

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 1997 4:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Paula Zelenko, Chairperson at 4:10 P.M.

Members Present: Blundell, Hodgeson, Hindes, Manzardo, Waterson,
McLemore

Zelenko, Foutch, Kallin, Walls.

Members Absent: Crawford

Others Present: J. Major, DPW Director; K. Cheli, Project Engineer,
Rowe

Engineering; J. Brown, Clerk's Office.

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meeting October 22,
1997
at 4:00 P.M.

Moved by Hodgeson, seconded by Hindes to move to the end of the meeting.
Motion carried 10-0.

Presentation:

J. Major said he would give one at the end of the meeting.

Audience Participation:

There was no one in the audience.

Commission Discussion:

Mrs. Zelenko read "Potential Recreation Goals", Mrs. Hodgeson said these were realistic goals. Mr. Hindes spoke on planning 5 or 6 different projects and only finishing one. Mrs. Manzardo read from the Flint Journal about cleaning up the Flint River. Mr. Major said we were on the up side of the Flint River, there are several communities "up" from Burton. Lengthy and informal discussion followed.

Moved by Hodgeson, seconded by Hindes to adopt these goals as stated by K. Cheli.

Discussion on the motion followed. Mrs. Manzardo wished to add the word "facilitator" to the sixth goal: Strengthen the role of the city of Burton as a regional provider & facilitator of recreational opportunities.

Motion amended to add the word "facilitator". Motion carried 10-0.

The Commission studied maps of city owned property. Mrs. Hodgeson said in

the past sub-divisions set aside areas in the development for recreational use. Discussion on developers completing these projects followed. Mr. Cheli said they should take inventory of present facilities. Mrs. Manzardo said some facilities are not useable , the equipment is in disrepair. Informal discussion on what types of facilities should be inspected for possible public use.

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Mr. Cheli said sometimes there could be a joint-written operating policy. He asked the members to update amenities at each school. Mrs. Hodgeson talked about counting churches and private facilities. It was agreed that the paper work had to be done first before anything can be accomplished.

Mrs. Zelenko assigned sections of the city to the members for them to survey and inventory the facilities available.

Discussion on the 1972 Recreation Study followed. J. Major said on page 11 is an inventory which could be used as an example to update this study. Mr. Hindes spoke on the growth of Burton, he asked if other communities are growing as fast as we are. Mr. Majors said according to a recent Journal article this new growth is coming up from Oakland County and neighboring communities are experiencing new growth. Mrs. Zelenko said she expects everyone to read the study so they can get up to speed by the next meeting. Mr. Major asked if Mr. Cheli wanted the commission to approve and authorize that the study be part of the new grant? Mr. Cheli said no action is necessary, except that they should read and study it because there is alot of good information in it that could help this board. He also said they are in the process of completing the recreation providers interviews and they will summarize those interviews for the Commission when they are finished.

Discussion on holding Town Hall meetings and ways to get input from the residents and students in Burton followed. Various methods of getting the students involved and ways of getting input from Senior Citizens was discussed.

Mr. Major spoke on having a resolution by the commission to let them review the sale of any city property for potential parks and recreational use. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hindes, seconded by Hodgeson to approve and authorize Parks & Recreation Commission to request to review any potential sale of City

property so it may be cleared for parks and recreational use.
Motion carried 10-0.

Mr. Major handed out concept drawings. He explained the water tower is going to be torn down and the location would make a nice mini-park. K. Cheli said it might be possible to use Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. Major said Arbor Drugs will be building on the corner and perhaps they would contribute to a park. He said the Mayor had hoped to have picnic tables, lighting and a clock tower. Informal discussion followed.

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Motion by Walls, seconded by Manzardo to approve and authorize an endorsement that the city should go ahead with one of the conceptual plans for the mini-park at the water tower site.
Motion carried 10-0.

Mrs. Zelenko asked if there was any other business to be taken care of tonight. Mr. Walls said he had a check in the amount of \$643.29 from the treasury of Station #2 Park's committee which has been closed out and is now donated to the new Parks & Recreation Committee. Mr. Zelenko asked if this money was to be used specifically at Station 2 and Mr. Walls said no it could be used anywhere. She thanked Mr. Walls and said it was "great".

Mrs. Zelenko restated the areas the commission members were assigned to take an inventory on and reminded them to read through the 1972 Park study.

Mr. McLemore excused himself from the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Discussion on cancelling the second December meeting due to the holidays. K. Cheli said he would check on this and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mrs. Zelenko was reminded that the minutes of the last meeting still had to be approved.

Motion by Foutch, seconded by Kallin to approve the minutes of October 22, 1997 as written. Motion carried 9-0.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be November 26, 1997 at 4:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Jeanette Brown,
Clerk's Office