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Fraser Recreation Commission Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
TUESDAY, November 14, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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: Walker, Koch, Hunt, Rastelli

ABSENT: Hunter, Rice

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Koch supported by Rastelli to excuse Commission Member Rice from the November 14, 2024 Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Walker, Koch, Hunt, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to approve the agenda of the November 14, 2024, City of Fraser Recreation Commission as amended.

AYES: Walker, Koch, Hunt, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Walker, Hunt, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Laura Lesich, Fraser First Booster Club, has a “Blue Jean Ball” event coming up on Saturday, February 8, 2025, with tickets going on sale shortly and sponsorships available. Next meeting is on Wednesday, November 20 at Hanover Grove Conference Room at their Community Center at 6:30pm. Lastly, they’re working on a new Facebook page that will be launching soon that will focus on Steffen’s Park and they’re looking for feedback and opinions.

Echo Hunt, on behalf of the Beautification Club, spoke about how they had a donation of 170 daffodil bulbs, which were planted around “the wedge” between Masonic and Garfield. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30pm following the Fraser First Booster Club at Hanover Grove Conference Room.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Coordinator Delmege talked about “Christmas in Fraser” and the list of activities for the event. The event will be 5:30-7:30pm. The High School Marching Band will kick off the event with music. The mayor will speak and hand Santa Claus the key to the city. Encore Dance Centre will perform at 6:05, Ice Sculptor Demonstration (with four already being station throughout event) that will start at 6:15pm, Fire Entertainment starting their performance at 6:30pm and a Polar Plunge at 7:00pm for a charity TBA. Fraser First Booster Club will provide hot chocolate and cookies throughout the event, as well as hot dogs, chips and beverages. A full petting zoo with horse rides. There will also be two fire pits for s’more making and getting warm.

The Recreation Department partnered with Painting with a Twist in Roseville to have an event on Saturday, December 14 for adults 18 and older. The event will be from 7:00-9:00pm. The City of Fraser will contribute \$25 per person who signs up for the event. There will be hand foods, and a BYOB event where you can choose between two different paintings. Holds roughly 75 people.

The Recreation Department also partnered with the City of Warren’s Breakout Escape Room for another event on January 25 from 7:00-8:00pm. This event will be \$26 per person (discounted price), and all people interested will have to call their business at (586) 359-6944 and speak to Angel and mention “Fraser Escape Room” and pay by credit card.

Mr. Delmege is looking to run a “Date Night” event on Saturday, February 15 at Vintage House. A fun event where families can bring their children to come eat, listen and dance to

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music. It would be roughly a three-hour event. The event, instead of being a “date night” could be more of a family fun night. Commission Member Koch thought about having games on each table. She also thought of changing the name to “Family Night”. It would cost \$18 per person for the event.

Mr. Delmege has been talking to the City of Roseville about running some programs together. Due to the lack of a Recreation Facility, and the current non-availability of Fraser schools’ gymnasiums, we could join their program for basketball and volleyball which takes place in Roseville schools. If you go to their website, or follow the link on our Facebook page, it’ll bring you to their sign up. Commission member Koch asked if this will be something we have to provide all our own coaches, which Mr. Delmege said no, it’ll be using their coaches’ for now, but it could grow into us trying to find more coaches’ as well. Mr. Delmege stated that the City of Fraser’s “part” could be donating new nets, poles, balls, etc. because the City of Fraser doesn’t have a facility in this partnership.

8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Laura Lesich commented that she thought the “Date Night” was a great idea. Her concern is that weekend for the event is Presidents Day and people may be out of town. Start publicizing the event early and start it earlier (5:00/6:00pm). She would also like to see an event to get people outside into the snow/winter. Maybe an ice rink like they used to do back in the day.

9. COMISSION MEMBERS REPORT

Commission Member Rastelli spoke about the ice rink idea. She asked if that’s something they would talk to the City Manager, or Mr. Delmege. Mr. Delmege said he wasn’t against it, but questioned safety, insurance and more of the “behind-the-door” issues and stated it would be a City Manager decision, or possibly a City Council decision.

Commission Member Koch asked about doing an indoor pool event using the Fraser Schools pool. Mr. Delmege said he is trying to work with the schools and continuing the partnership and growing the usage of the schools. Fraser schools have facilities that the City of Fraser doesn’t have. Mr. Delmege would also like to do an adult cornhole league, but it poses a lot of issues between weather and the physical labor of moving the boards and bags and putting it back.

Mr. Delmege stated that he’s looking at having craft events inside City Hall, but the rooms aren’t big but would like to utilize what we already have. Koch was thinking of a puzzle night where people would have a competition who could complete it the fastest and do prizes to the top three fastest. Also, we could have a bingo event at City Hall inside the council chambers up to a certain number of people as well.

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10. REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBER CHRIS KOCH

Motion by Hunt supported by Walker to reappoint Commission Member Koch to the Recreation Commission

AYES: Koch, Walker, Hunt, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

AYES: Koch, Walker, Hunt, Hunter, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege, Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser