

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

Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1	Kimberly Waychoff – District 3	Jill Martinson – District 5
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood – District 7	Vacant – District 4	Maksim Revutskiy – District 6
Ky Friedman – District 1	Michael Rovito – District 2	Kenni Psenak – At Large 3
Steve Menard – At Large 2	Harry Hillman – At Large 4	



MEETING MINUTES

Lower-Level Conference Room and Teams
Meeting ID: 235 322 904 252 Passcode: Gg7dK2qm
350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

JUNE 23, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 6:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

- A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Ky Friedman, Steve Menard, Michael Rovito, Harry Hillman, Maksim Revutskiy, Kenni Psenak.
- B. Absent: Kimberly Waychoff, Jill Martinson

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Mr. Hillman moved to approve the agenda, unanimous consent

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. May 19, 2025 – Mr. Hillman moved to approve the minutes, unanimous consent

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie let the board know we are fully staffed for summer positions and are accepting the Big Lake Lions Club Recreation Facility on July 1 and, after some remodeling, will re-open to the public on September 12 with an open house event. Sunshine Creek Campground is open for use and is staffed with a camp host. Both campgrounds are fully booked on

the weekends and trailhead fee compliance rates are up to 80% vs. 30% just a few years ago.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Meadow Lakes Community Council Trail Project

1. No updates

B. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA

1. No report

C. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation

1. No report

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wolf Lake Community Council Park

1. Rod Hanson – North Lakes Community Council President – Mr. Hanson presented the Community Council’s proposal for the State-owned parcel at Wolf Lake that currently is a public access area. The proposal includes deeding the lower east parcel to the Borough and a park be built there for the community.
2. The board unanimously approved a resolution of support for that parcel to remain available for public access. Staff will draft a resolution for the next meeting.

B. Water Body Set Back Advisory Board Ordinance presentation – possible resolution

1. Alex Strawn – Planning Director – Mr. Strawn presented the current Ordinance being presented to the Assembly regarding Waterbody Setback ordinances. The request is for the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board to submit a Resolution of support.
2. The board unanimously approved to have this brought forward again at the next meeting after having more time to review the Resolution and suggest possible amendments.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

- A. None

XI. CORRESPONDANCE

- A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. James Jones – Mr. Jones thanked everyone for coming and should be back in person for July’s meeting. Encouraged the other members to respect others’ opinions in the matters brought forth to the board.

- B. Ruth Wood – Ms. Wood commended the staff up in the Talkeenta area for their work on the trails.
- C. Steve Menard – Mr. Menard commented on both of the resolution requests presented at the meeting. Mentioned that public parks sometimes bring unwanted activity in the area.
- D. Michael Rovito – Mr. Rovito thanked the other board members and commented on the Water Body Setback issue and to consider the boards purview and whether that is within it.
- E. Harry Hillman – Mr. Hillman commented his opinion on the Water Body Setback ordinance, and he doesn't feel comfortable "rubber stamping" a resolution of support. He does support the Wolf Lake resolution of support.
- F. Maksim Revutskiy – Mr. Revutskiy thanked the other board members, and agrees that some thought needs to be put in for the Water Body Setback ordinance.
- G. Kenni Psenak – Ms. Psenak commented on both of the resolution requests and agrees that some thought needs to be put into both of them.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

A. July 28, 2025

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourned at 8:00 pm

x James Jones
James Jones - chair

27 oct 2025
x date

Attest:

x Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas -
Staff Support

x 10/27/25
date