

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 1st 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 David Bogdan, Nancy Berube, Tom Colwell, Cheryl LaCasse

Absent: None

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 May 1st 2018

Vice Chairperson Lesich requested to add item 14.D Discussion on Upcoming Recreation Commission Seat

VICE CHAIR LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COLWELL TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 1 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 3 2018

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following:

For the Fundraiser at MI Sports Bar, Thank you Jeanne Lynch, Kali Loving, and Julie Lewis for organizing.

For the prize donations: Dark Horse Brewing, Don Ayers, Councilwoman Kalka, Samantha from the Twist, Elcharros, Eclipse Burgers, Tinas Bakery Viks Diner, The Chicken Place, The Side Bar/Infinity Hall, Warfields Sports Bar, Maxx Towing, P&D Hobby Lobby, Anytime Fitness, Middleton Auto Parts, Vicki Aileo, AJ Rolens. Thank you to Councilman Lesich and Harold Haugh for the donations to the scholarship fund. For the Senior Derby party, thank you Waltonwood Lakeside and Melissa King. For the Park Clean Up: Commissioner Cheryl LaCasse, Renee Paoletti, Councilman Winowiecki and Debby Winowiecki, Abigail S, Audrey B, Alyia Marie Hakim and family, Councilwoman Schornak, Commissioner Nancy Berube, Ryan Matthew from Lukowski Family Chiropractic, Vicechair Laura Lesich, Councilman Michael Lesich, Gudrun Goetz, Chairperson Sherry Stein and family, Terri, Theresa, Todd, Kylar, Rose Clause and Brian Klienburg.

Thank you to Heath Fedorczak who has volunteered to paint park signs in need of painting.

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Thank you for helping us update our senior membership lists: Chairperson Sherry Stein, Vice chair Laura Lesich and Gudrun Goetz.

For the meet with an attorney senior seminar: Dana Freers

For volunteering at the Teddy Bear Picnic: Richards Middle School National Junior Honor Society Students

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

FFBC member Gudrun Goetz updated the commission on the booster club's news. Michigan Peddler gained about \$500 in fundraising and the Trivia night made \$1,600. FFBC is looking into wayfinding signage. FFBC is looking to hear about the Ralph Wilson grant, Auto Dealers grant and Kaboom Grant. FFBC is also looking for support letters from persons in city administration. Chairperson Stein updated progress at McKinley fine tuning and warranty repairs. She also stated that the meetings will be back at the Activity Center. Commissioner Berube asked about security cameras at McKinley, and Commissioner Stein stated that FFBC is looking for grants and options at security cameras.

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.

8. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Berube spoke on the status of the market. Lawn signs have been purchased to advertise. Signs on public property have permits, and all signs should be put up 2 weeks prior to the event and taken down after the event. There is a new website www.fraserfreshfarmersmarket.com, Thank you to Heath Fedorczak for his work in building the website. There is a sign up genius site for people to register to volunteer at the market. Vice Chair Lesich stated that there will be a recreation booth with Fraser gear for purchase and games for kids.

9. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods stated that the department has had a lot of movement with staffing changes. The full time employee at the center was out of office for a while which slowed the workflow. Candace from the Center and Jen from the Building Department will be cross-training to help alleviate issues that arise when a FTE is unavailable. Julie, who worked last year as temporary full time, has been hired as a replacement for Lesley who was the senior part time clerk. A lot of training will be happening the next few weeks but after this initial training we will be in good shape. Around the center, the parking lot has been completed and we are programming for the upcoming months.

10. Report on Senior Business

A. Upcoming Programming

We are still updating our senior membership which is time consuming.

We are requesting volunteers to help make calls if possible. Julie is back

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at the center working as part time clerical for the senior department and has already started some new programs.

11. Report on Recreation Business

A. Upcoming Programming

Adult leagues are up and running, 8 teams for Co-ed Softball, 8 teams for Mens Softball, 12 teams for kickball and there are 3 night league rentals as well. We will offer Crazy Fit Kids again due to demand, Floor Hockey is almost over and have new programs such as the 1 day guitar class.

12. Report on Special Events

A. Recap of past events

The Teddy Bear Picnic was great with 16 kids and their families, and Mom and Me had almost 60 people.

B. Discussion on upcoming special events

Mom and son bowling is coming up with 27 participants, Superhero Ice Cream Social is June 19th at McKinley Park, and Rec is helping out with the Library event on June 23rd.

C. Discussion on City Picnic and Parade

We sent out emails for the parade and have 3 confirmed parade groups so far.

13. Report on Parks

A. Recap Park Clean up on April 28th

The park clean up was a big success even with the cold! We had volunteers at Fort Fraser, Somerset, McKinley and Boris Parks. Thank you to all that came out!

