

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 10th, 2017
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 Sherry Stein; Commissioners Laura Lesich, David Winowiecki, David Kubiak, Linda Stonebreaker

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Stein called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

**COMMISSIONERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 10TH 2017.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

**COMMISSIONERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION
COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 6TH 2016.**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. None

6. Recreation Master Plan 2017-2021 Ideas and Discussion

A. Status and Rescheduled Public Review Date

Christina noted that due to the holiday break, the dates for the last steps of the Master Plan were not set. On Feb. 7th, there will be a commission meeting that includes public review of the Master Plan. On March 7th, the final copy will be presented and on March 9th it will be reviewed by the City Council.

7. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First updated us on the ongoing ticket sales for the Valentines Dance at the Fraser Vintage House. They are still taking donations for the silent raffle, and Vania stated that they were still in the process of applying for the Ralph C Wilson Grant.

8. Report from Buddies Representative

None.

9. Report on Senior Business

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Christina updated the Commission on all of the upcoming field trips and programs for the seniors. These include a trip to Greektown Casino and Roseanne's Kitchen at the end of the month.

10. Report on Recreation Business

Christina Woods, Recreation Director

A. New Programs

Christina discussed upcoming programs and new programs. She also went over the school flyer, talked about the ongoing basketball leagues, and reviewed the newly formed "Sunrise Club" which will meet at McKinley Park every Saturday morning to view the sunrise.

B. New Adult Leagues

Christina discussed the new formats to the department's adult leagues. These include Co-Ed Softball and Kickball, Men's Softball, and Adult Flag Football. Christina is hopeful that the closing of Liberty Park will mean more participation in our leagues this summer.

C. Programs in conjunction with the Library

The recreation department will be starting a GrandPals program, which includes seniors and elementary students doing activities together. There will also be a Geocaching program in the summer.

11. Report on Special Events

A. Easter Egg Hunt

Due to the sinkhole, the event will have to either be moved to the Lions Club or the Fraser VFW Hall. New Easter eggs have been ordered. Commissioner Winowiecki suggested that the event be moved to the fire bay and snow fencing be put up for the egg hunt.

B. City Picnic/Parade

Recreation's Role in City Picnic Food Vendors

The Commission went around and discussed the pros and cons about keeping the task of handling the food vendors for at least one more year, if not two. Among the ideas were family food specials and possible theme nights that will bring more families in Thursday-Saturday.

COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER MOVED TO KEEP FOOD VENDORS REGISTRATION WITH THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI.

Motion carried unanimously.

Parade Theme/Grand Marshall Discussion

Commissioner Lesich thought that the grand marshall should be representative of the overall parade theme, and that it may be a good idea to have all current and former service men and women lead the parade.

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CHAIRPERSON STEIN MOVED TO MAKE "STARS AND STRIPES" THE THEME FOR THE 2017 CITY OF FRASER PARADE. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report on Parks

A. Grants

The latest grant was submitted to the state towards a Tree Farm, but that was denied. However, Macomb County is looking to give communities trees, so we will be able to get some trees for the city from the county.

B. Capital Improvement Plan

Next Council meeting, AEW will be putting forth a plan for capital improvement plans. This will provide a comprehensive plan on upkeeping our capital, including buildings equipment and parks. Christina submitted a long list of park needs, and council will then decide which capital improvements to fund.

13. Other New Business

A. How the sinkhole construction will affect the Fraser Activity Center
While programs are still being held at the Center, 15 Mile is not accessible which will pose challenges to participants and patrons. Christina is working on getting signage on the detour route to the Activity Center. The county was using the Center as a command center over the holiday break but has since moved to another location. Big programs such as the Easter egg hunt may have to be moved away from the Center.

14. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps asked how the Commission felt the relationship building with businesses was going, especially with the ones that always help with special events such as Christmas in Fraser. Vania suggested that there should be a space on the flyers for recent sponsors. She also noted that the department should keep a file on lost revenue for programs due to the sinkhole damage.

15. Report from Recreation Director

Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Christina announced that there would be a new process for recording the video of the Commission meetings. She also announced that the department is transitioning over to a new Facebook business page instead of a personal account, and asked the

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commission to get the word out and share the page. Summer program planning is going to be starting soon.

16. Commission Members with Concerns

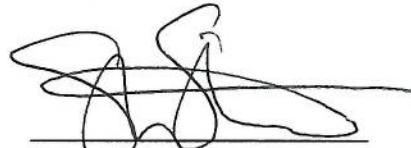
Commissioner Lesich asked Christina if it would be a good idea to have a temporary office for registration at City Hall so that people didn't have to come to the sinkhole area. Christina noted that manpower would be the issue to man both offices, but it is possible to have one after hours day a week at City Hall. Christina noted that the department will really be pushing online registrations during this time, and registrations can be made over the phone as well.

17. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 10TH 2017 AT 8:32 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

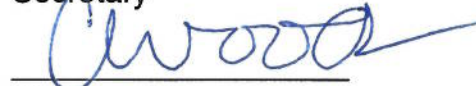
Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Stein
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson



Sarah Kelley
Parks & Recreation Commission
Secretary



Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director