

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 13th 2018
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: Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Commissioners Nancy Berube, David Bogdan, Tom Colwell, Cheryl LaCasse

Absent: Chairperson Sherry Stein; Secretary Sarah Kelley; Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chairperson Lesich called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for February 13 2018

COMMISSIONER BERUBE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOGDAN TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 13 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from January 16 2018

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 16TH 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following: Quirky girls for cake for the 100 year old senior, American house for providing senior treats for bingo, Senior 420 network for their seminar on Medical Marijuana and for providing refreshments, Joanne Barr for providing a senior legal seminar, Somerset Swim Club for reaching out to us to coordinate summer programming, Southern Michigan Obedience Training Club for teaching the dog obedience classes, Powerhouse gym for teaching the kids fitness class, Fraser Star Lanes for housing the Recreation Bowling League, and most of all the Fraser Activity Center staff for working hard under pressure because we are so busy!

6. Old Business

A. None

7. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First Booster Club President Vania Apps stated that the updated panels for the McKinley Park Playground will be coming in March. FFBC applied for a grant for design and accessibility. Swings will be put in the park when funds become available or when funded by a grant. FFBC Thanks the entertainment sponsors for the

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Valentine Dance and the event grossed \$15,000. The next Fundraiser will be the Rams Horn Fundraiser on March 21st.

8. Report from Buddies Representative

Director Woods stated that currently Buddies is one of the programs which has not been reinstated yet following the closure. She is looking for volunteers or a grant to help fund the program, because it is not self-funding with current participant pricing. Some ideas are to get a group from the High School to run it or join with another city.

9. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Berube spoke on the status of the market and stated that they are receiving crafters and a commitment from a farmer. They also have some foodtrucks that will be there for the market days.

10. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods stated that the departments are still not back on track since the closure and probably won't be until May. There are internal policy changes that are taking time but the current programming is going as anticipated. Two tasks that are in progress are volunteer management and donation/sponsorship management plans. The annual budget will be coming up soon as well. Christina shared that she went to the Michigan Parks and Recreation conference and went to some really informative sessions about leadership, sponsorships, working with local chamber of commerce, perfecting hiring, crowd sourcing and more. It was a great experience and a lot of information was gained.

11. Report on Senior Business

A. Upcoming Programming

New upcoming programs include the Game Gang, a drop in program for seniors to connect and play whatever game they choose, green thumb club, a group who will get together to plant around the center and to manage a small community garden, golden volunteer force, a group who will get together to volunteer and help make the senior center better, Mexican Train Dominos, Rummykub, and Cornhole. The Senior Center just had a Mardi Gras party with 26 people and already have 30 signed up for the St Patrick's Day party. Also upcoming is a Kentucky Derby party and Spring Tea.

12. Report on Recreation Business

A. Upcoming Programming

Upcoming programs include Crazy Fit Kids with Powerhouse Gym, Dog Obedience by SMOTC, Spring Break camp, Teddy Bear Picnic, Youth Bowling at Fraser Star lanes, Floor Hockey, Teen Easter Egg Hunt, Mom and Me Glamour Spa, Adult Leagues will start in the spring. There are a lot of programs that still need to be scheduled but we are working as quickly as we can. Summer programs will be released as soon as the Director can work out the numbers for the programs.

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13. Report on Special Events

A. Upcoming Easter Egg Hunt

Over 100 tickets have been given out to date, for two times 11 and 1 pm. The event will be at the Senior Center and will feature the Easter bunny, egg hunt, simple craft and maybe a magician or band or something. Vice Chairperson Lesich asked if the parking lot will be done before then, Christina said she thinks it will be because it is slated to be completed as soon as weather breaks.

B. Various Special Events

Mom and son bowling will be in May and will feature bowling at Fraser Star Lanes, a craft, and lunch. City Parade planning should start next month. Director Woods stated that the commission should discuss themes and grand marshal at the next meeting. Director Woods shared that she will be meeting with representatives from the Lions soon. There are two dates for the Water Fight in the summer and a combined event between the Roseville Eastpointe Recreation and Fraser Recreation will happen in May for Cinco De Mayo for families.

14. Report on Parks

There will be a park clean up on April 28th from 9-1 pm, literature and flyer will be out soon. Pavilion rentals coming soon, starting April 2nd for Residents. Pavilion prices raised by \$5 for everyone for pavilions and we will start reserving McKinley Park pavilion this year as well. Christina was unsure if Fraser Public Schools will be using McKinley Park for Meet Up & Eat Up.

15. Other New Business

A. None

16. Citizen Participation

None

17. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Colwell – Asked if there was a sponsorship packet available when getting donations and sponsorships. Christina stated that currently there is not a comprehensive packet and recommended the commission talk about it at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bogdan – Thanked the commission and stated he is glad to be on the Commission
Commissioner LaCasse – Excited for the next meeting to talk about the city picnic and parade.

Commissioner Nancy Berube – Glad to be on the commission and is confident that the new programs will go well and looks towards good things coming in the future.

Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich – Thanked the new commission members and believes there is a great team.

18. Adjournment

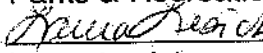
COMMISSIONER BERUBE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACASSE TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13TH 2018 AT 8:03 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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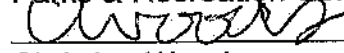
Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Stein
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission



Laura Lesich
Vice Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission

Sarah Kelley
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission



Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation