

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews 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
Ms. Debbie Martin, Seat C
Ms. Joan Matthews, Seat D
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Dave Tuttle was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Steve Murray, Event Production & Facility Supervisor
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 October 14, 2015 minutes.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Shampine made a correction under staff comments: to request a Parks and Recreation Department not a full time Parks and Recreation employee.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Tammy Ostrom:

- Girls' softball skills & drills clinic going strong with 27 girls signed up for the first session.
- Successful MLB first Professional Baseball clinic with Brent Strom and Ralph Dickinson with the Houston Astro's pitching and hitting coaches; 120 local students participated. Reception was held in their honor, and both men said they would be back next year!
- King's Chapel Pumpkin Patch event a success with an attendance estimation of 1500.
- Successful Matsu Marketplace Gift and Gun Show with 3600 visitors.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Drumsticks & Hockeysticks Adult Hockey Tournament November 27, 28, 29, Boom Town Derby Dames Roller Derby December 12th, Community Christmas Dinner December 25th.
- Tchaikovsky on Ice Holiday Show December 19th 12-2pm sponsored by Wasilla Parks and Recreation. Parks & Recreation will supply apple cider and cookies, free public skate after the show. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Menard Center in the morning with free color books and crayons for the first 50 kiddos.
- At the old Town Historical site: Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Christmas Celebration December 5th from 1-4pm.
- Mack/Clapp Road slated to open November 20th or the first week in December; they need to install a traffic light off of KGB first.
- Menard Center new address 1001 S. Clapp St.
- City is looking at putting up security cameras in Iditapark starting with the Honor Garden, and adding the security camera's in phases.
- Archie and the Mayor met with an artist that is looking to do a possible art project for Iditapark.
- Fireworks on New Year's Eve at Iditapark.
- Work continues this week on the boiler for Wonderland restroom.
- If the City acquires the old Iditarod School from the Mat-Su Borough, there will be playground equipment to relocate.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

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

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection noted.

Parks Master Plan:

- Suggested the Menard Center as next on agenda for Parks Master Plan.
- Discussed Commissions thoughts on charging the public for park usage such as pavilion rental. Commission suggested a resolution be prepared for next month's Parks and Recreation meeting.

Volunteer Program:

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

Clean up Days:

- Discussed using funds to purchase gift cards for the upcoming Clean up Days event in May.

100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- Centennial Committee will hold their first meeting November 30th from 5-6pm in the Council Chambers.

Other Special Events:

- City Parks slogan/logo contest- suggested a savings bond for the prize. Suggested limiting the contest to Wasilla High School Art Class. Commission asked if Joan could contact Wasilla High School Principal regarding the contest and when a good time would be to start the contest.
- Commissioner Martin would like to start a few fun community events this winter such as Skate the Lake, Kids fun run, Sledding day at Iditapark, and Poker run for adults.
- Suggested a Kids fun run for January 16th at the Menard Center track. Commission asked what fee should be charged for the event.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Tchaikovsky on Ice Holiday Show:

MOTION: Commissioner Martin made a motion to sponsor Holiday Ice Show to purchase cookies, cider, cups, and napkins for the event.

SECOND: Commissioner Robinson second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Shampine:

- Glad to hear the plan for security cameras at Iditapark.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Thanked Steve, and Tammy, for their hard work and Parks and Recreation for their ideas.

Commissioner Martin:

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; and
- Would like to see playground equipment at the Menard Center.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Asked Steve to put together a packet of pricing and events from Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department; and
- Reminder for budget: full time Parks and Recreation employee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:26pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2015, 6:00pm at Menard Center.


JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST:


TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: December 9, 2015.