

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

Chairperson – Ed Strabel – District 6
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John Harris - District 3
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Nickel LaFleur– At Large 1

David Palmer – At Large 4
Cindy Bettine - District 5
Thomas Phillips - District 7

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
Lower Level Conference Room

March 23, 2020
6:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING
 - A. February 24, 2020
- VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT
 - A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager
- VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. PUBLIC NOTICES
 - B. AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORT
 - C. State House Bill 258 – An Act relating to state lands; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources over state owned lands; relating to the disposal of state land; relating to the leasing and sale of state land for commercial or industrial development; repealing establishment of recreation rivers and recreation river corridors; and providing for an effective date.
- X. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
- XI. CORRESPONDENCE
- XII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIII. NEXT MEETING
 - April 27, 2020
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

36 Mr. Leslie reminded the Board about the meeting concerning the Wasilla Creek
 37 Headwaters restoration project.

38 Mr. Leslie updated the Board on the status of the Palmer pool renovation.

39 Mr. Leslie updated the Board that the broken gate at GPRA was in the process of actually
 40 getting fixed.

41 Mr. Leslie noted that although the Board has had many conversations concerning multi-
 42 use trails in Crevasse Moraine, the borough still has not had anyone from the public reach
 43 out to raise concerns. Mr. Hoskins noted that Marie from Corvus Designs might be a
 44 good facilitator for any user group meetings planned by the Borough as she had also
 45 participated in greenbelt meetings.

46 Mr. Leslie noted that Backcountry Horsemen are currently working with Land
 47 Management staff to set up a trail care agreement with the Borough.

48 Mr. Leslie said he would update the Board on the status of the Palmer Airport planning
 49 committee. Ms. Kelsch and Mr. Palmer both agreed to participate, when necessary, in the
 50 meetings.

51 VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person
 52 None

53 IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 54 None

55 X. NEW BUSINESS
 56 A. PUBLIC NOTICES
 57 The Board discussed Public Notice MSB007557 and requested that it be added to
 58 March’s agenda.
 59 B. AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPORT
 60 i. Brian Largent – Jonesville Public Use Area Plan
 61 Mr. Largent spoke to the Board about the proposed Jonesville Public Use Area
 62 Management Plan, it’s goals and possible next steps.

63 XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
 64 None

65 XII. CORRESPONDENCE
 66 A. FY21 Department Head Requested Budgets

67 XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS
 68 Mr. Harris – So long to Mr. Barber, welcome Ms. Kelsch
 69 Ms. Bettine – Bill 204 in the State Senate, add topic to March’s agenda
 70 Mr. Phillips – Excited to see the progress on the Jonesville management plan and
 71 eventually hopes to support it via a resolution from the Board
 72 Ms. LeFleur – Thanked Mr. Largent for the information

73 Mr. Palmer – Advocated for a rifle range and appropriate management as it pertains to
74 Jonesville and requested information as to how best to thank Mr. Barber for his service

75 XIV. NEXT MEETING

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77 XV. ADJOURNMENT

78 Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Palmer, 2nd. Meeting adjourned
79 at 8:02 pm

"An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 258

HOUSE BILL NO. 258 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to state lands; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources over state owned lands; relating to the disposal of state land; relating to the leasing and sale of state land for commercial or industrial development; repealing establishment of recreation rivers and recreation river corridors; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 18 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill clarifying the State's role in management of state land, removing barriers or obstacles in the state land sales process, allowing for the lease of state lands for economic

or industrial development, and repealing statutes that have created land use or management problems for the State.

This bill would make land managed by the Department of Natural Resources -- including Mental Health Trust land, parks and recreation areas, refuges, and habitat areas -- subject to the Department of Natural Resources' platting authority, regardless of where the land is situated. Under current law, plats for subdivisions of state lands for disposal of sale must be approved by a municipality exercising its platting authority. Obtaining this approval delays the platting process and slows state land sales.

To make the most of all avenues available to encourage land use for the benefit of the public, this bill includes a new statute for leasing state lands for commercial or industrial development. Under this new statute, the State can lease and sell lands situated within federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones, or nominated and assessed by the state as appropriate for commercial development. The statute includes a process for requesting proposals from prospective lessees, for accepting bids, and for entering a contract to lease. This statute will allow the lessee to apply to purchase the leased land at any time during the term of the lease if the department determines the lessee has used the land for commercial development consistent with their proposal.

Further, this bill clarifies the state land sale bidding process by requiring an earnest money deposit, increasing the term of a contract for sale, and granting the state greater discretion as far as when to construct access roads related to state land sales.

This bill also repeals the establishment of recreational rivers and corridors. These statutes have created management problems for the State and through this bill we can end those management issues, maintain public use, and allow the State to consider the disposal of some of those state lands.

In order to make the best use of our state land for all citizens, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"