

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 1st, 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, Commissioners Tom Colwell, David Kubiak, Linda Stonebreaker

Absent: Commissioner David Winowiecki

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Stein called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for August 1st 2017

SECRETARY KELLY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 1 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 11 2017

VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11TH 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Status of Youth and Senior Involvement in Recreation Commission

Director Woods informed the commission that this project has been on hold while the department is attending to other time-sensitive projects. The recreation intends to pursue this goal but is unable at this time.

B. Collaboration with Local Schools

Director Woods stated that this is another one of the things that the Recreation will pursue, but is attending to other time sensitive items and is not able to commit time to this project at this time. This is something we fully intend to implement and will advise the commission in the future.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First President Vania Apps stated that there have been benches put in at McKinley Park and the patrons of the park have had great response from them. The little library door has been replaced by CSDD, and they did a great job. The Fraser First raffle at the city picnic was successful and FFBC will be doing more raffles like it. Vania stated that the tentative build date for the playground will be September 15th – 22nd. Volunteers will be needed for the community build.

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Vania shared upcoming fundraising events, including Ryan Buck's Art Gallery in September and a Trivia Night in October.

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Recreation Director stated that the new season of Buddies dates has been solidified and it looks like a great season coming up.

8. Report on Senior Business

A. Upcoming Programming

Director Christina Woods stated that a lot of programs are coming up as fall programming is almost completed. We will be offering senior "Lunch and Learn" seminars, a crock-pot recipe swap and a shred and meds day. Programming is almost complete and the new programs will be released in the Gazette as well as the Focus on Fraser.

B. Review of meeting with Clinton Township Senior Center

Christina stated that she had a meeting with Clinton Township Senior Center to see if there are opportunities to collaborate. She stated there is possibility of teaming up for bus trips and possibly senior sports tournaments. She reiterated that although we are looking at collaborating, this is different than combining as we both want to retain our unique individuality.

9. Report on Recreation Business

A. Upcoming Programming

Christina stated that Summer Programs end next week and are going well. There will be a 2nd season of Men's Softball, Flag Football and Kickball due to demand. Some upcoming programs in the fall are youth basketball leagues, youth flag football, Kids life-size gingerbread house contest, CCPlus Pound Fitness and more. Christina also wants to organize a "Chalk Walk", maybe at the grand opening at McKinley Park. Christina also shared the mid-season surveys which had great Feedback. Commissioner Kubiak stated that it might be helpful to share with the parents the level of play for the programs so there is no confusion.

B. Report on Farmers Market Status

Christina stated that due to the large outpouring of support for a Fraser Farmers market a Facebook group was created for volunteers to connect and discuss. The first meeting of this volunteer group will be August 14th at 7 pm. The Farmers Market will begin next year. Commissioner Colwell stated that he was excited to see a venue for people to volunteer and get involved.

10. Report on Special Events

A. Review of City Picnic and Parade

There were 46 groups in the parade even given the short preparation period. The donations for the event was the highest ever at \$5,500, a near double from the year prior. There were a lot of different free activities for kids because of the donations. Chairperson Stein stated that she really liked seeing the activities for the kids and the bounce houses.

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Christina shared that there were 15 design submissions for the t-shirt design contest. There were over 280 votes and Heath Fedorczak was the winner and t-shirt sales will happen shortly.

B. Review of Family Game Day

Christina stated that the event was not well attended, and this is the 3rd year offered without much growth. She stated that we will not do the event on the Saturday before the City Picnic, but maybe offer it another day independent of the City Picnic. Vice Chairperson Lesich stated that although the Saturday Family Game Day was not well attended, the recreation should still offer similar activities in conjunction with other programs.

Secretary Kelley stated that the Recreation should look for end of season sales for game equipment.

Commissioner Kubiak stated that instead of having a separate event for the Family Game Day, it should be in conjunction with the city picnic activities on the Sunday of the event.

C. Upcoming Fall Fest

The Fall Festival in conjunction with the POC Volunteer Firefighters will be October 7th 11-4. It will feature a petting zoo, big rig car show, more crafters/vendors and farmers market tables.

D. Upcoming Halloween Party

The Halloween Party is organized in conjunction with the Lions Club. Christina mentioned that if the Lions Club do not want the Recreation to be involved further the Recreation will hold one of their own. Christina is waiting to hear back from the Lions club.

Chairperson Stein shared that October 28th will be the Rams Horn Trunk or Treat. Commissioner Kubiak stated that collaboration is better than holding multiple events for the same holiday.

E. Upcoming Christmas in Fraser

Christmas in Fraser will be December 2nd. Preparations are underway for this event. If the funds will allow it, we may hold an ice sculpting competition with ice carving students.

i) Recommendations for Honorees

In order to plan in advance, Christina asked the commission for recommendations for the 2 honorees of the Christmas in Fraser event. Commissioner Stonebreaker requested time to review possible candidates before submitting a recommendation to City Council.

Commissioner Stonebreaker requested to have a recommendation in September.

Commissioner Kubiak asked for clarification on honorees. Christina stated it can be anyone from a group that does good in the city, someone that has achieved something, or someone who has gone through undue hardships. The commission agreed to have people submit recommendations, and then the commission will review at the next meeting.

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11. Report on Parks

A. Competitive Tree Grant through US Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Christina stated that the recreation submitted for 40 trees for either Steffens Park or Blanke Park. It is a competitive grant and we will need to have volunteers help plant the trees in the spring. More information to come after we have been selected as a recipient or not.

12. Other New Business

None at this time

13. Citizen Participation

Gudrun Goetz, 18387 13 Mile Road- Thanks all participants and workers for the parade. It was a great parade and one of the best parades in memory.

Vania Apps, 31641 York St – Recommends that the commission decide on the timeline for the Christmas in Fraser Honorees so that there are not any last minute changes.

14. Report from Recreation Director

Recreation Director Woods stated that summer programs are winding down and fall programming is starting up.

15. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Stonebreaker shared the upcoming Painted Rock fad. She stated that it is a great way for the community to do and recommends that the Recreation look into getting into it.

Commissioner Colwell appreciates everyone who helps organize and produce the recreational offerings in the city, and stated it's an excited time and is optimistic of what is to come.

Secretary Kelley commended everyone participating in the parade. Texas Roadhouse participated for the first time this year and stated they loved it and want to participate even bigger next year. She stated that there should be parade floats again because people love seeing the parade.

Commissioner Kubiak thanks Christina for the dedication month after month and it's great to see people coming out to care and promote their city.

Vice Chair Lesich recommends that the parade float contest brought back for next year's parade. She commented that during the City picnic there wasn't enough garbage bins. She also commented that she would like to see more food vendors at the City Picnic. She asked if the Recreation Department will be planning past December 31st, Christina stated that we will still plan for winter programming.

Chairperson Stein asked what would happen to the Daddy Daughter Dance should PA33 not pass. Christina said she would help another organization to offer it. Sherry also commended the parade and the energy of the city coming together.

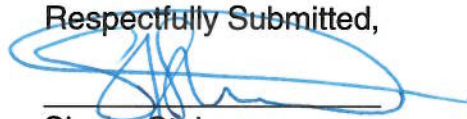
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16. Adjournment

**CHAIRPERSON STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLEY TO
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 1ST 2017 AT
8:41 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Stein
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson



Laura Lesich
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chair

Sarah Kelley
Parks & Recreation Commission
Secretary



Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director