

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 2nd, 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, Commissioners Jerry Brown, Sherry Stein, Gloria Buffa, Michael Lesich; Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Absent: Secretary Sarah Kelley;

Also Present: Ashleigh Moro, Recording Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUFFA TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 2ND 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

CHAIRPERSON STONEBREAKER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUFFA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5TH 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Barrier Free Playground Planning and Events

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club

Vania updated the Commission on the recent Spaghetti dinner and painting fundraiser. Both programs were affected by weather, but did see success. Vania also informed the Commission of upcoming events which include face painting at Christmas in Fraser, the Valentines Dance ("Lucky in Love" on February 13th) and Art in the Garden (April 16th). Vania also discussed the progress of the park with the Commissioners; a new grant will go out in April, brochures are almost done, and colors will be discussed at a design meeting before Christmas for the play structures. In addition, Vania noted that the progress of the park had been affected by the weather this year, they are planning to finish the comfort station before the weather turns. Final drawings for the roof are in progress. Additional projects should be finished in the spring. The Commissioners asked Vania to look into determining a date of completion as well as providing progress reports via social media. The Commissioners also requested a line item be added to the Commission agenda.

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New Business

B. Christmas in Fraser

Ashleigh Moro, Fraser Recreation Staff

Ashleigh informed the Commission about the current status of Christmas in Fraser. Layout has tentatively been approved pending weather, 2 of the vehicles will be moved out of the fire bay to provide more room for participants. There will be several volunteers in addition to staff at the event to help each station. Ashleigh informed the Commissioners that there will be no tree this year due to space, however Commissioner Stonebreaker offered up the idea of a 2D tree as a solution. Ashleigh also discussed current donations for this year's event in addition to activities that will be occurring, such as a hayride with carolers, face painting, cocoa and cookies, Santa visits, POC firefighters hot dogs and the blinkie sales. Recreation Commissioners volunteered to be responsible for the sale of blinkies at the event.

C. Idea Brainstorming for City Picnic/Parade 2015

Ashleigh Moro, Fraser Recreation Staff

Ashleigh reviewed current parade ideas with the Commissioners, which included using an antique car to indicate the start of a new decade, followed by a banner of what Fraser looked like at that time. Due to the desire to add floats back into the parade, Ashleigh also discussed the possibility of a promotion with a local truck/trailer business in order to help provide materials for those doing floats. Additionally, Ashleigh also discussed with the Commissioners the idea of a "pre-parade signal" using the older cars that have been unable to be in the parade due to overheating. The Commissioners also agreed to change the theme to "A Drive through History" as "Fraser through the Decades" had previously been used. Commissioners also volunteered to use their personal resources and contacts to find antique car owners that might be able to participate in this event.

6. Report from Buddies Representative

Shannon shared the upcoming events, including the December Christmas party and January Willie Wonka movie night and DIY candy. She also shared local dance dates at the Warren Woods locations.

7. Citizen Participation

There was no participation at this time

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8. Report from Recreation Director

Ashleigh Moro, Recreation Staff

Ashleigh updated the Commissioners on the success of Ladies Night Out which carried out the suggestions based on last year's event. Ashleigh also shared current program registration information, which included a bigger basketball program than recent years. Additionally, several new and upcoming programs were discussed including two new bootcamps (Operation M.O.M and Rockstar Bootcamp) that will be offered in January. Both programs will have a free introductory class on January 6th. Other upcoming programs include Youth Hockey (Leagues and Clinic) starting in March, Little Kickers in January, Youth Bowling Second Season in January, All by Myself and Parent Tot in January. Ashleigh also updated the Commissioners in regards to the possibility of hosting the DIA Inside Out event again.

9. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioner Stein had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Brown had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Lesich had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Buffa had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Stonebreaker wanted to share the Commission's congratulations to both the new mom's and healthy babies

Commissioner Meller wished everyone a happy belated Thanksgiving and a great holiday season.

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10. Adjournment

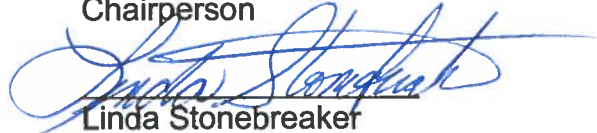
**VICE CHAIR STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN TO
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 2ND
2014 AT 7:39 P.M.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Meller
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson



Linda Stonebreaker
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chairperson

Sarah Kelley
Parks & Recreation Commission
Secretary



Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director