

# Meadow Lakes Community Council September 13, 2023 Meeting

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

David Wilson, Senator  
Mike Showers, Senator  
Kevin McCabe, Representative  
David Eastman, Representative  
Edna DeVries, Borough Mayor  
Ron Bernier, Assembly Member  
Mokie Tew, Assembly Member

*Quorum Requirements Three Officers, 13 Council Members*

**Meeting Date:** September 13, 2023

**Time:** 7:02 pm

**Location:** Meadow Lakes Seniors, 1210 Kim Drive, Meadow Lakes

A quorum of Road Service Area 27 road board members may be present.

- **Call to order** – meeting called to order by President Yehle at 7:02pm
- **Determination of a quorum** – No quorum initially achieved.
- **Pledge of allegiance** - recited
- **Approval of consent agenda** – A quorum was established at 8:00pm. At that time a motion was made by Secretary Fisher to approve the minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by Ariel Cannon. There was no objection to approving the minutes.
- **Board reports:**
  - **Gaming:** Ariel Cannon, Gaming chair, reported there will be a gaming event Oct 13 at AK Combat at the Palmer Depot on Friday October 13.

**Treasurer's Report:** Trish Jacob gave the August Financial Report.

**Vice President,** Steve Edwards gave a report on the Road Service Area Board. Work on roads was slow this season. The RSA was not successful in getting many projects moving. Steve asked if Council was able to purchase an "Owl" webcam. Camden reported that the Owl was purchased with MatSu Health Foundation grant funds.

**Legal Committee,** Kim Kalmbach. Reported that the plantiif in the case has died. Our attorney filed a motion to vacate the trial date which was set for September 15<sup>th</sup> and to hold the case in abeyance for 90 days to give the plaintiff's estate the opportunity to pursue the case if they wish. The judge has granted the motion to vacate the trial and

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set a date for a status hearing on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Orchard:** Ariel Cannon. Ariel gave a report on the Community Orchard. The trees will be planted within the next two weeks.

**President:** Camden Yehle. The Mat-Su Emergency Expo is scheduled for September 30, 10am to 3pm. The Borough has set Free Dump Days for September 16 through 30<sup>th</sup>.

• **Presentation: Ted Swanson, District 7, Representative to the Mat-Su School Board.** Mr. Swanson, gave a report on recent issues before the Board. Several controversial issues have been before the Board: Mr. Swanson discussed the issue of the removal of the Student Representative from the Board. Steve Edwards asked what participated the change regarding the student representative. Mr. Swanson said the decision to change the policy came through the Policy Board, on which Mr. Swanson does not sit. He was not aware of any minutes from the Policy Board meeting. Other policy changes were made regarding meeting conduct: 1) reading the rules of public participation before the start of public testimony, limiting applause for a presentation, placing a one-hour time limit on non-actions items.

Mr. Swanson's nomination for the Library Citizen's Advisory Committee was Melinda Dale, who was approved. Sherri Rusher asked if any books had been banned to date, and Mr. Swanson said "No". He suggested asking the District office for the list of books that are under review.

Ariel thanked Mr. Swanson for appearing at our meeting and asked that he support Career and Technical Education (CTE). Linda thanked Ted for appearing at our meeting and supporting our librarians. There should be no contract issues on busing as contacts have been agreed to with the union. Sherri asked about the delayed start on Monday morning. Ted did not have an opinion at this time


**Agency Reports: Senator David Wilson** stated that he has been working with other community councils on derelict properties. He announced the ribbon cutting on Friday Sept 15 at the Wasilla airport for the expansion of the airport runway.

**West Lake Fire**, Chief Tawyna Hightower, gave a report on activities at West Lake. They participated in a September 11<sup>th</sup> event conducted by the American Legion. There were 60 emergency calls in August.

**Persons to be Heard:** None

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 pm  
The Presentation is planned to be on Seldon Extension.

• **Adjournment** – 8:12pm

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Camden Yehle, President

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