

**CITY OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 20, 2015**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent:

Other Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Koch to approve the minutes from September 15, 2015.  
Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**A. CHAIR**

Becky Murillo reported that she did not attend the last 5-H meeting. She stated that the Committee would be changing its name because supposedly they do not want any confusion regarding the relationship with the Chelsea Wellness Foundation.

**B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO**

John Coy reported that the Tree Board did not meet in the last month.

Julie Knight reported that an election is coming up on November 3, 2015. Justin Breyer added that there are four people running for three City Council seats. She also reported that the last segment of the Border-to-Border Trail is currently under construction, and there will be no parking for the Cider Mill due to fences that are being put up.

Katie Koch reported that the Art Selection Committee met to discuss the Lions sculpture. She stated that the Lions were looking for input on where the City would be willing to put the sculpture. The Commission discussed possible locations for the sculpture.

## **A. CHAIR**

Jeff Hardcastle from the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative arrived to present “The Loop” and projects that are underway. He reported that the group is working on creating a set of linked pathways that connect five communities in Washtenaw County, including Dexter and Chelsea. The pathways would also link these communities to the Border-to-Border Trail and the Iron Belle System. Mr. Hardcastle also reported on current funding and potential funding sources for the project.

## **C. STAFF REPORT**

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet. He provided an update on the Lions Park Playground project, and that he had attended a Dexter Community Schools meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Becky Murillo reported that she had received a call from a member of the Dexter School Board regarding handicap accessibility, which was an issue that came up during the School Board meeting. The Commission discussed handicap accessible equipment and swings as a part of the playground purchase.

Mr. Breyer also provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey and preliminary results as well as the Mill Creek Park work day and the Ian Bell Eagle Scout project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION OF: LIONS PARK PLAYGROUND HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT**

This discussion took place under the staff report

### **B. DISCUSSION OF: PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN SURVEY UPDATE**

The Commission discussed the status of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Commission gave consensus to leave the survey open for a few more weeks in order to get closer to the goal of 300 survey takers. Commission members suggested contacting homeowners associations, and placing an ad in the Sun Times and We Love Dexter. Justin Breyer reported that he intended to promote the survey through the fall newsletter.

The Commission also discussed adding regional pathways to the Master Plan.

### **C. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK WORK DAYS**

The Commission discussed attendance at the Mill Creek Park work day on October 3. Justin Breyer reported that four people showed up to help plant new plants in Mill Creek Park. The day was rainy and cold.

### **D. DISCUSSION OF: PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

The Commission requested that staff look into screening for the port-o-potty in First Street Park. There is also a slab of concrete that has settled, which is located on the path next to the bridge over Mill Creek.

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

**PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Coy, Seconded by Knight to adjourn at 9:05 pm  
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer  
Assistant to the City Manager