

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 3rd, 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 Nancy Berube and David Bogdan

Also Present: Christina Woods, Recreation Director, Parks and Rec staff member Jennifer Mellar.

Absent: Commissioner Sherry Stein

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for December 3, 2019

Commissioner Lesich requested agenda item 12a be moved to the January meeting, when we have a full council. Motion made by Commissioner Paoletti, seconded by Commissioner LaCasse, motion carried. Approval of amended agenda motion made by Commissioner Lesich, seconded by Commissioner LaCasse. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2019

Motion made to approve minutes made by Commissioner LaCasse, seconded by Commissioner Paoletti, motion carried.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Director Woods wishes to thank Tim Hortons for coming through daily and donating their day old baked goods for our seniors. Oakmont and a new assisted living facility, Pomeroy, for working with our seniors, Rachel Augusti for continuing her work with the Junk Drawer Science class, and Kim, on of our seniors, for donating to the no-bake cookie class.

6. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

We are still waiting on news from the outstanding grant applications. The raffle for the gift cards for Amazon and Meijers is coming to an end, and the drawing will be December 12th at 8:00 pm at Rams Horn. The path was dug for the Sensory Garden and the cement will be poured soon. Giving Tuesday is today, and we are pushing the Global Giving campaign. Thank you to Hanover Grove Co-op for the large donation. Tickets are available for the Blue Jean ball, February 8th, and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Donations are being accepted for raffle baskets and silent auction as well. There is no meeting in December, the next meeting will be January.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

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There are no updates at this time. The next meeting is December 9th, but it may be cancelled.

C. Updates on #FixtheFort Group

There are no updates at this time. I know they are working on an interactive feature for the Fort for pictures.

7. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

We have a new full time Senior Coordinator, Julie Torres. She will be taking over while Christina is on maternity leave. All the city buildings changed over to LED lights. The baseball diamonds were changed to LED as well. Big Bounce America will be returning for two weekends in June, the 10th thru the 29th. Summer programs are planned, and they are working on other programs as well. We will conduct interviews for the remaining partial term on the commission in January. So far, there are two applicants. The Library has a new marketing person, and there have been talks of collaborating more with the library.

8. Report on Senior Business

The Senior Christmas Party is coming up, so far we have 106 seniors so far, a record. We have to limit it to 120, due to space. Julie will be starting up a new sport, called Two Ball, which is like a pickle ball version of basketball, as well as a new exercise class, involving resistance bands.

9. Report on Recreation Business

Basketball is starting this month. We do need two volunteer coaches. We have 5 teams, and we are running with Roseville/Eastpointe. We are also going to work with the Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe for a new program, called the Bizarre Sports Mash-up, which will feature Flag Rugby, LaCrosse, Frisbee Golf and Ultimate Frisbee. We are also going to have a new session of family yoga. The Daddy Daughter Dance theme will be "Once Upon a Time".

10. Report on Special Events

A. Upcoming Christmas in Fraser

This Saturday will be Christmas in Fraser, caroling starts at 5:30. The ceremony will begin at 6. We have lots planned, a reindeer, a fake snowball fight, smores, Santa, etc. We received a lot of donations, and we'd like to thank Schotts Market, Nickle and Saff (sp), Sharp Animal Hospital, El Charro, Lee Beauty & General, Middleton Auto Parts, Higher Dimension Church, Councilwoman Suzanne Kalka, Anderson Exend Westrick (AEW) (sp), Freers Freers & Freers, Fraser VFW post 6691, Oakmont Parkway, Fraser First Booster Club, Dairy Maid, Nova Industries, and Christian Financial Credit Union. The lights are up. Nick is putting together a proposal to have the lights done in full next year. The Fraser Historical Commission and Dominic Miller will be doing the countdown and welcoming Santa.

11. Report on Parks

A. Progress on Parks plan

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Christina and Nick Schaeffer will be presenting the Park Plan to council at the next meeting.

12. Other Business

A. Chairperson nominations

Moved to January meeting

B Amending 2020 Recreation Commission Dates Calendar

The election schedule for March will not affect the commission meeting Date, so it will be back to the first Tuesday, March 3rd. Motion made by Commissioner Paoletti to update the calendar, seconded by Commissioner Berube, motion carries.

13. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps wants to thank Tim Hortons and Hanover Grove.

14. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Bogdan has no concerns and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and will see everyone Saturday. Commissioner Berube would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and she is concerned with the vandalism at the McKinley Park little library and damage to a picnic table. Thanks Vania for getting her brick taken care of. Commissioner Paoletti is looking forward to Christmas in Fraser Saturday, and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner LaCasse wishes everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. She is looking forward to Christmas in Fraser, the weather looks good. She would like to thank Mallory for cleaning up the little library, and Vania Apps and her brother for making the needed repairs. Commissioner LaCasse would also like to thank Commissioner Lesich for her time on the commission. Commissioner Lesich really enjoyed being on the commission, and is real proud of the work they are doing. She would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas, Christina luck on her upcoming maternity leave, welcome Jennifer.

15. Adjournment

Commissioner Paoletti moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bogdan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



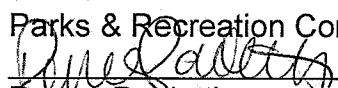
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