

DEXTER VILLAGE PARKS COMMISSION

December 18, 2007

Regular Meeting

Alan Green called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Present: Green, Kepler, Jovanelly, Henkemeyer and Semifero

Absent: Coy and Steffey

Approval of the Minutes- November 20 2007 Regular Meeting minutes– Approved with correction. Bishop will change “ C” under Reports and Communications: the bridge is to be started as opposed to completed in spring of 2008.

Moved Jovanelly to approve the minutes with the correction, support Kepler.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda – Approved as submitted.

Moved Semifero to approve as submitted, support Green.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Public Hearings

None

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

A. None.

Reports and Communications

A. Chair – Green will defer his comments until we get to new business, B & C.

B. Commissioners and Ex Officio

Semifero stated that the council will be doing three town hall meetings in 2008, there will be additional information and dates in the Village newsletter.

C. Community Development Officer Report

Bishop stated that phase 1 of the path is under construction, it is the portion from the park to the golf course on the west side of the river.

a. Newsletter Articles.

1. Will note the closure of Warrior Creek Park while the during the construction of the new bridge.

2. Will do a thank you to the citizens who have participated in the survey and also state that it is still open for completion.

3. Will open up the Mill Pond Planning Group for citizen participation

b. Village Council action

1. Community Park Play Court. OHM getting started, Bishop is meeting them on site Tomorrow.

2. Gazebo Use Fees. Were approved by Council, will require a damage deposit. Discussed doing a blanket permit for the Dexter Chamber since these events take precedence. Bishop to review the ordinance for next meeting to see who is responsible for approving these events. Will discuss to ensure consistency.

Old Business

A. Resolution of Support for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of HCMA trail – No Update from HCMA

New Business

A. Smith Woods

a. Washtenaw County. Bishop will check and see if the property can be donated to Washtenaw County with a deed restriction attached to it stating that the property must remain natural and maintained. Would like report for January meeting.

- b. Proposals – Burn Management Plan. No need to discuss until the above “a” is resolved.
- B. 2008-2013 CIP-Review worksheets and recommend priorities.
 - a. Community Park. Ask Village Council for support to finish off this park before starting next project (Mill Pond.) Would like to get completed with the exception of parking and bathrooms.
 - b. Smith Woods. Add budgeting for landscape. CIP items are items that cost 10K or more otherwise it the items should be budgeted for. Park maintenance, wood chips and gazebo staining should all be budgeted for.
 - c. Skate Park. We are going to leave on until additional information is gathered. We will contact other municipalities who have and had skate parks. Once this information is reviewed and discussed we will determine if we want to move forward with a plan or remove it from the CIP.
 - d. Lions Park. The gazebo needs to be cleaned up-bleached and refinished. Will look for a volunteer and place as a budget item.

Will review the Mill Park Plan and Warrior Creek Park plans at the next meeting.

- C. Mill Pond - The Mill Pond group has specific objectives to meet:
 - 1. it is to serve as a place for all ideas for redevelopment of the area once the dam is removed and water lowered.
 - 2. make recommendations for redevelopment: ecological, recreational, financial, aesthetic.

The Representatives for this group are as follows: Joe Semifero-Village Council, Paul Cousins-Village Council, Allison Bishop-Community Development Officer, Scott Bell-Planning Commission, Thom Phillips-Planning Commission and Dan O’Haver-DDA

Goals are to determine what this area should look like, project scope-from railroad-bridge-to school. Riparian water rights. There is no time frame for this project in place, yet. Ideally, will have a consultant working on project with in the next 6 months.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

None

Proposed Business For Next Meeting

- A. Community Park Play Court
- B. CIP-2 parts
- C. Smith Woods update
- D. Mill Pond Park update
- E. Survey Results

Adjournment

Moved Semifero to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 P.M., support Kepler.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Jovanelly
Parks Commissioner

Filing Approved 1-15-08