

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

Chairperson – James Jones – At Large 1
Vice Chair – Ruth Wood - District 7
Pat Owens – District 1
Vacant – At Large 2

Kimberly Waychoff - District 3
Roy Wahl – District 4
Michael Rovito – District 2
Harry Hillman – At Large 4

Jill Martinson - District 5
Vacant – District 6
Kenni Linden – At Large 3

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Lower Level Conference Room**

August 26, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Called to order at 6:03 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
 - A. Present: James Jones, Ruth Wood, Pat Owens, Roy Wahl, Michael Rovito, Harry Hillman, Jill Martinson, Kenni Linden
 - B. Absent: Kimberly Waychoff
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - A. Mr. Rovito moved to approve, passed unanimously.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance conducted
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. JUNE 24, 2024 – Mr. Rovito moved to approve, passed unanimously.
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie encouraged the Board to follow the West Su access project from DOT. Let the Board know the Borough is looking for new campground reservation software. Discussed Settler’s Bay Coastal Park parking lot, J Nolfi Park playground, last year vs this numbers at the trailheads that have kiosks, the trees that may be topped at the Mat-Su River Park and CIP nominations. Ms. Wood suggested the trees to be cut be flagged.
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
 - A. None.
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Matanuska Valley Moose Range at Jonesville PUA
 - i. No updates.
 - B. Code of Ordinances for Parks and Recreation
 - i. No updates, still in legal review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trailhead placards with GPS coordinates

- i. Mr. Leslie will look for correspondence from Mr. Hillman's contact regarding the software for this.

B. Nominate SCA for special commendation for their work on the trails.

- i. The board will send thank you cards to the SCA crew when Sarah gets the information from Alan McClain.

X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS

A. None.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None.

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Mr. Jones – asked if anyone cannot make a meeting, please let staff know ahead of time.

B. Ms. Wood – Asked who is responsible for Ridge Trail, trees down.

C. Mr. Wahl – Board membership expires in November, thanked the board.

D. Mr. Rovito – Lazy Mtn was super slippery, but great condition.

E. Mr. Hillman – Thanked staff for newsletter.

F. Ms. Martinson – Unavailable on Sept 23.

G. Ms. Linden – Thanked Mr. Leslie for the Alaska Public Media interview.


XIII. NEXT MEETING

September 23, 2024 – Rescheduled to September 16, 2024, Mr. Jones moved to change the date, Mr. Hillman 2nd, Jones, Wood, Owens, Wahl, Rovito, Hillman, Martinson, Linden – approved

Waychoff – opposed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Mr. Rovito moved the meeting be adjourned, passed unanimously at 6:53 pm.

X 
James Jones - Chair

Date: 16 September 2024

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

Date: 9/16/24