



CITY OF BURTON

BURTON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 12, 2017

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

5:30 AM

**4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519**

This meeting was opened by Chairman James Craig at 5:30 AM.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sandra Talbot	Co-Chairman	Present	
James Craig	Chairman	Present	
Debra Dunsmore	Commissioner	Absent	
Robert Wilson	Commissioner	Present	
Megan Kalandyk	Commissioner	Absent	
Christina Conley	Councilwoman	Present	

B. STAFF PRESENT

B. Bisby, Parks & Recreation Director

M. Kimball, Clerk's Office

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Did not vote due to lack of quorum.

1. Parks & Recreation Commission - Regular Meeting - Mar 8, 2017 5:30 PM
2. Parks & Recreation Commission - Special Meeting - Mar 15, 2017 5:00 PM
3. Parks & Recreation Commission - Burton Memorial Parade & Activities - Mar 15, 2017 6:00 PM

D. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

1. Easter Egg Hunt Follow Up

Mrs. Bigsby stated the Easter Egg Hunt went very well. All the prizes are gone. We also went through 200 bags that we handed out. Dairy Queen gave us 250 free cone coupons to pass out and Buffalo Wild Wings donated the bags. We also put a Hurley water bottle in each bag.

Mrs. Talbot said she would have liked to see more student volunteers helping at the events. We need to communicate directly with the person in charge of the student volunteers to get the word out.

2. Memorial Day Events

Mr. Craig stated Mrs. Kalandyk is interested in helping out with the Memorial Day Run. I will find out about the golf carts.

Mrs. Bigsby said she will check on the signs.

Mr. Wilson said he will contact the Marine Corp League. The beginning of May a few ladies from DAV will be working on the Veteran's Memorial Park plants.

Mrs. Bigsby stated Earl Davis has a suggestion for next year's entertainment. He is thinking it could be a fundraiser for Parks & Recreation.

3. Family Movie Night Events

Mrs. Bigsby said Family Movie Night will be at Solid Rock Church, 2222 Belsay Road on April 15, 2017. We will be showing the movie "Finding Dory" at 6:00 p.m. Activities will start at 5:00 p.m. There is no admission fee.

June 10, 2017 the movie Moana will be showing at the Burton Eagles. Activities start at 8 p.m. and the movie starts at 9 p.m. There is no admission fee.

August 26, 2017 the movie Beauty and the Beast will be showing at the Burton Eagles with activities starting at 7 p.m. and the movie starting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Johns will be out of town so some of us will need to be there.

4. Veterans Honor Run

Mr. Craig said the Volunteers of America would like to help with the cost of the medals. They would like to see everyone receive a finisher medal. With putting on these quality events, sponsors are starting to come to us.

Mr. Wilson said the way the barriers were placed worked out perfect. We directed the cars to keep them from parking in front. It was a lot safer. I have a few people in mind for the female and male Veteran of the year. If anyone else has names, bring their information to the next meeting and we can go over it.

5. Discussion on the Parks & Recreation Five Year Plan

Mr. Craig stated our Parks & Recreation Master Plan expires the end of December in 2017. We need to work the Master Plan that would start January 1, 2018.

Mrs. Bigsby said she will find out what we need to do to get this started.

Mr. Wilson said I heard there was an Indian burial ground at one time on the property where VG's is. How do we investigate this to see if this is true? We could check with Genesee County Register of Deeds.

Mrs. Bigsby said she will see if the Burton Library has any information on this.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

I met with a firefighter who would like to do fundraising to update the park, put in a new

play structure and improve the landscaping at Fire Station 1. It would be nice if we could also update the park at Fire Station 2, we could put it in our budget next year. I am going to classes to be certified for playground safety inspection. I am working toward my Certified Youth Sport Administrator certification.

I have had two inquiries regarding land for a possible park on Belsay Rd behind the VFW Post.

Mr. Wilson from the VFW said they held a meeting regarding this. The discussion was to have a possible dog park and amphitheater there. The person who presented it to us wanted the VFW to donate the land or rent the land out. The land cannot be rented out and it was decided that they are keeping the property. Any decisions would have to be approved by the Department of Michigan and the National. There is a narrow lot by Maple Road that would make a good dog park.

Mr. Craig said if property were donated for Parks & Recreation to use, we would still be taking on liability, building and maintaining the park. We already have a tight budget. We have tax reverted property that we may be able to use. I think our parks should be spread out over Burton. We don't have a park north of I-69. We also have a lot of property at Thread Creek that we could develop further on.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

G. COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND / OR ACTION

None.

1. Approve and authorize the payment of Invoice #17013, Weiss Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$250.00 for Superhero Fun Run booth space rental sponsorship.

Did not vote due to lack of quorum.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 AM.
