

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

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING Lower Level Conference Room

October 23rd, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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 - A. AUGUST 28TH, 2023
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 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager
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- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
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 - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
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Draft Minutes

REGULAR MEETING Lower Level Conference Room

August 28th, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Wilson at 6:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones, Ms. McDuffie, Mr. Wahl,

Members Attending Virtually: Ms. Wood, Ms. Owens, Ms. Harris, Ms. Matinson

Members Absent: Ms. Linden, Ms. Gotschall

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. Motion: Ms. Wood moved to accept the agenda as written, Mr. Wahl, 2nd. All in favor.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. JUNE 26TH, 2023

Motion: Mr. Jones moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. McDuffie, 2nd. All in favor

VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

Mr. Leslie stated that Matanuska River Park Campground will close for the season on 9/17/2023.

Mr. Leslie stated that the YMCA lessons on Sundays at the pools have been cancelled for the month of September due to limited staffing provided by YMCA.

Mr. Leslie stated that the Borough Gym floor is almost complete and expected to open the beginning of September.

Mr. Leslie stated that 2 new pay kiosks have been installed at GPRA and Lazy Mountain Trailhead.

B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games

Mr. Leslie stated that the logo has been put on the ice for the games.

Mr. Leslie stated that the Arctic Winter Games is still looking for volunteers to help.

- VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
None.
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
Ms. Owens stated that a draft report has being worked on.
- B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
Mr. Leslie stated that the Community Development Director has reviewed the changes.
- C. ADA TRAILS
Mr. Leslie stated that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough agreed to maintain the ADA Wild Rose trail at GPRA and will look into putting more gravel down.
Mr. Jones requested a list of ADA trails and amenities that each site provides.
Ms. McDuffie requested that an updated list of ADA trials be put on the website.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
None.
- XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
None.
- XII. CORRESPONDENCE
None.
- XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS
Mr. Wilson – apologized for his absence from the last meeting, he had his dates mixed up.
Ms. Owens – appreciates all the work that the Trails and Parks have done.
Ms. McDuffie – No comments.
Mr. Wahl – Thank you for the discussion.
Mr. Harris – Nice to hear from everyone, good season.
Mr. Jones – No comments.
Ms. Martinson – No comments.
Ms. Wood – No comments.
- XIV. NEXT MEETING
September 25th, 2023 ,
- XV. ADJOURNMENT
Motion: Ms. McDuffie moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Wahl 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

| Site | Park Size Acres | parking spots | handicap spots | bathroom | Park Equip. | Playground | Pavilion | Picnick | Dock | Swim Area | Camping sites | Sport Field | Trails | ADA trail | sledding hill | chalet | bandshell | float plane | fishing pier |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|---------|------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Alcantra Complex | 124 | 200 | 20 | x | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | | | | | |
| Austin Helmers/Pionner Ridge Trail | 1 | 10 | 1 | x | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Ayshire Trailhead | 144 | 100 | 5 | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Big Lake Boat Launch | 13 | 30 | 2 | x | | | | | x | | | | | | | | | | |
| Birch Harbor Estates | 0.921 | 12 | x | | x | x | | 1 | x | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chase Trailhead | 1 | 25 | 3 | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christiansen Lake Park | 38 | 20 | 2 | x | | | | 2 | x | x | x | | | | | | | | |
| Coyote Lake | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crevasse Moraine | 160 | 15 | 1 | x | | | x | x | | | | | x | | x | | | | |
| Deshka River Rec Area | 80 | | x | | | | | | x | | 12 | | x | | | | | | |
| Eska Falls Trail | easement | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Government Peak Rec Area | 639 | 300 | 10 | x | | | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | | | |
| Jay Noffi/Fish Creek Park | 3 | 20 | 3 | x | x | x | | 2 | x | x | | | x | | | | x | | |
| Jim Creek Rec Area | 462 | 300 | 5 | x | | | | | | | 26 | | x | | | | | x | |
| John R. Nichols Memorial Park | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jordan Lake Nature Park | 21 | 20 | 2 | x | x | | x | x | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kroto Creek Restroom | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Louise Boat Launch | | | x | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Lazy Mountain | 140.05 | 100 | 4 | x | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Matanuska Peak Trail | easement | 10 | x | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Matanuska River Park Campground | 101.78 | 50 | 5 | x | x | x | | 4 | x | | 88 | x | x | x | | | | | |
| Moose Creek Restroom | | | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumely-Maud Trail | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Point MacKenzie Trailhead | 250 | 15 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Railroad Trail | easement | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Segalhorst Aquatic Ed Center | 11.5 | school lot | | | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Settlers Bay Coastal Park | 335 | 40 | 5 | x | | | | | x | | | | x | x | | | | | |
| Sunshine Creek Rec Area Campground | 160 | 20 | 1 | x | | | | | | | 18 | | x | | | | | | x |
| Talkeetna Lakes Park | 550 | 40 | 2 | x | | | | | x | | | | x | | | | | | |
| talkeetna Playground | 5.75 | 10 | 1 | x | x | x | | x | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Talkeetna River Campground | 1 | 3 | 1 | x | | | | x | | | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Talkeetna Village Park | 0.21 | 15 | 2 | x | x | | | x | | | | | | | | | x | | |
| West Butte Trailhead | 82.5 | 80 | 4 | x | | | | | | | | | x | | | | | | |