

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Murillo, Wagner, Bell, Henkemeyer, Gee, Marques (arr. 7:13pm)

Commissioners Absent: Miller

Student Representatives Present: Hauser

Student Representatives Absent: Williamson

Others Present: Justin Breyer, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager; residents.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Henkemeyer, Seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes from September 17, 2019 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Gee, Seconded by Bell to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative – None

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

Tree Board – Joanne Wagner reported on tree replacements in Mill Creek Park, Peace Park, and downtown trees.

City Council – Scott Bell reported on Council moving forward with making an offer on a property on the Huron River across the River from the Cider Mill. The certified appraisal came back at a lower price than prior listings. The project has strong support from the Watershed Council.

Art Selection Committee – None

Student Representatives – None

C. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Dick Ulrich, 3760 Delhi Ct. – Discussed a visit to Forest Lawn Cemetery and Mill Creek Park. He would like to donate and help install a bird house. He would also be willing to take the birdhouse down for the winter.

D. STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet. Mr. Breyer updated the Commission on the following items:

-) Ice rink installation
-) Library pathway installation

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan. The Commission discussed potential projects for the Lions Club's anniversary project, including:

-) Replacing the Mill Creek Park playground structure
-) Fountain at Peace Park
-) Pavilion at First Street Park
-) Musical instruments (i.e. metal/wood) near the amphitheater
-) Permanent public restrooms in downtown

B. DISCUSSION OF: DEXTER COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Joy Gee reported that the Dexter Community Players are planning to move into the Elementary School and the Knights of Columbus with their own sound system. The Players are looking to focus on performing more original works based on Dexter stories.

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer to amend the agenda to add Birdhouse Request as Item C under New Business.

C. DISCUSSION OF: BIRDHOUSE REQUEST

The Commission discussed the request of Dick Ulrich to donate a birdhouse for installation in Mill Creek Park. Discussion included the following points:

-) It appears to be more like folk art than practical
-) It could be painted to look more like the Historical Society
-) It would be better if there were no maintenance to it
-) It would be better if it were more structural and specific to a species
-) Structures like this should blend into the area
-) They could be sold at the Farmer's Market, Apple Daze

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

-) Donation Policy
-) Planting Policy for February/March Discussion for FY 2020-2021
-) The November 12th will be located at the Dexter District Library
-) Cancel the December meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marques, Seconded by Murillo adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer
City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager