



CITY OF BURTON

BURTON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 18, 2018

MINUTES

City of Burton Fire Station 2

Police and Fire Memorial

6:00 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by Commissioner Jeremy Scharrer at 6:00 PM.

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeremy Scharrer, Sue Warren, Bob Wilson and Jim Craig.

2. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

a. Discussion on Police and Fire Memorial.

Mr. Scharrer said so far Lt. Odette and Teine Deal. I am still waiting for other responses. Grand Blanc Concrete said they would donate to us but they do not do engraving. Marsh Monuments has their own engraving facility in Durand. They cannot guarantee the life of a concrete paver. Once they are engraved, they tend to weather. Pavers would have more wear to them as opposed to a wall. I am trying to find red bricks for "fire" and blue bricks for "police". A suggestion was made to move this Memorial to the Fire Station Park and name the park, First Responders Park. We could also put up the history of Burton, water tower and Fire Stations. There may be additional funds that may become available, because it's not something new, it's refurbishing the area. We could get the DDA involved, because that is part of downtown.

Ms. Warren stated I think there are files in the Mayors Office from the previous secretary that may show who has purchased the bricks. We have a sample of the bricks in our office. I also have notes regarding some people who are interested. I think we needed to have a certain amount of interest before we could bring in a company to start this. I suggest checking with Fenton Memorial.

Mr. Craig said I spoke to Debbie from Newton Timing and Kiwanis the other day. She asked me to speak at their breakfast regarding Parks & Recreation, the Five Year Plan and about any new park opportunities. I can mention the Police and Fire Memorial Park to them. We could also put up a sign at the park for those who donate.

Mr. Scharrer said I spoke to a company regarding printing the brochures. I don't know what the cost will be yet. I would like to place the sponsor bricks on the outside of the wall, away from the personalized bricks in the center. The bricks will be for Police and Fire Fighters whether they be current, past or deceased. There can be up to 18 characters placed on a brick. The wall and sculptures will be lit up. I think it would be nice to have red, white and blue lights and depending on the occasion they could be all red, all blue or all white. I was thinking of asking the Police and Fire Union sponsor the two benches that will be in front of the memorial.

Grand Blanc Concrete said they would like to donate. I am trying to track down information on the plans for the Memorial, that was already in place, as far back as 1999. I want to honor what Chief Hallstead's original thought process was.

Mr. Craig suggested opening this Memorial up to all first responders.

Mr. Wilson would like to replace the plants around the Veteran's Park.

Mr. Scharrer said September 21st through the 23rd is the State Fireman's Memorial Festival in Roscommon. I will be there and will look at their Memorial Park setup to get some different ideas. About 80% of the Firefighters in the state will be there. They have competitions. Our city usually does the extrication team which is cutting the vehicles apart.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.
