

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 7th 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

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Commissioners Cheryl LaCasse, Melissa Mills

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Stein called meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for May 7th 2019

SECRETARY PAOLETTI MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 8 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from December 3rd 2018

VICECHAIRPERSON LESICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOGDAN TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 2ND 2019.

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:

Julie for her work on the popular senior Wheel of Fortune party, Southerncare Hospice for donating the treats. Cindy Rector for instructing the Box Creation class. For the Teen Easter Egg Hunt, Coaches Brad & Sebastian, A.J for donating the cotton candy and Nancy for helping out and donating prizes for the teens. For the Easter Egg Hunt: Fraser Paid Oncall Firefighters, Staff Brad, Jen, Sebastian and Kelly, Commissioners Stein LaCasse and Paoletti, Volunteers Jamie Addelia, Victoria, Marcella, Brandon, Duane and Maddy, A.J for the donation of the Easter Backdrop. Special Thanks to all the people who came out for the Park Cleanup and thank you to the #fixthefort group for starting to look at the future of Fort Fraser.

6. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

The Brick memorial donations are ongoing. Ram's Horn banquet was a success and FFBC will have a spring raffle. Next meeting is May 21st at Hanover Grove.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Commissioner Berube updated the commission. May will be flower month. There will be traffic issues due to the Garfield Construction. There should be great weather and will have Yoga at 10:30 am.

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C. Updates on #FixtheFort group
Meeting will be 6 pm on May 16th. Plan is to fix one thing, a music piece. We will then solicit for donations. This group will start out small and grow.

7. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

There will be group interviews for 22 applicants for rec coaches. Civic Rec will launch in July. Big Bounce America will be in Fraser the 2nd and 3rd weekends in June. Battle of the Bands with Liverite will be in September. Fort Fraser Maintenance will be at the end of May to replace all the woodchips. Director Woods reminded people that if they see suspicious activity in any of the parks they should say something.

8. Report on Senior Business

Wheel of Fortune was a huge success. New memberships have increased, due to tai chi and pickleball. We are starting new educational seminar days once a month, where we will present 3-4 different topics by presenters. A lot of trips are coming up, including belle isle, cruise on Lake St Clair, Greenfield Village, Princess Cruise, lavender Festival, FBI Tour, Russian Monetary and more.

9. Report on Recreation Business

Adult leagues are underway with Kickball having 11 teams. We are having a late start for Softball to allow people coming back from school to have time to register. Summer programs are underway, we have new programs Kids and Moms day, Family Campout, together time and marshmallow shooters.

10. Report on Special Events

A. Easter Egg Hunt Recap

Director Woods stated that that there were about 450 people. The event went well, however we needed more signs. The director recommended that next year we do an Easter egg hunt without filled eggs and give out goodie bags instead. The commission discussed and decided that some "golden tickets" for special prizes should be included, and that goodie bags should be created for each age group.

The Teen Egg Hunt went well, 31 participants and Richards Middle School was a great location. The parents loved the event too and requested more teen activities.

B. City Picnic, Parade, Events

Sponsorship forms sent out, we will have Yoga and Brew, Nail & String art, Glow Bike Parade and kids craft and activities. We discussed possible movies for the movie night. We are still getting parade applicants in.

11. Report on Parks

A. 2019 Spring Cleanup

There was a lower turnout than expected but it went well. Worked at Fort Fraser, Somerset and McKinley. Director Woods suggested that next

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year have more of a leisurely approach, where people can sign up and get a few yard bags and go out during a specific week to do work. The commission suggested that we still hold a date for the clean-up but also invite people to clean up during the week. The commission also suggested having gift cards or dairy maid certificates for volunteers.

B. Spring Tree Planting

We need volunteers, team leaders and food & drink crew. We will have rock painting and food for volunteers. Crew leaders will meet at 9:30, everyone else at 10.

C. Discussion on preparing a park revitalization plan

At the recent council meeting there was a shown concern for the state of the parks. Recreation and DPW directors are working together to put together a plan. Looking into needs and vision for the next 20 years. Input is appreciated!

12. Other New Business

A. 2019 – 2020 Recreation and Senior Budget Status

Director Woods stated that this is in progress and will be discussed at the next council meeting.

13. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps – Thanked B's Pavers and Landscaping and Eric from Triple S Engraving.

Joe – Donated perennials to plant at McKinley. We discussed having a natural wildflower in the back of McKinley Park to encourage natural wildlife to return to the park. The director will look into any issues and if no issues is on board with this project.

14. Commission members with concerns

Chairperson Sherry Stein: Thanked Joe for coming out and congratulated Gudrun on her volunteer award of Macomb County

Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich: No Concerns at this time

Commissioner Nancy Berube: Shared information on the Scarecrow Passport that will promote the Farmers Market. The Scarecrows will be at 10 establishments in Fraser.

Commissioner David Bogdan: Inquired about a cartoon map that shows local stores and grocery to hand out to people coming to the Bounce event. Possibly Heath could make one up?

Commissioner Renee Paoletti: Loved the Easter Egg Hunt

15. Adjournment

SECRETARY PAOLETTI MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 7TH 2019 AT 8:49 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherry Stein
Chairperson

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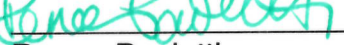
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Christina Woods

Director Parks & Recreation