

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th, 2013
Fraser 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; Vice Chairperson Chris Meller; Secretary Sandy Caloia; Commissioners Gloria Buffa, Lynn Evans-Rottman, Sarah Kelley Linda Stonebreaker; Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Michael Lesich called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER LINDA STONEBREAKER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDY CALOIA TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 9TH, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER LYNN EVANS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHRIS MELLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 5TH, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Report Easter Egg Hunt Event

The Easter Egg Hunt had over 400 people. Because of the demand, we would like to open it up to 3 sessions and ask for more donations to cover the expenses. Thank you to the Fraser Volunteer Firefighters, Fraser First, Dairy Maid, Reindel Hardware, Wallgreens at 13/Utica, Fraser National Technical Honor Society Students, Kelly Dolland, Sandy Caloia, Linda Stonebreaker, Senator Steve Bieda, Councilman Accavitti, Councilman Carnegie, and Councilman Cilluffo.

Comissioner Sandy Caloia mentioned that we should have white bags next year as many kids did not bring a basket.

B. Update on Barrier-Free Playground Planning and Events

Groundbreaking has been scheduled for June 6th (June 13th rain-out). Currently we are working with the landscape designer.

Art in the Garden is April 18th at Warfields. Chairs will be displayed at City Hall and the Activity Center until the event.

6. New Business

A. Ideas regarding program information distribution and advertising

Currently we are using flyers at schools, the website, Facebook and Twitter to get the information out about the Activity Center. Chris Mudd has donated many signs for events as well. Director Woods asked the commission of other ways to spread the word about programs. Some suggestions: Open House "Meet & Greet", Flyer (photos) on Facebook, Flyers at Great Start Macomb (Hope Center), put in with pizza boxes, Chronicle.

B. Ideas on building volunteer base

Director Woods asked the Commission ideas on growing and maintaining a volunteer base. The Commission came up with these suggestions: Asking other organizations such as FAN how they handle their volunteer base, sign up sheets at all events, phone call reminders and certificates for completed volunteer job, video recruiting, yearly volunteer raffle, yearly volunteer party.

C. Discussion on fundraising for Special Events

In order to keep doing special events, we need to fundraise. We will look into doing spaghetti dinners, dinners at McDonalds or Wendys, and a basket raffle at the City Picnic. A fundraiser already planned is the parking during the City Picnic.

D. Discussion and information on Special Events

a) Fraser Fun Fest

Fraser Fun Fest is Sunday April 14th from 1-3 pm. There will be a magician, craft, bounce house, facepainting by the Fraser First Booster Club and we will be selling pop and pizza. This event is part family get-together and part marketing for our summer programs.

b) Art in the Park

The Detroit Institute of Arts will have an art-making experience for kids, and High School art and performances will be in the park. We are waiting on High School teachers to respond with their availability, but even if it is small we are starting a new tradition. Commissioner Lesich stated we need to advertise this, possibly with a street banner.

c) City Parade and Picnic

We will be starting the planning process with a meeting including Fraser department heads and the Lion's Club. We will be proposing a different layout to create a better flow in the park. We will also request to use parking as a fundraiser for special events. We would also like to mandate a donation from politicians running for office who would like to be in the parade.

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley informed the commission on upcoming events with the Buddies.

8. Citizen Participation

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Vania Apps mentioned a fundraiser at Ram's Horn for FFBC

9. Report from Recreation Director

The Recreation Director shared the report for the month, attached.

10. Commission Members with Concerns

There were no commissioners with concerns.

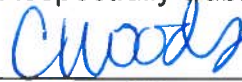
11. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER LYNN EVANS-ROTTMAN MOVED, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER GLORIA BUFFA TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 9TH, 2013 AT 8:27 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

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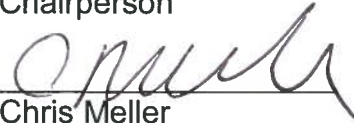
Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation
Director and Recording Secretary



Michael Lesich
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson



Chris Meller
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chairperson

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Recreation and Senior Report

Completed:

Dodgeball Grades 2-8

Easter Egg Hunt 3/23

DIA Inside/Out art replicas installed (until mid June)

Current:

Pavilion Rentals for Residents

Summer Program Registration

Accepting applications for Summer Seasonal and Buddies Coordinator

Adult Yoga & Belly Dancing

Softball/Kickball Registration

Upcoming

Fraser Fun Fest 4/14

Couch to 5k – 4/16

Art in the Garden Auction 4/25

Free Senior DIA Trip 5/29

Non-Resident Pavilion Rentals 5/1

Mom and Son Bowling 5/11

Art in the Park 5/18

New:

Summer coupon

Saturday Programs

Summer Fieldtrip Series

Future Plans

In talks with instructors for Zumba, kids jazz, tumbling, Greek dance

Putting a bocce ball court and/or horseshoes either at Steffens or at the Activity Center

City Parade, Picnic, Craft show and Fireworks 7/14

Satisfaction Surveys

Self Defense

1 - Completely Satisfied

The person giving the self defense class was very organized and engaged all of the children in the activity.

Floor Hockey

1 - Completely Satisfied

All of my kids have always liked all of the coaches, they are very friendly and work well with the kids.

2 - Satisfied My son really enjoyed playing floor hockey with all the kids

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Basketball

1 - Completely Satisfied

Coach Dan is a good coach. He worked well with the 3rd and 4th graders

4 - Disappointed

The opponents are much older and bigger. It is difficult for the girls to gain confidence when they get beaten each week, mostly because of the age and size differences. Since Fraser is dependent on the Warren league, I don't know of a good solution. Perhaps Clinton Township has a league that has similar age brackets. I know several girls who quit participating in the Fraser league because of the mismatch.

3 - Ok

Make the games at a closer location

3 - Ok

Everything was great except for the fact the girls from Fraser are matched up with older girls from Warren. The difference in size and skill were obvious. It created a distinct disadvantage for the girls.

1 - Completely Satisfied

My daughter & I love this program, we enjoyed all of it. The only part we could ask to be bettered is we wish more games could be played at Richards

4 - Disappointed

The coach made it a complete show of two kids that everytime they touched the ball no matter where on the court they were told all the way and shoot. No fundamentals were taught to the other kids. They were only used as screens for the shooters coach dan team navy & white. Great volunteer not a good kid coach at all

4 - Disappointed

correct age match ups & more games @ richards

2 - Satisfied

I liked everything about the program except for 1 aspect, and it's the same aspect I complained about last year. When playing the Warren teams, the Fraser teams are always at a disadvantage. Since Fraser is 5-6 grade, and Warren is all 6th grade, typically the Warren players are physically more developed, and have a better skill set. Last year's 4-5th vs. only 5th was even worse. If you are going to participate with Warren, all teams should be on the same age level. If that means there is 1 or 2 less teams, then so be it, Warren has enough teams to keep a good schedule.

3- Ok

Great attitudes of the coaches and kids. For the most part, good sportsmanship. My son's team was really large. Less would have been better, allowing for more instruction and playing time. Only 4 play at once.

4 - Disappointed

We have participated in Upward Basketball for the last five years. I feel Fraser ball was not well organized nor did it teach skills and strategies

4 - Disappointed

I thought there were too many kids on the teams, where not all the kids had adequate or equal enough of playing time. I understand that it's based on volunteers so your limited on the amount of teams

2 - Satisfied

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Good experience for my 4th grader. Our coach Dan Stawinski was great with the kids and taught them alot. I am glad you combined with Warren since Fraser did not have enough teams so my son could participate

1 - Completely Satisfied

The locations were within a reasonable distance, the teams were all pretty well matched. Good time periods also. And, Saturdays are good.

Easter Egg Hunt

2 – Satisfied

This was our 3rd year participating and each year it gets better. Highlights for the kids is of course the Easter Bunny and Fraser has the best one and the Easter Egg hunt. Great Job!

2 – Satisfied

Lots of activities for children to enjoy. Suggestion for improvement would be more organized direction for children in the craft room

1 - Completely Satisfied

We had a great time. I just wished that the coloring contest would have been explained more. Wasn't told to bring it back earlier then the egg hunt. So w\w\le missed out on it but everything else was great. Looking forward tp the Fun Fest...

2 – Satisfied

My recommendation would be to ask for ages of the children attending. There were more adults than children at the event and having an idea of the number/ages of children participating can allow you to better tailor the activities (and better manage costs regardless of donations).

1 - Completely Satisfied

The kids really enjoyed all aspects of the program! The Easter egg hunt was very fun, and they loved the bounce house! The craft was quick and simple, but turned out beautiful!

As a parent, I really enjoyed the craft time. The coloring contest was also a really fun added bonus! We were 100% satisfied with our experience. Thank you so much!

1 - Completely Satisfied

Had a lot to offer, and very organized