

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Champine, Seat A
Ms. Joan Matthews, Seat D
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Dave Tuttle, and Debbie Martin were excused.

Staff in attendance were:

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Matthews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Co-Chair Matthews asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co-Chair Matthews asked if there were any changes to the May 13, 2015 minutes.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- Spoke with Finance regarding the Commission sponsoring Bocce Ball equipment; funds would have to come from the Menard Center budget and not the Parks and Recreation budget.
- Purchased propane bottle and grill brush for the Parks and Recreation BBQ grill.
- May was a busy month at the Menard Center with USA Wrestling Tournament, Graduations, One Lord Sunday, Boom Town Derby Dames Roller Derby, and Family Fun Circus.
- Working on updating the City Park web pages.
- 4th of July activities: July 3rd kickoff of Wasilla Summer Fest 4-11pm at Menard Center, Fireworks at 11:50pm at Wonderland Park. July 4th, parade at 11am, Mayor's picnic 1-3pm at Iditapark, and music in the park from 3-5pm.

Mr. Lynn Follett:

- Dock complete at Newcomb Park.
- Working on dock at Lake Lucile Park.
- Advised the Commission to look at City Parks and give input on improvements.
- Restrooms at Carter & Nunley Parks need upgrades.
- Wonderland Park playground needs replacement or rebuilt.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

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

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection noted.

Parks Master Plan:

- Commissioners will look at Nunley Park and give improvement inputs at next Parks and Recreation Meeting in July.

100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- FY 2016 budget approved with \$10,000 line item to begin work on 2017 Centennial Celebration.
- Planning first meeting by late July or August.
- Proposed items for event: ice carvings, centennial coffee, time capsule, polar plunge, fireworks, tree lighting, and a picnic are some of the items that might be used for the yearlong celebration.

- Commission asked if the Parks & Recreation Commission is automatically on the 100th Anniversary Committee and will the Committee be part of the Parks and Recreation monthly meetings?

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mat-Su Trails & Parks Foundation (Kim Ryals):

- Gave a presentation on Mat-Su Trails & Parks and how to enhance our community with trails.

X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Shampine:

- Glad to hear that the City will have Park Rangers in the Parks.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Family Fun Circus a big hit; and
- Will check on information regarding Wonderland Park.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:41pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2015, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTES:


TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: July 8, 2015.