CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2012, 5:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Parks and Recreation Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jim Craig at 5:00 p.m.

Ron Groulx led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hildreth.

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

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. Representative from the Transom Twisters Model Boat races
2. Concessions at Burton Youth League Events
3. Car Show
4. Playscape

Mark Batens from the Transom Twisters Model Boat races thanked the Commission for the use of Kelly Lake Park and presented them with a check for $200.00. It is their intention to clean up the area, which is mutually beneficial to their group and the park.

Mr. Groulx said the gift of money was very nice.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Ms. Bigsby thanked the Commission for all their work on the Easter Egg Hunt. She has received 175 to 200 sign up forms for the Burton Youth League, but only 4 sponsors. Mr. Gwinn has evaluated all the equipment. She said the City has a new playground inspection routine to make sure all the equipment is working properly and is safe to use, which was conducted on April 2, 2012. A new sidewalk has been put in at Fire Station #2 Park and the gate has been moved to Martha St. The only thing the park is missing is something for handicapped children to do to make it ADA accessible. She said the Bentley Key Club has done spring-cleaning at the Fire Station Park. She asked the Commission if they would be interested in selling concessions at the Challenge event on May 23, 2012.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Ms. Bigsby asked the Commission if they would be interested in running concessions at Youth League events to raise money for the Burton Parks and Recreation Commission. She said they could split the days with the Atherton Prom Committee. It will be a decent fundraiser. The games are four days a week but they would only do it once a week. She will get the full schedule after May 6, 2012.

Mr. Groulx inquired about other schools being involved. He said the Commission has a representative from each school and suggested they focus on the three schools that reside entirely in Burton.

Ms. Dunsmore said if there are going to be four days of games they could get a group from Bentley and Bendle as well, since the kids from those districts are playing in the Youth League.

Mr. Craig asked if Ms. Bigsby was going to go to each of the school boards or if each school board representative on the Commission was responsible for going to their respective boards.

Ms. Bauldry said she doesn't mind going to Bentley's School Board and reporting back.

Ms. Dunsmore said she would go to Bendle's School Board and report back as well.

Mr. Craig said Bob Steel is on board for the Car Show. He has some rough fliers made. It will be held on Sunday, May 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He said Mr. Steel is a D.J. who sets up like a radio station with oldies music and trivia with prizes.

Mr. Groulx asked how much Mr. Steel is charging.

Mr. Craig replied $150.00. Mr. Steel is going to do 15 Car Shows before the City of Burton Car Show and hand out our fliers. For the second half of the day The Jesse Couch Band will be performing.

Mr. Heffner said we have Bubba O'Malley's coming for concessions. Jesse Couch sings "God Bless the U.S.A" and it is planned to release three hundred red, white and blue balloons. Brett Meiers will be selling snacks.

Ms. Miron asked what they require from the Commission members.

Mr. Heffner said they are in need of prizes. The Commission will sell water and soda there and on Memorial Day.

Mr. Groulx said they should get the Council to go in a dunk tank.

Mr. Heffner said they could donate the money to Toys for Tots. The money for water and soda would go to Parks and Recreation. He is going to try to get four golf carts.

Mr. Groulx asked where he is planning on getting the golf carts.

Mr. Heffner replied they have always gotten golf carts from Southmoor in the past.

Mr. Craig said they are already giving up two for the parade.

Mr. Heffner said normally they give twelve.

Mr. Craig said they should carefully consider everything that is going on. Everyone will be very busy with everything is going on.

Mr. Groulx said he thought they nominated three of them to be on the float committee.

Mr. Heffner said he is trying to raise money.

Ms. Dunsmore said you could strap a regular cooler and a round cooler to the back and drive around selling water and soda.

Mr. Craig said it is important to get a good price on soda and water. There will be a vendor out in the corner of the parking lot in front of City Hall, but they will benefit by being mobile on the golf carts. He said he would see what he could do as far as water.

Mr. Groulx said it would be a good idea to have vests for Parks and Recreation Commission volunteers.

Mr. Heffner said he talked to Judge Latchana about getting retired Judges to judge the floats.

Mr. Groulx said Holy Redeemer is donating a playscape.

Ms. Bigsby said DPW are getting the playscape April 20, 2012. The Commission needs to decide where they want it to be placed.

Mr. Heffner said Judd Rd. on the west side of Saginaw St. would be a good place.

Mr. Groulx asked if Kelly Lake has a playscape.

Mr. Craig said Kelly Lake does not have a playscape because it was meant to be a passive park.

Mr. Heffner said it could affect our eligibility for the grant.

Ms. Miron said if there was a playscape at Kelly Lake it would be supervised by the parents who have small children. She asked if they could at least have a sandbox.

Mr. Heffner said they might be able to have teeter-totters.

Mr. Craig said they should get with Lisa Easterwood of Fleis and Vanderbrink and ask her.

Ms. Bigsby said the Commission should figure out what was promised to the neighbors.

Mr. Heffner said he thinks they would rather have a nice restroom at Kelly Lake.

Ms. Bigsby said the lot on Judd Rd. may not be available, but there may be one available between Judd Rd. and Friel St.

Mr. Craig said Ms. Bigsby could provide the Commission with a list.

Mr. Heffner said July 1, 2012 is the 40th Anniversary of the City of Burton. He said they could have an old fashioned Ice Cream Social.

Ms. Bigsby said the Mayor intended to have cake and ice cream.

Mr. Heffner said all seven Council would most likely be at this event. He said the Commission is now able to get one one-day liquor license per year.

Mr. Craig said it is important to give recognition to the Bentley Key Club for their contributions and anyone who does something to help.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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