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FRASER RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD ROAD, FRASER, MI 48026
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
DRAFT

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at City Hall, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sarah Kelley at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker

Absent: None

Others: Assistant City Manager Mistretta, City Clerk Greenia

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch supported by Kelley to approve the agenda for the February 7, 2023 City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented/amended.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2022 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Hunt supported by Koch to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting of the City of Fraser recreation commission as presented.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker

NAYS:

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2023 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Koch supported by Kelley to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Recreation Commission Meeting as presented.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch Walker
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview was present and shared that the Blue Jean Ball was this Saturday. Tickets were no longer available. She wanted to thank all the people who helped with this event. She was looking forward to a really great event.

7. REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS and OVERVIEW REPORT PARKS AND RECREATION

Assistant City Manager Mistretta reviewed that they had hired a new Finance Clerk/Recreation Clerk and she started on February 6, 2023. The new Recreation Director would be starting the week of February 20, 2023. His name was Martez. T

The City was moving toward getting their Silver Sneakers designation soon. The Senior Activity Center was seeing between 60 and 70 clients every day.

Commissioner Koch asked about bowling. Ms. Mistretta stated that she would have to check with Advancing Macomb on that. Soccer is being handled by LK St. Clair and the Easter Event had no plans in concrete at this time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Interview Candidate for Recreation Commission Appointment

Fraser resident Jacob Rice had submitted his application to be on the Recreation Commission. He explained to the Commission that he had been involved in sports for quite some time and felt it was a great source of activity to help keep our youth busy and active. He would like to see the Recreation Commission focus on youth sports as well as all of the activities they are planning. He said if recommended for approval he would be very dedicated – this was a big part of his life growing up.

Chairman Kelley asked if he could make the meetings regularly – they would be on the first Tuesday of the month. He indicated that he could and, in fact, had been at quite a few of the previous meetings. Further discussion was had.

Motion by Hunt supported by Koch to recommend to City Council that Jacob Rice be appointed to serve on the City of Fraser Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2025.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

9. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Dana Sutherland, 31520 School Craft approached the Commission. She began discussion regarding whether or not the Farmer's Market planning was under way. Commissioner Hunt spoke to the possible rebranding of this into maybe having different events every month the same dates that the Farmer's Market would usually take place. A possible name of Frolic in Fraser could be used for the rebranding. Doing this would require a new domain for the website.

A lengthy discussion was had on how to move forward with this. Should they plan activities now for those dates, did they have enough time? Martez would be in charge and the Commission had not yet met him and felt they should wait for him. Dana Sutherland indicated that Ms. Mistretta would be Martez's direct boss and if she was given priorities from the Commission – a list of activities they would like to see – she would let him know what they were looking for and he could begin working on it. We need to set specific measurable goals for Martez.

It was suggested that the Commission come back to the March meeting with some specific plans for the monthly events they are talking about. Perhaps each Commissioner could choose an activity to be in charge of. They discussed the May event being a flower market with crafters. Martez would be in charge of getting this activity together. Commissioner Koch stated that they did have a list of activities and that everyone should have gotten one at the last meeting. Ms. Sutherland suggested that the Commission perhaps would need to concentrate on the larger activities such as the Easter Activity, Parade and maybe a Fall Event. When Martez gets here the Farmer's Market and Parade would be two of his immediate priorities.

Dana Sutherland said she felt they needed a structured list of activities they would like to see so that Martez had something to work on. Commission suggested that they felt they had come up with many ideas and dates and they go nowhere. Ms. Sutherland stated that now there would be someone who would be dedicated just to recreation and this should afford much more time and attention to their ideas. This is an exciting time for the Commission.

She added that the list they referred to would be emailed to Sarah and Cindi.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview spoke. She was very excited to see that Jacob Rice was being recommended to join the Commission. She was hoping that approval could go before City Council this week. Let's try to get more people involved – there are two open seats on the Commission at this time.

10. COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH CONCERNS

Commissioner Hunt discussed the proposed Road Rally. She had sent her idea to the City Manager who had some concerns. She had addressed them. She passed out the rules for the proposed Road Rally and reviewed them. They were planning on having the event March 25 or April 1. They discussed the possible liability of the Road Rally and it was suggested that the participant's sign a waiver indicating the City will hold no liability if there were any issues that came up on the Rally.

Ms. Mistretta stated that if the Commission were to pick a date the city could take the registrations at City Hall and move forward with this. Discussion was had on the issue of liability again and how to address it.

Motion by Hunt supported by Kelley to approve March 25, 2023 for the City of Fraser Parks and Recreation Road Rally- Easter Egg Hunt pending approval for the location with April 1, 2023 as the alternate date.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Commissioner Hunt asked if they could use monies from the Recreation Budget for prizes – perhaps about \$100. Ms. Mistretta suggested that they could submit receipts for reimbursement.

Commissioner Hunt stated she was working on the February 2024 event. She would email this information to the Recreation Coordinator. It was an ice sculpture event. She reviewed other activities as well.

Commissioner Koch had no other concerns.

Commissioner Walker spoke about trying to get more sports in Fraser – perhaps having an activity with the Wrestling Club. The location is the difficult part.

Chairman Kelley had nothing. She hoped when Martez started they could focus more on programming.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kelley supported by Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser