

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 5th, 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, Sarah Kelley, and Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Also Present: Candace Kawalec Recording Secretary

Absent: Linda Stonebreaker and Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER MELLER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CALOIA
**TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA FOR JUNE 4TH, 2013.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER MELLER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CALOIA
**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING OF MAY 7TH, 2013.**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Report on Art in the Park and ideas for next year

The Commissioners discussed the event and agreed that the Art in the Park event was fantastic! The weather was beautiful, many families were in attendance, and the music by Arts Academy in the Woods added to the whole event. The DIA craft station for the children was a neat idea and the kids loved it! They also enjoyed the games the Recreation department played and loved the medals that were handed out.

Concessions were sold by the Recreation department.

Commissioners will discuss more ideas for next year's Art in the Park with Director Christina Woods at the July meeting.

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B. Update on Barrier-Free Playground Planning

DPW will set up podium, portable sound system, 30 chairs, dirt at the park before 10:30 am.

Fraser High School Armark Catering providing sandwiches for 25 people, we will serve coffee, water and lemonade

Sandy Caloia is providing snacks

The ground breaking ceremony is open to the public, with a reception to follow at the Activity Center.

Bows for the shovels were provided by Fraser Flowers and Gifts, Fraser High School catered the sandwiches, Commissioner Caloia provided snacks, and Commissioner Lesich provided his time taking pictures, and recording the event on video.

The next Barrier Free Park fundraiser will be at the Fraser Dairy Maid on June 12th , 5:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be a bounce house, membership drive and a raffle. The Girl Scouts will be in attendance to help with the bounce house and Jan Wilson, as well as others will be providing raffle prizes.

C. City Parade and Picnic Planning Update

Marie Cilluffo and Commissioner Caloia are working on donations and parade participants. Floats will be judged in the High School parking lot prior to the start of the parade.

Recording Secretary and Recreation Clerk Candace Kawalec stated that the Recreation department is still taking crafters registrations (12 so far) and that there will be a soccer and basketball game station and give away old medals or trophies at the City Picnic. The Recreation Department is also booking the Arts & Scraps Mobile.

Donations are at \$675.00 to date.

6. New Business

A. Discussion on searching for a new commission member following the resignation of Commissioner Evans

Commissioners discussed the idea of putting information for the open seat on the City scroll (cable and sign), the City website and on the Recreation department's Facebook page. There is a strong desire by the Commission to have a person who is family oriented with younger children.

B. Appointment for 2013-2014 Commission Chair

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LESICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY TO **NOMINATE COMMISSIONER CHRIS MELLER FOR THE POSITION OF COMMISSION CHAIR FOR THE TERM ENDING IN 2014.**

Commissioner Meller accepted the position.

All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment for 2013-2014 Commission Vice Chair

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MELLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO **NOMINATE COMMISSIONER SANDY CALOIA FOR THE POSITION OF COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR FOR THE TERM ENDING IN 2014.**

Commissioner Caloia accepted the position.

All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment for 2013-2014 Commission Secretary

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LESICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELLER TO **NOMINATE COMMISSIONER SARAH KELLEY FOR THE POSITION OF COMMISSION SECRETARY FOR THE TERM ENDING IN 2014.**

Commissioner Kelley accepted the position.

All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Fort Fraser Picket Fence Replacement Fundraiser Ideas

Commissioner Caloia stated that about twelve fence pickets need to be replaced near Fort Fraser.

Jan Wilson had suggested to the Commissioners that they have a table at the City Picnic and take orders to replace the missing pickets.

It was also discussed by the Commission to ask local businesses to purchase a picket instead of a table at the City Picnic due to only needing twelve replacement pickets.

Commissioner Kelley also suggested that we ask the Fraser Firefighters if they would like to purchase a picket with their name on it as a fundraiser. They will discuss the idea Thursday evening at their meeting.

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Vania Apps of the Fraser First Booster Club suggested the idea of having a Parks & Recreation table set up possibly once a month at the playscape when large groups come in to solicit donations.

Commissioner Caloia mentioned that we should contact Public Safety in regards to a motion light or camera out at the playscape to prevent after dark visitor and unwanted graffiti.

Vania Apps mentioned to check with Southfield's Park Maintenance division, who had just purchased and installed surveillance cameras in their parks for costs, etc.

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley updated the Commission on upcoming Buddies events.

8. Citizen Participation

There is no citizen participation at this time.

9. Report from Recreation Director

Commissioners reviewed the handout provided to them by the Recreation Director.

There was a short discussion on the Mom and Son bowling event.

Commissioner Meller stated that there were a few bad reviews about the lunch provided at Fraser Lanes (not enough pizza, etc.) but overall the children had a fun day.

Although there were a few complaints, Vania Apps stated that Fraser Lanes provides great service and has always been good to the people of Fraser and the City.

10. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioners Kelley, Caloia, and Meller had no concerns at this time.

Commissioner Buffa congratulated the new appointees to the Commission.

Commissioner Lesich stated that being the Chairperson was great, and that the Commission has changed a lot since he began as the Chairman, and is happy for all of the new ideas that have come about. He also thanked the Commission members for their service.

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11. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CALOIA **TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 4TH, 2013 AT 7:45 P.M.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Kawalec
Parks & Recreation
Recording Secretary

Michael Lesich
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson

Chris Meller
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chairperson