

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 3rd 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: Chairperson Sherry Stein, Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Secretary Sarah Kelley Commissioners Nancy Berube, Tom Colwell, Cheryl LaCasse; Buddies Representative Shannon McCalley

Absent: Commissioner David Bogdan

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Stein called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for April 3 2018

VICE CHAIR LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACASSE TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 3 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from March 6 2018

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 6 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following: For their assistance in the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt: Jump Around Moon Bounce Rentals, Friends of the Fraser Public Library, Fraser First Booster Club and Vania Apps, Councilman Michael Lesich, Councilman David Winowicki, Debbie Winowicki, Commissioner Nancy Berube, NJHS Students. For their Assistance at the Teen Egg Hunt: AJ Rolens, Renee Paoletti, Commissioner Cheryl LaCasse, Commissioner Nancy Berube, Kaycee Clark from Christ Church and Dallas and Nolan, NJHS Students.

For the Senior St. Patrick's Day: Schotts Fraser, Arden Courts of Sterling Heights. Thank you to Jeanne Lynch and MI Sports Bar for organizing the Recreation Fundraiser

Thank you to Aaron from Christ Church for meeting to discuss music programming.

Thank you to Rachel Agusti for volunteering to teach a Junk Drawer Science class

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

FFBC President Vania Apps and Gudrun Goetz updated the commission on fundraising. April 13th will be Trivia Night and there is an upcoming Michigan Peddler event that is sold out. The Rams Horn fundraiser was very successful and there is an upcoming sign party at the Activity Center. There are 3 grants out and will start

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hearing feedback in May. Commissioner Berube spoke about the speaker that does not work and the sand table that is in a bad location. The Plexiglas in the firetruck is scratched and has graffiti. Vania stated these items have been addressed. Vania thanked the community who have been taking care of the park trash and pet waste.

7. Report from Buddies Representative

Director Woods stated that this program is still on hold until we can re-evaluate and re-design the program. We will be able to devote time to this as soon as other time sensitive matters are taken care of. We are still at increased workload from programming from scratch in January.

8. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Berube spoke on the status of the market. Currently there are 6 committed, but 11 interested. First day for this will be May 12th.

9. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods stated that Lesley, part time clerical for the senior center who has worked for 10 years, is resigning to take care of family matters. The clerk's office will be accepting applications for this position. Christina is looking into various music classes taught by Aaron, music director at Christ Church. More information to come as we assess what the demand is for programs like these. Budget talks will start April 12th with the City Council.

10. Report on Senior Business

A. Upcoming Programming

St. Patrick's Day was a hit, thank you to Schotts for the food and Arden Courts for the prizes. Spring tea was canceled, the reason being that seniors did not want to go to a party that started at 10am because it is too early. Staff started updating records of all senior members, 1,200 of them. This is time consuming and we are requesting volunteers to help make calls if possible.

11. Report on Recreation Business

A. Upcoming Programming

Recreation added another Dog Obedience class and Crazy Fit Kids due to demand. There is also an upcoming Teddy Bear Picnic program for kids. Summer programs are available for registration and a new program, Junk Drawer Science, will be available and is taught by resident volunteer Rachel Agusti. We are also looking into 2 other programs, music programs and gymnastics.

12. Report on Special Events

A. Recap of Easter Egg Hunt

We gave out 500 tickets and still had people that we had to turn away. We do not like doing that but we planned supplies according to the tickets we gave away. Commissioner Berube stated that there were people who had extra tickets and she was able to give to other people. She also stated that there was less people in the 2nd session. Christina stated that

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sometimes people will get more tickets than they actually need, and sometimes people just don't show because of illness or other events. Vice Chair Lesich inquired if there was enough parking, Christina stated that we were able to accommodate all vehicles. Vice Chair also stated she thinks that 2 sessions is better than expanding it to 3 sessions. Director Christina also spoke on the Teen Egg Hunt. Commissioner LaCasse shared an interaction witnessed at the teen egg hunt, where a boy didn't find any eggs and other boys donated eggs that they found. It was a wonderful thing to witness and showcased the importance of events like this. Chairperson Stein stated that she felt we were missing the in-between ages between the kids Easter egg hunt and the teen Easter egg hunt and we should allow 5th Graders to join the Teen Egg Hunt. The Commission agreed and we will be changing this for next year. Commissioner Berube stated we need to offer the Teen Egg Hunt later so we could use flashlights to find the eggs.

B. Various Special Events

Director Woods shared upcoming events: Mom and son bowling, Mom and Me Glamour Spa, Cinco de Mayo with Roseville/Eastpointe Recreation.

C. City Picnic and Parade Discussion on Parade Theme, Grand Marshall and Activities

The commission discussed the parade themes suggested from the previous meeting, and agreed on "Fraser's Future is Blooming"

VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE 2018 PARADE THEME OF "FRASER'S FUTURE IS BLOOMING"

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and Motion on Grand Marshall for Parade

The commissioners discussed possible groups for this honoree position, and agreed on the Families Against Narcotics along with Hope Not Handcuffs for their contributions to the community and nationwide.

COMMISSIONER BERUBE MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLY TO OFFER THE POSITION OF GRAND MARSHALL FOR THE 2018 PARADE TO THE ORGANIZATION FAMILIES AGAINST NARCOTICS AND HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Other Discussions on the City Picnic

Director woods stated there would be a contest for multiple categories in the parade. Vice Chair Lesich asked if there would be a prize, and Christina said most likely just a certificate. Vice Chair also asked who will be judging and Christina said a panel.

The commission discussed having a dog-meet-up at the city picnic. Other

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events discussed were selling water and Gatorade at the park, yoga in the park, and the lions will soon have their schedule out as well.

13. Report on Parks

A. Park Clean up on April 28th

The park clean up will be April 28th from 9-1. Sign up on our sign up genius page. Green Macomb and the US Department of Urban Forestry will be giving us 65 trees to plant in Steffens, Meadows and Blanke park. The commission spoke on concerns that the trees will not be kept up and watered.

B. Pavilion and Field Rentals

Pavilion and field rentals are open for residents, May 1st will be the first day for non-resident registrations. Pavilions are \$85-\$100 for the large pavilion and \$65-85 for smaller ones. Vice Chair Lesich asked about the game rentals, Christina stated there hasn't been any rentals yet. She said that information for game rentals is going out with the pavilion rentals.

14. Other New Business

A. Sponsorship and Donation

Director Woods discussed about options with the sponsorship. She stated that either we use this pamphlet as an introduction to get businesses to tell us what exactly they are interested in and then the marketing comes later, or give a menu of every possible item for donation and let people choose from there. She stated that this will direct this project so it can be completed. Commissioner Colwell stated that we are in the right direction, and things like demographics and options are needed in the pamphlet. He also stated it should be quick and concise for the business owner to read. Chairperson Stein stated that a one-page pamphlet would be best to save money. Christina will consolidate menu items to add to the back and will condense the informational paragraphs.

15. Citizen Participation

Debbie Winowicki – Spoke on the 10th Run Drugs out of Town presented by FAN. Due to construction conflicts, the event will be on June 16th. Registration is open as well as sponsorship opportunities for those interested.

Jeanne Lynch – Spoke on the Mi Sports Bar fundraiser coming up. This fundraiser will benefit the scholarship program to help low/mod income kids pay for programs. The commission thanked Jeanne for her hard work and dedication on this event

16. Commission members with concerns

There were no commissioners with concerns

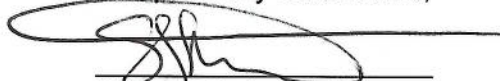
17. Adjournment

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VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COLWELL TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 3RD 2018 AT 8:59 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

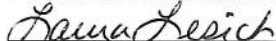
Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Stein

Chairperson

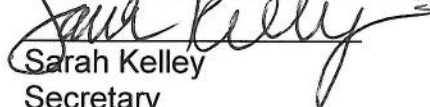
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Christina Woods

Director Parks & Recreation