

# Meeting Minutes April 11, 2018

## Meadow Lakes Community Council Inc.

❖ 3 Officers required for quorum: TOTAL = 3 YES ❖

Pres: Patricia Fisher ❖  Vice Pres: Rae Arno  
 Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson ❖  Sec: Janet Henkel  
 Council Coordinator: Tim Swezey

❖ 3 Committee Chairs required for quorum: TOTAL = 5 YES ❖

Education: Cally Leader ❖  CIP: Terry Boyle  
 Bylaw: Linda Conover ❖  Mem: Lacy Harris  
 Trail: Lori Benner-Hanson ❖  Safety: Larry Michaelson  
 Gaming: Ariel Cannon

❖ 10 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community required for quorum: TOTAL = 14 YES ❖  
Meeting Quorum = YES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Patti Fisher. It was determined that a quorum was present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
3. **Approval of:**
  - a. **Agenda** – Jan Henkel motioned to approve the agenda, with a second from Linda Conover. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.
  - b. **Minutes** – Lori Benner Hanson asked to have her name corrected on the minutes. Linda Conover motioned to approve the March minutes, and was seconded by Maureen Morgan. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.
  - c. **Treasurers Report** – None

#### 4. Reports:

**President** – Patti Fisher gave the presidents report. Patti stated that the community cleanup days will be May 14 through May 19<sup>th</sup>, with a block party on May 20. She encouraged everyone who is able to please help with the cleanup. There will be a meeting of the cleanup committee on Thursday, April 19 at the Meadow Lakes Senior Center. This spring cleanup requires the help of the entire community in order to be successful.

The borough assembly will be voting on a bond package soon, and one of our main concerns is the completion of the Seldon Road Extension project. We want the borough to know how important this project is to our community.

David Scott said that his church specializes in the cleaning up of really nasty areas, and if anyone is aware of any of these spots to please let him know.

Rachel Ridge asked about getting rid of junk cars during cleanup week. Tim Swezey asked for the locations of the vehicles to see if we would be able to get permission to remove them from the owners, if they are not located in public rights of way. Rachel said she may be able to get a volunteer committee together to get the vehicles to the road, if they are able to be picked up there. Tim added that the borough has updated their aerial imagery to 2017, so the images are very current.

President Patti Fisher added that the cleanup committee parcels out all of the jobs into small pieces, so nothing is overwhelming.

**Gaming** – Ariel Cannon presented the gaming report. April 24<sup>th</sup> is the next AK Tuesday Night Fight. There will be a split the pot. Ariel asked for volunteers for this fight, and said that he has 6 volunteer spots available.

**Community Safety** – None

**Parks & Recreation** – Lori Benner Hanson presented the Parks & Recreation report. There are more signs going up on Visnaw lake trail. Please stay off of the trails right now as they are very soft and can be torn up easily. Also, remember that some of these trails are on private property, please respect this.

**CIP** – Terry Boyle had nothing to report.

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**Education** – Cally Leader stated that she will have a complete report at the June meeting, as well as a report on the community patrols along with Larry Michaelson.

**Membership** – None

**Bylaws** – Linda Conover had nothing to report.

**Council Coordinator** – Tim Swezey reported that there have been several groups which have reserved the sports field during the spring. The road still appears to be very slick, and he cautioned people against using it at this time.

5. **Presentation:** Michelle Tabler of the Better Business Bureau spoke about scams. The Better Business Bureau also does outreach programs on fraud and identity theft in addition to reporting on businesses in our communities. BBB is not a government agency, with Alaska/Oregon/Washington/Idaho/Hawaii and part of western Wyoming forming the largest BBB group in the country. BBB partners with the military bases, as well as AARP, and hosts a Facebook page in addition to a website, including the scam tracker. Tomorrow we will be announcing the winner of our \$10,000 scholarship.

Michelle began her presentation by stating that at this point in time, you just have to figure that your personal information is floating around out there somewhere. You need to be proactive about what you are doing with that information, who you are sharing it with, and keeping an eye on it. Millennials are the age group most affected by online identity thieves. Scammers can open new checking account, loan, establish lines of credit, and use your insurance information for medical treatment and prescriptions. Most identity thieves are total strangers to their victims, although in rare cases it can be a family member or someone known to the victim. Most of these scammers are located outside of the United States.

Each piece of personal information that a scammer gets a hold of is worth a set price on the black market. These fees range from \$6 to \$2-300 per item. If you have no interest in using your credit any further, please pay the small fee to freeze your credit.

The internet is a goldmine for scammers. Fake friend requests on Facebook are usually scammers trying to find out personal information about you. Don't click on Facebook ads – once you do this the ad will follow you every time that you get online. Don't do online surveys – this is another way that scammers try and get your personal information. Don't post pictures of your vacations; don't list your birthday, etc. Ancestry.com is the most scammed website on the internet. It contains huge amounts of personal information about not only you, but your entire family. Be careful about the websites that you access when you are on public Wi-Fi as there are always scammers watching these sites. Make sure that passwords are a combination of words and/or letters that do not include your name or birthdate. Richard Nevins said that someone took a picture of the front and back of his credit card at an espresso shop and it took him over 6 months to get all of the charges reversed.

If you see any suspicious activity on your credit card or bank statements, even your cell phone bill, call and take care of it immediately. Never access your accounts through an email – go directly to the bank or the company's website. Keep your antivirus software up to date, and shred everything that has personal information on it. Dumpster divers look through people's trash for personal information. Mail fraud is another huge problem – when you put up the red flag to alert the postal carrier, you are also alerting mail thieves. Minimize the personal information on your checks – use a first initial and last name, as thieves won't know how you sign your name. Scrape the labels off of all of your prescription bottles and shred them. Back up your computer often and shred all of your preauthorized credit card offers so that they can't be used.

It is also important to photocopy all of the cards and ID in your wallet in case your purse or wallet is stolen. It is okay to hang up on callers asking for information, surveys, etc. The most recent scams that we are seeing are utility scams, the IRS scam, the kidnapping scam and the grandparent scam. These are called imposter scams and if you receive one of these call – hang up the phone immediately!

There are also many charity scams that go around, such as Go Fund Me, especially after a natural disaster. Ask for literature and let them know that you need to take some time to research their organization. A legitimate charity will be okay with this.

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The number one scams are the lottery and Publisher Clearing House scams. These ask for the US taxes to be paid up front before the winning check can be handed over. There are also inheritance scams, which also require you to pay up front in order to receive the inheritance.

Cally Leader added that when you purchase gift cards; make sure that they have not been tampered with. If scammers can get the number off of the back, they can use the card once it has been activated.

President Fisher thanked Michelle for the large amount of information that she shared with us.

Daryl Royce, of the AARP Fraud Network, also gave a presentation on identity theft and fraud. AARP created a Fraud Watch Network which is a free service for anyone; you do not have to be a member of AARP to use it. You can look up scams reported in your area, or report a scam. There are also two handbooks available through the website which explains how frauds work. Fraud can happen to anyone – hang up if you receive any call that you are unsure of, and remember, the Do Not Call service does not work here.

AARP currently partners with state attorney generals, and are always looking for other organization to partner with to get this information out to the public. There is currently concern that there will be scams directed at the new Medicare cards which are just coming out.

President Patti Fisher asked about having the shredder truck show up – this is a service provided by Shred Alaska. The event is free; however Shred Alaska does charge a fee to shred the documents. Tim Swezey asked about having a Shred Alaska event in conjunction with our spring cleanup. Daryl said that he would check and see if any of the Shred trucks were available on those dates.

Patti Fisher again thanked both Michelle and Daryl for their wonderful presentation.

6. **Correspondence:** Correspondence links were listed on the agenda.
7. **Old Business:** None
8. **New Business:** Chad Scott presented the nominating committee report for the 2018 elections.

Vice President – Linda Conover  
Treasurer – Cindy Michaelson  
Council Coordinator – Camden Yehle  
Trails – Lori Benner Hanson  
Bylaws – Terry Boyle  
Chair Membership – Lacey Harris

There were no nominations from the floor. Cally Leaser motioned to accept the nominations for the elections and was seconded by Jan Henkel. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

9. **Agency Reports:** None
10. **Persons to be heard:** Bev Mulcahy is a neighbor who has purchased property, built a home here and is now a full time resident. She is concerned about the platting on Meadow Lakes Loop, as well as the property off of Coronado. She did attend the last platting meeting and said that there is another meeting on April 19. She is concerned about the reasons behind the subdivision of this property. She also handed out cards for the Moose Federation, as the help out law enforcement with the removal of moose kills, and is a 501c3 nonprofit.

John Francis is the founder of Canines for the Mat-Su. They are looking at fully funding dogs for our local law enforcement agencies. This funding would include training, food, vet care and all other costs associated with the dogs. There is currently approximately one dog for every 19,000 residents. The City of Wasilla could easily use two – three dogs in order to cover a 24 hour shift. The Valley is the only part of the state that has ever lost a canine. Dogs save lives, and each one of these dogs costs approximately \$60K in order to fully train. There is

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currently not a training center in Alaska. The dogs usually begin training at around two years old and are usually retired between 7-8 years of age, depending upon their health. Last year this group raised approximately \$70K to replace canine Marshall, who died of cancer. Please visit our Facebook page – K9's for the Mat-Su fundraiser group. President Patti Fisher thanked John for his presentation.

David Horning wanted to thank the trails committee, as he took his kids out on the trails this past week and said his family had a great time. He thanked the group for all of their hard work, and wanted to let everyone know that there was a trooper stationed at the end of the trail when he was out there.

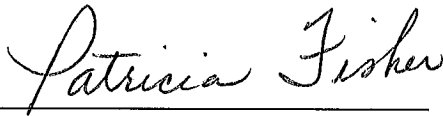
## 11. Approve Meeting Location:

Meadow Lakes Elementary School Gym  
Parks Highway  
Meadow Lakes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
Sign In: 6PM to 7PM  
Meeting: 7PM – 9PM

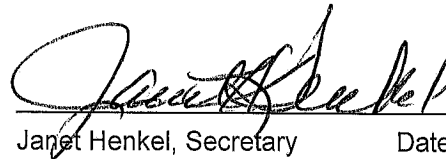
Linda Conover moved to approve the May meeting location and was seconded by Terry Boyle. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm by President Patti Fisher.



Patricia Fisher, President

Date

 5/9/18

Janet Henkel, Secretary

Date