Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 4th 2015
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 Linda Stonebreaker, Vice Chairperson Sherry Stein, Commissioners Michael Lesich, Chris Meller, Jerry Brown, and Gloria Buffa
Absent: Secretary Sarah Kelley

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director
Ashleigh Moro, Recording Secretary
Kyle Lesher, Recording Secretary

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   Chairperson Linda Stonebreaker called meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Agenda**
   COMISSIONER MELLER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEIN **TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGLULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 4TH 2015.**

   Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   COMMISSIONER STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROWN **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10TH 2015.**

   Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Old Business**
   A. City Picnic and Parade Recap
   Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

   Christina gave a summary of the vendors and parking for the picnic. Christina shared that over $4,000 would be added to the Recreation Fund for Special Events due to contributions from donations, drink sales, and parking sales. The Commission discussed the new food vendors and considered additional fare options to enhance next year's food vendor menus. The Commission also discussed the parade and possible changes for next year, such as: reduced crowds, possibly due to Sterling Fest conflict, adding parade monitors to help reduce gaps and cancelling the costume characters. Concerns about the Crafter/Vendor area were also shared. The Commission considered possible options for continued improvement of this area, such as having multiple size areas available for next year.

6. **Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park**
   Vania Apps, President of Fraser First Booster Club

Vania shared the current status of the McKinley Barrier Free Park with the Commissioners; the walking path has been poured but will be receiving a second layer and the comfort station and shelter have received a roof. However, the Booster Club is still waiting to hear about the restrooms. Vania noted that due to the fact the walking path is still in need of a second layer, the ribbon cutting ceremony may need to be pushed back but will still be held this fall. Vania also discussed the community desire for a community garden, however did note concerns that fencing might provide conflict with being barrier free. Vania also shared upcoming fundraisers which include: Quartermania in November, Firefighter Open House and Fall Fest in September, the Valentines Dance in February and possible a Cornhole Tournament and Airtime Trampoline event.

7. 5 Year Plan Discussion

The Commission discussed the 5 year plan, and did note that they were starting a little early, however a Master Plan Survey would be sent out in February of 2016 to help generate ideas and suggestions. The Commission also shared current ideas, which included nature based playgrounds, and expression swing, and musical play equipment.

8. New Business

A. Upcoming Events

Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

Christina shared the Parks and Recreation's upcoming events and new programs, which include Fall Ball (Coach Pitch and T-Ball), 2 sessions of Flag Football, Punt, Pass & Kick, Little Kickers outdoors, Co-Ed adult Dodgeball and 2nd season Kickball through Detroit Kickball league. Christina did share that Dodgeball was still in need of registrations, but that staff is still advertising and seeking local restaurants to sponsor teams. Christina also noted planning for Fall Fest was underway, however the date still needed to be confirmed. The Commission discussed methods for sharing surveys to the community in order to help gain input from citizens, as well as cancelled camp out. The Commission brainstormed ideas for a movie night in the park again, including donations to help reduce the cost.

9. Report from Buddies Representative

Shannon McCalley, Buddies Representative

Shannon shared that during the last meeting the Buddies watched Saving Mr. Banks, and they liked the movie. She also noted that their next meeting would be led by Paige, the new coordinator and they would be making and flying kites.

10. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps & John Hoffman

Vania introduced John Hoffman as a resource for the Commission to use when continuing the discussion of the Community Garden and Farmer's Market as John had experience with another city.

John shared his background and previous experience with the Commission. The Commission discussed some of the struggles that John shared and possible ideas for incorporating a community garden and farmer's market in Fraser.

The Commission determined that hosting an end of season farmer's market at the Fall Fest would be a great way of determining City interest before proceeding with the plans.

11. Report from Recreation Director

Christina Woods, Director of Parks and Recreation

Christina reminded summer programs would be coming to an end the week of August 15th and feedback surveys would go out featuring a free program raffle for participation. Christina also shared that the seniors had received a much needed new bus from SMART. Christina shared upcoming fall special events, including Trunk or Treat at Rams Horn and the Halloween Party at the Lions Club. Additionally, the Commission discussed ideas for fall events, including a pumpkin roll out after Halloween. Christina also noted that she had met with the Fraser Athletic Director and is hoping to improve communication and fill the void in programs that the schools are unable to provide at this time.

12. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioner Brown shared that he thought the fireworks were great this year and went off without a hitch. It was one of the best shows that he had seen in a while.

Commissioner Lesich shared that he had posted a picture of the pavilion at McKinley Park and it received 69 likes, so people were happy.

Commissioner Buffa felt that the fireworks were outstanding and couldn't have been better.

Commissioner Meller also shared that the fireworks were great, the parade was good and that the kids had a blast.

Commissioner Stein shared that it was a great weekend that everyone worked really hard on it.

Commissioner Stonebreaker congratulated everyone on the parade and fireworks. She noted that she loved the kids games, they were very fun and even got fathers

involved. Commissioner Stonebreaker shared that she had received a lot of compliments.

13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEIN **TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 10TH 2015 AT 8:40 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stonebreaker
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson

Sherry Stein
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chairperson

Sarah Kelley
Parks & Recreation Commission
Secretary

Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director