

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 13 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, Cheryl LaCasse, Renee Paoletti.

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Commissioner David Bogdan

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for November 13th 2018

SECRETARY KELLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO
**APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FOR NOVEMBER 13TH 2018.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from October 2nd 2018

COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON
LESICH TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 2ND 2018.**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following for their generosity and assistance with Recreation and Senior programming:

For Fall Festival: Paid On-call Firefighters, Fraser VFW, Fraser DPS, Fraser DPW, Fraser Hockeyland, Fraser Lions, Fraser Library, Fraser First Booster Club, Fraser High School H.O.S.A students, Fraser City Clerk's office, and all the commissioners who came out to help!; Children's Halloween Party: Thank you to Fraser Lions for co-sponsoring this event with us!; Thank you to Fraser First for organizing the Walk n Roll; Thank you to Sherry Stein, Gudrun Goetz and Rams Horn for the Trunk or Treat; Thank you to Oakmont and Tim Hortons for donating to the seniors; Thank you to Candace Schuver for taking on some recreation department work while we are busy, Thank you to Emma Eckenrode for completing the senior membership updating; Thank you to Nancy Berube for donating the Christmas Tree; Thank you to Fraser Lions for donating \$1,000 for special events.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

FFBC President and Recreation Chairperson Sherry Stein gave updates on FFBC and McKinley Barrier-Free Park.

The Walk n' Roll was a success despite the weather. Thank you to sponsors Kalka Law firm, Gigi's Yarn Barn, Hanover Grove Cooperative, Freers Freers and Freers Attorneys at Law, Rams Horn, TNA Sewers, MI Sports Bar, Sweet Insurance.

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Upcoming fundraisers are the Blue Jean Ball (Valentines Dance) and Holiday Raffle. Swings are in at McKinley including the expression swing. Upcoming grant submittal will be for a Firehouse Sub grant for cameras, and there is an event for Giving Tuesday for fundraising. Next meeting is November 20th at Fraser City Hall.

7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Nancy Berube updated the Commission on the market. The Market will be sponsoring the S'mores Station at Christmas in Fraser. The next Farmers market meeting will be Monday, November 19th 6:30 at Fraser City Hall.

8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

The Director talked about a new recreation coordinator that will be starting soon. Brad Ouimet has been a coach in our programs for 5 years and has done every program. He will be helping coordinate the youth and adult sports programming. The director also shared that there was a building issue. A water line broke underneath the bathroom cement floor. A huge thank you to DPW Director Nick Schaefer and the DPW workers for fixing it quickly!

9. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods shared that Julie, part time senior clerk, went to a newly-formed Senior Programmers meeting which discussed different program ideas for seniors. It was very informative and we plan on continuing to go and get new ideas to bring back to Fraser.

The Senior Membership lists have been completed, we are just waiting to hear back from people who we mailed information to because they were unreachable from their phone number on file.

Volunteer meeting is this Thursday to try to form a senior volunteer group.

We are seeing a lot of new faces in, some past members some new, most likely due to our membership updating and the new publications that were sent out to Fraser households.

10. Report on Recreation Business

Junk drawer science has been extremely popular and Rachel has agreed to continue with the program. We are very thankful for her volunteerism and willingness to run this program!

Crazy Fit Kids and Parent and Tot are starting, and Hip Hop and Flag Football are ending. Youth Basketball league counts are very low, likely because we had to refund everybody last year right before the program started because the Recreation and Senior Center were notified they would be closed down. We may end up with a few teams, and if we cannot form a team for a division the participant will be able to join a Roseville/Eastpointe team, being as we were in a joined league anyway.

11. Report on Special Events

A. Fall Festival

The weather was horrible for the event but ended up getting some sun in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out.

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We had 57 vendors but only 13 signed up. Depending on what happens with carnival next year we may be expanding this event and including a parade.

B. Children's Halloween Party

This event had a great turn out, over 300 people attended. Thank you to the Lions Club for co-sponsoring this event!

C. Christmas in Fraser

The Director updated the commission to what was already planned. She requested assistance in finding volunteers.

Vice Chairperson Lesich asked about the lighted decorations. Director Woods stated there would not be lit trees like in years past but more of a symbolic light display announcing Santa's arrival. Vice Chair Lesich suggested battery operated lights that everyone turns on to announce Santa's arrival.

D. Status of the Fraser City Picnic

The Director stated that a draft agreement was made with City Administration and the City Attorney and was brought to City Council. City Council requested that the agreement be amended to cover costs associated with employees time during the work week. We will be revisiting this at the next meeting.

12. Report on Parks

The November 10th scheduled park cleanup was canceled due to weather. Director Woods stated that we will have a bigger park clean up in the spring, consisting of painting and planting.

The commission discussed comments made by residents regarding Pompo Park, the state of the parks, and the misconceptions on park improvements. The director stated that there are no funds appropriated from the general fund to put in new playground equipment or to re-do parks, only enough funds to fix things. Any improvements done at McKinley Park is due to a non-profit group fundraising and providing the majority of the funds for the park. This can be done at any of the neighborhood parks and the Director welcomes any residents who are interested in this to contact her. The director also stated that it would be possible to go for a park millage, a dedicated tax source to put in new play equipment, but that given the state of things and the current financial stressors that this is not a route the Recreation department would pursue at this time, unless there was a lot of resident support behind it.

13. Other New Business

Director Woods stated that we will need to approve dates for the 2019 commission meetings. Director Woods will confirm with the City Clerk to check for election dates which may cause conflicts. This will be revisited at the December meeting.

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14. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club and Fraser Resident. Vania thanked the volunteers for the Walk n'Roll – Payton, Maddy and McKenzie, Kylar, Coaches Zach Rushford and Ashley Wybo. Vania would like a parade at the Fall Festival because it may be easier to get participation because it is during the school year.

15. Commission members with concerns

16. Commissioner Paoletti – had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Berube – Inquired if any applications have been received for the Commission seats.

Commissioner Kelley – Stated that she unfortunately has to end her tenure with the Recreation Commission after her term expires in December, due to a new career. She thanked everyone for the times we've had together and stated she will help recruit applicants.

Vice Chairperson Lesich – Inquired about the details for the Daddy Daughter Dance. Vice Chair Lesich also welcomed everyone to attend the Christmas in Fraser event on Dec 2nd.

Commissioner LaCasse – Thanked everyone and hopes everyone has a happy Thanksgiving. Thank you to LiveRite for assisting with the Walk n' Roll.

Commissioner LaCasse also wants to remind everyone to keep Giving Tuesday in mind and to please donate to FFBC if you are able!

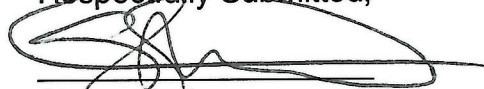
Chairperson Stein – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and will see everyone at Christmas in Fraser

17. Adjournment

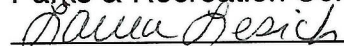
CHAIRPERSON STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH
TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13TH
2018 AT 8:16 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



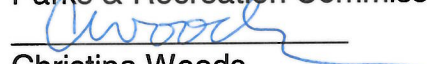
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