

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 7th, 2020, 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: Vice Chairperson Cheryl LaCasse; Secretary Renee Paoletti, Commissioners Nancy Berube, Dave Bogdan, Sarah Kelley and Sherry Stein

Also Present: Parks and Rec staff member Jennifer Mellar, DPW Superintendent Nick Schaeffer

Absent: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chairperson Cheryl LaCasse called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda for January 7th, 2020.

Commissioner Bogdan requested to remove item 7, as it is a duplicate of 6B. Motion to approve ammended agenda made by Commissioner Bogdan, seconded by Commissioner Berube, motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes from December 3rd, 2019

Motion made to approve minutes made by Commissioner Paoletti, seconded by Commissioner Stein, motion carries.

5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes

Parks and Rec would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas in Fraser event, including the Commission, honorees Dominic Miller and the Fraser Historical Commission, The POC firefighters for volunteering and donating the hot dogs, Fraser Honor Guard and Boy Scout Pack 1904, Pack 1402, and Girl Scout Troop 75689 for helping us honor the men and women in service, Fraser DPW for their work for this event as well as all other events year round, Fraser Goodfellows for helping with the Santa photo area, to Nancy Berube for donating the tree, thanks for the performances by the Fraser High School Band, Christchurch, and Encore Dance, thanks to the Fraser First Booster Club and the artists who created the snowmen around City Hall, all of our doners – premier Doners Christian Financial, Fraser VFW post 6691, Lee Beauty & General, and Nova Industries, Gold Doners Councilwoman Suzanne Kalka, Fraser First Booster Club, Silver Doners AEW, Dairy Maid, El Charro, Freers Freers & Freers Attorneys, Higher Dimension Church, Middleton Auto Parts, Nickel and Saff, Oakmont Parkway, Schotts Market and Sharp Animal Hospital. We'd also like to thank Fraser City Council and the City offices for their work year round, the volunteers that came out to help, Piper Morrison, Ariel Bailey, Sarah Maleski, Gizelle Ziernig, David Oliver, Jack Turrey, Ella Calabrese, Alexander Nichol, Jonah Woods, and Brandon DiFranco. Thank you for the Senior Christmas Party, it was a huge success. Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers

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– Tim Hortons, Oakmont Parkway, Pomeroy Living Rehabilitation, Carrie Roman, Pomeroy Assisted Living, Vania Apps, Dana Freers, Laura Lesich, Rose Claus, the Naughty Knitters, Cathy Madzaluski, Dianna Hemming, Final Touch Housekeeping, Karen Silverthorn for her beautiful centerpieces, Santa Joe and Karen Rapp.

6. Volunteer Group Reports

A. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park

This is a busy time for FFBC, we are preparing for our annual Blue Jean Ball, which is February 8th at Vintage house at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available now at Fraserfirst.com, \$45.00 each, which includes dinner, open bar, basket raffles, silent auction, etc. Sponsorships are available, contact Sherry Stein or Cheryl LaCasse. We'd like to give a shout out to some of our sponsors, Platinum Sponsor Sweet Insurance Agency, Gold Sponsors Goodman Venegas Insurance Agency, Ruffin It Pet Resort, Silver Sponsors Naughty Knitters, Councilman David Winowicki and Debby Winowicki, Fraser Rams Horn, Womens Life Chapter 911, Freers Freers and Freers, Roseville Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce, and Free Play Arcade, Bronze Sponsors Viks Diner, Fraser Star Lanes, Jazzercise Fraser, Macomb County Commissioner Harold Haugh, Starlight Motel, Sunny Days, and Complete Plumbing Repair. Our next FFBC meeting is January 21st, at 6:30 at the Hanover Grover Community Center. The cement is poured for the sensory garden, so in the spring we will finish the sensory garden. We are looking to get a couple climbers, and we are fundraising to get funds for them.

B. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market

The next meeting is January 13th at 6:30 in the dispatch meeting room. There are applications on the website now. There will be a sponsorship form as well. The website is fraserfreshfarmersmarket.com. We are continuing to look for new vendors, volunteers, and entertainment. We are continuing to explore a dog park, looking at areas and possible getting grants.

C. Updates on #FixtheFort Group

There are no updates at this time.

8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director

Christina is not here tonight, but we'd like to congratulate her on her Baby Girl!! Arla Marie was born January 2nd.

9. Report on Senior Business

The Intro to Pickleball class starts tonight. They had a new Healthy Living Seminar, will have an ABCs of CBD seminar coming up, a stretch class, 2-ball basketball class starting up as well.

10. Report on Recreation Business

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Basketball is in progress now with Roseville Eastpointe. Computer science club class starts this Friday, Junk Drawer science class is Tuesday, January 14th. Kid and Parent Gym sports may get canceled due to lack of participants. Crazy Fit Kids only has 5 signed up as well.

11. Report on Special Events

a. Christmas in Fraser

Thanks to all who came out to volunteer. Thanks to DPW for the lights.

b. Senior Christmas Party

Thanks to Moveable Feast for the meal for the senior Christmas Party. They loved it. Thanks to the donors who donated, the raffle table was a huge success.

12. Report on Parks

We did approval from Council for the tennis courts for Steffens and Pompo Park, as well as the locks for the bathrooms. We also discussed the parks plan, we were told to focus on Pompo and Somerset Park. There are more quotes to get, so we are doing the work as requested. We discussed scaling back, community build. There was quite a bit of discussion as to where we go from here, competitive quotes, priorities and the like. Bottom line, we will have more info next month.

13. Other Business

A. Interviews and discussion for open recreation commission seat, term ending December 31, 2021.

Conducted interview with Dana Sutherland. We discussed recommending her for the open seat.

B. Motion and recommendation for open recreation commission seat, term ending December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Paoletti to recommend Dana Sutherland for open recreation commission seat, term ending December 21st, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Berube. Motion carries.

C. Nomination for recreation chairperson seat, position ending June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Bogdan nominated Commissioner LaCasse. Commissioner Kelley nominated Commissioner Stein. Commissioner Stein does not want the position.

D. Motion for recreation chairperson seat, position ending June 30, 2020.

Motion made by Commissioner Paoletti to appoint Commissioner LaCasse, seconded by Commissioner Kelley, motion carries. Motion to amend agenda to include 12E to nominate a vice chair, and 12F to motion to appoint vice chair. Motion made by Commissioner Paoletti, seconded by Commissioner Bogdan, Motion carries.

E. Nomination for vice chairperson seat, position ending June 30, 2020.

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Commissioner LaCasse nominates Commissioner Stein, seconded by Commissioner Bogdan.

- F. Motion to appoint vice chairperson seat, position ending June 30, 2020.**
Motion made by Commissioner Lacasse, seconded by Commissioner Paoletti. Motion carries.

14. Citizen Participation

None

15. Commission members with concerns

Commissioner Kelley is glad to be back. She would be interested in doing a fall safety seminar for the seniors. Commissioner Bogdan is looking forward to the coming year. Commissioner Stein welcomed Commissioner Kelley back, congratulations Christina on her new baby, congrats Commissioner LaCasse on becoming chairperson. Commissioner Berube mentioned the VFW Spaghetti dinner. There is some question as to the cost. Commissioner Paoletti wanted to thank DPW Director Schaffer for his work on the park plan, and is looking forward to the coming year. Commissioner Lacasse welcomed Jennifer, congratulated Christina on her baby, congratulated Dana on her recommendation. She is looking forward to working with her in the future.

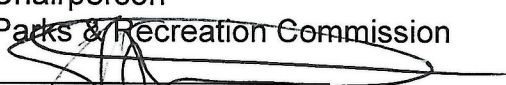
16. Adjournment

Commissioner Stein moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Berube. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheryl LaCasse
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission



Sherry Stein
Vice Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission



Renee Paoletti
Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission

Christina Woods
Director Parks & Recreation