

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

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Gee

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Miller, Seconded by Murillo to approve the minutes from December 18, 2018 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Marques 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 – None

City Council – Scott Bell reported that he attended the B2B trial meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Most of those who attended live along the proposed trail segments outside of the City. First of two segments connecting Dexter and Chelsea will be built in 2019.

Art Selection Committee – None

## **C. STAFF REPORT**

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

- Mill Creek Park Phase 2

Motion by Murillo Seconded by Wagner to send the following information to City Council regarding Phase 2 of Mill Creek Park:

- Not enthusiastic, but supportive of running the trail along Grand St.;
- More disheartened about deferring the section being lost than being not supportive;
- Slightly more enthusiastic if Grand St. is re-done;
- Do not want to lose the portion being lost from the Plan. Consider the section being lost is the "Park";
- Section being done is a mode of transportation, but it is a community enhancement more than a park enhancement.

Ayes: Miller, Wagner, Murillo, Bell, Henkemeyer, and Marques

Nays: None

- Student Representatives
- Moving the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Dexter Senior Center

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Marques to recommend to City Council to move the regular Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to the Dexter Senior Center.

Ayes: Bell, Wagner, Miller, Henkemeyer, Marques, and Murillo

Nays: None

- Joint Committee/Commission Meeting to be held on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Mill Creek Park Controlled Burn

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION OF: LIONS CLUB TREE HOUSE PROJECT**

The Commission expressed an interest in inviting representatives of the Dexter Lions Club to attend the next meeting to discuss next steps on this project.

### **B. DISCUSSION OF: DOG PARK PROPOSAL**

The Commission discussed the proposal regarding the construction of a dog park in the City of Dexter. The Commission expressed the following items related to the proposal:

- The City does not have the capacity – management-wise, space-wise, liability-wise, or DPW-wise;
- The City does not have a Parks and Recreation Department to actively manage a dog park;
- There are other nearby dog parks to serve this need - Chelsea, Saline Mill Pond, Swift Run;
- Trainers that work with dogs with behavioral issues are not supportive;
- There is not energy on the Commission to support a dog park. There are other priorities;
- Only 30% of the respondents were City residents;
- They are welcome to approach City Council;

- Not willing to give up existing real estate for a dog park.

### **C. CONSIDERATION OF: MONUMENT PARK GAZEBO STEPS AND BRICKS REPAIR QUOTES**

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Wagner to recommend to City Council the awarding of contracts to Van Natter Works and Todd's Services to fix the Monument Park gazebo steps and re-lay the Monument Park brick pavers in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Ayes: Wagner, Bell, Miller, Henkemeyer, Murillo, and Marques  
Nays: None

### **D. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK MAINTENANCE ESTIMATE**

Staff presented an estimate from PlantWise for additional maintenance for Mill Creek Park. The Commission discussed this proposal.

### **E. DISCUSSION OF: 2019 EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

The Commission discussed the 2019 Easter Eggstravaganza, including quantities for egg-stuffers, donations, and face painting.

### **F. DISCUSSION OF: POTENTIAL DONATION**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

- Ice rink is open
- Cut and cap pipe at Peace Park
- Remove white wreaths

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

None

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

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer  
Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk