

Meeting Minutes August 12, 2020

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

◆ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ◆

Y Pres: Patricia Fisher Y Vice Pres: Linda Conover
Y Treasurer: Andrea Scott Y Sec: Camden Yehle
Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

◆ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ◆

**Meeting Quorum = Yes
29 in attendance**

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Patti Fisher.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Approval of consent agenda: - Agenda
- Previous MLCC Meeting Minutes 6/10/20

Determination of a Quorum was made by the Membership Committee and the consent agenda was approved.

Board Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Patti and Andrea presented the treasurer's report and discussed the highlights of recent financial activity.
- **Gaming:** Ariel Cannon – Some seniors bingo, but not much other activity.
- **Trails:** No more trail clearing yet reported by Dewey Bitler..
- **Safety:** Chad Scott reported thankful for rain and lower fire risk. Regarding the Covid pandemic, if you have symptoms, stay in. Stay healthy, eat healthy, take your zinc and vitamin D, wear a mask when you can. The virus is not a hoax. Take care of yourself.
- **Education:** No report
- **Bylaws:** Linda - The bylaw committee will present changes at the next meeting.
- **Membership:** Sherri Rusher - There is a quorum at this meeting.
- **Council Coordinator:** Tim Swezey - Solar power will be installed soon.
- **President:** Patti provided an update on the suit, New deadlines have been issued by the Judge. There will be a Work Day on August 29 to clear to the Woodland Trail. Patti recognized Bob Gobeille for his outstanding work on the Community Park sign.

Trooper report from Trooper Toma Caldarea. Sherri asked about panhandling at Three Bears. Unless folks are causing a problem, law enforcement doesn't respond. Transporting people to the hospital for mental health evaluations. Three new Troopers soon. Three full time highway BHP enforcement Troopers. Not an increase in crime, similar to before pandemic. Cally wanted to know about people in four wheelers on the road. They are usually long gone by the time the Troopers get to the site. They have a no pursuit policy for ATVs and motorcycles because of the high risk. Commander April was honored to have been voted to serve as regional Vice President of NOBEL, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Captain April is the first elected member from Alaska to serve in that capacity.

Presentation: Robin Menard, Mat-Su Health Foundation during Covid-19 & CARES Funding

Focus on community care, advocacy, and hospital ownership. Mat-su is about 14% of Alaska's population now. Many people are aging here and moving here as older people. Five of the top ten health issues are mental health related. Improve quality of care and overall health of the community. All first responders now

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have mental health first-aid training in the academy. Cost savings of 2M helping people with a case manager program for basic health. Run a COVID-19 response grant to limit exposure and provide basic services. Now also support childcare providers and social support for youth. The grant program is still ongoing. 13M annually in grants go back to the community. Patti asked how full is the behavioral health wing? Busy but not full all the time. Is the emergency room service still under contract or are they employed by hospital directly? They are contracted. Sherri and Patti thanked Robin for critical grants to the Meadow Lakes Community Council. Senator Wilson supported adding mental health providers to allow them to bill Medicaid.

Correspondence: The correspondence links were presented as listed in the Agenda.

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: The additional behavioral health providers will save the state millions. The Governor announced CARES Act funding has been expanded to commercial fishing and nonprofits. Mat-Su Legislative Information Office is still closed, but legislators can be contacted directly. Early voting for the primary is in progress.

Assembly Member Tam Boeve: The Borough has 37M of CARES funding to allocate. Some will be used for Borough operation, including for sanitation items, and emergency services costs. Another 13M for the grant program. Grant applications are first come first served. The third portion is for individual grant program. If you received a PFD last year, you qualify. The application is not open yet. It will be for \$100 per individual. The money has to be allocated by December 30. Follow the Borough on Facebook. The ballot measures for a Strong Mayor government and changing the Borough from Second Class to First Class will not be on the ballot in November. The discussion will be delayed until next year.

Chief Hightower, West Lakes Fire Department: The Chief showed the statistics for activity in July. There were 64 calls to West Lakes, which was more than usual. West Lakes has been keeping busy with training and installing smoke alarms. If you need a smoke alarm, please give the department a call. There were three serious ATV crashes involving young people, including one death. The polling place at Fire Station 71 has changed to Station 73 on the Parks Highway. The "Community Connects" platform will help responders respond accurately with more pertinent information. Check out the West Lakes Fire Facebook page.

Chief Hightower requested members slow down and drive carefully.

Persons to Be Heard: limited to 3 minutes per person

David Wilson: Running for Senate.

Kevin McCabe, House Candidate: Running for House seat.

Next Meeting: Location to be determined, September 9, 2020, 7pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm by President Fisher.

Patricia Fisher, President Date

Camden Yehle, Secretary Date