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**CITY OF FRASER
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
APPROVED 6/6/2023**

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

The following members were absent:

None

Others:

Recreation Director Seay, City Clerk Greenia, Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch, supported by Hunt to approve the agenda of the April 4, 2023 Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Hunt supported by Rice to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 Recreation Commission meeting as presented.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Echo Hunt, 17931 Airport reported on the Fraser Garden Club. She said that this group met in late March. They discussed their goals for the City and indicated that they would be reviving the flower beds throughout the City and possibly making some new ones.

If anyone was interested in joining or helping in any way they could go to the Facebook page for Fraser Garden Club. They could also contact them by email at frasergardenclub@gmail.com.

Laura Lesich, 15204 Fairview was present on behalf of Fraser First. She shared that their next meeting was scheduled for April 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ram's Horn Restaurant. They would be hosting a fundraiser there as well on April 20, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This would include a raffle and bake sale.

She then reviewed that they had received a Communication Board through a grant and it would be placed at McKinley Park. She explained that this was a board to help people communicate in a non-verbal manner.

7. REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Recreation Coordinator Martez Seay reviewed the current events at this time. He stated that he had contacted over 70 flower vendors regarding the May Flower Sale event. He had not gotten a very good response. Most of them explained that they were taking their inventory to the Eastern Market and would not be able to be at our event. He would continue to look for vendors.

He then discussed the upcoming parade and carnival and noted that the City's involvement was basically getting all the contracts in order and finding volunteers to work the parade.

Commissioner Walker then asked about the vendors at the Farmer's Market/ Frolic In Fraser as to whether or not they would have to pay the \$25 fee for attending/selling at the event. Discussion was had on this.

He added that he had been working on the events that had been recommended for each month.

8. OVERVIEW REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreation Coordinator Seay told the Commission that the Tiger's Game was sold out. They were leaving from the Senior Center. There was an upcoming dinner at Azteca that already had quite a few attendees signed up.

He had been talking to Roseville Recreation about youth baseball and softball. He indicated that they told him Fraser youth could play in their leagues and could do so for the "resident" price. There would be a few games in Fraser. They would need to clean up the baseball diamonds and he was going to check into them this week yet. Commissioner Rice indicated that there are some parents in Fraser that want their children to play in Fraser.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Interview Candidate for Reappointment

Chairman Sarah Kelley's term had officially ended on December 31, 2022. She had agreed to submit her application for reappointment.

Commissioner Hunt asked her a few questions. Discussion was had and the Commission was more than happy that she agreed to continue to serve the community.

Motion by Hunt supported by Koch to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Sarah Kelley to the City of Fraser Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2025.

AYES: Hunt, Koch, Rice, Walker

ABSTAIN: Kelley

Motion Carried

10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Leader Chris Vaughn, Scouts Conner Vaughn and Wyatt Walker were present and representing Troop 206 of Cub Scouts. Mr. Vaughn explained that part of the process of

bridging over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts is attending a meeting of City Officials. There were at the meeting tonight to fulfill that requirement. The shared with the Commission some ideas they had moving forward for recreation ideas in the City. They noted that they would like to see a bounce house and face painting at the Farmer's Market/Frolie in Fraser so the children would have something to do while their parent's shopped the market.

They then stated that during the winter they would like to see things like a snowman building contest, a snow fort building contest, kickball, snow shoe racing and things of that nature.

Discussion was had on how best to get the word out to children in the Fraser area. Chris Vaughn stated that Scouts frequently volunteer and would be happy to help clean up the parks and the ball diamonds.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview was present at the meeting and addressed the Commission. She would like to see the City put something in C & G Newspaper regarding upcoming events. There has always been a park clean –up day toward the end of April in the City. She was hoping to see the Senior Activity Center open all day moving forward.

11. COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH CONCERNS

Commissioner Hunt addressed some concerns she had with the website, the budget, the calendar of events and the by-laws. She asked Mr. Seay if he already had a 2024 calendar started. She would like to see dates firmed up moving forward. She addressed the name of the Commission – was it Parks and Recreation, was it Recreation. At this time Patrice Schornak addressed the Commission. She reviewed that it was the Recreation Commission – Parks came under the responsibility of the DPW at this time. She also explained that whatever is left in the budget at years end goes back into the general fund – gets rolled into the fund balance. Council was currently in the process of working on the new budget. As to the By-Laws City Clerk Greenia could work on updating those by removing reference to “park”.

Further discussion was then had on the duties of the Commission – are they a recommending body or a planning body? Patrice Schornak addressed this matter as well. She stated that they were a recommending body. They could come to the City with plans, but the City was the one to actually execute the plan. It was the City's responsibility to make sure that everything was done legally and that the events were not opening up the City to any liability. She felt that City Council was supportive of ideas to get the City's recreation back up and running. In closing, Commissioner Hunt stated that the Commission was here to provide the residents with recreational opportunities and they were in full support of the new Recreation Coordinator Martez Seay.

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Commissioner Koch stated she was concerned that the Eggstravaganza needed more time and effort next year but overall it was good.

She thanked everyone that came out to the Road Rally. It turned out great.

Commissioner Rice had no concerns. He would like updates on the youth sports and what was happening with that.

Chairman Kelley stated that her son had fun at the Easter Event. She welcomed Martez to the City. She stated that the Commission was very passionate about the recreation in the City. They have good intentions.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kelley supported by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser