

## Valdez Parks and Recreation Commission Report

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### Upcoming Department Section Changes:

- This upcoming summer season is packed with projects. However, there is an unknown part of this plan. The Park maintenance crew was a seasoned group of returning employees last year. This season, I believe the maximum number of possible returning employees will be two. Most of the former crew have found full time employment or have moved to another city. This has the potential to change our summer projects plans.

### Winter Projects:

- Clearing ski trails with brush cutters and chainsaws
- Building 33 miles of trails from snow
- Training new staff member on the trail routes, schedules and Pisten Bully operations
- Preparing to hire an FTE who will be shared with Facility maintenance in the winter months
- Prepping the ski hill for opening and grooming for ongoing operations
- Wiring in temporary heat blankets for the ski hill to keep it operational in temps under 15 degrees and planning the installation of electrical panels to be moved from the bull wheel shed to an indoor, heated location
- Preparing winter sites for non-profit programs and events

### Planning Summer Projects:

- Playground installation-Alpine Woods-this project is planned to take place beginning in July
- Archery range installation-most supplies have been ordered and received for the build
- Frisbee golf course construction
- Updating cemetery mapping and accessing information lost in the ransom ware attack
- Moving of all stored items from Yellow warehouse
- Working on Chainsaw Carving installation plans and developing a maintenance plan for them

### **Planning Summer Projects Continued**

- Working with Capital facilities to plan the construction of additional storage and work space on the Egan Street site
- Planning the design and installation of the new Civic Center Picnic Shelters
- Planning the design and installation of the new North Meyring Picnic shelter
- Working with Community development on future plans for cemetery expansion
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### **Funerals:**

- We performed three funerals in the month of January. Each of these takes a minimum of two staff for three days of preparation and on site work.

### **Developing easier more efficient ways to perform early season grooming**

- Welding adaptations onto existing tow behind groomers so they can be used at the ski hill and will also work in both heavy and light snow falls
- Standardizing all tow connectors on all equipment

### **Developing easier more efficient ways to perform Funerals:**

- Adaptations are being made to the transportation of funeral equipment and new lowering device supports were designed and built