

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Fraser Municipal Building

A regular meeting of the Fraser Parks and Recreation Commission was conducted on the above date at the Fraser Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Road, Fraser, and County of Macomb, Michigan.

**Present:** Chairperson Sherry Stein, Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich; Commissioners Nancy Berube, David Bogdan, Cheryl LaCasse, Melissa Mills, Renee Paoletti.

**Also Present:** Christina Woods, Recreation Director

**Absent:**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Stein called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

VICE CHAIR LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO APPROVE THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 8 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes from December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

Director Woods did not have the minutes available from December and requested approval for the December minutes be moved to February.

CHAIRPERSON STEIN MOVED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Fraser Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Gratitudes**

Director Woods thanked the following for their generosity and assistance with Recreation and Senior programming:

Rachel Agusti for Junk Drawer Science; Commissioner Nancy Berube and Councilman Michael Lesich for their assistance at the senior Christmas party.

**6. Updates on McKinley Barrier Free Park**

Recreation Chairperson and Fraser First Booster Club President Stein shared that FFBC will be looking into grants for the next and final phase of McKinley Park. The Valentine Dance or "Blue Jean Ball" will be February 9<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorships are still available. The FFBC meetings have been moved to the Hanover Grove Community Room, and Sherry thanked them for their generosity providing the location for the meetings.

**7. Updates on Fraser Fresh Farmers Market**

Recreation Commissioner and Farmers market organizer Berube shared that they have one vendor at the moment but it is still early. Christina shared how the donation escrow account will work in relation to the city finance reports.

**8. Overview Report from Parks and Recreation Director**

The Director updated the commission on the status of the Activity Center building

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and the CDBG grant. The County has stated they will not allow the recreation to rent the gym from the senior center. This puts a huge strain on the recreation department. We will still look for possible ways to use the building, which may be to change the eligible beneficiaries and requiring income affidavits to persons using the building.

**9. Report on Senior Business**

Director stated that seminars haven't been successful but is speaking with seminar providers to tweak these programs. The make and take bracelet program is tomorrow and has many participants. New parties are coming up, including the wheel of fortune Fraser edition and the senior valentine hoedown.

**10. Report on Recreation Business**

Youth basketball has started, with a few mixups with Roseville Eastpointe recreation. Coordinating this program with Roseville Eastpointe is still new so it is common that we would have to work out issues. Bowling, crazyfit kids and the robot /coding class are all low. There is still time for registration so it is possible that these programs get more participation.

**11. Report on Special Events**

**A. Status of City Picnic**

Director Woods stated that discussion of the City Picnic was going back to council for approval and would keep the commission updated. The commission asked for the dates of the upcoming picnic. The City Parade will be Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**B. Easter Egg Hunt**

Director Woods stated that the department has begun arrangements on the Easter Egg Hunt, and will be at Fraser City Hall on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have a craft, snacks, egg hunt and other Activities. The director asked the commission to think about activities or things we could do. There will also be a teen flashlight egg hunt for 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Fraser Resident Amanda Rowless generously offered to provide the Easter backdrop for the Easter egg hunt.

**12. Report on Parks**

**A. 2019 Spring Cleanup**

The Park Clean Up will be on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Director woods stated that for this program to be successful, she will be requesting assistance from the commission to help organize and have people to help at each park. We need to get more volunteers to help. More discussion to come at the next meeting.

**13. Other New Business**

**A. Nomination for position of Recreation Commission Secretary, position ending July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

Director Woods stated that the position of Commission Secretary was vacant due to the departure of Sarah Kelley. The Director stated that this position will be

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responsible for maintaining the minutes, as directed in the Recreation Bylaws. The Director stated the process order: First all nominations would be presented and the nominee would accept or deny. Then there is a motion and a second to complete the process.

Commissioner Paoletti was recommended for Commissioner Secretary, she accepted that nomination.

**B. Motion for position of Recreation Commission Secretary, Position ending July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

**COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERUBE TO MAKE COMMISSIONER PAOLETTI RECREATION COMMISSION SECRETARY, POSITION ENDING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2019.**

Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Citizen Participation**

Amanda Rowless, Fraser Resident, stated that she knows a landscape architect and would be willing to help with the spring cleanup.

Gudrun Goetz, Fraser Resident, stated that she hopes more people come out for the tech classes because that is the future of education for kids.

**15. Commission members with concerns**

Chairperson Sherry Stein: Welcomes Melissa to the commission. Sherry also shared more details about the FFBC Valentine Ball and looks forward to seeing people there.

Vice Chairperson Laura Lesich: thanks Melissa for joining the commission and asked about how the payment plans work for the coding class and other classes.

Commissioner Nancy Berube: No Concerns, shared helpful information on an app for phones for teens that restricts use of a phone, and is a great help to parents trying to get ahold of a teen.

Commissioner David Bogdan: No Concerns, looking forward to the new year

Commissioner Cheryl LaCasse: No concerns, looking forward to spring and the farmers market, and looking forward to the valentine dance

Commissioner Melissa Mills: No concerns, happy to be on the commission and help out.

Commissioner Renee Paoletti: Requests that if any residents have concerns about the parks, let us know because it might be something we can tackle at the spring clean up.

**16. Adjournment**

**VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACASSE TO ADJOURN THE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 8TH 2019 AT 7:40 PM.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sherry Stein  
Chairperson  
Parks & Recreation Commission

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Laura Lesich

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Christina Woods

Director Parks & Recreation