

Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

Minutes of April 10, 2024

❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = YES ❖

Pres: Camden Yehle Y; Vice Pres: Steve Edwards
Y; Treasurer: Trish Jacob Y; Sec: Patricia Fisher
Y; Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey Y

❖ 13 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: YES ❖

Meeting Quorum = Yes

Meeting conducted at the on Zoom and in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors
Recorded live and posted on Facebook after the meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Determination of a Quorum: President Camden Yehle announced that a quorum was achieved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Camden add to the agenda a discussion of the date for Community Cleanup and a possible change to the starting time of the Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the agenda and the agenda passed without opposition.

Board Reports:

Safety: Chair Chad Scott reported that West Lake Fire has a lot of smoke and CO2 detectors which they could install in resident's homes. He reminded members to be careful as there is still ice on the roads.

Gaming: Chair Ariel Cannon reported the gaming event in March sold \$300 in Split the Pot tickets. The next event is April 26 at the Palmer Train Depot. Other gaming opportunities are being pursued.

Parks & Recreation: Chair Lorie Benner recommended staying off wet trails currently, so as not to destroy the surface. Creeks and streams are probably not safe to cross at this time.

Vice President: Steve Edwards reported on the plans for road construction for the summer. He also reported that the road maintenance contract for Road Service Area 27 with Northern Asphalt was renegotiated for a lower price, and the 12-inch driveway berm was included in the contract. This brings the contract price to approximately \$14,000 per mile.

Secretary: Patti Fisher asked that Dewey Bitler report on a public engagement meeting of the Long Trail Committee which was held in Wasilla, on April 10. The Long Trail runs from Seward to Fairbanks. Dewey attended the meeting gave the Committee maps of the Visnaw trail on which we work here in Meadow Lakes.

Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey gave a report on the reservation system we are using for Park reservations.

President: Camden announced that the Borough is offering a \$25 coupon for trash disposal. You must apply for the coupon on the Borough website. She reported that the DOT's Seldon Road Extension project is now scheduled to begin in 2026.

Treasurer's Report: Trish Jacob presented the Treasurer's Report for March.

Presentation: Matanuska Electric Association: Eklutna Hydro Electric Project, Jennifer Castro, Communications Manager, MEA, and Tony Zellers, MEA Chief Operations Officer. A detailed reports was presented on the project and its effect on the Eklutna River.

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Business:

MLCC Election of Officers: Camden presented the list of Board offices which are open in 2024. She asked for volunteers for any open position. Holly Grant added her name to run for the office of Membership Chair. The final slate was read. Vice President – Steve Edwards, Treasurer – Trish Jacob, Council Coordinator – Tim Swezey, Bylaws Chair – Terry Boyle, Parks and Recreation Chair – Lori Benner, Membership Chair – Holly Grant.

Steve Edwards made a motion to approve the slate; a second was made by Bob Coffin. The slate was approved with No Objections.

Date of Cleanup: Tish Link asked that the Council move the date of Cleanup to a date after school is out, so that there can be more participation by children. She suggested that we schedule the event for Friday May 31 and Saturday May 1. Chad offered storage at his church facility for bagged trash that people collect earlier than the arrival of the dumpster. An information notice will be sent to members early in May.

Change of Meeting Time: Camden suggested that we move the start of the meeting time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm. There was brief discuss of the issue, and Camden stated that we would have further discussion at the June meeting.

Correspondence: The correspondence was presented. No action was taken.

Agency Reports:

West Lakes Fire: Chief Tawyna Hightower presented a report of activities at the Fire Department.

Senator David Wilson: Camden read a statement sent by the Senator regarding Church Road.

Resurfacing of the Church and Big Lake roads is now scheduled in 2025. Maintenance of pot holes will occur as needed.

Persons to be Heard:

Debra McGhan made a statement from residents of Bruce Lake Sub-Division about squatters taking up residence in vacant homes in the subdivision, and other subdivisions of the Valley. She reported that Troopers and MSB officials do not have authority under the law to evict these persons. State legislators have been advised on the situation, and have advised that they will take up the topic in 2025. Debra asked members to call the Troopers Non-Emergency line and MSB Compliance to report squatting incidents. Other residents joined Debra in speaking about this issue: Penny (unknown last name), Tim Grady, and Bob Nelson spoke.

Patti Fisher made a motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes, with a second by Chad Scott. No objections were heard.

Chad Scott reported he was appointed to the MSB Library Board, and is preparing a report on library issues (successes and challenges). He asked for comments from members within the next month.

Camden reported that the Quarterly MLCC Board meeting will be held Wednesday April 17 at 6:30pm on Zoom. The meeting is listed on the Borough calendar.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 8th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

 5/28/24

Camden Yehle, President Date

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Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date