

Fraser Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
April 2nd 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; Secretary Renee Paoletti, Commissioners David Bogdan and Cheryl LaCasse and Melissa Mills.

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Nancy Berube

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Sherry Stein called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Agenda for April 2nd 2019**

**COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LESICH, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> 2019 AS SUBMITTED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Approval of Minutes from March 5th 2019**

**COMMISSIONER BOGDAN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MILLS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2019 AS SUBMITTED**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Fraser Parks and Recreation Gratitudes**

Director Woods thanked the following: resident Rachel Augusti for continuing to donate her time and knowledge for the Junk Drawer Science program, resident Cindy Rector for heading the new program Box Creation class. She will be making projects out of boxes. Marcella Miller, who helped with the Teddy Bear Picnic. For the seniors, the director would like to thank Tim Hortons, Oakmont Parkway, Windemere Park, Senior Helpers, Southern Care Hospice with American House Sterling, for providing treats or services for the Seniors. Southern Care Hospice has been providing blood pressure checks for the seniors.

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

Recreation Chairperson and Fraser First Booster Club President Sherry Stein provided an update for McKinley Barrier Free Park. We have the Ram's Horn fundraiser coming up on April 11, from 5-8. Carryouts included. We will have a bake sale and raffle. May 27, we will be participating in the Roseville Memorial Day Parade. If anyone would like to participate, come to the next Fraser First meeting. The memorandum was approved by council for our latest grant application, yay! That should be submitted by the end of April. Cross your fingers and say your prayers, because this will help finish Phase III.

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

There were no updates on the Fraser Fresh Farmers Market.

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

We are taking applications for seasonal coaches until April 18. We are doing group interviews. We still cannot use the senior building for non senior activities because of the grant restrictions. The old courtroom has been cleaned out and be remodeled to be more kid friendly. We are getting bathroom renovations at the senior center. Pavilion rentals are starting up for the season.

**9. Report on Senior Business**

Director Woods provided the update on senior business. Upcoming activities include a Wheel of Fortune Party, a Kentucky Derby party, a Glam Gals Pamper party, Lunch and Learn programs on healthcare, estate planning, etc., a Balance Class, Tai Chi, Line Dancing classes doing well. Tech Assist Tuesday starts 4-23. We will be doing a Grandparents Day at Jimmy Johns Field, FBI tour and trip to the Lavender Festival. Julie and Diane have been doing an amazing job with coming up with ideas. The Senior SMART bus program was discussed as well.

**10. Report on Recreation Business**

The Director discussed recreation business. The new Newsletter is coming out. We have a new format, and we are going to feature a family in each newsletter. Upcoming programs include the new Box Creation Workshop, Card Tricks for Kids, a kids Father's Day craft, a Kids Picnic with Mom, and Teen DIY Marshmallow Shooters. Newsletter explained the summer programming changes. We are having a new Tennis program for kids and parents. We will have an embroidery class for adults in the new rec room at City Hall. Also, we will be having a family campout in August. Adult league registration is off to a slow start.

**11. Report on Special Events**

**A. Status of City Picnic**

We are going to have Nail and String Art, Yoga & Brews, Dog Meet Up, and a Glow Parade.

**B. City Parade**

We discussed the Theme for the Parade, coming up with an 80's theme "The Future's So Bright, We Gotta Wear Shades".

**COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOTIONED, SECONDED BY SECRETARY PAOLETTI TO APPROVE THE 2019 PARADE THEME "The Future's So Bright, We Gotta Wear Shades".**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The commission discussed the Grand Marshall and came up with the Fraser Lions Club.

**COMMISSIONER LACASSE MOTIONED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRPERSON LESICH TO APPROVE THE 2019 PARADE GRAND MARSHALLS "The Fraser Lion's Club"**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Easter Egg Hunt**

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The eggs are filled. There will be a petting zoo. The POC Firefighters with be doing hot dogs. We need a volunteer to be the Easter Bunny for the second session. Commissioners Stein and LaCasse agreed to assist.

**12. Report on Parks**

**A. Spring Clean Up**

The Park Clean Up will be on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Director Woods brought up that DPW wondered if we could seal coat the pathways. We discussed that this would not be a good idea being that kids would be involved. We discussed planting at Fort Fraser and the Senior Center.

**B. Spring Tree Planting**

This will be Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and will involve 3 parks and 70 trees. There will be 30 for McKinley, 20 for Harrington Trails and 20 at Fort Fraser. Fort Fraser will be out of commission for about 2 weeks while mulch is removed and replaced. Most likely this will happen in May, pending budget approval. We also discussed adding another entrance to Fort Fraser.

**13. Other New Business**

**A. Proposed Recreation and Senior Budgets**

There will be more information after the next council meeting.

**14. Citizen Participation.**

None

**15. Commission members with concerns**

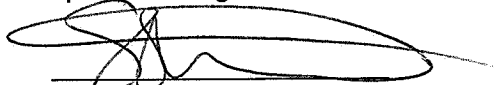
Commissioners Mills and Bogdan had no concerns at this time. Commissioner Paoletti is looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and the Ram's Horn fundraiser and hopes to see a lot of people there. Commissioner LaCasse hopes everyone can come to the Ram's Horn fundraiser, its good food for a good cause. Help us finish Phase III at McKinley Park. Commissioner Lesich would like to know what Director Woods can use for donations. The biggest needs are small prizes and trinkets and books, all kinds, and greeting cards. The library is collecting books for their book sale. Chairperson Stein thanked Director Woods and her staff for doing an amazing job. She also mentioned that Gudrun Goetz will be getting an award from the Board of Commissioners for Macomb County for Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations Gudrun! Our volunteers are the best, and it's nice to see Fraser get the recognition.

**16. Adjournment**

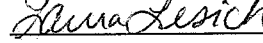
Commissioner Lesich moved, seconded by Commissioner Bogdan to adjourn the Recreation Commission Meeting of April 2nd 2019 at 8:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Christina Woods  
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