

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:01 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  
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Lee Mitchell was excused

Staff in attendance were:

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Robinson 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 October 11, 2017 minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: Commissioner Shampine made changes to staff report: "City Parks closed for the season" to "City Parks will have no winter maintenance" and under Parks Master Plan and Recreation idea list "Suggested trimming the bottom of spruce trees that are located by the pavilions at Iditapark" to add "for the purpose of visibility".

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Klapperich:

- Congratulated Commissioner Robinson & Mitchell for their continuing service as Parks and Recreation Commissioners.
- Halloween Spooktacular a huge success, families enjoyed the free public skate and treats.
- Kings Chapel Pumpkin Patch event a success with an estimated attendance of 2000 guests.
- Menard Advanced Hockey League is in full swing with 59 registered players.
- Senior walk time still going strong with over 120 registered.
- New classes starting this week for Learn to Skate program. Booklets will be given out to registered students announcing some changes with the ISI program.
- Softball Skills Clinic finished October 26<sup>th</sup> with 35 students registered. New session starts November 30<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks.
- Mat-Su Holiday Market Place was a success with over 3000 in attendance.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Professional Baseball clinic November 10<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm, Boom Town Derby Dames Roller Derby Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, Lancer Smith Wrestling Tournament November 16-18<sup>th</sup>, Free Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Mat-Valley Adult Soccer Club Soccer tournament Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed Ordinance Serial No17-24 Wasilla City Council adopting Wasilla Municipal code chapter 9-44, prohibiting the distribution of single use disposable plastic shopping bags.
- Parks and Recreation will be hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus coming to town at the Menard Center December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Learn to Skate Program will host a Christmas on Ice Show 12-2pm with free public skate afterwards as time allows on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Looking into purchasing Bobby the Seals skate aid.

Ms. Carden:

- Discussed Bearpaw River Brewing Co. Centennial Pint Glass.
- Discussed the time capsule burial in October.
- Wasilla Community Centennial Christmas Celebration Saturday December 2, 1-4pm.
- City of Wasilla Birthday Celebration January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Menard Center. Free skating 11-1 and turf celebration 7-9pm.

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

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Committee of the Whole**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Champine 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:

- Commission will look over submitted recommendations for City Parks from Scott Bell and select the most important recommendations to bring to the next Parks meeting.
- Joan will discuss park recommendations with Archie in Public Works.
- Suggested the Dog Park at Iditapark be placed by Weber Street side of the Park.
- Asked about the status of the caboose at Nunley Park.

Commissioner Shampine:

- Suggested contacting the Great Alaska Council regarding the Learn to Skate program.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. City Event Sponsor (Randy Robinson)-Clayton Family would like to sponsor a city event.

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

**XII. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shampine:

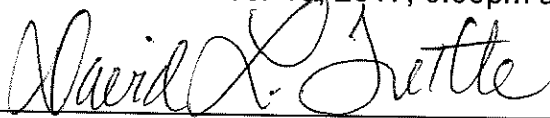
- Commented on the Community Christmas Celebration.

Commissioner Chambers:

- Asked about the Community Christmas Event.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:01pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:

  
TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: January 10, 2018