

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 14th 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, Renee Paoletti

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Commissioners Nancy Berube, Cheryl LaCasse

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for August 14 2018

COMMISSIONER BOGDAN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLEY TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 14 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 10 2018

COMMISSIONER BOGDAN MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanks: Activity Center staff for working hard constantly while it has been busy – Julie, Dianne, Ron, Curt & Jen. Thank you to Rachel Agusti for volunteering and running the Junk Drawer Science program. Thank you to Tim Hortons for donating day old donuts and bagels for the seniors, and all the donors and volunteers of the recent City parade.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Swings for McKinley Park have been ordered and the install date is still to be determined. Upcoming Walk & Roll will be October 20th from 1 – 3:30 pm. The McKinley project is a finalist for Community Excellence award through the Michigan Municipal league. McKinley park is one of 4 finalists and will be voted on at the MML Convention September 20th -22nd 2018.

7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Director Woods stated that the Recreation had a tent and table at the Market to sell tshirts and hand out flyers. Jazzercise was there and Director Woods stated that the Farmers Market volunteer group has done an outstanding job with such a large project. Chairperson Stein shared that the next Farmers market will be on September 8th from 5-9 pm under the Baseball Diamond lights.

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8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods stated that summer programs have wrapped up and currently Recreation and Senior departments are planning for fall. Two big projects are still ongoing, the LPI Newsletter and the Civic Rec management software. There has been training and set up for both of these projects that has been time consuming. There have been a lot of room rentals lately, up to 3 a weekend.

Director Woods stated she met with the Communications Director for Fraser Public Schools and looks forward to furthering those connections to do programming and joint projects with the schools.

9. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods shared some programs coming up. Notable is the new Tai Chi instructor program. The Center is expanding offerings to extend to evenings and weekends to entice the younger seniors who may still have a work schedule. We are also continuing to update our membership lists. Chairperson Stein stated that she heard from local seniors that they really enjoyed the Detroit River Cruise.

10. Report on Recreation Business

Recreation summer programs have ended and there will be new fall programs coming up in the future. Notable are the new Hip Hop dance program, gymnastics, and fall adult leagues. Fraser is also teaming up with Roseville Eastpointe Recreation to offer youth basketball leagues and bowling leagues.

11. Report on Special Events

Director Woods reviewed the recent City Picnic and Parade. Thank you to our donors who contributed \$1,700 in donations! Fraser VFW, Lee Beauty, El Charro, Manda's Rhythm & Dance, Pondering Waters, 711 @ 14/Hayes, Councilmembers David Winowicki and Patrice Shornak, Dairymaid Fraser Hockeyland, higher Dimensions Church, Infinity Hall, Jazzercise, Knights of Columbus, Maxx Towing and Somerset pool. The Programming and sales over the weekend did not go as expected. We didn't have many sign up for Yoga and Brew, String and nail art and did not sell our stock of Gatorade and water. The Dog meet Up had a high turnout and will be revisited. The parking Fundraiser made \$2,500 for upcoming special events. The parade had horrible weather but we had 49 groups participate. More volunteers were needed but many thanks to the volunteers we had! The Lions will be going to an upcoming council meeting to request a 5 year contract to hold the city picnic.

Upcoming will be the Fall Festival on October 6th. We are expecting a large farmers/crafter/vendor show and are coordinating performances and activities from other community organizations.

12. Report on Parks

The Commission had questions regarding the Bounce America event. Commissioner Kelley asked how much was raised from the event and where it was deposited into. Director Woods stated that the event was a park rental and they paid \$1,280 to cover the 4 days and it was deposited into Field Rentals. The main goal was to bring people from outside the community into Fraser. The event went well and have already asked them to keep us in mind for next year to come back.

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Fraser Resident, USA Umpire Assignor and Pro-Tech Lighting employee Marc Drouillard shared a quote for new lighting on the two baseball diamonds, totaling \$175,000 for materials. Christina stated that she would relay this information to the DPW Director.

13. Other New Business

A. Sponsorship and Donation Comprehensive Plan

The pamphlet is completed and will be printed and mailed to gather sponsorships and donations.

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

Vice Chair Lesich – Inquired about the McKinley Park pavilion, Christina stated it does get rented quite often. Laura inquired about the Meet up to Eat up program, Christina stated that it goes until labor day. Laura also asked about a Fall Clean up, Christina stated she would get something together.

Commissioner Bogdan – No concerns at this time

Chairperson Stein – Thanked the Recreation and Senior staff for programming. She also added that Trunk or Treat at Rams Horn will be on October 27th.

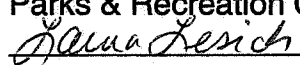
Secretary Kelly – Relayed concerns from Facebook about possibly Playground kids destroying property. Christina stated she was not aware of any destruction but would go out there to check for any damage. Chairperson Stein added that a lot of camps show up at Fort Fraser. Sarah asked about a wasp nest at McKinley Park, Chairperson Stein stated that DPW was aware of it and will take care of it. Sara also inquired about outdoor movies in the park, and Christina stated it comes down to funds because it gets expensive to rent the equipment and pay for the use license.

16. Adjournment

**VICE CHAIR LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLY TO
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF August 14TH 2018 AT
8:01 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Stein
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission

Laura Lesich

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