

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

**Location: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St.
Basement Meeting Room**

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Becky Murillo - Chair

John Coy

Julie Knight – Ex Officio

Ellen Han

Toni Henkemeyer

Michael Cavanaugh

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2015

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Chair

a. 5-H Coalition

B. Commissioners and Ex Officio

a. Tree Board

b. City Council

c. Art Selection Committee

C. Staff Report

7. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016 – 2017 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings:

1. Chair introduces case.

2. Staff report and comments.

3. Chair opens public hearing and invites public to provide comments. All public commenters must state their name and address for the record. Public comments may be allowed for non-public hearing items at the discretion of the chair.

4. Chair closes public hearing.

5. Parks and Recreation Commission discussion and action.

A. Consideration of: 2016 – 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of: Budget Preparations

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of: Capital Improvements Plan – Park Items

B. Discussion of: Easter Eggstravaganza Planning

C. Discussion of: Park Maintenance Requests

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

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2015**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:07 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Becky Murillo, Julie Knight, Michael Cavanaugh, and John Coy

Commissioners Absent: Ellen Han, Toni Henkemeyer

Other Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Paul Cousins, Mark Amsdill, Susan Amsdill, Kim Sexton, Dexter Community Ringers

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Murillo to approve the minutes from November 17, 2015 with the following corrections:

- Remove Katie Koch
- Add Michael Cavanaugh to Commissioners Present
- Remove John Coy from Commissioners Present

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Murillo to approve the agenda as presented, with the following changes:

- Move items 7A and 7B to come before Reports and Communication

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: THE FUTURE OF FIRST STREET PARK

Paul Cousins addressed the Committee regarding First Street Park. Mr. Cousins provided some history about the clean-up of the park and the Dexter Ringer's involvement. Mark Amsdill, member of the Dexter Ringers talked about the history of the Dexter Ringers. Mr. Amsdill commented that the ringers donate the money that they raise from tournaments to various charities. He further commented that the club charges \$5 per person and charge money to members of the Dexter Ringers league.

Susan Amsdill commented that she lives in Cottonwood Condos and she is concerned about children and teens skateboarding and causing trouble in the park. She also commented that she was concerned about developing a skateboard park in the area and dogs being let off their leash in the park. Michelle Aniol commented that the skateboard park was taken off of the Capital Improvements Plan last year.

Paul Cousins discussed the proposed construction process for the shelter and stated that they were requesting that the City contribute \$5,000 towards the construction. Commission members discussed the need for the shelter and the current look of the park. Commission members expressed concern about the storage of private tools and equipment in a publicly funded shelter.

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Murillo to recommend to City Council to contribute \$5,000 towards the construction of a pavilion with unlocked public access storage at First Street Park as presented.

Yeas: Murillo, Knight, Cavanaugh, Coy
Nays: None

B. CONSIDERATION OF: SMITHGROUPJJR PROPOSAL TO ASSIST WITH MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT FOR MILL CREEK PARK PHASE 2 TRAIL

Paul Evanoff presented information and sought feedback related to his proposal to assist the City with the development of a MDNR Trust Fund Grant for Mill Creek Park Phase 2 Trail. The Mr. Evanoff led discussion related to possible costs of the Mill Creek Park Phase 2 Trail and possible solutions and phasing. The Commission discussed possible grant funding sources and what of material the trail should be constructed. The Commission discussed ending this phase of the Trail at 7931 Grand St., which would coincide with new development at that location.

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Murillo to recommend to City Council to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Mill Creek Park Phase 2 Trail based on cost estimates and proposal to be provided by SmithGroupJJR.

Yeas: Murillo, Knight, Cavanaugh, Coy
Nays: None

The Commission conversed with Paul Evanoff about a proposal from Trout Unlimited to build steps into Mill Creek and maintain a pathway to the steps. The Commission discussed erecting warning signage that would place the risk on those that used the path.

Motion by Murillo, Second by Cavanaugh to recommend to City Council to provide Trout Unlimited with a letter of support for building steps, weed whacking a path to the steps, and placing warning signage at the entrance to the path, subject to review of plans and specifications and under the condition that Trout Unlimited meet all MDEQ requirements.

Yeas: Murillo, Knight, Cavanaugh, Coy
Nays: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

None.

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

John Coy discussed Tree Board happenings. Mr. Coy stated that the Tree Board is in the middle of the spring tree planting. There are 36 young trees in decline that the Board is

interested in removing. The Board received a \$4,000 grant to address this, but they are planning on submitting a request to Council for more funding to complete other projects.

C. STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet. He reported that the Winter Ice Rink was open as of January 19th. He also reported that he and Michelle Aniol met with the Huron River Watershed Council about the Trail Towns Blue Print, which the HRWC would be sending sometime soon. The Commission briefly discussed the proposed Lion's Park art sculpture.

NEW BUSINESS

C. CONSIDERATION OF: PARKS ITEMS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Justin Breyer led the Commission through discussion of the Capital Improvements Plan. The Commission proposed the following changes:

- Removing the Dog Park CIP item.
- Adding language about the pathway connection to Community Park.
- Update the Mill Creek Park item based on Paul Evanoff's estimate and proposal.
- Merge School Property Acquisition into the Mill Creek Park item.
- Add item – Improve/Replace Mill Creek Park Play Structure (ratings: 2, 3, 1, 3, 3).

D. DISCUSSION OF: WASHTENAW AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY PEDESTRIAN COUNTER

Justin Breyer led the Commission in a conversation about a proposal received from the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) Committee to purchase pedestrian counters for the Border-to-Border Trail. Commission members expressed the opinion that the data would be worth having. If WATS purchased more than one counter, then they could be placed along the Border-to-Border Trail to Hudson-Mills and near the Department of Public Works building.

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Cavanaugh to recommend to Council to enter into an agreement with the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) Committee to purchase and install pedestrian counters for the Border-to-Border Trail.

E. DISCUSSION OF: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Commission agreed that Justin Breyer and Becky Murillo would meet to put together a list of what would be needed for the Easter Eggstravaganza. They will report back at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Cavanaugh to adjourn at 10:07 pm
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer
Assistant to the City Manager



**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager
RE: REPORT
DATE: February 12, 2016

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 16, 2016 for consideration. Before the Commission discusses the item, there will be a public hearing to receive feedback on the Plan. If the Parks and Recreation Commission passes a resolution to approve the Plan, it will then go to City Council for adoption on February 22nd.

Lion's Sculpture

An Art Selection Committee meeting has been called for Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm at the Dexter Senior Center. The Committee will be discussing the proposed Lion's sculpture and a proposed bicycle sculpture for Huron St. and Central St.

Budget/ Discussion - March

Items for Budget Discussions: Mill Creek Park Phase 2, Mill Creek Park Slope Landscaping Plan (Task 3), ADA Pathways, First Street Park, Ice Rink Liner(s).

The City was approached by the Library regarding the handicap accessibility of a picnic table in Mill Creek Park. The picnic table currently sits on a concrete slab, but there is an issue with the fact that there is no barrier-free surface (concrete/asphalt) extending from the sidewalk to the picnic table's concrete slab. The Parks and Recreation Commission may wish to consider recommending a walkway in Mill Creek Park and a walkway from the Senior Center parking lot to the Lion's Park playground for inclusion in the FY 2016/2017 budget. We will discuss the budget at the March meeting.

Winter Ice Rink

Due to weather conditions, the Ice Rink has been closed for several (and periodic) days over the last several weeks.

Capital Improvements Plan

The Planning Commission reviewed the first draft of the Capital Improvements Plan at their meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016. The Commission provided feedback regarding the proposed Community Park path extension. A summary of that feedback is provided in the e-mail from Thom Phillips. The Parks and Recreation Commission may wish to have a conversation about the path.

SmithGroupJJR and Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2

Since the last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, staff has been working with Paul Evanoff of SmithGroupJJR on clarifying the scope of work and refining the project for Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2. At their meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, City Council approved moving forward with Mr. Evanoff's proposal for MDNR Grant assistance (Task 1) and Wetland Delineation (Task 2) in an amount not to exceed \$20,100. The next step in the project is to meet with Paul Evanoff to review MDNR Grant application duties and seek letters of support from local and regional organizations. A copy of SmithGroupJJR's proposal is included in the agenda packet.

Trout Unlimited

At their meeting on February 8, 2016, City Council also passed a resolution to allow staff to provide Trout Unlimited with a letter of support to build the steps into Mill Creek and create a natural pathway to the steps. Staff will be drafting this letter within the next week. The resolution also requires Trout Unlimited to provide staff with a copy of any plans that are created for the steps. I will provide a copy of these plans to the Parks and Recreation Commission when I receive them.

WATS Pedestrian Counter

At their meeting on February 8, 2016, City Council also passed a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study whereby WATS will purchase and the City will install up to 2 pedestrian counters. The Parks and Recreation Commission saw the information for this item at their meeting on January 19th.

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

Thank you.



January 26, 2016

Transmitted – Via Email

Mr. Justin Breyer
Assistant to City Manager
City of Dexter
8140 Main Street
Dexter, MI 48130

Re: Proposal of Professional Services
Mill Creek Park Phase 2

Dear Justin:

On behalf of SmithGroupJJR, Inc., (“SmithGroupJJR”) we are pleased to submit this proposal to the City of Dexter (City) for the next phase of work at Mill Creek Park. The following is our understanding of the services which are to be provided.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROJECT

The City of Dexter, Parks and Recreation Commission is interested in advancing Phase 2 of the Master Plan and SmithGroupJJR met with said Commission on January 19, 2016 to outline an approach. At this meeting, we discussed preliminary budget, grant submittals, trail geometry, environmental permitting, development at the corner of Grand and Baker (7931 Grand), supplemental phasing (cost driven) and two habitat zones that would occur within this area of study.

Conclusions drawn at the meeting included:

- Budget constraints: The Commission felt that the project would not gain support from the City Council if the entire trail shown on the Master Plan was brought forward. Project costs for the remainder of the trail (Phase 1 to the High School trail) could exceed \$2 million if most of the walk was required to be boardwalk which was not an assumption identified in the Master Plan cost appendix.
- The extent of regulated wetlands to be impacted is currently unknown since there has been no formal delineation performed since the dam removal. While most of the Phase 2 occurs within the Mill Creek 100-year floodplain, the extent of original wetlands may now be much smaller due to the lowering of the water table since dam removal. Knowing this limits would help refine project costs and increase options to trail design and soil disposal over the current more costly boardwalk scenario.
- The proposed development at 7931 Grand would grant an easement on this property to allow the City to construct a trail connecting Grand/Baker to the Park adding an additional +/- 1 mile loop not currently shown on the Master Plan. SmithGroupJJR prepared an opinion of probable construction costs for this loop and issued to the City the following day and will become the basis for advancing the next phase of work (Phase 2).
- The two proposed habitat enhancement areas would require minor earthwork and water control structures to increase the depths of standing water that more closely follows pre-dam removal hydrology. This has benefits to the park which would provide lost habitat for water fowl, migratory birds and herpetofauna, could be constructed in association with the Phase 2 trail and would be relatively easy to permit through MDEQ.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The following tasks are brought forward to assist the city under this next phase of work.

City of Dexter	Mill Creek Park – Phase 2 Recreation Enhancements	SmithGroupJJR
	Dexter, MI	

- Task 1: Grant Assistance
- Task 2: Wetland Determination for Phase 2
- Task 3: Planting Plans for Restoration of Slope Below Farmers Market

Task 1: Grant Assistance

Under this task, SmithGroupJJR will assist the City in the development a Trust Fund grant application to be submitted to the State of Michigan under the next grant cycle. Our assistance under this task include:

- Update Master Plan Graphic
- Update Opinion of Probable Construction Costs
- Provide writing assistance to the City
- Meet with Parks and Recreation Commission at two evening workshop to strategize and discuss/review completed documentation being prepared for the submittal
- Attend a City Council meeting to assist in gaining support for advancing the application and budget

Task 2: Wetland Determination

Under this task, SmithGroupJJR proposes to identify the extent of existing wetlands in the Phase 2 Project area by monitoring groundwater levels during the growing season. The purpose of this task is to determine more accurately the limits of potential wetland impacts, cost considerations and preferred alignment of trail. Utilizing the services of King and MacGregor Environmental, Inc. (wetland consultants specializing in complex delineations) the site will be monitored for a period of no more than three months during the growing season in spring 2016 then meet with MDEQ to agree to the established boundaries based on these findings. The Work under this task will include the following:

- Meet on site in mid-April and install up to 6 shallow monitoring wells at critical locations where existing wetland boundaries are in question
- Record groundwater elevations twice/month and compile information into a spread sheet format
- Delineate preliminary wetland boundaries based on the analysis of data
- Submit a request to MDEQ Wetland Identification Program for a Level 3 Wetland Assessment and pay application fee
- Meet with MDEQ on site to review and finalize wetland boundaries

Task 3: Planting Plan for Restoration of Slope below Farmers Market

The hillside along the edge of Mill Creek Park – North between the Library and fire station is overgrown, contains invasive species, was previously used as a dumping area for household products (bottles and cans) and does not compliment the adjacent park in an aesthetic manner. Under this Task, SmithGroupJJR will prepare a slope restoration plan that can be used by the City to; self-perform the work, recruit volunteers or competitively bid the work to local contractors. The work under this task will included the following:

- Site Clearing Plan: Identifies trees and understory to be removed to reduce plant competition, open up the slope to more sunlight, remove invasive species and clean-up old debris. Large specimen trees will not be impacted
- Prepare a planting plan, planting details and planting specification to include a full spectrum of ground plain perennials, shrubs and flowering tree species with emphasis on using native plants where ever possible Emphasis on four-season color along the wood steps connecting the library to the park and at the proposed outdoor seating area at the library will be emphasized

- Opinion of probable construction costs
- Phasing strategy if necessary
- Meeting with Parks and Recreation Commission to present the plans

OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

City's responsibility during the planning process will include the following:

- Serve as applicant for the Trust Fund grant submittal
- Assume responsibility for obtaining letters of support for critical stakeholders
- Attendance at review meetings

SCHEDULE

Task 1: City has indicated that they intend to submit to the Trust Fund grant program prior to the April 1, 2106 submittal deadline

Task 2: To be completed by mid-July, 2016 due to the duration of monitoring

Task 3: The Plans and specifications will be complete by May 1, 2016

COMPENSATION

City shall compensate SmithGroupJJR for the Scope of Services outlined above a fixed fee lump sum per task (inclusive of reimbursable expenses) as outlined below:

- Task 1: Grant Assistance.....\$ 5,300.00
- Task 2: Wetland Determination for Phase 2.....\$ 14,800.00
- Task 3: Planting Plans for Restoration of Slope Below Farmers Market.....\$ 6,600.00
- Total Project Costs:.....\$ 26,700.00

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Requests for additional services or staff will be documented by SmithGroupJJR (if given verbally), and the work will commence upon City's approval of an estimated fee for that effort or, if not agreed otherwise, City shall reimburse SmithGroupJJR on an hourly basis of SmithGroupJJR's project staff actively engaged for all man hours worked on the project. Extra Services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Perform site surveys including; topography, tree inventories, T&E species.
- Geotechnical Investigations
- Presentation graphics
- Revise drawings or other documents when the revisions are inconsistent with written approvals or instructions previously given; required by the enactment or revision of codes, laws or regulations subsequent to the preparation of such documents; and/or due to other causes not solely within SmithGroupJJR's control.
- Attend meetings or making presentations to interested groups or agencies other than those specifically provided herein.

PAYMENTS

City of Dexter	Mill Creek Park – Phase 2 Recreation Enhancements Dexter, MI	SmithGroupJJR
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Invoices will be prepared monthly on the basis of services rendered.

All payments due to SmithGroupJJR shall be made monthly upon presentation of the statement of services rendered. All payments due SmithGroupJJR under this agreement shall bear interest at one-and one-half (1½%) percent per month commencing thirty (30) days after the date of billing.

DELIVERY OF CADD GRAPHIC FILES

Any electronic/data/digital files (Files) from SmithGroupJJR shall be deemed Instruments of Service, and/or Work Product, as the case may be, for the Project identified above. City's covenants and agrees that: 1) the Files are Instruments of Service of SmithGroupJJR, the author, and/or Work Product of SmithGroupJJR, as the case may be; 2) in providing the Files, SmithGroupJJR does not transfer common law, statutory law, or other rights, including copyrights; 3) the Files are not Contract Documents, in whole or in part; and 4) the Files are not As-Built files. City agrees to report any defects in the Files to SmithGroupJJR, within 45 days of the initial Files transmittal date (Acceptance Period). It is understood that SmithGroupJJR will correct such defects, in a timely manner, and retransmit the Files. City further agrees to compensate SmithGroupJJR, as Additional Services, for the cost of correcting defects reported to SmithGroupJJR after the Acceptance Period. City understands that the Files have been prepared to SmithGroupJJR's criteria and may not conform to City's drafting or other documentation standards. City understands that, due to the translation process of certain CADD formats, and the transmission of such Files to City that SmithGroupJJR does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness or integrity of the data, and that City will hold SmithGroupJJR harmless for any data or file clean-up required to make these Files usable. City understands that even though SmithGroupJJR may have computer virus scanning software to detect the presence of computer viruses, there is no guarantee that computer viruses are not present in the Files, and that City will hold SmithGroupJJR harmless for such viruses and their consequences, as well as any and all liability or damage caused by the presence of a computer virus in the Files. City agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold SmithGroupJJR harmless from any and all damage, liability, or cost (including protection from loss due to attorney's fees and costs of defense), arising from or in any way connected with and changes made to the Files by City.

Under no circumstances shall transfer of Files to City be deemed a sale by SmithGroupJJR. SmithGroupJJR makes no warranties, express or implied, of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY AND TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CITY AGREES THAT THE TOTAL LIABILITY OF SMITHGROUPJJR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OR OTHERWISE, SHALL NOT EXCEED AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE TOTAL COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY SMITHGROUPJJR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SmithGroupJJR will use reasonable professional efforts and judgment in responding in the design to applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations. City acknowledges that certain state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations may reference standards that are outdated and/or contrary with today's industry requirements. SmithGroupJJR cannot and does not warrant or guarantee that the Project will comply with all such outdated and/or contrary federal, state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations

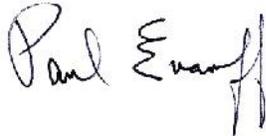
Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, nothing contained herein shall be construed: i) to constitute a guarantee, warranty or assurance, either express or implied, that the SmithGroupJJR's Services will yield or accomplish a

perfect outcome for this Project; or ii) to obligate the SmithGroupJJR to exercise professional skill or judgment greater than the standard of care exercised by other similarly situated design professionals currently practicing in the same locale as this Project, under the same requirements of this Agreement; or iii) as an assumption by the SmithGroupJJR of liability of any other party.

SmithGroupJJR will use reasonable professional efforts and judgment to interpret applicable ADA requirements and other federal, state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations as applicable to this Project. City acknowledges that requirements of ADA, as well as other federal, state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations, will be subject to various and possibly contradictory interpretations. SmithGroupJJR cannot and does not warrant or guarantee that the Project will comply with all interpretations of the ADA requirements and/or the requirements of other federal, state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations.

Thank you for contacting SmithGroupJJR. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Senior Landscape Architect

This document will serve as an agreement between us, and you may indicate your acceptance by signing in the space provided below and returning one (1) signed copy for our files.



SmithGroupJJR (Signature)

City of Dexter (Signature)

Patrick M. Doher, Senior Vice President
(Printed name and title)

(Printed name and title)

January 26, 2016
Date

Date

Attachment 'A' – Standard Fee and Reimbursement Schedule
Attachment 'B' – Overall Trail Plan with Phase 2 Highlighted in Blue



**Standard Fee and Reimbursement Schedule
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 1, 2015**

PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STAFF

Principal/ Level 5	\$215.00/hour
Principal/ Level 4	\$210.00/hour
Principal/ Level 3	\$195.00/hour
Principal/ Level 2	\$175.00/hour
Principal/ Level 1	\$165.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 10	\$155.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 9	\$140.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 8	\$130.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 7	\$120.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 6	\$110.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 5	\$100.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 4	\$95.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 3	\$90.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 2	\$85.00/hour
Professional Staff/ Level 1	\$80.00/hour
Technical Staff/ Level 2	\$85.00/hour
Technical Staff/ Level 1	\$70.00/hour

These billing rates are subject to semi-annual review and revision.

A surcharge of fifty percent (50%) will be added to hourly rates for expert witness testimony and/or for participation at hearings, depositions, etc.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

Mileage	\$.575/mile
Travel and Subsistence	Cost
FedEx, Postage, etc.	Cost
Copies (8-1/2" x 11")	\$0.10/copy
Color Copies (8-1/2" x 11")	Cost + 10%
Color Copies (11" x 17")	Cost + 10%
Plotting	Cost + 10%
Reproduction and Printing	Cost + 10%
Materials	Cost + 10%
Equipment Rental	Cost
Subcontract Services	Cost + 10%

INVOICES

Progress invoices shall be issued monthly and payment is due upon receipt. Balances remaining unpaid after thirty (30) days are subject to a monthly finance charge of 1% (12% annually) until paid.

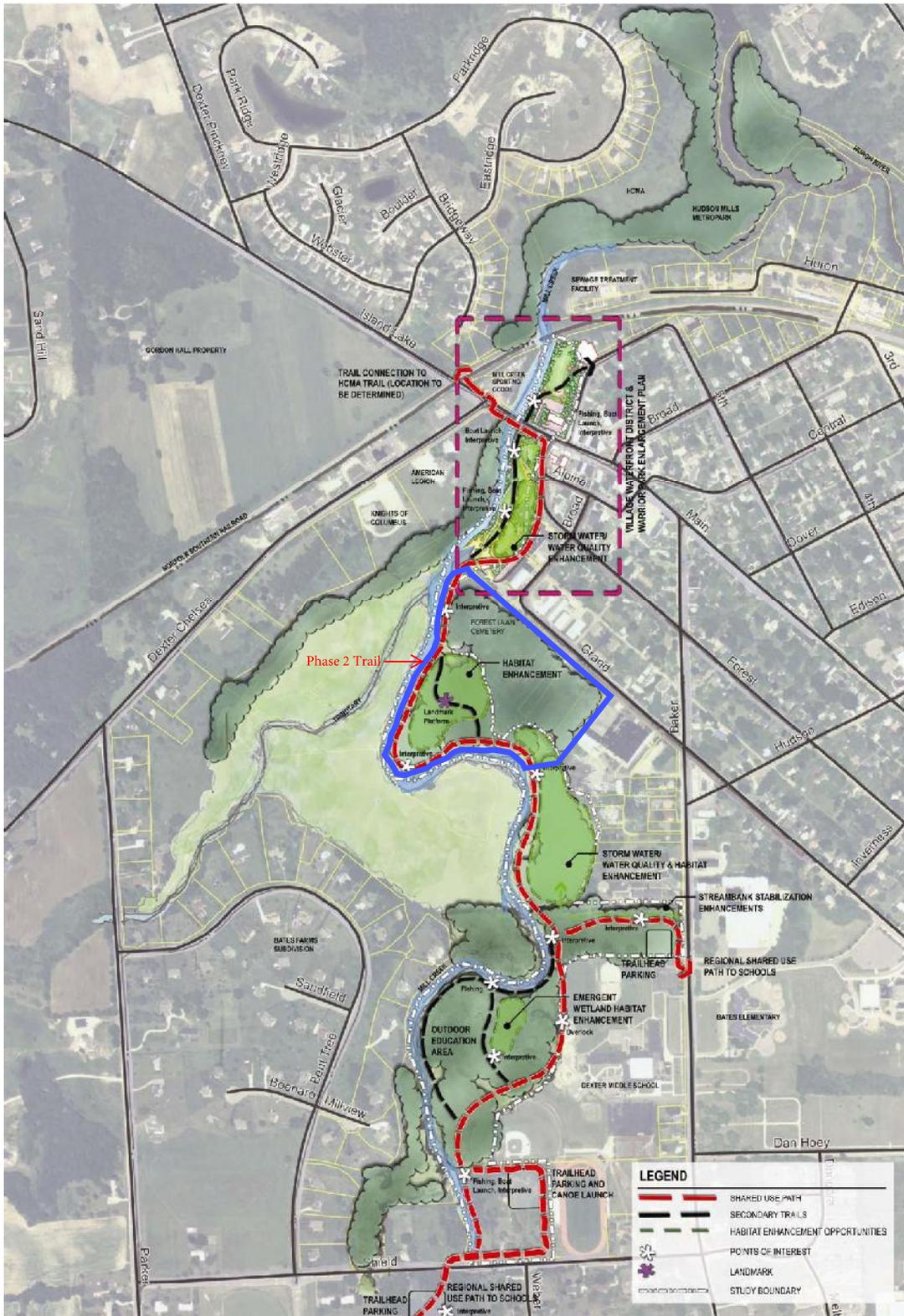


Figure 6: Overall Trail System

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Mill Creek Park Recreation Master Plan				
2	Phase 2 Opinion of Probable Construction Costs				
3	Prepared By: SmithGroupJJR				
4	2/1/2016				
5					
6					
7			Option 1	Option 2	
8	Description	Quantity	Total Cost	Total Cost	Remarks
9					
10	Phase 2 - 0.90 Mile Loop and Habitat Amenities				
11	Non-Motorized Path				
12	Floodplain Boardwalk w/out Rail	2,400 LFT	\$840,000	\$0	10' wide with timber piles, \$35/SFT
13	Floodplain Boardwalk w/out Rail	480 LFT	\$0	\$168,000	10' wide with timber piles, \$35/SFT
14	Change 80% of Floodplain Boardwalkw/out Rail to Asphalt Path on Agg. Base	1,920 LFT	\$0	\$192,000	18" Agg Base with geogrid stabilization fabric, \$10/SFT
15	Earth Excavation for Path (18" Deep)	1,000 CYD	\$0	\$25,000	15" deep, off-site disposal, \$25/CYD
16	Asphalt Path on Agg. Base - Property Under Development	400 LFT	\$20,000	\$20,000	10' wide/4" Asphalt, \$5/SFT
17	Asphalt Path on Agg. Base - Grand	1,500 LFT	\$75,000	\$75,000	10' wide/4" Asphalt, \$5/SFT
18	Earthwork - excavate to subbase	1,500 CY	\$12,000	\$12,000	Off-site disposal, \$8/CYD
19	Restoration	Allowance	\$4,000	\$4,000	Seed and Mulch in upland areas
20	Subtotal		\$951,000	\$496,000	
21					
22	Contingency (15%)		\$142,600	\$74,700	
23	Survey		\$12,000	\$12,000	
24	Geotechnical		\$10,000	\$10,000	
25	Permitting (MDEQ)		\$15,000	\$15,000	
26	Design and Construction Administration		\$150,000	\$115,000	
27	Subtotal		\$329,600	\$226,400	
28					
29	Total Phase 2 Non-Motorized Path		\$1,280,600	\$722,400	High/Low Range
30					
31					
32	Grants:				
33	Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - TIP		\$180,000	\$180,000	
34	MDNR - Trust Fund		\$300,000	\$300,000	
35	MDOT/SEMCOG - TAP		\$0	\$0	
36					
37					
38					
39					
40	Phase 2 Habitat Feature - @ Landmark Platform - 2 Acres				
41	Earthwork cut and fill (balance on-site)	2,000 CYD	\$24,000	\$24,000	Construct open water and nesting islands, \$12/CYD
42	Water Control Structure	1	\$10,000	\$10,000	Stop log structure
43	Habitat Features	Allowance	\$5,000	\$5,000	Woody Debris and bird boxes
44	Invasive Species Control (2 years)	2	\$6,000	\$6,000	
45	Restoration Seeding	2 ACRES	\$6,000	\$6,000	
46	Interpretive Platform	625 SFT	\$156,000	\$156,000	Timber, ADA Accessible with 2 or 3 levels, \$250/SFT
47	Connecting Boardwalk	400 LFT	\$70,000	\$70,000	5' wide with timber piles, \$35/SFT
48	Boardwalk Railing	400 LFT	\$20,000	\$20,000	To match existing, \$50/LFT
49	Interpretive Panels	6 EACH	\$15,000	\$15,000	to match existing, \$2,500 EA
50	Subtotal		\$312,000	\$312,000	
51					
52	Contingency (15%)		\$46,800	\$46,800	
53	Geotechnical		\$2,000	\$2,000	
54	Survey		\$5,000	\$5,000	
55	Permitting (MDEQ)		\$0	\$0	Included above
56	Design and Construction Administration		\$75,000	\$75,000	
57	Subtotal		\$128,800	\$128,800	
58					
59	Total Phase 2 Habitat Features		\$440,800	\$440,800	
60					

Memorandum

To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager
Re: Consideration of: 2016 – 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Date: February 12, 2016

In order to complete the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process, the Parks and Recreation Commission must first hold a public hearing before passing a resolution to approve the Plan. The Plan completed the required 30-day public comment period on February 15, 2016, and staff received several comments, which are included as attachments. If the Parks and Recreation Commission passes a resolution to approve the Plan, it will then go to City Council for adoption on February 22nd. If City Council adopts the Plan on February 22nd, then it will be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources before March 1, 2016.

A copy of the current Master Plan document may be found at:
<http://dextermi.gov/events/public-hearing-parks-and-recreation-commission>

The recommended resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Dexter has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain parks and recreation facilities during the period of 2016 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, public input was generated through a public survey and a public input session held on December 3, 2015 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the Dexter District Library during a Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS the Plan has been developed as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Dexter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the Dexter City Council adoption of the 2016 – 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan with the following changes to the presented document:

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Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

Re: Hey, Justin, question on the Parks & Rec plan

1 message

Letsheadupnorth@aol.com <Letsheadupnorth@aol.com>

Thu, Jan 14, 2016 at 2:57 PM

To: jbreyer@dextermi.gov

Hey, thanks for getting back with me so quickly, Justin. So I'm not thinking of a full-blown skate park like they have at Vet's in Ann Arbor. Just a simple concrete bowl for kids - and dads - to roll around in. Maybe more along the lines of a beginner depth and angle on the walls, much like a reservoir (vs. an empty swimming pool). I'd be happy to look into it further, costs and such. I think it'd be cool if we enlisted/contracted the help of the DIY crew that built the vacant land skate park down in Detroit. That way we could keep it inexpensive, with the money we pay them (DIY crew) going to a good cause.

Pat

In a message dated 1/14/2016 2:40:59 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, jbreyer@dextermi.gov writes:

Good afternoon Pat,

I believe that a skateboard park was discussed by the Parks and Recreation Commission a number of years ago, but I do not believe that it was made a priority - I do not believe that it was included in the last Parks and Recreation Mast Plan nor the last Capital Improvements Plan. Unfortunately, the survey data and the comments that we received at the public input session for the current Master Plan did not show a great deal of support for making the building of a skate park a priority (the survey data and comments are available in the appendix of the Master Plan). With that being said, I will forward your comments to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their review.

Thank you for your input.

Justin Breyer
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Direct: (734) 580-2234

On Thu, Jan 14, 2016 at 2:19 PM, <Letsheadupnorth@aol.com> wrote:

I was wondering if, at any point, the City of Dexter considered any sort of feature in the Parks & Rec Master Plan for skateboarders? Right out of the gate I think the park area behind the police station would be ideal for a small, concrete skateboard bowl/reservoir. Let me know what you think.

Pat Schutte
Dexter, Mich.



Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

parks

1 message

Michael Gross <mg-c@comcast.net>

Sat, Jan 9, 2016 at 12:02 PM

To: Jbreyer@dextermi.gov

My comment : why don't you use the vacant property at the proposed luxury condo property. Why are we pushing development when there is so much congestion already. The roads can't handle the traffic, there's a shortage of parking not to mention the strain on the water and sewer. It makes no sense...somebody just wants to make money without regard to the long term impact. We can use the park land more than development and associated city services.

PROJECT NAME: Community Park Improvements

PROJECT ID: 2.01

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement

TOTAL COST: \$400,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 17 (1998)

DESCRIPTION:

Improvements started 2004, play equipment 2005 Community Build, asphalt path in 2007, gazebo 2008, play court 2009. Remaining improvements include permanent bathrooms, water fountain, court shelter, path reconstruction. Pathway reconstruction required following drainage improvements resulting from LaFontaine stormwater improvements. Park should be complete following installation of above items.

LOCATION MAP: Dexter Ann Arbor Road and Ryan Drive



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Value indicates the degree to which the project will help to: 0=Not Applicable 1=Somewhat Important 2=Important 3=Very Important

3	Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
3	Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
1	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
1	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
11	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Parks provide citizens will with healthy recreation and open space opportunities within the City. Safe, enjoyable access to parks and recreation opportunities is an important goal as stated within the Master Plan.

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

See Parks and Recreation Master Plan Goals 1, 2 and 6 AND 2012 City Master Plan.

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		1998		ongoing
Design/Acquisition:		1998		ongoing
Construction:		2004		2016

The project is ongoing. Reconstruction of the pathway is the first priority.

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Bathrooms and Water Fountain	General Fund	\$100,000
Pavilion/Shelter at Play court	General Fund	\$50,000
Path reconstruction	General Fund	\$20,000
New Signage	General Fund	\$5,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund	\$215		\$100		\$50			\$150
Grants	\$45							\$0
								\$0
								\$0
TOTALS	\$260	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$150

PROJECT NAME: Dog Park

PROJECT ID: 2.02

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Development

TOTAL COST: \$23,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 2 (2013)

DESCRIPTION:

The City owns property on Dan Hoey Road where the Community Garden is located. Development of an off leach dog area (approx. 3/4 acre) on the west side of the 4 acre parcel would meet the needs of a portion of the City's dog owner population. This project was discussed as a top priority by the PaRC upon Council determination of long term plans for property.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Value indicates the degree to which the project will help to: 0=Not Applicable 1=Somewhat Important 2=Important 3=Very Important

0	Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
2	Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
1	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
2	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
8	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Providing additional park facilities/amenities for a variety of citizens. Promotes exercise, healthy relationships and community. The 5-H Coalition may be able to assist in the development.

LOCATION MAP:



MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 AND Dog Park Research in file (2012)

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

	Start		End		
	Month	Year	Month	Year	
Study:		2013		2013	Study and cost estimates being completed, design, etc. to be done in 2013-2014. Construction slated for 2013-2014 when funding has been secured. 5-H Coalition could assist with mini-grant although project not listed in plan.
Design/Acquisition:		2013		2013	
Construction:		2013		2014	

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Property Development	General Fund	750 l.f. fencing	\$12,000
		clearing approx. 1 acre	\$6,000
		parking/culvert	\$5,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund			\$23					\$23
Donations								\$0
5-H Mini-Grant (14-15)								\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$0	\$23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23

PROJECT NAME: Edison Street Park Play Equipment

PROJECT ID: 2.03

PRIORITY: DESIRABLE

PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement

TOTAL COST: \$15,000

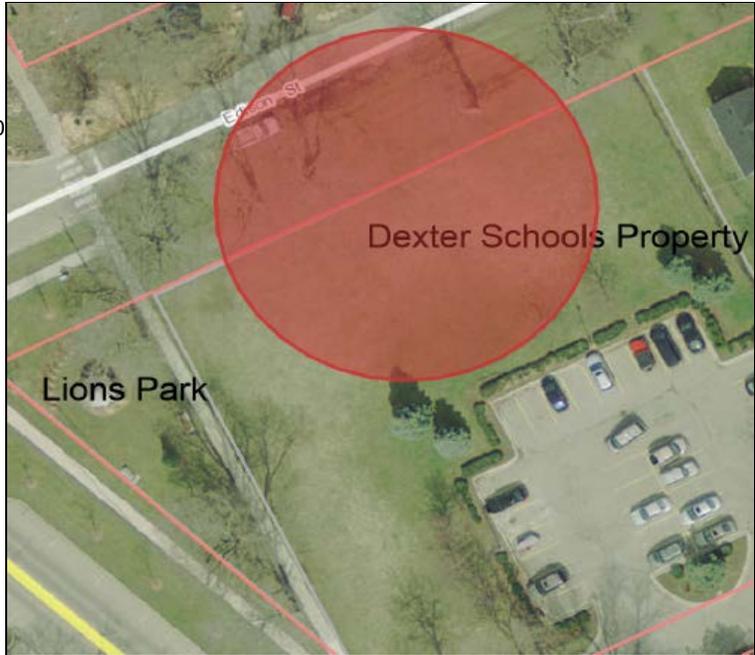
SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 2 (2013)

DESCRIPTION:

The PaRC would like to increase access to mini-parks. Mini-parks are defined as serving an area within a less than 0.25 mile walk; being between 0.25-1 acre and it is recommended that 0.25 acres be provided for every 1,000 residents. The City currently has 1.69 acres of mini-parks, however none have play ground equipment.

LOCATION MAP: Corner of Ann Arbor St and Edison St



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

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- 1 Protect health, safety, lives of citizens
- 3 Maintain or improve public infrastructure, facilities
- 2 Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
- 3 Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
- 3 Improve customer service, convenience for citizens

12 TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Creation of vibrant and active mini-parks that promote walking and activity close to home. Property is currently owned by the public (schools).

Combine with Edison Street Park, place play equipment on school property

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014; 2013 PaRC Goals

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

Bathrooms

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2013		2014
Design/Acquisition:		2014		2015
Construction:		2014		2015

Need for more play equipment and mini-parks and availability of grant funding makes this a priority for FY15-16.

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Playground Equipment	General Fund	\$20,000
	Grant/Sponsor Funding	\$20,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund		\$20						\$20
Grant Funding		\$20						\$20
								\$0
TOTALS	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40

PROJECT NAME: Monument Park Enhancement

PROJECT ID: 2.04

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Enhancement

TOTAL COST: \$192,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 8 (2007)

DESCRIPTION:

Construction of permanent bathrooms are a TOP PRIORITY. Temporary fix completed in 2013. PaRC recommends bathrooms as a key element in desirable parks and downtown event space. Gazebo replacement/enhancement in future must be considered.

LOCATION MAP: Main Street and Central Street



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

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3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
3	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
12	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

The gazebo in Monument Park is a centerpiece for downtown and festivals. The gazebo is wood and will eventually require replacement. It is recommended that a new gazebo be designed to be consistent with the architecture downtown or consistent with the gazebo built in Community Park.

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014; 2013 PaRC Goals

SCHEDULE:

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2013		2013
Design/Acquisition:		2013		2013
Construction:		2013		2013

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

Bathrooms are a top priority. Temporary bathrooms/enclosure completed in 2013. Permanent bathrooms in park or nearby in Village owned building. The gazebo is in good condition currently, however should be evaluated in the next 5 years for rehab or rebuilding.

PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Bathrooms General Fund 75,000

EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
General Fund/Bathrooms	\$17					\$75	\$55	\$130
TOTALS	\$17	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75	\$55	\$130

PROJECT NAME: Mill Creek Park Improvements/Construction - PHASE 2

PROJECT ID: 2.05

PRIORITY: IMPORTANT

PROJECT TYPE: Park Development

TOTAL COST: \$1,200,000

SUBMITTED BY: Parks and Recreation

YEARS IN CIP (Beginning year): 15 (2000)

DESCRIPTION:

Construction of a passive natural trail system south of Grand Street to the Dexter Community Schools property. Provides a major connection to a developing regional trail system and the school outdoor education area. Provides possible trailhead parking opportunity at Shield Road upon completion. Includes stormwater system improvements see project ID 7.02. Consider eliminating trail along river at point to reduce cost and reduce impacts to habitat, may also reduce permitting needs.

LOCATION MAP: East of Mill Creek South of Main Street



PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

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3	Reduce energy consumption, impact on the environment
3	Enhance social, cultural, recreational, aesthetics opportunities
3	Improve customer service, convenience for citizens
13	TOTAL SCORE

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS:

Preserve and enhance the parkland along the Mill Creek and west of the City, improve habitat and natural areas, connect parks and provide recreational opportunities to citizens.

MASTER PLAN AND/OR STUDY REFERENCE:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2009-2014 and Mill Creek Park Master Plan 2009; 2013 PaRC Goal to initiate natural trail in future trail location to create access.

SCHEDULE:

SCHEDULE JUSTIFICATION:

	Start		End	
	Month	Year	Month	Year
Study:		2008		2009
Design/Acquisition:		2015		2016
Construction:		2017		2017

Start design work in 15-16 to prepare for MNRTF grant in April 2016. Coordination with school and outdoor lab advised. Community Connector funding or B2B funding with County should be reviewed. Complete timeline is shown below.

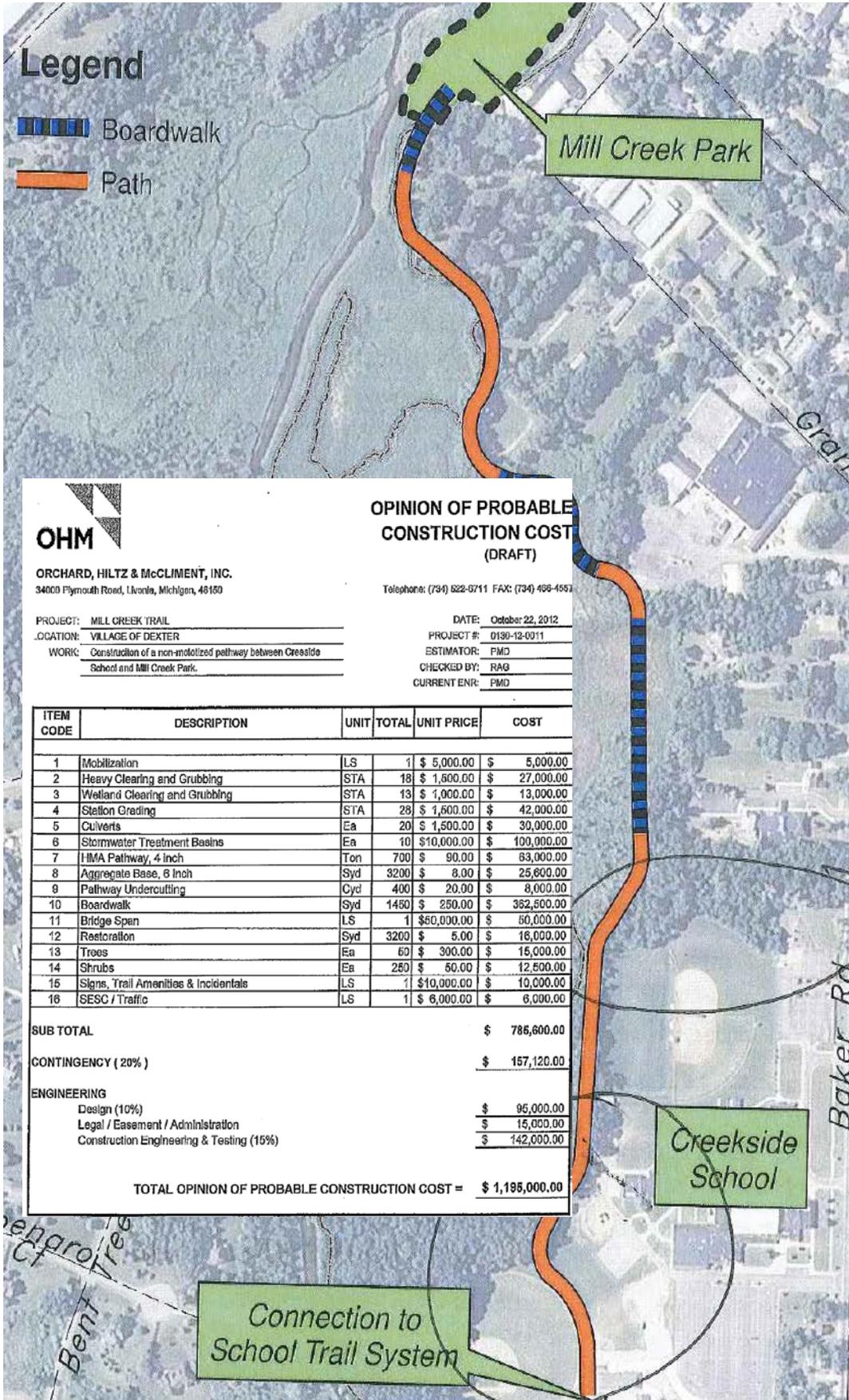
PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Phase 2 Park Development- Grand Street to School	Phase 2	\$1,200,000
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EXPENDITURES (in thousands)

Funding Source	Prior Yrs	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19	FY19-20	Beyond FY20	TOTALS
City Commitment*			\$10	\$20		\$500		\$530
MNRTF Grant/Other Grants						\$400		\$400
Other - Unknown						\$100		\$100
Landmark Structure Donation						\$200		\$200
Inland Fisheries								\$0
TOTALS		\$0	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$0	\$1,200	\$0
								\$1,230

* Consider adding project back to TIP for future STP-U funding.



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OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST (DRAFT)

DATE: October 22, 2012
 PROJECT #: 0130-12-0011
 ESTIMATOR: PMD
 CHECKED BY: RAG
 CURRENT ENR: PMD

PROJECT: MILL CREEK TRAIL
 LOCATION: VILLAGE OF DEXTER
 WORK: Construction of a non-motORIZED pathway between Creekside School and Mill Creek Park.

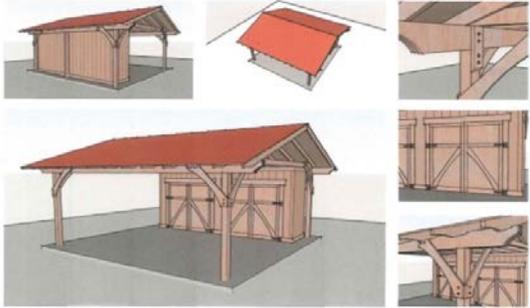
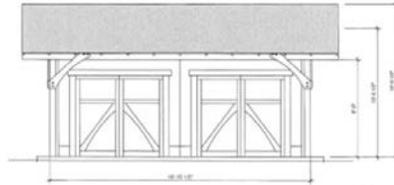
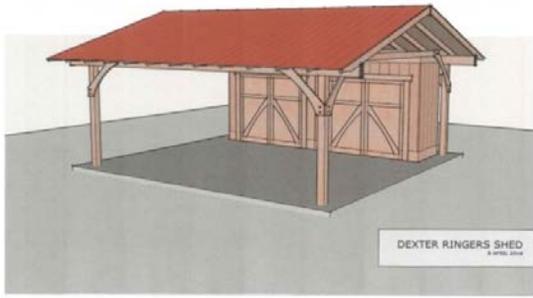
ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	COST
1	Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2	Heavy Clearing and Grubbing	STA	18	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 27,000.00
3	Wetland Clearing and Grubbing	STA	13	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
4	Station Grading	STA	28	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 42,000.00
5	Culverts	Ea	20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
6	Stormwater Treatment Basins	Ea	10	\$10,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
7	HMA Pathway, 4 inch	Ton	700	\$ 90.00	\$ 63,000.00
8	Aggregate Base, 6 inch	Syd	3200	\$ 8.00	\$ 25,600.00
9	Pathway Undercutting	Cyd	400	\$ 20.00	\$ 8,000.00
10	Boardwalk	Syd	1450	\$ 250.00	\$ 362,500.00
11	Bridge Span	LS	1	\$60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
12	Restoration	Syd	3200	\$ 5.00	\$ 16,000.00
13	Trees	Ea	60	\$ 300.00	\$ 18,000.00
14	Shrubs	Ea	250	\$ 50.00	\$ 12,500.00
15	Signs, Trail Amenities & Incidentals	LS	1	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
16	SESC / Traffic	LS	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
SUB TOTAL					\$ 785,600.00
CONTINGENCY (20%)					\$ 157,120.00
ENGINEERING					
Design (10%)					\$ 95,000.00
Legal / Easement / Administration					\$ 15,000.00
Construction Engineering & Testing (15%)					\$ 142,000.00
TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST =					\$ 1,195,000.00

CITY OF DEXTER * CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

TIMELINE

Consultant Selection	Jan-15
Visioning Session	Feb-15
Public Input	Mar-15
Additional Public Input	Apr-15
Additional Public Input	May-15
Design/Identify Required Permits	Jun-15
Design	Jul-15
Additional Design	Aug-15
PaRC Recommendation	Sep-15
Gather Letters of Support	Oct-15
Publish Public Hearing Notice	Jan-16
Public Hearing- Grant Application	Feb-16
Village Council Certified Resolution	Feb-16
Budget - Documentation of local funding	Mar-16
Notice of Intent	Mar-16
MNRTF Application DEADLINE	Apr-16
Funding Award	Dec-16
Bid Project	Feb-17
Select Contractor	Mar-17
Obtain Permits/Easements	Mar-17
Construction	Apr-17

CITY OF DEXTER * CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN





Parks CIP post PC

1 message

Michelle Aniol <maniol@dextermi.gov>
To: Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

Tue, Feb 9, 2016 at 4:44 PM

Justin,

Here is the summary of changes to Parks projects in the CIP, along with comments from the PC.

Project ID	Project Name	Description of Update	Comments from PC
Parks			
2.01	Community Park Improvements	Update Description regarding extension of pathway to create a loop; Update Project Cost Detail to reflect reconstruction of original pathway.	What's the rationale for this project? Not in favor of this project? one of the few open space park areas in the City. Maintenance of park more important than improvements?
2.02	Dog Park	Remove project; no support from PaRC and not enough support based on public survey	
2.03	Edison Street Park Play Equipment	Project should be completed in spring 2016, thus project worksheet may be removed.	
2.05	Mill Creek Park Improvements-Phase 2	Update phasing; Update map; Remove OHM opinion of probable costs and timeline	
2.06	School Property Acquisition (Mill Creek)	Merge with Project 2.05, Mill Creek Park Improvements	Wouldn't an easement be sufficient?
2.07	First Street Park	Update Location Map and adjust Expenditures	
2.08	New Playground Equipment (Mill Creek Park North)	Add a new project worksheet	

Michelle Aniol

Community Development Manager

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Dog Parks on the Rise

WHEN THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND released its 2015 City Park Facts Report, there was one particularly surprising news item: Dog parks are growing faster than any other type of urban park in the nation. This annual survey of parklands in America's 100 largest cities found a six percent increase in the number of dog parks over the previous year, and a 20 percent increase over the last five years. Portland, Oregon, was number one in the dog park category with 5.4 dog parks per 100,000 residents, followed by Norfolk, Virginia; Madison, Wisconsin; Henderson, Nevada; and Las Vegas.

Dog ownership has increased dramatically over the last two decades—from just over 50 million in 1990 to nearly 80 million today—but dog park advocate Susyn Stecchi also attributes the growth of dog parks to changes in the role of dogs in American families: “More and more people consider dogs not to be an animal, but a member of their family. They want to go and have activities with this member of their family, just like they would with their human children.”

In 1996, Stecchi helped establish the first public dog park in Coral Springs, Florida, which was one of just a handful in the U.S. at the time. She was soon fielding calls from neighborhood organizations around the country seeking advice on how to establish dog parks of their own. Stecchi has studied 4,000 dog parks across the U.S. to learn what works and what doesn't. Funding, siting, liability issues, safety and environmental concerns, and typical dog park amenities are detailed in her manual, [*So You Want to Build a Dog Park?*](#)

Stecchi's top recommendations for dog park design include dog-friendly fencing, dog-appropriate surfacing, availability of fresh water, and “airlock” gates—a two-gate system to prevent canines from escaping into the neighborhood while people enter and exit the fenced area. When consulting with municipal park departments, she recommends one acre of off-leash area per 15,000 dog owners. Stecchi does not have professional training in planning or landscape design, but she is working with university landscape architecture programs to offer students an online elective course in dog park development. “[Landscape architects] are taught how to design for humans but that's not the same as designing a space that is going to have a lot of dog activity in it,” she says.

Until recently most dog parks were the result of community groups petitioning local political leaders to designate space in an existing park or an unused parcel of public land. Increasingly, parks departments are taking a proactive approach. Leah Tivoli, a strategic advisor to Seattle's parks and recreation department, is developing the city's first Off-Leash Area Strategic Plan, an exercise that includes a survey of Seattle dog owners, statistical analysis of off-leash complaints and violations, and a series of “focus groups” where dog owners were paired with representatives from environmental groups to discuss issues that arise from off-leash areas and to brainstorm solutions.

Tivoli also surveyed the handful of formal dog park plans in North America—she says Denver, Toronto, and Surrey, British Columbia, are the most notable examples—for insight. “Some places have very specific plans with level of service goals, where they want to have a certain amount of off-leash area within distance of a certain population,” she says. “Other cities haven't gone that direction. It's kind of all over the board. I wouldn't say there's [any] universally accepted standards.”

That may be true, but given the current trends in canine recreation, off-leash areas are certainly becoming a standard feature in the urban design repertoire.

—Brian Barth

Barth is a Toronto-based freelance writer reporting on urban affairs, agriculture, and the environment. He is currently working on his first book, *Invisible City: A Natural History of Urban Landscape*.

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Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

Community Park, Public comment period

1 message

Thomas Phillips <tphillips@hobbs-black.com>

Thu, Feb 11, 2016 at 10:26 AM

To: "Jbreyer@dextermi.gov" <Jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

Cc: Thom Phillips <tphillips@comcast.net>, "annaphillips@comcast.net" <annaphillips@comcast.net>

To: Assistant City Manager, Justin Breyer

Regards: Community Park, Public comment period

Good morning Justin and Parks Committee,

As Dexter resident, president of the Huron Farms Co-Owners Association and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, I respectfully request that the Parks Commission does not extend paving along the south boundary of Community Park.

This area of open lawn is valued as a source of recreation as it is and in addition to my own opinion, many on the Planning Commission and Huron Farms residents feel it would be harmed by this path extension. The hill is a place for sledding and children play soccer, fly kites, etc. in that area of the park. Planning Commissioners James Carty and Alison Heatley both also expressed their concern with the paving during the 02/01/2016 meeting.

While I support the addition of public toilet rooms, which I would be happy to design (perhaps something low profile, partially set into the hill), I would otherwise sincerely like to see Community Park move into a "maintenance mode" rather than "development mode" in the future. I feel the park is more than developed enough as it exists and for such a small area it is in danger of being over developed – killed with kindness.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Thom Phillips

Vice President

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Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

Re: Sidewalk in Community Park

1 message

maiziebluetoo@yahoo.com <maiziebluetoo@yahoo.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 9:55 AM

To: Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

Thank you. Further, I think a drinking fountain is a great idea and a permanent restroom is a bad idea. The porta-potty is less than desirable, and I think that is the point. It is for emergency use. Additionally, there is probably more maintenance to a permanent structure. I do not think a permanent shelter bathroom is necessary. People do not want to go in the porta-potty or stay in there.

Amy
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2016, at 9:29 AM, Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov> wrote:

Good morning Amy,

Your comments have been received and will be forwarded on to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Thank you,

Justin Breyer
Assistant to the City Manager
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On Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 9:20 AM, Courtney Nicholls <cnicholls@dextermi.gov> wrote:

Courtney Nicholls
City Manager
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[734-580-2229](tel:7345802229) (direct)

-----Original Message-----

From: Maiziebluetoo [mailto:maiziebluetoo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2016 4:51 PM
To: City of Dexter
Subject: Sidewalk in Community Park

To Whom It May Concern:

Please forward my comments to the parks commission. I am writing to oppose the addition of a sidewalk in Community Park. There are already enough paved areas. This a park that is primarily used by children. The field should not be spoiled with pavement. A sidewalk would get in the way of sledding, soccer playing, kite flying, baseball, football, and good old fashioned tag. This park is not used by joggers, biker riders, and people wishing to walk around a loop in a very small area. The current walkways

are sufficient in that they allow people wishing to cut thru the condos and/or the park a path on which to do this. Please do not continue with this plan. It will spoil the play area. When I presented this to my children, their comments were: 1. "We going to bang or heads on the pavement when we sled." 2. "No Way!" 3. "Why would anyone want to do that!?" 4. "That is an extremely bad idea that doesn't make any sense".
Amy (and Rob) Luczak and three children=