

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2016

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:04 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. Joan Matthews, Seat D  
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation & Cultural Services  
Ms. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator  
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.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to add LT Smooth under Special Events.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the April 13, 2016 minutes.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- North Star Stevedores is the sponsor for Lake Lucile Dog Park.

- Sunrise Rotary Club is working on the Trailhead at Cottonwood Creek and set the bridge in June to cross the creek.
- Lake Lucile campground open, waiting on electricity, Camp host on site.
- City Council approved the Biennial Budget including the 2 park rangers for City Parks.
- ALPAR at their annual meeting recognized the City of Wasilla for their youth litter patrol.
- Alaska Bocce Ball starting work on the bocce ball courts this week at Iditapark.
- High School graduations at the Menard Center this week.
- First ever Bike Rodeo at the Menard Center on May 7<sup>th</sup> a success. First time the Clapp Street bike path used for an event.
- AK USA Wrestling a successful event, door counters read 22,000 people in 4 days. 1800 wrestlers and 300 coaches. Jake Varner 2012 Olympian put on a wrestling clinic for the kids.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Lip Gloss & Leadership 2016 Women in Business Summit Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, Rodeo Alaska May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, MS Walk on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Indoor City Wide Garage sale June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at the Menard.
- New Facility rates were approved for the Menard Center.
- Preparations for the first ever LT Smooth Concert and Polynesian dinner scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> for Wasilla Summerfest. Wasilla Summerfest kicks off June 23<sup>rd</sup> with A1 Amusements provided games, rides, food and fun on the Menard Center grounds.
- City Council will be hearing an Ordinance 16-18 on May 23<sup>rd</sup> accepting a donation in the amount of \$5000 for music for Summerfest.

## **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:

- A. Cottonwood Creek Park-bridge going in soon.

Volunteer Program:

- A. Commissioner Robinson suggested registering with Mat-Su Youth Court for Volunteers.

- B. Commissioner Martin suggested calling the Palmer Court House to be put on a list for volunteers.
- C. Commissioner Shampine suggested contacting school counselors in the fall when school starts for volunteer opportunities for the kids.

Clean up Days:

- Clean up Days week a wonderful success with over 50 folks attending the picnic.
- Total Expense cost for Clean up Days 1505.20.

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

- Lyn Carden presented the anniversary banners and rack cards. Discussed the breakdown of dollars spent so far for the event.

Other Special Events:

- LT Smooth: Hawaiian Slack Key Family event June 24<sup>th</sup> dinner 5:30pm, music 6:00pm at the Menard Center.
- Commissioner Tuttle looking for hula dancers for the event.
- Commissioner Matthews has a desert recipe for the event.
- Suggested contacting King's Chapel regarding the event.
- Suggested contacting Church on the Rock or Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School for the possibility of using their dinner plates.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**XI. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Will be absent for the June 8<sup>th</sup> Parks and Recreation Meeting; and
- Thanked everyone for their help with Clean up Days.

Commissioner Shampine:

- Thanked everyone for their help with Clean up Days; and
- Would like to see online pavilion rentals for City Parks.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Check with Public Works to find out why no pavilion reservation form was posted at the park pavilion for Clean Up Days; and
- Mat-Su Borough talking about a price increase for dump fees.

Commissioner Martin:

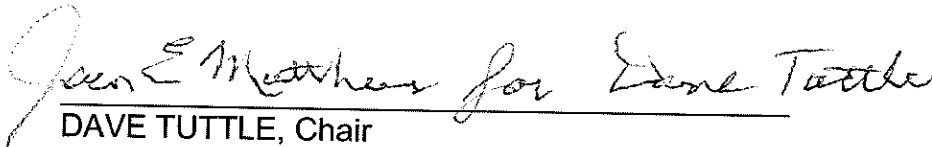
- Suggested making a note on the pavilion rental permit that the green pavilion does not have picnic tables.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Borough budget hearing at 6pm Thursday regarding decreasing Wasilla Library funds.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 6:58pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2016, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

  
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DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: June 8, 2016.