

Dexter Parks and Recreation Park Board
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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dexter Parks and Recreation Park Board will be held at 12:00 PM, Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the Dexter Parks and Recreation Office Meeting Room at 500 Fairground Drive, Dexter.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment (At this time someone who is pre-registered with the park office prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a position on a specific agenda item or is pre-registered with the park director in writing at least 5 business days prior to the beginning of the Board meeting to present a general comment about a non-agenda item will be given time for presentation to the Park Board. 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 Board President. Note: Individuals wishing to convey a complaint about procedures, regulations/policy, or personnel will not be scheduled to address the Board until all avenues with the park office has been exhausted; Complaints directed at specific personnel will not be heard in open session.)
3. Discussion of winter sports and looking at 2027
4. Any other business that might appear
5. Adjourn

****Agenda is TENTATIVE as of 9/3/2026 and subject to change prior to the meeting.***

DEXTER PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes— SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Members Present: Chris Warren, Adam Sadler, Marissa Mills, Dustin Wiseman, Matt Myers**Aldermen Present:** none**Park Staff Present:** Jamie Rowe**Meeting called to order:** 12:07 pm**Minutes:** Minutes for MARCH were reviewed for approval.**Motion:** -- Adam made a motion to approve the minutes**Second:** -- Marissa made a second to approve the minutes**Motion Carried:** -- all in favor**Citizens' Input:** none**Housekeeping:****Committee Reports:****A-Playground committee** – The committee is looking for ways to expand membership and draw attention back to the committee. Upcoming fundraiser is selling shirts at the high school cross-country meet**B-Trail Committee** –Trail project 006 update: plans are being put together for review; we are waiting on written approval to bid the project. Trail project 007 update: working with Walmart on plans for the extension of the culvert and entrance on the southeast side and working on plans.**C-Dog Park Committee** – Continuing maintenance at the park, filling in holes.**D-Tree Board** –no report**Aquatic & Recreation Report:*****Recreation –**

BASEBALL: working to add the addition of 4-year-olds to the program for spring of 2027

BASKETBALL: registration is underway; the deadline to register is 9-15-26

FOOTBALL: Tackle program is underway; season games will begin 9-12-26. Teams will play 6 games, with the possibility of championship games.

SOFTBALL: no report

TRACK: no report

FALL SOCCER: The season games start tomorrow. Soccer has 283 players this year.

VOLLEYBALL (YOUTH/WVB/COED): Youth volleyball games started this week and are going well. Women's registration is underway. The deadline to register is 9-15-26.

AQUATIC: The DAC closed for the season on August 2nd. Staffing was very difficult this season. The DAC closed for 3 days in July to fix a water leak. When the department exposed and fixed the leaks, there was growing concern that the recirculation system was leaking in multiple areas. After the DAC closed, the department exposed 4 more areas and discovered that the brass was failing in the threads of the pipes and the elbows were also failing. After exposing the 6 areas 5 out of the 6 were leaking. This would mean that a total of 26 wall inlets and plumbing need to be replaced. This is a bigger job than what our department needs to take on. Working to find companies that would be interested in bidding the repair job.**COMMUNITY GARDEN:** The garden has had an active summer. The bees that were installed at the garden have yielded 150 pounds of honey. The workers this summer have done a great job with harvesting and maintaining the area.**FARMER'S MARKET:** The last day for market will be September 10th. The season has slowed since the end of July.

PARK EVENTS:

KAYAK RACES—April 18, 2026

BLOOD DRIVE—June 3, 2026

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY—July 28, 2026

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING-OCTOBER 30, 2026

LIGHT IT UP-MONTH OF DECEMBER

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- The 3-year plan needs to be updated, which would be for 2027-2028-2029. Items were discussed, and a plan will be emailed for everyone to look over.
- The gym expansion has hit a wall, with not much movement. Everyone agrees it is a facility that is very needed, and that would be an incredible asset to the community. It is just a very steep uphill task.
- The D field at the complex was renovated by the department. The clay dirt was removed, and a sand/dirt mix was put in its place along with a chat bottom to help with drainage.
- Discussion of hiring a couple of high schoolers to work on social media for the department.
- Trying to find a company that works in rental of Christmas light décor to set up something at East Park during Light it Up.
- The department is looking to find a replacement for the Remind app that is used. Remind is expensive and continues to rise each year.

DPR Gym Task Force:

- Design Alliance architects have completed a plan for the gym expansion project.
- The next big step will be developing a plan for securing payment.

New Business:

- None

Membership Participation:

- Chris mentioned he had been asked about scheduling the girls basketball games later to allow dads to be able to do some hunting during the season.
- Matt asked about scoreboards for the complex, and asked about being able to upgrade the uniforms for baseball/softball. He had several over the summer ask about these specifically.
- Marissa mentioned DeJournett did some of the Christmas lights during the winter and might have a contact for Light it Up
- Dustin offered to use his drone to take some footage for the department to use on social media with projects the department is working on.
- There was a lot of discussion and concerns with the pool; depending on the price tag to make repairs on looking at other avenues to consider. A new pool and amenities would be very expensive, and for the use of 80-85 days out of the year, the department would rather look at channeling money a different direction. One suggestion was to look at the addition of 2 splash pads and lighting the soccer field to help with the department's 2 largest programs soccer and flag football; practice space is needed along with additional game times. Another was to use some of the grounds at the current pool and remodel into a skate park with a splash pad. The board would like to see the numbers for a splash pad, lighting the soccer field, repair cost for the DAC, and the number for a new pool facility. The problem of what to do to help with the bulk of users at the DAC using it for facility babysitting while they are at work during the summer while school is out.
- Other: None

Motion was made by Dustin to adjourn the meeting

Second was made by Matt

Motion Carried all in favor

Adjourn: 1:25pm

Next meeting scheduled for November 4, 2026, @ noon