

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2000/4:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting is called to order by Paula Manzardo at 4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Hindes, Crawford, Manzardo, Centilli, Abbey, Roach, Walls, Waterson, West

Members Absent: Blundell, Hodgeson, Perry

Others Present: J. Major, DPW Director, J. Adams, Clerk's Office

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Hindes to approve and authorize the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting of January 12, 2000, at 4:00 p.m.

Motion carried, 9-0.

- PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:
1. Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park – Progress Report
 2. Fire Station #2 – Progress Report
 3. Davison Road Side Park / Take Over Report by Sub-Committee
 4. Bendle / CD Playground Equipment Update
 5. Bi-laws: Cancellation of meetings, agenda format, location of meetings, and agenda format.
 6. Any other business or discussion germane to Commission business

PRESENTATION:

Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park

Mr. Hindes said the cannon is ordered and it should be in place by Memorial Day. He reviewed the various service flags to be present at the site and those to still be purchased.

Fire Station #2

Mrs. Waterson said she met with a sales representative from Game Time and he is going to get back with her on estimates for new equipment. He gave suggestions on some items that could be moved or taken out, and spoke regarding safety issues on some of the playground equipment that is in need of attention. Mrs. Waterson spoke further regarding exploring possibilities of a playscape at the location.

Brief discussion followed regarding safety concerns. Mr. Major said they will have someone at the next meeting to find out what they recommend and the costs involved.

Mrs. Waterson mentioned that at Fire Station #2 on February 16, 2000, 10:00 a.m., she has an appointment with another sales representative regarding new equipment and if anyone wanted to join them, they are welcomed.

Davison Road Side Park

Mrs. Manzardo spoke briefly regarding the County's disinterest in a joint venture with the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the park. The most they were willing to offer were a few picnic tables and grills.

Mr. Major said Ralph LaDuke is still working on that and he will probably have a report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Manzardo said she is surprised at the number of children she has seen playing on the hill this winter. She saw an advertisement in the paper of that hill being the beginner hill of Genesee County Parks & Recreation for sledding.

Brief discussion followed regarding lighting at night for that location.

Bendle School Playground

Mr. Major said Ralph LaDuke is working with the Principal to form their specifications and drawings. We cannot do much until the Community Development office releases the funding after July 2000. There is still plenty of time to put the specs together and as soon as they are done, they will bring it back to the P & R Commission.

Mr. Major spoke briefly regarding the budget and said he included Mr. Becker's last print-out of where they stand with the General Fund budget. Mr. Major spoke further that they have two other budgets, Community Development and Capital Improvement. He suggested the Commission start looking over what they propose to do for next year and what their budget is going to be.

Mr. Major said he can draft a proposed budget in conjunction with Ralph LaDuke for the next meeting to review. They could take this, put together some items and have a budget session.

Bi-Laws

Mr. Hindes indicated several Parks & Recreation meetings were cancelled due to the lack of members in attendance for a quorum. He spoke further regarding the Roberts Rules of Order concerning that issue.

Brief discussion followed regarding the number of members for a quorum. Mr. Hindes felt they should make a motion concerning that. Mrs. Manzardo suggested they could still have their meeting with the numbers present, but not take any action. She feels they should take suggestions and recommendations from the Commission, and then take possible action at the next meeting.

Mr. Abbey commented that would be the right approach.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Centilli spoke regarding improvements to the Veterans Memorial. He is going to order eavestroughs to be put on the pavilion because of the water that comes off the roof. Also, he took off the plates on one side of the Memorial wall because they were staining and not properly made. They were sent back to Chicago and will be replaced free.

Mr. Centilli spoke further regarding the need for an underground sprinkling system behind the pavilion, and restrooms. He commented on having a playscape for south Bendle.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh St., Burton, MI, asked if there is sufficient funds with regards to Community Development dollars for south Bendle, and if the money transferred out of NHS was applied to the park account. She asked if Mr. Abbey could have a report on this for the next P & R meeting.

Brent Savidant from Rowe, Inc. said they are presently assisting the City of Flint in developing a master plan for the Flint River Trail. Some of the other projects they plan on developing include Rails and Trails along the CSX railway corridor. It runs from Saginaw Street at the Flint River to the southeast City of Burton boundary. Mr. Savidant also spoke briefly regarding trails through Thread Creek.

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COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by Hindes, seconded by Centilli, to purchase three Army flags, three Navy flags and three Marine flags for the Veterans Memorial at a total cost of \$300.

Motion carried, 8-1. Crawford – no.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:55 P.M.

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