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Fraser Recreation Commission Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
TUESDAY, September 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved October 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Member Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

PRESENT: Rice, Walker, Koch, Hunt, Hunter

ABSENT: Rastelli

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Koch supported by Rice to excuse Commission Member Rastelli from the September 3, 2024 Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Rice, Walker, Koch, Hunt, Hunter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Rice supported by Hunter to approve the agenda of the September 3, 2024, City of Fraser Recreation Commission as amended.

AYES: Rice, Walker, Koch, Hunt, Hunter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Rice, Koch, Walker, Hunt, Hunter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, the Beautification Council Southeastern Michigan luncheon is on September 19 at the Hanover Grove Community Center. Next Fraser First Booster Club meeting is on September 11 at Hanover Grove at 6:30pm. Presented their hopeful future project for Steffen's Park to the City Council. Meeting with recreation Coordinator Delmege to show and go over the outline. They're currently looking for grants and always welcoming new members.

Fraser Beautification Club has their planting at downtown Fraser area on September 7 at 9:00am. Anyone who would like to join can come to Garfield and 14 Mile. Plants have been purchased and looking for funding later. September 18 is the next meeting at 6:30pm in the Fraser Library.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Coordinator Delmege spoke about the upcoming movie night on September 14 at 8:00pm. The movie was changed from "Wonka" to "How to Train Your Dragon" after a poll on Facebook. Face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, movie giveaway and Sam's Club will hand out chips and candy. Previous movie night in August was attended by 50 people but hoping for bigger numbers for the second Movie Night.

Coordinator Delmege briefed the Commissions about the Pickleball drop in/Archery program that just ended. It was successful with three sessions. It was a sell out for the first beginner's session and halfway filled for the second session. Pickleball has been extremely successful. The app "TeamReach" has been very helpful, and they have 40 people signed up through it. If weather stays warm, they'd like to continue through September. Pickleball has brought the community and outside communities together to play, have fun and meet new people on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm. Would like to continue it again next year when weather permits.

Fraser Fire Awareness Open House will be on Sunday, October 6. Parks & recreation was asked to help with getting a craft table, vendors, face painting and balloon twisting. Coordinator Delmege asked if they could remember who the vendors were so he could reach out and come up with some ideas for crafts. Delmege asked about other entertainment for attracting more people, but Public Safety would like to wait on those ideas. There will be hot dogs, chips, candy, etc.

Saturday, November 2 there will be a free Magic Show at 12:00pm at the Lions Club Banquet Hall. Free event with an online registration of 100 kids.

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Christmas In Fraser will be the next big event. It will be held on Saturday, December 7. Delmege is trying to learn as much as he can before the event. The normal Santa is unable to make it but was able to book another Santa. There was a charity "polar plunge", ice sculpting, fire breathers and jugglers, s'more stations, marching band, Santa receives key to the city.

The Senior Activity Center has had multiple events that have all been sold out including Selfridge, Casino, Princess Cruise, etc. Delmege has inquired about Bianco Tours which is a coach bus that takes the seniors to a destination with a set agenda. Might be a fun, little more upscale activity.

Different craft ideas were being discussed. Something quick, easy and make sure that we have always at least 1 to 2 people at the craft table.

8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None at this time

9. COMISSION MEMBERS REPORT

Commission Member Rice feels like we should have at least a monthly event. Delmege stated that he does do at least an event a month. Asked if we're doing a trunk-or-treat, Delmege stated that he was told there are many trunk-or-treats in the area and wasn't sure if would be a good idea. Delmege also wanted to do a trick or treat event, where there's a hay route with different decorations including the large decorations. The event would have around 40 stations, led by volunteers who were dressed up, there station dressed up. Each station has a different piece of candy. Simple but fun activity, but the cost is high due to candy, decorations and hay route. Would need a lot of volunteer help. Commission member Koch stated that local businesses in St. Clair Shores brings their own candy. Only charges around \$2.

Commission Member Koch stated that she's concerned because all our events are free, that if we have an event that costs money, no one will come. No other cities don't charge for their events. The question of how much is left in our budget and does our budget transfer to the next year. Delmege said it doesn't. Questions on the budget came up about how much we have left, how much did we spend last year. Halloween event that Delmege talked about would have to be a next year event because of the amount of time, volunteers, items, etc. would need. Chairperson Hunt said that Somerset Park would be a great place to hold it.

Another event Delmege said was a "Camp Out" at one of the Parks. Inflatables, outdoor movie, s'more stations, games, entertainment, but in a safe environment that was in their backyard. They can leave, go home and come back if they want to shower, had other plans,

Chairperson Hunt had an idea "Games on the green". Take a different park and have an event at the different Parks. Such as a fly the kite day where you can get kits and create

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your flyer. See if a kite club can come and help. Maybe run them from spring/fall. She also had an idea of a Disc Golf tournament at Steffen's Park and potentially an ice rink.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hunter supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

AYES: Koch, Rice, Walker, Hunt, Hunter

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege, Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser