CITY OF BURTON

BURTON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 8, 2019

MINUTES

Council Chambers	By-Law Committee	4:30 PM

4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519

This meeting was opened by Chairperson James Craig at 4:30 PM.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeremy Scharrer
Sandra Talbot
Tina Conley
Jim Craig
Bob Wilson
Sue Warren

B. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. Ongoing and future maintenance of the city's parks.

   Mr. Scharrer stated I walked through our five Burton parks and made a list of things that can be done. We have discussed the Adopt A Park Program and having a supervisor in charge of each park. Jim Craig said he would supervise Kelly Lake, Bob Wilson said he would supervise the Veteran's Park, Sandra Talbot and I can supervise the Water Tower Park and Settlement Park. Eastgate Church and a church on Belsay Road are interested in adopting Fire Station #2 Park.

   Ms. Talbot suggested placing a plaque at the park to show recognition to the people that are taking care of the parks.

   Mrs. Conley said Betty Walker of Walker Farms and Greenhouses deserves a ton of recognition. She has helped Burton so much.

   Mr. Scharrer stated Mrs. Walker has donated many plants to the Veteran's Park, however they have not been taken care of and they need a lot of work. Any plants that are taken out should be replanted to other areas around the city.

   Mr. Wilson said he has contacted the Great Lakes and they are going to give him a list of all the plants that they use that are green all year round.

   Mr. Scharrer said there are so many areas that need attention. We need a master gardener to advise us. We only have a couple of weeks before Memorial Day to clean up around the Veteran's Park. We should probably wait until Fall to transfer the plants. We could ask veteran's wives, scouts and seniors to assist with the care of the parks and plant beds. The sign at Kelly Lake needs to be painted and flowers planted around the sign. The sign by the pavilion at Kelly Lake looks terrible. The paint is peeling off, it is rusted and the sponsor signs are falling off. If it is not going

to be fixed, it should be pulled out. We are having a cleanup at the Fire Station #1 Water Tower Park on May 19, 2019 from 11 AM to 3 PM. The Boy Scouts Pack 168 will be there to help. I will bring the hotdogs and buns and the Boy Scouts are bringing a dish to pass.

Ms. Warren stated I have checked with licensing and there are no restrictions on the type of mulch that is used for playground areas, so we can use the mulch that we have.

Mr. Craig said at the Fireman's Park playground, (Fire station #2), has overgrowth near the fence line needs to be cut down and there is a tree that is hanging over the playground fence that should be cut back. There are safety issues with peeling paint on the playground equipment.

Mr. Scharrer asked where the playscape is that was supposed to go up at the Fireman's Park. Money has already been donated for this. I would like to start cleaning up the creek bank at Settlement Park. Another safety concern are the trees coming down and the quads, dirt bikes and tractors that come through there daily. We may need to put up a fence to keep motor vehicles out. I would like to put up a sign that says they are not allowed to come in to the park. There have been more visitors now that some of the trees were taken down. If we place picnic tables in the park, they will need to be staked down.

Mrs. Conley said she would contact someone to get prices on picnic tables.

The next scheduled By-Law Committee meeting will be June 12, 2019 @ 4:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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