

# Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc. Minutes of March 9, 2022

❖ 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 = No**

**VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM, In Person 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:** The Membership Committee determined that there was not a quorum.

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

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

### **Board Reports:**

**President:** Camden Yehle noted that there were many important issues now before the Borough and State, and she offered suggestions for making comments on those issues.

**Safety Chair** Chad Scott reported that the gravel ordinance before the Planning Commission was rejected by the Commission. The Ordinance would have increased the amount of gravel which could be mined without a permit from 2,000 cubic yards to 20,000 cubic yards. Chad stated he felt that the MLCC Comprehensive Plan was important in the rejection of the proposed ordinance. Chad thanked the residents on Sylvan Road for opposing the ordinance. Chad also thanked Alaska troopers and first responders for their work.

**Secretary** Patti Fisher also discussed the gravel ordinance and reported that the ordinance will go back to the Assembly on March 15<sup>th</sup> for a vote. There could be changes to the Ordinance before the Assembly votes.

**Council Coordinator** Tim Swezey reported that reservations for the Park are being made by businesses, schools and churches.

**Gaming Chair** Ariel Cannon gave a report on gaming activity. Over \$700 in tickets were sold on February 12.

### **Discussion of Plans for the new Trail Park:**

Secretary Fisher discussed the grant application which was made to the Trails and Parks Foundation for a formal plan for the Park. John Underwood of Happy Trails AK visited the Park with Camden, Patti, Lisa Jaeger and Alan Leonard, to look over the site. He gave us a quotation for the Plan which was submitted to Trails and Parks with the grant application. We will hear by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April whether the grant has been awarded.

Camden showed a map of the park and a second map of the area, with existing gravel pits and subdivisions, with radius designations of a one-mile walkable radius and a 3-plus mile bikeable radius.

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This was for the purpose of connectivity.

Tim discussed the options of reaching the Parks Highway walking/biking trail from the Park.

Sherry Rusher commented on the importance of Connectivity.

Lorrie Benner Hansen reported that there was a comprehensive trail map attached to the Comprehensive Plan.

Patti pointed out that there is 15 acres of Council land which includes the Woodland Trail which lies to the north-east of the Pavilion. The creek runs through this area directly into the newly acquired 40 acres. So, in fact we have 40 acres plus 15 for a total of 55 acres which is available for trails.

Camden put up the links to the Trail Survey in the Chat and asked people to fill it out right now. Twelve responses were submitted which Camden reported in a bar chart to the meeting. The survey will be put on the MLCC website and left open.

Sherry made the comment that two elements were being mixed: the Walking Trails apply to the Sports Field while Motorized Trails apply to all of Meadow Lakes.

Patti believes that it is critical that the plan consider 'Multiple-use issues' for the Trail.

Cam stated that the multi-use aspect of trail makes it critical that we have a professional plan for the Park.

Lorrie does not have too much of a problem with motorized vs horses. Her concern is that motorized vehicles do a lot of damage to trails.

Patti restated the timeline for the Trail Plan and construction.

Ariel Cannon announced he is planning for a dead wood harvest for the public in the Trail area. This will be scheduled as soon as the weather allows.

Senator Wilson discussed the benefit of offering businesses the wood.

Camden asked people who would be interested in being involved with Trail planning and construction to contact her.

### **New Business:**

Camden will be appointing an Election Committee shortly and will send a notice out to Membership of the offices that are open in the May 2022 election.

Camden reported that a meeting for the West Susitna Access Road will be held on March 23. This is an AIDEA project (Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority). The comment period to the Borough for West Susitna ends March 31. Please get comments to Camden by that date. Camden is the Public Involvement coordinator for the Borough and will be providing MSB with a summary of the comments. A meeting covering the Parks Highway Alternative Corridor (PEL) will be held on March 29, 4:30 to 6:30. Both this meeting and the West Susitna meeting are virtual.

### **Correspondence:** reported by Tim Swezey:

Upcoming Public Engagement:

West Susitna Access Road - Public Engagement

Webpage with document Links: <https://bit.ly/3ppY2LR>

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Time for both meetings: 4 to 7 pm, Presentations at 4, 5, & 6 pm

Online Location: [https://bit.ly/susitna\\_access](https://bit.ly/susitna_access)

Phone Location: 253-215-8782, Meeting ID: 860 7777 0537, Passcode: 150663

### **Liquor Licenses:**

Cadillac Cafe Liquor License Renewal Application

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### **Agency Reports:**

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**Senator David Wilson:** The Budget process is ongoing in the Alaska Legislature. Debate is on whether to spend to backfill capital projects, or to bring spending back to pre-deficit levels or to just save. With regard to West Susitna, Senator Wilson is encouraging AIDEA to get out to as many Communities as possible for discussion. Patti asked about a possible \$1300 rebate to all residents of the State. Wilson says it is still under discussion.

**West Lake Fire:** Chief Hightower gave statistics on recent activity in the district. She encouraged residents to visit Community Connect to provide information on themselves and their residences which will help the fire department in the event of an emergency. West Lake Firewise Day will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Council could have a table at the event to update people on our activities.

**Persons to be Heard:** None

**Next Meeting,** April 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm. The meeting presentation will be by the MSB Planning Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Camden Yehle, President    Date 5/4/22

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Patricia Fisher, Secretary    Date