



CITY OF BURTON

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 11, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

5:00 PM

**4303 S. Center Road
Burton, MI 48519**

A. Call To Order

Jim Craig called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

LED BY: Marisa Young

C. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Jim Craig, Board Member Kevin Burge, Board Member Marisa Young, City Council Member Kris Johns, Board Member Jacob Pickett

Excused: Board Member Desiree Hoffman, Board Member Debra Dunsmore, Board Member Lary Michael

D. Staff Present

Jacki Malin, Parks and Rec Director
Erica Rogers, Clerks Office Records Tech

E. Administrative Reports

None.

F. Approval of Minutes

1. Parks & Recreation - Regular Meeting - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 5:00 PM

Motion by Board Member Pickett, second by Board Member Burge, to Approve Minutes from May 13, 2026.

Voting Yes: Jim Craig, Kevin Burge, Marisa Young, Kris Johns, Jacob Pickett

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 5 - 0.

G. Audience Participation

Now is the time set aside for members of the audience to address the Burton Park and Recreation Commission. I would ask each individual to give their name and address for the record, limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and speak on topics germane to City business.

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street asked about having a possible watch party in Burton for the World Cup soccer games.

Mr. Craig stated that it is a good thought and I like the idea, but with so many bars and restaurants around with TVs, I do not think we would get the turn-out that we would need

to be able to do something like that.

H. Committee Discussion and/or Action

1. Memorial Day recap/learnings

Mr. Craig stated that we had a lot of things going on for Memorial Day. We started the day off with the race and that went very well. The Mayor gave a pep talk and was the official starter for the race.

Mr. Burge stated that whoever made the parade lineup did a good job with no big gaps like we have had in past years. I think Memorial Day went smooth except for cars that like to come in from the north driveway. They got out and moved the barriers blocking the driveway off and that became a real mess, but once we got that stopped, everything was fine. That was the only problem that I know of.

Mrs. Malin stated yes, people kept moving the cones out of the way and coming through. I had to keep putting them back to try to block them from driving in.

Mr. Burge stated that if it is dry next year then maybe we could have cars parked in the grass over there and that might help. I would also like to give a big thank you to Deb Walton for bringing cases of Monster drink for everyone.

Mrs. Malin stated that I would like to thank Jim Craig for all his help. I volunteered to help with the parade lineup and had no idea how it would go.

Discussion ensued about the parade line up.

2. Walking Club

Mr. Craig stated we had about eight people attend our first walking club meeting and we scheduled our second one at Black Creek Trail. Someone suggested the new club be titled the Burton Trail Blazers because we are going to go around to different areas and check things out. The people walking in the club don't have to be from Burton only, we encourage anyone that wants to come out to join us. This isn't for just for race walkers. This is for anyone that wants to get out and walk. Casually go for a stroll in different areas enjoying the outdoors.

Discussion about the time being at 7pm and the parking for the next meeting being at the Davison Township Hall on Irish Road.

3. Bylaws Review

Discussion about the bylaws and the members looking at them. Then, bringing the possible changes to the board for discussion.

4. Fall events (quick run down)

Discussion ensued about the Tirk-or-Treat Trail event.

Mr. Johns stated Gordons worked with him last year getting the pumpkins for the Dog Park, and he will check with them again this year. There is also an orchard that he will check with to see if they are willing to help, since Walker Farms rally isn't doing much like that anymore.

5. Christmas Tree lighting

Discussion about where the tree lighting will be this year, the activities that can take place if it is moved to the police station instead of the fire department, and the volunteers that are needed.

Mr. Johns stated that it is helpful, even though it is a long day, to have the Pizza with Santa and the Christmas Tree Lighting events on the same day.

I. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July, 8, 2026 @ 5:00 pm.

J. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm

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