

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 4th, 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 and David Bogdan and Cheryl LaCasse and Melissa Mills.

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: none

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for June 4 2019

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

4. Approval of Minutes from May 7 2019

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

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following: resident Rachel Augusti for acquiring a grant for a telescope for the Junk Drawer Science program, the Farmer's Market volunteers, the Wacky Weeders for all the work they have done, the Naughty Knitters and FFBC for their yarn installation at City Hall, our IT Director Michelle Kwiatkowski and coaches Brad and Casey for taking time out to help with the group interviews, which went really well, Mass Mutual, Cadillac Memorial, the Area Agency in Aging, and Oakmont Senior for the seminars they have conducted,

6. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

We are ending out current raffle, which will be sold out shortly. The drawing is Thursday at 8:00 at Rams Horn for a \$500 gift card for Home Depot. Thanks everyone for buying tickets and selling tickets. We have three grants out there, so cross your fingers and toes. Hopefully we will get some good news in September so we can finish Phase 3. The memorial bricks are being delayed due to weather. Thanks to Brian Williams for the paving. Dairy Maid fundraiser is July 11th from 5-8. Next meeting is June 18 at the Hanover Grove community center. Thanks to Hanover Grove for allowing us to have our meetings there, and for supporting Fraser First. We did the Roseville Parade for Memorial Day, and we got a great response. Thanks to the people who represented Fraser First. Also, we will be needing people to represent Fraser First at

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the Fraser Parade. We will have a Summer raffle coming up, a "Yeti" cooler package, and there will be three winners.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Thanks to volunteers Steve Kloosterboer, Todd Fenner, Dave Bogdan, Shelly Gilray and Peyton Kalka. Looking for volunteers for Saturday. The weather should cooperate. We will have an Ice Cream truck and Motor City Pasty will be there. The Scarecrow Passports will be available at the green tent. Our next meeting is June 10th at City Hall.

C. Updates on #FixtheFort Group

Our last meeting only had two people attend. This is being spearheaded by Dana Freers. Our first project will be a hand pipe music piece that won't be too loud for the neighbors but will still be fun for the kids. We will be fundraising for it. We are looking for more helpers. Anyone who would like to donate can send to the city, and specify for Fort Fraser. The mulch project has been delayed, due to the wet weather. The idea of a second entrance to Fort Fraser was being entertained but after much thought to the safety of the kids there will not be a second entrance.

7. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

We have hired 8 new coaches, who are young and willing to learn. We will be doing some heavy training this year to prepare them to be the supervisors of the future. Big Bounce America will be here for two weekends in June. The Fort Fraser project has been delayed due to weather, and it has cost us a few pavilion rentals. We are working on a comprehensive park plan with DPW, will be walking the parks with DPW Interim Supervisor Nick Schaefer and writing down potential projects to be submitted to council. We will be putting up a storybook walk at McKinley Park "Ricky, the Rock Who Couldn't Roll". Civic Rec is ready, and we are training the staff. Kickoff will be at the City Picnic. Recreation was asked and may assist with the 2020 Census, but only after the busy season winds down.

8. Report on Senior Business.

Today we had our second Wheel of Fortune, which was a total hit. It's a low cost program. We also started Canasta, which is popular. There are some new trips scheduled. They are going to the Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show later this year, and a bunch of outdoor activities. Line Dancing and Tai Chi continue to do well. Julie is working on getting donations, so that we can have T-Shirts for Pickleball. She is halfway to her goal. Sponsorships are \$50.

9. Report on Recreation Business

Registrations are coming in non-stop this week. This is the last week of non-late registrations. This summer we are focusing on fostering connections and making memories. Nick from C&G is working on a story on Fraser Recreation.

10. Report on Special Events

A. City Picnic, Parade, Events

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We have 8 registrations so far for the parade. We have \$1400 in donations so far. Looking for more sponsorships. We are going to raffle a sports basket with registered households. Picnic events will include Dog Meetup, Nail & String Art, Yoga & Brews, Kids Crafts. #FixtheFort might look into a raffle as well. We will be doing a movie night Thursday or Saturday.

11. Report on Parks

A. Spring Tree Planting

The Tree Planting has been postponed until Saturday the 8th. We got a variety of trees. We need volunteers. We are meeting at Fort Fraser at 10:00.

12. Other New Business

A. Recreation and Senior Budget Status

While the budget was approved, a committee was formed to discuss wage increases and personnel. More information to come.

B. Discussion on Recreation Positions: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary positions terms ending June 30th, 2020.

C. Nominations for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

Commissioner Lesich nominated Commissioner Paoletti for Secretary. Commissioner Paoletti nominated Commissioner Stein for Chairperson. Commissioner Bogdan nominated Commissioner Lesich for Chairperson. Commissioner Stein nominated Commissioner LaCasse for Vice Chairperson.

D. Motions for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

Commissioner Lesich motioned and Commissioner LaCasse seconded Commissioner Paoletti for Secretary position ending June 30th 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Stein motioned and Commissioner Mills seconded Commissioner LaCasse for Vice Chairperson position ending June 30th 2020. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bogdan motioned and Commissioner Paoletti seconded Commissioner Lesich for Chairperson position ending June 30th 2020. Motion carried.

13. Citizen Participation.

Vania Apps brought up the Meetup and Eatup. McKinley Pavilion Rental. The overflow parking area needs to have the gas line covered. People were parking on the street because they weren't aware of the overflow parking.

Gudrun Goetz congratulated Sherry Stein for her service as Chairperson and dedication to the City of Fraser.

14. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Mills inquired about walking in the parade.

Commissioner LaCasse thanked Chairperson Stein for her time as Chair.

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Commissioner Lesich inquired about the coaches coach and how they can deal with parents, about the meals at McKinley, and thanked for being named Chair and we can all work together.

Commissioner Berube mentioned about including maybe someday your child could be a future coach, asked about the baseball lights which are being repaired soon, Yoga will be at the Farmers Market and there will be a free craft for the kids.

Commissioner Bogdan mentioned that last month's meeting was not on the website. Commissioner Paoletti apologized for being unable to make the tree planting due to volunteering at the Big Bounce.

Commissioner Stein congratulated the new board and thanked Christina and her staff.

15. Adjournment

Commissioner LaCasse moved, seconded by Commissioner Berube to adjourn the Recreation Commission Meeting of June 4th at 8:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Lesich
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission



Cheryl LaCasse
Vice Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission



Renee Paoletti
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission



Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation