

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 5th 2019
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: Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Secretary Renee Paoletti, Commissioners Nancy Berube, David Bogdan, Cheryl LaCasse, Melissa Mills.

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Chairperson Sherry Stein

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chairperson Lesich called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for February 5th 2019

Commissioner Paoletti moved to approve agenda, seconded by Commissioners Berube and LaCasse. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from December 4 2018

Commissioner LaCasse moved to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Paoletti. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from January 8th 2019

Commissioner LaCasse moved to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mills. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Fraser Parks and Recreation Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following for their generosity: Oakmont Parkway, Windemere Park, Senior Helpers at Windemere Park, Comfort Keepers, and Tim Hortons for donating their day old baked goods that the seniors appreciate. Also, thank you to Fraser resident Rachel Augusti for all her work on the Junk Drawer Science program.

7. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Recreation Commissioner and Fraser First Booster Club Vice President Cheryl LaCasse provided an update on McKinley Park. Unfortunately, we did not get the Fireside Sub grant for the cameras. However, there are other plans in the works for completion of Phase III of the park. The Blue Jean ball is this Saturday, which sold out fast this year. There were a lot of new donors this year, so there are a lot of door prizes and raffle prizes, as well as silent auction items. Also, FFBC is selling sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts supporting the park. Prices are \$25 with a hood, and \$20 without.

8. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Recreation Commissioner and Farmers market organizer Berube gave an update on the Fraser Fresh Farmers Market. Michigan Pasty will be returning for June and

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September for sure, and possibly more. Since the holidays are over, things are starting to progress for the upcoming season. There is a meeting this coming Monday at 6:30 at City Hall if anyone would like to attend.

9. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods attended the Michigan Parks and Recreation Conference and is excited to share some ideas she has and things she learned later in the meeting. We are moving forward with Civic Rec, the new software for registrations and programs. It's more complicated on the programming side, but should be easier on the user side. The Director will be meeting with the Finance Director this week regarding the budget for the next fiscal year. Brad and Jen set up a table to sell old recreation tee shirts to help raise revenue. So, we have tee shirts for sale at the activity center for \$3 each. We are making a push for volunteers to help set up and run social groups and clubs. There will be something going out in the newsletter shortly.

10. Report on Senior Business

Director talked about new programs coming up. We have a Line Dancing/Chair Dancing event, the Valentine Hoe Down, and a Wheel of Fortune, Fraser Edition party coming up. Also, a couple trips are coming up. They have a Princess Cruise tour and a tour of Little Ceasars Arena. There will be a few craft classes, string art, Fairy garden, and wreath making. Julie at the senior center has been real creative with the programs. Thank you Julie for going above and beyond. Some social groups we are looking to start include hobbies, canasta, fishing, etc. We need volunteers.

11. Report on Recreation Business

The Director talked about the fact that we started callbacks for summer coaches. Summer programs are getting lined up as well as tweaking length of sessions and prices. We are coming up with different payment options, such as weekly. Daddy Daughter Dance is coming up. Doggy obedience, Crazy Fit kids coming up. We are also looking into some kids craft programs.

12. Report on Special Events

A. Status of City Picnic

Director Woods stated that City Council has approved the contract for the carnival, so the City Picnic is a go. The parade will be Sunday, July 21st. Sending out parade letters next month. We will have Yoga and Brew again, as well as the Dog meet up. Also, there is a possibility for pull tab lottery tickets. More research will be done on that topic. Possibly do a Cult Movie night that Thursday. Commissioner LaCasse has an outdoor screen that could be used.

B. Easter Egg Hunt

Director Woods stated that the department has begun arrangements on

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the Easter Egg Hunt, and will include a petting zoo, a rock painting craft and a hayride from the Lions Club. We are in need of volunteers.

C. Arts and Ice Cream Social

Plans are in the works for June 19. Last year it was about Superheroes, this year it will be more Arts based. It will be at McKinley Park.

13. Report on Parks

A. Planning and Tasks for the Spring Clean Up

The Park Clean Up will be on Saturday May 4th from 9-12. Director Woods stated that for this program to be successful, she will be requesting assistance from the commission to help organize and have people to help at each park. We need to evaluate each park to see what needs to be done. We need to get more volunteers to help. The sign up genius is up. We need each park to have a supervisor for the clean up. We will have a lunch and possibly a volunteer activity, like painted rocks?

14. Other New Business

A. Director Summary of topics and ideas from the 2019 MPARKS Conference.

Director Woods attended the 2019 MPARKS Conference and is looking to bring some ideas back to our parks dept. Lean/Sigma6 program. Identifying programs, prioritizing, eliminating waste. Possibly getting communities more involved in the parks, via public hearings or surveys. She spoke about branding, what is our core? Handling customer confrontations was a topic she spoke of as well. Class on mastering aging came up. Course is expensive, but we can possibly pool with other cities. It needs to be looked into further. There is an opportunity for a Virtual 5K run. Register for \$30, and \$15 comes to the city. Everyone gets a medal.

15. Citizen Participation.

Resident Vania Apps asked if we were getting the DIA art this year. Director Woods stated that we were denied for this year. Vania suggested we do something about putting up our own art this year. Discussed other options for Senior programs regarding financial planning, health, etc.

16. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Bogdan had no concerns, but expressed his thanks at being approved as commissioner for another term.

Commissioner Mills had no concerns.

Commissioner Berube asked about the senior bus and if the trips are full. She expressed her concerns about any senior programs that require seniors to give names and contact info. She is concerned about seniors being contacted by financial planners that may not have their best interests at heart. She also inquired about the lighting at the baseball diamonds. Director Woods brought it up with the DPW Director, and he has a solution that will fit in the budget. Also, Commissioner Berube expressed concern about the threshold at the shed as well as the electrical sockets at the shed.

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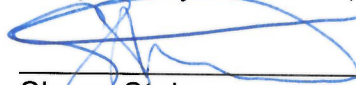
Secretary Paoletti is looking forward to the Blue Jean Ball and seeing everyone there. She also asked that if any resident has an issue with any of the parks to please address it with Director Woods or one of the Commissioners. We are on social media, it is easy to message us and have your concerns addressed. Commissioner LaCasse thanked Director Woods for the email regarding Julie at the senior center. Also, she is looking forward to the Blue Jean Ball and hopes to see everybody there.

Vice Chair Lesich brought up the Big Bounce America, which we will be hosting for two weekends. There is some confusion regarding the dates. It will be in June, and will be promoted. She also brought up the coaching hires. Director Woods needs to see who is returning, and expressed that we may need to depend more on volunteers and hire less.

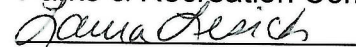
17. Adjournment

Commissioner LaCasse moved, seconded by Commissioner Paoletti to adjourn the Recreation Commission Meeting of February 5th 2019 at 8:06 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Stein
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission



Laura Lesich
Vice Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission



Renee Paoletti
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission



Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation