



City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, October 26, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Chair Matt Smelcer
Chair Pro Tempore Rich Loftin
Secretary Gary Pauly
Commission Member Brian Teale
Commission Member Amy Goold
Commission Member Michael Britt
Commission Member Paul Nylund

Also Present 2 - Senior Administrative Assistant Krystal Moulton
Acting PRCS Director Marcie Robertson
Recreation Supervisor Wendy Clubb

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [Approval of regular meeting minutes from August 8, 2017.](#)

MOTION: Commission Member Nylund moved, seconded by Brian Teale, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 8, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote.

The regular meeting minutes from August 8, 2017 were approved as written.

Yays: 7 - Chair Smelcer, Commission Member Britt, Commission Member Teale, Chair Pro Tempore Loftin, Commission Member Goold, Secretary Pauly, and Commission Member Nylund

IV. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. [Discussion Item: Frisbee Golf Course](#)

Commission Member Nylund asked that this item be added to the agenda. He inquired about what materials Park Maintenance already had that could be used for development of a Frisbee golf course.

Marcie Robertson, Acting PRCS Director, stated that the Department had nine chained baskets with removable bases.

Nylund inquired about what had happened regarding the original anticipated location which was to be around the Gold Fields Softball Complex. Robertson briefed the commission on the history of Frisbee golf in Valdez and informed them that the area around the Complex had been surveyed but after there were issues with the brush head – amongst other things - the brushing never began and the project was put to the side. Robertson said she was going to speak with Public Works about utilizing their dozer to push back the low brush in order to increase visibility and help improve bear safety in the area. Robertson anticipated that by having the brush pushed back; it would open up the possibility of using those areas for a Frisbee golf course location.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Discussion Item: Shooting Range Maintenance Operations](#)

Larry Roberts, a recreational shooter, approached the commission. Roberts expressed his enjoyment of the range, but that he felt the range was not well-kept nor up to par with other ranges throughout the state. He suggested a multitude of concepts such as; fencing the perimeter, regulating use, increasing police presence, delegating a club/organization to oversee the facility as well as installation of a designated pit for those who wanted to use household objects as targets. He also suggested the facility be plowed down-range to enable patrons to safely set out targets during winter months.

Further discussion went into the history of the range and issues that arose with past management. Numerous ideas about possible management and maintenance solutions were discussed, but none of which were deemed as feasible. Robertson emphasized that priority needed to be set by first dealing with the permanent target safety issues.

2. [Discussion Item: North Meyring Park Basketball Court Cover & Ice Rink Development – Capital Improvement Project Request](#)

Chair, Smelcer asked that this item be added to the agenda. He gave a brief overview of the project intentions then inquired about the status. Mrs. Robertson discussed some of the design challenges that this facility would face, and said she would reach out to the Capital Facilities Department to see whether or not design planning had already begun and if funds were still available and secured.

[Discussion Item: Kids' Snowmachine Race Schedule for Winter 2017/2018](#)

Chair, Smelcer asked about lining out a schedule for February, March and April 120 races. He was directed to contact Rachel Sensabaugh, Recreation Activities Coordinator, to schedule dates.

VII. REPORTS

1. [Park Maintenance Supervisor Report](#)

The Commission reviewed the Park Maintenance Supervisor's report. Brief discussion took place about the Tillie Wonder Plaza ribbon cutting ceremony, snowshoe trail project, ski trail improvements and disc golf course.

2. [Recreation Supervisor Report](#)

Recreation Supervisor, Wendy Clubb, verbally presented her report. She informed the commission that a new Aquatics Coordinator had been hired. She also discussed the transition to offering more programming in order to provide better quality activities for the community. Brief discussion took place regarding Ski Hill job opportunities, pumpkin carving, Rock Wall, and the Halloween carnival.

VIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Chair Smelcer discussed plans for ice rink maintenance and ideas for offering another community skate night as well as the possibility of providing a learn-to-skate clinic.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, Chair Smelcer adjourned the meeting at 8:53PM.

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Matt Smelcer, Chair

ATTEST

Krystal Moulton, Recording Secretary