

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2016

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:03p.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. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator  
Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation and 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 September 14, 2016 minutes.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Joan Klapperich:

- The Alaska Recreation and Parks annual conference in Petersburg was a great experience. Seminars included state of the art information on dog

parks, and collaboration with non-profits and private sector for declining revenue sources.

- Passing of the recent Borough Recreation Bond package included a \$144,000 in bond funding for walking trails at the Menard Center.
- Ribbon cutting for the Cottonwood Creek Park was held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The park is located off of the Palmer Wasilla Highway across from the Nazarene Church.
- Wasilla Youth Soccer Association hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony October 5<sup>th</sup> for the newly developed soccer field at the Bumpus Recreation area.
- Upcoming City Council Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> will discuss two proposed ordinances to reflect adding two new parks to the City, and remove the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center from the list of City parks.
- Halloween Spooktacular at the Menard Center will be sponsored by Healthwise Care Center to pay for the ice and decorations. Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring refreshments and prizes.
- Girls softball clinic is back every Tuesday night from 4:30-6:30pm for girls 7-17 taught by local high school coaches.
- Coming in January: Menard Center Coed Adult Learn to Play Hockey! 8 week session teaching the basics of the game for fun!
- Vixens & Villains Ball Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Patch presented by King's Chapel at the Menard Center.

Ms. Lyn Carden:

- City of Wasilla will not be receiving the playground equipment from Iditarod.
- Cameras for Wonderland Park still on the agenda to be installed in the near future.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)**

Luanne Urfer with SDG Designs: presented the display of the trail system the French interns worked on for the Menard Center.

Commission requested a thank you letter be drafted for the interns.

## **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:

- Suggested Park signs off the highways to direct residents to the city parks.

Parks Master Plan:

- If the Menard Center is removed as a City Park, Commission suggested an amendment to the Parks Master Plan.

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

- Working on decorations for the winter ball.
- Discussed several events that will be happening around the city for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2017 Parks and Recreation Meeting dates:

MOTION: Commissioner Matthews made a motion to approve the 2017 Parks and Recreation meeting dates.

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:

- Liked the new Cottonwood Creek Park.

Commissioner Tuttle:

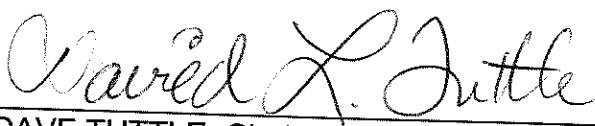
- Working with LT Smooth event for summer 2017.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Excited about all of the upcoming city events!


**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:09pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: November 9, 2016.