

1 **MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**
2 **PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**
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Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood - District 7
Pat Owens – District 1
Susannah McDuffie – At Large 2

Vacant - District 3
Roy Wahl – District 4
Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

Jill Martinson - District 5
Vacant – District 6
Kenni Linden – At Large 3

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5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **REGULAR MEETING**

March 18th, 2024

8 **Lower Level Conference Room**
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10 I. CALL TO ORDER

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

12 II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

13 III. Members Attending: Mr. Jones, Ms. Wood, Ms. Owens, Mr. Wahl, Mr. Rovito, Mr.
14 Hillman, Ms. Martinson, Ms. Linden

15 Members Absent: Ms. McDuffie

16 IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17 Ms. Linden moved to accept the agenda as amended, Ms. Martinson, 2nd. All in favor.

18 V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

19 Mr. Jones led the pledge of allegiance.

20 VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

21 A. NOVEMBER 27TH, 2023

22 Motion: Ms. Martinson moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Linden, 2nd. All in
23 favor

24 VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

25 A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

26 Mr. Leslie stated that the Summer Parks and Trails positions have been posted. Both
27 Parks and Trails have an average of a 50% rate of return in applicants. Interviews will
28 start in April.

29 Mr. Leslie stated that the Community Development Department has hired a new
30 Director, Jillian Morrison. Joseph Metzger has also accepted a promotion as the Land
31 and Resource Management Division Manager.

32 Mr. Leslie announced that the Jim Creek Community Cleanup will take place May
33 18th.

34 B. 2024 Arctic Winter Games

35 Mr. Leslie said that the Arctic Winter Games were a success and as far as he knows,
36 there were no issues at the Park and Recreation facilities.
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- 38 VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
 39 None.
- 40 IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 41 A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
 42 Ms. Owens stated that DNR is currently reviewing the comments and it should go to
 43 the Commissioner in June, and finalized in the fall.
- 44 B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
 45 Mr. Leslie stated that changes have been made and will be reviewed by the PRTAB at
 46 the April meeting.
- 47 X. NEW BUSINESS
 48 None.
- 49 XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
 50 None.
- 51 XII. CORRESPONDENCE
 52 None.
- 53 XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS
 54 Mr. Jones – None.
 55 Ms. Wood – Congrats to staff for hosting the Winter Games. Northern Parks have been
 56 busy with races and being used. Huge thanks to Brian and his hard work.
 57 Ms. Owens – If we can get an updated directory of the Board members
 58 Mr. Wahl – Mat-Su Ski Club did a great job at GPRA.
 59 Mr. Rovito – Hi everyone and thanks!
 60 Mr. Hillman – Thank you for allowing him to participate, as he is an avid runner
 61 Ms. Martinson – None.
 62 Ms. Linden – Arctic Winter Games was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many in the
 63 community.
- 64 XIV. NEXT MEETING
 65 April 22nd, 2024
- 66 XV. ADJOURNMENT
 67 Motion: Ms. Linden moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Martinson 2nd. Meeting
 68 adjourned at 6:45pm
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X: 28 Oct 2024
 James Jones - Chair

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 Date

ATTEST: 
 Staff Support

10/28/24