

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

Commissioners Joan Matthews and Randy Robinson were excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation & Cultural Services
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.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- Compete Hockey camp & Power Play Hockey camp in July; Pro Ambitions Hockey camp in August at the Menard Center.

- First ever Urban Junktion Vintage Market at the Menard Center with 2500 in attendance.
- Congratulations to Wasilla youth Soccer Valley Revolution Boys & Girls U11, U12 & Girls U17 teams State Cup Champions.
- Summer Learn to Skate started August 2nd with 14 students registered.
- In the process of making signs for the Menard Center property regarding dogs and the City of Wasilla leash law. Suggested sign to read "Attention: all pets must be on a leash per City Code (7.04.070) while on City property. Failure to comply is a 100.00 fine."
- Per Archie: Cottonwood Creek bridge ramps should be done this month. Ribbon cutting hopefully in the next couple of weeks.
- Sunrise Rotary has more of the trail brushed out at Cottonwood Creek Park by Sportsman's Warehouse.
- Park Rangers doing a wonderful job patrolling all the City Parks by bicycle and foot- very few complaints from community with the rangers on site.
- Successful Wednesday Farmers market with as many as 33 vendors participating from 10am-6pm.
- Painting of tunnel at Newcomb Park by My House volunteers to remove graffiti; City supplied paint supplies for the project.
- Special Olympics of Alaska Matsu invites the community to a fun day at the park. Pizza, potluck and bocce ball in the park Saturday, August 20, 1-4pm at Iditapark-red pavilion.
- Levitt AMP grant: a grant to bring free concerts to your city. Grant deadline is October 10, 2016 and must be a non-profit organization. Commission suggested Knik Tribal Council.
- Made a recommendation to Public Works to include an advisable limit of 90dB on the permits when reserving a City park and campground pavilion during park hours of operation.
- The kids don't float program is up at Carter and Newcomb Parks. Lake Lucile's program was assigned to an Eagle Scout program. A call into the program requesting the loaner program for life vests was made.
- SDG French students toured the Menard Center and grounds. For their internship they will work on a park plan for the Menard Center.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

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

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection noted.

Public Lands within City Limits:

- Suggested changes for the Lake Lucile Camp Host information sheet: under “transportation” paragraph change continental to contiguous; under “what qualifications are required of the host” paragraph remove information regarding the visa program.

Parks Master Plan:

- Public Works said they could put up a display board at Wonderland if the Commission is willing to provide the board. Commission suggested a board by the Honor Garden, and one by the restroom entrance at Wonderland.
- Commission suggested that all City Parks have signs to post park rules, upcoming events, etc.
- Nunley Park suggestions: Pavilion, small bushes or shrubs planted along the chain link fence line.
- Commission recommended European landscape for the wooded area in front of the Menard Center.
- Commented that the City needs park brochures with maps, pictures, descriptions of the parks, and a listing of amenities. Joan will check with Bethany to see if she has any park brochures.
- Suggested supplying local hotels with some of the City brochures.

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:

- Suggested a local school make a brochure for the City of Wasilla parks; and
- Flowers look amazing at the Menard Center; and
- Suggested a flower garden at Nunley Park.

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Suggested a food truck round up at the Menard Center; and
- Asked about dates for next year’s LT Smooth concert.

Commissioner Martin:

- Commented that Carter Park landscaping looked very nice and clean.

Joan Klapperich:

- Commented that flowers at City Parks this year look amazing.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:00pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016, 6:00pm at Menard Center.

Joan E. Matthews for Dave Tuttle

DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:

Tammy Ostrom

TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: September 14, 2016.