

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 9th 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 Laura Lesich, Vice Chairperson Cheryl LaCasse; Secretary Renee Paoletti. Commissioners Nancy Berube, David Bogdan, Melissa Mills, Sherry Stein

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for July 9th 2019

SECRETARY PAOLETTI MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 9TH 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 4th 2019

VICECHAIRPERSON LACASSE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOGDAN TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 4TH 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following for their generosity and assistance:

Rachel Agusti for Instructing Junk Drawer Science

Tim Hortons for donating baked goods

Bill Cipperoni for gardening around the Senior Center

Pamela Pitts for Gardening at Webb's Wedge

Fort Fraser Helpers for their volunteer efforts

Fraser First for donating the Ice Cream for the ice cream for the ice cream social

More volunteers/donation thanks will be given during the other updates.

6. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First will be holding a summer raffle, prizes drawn at the City Picnic. On July 11th there will be a Dairy Maid fundraiser from 5-8 pm. Next meeting will be at Hanover Groove at 6:30 on July 16th. FFBC is excited to be in the parade and invites all who would like to participate to join them walking in the parade.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Nancy Berube shared with the Recreation Commission. There will be a butterfly feeder craft donated by Vania Apps. Tweet Sweet Tweets will be there as well as Dogonnit hot dogs. There will be new vendors as well. Ms. Berube also shared that the Farmers market will be sponsoring 6 dog waste bag dispensers for the parks. More information to come with the

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official donation letter.

C. Updates on #FixtheFort group

Dana Freers head of the Fort Fraser Helpers group stated that she has raised \$2,750 for the chimes for Fort Fraser and they have been ordered! Thank you to Sheet metal workers Local 80, Roseville Optimist Club, Freers Freers and Freers Attorneys, Fraser Lions Club, Fraser First Booster Club, Eastpointe Roseville Chamber of Commerce. We will be having a Fort Fraser Meetup to do handprints for a donation. Excited to see this group growing and making an impact. Quinn O'Dell shared with the commission his concerns for Fort Fraser, including the grips on the monkeybars and one of the pipes on the monkeybars spins.

7. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Director Woods stated that Summer Programs are underway. Surveys have been coming in and the mid season survey will be in shortly. Coaches are doing well and the new position this year of the "Coach Supervisor" has helped tremendously especially with the new coaches. Director woods shared the end of year financials. Revenues are completed but the expenditures are still coming in. Recreation program fees were down \$4,000 from last year, and noted that \$20,000 of the entire \$67,000 in recreation revenue came in the month of June. Pavilion rentals stayed about the same, building rentals went down \$7,000 but that was to be expected with the CDBG regulations. Senior revenue was up \$3,000 and shows that senior programming is growing.

8. Report on Senior Business

Pickleball shirt sponsorships have all come in and the shirts have been ordered! Thank you to Julie Torres and sponsors. 3 from American house, FFBC, Vania, Don Cook Construction

Boat cruises are a hit, we might do more.

Senior tech help has been great. If anyone is available to help volunteer we put your name on a list and call when we need a volunteer. It really helps out the seniors to have one on one help with simple tech needs.

We are assessing if we need Friday van service. Currently we run 6 shifts spaced Monday – Thursday. Assessing if we should space the shifts out to run Monday – Friday. Trying out Fridays for a month to get data. Will report back.

Julie is working on some trips, parties and programs. She has been a great asset and is performing well.

Director Woods is currently awaiting council decision on FT senior coordinator employee position. The position is budgeted for the 2019-2020 year but there is a hiring freeze until further notice

9. Report on Recreation Business

Rainouts this season have really pushed back the Adult League seasons. We were looking at doing a 2nd season for adult leagues, but with all the rainouts it doesn't look like we will have enough time to get a 2nd season in before winter.

We did have 5 canceled summer programs due to low participation. We cancel a class if it doesn't meet the number of participants to cover costs. We ended up with

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397 participants for the 2019 summer season, even more if you consider that each week of playgrounds is a different signup.

10. Report on Special Events

A. City Picnic, Parade and Events

Director Woods quickly spoke on the recent Ice Cream Social. It was a great turn out. Thank you to Fraser First for donating ice cream, Fraser police for coming out, Commissioners Sherry, Renee, Melissa and Laura, Volunteers Gudrun, Pamela, and Councilman Lesich, Vania Apps for donating the bubbles and for doing facepainting, Sure Bertolini for the photographs and Julie and Sebastian for running the games and events.

So far for the parade we have \$2,450 in donations, 26 participants and a lot of verbal commitments without paperwork. We have the tent golf cart, DJ and characters reserved. We will not be doing a movie due to the cost. Dog meetup, Nail and String art and Yoga and Brew are scheduled.

B. Fall Festival 2019

Fall festival will be October 5th or 12th, waiting for confirmation from the Volunteer Fire Fighters. Director Woods asked if the commission would like to see anything new for the event and to give her ideas so we can start working on it.

11. Report on Parks

A. 2019 Fall Cleanup

The commission discussed dates for the 2019 fall cleanup. The date will be October 19th 9-12 with a rainout of 10/26. The week leading up to the cleanup will be a “selfie” cleanup, where people can post their cleanup selfie to facebook and we’ll have a contest with a prize.

12. Other New Business

There was discussion on the commission on how to better coordinate with the Fraser Library. Director Woods stated that the Recreation supports and helps advertise Library programs, however we have been told we cannot have flyers at the Library. Some commission members stated they would talk to the library to encourage collaboration.

There was also discussion on errors on the web pages, and missing photos on the web pages. Commissioner Bogdan volunteered to take pictures of the parks to put on the web pages. Director Woods requested that it wait until after the City Picnic. Director Woods also requested Commissioner Berube to submit the errors she found on the website to her via email so they can be addressed.

13. Citizen Participation

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There was no citizen participation at this time.

14. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Bogdan- Said its better when we work together and hopes for collaborations with the Library.

Commissioner Mills – Is looking forward to the festival

Commissioner Berube shared errors on the website page and requests more photos of the parks on the website.

Commissioner Stein – Invites everyone to come out and help during the city picnic and parade weekend

Secretary Paoletti – is excited for the festivities

Vice Chair LaCasse – Thanked Dana and Quinn for their hard work with Fort Fraser

Chairperson Lesich – Looking forward to the Festivities and invites all to support the parks and volunteer.

15. Adjournment

SECRETARY PAOLETTI MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE
**TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 9TH 2019
AT 8:10 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

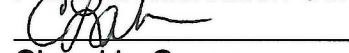
Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Lesich

Chairperson

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Cheryl LaCasse

Vice Chair

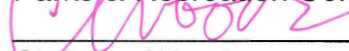
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Renee Paoletti

Secretary

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Christina Woods

Director Parks & Recreation