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

The regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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, Hunter, Rastelli

ABSENT: Rice

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Koch supported by Walker to excuse Commission Member Rice from the October 1, 2024 Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Walker, Koch, Hunt, Hunter, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Koch supported by Hunter to approve the agenda of the October 1, 2024, City of Fraser Recreation Commission as amended.

AYES: Walker, Koch, Hunt, Hunter, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Walker supported by Koch to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Walker, Hunt, Hunter, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, had a meeting with Coordinator Delmege about the rendering of the Fraser First plans of the multi-purpose outdoor shelter and some ideas and changes Delmege came up with. A sound study should be done by the city as well. Fraser First will be at the Firefighter Open House with the rendering and getting feedback and opinions. Fraser First had a luncheon with Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan at Hanover Grove. They were able to use three golf carts on the path at McKinley Park and were impressed with the park and the art installation. Six different cities participated. Baumgartner House is coming up on their 150-year anniversary. She's hoping we can all pitch in, including Parks & Recreation, recognizing and helping. "Blue Jean Ball" is coming up on February 8, 2025. Looking for donations and raffles with tickets being \$65 for an open bar and meal.

Echo Hunt, on behalf of the Beautification Club, spoke about the new plantings at 14-Mile and Garfield Fraser's welcome sign with bulbs being delivered. Webb's Wedge has also been decorated. They will be participating in the firefighter's open house this Sunday, October 6 from 12-3pm and have information and also have a game for children to play and win prizes. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 at the Fraser Library.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Coordinator Delmege talked about "Movie Night" that was held in September with 100 people attending "How To Train Your Dragon" and selling out of both popcorn and cotton candy. The feedback was very good and something he would like to bring back for 2025. There were two face painters and a lot of people partaker's in getting their face painted.

Delmege spoke about the upcoming "Firefighter Open House" that will be held on Sunday, October 6 from 12-3pm near the fire bay of the Public Safety building. There will be many different activities such as a raffle, craft table, DJ, vendors, face painters, balloon twisters, vehicles, candy drop, etc. The craft will be a wooden fire truck and colored by colored pencils.

Trunk-or-treat will be attended by the Recreation Department on October 19 from 1-3pm at Ram's Horn parking lot. Candy will be handed out by vehicle and should have hundreds of participants.

A "Magic Show" has been posted both on Facebook and the city's website for registration for Saturday, November 2 at 12:00pm. Registration will have up to 100 children which will equate to roughly 200 people with a waitlist. Being held at the Lion's Banquet Hall.

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The Christmas in Fraser will be held on Saturday, December 7 from roughly 5-7pm. Delmege has booked Santa, Fraser's High School band, fire performance of juggling and breathing. The mayor will hopefully be slated to hand the key to the City to Santa. Delmege has been talking to the ice sculptor about what he would like at the event, including more sculptures throughout the event. He is looking to keep increasing the size of the events and making them bigger and better.

Commission member Koch asked who's participating in the trunk-or-treat for the City of Fraser. Delmege stated he was, but if they would like to be apart from it, to contact him and they can work it together. Koch also asked for a running total of what the Department is spending compared to how much we have so we use all the money from our budget. Delmege stated that his goal is to keep going bigger with the events so that he does use the entirety of the budget.

8. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Apps asked Delmege if he would like Fraser First to volunteer to help hand out hot chocolate for Christmas in Fraser. Delmege stated he would like that, and Apps agreed. The Fraser Highschool also helped Fraser First in handing out hot chocolate and was a huge help.

9. COMISSION MEMBERS REPORT

Commission Koch commented on her concerns about volunteering. Coordinator Delmege asks for volunteers, but when she shows up, there's nothing to do. She came to the movie night event and when she showed up, there wasn't anything for her to do. She wants to participate, if asked to volunteer. When there's nothing for them to do, they don't want to volunteer anymore. Delmege stated that it's tougher than it sounds. Sometimes you're not sure on what will transpire, so It's hard to know how many volunteers will be needed and everyone's role. Sometimes people ask to volunteer at the events, but he wasn't prepared for them because they didn't volunteer before the event and had everything already covered.

Commission member Hunt asked why the bathrooms were locked during the carnival. Delmege stated that the Lions Club had plenty of porta-potties. The bathrooms remain closed due to the amount of people, restocking, cleanup and avoiding trashing of the bathrooms. However, it was offered by our DPW to the Lion's Club, but there would be a significant cost to keep DPW workers there to clean them. Commissioner Hunt also stated that there could be potential of using Fraser Star Lanes bowling lanes are open and there could be potential starting a league using their business. Lastly, she asked if we could bring back the ice-skating rink from back in the day where the city used a firehouse a flooded the parking lot to make ice for people to come skate.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Walker supported by Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

AYES: Koch, Walker, Hunt, Hunter, Rastelli

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege, Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser