

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 10th 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, Cheryl LaCasse, Renee Paoletti

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 July 10th 2018

VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOGDAN TO APPROVE THE AMMENDED RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 10 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 5 2018

Commissioner Berube stated that item 9 needs to be corrected from Macomb Daily to Detroit Free Press

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE NOTED CHANGE ON ITEM 9, OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 5 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Thank you to: Fraser First Booster Club for providing ice cream and volunteers for the Superhero Ice Cream Social. Thank you to resident Bill Cipperoni for adding flowers and landscaping around the Activity Center. Thank you to Cindy Rector and Rachel Agusti for volunteering to teach an activity center class. Also, thank you to all those who helped with the senior tech help, Councilman Mike Lesich, The McKernan Family, Melissa King, Melissa Mills and Todd Fenner.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

FFBC Received a \$28,000 Ralph Wilson grant to go towards swings at McKinley Park. Fundraiser at Dairy Maid was successful. Yoga in the Park went well with over 25 participants. FFBC is going for a community foundation grant for adult gym equipment. Global giving was a huge success funding past the goal and receiving over \$10,000. Thank you to Hanover Grove for their generous donation. FFBC will have a raffle at the City Picnic

7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Berube invited all to come out to the market. At the next date there will be a petting zoo and facepainting.

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8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

LPI Newsletter preparation is under way. Recreation and Senior Center will share 10 pages, The Library will have 5 pages. This newsletter will go out every other month through c&g newspapers. This project goes live in October.

The Civic Rec setup is underway. We have trainings started and our site is being built.

Overall, the department is still very busy with so many new employees. Time is limited in the Recreation Department and training is taking longer than expected. There have been a lot of activity center rentals, sometimes upwards of 5 on a weekend.

9. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods shared some programs coming up. Notable is the new Tai Chi instructor program. The staff at the senior center are also looking at different educational seminars. We are also continuing to update our membership lists.

10. Report on Recreation Business

A. Presentation and Discussion by Marc Drouillard on Fraser Adult Leagues, Baseball Diamond use, and Diamond Renovations

Fraser Resident Marc Drouillard shared information regarding how to improve programs associated with the baseball diamonds. These include tweaks to the current adult leagues to maximize revenue and bringing more Recreation teams. We also will be starting conversations with local youth leagues to participate with that.

Marc also spoke on the need to update the diamond lights. He spoke on costs associated with the lights and possible ways of fundraising.

Commissioner Berube inquired about possible grants that could fund this. Christina stated that this is a large looming project that will need to be addressed in the next 3 years. The problem is that this is not the sole example of this problem in the city – year after year funding for parks was reduced or differed, that now most of our parks are due to be replaced but there's no funding to replace them at this time.

Commissioner Paoletti requested that we look into grants and Commissioner Bogdan stated that he sent grant information to the Commission to review. Chairperson Stein asked for revenue totals on the fields.

B. Update on Summer Programs and Upcoming Programs

Recreation Director Christina stated that there were a few programs which we had to combine, but ended with 310 participants. Upcoming programs include Adult 2nd Season leagues, Crazy Fit Kids, Guitar Classes, Junk drawer Classes and Dog Training.

11. Report on Special Events

A. Discussion on Upcoming and Past Special Events

The Superhero Ice Cream Social was a hit, 138 registered but more than that showed up. We were asking a donation per ticket, but only one

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family did. IT was a great event, brought the community together, and was fairly easy to organize.
Also upcoming is the water fight.

B. Discussion on City Picnic and Parade

30 parade organizations have signed up so far. There is a new online form for the parade. Currently there are \$1,700 in donations. Special thanks to our big donors, Fraser VFW and Lee Beauty.
Events for the weekend are the dog meet up, yoga and brews and string and nail art.
Volunteers are still needed, so go to the recreation website to sign up to volunteer.

C. Discussion on Fall Festival

The Firefighter Open House and Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 6th. There will be a chili cook-off, working car show, fall market, games and crafts. Commissioner Berube asked what the fee of the market spaces, fee is \$20 per space.

12. Report on Parks

The trees are looking good in the parks. Chairperson Stein asked about Pompo Park swings, Commissioner Berube stated that the swings have been replaced at Pompo Park.

The commission also talked about inventory the parks and repair needs.

13. Other New Business

A. Sponsorship and Donation Comprehensive Plan

Christina shared the most recent pamphlet. The commission requested information on baseball diamond lights to be added.

Secretary Kelly moved, seconded by Commissioner LaCasse to add the baseball diamond lights naming rights to the Sponsorship and Donation pamphlet

B. Upcoming Low Income Scholarship Program

No new news on this project as other items have taken precedence.

14. Citizen Participation

There were no citizens with concerns.

15. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner LaCasse — Shared information on volunteering at the Big Bounce House.

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Vice Chair Lesich – Stated she believes in putting our best foot forward to the bounce house participants and the leagues and promoting the positive things that are going on in Fraser.

Commissioner Bogdan – No concerns at this time.

Commissioner Berube – Asked about the sign painting at Pompo, Reindel and Boris. Christina stated that the volunteer will be doing them and will let her know when that will be completed.

Chairperson Stein – Welcomed Renee to her first Recreation Commission meeting and encouraged anyone listening or watching to join the community and find something to volunteer for to make our community better.

Secretary Kelly – Was concerned about the Big Bounce House and Pavilion rentals happening at the same time. Christina stated that they will be in two different locations and there is adequate parking for the Bounce House event so it will not disrupt the pavilion rentals.

16. Adjournment

Secretary Kelly MOVED, SECONDED BY Vice Chairperson Lesich **TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 10TH 2018 AT 8:52 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

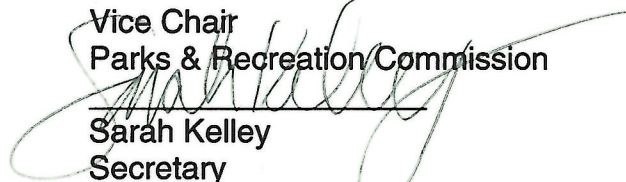
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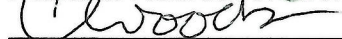
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