

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

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

Commissioner Dave Tuttle was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

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

**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 June 10, 2015 minutes.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- Successful parade 7000 people, fireworks suspended due to weather and fire, Mayor's picnic 3000 in attendance.
- First annual Wasilla Summerfest July 3-5 continues July 8-12 at the Menard Center, with carnival rides, food, beverages and live music.
- Yoga in the park every Tuesday at Newcomb Park.
- Park Rangers hired and started July 1<sup>st</sup> for City Parks.
- Wednesday Market picking up with 19 vendors, and pathway paved.
- Ice is in with beautiful Klingit center ice.
- Hockey camps starting at the Menard Center with Pro Ambitions July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, Compete Hockey camp July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, Power Play Hockey camp July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.
- Learn to Skate summer classes started on July 7<sup>th</sup> for 4 weeks with 16 enrolled.
- NFL Play 60 Challenge event on July 8<sup>th</sup> a successful event with an estimated 400 kids in attendance.
- USA Football seminar at the Menard Center July 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **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:

Pedersen Park:

- Commissioner Martin asked about the status of Pedersen Park.

Commissioner's comments on Nunley Park:

Commissioner Champine:

- Brush needs to be cleaned up in wooded area.
- Stairs by Swanson parking area need to be upgraded.
- Signs that are located by the wooded area need to be brought closer to the parking lot.
- Swing set-chains are tied up, some swings are missing.
- Would like to see more playground equipment installed for the younger aged children.
- Tree fell over in wooded area, needs to be removed.

Commissioner Matthews:

- More play equipment for the younger children.
- Suggested a Turtle sand box with fine sand.
- Swings are missing.
- More slides installed.
- Train fixed up so that the community could use for birthday parties.
- Pavilion or Gazebo installed.

Commissioner Martin:

- Install evergreen bushes and trees, especially along the fence line.
- Empty metal structure once used for swings at the park needs to be replaced or removed.
- Would like to see a climbing structure with different levels installed at the park.

Volunteer Program:

- Commissioner Martin would like to see volunteers used more for City activities.
- Suggested developing a form for volunteers and contacting them when they apply online for volunteering.

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

- Appointments and interviews with the Mayor will start happening in mid to late August 2015.
- Parks and Recreation Commission will not be seated as part of the Centennial Committee.
- A Centennial Committee report will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the monthly meetings.

Other Special Events:

- Commission suggested holding an October Harvest Fest at the Menard Center in recognition of and thank you to the fire fighters. Free event for the community with fireworks, music, kid's activities, and food. Joan will check with the Mayor on his thoughts for the event.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 15-02:

- A Resolution of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission supporting the development of Bocce Ball Courts at Iditapark.

MOTION: Commissioner Martin made a motion to support Resolution 15-02.

SECOND: Commissioner Shampine second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

- Robbin Robbert spoke in support of Bocce Ball courts at Iditapark.
- Commission suggested talking with Kim Ryals of Matsu Trails and Parks Foundations to help Robbin with the grant writing process and how to seek funds for the Bocce court.

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

**XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shampine:

- Nice to see so many community members for the parade and picnic on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; and
- Tyler from My House would like to volunteer for City activities.

Commissioner Matthews:

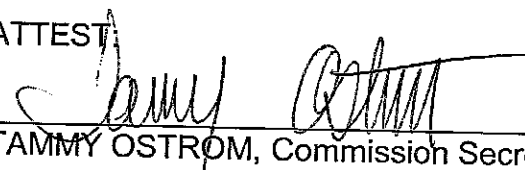
- Parade was wonderful; very large this year.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:30pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2015, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

  
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JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST

  
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TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: August 12, 2015.