

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 13, 2015

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

Commissioner Randy Robinson was absent.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Martin 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 April 8, 2015 minutes.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- Hosted The Alaska USA Wrestling Tournament with an estimated 5500 per day for the event.
- Yoga in the Park is back; starting June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Newcomb Park at 7pm.
- Arbor Days May 18<sup>th</sup> Iditapark at 11:00am.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: High School graduations May 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, Colony High grad blast May 13<sup>th</sup>, Wasilla High grad blast May 14<sup>th</sup>, Relay for Life June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Circus June 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Wasilla Summer Fest.
- Fourth of July Fireworks will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:50pm.
- Security cameras for Iditapark and Lake Lucile Park in 2016.
- Lake Lucile trail grant will not allow wood chips for trail improvement; looking for alternate options for the trail.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)**

Myke Bon: Looking for funding to purchase Bocce Ball frames and turf time for the public at the Menard Center for a community recreation program.

Robbin Robert: spoke regarding building an outdoor Bocce Ball court at Iditapark for the community.

Commission suggested writing up a contract regarding the Parks and Recreation sponsoring Bocce Ball; and bring to the June Parks and Recreation Meeting for review.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Committee of the Whole**

MOTION: Commissioner Matthews moved to enter into Committee of the Whole for the discussion of Unfinished Business.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection noted.

Clean up Days:

- Need to purchase a propane bottle and grill brush for the Parks and Recreation grill.
- Suggested giving volunteers watching the dumpster a vest or a volunteer tee-shirt to wear.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- Commission asked if a report could be emailed to them on the status of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Alaska Trails Conference:

- Commissioner Martin reported on the trails conference and contact information for trails in Alaska.

Resolution 15-01:

- A Resolution of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission supporting a Resolution from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Transportation Advisory Board, and Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board requesting the addition of a bike trail and flattened ditch along the Parks Highway Bypass.

MOTION: Commissioner Martin made a motion to support Resolution 15-01.

SECOND: Commissioner Matthews second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

## **X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)**

## **XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Thanked everyone for their help with Clean up Days; and
- Will be gone for the June and July Parks and Recreation Meetings.

Commissioner Shampine:

- Suggested an emergency phone at Iditapark; and
- Thanked everyone for their help with Clean up Days; and
- Asked if Music in the Park was in the Parks and Recreation Budget.

Commissioner Martin:

- Suggested posting police contact information at Iditapark.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Commented on the article in Mat-Su News regarding Wonderland Park.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:51pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2015, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

*James Matthews for Dave Tuttle*  
DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:  
*Tammy Ostrom*  
TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: June 10, 2015.