

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 9, 1999/4:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting is called to order by Paula Zelenko at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Blundell, Hindes, Crawford, LaDuke, Bendall, Walls, Burger, Zelenko, Manzardo, Waterson,

Members Absent: Hodgeson,

Others Present: Ron Miller, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, IMA Brookwood, Paul Piornack IMA Brookwood Recreation Director, D. Richards, Clerk's Office and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Moved by Mrs. Zelenko, seconded by Mrs. Crawford to approve and authorize the minutes of the Regular Parks and Recreation meeting of May 26, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried 10 – 0.

- PURPOSE OF MEETING:
1. Fire Station #1/Water Tower Park—Progress Report
 2. Improvements to Veteran's Memorial Park—Progress Report
 3. Review and discussion relative to Thread Creek & Davison Roadside Park/Clean Michigan Initiative (Proposal C)
 4. Davison Roadside Park/Take over discussion with County Representatives
 5. IMA Recreation Program update by Mayor
 6. Any other business or discussion germane to commission business

PRESENTATION:

IMA Foundation

Mr. Piornack discussed a brief history and goals regarding the IMA Foundation such as availability, financial concerns, fundraisers, equipment, and the different academies made available to the community. He is working directly for facility use with Bill McLemore and Bruce Kefgen of Bentley. He has access to Atwood Stadium and Whaley Park in Flint. Mr. Piornack indicated he would like help for the Parks and Recreation with the facilities. They are requesting a larger networking to make sure the information gets out to every single child.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Zelenko asked how, where and what has been done so far.

Mrs. Manzardo inquired costs, and scholarships.

Mr. Piornack doesn't put prices on the flyers because he doesn't want to intimidate people by it; it will be made affordable to each and every family. Mr. Piornack describes the benefits of these experiences to kids.

Mr. LaDuke said the program the IMA Foundation has is good county-wide, but he is interested in, first and foremost, in providing activities for the residents of the City of Burton. Not exclusively, but the Park and Recreation Commission should concentrate on Burton before they expand countywide. He thinks that the IMA should have a contact person here at the City that works with area schools and facilities.

Mr. Piornack stated the activities can be replicated in different cities, that every program they have can be based in Burton as well as having the same program in another city.

Mrs. Manzardo asked if the three school districts are offering many of the same programs.

Mr. LaDuke said there are baseball programs in all three districts and that Atherton has a football program.

Mrs. Manzardo recommend that the IMA be placed on the agendas of the School Board meetings. She asked that each Parks and Recreation member from each of the school districts, talk with the school board members before this item is put on a agenda, and Mr. Piornack would be available to present the IMA Program.

Mr. Burger agrees with Mr. LaDuke in catering to Burton kids and keeping them off the streets and occupied. Mr. Burger inquired if IMA is asking for financial backing or involvement.

Mr. Piornack stated he would like involvement by way of facilities and getting kids involved in this program.

Mr. LaDuke discussed territorial attitudes between the schools. He indicated they can use City facilities such as the Council Chambers, Senior Citizens Center and the Police training center, other than the schools.

Mrs. Zelenko said the IMA should have the support of the Parks and Recreation Commission at the School Board meetings when IMA gives the presentation. She also inquired as to what other cities are doing. Mrs. Zelenko indicated her commitment to be at the School Board meetings to support the IMA Foundation.

Mr. LaDuke said he prefers to wait until after the school elections in order for this plan to be more effective.

Mrs. Zelenko would like an update on what the Board members find out from their schools during the next meeting to be held on June 23rd so that the Commission is ahead of it before summer goes by.

Mr. LaDuke offered his assistance for the use of City facilities.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street, Burton, MI spoke regarding trying to reach young kids at Green Briar.

Mr. Walls suggested we hire a part time director to work with the Board. And this decision is made at the next meeting.

Mrs. Zelenko stated they need to make a recommendation today of monetary needs because of the upcoming budget meetings. She suggests they try it for a year. Mrs. Zelenko asked Mr. Piornack and Mr. Miller what they think would be an appropriate cost for a part time Director.

Mr. Miller suggested finding someone that is newly retired, and that is interested in working with kids and enjoys recreation, and who is competent.

Mr. LaDuke said they would have to set the amount in dollars and then the Mayor would choose the person to do the job. He said the person hired should be able to have key contacts to open the doors.

Bob Centilli of 4479 Lawnwood Ln. Burton, MI asked for a sprinkler system and a bench for people to sit on at the pavilion.

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Mr. LaDuke asked for cost, but Mr. Centilli said he does not have one as of yet.

Mrs. Manzardo asked Mr. Centilli to obtain an estimate for the next meeting on June 23rd.

Brief discussion followed regarding Green Briar and their facilities.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Zelenko, recommend to City Council to set aside \$25,000 for part-time Park and Recreation Director.

Motion carried 10-0.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Fire Station Park #1—Progress Report

Mr. LaDuke gave a brief update, Play equipment has been order. He said they are digging postholes for the fence.

Thread Creek and Davison Roadside Park

Mrs. Zelenko states that the County contact person is not present and there is nothing to be discussed at this point, but hopefully a representative will, be present at the next meeting.

Improvements to Veteran's Memorial Park—Progress Report

Mrs. Zelenko said that the improvements to the Veteran's Memorial Park would include what Mr. Centilli has requested.

Mr. Hindes stated that the Memorial Park ground is sacred ground to Veterans and read aloud some basic guidelines that the public should follow.

Mr. LaDuke stated that the pavilion would be reserved through the Receptionist. So therefore it would not be first come, first serve basis. Mr. Hindes agreed with Mr. LaDuke.

Mr. LaDuke said Mother Goose has reserved it to read to the kids.

Mr. Hindes said if a Veteran wants to perform a memorial service, then Mother Goose would be out of the time slot originally reserved.

Mrs. Zelenko reiterates that the Veterans Memorial Committee was formed to give ideas on some guidelines for the use of the grounds, and Mr. Hindes has given the Committee's recommendations. There will be time set aside to discuss what exactly the spirit and intent is of each one of the rules. Mrs. Zelenko asked that these guidelines be typed out and distributed to each Commission member before the next meeting so they can review them. They can make any action at the next meeting

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Mr. Blundell spoke regarding discriminating and reserving to some and not others.

Mr. Hindes discussed the part time director. He said that the Director should have to abide by the rules set by the Veterans Committee.

Mrs. Zelenko said the Commission serves the Mayor and they will make their recommendations to him. He will then make any type of recommendations to the Council.

Mrs. Crawford stated that they as a Veteran's Memorial Committee were trying to do, was keep it a war memorial and not a veteran's park. They want to keep that sacred part of it.

Mr. LaDuke said the Commission discussed other parks that reserve pavilions and their procedures. Mr. LaDuke said that community dollars were spent there, and as a resident, they have a right to use it.

Mr. Centilli agreed with Mr. LaDuke that they are separated from each other and people are going to cook out regardless if there is a grill built in or they bring their own. He also stated that with a group of people, there will have to be a restroom someplace.

Mr. Hinds discussed the names of each of the walkways and how the names will be presented. He also spoke on the purchase of a cannon for the Memorial, rules of obtaining it, and what needs to be done and has been done so far to meet the requirements and specifications to house it. The cost for the entire project would be about \$3,500 for the addition of a pad for the cannon to sit on and to set it up and secure it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street inquired regarding a tank.

Mr. Hinds said a tank would be too big to put in front of the Memorial, but a cannon is small enough to make it look militarized without taking away from the Memorial.

COMMISSION ACTION AND/OR ACTION:

Moved by Mr. Hinds, seconded by Mrs. Manzardo to recommend \$3,500 be set aside for the expenses of the pad, receiving and set up of a cannon for the Veteran's Memorial Park.
Motion carried 8-0.

Mrs. Manzardo said that the VG's receipts could be collected at the Library.

Mrs. Zelenko said the date for the next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 4:00 p.m. The topics of discussion will be the Veteran's Memorial Committee's recommendations, update on the budget, the School Boards in relation to the IMA Foundation, and a representative from the County to speak in regards to the Davison Roadside Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

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