

## DEXTER VILLAGE PARKS COMMISSION

July 17, 2007  
Regular Meeting

Alan Green called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**Present:** Green, Kepler, Jovanelly, Coy, Steffey, Semifero.

**Absent:** Henkemeyer

**Approval of the Minutes- May 15, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes**– Approved as submitted.

Moved Kepler to approve the minutes as submitted, support Coy.

Voice Vote: Unanimous                      Motion Carried

**Approval of the Agenda** – Approved as submitted.

Moved Coy to approve as submitted, support Steffey.

Voice Vote: Unanimous                      Motion Carried

**Public Hearings**

None

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission**

A. None.

**Reports and Communications**

- A. Chair – Would like to plan fall and spring clean up work days for Smith Woods. Ideal time would be October 6, by then the native plants are gone and the Oak trees will have not lost their leaves, allowing the group to focus on pulling out the invasive plants. The invasive garlic mustard is a biannual plant that a herbicide can be use on with no damage to the natives.
- B. Commissioners and Ex Officio
  - a. Joe commented on “e” from page 9, process of phase II budget of bridge replacement need additional 2 million more for the viaduct, receiving 5 million from state for the critical bridge fund. Dam removal is scheduled for 2008. Also, discussed on page 15 the 550K for improvements to the Meadowview to Ryan portion of Dexter-Ann Arbor Road along with enhancements for the intersection at Mill Creek.
- C. Community Development Officer Report
  - a. The Village Newsletter will go out beginning next week.
  - b. The online survey is up and ready to go. Please forward any comments before it goes live.
  - c. The signage for Smith Woods should be completed in the next 5 to 7 weeks. Also, Washtenaw County can not purchase this park from the Village since it is already a protected property.

**Old Business**

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

**New Business**

- A. Council Budget Approval – Community Park Play Court, Bishop recommends we decide on the amenities we would like and then have it installed in the spring.
- B. Community Park signage and picnic table locations-Decided new tables in Community Park will need to be chained down. A commissioner will meet Bishop out at the site and determine where they should be placed before they are locked down.  
During this time Steffey brought up the suggestion of having a banner made to hang downtown to announce the opening of this park to the public. She is concerned that a lot of time, effort and money have been put into the park and that not enough people know about it.

We also discussed possibly having the school band doing a pep rally at this location.

- C. Gazebo and/or Park Use Fees-Decided to generate a discussion with the Village Council regarding this topic and then decide on the parameters. Possibly designating certain events as free for the chamber.
- D. Park Use Permit – Dexter Lions Club – Family Picnic – August 16 2007 from 5:30-10:00 pm and Huron Farms Summer Festival August 25, 2007 (rain day August 26) from noon to 10:00 pm. Both at Dexter Community Park.

Coy makes a motion to approve the use of Community Park for the above mentioned events, support Steffey

Voice Vote: unanimous Motion Carried

- E. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

Coy makes a motion to nominate Green for another term as the Parks Commission Chair, support Steffey.

Voice Vote: unanimous Motion Carried

Steffey makes a motion to nominate Kepler for another term as the Parks Commission Vice Chair, support Jovanelly.

Voice Vote: unanimous Motion Carried

Coy makes a motion to nominate Jovanelly for another term as the Parks Commission Secretary, support Green.

Voice Vote: unanimous Motion Carried

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission**

none

**Proposed Business For Next Meeting**

- A. Parks and Recreation Plan Survey
- B. Resolution of Support for the HCMA trail
- C. Gazebo/Park use fees
- D. Smith Woods clean up plan

**Adjournment**

Moved Steffey to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M., support Jovanelly.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

**Filing Approved 11-20-07**

Karen Jovanelly  
Parks Commissioner