

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12, 2017

---

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B  
Mr. Andrew Chambers, Seat C  
Mr. Lee Mitchell, Seat D  
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commission Mary Shampine was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation Services  
Ms. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Chambers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. CO-CHAIR APPOINT**

MOTION: Commissioner Robinson nominated Commissioner Lee Mitchell as Co-Chair for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

SECOND: Commissioner Chambers second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

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

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Tuttle asked if there were any changes to the June 14, 2017 minutes.

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

## **VII. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Klapperich:

- Welcomed new Parks and Recreation Commissioner Andrew Chambers.
- Pass at the Park Music series concluded the month of June and well attended by many with food trucks and vendors on site for weekly events.
- Alaskan Outdoor Market started at the Menard Center in June and will continue for the months of July and August.
- New customers trying out pickle ball at the Menard with 2 courts set up in the track area.
- Mayor's Picnic, Parade, and Fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> well attended with an estimate 3-4000 attending the picnic.
- July 1,2,4 Wasilla Centennial Summerfest at the Menard Center with carnival rides, July 7-9 carnival rides, rodeo, and Centennial car show.
- Mat-Su NFL Play 60 at the Menard Center; large turn out with an estimated 350 kids in attendance.
- Upcoming events at the Menard; July 15-16 Bubbling Brook Farmhouse Vintage Market Sat 9-5, Sun 11-4.
- Ice goes back in at the Menard July 17<sup>th</sup> with Compete Hockey Camp July 24-28.
- Hockey tryouts the first week in August.
- Valley Fitness Expo August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Lake Lucile Park fencing posts installed last week for new cedar fence.
- Lake Lucile Park sign relocated last week to new entrance.
- Park Rangers focus on three main parks: Newcomb, Iditapark, and Lake Lucile.

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

## **IX. 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.

Parks Master Plan & Recreation Idea list:

- Commissioners will visit Iditapark and bring back ideas for next Parks and Recreation Meeting in August.

- Suggested contacting the Mat-Su Health Foundation to ask for input on City Parks.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- Updated Commission on 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- Paint a scarf event Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> at City Town site.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 Centennial Celebration at the Menard Center.

Other Special Events:

- Menard Center Halloween Party October 31<sup>st</sup>- free public skate and costume contest.
- Commissioner Robinson will donate 100.00 to the event.

MOTION: Commissioner Robinson made a motion for the Parks and Recreation to sponsor the Menard Center Halloween party.

SECOND: Commissioner Mitchell second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**XII. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Complimented the Parks Department on the lawn at Iditapark for the Farmers Market.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Welcomed Commissioner Chambers to the Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- Heard nothing but positive comments regarding all of the Centennial events going on in the City this summer.

Commissioner Mitchell:

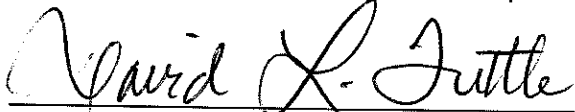
- Asked how donations to City were allocated.

Commissioner Chambers:

- Commented on an idea for a hobby fair.

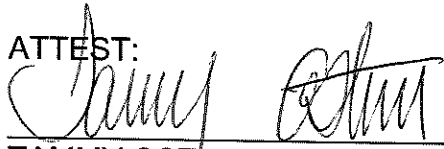
**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:26pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2017, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_  
TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary  
Approved: August 9, 2017.