



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

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### WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**September 9, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the Menard Sports Center. Chairman Dave Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:02 p. m.

**2. ROLL CALL; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Dave Tuttle, Joan Matthews, Mary Champine and Randy Robinson.  
Commissioner Sarah Sanderlin was excused.

Staff in attendance:

James Hastings, Recreational & Cultural Services Manager  
Tammy Ostrom, Sports Center Secretary

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Randy Robinson 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 August 12, 2009 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**

**8. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

James Hastings- new price structure has been set for the Menard Sports Center, pending Resolution approval from City Council.

Arctic Predators Indoor Football waiting for approval from the league.

Working on contract for Mat-Su Home Builders Show that will be at the Sports Center March 19<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Wasilla Rotary will be paying for the two benches that were ordered for the Curtis D. Menard Memorial. It was suggested placing a donation plaque on or below the benches for the public to see. James will email Commissioners date and time donation check will be presented to the Mayor and Linda Menard.

Would like to clear trees on North side of Sports Center Building for green space. Commissioner Dave Tuttle suggested contacting the City of Kenai and Soldotna for information on their parks and green space.

A portion of the West hallway at the Sports Center will be dedicated to Leaders, all Branches of the Military and Emergency Medical Services.

Commissioner Mary Shampine stated Christmas lights were needed for the City. Commissioner Joan Matthews suggested selecting a park and have each organization select a tree to decorate. Commissioners will work on a plan for this project and bring to the next Parks and Recreation Meeting.

## **9. ON GOING PROJECTS**

Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits- nothing new to report.

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Parks Master Plan-nothing new to report.

Arbor Day 2010-Commissioner Dave Tuttle stressed the importance of having an Arbor Day Ceremony every year to keep children involved. Commissioner Randy Robinson will research grants for tree seedlings.

Randy Robinson will attend the next City Council Meeting on September 14, 2009.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Safety Incentive- Commissioner Mary Shampine emailed Dairy Queen and Subway regarding free coupons for the incentive program, no reply as of yet.

Signs- Commission will contact James with date and time for the Maureen McCombs Trail Ceremony.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

## **12. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

## **13. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Dave-asked about the status of the trail between Wasilla and Big Lake. Suggested contacting local high schools for volunteer projects and starting park clean up days in Wasilla. Mary suggested possibly a service project for the Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts.

James-suggested local nurseries taking over the median island at Bumpus.

Mary-suggested planting a Christmas tree and finding a large train for kids to play on at Nunley Park. Would like to see the gun range in a different location.

Joan-suggested having the Rose Garden at the Sports Center.

Randy-asked what Wasilla Lake appreciation day was? Would like to see a Dog Park in Wasilla.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dave Tuttle adjourned meeting at 7:11 pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: October 14, 2009 at Menard Sports Center.**

*Dave Tuttle*

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Dave Tuttle, Chair

ATTEST:

*Tammy Ostrom*

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Tammy Ostrom  
COMMISSION SECRETARY

Adopted By the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on 10/14, 2009.