

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 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:** 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 7:04 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Agenda for December 4th 2018**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes from November 13th 2018**

VICE CHAIR LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PAOLETTI **TO  
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 the Christmas in Fraser event: Fraser Paid Oncall Firefighters, Fraser Honor Guard, Boy Scout Troop 1402, Fraser DPW, Fraser First Booster Club, Vania Apps, Fraser Lion's Club, Fraser Goodfellows, Fraser High School Band, Arts Academy in the Woods Choir, Band, improve Troupe, Face Painters, Photographers and donations, Encore Dancers, Nancy Berube , Maxx Towing, ElCharro's Restaurant, Tina's Bakery, Fraser Fresh Farmers market, Fraser Public Safety, Volunteers Julie, Brad Jen Casey, Miss of Michigan savannah Fraser, Steve Bieda Rachel Agusti for her work with Junk Drawer Science

For donating to the Seniors, Tim Hortons, Oakmont, Windemere Park, Brookdale Utica, Brickford of Shelby, Southern Care Hospice, American House Sterling Woods.

**6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park**

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

FFBC is waiting to hear from the Firehouse Subs Grant, will hear news the beginning of next year. The Holiday Drawing sold out and will be drawn at the Rams Horn event. FFBC is holding a fundraiser of Coffee Cups by Triple S Engraving \$25 for each cup engraved. Giving Tuesday raised \$2,000. Blue Jean Ball tickets on sale

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and they are requesting people to donate prizes.

**7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market**

Commissioner Nancy Berube updated the Commission on the market. The Market will hold meetings at the Fraser Rec room at City Hall. The application for vendors is on the farmer's market website at [fraserfreshfarmersmarket.com](http://fraserfreshfarmersmarket.com). The market will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

**8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director**

The Director talked thanked the new rec coordinator Brad for his work, he's starting to get the hang of things and doing great. The Activity Center will be closed between December 20<sup>th</sup> and re-opening January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**9. Report on Senior Business**

The big event coming up this month is the Senior Christmas Party. Julie has gotten a lot of donations for prizes for the event.

New programs will be Matter of Balance and trips including to Little Caesars Arena. The director also asked if anyone has a skill that they would like to share, we would love to have volunteer instructors.

**10. Report on Recreation Business**

A few new programs are coming up, including learn to skate and play hockey with Fraser Hockeyland, kids coding classes, basketball, bowling, and more.

**11. Report on Special Events**

**A. Review of Christmas in Fraser**

Director Woods stated that the weather was horrible for the event and caused lower turnout than expected and changed some of the events. Chairperson Stein stated that in talking to people their reactions to the event were positive. Commissioner LaCasse said she was pleasantly surprised with the amount of people in attendance and that all had the Christmas spirit.

Commissioner Berube stated that the kids had fun decorating the ornaments.

Some of the issues from the event were making the hot cocoa and issues relating to not blocking off the lot where people were standing.

**B. Status of the Fraser City Picnic**

The director shared that the agreement between the City and the Lions Club is going to City Council this month. The commission inquired if there was not a Lion's carnival if the Recreation would still have the parade. The director stated that if that were the case the parade would be moved to the fall festival.

**12. Report on Parks**

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Director Woods shared that Bounce Across America will be coming to Fraser in June, and Vice Chairperson Lesich requested that the city contribute to that event for promotion of our department and community. Commissioner Berube showed concern that it would conflict with the Farmers Market, the director assured that both events can run simultaneously.

**13. Other New Business**

**A. Interviews and commission discussion for 2 Recreation Commission Seats terms ending December 30<sup>th</sup> 2021**

The Commission interviewed Melissa Mills and David Bogdan for the commission seats.

**B. Motion to recommend for 2 Commission seats, appointments ending December 30<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLEY TO RECOMMEND DAVID BOGDON TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

Motion carried unanimously

**VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY KELLEY TO RECOMMEND MELISSA MILLS TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

Motion carried unanimously

**C. Discussion and approval of the 2019 Recreation Commission Schedule**

**VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE 2019 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED**

Motion carried unanimously

**14. Citizen Participation**

There was no citizen participation.

**15. Commission members with concerns**

Chairperson Sherry Stein: Special thanks to Sara Kelley for her years of dedication. Sad to see her go but thanks her for her time here. Congratulations to David and Melissa, and commends all who volunteer because you can't make change unless you go out and try. Happy holidays everyone.

Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich: Thanks Sarah Kelley for her time on the commission and all she has contributed to the city. Laura also stated that we are getting used to all the rain for events and thanked everyone for doing the best we could at the Christmas event.

Secretary Sarah Kelley: Thanks the commission and will still be involved and continue to advocate for the Recreation. It's been a great 5 years.

Commissioner Nancy Berube: Thanked Sarah Kelley for her time on the commission

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and encourages people to come out and help to support the community by volunteering. She wishes everyone Holidays.

Commissioner David Bogdan: Thanks everyone for the re-appointment and he is excited for the new year. Happy holidays to all.

Commissioner Cheryl LaCasse: Suggested a poll to name the old court office which is now the recreation auxiliary room.

Commissioner Renee Paoletti: Encourages people to participate in programs and volunteering.

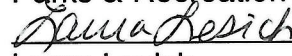
**16. Adjournment**

**SECRETARY KELLEY MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO  
ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 4TH  
2018 AT 8:15 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sherry Stein  
Chairperson  
Parks & Recreation Commission

  
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Laura Lesich  
Vice Chair  
Parks & Recreation Commission

  
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Renee Paoletti  
Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission

  
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Christina Woods  
Director Parks & Recreation