

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

Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood - District 7
Pat Owens – District 1
Vacant – At Large 2

Kimberly Waychoff - 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

MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Lower-Level Conference Room**

September 16, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Called to order at 6:03 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
 - A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Kimberly Waychoff, Roy Wahl, Michael Rovito, Kenni Linden
 - B. Absent: Pat Owens, Harry Hillman, Jill Martinson
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - A. Mr. Rovito motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. August 26, 2024 – Mr. Rovito motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie gave a Matanuska River Park update, closing September 22, 2024. There is limited staff available, day use will be available until the snow is too deep. A season end report will be given to the board when it's available. Trail and Parks crew (3 people) are going to Wrangell for the ARPA conference. Annual Trail pass sales are continuing to increase each year, Fish Creek Park playground will start installation soon, Ridge Trail is maintained by Denali Nordic Ski Club, but immediate concerns let borough staff know.
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
 - A. None
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
 - i. No report
 - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
 - i. No report

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Flagging trees to be cut at Mat River Park for the Palmer Airport – There has been an agreement between the Community Development Director and the City of Palmer to remove trees that are 6 to 12 ft over the canopy and interfere with the glide path of airplanes using the Palmer airport. A total of 72 trees have been identified for removal and replacement with other species of trees. The board requests a written copy of the agreement, the scope of work for the project & the avigation easement agreement.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Mr. Jones – Expressed disagreement in the removal of the trees in Mat River Park.

B. Ms. Wood – Would like to formally meet Jillian, she missed the meeting that she attended and introduced herself.

C. Ms. Waychoff – Stated she was surprised with how quickly the decision was made to remove trees at the park.

D. Mr. Wahl – Introduced his grandson, Jaron Mobley, who attended the meeting, his term is up and won't be attending any more meetings.

E. Mr. Rovito – Visited Jonesville PUA, agreed with Mr. Jones about the tree removal.

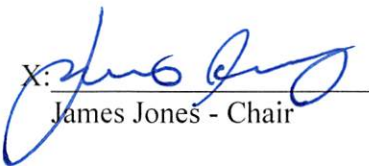
F. Ms. Linden – Thanked the staff, spent Labor Day weekend visiting Borough parks & trails.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

October 28, 2024 – unanimous consent

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Ms. Linden motioned to adjourn, passed unanimously at 7:11 pm.

X: 
James Jones - Chair

X: 23 oct 2024
Date

ATTEST:

X: 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X: 10/23/24
Date