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Fraser Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Tuesday, July 1, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
As Approved September 2, 2025

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, July 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pieprzyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk, Walker

ABSENT: Rice, Rastelli

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Koch supported by Hunt to excuse Commission Members Rice and Rastelli from July 1, 2025, Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Agenda for July 1, 2025

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

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting June 3, 2025

Motion by Koch supported by Hunter to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk, Walker

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. Volunteer Group Reports

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, let the Recreation Commission know that they're currently in a limbo as City Council is deciding what to do with Steffens Park. In the meantime, they have a meeting on July 16 that will run a Shop Local, Eat Local campaign with fairy and troll doors. Funds were provided by a donor. People will shop locally and look for the doors and purchase an item for their business. If they place their receipt and name into the bucket, people can win a prize. The location of the winners picked will be Ram's Horn. Fraser First Booster Club is very grateful to Hanover Grove for always allowing them to use their building.

Fraser First Beautification Club will have a "Tootle Tour" on July 17 from 4:00-7:00pm located at Miss Mary's Garden located on Garfield Road. There are many stops along her garden to look at. Light refreshments, fresh seeds and a craft to take home. Next meeting will be on July 23, 6:30pm at Ram's Horn. To contact for tickets, you can email fraserbeautificationclub@gmail.com or Beautification Club on Facebook. The Club also turned "the Wedge" into a pollinator garden project. Five new native species plants and a water feature to attract the birds. DPW was thanked for their effort in watering it for their Club.

7. Administration Report

Recreation Coordinator Delmege spoke about the "Community Garage Sale" event that was held on June 20-22. 55 people registered and heard over 70 houses participated. Huge success, but it was hot and had a little rain. Some people have asked about adding signage for the event for next year. Commissioner Koch said that it did get some people, and it should be implemented again next year. Delmege said he made a map of all addresses and a list. Commissioner Hunt asked about the date for next year. Delmege stated that most communities around us also did Community Garage Sales in June.

Vendor Market will be happening on July 12 from 10:00am-2:00pm. There are 21 vendors and 4 food trucks. Delmege created three banners and A Frame signage. Face painting from 11:00am-1:00pm. A DJ for the whole event. The first Vendor Show had a poor showing, but there were other activities/events happening on the same day. Delmege changed the location to be more open and closer to 14 Mile near the basketball courts. Delmege knew the first Vendor Show in June was going to be less attended due to it being the first of three but hopes that it'll grow and grow the more often we have it.

Movie Night will be on July 19 and will show "Toy Story" at roughly 9:30pm. There will be free cotton candy and face painting (8:00-9:30pm). There's three slated for July 19, August 16 and September 12. Movies will be "Toy Story", "Finding Nemo" and "The Incredibles".

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The Senior Activity Center has a Michigan Train Station tour on July 17 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Sold out of 26 people. Using both buses.

There's an MGM Casino Trip scheduled for July 22. Sold out. The Casino Trips are the most popular and mainly sell out in a couple of days, if not, on the same day. Most trips sell out quickly except the new ones as people are slower going of trying something new.

Rovers, an event that takes seniors to different restaurants in the area, will be on July 7 at "Johnny Blacks".

The Senior Activity Center will be hosting an event called "Bingo Bash". It's a free event sponsored by Humana. They'll be handing out prizes and the bingo caller as well. The event is on July 25 from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Lastly, the Senior Activity Center will be trying a "String Art Sign" craft day on July 18. Free event. 16 total spots and will start at 11:30am. Allie and Jacque have the wood and nail already hammered for participants.

Commissioner Koch asked about "Painting with a Twist" event that was cancelled. Delmege said it was due to low sign up. Only 6 people were signed up and it didn't make financial sense for Painting With A Twist to run it with such a low turnout. Summer events for their organization have lower participation. He rescheduled one for December. Commissioner Walker suggested we try either during the week or try a kid's P.W.A.T event. Delmege said he's up for trying anything to help push events more and get higher attendance.

Commissioner Hunter asked about "The Coloring Truck". Delmege said he had emailed her, and she has confirmed they were good for the day and that we're still lined up for our September 6 date. The owner said she was a bit overwhelmed and running behind schedule, but that everything should be good to okay.

8. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps wanted to see the location moved so that it was more visible. She thought closer to 14 Mile would be more beneficial. Delmege stated that he was worried about parking and encroaching on Public Safety police route. Ms. Apps heard the biggest complaint was that people said they didn't know the Vendor Show was happening. She thinks the banners and signs should help with the second Vendor Show. Delmege stated he's not opposed to the change of area and said he would work on it before the event to try to improve the location. Ms. Apps said she thinks the event is great and is very grateful for Fraser First Booster Club being the beneficiary of the polar Plunge at Christmas in Fraser. Chairperson Pieprzyk asked if we're on Instagram which Delmege said we are.

9. Commission Members Report

Commissioner Hunt asked Delmege if he could post the "Tootles" flyer. Hunt spoke about an idea she worked on of having games on the green event.

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Commissioner Koch spoke about adding a garden to the Senior Activity Center. She spoke to Allie from the Senior Activity Center who was willing to help. She would like to add a little flyer near the garden of things people could do to help with the garden such as weeding, watering or picking some of the veggies. Her goal for next year is to have a full-blown garden where seniors can grab some veggies for themselves or for the senior. She would like to see sponsorship for the garden next year. She has already spoken to DPW about the funds available and met with them about what flowers they would like to see at a few different locations. She's hoping DPW can fix the faucet at the Senior Activity Center.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Hunt supported by Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

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

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege
Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser