

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

**Chairperson** – Chris Wilson – District 2  
**Vice Chair** – Kenni Linden – At Large 3  
Pat Owens – District 1  
Jessica Kelsch – At Large 2

John Harris - District 3  
Roy Wahl – District 4  
James Jones – At Large 1  
Sarah Gotschall – At Large 4

Cindy Bettine - District 5  
Nickel LaFleur – District 6  
Ruth Wood - District 7

## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**

**January 24th, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
  - A. November 22, 2021
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
  - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager
  - B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Avigation Easement Report
  - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Gravel Pit at Crevasse Moraine
  - B. Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers
- X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIII. NEXT MEETING
  - February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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5    **Draft Minutes**  
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7    **REGULAR MEETING**  
8    **Lower Level Conference Room**  
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**November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

10                    I.    **CALL TO ORDER**

11    Meeting called to order by Mr. Wahl at 6:02 pm.

12                    II.   **ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

13    Members Present: Mr. Wahl, Ms. Kelsch, Ms. Gotschall, Ms. Owens

14    Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Owens, Ms. LaFleur, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Jones, Mr.  
15    Wilson

16    Members Absent: Ms. Linden, Ms. Bettine

17                    III.   **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

18    Motion: Ms. Owens moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

19                    IV.   **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

20    Mr. Wahl led the pledge of allegiance.

21                    V.    **MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

22    A.    October 25, 2021

23    Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in  
24    favor.

25                    VI.   **BOROUGH STAFF REPORT**

26    A.    Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

27    Mr. Leslie stated that the ribbon cutting happened at the Willow Library. It's a  
28    beautiful new facility.

29    Mr. Leslie stated that we need more snow for trail grooming to happen.

30    Mr. Leslie stated that December 1, 2021 the 2022 Annual Trailhead Parking Passes  
31    would be on sale. 2021 was the largest year on record for sales.

32    B.    2024 Arctic Winter Games

33    Mr. Leslie stated that there were no updates. Board has requested that the Arctic  
34    Winter Games stay on the agenda.

35                    VII.   **PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person**

36    A.    Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers

- 37 i. Brian Largent, member of VMBH, talked about his support for their plan  
38 to add additional biking trails to Government Peak Recreational Area.  
39 ii. Mike Danz, member of VMBH presented their plan to add biking trail to  
40 Government Peak Recreational Area  
41 B. Frank Sihlla, Member of Back Country Horsemen of Matsu, would like to see speed  
42 limitation signs and conduct on the trails.

43 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

44 A. Avigation Easement Report

45 Ms. Owens would like to know if they are going thru a process for the easement use.

46 Mr. Wahl expressed his concern that the public process has not been followed or  
47 asked for input from the public.

48 Mr. Wilson would like to know where the assembly stands or if they have had any  
49 communication with the City of Palmer regarding the easement.

50 Motion: Ms. Owens made a motion to get the legality of the Avigation Easement  
51 Report

52 Ms. Gotschall made an amendment to the motion and add that a review of the process  
53 be conducted.

54 Mr. Wilson made an amendment to the motion that the letter to be sent to the  
55 assembly person in the district.

56 Mr. Harris made an amendment to the motion to add that a review for the  
57 stakeholders to be provided.

58 Mr. Jones made an amendment to the motion to find out what the current recognized  
59 legal status of the Avigation Easement and if at the time of the easement was granted  
60 did it follow established Borough Code to be a recognized easement.

61 Mr. Wilson called for the question, all in favor.

62 B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

63 Mr. Leslie stated that he will provide resources to the committee which consists of  
64 Mr. Jones, Ms. Owens, Ms. Kelsch, Ms. Gotschall.

65 Mr. Leslie stated that the Board secretary will create a meeting invite for after the first  
66 of the year.

67 C. Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan, Resolution 21-02

68 Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to accept the Jonesville Public Use Area Management  
69 Plan as written, Ms. Owens, 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

70 Mr. Phillips called for the question, all in favor.

71 D. Elections

72 Mr. Wilson is elected as Chairperson and Ms. Linden was voted as Vice Chair for  
73 2022.

74 IX. NEW BUSINESS

75 None.

76 X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

77 None.

78 XI. CORRESPONDENCE

79 None.

80 XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

81 Mr. Wahl – Great meeting tonight.

82 Mr. Wilson – Hopes everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday and will see everyone in  
83 January.

84 Ms. Owens – Send individual comments in support the Jonesville Plan.

85 Ms. Kelsch – No comment.

86 Mr. Harris – All the best.

87 Mr. Jones – Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

88 Ms. Gotschall – No comments.

89 Ms. LaFleur – Wishes Mr. Phillips well.

90 Mr. Phillips – This is last meeting, thank you for all your participation.

91 XIII. NEXT MEETING

- 92 • January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

93 XIV. ADJOURNMENT

94 Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Gotschall 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.  
95 Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

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Roy Wahl, Chairperson

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102 III. ATTEST:

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106 VI. Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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**User Days @ Matanuska River Park 2022**

