

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

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

Kimberly Waychoff - District 3
Vacant – District 4
Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

Jill Martinson - District 5
Maksim Revutskiy – District 6
Kenni Psenak – At Large 3

MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Lower Level Conference Room
And Teams**

**Meeting ID: 235 322 904 252
Passcode: Gg7dK2qm**

February 24, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Called to order at 6:01 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
 - A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Michael Rovito, Jill Martinson, Maksim Revutskiy, Kenni Psenak, Harry Hillman (at 6:09 pm)
 - B. Absent: Kimberly Waychoff
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - A. Mr. Rovito motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - A. Pledge was conducted.
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. NOVEMBER 25, 2024 – Ms. Wood motioned to approve, unanimous consent.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie informed the board about summer positions to be posted next week, Jonesville management agreement to be signed and 2 staff will be going to an NRA Range Management course and initial budgets have been submitted. Updated about the signed purchase agreement for the Big Lake Recreation Center, programming to be available at the outdoor rinks, Adam Madson being promoted to Branch Manager in Rec Services, Wasilla Pool updates and let the board know Jillian was planning on coming to the meeting but had a family emergency. Information regarding the Jim Creek Clean Up on May 10, the new software being implemented for the recreation facilities and campgrounds.
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
 - A. Dewey Bitler – Spoke about the trail that the Meadow Lakes Community Council is building and what the next steps may be.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Mat River Park

- i. Updated the board regarding the master plan for Mat-River Park, when it gets updated with current estimates for upgrade costs we will present it to the board.

B. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA

- i. Mr. Leslie spoke about this in the staff report.

C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

- i. No report

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

- A. None – Criteria for Volunteer Nominations was requested

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. James Jones – Mr. Jones reminded everyone about the Rec Services FB page and he will be out of the country after March’s meeting but should be able to attend remotely.
- B. Ruth Wood – Ms. Wood reminded everyone about the Oosik Race in Talkeetna, a bike race and an event from Multi-users of Talkeetna Trails. Updated on the state of the trails.
- C. Michael Rovito – Mr. Rovito updated on the state of some of the trails at Government Peak and the Butte. Trash was seen on the trails, asked people to not trash the trails.
- D. Harry Hillman – Mr. Hillman apologized for being late, asked for the pages to be numbered and have reviewed dates on the bottom.
- E. Maksim Revutskiy – Mr. Revutskiy asked for the FB page to include the Jim Creek Clean Up Day and maybe provide “grabbers” for the children to help in the cleanup.
- F. Kenni Psenak – Ms. Psenak thanked staff for expeditious processing of the annual parking passes. Hoped for a little more winter than what we’ve had.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

March 24, 2025 – unanimously accepted.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Mr. Hillman motioned for adjournment, Mr. Rovito 2nd. 6 aye, 1 no.

Adjourned at 6:51 pm

ATTEST:

X James Jones
James Jones - Chair

X 24 March 2025
Date

X Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X 3/24/25
Date