

DEXTER VILLAGE PARKS COMMISSION

July 15, 2008
Regular Meeting

Alan Green called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Present: Green, Henkemeyer, Covert, and Semifero

Absent: Coy, Jovanelly

Have one vacancy.

Approval of the Minutes- June 17, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes. – Moved Covert, second Henkemeyer to approve the minutes as submitted.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda – Moved Semifero, second Covert to approve as submitted.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Public Hearings

None

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

None

Reports and Communications

A. Chair.

a. Vacancy Update.

Brian Brassow has submitted an application and will be interviewed by Green and Henkemeyer and a recommendation will be provided to Council for an appointment. There have been no other applications to date. The vacancy is to fill Kepler's term expiring in June 2010.

B. Commissioners and Ex Officio.

C. Community Development Officer Report – Included in packet.

a. Play Court Project Update. Project is completed. Tennis backboard was not installed and Parks Commission decided that at this time the tennis backboard would be left out.

b. Mill Pond Park/Dam Street Bridge Project Update. Discussed clay cap and its potential impact on drainage. Discussed width of river under the bridge and its impact on fish passage and paddling.

c. Smith Woods Update. The property has been quit claimed to the County and is no longer village property. The signage should be installed within the next few months.

d. Ryan Drive Update. Project is being presented to low bidder and contractor for Dexter Ann arbor Rd work. If contractor will hold pricing then we will create a new contract for completion of Ryan Drive improvements as well. Goal is to complete project this summer.

Old Business

A. Recreation Plan – Green requested that the commission take another month to review the plan. Specifically, the long range goals and objectives. Amendments have been made by Bishop and provided to the Parks Commission for review.

- B. Skate park Discussion. The Commission discussed ways to gauge interest in a skatepark. Discussed offering a local skatepark tour through the schools Community Education. Discussed what we would accomplish and hope to get out an offering a tour for kids and how it would help gauge interest. The Commission requested that the sheriffs start monitoring skateboarding complaints, tickets, etc, which will also help gauge the need for a skatepark. Covert will follow up with school on details. Bishop will review possible properties for skatepark location for next meeting. Commission also discussed area of service and cost per user to build a skatepark.

New Business

- A. Parks Commission Bylaw Review. The Parks Commission reviewed the bylaws as suggested within the bylaws. The only amendment proposed was to the term limitations. Per the bylaws the amendments will be presented and considered again at the next meeting.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

None

Proposed Business For Next Meeting

- A. Recreation Plan Update – Final Review
- B. Mill Pond Park Update
- C. Skate Park
- D. Parks Ordinance – change name
- E. Parks Commission bylaws

Adjournment

Moved Covert, second Henkemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Filing Approved _8-19-08__

Allison Bishop
Community Development Manager
Parks Commission Staff Liaison