	# people	# nights	Total User Days		# people	# nights	Total User Days
<b>Domestic</b>	2	1	3	<b>International</b>			
Alabama	10	1	11				
<b>Alaska</b>	<b>2,690</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>4,196</b>	Australia			
Arizona	23	9	32	Austria			
Arkansas	7	2	9	Belgium			
California	53	30	83	Brazil			
Colorado	24	14	38	Bulgaria			
Connecticut	2	2	4	Canada*			
District of Colum	2	2	4				
Delaware	5	1	6	Alberta			
Florida	28	16	44	British Columbia			
Georgia	7	3	10	Manitoba			
Hawaii	9	5	14	Newfoundland			
Idaho	9	3	12	Northwest Territories			
Illinois	16	6	22	Ontario			
				Quebec			
Indiana	5	2	7	Saskatchewan			
Iowa	7	3	10	Yukon			
Kansas	5	6		Czech Republic	2	2	
Kentucky				Denmark			
Louisiana	8	4	12	Dominican Republic			
Maine	6	2	8	France	1	2	
Maryland	10	3	13	Germany	1	1	
Massachusetts	32	10	42	Holland	6	1	
Michigan	22	10	32	Hungry			
Minnesota	45	14	59	Israel	6	3	
Mississippi	4	2	6	Italy			
Missouri	22	8	30	Japan			
Montana	1	6	7	Mexico	1	1	
Nebraska	3	2	5	Netherlands			
Nevada	5	2	7	New Zealand			
New Hampshire	7	3	10	Philippines			
New Jersey	14	6	20	Scotland			
New Mexico	2	1	3	Spain	5	1	
New York	32	26	58	Switzerland			
North Carolina	17	7	24	UK			
North Dakota	2	1	3	<b>Total International:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>
Ohio	24	8	32				
Oklahoma							
Oregon	16	22	38				
Pennsylvania	15	8	23				
Rhode Island							
South Carolina	24	21	45				
South Dakota	4	5	9				
Tennessee	17	6	23				
Texas	35	14	49				
Utah	14	5	19				
Vermont	5	1	6	<b>Total Domestic:</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>1845</b>	<b>5,190</b>
Virginia	11	2	13	<b>Total International:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>
Washington	34	22	56	<b>Total Unknown:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
West Virginia				<b>Total Group:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Wisconsin	23	13	36	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>5,224</b>
Wyoming							
<b>Total Domestic:</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>5,190</b>				

**REVENUE SUMMARY FY -2019**

Item Name	Total Collected
JIM CREEK CAMPING	\$ 4,199.00
JIM CREEK PARKING	\$ 7,190.00
WEST BUTTE PARKING	\$ 9,430.00
GOVERNMENT PEAK PARKING	\$ 2,580.00
LAZY MOUNTAIN PARKING	\$ 2,420.00
PIONEER RIDGE PARKING	\$ 770.00
CREVASSE MORAINES PARKING	\$ 745.00
BIG LAKE PARKING	\$ 260.00
BIG LAKE BOAT LAUNCH	\$ 180.00
AYRSHIRE WINTER PARKING	\$ 25.00
	<b>\$ 27,799.00</b>
ANNUAL PARKING PASS X1	\$ 1,520.00
ANNUAL PARKING PASS X2	\$ 30.00
CUSTOM ITEM	\$ 557.00
TALKEETNA LAKES PARKING	\$ 5,120.00
TALKEETNA DOWNTOWN PARKING	\$ 3,395.00
TALKEETNA CAMPING	\$ 4,437.00
TALKEETNA FIREWOOD	\$ 105.00
WHIGMI PARKING	\$ 530.00
	<b>\$ 15,694.00</b>

\*Does not include MRP &amp; all YR parking passes

**REVENUE SUMMARY FY - 2020**

Item Name	Total Collected
JIM CREEK CAMPING	\$ 12,165.00
JIM CREEK PARKING	\$ 11,670.00
WEST BUTTE PARKING	\$ 14,960.00
GOVERNMENT PEAK PARKING	\$ 6,150.00
LAZY MOUNTAIN PARKING	\$ 4,170.00
PIONEER RIDGE PARKING	\$ 1,065.00
CREVASSE MORAINES PARKING	\$ 1,800.00
BIG LAKE PARKING	\$ 415.00
BIG LAKE BOAT LAUNCH	\$ 480.00
AYRSHIRE WINTER PARKING	\$ 1,300.00
	<b>\$ 54,175.00</b>
ANNUAL PARKING PASS X1	\$ 3,800.00
ANNUAL PARKING PASS X2	\$ 90.00
CUSTOM ITEM	\$ 837.20
TALKEETNA LAKES PARKING	\$ 6,140.00
TALKEETNA DOWNTOWN PARKING	\$ 3,925.00
TALKEETNA CAMPING	\$ 5,865.00
TALKEETNA FIREWOOD	\$ 145.00
WHIGMI PARKING	\$ 805.00
	<b>\$ 21,607.20</b>

**REVENUE SUMMARY FY - 2021**

Item Name	Total Collected
JIM CREEK CAMPING	\$ 15,720.00
JIM CREEK PARKING	\$ 20,110.00
WEST BUTTE PARKING	\$ 17,255.00
GOVERNMENT PEAK PARKING	\$ 11,470.00
LAZY MOUNTAIN PARKING	\$ 6,155.00
PIONEER RIDGE PARKING	\$ 6,316.00
CREVASSE MORAINES PARKING	\$ 2,070.00
BIG LAKE PARKING	\$ 570.00
BIG LAKE BOAT LAUNCH	\$ 1,230.00
AYRSHIRE WINTER PARKING	\$ 4,330.00
	<b>\$ 85,226.00</b>
ANNUAL PARKING PASS X1	\$ 4,760.00
ANNUAL PARKING PASS X2	\$ 120.00
CUSTOM ITEM	\$ 1,051.17
TALKEETNA LAKES PARKING	\$ 7,120.00
TALKEETNA DOWNTOWN PARKING	\$ 2,835.00
TALKEETNA CAMPING	\$ 6,316.00
TALKEETNA FIREWOOD	\$ 330.00
WHIGMI PARKING	\$ 1,915.00
	<b>\$ 24,447.17</b>