B. Upcoming Tree Planting on May 19th

There are 21 people signed up for the tree planting but more is needed! 65 trees will be going into 3 parks.

C. Other Parks Discussions

Director Woods would like to start a task force to assess the parks, document issues with pictures, and have a volunteer group work on projects, like the flowerbeds at Fort Fraser, flowerbeds at Activity Center, refreshing the sand boxes, putting down mulch and more. Vice Chair Lesich asked if the task force could be open to anyone, and Christina said that is possible and is extremely helpful. Christina stated that the little league practice diamond has been fixed up at Reindel Park. Thank you DPW!

14. Other New Business

A. Sponsorship and Donation

Director Woods showed the commission the most recent draft of the

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Sponsorship Pamphlet. Christina stated she still needed to add the menu. The commission gave suggestions on layout and wording.

B. MI Sports Bar Fundraiser

The Sports Bar Fundraiser was very successful! Thank you to all involved in organizing it, especially Jeanne Lynch and Kali Loving from MI Sports Bar. The funds raised will go to a rec and senior scholarship donation account, which will pay for part of registrations for Low/Mod income families. This program is expected to roll out in the fall.

In total we raised \$1,490 and are still expecting a 50/50 match from Dark Horse. Thank you to all involved and everyone who attended to make this a success!

C. Upcoming Low Income Scholarship Program

Director Woods stated that the recent fundraiser put the cart before the horse as the program is not solidified yet. This isn't a huge issue, however, since these donations are kept in a specific account and will not be touched until the program is implemented. The program will give 25% up to 40% of program costs for individuals in a low/mod income household. Christina stated that it is easy to apply this to kids, as most low/mod households have free or reduced lunch. Christina stated that this needs to be expanded to adults and seniors, as recreation should be a service available for all. People will be able to apply every other month for programs, and there will be a cap on awards per person per year. Preference will be given to first applicants. Christina stated that the commission will talk more about this in the coming months after things like Summer Programs and the City Picnic are not taking up so much time.

D. Discussion and Motion on Upcoming Rec Commission Seat

The commission accepted Tom Colwell's resignation and thanked him for his ideas, work and input in the recreation and senior center. They wished him luck in his future endeavors and hoped to still see him around at events in the future.

With Tom Colwell's resignation, there will be an opening on the commission for a term ending December 31 2019. The commission agreed to allow people to submit applications for the vacant seat and expressed they would like someone brought in as soon as possible.

15. Citizen Participation

No Citizen Participation at this time

16. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner LaCasse – enjoyed the MI Sports Bar Fundraiser and thanked people for coming out. She also thanked Tom Colwell for his time on the board

Commissioner Colwell – Thanked everyone for the good times on the board and stated he'll see everyone at events and programs in the future

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Vice Chair Lesich – Thanked Tom for his service. She also inquired about Meet up to eat up at McKinley park. At this time the director did not have a confirmation from FPS. Laura also spoke on the Macomb Bicentennial committee and happenings, the big upcoming event will be the torch relay and more information is to come.

Commissioner Bogdan – Dave volunteered to proof read the final copy of the sponsorship pamphlet. Dave thanked Tom for his service and wished him the best.

Commissioner Berube – Thanked Tom for his service. She also inquired about the 4-10's that City Hall will be moving towards. Christina stated that the Activity Center is not moving to 4-10's and will be open Monday – Friday. Nancy also thanked Laura for the article in the Macomb daily regarding McKinley Park

Chairperson Stein – Sherry spoke on the Fraser First Booster Club Global Giving initiative. She also thanked Tom for his service on the board, and thanked everyone for their help at the MI Sports Bar Fundraiser.

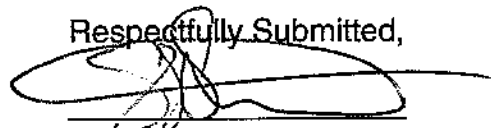
Secretary Kelly – Thanked Tom and everyone on the commission for their understanding while she was in school.

17. Adjournment

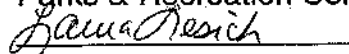
VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COLWELL TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 3RD 2018 AT 8:59 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

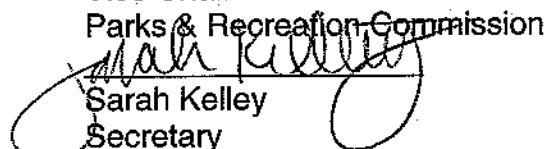
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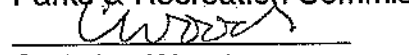
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Laura Lesich
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Sarah Kelley
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Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation