

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Mary Shampine, Seat A  
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B  
Mr. Andrew Chambers, Seat C  
Mr. Lee Mitchell, Seat D

Commissioner Randy Robinson was excused

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Joan Klapperich, Director of Recreation Services  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Menard Center Secretary  
Mr. Lynn Follett, Parks and Property  
Mr. Scott Bell, Event Production & Facility Supervisor Menard Center

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Mitchell 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 13, 2017 minutes.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Klapperich:

- Soap dispensers are vandalized in the public restrooms at the parks. Looking for other options but upgrade would need to be budgeted.
- Working on cleaning up the volunteer sign up sheet on City web site.
- Knik Tribal Council has been called for collaboration with Parks and Recreation and transporting of students.
- Wasilla Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting event and activity flyers for the Menard Center.
- Menard Center trail is complete. Beautiful wooded 1 mile trail that surrounds the perimeter of the property.
- First official Menard Hockey league passed at City Council to purchase jerseys and refs for the upcoming season that is held on Sunday nights.
- Fit 30 AK starts October 16<sup>th</sup> with fitness classes starting at 5:30am and through the mornings Monday-Friday. The Menard will also be open for track usage.
- Pickle Ball continues on Monday and Wednesdays from 1-3pm at Menard.
- Softball skills and drills for girls going strong on Thursdays with 34 registered, Learn to skate has 29 registered for Tuesday and Saturday classes.
- Senior walk time is free Mon-Fri 7:30-8:30am at Menard.
- Baseball Skills clinic hosted by Glacier Bears has started at the Menard Center.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Brent Stromm and Ralph Dickerson with the Houston Astros will be back for a Baseball clinic hosted by the American Legion Baseball organization at the Menard Center.
- High School Hockey has started and the ice is filling up fast.
- City Parks are closed for the season; working on park lighting.
- Upcoming Events at the Menard: Parks and Recreation Halloween Spooktacular with treats, costume contest and free public skate. King's Chapel Pumpkin Patch for kids 12 and under on the turf court with games, prizes, and treats given out.

Lynn Follett:

- Tunnel by Newcomb Park locked due to vandalism on new lighting.
- Board walk at Lake Lucile complete.
- Parking upgrade and new sign at Pederson Park.
- Checking on prices for boardwalk at Cottonwood Creek Park.
- Led lighting finished at Honor Garden.

Scott Bell:

- Parking lot needs to be painted, larger bathrooms at Newcomb Park.
- Cottonwood Creek Park needs a sign on the highway.
- Need a dog park at Iditapark.
- Homeless problem at City Parks.
- Suggested no Park Rangers needed after Labor Day.
- Sign confusion at Lake Lucile Camp Ground.
- Need Park hours posted at Lake Lucile.
- Need to limit camping for 7 days to help with the homeless problem.

**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.

Parks Master Plan & Recreation Idea list:

- Suggested security cameras in parks to help with vandalism.
- Suggested trimming the bottom of spruce trees that are located by the pavilions at Iditapark.
- Commented on the new bridge at the honor garden.
- Commented on high schools using the tennis courts at Iditapark.
- Commented that Lake Lucile Camp ground needs a dump station.
- Commented that Lake Lucile should look into getting an electronic pay system for the park.

Volunteer Program:

- Asked if Park volunteers are given a thank you certificate from the City. Joan will check with Archie.

The Parks and Recreation Commission exited Committee of the Whole.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2018 Parks and Recreation Meeting Dates:

MOTION: Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to accept the 2018 Parks and Recreation meeting dates with the exception of February 14<sup>th</sup> moved to February 7<sup>th</sup> 2018.

SECOND: Commissioner Shampine second the motion.

VOTE: All Commissioners were in favor.

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

**XII. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Tuttle:

- Asked Mr. Bell to submit in writing what needs to be re-visited for City Parks.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:07pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2017, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



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DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:



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TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: November 8, 2017.