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Fraser Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
APPROVED

1. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

ABSENT: Rice, Walker, Rastelli

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Koch supported by Pieprzyk to excuse Commission Members Rice, Walker, Rastelli from the April 1, 2025, Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Agenda for April 1, 2025

Motion by Koch supported by Hunter to approve the agenda of the April 1, 2025, City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting March 11, 2025

Motion by Pieprzyk supported by Koch to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. Volunteer Group Reports

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, updated the commission on their next fundraiser at Ram's Horn on Thursday, April 3. There will be baked goods, chocolates, and bunny-gnome baskets being donated. The event will be from 5:00-8:00pm. She thanked Ram's Horn for their generosity. On Saturday, April 5, the start of "Weave Peace" structure will start which is a Michelle Miller-Hanson 2014 art prize structure. Ms. Miller-Hanson was very excited and gracious when she brought it to McKinley Park. Fraser First will be putting on a rendition of an idea to bring to Steffen's Park of a multi-purpose pavilion and receive feedback about their idea. The structure will remain up for two weeks. The troll and fairy doors will be returning at McKinley around the trees towards the end of April and be spread around the city in June. The next meeting will be held on April 16 inside Hanover Grove.

Commission Member Koch, Fraser Beautification Club, spoke about their last meeting on March 26 at Ram's Horn. They discussed the next fundraiser on July 17. Over the weekend they cleaned up the wedge and took out some of the dead foliage. They also cleaned up the CVS sign and flowers were just starting to bloom. Easter basket and eggs were placed to brighten up the area. Next meeting will be on May 28 at 6:30 at Ram's Horn. You can join them at Ram's Horn or follow them on Facebook at "Fraser Beautification Club"

7. Administration Report

Recreation Coordinator Delmege informed the Recreation Commission about the Marshmallow Drop. It will be held on Saturday, April 12 with three different drops at 12:00, 12:45 and 1:30pm. The final drop has changed for all ages and has been advertised to tell anyone interested. The first two drops are full. There's been issues with the links so Delmege has encouraged people to email him, and he will sign people up himself. He's asking people to go to the website rather than use any other link. He's hoping for all three drops to be a sellout and believes three drops in the future will be the better choice rather than go back to 2. He plans on trying to split the participants based on age for the last drop. The event will have two face painters, a petting zoo, pony rides and the Easter Bunny. He's asking all volunteers to arrive between 11:15-11:30am. He's hoping the face painter will help alleviate the line for petting zoo. All candy and items have been purchased for the event. Delmege's volunteers have been busy preparing bags. Delmege is going to change the sign-in process and split it up by the last name and increase the number of people doing registration at the event. Delmege reached out to the school for NHS volunteers. Commission Member Pieprzyk and his girlfriend will volunteer.

"Let's Go Fly a Kite" event is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 from 2:00-4:00pm. Free event where participants can bring their own kite to Steffen's Park. The city will purchase a

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few kites. Delmege asked Commission Member Hunt if she would like a registration on the website. Hunt liked the idea of the registration. Delmege was unable to get through to Meijer for donations. Delmege stated that we have a programming line in the budget if we must purchase things for the event.

The Big Bounce America will start setting up May 12 and be exit day will be May 27. Live date is May 17-18 and May 23-25. Delmege stated that he thinks Big Bounce America is a great event for the city and wants to continue the partnership. Invoices have been sent out to Big Bounce America including an escrow invoice to help cover in case of any damages.

Delmege updated Recreation Commission about the event for the "Vendor Market" on June 7, July 12, and August 2 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Delmege changed dates to not compete with the local Farmers Market but doesn't want to change July due to unfortunate timing with other events. Delmege is trying to bring in a lot of different vendors, food trucks and organizations interested in it. He's hoping once we have a few markets, word of mouth and advertisement will help bring in a bigger crowd. He's open to switch days but would like to give Saturday a try before adapting. He explained its tough doing a Farmers Market or a Vendor Market due to the activity in the local areas. However, he wants to try new things and just see how it goes.

8. Citizen Participation

Laura Lesich noted that the Vendor Show should be held on a higher elevated area at Steffens. Delmege responded that he already had an idea of having it where the soccer fields were and keeping the food trucks in the parking lot. Lesich wanted an update about a park cleaning up. Delmege stated that he doesn't have an update right now, but he will be working on it shortly. Lesich mentioned the FAME (Fraser Academic Member of Excellence) awards that the Eastpointe-Roseville Chamber puts on for Fraser, is due on Friday. You can go to their website and it's on their new page and fill out the forum. Delmege responded that DPW will supply bags and a few other items if we can run an event.

Commission Member Pieprzyk told Delmege that other Honor Societies all need hours at the school he can tap on for help. He has no date scheduled yet. Commission Member Koch said she has a few contacts that she can reach out to for help.

Lesich said that maybe it would be better to break it up to multiple days rather than try one big event. It was recommended that maybe we can do a sign-up genius to different areas.

9. Commission Members Report

Commission Member Hunter reminded Delmege about the City Parade. Hunter believes Delmege should reach out to the schools maybe after the Marshmallow Drop. Delmege responded that he was just talking about that is on his agenda as well. He would love to

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see more floats and more participation even though last year was larger and bigger than previous years.

Commission Member Pieprzyk is excited to be a part of the team and believes the city is doing a lot of cool stuff and investing in their city. Delmege reminded Pieprzyk she would be a wonderful volunteer.

Commission Member Koch asked about the Craft Show Delmege held at the Senior Activity Center. Delmege believed only 30 people showed up but knew it was going to be smaller. He wanted to start something new, and it may take off slowly. Delmege stated that only the shoppers had to be 55 and older. He also believed the advertisements were out a month before the event and they were free. Delmege would have to speak with administrators to see if he held it in the parking lot, if the same senior rules apply.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Hunter supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege
Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser