

# Meeting Minutes April 10, 2019

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

<b>☛ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ☛</b> ○ Pres: Patricia Fisher ☛ & Vice Pres: Linda Conover & Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson ☛ & Sec: Janet Henkel & Council Coordinator: Camden Yehle	<b>☛ 3 Committee Chairs required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ☛</b> & Education: Cally Leader ☛ & CIP: Tim Swezey & Bylaw: Terry Boyle ☛ ○ Mem: Lacy Harris ○ Trail: Lori Benner-Hanson ☛ & Safety: Chad Smith & Gaming: Ariel Cannon
<b>☛ 10 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ☛</b>	
<b>Meeting Quorum = YES</b>	

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Patti Fisher. It was determined that a quorum was present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
- 3. Approval of:**
  - a. Agenda** – Jan Henkel motioned to approve the agenda with changes to the order of business to accommodate our speaker and was seconded by Linda Conover. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.
  - b. Minutes** – Linda Conover motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Lori Benner-Hanson. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.
  - c. Treasurers Report** – Cindy Michaelson presented the treasurers report.
- 4. Old Business:** Julie Starr motioned to accept the 2019 community assistance funds and was seconded by Terry Boyle. These funds will be used towards our cleanup, Christmas auction and basket give away, education (grants to schools and classes sponsored by MLCC), administration (office supplies, postage and any related expenses), and sports field maintenance. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Bylaw Review: Bylaw changes must come before the bylaw committee and then after 30 days are presented to the community for a vote. Cindy Michaelson motioned to approve the bylaw changes as presented and was seconded by Julie Starr. There was no discussion and with one vote in opposition and the remaining votes in support of the changes, the vote was in favor.

There was a motion by one of the community members to change the verbiage on Article 4, Section B covering Membership in the bylaws. This would change the minimum age of the limited membership from 16 to 18. The motion was seconded by Linda Conover. There was no further discussion, and with five votes in opposition and the remainder in support of the motion, the vote was in favor.

Board Officer Nominations:

President – Patti Fisher  
Secretary – Open  
Capital Improvements – Tim Swezey  
Education – Cally Leader  
Gaming – Ariel Cannon  
Safety – Chad Scott

Gaming Distribution: The money made from gaming must be distributed to a nonprofit, and we currently have \$1200 in income that needs to be distributed. 70% of these funds will be placed into the building fund, with the remaining 30% distributed. Ariel stated that typically we separate the funds into three different categories and distribute them to three different groups. This year it was felt that the Skeetawk alpine skiing group represented all three of these categories and have chosen to make our donation to this one group. This year we will be donating \$363.33 to the Skeetawk alpine skiing group. Chad Scott motioned that we make this donation and was seconded by Lacey Harris. There was no discussion and the vote was in favor.

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5. **Presentation:** Trooper Caldera of the Palmer Detachment gave a presentation. He began by stating that 11 troopers will be leaving us within the next 30-90 days, and he is hopeful that we will be picking up six new troopers from the current academy. There will be two more academies this year, which will hopefully provide additional new hires as well.

Each shift change, one trooper heads north towards Talkeetna and turns around just short of Denali Park. If an arrest is made, another trooper is sent to either replace him or pick up and transport his arrest back to Palmer. On average, troopers drive approximately 400 miles per shift. Troopers are very proactive in known drug trafficking areas, and spend as much time policing these areas as time permits. There is a warrant task force, however those officers are working with federal and DEA warrants rather than local issues. Allowing Palmer and Wasilla police forces the ability to expand their territories would greatly help the troopers by allowing them to assist in many instances. The more bodies that we have in the valley that are keeping an eye on things, the better off we will all be.

Calls to dispatch are prioritized and the dispatchers do a great job. If we get into a triage situation, the next shift is called in early. Although additional help can be called in, other things get pushed further down the line whenever this happens.

Many arrests are being pled down to a lesser misdemeanor charge by defense attorneys, and it is not uncommon for the person arrested to be released from jail before the arresting officer can even file his report. All thefts are a priority, however thieves are getting smarter and not leaving fingerprints or anything else behind to form a positive ID with these thefts. Stolen items are moved around quite a bit, and this makes it even harder to find these people and recover stolen items. Luckily some of the fire departments gear was recovered however it is essential that you record serial numbers, etc. so that your stolen property can be identified. If troopers make a stop and the vehicle is full of stolen property they are unable to do anything about it if they can't positively identify it. Take pictures of your things, showing makes, models, serial numbers, etch your initials on your tools, etc. Anything that helps us to make a positive ID will help us make arrests.

If you see strange activity in your neighborhood, please call Crime Stoppers. Often they can arrange for cameras and extra surveillance. One of the administrative personnel in the Palmer office is heavily involved with Neighborhood Watch, and she is happy to assist anyone with setting up a Neighborhood Watch program. Troopers need all of the help that they can get to catch and arrest thieves, so if you do see strange activity, please write down license plate numbers, make, model and colors of vehicles, descriptions of the individuals, etc. Please don't hesitate to call on the troopers with questions, tips, etc. We want to make our community a safer place to be just as much as you do.

Butch Shapiro, Solid Waste Manager for the Mat-Su Borough gave a presentation concerning the future of the landfill. The landfill business is a very complicated and complex business, which requires forecasting years in advance. The Anchorage landfill currently has roughly 30 years left until it has reached capacity, and they are hoping to install an incinerator. The Mat-Su Borough is currently looking at putting out a long term gravel extraction contract which would help to defray the cost of opening new landfill cells. The borough is hoping to move away from the practice of taking out long term loans to open new cells, as costs only continue to increase with the need for the new cells. While the solid waste can be managed, the larger issue is the leachate, which the borough owns and must treat. Anchorage will not accept liquid waste from the borough for much longer, which will force the borough into building a treatment facility. There are currently two different systems that are being considered – 1 high pressure filtration which will treat the leachate to drinking water quality and 2 an evaporator system which uses landfill generated gases to evaporate the leachate in an enclosed building which would also be heated with landfill gases.

The borough is currently looking at the possibility of converting waste into energy with regards to liquid waste. Two companies have submitted proposals for this project, with one very complicated response coming from out of state and the other response coming from JL Properties and Shawn Combs. There is a meeting on April 11 at 2:00 pm to discuss these proposals, and Butch feels that a decision will be made before summer's end. JL Properties owns property close to the Aviation Museum, as well as at the landfill, and they have expressed an interest in partnering with the borough to find and implement a solution to the landfill problem. JL Properties has

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approached the borough and stated that they intend to open a sewage treatment facility off of Vine Road. Sewage treatment is an enclosed process, so there should not be a terrible smell.

Recyclers have saved the borough approximately \$100K per quarter, and volunteers are always needed. As China has stopped taking many items from us there is a glut of recyclable materials on the market. Performing all landfill duties, such as hauling, rather than using subcontractors will also reduce costs. Installing a scale at the Big Lake transfer station will also streamline operations and keep pricing more consistent.

**President** – Patti Fisher advised us that Clean-Up is coming up beginning on May 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with the clean-up party which will be held at the sports field. Bags will be available on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Three Bears on Pittman. We will be handing out bags and cleaning up our section of the Adopt A Highway on May 18<sup>th</sup> in front of the Meadow Lakes Center. Please join us!

**Gaming** – The gaming report was given in Old Business with the Skeetawk distribution.

**Parks & Rec** – Nothing to report.

**CIP** – Tim Swezey reported that he is currently testing the security cameras for the sports field. These are weatherproof cameras which are battery operated, and have a battery lifespan of two years. So far the cameras are performing well. They are currently set up to monitor the parking area and we will be expanding our coverage as we can.

**Education** – Nothing to report.

**Membership** – Nothing to report.

**Bylaws** – The bylaws report was given under Old Business regarding bylaw changes.

**Council Coordinator** – Nothing to report.

6. **Correspondence:** Correspondence links are listed on the agenda.
7. **New Business:** Camden Yehle thanked everyone who submitted slogans and graphics for the new Meadow Lakes signs, and asked that everyone take a moment to look at all of the submissions which are displayed on the back wall. Four signs will be initially posted in the Meadow Lakes community. The signs on the Parks Highway will be reflective, and the neighborhood signs will be relieved painted wood.
8. **Reports:** Roy Roistacher reported that Station 71 had been broken into again and asked everyone to please keep their eyes and ears open. There were lights and tools stolen. Although everything can be replaced, the cost to do so is incurred by all of us. Security cameras are being installed.

If you are going to be doing any developing in the Meadow Lakes area, please put house numbers on the properties so that the fire department can identify them.

CERT training will be coming up this next weekend and also the first weekend in May. This training is free and provided by the borough. Patti passed around a sign up sheet.

9. **Persons to be heard:** Carol Rice, of WASI, brought out flyers for the Senior Centers Miles for Meals on Wheels event which will be held on June 22, 2019. They are currently taking registrations for this event and she encouraged everyone to participate.

One member asked about the Neighborhood Watch grant which was applied for, as he is hoping to start a program in his neighborhood.

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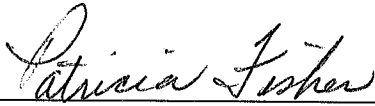
Ellery Gibbs of Bull Moose Surveying is subdividing a parcel and applying for a gravel extraction permit for his clients, the Filyuks. He wanted to introduce himself and let the neighborhood know what was going on. They are hoping to get approval from the community council so that they will be able to obtain their conditional use permit.

## 10. Approve Meeting Location:

Birch Creek Villas Senior Housing  
1210 N. Kim Drive  
Meadow Lakes

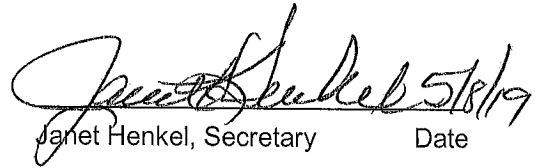
Wednesday, May 8, 2019  
Sign In: 6PM to 7PM  
Meeting: 7PM – 9PM

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by President Patti Fisher.



Patti Fisher, President

Date



Janet Henkel, Secretary

Date