

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 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, Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Commissioners Tom Colwell, Linda Stonebreaker, David Winowiecki

Absent: Secretary Sarah Kelley

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director, Shannon McCalley Buddies Representative

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Stein called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 6 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

COMMISSIONER STONEBREAKER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10TH 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. None

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First Booster Club President Vania Apps updated the commission with the status of the McKinley Barrier Free Park project. The Land and Water Conservation Fund bids came in above the maximum \$200,000 amount and Fraser First and the city are currently working with DPW and the contractor to reduce the project cost. A September build is possible. There is a fundraiser at the Dairy Maid on June 22nd, and is also a memorial to Sandy Caloia, longtime Recreation Commissioner and Fraser First member and advocate. Fraser First is currently in a membership drive and is asking everyone to renew their membership.

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7. Report from Buddies Representative

The Buddies potluck is June 14th and all are welcome to attend. We recently submitted our flyers to Lutz school and they distributed them to all the students. Lauren has been a great coordinator for the Buddies so far. She is very knowledgeable and knows how to adapt games and activities to all different abilities.

8. Report on Senior Business

Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Christina updated that the Senior Planting for tomorrow has been canceled due to lack of volunteers. Christina will be presenting at a county senior event sponsored by State Rep Sowerby and at Fraser Woods as well.

9. Report on Recreation Business

Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Mens basketball League started with 10 teams. We are able to use Fraser High School's Gym for this. Flag Rugby started with 22 people. This program is volunteer coached and is FREE! Registrations are coming in for summer, with 215 registrations so far. It is still early and there is time for registrations. Coaches are hired and will have coach meetings to make sure they are all on the same page. There were a lot of 16 year old hires which is a very good thing because we need to train the younger coaches for when the older coaches retire.

10. Report on Special Events

a. Upcoming City Parade and Picnic

Parade, crafters and food vendor registrations are very low, however it is still early so we are not worried yet. Staff is calling and finding new organizations to contact to add to the event.

b. Upcoming Water Fight

The water fight will be on Saturday July 8 at 12pm at Steffens Park. The Facebook Event showed 18 going and 140 interested.

c. Upcoming Family Game Day

We have a sponsor for his event, Christian Financial. There are 2 going and 48 interested on our Facebook event. We will be doing paid advertisement for this event since it is being sponsored. Staff member Julie has been working on a lot of cool "minute to win it" games for the event.

11. Report on Parks

a. Tree Planting Success

The Tree planting was a huge success, thanks to Green Macomb, Releaf Michigan, Fraser First Booster Club, Grashopper Bakery, Rams Horn, Girlscout Troop 70382, Pack 1461, Fraser Police and CSDD. Director Woods wants to have events like this every year and will be looking for funding for these.

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b. **Fort Fraser Volunteer Group Updates**

Director Woods met with the Fort Fraser Volunteer group and identified \$25,000 in needed repairs. Included in these repairs are the camera and woodchips. Next steps are to gather interest and get more volunteers on board.

12. Other New Business

a. **Discussion regarding youth and senior advisor to the Commission**

The commission discussed at length what they are looking for. The purpose of this endeavor is to get these age groups involved and listen to their suggestions. At first the discussion leaned towards 3 representatives from different age groups in the schools and one senior representative. Then the commission zeroed in on the goal and decided to make surveys for the different age groups, like how we do with the 5-year plan surveys. We also will invite people to come to the meetings to participate as well.

b. **Discussion regarding collaboration with local schools**

Commissioner Winoweicki initiated conversations with Dr. Dave Richards, Fraser Schools superintendent. The commission thought about possible ways for Fraser students to be involved in the community and in the recreation department. Some ideas: Web design, photographer, banner designs for the poles instead of flowers, shop class projects, sewing room for classes, cooking classes, fire hydrant painting or murals, and volunteerism.

13. Citizen Participation

None at this time.

14. Report from Recreation Director

Director Woods Stated that lunches in the Park sponsored by Fraser Public Schools will begin June 19th 11:45-12:45 at McKinley Park. Christina Thanked David Winowiecki for the sign at Somerset Park, it looks perfect! The concession stand is doing well and is open. Rudy has a lot of ideas which will benefit the park and Christina encourages all to check out the stand. Kyle and Justin Logan have been working out well in the office in place of Kyle Leshner, and their knowledge of the programs is very important and needed in the office. The 2017-2018 budget has passed with no cuts, but we are awaiting notice of the funding source for the approved budget. Other than that we are working on 2nd season adult leagues and fall programming

15. Commission Members with Concerns

Commissioner Colwell stated he likes the sponsorships that are helping fund park and special events.

Commissioner Kubiak stated he is excited with the intergenerational approach the recreation and commission are advocating.

Vice Chairperson Lesich encourages and welcomes all to go to the council meeting on June 8th to share with council what kind of community the residents want.

Commissioner Winoweicki echoes Vice Chairperson Lesich's statement, and wants people to come out and attend the meeting.

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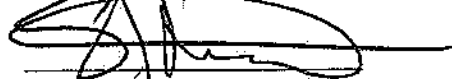
Commissioner Stonebreaker would like to add an agenda item to the next commission meeting to discuss 3C's proposal to landscape Web's Wedge.

16. Adjournment

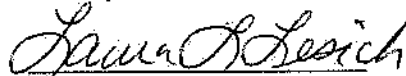
VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSOINER STONEBREAKER TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 6TH 2017 AT 8:50 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

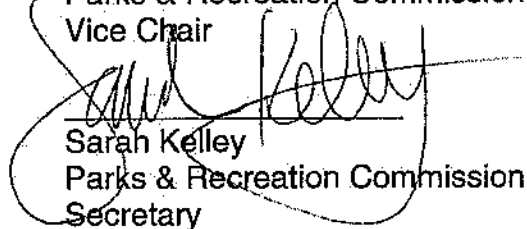
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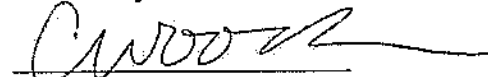
Sherry Stein
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Laura Lesich
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Sarah Kelley
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Parks & Recreation Director