

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday – August 14, 2012 – 7:00 pm
Municipal Building

A regular meeting of the Fraser Parks and Recreation Commission was conducted on the above date at the Fraser Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Road, Fraser, and County of Macomb, Michigan.

Present: Chairperson: Michael Lesich; Members: Karen Silverthorn, Sandy Caloia, Lynn Evans-Rottman, Chris Meller, Linda Stonebreaker and Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Absent: Jim Stelma

Also Present: Candace Kawalec, Recording Secretary
Craig Stieger, Interim Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Lesich called meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Silverthorn to **APPROVE THE AUGUST 14, 2012 RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stonebreaker moved, seconded by Commissioner Caloia to **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2012.**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. City Parade Review

There was positive feedback on parade including the dance at the end by a local dance troupe, the FHS Band, characters and the overall groups who participated.

Interim Director Craig Steiger stated there will not be any bounce houses next year because no revenue was made. Public Safety also had a bounce house.

Commissioner Caloia commented that she would like to see all names of people who donated on the Facebook page, Cable, signs, etc.

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Commissioner Caloia also mentioned that judging of the parade needs to be different. Commissioners or staff should walk around with judges at the High School parking lot before the parade.

M. Cilluffo- 31640 Cyril - stated that we may need new types of judges next year rather than Historical Commission, A Senior Center Member and Library Judges.

Commissioner Meller agreed with Commissioner Caloia and stated that Judges should do a walk through at the High School to view floats prior to judging. Overall Commissioner Meller said he had a great time and thought everything went well.

The Interim Director stated he will be picking judges next year.

Commissioner Silverthorn would also like to see the parade judging at the High School Parking lot before the parade as well as easier ballots and the staff/Commission helping out the judges if they have any questions.

B. City Picnic Review and Discussion

Interim Director Stieger mentioned that there were several complaints on the location of the crafting area. Also the Public Safety's bounce house blocked many things in the park. The Director would like to know set up well beforehand to allow for changes, additions and omissions.

Chairperson Lesich mentioned it might be easier to see the crafter's area if we make signage that points to that area. Also, if the contract with the Lion's club is up, it should be highly reviewed and brought to City Council at a Council Meeting.

General discussion continued between Commission and Interim Director Stieger.

C. Annual P & R Review

General update and discussion by Interim Director and Commissioners.

6. New Business

A. MNRTF Presentation on August 15th, 2012

The City of Fraser was invited to do a presentation in Lansing in regards to why our City would be a perfect recipient of the Grant, and to not only explain to them about the barrier free park and its benefits for our area, but also show them the renderings we have come up with.

This grant presentation will not be long, and a power point presentation will be sent to all Commission members and Parks & Rec staff in regards to the information that was reviewed in Lansing.

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B. Discuss Fall Parks and Recreation Activities and Programs

Update by Interim Director Craig Stieger (also fall flyer and Gazette given to all Commission Members)

Also Commissioners mentioned if Fraser Recreation will be having Flag Football and the Director stated not at this time, possibly next year. He will also check into the contract that had previously been enforced by prior Interim Director Brian Kay and the schools.

D. Discuss New City Website and Parks and Recreation Content

Chairperson Lesich and Director Steiger mentioned that the new website will be much more mainstream and user friendly. It will also allow changes and updates to be made interoffice as well as to save us money in the long run (no more use of Constant Contact)

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley updated the Commission and audience on upcoming activities of the Buddies Club.

Also Commissioners spoke of a donation type program to help assist a Buddies participant who the Recreation Department will gladly accept if there's a name associated with it or a direction given for the monies. There is not an account specifically for this program.

8. Citizen Participation

No Citizen Participation at this time.

9. Report from Director

Interim Director Stieger gave an update on current and Recreation programs stating that they have ended this weeks and medals and popsicles will be handed out to participants

10. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioner Stonebreaker mentioned the Fraser First Booster Club Golf Outing Saturday, September 8th in Romeo.

Commissioner Silverthorn asked about the lack of Commissioner Stelma's attendance at the monthly meetings.

Commissioner Evans-Rottman had no comment at this time.

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Commissioner Meller presented the Recreation Department with a \$500 check from Advanced Auto Parts on the corner of Thirteen Mile Road and Utica Rd. Commissioners agreed that these monies should go to special events

Commissioner Caloia mentioned the Fraser First Booster Club will be having a Spa Party August 23rd at Commissioner Caloia's house. Also if we're looking to try out the spaghetti dinners again, use Fraser VFW for catering-good food!

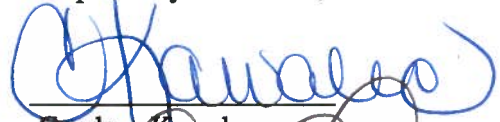
Commissioner Lesich had no comment at this time.

12. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Lesich moved, seconded by Commissioners Caloia to **ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2012 AT 8:24 P.M.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace Kawalec
Recording Secretary



Michael Lesich
Parks & Recreation
Commission Chairperson

Karen Silverthorn
Parks & Recreation
Vice Chairperson