

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 1997 4:00 P.M.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zelenko at 4:07 P.M.

Members Present: P. Zelenko, R. Foutch, J. Kallin, R. Walls, R. Blundell,
J. Hodgeson, A. Hindes, P. Manzardo, R. Waterson.

Members Absent: M. Crawford

Others Present: B. Sauvidon, Rowe Engineering; J. Major, Director DPW;
J. Brown, Clerk's Office.

Moved by Blundell, seconded by Hodgeson to approve the minutes of
November 12, 1997 as written. Motion carried 9-0.

Chairman Zelenko reviewed the purpose of the meeting:

1. Update existing parks location map.
2. Thoughts on existing (1972 study) park information.
3. Rowe Engineering agenda items as attached.
4. Any other business or discussion germane to commission business.

PRESENTATION:

J. Major reported the property next to Station Three has been sold.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one wished to speak.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

B. Sauvidon said he would leave Item 1 of the agenda to the end of the discussion. For his first topic he said Rowe Engineering representatives would attend the December 10th, 1997 meeting.

He reviewed the Recreation Provider Interviews. He said he got some very good information and good ideas from the people. He spoke with the following people: Director of Burton Little Leagues; Burton Senior Citizens Activity; Neighborhood Watch Program Director; Principal of Bentley Elementary Schools; Carman-Ainsworth representative; Davison Parks & Recreation Director; Chairman of the Firefighters Playground; and the Director of Community Education for GISD. He got their perceptions

of what would be useful such as ball fields, walk ways, bike paths, rollerblading rink that could be flooded in the winter and used for skating, bathrooms provided, handicapped accessible. One felt that a number one priority project should be a multi-purpose, multi-functional facility including basketball, soccer fields, and skating rink. He said health benefits should be stressed along with volunteerism. Ask local clubs

for donations; raise some money by selling decals; and asking voters for extra-voted millage to fund Parks & Recreation.

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Discussion on Item #3 followed on population projections. Some members disputed the low estimate of Burton population. J. Major said our city controller could give them the number of garbage stops or R. Stewart and D. Lowthian could possibly give updated figures on new homes that have been built in Burton.

The Public Opinion Survey should either go forward now or forego it. He said time is of the essence.

Item #6 he reviewed the packet regarding Shiawasee County millage. He said it was very interesting information and the Commission might enjoy reading it over. Mr. Foutch asked how much 1 mill would raise in Burton. J. Major was advised by D. Lowthian that a half mill would raise \$223,000.

Item #5 discusses charting out the next five years and what you may want to do. The members should prioritize with a list of goals. He said everything starts with a vision.

Chairman Zelenko said that each of the members took areas of the City and inventoried what was available for recreation. Mr. Sauvidon asked that at the end of the next meeting of December 10th a list of what the Commission thinks should be available in the City of Burton. Discussion on grants and a five year plan followed. Discussion on residents buying park equipment and donating it as a memorial in some cases. The cost of this was also discussed.

P. Manzardo said little parks help preserve green spaces among residential areas. J. Kallin gave a report of Bendle school recreational facilities. P. Manzardo gave her report on Dillon and Weston schools. Reports were made on Genesee Christian, Davison Roadside Park, Barhitte, Metzger Valley Christian, Van Y, Fisk is now a private day care and is fenced, South Bendle, West Bendle, Griffith Court and Friel school. Bentley Junior High and the Senior High share ball fields. Mr. Foutch gave a report on Atherton Junior High playground equipment. J. Kallin reported on T.N. Lamb and Bendle High School.

B. Savidon gave a short report of private recreational facilities. He said at the next meeting everyone bring their lists of what types of parks they would like to see in Burton. P. Manzardo and R. Waterson volunteered to survey residents at Courtland Mall.

Chairman Zelenko said item #4 would be on the agenda for the next meeting

on Wednesday, December 10, 1997.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 P.M.

Jeanette Brown,
Clerk's Office