

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 1st 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, Secretary Sarah Kelley; Commissioners Michael Lesich, Chris Meller, Jerry Brown, and Gloria Buffa

Absent:

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director
Kyle Leshner, Recording Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Linda Stonebreaker called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

SECRETARY KELLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 1ST 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 4TH 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Review of Summer Programs

Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

Christina stated that she was overall pleased with how the summer programs went, and thought that the staff did a great job. Christina implemented an end-of-summer bonus that would encourage the staff to not take off any additional days off, but it did not work to the affect that she had hoped. She noted that one of the biggest issues of the summer was the amount of rainouts, which is always a problem and that there are not many solutions. The Commission suggested that there could be make-up dates built into the program's schedule. Christina noted that parent-volunteer coaches helped during the baseball program, and was something she would be using in the future. End-of-summer surveys were sent out to the parents, and five random surveyors will get a free registration to a future program.

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6. Recreation Master Plan 2017-2021 Ideas and Discussion

Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

Christina suggested that the commission brainstorm ideas for the master plan, and will be preparing a survey for the residents in December. Commissioner Stonebreaker thought it would be a good idea to look at surrounding cities and see what types of plans and surveys they had for master plans. Christina said that she would bring Fraser's past files and surveys to next month's meeting. Other ideas were discussed such as having dog bags and treats along the trails at some parks, as well as updating the signage at Steffen's Park.

7. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Gudrun Goetz

Gudrun announced the soft opening for the park will be taking place on October 5th, as well as the official opening on Oct. 10th. Other fundraisers will be taking place Sept. 22nd at Airtime Trampoline and the Vintage House. Gudrun also gave an update on the park saying that the landscaping is coming together and looks great, and the construction is almost done.

8. New Business

A. POC Firefighters Open House/ Fall Fest

Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

Christina noted that this year's event would be bigger than last year, and that a lot of local groups and organizations would be helping. Some of the events that will be taking place include a petting zoo, story time, hayrides, cider & donuts, paws, and a pumpkin sale with decorations. Other events include a farmer's market, a chili cook-off, and a working car show. There is also the possibility of a Soccer skills contest, as well as a dog show.

B. Children's Halloween Party

Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Christina noted that the party would be taking place on October 25^h at the Fraser Lions Club. Events will include Magic Mark, games put on by the Recreation department, pumpkin decorations, face painting, and a possible Halloween safety session. To help advertise the program and get more kids in, Christina stated that the event would now be open to school district families.

C. Christmas in Fraser

Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

Christina said that the DPW would soon be going through storage to see what would need to be replaced or fixed for the upcoming year. She said that the event will be a lot like last year, and will soon be getting letters ready for sponsorships of the event,

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as well as contacting the Fraser High School band and choir. Christmas in Fraser will be taking place December 5th.

9. Report from Buddies Representative

Shannon McCalley, Buddies Representative

Shannon shared some of the upcoming Buddies events which include making Ice cream sundaes (Sept. 9th), Painting with Crayons (Sept. 30th), a Halloween party (Oct. 28th), and some upcoming dances at other locations.

10. Citizen Participation

11. Report from Recreation Director

Christina Woods, Parks and Recreation Director

Christina said that because summer programs have finished up, there has been a lot of in-house organization done such as scanning in files, cleaning the equipment closets, and getting school flyers out for the first week of school. Christina reported that the mural at Fort Fraser has been repainted, and there is new cement going in front of the senior center, and should be completed by the start of fall. She talked about meeting with the Fraser Lions Club after the picnic, and stated that they were going to try and expand the liquor license to the entire park like years previous. Commissioner Lesich asked why the Lions wanted to do this, and added that the biggest cause in a drop in sales might have been due to other events such as Sterling Fest.

12. Commission Members with Concerns

Secretary Kelley suggested that Parks and Recreation got involved with the Library to work on something during "Banned Book Week", thought that it would be a good way to get kids reading.

Chairperson Stonebreaker thought it would be a great idea to have a "Little Library" at one of the parks and it would be of very little cost because the books could get donated.

Commissioner Lesich stated that projects shouldn't be stalled because of the possibility of things getting destroyed, and that ideas such as a "Little Library" would be a good way to get reintroduced with the City's parks. He also stated that the parks bathrooms are a problem and some money should be put into repairing them.

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13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEIN TO
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1ST
2015 AT 7:48 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