

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

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING Lower Level Conference Room

**February 22, 2021
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. January 25, 2021
- 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
 - A. Avigation Easement Report
 - B. Back Country Horsemen – Pioneer Loop Trail at GPRA
 - C. EBikes
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. A. PUBLIC NOTICES
 1. MSB006818 – Other
 - B. Lazy Mountain Security Measures
- XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
 - A. Mike Danz, Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers
- XII. CORRESPONDENCE
- XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- XIV. NEXT MEETING
 - March 22, 2021
- XV. ADJOURNMENT

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January 25th, 2021
6:00 P.M.

10 I. CALL TO ORDER

11 Meeting called to order by Mr. Strabel at 6:05 pm.

12 II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

13 III. Members Present: Mr. Wahl, Mr. Wilson

14 Members Attending Virtually: Mr. Phillips, Ms. Owens, Ms. Linden, Ms. LaFleur, Ms.
15 Kelsch

16 Members Absent: Ms. Bettine

17 IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18 Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to accept the agenda as written, Ms. LaFleur, 2nd. All in
19 favor.

20 V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

21 Mr. Wahl led the pledge of allegiance.

22 VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

23 A. November 23rd, 2020

24 Motion: Mr. Wilson moved to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Phillips, 2nd. All in
25 favor.

26 VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

27 A. Hugh Leslie, Recreation & Library Services Manager

28 Mr. Leslie stated that for February’s meeting he would like to present Lazy Mountain
29 Community Council.

30 VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

31 A. Mr. Shipley, owner of Alaska Electric Bike, is interested in joining the board, and
32 owns property in the Hatcher Pass area.

33 B. Ms. Seater, owner of Functional Therapy of Alaska, recommends using EBikes for
34 therapy.

35 IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36 A. Avigation Easement Report (no report)

- 37 None.
- 38 B. Back Country Horsemen – Pioneer Loop Trail at GPRA
- 39 X. NEW BUSINESS
- 40 A. E Bikes
- 41 Mr. Leslie stated that EBikes have gained popularity. The State of Alaska gave the
- 42 OK for use of EBikes.
- 43 Mr. Shipley explained the 3 tier system of bikes for speed and surfaces each one is
- 44 used on.
- 45 Motion: Ms. Owens motioned for the borough staff to make rules, Mr. Phillips 2nd.
- 46 All in favor.
- 47 Motion: Mr. Wilson moved to make an amendment to rules to include speed, type of
- 48 surface, and direction of trail EBikes use, Ms. Linden 2nd. All in favor.
- 49 B. FY22 Budget
- 50 Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to accept the FY22 Budget, Mr. Wilson 2nd. All in favor.
- 51 C. RESO 21-01
- 52 Motion: Mr. Phillips moved to approve RESO 21-01, Ms. Owens 2nd. All in favor.
- 53 XI. VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS
- 54 XII. CORRESPONDENCE
- 55 XIII. MEMBER COMMENTS
- 56 Mr. Wahl – No comments.
- 57 Mr. Wilson – Hearing reports from neighbors that there have been break-ins at Crevasse
- 58 Moraine Trail.
- 59 Ms. Owens – On planning team for Mat-Su Greenbelt group.
- 60 Ms. Kelsch – No comments.
- 61 Ms. Linden – Public comments for Jonesville Public Use Area had been tabled till
- 62 August.
- 63 Ms. LaFleur – You should be able to see the Northern Lights tonight.
- 64 Mr. Phillips: Went to the Willow Library and spoke to the Forman about construction and
- 65 they will be able to make the October deadline.

66 XIV. NEXT MEETING

- 67 • February 22nd, 2020

68 XV. ADJOURNMENT

69 Motion: Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Phillips 2nd. All in favor.
70 Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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Roy Wahl, Chairperson

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ATTEST:

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Alyssia Jones, Recreation and Library Services Administrative Specialist

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Proposed Guidelines for electric bikes on Matanuska-Susitna Borough maintained trails.

Definitions;

There are three classes of electric bikes;

In order to modernize electric bicycle law in the United States, PeopleForBikes the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association devised a three-class system to categorize electric bicycles and properly regulate them based on their maximum assisted speed. The class system creates the following categories of electric bicycles:

Class 1 electric bike

A “class 1 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 2 electric bike

A “class 2 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

Class 3 electric bike

A “class 3 electric bicycle,” or “speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour, and is equipped with a speedometer.

Use of electric bikes on Matanuska-Susitna Borough Trails *

Trail etiquette is the same for e-bikes as it is for traditional bikes. Trail etiquette practices are based on a general concept of consideration of all other trail users, and protection of the trail as well as the surrounding natural resources. Trail use rules are as follows;

- Only Class 1 and Class 2 Electric Bikes are allowed on Borough Trails
- Follow all posted trail rules and signage such as speed limits, directional travel, or yielding suggestions
- Protect the trail by staying off of the trail during Spring Break up, wet or muddy conditions and other trail closures as mandated by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Openly communicate with other trail users with typical communication devices such as calm voice and non-obtrusive bells
- The use of helmets is strongly recommended
- Use passing techniques that are considerate of other trail users and that do not result in trail widening
- Ride in group numbers that do not negatively impact other trail users experience or degridate the soil.

***Borough Trails include all trails actively maintained by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough including Jim Creek, Government Peak Recreation Area, Borough Lands in the Crevasse Moraine Trails System, Matanuska River Park Campground, Alcantra Sports Complex Trail, Palmer Rail Trail, Talkeetna Lakes Park**



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
 Community Development
 Land Management Division
 350 East Dahlia Avenue
 Palmer, Alaska 99645

FIRST CLASS

PUBLIC NOTICE

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PUBLIC NOTICE

Type: Other (MSB006818)

Tax ID: 20N04W05C003

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), Land & Resource Management Division, received an application from Colaska Inc., dba Quality Asphalt and Paving (QAP), as the current owner of the subject parcel sold by the MSB on June 20, 1990, wherein the MSB reserved in the quitclaim deed a restrictive covenant that the subject parcel "shall only be used for agricultural purposes." The request is for an interim change in the use of the subject parcel from agricultural use for their gravel mining operation. The restrictive covenant reserved in the quitclaim deed shall remain in place as enforceable once the mining operations are complete. Prior to mining the subject parcel, Colaska Inc. is required to provide a reclamation plan approved by the MSB that is specific to the agricultural soils and uses, and replace the top soil to original or better condition after the mining operation is complete on the subject parcel.

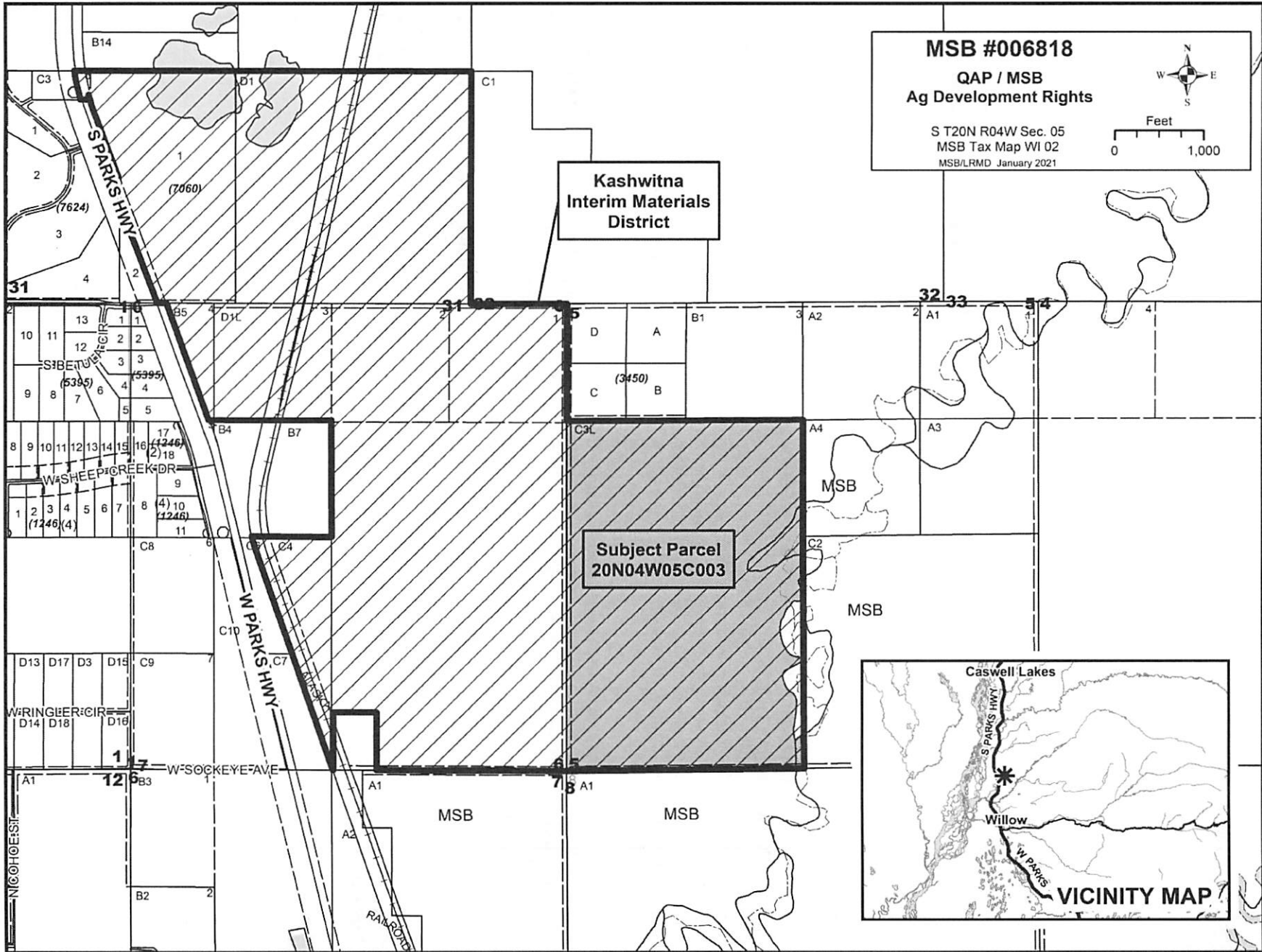
On September 18, 2012, the MSB Assembly adopted Ordinance Serial No. 12-115 amending Borough Code to designate an Interim Material District, MSB 17.28.090 Districts Designated (A)(3), Mile 78.3 [Parks Highway] Kashwitna, which includes the subject parcel (see map on reverse side). Material extraction within the subject parcel is estimated to begin within the next 5-7 years. If the MSB Assembly approves the request, additional revenue from the gravel resource through royalty payments on an annual basis shall be retained by the MSB.

Supporting material is available for public inspection during normal business hours on the 2nd floor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough building in the Land Management Division or visit the Public Notice Section on the Borough's web page www.matsugov.us. Public comment is invited on this request. If you have any comments please mail or deliver them to the Borough offices at the address indicated above, no later than **March 1, 2021**. If you have questions about this request: call Tracy McDaniel at 861-7864 between 8:00-5:00pm or you can send an e-mail to: LMB@matsugov.us (please refer to MSB006818 when submitting comments).

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

(If you need more space for comments please attach a separate sheet of paper.)



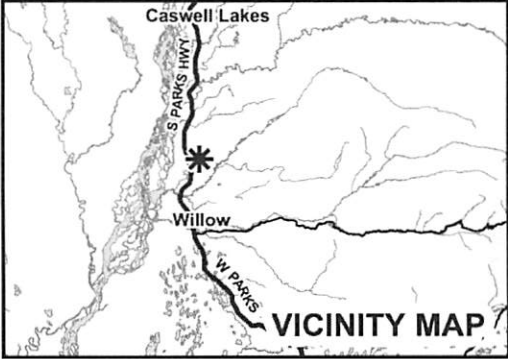
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Ag Development Rights

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 MSB Tax Map WI 02
 MSB/LRMD January 2021

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**Kashwitna
 Interim Materials
 District**

**Subject Parcel
 20N04W05C003**



*This public notice & request for comments is in compliance with MSB Code 23.05.025
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VOLUNTEER NOMINATION FORM

Volunteers make a tremendous difference to our community. They offer and bring not only their time, but also their energy, skills, individual perspectives and talents: thereby enhancing our communities, local services and lives. We are recognizing and celebrating their contribution and also the contribution of local organizations.

Helpful Tips:

- Be as specific and concise as possible.
- Focus on one program that most exemplifies the nominee's service. Secondly, describe other volunteer work as it ranks in importance.
- Nominations must be sent or delivered to the Board Secretary by the Agenda cut off date listed on the Meeting Schedule. They can be sent to:

Mat-Su Borough Recreation Services
350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, AK 99645
(907) 745-9578 or recreation.services@matsugov.us

Volunteer(s) Name: Mike Danz Affiliated Organization (if applicable): (VMBall) Valley Mountain Bikers & Hikers
Address: 17000 E. Borealis Circle Palmer, AK 99645 Phone: 746-7849 E-mail: akdanz@gmail.com
355-5867

NEED: Briefly describe nominee's volunteer services and the need for these services in the community:

Mike has coordinated the trail building and maintenance of VMBall built trails @ GPR & Crevasse-Moran for five years. He leads the trail crews - all volunteer once a week for the summer season.

IMPACT: Describe the impact or difference the nominee's volunteer service made in the community. Please be specific.

Mike has voluntarily led the trail crews that work on building and hiking trails - specifically @ GPR & C.M. His hard work has increased the miles of sustainable trails there ~~by~~ three-fold. (From about 2 miles to 8 miles). He has upgraded the tools and ensures they are in working order.

TIME: Number of hours of volunteer service.

Approx. 350 hours over 5 years.

What has made your association with this volunteer memorable or special (include examples)?

Mike keeps in close contact with the volunteers and has ~~improved~~ ^{improved} the relationships with the Borough and the State. He takes his role seriously, but has

Nominator:

Name: Pat Owens Telephone: 745-7714 Email: pato@atnomin.fun!.net

Signature of Nominator:

