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**FRASER RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD ROAD, FRASER, MI 48026
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
AS APPROVED JULY 11, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at City Hall, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker
Absent: None

Others: Council Member Amy Baranski, Laura Lesich, Nancy Ehrke, Recreation Coordinator Martez Seay, Kyle Tucker, City Clerk Greenia

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch supported by Rice to approve the agenda for the June 6, 2023 City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented/amended.

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

Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 4, 2023 RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Koch supported by Hunt to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting of the City of Fraser recreation commission as presented.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker
NAYS:

Motion Carried

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6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Commissioner Hunt reported on the City of Fraser Garden Club. She reviewed all of the sites they had been working on in the City and felt they were making real progress in helping the City to look better. She mentioned they recently created a flower bed in front of the post office and it was getting a lot of good attention.

There were currently 19 members and they were welcoming more. To sign up you can go to the Facebook Page for Fraser Garden Club or email at frasergardenclub@gmail.com.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview, indicated that the next meeting of the Fraser First Booster Club was June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ram's Horn. The July meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tim Horton's. They are preparing for the Fraser Parade.

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

a. Discussion of Ideas for Events

Recreation Coordinator Martez Seay reviewed the events that were coming up in the City. The Jazz Fest was ~~on~~ **scheduled for** June 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Steffan's Park. There would be a doughnut truck on site for this event.

The parade was going along well. To date there were 13 participants that had committed to being a part of the parade, 26 others that had indicated interest in being a part of the parade. The deadline to sign up was July 14, 2023. They should contact him to do so.

Commissioner Rice commented that he was wondered what was happening with the youth sports at this time in the City. Mr. Seay reviewed the status of this issue. It was suggested that perhaps if the City's website was used in a better manner we could get more interest into youth sports in the City. We could advertise online and on the City's TV station. It was suggested that perhaps we could put a flyer in the C & G Newspaper. Commissioner Rice indicated that he was pretty sure he had sponsors that would pay for this type of advertising.

Commissioner Koch stated she would like to see Recreation Coordinator Seay come back to the July meeting with a calendar for the next six (6) months indicating all of the upcoming events. Chairman Kelley then stated that the Commission had asked him to work hard on the parade first and foremost and worry about future events after that. There were other bigger events.

b. Parade and Fireworks

Mr. Seay noted that the parade had already been covered. He signed the fireworks contract today and sent it back for them to sign as well. The City had upped the amount to \$15,000.

Discussion was had on if he had volunteers lined up to help that day. He was going to put out a notice on Facebook as well as the website to try to get some people to help.

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8. Overview of Parks and Recreation

Recreation Coordinator Seay reviewed the status of the Big Bounce House. They discussed issues in the contract and tasks that would need to be taken care of prior to it coming back to Fraser. He has already approached some businesses in the City regarding the use of their parking spots during this event.

Updates on the Senior Center were had. Programming was still only in the early part of the day. Mr. Seay mentioned that he currently only had one employee at that location and until they found another the facility would remain open only for the early part of the day.

9. Other Business

a. Discussion of By-Laws

Chairman Kelley noted that they had requested to have the By-Laws in the packet for discussion. Commissioner Koch stated that upon review there seemed to be many things in the By-Laws that currently were not followed. Council Member Baranski shared her thoughts on this. A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding what steps to take to get these updated. It was suggested that perhaps a subcommittee could be formed to address this. City Clerk Greenia offered to meet with some of the Commission Members and Mr. Seay to take a deeper look into the items that may need some changes to them.

Motion by Kelley supported by Koch to review the By-Laws and bring them back as an item for the July 11, 2023 Agenda when everyone has had an opportunity to review them and have suggestions.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

10. Citizen Participation

Nancy Ehrke brought to the attention of the Commission that she was walking at Blanke Park and the area where the sign is located needs some major attention to clean it up.

City Clerk Greenia agreed that she would let the DPW know about this situation.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview had a couple of comments at this time. She stated that while discussion was being had on the By-Laws grant writing was brought up. It was her recollection that the Parks and Recreation Coordinator was generally in charge of this task. She then asked if the Recreation Department was planning any activities the weekend of the fair. They used to offer crafts and games and the like. Commissioner Koch noted that it might be good to contact the Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts to help with this.

Chairman Kelley noted they used to have a tent set up with these activities in them. Coordinator Seay stated that he has been taking inventory and felt that definitely had supplies for something like this.

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11. COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH CONCERNS

Commissioner Rice discussed the Arts Academy and indicated if the City agreed to repair it they could most likely use it. Commissioner Walker mentioned that we may be able to use the Mark Twain School gym if we contact them.

Kyle Tucker, Fraser Wrestling, spoke at this time. He indicated he had been trying to form a partnership with the City for about five (5) years and had not had any luck. He had a large group of young Fraser residents that were involved in his wrestling program and he wanted the City to be a part of that program. He really wanted to start a relationship with the City and felt it would be good for both of them. Coordinator Seay stated he would get with him after the meeting to discuss plans moving forward to try to make this happen.

Council Member Baranski had a couple of questions regarding possible fall sports programs that might use the ball diamonds. Mr. Seay stated there could be fall kickball or baseball. She noted that Attorney DeNault might have additional information on the contract with the Big Bounce House.

Commissioner Hunt wanted to know who owned the corner in front of CVS. She also wondered about the pickle ball striping at the tennis courts. She was looking forward to the Jazz Concert on June 15.

Commissioner Rice asked Mr. Seay if he was getting his emails. He also stated he had some ideas for fundraisers.

Commissioner Koch asked if there was any way the City could buy back the Senior Center. Council Member Baranski reviewed this with her and noted it would be very costly. Commissioner Koch stated she felt our youth needed some place to hang out other than at the parks. She was concerned with vandalism.

Chairman Kelley stated she was trying to be supportive of our Parks and Recreation Program through the use of social media. Discussion was had about contacting Rachel about the STEM projects she used to hold at our parks in the summer.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kelley supported by Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser