

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 1st, 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 Chris Meller; Vice Chairperson Sandy Caloia; Secretary Sarah Kelley; Commissioners Jerry Brown, Gloria Buffa, Michael Lesich, and Linda Stonebreaker, Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director;

Absent: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Chris Meller called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 1, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER CALOIA MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Family Fun Fest Recap

The family fun fest gathered 120 participants at the Activity Center. We had a bounce house, family tree craft, magician, games and concessions. This event is gaining more popularity and it is something we will do every spring and fall. The commission offered suggestions on ways to expand this event. We can contact CARE or Great Start Macomb to have information on healthy children and families and maybe have games like bingo.

B. Volunteer Clean Up Success

The Volunteer Clean Up of Steffens Park was a huge success! We had about 15 people show up to help clean up. We will do this again in the spring and rotate to all the parks. The commission recommended we put a cigarette outpost outside the entrance of Fort Fraser, because there were a lot of cigarette butts on the ground. The recreation will look into a grant that was given by Kohls in the past to do a park clean up.

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C. Update on Barrier Free Playground Planning and Events

Fraser First Booster Club president Vania Apps spoke on the status of fundraising and events. The last portion of the project agreement has been approved and has been sent to the MDNR. The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser went well, and the pumpkin sale with the Fraser Volunteer Firefighters was wonderful too. The next one is at the Baumgartner house with photos by Kloospix. The Achatz pie sale will give 40% to FFBC fundraising.

6. New Business

A. Upcoming Recreation Events

The Mom 2 Mom sale is Oct 12th from 9-3. We have about 25 vendors. The 20th anniversary party for the Senior Center is October 22nd at 11 am. We will have coffee and cake and showcase some old pictures of the Center. The children's Halloween party is October 27th, and we currently have around 100 signed up. We will have games for the kids to play with prizes. The Superhero and Princess Party is November 9th, but only have 8 participants registered. We will see if we get more participants otherwise we need to cancel. Ladies night out is November 23rd and we have about 30 vendors and belly dancing, yoga, Zumba and hair demonstrations.

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Buddies representative Shannon McCalley shared upcoming meeting activities. Director Christina Woods told the commission about the Polar Plunge fundraiser that a group of people are doing to raise money for Special Olympics.

8. Citizen Participation

There was no citizen participation at this time.

9. Report from Recreation Director

Director Christina Woods updated the commission on recreation programs and events.

Fall programs are underway, Cheer program has 30 participants, Little Kickers has 15 participants, and flag football has 24 participants. Flag football registration was disappointing and we have to combine grades to play scrimmages. To remedy this, we will advertise for this league in the Spring before school lets out. Bowling was also canceled due to lack of interest.

Current adult programs are yoga, Zumba and Bellydancing.

Christina is talking with the Fraser Clintondale Little League regarding a cooperating partnership to offer more baseball/softball to the community. There is an adult kickball league interested in renting a field all summer, and a rugby team looking to use a field in the spring as well.

Christmas in Fraser fundraising is underway and we've ordered 100 ornaments for \$225 to give with donations of \$10 or more.

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We are running a facebook contest in connection with the October 4th National Parks and Recreation Park Day. In October people can take a picture of themselves enjoying a park and tag FraserActivityCenter. The picture with the most likes wins a basket with sports equipment. We will do this next summer as well, but have a larger prize and hold it throughout the whole summer.

10. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioner Jerry Brown appreciates the opportunity to be on the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Mike Lesich welcomes Jerry to the commission

Commissioner Gloria Buffa stated we covered a lot of territory.

Commissioner Linda Stonebreaker had no concerns.

Secretary Sarah Kelley stated that we should have drop-in Mens basketball one evening a week, and adult flag football.

Vice Chair Sandy Caloia stated that we have a great group.

Chairperson Chris Meller seconded Sandy Caloia's statement.

11. Adjournment

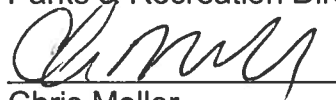
COMMISSIONER CALOIA MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUFFA TO
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2013
AT 7:56 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously.

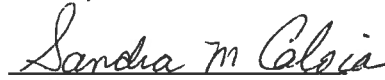
Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director



Chris Meller
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson



Sandy Caloia
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chairperson