

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Shampine, Seat A
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B
Ms. Debbie Martin, Seat C
Ms. Joan Matthews, Seat D
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the July 9, 2014 minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

No public hearing was held.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Luanne Urfer with SDG Landscape Architects: SDG has 2 interns, Robin and Kevin, here in Alaska to help the City with Park and Recreation Projects. Presented their design plans for Menard Center property and Cottonwood Creek properties.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tammy Ostrom:

- City Council to have public hearing on August 25, 2014 at City Hall regarding ATV ban in City limits.
- Brushing campground and excavating for new playground equipment received from Pioneer Peak Elementary continues at Lake Lucille Park.
- Swim at your own risk signs were installed at Wasilla Lake and Lake Lucille Park docks.
- Dock ladder was installed on Wasilla Lake dock and another one is on order for Lake Lucille Park dock.
- Mayor enforcing the policy that all dogs must be on a leash in all City Parks.
- Last day of Yoga in the Park Tuesday August 5th.
- Menard Center will resume winter hours on September 15th opening at 7:30am for morning walkers.
- District wide Teachers conference at the Menard Center Friday August 29th.
- Menard Center will be closed Monday September 1st for Labor Day.
- Alaska Military Youth Academy is hosting their drill competition Saturday August 16th at the Menard Center.
- Menard Center is now a polling precinct location for all Borough and State elections. First event will be on Tuesday August 19th.

IX. ON GOING PROJECTS

A. Volunteer Program:

- Commissioner Tuttle would like to see information on city invoices, and auto pay receipts for people to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL

A. Clean up Days:

- Commissioner Shampine will call Taffina to get pricing for new clean up days banners.

- Commission suggested displaying one of the new banners at Wasilla Chamber. Commissioner Tuttle will call Chamber to find out dimensions of building for banner.
- Commission suggested displaying another banner on the corner of Parks Highway and Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

B. Special Events:

- Commissioner Robinson asked if Commission would be interested in Parks and Recreation hosting/sponsoring a fun run in October.
- Commissioner Robinson will talk with Robin Rice regarding race and possibly organizing the race.
- Commissioner Martin asked if Commission would be interested in Parks and Recreation co-sponsor free swim lessons for kids during Christmas or Spring Break.
- Commission asked if Director of Cultural & Recreational Services would talk with the Mat-Su Health Foundation or Mat-Su Borough regarding help with funding for the free swim lessons.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution #14-02 Naming of Pedersen Park:

- A Resolution of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission recommending to officially name Lot 1, Creekside Plaza Subdivision, from the Pedersen Family Limited Partnership to Pedersen Park.

MOTION: Commissioner Matthews made a motion to recommend Resolution 14-02.

SECOND: Commissioner Robinson second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

XIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

XIV. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Robinson:

- At this time the Valley Recycling Center is not interested in volunteering opportunities within the city; and
- Will be attending the August 25th City Council meeting in support of the ATV ban within City limits.

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Will be gone for September 10, Parks and Recreation meeting; and
- Asked if a City resident has more than three dogs; if they need a kennel permit.

Commissioner Martin:

- Suggested a master sign be placed at Wonderland Park that shows the distance of the trails at the Park.

Commissioner Shampine:

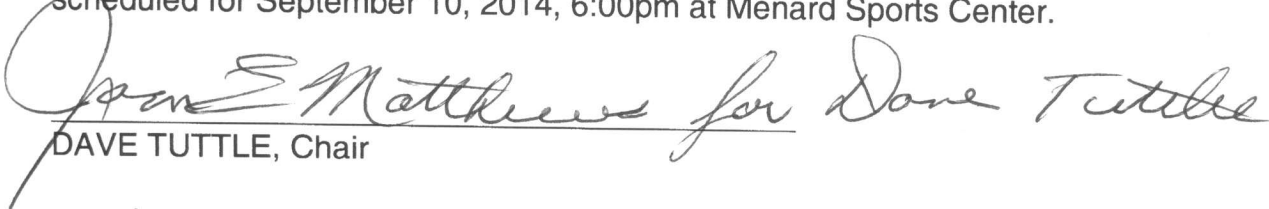
- Asked what happened to the bench that was by the peace tree at Iditapark; and
- Suggested a mile marker at Iditapark for the trails; and
- Commented that trash and debris need to be picked up by the rail car at Iditapark; and
- Fence needing repairs at Iditapark. The fence where Arbor Day trees were planted this year has a large opening. Suggested fixing the fence and provide an opening in this area for a pass through; and
- Graffiti on paved bike trail by BMX park needs to be covered; and
- Sign near Skate Board Park that is covered in plexi-glass is painted over, needs to be changed out; and
- Suggested hosting an event at a park where various user groups supply information regarding camping areas, boating safety, trails, and parks.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Commented that graffiti at Wonderland Skate Park is horrible; and
- Commented that the ground underneath the train front at Wonderland Park needs to be blocked or filled in; kids are getting stuck and there is also foul language underneath.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:30pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2014, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.


DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:


TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: September 10, 2014.