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**City of Bethel, Alaska**  
**Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes**

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August 16, 2006

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Park at 6:09 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the Committee, the following were present:

Kenny Gilbert

Diana Moffett

Yolanda Jorgensen

Jeff Park, Chair

Martin Leonard

Excused absence(s): Mary Kenick, Council Rep, Chris Pike

Unexcused absence(s):

Also in attendance were the following:

Janet Athanas, Parks and Recreation Director

Ronda Sargent, Committee secretary

**III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

John Sargent presented idea for CDBG money to be used for upgrading the Senior Center Park. CDBG funds must serve low to middle income populations. Need a match of 25%. John is looking at purchasing two sets of playground equipment for 2-5 yrs and 6-12 yrs with no swings. John included a draft resolution for the committee to review and send to council.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	D. Moffett	<b>To</b> approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2006 as written.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Y. Jorgensen	

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<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Unanimous consent
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**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	M. Leonard	<b>To</b> approve the agenda for August 16, 2006 meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	y. Jorgensen	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Unanimous consent
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**VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Janet presented July '06 City Managers report. End of Summer Celebration was held at the Youth Center August 11 with around 100 people in attendance. Thank you to Mark Celaya and staff and to Marty Langois for his 10 years of 4-H volunteer service as soccer and archery coach. The Bethel Fair will be held August 17-19 at the Log Cabin. Janet spoke about her 4-H in Review attendance in Fairbanks and handed out a copy of the presentation she gave. Janet spoke about the Transit System project not going to happen this year so the Youth Center will still have the bus for picking up Kilbuck students. Janet has been invited to the Alaska Native Consortium to speak about the Adopt-A-Dumpster program.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	D. Moffett	<b>To</b> make a recommendation to the City Council concerning the current situation at the Parks & Rec Dept with their computers being down from the network for 60 days. The committee recommends evaluating the IT Department and make the necessary additions or changes to provide more reliable service for the Parks & Rec Dept and the city as a whole.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Y. Jorgensen	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Unanimous
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Y. Jorgensen	<b>To</b> recommend to City Council to reduce the speed limit in Bethel Heights and on Ptarmigan up to AVCP Housing to 20 MPH for the safety of the children in the area and consider crosswalks and signs on appropriate streets at high pedestrian traffic areas.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	M. Leonard	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Unanimous
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## VII. DEVELOPMENT TEAMS REPORTS

### **Item A** — Ice Rink: Martin Leonard & Yolanda Jorgensen

Martin has interest of young people including college age, who will help with the project. Yolanda has called Hockey contact in Anchorage. Janet said AWANA Teens (from Bethel Covenant Church) are interested in doing vending for summer and winter activities.

### **Item B** — Skate Park: Chris Pike

Janet said LWCF funding cannot get done. Cannot get funding this year for the skate park and will work on having park equipment on first barge in spring. John Sargent will be posting announcement in paper about not getting the skate park in this year.

### **Item C** — Youth Advisory Board: Chris Pike

Martin gave the names of Sam Chanar and Agnus McIntyre from KUC as contacts that may be willing to help with the YAB.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **Item A** — Youth Advisory Board

Janet will suggest to Chris Pike that the first meeting of the Youth Advisory Board be September 20, 2006 5-6 pm at the Log Cabin. Ronda will mail letters to local agencies for prospective participants.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### **Item A** — Bethel Youth Center Counseling Service

Brain stormed ideas: counseling through TWC or YKHC Behavioral Health, Peer Counseling training. Have as a regular activity the teens make dinner.

### **Item B** — YMCA info for alternative Rec Center plan

Martin will talk to his YMCA contact to help get more information about how to get YMCA in Bethel.

**Item C** — Survey for Ballot Measure  
On hold till committee gets more information from YMCA

**X. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Yolanda would like to find out from the City what is happening to property on the way to Larson Sub.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	D. Moffett	<b>To</b> adjourn the meeting
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	K. Gilbert	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Unanimous
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With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF Oct., 2006.

  
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R. Sargent, Committee Secretary

  
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Jeff Park, Chair