

**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

John Spaulding – District 3
Vacant – District 4
Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

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



MINUTES

Conference Room 203 and Teams

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

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

JULY 27, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 6:06pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Mr. Menard motioned to approve the agenda, Ms. Garrett seconded, with unanimous consent.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

- A. June 22, 2026 – Mr. Menard motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Garrett seconded, unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Andy Mergens – Parks, Recreation & Libraries Division Manager
 - 1. Updated board on grant applications for Mat River Park and Big Lake Lions

Rec Center and Trails Passport. Discussed flooring update for the locker room at Wasilla pool. Discussed Glacier View Community Center.

B. Hugh Leslie – Operational Branch Manager – Outdoor Recreation

1. Provided updates on trails, campground use, and events. Updated board on Mat River and Butte projects, and memorial for Dot's spot.

C. Adam Madson – Operational Branch Manager – Recreation Facilities (not present)

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

1. Doug Bartko– Requested help maintaining trail for dog sled race from Knik Bar to Nome sign and back.
2. Michelle Heun – Explained flooding issue at her property due to contractor diverting trench into woods. Expressed gratitude for land conveyance that is in process. Inadequate parking for McRoberts Creek and Mt. Peak trailhead. Shared Jonesville shooting range project.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Electric Motorbikes – discussed types of motorbikes on trails.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution of support for Denali Nordic Ski Club for proposed G-Loop Nordic ski trail at Talkeetna Lakes Park. Motion moved to accept by Mr. Hillman, seconded by Ms. Garrett. Discussion commenced. Passed unanimously.
- B. GPRA Draft Management Plan - [MSB - 2026 Government Peak Recreation Area Plan Update](#). Discussion.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS - None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Spaulding inquired when Settlers Bay parking fee will commence. Discussion.

Mr. Hillman shared upcoming Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo.

Mr. Revutskiy shared he witnessed a camper dumping septic into a lake.

Ms. Garrett expressed condolences to Mr. Bartko for the loss of his friend Terry, thanked Sarah for her tenure, and welcomed Cory.

Mr. Rovito reminded board that all emails will come from Cory. Good to see everyone.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. August 24, 2026

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Mr. Menard moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Hillman. Adjourned at 7:34pm