



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Dave Tuttle, Chair
Mary Shampine
Joan Matthews
Sarah Sanderlin
Randy Robinson

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

6 P.M.

January 14, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p. m.

2. ROLL CALL; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Dave Tuttle, Mary Shampine, Joan Matthews, Sarah Sanderlin and Randy Robinson.

Staff in attendance:

Bruce Urban, Recreational & Cultural Services Manager
Tammy Ostrom, Sports Complex Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Urban led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented. No objection was raised.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on December 10, 2008 were approved as presented. No objection was raised.

6. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

No public hearing was held.

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Dan Kennedy from Mat-Su Sea Hawkets: briefing the community on replicating the Sports Dome in Anchorage and possibly building something similar in the Valley.

8. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bruce Urban-welcomed new Commissioner Randy Robinson.

Statehood celebration small turn out due to weather conditions.

Boy Scout Troop 230 has an overnight camp out inside the Sports Complex the weekend of January 24th and 25th.

Iron Dog display January 31st on the Turf Court at the Sports Complex.

The Mayor had a suggestion box installed at every City Building for employees and the public.

Activity at the Sports Complex- increased in turf, ice rink and Meeting Rooms. Flat for the concession, track, turf time for tots and public skating compared to last year.

City looking at fee increases for the Sports Complex for FY10.

Kitchen closer to being complete, maybe by the end of February.

9. ON GOING PROJECTS

Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits- on CIP 150,000 a year for four years to purchase public land for the City.

4th of July Events- possibly have a choir group from out of state singing at the picnic as well as participate in the 4th of July parade.

Parks Master Plan- Commissioner Dave Tuttle will call the Mayor to express the need to move forward with the Parks Master Plan.

Mary Shampine will attend the next City Council Meeting on January 26, 2009.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

Arbor Day-will be May 14, 2009, no site picked out yet. Commissioner Dave Tuttle suggested keeping Arbor Days under On Going Projects from January thru May. Commissioner Joan Matthews suggested planting a Spruce tree that can be decorated. Commissioner Mary Shampine suggested planting some trees at Carter Park. It was suggested organizing a volunteer work party for Nunley Park to clear out brush on property. Commissioner Randy Robinson will look into grant money from the Valley Garden Club for Arbor Days and contact Bill Lance at the Mat-Su College about their empty greenhouse.

Parks Staff Time- Commissioner Joan Matthews suggested Ken and Jana needing a full time employee in the parks department. Bruce will check the best way to approach this topic.

12. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

13. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mary-sledding hill close to bridge at Wonderland Park has large rocks by it. Hill also has a man hole of some sort on it, Bruce will check into this.

Randy-happy to be aboard.

Dave-suggested City look into alternative energy sources.

Bruce- Teelands re-opened under Crazy Moose Subs.

ADJOURNMENT

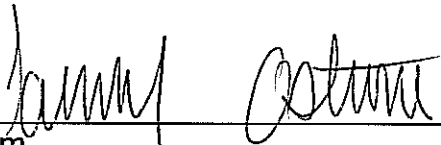
Chairman Dave Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:25 pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 11, 2009 at Multi-Use Sports Complex.



Dave Tuttle, Chair

ATTEST:



Tammy Ostrem
COMMISSION SECRETARY

Adopted By the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on 1/14, 2009.