

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2015

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Shampine, Seat A  
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B  
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Debbie Martin and Joan Matthews was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary  
Ms. Lynn Carden, Deputy Administrator  
Mr. Lynn Follett, Parks

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Shampine 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 December 10, 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**

Hank Hartman & Ken Langlois: discussed bringing back Music in the Park and other activities at the Iditapark for the Community. Commission asked Mr. Langlois to submit what his expectations are for Music in the Park. Ken will research the status of Friends of Wonderland Park.

## **VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ms. Klapperich:

- Commissioners Randy Robinson and Joan Matthews were re-appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Community Christmas Dinner on December 25<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center successful event with an attendance estimation of 3000 people and 3500 meals delivered.
- Parks and Recreation Family Fun Day on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center successful with estimated attendance of 350 people.
- Church on the Rock New Year's Eve celebration at the Menard Center was a good turn out with an estimated attendance of 1000.
- Boom Town Derby Dames Roller Derby event on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Menard Center successful with an attendance of 450.
- Tuesday Night Fights started back up on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center.
- Upcoming events at the Menard: Homeless Connect January 28<sup>th</sup>, Elks Banquet January 31<sup>st</sup>, State High School Hockey Regions February 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, Governors Ball February 6<sup>th</sup>, State High School Hockey February 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.
- Wasilla Lake at Newcomb Park is ready and open for skating.

## **IX. ON GOING PROJECTS**

A. Wasilla to Big Lake Trail Development:

- Discussed the need for a winter trail and the need for more right of way by Lucille Creek. Knik 200 is very interested in the Wasilla to Big lake Trail; Joan will set up a meeting with Robert Sexton from the Knik 200 and Lynn Follett to discuss the trail.

## **X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL**

A. Special Events:

- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the City of Wasilla: discussed the option of forming a subcommittee from the Parks and Recreation Department for the event.
- Commissioner Tuttle asked what the expectations of the Parks and Recreation Department are for this event.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Spring Ice Skating Show at the Menard Center- the Menard Center Learn to Skate students will have a Spring Ice Show on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00pm.
- B. Skate the Lake- asked the Commissioners if they would like to do a community fun skating event at Newcomb Park.
- C. Relay for Life at Iditapark- Relay for Life would like to do their annual overnight event at Iditapark; asked Commission their thoughts regarding the overnight stay.

**XIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**XIV. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shampine:

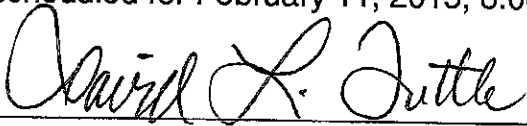
- Parks and Recreation Family Fun Day went well; 2 hour time frame was perfect for the event.

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Suggested talking with Bethany at the Museum regarding Wednesday events.

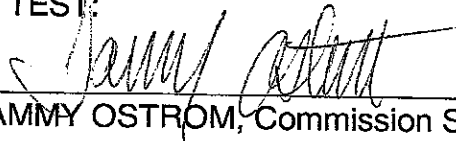
**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 8:13pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2015, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:



TAMMY OSTRUM, Commission Secretary

Approved: February 11, 2015.