

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 6th 2017, 7:00 pm
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, Sherry Stein

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director

Absent: Commissioner Melisa Mills

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Lesich called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for August 6th 2019

SECRETARY PAOLETTI MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LACASSE TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 6TH 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 9th 2019

COMMISSIONER STEIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 9TH 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

Bob Trembly from Warren Astrological Society for assisting with Family Stem Night

Bruce and Karen Silverthorn for their work making and installing the new bulletin board @ McKinley

Farmers Market for their tireless efforts creating the market

Fort Fraser Helpers for their volunteer efforts

Fraser First for their continued work at McKinley Park

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

6. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Thank you to Bruce Silverthorn for the message board at McKinley.

Bricks put in, registration forms available at fraserfirst.com. Working on grants and the Monster Mash Walk and Roll on October 19th.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

Nancy Berube shared with the Recreation Commission. There will be free yoga at the park at Willow pavilion. Christ Church singers will be performing. Mike Cook will be doing a wood working demo. There will be

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hot dogs, ice cream, maybe pasties. Kids Craft. August 12th will be the next volunteer meeting at 6:30 pm. Fraser Fresh will be participating in the Fall Festival in October.

C. Updates on #FixtheFort group

The Chimes have been shipped and due in any day now. Fort Fraser is turning 22 on September 7th.

7. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

There has been a growing interest in the parks which is a great change! Thank you to resident Nancy Ehrke for her interest and insight on Blanke Park. Thank you to DPW Interim Director Nick Schaeffer for the quick response from DPW.

Activity Center Staff sat down and went over thoughts and ideas to boost advertising and make it more effective. We will be streamlining some of our process to make it more consistent and to take the guess work out of advertising.

We are still awaiting a resolution from council regarding the senior coordinator/assistant to the director. The position is budgeted but there is a hiring freeze.

8. Report on Senior Business

We recently found out about new Macomb County Health Department regulations that will allow us to serve pre-packaged, "convenience store foods", pasta, frozen pizza, nachos, hotdogs. This opens up our ability to have lunches or parties at the center and will reduce costs.

Pickleball shirts are in and the seniors have been loving them! Thank you to donors for the Pickleball Shirts.

New programs including Brain health and night pickleball. Senior center is growing!

9. Report on Recreation Business

there are one more week of summer programs. We've gone over mid-season surveys with coaches. Weekly participant surveys didn't go as well as we had hoped – didn't get everyone returning the surveys. The surveys we did receive were helpful though. Campout is cancelled due to low participant. Meet with Recreation Authority of Roseville Eastpointe, possibly doing a spring Lacrosse or Rugby. We are prepping for flag football. We will not be doing a 2nd season adult leagues, due to how late the rainouts pushed our games in the season.

10. Report on Special Events

A. Recap and discussion on City picnic, Parade

We canceled yoga and brews, nail and string art. Glow Bike Parade was canceled due to the weather. We had 40 participants for the parade and had \$3,350 in donations. Semcog donated a lot of giveaways. We sold \$213 in water and made \$2581 in parking. We had to cancel most of Saturday's parking due to the weather. Commissioner Berube stated that there wasn't enough handicap parking and that we should sell parking on the grass next to the tennis courts. The grass area is the Lions for their use, and handicap parking is at City Hall. The commission agreed we should publicize the handicap parking more.

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B. Fall Festival 2019

Jennifer has been working on the Fall Festival. A lot is in the works.

C. Discussion on other upcoming events

Halloween party with the Lions Club is scheduled, Christmas in Fraser Preparation has begun. Next month we will need to discuss nominations. We will also be doing a Christmas Light Contest, Commission suggested we add a business category along with the residential. Commission also suggested we include seniors on a separate bus while judging is occurring, to show the lights to those who may not be comfortable driving at night.

11. Report on Parks

A. Parks Discussion

Director Woods shared the proposed list of the repairs to be requested. The commission asked why equipment that was dangerous isn't being taken out. They also stated that one of their top priorities is the Steffens Park Bathrooms. More information to come after the next council meeting.

B. 2019 Fall Cleanup

Director Woods stated that we had to change the date for the cleanup to accommodate other activities going on in October.

C. MPARKS Virtual 5K Project Ideas

the MPARKS Virtual 5K is put on by the Michigan Parks and Recreation association and Fraser will get 50% of our registration fees. Commissioners Stein recommended doing a closing ceremony to allow people to register and do their 5k, as well as get personalized awards for most miles or quickest time. The commission agreed on September 28th. After discussion we decided upon holding it at McKinley Park. Fraser First will donate granola bars and water. We started talking about what the funds would be used for – no decision at this time.

12. Other New Business

None

13. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps – Fraser First Booster Club Founder – Enjoyed the Picnic

14. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Bogdan- Had no concerns at this time

Commissioner Berube – Asked what the cancelled programs were from summer and lights. Lights will be done after adult leagues are over and DPW has availability, the programs cancelled were dodgeball, simply sports and one session of Little Kickers.

Commissioner Stein – Reminded everyone to praise donors! Thank you to the donors and volunteers who help the community come together

Secretary Paoletti – Reminded everyone to come out to put your print on the park

Vice Chair LaCasse – The City Picnic was a huge success! Likes the Christmas Decoration Contest

Chairperson Lesich – Asked about Webs Wedge – Christina said talks stopped

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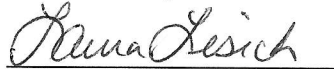
when Garfield was going to be under construction and was just forgotten. Will resume this project.

15. Adjournment

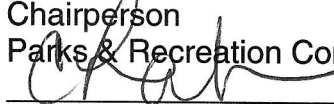
COMMISSIONER STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY PAOLETTI TO
**ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 6TH 2019
AT 8:50 PM.**

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