

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 7th, 2014
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 Linda Stonebreaker, Secretary Sarah Kelley; Commissioners Jerry Brown, Gloria Buffa, Michael Lesich, Sherry Stein; Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Absent:

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Meller called meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER KELLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUFFA TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 7TH 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2ND 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Barrier Free Playground Planning and Events

Michael Lesich, Fraser First Booster Club

Michael Lesich shared with the Commission that not a whole lot done due to the weather. At the Council meeting on Thursday they will ask to move forward with additional money for the comfort station and pavilion in order to complete the station as early as possible. Michael explained that in order to apply for some grants in there needs to be to be significant progress. Michael also discussed the results of the Legacy event, which will be repeated next year.

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B. Fall Festival Reflection

Christina Woods, Director of the Activity Center

Christina discussed the results of the Fall Festival with the Commissioners, which was a first time program. The program was very successful and every department did a great job. Christina also shared that she hopes to do the event again, while gaining more involvement from each of the departments. Additionally, the Commission discussed possible ways of improving the event for the next year. Suggestions included a special banner, a bulletin board near Fort Fraser and expanding advertising through the newspapers, schools and facebook. Christina did address the fact that there was some limitations on advertising due to the fact that the Activity Center did not pay for advertisements, however she would look into all the suggestions.

6. New Business

A. Fall /Winter Programming

Christina updated the Commission on the status of fall programs, including youth bowling league, flag football and punt, pass and kick. The youth bowling league had 8 teams, consisting of 25 children this year, while flag football increased their numbers this year. Punt, Pass and Kick had approximately 30 children registered, which was a great turn out as this was the first time the program had been held in recent years. Christina also discussed upcoming programs with the Commissioners, including Rugby, Simply Sports, Parent Tot, Rizzo Recycling, Teen Dance, Ladies Night and Basketball Leagues.

B. Children's Halloween Party

Christina reviewed this year's Halloween Party with the Commission, which will be held on October 26th. The Activity Center will be supplying the magician, treats, and games this year. Christina also shared that the Activity Center would be participating in Trunk or Treat at Ram's Horn on October 25th. Staff will be passing out candy and flyers at the event.

C. Christmas in Fraser

Christina shared the status of this year's Christmas in Fraser, held on December 6th with the Commission. This year the Library has decided not to hold the Caper on the same day and the High School will supply the hot chocolate. There will be a choir this year, with the possibility of additional bands/choirs joining as well. Additionally, blinkies will be available for sale. The Commission also discussed the possibility of having a hay ride and renting a tent.

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D. Idea Brainstorming for City Picnic/Parade 2015

Christina shared with the Commission that no one has responded to the parade committee sign up. Christina asked the commissioners to send any ideas that they had to her on a daily basis. The Commission also discussed approaching baseball leagues, soccer clubs and other organizations to complete floats, however there will be no judging.

E. 2015 Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

Commissioners discussed the 2015 Recreation Commission meetings which will be held the first Tuesday of the month, with the exception of November. November's meeting will be held the second Tuesday of the month.

COMMISSIONER LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER TO APPROVE THE 2015 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING DATES.

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Shannon McCalley, Buddies Representative

Shannon reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Commissioners and shared the past activities, which included slime.

8. Citizen Participation

There was no participation at this time.

9. Report from Recreation Director

Christina shared with the Commission that the Fraser Activity Center had joined NERPA, the North East Parks and Recreation Association. The organization gets together every month to share what they've been encountering good or bad. Christina also informed the Commission that planning has begun for late winter and spring activities, including an application for Inside Out with the DIA.

10. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioner Stein had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Brown had no concerns at this time, but wanted to share that he feels that the Activity Center is doing a fantastic job and has shown lots of growth

Commissioner Lesich had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Buffa had no concerns at this time

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Commissioner Kelley had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Stonebreaker had no concerns at this time

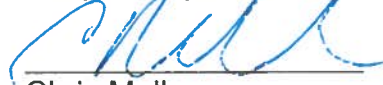
Commissioner Meller had no concerns, but also felt that the Activity Center staff is doing a great job.

11. Adjournment

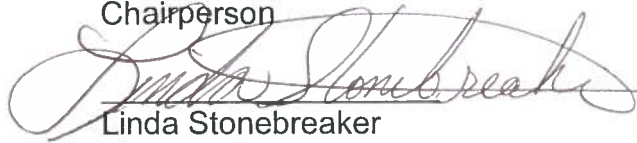
**COMMISSIONER STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 7TH ND
2014 AT 7:49 P.M.**

Motion carried unanimously.

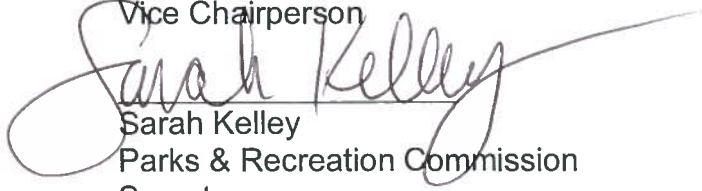
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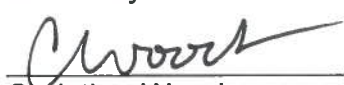
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Sarah Kelley
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