
City of Bethel, Alaska**Parks, Recreation, Aquatic, Health & Safety Center Committee Minutes**

November 2, 2015

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Michelle DeWitt at 6:03 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Michelle DeWitt, Kathy Hanson, Mary Weiss, Judy Wasierski, Rick Robb, Beverly Hoffman

Excused absence(s): Barbara Mosier

Also in attendance were the following:

Matthew Ross, Parks & Rec.

Ann Capela, City Manager

Pauline Boratko, Committee Recorder

Raunicka Ray, Pool Manager

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: none**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED BY:	R. Robb	Motion to approve agenda
SECONDED BY:	B. Hoffman	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOVED BY:	K. Hanson	Motion to approve the minutes
SECONDED BY:	M. DeWitt	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

VI. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

Matthew Ross, Parks and Recreation representative states that the department has \$70,000 from the tobacco sales tax that has been sitting for a couple of years that is meant to repair the board walk. Raunicka Ray asked if there could be some lighting on some of the board walk areas that are most used which would cost a lot of money but it can be looked into.

MOVED BY:	K. Hanson	Motion to accept department on boardwalk lighting and department report from M. Ross
SECONDED BY:	J. Wasierski	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Capital Fund Trails: \$70,000 from the tobacco tax to fix the board walks, \$9,000 of that will be paid to the engineer to come to see what kind of options there is for the repair of the board walk. The board walk is in bad shape. We are currently in our winter months and experiencing freezing temperatures. Beverly Hoffman suggested that a railing be put on slanted areas for the time being until actual repair or replacement of the board walk. Matthew Ross will see what he can do to, it was suggested that temporary railings will be put on slanted damaged board walks to help prevent injury.

MOVED BY:	B. Hoffman	Motion to safety patch work on boardwalk
SECONDED BY:	M. DeWitt	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

- b. Pool Operations Plan: Flyers are suggested to be hung around town to gain more attraction to the health and fitness center. A suggestion was made to put some advertisement on the transit buses. The pool will also be closed for two weeks for scheduled maintenance. The renewal of the contract with the United Pool Company is coming up which needs a 120 day notice, and a decision should be made at the end of them month. The computerized thermostat for the pool temp will need some maintenance to have it automatically set.
- c. Pool Usage: To increase the usage of the fitness center was suggested that they find out the schedule of school activities that have students come into town to notify and schedule them use the pool and fitness center. Also a sign pointing in the direction of the pool would help gain more attraction. Raunicka Ray suggested that the bus stops should be rerouted to stop at the fitness center.
- d. Pool Financial Report: A financial report from the director of finance to see expenses, revenue, and cost in better detail.

MOVED BY:	B. Hoffman	Motion to receive financial report from director, Hansel Mathlaw
SECONDED BY:	M. DeWitt	
VOTE ON MOTION:	Unanimously approved	

- e. 4-H Youth After School Program: The after school program at the teen center has been discontinued, but another has been started at the fitness center charging parents \$4 per child per day. They are currently in the process of perfecting the program gaining more kids, cost of food, and use of the pool and fitness center.

- f. Corporate Discounts: Corporations and businesses are working with the Raunicka on a 25% match for employee discounts. All Bethel businesses will get that offer of an employee discount agreement with the fitness center. Any other businesses with employees should refer to Raunicka Ray to get a discount.

XI. MEMBER COMMENTS

M. Weiss- Good Meeting! There will be a health fair on November 14th from 8am-2pm at the Cultural Center.

J. Wasierski- I am pleased, but I am a bit concerned, can we do it with one meeting a month? How about an extra meeting since there is so much there being a new committee?

B. Hoffman- Thank you Raunicka and your staff for addressing some of the cleaning concerns that were happening.

R. Robb-Good to get this going, I know we have a lot of work.

K. Hanson- I am so excited to be on this committee, do your homework and read up on information to be ready for discussion. I have to see a hard copy of the packet a head of time.

M. Ross- no comment

R. Ray- The gaps on the report that you see from October are because reports are not due on the 10th of the following month.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY:	B.Hoffman	To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm
SECONDED BY:	M. Weiss	
VOTE ON MOTION	Unanimously approved	

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

Pauline Boratko 12/7/15

Pauline Boratko, Committee Recorder

Michelle Dewitt

Michelle Dewitt, Chair 12/7/15

