

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

**Chairperson** - David Palmer – At Large 4  
**Vice Chair** — Ed Strabel - District 6  
Amy O'Connor– District 1  
James Gustafson – At Large 1

George Brown – District 2  
Kenny Barber – At Large 2  
Sonya Walden - District 3  
Lyle Downing – At Large 3

VACANT – District 4  
Cindy Bettine - District 5  
VACANT – District 7

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING Parks Maintenance Shop

May 23, 2016  
5:00 P.M.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Palmer at 5:01 P.M.

#### II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Members present: David Palmer, Sonya Walden, Kenny Barber, Lyle Downing, Ed Strabel, Gus Gustafson, George Brown, Amy O'Connor

Members Absent:

Members Absent and Excused: Cindy Bettine

B. Staff Present: Hugh Leslie, Recreation Services Manager  
Jill Irsik, CD Admin Spec.

C. Guests Present: Butch Shapiro, Division Manager of the Central Landfill

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Downing moved, Mr. Barber 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda approved as written.

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. March 21, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Barber moved, Mr. Gustafson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved as written.

#### VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Leslie reported:

- Parks crew staff start this week
- Trails crew is up and running
- Mat River Campground opens Thursday, May 26, 2016
- On June 1, staff, Mayor, and Assembly member will visit the Deshka to look at the cabin to see about liquidating it
- Legislation was approved for moving up to \$1 million from the Land Management Fund to the Park's Shop project.
  - Looking to secure a site at the Alcantra facility for a new parks maintenance shop
- Assembly is going forward with the Recreation bond
  - Legislation will go forward June 7<sup>th</sup> for the Assembly to approve the bond going on the ballot in October

- Once the new parking area is completed at the West Butte Trailhead, a tow away zone will be signed on either side of the street
- Installation of the auto-gate at GPRA is moving forward

VII. TAB REPORT  
Nothing to report

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION  
None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution 16-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA–SUSITNA BOROUGH PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE UPDATE TO THE BOROUGH RECREATIONAL TRAILS PLAN.

MOTION: Mr. Strabel moved, Mr. Downing 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Resolution 16-01 passed with none opposed.

B. Alaska LNG project - <http://ak-lng.com/>  
Nothing new to report

X. PUBLIC NOTICES  
None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Crevasse Moraine Trail System – Butch Shapiro, Solid Waste Division Manager  
Mr. Shapiro shared with the board the history of the Central Landfill, as well as future plans for the cell sequencing in regards to the Crevasse Moraine Trail System.

B. TAB joint meeting

- Ms. Walden brought forward to the board the Transportation Advisory Board's (TAB) request to have a joint TAB and PRTAB meeting to discuss ATV issues in the Mat-S u Valley.
- The board requested that Ms. Walden ask the TAB for a short list of more specific topics to be discussed at the joint meeting.
- The board asked staff to work with Planning staff and provide a short narrative of the information that has been compiled regarding the topics that the TAB wished to discuss.
- This will be on the agenda for the June 27<sup>th</sup> PRTAB meeting. It will be determined at that point if a joint meeting would be appropriate.

XII. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS  
None

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIV. MEMBER COMMENTS  
Mr. Strabel:

- New bike trails at GPRA are going in

- Colony JROTC have been working on the Woods/Allen Trail at Government Peak. They have flagged and brushed the trail
- Government Peak Race is June 4<sup>th</sup>. 200-250 participants are anticipated.

Ms. Walden:

- It was good to hear from Mr. Shapiro on the Central Landfill / Crevasse Moraine issue.
- Liked Mr. Leslie's staff report
- Is looking forward to the next meeting

Ms. O'Conner

- June 4<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day

XV. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 27, Jordan Lake Park, 3140 S. Big Lake Rd., Big Lake, AK

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

  
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David Palmer - Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Jill Irsik, Comm. Dev. Admin. Specialist