

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

James Jones - Chair – At Large 1
Ruth Wood – Vice Chair – District 7
Ky Friedman – District 1
Steve Menard – At Large 2

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Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

Vacant – District 5
Maksim Revutskiy – District 6
Cachet Garrett – At Large 3



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

March 23, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 6:04 pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Ms. Garret moved to approve the agenda, unanimous consent.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. February 23, 2026 – Ms. Garrett moved to approve the minutes, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Hugh Leslie – Operational Branch Manager – Outdoor Recreation
1. Mr. Leslie introduced Andy Mergens, the new Parks, Recreation & Libraries Division Manager. Gave updates about events and projects for outdoor recreation.

B. Adam Madson – Operational Branch Manager – Recreation Facilities

1. Mr. Madson gave updates about pool & ice rink usage and the coming events planned for Big Lake Lions Rec Center.

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Electric Motorbikes

1. Discussion ensued, a new draft will be presented in April.

B. Commercial Permits for Talkeetna Lakes Park (Wood)

1. Land Management staff addressed questions regarding commercial permits. The board requested notification of commercial permit applications going forward.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Possible letter of support for Denali Nordic Ski Club for proposed G-Loop Nordic ski trail at Talkeetna Lakes Park.

1. Mr. Jones moved to postpone until April meeting, unanimous consent.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. All correspondence was presented

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. James Jones – Mr. Jones commented on the spring weather and encouraged members to report anything that needs attention on the trails to staff.

B. Ruth Wood – Ms. Wood commented on the weather and conditions in Talkeetna.

C. Maksim Revutskiy – Mr. Revutskiy commented on the icy conditions of the roads.

D. Cachet Garrett – Ms. Garrett mentioned that it's officially ~~planting~~ *planting* season.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

A. April 27, 2026

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourned at 6:39 pm

X James Jones
James Jones - Chair

X 27 April 2026
Date

ATTEST:

X Sarah Thomas
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X 4/27/26
Date