

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 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 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Groulx led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hildreth.

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

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. Community garden workday, set date and time
2. Memorial Day Float
3. Car Show
4. Memorial Day activities
5. Wolverine Model Boat Races on May 19-20, 2012
6. House on Saginaw St.
7. July 1st birthday celebration

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Ms. Bigsby said the Board must set a day and time for the Community garden workday. There is a gentleman available to plow the garden. The City received the grant money and she is ready to shop. The Community garden is on the corner of Morrison and Buder off of Saginaw St. A workday was set for May 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She has not heard from any groups that want to do concessions at the Youth League games. She is going to need to know how many nights everyone is willing to volunteer to sell pop and water. She also needs to know if the Commission wants a full concession with candy or just pop and water.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Vaughn Smith, 1311 Clairwood Dr., spoke in reference to the road race. He said the color guards are going to be the Boy Scouts and American Heritage girls this year. The Burton Jaycees and Kiwanis are involved, as well as fifty volunteers. The race is at Atherton High School at 9:00 a.m. The website is www.runburton.com. Any Police Officer or Firefighter can run or walk the race at no charge. The proceeds of the race go to Pack the Truck, which is an ELGA Credit Union supported charity. The race is a Crim voucher race and they expect 600 to 800 racers.

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Danny Wells, 4144 Atherton Rd., spoke in reference to a Fire Safety Day and asked for help from the Parks and Recreation Commission. It would be a conglomerate between the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Fire Department and the Public Access Committee. In the past they held the event at Meijer and gave away smoke alarms, coloring books and other things to promote Fire Safety. It was held in early October. He suggested they have fundraising containers for people to donate their change.

Mike Gwinn, 1373 Friel St., spoke in reference to the Burton Youth League. Sign ups for the league has closed and there are 35 teams, 515 kids and 32 sponsors. All the games will be held at Atherton and possibly Madison Academy, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There will not be games the week of July 4th.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Mr. Heffner went over dates that are available for the Community Garden workday.

Mr. Craig said the boat race is set up on May 19th and the actual race is on May 20th.

Ms. Bauldry asked if they needed to bring their own tools for the workday at the Community Garden.

Ms. Bigsby said they are in need of tools.

Ms. Dunsmore said she would like to be involved but has a prior commitment that day.

Mr. Craig said the race is a big event with a great return on investment.

Ms. Bauldry asked when the event would be held.

Ms. Bigsby said October 13th was available.

Mr. Groulx said they could have it at Courtland Center, use Lowe's and Home Depot and get volunteers.

Mr. Craig asked if there was some sort of grant that was available for safety. It would help with money for supplies to make it a big event.

Ms. Miron said October is a good time for Fire Safety due to all the arson that occurs around Halloween.

Mr. Heffner mentioned the smokehouse that was used in the past to teach kids how to get out of burning buildings. He would like to have that for the event.

Ms. Miron said they should get the past Fire Chiefs to celebrate and be recognized.

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Ms. Bigsby said she has looked into a safety program down in Novi through their Parks and Recreation Commission that incorporates road safety, bus safety, and fire safety. They talk about safety twice a year with 4 to 6 year olds, but the program can be expanded for all ages.

Mr. Groulx said it would be a good idea to get the Fire Department to come to each of the schools to educate the kids.

Ms. Bigsby said she asked the Prom Committee but hasn't heard back about working concessions at the Youth League games.

Ms. Dunsmore said Steve Hadicks would take a day.

Ms. Bigsby said she found some shirts in storage.

Mr. Craig said Stacy Betts might want to use some of them. He asked how many are available.

Ms. Bigsby replied she has 40 to 50 shirts.

Mr. Heffner said they have the trailer and truck for the float.

Ms. Adams said she would join the float committee.

Mr. Heffner said he would be on the committee as well.

Ms. Miron said they are going to have a BBQ and small boat on the float.

Mr. Heffner said they would meet as a committee at a later date. He added the Car Show evolved and will now include a kid's area. He raised \$1,000 for it and will donate whatever is left over to Toys for Tots.

Ms. Adams said it was a good idea since there won't be a kid's area at the Memorial Day event.

Mr. Heffner said Jeff Wright donated \$300 and said to call him if more money is needed. They could charge for pony rides. He told the Commissioners to be there by 11:30 a.m. and Mr. Craig will put together a schedule. They will be checking in cars and handing out numbers to be put on the dash of the cars. He tried to get real former judges to judge the car show, but wasn't successful.

Ms. Bigsby suggested they reach out to the Buick Club.

Mr. Heffner said he would like to get someone to videotape the fireworks.

Mr. Craig said he dropped off fliers at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He asked if they needed to purchase pop and water and bring tents.

Mr. Heffner said they do need to purchase pop and water and the Marine Corp. is bringing a tent.

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Mr. Craig said they could sell tickets for the train and pony rides.

Ms. Bigsby said they could do a 50/50 as long as it is not advertised.

Ms. Dunsmore asked if there is a sign up sheet available. She would like to volunteer from 2:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Ms. Bauldry said she would like to volunteer from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Groulx said he would come after church.

Ms. Adams said she would be there all day.

Mr. Heffner said on Memorial Day they will be selling pop and water.

Ms. Miron suggested the fireworks get moved to Sunday night instead of Monday so kids that have school on Tuesday may attend.

Mr. Heffner said Memorial Day is not about the kids, but the veterans who gave their lives.

Mr. Craig said there would be an increased cost for Public Safety if the fireworks were on a different day.

Ms. Dunsmore asked what time to arrive.

Mr. Heffner said lineup is at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Craig suggested they get there by 4:00 p.m. as the parking lot fills up fast.

Ms. Miron asked if anyone would be there signing people up for the Veteran's Wall.

Ms. Bigsby said she could have sheets available. They need 24 at a time to place the names on the wall.

Mr. Heffner said the 3D glasses are on order and will need to be handed out.

Ms. Bauldry said she would help hand out the 3D glasses.

Mr. Heffner said the house on Saginaw St. was a home that became available to the City. He requested 12 computers from the IT director to place in the building for the use of children who may not have Internet access at home. The building will be a home to the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and DDA. Students from the National Honors Society could help.

Mr. Craig asked where the funding for Internet service would come from.

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Mr. Heffner said they are still in the beginning stages and will worry about those things at a later date. He said the July 1st Birthday celebration is being taken care of by the Mayor's Office. Former Mayors, Council and employees should all be invited.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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