

**CITY OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Becky Murillo, Michael Cavanaugh, Paul Arnold, Joy Gee

Commissioners Absent: Toni Henkemeyer, Ray Tell

Other Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Arnold, Seconded by Murillo to approve the minutes from March 15, 2016 with the change of the Call to Order time from 7:012pm to 7:12pm.

Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Motion Adopted

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

Stan and Aiden Sedo, 3580 Edison St., addressed the Commission to determine what types of donations or permits would be required to have a sandbox build in Mill Creek Park. Becky Murillo responded that there is currently a sandbox in West Park in Ann Arbor. Justin Breyer responded that there were no requests for a sandbox included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan or the associated survey.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**A. CHAIR**

Becky Murillo reported that the 5-H Coalition had been relatively quiet. She commented that there would be a summer fitness festival this summer along with a slow roll bike ride in Mill Creek Park on Friday nights. There would still be yoga in the park on Saturday mornings.

**B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO**

Tree Board - None

Ex Officio - None

Art Selection – Justin Breyer indicated that there would be an Art Selection Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss two proposed sculpture donations.

## **C. STAFF REPORT**

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet. He provided an update on several projects, including:

- The date Lions Park playground equipment installation is set for June 18<sup>th</sup>. The excavation should be taking place soon. The Commission discussed whether there would be professional oversight of the installation and assigning jobs. The number of people that have signed-up to help with the installation, and how many are needed.
- Justin provided a history of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He indicated that the Plan was recently approved by the State of Michigan.
- Justin provided background on Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2. Justin provided detail on the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study's TIP Plan and the MDNR Trust Fund Grant. The Commission discussed the wetland delineation study and the future of this project.
- Becky Murillo provided information about the Huron-Waterloo Pathways Initiative. The Commission discussed the funding sources for this project, phasing, and how it would impact City projects.
- Justin provided detail about the pedestrian counter project, including the proposed installation locations and the purpose of collecting the count data.
- Justin provided background on the First Street Park project. He indicated that he is currently seeking contacts at the University of Michigan to recruit a student to help with an area Plan that for the Park that can be presented to City Council.
- Justin provided an update on the ADA accessibility project. He stated that he and Courtney Nicholls met with Terry VanDoren of the MMRMA regarding a parks evaluation. He is currently trying to set-up a date to do the evaluation.
- The Commission discussed the budget and the assumptions behind several of the items.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION OF: INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Commissioners Joy Gee and Paul Arnold introduced themselves to the other members of the Commission. They provided a brief description of their background and what caused them to be interested in serving on the Commission.

### **B. DISCUSSION OF: RECENT PAST PROJECTS AND CURRENT ON-GOING PROJECTS**

This information was discussed under the Staff Report.

### **C. DISCUSSION OF: PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET**

This information was discussed under the Staff Report.

### **D. CONSIDERATION OF: APPOINTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS TO OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Commission discussed the need to appoint a liaison to the Tree Board. Justin Breyer provided some information about the function of the Tree Board. Joy Gee stated that she may be interested in serving, but would like more information.

### **E. DISCUSSION OF: ADA PROJECTS PLAN**

This information was discussed under the Staff Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION OF: PARK MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

The Commission discussed park maintenance needs, including:

- The addition of a garbage can to Mill Creek Park. The Commission expressed their preference that a dual trash and recycling container be switched for a traditional garbage can.
- The Commission questioned whether the A&W was performing trash removal on the weekends.
- The Commission discussed the bent bars along the boardwalk on the Border-to-Border Trail. Justin Breyer indicated that the bent bars were the responsibility of Hudson-Mills.
- The Commission discussed the need for the rocks underneath the Troll statue to be fixed.
- The rope swing in Community Park needs to be removed.

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

### **PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Cavanaugh to adjourn at 8:38 pm  
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer  
Assistant to the City Manager