



City of Fraser

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Fraser Recreation Commission Agenda City Council Chambers 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026 Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. **AS APPROVED 1/7/2025**

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, December 3, 2024 at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Koch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Koch, Rastelli, Rice, Walker, Hunter, Hunt
EXCUSED:

Others: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

4. Approval of Agenda for December 3, 2024

Motion by Koch supported by Rice to approve the agenda of the December 3, 2024 City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented/amended.

AYES: Koch, Rastelli, Rice, Walker, Hunt, Hunter
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting November 12, 2024

Motion by Rice supported by Walker to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Rastelli, Rice, Walker, Hunt, Hunter
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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6. Volunteer Group Reports

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, said she's excited being a part of another year of Christmas In Fraser. They'll be handing out cookies and hot chocolate in the fire bay. They'll also have their rendering up of a future project for Steffen's Park. They're preparing for their fundraising event, "Blue Jean Ball" on February 8. Looking for volunteers and sponsors. Please contact them through their email. They were honored to meet the Girl Scout who designed the seed cabinet at the sensory garden at the October meeting and looking forward to another year of new members and ideas. There is no meeting in December, but their first meeting of 2025 will be January 15.

Chris Koch, on behalf of the Beautification Club, stated that the Club is doing well. They started getting things going by putting presents near the wedge for decorations. They're now focusing on the corner where CVS is located to get it decorated at Garfield and 14 Mile. They planted all the bulbs, which were over 100 bulbs, and flowers at the corner of Garfield and 14 Mile as well for springtime. Their next meeting will be January 22, TBD on location and will be advertised.

7. Administration Report

Recreation Coordinator Delmege spoke about Christmas in Fraser on Saturday, December 7 from 5:30-7:30pm. The event will open with Fraser's High School Band playing music with the mayor giving the Key to the City to Santa when he arrives. The opening ceremony will end with a tree lighting. Encore Dance Centre will be inside the fire bay with a 10-minute presentation at 6:05pm. Following will be an ice sculpting demonstration at 6:15pm under the car port. A fire performance will start at 6:30pm in the grass area outside the fire bay as well as a polar plunge at 7:00pm which is raising money for Fraser Goodfellows.

Santa will move to the fire bay for photos after the opening ceremony along with food, drinks and chips. Fraser First Booster Club will hand out hot chocolate and cookies right beside the food. There will be picnic tables outside for anyone wanting to sit and eat and drink with trash cans along with two fire pits for getting warm and s'mores. Lastly, there will be a full petting zoo with two horseback rides. Good weather

Commission member Koch and Hunt were concerned about only having Santa from 5:30-7:30pm and not any longer. Coordinator Delmege said that Santa has another event after ours and unfortunately can only stay for so long. Volunteers will have to cut off the line at some point because the event ends at 7:30pm. Delmege stated that he will have volunteers at each station, and they can either rotate or after their station is over they can enjoy the event, or can leave if they choose. Delmege reached out to the schools for NHS students and is hoping for 10 students. Five recreation members stated they will be able to make it and volunteer at a position.

DPW has been a big part of help setting it up, getting things ready and preparing for the big event between the Christmas lights and decorations. The hardest part will be the pool and

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when to set it up and making sure the weather and cold weather doesn't ruin the pool. Commission Member Koch asked who was jumping in the pool. Delmege said it will be Council member, Mayor Pro Tem Dana Sutherland, her children and the mayor will be jumping in.

Delmege has posters on A-Frames that will be set up throughout the event. This will be at each station stating where entertainment will be and telling everyone the time and each event we will have.

Vania Apps asked Delmege if she needed to come in at 4:00pm to start setup, but Delmege said she could come in later than that. He will get a lot of the tables ready, hot chocolate containers and a 100-cup carafe ready.

Painting With A Twist will be the following weekend on Saturday, December 14 from 7:00-9:00pm. The event already has almost 20 people signed up. The cost, after the City's donation to the event, will be \$20-\$24 per person. Each person will have two choices to choose from regarding which painting they would like to do. There will be light refreshments and hand sandwiches. 75-person limit.

The Escape Breakout Room will be on January 25 from 7:00-8:00pm. You can sign up by yourself or with friends. 7300 Miller, Warren, MI. Please call (586) 359-6944 and speak to Angel about signing up.

Family Fun Night will be held on February 15 at the Vintage House at \$18 per person. A DJ would be hired to play music, props for photos. Completely catered. Potentially have games at each family's table. Time would most likely be 5:30-8:30pm.

Delmege said that he has a meeting with Fraser schools the following day and a presentation on December 9 in front of the school board regarding RARE and Fraser starting a partnership for sports programs and using Fraser school gyms after school. This would be for volleyball and basketball leagues. RARE already has an established and well-respected sports program and it would make a lot of sense being able to join their leagues and using the schools' gyms. Delmege has already advertised on social media to encourage and push registration.

Puzzle and Craft Day event would be best held in March on the weekend. Easter is not until April, so there will be availability in scheduling. Puzzle and craft day could be held in the old court room off the parking lot with different times due to the low capacity. Delmege will have more answers and details in further discussions.

Delmege quickly touched on the Marshmallow Drop. He spoke to the helicopter pilot and was able to successfully schedule the helicopter drop on Saturday, the week before Easter. There will be two drops, but potentially adding a third drop depending on registration numbers. It will again have a petting zoo, gift bags, and potentially face painting.

Delmege said that he advertised Black Friday, 50% off Big Bounce America tickets on social media. He has submitted and finalized the contract for Big Bounce America to come back to Fraser for 5 live dates. Those dates are May 17-18 and May 23-25.

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8. Citizen Participation

Laura Lesich stated that she thinks all the activities scheduled are wonderful. She believes Christmas in Fraser in the past has always been until 8:30/9:00pm so she's curious how it'll all play out only running until 7:30pm. She also wanted everyone to know that the Fraser Lions Club Carnival won't be until August 2025. Delmege wanted everyone to know that he has received emails about the start of the school year in 2025, so people are concerned. He's going to investigate potentially moving the parade and fireworks to Saturday. He reached Fraser Superintendent, Dr. Carrie Wozniak, to find out the official start date of the school, but she was unsure still. Mrs. Lesich said moving it to Saturday might cause some problems with the beer tent and activities. Delmege hasn't spoken to Fraser Lions Club yet because he didn't want to jump the gun. Lesich asked about doing a drone show instead of fireworks.

9. Commission Members Report

Commission member Rastelli would like to see the ice rink. She handed Coordinator Delmege an outline of what the ice rink could be and look like and a potential rink the City could purchase for it.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Hunter supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

AYES: Koch, Rastelli, Rice, Walker, Hunt, Hunter
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege
Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser