

**CITY OF DEXTER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2020**

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Murillo, Wagner, Bell, Marques, and Miller

Commissioners Absent: Henkemeyer

Student Representatives Present: Hauser and Williamson

Student Representatives Absent: None

Others Present: Justin Breyer, City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager; Sandy Zalmout and the Dexter Robotics Team; Bill Phillips with Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Miller Seconded by Marques to approve the minutes from November 12, 2019 as presented with the following changes:

- Update “Anne” to “Marques” under Adjournment

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Sandy Zalmout introduced herself and the Dexter Robotics Team. She indicated that their goal is to develop a robot and compete, but also to work towards developing a community project, which may include a handicap accessible playground. Wants to develop adaptive equipment for Mill Creek Park North playground. She indicated that the Robotics Team may be able to assist with fundraising.

The Commission discussed that the Capital Improvements Plan is on the agenda and its relationship to the proposed project. The Commission discussed the potential for a community build project.

Bill Phillips reported on the efforts of Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited organization in Mill Creek, including brown trout stocking, electro-shocking, woody debris management, and working with students. He also presented a concept related to planting trees and shrubs along the Creek.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative – None

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

Tree Board – Joanne Wagner reported that the Tree Board met in December to recommend the tree bid to City Council. The Tree Board would like to meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss trees to be planted in Phase 2. The Tree Board would also like to get student representatives, and would like to work more with the Dexter Garden Club. She also discussed Arbor Day and making it more accessible to the community. The Tree Board is also looking to move tree planting to the spring.

City Council – None

Art Selection Committee –

Student Representatives – School Newspaper (Squall) does schoolwide surveys and e-mail.

D. STAFF REPORT

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

- Mill Creek Park Phase 2
- First Street Park
- All Committee Meeting
- Border to Border Trail Connector Project

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: CIP DISCUSSION

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Wagner to recommend to City Council the Capital Improvements Plan items as presented with the following corrections:

- 2.01 – Remove “Court Shelter”
- 2.02 – Add repair of the stairs that was completed this last year. Would like to add a dog waste station near the portable toilets.
- 2.03 – Update the cost. Update the description.
- 2.04 – Update description to identify Phase 3, along with Timeline. Start discussion at Parks and Recreation starting in 2022.
- Mill Creek Trail Phase 3 – Update to start in 2022
- Update Mill Creek Park Playground 2021
- 2.05 – Update to reference First Street Park Plan
- 2.06 – Expand border. Keep swings and rock. Add accessible equipment. Add accessible walkway. Remove “handicap” reword to “inclusive equipment”. Are there other grants for accessible play equipment? Raise cost to \$100,000.
- 2.07 – Update Mill Creek Park 4-way kiosk with “Mill Creek Park”

Unanimous voice vote approval.

B. DISCUSSION OF: 2021 – 2026 MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Commission discussed the upcoming Parks and Recreation Master Plan update, including:

- What are the Commission is looking to learn from the public;
- Public Survey Questions:
 - Add outdoor swimming pool/splash pad to list of project options;
 - Add item about First Street Park to #6 – something beyond what is already there;
 - Do you have any ideas for additional planned recreational events (i.e. something like the Easter Egg Hunt);
 - Expand the ice rink to something more professional (i.e. industrial chiller);
 - What other types of recreation would you like to see supported?;
 - Slightly modified survey for Dexter Schools;
 - Question on age;
 - Question regarding residency – do you include reference to the Schools?

C. DISCUSSION OF: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Commission discussed the 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza, including:

- Egg stuffing order;
- Have face painters back;
- Provide specific timeline to face painters;
- Ask Lions to assist with parking.

D. DISCUSSION OF: BICYCLE REPAIR STAND

The Commission discussed the location of the bicycle repair stand donation.

E. DISCUSSION OF: ICE RINK

Investigate operation costs, power needs, and staffing needs for a refrigerated ice rink.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Master Plan
- Easter Eggstravaganza

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murilo, Seconded by Wagner adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer

City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager