

## Meadow Lakes Community Council, Inc.

Minutes – June 13, 2018 - Meeting – Birch Creek Villas (Senior Housing) 1210 N. Kim Drive  
Board ~ Quorum= 3:  Pres: Patricia Fisher ❖  Vice Pres: Linda Conover❖  Treasurer: Cindy Michaelson  
 Sec: Janet Henkel ❖  Cou. Coordinator: Camden Yehle (4 = Yes)  
Committee Chairs ~ Quorum = 3:  Education: Calley Leader ❖  CIP: vacant  
 Bylaw: Terry Boyle ❖  Membership: Lacey Harris ❖  Trail: Lori Benner-Hanson  
 Safety: Larry Michaelson ❖  Gaming: Ariel Cannon (3 = Yes)  
10 Members of the Meadow Lakes Community:  (10 = Yes)

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by President Patti Fisher.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.
- **Approval of:**
  - a. **Agenda** – Jullie Ftarr moved to approve. Cindy Michaelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. **Secretary** – Janet absent, no minutes to approve.
  - c. **Treasurers Report** – Cindy Michaelson presented the Treasurers report for April and May. Attached. Cindy Michaelson moved to remove Rae Arno and add Linda Conover as a signer to Mat-Valley FCU accounts. Cally Leader seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Reports:**
  - **Gaming** – nothing to report
  - **Community Safety** – nothing to report
  - **Education** – Cally Leader reported Dorothy Adler classes for first aide and wilderness training are on the calendar.
  - **Bylaws** – nothing to report
  - **Membership** – nothing to report
  - **Parks & Recreation** – Lori Benner-Hanson reported meeting with the Trails Committee to receive landowner input on new driveway being installed which would accommodate existing trail. Committee is working with the Borough on trail easements from Visnaw Lake to Little Su to Baldy. Seymour Lake access need repair – talking to the Borough about repairs. Committee is also talking to DNR about land trespass issues.
  - **CIP** – nothing to report
  - **Council Coordinator** – Our new Council Coordinator Camden Yehle was introduced.
  - **President**
    - Patti announced that the Seldon Extension is now on the road's short list.
    - The state capital budget signed by the governor includes \$75,000 for statewide Neighborhood Watch programs. The Mat-Su Borough will receive some of the money to offer grants to communities wishing funds for Neighborhood Watch projects.
    - Cleanup – 6.8 tons of garbage, 3 dumpsters full, AK Car Crushers removed 6 cars, Denali Refuse removed scrap metal including a pickup carcass.
    - Block party was a success with good weather, food, music, prizes, bake off contest and games for kids.
    - There were 10 park reservations through April, and 21 park reservations from April through June. No vandalism was reported.
- **Presentation:** Mark Neuman, Representative, House District 8  
Mark Neuman was invited to discuss the Parks Highway Phase 3 problems between DOT and business owners.
  - A long line at the railroad overpass was noted and a concern to motorists.
  - Fireplace Man – Property line in question. The borough for years has allowed 132' easement from Parks center line for tax purposes. The state has now changed this to 150' for phase 3. When the Fireplace Man questioned this, the state said accept the 150' or we won't build you a driveway off the parks and customers will have to use the back road to access your business.
  - Roadside Inn – The Parks Phase 3 road will be 4' from front door which will decrease business and does not even allow enough room for a handicap ramp.
  - Fisher Fuel – Phase 3 road will make it impossible of large trucks to turn around. It was pointed out that big trucks like this will have to go to the Glenn Highway if they want to turn around now that the Trunk

- Road has the tight turn-around.
  - Steve Childs with the Meadow Lakes Post Office expressed concerns over the Post Office entrance off the Parks Phase 3 Highway. The entrance now is not safe and will be impossible when phase 3 is finished. With 1100+ post office boxes, many being shared by two families generates lots of traffic each day. Steve has a petition with 300 signatures already asking DOT to allow Parks access to post office. Steve wants a turn lane, frontage road, or some way to safely access the post office. Turn lane and frontage road both were denied. Commissioner wants to extend W Swan Drive (gravel road) to N Meadow Lakes by Holiday gas station for post office customers to use to access via the back roads.
  - Owen Dicks asked "What can we do for businesses on Parks Highway Phase 3?". Call the governor. Call DOT. Support MLCC. Call Dave Wilson's office (Jody Simpson – aide). Jullie Ftarr made a **MOTION** that the Meadow Lakes Community Council send a resolution to DOT to allow Parks Highway access to the post office. Chad Scott seconded the motion. Linda Conover amended the motion to include concerns of all business along the Parks Highway Phase 3 construction. Jullie Ftarr seconded the amendment. Amendment passed unanimously. Motion, as amended, passed unanimously.
  - Knik Arm Crossing funding removed from the capital budget by Governor Walker. Crossing put on hold. The projection is that 34,000 drive to Anchorage each day.
  - KGB project is delayed one year.
- **Presentation:** Amy O'Conner and Louisa Branchflower, Skeetawk Ski Area
 

In 2015 the non-profit Hatcher Alpine Experience was formed. Skeetawk, the name for ski area, was voted on by the members. MSHF gave them a grant to cover Amy O'Conner's Executive Director salary. All other positions are volunteer. They are just starting their big capital campaign. The Hatcher Alpine Experience strives to make the ski area affordable (modeled after the Arctic Valley ski area), multi-generational, and a healthy choice for families. Before the opening there will be an access road for skiers, but no lift. The first ski lift is 50% complete. The ski area will be open for the 2019-2020 ski season. Current sledding areas will not be affected by the ski area. The non-profit meets the last Monday of each month in Palmer.
- **Correspondence:**
    - **SMG LLC**

Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility  
<https://goo.gl/suD9aC>
    - Goodwin Acres, MSB Case #2018-064
 

Rolling Acres Addition #1 divide into two lots containing 4.33 acres more or less  
 Public hearing June 13  
<https://goo.gl/w8twmW>
  - **Old Business:** no old business
  - **New Business:** Per Patti Fisher's request, Camden Yehle made a **MOTION** appoint Tim Sweezy to the position of Capital Improvement Projects Chair (CIP). Jullie Ftarr seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
  - **Agency Reports:**
    - Randall Kowalke**
      - Randall Kowalke reported that DOT and Su-Valley Community are in disagreement as to who pays the maintenance cost for the underpass by Su-Valley High School.
      - Willow Elementary School flashing light was moved to a position between the two school horseshoe entrances. Randall is trying to get this changed.
      - Randall will request a borough hearing on the Parks Phase 3 problems.
      - July 17 there will be a meeting for road bonding discussion. Taxes will be affected. Seldon Extension effected.
      - Randall discussed the borough China trip. APU is bringing a group to train for the Olympics. Biggest interest was in tourism. They are also interested in supporting the port operational cost for 1 year when that gets built, so the spruce beetle killed trees in the valley can be shipped to China.
    - John Fairchild**
      - **Borough Meeting to Discuss Crime in Our Neighborhoods**

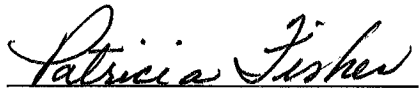
Mon. June 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at Willow Community Center, Mile 69 Parks Highway, Willow  
 Wed. June 20, 2018, 6 p.m., at Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer  
 Mon. June 25, 2018, 6 p.m., at Curtis D. Menard Sports Center, 1001 S. Clapp Street, Wasilla


- John suggested we include Big Lake Community Council in Parks Highway Phase 3 resolution.
  - Our fire department received a \$7500 grant for gear from the state.
  - Remember to thank our volunteers
  - Brush fire worry – be careful with burn barrels, use permits
  - Paving improvements are being made to fire stations
  - ISO trainings will be held on local lakes in an effort to reduce our ISO rating from a 4 to a 3 grade for homeowner's insurance rates.
- **Persons to be heard:** Jennifer Wimmer thanked the community council for the park, stating "The park is a hidden gem." It is a safe place for children and well maintained with no signs of vandalism.
  - **Meeting for Parks Highway Phase 3 resolution**, July 8, 2018 6pm at the Senior Housing, center of building.
  - **Approve Meeting Location:** Motion to meet July 11, 2018 made by Linda Conover, seconded by Sherri Rusher. Motion passed unanimously.

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 1210 N. Kim Drive  
 Meadow Lakes

Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
 Sign In: 6PM to 7PM  
 Meeting: 7PM – 9PM

- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Patti Fisher at 8:55 pm.

  
 Patricia Fisher, President    Date

 7/11/2018  
 Jan Henkel, Secretary    Date