

Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

◆ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ◆

Y Pres: Camden Yehle Y Vice Pres: Linda Conover

N 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 and Streamed on Facebook.

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.

Change in the Agenda: President Yehle asked that the order of the agenda be changed to move the presentation by Trooper Hegg to immediately after the approval of the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Ariel Cannon to reflect that change in the agenda, seconded by Linda Conover. The motion was passed with no objections.

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

Presentation: Trooper Lucas Hegg gave a presentation on the new state regulations for APVs, All Purpose Vehicles. He shared the Troopers FAQ with the membership. Beginning January 1, 2022 APVs will be allowed on roadways where the speed limit is 45 miles per hour or less, and where boroughs, municipalities, or cities have not banned their use.

Highlights of the FAQ include: Snowmachines and hovercrafts do not qualify as APVs.

No special registration is required. License plates and insurance are required. Helmets are not required for the driver; however, they are required for passengers.

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

Board Reports:

Gaming Chair Ariel Cannon gave a report on gaming activity.

Parks and Trails Chair Lori Benner reported the Survey had been complete on the Visnaw Trail to the Little Su.

Safety Chair Chad Scott reminded everyone to be fire safe during the cold weather. Be sure your chimney and fireplace are clean. Safety on Sylvan Road has been improved since the appeal by the Alaska Mental Health Trust for the Sylvan gravel pit was denied. Camden reported that residents can apply for disaster recovery grants for damage due to the recent high winds at ready.alaska.gov. She also recommended upgrading your space heater. They are highly improved over old models.

Secretary Patti Fisher reported on the Work Session held on January 7 to discuss field projects for the 2022 summer. A brief overview was made of the work to be done on the field irrigation system with input from Council Coordinator Tim Swezey. The proposed project to add lighting to the field was discussed. Secretary Fisher also reported that the Appeal by the Alaska Mental Health Trust on the proposed Sylvan gravel pit was denied by the Borough's Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Mental Health has until January 21 to file an appeal in the State court.

President Camden reported on the transfer by the Borough to the Council of 40 additional acres of land

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adjoining the acreage currently owned by the Council. The land is proposed to be used for a trail park. Pictures of the deed signing ceremony were shown.

Camden gave an update on MEA's proposed new Transmission Line. A final community meeting will be held Wednesday, January 19, at Wasilla High School, with opportunity for public comment. The highest scoring routes are 1) the Northern Route and 2) the Wasilla Fishhook Route. Both routes come through Meadow Lakes and lay alongside the northern boundary of MLCC property.

Regarding the Platting application for Drake Estates, off of Kathi, Cam reported that the application was approved by the Platting Board as requested. The Board does not have jurisdiction over the buildability of lots. Approval would be needed by the US Corp of Engineers due to the wetland designation of the lots.

Road Service Area Chair Steve Edwards, reported that 1 million dollars of funds designated to use on Meadow Lakes roads (Johnson Rd and Meadow Lakes Loop) were removed from the Road Bond package by the Assembly. The funds were reallocated to the cost of the total bond package.

Old Business:

Sylvan Gravel Pit appeal: Previously related under Board Reports.

Proposed Gravel Ordinance: Secretary Fisher discussed the proposed gravel ordinances (OR22-002 and OR22-003) which will be heard by the Planning Commission on February 7. 22-002 removes the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for pits removing less than 20,000 cubic yards of material in a year. 22-003 exempts the Borough from compliance with gravel ordinances at the Borough Landfill. Patti read a proposed letter for submittal to the Planning Commission in which the Council opposes the ordinances. A motion was made by Sherri Rusher to submit the letter as written; second was made by Terry Boyle. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Bob Coffin clarified the difference in the number of truck load created with the extraction of 7,000 versus 20,000 cy. This ordinance could have an impact on the Sylvan pit, whereby the pit could be mined by taking out less than 20,000 cy per year without a CUP.

New Business:

MLCC 2022 Budget. Secretary Fisher presented the budget. Linda Conover made a motion to accept the Budget, seconded by Ariel Cannon. There was no opposition to accepting the Budget as presented.

President Yehle reported the resignation of the Education Committee Chair. She asked that anyone interested in serving in that capacity to please contact her.

Correspondence: The Correspondence was read by Council Coordinator Tim Swezey.

MCB - Marijuana Notices

- RENEWAL - GREEN DEGREE, - Lic# 12023 - Retail Marijuana
 - Facebook November 30th, 2021: <https://bit.ly/3pSs9we>
 - 3361 W Machen Rd. Retail Space; Documents: <https://bit.ly/31b5otr>
- NEW OWNER PUBLIC NOTICE- North Coast Cultivation, - Lic# 31690- Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
 - Facebook November 30th, 2021: <https://bit.ly/3EZLbF8>
 - 847 Solitude Street; Documents: <https://bit.ly/3xCyw9a>

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: The legislative Session starts on Tuesday, January 18. Issues: Mental Health Trust has a new CEO, Steve Williams. Wilson suggest we contact him about the proposed Sylvan pit. Redistricting Board map will probably stand for the 2022 election, with appeals effective after 2022.

Chief Hightower, West Lake Fire: The Chief gave an update on the activities of the fire department. The Chief related that there were 5 fire deaths in Mat-Su during 2021. This is a serious increase as some

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years there have been no deaths. Smoke alarms can reduce this statistic. West Lake Fire Department will install the alarms in your home. Contact tyler.buff@matsugov.us, 907-861-8083. Smoke alarms have an 8-10year life and should be replaced after that. West Lake will replace existing alarms. During the cold weather the Chief recommended that residents close curtains to maintain heat, limit opening doors, keep exhaust vents clear, and clean fireplace chimneys.

Persons to be Heard:

Sherry Rusher reported on Christmas Basket project. The project provided baskets to 29 families, feeding 168 individuals. Sherry thanked the Committee: Dawn Houston, Julie Starr, Terry Boyle, Lana Edwards, Oak Houston, Linda Conover and Holly Grant, for the outstanding job they did in shopping, preparing the baskets and getting them delivered. Assistance from the schools came from Nurse Hannah at ML Elementary, and Secretary Terry at Midnight Sun Family Learning. A grant was received from MS Health Foundation to fund the project

Sherry also reported that ML Seniors will conduct a Health Fair on Feb 12, 8 to noon, at ML Elementary School. Appointments must be made for the event at the Alaska Health Fairs website. Sherry can answer questions at 357-3999.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Camden Yehle, President Date _____

Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date _____