

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 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
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Ms. Joan Matthews was excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. James Hastings, Recreation & Cultural Services Manager
Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Sports Center Secretary

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Hastings 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 April 27, 2011 minutes.

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

No public hearing was held.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

VIII. STAFF REPORTS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Crawford:

- Discussion regarding Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Hastings:

- Wasilla Chamber will host 4th of July Parade this year, City of Wasilla will host the picnic.
- Arbor Days will be held Monday May 16th 1:30pm at Iditapark Tree of Peace.
- City of Valdez donating a foot bridge for creek cross over between Target and Sportsman's Warehouse.
- Mat-Su Anglers hosting kids casting clinic on July 15th at the Menard Sports Center.
- Facility Allocation Policy & Facility use scheduling updated and sent to all users. High school hockey schedule complete, youth and adult scheduling will be Thursday May 12th.
- Music in the Park-will operate program internally under direction of the Department Manager and with involvement and advisement of the Parks and Recreation Commission and sub committee. Would like to change the name from Music in the Park to Something in the Park.

MOTION: Commissioner Shampine made a motion to create a sub committee for Something in the Park.

SECOND: Commissioner Robinson second the motion.

Henry Hartman and Dave Tuttle were nominated as sub committee members.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IX. ON GOING PROJECTS

Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits:

- Green strip between Target and Sportsman's Warehouse currently being transferred to city ownership.

Parks Master Plan:

- Commissioners agreed City Parks Master Plan needs to be acknowledged that it exists and adopted to the City of Wasilla Comprehensive plan as soon as possible.

Wasilla to Big Lake Trail Development:

- Requested all documentation from Planning Commission to be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Clean up Days/Recycling:

- Asked if the City can do a thank you ad for Clean up Days sponsors and volunteers.
- Suggested thank you letters to the sponsors.
- Suggested giving a plaque to Wasilla Middle School for participating in the Clean up Days.

[CLERK'S NOTE: It was decided that Mr. Hastings would attend the next City Council Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commissioners on May 23, 2011.]

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Iditarod Elementary School Family Night May 19th 6-7:30pm: Commissioner Shampine will attend the event.

XII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

XII. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Shampine:

- Safety issue at Iditapark- concrete with rebar sticking out of it located right behind bank side of the park; and
- Iditapark needs a sign and map of the park; and
- What happened to the playground equipment that was ordered for Nunley Park?; and
- Asked what happened to the listing of City properties that were available for City Parks?

Commissioner Robinson:

- Thanked everyone for Clean up Days.

Commissioner Tuttle:

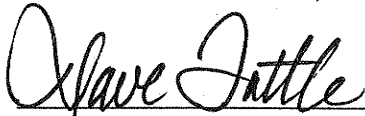
- Commended Commissioners for job well done on Clean up Days; and
- Asked for a de-briefing on Clean up Days for Parks and Recreation Meeting June 8th.

Mr. Hastings:

- Suggested placing park news on City web site.

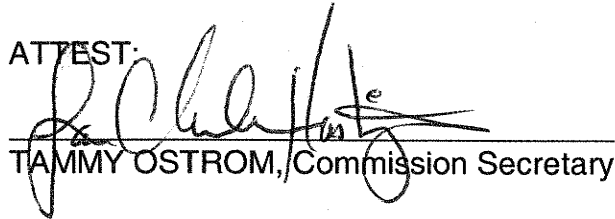
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tuttle adjourned meeting at 8:24 p.m. and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2011, 6:00pm at the Menard Sports Center.



Dave Tuttle, Chair

ATTEST:



TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: June 8, 2011.