MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

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Cachet Garrett – At Large 3

AGENDA

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** **OCTOBER 26, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
A. August 24, 2026

VI. STAFF REPORTS
A. Andy Mergens – Parks, Recreation & Libraries Division Manager
B. Hugh Leslie – Operational Branch Manager – Outdoor Recreation
C. Adam Madson – Operational Branch Manager – Recreation Facilities

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Electronic Motorbikes draft Resolution

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

XIII. NEXT MEETING
A. November 23, 2026

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

Conference Room 203 and Teams
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350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING **6:00 PM** **August 24, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER
A. Called to order at 6:01pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. AGENDA APPROVAL
A. Mr. Menard motioned to approve the agenda, passed with unanimous consent.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
A. July 27, 2026 – Mr. Rovito motioned to approve the minutes, passed with unanimous consent.

VI. STAFF REPORTS
A. Andy Mergens – Parks, Recreation & Libraries Division Manager
1. Updated Board on grant for Mat River Park.
2. In October, we will increase communication on MSB website and Facebook providing information on upcoming parks and trails projects.

3. Usage at the pools and rink are up with school in. Wasilla pool locker room flooring replacement was approved by assembly.
4. Andy will bring capital improvement projects list to next Board meeting.
5. Sarah has transitioned from Recreation Services; Cory has replaced her.

B. Hugh Leslie – Operational Branch Manager – Outdoor Recreation

1. Mat River campground closes on September 21. Friday events at Mat River, were a success this season; we will change day(s) and location next year to increase attendance.
2. Discussed Settlers Bay advanced biker path, new walking path at Jordan Lake Park, Butte Trail project, grant for Lake Louise, Cottonwood Lake boat launch, and Wasilla Lake has no boat launch opportunity.
3. Sold 4400 annual passes so far this year, a new record.
4. New signage survey is online for public feedback.
5. Board member met a yak on a trail, Hugh confirmed it's still at large.

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

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (3 Minutes Per Person - None)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Electric Motorbike Resolution was discussed with suggested changes; new draft will be presented at next Board meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. GPRA Draft Management Plan - MSB - 2026 Government Peak Recreation Area Plan Update. In process, the shuttle bus is available to Skeetawk, this will be communicated to the public.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS - None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Jones: Shared the trails he ventured, reminded all that the fair is in town.
Ms. Wood: Water is high, trails are fantastic; appreciate all the trail work.
Mr. Menard: None
Mr. Spaulding: Attended hawk presentation at Mat River. Signage needs some improvement, attempted to use QR code, which required login, let it go.
Mr. Ravito: Government Peak is a gem, a little mucky. Inquired about Butte Trail stair project.
Ms. Garrett: Good to see everyone, great job this season. Requested MSB staff develop a calendar showing summertime events so Board can provide a presence.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

A. September 28, 2026

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mr. Menard moved for adjournment, adjourned at 6:50pm

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 26-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD, RESTRICTING THE USE OF SPECIFIED ELECTRIC MOTORBIKES ON BOROUGH OWNED AND MAINTAINED TRAILS.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Susitna Borough has an extensive trail system that supports hiking, biking, skiing and other forms or outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Susitna Borough's Parks Recreation and Trails Advisory Board is charged with monitoring new recreational trends and recommending new expanded use of our recreation facilities and trails; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board discussed the Electric motorbike usage during their regular meetings and sought public input;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board recommends restricting electric bicycles to those whose primary method of propulsion is pedal but have electric motors as a secondary assist for the rider on trails designated as "non-motorized". Any electric bike whose primary method of propulsion is an electric motor without human power, i.e. without pedals, is considered a "motorized vehicle" and is only authorized on those trails designated for motorized vehicles. Further, signs

and information be produced and installed at trail heads indicating rules and etiquette for the use of electric bikes and motorbikes on Borough trails.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board this - day of -, 2026.

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James Jones, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Cory Williamson, Staff Support