



CITY OF BURTON

BURTON PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2016

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

5:00 PM

**4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519**

This meeting was opened by Chairman Deb Walton at 5:00 PM.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Benthall	Commissioner	Excused	
Deb Walton	Chairman	Excused	
Tom Gorang	Commissioner	Present	
Kevin Burge	Vice Chairman	Present	
Mary Ann White	Commissioner	Present	
Ellen Ellenburg	Councilwoman	Present	
Robert Johnson	Commissioner	Absent	
Kris Johns	Commissioner	Present	

C. STAFF PRESENT

Amber Abbey, Planning/Zoning

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

E. PRESENTATION

1. Master Plan Presentation

BY ROWE Professional Services

Doug Piggott from Rowe Professional services stated there were 162 responses to our survey, as of today. The top suggestions were park improvements: walkable community, Splash Park, Dog Park and elimination of blight.

City of Burton goals are to enhance the quality of life, maintain a stable and diverse population base by providing housing and employment opportunities for all social economic groups in the area, promote public involvement and access to local government through the use of public forums. To base policy issues by providing the public with access to community information, maintenance, update and enforcing building and code standards, and promote community pride by promoting activities that enhance neighborhood spirit; including neighborhood watch and public involvement in obtaining and upgrading neighboring parks. Discussion ensued on the breakdown of these goals.

The Planning Commission will report each year to send a report to the City Commission where you talk about what you did that year and what you plan to do the coming year.

According to the survey online, most people would like to improve by expanding the Parks & Recreation system and trail ways in the city. Some would like to convert all gravel roads into paved roads. The MTA would like to see more connectivity between MTA bus stops, sidewalks and parking lots to allow for easier mobility for all disabled persons. Other concerns were to expand the Burton Senior Center facility and the Burton Memorial Library facility and make the Fire Department a full time status versus on call. Evaluate the potential efforts of combining fire and police services and promote higher visibility of police in neighborhoods, better street lighting and panhandler concerns.

Mrs. Ellenburg and Mr. Johns spoke regarding bike lanes on the road and sidewalks in the community for all users.

Communities that are accessible are communities that have an identity such as Frankenmuth, Ann Arbor, Downtown Detroit and Greek Town. These communities have a unique character that not only attract people but simply provides for the sense of what the community is. We want to have some sense of uniqueness to the community.

Discussion ensued regarding ideas to develop uniqueness, housing, employment, economy, etc.

F. BOARD DISCUSSION

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.
