

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Champine, Seat A
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B
Ms. Debbie Martin, Seat C
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Joan Matthews was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robinson 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 November 18, 2015 minutes.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- Successful Drumsticks and Hockey Sticks Tournament over Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Tree lighting ceremony and Wasilla Community Christmas Celebration on December 5th at Old Town Historical site was a big hit with the kids and area residents.
- Boom Town Derby Dames Roller Derby at the Menard Center Saturday December 12th.
- Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at the Menard Center Saturday December 19th from 10:30am to 12pm.
- Tchaikovsky on Ice Holiday Show featuring the Menard Centers Learn to Skate students Saturday December 19th from 12-2pm. Cookies and cider will be served compliments of Wasilla Parks and Recreation Department. Free public skate will ensue as time allows after the ice show.
- Christmas Friendship Dinner at the Menard Center Friday December 25th from 11am to 3pm.
- Christmas decorations are up around the City and in the parks.
- Wasilla Youth Soccer along with the Menard Center will be hosting a youth holiday soccer clinic December 28, 29, 30.
- Mat-Valley Adult Soccer will be hosting a 3 VS 3 adult soccer tournament December 26th from 9am to 6pm at the Menard Center.

Mr. Lynn Follett:

- Temporary posts are in at Wasilla Lake for skating.
- Christmas decorations are up around the city.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers removed from Iditapark due to vandalism.
- Playground equipment up and operational at Lake Lucile Park campground.

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.

Public Lands within City Limits:

- Commission requested a set of plans for the land at Cottonwood Creek.

Volunteer Program:

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

Clean up Days:

- Discussed purchasing gift cards by February Parks and Recreation meeting.
- Commissioner Robinson will get quotes for Parks and Recreation Volunteer tee-shirts.

100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- Committee submitted minutes from the November 30th meeting, and agenda for the December 28th meeting.

Other Special Events:

- Commission decided to hold off on the Kids fun run for January 16th.
- Commission will host a Skate the Lake event at Wasilla Lake January 16th from 12-2pm. Commission will supply free hot chocolate and cookies for the event.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 15-03: A resolution of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission advising a fee structure to rent pavilions at city parks.

MOTION: Commissioner Martin made a motion to support a fee structure to rent pavilions at city parks.

SECOND: Commissioner Champine second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Champine:

- Suggested building a pavilion on the land at Cottonwood Creek; and
- Asked what time the fireworks are on New Year's eve; and
- Suggested a program online for the community to reserve and look at reservations for city parks.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Thanked Joan, Lynn, and Tammy for their hard work; and
- Love seeing members of the community interested in their community.

Commissioner Martin:

- Would like to see hockey nets set up at one of the lakes in Wasilla; and
- Commended the Parks Department for the wonderful Christmas Decorations around town; and
- Commented on the family fun that Stroller Skate at the Menard Center provides; and
- Commented on changing Recreational Services Department and amend to Parks Recreation & Cultural Services Department; and
- Suggested contracting employees through a contracting company once they have reached their maximum hours for a temporary employee.

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Requested research be done and a list compiled from past Parks and Recreation Minutes on ideas and suggestions for city parks.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:25pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST



TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: January 13, 2016.