

# Meeting Minutes July 14, 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 7:01 pm by President Camden Yehle.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

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

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was passed with no objections.

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

#### **Board Reports:**

Safety Chair Scott encouraged residents to organize a neighborhood watch group. He also asked people to come to the MSB Planning Commission meeting Monday night, July 19<sup>th</sup>, to support the community opposition to the Sylvan Gravel pit.

Parks and Recreation Chair Lori Benner-Hanson gave an update on the plan to survey the Visnaw-Bench Lake Trail, and Dewey Bitler reported that he and his son had taken canoes down the Little Su to the Parks Highway from the trail. He reported that it was an easy float of about 6 miles.

#### **Presentation: "Fishing in the Mat-Su", Sam Ivey, Alaska Fish and Game**

Sam reported that Alaska Fish and Game stocks over 85 lakes in the Mat-Su Borough. He showed a report on the status of various lakes in the area, and pointed out that Lalen Lake has recently been overrun with Northern Pike. Fish and Game placed a screen over the outflow from Visnaw Lake (into Lalen) to prevent the Pike from going up into Visnaw Lake. He reported that Illegal stockings of Pike are considered a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Fish and Game has been flying over local lakes to count salmon. The King Salmon run is done, and other salmon are just starting to show up.

He showed pictures of weir locations in the valley, and described the procedure used to count salmon. He also showed pictures of fishing at Fish Creek in Mat-Su.

There was a discussion of the procedure for eradicating Pike in a lake. Sam said that had been done in Anderson and King Lakes.

#### **Presentation: Firewise Program in the Mat-Su, Cathy Kramer, MSB Emergency Services**

Kathy gave an update on the Borough's Firewise Emergency Preparedness Program, and reported that she has been tasked with writing a "wild fire protection" plan for the Borough. Home visits which provide a review of a property as to its firewise condition are again been offered by Emergency Services. Cathy also discussed the recommendation that residents have an emergency evacuation Plan, referred to as the Ready Set Go plan.

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## Discussion of Sylvan Gravel Pit:

Secretary Fisher and Safety Chair Scott gave an overview of the status of the effort to oppose the Conditional Use Permit filed by CoAlaska to develop a gravel pit on Sylvan Road. The public hearing on the Permit will be held by the Borough Planning Commission on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Department recommended "Denial" of the permit in the packet that was sent to the Commission on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Steve Edwards pointed out the importance of the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan in the "Denial" recommendation made by the Department.

## Old Business: None

**Correspondence:** The Correspondence was read by Tim Swezey.

- Mat-Su Borough - Platting
  - Ridgecrest - Case# 2021-098
    - The request is to create two lots from Lot 8, Block 1, Ridgecrest, Plat #73-20 to be known as Lots 8A & 8B, containing 2.18 acres +/- . Located directly north of W. Sunrise Drive, east of N. Prospect Drive and south of W. Hoot Hollow Circle.
  - MEADOW LAKE ESTATES (30'ROW) - Case# 2021-108/109
    - The request is to create eight lots from Tax Parcel B3, to be known as MEADOW LAKE ESTATES, containing 40 acres +/- . Petitioner is requesting the vacation of a 30' wide right-of-way on the northern boundary and will be replaced by a 60' wide right-of-way, to be used for access to six of the lots. The plat is located east and west of N. Pittman Road

## Agency Reports:

**Jasmin Martin for Senator David Wilson:** Legislators are preparing for the Special Session in August.

**Representative Kevin McCabe:** Kevin reported that he had talked to Alaska Mental Health and he felt that they had done their due diligence with regard to the lease of the property on Sylvan Road to CoAlaska. He had attended the Big Lake Community Council meeting on July 13 and reported that they are supportive of Meadow Lakes opposition on the proposed Sylvan Gravel pit. The state budget was discussed including the possibility of a sales or income tax. The August Special Session will focus on developing a permanent plan for calculating the PFD.

**Chief Tawnya Hightower, West Lakes Fire Department:** The Chief gave the links for the Firewise program and discussed components of the program. She also promoted recreational safety for summer activities.

**Persons to be Heard:** Limited to 3 minutes per person

Cathy Kramer reported that she has neighbor driveway signs for \$20.

President Yehle announced that the August meeting of the Council is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Room, and anyone is welcome to attend there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

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Camden Yehle, President      Date

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Patricia Fisher, Secretary      Date