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Fraser Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
AS APPROVED July 1, 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, June 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

ABSENT: Rice, Walker, Rastelli

OTHERS: Recreation Coordinator Delmege

Motion by Koch supported by Hunter to excuse Commission Members Rice, Walker, Rastelli from June 6, 2025, Recreation Commission meeting.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Agenda for June 3, 2025

Motion by Pieprzyk supported by Koch to approve the agenda of the June 3, 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 April 1, 2025

Motion by Hunter supported by Pieprzyk to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025, meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. Election of Officers

Commissioner Hunt nominated Commissioner Pieprzyk for the office of Chairperson.

Commissioner Pieprzyk accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were had.

Commissioner Hunt nominated Commissioner Koch for the office of Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Koch accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were had.

Commissioner Koch nominated Commissioner Hunt for the office of Secretary.

Commissioner Hunte accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were had.

7. Volunteer Group Reports

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club, was hoping for more attendance for the Weave Peace event, but it went well regardless and appreciated all the volunteers. Their Annual Weeds & Wine event will be held on June 10 at 6:30pm. BYOB (no glass container). Free snacks and a free drawing. Wednesday, July 16 will be their next meeting. Fraser First Booster Club is scheduling a Bike Parade event at McKinley, but it's being postponed until July. Fraser First Booster Club will be at the carnival in August.

Fraser First Beautification Club met at Ram's Horn on May 28 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Hunt applied for a grant with BCSEM for \$750 and was awarded to their organization. Funds will be used at the "wedge" to add to the garden to make it a "native pollinator". On Thursday, July 17 from 4:00-7:00pm, they will host a "Tootles Tour '25" at Miss Mary's Garden 34824 Garfield Rd. Tickets are \$12. You can reach them on Facebook or email them at fraserbeautificationclub@gmail.com. There will also be a butterfly feeder craft to take home. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30pm at Ram's Horn. At the corner at Garfield and 14 Mile, there were another 15 plants planted and hopefully they survive. Mulch was donated.

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8. Administration Report

Recreation Coordinator Delmege informed the Recreation Commission about the “Let’s Go Fly A Kite” event back in May. Had roughly 50 people attended, and the organization “Windjammers” volunteer their time and help people. The weather was perfect and a little bit windy. Fraser First Booster Club attended and raffled off a kite. Delmege made hot dogs, chips and drinks for all included. Delmege would like to run it again next year.

The Big Bounce America event concluded. There were five total dates for people to attend and only one day has weather issues. It was well advertised with a lot of people excited and in attendance. Delmege feels like this is a great event that showcases the City of Fraser. Only one resident complained about the noise. Big Bounce America was great to work with, but there’s a few things Delmege will have to fix behind the scenes to keep making it better for the city.

The Vendor Show event starts on Saturday, June 7 from 10:00am-2:00pm. There’s a total of 25 vendors with about 20 vendors able to make it to this date and 3 food trucks. The event will be located at Steffens Park, in the back near the concession stand. Delmege warned because it’s the first one, it will need time to grow and get more people. There’s face painting and a DJ as well. Food trucks will face the vendors on the edge of the parking lot and grass and vendors will face the parking lot showcasing their items. Commissioner Koch said that Public Safety has their event starting at 2:00pm. There was a small error with a social media posting about time, but it has been fixed right away. Delmege plans on marking spaces for the vendors.

Painting With A Twist will return for Saturday, June 21 and run from 7:00-9:00pm. It’ll be half off for anyone who wants to join. Delmege stated that he first allowed only residents to sign up and non-residents were allowed to sign up after two weeks. The event will be at their new location, but still in Roseville. There are two different painting choices with two different instructors in two different rooms. It’s a BYOB, no hard liquor and must be 18 years of age and up.

The Senior Activity Center had a DIA – Melodies At The Museum event, even though it was initially canceled due to not having a bus to pick up all participants. However, the DIA was able to give us a bus, seniors still went, and people had a great time. The Senior Activity Center also had a Tigers game event. Participants received a food voucher, and we were able to park close to the stadium. Tigers ended coming back and winning. Delmege plans on doing another Tigers game for the seniors in a later time. Another event happening for the Senior Activity Center, Summer Festival, is happening Friday, June 6 from 11:30am-2:30pm. There was a tent rented, 20x30, pop-up tents, vendors, raffles and Famous Daves for their food. Sam’s Club was a sponsor that brought hot dogs, chips and drinks at a \$10 cost.

Commissioner Hunt asked Delmege where do most of the seniors live when coming to the Senior Activity Center. Delmege responded that they come from our Senior Housing, but from their own homes, or even other neighborhoods. The seniors who come to events don’t have to be residents or even a member. Nonmembers pay a little extra. Commissioner Koch asked if we have an email bank of all the seniors. Delmege stated that most seniors don’t email, so they don’t stress getting everyone’s email. They’re currently working on a new Code of Conduct and Membership for all seniors as the old system is old. Lastly, there’s a Detroit Zoo event planned for Tuesday, June 17 and it’s already half full.

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The zoo will provide amenities to help the seniors be able to move around easier and have better transportation. The Zoo event was posted on Facebook.

9. Citizen Participation

Vania Apps asked if anyone has any children's books they could donate, the little libraries are low on books and in much need. The positive thing about this issue is that people are using them. Delmege said he heard there was some Delmege to a few of them. Mrs. Apps said that there's fabulous support by Hanover Grove and they did an almost full rebuild on them. An anonymous person repaired another library. Fraser First will be putting in more troll and fairy doors and will distribute throughout the city and asked Delmege if they could put a bucket at City Hall which he agreed. Local businesses have been generous in their donations and Fraser First is trying to support their local businesses.

10. Commission Members Report

Commissioner Pieprzyk attended the Marshmallow Drop in April and believed it went great. People were excited to be there and really enjoyed it, and she was happy to be there. She's also a teacher in Redford and a bunch of her students went to the Big Bounce America event and had an amazing time. Delmege saw people on social media commenting on how excited people were and how they were going to drive to Fraser and in the grand scope of things, it went well, and we should continue hosting.

Commissioner Koch asked how residents would find out which houses would be participating in the Community Garage Sale. Delmege stated that he will be posting not only a map, but a list of addresses as well. She also commented that Public Safety will be having a Child Safety event from 2:00-5:00pm with bike safety, drive up car seat inspections and child ID kits. Next year, Koch would like to start a senior garden at the Senior Activity Center and talk to some of the seniors to see if they would like to participate in upkeep of the garden. Delmege responded that he thought this would be a good idea, but to talk to Public Works to see if they have funding for the gardens as they oversee the grounds. He said Allie, Senior Activity Center Clerk, could make up a flyer and her email is sacclerk@frasercitymi.gov.

Commissioner Hunt wanted to know when the second Vendor Show would be. Delmege said it would be on Saturday, July 12. Hunt would love to run an event called "Games on the Green" and we could have multiple games people could do at Steffens Park. Participants could have fun but also see Steffens Park. Delmege said he liked the idea, but we could also have different entertainment to try to attract more people. Commissioner Koch said we could have ice cream which Delmege said maybe one of the food trucks could come.

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11. Adjournment

Motion by Koch supported by Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

AYES: Koch, Hunter, Hunt, Pieprzyk

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Delmege
Recreation Coordinator
City of Fraser