

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

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

Commissioners Dave Tuttle, and Debbie Martin were excused.

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 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 May 11, 2016 minutes.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- Successful Rodeo, 3500 over the 3 day event and will be repeating every Memorial Day weekend.

- Successful Lip-gloss and Leadership Conference/Women in Business.
- Walk for Multiple Sclerosis successful utilizing the new Clapp bike and pedestrian path.
- Working on Menard Center landscaping projects with fertilizing, and cleaning out beds.
- Hired the first of two Park rangers.
- Public Works busy planting flower beds and hanging baskets.
- Bulk water station open.
- Ice install at the Menard Center end of July.
- Pedestrian tunnel is now open with pump repairs completed. Looking at lighting upgrades next, along with repainting tunnel with graffiti resistant paint.
- No driving on the Newcomb park grass to the pavilion, vehicles only on front portion of park.
- Weed harvester usage after July 1.
- Wasilla Summerfest preparations are continuing. Posters, advertising, tickets sold at Menard, King's Chapel helping with serving food, Hula Hands catering, games, Wasilla Chevrolet for cars, Carnival, Ton's of fun.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

MOTION: Commissioner Robinson 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: Work continues with Sunrise Rotary Club to brush and build trail from parking area to Cottonwood creek. Pedestrian Bridge is being prepared for installation across creek (old gang way from Valdez dock). Plan to have functional trail to and over bridge by end of July.
- B. Menard Center: trail system around the Menard Center that needs to be mapped and marked.
- C. Pederson Park: Mayor trying to get developer to brush out the area for improved viewing and access.
- D. Iditapark: Bocce Ball area has been initiated with a wood border next to Volley Ball pits and it is being used. Volunteers are looking at add new turf to improve rolling surface.
- E. Carter Park: Access has been improved for hauling weeds out of the lake from this location with an improved gravel driveway to the lake that is fenced in and

gated for city access only. This will be used for a dump truck to be loaded with harvested weeds beginning in the middle of July.

- F. Lake Lucile Park: Work continues with connector road next to park that will connect to Riley Street. A stump grinder is currently working in the area this month.

Clean up Days:

- Thank you letter posted on City web site and Frontiersman letter to the editor.
- Thank you certificates prepared for the donating Businesses.

100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla:

- Centennial Committee now meeting twice monthly.
- Centennial event at the Menard Center January 7th from 11-3pm Free family skating.
- City App built.
- City of Wasilla Centennial Logo selected.
- Transportation Museum will bring a 1920's car and tractor for photo station.

Other Special Events:

- Community Wide Garage Sale at the Menard Center June 10,11 in the dry floor arena. Joan will check to see if concessions will be open during the event.
- Wasilla Summerfest: June 23rd 4-9pm, June 24-26 12-9pm, July 1-4 12-9pm. Food, rides, games, music. 4th of July Festivities: 11am Chamber parade, 1-3pm Mayor's Picnic Iditapark, music by Element 47, 3-9pm Summerfest at the Menard with amusements, games and food, 8pm fireworks at Wonderland Park.
- Urban Junktion Vintage Market July 16 & 17.

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 Shampine:

- Thanked staff for the Clean-up Days thank you letter to the editor in the Frontiersman.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 6:45pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2016, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

Joan Matthews

JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

Tammy Ostrom

TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: July 13, 2016.