

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

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James Jones – At Large 1
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Cindy Bettine - District 5
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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING Lower Level Conference Room

August 22nd, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. July 25th, 2022
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager
 - B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games
 - C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra, Resolution No. 22-02
 - B. Avigation Easement Report
 - C. Public Access Easement at Winnie Lake and Hay Flats
 - D. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

Next meeting is August 25th, 2022 at 4:00pm.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Benka Lake Public Access Closed
 - B. Skateboard Park
 - C. France Road Trailhead
- X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

Mike Danz – Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

XIII. NEXT MEETING

September 26th, 2022

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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5 **Draft Minutes**
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7 **REGULAR MEETING**
8 **Assembly Chambers**
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July 25th, 2022

10 I. **CALL TO ORDER**

11 Meeting called to order by Mr. Wilson at 6:05 pm.

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

13 Members Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Kelsch, Ms. Linden

14 Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Owens, Mr. Harris, Mr. Wahl, Ms. Wood

15 Members Absent: Ms. LaFleur, Ms. Bettine, Ms. Gotschall

16 III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

17 Motion: Ms. Linden moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Jones, 2nd. All in favor.

18 IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

19 Mr. Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

20 V. **MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

21 A. June 27th, 2022

22 Motion: Mr. James moved to accept the minutes as written, Ms. Linden, 2nd. All in favor.

23 VI. **BOROUGH STAFF REPORT**

24 A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

25 Mr. Leslie stated that Recreational Services has hired a full time Tech position that
26 will work with both the trails and parks.

27 Mr. Leslie stated that 2 new electronic pay kiosk will be put in at GPRA and Lazy
28 Mountain this fall.

29 B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games

30 Mr. Leslie stated that a website page has been built and now online and that web
31 address is www.awg2024.org and will be updated monthly then weekly as we get
32 closer to the event.

33 C. Gravel Pit at the Greenbelt

34 No Updates.

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

36 None.

- 37 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 38 A. Mat-Su Disc Golf Association at Alcantra
- 39 Mr. Jones made a motion to amend the resolution, Mr. Wahl 2nd. All in favor.
- 40 Ms. Linden made a motion to modify the amended resolution, Mr. Wahl 2nd. All in
- 41 favor.
- 42 B. Avigation Easement Report
- 43 No updates.
- 44 C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
- 45 Next meeting is August 4th, 2022 at 2:00pm
- 46 IX. NEW BUSINESS
- 47 A. Public Access Easement at Winnie Lake and Hay Flats
- 48 Mr. Jones stated that the neighbor and user groups have a conflict because the
- 49 neighbor is blocking the access.
- 50 Mr. Harris stated that he noticed that the neighbor was blocking the access on a recent
- 51 visit.
- 52 X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
- 53 A. Mike Danz – Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers
- 54 Mr. Jones made a motion to approve of Mr. Danz’s volunteerism, Mr. Wahl 2nd. All
- 55 in favor.
- 56 XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- 57 None.
- 58 XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- 59 XIII. Mr. Wilson – No comment.
- 60 XIV. Ms. Owens – No comment.
- 61 XV. Mr. Wahl – Good meeting, thank you.
- 62 XVI. Ms. Kelsch – Saw a black bear on the Greenbelt trail.
- 63 XVII. Ms. Wood – No comment.
- 64 XVIII. Mr. Harris – Use the public access on hay flights, not well marked.
- 65 XIX. Mr. Jones – No comment.
- 66 XX. Ms. Bettine – No comment.
- 67 XXI. Ms. Linden – There is a Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Virtual Public Scoping
- 68 workshop on 8/2/2022.

69 XXII. NEXT MEETING

70 August 22nd, 2022

71 XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

72 Motion: Mr. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Kelsch 2nd. All in favor. Meeting
73 adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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84 • Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 22-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE ALCANTRA DISC GOLF COURSE BY MAT-SU DISC GOLF ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board reviewed a request from the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association to expand the Alcantra Disc Golf Course; and

WHEREAS Disc Golf is a growing sport and provides opportunity for residents of all ages to get outdoors and participate in an activity that encourages social interaction and physical exercise; and

WHEREAS the support of Disc Golf on park lands is well within the scope and mission of MSB Parks and Recreation Division; and

WHEREAS concerns of the expansion of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course includes sufficient space for parking, capacity of existing restrooms, trash and littering, damage to vegetation, inappropriate use of subdivision roads for access, drug and alcohol use, sufficient buffers or separation between neighboring private land and park trails, trespassing on private land, unleashed dogs, conflicts with other park users; and

WHEREAS there is general agreement that the issues and conflicts, previously identified, are best addressed through the legally binding management agreement with the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the MSB Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board approves the Disc Golf Association's request for expansion of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course and makes the following conclusions:

1. The Alcantra Disc Golf Course shall be sited in an area within the Alcantra Park (shown on Exhibit A) and be developed using best practices set by the Professional Disc Golf Association.
2. The legally binding management agreement will be reviewed on a 24 month period to cover concerns among other park users and surrounding neighbors.
3. That operation of the Alcantra Disc Golf Course be subject to such rules and regulations as are established by the MSB Parks and Recreation Division and shall be posted on site.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board this 27th day of June 2022.

Chris Wilson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Alyssia Jones, Rec. Admin. Spec.

Alyssia Jones

From: Kenni Linden <kenni.linden@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 10:47 PM
To: Alyssia Jones; Chris Wilson
Subject: Fwd: Benka Lake public access closed

[EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION: Do not open unexpected attachments or links.]

Hi Alyssia,

Could we add this to the next PRTAB meeting agenda?

Thanks!
Kenni

Kenni Psenak Linden

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brian Hinton <brian@brianjhinton.com>
Date: August 13, 2022 at 3:04:45 PM AKDT
To: j.jones907@yahoo.com, iceponies@gmail.com, kenni.linden@gmail.com, sarah@lazymtn.com, pato@mtaonline.net
Subject: Fwd: Benka Lake public access closed

I am writing this to make all parties aware that the public lake access for Benka lake in Talkeetna has been closed by the land owner(s) who owns the 2 parcels of land directly adjacent to the road on both sides. (see attached photos) It is my understanding that this is a fairly new purchase and it is my belief that the owner(s) knowingly purchased the two adjacent properties to the road with the intent to close access even though the road is marked as a public access point (per the Department of Fish and Game)

This access point is used not only for public access to the lake, but also as an access point for the fire department and forestry services as a water refill pumping station.

As well, Benka lake is listed as a Stocked lake by the Department of Fish and Game and this access point is used to add new fish stock to the lake. Closure of this access point not only violates the Alaska State constitution regarding public access to public waterways, it puts the area in risk when access to the water is needed for emergency services.

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifeneews.view_article&articles_id=477

As of 8/13 the access is completely closed and the property has signs stating "private property no trespassing", as well the sign for Benka lake has been removed from the roadway on Talkeetna Spur Rd mile 3.

I find it disappointing that the State of Alaska and the Matsu Borough are allowing this closure to happen.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Hinton
Talkeetna Alaska resident

p.s. Please pass this along to the appropriate Matsu Borough government staff as it seems they have taken down there email so they dont receive complaints. I have received bounce back notifications for

Ron Bernier, Edna DeVrie, and Michael Johnson. Additionally ff the Borough needs help to resolve the email server issues, I have over 30 years of Information Technology administration experience. Im happy to offer consulting services.



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