

Meeting Minutes February 12, 2020

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

❖ **3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES** ❖

Y Pres: Patricia Fisher N Vice Pres: Linda Conover
Y Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson Y Sec: Camden Yehle

Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

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

Meeting Quorum = YES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Patti Fisher. It was determined that a quorum was present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
3. **Approval of:**
 - a. **Agenda** – The Agenda was approved.
 - b. **Minutes** – The minutes of the November, December, and January meetings were approved.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report** – Cindy Michaelson presented the treasurer's report.
4. **Board Reports**
 - Gaming:** One third of gaming proceeds will be donated \$108 each to Just Us Girls, SAR, MatSu Schools Foundation, Family Promise. Motion to approve carried.
 - Trails:** Trails meeting last month. Progress on no trespass trail to Bench Lake.
 - Safety:** About a dozen neighborhood watch packets left that include house numbers.
 - Education:** Two classes set up one for Child and Babysitting Safety Class and one Wise Family class on wilderness skills.
 - Bylaws:** No report
 - Membership:** New members every month.
 - Council Coordinator:** Some people are driving on the grass.
 - President:** \$4050 grant from MEA for solar panels and field security. \$21,000 total in grants achieved for last year.
5. **Presentation:** Steve Edwards, Chair, Road Service Area 27, "Upcoming Road Projects in Meadow Lakes." Maintenance contract was awarded to Northern Asphalt again and will cover the next five years. Optional maintenance funds cover under \$25,000 projects and included paving and smaller repairs. Let us know if you have projects in mind. We don't have a road superintendent with the Borough yet. Also have a list of main projects including Forest Lake Road to remove from road from trespass, Charlene paving to Karen, Sasbo Bluff and Silver 95% designed, Golden Road improvements, Phillips, Dean, and Milton road and culvert repair, and Herkimer improvements. There is \$1,750,000 that was collected as part of property taxes to improve the area roads this year. If there is money available, Ridgecrest and Captain Hook upgrades could be added. Let us know if there is a project you would like to add. There is a draft version of the Subdivision Construction Manual. Seldon Extension is outside the option of the RSAs, but could re-bond the package or increase mill rate temporarily to fund the 50% match. Patti brought forward a suggestion of Gunflint to Powder Road. Unfortunately, it is an uncertified road and therefore cannot be upgraded by the RSA. It can be added to the CIP list. Extending Sylvan to Hollywood would be very high because of fish passage and wetland. It would be similar issues to Vine.
6. **Presentation:** Sunshine Community Health Center presenter was not available.
7. **Correspondence:** The correspondence links were presented as listed in the Agenda.
8. **Old Business:**
9. **New Business:** MLCC Capital Improvement Plan recommendations are in the meeting packet. An attendee

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would like to remove number 93 from the list (Little Susitna Park at Olson Bridge). Issues with trash, etc. Suggested not making it into a park. Not clear where the park would be. The council voted to remove 93 from the list. Motion to invite better proposals for the area. Motion passed. Another attendee suggested adding improvements to Gunflint Road to the CIP list. Motion to add to the list. Motion passed. Motion to approve the CIP list of a whole. Motion passed.

Council Budget for 2020: Motion to approve the budget passed.

- 10. Agency Reports:** Tam Boeve, Assembly, funeral for firefighter who died in Willow this week. Property taxes went out. Well assessments went up. Older homes also increased because retained value was higher. Talk to the Borough sooner rather than later. Assembly resolution to table the development of the permit process for commercial shooting ranges. Process would be similar to that for permitting a gravel pit. The draft is available online. It would apply Borough-wide. Board of Fisheries is meeting in Anchorage this week. This could affect fish in the MatSu.

Todd Smolden with the Governor's office introduced himself and offered to help people navigate working with the State.

Tanya Hightower, Fire Department. Spruce beetle wood can be brought to the dump for free. Firewood can be picked up. MEA will take care of trees that could fall on power lines.

- 11. Persons to Be Heard:** Teresa Linkhart, Matanuska Federal Credit Union. Running a promotion for loans up to \$10,000 for 8.99% interest rate.

Kevin McCabe's wife let the council know that he is running as a Republican for State House.

- 12. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 7 pm to 9 pm, at Meadow Lakes Senior Center, 1210 N Kim Drive, Meadow Lakes, Alaska 99623.

- 13. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm by President Patti Fisher.

Patricia Fisher 6/19/2020
Patricia Fisher, President Date

Camden Yehle 6/19/20
Camden Yehle, Secretary Date