

**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, June 4, 2025, in the conference room at the Dexter Parks and Recreation office, located at 500 Fairground Drive in Dexter.*

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**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*
    - iii. Blacklight Bingo *Jerrica Cecil, Vice President*
  - b. Dexter parks update *Melinda Sweeney, Non-Profit Coordinator*
  - c. Social media update *Jamie Rowe, Park Liaison*
  - d. Financial update *Jansen Williams, Communications Director*
  - e. New fundraiser ideas *Jennifer Brown, Treasurer*
  - f. Other business
8. **Adjourn**

*\*Agenda is TENTATIVE as of 4/30/2025 and subject to change prior to the meeting.*

# **FRIENDS OF THE PARK COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

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

**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. Vice President Jerrica Cecil called the meeting to order on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 5:30pm.**

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

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

**5. Old Business:**

- a. Non-Profit Report
  - i. Non-profit coordinator Melinda Sweeney had no updates tonight.
- b. Story Walk update
  - i. Park Liaison Jamie Rowe reported that the Story Walk is still on hold due to the construction of the walking trail.

**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. Jamie reported that she is still waiting on the sponsorship check from Ozark Federal Credit Union - it has been lost in the mail. OFCU will cancel the existing check in May and hand-deliver a new check.
  - ii. Art Fundraiser
    - 1. Vice President Jerrica Cecil reported that our art fundraiser package should be delivered this week. She reported that there were seventeen orders placed.
  - iii. Book Sale Fundraiser
    - 1. Amy asked for volunteers to help set up for the book sale on Friday afternoon/evening.
    - 2. The committee decided to post "suggested prices" for items at the book sale and not hold patrons to exact prices.
    - 3. The event is from 9:00-5:00 at the Catholic church on Saturday, May 3. Amy plans to have everything set up the night before.
- b. Dexter Parks Update
  - i. Park Liaison Jamie Rowe updated the committee on projects occurring at the city parks:

1. **Community Garden:** The garden is shaping up nicely for the season. DPR has already received some new donations of plants. The middle school Beta students have had a planting day, with two other volunteer days. Several fruits and vegetables are already in the ground! Raised beds are available to community groups and members to rent for \$50.00 for the season; the beds are 4x8 and already have soil in place.
  2. Jamie reported that most work on the new trail is complete, then work will move to the next two phases of the trail. One will create a horse shoe around Southwest Elementary, connecting to the new crosswalk at the Boon Park trail.
- c. **Social Media Update**
- i. Communication Director Jansen Williams asked that committee members share the Facebook event with their friends to help get the word out.
- d. **Financial Update**
- i. Treasurer Jennifer Brown reported that we paid \$100 to the Dexter Chamber of Commerce for our annual dues. Other disbursements totaled reimbursing Jamie \$349.45 for lunch at the Amazing Race fundraiser, and the check for \$7,172.81 reimbursing the Holloway fundraiser and payment for the memorial bench.
  - ii. A deposit was made for \$375 from the Amazing Race fundraiser.
  - iii. Our current account balance stands at \$3,014.38.
  - iv. A check was received from the Stoddard County Public Schools Retired Employees Association in memory of John Stephens for \$50.00.
- e. **New Fundraiser Ideas**
- i. Melinda reported that Missouri Foundation for Health now will sponsor fundraising events up to \$1500. She believes that they would be willing to jump onboard a fundraiser if we have a project in mind in the future.
  - ii. Melinda also suggested a blacklight bingo fundraiser and described some of the logistics that would be involved. The committee loved the idea and decided to aim for a Valentine's Day fundraiser. Jamie suggested checking with El Cabrito to see if they would be willing to handle the food and drinks.
- f. **Other Business**
- i. There was no other business presented at tonight's meeting.

Our next scheduled meeting will be **Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30pm**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Clark  
Secretary