

Meeting Minutes June 10, 2020

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

◆ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ◆

Y Pres: Patricia Fisher Y Vice Pres: Linda Conover
N Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson Y Sec: Camden Yehle
Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

◆ 3 Officers and 13 general members of the Meadow Lakes Community, for a total of 16 members, are required for a quorum. ◆

Meeting Quorum = YES

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Patti Fisher. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Consent Agenda: The President called for consideration of the Consent Agenda, and asked that the Vote on the Slate of Officers be moved to follow the report of the Board. The Consent Agenda was accepted unanimously.

Board Reports: President Fisher reviewed the Treasurer's Report and reported the beginning and ending totals for each fund in the report.

President's report: The Clean up on Parks Highway was reported. 25 bags of trash were collected. The results of the Spring Cleanup Campaign were reported. 10,160 pounds of trash were collected. Winners of the prizes for cleanup week were announced. Members who helped with the Parks cleanup and with the Spring Cleanup Campaign were recognized. Patti commented that the roads look great, but the ultimate goal should be to reduce litter. The activity of the Field Work Day on June 13 were discussed. The work included: trimming of the alders on the hillside above the field, weed and alter treatment around the fence lines and on the softball diamond, removal of dead trees on the Woodland Trail, and trimming around the playground.

The Council is being sued over our choice to hold remote meetings. A motion has been made to reopen the case, but the case has not been reopened by the court. The board believes the suit is frivolous.

The President listed a number of actions that were before the Borough Assembly: an ordinance to change the Borough from a second-class Borough to a first-class Borough, the plan for remote voting at the November 3rd election, and the discussion of moving from a Strong Manager to a Strong Mayor government. A draft Lake Management Plan is available for public review. Borough Assembly person Tam Boeve would be discussing these items in "Agency Reports".

Presentations:

DOT Parks Highway by Sean Baski

This is the last section of the safety corridor to be reconstruct. It is 90% federally funded, 10% state funded. Traffic signals will be installed at, Meadow Lakes Loop, the Fire Station (Johnson Rd) and Big Lakes Rd. This section includes a bridge over little Meadow Creek instead of the existing culvert. Relocation of utilities will be the primary work done in 2020. The project has been advertised and bids are scheduled to be opened next week. Relocating utilities on Borough Roads has already started. Completion is scheduled for 2022.

Questions regarding the project included: Holly Grant asked about Meadow Lakes Loop access. A question was asked about any outstanding issues with owners. Sean reported that the State did have to move to condemnation with a couple of property owners, but it has come to agreement on the property, so project construction can start. Steve Edwards asked who will maintain the new section. Sean reported that the State of Alaska will maintain the Highway, the Borough will maintain the Borough Roads, which will add some road miles for maintenance.

Todd Smith will be the construction engineer for Phase 3, Ericka Moore will be construction manager.

Seldon Road Extension by Chris Bentz.

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Federal money was awarded to this project. DOT will take over the project and revisit the design and environmental document for a 2024 or 2025 construction year. There is still one parcel to acquire, which the Borough is working on. It is anticipated that it will be three to four years before it will go out to bid.

Cally Leader lives on Beverly Lakes and reported that the road is falling apart. The Borough is going to have to do a lot of work on the road before the traffic is removed to the new Extension. Ariel Cannon asked if it will be a Borough or State road. Chris replied that it would be a Borough road.

Steve Edwards asked about the chances of the Borough acquiring the last parcel. Chris did not know.

Slate of officers: The slate of officers was read and approved with a Roll-call vote of the membership.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed by Tim Swezey.

New Business: Bylaw Amendments were reviewed by Linda Conover of the Bylaw Committee. The amendments cover remote meetings, and voting at remote meetings. The amendments will be e-mailed to members during the next week or so, and will be voted on at the July meeting.

Agency reports:

Senator Wilson: The City of Wasilla has accepted the CARES funding and the Borough is close to accepting. They will distribute the funds when they become available. DOT is working to keep people from camping on the properties acquired for the Parks Highway project.

Tam Boeve: The Borough approved the budget for 2021. The area-wide mil rate will remain the same. July 21 meeting will discuss how to use the CARES funding. This is his last week for Borough Manager Moosey; he accepted a position with the City of Palmer. Vote by mail is under discussion because of vulnerable facilities and poll workers due to Covid 19. The Borough plans to mail everyone a vote by mail application; voting in person will still be an option. Discussion is occurring about becoming a first-class Borough. One ship docked at Point Mac and brought in \$100,000. There is a new budget tool available on the website that shows how the Borough is spending tax dollars. A Strong Mayor model instead of a strong manager model is under consideration. Public comments are being accepted on the draft Lake Management plan. The plans have two parts: planning and enforcement. The draft plan includes generic plans dependent on the size of the lake. Plans for individual lakes would need a vote to be adopted. Existing plans will not be altered by the possible new legislation.

Persons to be heard:

Mr. Huhnie Lee: running for legislature. Covid money should be divided evenly by number of people in Alaska. Some people don't know about the program. The economy would be better if the money flows.

Kevin McCabe: Running for Alaska House as a conservative Republican.

Dan Mayfield: Running for Alaska legislature as an independent.

Senator David Wilson: Running for re-election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.