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**Fraser Recreation Commission Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
As Approved December 5, 2023**

1. Call Meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Kelley at 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in City Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, Michigan 48026.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

ABSENT: Radke, Rastelli

OTHERS: City Manager Leven, City Council Liaison Sutherland, Deputy Clerk Mary Matuz

4. Approval of Agenda for November 14, 2023

Motion by Hunt supported by Rice to approve the agenda of the November 14, 2023 Recreation Commission as amended.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting October 3, 2023

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Recreation Commission meeting as presented/amended.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. Volunteer Group Reports

Sherry Stein with Fraser First Booster Club stated the Blue Jean Ball is scheduled for February 10th and tickets are on sale now. They are also looking for sponsors and basket donations. Vania Apps added that the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan will be meeting on December 7th at Hanover Grove Community Room (space graciously donated) from 9:30-2:00. It is their winter meeting that includes a luncheon and raffles. Tickets are on sale now. FFBC will be meeting this Thursday. They reminded Commission members that a \$5,000 donation was provided to the City for some type of shade option at Fort Fraser.

Echo Hunt spoke on behalf of the Fraser Garden Club and they will be meeting tomorrow to discuss a name change and mission.

7. Reports on Current Event

City Manager Leven noted that Recreation Coordinator Seay no longer worked for the City and she would be coordinating for the Christmas in Fraser event. She asked for volunteers and outlined the activities planned.

8. Overview Report of Parks and Recreation

City Manager Leven stated that the Recreation Coordinator position has been posted and hopes to have it filled within a couple of months.

9. Other Business

a. Interview Echo Hunt for Reappointment

The Recreation Commission interviewed Echo Hunt for reappointment to the Commission.

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Motion by Koch supported by Walker to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Echo Hunt to the City of Fraser Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

b. Interview Rebecca Walker for Reappointment

The Recreation Commission interviewed Rebecca Walker for reappointment to the Commission

Motion by Koch supported by Rice to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Rebecca Walker to the City of Fraser Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Hunt supported by Walker to further amend the agenda to add item 9c.

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

Motion Carried

c. Juggernauts Kids Foundation

Robert Durham and Mylinda Laws were present to discuss their foundation and request a partnership with the City for youth sports. They will provide scheduling, licensing, background checks, and coaches for Fraser Wildcat football. They are requesting use of Steffens Park for practice and games, and some assistance from DPW for maintenance. In the future they would also like to utilize the concession stand. They are also working with the schools on a basketball program. They are not requesting any money. Their corporate bylaws have been approved by the State.

Commissioner Rice inquired about a possible conflict with the Advancing Macomb flag football. Commissioner Koch believed the contract was nearing expiration and would not recommend renewing.

Motion by Koch supported by Kelly to recommend City Council enter into a partnership with Juggernauts Kids Foundation, Inc.

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

Motion Carried

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10. Citizen Participation

City Council Liaison Dana Sutherland requested that prior to adding to City Council agenda a contract be drafted and reviewed by the city attorney outlining the terms, dates, and use of concession stand.

Laura Lesich would like to see a vision of the entire Steffens Park prior to any approval.

Vania Apps noted that the Moms of South Macomb Christmas ornament fundraiser has raised enough money for at least one bike rack at McKinley Park.

11. Commission Members with Concerns

Rice noted his concerns about the Juggernauts program and doesn't want to see another situation similar to Advancing Macomb and the lack of programming.

Walker echoed those sentiments and inquired if the previous Recreation Coordinator was reaching out to wrestling Coach Tucker at the High School.

Hunt mentioned a pickleball senior group would like to use the Senior Activity Center on Sunday's for their league and volunteered to staff for the 2 hours. City Manager Leven will look into the legality of this. She also provided the name of Douglas Sports Equipment that has a product the can turn a tennis court into two pickleball courts.

Koch noted that there is an Animal Adoption Event at McKinley Park on Sunday, November 19th. Leven will be in attendance. Koch will also provide for 20 volunteers for Christmas in Fraser. She thanked DPW for putting up all the new Christmas lights.

Kelly noted that she will not be at the December meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Hunt supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 8:35.

AYES: Hunt, Kelley, Koch, Rice, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried