to achieve, carry out or fulfill goals and objectives. Implementation measures can be selected based on benefit, cost and priority or need of a particular goal or objective.