

CITY OF Dexter
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:012 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Becky Murillo, Ray Tell, Michael Cavanaugh, and Toni Henkemeyer

Commissioners Absent: Ellen Han, John Coy

Other Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Andrea Kline, Huron River Watershed Council; residents.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Henkemeyer, Seconded by Murillo to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016.

Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Cavanaugh, Seconded by Henkemeyer to approve the agenda as presented, with the following changes:

- Adding Old Business Item A: First Street Park discussion.
- Relabel Old Businesses Items B – D.
- Move Old Business Items A – D before New Business.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

A. CHAIR

None.

B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO

Ex Officio - Ray Tell discussed a development that is in progress at Baker St. and Grand St. Mr. Tell stated that the development would affect the proposed Phase 2 Trail, and now may be an opportune time to develop the next Phase of the Trail. There is a meeting about the development on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00pm.

Art Selection – Justin Breyer stated that there would be a meeting of the Art Selection Committee on February 24th at 7:30pm at the Dexter District Library. The Commission discussed the need to appoint a Parks and Recreation Commission member to the Art Selection Committee. Toni Henkemeyer volunteered to sit on the Art Selection Committee

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Cavanaugh to recommend to City Council that Toni Henkemeyer be appointed to the Art Selection Committee as the Parks and Recreation Commission representative.

C. STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet. He reported that City Council approved the three items (WATS Pedestrian Counter, Trout Unlimited Letter, and SmithGroupJJR Proposal) that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended at the last meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016 – 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Justin Breyer discussed the developmental history of the Plan, the tools used to acquire public input, and the Action Items included in the Plan. Mr. Breyer also presented the public feedback that was submitted during the 30-day public comment period.

Becky Murillo opened the public hearing at 7:28pm

Andrea Kline from the Huron River Watershed Council spoke in support of the Master Plan. She stated that she was glad to see that support for the HRWC was included in the Plan. Mrs. Kline spoke about the investment that the HRWC has made in the Huron River Water Trail and about the Trail Towns initiative. She stated that HRWC is working with the Dexter Trail Towns team to identify opportunities and challenges regarding the Huron River and Mill Creek, many of which were included in the Plan.

Becky Murillo closed the public hearing at 7:33pm. Discussion about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan followed.

- Question – Was information about the Trail Towns or Water Trail included in the Plan? (Yes).
- The Commission discussed the Community Park Path and the Capital Improvements Plan. (It was not included in the Master Plan).
- The Commission discussed the illegal Huron River access point at the Mast Rd. Bridge and the hazards that exist at that site. (This was included in the Master Plan). There was a meeting over the summer about this illegal access.

A. CONSIDERATION OF: 2016 – 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Cavanaugh to approve the following resolution:

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:

- Edit language under the “Soils” heading;
- Edit the map of First Street Park
- Edit the map of Lion’s Park to include the new playground
- Add items to appendix:
 - Notices of Public Hearing
 - Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (2/16/2016)
 - City Council Minutes (2/22/2016)
 - Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period
 - Website information related to public hearing and public comment period
- Update maps with correct City boundaries
- Edit Public Hearing Section (page 55) with information based on the Parks and Recreation public hearing.

Yeas: Murillo, Henkemeyer, Cavanaugh, Tell
Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: FIRST STREET PARK

Michelle Aniol presented the history of First Street Park and the concept development of the proposed structure. She stated that there had been no discussion about permitting or plot plans. Mrs. Aniol stated that the question would likely come up as to whether the Parks and Recreation Commission would still support the structure given that the cost to the City would now be more than \$10,000 rather than the original \$5,000. The Commission discussed the item.

- Question – What are the Ringers paying for? (They agreed to pay the difference between the \$5,000 for materials and the remainder of the construction cost.)
- How many people attend Ringer events? (Approximately 40 per week for the league. 12 or more on weekends.)
- Commission members commented that the City has spent more than \$10,000 on play structures that get used about as much as play structures. It is like a play structure for adults.

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer to recommend to City Council to approve the \$10,180 for permitting and construction of First Street Park.

B. DISCUSSION OF: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN – PARK ITEMS

Justin Breyer presented feedback from the Planning Commission about the proposed extension to the Community Park path. Planning Commission members stated that the area is good for sledding and maintaining open space. Parks and Recreation Commission members stated that they regularly see people walking on the path in Community Park, and their comments have been that they would like a larger loop to walk around. The Commission gave consensus to leave it in the CIP for 2018/2019 and then set up a time to discuss the project with the neighborhood.

C. DISCUSSION OF: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Justin Breyer stated that the Easter Eggstravaganza would be held on March 26th. Becky Murillo stated that staff should order the same amount of Easter egg filler supplies as last year. Toni

Henkemeyer stated that she may be out of town for the event and may not be able to play the Easter Bunny.

D. DISCUSSION OF: PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

- The basketball rims do not seem to have enough “give,” so the ball ends up going flying far from the court whenever the ball hits them.
- The Ice Rink was up too long last year, please take it down sooner this year.
- Paul McCann asked about the path to the ADA picnic table in Mill Creek Park, and it was removed shortly thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS

E. DISCUSSION OF: BUDGET PREPARATIONS

The Commission further discussed the construction of a pathway to the cement slab in Mill Creek Park and ADA requirements. The Commission asked staff to investigate ADA standards. Justin Breyer stated that the Commission would be discussing the Budget at the next meeting.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer to adjourn at 8:50 pm
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer
Assistant to the City Manager