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**CITY OF FRASER
SPECIAL MEETING
RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda for November 1, 2022 Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of October 4, 2022
6. Volunteer Group Reports
 - a. Christmas in Fraser
7. Reports on Current Events
8. Overview Report of Parks and Recreation
9. Other Business
10. Citizen Participation
11. Commission Members with Concerns
12. Adjournment

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
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DRAFT MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, Michigan 48026.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Sarah Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Echo Hunt
Sarah Kelley
Chris Koch
Amanda Rolens

The following member were absent:

Others:
City Council Liaison Sutherland, Recreation Director Mistretta

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 4, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Koch supported by Hunt to approve the agenda for the October 4, 2022 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as presented.

All Yeas

Motion Carried

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 SPECIAL RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Motion by Hunt supported by Kelley to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting of the City of Fraser Recreation Commission as amended.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

6. VOLUNTEER GROUP REPORTS

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview reported that Fraser First was holding a Ribbon Cutting Park Completion Celebration on October 16, 2022 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. They were holding this as a thank you to the community and the City for their help in getting the park completed. She invited everyone to come out.

7. REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

Parks and Recreation Director Mistretta covered the following updates:

Next Monday was the kick off the repair of the basketball court at the Senior Activity Center. The water proofing would begin. She was hoping to have it open by November for basketball and pickleball inside.

They were seeking bids on a new HVAC system for that building as well in an effort to help prevent the problems at the gym floor from happening again.

Dining Senior Style would be coming to the Senior Activity Center in November. It was a County program. There would be a big kick off at the site where many County officials would be. She would let them all know when it was so they could attend.

There was a good turnout for the Public Safety Open House last Saturday. She thanked everyone in the community that helped and volunteered their time.

They were hoping to get the mailbox for the Letters to Santa out by the first week in November.

8. OVERVIEW REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Chairman Kelley noted this item was covered under Reports on Current Events.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Director Mistretta added that the new park signs were going up. Further discussion was had on the placement of signs and the size.

10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Dana Sutherland, 31520 Schoolcraft, addressed the Commission. She had gotten

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Questions regarding Farmers Market vendors not being included in the Department of Safety Open House last weekend. Discussion was had on this issue. Discussion was also had on combining events with other groups in the City.

Discussion was had on setting up some type of community event calendar and what that would entail.

Christmas in Fraser was also discussed. Ms. Sutherland indicated she would be happy to volunteer to help. It was also noted that getting Christmas lighting at the businesses downtown would be good. Ms. Mistretta would get a Sign up Genius up and running for sub-committees to help with Christmas in Fraser. Commissioners Koch and Rolens was agreed they would help with this.

Parks and Recreation Director Mistretta stated she would talk to the City Manager tomorrow – she would put together a flyer tonight for the items they discussed and try to get it circulating. As to the lighting of businesses downtown it would be great to get the businesses that would be in the original DDA area to all light their businesses. Ms. Mistretta stated she was on the Board of the Chamber and there were many connections she had through that group. Perhaps some funding and/ or prizes could awarded.

Maybe some businesses would like to have a little station – we could do the Christmas Tree lighting, all the events at City Hall and then maybe do a down town tour after that. They would need a subcommittee and someone to chair that. Commissioner Koch stated she would chair it and Commissioner Rolens noted she would help as well. Discussion was had on what this would look like – getting ahold of each business owner and seeing if they would want to decorate with lights, maybe set up a station with some type of game or something to encourage people to stop at their sites.

Parks and Recreation Director Mistretta stated we should have a Recreation Director by the end of the month.

Review of all task was had at this time noting the following:

Ms. Mistresssa will be checking into the 3C's to see if they are willing to help with the Christmas Tree Lighting;

She will see if the DPW can spare some time to help bring the Christmas Decorations – bringing them in from the various storage locations.

See if the DPW can bring the fire pits used for s'mores over to City Hall – they are currently in Fort Fraser storage building.

She will also reach out to the City of St. Clair Shores to see if we can use their stage – she has other places available as well if St. Clair Shores does not work out.

City Council Liaison will call the schools to see if the band and the choir will perform that night as well as call the groups Encore and the Academy in the Woods to see if they will perform.

The date is always the first Saturday in December – this year it is December 3.

The sub-committee will start contacting businesses downtown to see if they will decorate

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With or without lighting the outside of their business, as well as have some type of game Giveaway going on that night.

Ms. Mistretta will also check on getting propane heaters for the night of the event.

The event will be called "Strollin in a Small Town".

Motion by Rolens supported by Koch to hold a Special Recreation Commission Meeting On October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview voiced her concerns with some issues regarding the presentation of the Key to Santa and the budget issues regarding Christmas in Fraser.

City Council Liaison Sutherland, 31520 Schoolcraft felt there was enough budgeted funds in Recreation this should not be a problem.

11. COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH CONCERNS

Commissioner Koch wanted to thank everyone for participating in the Scarecrow Event. She was very impressed with how talented our residents and business owners were. She announced events being held by the Lions Club, Rams' Horn and Fraser Bowling Alley for Halloween. She said they could still use some volunteers.

Commissioner Hunt wanted to thank Commissioner Koch for her work on the Scarecrow Event and shared an old booklet she found (from 2019) with a listing of events in it in the City and wanted to know if we could do this again.

Commissioner Rolens was excited to see everyone and to know they would have an Opportunity to help with Christmas in Fraser.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hunt supported by Koch to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

All Yeas

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
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