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

**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, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pieprzyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Koch, Rastelli, Hunt, Pieprzyk

ABSENT: Rice, Hunter

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

**4. Approval of Agenda for October 14, 2025**

**Motion** by Koch supported by Hunt to approve the agenda of the October 14, 2025, City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Rastelli, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

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**5. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting September 2, 2025**

**Motion** by Hunt supported by Koch to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025, meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Rastelli, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

**6. Volunteer Group Reports**

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, informed the Recreation Commission that she had a big list. Their upcoming meeting is Wednesday, October 15 at Hanover Grove Community Center at 6:00pm for executive board meeting and 6:30pm for public. They'll be participating in the Fraser Parade on Sunday, October 26 and will have a theme of spiders. If any families would like to walk in the parade with their organization, they are all welcome. Fraser First will also be participating in the Ram's Horn Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 25 from 1:00-3:00pm. They will be supplying cider and donuts for the tree planting on the morning of Saturday, October 25 at 9:00am. For more information, please visit their webpage. Fraser First will be publishing the board that they created that they displayed at the Fraser Open House that showed what people would like to see at Steffens Park. The top three choices that people wanted were a splash pad, walking path and the amphitheater.

Fraser Beautification Club also has a lot of events lined up. On Saturday, October 18 at 10:00am, Fraser Beautification Club will be meeting at the clock area to plant some plants that were paid for by Fraser DPW, designed by their club and if anyone wants to come to help, everyone is invited. As previously stated by Ms. Apps, on October 25 there will be a tree planting event in the morning. The City of Fraser was awarded a grant in partnership with DTE with "ReLeaf Michigan". You can register at <https://www.releafmichigan.org/> as they are looking for more volunteers to plant 20 trees. Their next meeting will be November 18 at 6:30pm at Ram's Horn. The Beautification Club would like to thank Vince from Synergy Landscaping for his help with the landscaping for fall at various locations in Fraser.

**7. Administration Report**

Recreation Coordinator Delmege commented on their Vendor Markets that were run from June-September. They had 22 vendors for their last Vendor Market and two food trucks. Next year we will have extended days and will run from May-September. More entertainment will be added, and we are hoping for more participation from the community.

Fraser's Open House was on Sunday, October 6 from 12:00-3:00pm for Fire Awareness Week. The Recreation Department was able to provide a DJ, 12 vendors and face painting to their event. The event was a great success, but we are still hoping for more participation. Public Safety had multiple stations including a CPR station, bike safety station, a drone presentation among others.

The City of Fraser is having their annual parade on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00pm. At the current time, they had 27 different groups registered. Some of the included groups are the Fraser Marching Band, performers, stilt walkers, Austin Powers "Shaguar", Jurassic Park,

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dance groups, etc. Cider and donuts will be provided to anyone interested from Yates Cider Mill.

“Bug On Wheels” will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 12:00 and 1:00pm. 30 participants per time slot inside the Council Chambers. Bugs on Wheels is a well-known, well received educational, but fun event for children who can not only learn, but touch different bugs and insects they may not know anything about.

The Senior Activity Center is down a bus driver and is currently in the hiring process of another bus driver. If everything clears with the person interested, they will start the following week. Paul Lark, the current bus driver, has picked up the slack and deserves a well deserved thank you and our DPW for filling in for us.

The Senior Activity Center will also be going to “Dames At Sea” at the OPC in Rochester Hills on October 22 with bus leaving at 11:00am. Delmege had to buy 25 tickets, so Fraser will both have buses driving the seniors as it is a sold-out event.

Lastly, there is a Halloween Luncheon with added décor, best dressed and pumpkin decorating winners. There will be food, desserts, and beverages from different businesses and organizations such as PACE. Delmege said they try to always do a luncheon not only for holidays, but for days such as Halloween or St. Patrick’s Day.

Pieprzyk asked Delmege for clarification on bus drivers. Delmege stated we have one currently but are in the process of going through the hiring process of a second driver with background checks and physical. If everything passes, this person will be the next driver for the City of Fraser.

**8. Citizen Participation**

No public comment at this time.

**9. Commission Members Report**

Commissioner Hunt believes it would be a good idea to try to restart “The Little Kickers” or “The Little Slugger” leagues that use to run. Delmege commented that he would love to start leagues. He’s hoping the City of Fraser will investigate putting money into Steffens Park and fixing the fields. He wants to bring them back to not only being safe, but useable for all the residents and surrounding communities can use. If you put money into fixing and maintaining, people will come and use it. Delmege said not only could you run leagues, but you could rent them out. He has spoken to someone who used to help run the leagues about rules, umpires and procedures of how they were run.

Commissioner Koch asked if there was still going to be a craft day for the children. Delmege said that due to limited available rooms for that type of event, crafts have been put on hold for colder months until he can figure out where he can run them. He stated he doesn’t like renting out banquet rooms not only because of the price, but because most

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dates are already reserved due to parties, weddings and other events for over a year. Commissioner Koch also wanted everyone to go out and vote on November 4.

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Hunt supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.

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

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chris Delmege  
Recreation Coordinator  
City of Fraser