

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2012, 5:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Parks and Recreation Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steven Heffner at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Craig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heffner, Craig, Bauldry, Dunsmore, Hildreth, Adams and Miron.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Groulx.

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Bigsby, Parks and Recreation Interim Director and
M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

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| 1.) Mike Gwinn regarding Burton Youth League | 4.) Memorial Day Activities |
| 2.) Easter Egg Hunt | 5.) 3D glasses for Memorial Day fireworks |
| 3.) Memorial Day Float | 6.) Community Gardens |

Mike Gwinn of the Burton Youth League went over when sign ups start, when teams are picked and the first game being on June 7th. He said games would be played at Atherton School and Madison Academy. He feels the teams will fill up around 495 kids equally 38 teams. Sponsorships are \$200 and the player's fees will stay the same as in 2011. He invited the Parks and Recreation members to come to the games.

Mr. Heffner asked if the league already had vendors because the members could sell bottled water to raise money for their grant.

Mr. Gwinn said Atherton School approached him but the members could participate as well. He asked if the members do sell water to please take care of trash in the area they are selling in.

Mrs. Bigsby said we may be able to get recycle bins specifically for the used bottles. She mentioned to the Board that Mr. Gwinn will be moving on within a few years and will need a replacement so it's a good idea to be aware of what his duties are and how the league is run.

Mr. Craig asked the number of games played in a season.

Mr. Gwinn replied 8-11 games and then playoffs in July. It is a 6-week season and trophies are given out to every child no matter what.

Mrs. Bigsby said 23 families have signed up already this week.

Mr. Gwinn said they would be receiving a \$500 check from Applegate Chevrolet. He said fundraisers within the league have not been successful in the past.

Mr. Craig asked Mr. Gwinn to send sponsorship pictures to him to be put on facebook.

Mr. Gwinn said they list the sponsors on the Burton Youth League website and would like to see a write up in the newspaper, which has never been done for Burton.

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COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Bigsby said the City has 3,000 filled eggs and 4-dozen floating ducks. She is working on a sucker tree and has received \$150 in donations. There will be a beanbag toss and 2-liter pop ring toss. 50 families have signed up so far for the Easter egg hunt and there is a \$50 donation coming from the Chamber of Commerce. The hunt will be at 1:00 and possibly a hayride depending on weather and available hay.

The Board agreed on a Committee Meeting March 27th at 5:30 p.m. to finalize the egg hunt.

Mrs. Bigsby said there is about \$200 left not including donations for prizes, a bounce house, etc.

Mr. Craig said we still have \$17,000 available and if it's not used we can't bank it for next year.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Craig moved and Miron seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize \$1,000 to go towards the Easter egg event to cover the bounce house and any additional candy or overruns that may occur.

Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Adams asked if the Committee was getting tents.

Mrs. Bigsby replied they were. She said Party City would give her 20% off merchandise if she brings in letterhead.

Mrs. Miron went over some ideas she had for their Memorial Day float.

It was decided Mr. Spose, Mrs. Miron and Mr. Groulx would be the float committee.

Mrs. Miron said she needs a price per wood plank so she can put it in the paper and start receiving donations. She said Lowes is going to donate money to build the observation area and we want to buy planks from them.

Mr. Heffner said the day prior to Memorial Day the 2nd annual car show and concert would be held. He said Bob Steel would be the DJ for the car show and the Jesse Couch Band would be the entertainment. This is a Toys for Tots benefit and they are working on vendors. He said the Committee would need 4 golf carts for the parade, which will aid them with handing out 3d glasses and selling water.

Mrs. Bigsby said the grant was submitted on time and she found a suitable area at Buder and Morrison for a community garden. She said Holy Redeemer has offered a playscape to the City.

Mr. Heffner's concern was the closeness to the woods. He suggested the area behind Schmal Tool and Dye for the garden instead.

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The Board was in favor of this area as well.

Mr. Heffner said he has asked Jim Craig to attend the MML meeting, which will cover Parks and Recreation grants.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Dunsmore moved and Adams seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize sending Jim Craig to the MML meeting held on March 20, 2012.
Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Heffner said the design of the 3d glasses would have it say Burton Parks and Recreation with the tree emblem and logo on the side. There is the option of a coupon for no extra charge. We would need to decide on what the coupon would be used for though.

Mr. Heffner thought a good idea in the future would be an old fashioned ice cream social, which could include a 3 legged race, wheelbarrow race and burlap bag race.

Mr. Craig suggested doing this before the end of this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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