

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 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; Secretary Sarah Kelley, David Winowiecki

Absent: Commissioners Tom Colwell, David Kubiak, Linda Stonebreaker; Shannon McCalley Buddies Representative

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

SECRETARY KELLY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI TO **APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 11 2017.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 10TH 2017**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion on status of Recreation and Senior Departments

Director Woods informed the commission that after the City Council voted down PA33 on June 8 everything halted for the Recreation and Senior Center. We lost about 3 weeks of work because planning was halted. At the end of June, City Council passed a 2 mil tax increase under PA33 to sustain the budget until 3 mil tax increase for PA33 will be put on an advisory ballot in November. If it passes we will be set for the rest of the fiscal year. If it fails Recreation and Senior will be shut down after January 1st.

B. Status of Youth and Senior involvement in Recreation Commission and Collaboration with Local Schools

Director Woods informed the commission that due to the uncertain future of the department, these two projects were put on hold. They are still things that the Recreation will pursue, but at the current time the department is still catching up.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Vania Apps, President of Fraser First Booster Club, stated that at the next council meeting the approval of a bid from WCI Contracting will be on the agenda and as soon as the bid is approved we will have a build date and the project will move forward.

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Vania also stated that the Fundraiser at the Dairy Maid went well even with the rain. Vania reiterated that even with the uncertainty of the budget, the McKinley project will continue. She stated that there will be a lot of fundraisers coming in the Fall.

1. Report from Buddies Representative

Director Woods stated the Buddies will be starting their year in September and have a new schedule coming out.

2. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods stated that the department is coming up with a lot of new trips and events for fall. She also stated that she is meeting with Clinton Township Senior Center to discuss ways to collaborate.

3. Report on Recreation Business

Director Woods stated that programs are going well and upcoming programs are Youth Flag Rugby and Youth Flag Football. The Design Contest is still accepting submissions, voting for which will be the week after the City Picnic.

4. Report on Special Events

a. Review of Fraser Water Fight

Director Woods thanked the Paid On Call Firefighters for bringing out the truck and hose and spraying the kids down! We had about 100 people register but only about 50 showed up. Even so, it was our largest one yet and everyone had a great time. The whole event cost \$160 in materials, not including staff coach wages, but goes to show that it is a great event for not a lot of money. Christina discussed possibly holding it every month during the summer and having volunteers run the event.

b. Upcoming City Picnic and Parade

Director Woods stated that currently we have \$4,200 in donations, far more than in years past. Parade registration is very low, same with crafters, but this happens every year. We have 2 food vendors, Vintage House and the Concession Stand (Eclipse). Recreation will be charging for Parking on Saturday and Sunday, will have a recreation tent with a craft and will need volunteers for the parade line up. The commission discussed who would be the Grand Marshal.

COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLEY TO RECOMMEND FAMILIES AGAINST NARCOTICS FOR PARADE GRAND MARSHAL, FOR THEIR WORK WITH HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS, AND IF THEY ARE UNABLE, TO RECOMMEND THE VFW POST 6691 FOR GRAND MARSHALL FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AND SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Upcoming Family Game Day

We have a sponsor for his event, Christian Financial. This event is on Saturday July 22nd at 3pm and is FREE and will feature games for families and kids of all ages. We recommend all interested register so we have a count of how many to expect.

5. Report on Parks

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a. Fort Fraser Volunteer Group Updates

Director Woods stated that due to the backlog of work from lost time planning there are no updates regarding Fort Fraser at this time.

6. Other New Business

a. Review of the Meeting with Clinton Twp on June 23 2017

Director Woods informed the commission about the discussions with Clinton Township. Clinton Township was willing to help in the event that the Recreation and Senior Centers were closed after July 1. Christina stated that even if that did happen, we would find another location close by for the seniors to play cards and sports, and that the programs that were in progress would still continue with volunteer management by the Director. The area most in jeopardy from closing would be the Senior Van Service, which Clinton Township stated they would assist with if our grant funds were to be transferred to their accounts.

b. Recommendations for Recreation Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary positions ending June 30th 2018

The commissioners discussed the different positions and then made recommendations

Vice Chairperson Lesich recommended Current Chairperson Stein for Chairperson, position ending June 30 2018. Chairperson Stein accepted. Chairperson Stein recommend current Vice Chairperson Lesich for Vice Chairperson, position ending June 30 2018. Vice Chairperson Lesich accepted.

Chairperson Stein recommend current Secretary Kelley for Secretary, position ending June 30 2018. Secretary Kelley accepted.

c. Motions for Recreation Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary Positions ending June 30th 2018

COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH, TO FILL RECREATION COMMISSION OFFICE POSITIONS AS SUCH: SHERRY STEIN FOR CHAIRPERSON, LAURA LESICH FOR VICE CHAIRPERSON AND SARAH KELLEY FOR SECRETARY, POSITIONS ENDING JUNE 30 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion on Landscaping Sponsor for Web's Wedge

Director Woods shared the intent from 3C's Landscaping. The company would re-grade "Web's Wedge", fix the sprinkler system, and design and maintain the area. The city will be responsible for the water meter on the property, and would only be able to put a sign in a designated spot as to not burst any irrigation pipes.

COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH, TO DIRECT THE RECREATION DIRECTOR TO CONTACT 3C'S LANDSCAPING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO DESIGN AND MAINTAIN LANDSCAPING AT "WEBS WEDGE"

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7. Citizen Participation

Debbie Winoweicki, 32487 Woody. Mrs. Winoweicki shared news of Fraser's Helping Hands organization, and the projects they have done thus far. FHH will have a bowling fundraiser to include families. Mrs. Winoweicki shared information on a Sunflower Festival in a city smaller than Fraser and is encouraged that a Farmers Market will work here in our city.

Nancy Berube 31240 Kelley. Mrs. Berube shared that we will need volunteers and sponsors for the Farmers Market.

Vania Apps, 31641 York Street. Vania recommended that the Firefighter Open House/Fall Festival as kickoff for the Farmers Market.

Mark Wettstein, 31030 Fall. Mr. Wettstein applauded work with the library and recreation in their partnership.

Chris Cook, 32323 Oxford Court. Likes the idea of the Farmers market and hope it proceeds and would like to see it get bigger.

8. Report from Recreation Director

Director Woods shared she has a presentation on our senior department at Fraser Woods and a senior town hall presented by State Representative Bill Sowerby. She also will be presenting Fraser's successful tree planting with the Macomb economic and Development green initiative meeting.

9. Commission Members with Concerns

Vice Chairperson Lesich recommended family field trips, discounts for the room rental at the Activity Center due to the sinkhole, a bike club, open mic day at Steffens and thanks the audience for attending.

Commissioner Winoweicki echoes Vice Chairperson Lesich's statement, thanks the audience and believes that now is the time that we rebuild our foundation to be stronger than ever.

Commissioner Kelly inquired on movies in the park, ice rink in Steffens park. The commission recommended that Eclipse Concession Stand stay open during the winter for Hot Cocoa. Commissioner Kelley reiterated that even though the recreation isn't able to offer every suggestion posed, it doesn't mean we aren't listening. Budget and time constraints dictate what we can accomplish. Secretary Kelly also thanked the Recreation Director for offering to step up and volunteer to ensure that summer programs continued in the event of the department closing.

Chairperson Stein reiterated Secretary Kelley's statements on the realities of time and budget constraints and thanked Director Woods for the offer to volunteer to see the programs through.

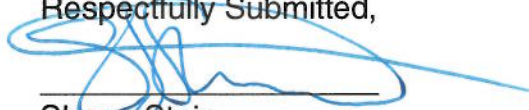
10. Adjournment

SECRETARY KELLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSOINER WINOWEICKI TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 6TH 2017 AT 8:47 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,



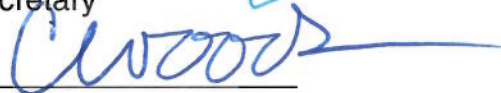
Sherry Stein
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Laura Lesich
Parks & Recreation Commission
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Sarah Kelley
Parks & Recreation Commission
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Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director