

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 14th, 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 David Kubiak, David Winowiecki

Absent: Secretary Sarah Kelley; Commissioners Tom Colwell, Linda Stonebreaker; Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for November 14th 2017

COMMISSIONER WINOWEICKI MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 14TH 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from October 3rd 2017

COMMISSIONER KUBIAK MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WINOWEICKI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3RD 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitude's

County Commissioner Kathy Tocco for meeting with seniors to discuss county offerings for seniors and presents for our Harvest Party

Schotts Market for catering for Senior Harvest Party

Powerhouse Fitness for offering our first Crazy Fit Kids – youth fitness class

Roseville Eastpointe Recreation Authority for collaboration on upcoming events and programs for kids

Warren Recreation for upcoming collaboration with the Basketball League

Senior Center Member Mary Joe Benoit for donating items for the Harvest Party

6. Current Status of Recreation and Senior Departments

Director Woods shared that the city is facing a \$1.9 million deficit with the unsuccessful PA33 proposal. At this time, the Activity Center, Recreation Department and Senior Department are scheduled to close indefinitely after December 21st 2017. This will result in freeing up \$160,000 in funds in the General Fund. Any programs running after December 21st will be either refunded in whole or pro-rated. Director Woods said that it was a pleasure to serve the community and thanked the commission and community members for many years of support.

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7. Old Business

- A. Status of Youth and Senior Involvement in Recreation Commission**
This initiative that was in progress will be canceled due to impending closure of the Activity Center, Recreation Department and Senior Department.
- B. Collaboration with Local Schools**
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8. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First Booster Club President Vania Apps stated that the McKinley Park ribbon cutting and grand opening was successful. Fraser First will continue to work towards putting other playground amenities in the park.
Current fundraising endeavors are ones through the Gates Foundation and the Valentines Dance on February 10th

9. Report from Buddies Representative

Director Woods stated the Buddies will continue until December and will be prorated refunded for the remainder of the year.

10. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods stated the Senior Harvest Festival was well attended and enjoyed by all. Programming will continue through the end of December until the department closes.

11. Report on Recreation Business

- A. Upcoming Programming**
Director Woods stated the Ladies Night Craft was a success with over 40 participants. Crazy Fit Kids had 2 sessions running and was a collaboration with Powerhouse Gym. Fraser Basketball League will be canceled and refunded and participants will be directed to other options. There were upcoming family fieldtrips in the works with Roseville Eastpointe Recreation Authority but those have been canceled.
- B. Farmers Market Updates**
Farmers Market Coordinator Nancy Berube stated she will continue the market, and questioned how the application and payment acceptance will occur if the Recreation is closed. Director Woods stated that was unknown but is one of the many things that will be decided before the Activity Center closes.

12. Reports on Special Events

- A. Recap of Fall Fest**
Director Woods stated that the Fall Fest/POC Firefighter Open house was a huge success. There were over 60 vendor tents and the Recreation had

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to turn away about 30. Multiple community groups participated and it was a great display of what Fraser offers.

B. Recap of Halloween Party

Director Woods stated there were over 500 people for the Lion's Sponsored Halloween Party. The Lion's did a great job and the Recreation sponsored the magician.

C. Upcoming Christmas in Fraser

Director Woods stated that there will still be a Christmas in Fraser, however the entire City Hall will not be decorated with lights. Instead, there will be a symbolic lighting of either a Christmas Tree or maybe the Gazebo. Commissioner Lesich recommended having a Giving Tree where people may donate hats/scarves/mittens/etc.

13. Report on Parks

Director Woods stated that the parks are winterized for the season. Going forward the status of pavilion and field rentals are unsure.

14. Other New Business

A. Open Commission Seat with Term Ending December 31st 2018 due to Commissioner Winowiecki's Appointment to City Council

The Commission as a whole asked if the Commission will be disbanded along with the Recreation closure. Director Woods stated that will be up to the commission but that the commission could find a place as intermediary to other volunteer groups or committees to continue the Recreation initiatives in the Community.

Interviews will continue and there will be 3 seats total up for appointment with this partial term due to Commissioner Winowiecki's appointment to City Council.

15. Report from Recreation Director

Director Woods said that there are still a lot of unknowns closing down the departments, and asked for patience as the recreation department notifies people and starts issuing refunds.

16. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps, 31641 York Street: Questioned how the Commission will function without a joined department. She stated that a lack of Recreation Department will make it harder for volunteers and the Fraser First Booster Club to make positive change.

Kim Beavers 15524 Cambridge: Stated that her family has utilized the programs and questioned if the building will be opened up again, using volunteers and streamlining activities.

Nancy Berube 31245 Kelley Road; Questioned what will happen to the vans, Christina stated it will go back to SMART.

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Dana Freers 34610 Christini: Questioned about partnering with other cities. Christina stated that collaborations were in progress, but what would happen is that participants would go elsewhere and pay non-resident pricing in those other cities. Cheryl LaCasse 16847 Grettel: Showed support for Parks and Recreation and its programs and volunteer opportunities.

17. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Kubiak – Stated that he is saddened by this news but believes in the hope of people and community.

Vice Chairperson Lesich – Thanked everyone for coming out to support the Recreation. Vice Chairperson Lesich still has hope and encourages everyone to contact the city and council to let opinions be known.

Commissioner Winoweicki – Stated that he is committed to being the best advocate and proponent he can be to bring the city back. He hopes that those who have been involved will stay involved and connected in friendships with one another, and asked people to talk to their neighbors.

Chairperson Stein – Thanked everyone for their hard work and hopes that people will continue to advocate for the community.

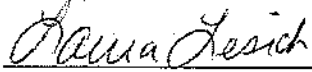
18. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER WINOWIECKI MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14TH 2017 AT 8:03 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

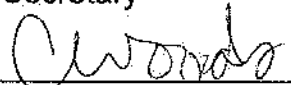
Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Stein
Parks & Recreation Commission
Chairperson



Laura Lesich
Parks & Recreation Commission
Vice Chair

Sarah Kelley
Parks & Recreation Commission
Secretary



Christina Woods
Parks & Recreation Director