

# Meeting Minutes October 9, 2019

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

<b>☛ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ☛</b>	<b>☛ 3 Committee Chairs required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ☛</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pres: Patricia Fisher <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Pres: Linda Conover	<input type="checkbox"/> Education: Cally Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIP: Tim Swezey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson <input type="checkbox"/> Sec: Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bylaw: Terry Boyle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mem: Holly Gramt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Coordinator: Camden Yehle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail: Lori Benner-Hanson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety: Chad Smith
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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** – The minutes were approved with the amendment of a presentation by the visiting Troopers to be made after the Treasurer's Report
  - b. **Minutes** – Tam Boeve reported an error in the September minutes. President Fisher said that a correction would be made.
  - c. **Treasurers Report** – Cindy Michaelson presented the treasurers report.
4. **Trooper Report:**

Troopers Purcell and Nelson visited the Council, and made the following report: When you recognize something, try to find out if it is just kids or actual criminal activity. Trends this summer and fall: property crimes are steady, petty theft, vehicle thefts down, 4-wheeler thefts steady, lots of domestic violence calls, drug calls steady. What about homeless population? Not many resources for homeless people here in Meadow Lakes. What should our approach be to people squatting. If it is your private property you can notify someone of trespassing; but more difficult if it is a vacant piece of land. Medical calls can't be put on the dispatch report. When asked if they had have crisis intervention training, they both reported "Yes". CIT training and another training in a week. Best training they ever had. For texting and driving call either 911 or 352-5401. If there was a police force, Trooper coverage would be reduced to area that is not covered by the police force. Takes over a year to train a Trooper and attrition is high.
5. **Board Reports**

**Park and Rec:** Bench Lake trail clearing 10 am to 2 pm this Saturday. Worked on the Woodland Trail was done this past weekend with assistance from the fire department. It is now a passible, half-mile trail.

**President:** streetlight on the corner of Meadow Lakes Loop and Pittman is on track. 100 homes in neighborhood watch programs now.
6. **Presentation:** Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, Mat-Su Borough, discussed the Code Compliance Function at the Borough. Right-of-way compliance, permitting, code enforcement, land use codes, zoning. 200 cases per officer. Officers don't carry guns and can't arrest people. The Borough has a staff of attorneys to seek court orders. 12 this year have gone this route. Fines on these are higher than the value of the properties. The Borough is working on determining what to do with these properties. Number of cases opened each year exceed the number closed, the rate of open cases is increasing. Drugs are a problem and the idea the Valley has no rules is also a problem. More cases for impounding vehicles and items in the right-of-way. Squatters are not part of what code compliance does. Code enforcement officers have a uniform and a badge now. Working on streamlining the systems for mapping and data entry. Can only enforce existing code. Amplified sound and gravel are some of very few noise items that are regulated by the Borough. Many cases are referred to state agencies for protection of water bodies. Is there a public list of open case? No, but can call permitting center. Code compliance relies on complaint basis. Encourage everyone who is purchasing or developing property to stop by the permitting office. How many more people do you need to hire to make code compliance a success? The

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program will increase effective capacity by one or two staff people. Work closely with troopers at locations with illegal activity. Does the Borough regulate number of animals? Yes, through Animal Control. Vehicles in the right-of-way can be considered abandoned after 72 hours and towed. If the vehicle is impeding traffic, it can be towed immediately. Major problem of people moved off one property move to a different property.

**Presentation:** School board candidate for District 7 Jeff Taylor. God, freedom, and family are priorities.

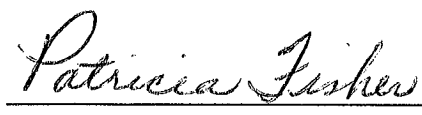
7. **Correspondence:** The correspondence links were presented as listed in the Agenda.
8. **Old Business:** Proposed bylaw revision change presented in September was discussed. A Motion was made and passed to send the bylaw change out for an electronic vote.
9. **New Business: Appointment of a new Secretary and Council Coordinator:** President Fisher appointed Camden Yehle to fill the empty Secretary seat, and Tim Swezey to fill the position of Council Coordinator vacated by the appointment of Camden to Secretary. The appointments were passed by a vote of the membership. The Capital Improvements Projects Committee Chair will remain vacant for the present. The Borough is not presently developing a CIP list.
10. A motion to remove Jan Henkel(previous secretary) and add Camden to the bank accounts was approved.
11. **Agency Reports:**  
Senator David Wilson reported that Glenn Highway lighting curfew made by the Governor will be reversed. Wilson announced that he had voted for Rep Laddie Shaw for Senate (to fill the vacancy left by the death of Chris Birch), and he plans to vote for next Governor's appointee. The call of another legislative special session is still up in the air. Complications exist over who has the responsibility to tow derelict vehicles in the right-of-way, State or Borough.  
  
Roy Roistacher with West Lake Fire Department is doing educational programs at the local schools.  
  
Assembly Tam Boeve - 52 primary homes lost in the fire. Average home value was \$20,000. This was a population that doesn't have a lot and winter comes fast after August. Tam is working to provide assistance to those families.  
  
A representative from Representative Eastman's office said he would be available for discussion after the meeting.

12. **Next Meeting Location:**

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
Sign In: 6PM to 7PM  
Meeting: 7PM – 9PM

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm by President Patti Fisher.

 11/13/2019  
Patricia Fisher, President Date

 11/13/19  
Camden Yehle, Secretary Date