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	<p><b>Date:</b> March 6, 2025</p>
	<p><b>Regarding:</b> meeting</p>
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<p><b>Comments:</b></p>	

**DEXTER FRIENDS OF THE PARK COMMITTEE**

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the DEXTER FRIENDS OF THE PARK COMMITTEE will be held at 5:30pm, Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in the conference room at the Dexter Parks and Recreation office, located at 500 Fairground Drive in Dexter.

## Agenda

1. **Call to Order** *Vicki Windham, President*
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
4. **Public Comments** (At this time someone who has pre-registered with a committee officer or through the park department prior to the beginning of the committee meeting to present a position on a specific agenda item, or is pre-registered with a committee officer or through the park department in writing at least 5 business days prior to the beginning of the committee meeting to present a general comment about a non-agenda item will be given time for presentation to the committee. Each speaker is limited to 5 minutes. A maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for this public comment section. Please, just one spokesperson per group; individuals may speak only once per meeting; time regulated by committee president. Note: Individuals wishing to convey a complaint about procedures, regulations/policy, or personnel will not be scheduled to address the committee until all avenues with the park office have been exhausted; complaints directed at specific personnel will not be heard in open session.)
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Non-Profit report *Melinda Sweeney, Non-Profit Coordinator*
  - b. Story Walk update *Vicki Windham, President*
6. **New Business**  
There is no new business scheduled at this time. This is subject to change prior to the meeting.
7. **Discussion Items**
  - a. Ongoing fundraisers
    - i. The Amazing Dexter fundraiser *Vicki Windham, President*
    - ii. Art fundraiser *Jamie Rowe, Park Liaison*  
*Jerrica Cecil, Vice President*
  - b. Dexter parks update *Jamie Rowe, Park Liaison*
  - c. Social media update *Jansen Williams, Communications Director*
  - d. Financial update *Jennifer Brown, Treasurer*
  - e. New fundraiser ideas
  - f. Other business
8. **Adjourn**

*\*Agenda is TENTATIVE as of 3/5/2025 and subject to change prior to the meeting.*

# FRIENDS OF THE PARK COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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**Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Brown, Adam Clark, Amy Moon, Jamie Rowe, Melinda Sweeney, Jansen Williams, Vicki Windham

**Guests Present:** None

**1, 2. Call to Order/Roll Call:** The board president announces that the meeting is to begin and determines the presence or absence of committee members. President Vicki Windham called the meeting to order on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:30pm.**

**3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Vicki reviewed the minutes from the February meeting. The committee approved the minutes as presented.

**4. Public Comments:** There were no public comments made.

### 5. Old Business:

#### a. 501(c)3 Updates

- i. Non-profit coordinator Melinda Sweeney announced that our Missouri state tax exemption has been approved. She distributed copies of the committee's tax exemption letter to members. The committee is grateful to Melinda for her hard work in getting this accomplished!
- ii. Melinda reported that our IRS form 990 is in order and all paperwork is completed.

#### b. Story Walk update

- i. Park Liaison Jamie Rowe reported that the Story Walk project will be able to proceed once the Boon Park walking trail is completed. After the trail is finished, we will be able to determine how many pedestals we can order and get a design hammered out.
- ii. Amy Moon recommended holding a used book sale as a fundraiser for the Story Walk. Details are noted below in Discussion Items.

#### c. Equipment Purchase

- i. Park Liaison Jamie Rowe reported that all purchased items have arrived, including our memorial bench for John Stephens. Equipment will be installed later in the spring.
- ii. Jamie submitted the reimbursement requests for the equipment purchases.

### 6. New Business

- a. No new business was presented at tonight's meeting.

### 7. Discussion Items

#### a. Ongoing fundraising plans

##### i. The Amazing Dexter fundraiser

1. The Amazing Dexter will take place Saturday, March 8. Jamie reported that we do not have as many teams as we had hoped, but still have enough teams to make it viable. There are ten pit stops for the race

- and all the businesses are very excited about the event. Prizes have been donated for the first, second, and third place winners.
2. The race will begin at the Dexter Parks and Recreation office and gym. Once the race begins, teams will complete activities or obstacles at Jackson's Florist, Central Gardens, Fitness Connection, Corner Cottage, The Gallery, Wings Etc, Cypress Point, Fitness Plus, Total Pindemonium, the Dexter High School football team, and will end at Boon Park with the Dexter Rotary Club.
  3. Committee members chose their starting assignments (beginning at 10:00am):
    - a. DPR Gym: Vicki, Adam and Tara
    - b. Corner Cottage: Jansen
    - c. Central Gardens: Amy
- ii. Art Fundraiser
    1. There was no update provided on the art fundraiser at tonight's meeting.
- b. Dexter Parks Update
    - i. Park Liaison Jamie Rowe updated the committee on projects occurring at the city parks:
      1. The new walking trail is progressing nicely.
- c. Social Media Update
    - i. Communication Director Jansen Williams stated that there was not a lot of activity this month, but she will be posting advertisements for the used book fundraiser and for the Amazing Race.
- d. Financial Update
    - i. Treasurer Jennifer Brown reported deposits for \$10,000 for the Ameren grant, which was paid to DPR for reimbursement. A check for \$100 was made out for our annual dues for the Dexter Chamber of Commerce.
    - ii. Our current account balance stands at \$10,161.64. This will drop this week after reimbursements are made to DPR for our equipment purchases totaling \$7,172.81.
- e. New Fundraiser Ideas
    - i. Amy Moon suggested holding a used book sale as a fundraiser for the Story Walk project. She has organized a similar fundraiser in the past. Books were donated for the sale, then volunteers organized the books by genre. Posters were made with suggested prices but all donations were accepted for books. She held a bake sale at the same time. The committee loved the idea and recommended that Amy proceed with setting it up.
      1. We will target Saturday, April 26 as a tentative date for the fundraiser.
      2. Businesses agreeing to serve as drop-off locations for donated books include: Southern Bank, Corner Cottage, Patchwork Fabrics, Dexter Family Eye Care, and the Keller Public Library.
    - ii. Jamie recommended holding a fundraiser during fall fest. Ideas discussed included raffling off items (a few items), a 50/50 raffle, a relaxation booth, or something that could attract kids.
    - iii. Vicki suggested a "Galentine's Day" fundraiser.
- f. Other Business
    - i. There was no other business presented at tonight's meeting,

Our next scheduled meeting will be **Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30pm**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Clark".

Adam Clark  
Secretary