

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 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: Chairperson Sherry Stein, Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Secretary Renee Paoletti, Commissioners Nancy Berube, David Bogdan, Cheryl LaCasse.

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Commissioner Melissa Mills

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Sherry Stein called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for March 5th 2019

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

4. Approval of Minutes from February 5th 2019

Commissioner Berube moved to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lesich. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following: Renee Paoletti for doing the minutes, Laura Lesich, Cheryl LaCasse, and Renee Paoletti for helping with the Daddy Daughter Dance, Nancy Berube for organizing the donations for the seniors, Dave Bogdan for his input in regards to LEAN/6 Sigma, resident Rachel Augusti for her continued work with the Junk Drawer Science program, which is very popular and fills up fast, resident Cindy Rector for coming up with new program Box Creation Workshop for kids, van driver Ron Farthing, for assisting a senior resident to remove a light bulb that had broken and going above and beyond for our seniors, Comfort Keepers for coming in and doing blood pressure checks, Councilwoman Patrice Schornak, for donation of many items, and Tim Hortons, Sterling Meadows and Meadowbrook Senior Community for their donations as well.

6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Recreation Chairperson and Fraser First Booster Club President Sherry Stein provided an update for McKinley Barrier Free Park. The Blue Jean Ball was a success! We sold out fast, and had great feedback. We had line dancing, raffles, silent auctions and a wood carver, Alex LaCasse, who carved a nice centerpiece on site, which was part of the silent auction. We'd like to give a shout out to our sponsors: Platinum Sponsor State Representative for district containing Fraser Bill Sowersby, Gold Sponsors: Freers Freers and Freers Attorneys, Ram's Horn Fraser, and Sweet Insurance Agency, and Silver Sponsors: GiGi's Yarn Barn, Goodman Vanegas Insurance, Jazzercise Fraser, PNC Bank at 14 and Utica and Ruffin It Pet Resort. Also, we had many donors. Please go on the Fraser First or McKinley

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Facebook page to see them. Phase III is in the horizon for this year. We hope to accomplish this via donations and grants. We are going before City Council March 14th for a memorandum for a grant that would hopefully finish Phase III. Phase III includes Climbers, Outdoor Exercise Equipment, and a Sensory Garden. Please come and show your support. Our next fundraiser will be April 11th at Rams Horn Fraser. We will be having a bake sale there as well. We will also be having a Spring Raffle. Details will be posted on social media, but we will be selling tickets at the Rams Horn fundraiser. We will have a limited amount of tickets, so the odds will be decent.

7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Recreation Commissioner and Farmers market organizer Berube gave an update on the Fraser Fresh Farmers Market. We are moving along, slowly. We are hoping to pick up some vendors from St. Clair Shores, as their market people are closing up, and the city is going to try and run it. The vendors were not happy. Our next meeting will be March 12th at 6:30 at the Police Dispatch meeting room. If there are any vendors/growers interested in participating in our farmers market, please go to our website www.fraserfreshfarmersmarket.com.

8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Christina Woods provided a Civic Rec Update. We ran into a glitch with the credit card processor regarding monthly charges. It is on hold until we get it settled. We are hoping for a June start date. We have 26 coaches returning this year. Christina spent time talking to each one to gear up for summer. We have added the Farmers Market and Fraser First links to our website. We will be updating the website. Also, an update on the CDBG Grant for the Senior Center. We reached out to John Paul Rea and he investigated it further, and it was determined that we cannot use the Senior Center for events not relating to the seniors. There is a way to change the beneficiary of the grant, but it would involve income affidavits from residents, and we aren't sure that would be well received, even though it is perfectly legal.

9. Report on Senior Business

Director Woods provided the senior update. The Valentine Hoe Down was a huge success! It could have been better, but there were weather issues with the original date. We started the new Line Dance program this week. It did well, and will run for 4 weeks total. We have new programs coming up which includes the Lavender Festival at Blakes and a river cruise to explore nature.

10. Report on Recreation Business

The Director talked about the fact that we are accepting applications for younger coaches, (16) to start and move forward, as some of our coaches are aging out and moving into their careers now. They will be doing some group interviews to start. There are a few upcoming program changes. We will be doing the Playground program summer camp as weekly or the full summer at a discount. This will help with families who won't be around for the whole summer. We will be providing a parent handbook for all programs. We are going to show people how to be good rec parents and what their expectations are. We will be starting Floor Hockey soon. The

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computer class was rebranded and they got more interest. We added a marshmallow shooter program.

11. Report on Special Events

A. Status of City Picnic

We are good to go for the City Picnic. The only thing in flux is how the drinking area will be barricaded. Fireworks are booked, a program for \$8000. We have until June 1st to increase it if we get donations. We will be doing parking, and some volunteers needed for parking.

B. City Parade

We are in need of a theme for this year's parade. Some ideas include Giving Back Attack, Moving Fraser Forward, Fraser's History, Community Connection, Then & Now, Community Pride. We need judges and a judge sheet. Also, we need a Grand Marshall. Volunteer Organizations, relatives, Lions club, Eberlein Drive?

C. Easter Egg Hunt

Tickets are available. It will be in the fire bay and the POC firefighters will be doing hot dogs. We have 5000 eggs, there will be a petting zoo and rock painting. Of course, we need volunteers.

D. Various Other Events

We have the Teddy Bear Picnic coming up, ages 3-10. Also, the Art and Ice Cream Social. Fraser First Booster Club will provide the ice cream. Also, we want to have our coaches do a meet and greet possibly at this event. We will also be doing the Fraser Water Fight, three session this summer.

12. 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 be putting it out on social media to let us know what needs to be addressed in the parks.

B. Spring Tree Planting

We were granted 70 trees. The plan is for 20 at McKinley Park, 30 at Steffens, and 20 at Harrington Trails.

13. Other New Business

A. Volunteer Clubs

We need volunteers to head up new social clubs, especially for seniors. Ideas are welcome.

B. Proposed Recreation and Senior Budgets

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Budget draft was given. Budget presentation is in April. We lost a lot of rental revenue due to the Senior Center not being able to be rented out. Discussed some of the budget information and potential changes.

14. Citizen Participation.

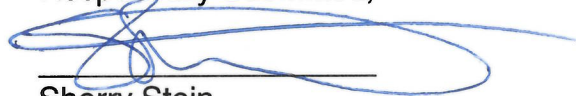
15. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Bogdan had no ^{concerns} concerns. Commissioner Berube Friday Night Hockey Game FAN/Hope Not Handcuffs event, Red Wing Alumni skate, \$5 to a good cause. Happy St. Patricks Day, be safe and enjoy. Commissioner Paoletti readdressed the park clean up and wants people to message us if they have any specific concerns with the parks. Commissioner LaCasse stated the Daddy Daughter dance was a success and that the two photo booths were a good idea. She would also like to get involved in saving bees and would like to see if there is something we can do city wide. Commissioner Bogdan expressed interest as well. Vice Chairperson Lesich enjoyed the Line Dance class, it was a nice variety of people. Maybe we could have a demonstration at the city picnic? We should do programs and clubs at the parks, like the Sunset Club? Chairperson Stein wishes all a Happy St. Patricks day. Use Uber, be safe. Fraser Band will be going to MSOBA, shout out to Fraser Band.

16. Adjournment

Commisioner Lesich moved, seconded by Commissioner LaCasse to adjourn the Recreation Commission Meeting of March 5th 2019 at 8:33 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