

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

Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1	Vacant – District 3	Vacant – District 5
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood – District 7	Vacant – District 4	Maksim Revutskiy – District 6
Ky Friedman – District 1	Michael Rovito – District 2	Cachet Garrett – At Large 3
Steve Menard – At Large 2	Harry Hillman – At Large 4	



MEETING MINUTES

Lower-Level Conference Room and Teams

Meeting ID:258 440 394 545 55 Passcode: eb3AH9aG
350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

February 23, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 6:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: James Jones, Ky Friedman, Steve Mendard, Michael Rovito, Harry Hillman, Maksim Revutskiy, Cachet Garrett.
B. Absent: Ruth Wood.

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. November 24, 2025 – Mr. Hillman moved to approve the minutes, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Operational Branch Manager – Outdoor Recreation
1. Mr. Leslie was not in attendance. Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director gave updates about projects and initiatives within the department.
B. Adam Madson – Operational Branch Manager – Recreation Facilities
1. Mr. Madson gave updates on the recreation facilities and usage increases.

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

- A. Roy Wahl – spoke about ADA signage at Wild Pink Rose trail at GPRA.
- B. Lee Brian – spoke about electric bikes.
- C. Dewey Bitler – spoke about Visnaw Little Susitna trail.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
 - 1. Joe Metzger, Land and Resource Management Division Manager, gave updates on the range.
- B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
 - 1. In legal review
- C. Electric Motorbikes
 - 1. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jones moved to table for the next meeting, unanimous consent.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rabideaux creek crossing (Menard)
 - 1. Mr. Menard presented the materials, discussion ensued. Staff suggested nominating for CIP next year.
- B. NLCC Cottonwood Lake (Hanson/Hillman)
 - 1. Mr. Hanson presented the materials, discussion ensued. Staff suggested nominating for CIP next year.
 - Mr. Jones moved to extend the meeting until 8:30 pm, unanimous consent.
- C. Commercial Permits for Talkeetna Lakes Park (Wood)
 - 1. Tabled for next meeting in Ms. Wood's absence.
- D. GPRA Draft Management Plan (Metzger)
 - 1. Mr. Metzger gave an update on the progress of the GPRA Management Plan, a draft should be available in few weeks.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

- A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. All correspondence was presented

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. James Jones – Thanked the everyone for attending the meeting.
- B. Harry Hillman – Thanked everyone for their comments and thanked staff.
- C. Maksim Revutskiy – Great to see everyone, good meeting.
- D. Cachet Garrett – Introduced to the board, excited to be on the board.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. March 23, 2026

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourned at 8:10 pm

x James Jones
Chair

x 23 March 2026
date

Attest:

x Bob Paul R
Staff Support

x 3/23/2026
date