

DEXTER VILLAGE PARKS COMMISSION

February 20, 2007

Regular Meeting

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, 2nd floor.

Present: Green, Steffey, Coy, Henkemeyer, Semifero

Absent: Jovanelly, Kepler

Approval of the Minutes for January 16, 2007– Approved as submitted.

Moved Steffey to approve the minutes as submitted, support Semifero.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda – Approved as submitted.

Moved Semifero to approve as submitted, support Henkemeyer.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Public Hearings

None

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

- A. Tom Freeman and Shawn Severns from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) presented information regarding the County's proposal to the Village to share access to Smith Woods Preserve and the Miller Preserve. The presentation included information on the Natural Areas Preservation Program and what the County is looking to have installed in the parking area. A packet of information was included in the Parks Commissioners packets with maps and mock-ups of the proposed signs and kiosk. Both the Village's has reviewed the proposed license agreement and the County's attorney and proposed revisions were briefly mentioned during the presentation. Tom Freeman also gave an update on the segment D1 trail and the HCMA Phase 1 and Phase 2 trail. Tom suggested that support from the Village to HCMA for completion of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 trail from Hudson Mills to the Village may help HCMA move the trail project forward.

- Moved Coy, support Steffey to recommend that the Village Council approve the proposal from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission to share the entrance to Smith Woods and the Miller property contingent upon staff making revisions to the proposed license agreement and contingent upon the recommended changes to the signage proposed by the Parks Commission.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Reports and Communications

- A. Chair
 - a. Nothing to report.
- B. Commissioners and Ex Officio.
 - a. John Coy provided an update from the Tree Board and the upcoming spring planting and Tree Management Plan.
- C. Community Development Office
 - a. Report was included in the packet.

Old Business

- A. Michigan Blue Star Memorial – The Parks Commission briefly discussed what they have discussed with various groups that may have an opinion on the Blue Star Memorial Project proposed by the Loch Alpine Garden Club. Coy stated that he thought that the memorial should be in Monument Park with the remaining memorials to the armed forces.

-Moved Coy, support Semifero to recommend that Council permit the Blue Star Memorial proposed by the Loch Alpine Garden Club in Monument Park.
Roll Call Vote: Yes-Semifero, Coy No-Green, Steffey, Henkemeyer
MOTION FAILED

-Move Henkemeyer, support Semifero to recommend that Council permit the Blue Star Memorial proposed by the Loch Alpine Garden Club in Monument Park, but the plaque must be placed in a stone and the Parks Commission must approve the location.
Roll Call Vote: Yes- Semifero, Henkemeyer, Coy No-Green, Steffey
MOTION FAILED – per bylaws votes must be a majority of the current members.

- B. Signage and Parking at Smith Woods – The Parks Commission discussed the changes that they want completed to the signage proposed by the County for the Smith Woods and Miller Preserves. The changes should be: change the font, change the shape, change name to Smith Woods Preserve, Change boundary signage to reflect partnership, Recognize the Village on the kiosk. The Parks Commission directed Bishop to follow up with the County.
- C. Park Signage – The Parks Commission discussed additional amendments to the proposed Community Park signage. The Parks Commission directed Bishop to look into the following proposed changes: swapping colors, adding “open to the public”, extend the posts, rout the posts and rout a border around the perimeter. Bishop will send the revised mock up via email for review.

-Moved Semifero, support Steffey to approve the proposed signage with the amendments discussed at the meeting.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval Motion Carried

- D. 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Plan – The Parks Commission went over the CIP worksheets provided in the packet and discussed several changes including moving the Community Park play court funding up to 2007-2008 and increasing the amount to possible cover the costs of installing a court that can be used as an ice rink. The Parks Commission also discussed moving Mill Pond Park design funding to 2008-2009.

-Moved Henkemeyer, support Steffey to recommend that the Planning Commission approve the recommendations to the Parks CIP.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval Motion Carried

New Business

- A. Tree Budget – The Parks Commission discussed the tree budget and the funding available to plant 13 trees.

-Moved Steffey, support Semifero to purchase 3 red oaks, 3 shingle oaks, 3 honey locust and 4 Japanese Zelkova's for the spring planting. All trees are to be planted in Community Park.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval Motion Carried

- B. Park Use Permit – Tour de Dexter Bike Race

-Moved Henkemeyer, support Green to approve the Tour de Dexter Bike Race Park Use permit for Monument Park on June 30, 2007.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval Motion Carried

- C. Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey –

-Moved Semifero, support Henkemeyer to postpone review of the survey until the next meeting.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval Motion Carried

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission – None

Proposed Business for next meeting

- A. Dedication ceremony – spring 2007

- B. Survey
- C. Chamber of Commerce Holiday Tree Planting – Monument Park
- D. Pathways Map presentation

Adjournment

Moved Steffey, support Green to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Filing Approved 3-20-07

Allison Bishop
Community Development Manager