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**Fraser Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
As Approved October 14, 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, September 2, 2025, at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pieprzyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

ABSENT: Rice, Rastelli, Walker

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Hunt supported by Hunt to excuse Commission Members Walker and Rastelli from September 2, 2025, Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Agenda for September 2, 2025

Motion by Koch supported by Hunter to approve the agenda of the September 2, 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 July 1, 2025

Motion by Koch supported by Hunt to approve the minutes of the July 1, 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, informed the Recreation Commission that there was a lot happening for their organization. During the Fraser Lions Club Carnival, the Fraser First Booster Club was able to obtain a donation of a raffle basket from the Fraser's Meijer. They also received a donation raffle basket from Fraser Star Lanes which was very helpful. The raffle baskets did well and help showcase their rendering for what their organization would like to see at Steffens Park. There were three winners, and they closed the raffle around 6:30pm.

Fraser First Booster Club was invited to be a vendor at the Fraser Firefighters to join their Open House event on Sunday, October 5. Fraser First Booster Club is waiting to hear from Council about the RFP and the City's decision which company to use to design Steffen's Park. They're hoping their amphitheater will be in phase 1.

Fraser First's next meeting will be September 17 at Hanover Grove at 6:30pm. They welcome anyone and would hear people's thoughts. Ms. Apps is always thrilled to see McKinley Park benefit the city and how much it helps benefit everyone. It was very busy during Labor Day weekend.

Chris Koch reported that the next meeting for the Beautification Club will be September 16 at Ram's Horn at 6:30pm and to please join them if interested. They're waiting on the City's response about a project where the clock is, which is adjacent to their previous project. CVS corner looks great and so is "the wedge". The Beautification Club will be having a small fundraiser on September 13 from 10:30-11:30am and will only take 10-15 minutes to participate at \$10. Payments can also be dropped off at City Hall between 8:00am-4:30pm.

Recreation Coordinator Delmege said the garden at the Senior Activity Center is thriving. Delmege also thanked them for their donation of flowers at the doors at the Senior Activity Center.

7. Administration Report

Recreation Coordinator Delmege spoke about the Vendor Markets that have been running for three months in June, July and August, but now there will be an additional one on Saturday, September 27 from 10:00am-2:00pm. There are currently 14 vendors and 1 food truck. Delmege is hoping for a strong turnout for their September event even though it was an additional one they weren't anticipating. In 2026, Delmege is looking to possibly extend the dates and run it from May-September and is hoping after a year of running it, it will continue its success into 2026 even stronger participation. Delmege is also looking to add

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entertainment to the Vendor Market to help attendance. Commissioner Koch said she went to a nearby Market and felt like ours blew theirs away. Delmege was pleased that ours is successful. The Fraser Beautification Club was a huge hit selling pizzas from Schotts Market when the food trucks fell through.

Fraser's "Movie Night's" is continuing both Saturday, September 6 and Saturday, September 13 both at roughly 8:00pm showtime. Face painting will be held from 6:30-8:00pm. Face painting, popcorn and cotton candy will all be complementary to participants. Delmege informed the Commission that there are two scheduled for September due to the rainout back in July. The feature will be "Finding Nemo" on September 6 and "The Incredibles" on September 13. Commissioner Koch said the last Movie Night in August was well attended with up to 75 people.

The Annual Parade was approved by the Department of Roads for Sunday, October 26 at 2:00pm. This year's parade will be a Halloween themed event that Delmege is hoping to have people hand out/throw candy to participants. Delmege has reached out to different organizations and is hoping to bring in different groups like Star Wars, Jurassic Park themed characters and even stilt walkers. Emails have been sent out to previous groups that have attended the parade previously. Announcements were delayed until he heard from the Department of Roads and after a City Council meeting where a resolution had to be passed. The route will remain the same (on Garfield from the school to 14 Mile). The parade will be returned to July next year.

The Fraser Lions Club held their carnival on August 21-24. This is the only year that it won't be in July with the 5-year agreement they have with the carnival contract. There was a previous engagement with the carnival. The city held their fireworks on Sunday but moved it back to 9:00pm to help with the start of school the following day. Delmege acknowledged Mr. Derek Damico, Fraser Lions Club, deserves a ton of recognition for his tireless work and their organization's hard work for the entirety of the week. Delmege spoke to Damico about further partnership in helping with their costs and sponsoring maybe the petting zoo and the foam party for 2026 and further. The Carnival will be held on July 23-26 in 2026.

The Senior Activity Center will host a Senior Prom event on Friday, September 26 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Painting With Rose will be held on Friday, September 12 and this is a free event that was a decent turnout last time it was held. It welcomes all levels. Another event that the Senior Activity Center is holding is "Coffee with the Mayor" where people can come and talk and ask questions on September 16 if you register at the front desk. Lastly, there will be a pumpkin decorating event starting September 15 where you register and pick up a pumpkin to decorate from the front counter. Winners will be announced at their Halloween Party on October 31.

Delmege informed the Recreation Commission that on Sunday, October 5 at 12:00pm there will be the "Open House" for public Safety. The Recreation Department will be partnering with Public Safety to help with the event. They will be providing the DJ, vendor and face painters.

Commissioner Koch stated that when she spoke to some of the seniors, we can hopefully decorate the outside of the Senior Activity Center for Halloween. Delmege said he thinks it's a good idea, but further discussion will be had with our DPW about it as they are charge of grounds.

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8. Citizen Participation

Mr. Joseph Zutz mentioned that the pickleball courts have been used for their drop in pickleball group on Tuesday and Thursday. They average roughly 20-30 people a night and from all different areas. He also mentioned they're being used throughout the week and that the new courts were a great investment. Pickleball will continue until the weather turns colder. Delmege thanked and mentioned that Mr. Zutz deserves a lot of credit for the Facebook group and for getting a lot of people together to come out and play and help with pushing the group play. Zutz is hoping that next year for the carnival, we can hold a Pickleball Tournament in conjunction with the event.

9. Commission Members Report

Chairperson Pieprzyk spoke about the excitement of seeing the carnival event being great, Vendor Shows and seeing a bunch of people at McKinley Park.

Commissioner Hunt mentioned that the Baumgartner House is having their 150-year anniversary event from 9:00am-4:00pm on Sunday, September 7. It's free admission that will have music, pioneer demonstrations, crafts, food trucks, tours and snacks. Food and gift shop merchandise will have a cost to help support them. Also, the DIA has partnered up with the City of Fraser to put up a mural on the side of the Senior Activity Center. Work will start September 12 with power washing. Delmege stated Rob Barrett, DPW Superintendent, is trying to find a lift for the volunteers and the artists.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Hunt supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege
Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser