

Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc. Minutes of April 13, 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 = Yes

VIRTUAL MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM, In Person and Streamed on Facebook.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Quorum: The Membership Committee determined that there was a quorum.

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

Presentation: Mat-Su Borough Planning Department. Jason Ortiz, Mark Whisenhunt, Peggy Horton and Kelsey Anderson discussed the current and future plans of the department. There was a lengthy discussion of the Borough's process for lake management plans, and in particular the Beverly Lake Management Plan process.

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

Board Reports:

President: Camden Yehle commented on a solar tax incentive program that provides a credit of 26% for expenses of installing solar panels. She asked that people contact her if you want further information. She asked that residents be concerned about fire issues, and complete burn permits if they are burning. Matanuska Electric Association has chosen the Northern Route as their preferred route for the new transmission line. The Appeal Deadline for comment on the route is April 26 with the Appeal being heard on April 28. She asked for comments on the concerns regarding the route. Sherri Rusher expressed her concern with regard to the route going right by the edge of senior housing. She offered that an alternative would be for the route to go down Stacey and across the gravel pit to get to Pittman. Sherri also objected to the line crossing the Parks at the busy Pittman intersection.

Cam asked for permission to send a formal appeal letter to MEA covering the issues of the route near Seniors and crossing the Parks at Pittman. Aryne Randall made a motion to allow Cam to send an Appeal to MEA, with a second by Sherri Rusher. The motion carried with no objections. Sherri noted that these same objections had been made to MEA during the public meetings on the line. MEA said they would get back with us, which they did not do.

Secretary: Patti gave an update on the Nevitt case. The case was remanded back to the Superior Court from the Supreme Court. We will be worked with our attorneys to present our side of the case.

Gaming Chair: Ariel reported on the events with AK Entertainment at the Menard Center.

Council Coordinator: There are two projects scheduled for the Sports field this Summer: upgrading the irrigation system, and installing power to the field.

Meadow Lakes Community Development: President Ariel Cannon reported that a grant application had

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been made to the State Department of Agriculture for the establishment of an Orchard on the Sports Field. Results of the application will not be known until Fall. Ariel also reported that the wood harvest on the 40-acre trail park will occur as soon as ground conditions permit.

Road Service Chair: Steve Edwards reported on local road projects. There was \$10 million provided by the state for road projects, of which a portion was to come to Meadow Lakes. These funds were moved from the road service area budgets by the MSB Assembly to reduce the cost of the bond package which was on the ballot in November. Consequently, there will be no paving on Beverly Lake Road, Meadow Lakes Loop or Johnson Road this year.

Business:

Nominations Committee: Chair Patti Fisher asked for nominations from the floor, and presented the slate of officers: Vice President: Steve Edwards; Treasurer: Trish Jacob; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey; Bylaws Chair: Terry Boyle; Parks and Recreation Chair: Lori Benner Hanson; Membership Chair: Holly Grant. Patti asked a second time for nominations from the floor. President Yehle asked a third time for any nominations from the floor. Tim Swezey made a motion to approve the slate, seconded by Aryne Randall. Cam asked for any discussion, and then asked for any objections to passing the slate for vote at the May meeting. No objections were voiced.

Spring Clean Up: Patti Fisher reported on the plans for Clean Up. The dumpster will be at the Fire Station on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided to participants on Saturday from Noon to 6pm. Matt Link has volunteered to be in charge of the food. Bags will be available at R&R Laundry and R&R U-Haul. Cleanup of the Parks Highway will occur the Saturday (May 14) before the Dumpster is available. First and second place Cash prizes for the most bags will be made in the following categories: Child, Teen, Adult, and Group.

Distribution of Gaming Funds:

Patti Fisher reported a history of the distribution of Gaming Funds from 2018 through 2021. Seventy percent of the gaming revenue, as specified in our gaming permit, goes to the MLCC Building Fund; thirty percent goes to non-profit community groups. The MLCC Board recommended the following distribution for the 2021 earnings to be distributed in 2022: Imagination Library, West Lake Fire Auxiliary, and Big Lake Food Pantry. Matt Link made a motion to approve the distribution as recommended. The motion was seconded by Ariel Cannon, and passed without objection.

Correspondence: reported by Tim Swezey:

MCB - Marijuana Notices

- UPDATE OWNER NOTICE- Fort Green Alaska, - Lic# 32116 - Retail Marijuana Store
 - Mat-Su Borough Conditional (CUP) Permit Required
 - Facebook March 29, 2022: <https://bit.ly/3LoXChm>
 - 7821 W. Parks Hwy., Upper Level
 - Documents: <https://bit.ly/35lk7Ey>
- UPDATE OWNER NOTICE- ALG 2.0 - Lic# 32131 - Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility
 - Facebook March 29, 2022: <https://bit.ly/36F2yju>
 - 7821 W. Parks Hwy., Lower Level
 - Documents: <https://bit.ly/3LmhtOg>

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: The Budget process is ongoing in the Alaska Legislature. He expected the legislature to adjourn by the statutory date. Wilson reported that he is chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, and a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Regional Affairs. Discussion has occurred on the PFD amount and a special dividend. Wilson is in favor of one payment, the PFD, and believes it will be about \$2600. Cam asked the Senator about small motor vehicles on KGB.

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Dewey Bitler thanked Wilson for being in attendance at our meetings. He suggested additional funding for 529 funds to encourage youth saving for college. He also recommended a "sunset law" on a State Income Tax, which would kick in when oil prices drop in the future. Steve Edwards asked about Infrastructure funding, and asked if there was guidance to local entities to help them apply for some of the funding. Wilson said that there was a grant to the Alaska Municipal League for the purpose of assisting municipalities, and also funding to Alaska Native Federation for assisting native organizations. Chad Scott stated that he advocated for fixing Trooper pensions to make those benefits competitive so that we do not lose Troopers to other entities. The Senator said that while we have additional money this year and next year, in year 3 we will probably have a deficit.

West Lake Fire: Chief Hightower reported on the activities of the department. The West Lakes Wildfire Preparedness Day event is May 7th at Station 7-3. There will be games and food for those attending. All are welcome.

Patti Fisher made a motion to extend the meeting for 10 additional minutes. The motion was seconded by Sherri Rusher, and passed with no objection.

Persons to be Heard: Jullie Starr reported on the passing of her brother Tom Starr. A memorial will be held at the Lutheran Church on April 24th. Camden announced that her company, Yehle and Associates, will be organizing the Transportation Fair this year.

Next Meeting, May 11th at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.



Camden Yehle, President Date 5/27/22

 6/2/2022

Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date