

CITY OF BURTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2012 5:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Meeting is called to order by Councilman Steven Heffner at 5:35 p.m.

Commission Member Robert Spose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heffner, Bauldry, Spose, Hildreth, Groulx, Miron and Adams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig and Dunsmore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor P. Zelenko, B. Bigsby, Parks & Recreation Director, K. Gould, Assistant Fire Chief and L. Young, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

1. Back to the Bricks
2. Fundraising
3. New events
4. Trick or treat trail
5. Atherton settlement Park

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mr. Gould spoke in reference to the Fire Prevention Day, which will be held on October 13, 2012 at either Home Depot or Lowes. They will be giving out smoke detectors and batteries, and will try to promote Bus Safety and Stranger Danger awareness. He knows the Fire Department has money in their budget for this event. He suggested the Fire Department and Parks & Recreation form a committee for the event.

Ms. Bigsby said she went over the expenses for the past Trick or Treat Trail. She would like to raise money for the events without having to spend money out of the budget. She presented sponsor forms for the Trick or Treat Trail and passed out sign up forms for the Soaring Eagle Bus Trip, which will help raise money for the Parks & Recreation Commission. Ms. Bigsby spoke in reference to the Youth Bowling League, which will be held at B's Bowling in Flint, Michigan. She passed out an assessment of the Parks within the City, including a list of things that need to be done.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

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COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Mr. Heffner spoke in reference to selling water and soda at the Back to the Bricks event.

Mr. Spose suggested they set up tents, tables and chairs in four different locations on Saginaw Street. He said they should hang a Parks and Recreation banner.

Ms. Miron inquired about when they will meet.

Mr. Heffner said they will meet Wednesday, August 15, 2012 and Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He will be at Carman and Saginaw St. He suggested they introduce a Mini Olympics for Bendle, Bentley and Atherton elementary school children to promote the community.

Ms. Bauldry said if it is successful, other schools will want to participate.

Ms. Bigsby spoke in reference to an event called "Junk in your Trunk," in which people sell items out of the trunk of their car. It will take place at Kelly Lake in June of 2013.

Mr. Heffner said he would like to see the bottom part of the Kelly Lake sign removed and a new marquee installed to advertise and promote upcoming Parks and Recreation events.

Mr. Groulx said they could buy the old Miracle Twin Drive-In sign or the supports of the old Harley Davidson sign and use it at Kelly Lake as a billboard to support Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Zelenko said she isn't sure if that would be possible because it is a DEQ wetland, but it would be a great location.

Mr. Spose referenced Bicentennial Park in Grand Blanc and said it would be nice to incorporate something similar at Kelly Lake Park.

Mayor Zelenko reminded the Commission that Grand Blanc has a whole Parks and Recreation Department, while Burton only has a Parks and Recreation Director.

Ms. Bauldry said the Jr. Olympics won't generate income.

Mr. Heffner said he is not worried about making money at every event.

Mr. Groulx said they should have ribbons for all the participants of the Jr. Olympics.

Mayor Zelenko suggested they get one trophy that goes to the winning school and then comes back to City Hall.

Ms. Miron asked how many acres make up Survivors Park.

Mr. Spose replied Survivors Park is three acres.

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Ms. Miron stated there is no public swimming pool in the area. She said we could sell bricks to pay for a splash pad.

Mayor Zelenko said there is no public swimming pool because of the liability it presents.

Mr. Heffner said they are looking for sponsors to pay for pizza, cookies, hayrides, and pumpkins for the Trick or Treat Trail.

Mr. Spose said they had \$1,000 donated to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the first year of the Trick or Treat Trail.

Mr. Heffner said getting sponsors is a great idea because he does not want to charge the kids.

Ms. Bigsby said it costs \$92.00 for an ad in The View newspaper.

Mayor Zelenko said they should ask The View, The Flint Journal and radio stations to be sponsors.

Mr. Heffner said the Genesee County Drain Commissioner, Jeff Wright, offered to sponsor the plaque for the rock at Atherton Settlement Park.

Ms. Miron said she purchased the bench and Mr. Heffner is going to cement it in place. She would like the Mayor to come dedicate the spot.

Mr. Heffner asked if there was money in the budget to pay for a gravel drive-thru, like the one at Davison Roadside Park.

Ms. Bigsby said there is \$5,000 in the maintenance line item.

Ms. Miron said the neighbors are excited the plot of land is going to be a park.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Bauldry moved and Miron seconded the following motion:

1. The Parks & Recreation Commission form a sub-committee for the Junior Olympics.
- Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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