

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 1st, 2019, 7 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 Sherry Stein, Nancy Berube, and David Bogdan

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director, DPW Superintendent Nick Schafer

Absent: Commissioner Melissa Mills

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for June 4 2019

Director Woods requested the agenda be amended to move item 11a to 6.

COMMISSIONER STEIN MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LACASSE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes from August 6 2019

CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEIN. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods thanked the following: resident Rachel Agusti for her continued work with the Junk Drawer Science program, Tim Hortons for continuing to donate their day old goods to the seniors, Oakmont/Pine Ridge for donating to senior activities, Kathy Housey for her work on Brain Health for Seniors.

6. Report on Parks Updates

DPW Superintendent Schafer and the commission further discussed options for park updates. There was discussion to update the cost figures. **VICE CHAIRPERSON LACASSE MOTIONED TO INCREASE THE FIGURES TO \$528-550K FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING PRICING, SECONDED BY SECRETARY PAOLETTI. MOTION CARRIED.**

There will be more detailed figures at the November meeting.

7. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

Fraser First is still waiting to hear on grants. There will be a Walk and Roll event on October 19th, from 1-3:30. There will be a train, cider, donuts, hot dogs, popcorn and crafts. Thanks to the sponsors, this is a free event. The next meeting is October 15th at 6:30 pm at the Hanover Grove community center. Also, Fraser First working out the details for the sensory garden to be installed in the spring.

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B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

There will be a meeting October 7th. Thanks to the sponsors this year. There is a new voice mailbox option on the Fraser Recreation phone number, and the mail will be forwarded to the Fraser Activity Center for the upcoming season.

C. Updates on #FixtheFort Group

There are no updates at this time.

8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director.

The Director is working on programs for winter, spring and summer due to the director's upcoming maternity leave in December. There is a new way of sending out publications to FPS through Peachtree emails. The Lion's bill is going to council for approval for about \$24,000. The Walk and Run is coming up, thank you to FFBC for providing the snacks and items for the walk and run.

9. Report on Senior Business

Senior programs are going really well. Night pickleball is popular, as is the new Friday crochet club. There is a new program "candy and no-bake cookie making."

10. Report on Recreation Business

Youth flag football is underway and sport mashup starts next week. The final numbers have come in for recreation, and for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Recreation Department was under in revenue (\$5,000 under in program fees, \$6,000 under in building rentals). Recreation expenses were also under by \$53,000 due to not needing things for programming, changes in health insurance, ect. This makes the Recreation Department under budget by \$42,000 for the year 2018-2019. Director Woods also asks the commission to help spread the word on the Christmas Decoration contest

11. Report on Special Events

A. Discussion on Fall Festival 2019

We have 28 vendors set up. Goodfellows will have their Stuff a Bus, there will be a Chili and Soup cook off.

B. Discussion on Christmas in Fraser

We had nominees for Christmas in Fraser. Dominic Miller, the Historical Commission, were key nominees. **MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LACASSE TO HAVE DOMINIC MILLER AND THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS NOTED GUESTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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C. Discussion on other upcoming events

The Lions Club Halloween Party is coming up, the FFBC Walk and Roll, the Glow Bike Parade and the Trunk or Treat at Ram's Horn were mentioned.

12. Report on Parks

A. Discussion on Park Clean up

Park Clean up will be October 12. There were ideas discussed, such as trimming some of the new trees, fence painting at Somerset, and Seal Coat on the McKinley path. However, we will pretty much keep it to cleaning up and trimming what we can.

13. Other Business

We are still taking applications for the open Commission seats.

14. Citizen Participation.

None

15. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Stein mentioned the Trunk or Treat at Ram's Horn on 10/26 from 2-4 pm. Commissioner Bogdan is looking forward to his first Fall Fest, and also thanked DPW Superintendent Schafer for his knowledge. Commissioner Berube looking forward to Saturday, hopefully no rain! Thanked everyone from the Farmers Market. Secretary Paoletti had no concerns and is looking forward to the Fall Fest. Commissioner LaCasse is looking forward to the Fall Fest. Vice Chairperson LaCasse echoed Secretary Paoletti's comments. Chairperson Lesich expressed that she is glad the Community Post is out early. Also, **CHAIRPERSON LESICH MADE A MOTION TO REACH OUT TO COMMISSIONER MILLS TO SEE IF SHE WISHES TO CONTINUE AS A COMMISSIONER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEIN. MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER STEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SECRETARY PAOLETTI. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Chairperson
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Cheryl LaCasse
Vice Chair
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Renee Paoletti
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission



Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation