

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. Co-Chairman Joan Matthews 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  
Ms. Debbie Martin, Seat C  
Ms. Joan Matthews, Seat D  
Ms. Randy Robinson, Seat E

Commissioner Dave Tuttle was absent.

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director  
Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator  
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Sports Center Secretary

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Matthews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Co-Chair Matthews asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Shampine made a motion to add 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration under On Going Projects, Special Events.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Robinson made a motion to add Library and hosting races in the fall under New Business.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Co-Chair Matthews asked if there were any changes to the August 14, 2013 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**

Mr. Giddings:

- Volunteer expanding soccer fields at Bumpus.
- No additional progress on the land clearing for Mat-Su Steelers football fields.
- Dog Park at Lake Lucille Park still needs to be leveled and signs posted.
- Installing a boardwalk and doc with a sitting area at Lake Lucille Park.
- Playground equipment that was donated to the City from Pioneer Peak School will be installed at Lake Lucille Park.
- Small piece of land behind Alaska Club donated to the City for a park.
- New playground equipment installed at Wasilla Lake Park.
- Installing a small doc at Wasilla Lake Park.
- Garden Club sponsoring a new engraved park bench at Wasilla Lake Park to honor Mr. Newcomb.
- Installing more sand at Carter Park next summer.

Mr. Cottle:

- Commented on the break in at the Menard Sports Center.

**IX. ON GOING PROJECTS**

Discussion on Public Lands within City Limits:

- No news on the land exchange at Cottonwood Creek.

Parks Master Plan:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Robinson made a motion for Commissioners to visit Carter Park, make notes regarding changes or additions that are needed and bring to the October 9, 2013 meeting.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Martin second the motion.

**VOTE:** All Commissioners were in favor.

**X. ON GOING PROJECTS-SEASONAL**

Clean up Days:

- Suggestion for recycling bin; possibly a donation.

2014 Anniversary Celebration:

- March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- Need funding for events.
- Possibly have some of the events at the Menard Sports Center.

#### **XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Library:

- Used book sale raised money for the Library.
- State of Alaska may provide some of the funding for the new Library.

Races in the fall:

- Commissioner Robinson would like to host races on established trails here in the Mat-Su Valley, similar to Tuesday night races in Anchorage.

#### **XIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

#### **XIV. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shampine:

- Asked about the amphitheater cover at Wonderland Park; and
- Suggested decorative trees at Carter Park; and
- Broken concrete at Wonderland Park could be a liability issue.

Commissioner Robinson:

- Asked about Farmers Market moving to Wonderland Park; and
- Thanked Bert Cottle for his help with the Library used book sale; and
- Asked about land space for another community garden in Wasilla.

Commissioner Martin:

- Asked about the white rail fences along the Parks Highway; and
- Asked about the gate entrance at Bumpus soccer fields and access to Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail; and
- Commented on orienteering.

Commissioner Matthews:

- Apologized for missing Parks and Recreation meetings due to work schedule.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chairman Matthews adjourned meeting at 7:35pm and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2013, 6:00pm at Menard Sports Center.

*Joan Matthews*

JOAN MATTHEWS, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

*Tammy Ostrom*

TAMMY OSTROM, Commission Secretary

Approved: October 9, 2013.