

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 4th 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: [REDACTED] Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Commissioners Nancy Berube, Cheryl LaCasse, Renee Paoletti

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Chairperson Sherry Stein, Secretary Sarah Kelley, Commissioner David Bogdan

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chairperson Lesich called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for September 4 2018

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PAOLETTI TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 4 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from August 14th 2018

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PAOLETTI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14TH 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Thank you to: the Senior Tech Helpers from Fraser High School, Rachel and Veronica. Thank you to Rachel Agusti for volunteering to teach another Junk Drawer Science class. Thank you Michele Kwaitkowski who has been working with the department a lot getting the phones, Civic Rec and investigating cameras and locks for the park.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

McKinley Barrier Free Park project is going to the Michigan Municipal League conference in September to compete for the Community Excellence Award. Swings should be going in mid September, and FFBC is working on a grant for the Sensory Garden and outdoor exercise equipment. Thank you to those who helped with the little libraries – Cub Scouts 1461 and Girl Scouts 7035 as well as Nancy Berube and Bruce and Karen Silverthorn. Global Giving is still active. On September 23rd there will be a battle of the bands sponsored by Liver Rite and Fraser First. Fraser First is also looking into cameras for the park.

7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Berube invited all to come out to the market. The last one of the year is Saturday, September 8th from 5-9 pm.

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8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods stated that office helper Sebastian has left for an internship and DPW Director BJ VanFleteren has retired. Recreation is working on programming and getting the newsletter and Civic Rec up and running. The Director hopes to have an example of CivicRec to show the commission next month.

9. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods stated that they are working on programming and getting the master membership list in order. Christina and the IT Director Michele will be working at the senior housing to get seniors signed up for Smart 911 which is available for anyone and is a way to share important information with public safety in case of an emergency.

10. Report on Recreation Business

Fall adult leagues have started and we have 15 teams for our short fall season. We are working on programming.

11. Report on Special Events

A. Fall Festival

The Fall Festival has 31 crafters/vendors so far. There is only 1 chili cook-off person registered. DPW will bring their cars and we will have the petting zoo, library, police demos and paws. Rec will have a craft and information flyers.

B. Children's Halloween Party

Director Woods stated that it is still unknown if the Lions will be contributing to the Halloween party. If they are not doing anything for Halloween the recreation will focus more on having a presence at the trunk or treat and walk and roll.

C. Christmas in Fraser

Director Woods stated that there won't be a lot of lights put up at city hall and asked the commission if they still saw value in the event without a large "lighting". The commission gave ideas such as a scavenger hunt, coloring contest, art show, gingerbread house and Puppet show. There were also ideas of having a holiday karaoke and possible solutions for a tree. We will go forward with Christmas in Fraser but emphasize more of the event aspect as opposed to a "lighting"

D. Daddy Daughter Dance

Director Woods stated that she checked into pricing for having the event at either the Vintage House or Infinity Hall. She stated that Vintage House charges more but has a larger capacity, while Infinity has a smaller capacity but also charges less. The commission asked to discuss at the next meeting.

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12. Report on Parks

The Director asked the commission if they wanted to have a park clean up in October, however the director would not be available. The commission choose to hold it November 10th. We won't be offering any type of lunch afterwards but we will hold a fall clean up. Christina will update the flyer and start promoting this. Christina also reminded commissioners as well as anyone listening to report suspicious activity in parks because it is the best way of deterring vandals.

13. Other New Business

There was no other new business

14. Citizen Participation

There were no citizens with concerns.

15. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Berube — reminded people about the Upcoming Farmers market and invited kids to fill out a letter to Santa at the event to help out the Goodfellows.

Vice Chair Lesich – Had no concerns and thanked the Recreation Department for all their work.

Commissioner Paoletti – Reminded anyone watching to be vigilant and aware of their surroundings, even when people are in a park or walking on a sidewalk.

Commissioner LaCasse – Reminded people that it is getting darker earlier and people should wear reflective garments if going out at night to stay visible.

16. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER BERUBE MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLY TO
**ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4 2018
AT 8:12 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Stein
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission



Laura Lesich
Vice Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission



Sarah Kelley
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

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Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation