

Meeting Minutes August 14, 2024

Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

Minutes of August 14, 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 in Person at Meadow Lake Seniors, on Zoom and on Facebook.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Camden Yehle.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Determination of a Quorum: A quorum was achieved at about 7:15 pm. The Consent Agenda was approved without objection after the quorum was achieved.

Board Reports:

Treasurer: Trish Jacobs presented the Council's Financial Report for July.

Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey reported that park reservations were beginning to slow down as we approach Fall.

Secretary: Patti Fisher gave an update on the actions of the Borough's Waterbody Setback Advisory Board and the Citizen's Library Advisory Board. Bill Gambell gave a report on the Mobile Home Ordinance. It was passed by the Assembly; however, according to Mr. Gamble it is the intention of the Assembly to review various parts of the Multifamily Ordinance.

Road Board: Steve Edwards gave a report on road maintenance activities. He reported that a culvert was designed to alleviate the drainage out of Golden Lake and correct the flooding along Meadow Lakes Loop just before it intersects with the Parks Highway. None of the construction has been started. It appears that no work will be done on Meadow Lakes Loop which was originally scheduled for this summer. Camden suggested that a meeting be held with Borough Road Service to discuss the issues of the culvert and the paving on ML Loop.

President: Camden spoke about the young woman who was killed by Anchorage police this week. A moment of silence was held in her honor. She reported that the Borough is granting a driveway permit fee waiver until September 30, 2024. There will be a public meeting on the West Susitna Access Road at the Wasilla Public Library, 3:30pm to 6:30pm, Thursday, Aug. 15. Public comment is open until August 23. Camden reminded everyone to vote in the primary election on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Early voting is ongoing.

Presentation: Matanuska Electric Association gave an update on the status of the new 20-mile-long Transmission Line. Attending from MEA were Jennifer Castro and Will Klatt. Phase I design is scheduled for 2024 through 2026 for the portion through Meadow Lakes. A 40-acre parcel at Church Road and Shampine Road was purchased as the location for the Church substation. MEA is currently working on permitting and acquiring easements from private landowners. Construction is planned for 2025. At the location of the line nearby ML Seniors they will be expanding the easement on either side of the existing transmission line access path from 30 feet to 50 feet (i.e. 25 feet on each side of the center line). They are still working on acquiring easements.

MEA is fairly confident that they will not need space for temporary access (equipment storage) on MLCC

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property which had previously been discussed.

The line will cross the Parks Highway just to the west of the Pittman/Parks intersection (in between the old Holiday Station and the existing highway). MEA has existing easement at this site.

Terry Boyle asked for the height of the poles. Klatt reported that 80 ft poles, with 67 feet above ground, 13 feet in ground, with distribution of 30 feet will be used. Sherri Rusher stated that she had been told that the poles would be 50 feet in height. Klatt said that 50-foot poles were not doable.

Senator Wilson asked about the sub-station location relative to the location of the charter school property. According to Klatt, the definite site for the line at the Pittman/Parks intersection has not been set.

Chad said that the space at the intersection is limited, and suggested sending a letter to MEA to consider expansion of the intersection to accommodate future growth. A motion was made by Steve Edward, seconded by Patti Fisher, to write a letter to MEA recommending that space be provide for expansion at the intersection. A voice vote was taken. The motion passed. Klatt discussed the need to align the line with existing easements on the West side of the highway by the City Center Mall. Jennifer asked the Council for a recommendation for a name for the Church sub-station.

Presentation: City of Wasilla Municipal Airport Expansion Project: Heather Campfield, Marie Schmidt, Mark Swenson, HDL; and Erick Shaal, City of Wasilla. The Project is at the beginning stages of a 20-year plan. To date they have collected information on current usage and have inventoried the assets. The City is experiencing numerous requests for more tie-downs. The plan is to expand the runway from 3,700 to 6,000 square feet. No provision for jet traffic is proposed. They would like input from the public on the proposal.

Business:

- Conditional Use Permit letter: Machen Road gravel extraction
- Conditional Use Permit letter: Verizon tall tower
- Platting letter: Alliance Country Heights

Discussion was held on each of the above actions. A motion was made by Secretary Fisher, seconded by Terry Boyle, to send letters of support to the Borough, with specific comments on the CUP on Machen Road and the Platting Action for Alliance Country Heights. The motion passed.

The meeting was extended for 15 minutes by a motion by Secretary Fisher.

Agency Reports:

Senator David Wilson: Senator Wilson gave a report on upcoming activities in the area.


Chief Tawyna Hightower, West Lake Fire: The Chief gave an update on fire department activity.

Assembly person Bill Gamble: Mr. Gamble gave a report on Assembly actions.

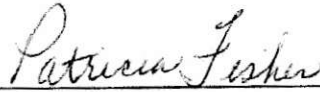
Persons to be Heard: Candidates running for office in the November election presented themselves to the meeting: David Wilson, candidate for State Senate District N; Doyle Holmes, candidate for State House, District 30; and Sheena Fort, candidate for MSB District 7 Assembly.

Next Council Meeting: President Yehle announced that the next meeting of the Council will be held on September 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.



Camden Yehle, President Date 9/19/24



Patricia Fisher, Secretary Date 10/24/2024