

Meeting Minutes August 11, 2021

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ❖

Y Pres: Camden Yehle N Vice Pres: Linda Conover

Y Treasurer: Andrea Scott Y Sec: Patricia Fisher

Y Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

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

Meeting Quorum = Yes

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Quorum: Determination of quorum was made by the Membership Committee.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda, which included the meeting agenda and the Minutes from July 14, was passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Highlights of the month's fiscal transactions were shared.

Board Reports:

Secretary Patti Fisher reported that the hearing of the appeal on the case brought against the Council by Richard Nevitt will be heard in Alaska Supreme Court on Thursday, August 19th at 9am. Patti gave a brief overview of the facts concerning the suit. Josh Bicchinella reported that plans for the Education programs have been on hold due to his recent surgery; however, he plans to have program information soon.

Presentation: Covid 19: the Delta Variant.

Dr. Jeffrey Demain, Director of the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska, covered multiple topics across the immune systems and their various cellular functions to illustrate how the COVID virus operates on the body. He also discussed how vaccines work inside the body. Currently 97% of all infections are Delta; the infections come on as quickly as two days after exposure.

Vaccines are 84% effective against Delta. Those who are vaccinated are eight times less likely to acquire COVID-19 than those who aren't vaccinated and 25 times less likely to be hospitalized, according to Demain. Another variant, the Lambda variant, has surfaced in areas outside the US.

Discussion of active Gravel Conditional Use Permits:

Secretary Fisher described the two gravel CUPs that are being legislated at the Borough.

- 1) The CUP on the **Borough land adjoining MLCC's Community Park and the Senior Center** will go before the Planning Commission on September 20. Patti described the process that the Council Board went through with MSB Community Development Division to reach agreement on operation of the pit. She stated that a letter of non-opposition to the CUP needed to be sent to the Borough Planning Department. A motion was made by Sherri Rusher to send the letter of non-opposition to the Borough with the inclusion that the poor soil area specifically referenced in acres. The motion was seconded by Bob Coffin. A request was made by Kim Kalmbach to change the margin of the vote in the letter to a percentage. Sherri amended her motion to include that change. A roll-call vote was taken and the measure was as approved by majority vote.
- 2) CUP on **Mental Health Trust Land on Sylvan Road**. Secretary Fisher reported that the CUP on the Sylvan pit was denied by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission. The Mental Health Trust has appealed the decision so there will be a hearing by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Director of Planning Alex Strawn discussed the Borough Code covering the appeal process. Secretary Fisher asked for a motion for the Council to send a letter of opposition to the appeal to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. After member discussion, a motion was made by Kim Kalmbach that the Board prepare and submit a letter of opposition to the Mental Health Trust's appeal of the Planning

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Commission decision to approve the CUP. The motion was seconded by Steve Edwards and a roll-call vote was taken. The measure was approved by majority vote.

Secretary Fisher advised the meeting that a letter requesting that MLCC be listed as an Interested Party was required if MLCC wanted to participate in the appeal process. Bob Coffin asked that we check with the Clerk's office to determine if we should be an Interested Party or Primary Party. Patti said that she would inquire about that. A motion was made to the affect that we submit the paper work to be listed as an Interested Party. A roll-call vote was taken and the measure was approved by majority vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: The Correspondence was read by Tim Swezey.

Marijuana Renewal 15790 Scorpion Grass Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility

- Facebook Aug 10th: <https://bit.ly/3iA5Kjy>
- Physical Address: 266 S. McCallister Dr. Suite 3
- Documents: <https://bit.ly/37yIVrm>. Facebook July 30th: <https://bit.ly/3rPLCwK>

Conditional Use Permit for Earth Materials Extraction

- MSB 17.30 – Conditional Use Permit for Earth Materials Extraction. The Conditional Use Permit would allow for the extraction of approximately 1,800,000 cubic yards of earth material, through 2038. The total area of earth material extraction activity will occur on approximately 61.9 acres of the 120-acre parcel.
 - Location: 80 acres adjacent to Meadow Lakes Park
 - MSB C3 – Conditional Use Permit Webpage: <https://bit.ly/3A81j5r> - PDF MSB CUP Download: <https://bit.ly/2TUHsY4>
 - Comments due before August 27, 2021. Hearing Monday, Sept 20 at 6:00pm

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: Legislators are preparing for the 3rd Special Session, beginning August 16th. The Senator will be concerned with the Reverse Sweep and PFD calculation. He is also working to insure that funding is provided for issues critical to Mat-Su: School Bond Debt Reimbursement, capital projects and Community Assistance.

Assembly Person Tam Boeve: The Borough will be voting on a 73-million dollar road package at the Assembly meeting on Tuesday, August 17. The ordinance includes a 1-1/2% sales tax as the funding mechanism for the road projects. Also on the agenda is an ordinance changing the manner of determining education funding for the MSB School District.

A motion was made by Secretary Fisher to extend the meeting for 10 minutes beyond 9pm. The motion passed.

Chief Tawnya Hightower, West Lakes Fire Department: The Chief reported that there had been more car fires this year than in previous years. There will be an Emergency Expo at the Menard Center at the end of September. The Safety Message for the month is to have your heating system inspected and cleaned as preparation for winter.

Persons to be Heard: Limited to 3 minutes per person
There were no persons to be heard.

President Yehle announced that the September meeting of the Council is on the 8th. The Board is working on conducting a hybrid meeting, with both Zoom and in-person venues, and will announce when the details have been worked out. There are currently people who join the meeting in person at the Seniors' Common

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Room, and anyone is welcome to attend there.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Camden Yehle 9/25/21
Camden Yehle, President Date

Patricia Fisher 9/25/21
Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date