

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:01 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. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services
Ms. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tuttle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Shampine made a motion to add question of the Parks and Recreation Department under New Business.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the September 9, 2015 minutes.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- The Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page is up and running.
- Weed harvester arrived! Public Works received instruction on the operation of the equipment and will begin harvesting the weeds next summer.
- Lake Lucile playground complete; working on electrical for the 17 campsites at Lake Lucile.
- Park restrooms are closed for the winter.
- Tuesday Night Fights are back at the Menard Center.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Valley Arts & Crafts Guild Craft Fair October 17th & 18th, Mat-Su Transportation Fair October 22nd, and Pumpkin Patch October 31st.
- New program at the Menard Center: Girls Softball Skills & Drills Mini Camp starting October 16th.
- 1st Annual Valley Professional Baseball Clinic with Brent Strom & Ralph Dickenson at the Menard Center November 11th, for ages 9 through High School.
- New security cameras were installed at the Menard Center.
- Alaska Day Fireworks Monday October 19th 8pm at Iditapark.
- Attended the Alaska Recreation & Park Association conference in Homer.

Ms. Lyn Carden:

- Discussed the moving of the Veterans Wall.
- Discussed the possibility of having a rodeo at the Menard Center.
- Suggested the Commission add to the 2017/2018 goals and initiatives, their desire to hire a full time Parks and Recreation employee.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

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.

Public Lands within City Limits:

- Cottonwood Creek: working on trail head.

Parks Master Plan:

- Discussed the need for rules on noise levels at City parks.

Volunteer Program:

- Commissioner Robinson working on contacting volunteers on the volunteer list.

100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- City Council received 3 names for the appointment to the Centennial Committee: Glenda Ledford, Randy Robinson, and Kathy Hedgier.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Slogan for City Parks:

- Suggested involving Wasilla schools and My House to come up with a logo and slogan for city parks.

City fun run:

- Suggested doing an honor run to tie in with the Veterans Moving Wall.

Question for the Parks and Recreation Department:

- Discussed a disconnect from Public Works and Parks and Recreation regarding information on what is going on in our Parks.

X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Shampine:

- Looking forward to the fireworks on Alaska Day; and
- Requested a full time employee for Parks and Recreation.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Thanked Joan, Tammy, and Lyn for their hard work.

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Good to be back; and
- Working on a slat key festival here in the Valley for the summer months.

Commissioner Martin:

- Discussed the need for a full time Parks and Recreation employee.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Prefer to have the fireworks on Sunday; and
- Need more information on what is going on in our City parks.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:47pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2015, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

John E. Matthews for Dave Tuttle

DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:
Tammy Ostrom

TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: November 18, 2015.