

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2000/4:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting was called to order by Paula Manzardo, Chairperson, at 4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Blundell, Hodgeson, Hindes, Crawford, Abbey, Manzardo, Roach, Walls, Waterson and West.

Members Absent: Centilli.

Others Present: R. LaDuke, Deputy DPW Director, C. Smiley, Mayor.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: 1. 2000/2001 Budget
2. Youth Baseball/Softball Programs
3. Memorial Day Parade
4. Any other business or discussion germane to commission business

PRESENTATION:

Mr. LaDuke announces that Mayor Smiley has appointed him Parks and Recreation Director.

Budget

Mr. LaDuke suggests carrying over money from last years projects that were on hold to this year where items not spent have funds still available.

Mrs. Manzardo would like to put back money for Kelly Lake. She would like to see about providing emergency access for emergency vehicles before planning any other developments.

Mrs. Manzardo also commented on Fire Station #2. She stated the need for money to be budgeted to correct some problems with the play area there. The area needs to be made handicap accessible.

Mr. LaDuke asked what the board would like to see done with Davison Road Park. Should we take it over from the County or not? If we did take it over, we would have to consider the cost to maintain it.

Youth Programs

Mr. Roach commented that the tennis courts at Atherton need improvements because they are being used quite often.

Mr. Abbey said that we could use CD dollars to do any projects at South Bendle. That way we don't have to use money from the General Fund. It is a CD qualifying area.

Mr. LaDuke discussed the possibility of the Parks and Recreation Commission taking over the youth baseball/softball program over from Atherton.

The Commission agreed that it would be feasible to take over the youth baseball/softball program from Atherton. Mr. Roach will discuss this with Atherton at the next Board Meeting.

Memorial Day Parade

Mr. LaDuke discussed the possibility of the Parks and Recreation Commission taking over the management of the Memorial Day Festivities.

Mrs. Manzardo asked how the expenses of the Parade would be handled.

Mr. LaDuke replied that the City Council allocates a certain amount of dollars for the functions.

Mr. Hindes said that they also rely on donations.

Mr. Abbey said that it would help relieve the burden on the staff if we could get some outside help from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Manzardo asked if the Commission could take on a certain part of the duties instead of the whole event.

Mr. Hindes suggested taking over the parade part of the festivities.

The Commission is willing to volunteer for one area of the Memorial Day Festivities.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jan Bolen, 1169 Howe, asked where the access to Kelly Lake would be located.

Mrs. Manzardo believes when originally discussed it was a Munson St. site, but she is not positive that it was the best location or only location. A walk in entrance could be put on Genesee Rd.

Mrs. Bolen also asked if the youth programs would be located at one central location or at all of the schools.

Mr. LaDuke replied that it would be up to the individual schools to develop a program with us.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2000, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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