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Fraser Recreation Commission Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved May 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recreation Commission member Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Member Rice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Rice, Walker, Koch, Rastelli

ABSENT: Hunt

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Rice supported by Koch to excuse Recreation Commission Chairperson Hunt from the meeting.

AYES: Rice, Walker, Koch, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to approve the agenda of the April 2, 2024, City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Rice, Walker, Koch, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Koch supported by Rice to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Rice, Koch, Rastelli, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Laura Lesich reported that Fraser First Booster Club apologized on their behalf for having to cancel their March meeting. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at the Fraser Library at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss summer activities, and all are welcome to attend.

Fraser Beautification will have a meeting on May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. There will be a spring cleaning of the gardening beds on April 20 at 9:00 a.m. at McKinley Park.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Recreation Coordinator Delmege discussed the Marshmallow Drop that was rescheduled for Friday, March 29 due to heavy snowfall and cold conditions. It was changed to Friday due to the warmer weather and in hopes more parents/children could attend. A mass email went out asking anyone who couldn't attend to notify the city and they were replaced by people on the waitlist. Very good feedback. Amazing Easter Bunny. Two drops were at 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. The field was marked off for 300x75ft.

Delmege spoke about some changes he might make about placement of petting zoo and potential tickets to help the backup. As he listened to feedback, if they had more volunteers, tickets wouldn't be as necessary because we would have more people signing everyone in. It was nice not having to put tickets in multiple

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places, or having people come to claim tickets for the event. It was also easier being able to take people off the list and add people in because of the online sign up. The thought of charging came up, but Delmege is more in favor of not charging and thinks that the word will spread, the date will be better next year. Delmege thanked all the volunteers including family, coworkers, National Honors Society from Richards School and the community for making the event as good as it was. He wished he had a few more adults volunteering so that each station could have a bit more leadership. Delmege stated that feedback was if nothing was changed on the event, it was amazing for what we did. Mass emails were sent out discussing all the little details of the event, including parking could be short and location.

Animal Magic is sold out. Adding people from the waitlist. Limited space makes the number of kids lower. Saturday, May 18 at 3:30p.m. No volunteers needed. Wanted to bring something educational and a little different with the type of animals.

The yoga flyer is finished. Being released shortly. Keeping the rotation of Parks limited to only two now.

The parade for the City of Fraser is happening. Construction company aware and will work with the city for our event. Sent out mass email to participants and received from a few organizations.

Skyhawks registration numbers keep growing. Classes are filling and about to start. Delmege believes that for this being the first attempt at classes, numbers are great to see and especially because it's open to our neighboring community. Macomb Wildcats still needs to turn in their packet and information to present before the council. They missed their deadline to turn everything in to the present before the council. Someone else from the organization stopped on the day of the meeting. Even though they aren't on the agenda, they still want to come in and speak during the comment section. Schools are on the same opinion as the city as they want to see details and backgrounds of their organization.

8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Sherry Stein spoke about the Marshmallow Drop being a huge success. She thanked all the volunteers including Delmege's family and girlfriend. She thought it was organized very well. Everyone was happy and did an amazing job. Make sure things like location are posted everywhere. She liked that the bunny walked around, took selfies. Easter Bunny was incredible and stole the event.

Laura Lesich isn't sure about charging. Likes the event being free and bringing the community together. If there's a charge, keep it around \$2. Maybe think about doing three drops. She asked if the marshmallows were reused. F.A.M.E (Fraser Academy Member of Excellence) Awards nominations are due Friday,

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April 5, for Eastpointe-Roseville Chamber of Commerce. People can nominate their favorite business, capital improvement, citizen, or youth of the year. The city has forms you can fill out, or you can go to the Chambers website to fill out the forms. They'll celebrate the winners on Monday, May 13 at the Vintage House. Would like the sign changed at the Senior Activity House to show something more spring.

9. COMISSION MEMBERS REPORT

Commission member Koch would like to see our meetings advertised. Delmege did say they're on our front page, calendar and on the backend of the website. Would like to see a park cleanup.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rice supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

AYES: Koch, Rastelli, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege, Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser