

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 26, 1999/4:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting is called to order by Paula Zelenko at 4:04 P.M.

Members Present: Zelenko, Blundell, Hodgeson, Hindes, Crawford, Zelenko, Walls, Manzardo, Waterson

Members Absent: LaDuke, Burger, Kallin

Others Present: B. Savidant, Project Mgr. Planner, Rowe, Inc., K. Call, Rowe, Inc., J. Major, DPW Director,
J. Adams, Clerk's Office

Moved by Crawford, seconded by Walls to approve and authorize the minutes of the Meetings of March 10, 1999, at 4:00 p.m., and April 14, 1999, at 4:00 p.m.

- PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:
1. Fire Station #1/Water Tower Park – Progress Report
 2. Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park – Progress Report
 3. Review & discussion relative to Thread Creek & Davison Rd. Side Park/Clean Michigan Initiative (Proposal C)
 4. Any other business or discussion germane to Commission business

PRESENTATION:

Burton Water Tower Park

Kristin Call indicated ERA Companies are still waiting to get all their contractors and paperwork in order. They have spray painted and outlined where everything is going to be placed. Half of the concrete sidewalk has been poured. There has been no major difficulties and they are presently waiting for equipment that was ordered, which takes 6 to 8 weeks to come in. Ms. Call spoke further regarding installing the fencing and brick paver grading, and indicated if the equipment comes in on time, they would like to be completely finished with the project by July 4th.

Clean Michigan Initiative

Brent Savidant spoke at length regarding the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) – Recreation Bond Program. (Please see attached documents handed out). The Davison Road Side Park would be eligible under the CMI and the Thread Creek trailway development would be under the MNRTF. Mr. Savidant said the State has put a very high priority on trailway development.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: No audience participation.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Mr. Hindes spoke on the progress being made and the items still to be completed at the Veterans Memorial pavilion. He said they are still looking forward to a cannon coming to the site, and it will come from Atlanta, Georgia. He discussed briefly the costs of having it transported from there and having the cannon de-militarized. Mr. Hindes also stated there has been discussion on having barbecue pits at the pavilion, which he and others feel will take away from the Memorial aspect.

Mr. Walls suggested possibly using the National Guard in transporting the cannon.

Brief discussion followed regarding the play equipment and drinking fountain at the Water Tower Park.

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Mrs. Zelenko suggested inviting someone from the County Parks & Recreation Commission to come and give a history and what steps we need to take the Davison Road Side Park over. Mrs. Zelenko distributed pictures of the park she took over the weekend to the Commission and indicated it had not been mowed and there has been dumping of rubbish down the hill.

Brief discussion followed regarding changing of ownership and cleaning up the area.

Mrs. Zelenko suggested a joint venture with the County in cleaning up or getting them to remove the grills.

Mr. Major indicated he will try to have someone from the County at the next meeting.

Mrs. Zelenko also stated they cannot get any type of funding until the City has ownership.

Mr. Savidant said the applicant has to own the property or have a long-term interest in the property. There will have to be a responsible party that is the applicant. Half of the 25% minimum match can be in-kind service and removing the equipment can be part of that grant. The County could donate as far as that match, their time and services of removal of items.

Mr. Major said the change of ownership will probably take at least 90 days, by the time the City, County and Parks passes resolutions.

Mr. Savidant said as part of the grant application there is an Attorney Title of Opinion which the attorney has to look at the legal description of the map and property, sign off and state this is owned by the City.

Mr. Major asked if the County could still apply for that same grant.

Mr. Savidant said the County can apply if it is in the County Parks & Recreation Plan.

Mrs. Manzardo suggested doing something with Thread Creek that the City does own.

Mr. Savidant said railway development particularly along a waterway, the State looks extremely high at. Genesee County has taken an initiative of pushing railway development in the County.

Mrs. Zelenko spoke on establishing a committee or sub-committee for the grant application for the Thread Creek area. She will speak with the Mayor on his thoughts regarding this.

Mr. Hindes spoke regarding the names of the three walkways at the Veterans Memorial Park. Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans are the only three veterans organizations within the City of Burton.

Mrs. Zelenko said there is 1997 CD funding of approximately \$6,800 that needs to be spent. She would like the Commission to think about how they want to spend those dollars. In the Parks & Recreation Plan it is discussed doing cooperative things with the schools. Mrs. Zelenko spoke further regarding the school representatives on the Commission getting with the schools on their ideas.

Mrs. Hodgeson said she would like to see nice playground equipment at South Bendle because they have bad equipment. They have done things at West Bendle already.

Mrs. Waterson inquired as to the fibar material at Fire Station #2.

Mr. Major said Rick Riess is working on that and will have something in there in the next 30 to 45 days. There is also a new product they are looking into.

Mrs. Zelenko re-iterated the the school Commission members getting into contact with the schools on their needs.

Brief discussion followed regarding allocations to spend and identifying needs, and also the possible renting of the Veterans Memorial Park pavilion and procedures to follow.

Mr. Hindes suggested appointing a committee for the Veterans Memorial.

Brief discussion followed regarding a committee.

Mrs. Zelenko said the proper channel would be to take the recommendations to City Council and they would probably be referred to the Legislative Committee before they came back to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mrs. Zelenko asked the Commission who would be interested in being on the Committee.

Mr. Hindes, Mrs. Manzardo, Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Walls stated they would like to be on the Committee.

Mrs. Zelenko spoke regarding the planting of flowers at City Hall. She passed pictures taken of the day, and spoke of the volunteers involved with the project.

Mrs. Zelenko spoke briefly on the County Connections with regards to the bike trails. She indicated that Davison wants to connect with Burton to get to the City of Flint via Court St. There has been re-surfacing done along with the start of a bike lane on the south side. She has spoke with Linda Harrison from Davison regarding a bike lane on Davison Road.

Brief discussion followed regarding the cannon and the transportation of it.

Mrs. Zelenko asked the Committee if they could meet at 3:00 p.m. on June 9th before the next Parks & Recreation meeting.

Mrs. Manzardo mentioned collecting the VG receipts and asked for suggestions of other places to collect them.

Mrs. Zelenko also suggested the Senior Citizens Center and to speak with Jean Morgan regarding it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jan Bolen, 1169 Howe Rd., Burton, MI, asked if some of the CD money could be utilized at Bentley School to put in outdoor basketball hoops. The only thing they have there is swings and there are 5th and 6th graders that would even enjoy a jungle gym or possibly a slide.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

No action taken.

Mrs. Zelenko stated the next Parks & Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m. She indicated having someone from the County at the meeting, also possibly the County Commissioner.

Mrs. Waterson inquired as to what IMA is doing with the kids.

Mr. Major indicated the Mayor is handling that.

Mrs. Zelenko said they will try and have an IMA update and have the Mayor at the next meeting. Also, the Veterans Sub-Committee will give a report, and the Commission can discuss Thread Creek. Mrs. Zelenko said she would like to have two meetings in June to get moving on Thread Creek. That meeting will be on June 23rd.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:08 P.M.

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