

WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 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:

Ms. Mary Shampine, Seat A
Mr. Dave Tuttle, Seat B
Mr. Lee Mitchell, Seat D
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Andrew Chambers 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 November 8, 2017 minutes.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Klapperich:

- No Parks and Recreation Meeting for the month of December due to Goals and Initiatives Council Meeting.

- Successful Christmas Friendship Dinner serving 5100 meals.
- Bobbies are at the Menard Center! 15 blue seal skate aids for public skate and learn to skate program.
- Learn to Skate program doing extremely well under the direction of newly hired Facilitator Natasha Bowers and her skate instructors, Sabra Sturgis, Stephanie Tachik and Skylar Bowers with 4 other volunteers to help with the program. Over 49 students signed up for the Saturday class, and 20 for the Tuesday night class.
- Second half of the Menard Hockey League finishing strong with 60 members signed up in the Advanced Adult Hockey League.
- New program will start next week hosted by 100.9 Country Legends. Walk with Me Wednesday will feature a fun walk on the Menard Track from 12:15-12:45pm free to the public. In exchange the Menard Center receives valuable recognition on the radio promoting the program and facility.
- Working on biennial budget for FY19/20. One of the items that will be submitted again for the budget is Pass at the Park held at Iditapark during the summer months.
- Kids Kupboard will be distributing meals at Nunley Park on a year round basis for kids beginning March or April.
- Parks working on building and prefabricating the boardwalk for the other side of the bridge at Cottonwood Creek Park.
- Lights are up on Wasilla Lake for people to enjoy skating on the lake.
- West side of Iditapark on Weber, will have a parking extension to assist the growing need for parking on that end of the park.
- Upcoming events at the Menard Center: Rotary Youth Exchange January 11-13th, City of Wasilla 101st Birthday Party Celebration January 20th. Free public skate 1-4pm, cake 1pm, Music from The Wild Cat Trio in the turf arena along with food and popcorn from 7-9pm. Project Homeless Connect January 24th from 10am-3pm, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet January 27th.

Lyn Carden:

- 101st Birthday Party: designed a new pin for the event. Party from 7-9pm at the Menard Center (50's theme) live band, ROTC will provide malts and shakes, tickets are 20.00.
- City Council banned plastic bags in the City starting July 1st.
- Veterans Wall moving to the City of Wasilla.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

Luanne Urfer and Taylor Berberich from SDG Design: submittal of plans for Menard Center grounds from French interns.

VIII. 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:

- Commission suggested keeping Lake Lucile Camp ground under Recreation idea list on agenda.
- Commission suggested Lake Lucile Camp ground as number one priority for park improvements.
- Commission suggested priority recommendations for Lake Lucile camp ground:
 - A. Change maximum stay 7 days per 30 days.
 - B. Add a gate to the day use area leading to lake-doc. Close gate at 10pm each night due to lots of late night traffic until 2am.
 - C. Complete review, removal and creation of new signage. Several contradicting signs or old signage left over from when park was State owned.
- Commission suggested annual pass fee for boat launch at Carter Park.

Other Special Events:

- Commissioners decided to host Skate the Lake event on Saturday March 17th at Newcomb Park.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

XI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (3-minutes per person)

XII. STAFF AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Shampine:


- Commented on the Kids Kupboard building at Nunley Park.

Ms. Klapperich:

- Will be gone for February 7th Parks and Recreation Meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:25pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018, 6:00pm at Menard Center.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chair

ATTEST:

Tammy Ostrom

TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary
Approved: February 7, 2018