

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
Area School Site Selection Committee**

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James Hart (School Board Alt)
Brandt Bowen (Birchtree Charter)
Susan McCauley (Birchtree Charter)
Becky Huggins (American Charter)
Stephanie Maynard (American Charter)

Adam Bradway - Staff

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Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
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Vacant, Development Services Manager
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*Assembly Chambers of the
Dorothy Swanda Jones Building
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer*

**April 14, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
2:00 p.m.**

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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by Chairperson Bergey

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Members Present: Mr. Bergey, Ms. Adamczak, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Sumner
Charter School Representatives Present: Ms. McCauley, Ms. Huggins, Ms. Maynard

Mat-Su Central School: Mr. Brown

Staff Present: Mr. Bradway, Ms. Borys, Mr. Aschenbrenner, Mr. Campfield, Ms. Cameron
School District Staff: Mr. Fulp, Mr. Estes, Mr. Weese

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Ms. Anderson moved to approve the agenda, Mr Sumner, 2nd. All in favor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MIUTES

A. February 18, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Anderson moved to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Sumner, 2nd. All in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Potential Mat-Su Central Site – Stringfield Road

i. 2018 HDL Site Evaluation – Stringfield Road & Seldon-Church

Mr. Fulp and Mr. Campfield both spoke about the site's suitability and Mat-Su Central's preference for the Stringfield Road property. Multiple Committee members questioned the cost of developing the site for a school. Multiple Committee members requested further site evaluation be done to determine cost estimates for developing any of the sites being considered.

B. A resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area School Site Selection Committee recommending a permanent site for Mat-Su Central School

Ms. Adamczak voiced her concern over committing to the Stringfield Road property for Mat-Su Central prior to evaluating and determining the best sites for Birchtree Charter and American Charter.

Ms Anderson commented that this resolution had the support of all the stakeholders (the School District, Mat-Su Central and Borough staff) and that we should heavily weigh their opinion.

Mr. Sumner requested a more thorough report on the cost of development of the site.

Motion: Mr. Sumner moved to table the resolution until the next meeting, Ms. Adamczak, 2nd. All in favor.

VI. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Potential school sites – American Charter Academy

Motion: Ms. Anderson moved to direct staff to draft a resolution to site American Charter Academy on the Seldon-Church property, Ms. Adamczak, 2nd. All in Favor.

B. Potential school sites – Birchtree Charter

Motion: Ms. Anderson moved to direct staff to draft a resolution considering Site 4 – Shaw Elementary as a potential future location for Birchtree Charter, Mr. Sumner, 2nd. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Sumner, Mr. Bergey and Ms. McCauley in favor, Ms. Adamczak against. Motion passes.

Motion: Ms. Anderson moved to extend the meeting to 4:30 pm, Ms. Adamczak, 2nd. All in favor.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*three minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*)

Mr. Eugene Habermen commented on the need for a larger timer for the public participation section of the meeting, the need for more public notice, and about several things that were not relevant to the School Site Selection Committee meeting.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Bradway thanked the Committee for coming and asking good questions. Mr. Bradway thanked the Committee for directing staff to draft the two additional resolutions. Mr. Bradway reiterated that this Committee is advisory in nature and that staff are producing as much information as possible to help the Committee in making a good decision. Mr. Bradway noted that he would continue to work with Public Works and the School District with the intention of gathering as much additional information as possible under the constraints of time and budget.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Adamczak agreed with Mr. Sumner that the Committee wants more information on the development costs of the sites. Ms. Adamczak expressed the concern that the convening of the Committee was long overdue and that it was important to work through and process all the information given by staff and stakeholders.

Mr. Sumner would like to see a cost comparison between the Seldon-Church property and the Stringfield Road property as it pertains to development costs. He stressed the importance of not making a decision solely based on the location of the site.

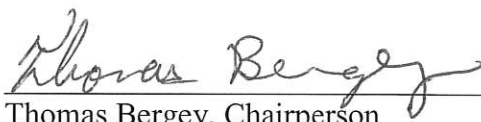
Mr. Bergey thanked staff for their work.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE:

To be set for a date and time within the first week of June 2021.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Sumner moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm, Ms. Adamczak, 2nd. All in favor.


Thomas Bergey, Chairperson

Attest:


Adam Bradway, Staff

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS SITE
SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING A SITE FOR MAT-SU CENTRAL SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District is seeking to identify a site for the permanent location of Mat-Su Central School; and

WHEREAS, the current lease agreement for Mat-Su Central School is set to expire on June 30, 2024 with the option for an additional extension; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee (the Committee) received a request from the Matanuska-Susitna School District to identify a suitable location for this school; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code 19.08.020 provides that the Committee make recommendations to the Assembly on requested school sites; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no funding allocated to school site procurement, thus, only Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned property was considered for selection; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned property within the area of Mat-Su Central's families was reviewed for school site

suitability, using criteria outlined in Matanuska-Susitna Borough Code and represented through a site suitability criteria scoring matrix; and

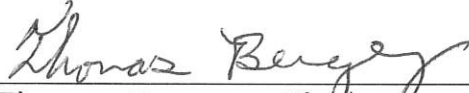
WHEREAS, the review of Matanuska-Susitna Borough property, returned "Stringfield Subdivision" as the potential preferred location; and

WHEREAS, the preferred location is legally described as Lot 1, Stringfield Subdivision, Plat No. 2020-96, located in Section 34, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, S.M., AK., Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a professional engineering firm performed a geotechnical analysis to verify useable areas and identify soils useful for development, with acceptable findings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee does hereby recommend to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board, Planning Commission, and Assembly that Lot 1, Stringfield Subdivision be identified as the preferred location of a permanent facility for Mat-Su Central School.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area Schools Site
Selection Committee this 4th day of August, 2021.



Thomas Bergey, Chairperson

Attest:



Adam Bradway, Planner II

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING A SITE FOR AMERICAN CHARTER ACADEMY.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District is seeking to identify a site for the permanent location of American Charter Academy; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough 19.08.020(F) provides that charter schools existing five years or more may request a permanent facility; and

WHEREAS, American Charter Academy has leased business suites and playground property in and around the Meadow Lakes Community Center for over 8 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee (the Committee) received a request from the Matanuska-Susitna School District to identify a suitable location for this school; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough 19.08.020(B) provides that the Committee make recommendations to the Assembly on requested school sites; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no funding allocated to school site procurement, thus, only Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned property was considered for selection; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned property within the area of American Charter Academy's families was reviewed for school site suitability, using criteria outlined in Matanuska-Susitna Borough code and represented through a site suitability criteria scoring matrix; and

WHEREAS, the review of Matanuska-Susitna Borough property, returned "Seldon-Church" the potential preferred location; and

WHEREAS, the preferred location is legally described as Tract A of Alaska State Land Survey No. 2004-18, Plat No. 2007-167, Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska. (Tax ID 6757000T00A); and

WHEREAS, only a portion of Tract A, comprising twenty acres or less is needed for developing this school site; and

WHEREAS, a professional engineering firm performed a preliminary site evaluation and rough cost estimate for development, with acceptable findings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee does hereby recommend to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board, Planning Commission, and Assembly that a portion of Tract A, twenty acres or less, be identified as the preferred location of a permanent facility for American Charter Academy.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee this 4th day of August, 2021.


Thomas Bergey, Chairperson

Attest:


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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING A SITE FOR BIRCHTREE CHARTER SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District is seeking to identify a site for the permanent location of Birchtree Charter School; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough 19.08.020(F) provides that charter schools existing five years or more may request a permanent facility; and

WHEREAS, Birchtree Charter School has leased a commercial building and property located near Trunk Road and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway from a private entity for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee (the Committee) received a request from the Matanuska-Susitna School District to identify a suitable location for this school; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough 19.08.020(B) provides that the Committee make recommendations to the Assembly on requested school sites; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no funding allocated to school site procurement, thus, only Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned property was considered for selection; and

WHEREAS, Matanuska-Susitna Borough owned property within the area of Birchtree Charter School's families was reviewed for school site suitability, using criteria outlined in Matanuska-Susitna Borough code and represented through a site suitability criteria scoring matrix; and

WHEREAS, the review of Matanuska-Susitna Borough property, returned the "Shaw Elementary" site as a potential preferred location; and

WHEREAS, the preferred location is legally described as Government Lot 1 and the NE1/4NW1/4, Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, S.M., Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.(Tax ID 18N01E30B002).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee does hereby recommend to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board, Planning Commission, and Assembly that Government Lot 1 and the NE1/4NW1/4 be identified as a preferred location of a permanent facility for Birchtree Charter School.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee this 4th day of August, 2021.


Thomas Bergey, Chairperson

Attest:


Adam Bradway, Planner II

Big Lake Community Council

May 11 2021 Minutes

Start @ 7pm

Minutes approved

Agenda approved

Trooper Fredrick: Stretching man power in the Valley. Currently, 5 or 6 only on shift. There is new training and there are 8 new laterals coming up. This has been a big year for retirements. Glenn Hwy. corridor has been very bad for break-ins/ vandalism. Huge spike in heroin OD's. Just 8 last week alone due to fentanyl laced heroin. CSU will be in Big Lake more often to help with know problems in the area. Trooper ride along programs are available. Call the post.

Arctic Winter Games presentation by Russ Craft, MSB purchasing officer. This is the 1st time MSB has been awarded the Games. Total cost 5-7 million, with bough assembly approving \$250,000. Other funds from other sources. Over 2000 participats, so its great for local economy. All kinds of volunteer positions, contact the MSB.

Parks Hwy project update: Big Lake road will be in the fall. Bridge completed by the 1st. Paving after July 4th. Old road to get new striping tool. Wasilla will be getting a new pavement rehab after Memorial Day. New lights at Marigold, Johnson & Big Lake Rd. No scheduled work on Hollywood at this time. KGB starting 2022.

Borough Report: Russ- Bids for Houston School have been let out and should be awarded by June 1st

Treasures report: Dave- Jordan Lake/ Grizzley Cashe grant donations made. Savings \$27,128/ Check \$267.40

Legislative report: Bill- Session winding down. House passed budget with no PFD money allotted.

No assembly reports

Fire Service: Chief Hightower- Meager turnout for the Wild land project last weekend. Always follow burn permit guidelines.

Road Service: Bill-

Valley Recycling: Steve- Always recycle. Open Sat/ Sun 12-3pm

Grants: Motion to accept grant committee recommendations, Becky 2nd.

Big Lake Bells are doing flowers along the strip.

Motion to end meeting 845pm. Approved

President Gamble Will Gamble 7/13/21

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BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

6/8/21

704pm quorum is present

Agenda approved? Yes

Minutes approved? From 5/11/21- minutes not approved

Special orders of the day- "Thank you, Sandy Baker!!" Gift certificate issued.

Local Big Lake Business presentation:

Ak Mikes Crazy Subs: Cindy Reed Ak mikes crazy subs

Business speaker- YMCA reps- The Y has moved into the area because they thought there was a need, but they are having problems finding participants. Problem may be parental engaged or disinterest. Survey indicates no need for child care with interest in swimming lessons.

West Susitna meeting- Brad Swarts MSB. -Jessie Peterson AIDEA mgr. Studies suggest vast resources. Phase II was finished and presented to assembly in 2020. It will be roughly 100 miles long at intersect with Ashire Road and continue to the Parks or Port Mackenzie.

We are told "THIS ROAD ACCESS WILL BE KEPT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC," but rumors are it will not be kept open for public use and we need to watch that development. Proponents say without local support the project will not go forward. 2028 is projected construction start. Presenters indicate little traffic will come through BL from this project.

Council reminded Presenters of the BL Comp plan from 2018 which regulated truck traffic through downtown BL. This will be at least a 50-year time frame project.

Treasure report: Checking \$_____ & \$267.40 in savings.

Membership- 47 member's total.

Legislative: Kevin McCabe Dist. 8- He is trying to resolve the Big Lake Road issues (pot holes/ maintenance scheduling) Trying to get a "vehicle counter."

Mr. McCabe is in the minority caucus and the session has been frustrating as there was no organization for 30 days and no work could be started.

Jasmin, representing Senator Wilson - His office is also looking to help improve the Big Lake Rd.

Asked if Wilson supported the effort to "eliminate the certificate of need" for new medical facilities in Alaska?? Senator Wilson's representative couldn't comment on this.

Fire Dept. Report: There is a new fire department communications tower being installed out West Lakes Blvd. to help with communications in this area.

Assemblyman Tew report- Starting 7/1 Dump prices going down

The Houston High School rebuilding bid. from Hickel Construction was under budget. The new Mil rate 9.942% and the RSA is at 2.57 mill rate. Calcium Chloride will be applied to a little over 7 miles of roads in Big Lake for dust control. (From RSA meeting) Mr. Tew voted "no" on wetlands bill.

RSA 630pm meeting. Bill Harriet. He has issues with the extreme state of disrepair of West Lakes/ Beaver Lake roads. The whole road is mostly "Crack-seal."

Correspondence: discussed.

Recycling: Recycling... "Put it in. Sort it out. Make it clean and pack it out..." One of the challenges for any recycling effort is finding uses for recycled materials. If they can't "sell" the recyclables, then they still end up in the dump.

ICE- (Online equipment provider bid)- Council has asked ICE to please update their bid.

Biglakecommunitycouncil.com is the new web site and its up and going. It's being updated consistently now.

Persons to be heard:

Beagle Jarvis: Getting support for a city promotion reader board to be placed at the roundabout.

Public speaker Dan Mayfield: His concern is the Big Lake public access off of the south end of West Lakes Blvd. In 2008, this access was supported by the Big Lake Community Council and the MSB has since funded some upgrades.

Currently, there is a to remove the "easement." The MSB assembly is considering whether or not they should continue funding this law suit or let it drop

Public speaker Vern Monet- This easement was used heavily during the Millers Reach fire to get folks out of the fire in that area. It was again used as a staging point to look for the two snowmachine riders who went through the ice more recently.

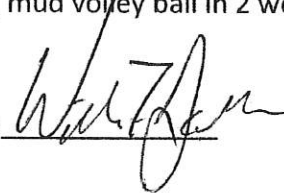
Speaker Margaret Billinger- Really wants to get the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce jump started.

Public speaker Michelle Fassler- Looking for ways to combat crime and vagrants in our area. One method she suggests is to contact the local school administrators to get your area listed as a "drug free zone."

Bill. Lions mini golf officially starting this weekend, mud volley ball in 2 weeks.

918pm

President Bill Gamble

 7/13/21

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The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on July 19, 2021, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Colleen Vague.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Ms. Mary Anderson, Assembly District #1, Vice-Chair
VACANT, Assembly District #2
Ms. Patricia Chesbro, Assembly District #3
Ms. Colleen Vague, Assembly District #4, Chair
Mr. Chris Elder, Assembly District #5
Mr. Sassan Mossanen, Assembly District #7*

Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

Mr. Stafford Glashan, Assembly District #6

Staff in attendance:

Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director
Ms. Denise Michalske, Assistant Borough Attorney
Mr. Mark Whisenhunt, Planner II
Mr. Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager
Ms. Karol Riese, Planning Commission Clerk

*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically due to COVID safety protocols.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Vague inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jason Ortiz.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. June 21, 2021, regular meeting minutes

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

1. **Resolution PC 21-15**, An Application Under MSB 17.65 – Variances, Has Been Submitted By Richard Toussaint For A Variance To The Minimum 25-Foot Setback To A Public Right-Of-Way And To The Minimum 75-Foot Shoreline Setback Requirements Under MSB 17.55. Located At 3874 South Wolverine Drive, Tax ID #62580000L004, Within

Township 17 North, Range 3 West, Section 28, Seward Meridian. Public Hearing: August 2, 2021, (Applicant: Richard Toussaint; Staff: Peggy Horton).

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
(There were no committee reports.)

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS
(There were no Agency/Staff Reports.)

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS
(There were no land use classifications.)

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding concerns with public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

Recess at 6:09 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

- A. Resolution PC 21-14, A Conditional Use Permit In Accordance With MSB 17.30—** Conditional Use Permit (CUP) For Earth Materials Extraction Activities, For The Extraction Of Approximately 2,000,000 Cubic Yards Of Earth Material From A 105-Acre Site Within A 160-Acre Parcel, Located Within Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Section 10, Tax Parcel C001; 17N02W10C001, Seward Meridian (Applicant: UMIAQ Environmental, On Behalf Of Colaska Inc. (DbA QAP); Staff: Mark Whisenhunt).

Chair Vague read the resolution title into the record.

Mr. Whisenhunt provided a staff report:

Recess at 6:20 p.m. resumed at 6:25 p.m.

- Staff recommended denial of the resolution.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

- No questions asked

Chair Vague invited the applicant or their representative to provide an overview of their application.

Ms. Emily McDonald, applicant's representative provided an overview of the application. Mr. Patrick Cummins, Production Engineer for Quality Asphalt Paving introduced himself.

Chair Vague opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of Resolution PC 21-14:

Patti Fischer, Doris Coffin, Amy Schachle, Roger Oliver, Jane Axberg, Frank Gregory, Marita Gregory, Sandra Phillips-Johnson, Mary White-Meacham, Karen Zajchowski, Bret Westcot, Joy Bruns, April Morlock, Dan Schwarzenderzer, Chad Scott, Monica Alderman, Heather Langendorf, Kathleen Koeneman, David Fraker, Dawn Harris, Robert Coffin, Rene' Grant, Sara Godfrey, Norman Godfrey, Halle Godfrey, Shawn Barrows, Whitney Crombie, Matthew Medinas, Richard Friestorm, Audrey Morlock, Natalie Pickett, Nellie Hanonsek, Norman James Godfrey, Melissa Williams, and P. Holbrook.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Resolution PC 21-14: Holly Chalup

The following person spoke regarding concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

Chair Vague invited staff to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Chair Vague invited the applicant to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Mr. Owens responded to questions and statements from the audience.

Mr. Whisenhunt responded to questions and statements from members of the audience.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Vague closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

Recess at 8:22 p.m. – Resumed at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Mossanen moved to approve Resolution PC 21-14. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The main motion failed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Resolution PC 21-19. The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
(There were no legislative public hearings.)

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION
(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(There was no unfinished business.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS - *(There was no new business.)*

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items *(Staff: Alex Strawn)*

Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Alex Strawn, Planning Services Director, I have been gone for two weeks, I'm back, happy to be back and what a day to come back to.

Denise Michalske, Assistant Attorney, remind everyone to not discuss this one, there is a chance that this may not be the end of it. Make sure there is no continued conversation in the future.

Commissioner Chesbro, I really do appreciate the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan. I just think that if the areas would think about doing this – it really does help us to know what people really do want.

Commissioner Anderson, thank you to staff. That was an awesome packet. We have been working together for almost six year now. Thank you for everyone's hard work.

Commissioner Vague, staff put in a lot of work on this one and came up with a good conclusion. I also again am so glad they have a good Comprehensive Plan, when we go to these specific communities, I think is one of those examples that this is not another layer of Government, this saved their bacon tonight. It gave us what we needed to do what we needed to do.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



COLLEEN VAGUE, Planning Commission
Chair

ATTEST:



KAROL RIESE, Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: 08/02/2021

By: Peggy Horton
Introduced: July 19, 2021
Public Hearing: August 2, 2021
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21-15**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A VARIANCE TO MSB 17.55 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE TO BE PLACED APPROXIMATELY 64 FEET FROM THE SHORELANDS OF FISH CREEK AND APPROXIMATELY 10.5 FEET FROM THE WEST RANDALL CREEK ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 3874 SOUTH WOLVERINE DRIVE, TAX ID# 6258000L004; WITHIN TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SECTION 28, SEWARD MERIDIAN, PALMER RECORDING DISTRICT, ALASKA.

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted for a variance to MSB 17.55, requesting to construct a single-family residence approximately 64 feet from the shorelands of Fish Creek and approximately 10.5 feet from the West Randall Creek Access right-of-way at 3874 South Wolverine Drive, Tax ID# 6258000L004; within Township 17 North, Range 3 West, Section 28, Seward Meridian; and

WHEREAS, in order to grant a variance, the Planning Commission must find that each requirement of 17.65.020(A) has been met; and

WHEREAS, the subject lot is .23 acres in size and has approximately 10,019 square feet of taxable acreage; and

WHEREAS, according to a buildable area analysis conducted by Borough Staff, the subject parcel's buildable space, conforming to the setback standards established in MSB 17.55, is approximately 82' X 15' or approximately 1,230 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the shape of the buildable space that conforms to the Borough setback standards significantly reduces the size, shape, and type of structure that could be built on the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the subject lot is part of the Randall Subdivision, which was originally platted in 1955, then replatted in 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Randall Subdivision and Addition to the Randall Subdivision containing the subject lot were created prior to the establishment of Borough setback requirements; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel does not conform to the current Borough subdivision standards; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed single-family residence would be approximately 29' X 32' in size; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the proposed structure would have 928 square feet of living space on the main floor and 695 square feet on the second floor, for a combined total of 1,623 square feet, although the interior plan is not finalized; and

WHEREAS, according to an as-built survey prepared by Gary LoRusso, PLS, and dated April 9, 2021, at its closest point, the proposed structure would be set back approximately 10.5 feet from the West Randall Creek Access right-of-way and 64 feet from the ordinary high water mark of Fish Creek; and

WHEREAS, according to the as-built survey, the only area available on the lot for a septic system is further than 100 feet from the shorelands of Fish Creek; and

WHEREAS, the existing 26' X 36' garage, which received a legal nonconforming determination in April, 2021, is approximately 936 square feet and lies within a portion of the buildable space on the lot.

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the separation distance between the proposed cabin and the existing garage is designed to provide a buffer allowing safe egress from the bedrooms, a fire break, and firefighting room if only one of the structures are involved in a fire; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the applicant is including a 10' building separation from the proposed cabin to the existing garage, specifically for fire separation; and

WHEREAS, Fish Creek abuts the subject parcel to the west, West Randall Creek Access right-of-way is to the south, and South Wolverine Drive right-of-way is to the east; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel contains approximately 50 feet of shoreline; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the shoreline setback, two right-of-way setbacks, and side lot line setback significantly reduce the buildable area of the lot; and

WHEREAS, approximately 88% of the subject parcel is encumbered by setback requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed structure will not fit in the buildable space on the subject parcel that conforms to the Borough setback standards; and

WHEREAS, all lots within the original Randall Subdivision are 0.2 to 0.24 acres; and

WHEREAS, within a 600 feet of the subject lot, development ranges in size from approximately 270 square foot cabins to residential structures that exceed 4,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, there are 35 residential structures within the 600' public noticing area, 14 of those have garages attached or on the same property; and

WHEREAS, there were no objections to the variance request from any government agencies; and

WHEREAS, there were two comments in support received from the public and no comments received from the Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction is of a 29' X 32' structure approximately 63' from the shorelands of Fish Creek, 10.5' from the closest side lot line, 10.5' from the West Randall Creek Access right-of-way and approximately 68' from the South Wolverine Drive right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, MSB Chapter 17.65 - Variances, was written to grant relief to property owners whose lots are impacted by existing land use regulations thereby making the lot undevelopable; and

WHEREAS, the Big Lake Comprehensive Plan (2009 update) contains a list of development guidelines, one of which states, "Require at least the MSB 75' minimum development setback from streams, lakes, wetlands and other water bodies; "development" is defined as habitable structures. Non habitable structures, such as boathouses, sheds, decks or saunas can be built within 75' of lakes and streams, but these improvements should be designed to have minimal environmental and visual impact on the adjoining waterway;" and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of a 29' X 32' residential structure is compatible with the surrounding area and is consistent with the development found in the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Big Lake Comprehensive Plan (2009 update) contains a Land Use and Environmental Goal stating "Provide for Freedom to Enjoy our Properties;" and

WHEREAS, the Big Lake Comprehensive Plan (2009 update), by design, does not set out precise binding rules on development, but instead provides general goals on the type of place the community wants to be in the future and then outlines general strategies on how to reach those goals; and

WHEREAS, the variance request is consistent with the policies and goals of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive Plan (2005 Update) as the residential structure cannot be constructed on the lot without a setback variance, the structure is placed as far back on the property as possible, and the structure is similar to surrounding development; and

WHEREAS, according to the application material, the existing natural vegetation along the shoreline will be maintained and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, residential property lies to the north and Tract A, Randall 2005 Addition, a 1.99 acre parcel east of South Wolverine Drive, supports a boat and recreational vehicle storage lot; and

WHEREAS, the applicant purchased the property in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel is not in a special land use district; and

WHEREAS, residential structures are allowed on this property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed this application with respect to standards set forth in MSB 17.65; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on August 2nd on this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby adopts the aforementioned

findings of fact and makes the following conclusions of law supporting approval of Planning Commission Resolution 21-15:

1. A small parcel, .23 acres in size, with multiple setback requirements, and approximately 1,230 square feet of buildable area on the lot, is an unusual condition (MSB 17.65.020(A)(1)).
2. The strict application of the provisions of this title would deprive the applicants of rights commonly enjoyed by others as the subject lot has unusual conditions or circumstances applicable. The lot is .23 acres, is impacted by a public right-of-way along the entire southern side, and Fish Creek waterbody on the west side. The footprint of a 29'X 32' cabin is a reasonable use of the property (MSB 17.75.020(A)(2)).
3. Granting the variance will not be injurious to nearby property, nor harmful to the public welfare (MSB 17.65.020(A)(3)).
4. The proposed variance is consistent with the applicable comprehensive plans and does meet the intent of MSB 17.65 (MSB 17.65.020(A)(4)).
5. Granting a variance will be no more than is necessary to permit a reasonable use of the property (MSB 17.65.030(A)(1)).

6. The person seeking the variance did not cause the need for the variance (MSB 17.65.030(A)(1)).
7. The variance will not allow a land use in a district in which that use is prohibited, as residential structures are allowed on this site (MSB 17.65.030(A)(2)).
8. The variance is not solely being sought to relieve pecuniary hardship or inconvenience (MSB 17.65.030(A)(3)).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission hereby approves the setback variance to construct a 29' X 32' single-family residence at 3874 South Wolverine Drive, Tax ID# 6258000L004, as referenced on the Keystone Surveying and Mapping as-built survey dated April 9, 2021.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 2nd day of August, 2021.



COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST



KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES:

(4) COMMISSIONER MOSSANEN, VAGUE, CHESBRO, ANDERSON

NO:

(1) COMMISSIONER ELDER

By: Kim Sollien
Introduced: August 2, 2021
Action: Approved

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21-16**

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO ASSIST THE GLACIER VIEW COMMUNITY IN UPDATING THE 2008 GLACIER VIEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND 2006 SHEEP MOUNTAIN SUB-DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE GLACIER VIEW SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT (SPUD).

WHEREAS, the Glacier View Community Council is recognized by the Borough as a community organization; and

WHEREAS, the Glacier View Community Council has requested assistance from the Borough Planning Staff in updating the Community Comprehensive Plan, Sheep Mountain Sub-District Plan, and the Glacier View Special Land Use District; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has established a process and guidelines for developing and updating comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Glacier View Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Glacier View Comprehensive Plan - Sheep Mountain Sub-District was passed in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska recommends Comprehensive Plans be updated on a regular basis, with five years as the recommended norm; and

WHEREAS, the Glacier View area has grown and will continue to grow and experience increased activity within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent for the organization to update the comprehensive plan to identify community goals and policy statement and to help direct development in a manner that is consistent with resident's and property owner's goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission does hereby recommend approval of a resolution directing staff to assist the Glacier View community in updating the 2008 Glacier View Comprehensive Plan, the Glacier View Comprehensive Plan - Sheep Mountain Sub-District Plan (2006), and the Glacier View Special Land Use District.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission this 2nd day of August, 2021.


COLLEEN VAGUE, Chair

ATTEST


KAROL RIESE, Planning Clerk

(SEAL)

YES:  COMMISSIONER ELDER, MOSSANEN, CHESBRO, ANDERSON, VAGUE

NO: 

WEST LAKES FSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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**West Lakes Public Safety Building Station 73
10073 W. Parks Hwy.
Wasilla, AK 99623
June 14th, 2021**

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Cathi Kramer on June 14th, 2021.

II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board members establishing quorums:

West Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors:

Cathi Kramer – Chair (Via Zoom), Cindy Michaelson – Vice Chair, Steve Simpson, Larry Fetchenhier, and Randy Newcomb.

Present from West Lakes:

Chief Tawnya Hightower, and Admin Assistant Theresa Elliott (Via Zoom)

Also Present:

Deputy Director Brian Davis

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cathi Kramer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Cindy Michaelson moved to approve with Steve Simpson second the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: Cindy Michaelson Moved to approve April 12th, 2021 meeting minutes as written, with Steve Simpson second the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Memorial for Buckwheat will be at Station 73, June 26th, 2021 at 1pm.

B. FY2021 coming to an end the end of June.

WEST LAKES FSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

VII. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. District Chief's Report – Tawnya Hightower

- 76 Emergency Response Calls
- May 8th was Wildland Preparation Demonstration Day was a success, Community Partners - Horseshoe Lake Firewise, Willow CERT, Red Cross, Division of Forestry, MEA, Ladies of IAFC, WLFD Auxiliary, MSB EMS, Lowes, Black Lake Builders.
- May 15th was Free Chipping Day
- **May Training**
 - Water Supply & Nurse Tender Operations
 - Sikes Road fuel reduction and training with CMSFD and Forestry
 - Firefighter 1 Academy tested May 14 & 15
 - Rescue Extrication

Cathi Kramer: I have gone to work for the Borough part time as a EOC Specialist working on the wildfire protection plan for the Borough as well as coordinating the Firewise program.

- **Existing CIP for Station Maintenance and Repair**

Station 71

- Replace existing siding up to 4'
- Install drip edge flashing for new siding
- Install new exterior siding panels
- Install treated lumber
- Paint exterior
- **Estimated cost \$56,818**

Station 71

- Pump replacement and Truck fill wiring repair.
- Parks Hwy Phase III Sprinkler lines and control cables replacement and realignment.

Chief Hightower: Pamela Graham will be pursuing grant opportunities to get water refill sites in additional locations.

WEST LAKES FSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

- **Parks Highway Construction Phase III**

- Thursday, June 17th we lose the front driveway to the station. Follow the detour signs to Spring Drive to Winter way and you will be able to access the station from the back. On the 17th & 18th, they will be working on our approach off Johnson Rd. Starting Saturday the 19th our official approach will be off Johnson Rd.

- **Recruitment – Big Lake Lions Recreation Center**

- Recruitment Flyers
- Wildland Protection Booklet
- Burn Permits

- **Update/Status Report on Equipment**

There are 2 Change orders for the pumper tender, some were safety and some were for space. We are about \$10,720 over budget. We do have the money in the Reserve Fund. **Cindy Michaelson** asked if we needed a motion for the additional cost of the changes. **Cathi Kramer** said she believed we will.

MOTION: Cindy Michaelson moved to approve up to \$15,000 additional for a Pumper Tanker for change order to Rosenbauer Job #22097 from the CIP or Reserve Fund.

Randy Newcomb second the motion,

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None to be heard

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Money Transferred from Property

Chief Hightower: The \$650K that was for the purchase of the building & land on Jay Sedor St, did not go through, I think the money should go back into the Reserve Fund.

MOTION: Cindy Michaelson moved to put the \$650K back into the Reserve fund.

VOTE: Motion carries.

X. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Brian Davis: Covid Update

B. Brian Davis: FY22 Budget is approved

XI. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Cathi Kramer asked to adjourn meeting.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at **7:25 PM**

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Cathi Kramer - Chair

Cathi Kramer - Chairman West Lakes FSA B.O.S.

ATTEST:

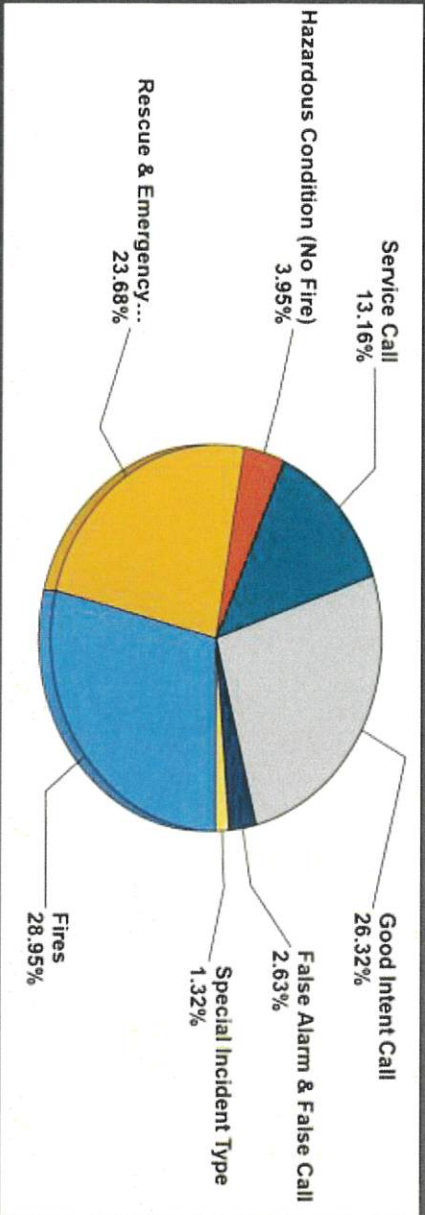
Theresa Elliott

Theresa Elliott, Admin Assistant, West Lakes FSA B.O.S.

Minutes approved on July 12, 2021 (West Lakes FSA B.O.S.)



Incident Type	Number of Incidents	% of Total
Fires	22	28.9
Rescue & EMS	18	23.7
Hazardous Condition	3	3.9
Service Call	10	13.2
Good Intent & False Alarms	22	28.9
Special Incident Type	1 animal rescue	1.3
Total	76	





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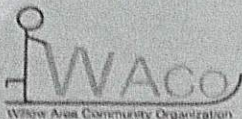




EXISTING CIP FOR STATION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

- Station 71: Pump replacement and Truck fill wiring repair.
- Parks Hwy Phase III: Sprinkler lines and control cable replacement and realignment.





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MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 7 2021

Occasion: General Board Meeting

CALLED TO ORDER: 708PM

QUORUM: 7 BOARD MEMBERS – 15 COMMUNITY MEMBERS – BOARD QUORUM REALIZED.

PLEDGE - deferred

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH MEETING: APPROVED

Changes to the agenda – Talon added – new business-Chris regarding gaming permit

Steve-Trails Linda-Youth Forum

Agenda approved as modified

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REPORT – TALON FOR TAM BOEVE

Budget Hearing Assembly Meeting – this year will be held at Su Valley High School May 6th at 6pm.

Matsu Platting Board April 15th at 1pm in Palmer for 320 acre subdivision proposal – EMAIL comments to the borough.

Fire Dept. – Victor

Burn season is on – permits are available, same as last year at the kiosk at the fire dept.

Wildfire readiness demonstration May th 10-2pm- public welcome- team demonstration-flyer will be available and CERT team involved. New fire engine arriving soon and should be in service by June.

Very short handed in Willow and Caswell right now.

Trails – Steve

Applying for trails to tracks and asking for a motion.

Barb moved that WACO send a letter of support to apply for a set of MATRAX for trails to tracks to groom the trails – Chris 2nded - approved. Cost approximately 26000.00 – applying for grant. Sid suggested looking at CAMSO as well.

Youth Forum – Linda

We are in the Milepost! We are also putting in a 2nd AARP grant request for more benches. Received a bid of 600.00 per bench.

Unfinished Business

Thanks to everyone for participation in the Winter Games. Thank you to Stu at MEA for the 1500.00 grant.

As of March just one scholarship application received by Al for Jed Moyer.
Al, Debbie and Chris named as committee for scholarship.

New Business

List of candidates for the board election- Steve was pleased at the outcome of people interested to run and be involved in WACO.

Lisa Schooler and Wes McClure are both interested in running for Vice Chair. Al is running again for Treasurer. Chris moved to approve nominees for board members and Melissa 2nded – approved. Discussed whether to meet by ZOOM or in person in May. Melissa moved that we have our May meeting at Newman Park. Barb 2nded – approved. Voting will be at the Community Center as a drive thru on 5 May.

Forming committee for 15789.00 for Community Assistance Program – we have until May to decide use by 2022. Propose to roll them both together to ask for proposals from the community. Picking a 3 person panel to decide how to use the funds – April 28th due date – Brenda suggested holding on to the 15789.00 instead of combining. No advancement of funds until they come in. Barb, Melissa and Wes will comprise the committee. Julie advised the apps need to be updated. Debbie will get it updated and let the committee know.

Barb, Chris and Liinda will be checking into various insurance options. Elizabeth advised she can help as well.

Decided to put in a request for a Pickle Ball grant.

Chris – Wilow 300 is now its own entity – asking if they need to use the gaming permit or not. Al advised it is a game of skill rather than chance so they will not need the gaming permit.

Community groups

Library – Julie – summer reading – activity packets – food pantry van and 4 stops for the kids.

Seed library is up and going and lists of information from the extension are available.

Dana is moving forward with the Ice Cream Social for Dogs and families to join for birdhouses in the park – also a veterans awareness program for a date other than Memorial Day.

Dog Mushers – N\A

WMHS – Tam – in the process of picking a date to start the cabin – making a few changes on the design.

Garden Club – Talon – still working on a Garden Tour – extension is doing a Master Class online.

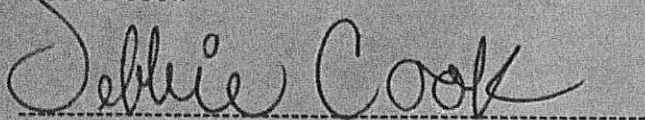
Willow Ice – N\A

Linda advised the next thing we need to think about is July 4th for the May agenda.

Parade? BBQ? Kids games?

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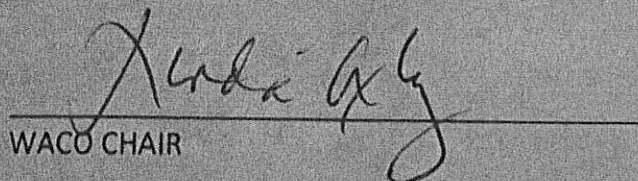
Respectfully submitted,
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MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 5, 2021

Occasion: General Board Meeting

CALLED TO ORDER: 705PM

QUORUM: 7 BOARD MEMBERS – 25 COMMUNITY MEMBERS – BOARD AND COMMUNITY QUORUM REALIZED.

PLEDGE - deferred

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING: DEFERRED

Changes to the agenda – comments from the Chair, comments from CERT, Assembly Report

Agenda approved as modified

Borough Assembly Report- Tam Boeve

The Borough is working on approving the 2022 budget. Lynx Lake Road clearing is being done by the Department of Forestry to provide a fuel break. Burn permits are now required. The Shirley Towne Bridge repairs have started and are scheduled to be completed in June/July. Discussed MSB staff coming to cut down the dead spruce tree at the end of Community Center driveway. The MSB will be having a budget hearing at Su Valley High at 6pm on May 6th.

The Borough is approving the 2022 budget. Cost of building materials are up. Lynx Lake clearing going on by seniors. Burn permits are now required. The Shirleytown bridge has now been started and due to be finished in June/July with an additional road being added. The Borough has approved taking down the big spruce tree at the Willow Airpark. The Borough will be having a plat meeting at Su Valley High School at 6pm on 6 May.

Linda thanked Melissa, Barb and Harry for assistance in getting utility cost down. We will only be paying 25% this year.

Linda attending Borough meeting and Youth Forum will be cancelled May 6.

Trails – Steve – Willow Trails Challenge passports and directs are now available and will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day ending with picnic and awards.

CERT – Brenda – Ken Barkley spoke of CERT as the unsung heroes of the community.

Fire Dept. – Victor

Linda thanked Steve, Wes and Debbie for help with the election.

Election results – Lisa Schooler-Nuss as Vice Chair, Al Felt re-elected as Treasurer, Barb Ensley

Re-elected as At Large Rep and Trygve Erickson elected as At Large Rep.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Al announced Thomas McDonald as the winner of the 1000.00 Annual WACO Scholarship.

CAP FUNDING – will not know until October about the funding for 2022.

Melissa advised CAP Funding results:

Willow Trail Project - 4000.00, Food Pantry for kids meals – 4800.00, Willow Health and Farmers Market – 2812.00, Willow Ice – 2437.00 and Willow Library 1740.00 ***accepted by the board***

2022 results:

CERT – 1000.00, Youth Forum Bike Park Section A – 8500.00, Trails – 4260.00, Food Pantry kids meals – 1000.00, Health and Farmers Market – 520.00, Willow Ice 509.00

***Voting – 1 NO, 23 YES, 1 NOT VOTING ***

Clean Up Day has been tentatively scheduled for May 28 – June 2 and we will be putting the dumpster at Newman Memorial Park.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION DECISIONS – Talon advised we still have some covid in our community. Capstone has a covid clinic with walk in available.

The Baptist Church is a possibility for the parade and the elementary school is a possibility for a pack your own picnic and kids games celebration. Final decisions to be made at the June meeting.

FIRE DEPT. – Wildland Fire Prevention Day will be Saturday May 8th and feature the new firetruck, a car wash and hot dogs on the grill at Station 12-1 from 10am to 3pm

LIBRARY – The Winter Trails Challenge has ended and the Summer Reading program will be every Thursday in June and July. Info available at the Pantry, Hatcher Pass coffee and Sheep Creek.

Hanging sheet rock this week at the new library!

DOG MUSHERS – Back in with WACO and now they are their own entity with meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month. There will be a rabies clinic October 9th at either the Community Center of the park.

LIONS CLUB – They have purchased all the snow shoes from the Boeves and will now be doing the Snowshoe Softball Game.

HEALTH – Goal is to work with all communities in the area. First Farmers Market will be 27 June. Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation – Work is about to start on the historical cabin and should be done in 6 months.

GARDEN CLUB – Planning this summers Garden Tour.

ICE – N/A

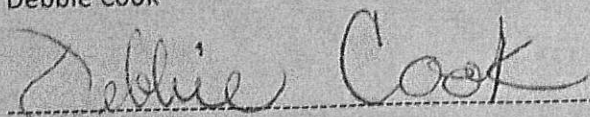
Linda thanked Tom for his service as Vice Chair and Wes McClure as At Large Representative.

We got a lightly used printer at no cost from the Caswell Fire Dept.

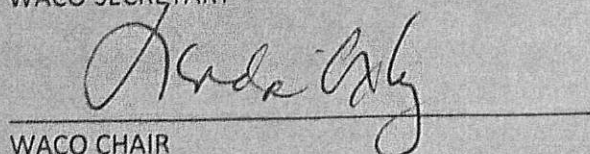
How can we increase our presence in the community to be discussed at the June meeting.

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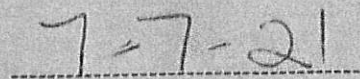
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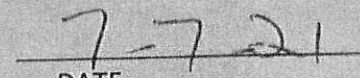
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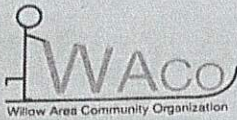
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MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 7, 2021

Occasion: General Board Meeting

CALLED TO ORDER: 703PM

QUORUM: 6 BOARD MEMBERS – 12 COMMUNITY MEMBERS – BOARD AND COMMUNITY QUORUM REALIZED.

PLEDGE - deferred

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING: APPROVED

Changes to the agenda – comments from the Chair, Agenda approved as modified

CHAIR – LINDA – 4th of July parade great success. Thanks to to 3 churches involved. Thanks to Sid for cleanup and thanks to the band. Only costs were 250.00 for the port O potty and 309.00 for event insurance. Carnival meeting will be 19 July at 6pm.

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REPORT – TAM BOEVE

There is a dumpster available for metal at the Willow Transfer site. Guidelines for disposal are posted online.

SIDNEY – Wanted to bring awareness to MEA to power outages when there is no weather disruption. Linda will see if we can get a tech out to answer questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agreed to have Lisa put together a committee to get the community more involved and informed.

FIRE DEPT. – 11 calls and a forest fire at mile 92 over the holiday weekend. Still working on recruiting. Firewise surveys are going well.

LIBRARY – Summer reading has 4 more weeks. There are 45-65 kids a week participating. Looking forward to next year. Still have Trail Passes. People coming from all over the valley to try our trails. Library closed 24 July. Siding going up on 21 July.

Note from Linda – taking Chamber off of the groups list. Bird house experience postponed.

DOG MUSHERS – Chris Stitt officially resigned. Rabies clinic in October.

LIONS CLUB – Meeting 8 July. Willow Wild Program taking 10-12 kids out for events.

PTA – Tiffany – funded virtual trips. Farmers Market Kids Day.

HEALTH – Regrouping – new bylaws. Want to do more going forward.

WILLOW HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - Putting the roof on the cabin. Hoping to finish in August.

Maybe we can have a WACO meeting in the finished cabin!

GARDEN CLUB –Garden Tour info TBA and coming out soon.

CERT – Firewise and Sound the Alarm going well. Thanks to Tiffany for Farmers Market involvement.

ICE – N/A

TOM PHILLIPS – Road service 14 July at 7pm. 6 August with Farmers Market bringing a trailer.

YOUTH FORUM – LINDA – will meet in August. DOT – Shannon will be at the Community Center this fall to talk about plans to bring the Parks Highway through Willow.

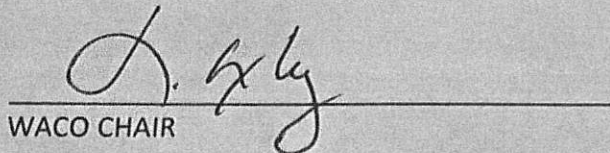
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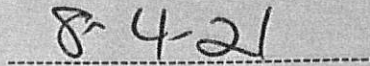
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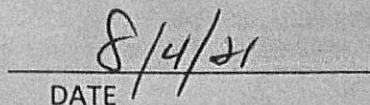
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